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Title: 1st Australian Light Railway
Operating Company

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WAR DIARY

OF

1st. Australian Light Railway Operating Company.

FOR

M A R C H 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling [Signature] Captain.

Signature of Officer Commanding [Signature] Captain,
O.C., 1st. Australian L.R.O. Company.

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Remarks and references to Appendices

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Tincourt.	March 1919.		<p>All available members of the unit employed on light railway operating duties, respective trades in the workshop and running shed. One other rank rejoined unit ex United Kingdom leave and one other rank proceeded on United Kingdom leave. One other rank detached to O.C., Australian Troops, London.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 4 Officers 192 Other Ranks. DETACHED: 1 Officer 18 other Ranks. M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K. 22 Other Ranks. A.A.M.C. ATTACHED: 1 Other Rank. ATTACHED FOR RATIONS: 20 Other Ranks.</p> <p>RATION STRENGTH - 3 OFFICERS 177 OTHER RANKS.</p>	
	2nd.		One other rank admitted to hospital. One other rank rejoined unit ex U.K. Leave. One officer rejoined unit ex hospital add United Kingdom Leave.	
	3rd.		One other rank rejoined unit from detachment to 4th. Australian Broad Gauge Railway Operating Company. One other rank to hospital. One other rank transferred from 2nd. Australian Light Railway Operating Company and taken on strength as from 2.3.1919.	
	4th.		Duties as on previous days. The weather for the past four days has been fine with very cold nights.	
	5th.		One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. One other rank rejoined unit from United Kingdom Leave.	
	6th.		One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. One other rank proceeded on United Kingdom Leave.	
	7th.		One other rank to hospital. One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital and United Kingdom leave. One other rank admitted to hospital whilst on leave in United Kingdom.	
	8th.		Three other ranks to hospital. One other rank proceeded to United Kingdom via Havre for industrial employment. Eleven (11) other ranks proceeded to Havre for demobilisation, Quota 15, 1915 enlistments.	

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	March 1919.			
Tincourt.	8th.		<p>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 5 Officers 177 Other Ranks. DETACHED: 1 Officer 17 Other Ranks, M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K. 20 Other Ranks. A.A.M.C. ATTACHED: 1 Other Rank. ATTACHED FOR RATIONS: 20 Other Ranks.</p> <p>RATION STRENGTH : 4 OFFICERS 165 OTHER RANKS.</p>	
	9th.		Duties as on previous days. Four other ranks to hospital. One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. Three other ranks rejoined unit ex United Kingdom leave. One officer attached from 3rd. Australian Light Railway Forward Company.	
	10th.		Two other ranks rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. Three other ranks proceeded on United Kingdom leave. Five other ranks proceeded on Paris Leave. One other rank proceeded to Havre for demobilisation to complete Quota 15.	
	11th.		Four other ranks rejoined unit from Australian Base Depots ex hospital. Three other ranks taken on strength as reinforcements direct from Australia. Two other ranks to hospital. Three other ranks proceeded on United Kingdom Leave.	
	12th.		Duties as on previous days. One other rank proceeded on United Kingdom leave. One other rank rejoined unit from hospital.	
	13th.		One other rank to hospital. Three other ranks proceeded on United Kingdom leave. Two other ranks (Imperials, attached) proceeded on United Kingdom leave.	
	14th.		One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. Three other ranks rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. One other rank proceeded on United Kingdom leave.	
	15th.		Two other ranks to hospital. One other rank proceeded on United Kingdom leave. One other rank proceeded on Paris Leave.	

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Tincourt.	15th.		<p>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 5 Officers 176 Other Ranks. DETACHED: 1 Officer 20 Other Ranks. M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K. 23 Other Ranks. A.A.M.C. ATTACHED: 1 Other Rank. LEAVE IN FRANCE: 6 Other Ranks. ATTACHED FOR RATIONS: 1 Officer 17 Other Ranks.</p> <p>RATION STRENGTH --- 5 OFFICERS 148 OTHER RANKS.</p>	
	16th.		<p>One other rank rejoined unit ex United Kingdom leave. One other rank rejoined ex hospital. Two other ranks to hospital. Three other ranks proceeded on United Kingdom Leave. The weather for the past week has been fine.</p>	
	17th.		<p>Two other ranks rejoined ex United Kingdom leave. One officer admitted to hospital.</p>	
	18th.		<p>Duties as on previous days. One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. Two other ranks rejoined unit ex United Kingdom leave. One other rank proceeded on United Kingdom leave. Two other ranks admitted to hospital.</p>	
	19th.		<p>One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. One other rank rejoined from leave in France. Three other ranks to hospital. One other rank to hospital whilst on United Kingdom leave.</p>	
	20th.		<p>One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. One other rank to hospital.</p>	
	21st.		<p>Two other ranks rejoined unit ex United Kingdom leave. Four other ranks rejoined unit from leave in France. One other rank proceeded on United Kingdom leave.</p>	
	22nd.		<p>One other rank rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. One other rank rejoined unit from leave in France. One other rank to hospital.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 4 Officers 171 Other Ranks. DETACHED. 1 Off. 20 Other Ranks. M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K. 19 Other Ranks. A.A.M.C. ATTACHED: 1 Other Rank. ATTACHED FOR RATIONS: 1 Officer 17 Other Ranks.</p> <p>RATION STRENGTH - 4 Officers 154 Other Ranks.</p>	

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Tincourt.	23rd.		Duties as on previous days. One other rank to hospital whilst on United Kingdom leave, from detachment to Demobaust Air Office, A.Q.Branch, G.H.Q. The weather for the past week has been fair with occasional showers, and a slight fall of snow.	
	24th.			
	25th.		Two other ranks rejoined unit from hospital. One other rank rejoined unit from detachment to R.E.Workshops, Australian Corps, Jeumont. One other rank granted six months non-military employment without pay whilst on United Kingdom leave.	
	26th.		Two other ranks to hospital. Seven other ranks proceeded on Paris Leave. One other rank proceeded to Australian Base Depots, le Havre, for industrial employment.	
	27th.		Two other ranks rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. Two other ranks to hospital. One other rank proceeded to Australian Base Depots, Havre, for demobilisation (1914 enlistment). Light Railway Education Officer and one other rank attached for duty.	
	28th.		One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. Two other ranks proceeded on United Kingdom Leave. Two other ranks to hospital.	
	29th.		Four other ranks rejoined unit ex hospital. One other rank ex Leave (United Kingdom).	
	30th.		Two other ranks rejoined unit ex hospital. Two other ranks rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. Two other ranks to hospital. Two other ranks proceeded on Paris Leave.	
	31st.		One other rank rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. Educational Officer and one other rank struck off attachment.	
			EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 4 Officers 167 Other Ranks. DETACHED: 1 Off. 17 Other Ranks. M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K. 14 Other Ranks. A.A.M.C. ATTACHED: 1 Other Rank. LEAVE IN FRANCE. 9 Other Ranks. ATTACHED FOR RATIONS. 1 Officer. 16 Other Ranks.	
			RATION STRENGTH. 4 Officers 148 Other Ranks.	

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Tincourt.	March	1919.	<p>With reference to the Education Service, it has not been possible up to the present owing to the Company being required to carry out the duties of an Operating Company, and it's members being scattered over a wide area, to commence any classes, as the men are working full time. Three other ranks have been released under the provisions of A.I.F. Form 540 for Non-military employment, etc. during the month of March 1919.</p> <p>Re Demobilisation: During the month of March, 13 Other Ranks proceeded to Australian Base Depot, Havre, for demobilisation - 1 1914 enlistment; 11 1915 enlistments, and one 1916 enlistment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LOCOMOTIVE SUMMARY.</u></p> <p>22 Baldwin Locomotives at Tincourt Depot. 3 Baldwin Locomotives at Flamicourt . 3 Cooke Locomotives at Tincourt Depot. 2 Hudson Locomotives at Flamicourt. 2 Hudson Locomotives at Tincourt Depot.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOTAL LOCOMOTIVES ON SYSTEM - 32.</p> <p>On the twenty-second (22nd) March five (5) Baldwin Locomotives were handed over to Fifth Army. On 30th March thirty (30) 'F' Class Wagons were loaded on Broad Gauge and dispatched to Fifth Army.</p> <p>Only running repairs executed during the month of March.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TRACTOR SUMMARY.</u></p> <p>Five 20.H.P. Tractors at Tincourt Depot. Two 20.H.P. Tractors at Montigny Farm. One 40.H.P. Tractors at Tincourt Depot. One 20.H.P. Tractor at Tincourt waiting to be sent to Workshops at Bancourt. One 20.H.P. Tractor at Bellicourt. One 40 H.P. Tractor at Bellicourt. TOTAL TRACTORS ON SYSTEM - 11.</p> <p>On 18.3.1919 two 20.H.P. Tractors were handed over to Workshops Bancourt. Only running repairs executed during month of March.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>WATER SUPPLY.</u></p> <p>On 22.3.1919 some five-hundred (500) yards of Piping was laid from a Spring to the Camp in order that better water may be obtained for the benefit of the Company. The water is pumped (by a Merewether Pump) from the Spring into two 1500 Gallon Tanks at the Camp.</p>	

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Tincourt.	<u>SUMMARY OF TONNAGE.</u>													
	Hauled by 1st. Australian Light Railway Operating Company, Tincourt System, from 1st. to 31st. March 1919, inclusive.													
	Personnel.	Coal.	Salvage.	Postal.	L.R. Mat-erial.	Ammun.	Rations.	L.R. Stores.	Ballast.	Water.	R.E. Mat-erial.	YMCA Stores.	Dead Loco	Dead Trac-tors
	1357	646	4846	351	475	3566	349	42	4257	661	184	28	60	5

GRAND TOTAL OF TONNAGE FOR MONTH - 16,827 tons.

SUMMARY OF Q.M'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1919.

ARTICLE.	RECEIPTS.	ISSUES.
Hats, felt.	50	20.
Boots,	90 pr.	30 pr.
Braces.	30 pr.	30 pr.
Puttees.	50 pr.	12 pr.
Trousers, S.D.	47 pr.	47 pr.
Shirts.	50.	25.
Towels.	30.	15.
Greatcoats.	20.	8.
Tunics, S.D.	24.	14.
Breeches. M.S.	34.	20.
Socks,	50 pr.	10 pr.
Cardigans.	20.	15.
Service Chevrons.	700.	540.
Bass Brooms.	6.	6.
Brushes, Scrubbing.	6.	6.
Soap, Yellow.	100 lb.	100 lb.
Soap, Soft.	56 lb.	56 lb.
Soda.	56 lb.	56 lb.
Sam Broches.	2.	2.

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