

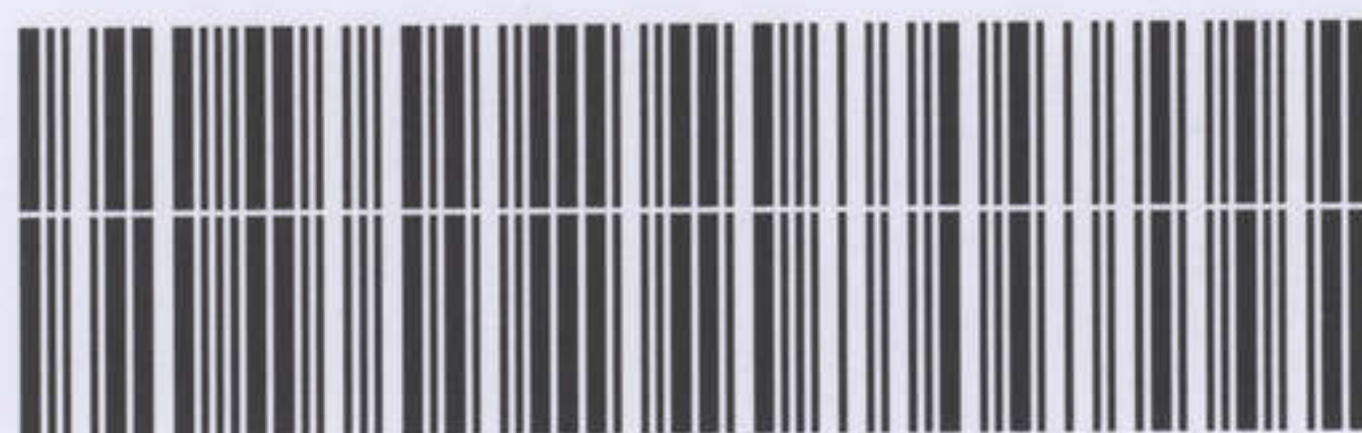
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**WAR DIARY**

(1st AUSTRALIAN)  
LIGHT RAILWAY  
OPERATING COMPANY.  
No. ....  
Date.....  
**FOR**

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*April* ..... *1919*

Signature of Officer compiling *G. J. Lunnery Major*

Signature of Officer Commanding *G. J. Lunnery Major*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tincourt.	April	1919	<p>All available members of the unit employed on Light Railway Operating duties, respective trades in workshop and running shed.</p> <p>Three other ranks rejoined unit ex United Kingdom leave. One other rank rejoined unit ex Paris leave; one other rank ex hospital and one other rank admitted to hospital.</p> <p>Company Canteen for the month of March returned a profit of 388 frcs 15 ctms.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 4 Officers 167 Other Ranks. DETACHED: 1 Off. 17 O.Ranks.  M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K. 11 O.Ranks.  A.A.M.C. ATTACHED: 1 Other Rank. LEAVE IN FRANCE. 8 O.Ranks.  ATTACHED FOR RATIONS: 1 Officer 15 Other Ranks.</p> <p>RATION STRENGTH:- 4 Officers 151 Other Ranks.</p> <p>2nd. Two other ranks rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. Two other ranks to hospital. One other rank(Imperial) to hospital and struck off attachment. Three other ranks(Imperial) taken on attachment.</p> <p>3rd. One other rank rejoined unit from hospital. One other rank admitted to hospital whilst on United Kingdom leave. Four other ranks proceeded on United Kingdom leave. Today we received from the Y.M.C.A. Havre one Book Case containing 114 Books. All ranks were highly pleased on receiving this Library, as the books are of great interest and they help to occupy the minds of the men in their spare moments.</p> <p>4th. Four other ranks admitted to hospital. One other rank proceeded to Australian Base Depot Havre for extended leave. The weather for the past four days has been fine and sunny.</p> <p>5th. Duties as on previous days. Two other ranks rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave. One other rank (Imperial) struck off attachment. Tonight a Euchre Tournament will be held on the Canteen at 6.30 p.m. First prize 25 francs; 2nd. Prize 15 francs; 3rd. Prize 10 frcs.</p> <p>6th. Six other ranks rejoined unit ex Paris Leave. Today advice was received from C.O., Australian Railway Companies that five other ranks from this unit, if they desired it, could avail themselves of a course <del>xxxxx</del> in Agricultural training at Sutton Veny.</p>	

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	April	1919.		
	7th.		<p>Duties as on previous days.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 4 Officers 155 Other Ranks. DETACHED: 1 Officer 12 Other Ranks.                      M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K: 10 Other Ranks.                      A.A.M.C., ATTACHED: 1 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN FRANCE: 2 Other Ranks.                      ATTACHED FOR RATIONS: 1 Officer 14 Other Ranks.</p> <p>RATION STRENGTH - 4 Officers 150 Other Ranks.</p>	
	8th.		<p>One other rank proceeded to Australian Base Depot Havre for industrial employment. One Officer rejoined unit from hospital. <del>Tonight</del> Tonight a Euchre Tournament will be held in the Canteen commencing at 6.30pm. 1st. Prize 25 frcs; 2nd. Prize 15 frcs; 3rd. Prize 10 frcs.</p>	
	9th.		<p>One other rank proceeded to Australian Base Havre for industrial employment. One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital.                      The weather for the past five days has been fine, with sunny days. Headquarters Australian Railway Companies ceased to exist from today.</p>	
	10th.		<p>One other rank rejoined unit ex hospital. Two other ranks rejoined unit from leave in France. One other rank Imperial taken on attachment.</p>	
	11th.		<p>One other rank admitted to hospital. One other rank (Imperial) struck off attachment. Tonight a Euchre Tournament will be held in the Canteen at 6.30pm. 1st. Prize 25 francs, 2nd. Prize, 15 francs; 3rd. Prize 10 francs.</p>	
	12th.		<p>One other rank rejoined unit ex leave (United Kingdom). Lieutenant Maher struck off attachment on rejoining his unit, 3rd. Australian Light Railway Forward Company.                      Advice was received from Australian Section 3rd. Echelon Rouen to prepare A.I.F. Forms 541 A.F.B. 122 and Q.1. Forms and Medical Report 536, and to hold in readiness all members of the unit for demobilisation, The date of departure to be advised later.                      A Euchre tournament will be held in the Canteen at 6.30p.m. tonight. 1st. Prize 25 francs; 2nd. Prize 14 francs; 3rd. Prize 10 francs.                      These tournaments are of great interest and provide great excitement by the close finishes. Prize money is drawn from the Regimental Funds of Company.</p>	

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Tincourt.	13th.	<p>One other rank rejoined unit ex United Kingdom leave. One other rank ex hospital. One other rank to hospital. One other rank Imperial taken on attachment.</p> <p>Today advice was received from Australian Section 3rd. Echelon Rouen that the unit were to proceed to Australian Base Depot Havre by the 26th. instant for the purpose of demobilisation .</p> <p>A football match was played today by the members of the Unit and provided great sport and a very close finish. The team playing under the name of the "A.W.Ls" won by three points.</p>	
	14th.	<p>Two other ranks rejoined unit from United Kingdom leave.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE STRENGTH: 5 Officers 155 Other Ranks. DETACHED: 1 Officer 12 Other Ranks.  M.T.A.S.C. ATTACHED: 4 Other Ranks. LEAVE IN U.K. 6 Other Ranks.  A.A.M.C. ATTACHED : 1 Other Rank.  ATTACHED FOR RATIONS: 18 Other Ranks.</p> <p>RATION STRENGTH:- 4 Officers 160 Other Ranks.</p>	
	15th.	<p>Four other ranks proceeded on Paris Leave. One other rank to hospital whilst on United Kingdom leave.</p> <p>Last night a Grand Concert was given by members of this unit, which proved a great success. The weather for the past six days has been cool, with showers each day.</p>	
	16th.	<p>Dties as on previous days.</p>	
	17th.	<p>One other rank admitted to Hospital. One O.R. proceeded to Aust. Base Harve for early repatriation.</p>	
	18th.	<p>Two O.R. rejoined unit from Hospital.</p>	
	19th.	<p>One Other Rank rejoined unit from U.K. Leave.</p>	
	20th	<p>One other rank Imperial struck off attachment. Today Australian Section 3rd Echelon advised by wire that the unit was to proceed to Aust. Base Harve by the 26th inst.</p>	
	21st.	<p>Re 18th L. R. O. Coy. arrived today and relieved our unit from duty, taking over all Locomotives</p>	

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Wincourt.			
	21st.	tractors, controls, and all L.R. stores.	
	22nd.	All members of the unit were issued with their demobilization cards ready to proceed to Harve. All clothing and equipment and stores as per mobilization store table were returned to Ordnance two Ford cars, One Triumph Motor Cycle were returned to Aust. Corps Motor vehicle Park Charleroi.	
	23rd.	All members of the unit left Wincourt at 7.30.a.m. and entrained at Boisel at 8.15 a.m. for Harve.	
	24th.	Unit arrived at Harve at 1.30.p.m. and marched to Details camp where they were medically examined and were transferred to No.2. Company.	
	25th.	Anzac Day. The day was a recognised holiday with sports commencing at 10.30.a.m. and continuing until 6.p.m. In the evening a concert was held which brought a very enjoyable day to a close.	
	26th. 30th.	On these days no parades were held and the men were allowed to remain in their huts as the weather was cold and wet. On the 30th, we were instructed to proceed to England on the following day.	
		During the month of April (2) other ranks proceeded to England for industrial employment one other rank for extended leave and one other rank for early repatriation.	