

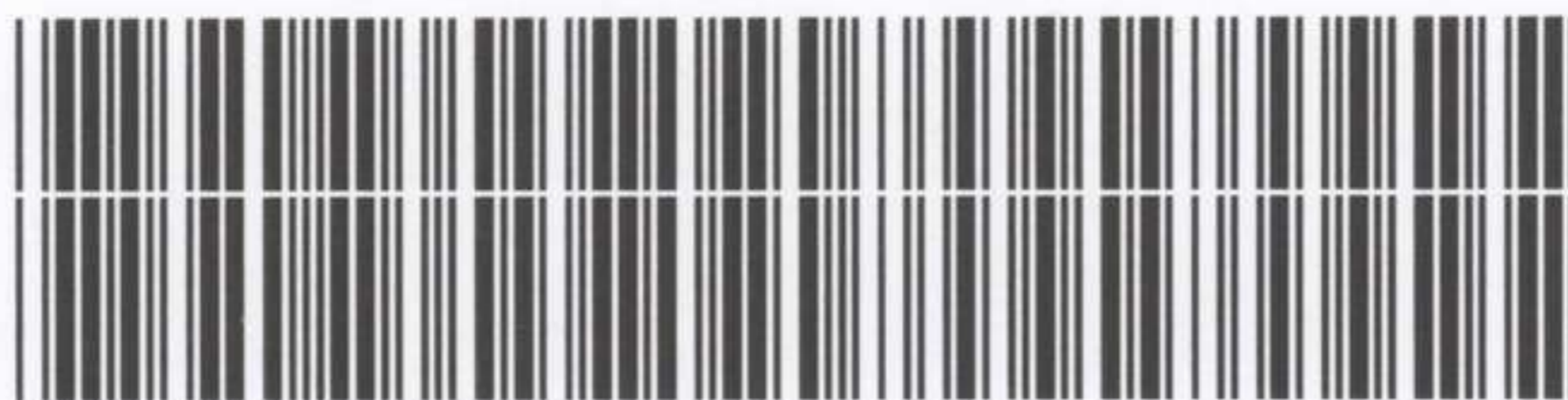
**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Supplies & Transport

**Item number:** 25/14/10

**Title:** 1st Australian Divisional Train

August 1915 Including transcript of diary of Major F  
H Francis, No 4 Coy



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1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Train 46

OFFICE AT THE BASE  
 16 SEP 1915  
 CENTRAL REGISTRY  
 No. M. F. C.

Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1 <sup>st</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> Augt: 1915-	Aragac	Advance supply depot fully established at Brighton Beach. Owing to transport mules being withdrawn <sup>from Div</sup> on account of landing of fresh troops, the Division used their 4 days Reserve Rations and in some cases 2 days war rations. Afterward units drew supplies from depot man handling the stores which worked alright. The depot being in a good central position and not far from units - 94 mules handed over to Division on 9 <sup>th</sup> .

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1-9 Aug- R13-	Anzac  9.17	which are being kept in Mullah on Anzac Cove, as "B" Dept not safe yet for mules - Transporting of Ammunition & water very heavy, but should be able <del>to</del> to transport supplies to Regt stores of units, then relieving the man handling of supplies - "B" Dept still shelled from Gabu Take point. Endeavouring to keep 6 days complete supplies at "B" Dept -	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1 - 9 Augt 1915-	Amgal  9.11	Supplies generally speaking very satisfactory, no troops leaving to be on half rations so far - Hay and Cabeller being the only N.S.E. supplies hand to procure -	
10 - 20 Augt 1915-	Amgal  9.11	Extra mules handed over to 1st Divn total being at present 142 with a native personnel of 84 - This transport at present stage is sufficient to carry out all transport requisitions need from	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10-20 any 1915-	Angai 9.11.	1 <sup>st</sup> Division including the transporting daily of all supplies to units - All casualties on mules are replaced at once - Difficulty experienced in watering mules, but this I hope to overcome when a good well is to be placed at my disposal - At present I transport supplies required from Base depot to my own supply depot and am keeping up a stock of 7 days	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10-20 Aug. 1915-	Angae	Complete Nations. Supplies still continue to be very satisfactory - "B" Depot shelled every day but not heavy - Sanitation of depot good; having altered dug-outs & re-arranged depot which has naturally increased since I handed over my main depot in Angae to the Base - Transport requisitions are still being sent in inconviently made	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10-20 Aught: 1915  9.11	Angal	made out, this causing great inconvenience. Special orders within subject having been repeated several times and units checked -	
21-28 Aught 1915  9.11	Angal	no complaints & no shortage of supplies - Fresh Bread issued every second day no fresh meat for 3 weeks - Frozen meat reported to be at	

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Aug: 20-28 1915	Angai	<p><del>Imbros</del> IMBROS, but at present no facilities for unloading it - Slight shelling Sunday at depot, but little damage done &amp; few casualties - Out of ASC personnel of Jnr Train at Angai namely 180 - Casualties up to date are 3 officers wounded - 2 men killed and 22 wounded Transport Mules of Jnr Train have now been transferred</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21-28 Aug 1915-	Anzac  9.15	to a satisfactory place in the vicinity of "B" Echelon. Where the water supply for the mules is up to date most satisfactory - I am in telephone communication with my Transport officer in charge of mules -	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29-31. Aug. 1915 9.15	Anzac	<p>Army Corps proposes handing over to 1<sup>st</sup> Div. a month's complete supply for 1600 men - I have selected a suitable position, 150 yards due East of my present Détach approved of by A.C.</p> <p>My supply details are commencing to feel the strain badly of over 4 months hard work under most trying circumstances, but hope to be relieved for a rest shortly -</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29-31 Augt: 1915 F.H.	Amoy	<p>Out of my personnel of 180 - 81 have been sent away <u>sick</u> since the first landing in April and but returned to duty up to present -</p> <p>I cannot speak too highly of the way all ranks have worked and done their duty - Discipline excellent - Fresh meat has started to be issued -</p>	

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Transcript of  
diary of Maj. F H Francis,  
No 4 Coy, AASC

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*104 Coy AASC  
13<sup>th</sup> Div Train*

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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**INTELLIGENCE - SUMMARY.**

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEX	1915. Sun. Aug. 22.		<p>Intervening period taken up with care of horses &amp; keeping men fit &amp; horses in working condition. Mens behaviour in this Brigade most satisfactory; disciplinary cases rare.</p> <p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entry for end of previous month &amp; filed with volume for that month).</p>	