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IRANOUTRE	Jan 1 st	8 ¹⁵	Nothing fresh to report during this period - There has been a severe frost during this period, which to some extent has made transport work more difficult. The work on the Turners has been very heavy, keeping the horses "rough-shod" up alone - The post Cogs issued only lasting 2 or 3 days - Transport duties have been very heavy, all teams of the Train being used daily for distances of from 10 - 12 miles - Condition of horses excellent. Health of men very good - Discipline very satisfactory -	
IRANOUTRE	Jan 9 th	1918	Proceed to Corps on special duty handing over command of the Train temporarily to MAJOR E. J. MUNRO DSO -	
"	9.1.18		Took over command of 61 st Aust Div Train from Lieut Col Marsh C.M.G. Supply dumps for the two Brigades in the line having been completed. Supplies are being sent forward from today by rail transport from DAYLIGHT CORNER. Railhead is cleared by horse transport, supplies being carted to DAYLIGHT CORNER dumps where Quartermasters take over and send forward as above stated.	

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DRANOUTRE BELGIUM	1918 JAN 9 th		Supplies for the Infantry Brigades in reserve and Divisional Groups are drawn from Railhead to dumps and thence to Units by horse transport. Very heavy fall of snow today.	
do	10 th 11 th		Arrangements completed whereby teams of horses from the Field Ambulances have taken over "stone wagons" on road repair work and thus released train horses which were doing this work.	
do	12 th		Thaw conditions came into operation at 11 am today, this was easily coped with as all possible berries were already laid up, and horse transport doing the work.	
do	13 th 14 th		showed snowed very heavily on night of 13 th -14 th .	
	15 th 16 th		Rained heavily during 15 th and night of 15 th -16 th causing a slight washaway of the railway between HAGERDORNE and BRULOZE. Supplies had to be drawn at HAGERDORNE on 16 th .	
	17 th		BRULOZE railhead again open to traffic.	

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DRANOUTRE BELGIUM.	1918 JAN 18 th to 20 th		Nothing of special note happened during this period. The system is now completed and working smoothly, whereby all transport (horse) in Divisional Area comes under the C.O. Train, to be drawn upon as required. Motor lorries are practically "off the road".	
"	23 rd to 29 th		Nothing of interest to report during this period. Weather fine. No 2 Coy (1 st Brigade Coy) moved to LA CRECHE today. STEENWERCK, supply railhead for 1 st Lt Bde from today. No 4 Coy (3 rd Brigade Coy) moved to LA CRECHE today. No 3 Coy (2 nd Bde Coy) moved to LOCHE AREA.	
"	31 st		Train Hd Qtr moved to LACRECHE today. STEENWERCK supply railhead for 1 st & 3 rd Brigades (Infantry). 2 nd Lt Bde and Artillery still drawing from BRULOOZE. 18 reinforcements other ranks, and 6 heavy draught horses were taken on the strength of the Train during the month. Two other ranks were evacuated. Health of men, and discipline both excellent.	

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