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WAR DIARY

OF

1st Australian Divisional Train

FOR

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LACLYTTE	1-4-18		Strength of Train 2 nd officers 455 other ranks. 358 horses. The Division, less artillery, is under orders to move, already today 1 st & 2 nd Battalions have moved to RENINGHELST area.	
✓	2-4-18		The rest of 1 st A. Bde, and 1 st Coy moved to RENINGHELST area today.	
✓	3-4-18		Supplies drawn for 1 st A Bde by motor transport to dump, thence by Train transport. Train now up to strength in horses 10 mounts having been received, two of which sent to assist AASC personnel with 3 rd Army Artillery (A Fd) Bde.	
✓	4-5-18		3 rd A Bde including 1 st Coy of the Train moved to CAESTRE area today. (4 th) On 5 th Train Hd Qtrs moved to CAESTRE	
✓	5-4-18		3 rd A Bde group commenced entraining at CAESTRE today and detrain at ST ROCH (AMIENS). 2 nd AIBDE group which moved to STRAZELLE, commenced entraining there today & detrain at HANGEST, SUR SOMME. 1 st AIBDE group commenced entraining at GODESWAERSYELDE and detrain at ST ROCH.	
✓	6-4-18		Train Hd Qtrs included in 3 rd A Bde group and go on last train at 3.25 pm today.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAESTRE	6.4.18		Supplies were drawn from BRULOOZE this morning for last time and are going forward by motor lorry to new area.	
LONGPRÉ (AMIENS)	7.4.18		Train Head Quarters, No 1 boy, & No 2 boy now situated in LONGPRE (AMIENS). No 3 boy in 2nd Bde area BERTHAUCOURT. LES DAMES. Railhead to day is at LONGPRÉ (LES CORPS SAINTS) and supplies are drawn by motor lorry. 1st A Bde supplies are being issued at RAINEVILLE, 2nd A Bde at ST LÉGER LES DOMART, and 3rd A Bde in ARGOEUVES. Railhead is LONGPRÉ LES SAINT CORPS. Supplies being drawn by motor lorry	
	8.4.18		Divisional Artillery & No 1 boy commence entraining today at HOPOUTRE SDG and GODEWAERSVELDE and detrain at ST ROCH (AMIENS). Lt Col. St. Mars arrived from leave this day and took over command of the Train from Major S. J. Munro DSO. Train HQ Bde moved to FLESELLES.	
FLESSELLES	11.4.18		Under instructions from Division Lt Col. St. Mars reported this day to Corps HQ for special duty, handing over command of Train to Major S. J. Munro DSO. Railhead now at ALLY SUR SOMME, supplies still drawn by motor lorry as the Infantry is still moving forward. Owing to a fresh attack by the enemy in the north, the whole of this division is now under orders to entrain at short notice. Brigade companies of train working under order of respective Brigadiers	

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FLESELLES	1918 11-4-18		<p>No. 1. Coy will entrain under orders from C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division. 1st A. Bde including No. 2 Coy and Train Hd Qtrs entrained at St ROCH. B. (AMIENS) and detrain at HONDEGHEM. 2nd A. Bde and No. 3 Coy entrain St ROCH. A. and detrain BAYINCHOVE. 3rd A. Bde and No. 1 Coy entrain St ROCH. (AMIENS) and detrain at HONDEGHEM and BAYINCHOVE. Enemy aeroplanes very active during entraining fortunately no casualties among train personnel. Several horses in No. 3 Coy slightly wounded. Supplies for Infantry drawn from ALLY SUR SOMME and taken forward by motor lorry to new areas. Supply wagons also full, on train (railway). Supplies for Artillery drawn by motor lorry and dumped at St ROCH. (AMIENS) where supply wagons refill prior to being put on the railway tomorrow.</p>	
WALLON CAPPELL	12-4-18 13-4-18 14-4-18		<p>Artillery, S.A.B. and No. 1. Coy of Train commenced entraining at St ROCH today and detrain at HONDEGHEM and BAYINCHOVE. Supplies for Artillery to be delivered in new area, are being drawn from HANGEST SUR SOMME by motor lorry this morning and will go forward. Railhead for Infantry supplies is HAZE BROUCK GARAGE today, motor lorries being used. Train Hd Qtrs established at WALLON CAPPELL to night.</p> <p>Railhead changed to day to EBLINGHEM. No. 1. Coy now near WALLON CAPPELL. Situated at V 25 central sheet 27. No. 2 Coy at BORRE, No. 3 Coy at MORBECQUE and No. 4 at D.G.A. central sheet 36A. Supplies are drawn from railhead by motor transport to dump, and delivered to units by Train wagons. As units are not yet properly settled down baggage wagons have not been recalled.</p>	

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WALLON CAPPELL <i>JHL</i>	15/4/18		No 2 Coy had to move from BORRE today owing to enemy shelling. Fortunately there were no casualties among the personnel, but two horses, one a rider and one a draught were wounded and had to be destroyed. No 2 Coy now at LABRÉARDE Y.S.C. 5.2. That 2 nd Coy. Supplies for 1 st A Bde are also now dumped there.	
<i>JHL</i> ✓	16/4/18		Raining slightly today.	
<i>JHL</i> ✓	17/4/18		Dull and overcast today. No 4 Coy, moved to-day, the fields around about and the roadway was badly shelled prior to the move taking place. The 3 rd Bde is now supporting the 1 st A Bde, and No 4 Coy is at P.36. D.6.7. Supplies being dumped in LABRÉARDE.	
✓ St SYLVESTRE CAPPELL <i>JHL</i>	18/4/18 19/4/18		Rained during the night, and is dull and overcast this morning. L. B. moved to St SYLVESTRE CAPPELL today, and Train Hd Qtrs also moved.	Sheet 27
<i>JHL</i>			No 3 Coy moved to P 30 A.1.4 & No 4 Coy to P 36. D. 6.7. to conform to movements of Brigade. Supply dumps have been permanently established at P 30. A. 5.1. for Left Brigade, V.16. D. 3.5 for Right Brigade, Y. S. C. 5.1. for reserve brigade. Snowing this morning, also last night.	
✓ <i>JHL</i>	20/4/18 21/4/18 22/4/18		Fire today, plenty of enemy shelling in area. No 1. Coy and artillery now in new area. No 1. Coy at P. 28 D central. Supply dump for divisional troops is at P 35. D. 3.6.	
			No 2 Coy moved to P 36. D. 3.5. & No 3 Coy to P 33 A. 8.1. to conform to Bde movements. Shelling of area on the increase.	

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ST. SYLVESTRE CAPPELL ✓ ✓ ✓	1918	8	Shelling ST SYLVESTRE CAPPELL today. D.R.R. moving to outskirts.	all-map references sheet 27
	28 4/18	1	No 2 & No 4 Coy both shelled heavily during night and this morning. No casualties in men or horses in No 2 Coy, but four horses killed and two wounded in No 4. Ordered them to move out. No 2 now at P. 23 D. 1. 7. and No 4 at P. 23 D. 1. 6. Train Hd Qtrs were forced to move out of ST SYLVESTRE CAPPELL tonight owing to enemy shell fire and are now situated on outskirts of the village at P. 23 C. 2. 4. The village is now empty. all civilians and military having evacuated it.	
	28 4/18	1	No 2 company had to move again today to P. 33 A. 8. 1. and No 3 to V. 8. A. 1. 7. to conform to Brigade areas. and in order to be in proper areas and near brigade roads in case of a retirement.	
	26 4/18	1	Fine, and cold, supplies still drawn from EBLINGHEM. by motor transport. Raggage wagons have been withdrawn from units and are being used on various duties such as transporting R.C. material to forward dumps and areas.	
	29 4/18	1	Railhead. changed to ARCQUES today. The weather continues fine. Fine today, but dull.	
30 4/18	1	General movement of units today to another area, to allow French troops to occupy the area. Train Hd Qtrs moved to a farm at		

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<p>U.II.B.82. Sheet 27 France</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">JH</p>	<p>30/4/18</p>		<p>V.II.B.82. accommodation very limited, and some considerable distance from Divisional Hd Qtrs with no telephonic communication in consequence the S.I. is living at S.S.B. and working from there. No 1 Coy moved to V.2.B.3.3. No 2 to P.35.D.3.3. and No 1 Coy to V.2.C.8.2. No 3 Coy remained at V.8.A.1.7. The supply dumps remain where they are, it being found unnecessary to move any of them. Supplies are still drawn from ARQUES railhead by motor transport, to dumps, and thence to units by Train wagons. Owing to the horses being able to get a little grazing, they are all looking extremely well. The health of the men generally is good. Daily strength return of officers & other ranks, also horses attached. During the month 12 wounds were received, 6 horses were evacuated & were killed and two transferred to 3rd (Army) Artillery Bde. Two officers Capt Bailey S.I. 3rd A Bde and Capt Lawrence were evacuated sick. Lieut Boyer left for A.S.B. Training Depot, England. Major Hillier, M.C. rejoined from recorded list and took over command of No 1 Coy on 27th April 1918.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive;">Law. J. Hillier Major Ob. 1st Aust Div Train</p>	<p>All maps references Sheet 27 France</p>

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FOR

APRIL

1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

1.

*Statement of Daily Strength in personnel
& horses showing daily casualties*

DAILY STRENGTH - FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

Date	Offs.	O.Rs.	Attached		Horses.	Reinforcements		Remounts		Evacuations			Remarks.	
			Offs.	O.rs.		Offs.	O.Rs.	H.D.-	L.D.	Offs.	O.Rs.	H.D.-		L.D.
												Horses.		
1/4/18	24	452	3	85	357		2				1			
2/4/18	24	450	3	85	357						2			
3/4/18	24	450	3	85	357									
4/4/18	24	447	3	85	368			10	1		2		1 O.R. Trans. to 1st M.G. Battalion.	
5/4/18 to 14/4/18		No alterations.												
15/4/18	24	447	2	61	366							2	Capt. Chaplain O'Brien Ceased to be attached	
16/4/18		No alteration												
17/4/18	24	453	2	69	366		6							
18/4/18	24	452	2	69	366						1			
19/4/18		No alteration												
20/4/18	24	452	2	76	361							2	1	2 H.D. Horses trans. to 3rd Army A.F.A. Bde.
21/4/18	24	450	2	76	361						2			
22/4/18		No alteration												
23/4/18		"												
24/4/18	24	450	2	73	357									
25/4/18	24	449	2	80	355						1		4 H.D. Horses killed by enemy shell-fire 1 H.D., 1 Riding Horse killed by enemy shell-fire.	
26/4/18	24	447	2	79	355						2			
27/4/18	25	446	2	78	356		1	1			2		Major Millner M.C. rejoined from Seconded List	
28/4/18	25	445	2	75	356						1 *		* Wounded	
29/4/18	25	445	2	75	356									
30/4/18	23	438	1	75	355					Capt. Milne. & Capt Lawrance (M.O.)	1	1	Lieut. Morris and 6 O.Rs. trans. to A.A.S.C. Training Depots U.K.	

Attached officers
 1 Veterinary officer
 1 Padre
 1 Transport Commissioner

O.R.
 40 leaders
 12 Postal Corps
 Balance Comfords Fundmen
 & mounds on dumps.

TOTALS - 9 11 1 2 15 5 1

*Base 4000 to 4000
 20.7.18*

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April 1918.
March

In the Field.
4.4.18.

In camp near Le Clythe.
Nil of interest to report.

Sgd. G.A. Lawrance Capt.

R.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div. Train.