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**WAR DIARY**

OF

3rd. DIVISIONAL TRAIN, A.I.F.

FOR

APRIL. 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

*C. B. Rowe Lt*

*Adj. 3rd Divisional Train, A.I.F.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*H. Heeser Lt.-Col.*

*O.C. 3d Divisional Train, A.I.F.*

WAR DIARY

No. 1 Coy, A.A.S.C.,  
3rd Divisional Train.,  
A.I.F.

Army Form C. 2118.

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(867th Coy)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information						Distance Covered daily.	Remarks and references to Appendices	
			Mapr Reference of Q.M. Stores.	Average strength Horses.			Limbers.				
U n i t.			Men.	H.D.	L.D.	Mules.	Wagons.	Limbers.	Miles	R e m a r k s.	
22nd Coy A.S.C.			-	150	74	26	-	2	-	4	
3rd D.A. H'qrs.			-	48	2	16	4	) 1	0	10	
" Sigs.			-	35	-	16	-	)			
H'qrs, 7th F.A.B.			-	80	-	35	-	) 1	-	6	
T.H.Q. (6 days)			-	51	2	5	-	)			
25th Battery.			-	200	-	156	-	2	-	12	
26th "			-	205	-	164	-	2	-	12	
27th "			-	195	-	160	-	2	-	12	
107th "			-	202	-	158	-	2	-	12	
H'qrs, 8th F.A.B.			-	63	-	30	-	1	-	7	
29th Battery.			-	193	-	157	-	2	-	14	
30th "			-	203	-	162	-	2	-	14	
31st "			-	198	-	159	-	2	-	14	
108th "			-	210	-	150	-	2	-	14	
H'qrs, 3rd D.A.C.			-	108	-	16	30	1	-	5	
No. 1 Sect. "			-	196	-	20	229	2	-	10	
2 " "			-	198	-	171	75	2	-	10	
3 " "			-	152	-	19	163	3	-	15	
Mob. Vet. Sect.			-	26	-	40	-	±	-	2	
5th T. Mortars.			-	60	-	1	8	)			
6th "			-	44	-	-	-	) 1	-	6	
13th L.H.R.			-	28	-	32	-	-	-	-	Own transport.
				2845	78	1693	509	31	-	179	

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		Men.	H.D.	L.D.	Mules.	Wagons.	Limbers.	Miles		
37th Battalion.	Franvillers.		725	12	46	-	2	-	14	
38th "	"		863	12	48	-	2	-	14	
39th "	"		794	13	45	-	2	-	14	
40th "	"		762	13	45	-	2	-	14	
10th Engineers.	C.23.c.80.20.		212	-	74	-	1	-	13	
10th Field Amb.	I. 4.b.90.00		420	20	25	-	1	-	12	
10th Mach. G. Coy.	Heilly.		146	2	53	-	1	-	15	
10th T.M. Bty.	"		67	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10th Bde Hd'qrs.	C.29.c.00.50		87	2	18	-	1	-	14	
10th Bde Sig. Seet.	"		58	-	6	-	-	-	-	
868th Coy, A.S.C.	Pont Noyelles.		97	42	15	-	1	-	5	
3rd Pioneer Bn.	Heilly.		1030	13	78	-	2	-	15	
23rd M. G. Coy.	Ribemont.		158	4	48	-	-	-	-	
H'qrs, 3rd M.G.Bn.	"		42	-	4	-	1	-	16	
9th Field Engrs.	I.5a.30.60.		225	-	72	-	1	-	13	
8th Platoon Cyclists.	Corbie.		30	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Police Corbie.	"		90	-	-	-	-	1	10	
3rd M.G.Battn.	Ribemont.		670	6	161	-	3	-	13	
			6476	139	738	-	20	1	182	

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(859th Coy)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information							Remarks and references to Appendices
U n i t.	Map Reference of Q.M. Stores.	Average strength Horses.				Mules.	Wagons.	Limbers.	Distance covered daily	R e m a r k s.
		Men.	H.D.	L.D.	Miles.					
33rd Battalion.	a		550	9	29	15	2	-	<del>30</del> <sup>b</sup>	
34th "	-		725	7	29	17	2	-	-	
35th "	-		758	9	10	36	2	-	-	
36th "	-		723	9	29	16	2	-	-	
9th Bde Hd'qrs.	-		68	-	9	9	)	-	-	
No. 2 Sect. Sigs.	-		48	-	6	-				
9th M.G. Coy.	-		172	-	-	-	)	-	-	
9th L.T.M. Bty.	-		53	-	15	33				
24th Coy, A.S.C.	-		97	49	14	-	1	-	-	
9th Field Amb.	-		226	19	25	-	1	-	-	No. 1 Coy transport.
5th A.B.R.H.A.	-		1138	50	950	-	-	-	-	Own transport.
			4558	152	1116	126	12	-	-	

a Owing to movements of brigade there has been no fixed location for month of April.

b. Owing to movements of brigade distances covered have been constantly changing.

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870th Coy, A.S.C. (No. 4 Coy)  
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information					Remarks and references to Appendices
			U n i t.	Map Reference of Q.M. Stores.	Average strength		No of Vehicles.	
			Men.	Animals.	Wagons.	Limbers.		R e m a r k s.
41st Battalion.	(J.27.a.3.9. - J.21.c.7.7.		978	56	4	-	10	
42nd "	(J.22.d.20.37.		929	49	4	-	11	
43rd "	(J.29.a.5.6. - J.22.c.9.3.		880	54	4	-	11	
44th "	(J.17.b.30.70.		924	54	4	-	12	
11th M.G.Coy.	(J.22.d.1.0. - J.22.c.9.5.		197	53	1	-	12	supplied from 1-18.4.18.
11th Fld. Engrs.	(J.21.c.70.75.		220	73	2	-	12	No. 1 Coy 1 G.S.
11th Fld. Amb.	(J.27.a.2.2. - J.13.d.25.35.		302	44	2	-	9	No. 1 Coy 1 G.S.
11th Bde H'qrs.	(J.13.d.25.35.		154	27	1	1	18	
11th T.M.Bty.	J.27.a.2.0.		66	-	-	1	4	
870th A.S.C.	Bonnay - 1.6.Central.		103	77	1	-	-	
3rd Aust. D.H.Q.	Querrieu - H.10.a.9.4.		197	38	1	1	20	No. 1 Coy transport.
Anzac F. Corps.	Heilly - 1.23.a.99.90.		126	31	-	-	-	own transport.
3rd Div. Sigs.	Heilly - 1.17.c.8.2.		180	62	2	-	10	No. 1 Coy transport.
3rd Div. T. H.Q.	Pont Noyelles .		39	6	-	1	6	supplied from 1-23.4.18.
H.Q. 3rd. D.Eng.	St Gratien		31	10	-	1	6	No. 1 Coy transport.
3rd Div. S. Coy.	Franvillers.		42	2	-	1	4	
1st Aus.Sam.Sect.	Heilly-Lahoussoye.		19	-	-	-	-	own transport.
3rd Aus.A.A.C.	St Gratien.		62	-	-	-	-	"
3rd Aus.M.T.Coy.	Villers Bocace-P.Noyelles.		457	-	-	-	-	"
3rd Div. Rein.C.	Rainne-Allonville.		135	-	-	-	-	5-30.4.18 not daily
Town Major.	Querrieu near A-ville.		60	-	-	-	-	"
283 A.T.Coy.R.E.	Pont Noyelles.		127	27	-	-	-	Own transport.
13th Inf.Bde.Dtl.	Franvillers.		15	-	-	-	-	By hand.
	Pont Noyelles.		6243	663	26	6	145	

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			<p><u>LOCATION OF UNITS:-</u></p> <p>Headquarters - Sheet 62D. FRANVILLIERS.</p> <p>867th Company - " ( LAHOUSOYE - 1/27th April, 1918. ( PONT NOYELLES - 28/30th "</p> <p>868th Company - " PONT NOYELLES.</p> <p>869th Company - " ( BLANGY TRONVILLE. - 1/19th April, 1918. ( PONT NOYELLES - 20/30th "</p> <p>870th Company - " PONT NOYELLES.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL</u> - <u>ACCOMMODATION OF:-</u> <u>Billets, barns etc.</u></p> <p><u>GENERAL:-</u></p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u> - 3 O.R's evacuated G.S.W. - 1 O.R. slightly wounded since rejoined unit.</p> <p><u>EVACUATIONS</u> to - 1 Officer &amp; 18 O.R's., admitted to Hospital during the month, suffering <u>HOSPITAL</u> from minor ailments - Influenza, Debility etc.</p> <p><u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> - 5 reinforcements were received during the month - 11 O.R's rejoined from Hospital.</p> <p><u>SALVAGE</u> - Paper - 30 lbs. Cardboard - 10 lbs. Fat - 698 lbs. Solder - 41 lbs.</p> <p>-----</p>	



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STOCKS CLEARED FROM FORWARD AREA VILLAGES.

After inspecting certain foodstuffs in deserted forward area villages, permission was requested to clear same - After some delay this was granted by the French Authorities.

Owing to the proximity of these villages to the line and the fact that they were under direct observation, at first transport was only allowed to enter at night, and a considerable quantity of goods were transported after dark. Later, however, by halting convoys outside and only allowing wagons to proceed singly into villages the larger portion of available stocks were collected in the morning. Villages were frequently shelled by H.E. & gas shells either before or after convoys had entered, but by careful supervision the whole of the stocks amounting to 115 tons in all were cleared without accident of any kind. Stocks were removed from CORBIE, BONNAY, HEILLY, RIBEMONT & MERRICOURT.

In addition to foodstuffs, a quantity of valuable wool - 49 tons - was collected from the RIBEMONT Woollen Mill by special request of the French Authorities, and dumped at QUERRIEU. This was valued at approx. £46,444. The following is table of stocks cleared from forward area villages and disposal:-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Oats.</u> bags.	<u>Wheat.</u> bags.	<u>Bran.</u> bags.	<u>Wool.</u> bales	<u>Total weight.</u> lbs.
20-4-18.	-	-	78	-	8580
21-4-18.	20	-	73	-	10030
22-4-18.	-	108	80	-	28240
23-4-18.	-	98	90	-	18960
24-4-18.	-	-	21	-	22310
26-4-18.	46	60	-	-	15000
27-4-18.	32	274	342	-	93920
28-4-18.	122	-	-	12 (loads)	48260
29-4-18.	146	-	-	18 "	61922
30-4-18.	-	-	-	8 "	17920

DISPOSAL:- OATS - 44990 lbs - Underdrawn at Railhead. APPROX. VALUE:- Oats - £ 247  
 BRAN - 37620 lbs - Issued as extra forage. BRAN - 188  
 WHEAT - 48600 lbs - Despatched to Railhead. WHEAT - 225  
 WOOL - 996 cwt. - Dumped Salvage Dump, Querrieu. WOOL - 46,444  
 £47,104

D. D. Form 100 E. 48600 lbs - Despatched to Railhead. (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/15.

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			<p><u>SUPPLIES</u>:- Owing to the evident shortage of certain commodities at the base it has been necessary to send away from railhead each day, Mechanical Transport, to Field Supply Depots to complete the requirements of the Division; The chief items which are usually packed short being Forage, Oils &amp; Disinfectants .</p> <p><u>Fuel</u>: This is now coming forward daily on the Pack Train and this procedure is more satisfactory than that of a supply coming forward once a week.</p> <p><u>Solidified Alcohol &amp; Trench Feet Mixture</u>: These are now regular weekly supplies and obtained from S.O., Corps Troops M.F. Coy. Generally speaking the supplies have been very satisfactory &amp; brigade and Unit staffs well satisfied with issues received.</p> <p>-----</p>	