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1914-18 War**

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II Army.	1-7.17		Railhead remains Steenwerck.	
	(omitted last month)		On the 27 th June. Brigadier General A. E. Delaroye 2 nd ANZAC inspected the Train and at the conclusion in speaking to AA + QMG 4 th Aus Div, said "That he was sure that in the Train the 4 th Division had a most workman like and efficient unit"	
	10.7.17	9.30 am	Instructions issued for move of 4 th Aus Div Artillery less No 4 Sec DAC Hd Qrs and Trench mortar Batteries to join 47 th Division vicinity Reninghelst -	
	11-7.17	9.0 am	14 th Coy less details remaining moved. to Reninghelst reporting to 47 th Divl Train Leave to England. At the present rate, 27 per week, the Train will have finished its first round. within four weeks from date. Leave general. all ranks opened for the Train 22 Sep 1916 with varying numbers and with slight interruptions to date. Owing to the large number of original members of the AIF, who had served without leave in the Train, our weekly rate was raised from 5 to 27	
	12.7.17		W.O. Montgomery attached. to 1 st 4 th Field Ambulance pending approval of transfer CSM Henry promoted. 2/Lieut and posted to 13 th Battalion as Transport Officer	
	13.7.17		13 th Am Sup Bde relieves 4 th Aus Sup Bde in line tonight - Changes ^{over} location	

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II ARMY	14/7/17	7 PM	The 4 th Division (less Artillery) will be relieved in line and move back into Corps area Reserve on 18 th 19 th and 20 th inst - Train stands fast.	
			Major E.O. Milne S.S.O. appointed DA G M G 4 th Div and took up duty Captain Rigney acting S.S.O. No arrangement made for appointment S.S.O.	
	18/7/17		12 th Inf Bde moved to DOULIEU area	
	19/7/17	9.40 am	Instructions received that 12 th Inf Bde is being held in readiness to move to at four hours notice to reinforce the 57 th Div at FLEUR BAIX - ARMENTIERES sector.	
			4 th Inf Bde moved from DE SEULÉ to VIEUX BERQUIN area	
			13 th Inf Bde from Line to DE SEULÉ	
			12 th + 13 th Field Ambulances to DOULIEU - 4 th Field Amb remain Steenwerck.	
			3 Field Coys Eng. vicinity Steenwerck. - Refilling point 3 Bdes - DOULIEU	
	20/7/17		DH. Co to Vieux Berquin	
			Suspecting 1 st Line Transport, 4 Pioneer Bn. 13 th Bn and Bn 4 th Bde.	
	22/7/17		Engaged (CO) all day Judging Transport III Aus. Div	
			No 99. A.K. McDonald, Sergeant, although not selected for Officer Training Corps was specially mentioned by Commandant II ANZAC School and recommended for next vacancy (Infantry)	
	23/7/17	10 am	Suspected transport of 3 rd Coy Field Engineers	
			During absence on leave of Div Salvage Officer Captain B. JORDAN to act.	

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II ARMY	23.7.17		S/O ^{W.O.I Class} Sgt. A.E. Sullivan promoted Sgt and transferred to 17 th A.D.U. of Supply.	
			S/Sgt. Armstrong 17 th D.U. of S. transferred to Train vice Sullivan.	
	24.7.17		Visited today 12 th Bde H.Q. 12 th Field Amb. - 45 th and 46 th Bns. and 12 th M.G. Coy inspecting Transport.	
		3 PM	Inspected (Mounted Parade) 27 th Coy. Train To be lieutenants - dated 10 July 1917 - 2 lieuts E.H. Atkins F.B. Mattocks - SS. Stead. Lieut Mattocks is seconded for for duty with A.A.S.C. Training Depot vice Isaacson to report to Train - 2 nd Mattocks arrived England 12 th July 1917 - Lieut Girling invalided, is placed on the seconded list Lieut Atkins recommended for absorption vice Girling	
	25/7/17		Heavy rain all day	
	26.7.17	am	Inspecting 47 th and 48 th Battalions 1 st Lieut Transport	
		3 PM	Inspecting 26 th Coy. A.A.S.C. mounted Parade.	
	27/7/17	3 PM	Inspecting 7 th Coy. A.A.S.C. mounted Parade.	
	28.7.17		Notification from Corps. that Mares suitable for breeding purposes would be withdrawn from Train if any selected by the appointed Committee	
	29.7.17		Car No. 639 with driver Manderson was withdrawn from the Train by Army Order and to be used by Army Purchase Board for requisitioning purposes. - This leaves the Train with two motor Cars only	

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II Army. Steenwerck	30/7/17		<p>Train Adgns. still at STEENWERCK with Rail Head. same place - Train Transport line at PONT de PIERRE (Steenwerck) drawing from Rail Head and delivering to dumps at Douliou - 4" and 12" Bdes drawing thence by 1st line - 13" Bde delivering to Battalion by Train wagons</p> <p>11 am Pack Train arrived five hours late.</p> <p>3 pm Parade of 7" 26" + 27" Coy dismounted and inspected by CO. -</p> <p>3-30 pm Lecture by ADMS and followed by address of Arch Deacon WARD on Venereal Disease exhorting men to continence.</p> <p>DADVS 4th Div advises DTMG in a letter which is circulated to Units making a statement that he has repeatedly pointed out to Units that the shoeing of animals of this Division leaves much to be desired - In reply state that so far as the Train is concerned the DADVS has never expressed dissatisfaction and that regarding 1st line Transport I have no reports which will show that he has drawn attention in reports to this being a fact. - Also if a fact, as the shoeing is supervised by Veterinary Officers is it not a case where the remedy is in his hands.</p> <p>monthly list of Train Officers</p> <p>List showing experience of Train Officers in Supply and Transport duties</p>	<p>App 17</p> <p>App 18</p>
			<p>31 July 1917.</p> <p>Allen Ashdown Lt Col Comd 4th Aust Train</p>	

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

<u>Headquarters.</u>				
Lieut. Col.	It. Col.	A. A. Holdsworth, D.S.O., V.D		1-3-16.
Adjutant.	Capt.	D. R. Glasgow.		1-3-16.
Major.			"S"	
Captain.	Capt.	H. J. J. Riney	"S"	1-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	S. H. Wade.	"S"	10-4-16.

No. 1 Company. (14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.)

Major.	Major.	J. R. Charlton		1-3-16.
Captain.	Capt.	J. Warmin-ton		1-3-16.
Captain.	Capt.	W. J. T. Wells	"S"	1-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	R. Withers		7-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	E. C. McMurtrie		1-3-16.

No. 2 Company. (7th. Coy. A.A.S.C.)

Captain.	Capt.	J. W. Blanch		7-3-16.
Captain.	Capt.	C. R. Walsh	"S"	1-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	T. W. Brunt		11-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	E. H. Atkins (vice girling- (evac, sick))		23-3-16.

No. 3 Company. (26th. Coy. A.A.S.C.)

Captain.	Capt.	C. Reynolds		12-7-16.
Captain.	Capt.	A. A. O' Connor	"S"	1-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	W. J. Maish		7-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	W. Howie		7-6-17.

No. 4. Company. (27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.)

Captain.	Capt.	S. A. Robertson		1-3-16.
Captain.	Capt.	B. Jordan	"S"	1-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	F. M. Boydell		6-3-16.
Subaltern.	Lieut.	W. C. Butcher		25-6-17.

 Lieuts. E. W. Carter, E. H. Wickham, S. S. Stead supernumerary to Establishment.

29th. July 1917.

D. R. Glasgow. Capt.
 Adj. 4th. AUS. DIV. TRAIN.

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Rank & Name.	TRANSPORT.		SUPPLY.		REMARKS.
	from.	to	from	to	
*Major J.R. Charlton	1-3-16	Date	-	-	
*Capt. J.W. Blanch	11-9-16	"	1-3-16	10-9-16	
" C. Reynolds	6-5-17	"	12-7-16	6-2-17	
*" S.A. Robertson	1-3-16	"	-	-	1 month instn w/S.S.O.
" C.R. Walsh	All service prior to 1-3-16.		1-3-16	16-7-17	New with Transport.
" J. Warrington	(1-3-16	10-9-16	11-9-16	20-3-17	
	(21-3-17	Date.			
" W.J.T. Wells	1-3-16	10-10-16	11-10-16	Date	
" A.A.O'Conner	1-3-16	6-3-17	7-3-17	Date.	
" B. Jordan	1-3-16	1-3-17	2-3-17	"	
" E.J.J. Rigney	---	---	1-3-16	"	Includes T & S service A.A.S.C. Training Depot.
Lt. P.M. Boydell	11-9-16	Date.	6-3-16	10-9-16	
" L.A. Girling	30-10-16	"	27-3-16	12-10-16	
" R. Withers	7- 3-16	16-7-17	17-7-17	Date	Just changed over.
" W.J. Naish	1- 3-16	16-7-17	17-7-17	"	" " "
" W.G. Butcher	25- 6-16	Date	21-3-16	24- 6-16	
" T.W. Brunt	1- 3-16	16-7-17	17-7-17	Date	Just Changed over.
" E.H. Wickham	---	---	6-9-16	Date	Absent w/A.P. Board since 6-11-16.
" E.G. McMurtrie	6- 9-16	16-7-17	17-7-17	"	Just changed over.
" W. Howie	1- 6-17	Date	7-3-16	31-5-17	
" S.H. Wade	----	----	27-9-16	Date	All exp. prior to commission - Transport.
x" E.H. Atkins	25- 3-17	Date	----	----	Mixed T. & S. prior to Commission.
x" F.B. Mattocks	----	----	25-3-17	9-7-17	" " " "
x" S.S. Stead	28- 3-17	Date	----	----	All service prior to Commission - Supply.
" E.W. Carter	----	----	7-3-16	22-10-16	Seconded Staff Trainee from 22-10-16.

* Company Commanders.
 x Commissioned from A.A.S.C. School (T. & S.)
 @ Left for A.A.S.C. Training Depot 9-7-17 in relief of Lt. Isaacson.



4th AUS. DIV. TRAIN

Duplicate

