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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front line	1/9/16		15 Bn. 4 Bde - 1st Coy G moved to Warloy - Hd Qrs + 2 Bns to Rubempre. 7 th Coy to Septonville	
Reserve Army	3/9/16		Order from 1 st AITZAC that all Baysale wagons of Lahore Div artillery return to Train by 10 am tomorrow. Notice that 12 th Bde coming out and moving to Warloy tomorrow	
		6 PM	Horses and drivers on Tram line relieved by 1 st Canadian Div Train 4 th Bde concentrated at Rubempre.	
	3/9/16		4 Inf Bde at Rubempre to move to Bonneville tomorrow 12 Inf Bde at Warloy to Henussant and Rubempre tomorrow	
	4/9/16		4 Bde at Bonneville 12 " " Rubempre. 13 " " Bouck fields (Albut)	
	5/9/16		13 th " " Warloy	
	6/9/16		4 th Bde at Gezaucourt and Longueville 12 Bde at Beauval 13 Bde at Amplier - Orville - Autheuille	
	7/9/16		Hd. Qrs. Coy moved from Sertis to Orville - Handed over Canadian wagons and supply C.O. Train and SSO departed for YPRES district of Lahore. Artillery to 2 nd Can Div Train Division entrained for YPRES. District and detrained various Stations. 7 th Coy. lost one SS Wagon with Battalion - Squashed by Locomotive. Attached Summary of moves and supply arrangements	Appendix 12

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<p>Second Army. <u>YPRES</u></p>	<p>7th/8th Sept</p>		<p>Portion of Hld Grs Coy. which had been on detachment with 4th Aus Bw Artillery rejoined Train - The following itinerary shows movements. -</p> <p>Left Sailly (with Artillery). 15 July. Arrived Croix du Bac same day.</p> <p>Left Croix du Bac Aug 2nd en route SETQUES (SOMMER) arrived 4th Aug.</p> <p>Left Setques 24 Aug. arrived Renninghelst 25th Aug.</p> <p>Train arrived YPRES area. Companies 14th. Renninghelst - 7th Outadom.</p> <p>26th Boschepe. 27th Steenworde - Hld Grs Train at Renninghelst.</p> <p>Railhead - Wippenhoek -</p>	
	<p>7/9/16</p>		<p>D. H. G. closed. Doullens. 6 am. 9th unit opens Steenvoorde same hour.</p>	
	<p>7/9/16</p>		<p>Award of Military Medal by Army Corps Commanded published by Div R Order No 148 of 7/9/16 to the undermentioned for gallant conduct when employed upon the Tramway (Albert) - Poziers on the first turn of this Div in the front trenches.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1189. Driver F. V. CURTIS 4th Aus Bw Train</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1137 Corporal D. CAVE — 50 — 50.</p>	
			<p>The work of the Train during the period in Battle area has been at variance with that laid down as its normal function and drawing from Rail Head direct - assisting CRE with Train vehicle and personnel to make Roads as far as Poziers - Many wagons required daily by Corps Salvage Office to clear Battle area - The provision of personnel and animals to work the</p>	

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			<p>Tramway running from Bray Road terminus Albat through Becourt Wood Sausage Valley to "K" dump in the vicinity of Pozieres - water supply and issue and the handling of Bombs. H Explosives and general Ammunition is certainly duty which can be considered extraneous to normal A.S.C. duties and the tendency is to dislocate transport by putting stores and men out of action - 156 units remained unperf. and the supply of ammunition per Tramway was maintained under all conditions -</p> <p>Routine feeding of Troops in Reserve and front area. - Extra transport duties and preparation for winter campaign</p> <p>General Leave to England commenced.</p> <p>4th Am Inf Bde to relieve 11th Canadian Inf Bde with front line</p> <p>12th Inf Bde moves into quarters vacated by 4th Bde (Dw Reserve)</p> <p>12th Inf Bde took over front from 10th Canadian Inf Bde and 13th Inf Bde (less 1 Bn) will occupy quarters vacated by 12th Inf Bde and remain Corps Reserve.</p> <p>Reports received from OC Train Coy on condition of 1st Line Transport.</p> <p>Complimentary letter from GOC 1st ANZAC upon recent inspection by A.D.O.S. of 11th Divisional Transport.</p> <p>7th Coy moved into quarters in Renningshelst. - 26th & 27th Coys preparing new quarters Renningshelst near Windmill -</p>	
	Between 7/15 Sept			
	15/16 Sept.			
	20/21 Sept			
	26/9/16			
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YPRES district			<p>The following changes in officers -</p> <p><u>Promoted</u> 504 S/Sgt. Edgar Hugh Wickham } to be 2/Lieut dated 6th 8326 CQMS Eric George McMurtrie } Sept 1916</p> <p>Lieut A.R. STOW evacuated sick replaced on the seconded list 22 Aug 1916</p> <p>Captain Arnold. evacuated & sick</p> <p>Lieut Berkeley. evacuated sick</p> <p>2/Lieut W J Whiteford. late 4th ^{S/Sgt} 6th Aus. DUS. reported for duty having been posted by AIF order. to this Train - posted 26th Coy as Requisitioning Officer</p> <p>This officer has had. no training in Transport duties</p> <p>Recommended. C. QMS. Wade. for promotion to 2/Lieut vice Lieut Berkeley.</p>	
	28/9/16	6 PM	<p>all transport working hard. Loading Reserve Supplies Fuel at Popencigne - Point from YPRES for standing (night work) and general transport work with supplies Salvage and Engineer stores</p>	
	29/9/16		<p>Promotion of 2/Lieut Wade. approved. to be posted 27th Coy temporarily</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Albert Astoldsworth Lt Col Comd 4th Aus Div Train</p>	
	30/9/16		<p>France</p>	

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URGENTHEADQUARTERS,
1st ANZAC.

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1st AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.Headquarters,
1st Sept 1916.4th Aust Div.
4th Aust Div Train (2 copies)
4th Aust Supply Col (2 copies)The following supply arrangements will obtain
during concentration in K area.

Date	UNIT	Railhead	Deliver to	How drawn from Railhead	Remarks
2nd	4th Bde	ACHEUX	RUBEMPRE	Supply Col	
	12th Bde	"	BRICKFIELDS	Train	
	13th Bde	"	LINE	Train	
3rd	4th Bde	"	RUBEMPRE	Supply Col	Supply Col dumps at RUBEMPRE.
	12th Bde	"	WARLOY	Train	
	13th Bde	"	LINE	Train	
4th	4th Bde	"	BONNEVILLE etc	Supply Col	Deliver to BONNEVILLE
	12th Bde	"	RUBEMPRE	Supply Col	
	13th Bde	"	BRICKFIELDS	Train	
5th	4th Bde	"	BONNEVILLE	Supply Col	R.P. VAL-de-MAISON
	12th Bde	"	RUBEMPRE	Supply Col	
	13th Bde	"	WARLOY	Train	
6th	4th Bde	"	GEZAINCOURT / LONGUEVILLETTE /	Supply Col	Delivers to GEZAINCOURT or LONGUEVILLETTE
	12th Bde	"	BEAUVAL /	Supply Col	
	13th Bde	"	(AMPLIER (ORVILLE (AUTHEUILLE	Supply Col	
7th	4th Bde	"	GEZAINCOURT	Supply Col) R.P. near HOLEUX
		"	etc		
	12th Bde	"	BEAUVAL	Supply Col	
	13th Bde	"	AMPLIER etc	Supply Col	

Further arrangements will be communicated as soon as possible.

J.S.H.
Lieut-Colonel.
For D. A. & Q. M. G.
1st A. & N. Z. A. C.