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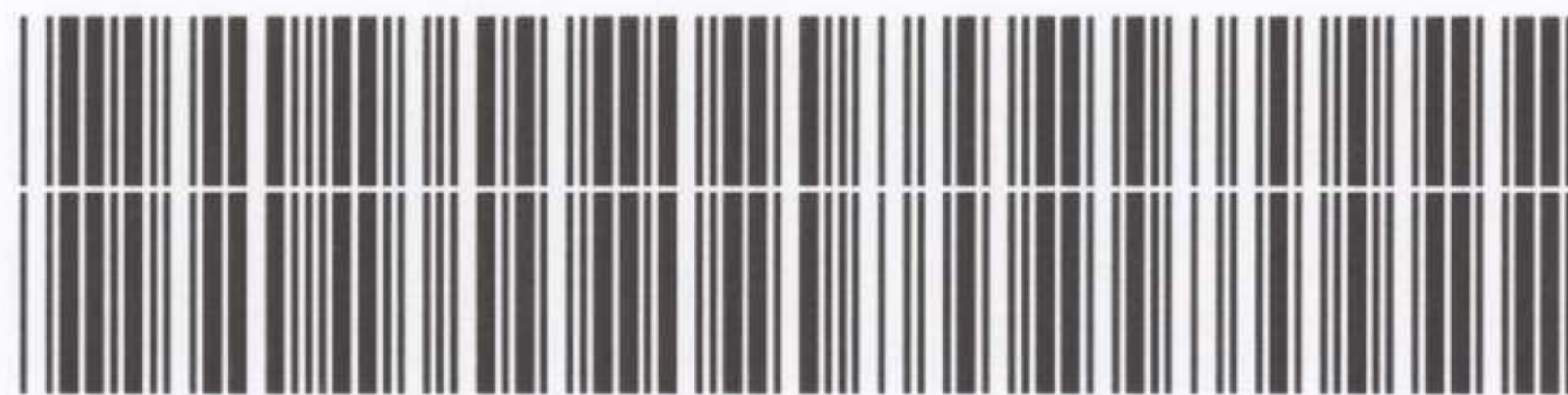
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1914-18 War**

Supplies & Transport

Item number: 25/18/17

Title: 5th Australian Divisional Train

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A 20 D 8/4-	1/8/18		10 th aasc to ST SAUVEUR. Artillery dump same place -	
-	3/5/18		10 th aasc to H 31 C central - Railhead LAMOTTE-BREBIERE at 11 pm. Supply dumps for 8 th 15 th Bds at BLANGY-TRONVILLE	
-	7/5/18		14 th Bds + DA troops at 117 - Railhead supplies by H.T. also from dump to Q m's stores	
BLANGY-TRONVILLE	5/5/18		Train H. Q. to Chateau BLANGY-TRONVILLE	
-	9/5/18		Ordered Cops to reconnoitre for transport lines round VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX. Advance towards PERONNE commenced.	
-	10/5/18		10 th aasc to O 32 C 2/9 - 15 th aasc to O 31 Cent - 28 th aasc to O 36 D 9/9 - 29 th aasc to O 26 D 4/4 - Supply dumps as follows 8 th Pds O 30 D Cent.	
-	11/5/18		14 th Bds O 30 D 6/11 - 15 th Pds O 30 D 5/1 - Air troops O 26 D 5/7	
-	12/5/18		Dumps of 8 th 15 th Bds to BLANGY. No 14251 D. LARSONN H.A. 10 th aasc wounded by bomb from E.A.	
BOIS L'ABBAYE	29/5/18		Railhead = CORBIE 8/15 am.	
R 23 B 6/9	30/5/18		Railhead = VILLERS BRETONNEUX - Train H. Q. to Bois L'ABBAYE O 31 Cent. (62 D). Dumps 8 th Bds to P 32 a 5/5 - 14 th P 31 a 5/5 - 15 th P 25 C 4/4 - All baggage wagons detached to units from 7/5/18. Supplies being drawn by Train H.T. & delivered to Q m's by same teams while troops advancing, no M.T. being available.	
			Railhead LA FLACQUE R 26 D 6/2 - Dumps at R 28 C for all. THQ to R 23 B 6/9 - 18 th Co to Q 21 B 5/2, 28 th to R 28 B 5/8, 29 th to Q 21 B 5/2	
			10 th to R 19 C 2/2. all abandoned German camps - Large quantities of abandoned material therein - dead enemy also -	
			15 th aasc to R 17 C 9/2 - 29 th to R 23 D 4/9. Provided 12 wagons to CRE to cart bridging material forward for constructing over SOMME river -	
STRENGTH on 30/5/18 - 23 off. 421 OR. 411 Rid Horses 26 LD. 282 H.D. of mules -			<p><u>General Remarks</u> - Heavy strain this month on personnel & horses owing to advance - no M.T. vehicles were available for drawing Railhead supplies so that the same personnel & animals had to carry supplies from Railhead to Q m's right through. As baggage wagons moving with units had an easier time ordered that men & animals should be periodically exchanged to spell both.</p> <p><u>Appendix</u> - Train R.O. of 3/5/18 orders 531 to 538.</p>	
Reinforcements in Aug - 31 OR. Remounts 17 H.D. 1 Rid Horse.				
Casualties - Battle - 1 OR.				
Sick 8 - 5 was.				
Transfers 1 OR.				
To Aust - 1 OR.				
Honors & awards - nil.				
Health - Excellent both men & horses -				
Crime - One case 79 C.M. Harboring deserter.				
Weather - Generally fine. Insufficient wet to interfere with transport operations				

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TRAIN ORDERS.

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by
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531. ORDERS.

Australian Corps Order 208 is promulgated for information.
208. DIARRHOEA & DYSENTERY.

A certain amount of dysentery has appeared in the Corps and every effort will be necessary to prevent it spreading. All Commanding Officers will pay special attention to :-

1. Water Supply.
2. Disposal of excreta, human and animal.
3. Protection of food, particularly from flies.

They will at once inspect kitchens and latrines and make sure that precautions against flies are adequate. Food and water must be protected and the utmost care exercised to see that sanitary regulations are in every case rigidly enforced. Superior Commanders will call for reports from all units serving under them.

In accordance with D.G./N/2288/74 dated 16-6-18, in as far as the Military Situation permits, cases of diarrhoea, except those of a trivial nature will at once be sent to the nearest Field Ambulance for observation and treatment.

532. PROTECTION FROM BOMBS.

In view of enemy aircraft activity, which will be probably be much accentuated in future, it is forbidden to any Officer or O.R. to sleep above the surface level of the ground. Recent experience has proved that revetting is insufficient and that lives have been saved in the cases of those who have been below the surface level. O's C. Companies will be held responsible should these instructions be neglected and casualties occur thereby.

533. COMPULSORY INOCULATION & VACCINATION.

Cases have occurred in which the conviction of members of the A.I.F. who were tried by Court-Martial for disobedience of orders to submit to inoculation were quashed by the Army Council.

Since receipt of the above mentioned ruling from the War Office a new Australian Military Regulation has been approved by the Governor-General of Australia in Council on 23rd March, 1918 (Statutory Rules No. 72) gazetted 21-3-18 to come into operation forthwith :-

493A. (1) Any member of the Permanent Forces while on War Service may be required to undergo such medical and dental treatment as may be deemed necessary by a medical officer to cure or remove or prevent or reduce the likelihood of any disease or infirmity which affects or is likely to affect the efficiency of such member in the carrying out of his duties.

(a) For the purposes of Sub-regulation (1) of this regulation medical treatment shall include vaccination and inoculation and dental treatment shall include the extraction and filling of teeth.

The A.I.F. comes within the meaning of Permanent Forces within the meaning of Section 31 of the Defence Act.

A.M. Regulation 493A has been submitted to the D.J.A.G. G.H.Q. who has ruled that after the alteration in the law contained in A.M.R. 493A, has been published so as to be brought to the notice of all members of the A.I.F., the principles of the above quoted War Office letter will no longer apply.

Formations and units will republish this regulation in their routine orders and cause it to be read to the troops on parade.

Any disobedience of an order from a superior authority to submit to vaccination or inoculation may, in the A.I.F., then be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

534. COURTS-MARTIAL.

Promulgation of F.G.C.M. on No. 8402 C.Q.M.S. F.A. GUY and No. 8409 L/cpl. T.G. HIBBERD 10th A.A.S.C. held in the field on 18-7-18.

CHARGE.

1. Sect. A.A. 14. Being cognisant of a deserter did not forthwith take steps in his power to cause the deserter to be apprehended. (When Pte. ASHEY a deserter of the 23rd Middlesex Regiment was frequenting the lines of the accused's unit to his (the accused's) knowledge did not cause the said ASHEY to be detained and handed over to his (the accused's) Commanding Officer.

534. COURT-MARTIAL.

CHARGE Alternative.
2. A.A. Sect. 40. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Allowing one, ASHBY, a soldier not belonging to accused's unit to frequent the lines of his (the accused's) unit without reporting the matter to his (the accused's) Commanding Officer.

PLEA. Not guilty to both charges.

FINDING. Not guilty to first charge. Guilty on second charge.

SENTENCE. 8402 C.Q.M.S. F.A. GUY reduced to the ranks and 40 days F.P. No. 2.

8409 L/cpl. T.G. HIBBERD 90 days F.P. No. 2 of which 78 days are remitted by Confirming Officer.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION 30-7-18.

CONFIRMING OFFICER. Major General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs K.C.B.

535. TRANSFERS & PROMOTIONS.

No. 134 Pte. D'ARCY B.G. 10th A.A.S.C. Remustered as Dvr. 19-7-18.

" 7957 L/c BLIGHT J.R. 18th A.A.S.C. Reverts to Pte. 10-7-18.

" 7960 T/sgt. EVANS S.A. 28th A.A.S.C. Promoted sgt. vice Trask. 7-7-18.

536. CASUALTIES.

No. 2204 Sgt. ANDERSON J.G. 10th A.A.S.C. Wounded 28-7-18.

" 8476 " STAPLETON M. " " "

" 651 Dvr. KENT J.A. " " "

" 6729 " LECKIE J. " " "

" 8339 : AUSTIN F.R. " " "

" 7928 " BLAKEY H. " " "

" 2442 L/sgt. BARCLAMB J. 8th Fld. Amb. " " "

" 9543 Dvr. YOUNG W.J. 10th A.A.S.C. Died of Wounds

537. STRAGGLERS.

A case has occurred in this Train of certain soldiers, mostly connected with cookhouses, giving meals to a soldier of a British unit which has been the cause of their getting into trouble and of their being arraigned before a F.G.C.M., the British soldier eventually turning out to be a deserter from the British Army.

Under no circumstances in future will any meals be given to any strange from other units, whether British or Australian, and Company Commanders will personally convey this order to Q.M.S's and cookhouse personnel, and from time to time see that they are carried out. All cookhouse personnel should be told to report at once if any strange soldier asks for food.

538. PERMANENT CADRE RELIEF.

The following N.C.O's departed on 29-7-18 as relief to A.A.S.C. Permanent Cadre, England :-

No. 2409 Sgt. FORSYTH T. 29th A.A.S.C.

" 6525 Cpl. LAMBERT G.W. "

" 8032 " COCHRAN W. 18th A.A.S.C.

Captain & Adjutant.

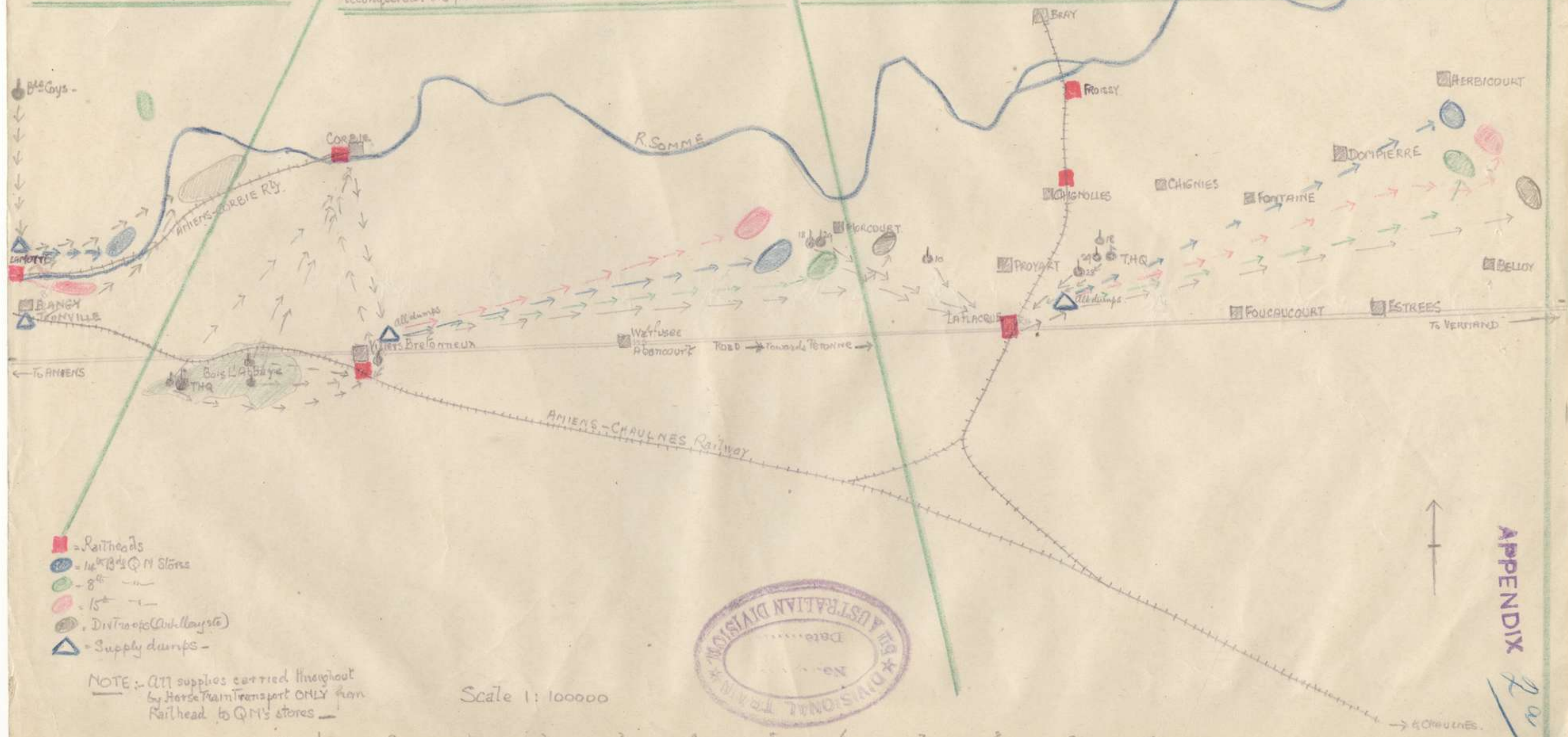
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Diagram, showing Supply & Transport systems before, during advance of Aug 18 in successive moves.

Period prior to advance of 8/8/18, i.e. the preparatory period -

Period 8/8/18 to 28/8/18 - i.e. 1st stage of advance -
Railways & roads had to be repaired throughout enemy territory reconquered. i.e. from VILLERS BRETONNEUX eastwards -

Period 29/8/18, onwards - successive railheads opened, as repairs done.



- = Railheads
- = 14th Bde QM stores
- = 8th " "
- = 15th " "
- = Div Troops (Artillery etc)
- ▲ = Supply dumps -

NOTE: - All supplies carried throughout by Horse Train transport ONLY from Railhead to QM's stores -

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