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5th Aust. Div. Train

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
April 3 rd 1919	3/4/19		J. H. Q removed to 77 Rue de Charleroi MARCINELLE, suburb of CHARLEROI - 10 th aase, & BIESMES 28 th aase, to MONTIGNY-LE-TILEUL, all near Charleroi - Railhead closes at BEAUMORIT. Railheads now in use MARCHIENNE-au-PONT (for B2 group) + THUILLES (B5 group)	
MARCINELLE	5/4/19		Setting out figures + arrangements for regrouping of supply + transport arrangements, to cut down work, + release horses + men on transport work.	
	7/4/19		Capt ACRUDRUM to England, on permanent ships staff duty. No 28 Quota 2 nd Div to trains -	
	10/4/19		Issued orders for reduction to Base of 28 th aase.	
	11/4/19		10 th aase to MARCHIENNE -	
	13/4/19		applied to Corps for one central Railhead - favourably considered -	
	14/4/19		new organization of supplies + transport services commences, on same lines as already in vogue in 5 th Division - Total transport of 2 Divisions (2 nd + 5 th) now in use - Railhead 32	
	19/4/19		Major W H BERRY DSO reported on transfer from 3 rd Div train - to command 10 th aase. Supplies 34	
	18/4/19		Quota particulars total for 2 Div. = 40 off + 60 ORs for 2 nd Div. - 12	
	19/4/19		Issued order for reduction to Cadre B of 17 th aase 2 nd Div train. Total 78	
	20/4/19		Consequent on change of Railhead, ordered 10 th aase to MONTIGNY-LE-TILEUL, + 20 th aase to MONTIGNY-MARCHIENNE	
	21/4/19		Railhead to MARCHIENNE EST. Full pack for the 2 Divs now on one train at one Railhead -	
	23/4/19		Saw CO. P. Div train, who informed me he was handing over details of 1 st + 4 th Div trains to me on his being transferred to Imperial Army -	
	24/4/19		Ordered 200 horses of 2 nd + 5 th Div trains to proceed to 2 nd Div for entrainment to Base	
	25/4/19		200 X+Y horses of 3 rd Div train proceeds to Base. Animals now horses to 121 Off + 11 rides - total 136	
	26/4/19		Quota 41 entrains 4 off + 60 ORs of 5 th Div train. Capt CURTIS, Lt Miller, Walker + Hall	
	27/4/19		D. HUTTON 10 th aase killed on horse train - Kicked out of truck by horse while train in tunnel - Contd notes	
	28/4/19		1 st + 4 th Divs remain on pack train - 5 th aase + 2 nd Divs demobilized - 1 st + 4 th Div train under control of 065 th DT.	
	29/4/19		Regrouped 1 st + 4 th Div details for reducing transport. Saw Corps on question of policy, i.e. to reduce H.T. as supplies could be done by 22 lorries, doing away with all horses of 4 Divisions. Approved to commence on 5/7/19. This necessitates a regrouping of 1 st + 4 th Div supply system, in which over 70 G.S. wagons were being used. Scheme of regrouping puts it down to 9 lorries	
			equivalent to 27 G.S. wagons	

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MARCINELLE	30/4/19		<p>Saw DHOMS Pl-4th Div^{ns} refce to regrouping of units. Agreed thereon, & to commence on 5/5/19, with certain G.S. wagons for conveyance & use generally, where lorries could not go.</p> <p><u>General Remarks.</u> The constant demobilization of units, & the necessity of reducing transport both Pl-4th line as units disappeared, made the constant revision of usual methods of supply an absolute necessity. Where these objects were attained, it entailed (as units concentrated on the entraining station of CHARLEROI, & contracted the area over which they were spread) several regroupings of smaller details, & the arranging of one central D.M.'s store for several separate details of units, which were from time to time again regrouped, as such details became extinct or others moving in were added. This released all the Pl-4th Div^{ns} transport of each of the 4 Divisions during the month, & reduced Train Transport by 75% all round, thus enabling the release to Base, or by sale, of 95% of animals. During the month as well as in March, horsecatching by civilians in collusion, it is feared, with the G.I.s was very prevalent, & continued until the end, although reduced numbers, when it became known that Picquet was armed & had orders to shoot unauthorised persons approaching at night.</p>	125	
			<p>Strength of 5th Div Train 70 off, 198 ORs Sicks evacuated 10 - 5 OR. Personnel to Australia 6 off, 100 ORs. Animals disposed of 127</p>	<p><u>Cruising.</u> Few cases of simple A.W.L only. <u>Health</u> of men & animals excellent. <u>Weather</u> generally cold & wet, some snow <u>Bullets.</u> v. good</p>	<p>J.A. Francis Mpl.</p>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.



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Train Order

No 4

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"B" Australian Divisional Train.

Order No 3.

by

Lt-Col F.H. Francis D.S.O.

Commanding "B" Australian Div Train.

Demobilisation.

be reduced to Cadre B



*H. G.
14/4/19*

1. The 28th Coy A.A.S.C. will ~~disbanded~~ be reduced to Cadre B as from 14th April 1919, and on that date will cease to exist.
All Stores and equipment, Regimental Funds and Records will be dealt with as instructed in A.I.F. Memo Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation General Instructions No 14.
2. All personnel and animals will be transferred to 10th Coy A.A.S.C. but will not move from present locations, or cease the duty at present being carried on, until ordered to do so from T.H.O.
3. A certificate that provision of para 1 herein have been carried out in their entirety, will as soon as practicable, be handed to Train H.Q. by Lieut Miller. Nominal rolls of all Ranks transferred to be submitted same time.

H. G.

Capt. &c/Adjutant.
"B" Aust Div Train.

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"B" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN

ORDER

NO 4

BY

LIUT-COLONEL F.H.FRANCIS D.S.O.

Commanding "B" Australian Divisional Train



DEMOBILISATION

(1) The 17th A.A.S.C. will be reduced to Cadre 'B' on the 22nd April.

All Stores and Equipment, Regimental Funds and Records will be dealt with as instructed in A.I.P. Memo., Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation, General Instructions No.14.

Equipment and Mobilisation Stores will be returned to 2nd Divisional D.A.D.C.S. on a day mutually agreed upon between that officer and the O.C.17th A.A.S.C.

(2) All personnel and animals will be attached to 20th A.A.S.C. pending repatriation, but will not move from their present quarters.

(3) A Certificate that provisions of para.I herein have been carried out and in their entirety, will, as soon as possible, be handed to Train Headquarters by Captain RUTHERFORD. Nominal roll of all ranks attached to 20th A.A.S.C. to be submitted at same time.

F. Johnson
Captain & Adjutant,
"B" Aust Div Train.

19-4-19

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