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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Supplies & Transport

Item number: 25/14/27

Title: 1st Australian Divisional Train

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VILLE	Jan. 15 to Jan. 15 1917. JAN 16		10 - 4 horse teams withdrawn from CRE. Corps Troops on 4th Jan 1917. All Supply Sections & Pack & Transport for Infantry Brigades were withdrawn from MONTAUBAN by 8.1.17, and moved back to rest areas. Supply Section of No. 1 Coy. moved out from MONTAUBAN to rest areas on 12.1.17, with Artillery units. All 1st Line Transport personnel & horses withdrawn from E. 12. by 9. 1.17 Took over Command of Train (Imps) from Lt. Col. J. T. Marsh c.m.s. on leave. Supplies satisfactory during this period, but ration from Train shot on several occasions. Railhead for supplies EDGE HILL. All transport of supplies done by M.T. Great difficulty in purchasing straw for bedding, owing to very few threshing machines being available. Most vendors demand higher prices than that laid down by French authorities. it was found necessary to requisition 10 tons. Very little fresh vegetables were received from Train, balance of ration was purchased locally. Health of our horses good. Number of horses suffering from Owing to frozen state of roads, post cogs were used, but were not very satisfactory, the metal being too soft & easily broke off. Relieved of Transport work of Advanced Corps Troops. 20 G. S. Waggon pairs detailed for road repair returning to Coy lines each evening.	

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VILLE	24		Railhead changed to ALBERT. Train relieved of Corps work, same under command of 1st Aust Div.	
	26		Handed over command of train to Mr. E. J. Munro M.A. Coy. Took over command (temp) from Lieut Col Benley D.S.O., transferred 4th Aust Div Train & to command same.	
	27		Railhead changed from ALBERT to BAZENTIN. for Infantry Brigades, arrangements adequate, and everything working smoothly. One supply section at FRICOURT for a few days, supplies being drawn from ALBERT by horse transport. Several cases of men with sore heels, due to Field Service boots. This matter is receiving attention of Army H.Q. Quarters.	
	30		Supply section No. 1. Coy (Divisional Troops) and section from FRICOURT moved to E17. Supplies being drawn from ALBERT by horse transport.	
	31		Health of men good. Health & condition of horses good. Edw. J. Munro Major Lt. 1st Aust Div Train	
			31.1.17	