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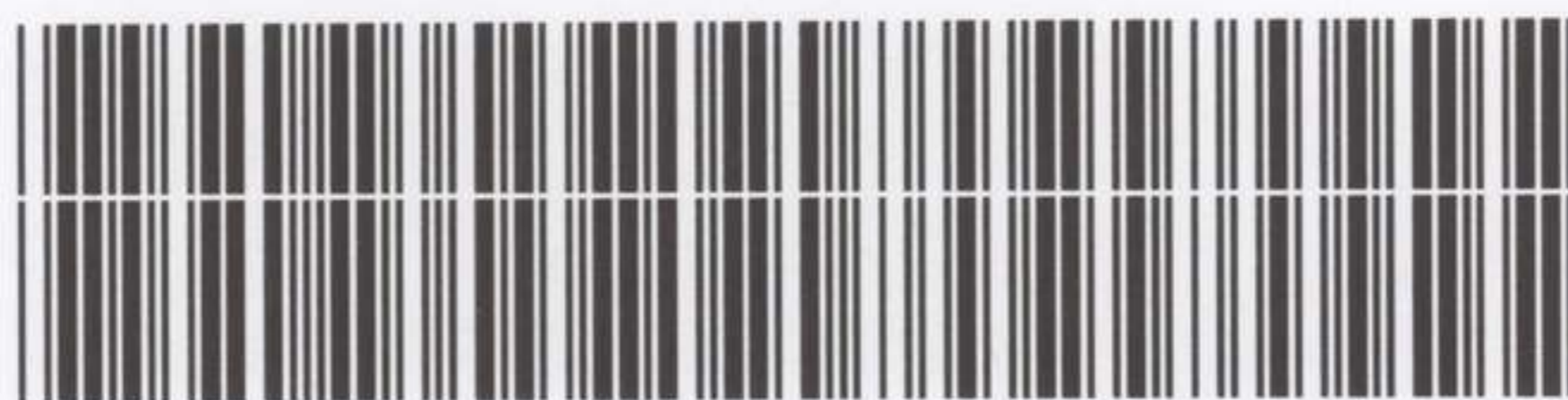
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1914-18 War**

Supplies & Transport

Item number: 25/18/10

Title: 5th Australian Divisional Train

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAMER	11/1/18		<p>Railhead for Artillery removed from SAMER to ETAPLES, to save excessive track transport. Capt RUDRUM C, appointed Adjutant vice AUSTIN, evacuated. Capt HAWKER C app Reg 8. Officer vice RUDRUM. New Years Honors announced. Capt LAITY H.M. awarded Mil Cross for gallant services in the field especially in the advance from SOMME front to BAPAUME at which town he established shield under shell fire a supply dump for the advance guard, 2 days after the evacuation of the town by enemy. Sq' STUBBS C.T. 15th a.s.c. awarded MSM for gallant & distinguished services in convoy work with supplies between SOMME front & BAPAUME area. The following were also mentioned in despatches for gallant & distinguished service in the field viz: — Lt Col FRANCIS F.H. DSO. Major ROBINSON C.W. Lieut MARRIOTT R.W. No 8049 Sq' HERMAN J.G. No 8066 Corp LEE R. No 8028 Cpl TRIPLETT & a. Major BRAZENOR received Preset Majority in C.M.F. for especially meritorious work on active service</p>	①
do -	10/1/18		1 st BULL T reported on return from A.A.C. Training Depot England. Posted to Sq' 15 th a.s.c.	②
do -	16/1/18		Thaw precautions adopted. All M.T. off roads, & whole of supplies done by train, assisted by spare mule teams (18) of D.A.C.	③
do -	22/1/18		Thaw precautions off. M.T. on road again from Railhead to dumps.	④
do -	25/1/18		Received & issued orders for move of train back to DRANOUTRE area.	⑤ see order 28
do -	26/1/18		14 th Bde transport group moved by road to HUCQUELIERS. Splendid turnout & discipline.	⑥
do -	27/1/18		14 th Bde group to ELNES	⑦
do -	28/1/18		14 th Bde group to RENESCURE - 8 th Bde to ELNES - latter only fair turnout, but better than down journey.	⑧
do -	29/1/18		14 th Bde " STRAZEELE - 8 " to RENESCURE - 15 th Bde to ELNES. Latter fair turnout.	⑨
do -	30/1/18		14 th Bde " " KEMMEL - 8 " to STRAZEELE - 15 th Bde to RENESCURE	⑩
do -	31/1/18		8 th Bde " " KEMMEL - 15 th " to STRAZEELE - 26 th a.s.c. back at BULLER CAMP, near BRULOOZE	⑪
NOTES			<p>Casualties during month by enemy action = nil. Injured & sick 14. Reinforcements rec'd = 7 Strength at end of month. Officers 23 Other ranks 417 Animals 350 WORK, outside usual supply duties. Daily details 51 vehicles. This month the whole of the transport camped in Divisional Area (except H.D. animals of Heavy Batteries) were placed under control of C.O. Train, the operating to start from 1st Feb 1918, on arrival in forward area. The whole transport move was carried out without any hitch, but saved M.T. resources also supply sections (8 of which were necessary) to the utmost owing to so many columns being on the move at the same time, including personnel which proceeded by train.</p>	⑫

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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN ORDER NO. 28.

Reference Maps.
HAZEBROUCK
CALAIS.

Copy No. ✓
Train Headquarters,
25-1-18.

1. The Divisional Train, less 10th A.A.S.C. (Art. Sect.) will move to forward areas, in accordance with Time Table attached hereto "XXXXX Appendix "B"
2. For purposes of this move, O's C. M.C. Coys will take over the Transport of their Groups, which will come under their control until each unit's respective location in new area is reached.
3. Strictest discipline will be observed, both on the move and in billets. Distances en route will be 50 yards between each unit's transport and 25 yards between every six vehicles. The nearest N.C.O. must be posted over any obstruction in road to regulate traffic around same and he will re-join his unit when the whole group's transport has passed. Special care must be taken that units do not overload their baggage wagons. It is considered, that for this hilly country, 2000 lbs must be the maximum. For the first two days spare draught horses should travel harnessed and ready to help over pinches.
4. Billetting parties must be sent ahead of column daily.
5. Supply position for Transport Columns as per Appendix "A"
6. T.H.O. will close at SAMER and open at DRANCOTRE on 31st inst.
7. Reports of completion of move, by each column commander will be sent to T.H.O. This should include a copy of daily orders issued to Unit Commanders

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1. File
2. War Diary ✓
3. 10th A.A.S.C.
4. 18th A.A.S.C.
5. 28th A.A.S.C.
6. 29th A.A.S.C.

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Captain & Adjutant.
5th Aust. Div. Train.

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TIME TABLE OF MOVES OF TRANSPORT GROUPS.

14TH BDE. GROUP.

UNIT.	26th/27th	27th/28th	28th/29th	29th/30th	30th/31st.
Bde. H.Q. & Battalions	AUCQUELIERS	ELNES	RENESECURE	STRAZEELE	KEMMEL
14th Fld. Amb.	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.
14th Fld. Coy.	No move.	do.	do.	do.	do.
28th A.A.S.C.	AUCQUELIERS	do.	do.	do.	do.
25th M.G. Coy.	Proceed to ELNES independ- : endently on 27th		do.	do.	do.

8TH BDE. GROUP.

UNIT	27th/28th	28th/29th	29th/30th	30th/31st	31st/1st
Bde. H.Q. & 4 Battns.	KEMMEL	ELNES	RENESECURE	STRAZEELE	KEMMEL
8th Fld. Amb.		do.	do.	do.	do.
18th A.A.S.C.		do.	do.	do.	do.
5th Pioneers	WIERRE AU : BOIS xx	do.	do.	do.	do.

xx Location lately occupied by 8th Fld. Coy.

15TH BDE. GROUP. & DIV. TROOPS

UNIT	28th/29th	29th/30th	30th/31st	31st/1st	1st.
Bde. H.Q. & 4 Battns.		ELNES	RENESECURE	STRAZEELE	KEMMEL
15th Fld. Coy.		do.	do.	do.	do.
29th A.A.S.C.		do.	do.	do.	do.
15th Fld. Amb.	LONGFOSSE	do.	do.	do.	do.
Other Div. Tps.		do.	do.	do.	do.

15th Fld. Amb. to occupy premises at LONGFOSSE vacated by 18th A.A.S.C.

NOTE. S.P. for this trip should be at LE COURTEAU on DESVRES - SENLECQUES road. Time should be 10.30 a.m. to allow of furthest away units to concentrate. Supervision of this party should be divided into two parts as far as S.P., an officer being despatched to supervise assembling of H.Q., 57th, 59th & 60th Battns, T.M.B. & 29th A.A.S.C. at DOUDEAUVILLE at 9 a.m. and to bring them along, and another officer to assemble arrivals at S.P.

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