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WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN

FOR

NOVEMBER, 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling *W.E. Tope Capt.*

Signature of Officer Commanding *M. J. Bayor*

adjt. **adjt. 1st. Aust. Div. Am. Coln.**

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LONGPRE	1918 November			
	1		<u>WORK DONE</u> 12 G.S. Wagons drawing Gravel for Horse lines. 1 G.S. Wagon carting Timber. <u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers 519 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. <u>OFFICERS</u> Lieut. R. McR. Pattie was transferred to D.A. Headquarters.	
	2		<u>PERSONNEL</u> 2 O/Ranks transferred to D.A. Headquarters. <u>WEATHER</u> Dull <u>WORK DONE</u> 2 @ 4 Horse teams exchanging Guns which were being used for training. 3 G.S. Wagons drawing timber for R.E. Dump. 6 G.S. Wagons carting gravel for Horse lines. 1 G.S. Wagon conveying Band to 1st F.A. Brigade.	
	3		<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers 519 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. <u>WEATHER</u> Dull <u>WORK DONE</u> 2 G.S. Wagons drawing Area stores. Stable fatigues etc.,	
	4		<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers 519 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. <u>WEATHER</u> Fine. <u>WORK DONE</u> 2 G.S. Wagons conveying Band to 1st F.A. Brigade. 2 G.S. Wagons carrying Area Store to D.T.M.O. at ARRAINES.	
	5		<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers 519 519 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. <u>WEATHER</u> Raining. <u>WORK DONE</u> Stable fatigues etc.,	
	6		<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers 518 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. <u>PERSONNEL</u> 3 O/Ranks evacuated. 1 O/Rank to Div. Arty. Headquarters. 2 O/Ranks from AGBD 1 O/Rank from 2nd F.A. Brigade. <u>WEATHER</u> Raining.	
	7		<u>WORK DONE</u> 2 G.S. Wagons to R.E. Dump for Area Stores. <u>INSPECTION.</u> The G.O.C., and the C.R.A., 1st Australian Division inspected the 1st Aust. D.A.C. and expressed themselves as extremely pleased with the state of the Column.	
	8		<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers 518 O/Ranks and 616 Animals. <u>WEATHER</u> Dull <u>WORK DONE</u> 2 G.S. Wagons conveying Band to 2nd F.A. Brigade. <u>STRENGTH</u> 19 Officers 519 O/Ranks and 616 Animals. <u>OFFICERS.</u> Captain O. J. ROWLANDS and 2/Lieut xxxxxxxx J.A. AIRD reported to D.A.C., from 6th Army F.A. Brigade and A.G.B.D. respectively.	
	9		<u>PERSONNEL</u> 1 O/Rank from A.G.B.D. <u>WEATHER</u> Dull. <u>WORK DONE</u> 3 G.S. Wagons carting Stone to Horse Lines. 1 wagon collecting Officers kit from LONGPRE Railway station. S.A.A. SECTION were detached to 2nd Au t. Infty Brigade Group and moved from LONGPRE to TINCOURT - ROSIEL Area.	
	10		<u>STRENGTH</u> 19 Officers 519 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. <u>WEATHER.</u> Fine.	

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	9		<u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> <u>OFFICERS</u> <u>PERSONNEL</u> 2 G.S. Wagons conveying Band to Arraines. 18 Officers 517 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. 2/Lieut J.S. Murray was transferred to 1st F.A. Brigade? 1 O/Rank was transferred to 1st F.A. Brigade, 1 O/Rank evacuated.	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine.
	10		<u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> 2 G.S. Wagons conveying Footballers from and to Ground. 18 Officers 517 O/Ranks and 618 Animals.	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine.
	11		<u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> 1 G.S. Wagen carting for Y.M.C.A. 18 Officers 517 O/Ranks and 618 Animals.	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine.
	12		<u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> <u>PERSONNEL</u> 1 G.S. Wagen conveying Band to 1st F.A.B. 18 Officers 515 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. 1 O/Rank evacuated.	
	13		<u>STRENGTH</u> 18 Officers 516 O/Ranks and 618 Animals	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine.
	14		<u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> 1 G.S. Wagen conveying Band to 1st F.A.Bde. 18 Officers 513 O/Ranks and 618 Animals.	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine.
	15		<u>STRENGTH</u> <u>OFFICERS</u> 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks and 618 Animals. 2/Lieut N.W. Tulleh reported from England and was posted to No.2 Section	
	16		<u>WEATHER</u> <u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> <u>PROMOTIONS</u> 2 G.S. Wagons conveying Footballers to and from ground. 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks and 618 Animals Lieut W.E. Pope and Lieut G.W. Smith M.C. promoted Temporary Captains dated 10-11-18	
	17		<u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> Stable Fatigues 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks and 618 Animals.	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine, very cold.
	18		<u>STRENGTH</u> 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks and 618 Animals.	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine.
	19		<u>STRENGTH</u> <u>WEATHER</u> 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks and 618 Animals, 41 Remounts taken on attached strength	
	20		<u>STRENGTH</u> 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 659 Animals. The following remounts were received on 19-11-18 and taken on strength- Headquarters 3 Riding Horses, No.1 Section 4 Riding Horses and 15 mules, No.2 Section 4 Riding and 16 Mules.	
	21		<u>WEATHER</u> <u>WORK DONE</u> <u>PERSONNEL</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> The D.A.C. moved from LONGPRES le CORPS SAINTS to CAGNY 32 Drivers 8 G.S. Wagons detached to 1st and 2nd F.A.Bdes. until completion of move. 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks and 659 Animals	<u>WEATHER</u> Fine.
	CAGNY	22	<u>WORK DONE</u> <u>STRENGTH</u> The D.A.C. moved from CAGNY to CAPPY Area. 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 659 Animals	<u>WEATHER</u> Raining.

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CAPPY	23		WORK DONE STRENGTH THE D.A.C. moved from CAPPY to ROISEL Area. 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 659 Animals. WEATHER Raining.	
ROISEL	24		WORK DONE STRENGTH The D.A.C. moved from ROISEL Area to ST SOUPLET. 19 Officers 505NO/Ranks and 659 Animals. WEATHER Fine, Cloudy	
ST SOUPLET	25		WORK DONE STRENGTH The D.A.C. moved from ST SOUPLET TO CARTIGNIES. 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 656 Animals. WEATHER Raining	
CARTIGNIES	26		WORK DONE STRENGTH The D.A.C. moved from CARTIGNIES to SOLRINNES. 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 656 Animals WEATHER Fine	
SOLRINNES	27		ANIMALS It was found that after 6 days continuous journey on the track that many animals were suffering with sore shoulders, lame etc.	
	28		STRENGTH PERSONNEL 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 655 Animals WEATHER Raining 32 Drivers and 8 G.S. Wagons rejoined from detachment to 1st and 2nd Brigades	
	29		STRENGTH WORK DONE 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 655 Animals. WEATHER Raining 1 G.S. Wagen carting Comforts for Troops	
	30		STRENGTH 19 Officers 505NO/Ranks 659 Animals, 4 Remounts received. WEATHER Showery 19 Officers 505 O/Ranks 659 Animals. WEATHER Fine - Dull	

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— C. O.'s Report. —

During last month the 1st D.A.C. has been out at rest in two different localities and in this month's work is included the stiffest trek in the record of the unit, the distance covered being approximately 160 kilometres during 6 continuous days of marching.

Owing to the fact that the unit is very much under strength, and is further handicapped by a great many at schools, on command &c. From these causes, the unit carried out this trek with only 55% of its personnel available for duty, and as in most cases the daily trek was finished in the dark and harnessing up and packing down before light next morning, the task completed reflects great credit on all ranks.

The largest days trek was 24 miles, full echelon of ammunition was carried and as no extra transport was allowed for any of the divisional artillery, 8 G. S. Wagons were emptied of ammunition and allotted to Batteries, to help them out of the difficulty.

The mules stood this arduous travelling, astonishingly well, very little condition being lost; further comparatively few animals were galled & remarkably few shoes lost on the trek. The galled animals were in every case due to the superfluous hair of the unclipped animals, there being no clipped animals galled &c.

The work during the trek and following same was greatly increased on the whole of the move, owing to the very meagre personnel available, & these results combined show that this work was done quickly and effectively.

The present stabling provided, and grazing for all animals has quickly restored them to their previous excellent condition.

The health and spirit of the personnel is excellent.

The vehicles suffered very little damage, and are now all in a good state of repair.

There have been no transactions in ammunition with the exception of the S. A. A. Section, which dumped all ammunition, at Bohain, as vehicles of this section were allotted for Infantry Transport.

The present number of personnel available reduced the work possible of being carried out, to repair and care of harness, clipping and care of animals, final adjustments to vehicles and equipment.

Frederick D. Major

2/12/18

Comdg. 1st. Aust. Div. Am. Coln