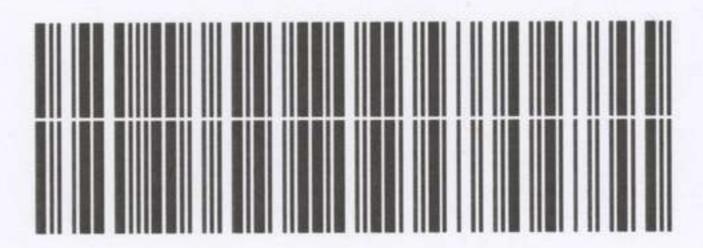
# AWM4 Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries, 1914-18 War

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# WAR DIARY

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### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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POULAINVILLE 5/4/18 to 29/8/18.	The Corps moved to the Somme on /5/4/18 and took over the Sector in front of Amiens from the VII Corps. We stores, workshops or material was handed over by the VII Corps. Arrangements were made with the III Army on the left for the supply of as much material as could be spared from Rosel R.E.Dump, which amounted to a very small quantity. The Divisions were crying out for wiring stores. These could not be obtained from the III Army but by a great effort a quantity was procured by salvage over a considerable area of country around Amsens. A dump was formed at querrieu from which the Divisions drew direct and all the efforts of the Stores Officer were concentrated in keeping this dump supplied, drawing stores wherever they could be found. Gradually matters improved when the IV Army opened a dump at SALEMY and the stores as available were transported by road to querrieu. About the 22nd of April when the Broad Guage reached Poulainville a dump was formed there known as FOULAINVILLE R.E. Dump. This dump was used as the Rain Corps R.E.Dump, reactiving material from the Ease by broad and transporting to the forward area by mechanical transport, F.W.D.Lorries and trailers and horse transport as available after supplies and ammunition had been provided for. At this time the transport was so difficult that for days at a time no transport could be obtained for the carrying of R.E.Stores. After Foulainville Dump was opened matters improved so rapidly that about the beginning of May a fairly large quantity of material was in stock, but the shortage of road transport still hindered the distribution to the forward areas. Every effort was made to get the stores forward and about the middle of May the Light Railway made a start, but, on account of the hilly nature of the ground only a short length of L.R. was opened. Corps Advanced Dumps were formed at VEQUENOIT, FAMMENT, CHATRAL FOULINGY, and The supplied from Foulainville by road and about the middle of May the Light Railway could be used by the Australian Corps from Foulainvi	guage

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			A demonstration was made on the loading of one of these tanks at the 4th Australian Divisional Dump at DAOURS. The R.E. material loaded was barbed wire 136 coils, long screw pickets 180, short screw pickets 360, corrugated iron 36 sheets, total weight approximately 5½ tons. Allowance was made for the carrying of bombs in addition. The material was loaded at leiture but the officeding was made against time, five men officeded in three and a half minutes. In practical use loads carried by tanks were as follows:  300 coils barbed wire. 400 short screw pickets. 200 long screw pickets. 50000 S.A.A. Total weight approximately 5½ tons.  350 coils barbed wire, 400 short screw pickets. 100 long screw pickets. 2000 sandbags. Total weight approximately 4½ tons.  In each case two normal motor lorry loads carried on each tank in addition to trench mortar bombs. During operations the transport of R.E.Stores on tanks proved to be successful.  WORKSHOP. A small workshop was erected at Poulainville and equipped with machinery the dumps only works of a small nature were carried out in the workshop.  Personnel employed on stores on all dumps and in workshop. Australian workshop personnel 300.  Chinese Labour Company. 500.	Appendic
			During the advance beginning on the 8th of August very little material was forwarded, but as each dump was captured from the enemy they were taken over by the Stores Officer to C.E. for the Corps and personnel from the workshops were placed in charge with instructions to issue on the authority of all C.R.E.s and O.C.s of Tunnelling Coys, timber and wiring stores, a quantity of tools and machinery.  DUMPS CAPTURED.  WIENCOURT. MATHER. LA FLAQUE. CANAL. BRAY TOURBIERE. FROISSY. ROISEL. DOINGT. TINCOURT. also a number of Small dumps of road material, etc.  A5834 Wt.W4973 M687 750,000 8/16 D.D.&L.Ltd. Forms C.2118/13.	

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		Approximate quantities of material captured are as follows:  Mining Sets. 70,000 Screw Pickets. 40 tons. Flain wire. 100 tons. Trenchboards. 8000 yds. Telegraph Foles. 800. German Corr. Iron. 50 tons.  Smiths Iron. 20 tons. German heavy guage shelter sheets. 40 tons.  Bridging Timber. 4000 cu.ft.(used for Erdgng the SOMEE Canals.)	