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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Peronne Sh. 62C I 11 D.	1918.			
	Oct.			
	1-3		Weather, Dull, Enemy planes active.	
	4-5		Weather fine, enemy planes over camp, 150th Imperial Park Section moved out.	
	6		Weather unsettled. 12th Aust. Park Section moved out to D.A. Section. 32 Lorries and 110 personnel (2 Officers, 108 other Ranks), constituting D.A. Section moved out, and were attached to 2nd. American Corps, for maintenance and duty. Lieut. F.W.G. Anderson, Officer i/c Section.	
	7-8		Weather, Dull. D.A. Section moved to Etricourt, (Sheet 62B G 18 d 8.4) Lieut. Reid reported 6th A.F.A.B.P. Section. Lieut. Anderson, 2/Lieut. Bedford (Supply Officer), and 2/Lieut. Leigh posted to Unit for Duty.	
	9-10		Weather fine, enemy planes over park. Moved Park (Less D.A. Section) to Montieres (Sh. 62E L 32 B 2.4)	
	11		Weather wet, 12 lorries under charge Lieut. Hammond, attached 13 G.H.Q. M.T. Company, (Villers Carbonnell) for maintenance and duty in forward area.	
	12-13		Weather, Dull, issue of Australian Comforts to members of Unit.	
Montieres Sheet 62E L32 B 2.4	14-15		Weather fine. 12 men of Supply Section sent to Forward Area for duty with D.A. Section.	
	16-18		Weather fine. 2/Lieut. A.P. Scott posted for duty. Lieut. Hammond and 12 lorries returned from detachment with 13th G.H.Q. M.T. Company in Forward Area (Special mention was made by 13th Corps on the good work performed by this Officer and his lorries - copy of letter attached)	
	19-20		Weather dull. 16 lorries out resting for 14 days, during which time lorries were thoroughly cleaned, and necessary adjustments to all parts made.	
	21-22		Weather wet.	

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Montieres Sheet 62E	23		Weather fine.	
L32 B 2.4	24-26		Weather dull, D.A. Section moved further forward to Bohain (Sheet 62B D21 A 9.9.)	
	27-30		Weather fine.	
	31		Weather dull, D.A. section moved to Brancourt (Sheet 62B C 22 C 3.4)	
			Copies of Ammunition and supply figures attached.	

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Montieres Str. 62 E. L. 32 B 2.4			<p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p><u>HEALTH OF UNIT.</u> - Fair, Influenza prevalent among the D.A. Section, consequently evacuations were rather high.</p> <p><u>SANITATION.</u> Special sanitary constructions made and effectively maintained.</p> <p><u>WEATHER & STATE OF ROADS.</u> Weather generally unsettled. Roads - good in back area, but bad in forward area. Traffic regulations fair.</p> <p><u>MESSING ARRANGEMENTS.</u> Good.</p> <p><u>RATIONS.</u> Good, during the month plenty of fresh meat and vegetables were issued.</p> <p><u>Workshops.</u> Five Lorries completely overhauled, 3 cars completely overhauled. Average No of Lorries for repairs (minor causes) - 14. Average No. of Cars for repairs (minor causes) - 6. Work done slightly less than in previous month, but nearly double the amount was done on light cars and ambulances. The work has been hampered by the return of 1914 men to Australia, scarcity of spare parts, and continual moving of shops. Vehicles generally are in the satisfactory mechanical condition.</p> <p><u>SUPPLIES & AMMUNITION.</u></p> <p>During the month, the total tonnage of Ammunition carried by the D.A. Section, was 966 tons, and total Supplies, 792 tons. Railheads for the month were as follows:- Joncourt, (Sheet 62^B H.9. central) Montbrehain (Sheet 62B H 1 b 3.4) Fresnoy le Grand (Sheet 62B I 18 D central) Bohain (Sheet 62B D 21 A 9.9.)</p>	

E. J. Clark
Major.

Commanding 4th Aust. M.T. Company.

A.Q.M.G.,
XIII Corps.

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With reference to the lorries from AUSTRALIAN Corps, which have been working for us three days on ammunition.

I should like to say that the work done by the Officers and O.R.s of this detachment has been excellent.

At a time when a great deal depended on the speed at which ammunition was moved forward, they were always punctual in arriving at Railhead, and the ammunition carried by them several times arrived at its destination two or three hours before I had calculated it could be there.

Lieut. HAMMOND who was in charge of the lorries, carried out all his duties, under great difficulties, to my complete satisfaction.

I should be glad if this Officer's name could be brought to the notice of Australian Corps.

S.M.T.O.
XIII Corps.

sgd. H.S.D. Pennington, Lt.Colonel
S.M.T.O., XIII Corps.

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Australian Corps.

The work done by the lorries of your Corps while attached to the XIII Corps for three days was exceptionally good, and I am most grateful for this help.

18.10.18.

sgd. W. Robinson B.G.
for Lieut. General,
Commdg XIIIth Corps.

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S.M.T.O.

Please communicate this report to the Officer and also to the drivers concerned. The Corps Commander is especially glad to have received this report, as the men had pulled out for a rest and were hurried back for this duty. Their ready response to the call of duty is all the more commendable.

Aust. Corps. 132/663.
21.10.1918.

sgd. R.A. Carruthers, Brig.
D.A.Q.M.G. Genl.

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Officer Commanding,
1st, 2nd., 3rd., 4th, 5th, Aust. M.T. Companies.

For your information and communication to the Officers and men concerned.

23.10.1918.

Sgd. W.H. Tunbridge Colonel
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

SUMMARY OF COMMODITIES HANDLED AND ISSUED BY SUPPLY SECTION, 4th AUST. M.T. COMPANY,
DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

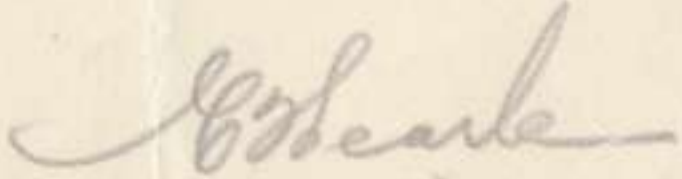
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Total number of mens rations, complete.	337,023
Total weight of Hay.	456,277 lbs.
Total weight of Oats.	546,967 lbs.
Total weight of Fuel.	346 tons.
Total quantity of Petrol.	13,302 galls.
Total quantity of Lubricant and other Oils.	2,740 galls.
Total quantity of sundry items.	48,656 lbs.
Total weight loaded.	1,630½ tons.
Average weight handled per day by each Loader.	3½ tons.

Quantity of Fat received from Units rationed was 1586 lbs, for which, payment orders amounting to 555.10 frs. were received.

Supplies were drawn from Ailly-sur-Somme Railhead for the above period.

A detachment of the Section has been in the Forward Area throughout the month, feeding Divisional Troops Formation (Div. Artillery, D.A.C., and 14th A.A.S.C.) also attached A.F.A. Brigades.


Commanding 4th Aust. M.T. Company.

Major.

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W A R D I A R Y

OF

4th Australian M.T. Company.

FOR

NOVEMBER, 1918.

Signature of Officer, compiling.

E. Searle Major.

Signature of Officer, commanding.

E. Searle Major.

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Appendix

UNIT 4th Aust. M.T. Company

DIARY APPENDIX No. 1 FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

Date	1 Loads Amm.	2 R.E. Work	3 Supply	4 Stores	5 Person'l	6 Various	7 Total Loads Done	8 Total Lorries Out	9 Miles Run Full	10 Miles Run Empty	11 Petrol Issued	12 Lorries Av'able Not used	13 Lorries Under Repair	14 Lorries D'tach'd
1st	31	13	-	-	-	9	53	33	497	738	260	13	16	16
2nd	22	36	5	-	-	15	78	43	759	1170	404	-	14	15
3rd	21	15	5	-	-	26	67	39	633	921	316	10	13	15
4th	21	4	5	-	6	24	60	28	672	742	268	7	11	15
5th	20	22	5	-	-	35	82	55	933	1252	448	4	10	15
6th	25	21	5	-	-	18	69	48	1017	1753	552	4	6	15
7th	35	-	5	-	1	17	58	39	828	752	330	6	6	14
8th	53	-	5	-	-	22	80	36	1111	941	422	3	19	14
9th	21	-	5	-	-	28	54	38	852	789	436	-	21	14
10th	44	-	10	-	-	8	62	51	1020	1055	478	-	17	14
11th	23	-	10	1	-	17	51	47	1618	1213	605	-	23	14
12th	12	-	26	-	2	16	56	51	1332	1378	604	1	22	14
13th	17	-	38	2	-	15	72	58	968	1017	462	5	33	14
14th	-	3	6	-	3	6	18	24	184	147	68	-	13	14
15th	21	-	22	4	3	4	54	44	872	1581	402	-	20	14
16th	6	-	23	-	1	7	37	43	401	439	174	1	20	14
17th	50	4	25	-	-	14	93	50	1930	2553	1074	1	20	14
18th	20	-	21	-	4	7	52	31	1106	859	343	12	22	14
19th	20	-	17	-	1	5	43	34	597	827	312	9	21	19
20th	14	-	23	-	-	7	44	33	487	607	242	13	20	19
21st	12	-	19	-	6	6	37	32	423	512	208	13	20	19
22nd	10	-	34	-	3	3	50	29	763	1097	394	16	16	19
23rd	9	-	17	-	-	6	32	31	425	446	206	15	18	19
24th	9	-	16	-	-	2	27	12	332	540	150	13	12	19
25th	12	-	17	-	-	5	34	25	423	573	231	23	14	19
26th	11	-	26	-	-	4	41	30	485	610	237	19	13	18
27th	-	-	23	-	-	4	27	18	247	284	102	31	14	18
28th	-	-	23	-	-	4	27	21	213	235	95	27	14	18
29th	9	-	31	-	-	6	45	31	481	553	256	18	13	18
30th	6	-	28	-	-	5	39	28	460	609	235	18	13	18
31st	8	-	25	-	-	5	38	26	479	632	279	19	16	18
Total	562	118	520	7	24	350	1581	1113	22,538	26,825	10,543	301	510	500

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