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WAR DIARY

OF

Staff Officer A.A.S.C. M.T.

FOR

J U L Y 1919

Signature of Officer compiling

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Capt.
Staff Officer, A.A.S.C. M.T.
(D.M.T.S. A.I.F.)

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE July 1919.	1st.		<p>Arrived at BOULOGNE. Visited A.A.G., A.I.F. C/- G.H.Q. and discussed various matters of routine. It was arranged that this matter Office remain until all matters are squared up.</p> <p>With reference to Summary of Evidence in the case of No. 3175 Pte. LYNOTT, H. 20th. Battalion. It was arranged that I see D.A.A.G. IVth. Area and make necessary arrangements direct for F.G.C.M.</p> <p>Reference N.M.E. in France. I arranged to forward reports on any cases, which I consider are not in order.</p> <p>Re Cars for A.M.T.S. U.K. Authority was obtained for balance of 3 closed cars and 2 box-cars for shipment via BOULOGNE.</p> <p>Visited D. of T. Accounts and arranged to forward a list of cars still in use.</p> <p>Visited Paymaster. Everything in order re acquittances and Imprest. BOULOGNE closes forthwith and acquittances will be made direct to C&P.M. LONDON.</p> <p>Drew 1200 francs (French). <i>h</i></p>	
	2nd.		<p>Visited A.P.M. re discipline of Military Police Staff.</p> <p>Pay Sergeant proceeded to BOULOGNE to hand over papers to Paymaster and receive final instructions. <i>h</i></p>	
	3rd.		<p>Called on O.C., R.A.S.G. HAINAUT Sub-Area reference W.T.Trailer noticed on Mons Road.</p> <p>Claims Officer 1/A Division called and was instructed to hand over his duties to Lieut. MacNamara Corps Claims Officer.</p> <p>Instructions issued to send balance of cars to U.K. for A.M.T.S. 1/c Capt. Prichard. <i>h</i></p>	
	4th.		<p>Lieut. Twiss returned from duty with D.M.T.S.- M.I.F. London.</p> <p>Lieut. P.H. WIENEKE 9th. Battalion (1st. Aust. Div. Claims Officer) called reference handing over to Lieut. MacNamara and stated he could not leave before a week's time. 7 days was granted. <i>h</i></p>	

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ARCINELLE July 1919.	5th.		<p>The question of attached vehicles was also discussed and it was decided to exchange Claims Officer's Sunbeam for a better car.</p> <p>June War Diary despatched to D.D.M.T.S. U.K. <i>ll</i></p>	
	6th.		<p>General Routine.</p> <p>Capt. Prichard left with cars for A.M.T.S. 2 box-cars broke down at Binche and convoy returned for repairs. <i>ll</i></p>	
	7th.		<p>Visited 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. re cars for A.M.T.S.</p> <p>Capt. Prichard proceeded to BOULOGNE in charge of cars for A.M.T.S. <i>ll</i></p>	
	8th.		<p>Lieut. Hammond 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. called reference cars for U.K. and stated second Crossley would leave on morning of 9th. inst. with 2 cycles. First Crossley had already left to-day.</p> <p>Visited 770th. Coy. R.A.S.C. V.R.P. re vehicles for evacuation.</p> <p>Lieut. Wieneke 1st. Division Claims Officer departed on handing over to Lieut. McNamara, Corps Claims Officer. <i>ll</i></p>	
	9th.		<p>Visited D.A.A.G. 4th. Area reference case of Pte. Lynott - 20th. Battalion. Fresh Summary will require to be taken.</p> <p>Triumph M/cycle Frame No. 284674 Engine No. 57176 was stolen during night 8/9th. inst. from a locked shed in rear of billet No. 78 Rue De Charleroi. Door was forced. D.A.P.M. A.I.F., D.A.P.M. Charleroi and Sub-Area Hqrs. informed.</p> <p>Vauxhall 9222 left for BOULOGNE to pick up D.M.T.S. A.I.F.</p> <p>Capt. Harding Engineer i/c Memorials reported from Rear Area. <i>ll</i></p>	

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ARCINELLE	10th		R.O's. No. 2 issued. See Appendix _____	Appx <u>3</u>
July 1919			Visited Contractor for Memorials. Stone will be ready about 20th. July at rate of 10 to 12 tons per day. 4 Lorries will be required at the Quarries. 400 tons to be moved in about 40 days. Quarry is situated at ECAUSSINES, north of BINCHE.	
			D.A.P.M. called reference Summary of Evidence in case of Pte. ELMORE - 20th. Coy. R.A.S.C. - 2nd. Div. Train. Proceeded to 55th. C.C.S. and took down evidence. Evidence not sufficient. D.A.P.M. instructed to bring accused and 2 civilian witnesses to this office at 11.00 hours to-morrow. <i>ll</i>	
	11th		Visited "A" HAINAUT Sub-Area reference F.G.C.M. of Pte. ELMORE and requested same to be convened for 16/7/19.	
			D.M.T.S. A.I.F. arrived on duty from London. <i>ll</i>	
	12th.		Visited Traffic IVth. Area reference transport of stone for Memorials. Arranged for 5 trucks per week, to commence about 25th. inst. Traffic arranging with 1st. Area.	
			Visited V.R.P. (770th. Coy. R.A.S.C.) re Napier Car No. 19336. Gift car. Also reference magneto. <i>ll</i>	
	13th.		General Routine. <i>ll</i>	
	14th.		General Routine. Holiday. <i>ll</i>	
	15th.		Visited D.A.A.G. IVth. Area reference F.G.C.M. in case of W.O. Taylor, A. 3rd. Squadron A.F.C. and to obtain copy of papers.	
			Drew 25,000 francs (Belgian) from Field Cashier.	
			Visited Hqrs. HAINAUT Sub-Area reference F.G.C.M. and to complete A.F.A. 3.	
			Visited D.A.P.M. HAINAUT reference 3 A.I.F. deserters captured.	
			Also visited 20th. C.C.S. re patients. <i>ll</i>	

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MARCINELLE July 1919	16th		<p>Visited CARRIERES du LEVANT (Stone Quarry) in company with MAJOR SEARLE 4th. Aust.M.T.Cov. and Burgomaster of Charleroi to arrange for transport of stone to monuments. Will supply at rate of 10 tons per day and would prefer to load on rail at works at rate of one 10-ton open flat truck per day.</p> <p>First Monuments to start are No. 1 Polygon Wood with railhead at Zonebeke (Code Colour red) Second " " " " No. 2 Mericourt " " " Albert (" " Green) Third " " " " No. 3 Bellinglise " " " St.Quentin (" " Blue) Fourth " " " " No. 4 Pozieres " " " Albert (" " Yellow)</p> <p>Military trucks are necessary to allow of crossing frontier. Promised to see traffic and return Friday morning.</p>	
	17th		<p>F.G.C.M. on W.O.Taylor, 3rd. Squadron A.F.C. sitting all day. Adjourned 10.00 on 17/7/19. <i>ll</i></p> <p>Visited Traffic IVth. Area in company with Col. Tunbridge D.M.T.S. A.I.F. and arranged trucks for memorials. One 10-ton open flat truck perday commencing Monday 21/7/19.</p> <p>Also visited Architect and inspected plans etc.</p> <p>F.G.C.M. in case of W.O. Taylor and F.G.C.M. in case of Pte. Elmore sitting all day.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. A.I.F. left for U.K. via POLYGON WOOD. <i>ll</i></p>	
	18th		<p>Visited Carrieres du Levant and Stationmaster at MARCHE-lez-ECAUSSINES re trucks for A.I.F. Memorial Stone. An order of transport is required for each truck. It was suggested that 6 orders be issued each week and filled in by Manager of Works.</p> <p>Visited Traffic IVth. Area reference orders for Transport and arranged to call in morning.</p> <p>Visited D.A.P.M. reference Court of Enquiry and Absentees. <i>ll</i></p>	
	19th		<p>Visited Traffic IVth. Area and arranged that Orders of Transport would be issued here in Charleroi in blank. The Director of Works will fill in orders. I will render weekly return giving Truck No., weight, date despatch and destination.</p> <p>Court of Enquiry on loss of M/cycle on charge to this Office. <i>ll</i></p>	

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ARGINELLE	20th		General Routine. <i>ll</i>	
July 1919	21st		Visited No. 4 Aust.M.T.Coy. Holiday in Sub-Area. <i>ll</i>	
	22nd.		Court of Enquiry held re the loss of motor-cycle on charge to this Office. Major <i>ll</i> B.T.SEARLE presided.	
	23rd.		Visited Quarries with Capt. Harding reference trucking of stone. Visited Traffic IVth. Area and obtained Ordre de Transport for weeks trucks (6). Major E.T.Searle 4th. A.M.T.Coy. called reference reported move to rear Area of his Coy. <i>ll</i>	
	24th.		Visited D.A.A.G. IVth. Area reference case of Pte. LYNOTT H. 20th. Battalion and arranged to take Summary of Evidence personally. Arranged with D.A.P.M. A.I.F. see for attendance of all witnesses at 10.30 on 29th. inst. <i>ll</i>	
	25th.		Promulgated F.G.C.S.M. of 740 W.O. Taylor A. 3rd. A.P.C., reduced to the rank of Sergeant, also 798 Pte. ELMORE A. 20th. Coy. A.A.S.C. 2nd. Div. Train awarded 4 months I.H.L. <i>ll</i>	
	26th.		Visited Belgian Army Headquarters, Charleroi, reference payment of claim 40 francs for petrol. They cannot accept and advise posting same to Corps de Transports. Transferred Vauxhall closed car No.59718 to 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. <i>ll</i>	
	27th.		General Routine. <i>ll</i>	
	28th		Capt. HARDING called and was loaned car to visit Quarries. F.G.C.M. IN case of two men of 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. charges with running contraband across French Belgian Border. <i>ll</i>	

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MARCINELLE.	29th		Took Summary of Evidence in case of No. 3175 Pte. LYNOTT H. 20th. Battalion. <i>ll</i>	
	30th		General Routine. <i>ll</i>	
	31st.		<p>Visited D.A.A.G. 4th. Area reference case of Pte. LYNOTT H., 20th. Battalion. He agrees that the evidence submitted is not sufficient to make a case against the accused.</p> <p>It was arranged that F.G.C.M. in the case of Dvrs. FLINT and DAU, 4th. Aust. M.T. Coy. charged with carrying contraband across French Border would be again tried by F.G.C.M. on Friday 8th. August.</p> <p>Visited Hqrs. HAINAUT Sub-Area with Major Searle reference above case and arranged that Summary of Evidence be retaken.</p> <p>Lieut. Twiss visited Quarries reference Stone trucked on a/c A.I.F. monuments. 3 trucks already despatched and 2 going to-day.</p>	

J. Macpherson - Capt.
Staff Officer, A.A.S.C. M.T.
(D.M.T.S. A.I.F.)

LIST OF APPENDICES

for month of
July.....1919.

1. Instructions re Cars and Motor Cycles for U.K.

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 3. D.M.T.S., A.I.F Routine Orders No.2.

 4. Letter re Trucks for Monumental stone.

 5. Location List.

 6. D.M.T.S., A.I.F. Routine Order No.3.
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J. I. Maplestone Capt.
Staff Officer, A.A.S.O. M.T.
(D.M.T.S. A.I.F.)

Capt. L. Prichard,

1. U.K. You will proceed in charge of undermentioned cars to

Vauxhall	closed	44448
"	"	24779 *
"	"	45456 *
Crossley	box	55486
"	"	59707
Triumph	sole	284608
"	"	280292

2. If possible you will arrange for the motor-cycles to accompany cars. Failing the necessary authority you will deliver the cycles to CALAIS and see them shipped first.
3. You will report to A.A.G., A.I.F. Detachment WIMEREUX, for instructions as to time of shipment and port of disembarkation ~~at~~ "XXXXXXXX" ~~XXXXXXXX~~ in U.K.
4. Immediately on receipt of this, you will wire this information to "AUSTMOTOR" London.
5. On disembarkation in England, if no Officer from A.M.T.S. meets you, you will proceed to Garage at 70 Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, LONDON and hand over cars.
6. On disposal of vehicles you will report to D.M.T.S. A.I.F., 54 Victoria Street, LONDON S.W.1.

MARCINELLE,
4/7/19.

L. T. Maplestone Capt.,
Staff Officer A.A.S.G. M.T.

Copies to D.M.T.S. - A.I.F. LONDON.
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O.C.,
4th. Aust.M.T.Coy.

Balance of Cars for A.M.T.S. - U.K.

1. The remaining vehicles for transfer, as set forth below, will proceed to BOULOGNE in charge of Capt. Prichard, leaving this Office at 10.00 hours on 6th inst.
2. Written instructions will be given to each driver stating W.D.No., type and destination in U.K.
3.

Vauxhall	closed	44448
"	"	24779 *
"	"	45456 *
Grossley	box	55488
"	"	59707
Triumph	solo	284608
"	"	280292
4. O.C., 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. will render a "Machine-Out" State showing W.D.No., makes and types of vehicles and Nominal Roll of personnel.
5. Rations for 48 hours for personnel accompanying cars will be taken.
6. Vauxhall Nos. 24779 and 45456 will be picked up by Capt. Prichard at WIMEREUX and he will make out necessary A.F's.W. 3346.
7. Dvr. Lenny at present in charge of 23285 will be sent with cars to take over No. 24779 which is without a driver.

I understand that there are some shortages in equipment on No. 24779, so some surplus equipment should be sent with Dvr. Lenny to make up these shortages as far as possible.
8. The two motor-cycles will be crated and placed in one of the box-cars.
9. A.F's.W. 3346 and transfer papers for personnel will accompany cars and Capt. Prichard will give O.C., 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy. a temporary receipt.
10. Cars from 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. will report to this Office at 09.30 on the 6th inst.
11. Acknowledge.

MARCINELLE.
4/7/19.

G. T. Wapstone Capt.,
Staff Officer A.A.S.C. M.T.

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D. M. T. S. - A. I. F.

Routine Orders

No. 2.

Issued by

Capt. L. T. MAPLESTONE, M.C. Staff Officer A.A.S.C. M.T.
MARCINELLE. 10th. July 1919.

9. STANDING ORDERS. The Standing Orders and Routine Orders issued by S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps will apply to this Office.
10. DISCIPLINE. Attention is called to this Office M/975 of 9/7/19 with reference to saluting. The co-operation of every man is asked in keeping the good name of the Australian Troops in this Area. Any breach of discipline reflects not only on the small number of troops in this Area but on the A.I.F. as a whole.
11. COLOUR PATCHES. O's.C. will ensure that all ranks are in possession of colour patches and that same are worn.
12. PAYBOOKS. Several cases have occurred of men being in town on leave without paybooks. No man should leave Camp unless in possession of Paybook.
13. THEFTS OF GOVT. PROPERTY. Thefts of Government Property by civilians. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. 6918 re reporting thefts to D.A.P.M.
14. LOSS OF M/CYCLES & GOVT. PROPERTY. Attention is drawn to G.R.O's. 7027 and 7029; also S.M.T.O. Standing Orders re this matter.
15. ACCIDENTS. Several cases have occurred where drivers have not reported accidents. All accidents or collisions must be reported without delay, by the driver in writing to his O.C. In cases where the drivers do not report the accident disciplinary action will be taken against the driver of the vehicle concerned and he will be called upon to explain why he should not be made to pay for the damage caused.

Capt.,
Staff Officer A.A.S.C. M.T.

N O T I C E.

STOLEN. Motor Cycle Triumph Solo Frame No. 284674, Engine No. 57176 stolen from locked cycle shed at Billet, 78 Rue de Charleroi, MARCINELLE on night 8/9th. July.

Any information to this Office.

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Traffic,
IVth. AREA.

STAFF OFFICER,
A.A.S.C. M.T.
(D.M.T.S. A.I.F.)
No. S.1.....

This confirms the arrangements made with you on 17th. inst. for trucks to convey Stone to A.I.F. Memorials.

1 open 10-ton flat truck is required daily, 6 days per week, Sundays excepted, for roughly 40 days.

Trucks to be placed at MARCHÉ-les-BAINS Station.

First truck commencing Monday 21st. inst.

Destinations will be ZONENBERG and ALBERT for approximately first 30 trucks and then St. JUSTIN and ALBERT for balance.

A.I.F. Detachment,
MARCHÉ-les-BAINS.
18/7/19.

L. T. Maclester Capt.,
Staff Officer A.A.S.C. M.T.

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LOCATION LIST.....AUSTRALIAN UNITS.

UNIT.	LOCATION.	O.C.	REMARKS.
Staff Officer A.A.S.C.(M.F)	77 Rue de Charleroi.MARCINELLE.	Capt.L.F.Haplestone.	Representing D.M.F.S.,A.I.F & S.M.F.C.,A/Corps.
4th Aust M.F.Coy.H. Co.	MARCINELLE.	Major.E.F.Scobie.	
do. W/Shops.	CHATELINAU.	do.	
<u>Lorries Detached.</u>			
4 lorries	ROHREBEEK. (Corpl I/O)	do.	With 5th A/Div Monumental Pty
1 W/shop.1 store)			
2 5 lorries.)	PERCHES. (O.I/C.Lieut Harvey)	do.	With 2nd " " "
3 lorries.	BELLINGLISS. (" ")	do.	With 4th " " "
4 lorries.	POISSERS. (" Lieut.Horner)	do.	With 1st " " "
6 lorries.	HERRICOURT L'ABBE. " ")	do.	With 3rd " " "
6 lorries.	VILLERS DRET.(" Lieut.Peterson)	do.	Graves Detachment. A.M.R.S.
Aust Provost Corps.Det.	Rue de Eleonore.MARCINELLE.	Lieut.C.J.Craker.	
Aust War Records.B.R.F) Sub Section.)	BOIST-SUR-MARCINELLE.	Lieut.A.Bastow.	
Claims Officer.A/Corps Det.	77 Rue de Charleroi.MARCINELLE.	Lieut.A.J.McSherry.	
A.A.M.C Details.	77 Rue de Charleroi.MARCINELLE.	Capt.H.Downer.	

August 2nd 1919.
Marcinelle.

L. F. Haplestone
Staff Officer, A.A.S.C., (M.F). Capt.

D. M. T. S. - A. I. F.

Routine Orders No. 3.

issued by

Colonel W. H. TUNBRIDGE, C.B. C.B.E. C.M.G. V.D.

25/7/19.

MARCHIENNE.

16. ~~XXXXX XXXXXX~~
LEAVE TO LIEGE.

All ranks proceeding on leave to LIEGE will report on arrival to D.A.P.M., 11 rue de GANNES, LIEGE.

17. BRITISH WAR
MEDAL RIBBON
1914 - 1919.

Reference Army Order V of 16th. July notifying the conditions of award of the British War Medal 1914-1919, approval is given for the riband of the medal to be worn forthwith by all individuals entitled to the award under the conditions laid down in the Army Order quoted. Preliminary issue of the ribbon will be made on the scale of 2 inches per individual, entitled to the award. This issue will be free. Stocks are commencing to arrive and indents will be submitted forthwith to C.O., I.C.S., Charleroi, for their requirements. C.O. all Units will ensure, as far as possible, that all individuals entitled to the award who are about to return to U.K. receive the preliminary issue of the riband before they leave their Unit. 1914 - 1919 British War Medal will be worn according to its date and next in order to any other war medals that may have been previously conferred. A G.R.O. will be published shortly in confirmation and amplification of these instructions.

18. "1914 Star"

The wearing of a rosette on the riband of the "1914 Star" is unauthorized and will be discontinued forthwith.

The question of authorizing an award of this nature is being considered by the War Office and orders on the subject will be published in due course. Until such orders appear, the rosette must not be worn.

19. RATIONS.

It is reported that many Units are drawing rations from Railhead up to a late hour, thus making the work of the Staff unnecessarily hard and protracted. Rations will be drawn between 08.30 hours and 10.30 hours.

20. DRESS.

Attention is drawn to A.I.F. ORDER 384 of 2/12/16, which is republished for the information of all ranks. "The service pattern tunic of the Australian Imperial Force will be worn by all ranks of the A.I.F. with top buttons fastened. The practice by Officers and other ranks of wearing the tunic with button undone and flaps "turned back to permit of collar and tie being seen, "is to cease".

L. T. Mapstone Capt.,
Staff Officer A.A.S.G. M.T.

NOTICE.

The undermentioned Unit ceases to exist as and from 17/7/19.

R.O.C. Aust. Railheads - MARCHIENNE EST.

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