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OF

4th. AUSTRALIAN. M.T. COMPANY. & Staff Officer A.A.S.C. A/T.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S E P T E M B E R.	1919.			
Farciennes.	Belgium.			
Namur.	1.G.7.3.			
1st.			Sitting on F.G.C.M. at HAINAUT-Sub-Area H.Q. on cases of 5858 Dvr Flint & 6790 Dvr Dau of 4th Aust M.T. Company Took over Command of 4th. Australian.M.T.Company.	
2nd.			Under authority Staff Officer A.A.S.C.M.T. letter T 302 dated 2 nd .8.19, Headquarters of Staff Officer A.A.S.C.M.T. amalgates with 4th Aust.M.T.Coy including all attachments. Copy of letter T 302 attached & proposed New Establishment.	
3rd.			4th. Australian.M.T.Company Workshops move from site at Chatlineau Belgium to site at PERONNE, (Quinconce) France. Sitting on F.G.C.M. on cases of Imperial Men. Wire received from 3rd Area placing 141 Chinese Labour Coy, camp at QUERRIEU at disposal of A.I.F.	
4th.			Sitting F.G.C.M. Lt. Twiss proceeded to QUERRIEU to make necessary arrangements re taking over camp from 141 Chinese Labour Coy.	
5th.			Took over command of 4th Aust M.T.Coy from Major E.T.Searle as from 1st September.1919.	
6th.			Visited 4th. Aust. M.T.Company. General routine.	
7th.			Attended farewell dinner given to men of this H.Q. Visited 4th.Aust.M.T.Coy.	
8th.			Sergt. Brown & 2 other ranks proceeded to take over camp of 141 Chinese Labour Coy at QUERRIEU as advance party.	
9th.			Architect for A.I.F.Monuments requested that he be supplied with petrol, oil & tyres for his own private car to visit monuments. Refused.	
10th.			This Office moved to 3rd Area at 09 ³⁰ hours. Lt. Twiss taking charge at QUERRIEU until 4th Aust M.T.Coy joins up. Wire received from "Q" 3rd Area instructing stop move as my camp is not vacated. 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy ready to move off at 0800 hours 10th. Move stopped until further instructions received. Visited H.Q. Hainaut Sub-Area ref Capt Downer. A.F.3121 for Lieut. McNamara Claims Officer forwarded to H.Q. Hainaut Sub-Area.	
11th.			Write to A.A.G. A.I.F. reference monuments.	
12th.			68 lbs of Bread 31 lbs of Bacon condemned by M.O. as unfit for human consumption.	
13th.			Lieut. Twiss reported from Peronne. Advised that camp at Querrieu would not be available for few days. Lorries & stores parked at Peronne. Lt. Twiss met Col. Wynter A.A.G.A.I.F. who wishes to see me as soon as possible. Received wire from Officer i/c Monumental ZONNEBEKE that Capt Corpl. Inclendon & Dvr McNeill are under arrest charged with smuggling. Left for BOULOGNE by car at 16 ³⁰ . Reached Boulogne at 2500.	
			Visited A.A.G.A.I.F. reference. 1. Capt. Downer A.A.M.C. was despatched to London.	
			(2). Lieut. Logan. It was arranged that I should see 4th Area & advise them that Lt. Logan must be sent at once. London, E.C.	
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	13th.		(3). Pte. Stewart of this Office was instructed to report to A.A.G.A.I.F for duty as clerk at once He will be given rank of T/Corpl. (4). A car was to be placed at disposal of Capt. Longstaff Official Artist on 22nd inst for one week. A.A.G. will wire date arriving Amiens. (5). Graves Service It was arranged that 3500 Francs be sent to them from my Imprest for Pay, also that vehicles would be attached to Peronne Workshop until other arrangements are made. Authority was given to evacuate car 14134. (6). Policy of administration was discussed & it was arranged that Capt. Maplestone retains name of Staff Officer A.A.S.C.M.T. in all dealings with H.Q. & that he carries on in a similar manner in 3rd Area, but no administrative powers over Graves or Monumental parties.	
	14th.		Released Dvr. Bond from close arrest & placed him under open arrest without prejudice to his case.	
	15th.		Drew 10000 Francs (Belgian) from F.C. Namur. Sent Requisition to Lt. Twiss Peronne for pay of Graves Services personnel. D.R. sent to report to Peronne. Called on A.D.G. 4th Area ref Capt Downer & Lt. Logan. The case of the latter has been taken up very strongly by the G.O.C. & "Q" have been asked for an explanation as to the delay.	
	16th.		Lieut. Cumming visited ZONNEBEKE Detachment with pay & to arrange for the withdrawal of 2 lorries to Workshops.	
	17th.		Lt. Twiss reported from Peronne & advised accident to No. 66223 Dvr HERBERT. S.R. who died from wounds received from bomb discharged by Pte. FORDER. Reported that F.C. Amiens would not cash Requisition for cash without book. Made out Requisition note for 11000 in KXENEE favour of Lt. Twiss.	
	18th.		Visited Peronne Detachment to make arrangements for move of H.Q. & to investigate death of Dvr Herbert. killed by bomb explosion.	
	19th.		Held Court of Enquiry into cause of accident to Dvr Herbert. Found Pte Forder responsible for accident & remanded him for F.G.C.M. Forwarded C. of E. to A.A.G.A.I.F., with request that he be sent to U.K. for trial. Visited H.Q. 3rd Area & advised them of Company & H.Q.s moving into camp at Peronne, also saw "A" & "Q" Peronne Sub-Area ref administration in this Area. Drew 5000 Francs from F.C. Amiens. Advised rate of exchange (French) 5 Francs @ 2/10. Returned to Charleroi to make arrangements for move.	
	21st.		General routine. Arranged that Office move to 3rd Area on Monday 22nd & balance of Company i/c Lieut. Cummings move on 24th.	
	22nd.		Visited B.A.P.M. A.I.F. He will remain at Charleroi & check all A.I.F. personnel. Saw C.O. Hainaut & said Good-bye. Visited "A" Hainaut Sub-Area ref case of Dvr Bond & to advise of move. Rang up A.A.G. H.Q. 4th Area ref Lt Logan. No particulars yet to hand. Wired A.A.G.A.I.F to this effect. Rang up D.A.A.G. 4th area ref Bond. Nothing further. Saw Lt. Logan & instructed him to report to H.Q. Hainaut for instructions. Detailed Lt. McNamara, Lt. Cumming, & Lt. Logan as C of E on absence of Lt. O'Rourke. 3rd. D.A.C.	
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PERONNE.	22nd.	France.	Returned pay to F.C. Namur. Returned to Peronne & opened H.Qrs Office.	
	23rd.		10. men demobilised from Charleroi. Capt. Harding & Capt. Bardin called ref cars.	
	24th		14 vehicles evacuated to 23rd V.R.P. Abbeville. 24 Other Ranks left on Demobilisation via Calais. Called at Amiens & saw Gen Rosenthal reference 2nd Div Monument at Mt. St. Quentin. He is proceeding to Charleroi on Thursday to sign contract with M. Devereux. I will proceed to Traffic 4th Area & arrange transport to Peronne as soon as advice received.	
	25th.		23 Other Ranks left on demob. A.A.G. A.I.F called ref demob & position of personnel. It was stated that without any mishap this Unit would be reduced to 75 or 100 by 15th October, & finally finish up by the end of October. Authority was given to send F.P.No.2 men to U.K. for demob also to deal summarily with Dvr McNeill on charge of misuse of transport.	
	26th.		5 other ranks under sentence F.P.No.2 despatched A.P.M.A.I.F. London for Demob, also 8 other ranks for Demob. Visited A.W.R. Section VILLERS BRETONNEUX ref cars & personnel. Drew 1000 fcs (French) from F.C. Amiens.	
	27th.		General routine. BELLINGLISE Detachment withdrawn to Park as Stone work finished.	
	28th.		General routine.	
	29th.		Lt. Cumming returned from Charleroi & Zonnebeke. Lorries at both Detachment are on their way back to Park. Lt. Pearce Zonnebeke is finished & on his way down.	
	30th.		Capt. Harding called ref general matters. Visited Bellinglise Monument which is now completed.	
General health of Unit.			Good.	
Sanitation.			Usual latrine accomodation maintained.	
Roads.			In bad repair in places.	
Rations.			Good supply of meat & bread but rather old when received,	
Workshops.			Vehicles through shops for month. Lorries 7. Cars & etc. 37.	
Demobilisation.			Total for month. 4 Officers 77 O/Ranks, including attachments.	
Evacuations.			Lorries 11. Cars & etc. 1 evacuated to V.R.P. for month.	

T. Mapstone Captain.
Commanding 4th. Australian M.T. Company.

Proposed New Establishment of 4th. Aust. M.T. Coy.

PERSONNEL.

TRANSPORT.

ARTIFICERS.

Offs.	CSM.	CCMS.	SGTS.	CPLS.	L/CPLS.	Dvrs.	Ptes.	Bats.	Spare Dvrs.	MSS.	SGTS.	CPLS.	F&T.	BSmith.	CSmith.	Whlr ¹ / ₂	Elec.	Total
6	1	1	4	5	5	70	20	6	20	1	2	2	6	2	1	1	1	154

ATTACHED.	Modelling Section.	6	
	DAPM.	1	
	Claims Officer.	1	
	Capt. Harding.	1	
	A. A. G. 1.....	3	13.

		Offs.	O/Rs.	
Other Attachments.	DAPM.	1	8	
	AAMC.	1	4	
	A.P.C.		1	
	POSTAL.		1	16.

TOTAL. 183.

VEHICLES.

Cars.	B.Cars.	M/Cles.	Lorries.	W/Shop.	Store.	Amblce.
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4th. Aust. M.T. Coy.	3	4	5	28	1	3	1
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