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BUSIGNY. Sheet 57b/ V.16.c.8.8.	1918 Dec.	1	Memo. from D.A.G., AIF, published in Orders to the effect that each application for discharge in England on Demobilisation will be considered on its merits. Applications should be made through C.O's, stating reasons, nature of employment available &c. Railhead VAUX ANDIGNY.		
		2	Applications invited, through Orders, from men suitable for Lecturers under the AIF Educational Scheme in various subjects.		
		3	Ration Dump closed at BUSIGNY.		
		4	Ration Dump moved to SAMBRETON. C.R.O. A/Y9 again published, which states that the Army Commander calls attention to the injury done to roads through M.T. being driven at excessive speed.		
LE CATEAU. Sheet 4 N-W Europe G.5.b.6.6.		6	Railhead LE CATEAU. H.Q. Office and Column moved to LE CATEAU, Sheet 4 N-W Europe/G.5.b.6.6.		
		10	Workshops (less 1 to LE CATEAU) started for THUILLES, staying overnight at BEAUMONT.		
		11	Workshops (less 1 at LE CATEAU) arrived at THUILLES. Ration Dump closed at SAMBRETON. Notice published in Orders regarding the conditions imposed on members of the AIF who are desirous of discharge in U.K.		
		12	Ration Dump opened at AVESNES. Railhead LANDRECIES.		
		14	Headquarters Office and Column moved to BEAUMONT, Sheet 4 N-W Europe/K.4.b.2.9.		
BEAUMONT. Sheet 4 N-W Europe/ K.4.b.2.9.		16	Notice published in Orders that the Department of Defence advise that, if they so desire, men who enlisted in one Military District, but whose homes or relatives are in another, may, when returned to Australia, be disembarked and discharged there. Also notified through Orders, that men who are en route to Australia are not entitled to Leave in U.K.		
		17	Ration Dump closed at AVESNES.		
		18	Ration Dump opened at BEAUMONT. Railhead BEAUMONT. All Workshops (including the one at LE CATEAU) moved to BEAUMONT.		
		22	Notice published in Orders that a number of Instructors are required for a large AIF Service Agricultural School.		
		28	Order published that great care must be exercised in fully observing the "Frost Precaution" Orders.		
		29	Notice published in Orders that all correspondence relating to Education may be forwarded direct to Education Officer, AIF, (M.T.), S.M.T.O's Office, through the Company Headquarter Office. Application invited from those qualified to act as Instructors in a number of subjects.		

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<p>BEAUMONT. Sheet 4 N-W Europe/ K.4.b.2.9.</p>	<p>1918 Dec. 31</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>S U M M A R Y.</u></p> <p><u>Casualties to Personnel.</u> To Hospital and struck off, Corporals 2, Artificers 3, Drivers 2 and Privates 5. To Hospital and not struck off, Drivers 1. Privates 1. Officers 1, Corporals 4, Artificers 4, Drivers 11 and Privates 9. Corporals 2, L/Corporals 1, Drivers 3 and Privates 2. 1 Corporal and 1 Driver. Nil. Good. A general improvement in health was experienced. BEAUMONT, the present location of the unit, being much more healthy than the low-lying country previously occupied. The water supply also being much improved. Wet days prevailed during the month of December. Owing to heavy traffic- guns, heavy transport &c.- and the condition of the roads left by the Germans, the roads generally are in bad order and becoming worse. VAUX ANDIGNY, LE CATEAU, LANDRECIES and BEAUMONT. Average conditions prevailed. Green vegetables were difficult to obtain in quantities. Total vehicles on charge and attached for maintenance:- Workshop and Store Waggon 8, Lorries 62, Cars 28, Motor Cycles and Combinations 80, Box Cars 14 and "Foden" Disinfector 1. Total Lorries, including attached:- Overhauled Nil, Decarbonised 5, Repairs to Transmission Nil. Total Cars, including attached:- Overhauled 3, Decarbonised Nil, Repairs to Transmission Nil. Total Motor Cycles and Combination Overhauled 15.</p> <p><u>Transfers to other units.</u> <u>Strength taken on.</u> <u>Leave to Australia.</u> <u>75 days Leave in U.K.</u> <u>To Schools of Instruction.</u> <u>Discipline.</u> <u>Health.</u></p> <p><u>Weather and Roads.</u></p> <p><u>Railheads.</u> <u>Messing.</u></p> <p><u>Mechanical Details.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">336</p>

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UNIT 6th Australian M.T.Co. (Corps Troops)

DIARY APPENDIX No. 1 FOR MONTH OF December 1918.

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			38				38	21	200	250	110		4	11
2nd			23				23	20	315	195	96		5	11
3rd			22				22	21	336	430	165		4	11
4th			23				23	21	360	284	148		4	11
5th			21				21	20	467	386	196		5	11
6th			40				40	20	250	313	134		5	11
7th			23				23	22	210	200	92		4	10
8th			24				24	23	238	276	110		2	10
9th			23				23	23	238	238	105		2	10
10th			25				25	24	300	280	125		2	10
11th			25				25	24	300	280	125		2	10
12th			20				20	19	297	559	127		5	11
13th			23				23	22	312	560	130		4	9
14th			23				23	22	312	560	130		4	9
15th			27				27	22	312	330	155		4	9
16th			28				28	23	299	345	150		3	9
17th			25				25	24	335	305	138		2	9
18th			25				25	24	147	157	68		2	9
19th			23				23	15	212	237	93		11	9
20th			27				27	16	225	209	90		10	9
21st			34				34	19	160	160	75		8	9
22nd			40				40	21	170	170	60		6	9
23rd			8				8	6	65	58	20	14	6	9
24th			41				41	19	214	204	82		6	9
25th			38				38	19	135	120	55		6	9
26th			37				37	17	155	155	73		8	9
27th			37			6	43	15	212	211	90		10	9
28th			5				5	5	26	26	12	10	10	9
29th			22				22	18	212	122	86		5	9
30th			25				25	20	256	230	116		5	9
31st			16				16	12	116	94	44	3	8	12
Lorries detached for week ending:-														
Date No. of Lorries.														
22nd	17		100				100	1653	879	596				
23rd	10		83				83	1779	788	513				
24th	9		59				59	1526	1311	637				
25th/23	9		68				68	1174	986	529				
Total			1200			6	1206	14846	12844	5941				

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