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6TH AUSTRALIAN  
M.T. COMPANY,  
CORPS TROOPS.  
No  
40/24/10

**WAR DIARY**

OF

No. 6 AUST. M.T. Coy (Corps Troops)

FOR

May

1919

Signature of Officer compiling *H. J. Hammas* Major.

Signature of Officer Commanding *Hordyce* Major.  
O.C., No. 6 AUSTRALIAN M.T. Coy.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beaumont 1919 Belgium May 1st. Sheet 4 N.W.E. K.4.b. 2.9.	May 11th.		Headquarters Office and Column located at BEAUMONT, BELGIUM, Sheet 4 N.W. Europe K.4.b, 2.9. Workshops located at " " " " " "	#
	"	11th.	A.I.F. Order No. 1613, re the 1914-1915 Star published for information of all ranks. D.M.T.S., A.I.F., letter re the retaining of temporary Artificers and M.T. Drivers until discharged in Australia is published in Routine Orders.	#
	"	21th.	Orders published informing all ranks that the unit is about to disband.	#
	"	22nd.	Special Order published showing the disposition of all ranks on the disbanding of the unit, in accordance with instructions received from the D.M.T.S., A.I.F.	#
	"	22nd.	Attention again directed to the fact that lorries are being driven at excessive speed, thus causing damage to the vehicles, also the roads.	#
	"	23rd.	First section of lorries (16) handed into the 770th. Coy. R.A.S.C., M.T., V.R.P.	#
	"	24th.	Second section section of lorries (16) handed into the 770th. Coy, R.A.S.C., M.T., V.R.P, also one Box-Car (Ford), and three Motor Cycles. There now remains on charge to the unit :- Five Lorries, two Motor Cars, 2 Box-Cars, and one Motor Cycle.	#
	"	28th.	Capt. CAMPBELL J.D. (Workshops Officer) and Lieut. HARVEY J.D. (Roads Officer) transferred to the 4th. AUSTRALIAN M.T. Coy.	#
	"	29th.	The unit is now reduced to "B" Cadre Strength.	#
			<u>Casualties to Personnel</u>	
			To Hospital and Struck off Strength	- 6
			Transfers to other units	- 151
			Taken on Strength	- 9
			Despatched to U.K. for Demobilisation	- 67
			Despatched to U.K. for Employment (Non-Military)	- 3
			Despatched to U.K. for Early Repatriation	- 1
			Despatched to U.K. for discharge in U.K.	- 1



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			<p><u>Casualties to Personnel(continued)</u></p> <p>Despatched to U.K.for sports - 1                      Withdrawn from detachment during the period -98                      Send on detachment during the period 133</p> <p><u>Discipline</u> Good. A few minor cases of A.W.L. have been dealt with. Two Courts Martial held.</p> <p><u>Health</u> Excellent.</p> <p><u>Weather and Roads</u> Good and dry. Roads bad on the whole. Due to the absence of rain very dusty.</p> <p><u>Messing</u> A good standard has been maintained. Francs 905.75 has been spent on extras,vegetables etc.</p> <p><u>Mechanical Details</u> At the begining of the months the undermentioned vehicles were on charge and attached for maintainence :-                      Workshops and Store Lorries -6, Lorries -47,Cars -33, Motor Cycles and Combinations 40,Steam Lorry 1. All were slowly withdrawn,either to the Vehicle Reception Park,or transferred to other units for maintainence.                      Total lorries,including attached :- Overhauled 1,Decarbonised 2                      Repairs to Transmission 1, Total Cars,including attached :-                      Overhauled 1, Decarbonised 4, Repairs to Transmission 3,                      Motor Cycles and Combinations overhauled 1.</p> <p><u>Supply Section.</u> The Supple Section did not function during the period.</p>	



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			<p><u>Hand Over</u> During the period under review preparations for the final handing in of the lorries, cars, and cycles on charge to the unit has occupied much time. As a result of endeavours made by all ranks the unit has handed in every vehicle on charge in a mobile condition. Satisfaction has been expressed by the units receiving same as to the condition of the equipment on charge.</p> <p><u>General.</u> It can fairly be claimed that motor transport on a large scale has been used for the first time during the war. Each nation has worked on a different system. In many ways that in vogue in the British Army is cumbersome and expensive, due doubtless to the inauguration of a service of some magnitude during actual operations. Australia will doubtless have to consider a problem of equipment, system, etc, in the near future. In doing so I am firmly of the opinion that a general view of the methods adopted by the French Armies in the Field should be studied. A combination of the systems used by the British and French governments in the field during the war will I think produce an economical and reliable service. During the next year or two many improvements (made as a result of the combined experience of all nations during the war) are likely to be made, in all kinds of mechanical transport, especially the heavy type. The Australian Government would be wise I think to proceed slowly if intending to branch out to a large extent, in the purchase of equipment for this branch of the service.</p> <p><u>Final</u> In conclusion I wish to place on record my appreciation of the loyalty and endeavour of the Officers, N.C.O's and Men under my command during the period of the existence of this Company. The result (if any) of the work performed by the unit, has been entirely due to the cohesion and willingness of all ranks at all times.</p>	

*Andrew* MAJOR  
O/C A.C.T. M.T. COY



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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

Mileage for the period of May.



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UNIT No.6 AUSTRALIAN M.T.Coy.(Corps Troops).

DIARY APPENDIX No.1 for MONTH of MAY 1919.

Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Loads R.E. Sup Stor	Tot.														
amm. work.ply. es.	Pers.	Vari	lds	lor.	Miles	Mis	Pet.	Lorr.	Lorries	LORRIES DETACHED.					
	ous.	done.	out.	full.	emp.	iss	avail	Not used,	repairs.						
1st.	1	1	2	2	35	35	32	3	12	19					
2nd.	1	1	2	2	45	45	22	3	12	19					
3rd.	2		2	2	75	75	38	3	12	19					
4th.	1		2	2	55	50	26	7	11	15					
5th.	1	1	3	3	70	70	34	4	10	15					
6th.	2	1	3	3	105	105	50	6	12	15					
7th.	2		3	3	69	69	34	3	15	15					
8th.	2		3	3	70	70	36	3	15	15					
9th.	1		2	2	130	30	40	5	14	15					
10th.	1	2	4	4	105	100	50	4	14	14					
11th.	1		4	4	120	120	60	9	14	9					
12th.	2		2	2	70	70	32	11	14	9					
13th.	2		2	2	75	70	38	15	16	3					
14th.	1	1	2	2	44	44	22	14	17	3					
15th.	1	1	2	2	44	44	20	14	17	3					
16th.	2		3	3	80	78	36	21	12						
17th.	1		2	2	70	70	32	14	14	3					
18th.	1	1	2	2	65	60	32	22	12						
19th.	1		2	2	44	44	24	31	3						
20th.	1		4	4	80	80	40	29	3						
21st	1		3	3	88	88	40	30	3						

Lorries detached for week ending:-

May															
1/16	28	39	372	19	22	452	3356	2536	1284						

Total		39	400	28	39	506	54	4895	3933	2022	249	252	191	
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Remarks:- Lorries were handed in to the V.R.P.AUSTRALIAN Corps on the 23rd and 24th.of MAY 1919.

*Hordyce*

1-6-19

O.C.No.6 AUSTRALIAN M.T.Coy.(Corps Troops) Major.