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Bath	1/2/16		Parade as per Programme.	
	4/4/16			
	5/4/16	2.30	Town from A.D.T. to report Arranmouth for Embarkation Orders.	
		3.30	Ordered to proceed Arranmouth and report by 6pm 6 th 4.16	
	6/4/16	12 noon	Convoy leaves for Arranmouth under Lt Black	
Arranmouth		3.50	Convoy arrives all correct. Wines sent to Jaunties & A.D.T.	
Arranmouth	7/4	7pm	Orders received to load. 9 am Saturday	
	8/4	9.00	Towies taken to Quay. loading all day. "S.S. Huntscap"	
		3pm	N.I.V. Stores from Balford.	
		4pm	Ordered for Personnel to train 11.00 am for Southampton	
	9/4/16	11.00	Train for Southampton	
		3pm	Ordered to Embark transport 5pm. boat starts 7pm.	
	10/4/16	1 am	Reach Harve.	
		12 noon	Reach Ponew. proceed to Rest Camp.	
	11.4	9 am	Fatigue on Quay.	
	12		} heavy arrival of horses	} Reported to A.D.T. Base Commandant. 0 1/2 Records - D.A.G. A.D.S.
	13			
	14	1 am	Lorries arrive S.S. Huntscap	
	14		} unloading all day.	} Damaged car smashed on quay. Reported to A.D.T.
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			<i>1st Aust. Div. S. C.</i>	
Rouen.	16/4		Preparation for A.D.T.'s inspection. Received new Car. MA 24036.	
	17/4	10 am	A.D.T. inspection. More Orders Received.	
		12 noon	Left Rouen 12 noon for Neufchâtel.	
		4.30	Parked Neufchâtel.	
	18	8 am	Left for Abbeville.	
Abbeville		1-12	Reported Abbeville to D.A.D.T. & Camp Commandant.	
			Orders to move on to Herdin. Lorry 31 Smashed Radiator.	
La Motte	19/4	4 pm	Reached La Motte. Reported to Pt ANZACS. 4 Smashed Spring	
		11.30 pm	Lorry from ANZACS to send 15 lorries to 36 G. 18 a. for 1st Div.	
	20/4	1	Transferred Column to 2nd Div. to be known as such forthwith.	Recd. WIRE A.Q.M.G.
36a L 21 a b.		9 pm	Orders by G 669. to go to 36a L 21 a + 8	
	21/4	7 am	15 lorries for 1st Aust D.S.C.	
	22/4	9 am	48 lorries to Railhead 36a 17 . 36a 17. loaded Standing By.	
	23/4	9 am	4 lorries for D.A.D.O.S. to 36/G/18. a 8.8.	
			6 lorries to Railhead. 36/G/18. under S.C.S.O.	
			8 loaded lorries to exchanges perambulators & deficiencies at D's Bay to 27 Q. 32. 4.4	
			2 Postal Lorries 13.14. detailed under Cpl Vasco.	
	24/4	7 am	Column Standing with Pack Train load.	
		5.30 am	1 Lorry 27. W. 3. a	
		8 am	2 Lorries to 27 W. 3. a	
			6 Lorries to 36. H. 13. C	
		1. pm	2 Lorries 27. W. 3. a	

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			2nd Aust D.S.C.	
1/40000 36 ^a 221 at.	24	7pm	T.M. 1994. D.D.S.T. Received. (WIRE) Re 2 Lories 16 27.0.16.C.17.	
	25	8-am	4 Lories 16 36.H.13.C. [1 Sunbeam M 18860 from D.H.Q. for Repair.	
		9.am	2 Lories Engman Services 2nd Aust 7 A.W.U. reported 3 pm. 2 H.H. & Leigh 21 Ambulances workshop & Lories O.H.	
			2 Lories despatched 27.0.16.C.17. (Reduction of Establishment)	
	26		2 Lories 36 H 13.6. 1 Sunbeam M 18860. left for D.H.Q. Repaired	
			2. 36 H. 6 A+B. CRE	
			6 Hargreaves Garage for N.Z.	
	27		1 Sunbeam M 16883 from D.H.Q. for Repair	For Repair. 12 noon. 27.4.16.
			3. 36 H 13.6 CRE	1 Daimler M. 17624 D.H.Q.
			2. 36 H 6 A+B. CRE	Repaired 9:00pm.
			1 Stadiaka M 15704 from N.Z. Div.	Daimler M 17624 to D.H.Q.
	28		3. 36 H. 13.6.	Rations
			6 36 H 6 A+B CRE.	
	29		3 Lories 36 H-13 C. Supplies. 4 Lories 36 H 4 D 2.8.	
			2 Ration Lories 36 H-13 C. 1 36a D. 30 Wood. fuel.	
		6pm	1 Daimler M. 74. 1 Sunbeam M. 14897. from NZ Div. by ANZAC Order	
			1 Sunbeam. M 16883 left for D.H.Q. Repaired.	for Repair
	30 th		from D.D.S.T. T.M. 2054 despatch 15704 to Base.	
		10pm	Appendix III Special return & 213 ^a rendered correct.	C.P. Whelan Capt.
			Plé Mulbray - Search for Lories 40 Isolates - Plé Tiger Contact Isolated	

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Wincanton.	13/3/16	8-0 a.m.	Instructions from M.T. Depot, BULFORD, to be completely mobilized by the 15th inst.	
do.	1/4/16.	8-0a.m.	Notified by M.T. Depot, BULFORD, allotted to 2nd Australian Division.	
do.	1/4/16.	4-10pm.	Received wire from M.T. Depot, BULFORD. "You are required for Embarkation and will make arrangements to billet in Bristol to-morrow, Sunday night. Detailed orders follow by despatch rider" (Detailed order confirmed wire.)	
do.	2/4/16.	9-30a.m.	Convoy left WINCANTON.	
BRISTOL.	2/4/16.	2-20p.m.	Convoy arrived all correct. Parked on CLIFTON DOWNS. Men billeted in BRISTOL. Reported M.T. Depot, AVONMOUTH for orders. Instructed stand by.	
do.	3/4/16.	-	Standing by.	
AVONMOUTH.	4/4/16.	-	23 lorries and five privates embarked on s.s. "DUNDRENNAN" in charge of 2nd/Lieut. L.W.T. WATSON.	
do.	5/4/16.	7-30a.m.	Remaining vehicles, Officers and men of unit arrived Rest Camp, AVONMOUTH. All remaining vehicles and 24 O.Rs. embarked on s.s. "ADENWEN" in charge of 2nd/Lieut. N. THOMAS.	
do.	6/4/16.	10-40a.m.	Unit entrained for SOUTHAMPTON, arriving 3-30 p.m. Embarked on s.s. "FRANCE" 4-15 p.m.	
ROUEN.	7/4/16.	5-0p.m.	Disembarked ROUEN, proceeded to Rest Camp.	
do.	8/4/16.	-	Rest Camp, ROUEN. Unit paraded before M.O. Pte. (a/L/Cpl.) WARING found shot in hutment at 10-0 a.m. Taken to No. 8 Hospital, ROUEN.	
do.	9/4/16.	-	Rest Camp, ROUEN. Lorries arrived 8-0 p.m.	
do.	10/4/16.	-	Board held by order of A.D.T. on accident to Pte. (a/L/Cpl.) Waring. Lorries unloaded.	
do.	11/4/16.	-	Lorries loaded with one day's supply for Division.	
do.	12/4/16.	"	Inspection of Company by A.D.T.	

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ROUEN.	13/4/16.	7-30 a.m.	Column left for ABBEVILLE. Arrived 6-20 p.m.	
ABBEVILLE.	14/4/16.	7-0 a.m.	Column left for VIEUX-BERQUIN. Arrived 6-10 p.m. Reported to ANZAC, H.Q. Instructed to billet in VIEUX-BERQUIN and await orders.	
VIEUX-BERQUIN.	15/4/16.	1-10 p.m.	Orders received for 7 lorries to proceed to BLARINGHEM, improvised Supply Column to NEW ZEALAND Division. Lorries left 2-30 p.m.	
do.	16/4/16.	2-30 p.m.	7 Lorries still detached for N. Z. Column.	
do.	17/4/16.	6-30 a.m.	Dumped all men's rations at CAESTRE, all forage at HAZEBROUCK GARAGE. Eight lorries conveyed about 125 O.Rs. of 3rd A.F.A. Bde. from BORRE to CROIX-DU-BAC. Five lorries conveyed about 82 O.Rs. of 1st A.F.A. Bde. from STRAZEELE to BERTHEN. Five lorries conveyed about 100 O.Rs. of 1st A.F.A. Bde. from STRAZEELE to BERTHEN.	
do.	18/4/16.	5-0 a.m.	Four lorries proceeded to HERSIN, two to NOEUX-LES-MINES, two to BETHUNE, two to LILLIERS, three to BAILLEUL, to convey 9,100 leather jerkins in all, to Ordnance Dump, 2nd Australian Division, BAC-ST-MAUR. Eight lorries sent at 5-0 p.m. to work as improvised Supply Column to N.Z. Division, in addition to seven lorries already detached. Original seven lorries withdrawn and replaced by seven fresh lorries, and fresh personnel. Exchange carried out at HAZEBROUCK, 10-0 a.m.	J.P.
		11-45 p.m.	Order from 1st ANZAC for Column to move morning 19th to FLETRE, take over preserved rations of 17th Division. Fifteen lorries on duty with N.Z. Division to remain till further orders.	
FLETRE.	19/4/16.	7-0 a.m.	Interview with Lieut.Col. Moon (O.C. late 17th Div. S.C.) now O.C. 2nd Australian Div. S.C. and arrangements made to take over Camp at FLETRE at 2-0 p.m. My lorries to do 17th Divisional work, commencing 20/4/16.	
		2-30 p.m.	Column left VIEUX-BERQUIN and arrived FLETRE. Map Position: Sheet 27. X.7. a.13. Lieut. R.G.PATERSON, C.S.O. went at 8-0 a.m. with C.S.O. of late 17th Div. S.C. to Railhead, STEENWERCK, to obtain acquaintance with Supply work of 17th Division.	
do.	20/4/16.	6-30 a.m.	One lorry proceeded to ST-JAN-CAPPEL with supplies for D.A.C. Supply Details left 7-15 a.m. for Railhead to unload and load on to H.T. Four lorries left 7-30 a.m. for attachment to Divisional Ordnance PONT-DE-NIEPPE. Three Postal lorries left 7-30 a.m. for Railhead. As no R.E. Pioneers yet reported, (wire sent D.A.P.S. II Corps, last evening, 5-30 p.m.)	17th DIVISIONAL SUPPLY COLUMN.

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FLETRE.	21/4/16.	6-30 a.m.	Coy. Postal Corpl., two privates, proceeded as Postal personnel. Three lorries and coal fatigue party left 7-30 a.m. 3 Pioneers (R.E.) from 1st Australian D.S.C. arrived. Inspected and took over the 17th Divnl. F.A.W.U. (O. i/c Lieut. F.H. Hody). All correct. <i>Map position FAWU. 36. B236.50</i>	
		7-0 a.m.	One lorry to ST-JANSCAPPEL for D.A.C. Three lorries to R.H. with Supply Details	
		7-30 a.m.	Two lorries and coal fatigue to R.H. and ARMENTIERES.	
		6-0 p.m.	Three Postal lorries for Division.	
			One lorry () replaced to N.Z. Division. Also another lorry () replaced.	
do.	22/4/16.	-	Detail as 21/4/16. Health of men excellent.	
do.	23/4/16.	-	Detail as 22/4/16. Except 3 lorries for coal and coke in lieu of 2. Two 3-ton lorries in excess of Establishment, returned to II Army Troops, S.C.	
do.	24/4/16.	-	Detail as 23/4/16. One lorry extra to CAESTRE for Onions, one extra to Railhead for Carrots.	
do.	25/4/16.	-	Detail as 24/4/16. Ten lorries to Stone Depot for Fascines and stones.	
do.	26/4/16.	-	Detail as 25/4/16. One 3-ton lorry evacuated to 2 nd Cav. Div. Supply Column. Ref: D.D.S.&T. Second Army wire M.142. This lorry was surplus to Establishment, as I am not feeding Pioneer Battn. Enemy aeroplane brought down on road between FLETRE and STRAZEELE. Both pilots killed by machine gun fire whilst in midair. (10 lorries to Stone Depot, 5 lorries for stones and fascines)	<i>Blanch.</i>
do.	27/4/16.	-	Detail as 26/4/16. Two lorries with N.Z. Division broken down and replaced by two other lorries.	
do.	28/4/16.	-	Detail as 27/4/16. Workshops very busy, working until 9-0 p.m. or later every evening. Divisional Cars apparently require a good deal of attention.	
do.	29/4/16.	-	Detail as 28/4/16. Side of road by Workshops repaired and made suitable for lorries to stand there whilst under repair.	
do.	30/4/16.	-	Detail as 29/4/16. Church Parade and Service at 11-0 a.m. Health of men continues excellent. Sick wastage for month 0.66 %.	