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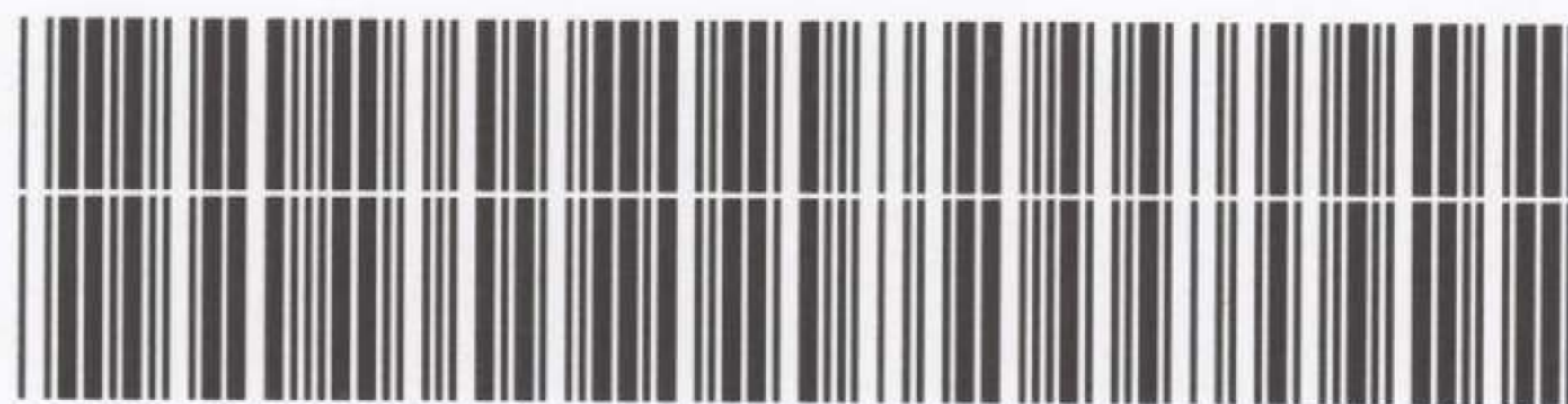
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STEENVOORDE	1.4.14		<p>Weather bright &amp; fine. 2 Lorries were sent to C.E. x Corps at BUSSEBOOM for use of the Corps Limber Officers. 1 to C.E. x Corps at ABEELE TANKS, 2 to Base Corps R.E. Park at BUSSEBOOM, &amp; 1 for Rations. 4 reinforcements, petrol Drivers, (Private,) arrived from 1st Base M.T. Depot. 1 Light-car Driver was sent to H.Q. 47th (London) Div. 2 men, fitters, from 10th Queens Royal West Surrey Regt., &amp; 1 man, also fitter, from 26th Batin. Royal Fusils, were temporarily attached to assist in Workshops. 1 man came on Rations while in Workshops with car.</p>	<p>HAZEBROUCK S.A.M.A.P. J.2. H.31/3. J.2. J.3.</p>
	2.4.14		<p>Snowing early in the morning, rain showers later. 5 Lorries were sent to C.E. 2nd Entrenching Batin, at OUDERDOM for C.E. x Corps. 2 for use of Area Commandant at STEENVOORDE, 1 to 2nd Cornwall A.V. Coy. at ABEELE &amp; 1 for Rations.</p>	<p>J.3. G.3. H.31/3. G.3.</p>
	3.4.14		<p>Severe snowstorm in early morning, fine &amp; bright later. Mr. Simmons my junior Road Officer proceeded to near St. Omer, taking up duties of Base Detachment supply 42nd Bde., relieving Mr. Townsend of the 39th Div. S.C. Mr. Phillips being on leave, &amp; Mr. Smyth in hospital, I have no officers available for such duties as Orderly Officer etc. Sunbeam car 982 was detached for the use of Mr. Simmons at St. Omer. 5 Lorries were sent to C.E. 2nd Entrenching Batin, at OUDERDOM, &amp; 1 for Rations</p>	<p>J.3.</p>

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STEENVOORDE	4.4.17.		<p>A fine day. 5 Lornies &amp; 10 men returned to the Column from the Advanced Section. 2 Lornies were sent to C.B. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Entrenching Bata. at OUDERDOM, 2 Lornies to Corps Timber Officer, R.E. Park, BUSSEBOOM, 4 to 41<sup>st</sup>. R.E. at OUDERDOM, 1 to ABEELE TANKS, 1 to RENINGHELST SIDING, 1 to O.K. RAILHEAD CAESTRE, 1 to 39<sup>th</sup> D.S.C. STEENVOORDE, &amp; 1 for Rations. 14 Officers &amp; 14 C. Rhs. were taken on the Ration strength temporarily. 1 Supply Detail was transferred to X Corps Troops Supply Column</p>	<p>HAZEBROUCK S.A. MAP T.3. T.2. T.3. H.3. G.3. T.3. H.3. G.3. T.3.</p>
	5.4.17.		<p>Beautifully fine &amp; mild. 4 R.C.O's &amp; men returned to column from Advanced Section. The First Aid Lorry also returned. 1 Lorry (3 Tons) was attached for duty with 2 Drivers from X Supply Column. 2 Men went off the Ration strength. 1 Lorry was sent to C.B. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cornwall A. I. Coy. at ABEELE. 4 Lornies were sent to Canal Reserve Camp near DICKEBUSCH, these were not required. 1 Lorry was sent to R.E. Dump at OUDERDOM, 1 to 44<sup>th</sup> Div. Dump at RENINGHELST, 1 to 39<sup>th</sup> Div. Parks. POPERINGHE, 1 for use of Area Command at STEENVOORDE, &amp; 1 for Rations.</p>	<p>H.3 &amp; L.3. T.3. T.3. T.2. G.3. T.3.</p>
	6.4.17.		<p>Another fine day. 8 Lornies were sent to RENINGHELST CHURCH, 2 to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Entrenching Bata. OUDERDOM, 1 to X Corps Ordnance RENINGHELST, &amp; 1 each for coal, wood &amp; rations.</p>	<p>T.3 T.3</p>
	7.4.17.		<p>Bright &amp; fine, with cold wind. 1 Lorry sent to 123<sup>rd</sup>. Bgde. BUSSEBOOM, 1 to GUNSPETTE, 2 to WATTEN, 5 to EPERLEQUES &amp; 1 for rations.</p>	<p>T.2. C.3 C.2 &amp; B.3. T.3.</p>

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STEENVOORDE	8-4-17.		A fine day. With the exception of 1 Lorry sent for Rations, no Lornies were available owing to not having returned from previous detail.	HAZE BROUCK 5 A.M.P.
	9-4-17.		Thunder & snow storms during day. 1 Lorry was sent to "B" Mobile Tyre Press at CAESTRE for retyring. 5 Lornies were sent to C.C. 2nd Entrenching Battalion at OUDERDOM & 1 for Rations.	H.3. T.3.
	10-4-17.		Snow showers, with bright intervals. 1 Man was granted leave to U.K. & was struck of rations for period accordingly. 1 Man came on Ration strength while in Workshops with vehicle. 10 Lornies were sent to O.C. 2nd Entrenching Batta. at OUDERDOM, 4 to C.C. 2nd Canadian Gun. Coy. 1 Lorry sent to 1st Entrenching Batta. at OUDERDOM was not required, 1 was sent to x Corps Det. 196 Land Drainage Coy. at OUDERDOM, & 1 for Rations.	H.3. T.3. H.3 T.3.
	11-4-17.		Bold & stormy. 1 L. Cpl. Driver was struck off the strength, having been granted a commission in the M.F. A.S.C. 1 Man taken on Ration strength while in Workshops with vehicle. 4 Lornies were sent to C.C. 2nd Entrenching Batta. at OUDERDOM; they were returned "not required". 2 Lornies were sent to Railhead CAESTRE, 1 to x Corps Det. 196 Land Drainage Coy. at OUDERDOM & 1 for Rations.	T.3 H.3 T.3
	12-4-17.		A dull windy day. M. Phillips returned from leave. 1 Lorry with 2 Drivers temporarily attached from x Supply Column returned to their Unit.	

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STEENVOORDE	12.4.17	(Continued)	1 Motor Cycle was loaned to 101 Field Coy. R.E. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Div. on authority of O.C. x Sup. Column. 9 Lorries were sent to O.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Entrenching Battalion at OUDERDOM, 2 Lorries were sent to COLLEZELLE for duty with 68 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1 to MILLIAN for the 13 <sup>th</sup> D.L.I., 2 Lorries to TILQUES for H.Q. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army School of Musketry, & 1 each to Railhead for Rations, Wood & Coal.	HAZEBROUCK SA MAP J.3. D.1. D.2 C.3. J.3.
	13.4.17		Weather fine & bright. 1 Gt. Driver arrived from x Supply Column. 1 Man was granted leave to U.K. & struck off Rations for period accordingly. 4 Other Ranks were attached for Rations at Railhead. 1 Gt. Driver was attached for Rations while in Workshop with vehicle & 1 Man went off Rations. 1 Lorry sent to Railhead for Rations.	J.3.
	14.4.17		Weather continues fine. O.C. x Supply Column issued an order for an Officer of this Unit to be detailed by me to patrol road east of POPERINGHE for 2 hours in the morning & afternoon of the 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> prox. & report Lorry Drivers contravening G.R.O.'s with regard to excessive speed. 4 Lorries were detailed for duty with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Luv. Coy., 2 were sent to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian Luv. Coy., 2 to Lelle Gate, 2 to Granary, Heulle, & 1 for Rations.	J.3
	15.4.17		Raining all day. Mr. Phillips did road patrol referred to in yesterday's notes. 1 Man was sent for course at School of Sanitation. 2 Lorries were sent to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian Luv. Coy., 3 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Entrenchment Bn, at OUDERDOM, 3 to G. 27. Postal, & 1 for Rations.	K2, C.3, J.3. J.3 J.3.

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STEENVOORDE	16.4.14		Weather fine. Mr. Phillips carried out road patrol. 2 Lornies were sent to ABEELE TANKS, 1 to Pipe Cutting Coops, R.E. Park BUSSEBOOM, 2 to Pipe Coops R.E. BUSSEBOOM, 3 to 2nd Entrenching Battalion at OUDERDOM, 1 to CROSSROADS near CRUGSTRETTE & 1 for Rations.	HAZELBROUCK SA. MAP H. 13. J. 1. J. 2. J. 3 G. 3 J. 3.
	17.4.14		Fine in the morning, hail & snow later. 1 attached man went off ration strength. 3 Lornies were sent to 2nd Entrenching Battn. at OUDERDOM, 2 to R.E. Park BUSSEBOOM, 1 to Pipe Cutting Coops R.E. BUSSEBOOM, 2 to ABEELE TANKS, 1 to No. 4 Siege Coy. R.M. R.E. & 1 for Rations.	J. 3 J. 2, H. 13. J. 2, J. 3.
	18.4.14		Drizzling rain all day. Mr. Simmons detailed for temporary duty at No. 2 of X Supply Column. Pte. Black H.C. an artificer was admitted to 69th Field Ambulance suffering from self-inflicted wounds: he was subsequently transferred to 10th B.H.S. where he died at 8 p.m. 14 Officers & 14 B. Ranks attached for rations were struck off Ration Strength. Authority was received from the A.G. to appoint 1 Cpl. Issuer to fill deficiency reported in current Field Return. 5 Lornies to No. 2 of Div. Train at HOUPOUTRE, 3 Lornies also sent to O.C. 2nd Entrenching Battn. at OUDERDOM, & 1 for Rations.	J. 3
	19.4.14		Dull with rain at intervals. A Board of Enquiry assembled at Column No. 2. to investigate the circumstances under which Pte. Black H.C. met his death. 4 Lornies were sent to 2nd Entrenching Battalion at OUDERDOM, 5 Lornies to near RENINCHELST & 1 for Rations. Report required by O.C. X Supply Column for A.M.C. re. petrol deficiency in 2nd Army.	J. 3

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STEENVOORDE.	20-4-17.		Weather fine & bright. 4 Lorries were sent to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Canadian Lan. Coy., 3 to near RENINGHELST, 3 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Entrenching Battn. OUDERDOM & 1 for Rations 1 man from 4 <sup>th</sup> . London Field Ambulance attached for rations while in Workshops with Vehicle.	HAZEBROUCK SA. MAP. J.3.
	21-4-17		Dull in morning, improving later. 1 Lorry was sent to HOOGRAAF, 1 to Baths STEENVOORDE, 9. to RENINGHELST & 1 for Rations. 1 Man was admitted to Hospital, & 1 Supply Detail was admitted to No. 41 Rest Station. 1 man went off Ration strength.	J.3. G.3. J.3.
	22-4-17.		Fine all day with rather cold wind. 7 Lorries were sent for duty near RENINGHELST, 2 to CONNAUGHT CAMP & 1 for Rations. 1 man was admitted 69 <sup>th</sup> . Field Amb. & 1 attached man went off Ration strength.	J.3.
	23-4-17.		Weather beautifully fine. 3 Lorries sent for duty near RENINGHELST, & 1 Lorry for Rations. 1 man went off Ration strength.	J.3.
	24-4-17.		Fine during day, dull later. No Lorries were available for detail owing to their not having returned from previous details etc. 1 Lorry went to Railhead for Rations.	
	25-4-17.		Dull but fine. 8 Lorries were sent to 122 <sup>nd</sup> . Brigade near HOOGRAAF, 4 were sent to No. 14 D.S.C. STEENVOORDE to complete a detail, & 1 for Rations.	J.3. G.3. J.3.

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STEENVOORDE.	26.4.17.		Dull in the morning, fine & bright later. 1 N.C.O. granted 10 days leave to U.K. 1 N.C.O. was admitted to the 10 C.C.S. 1 Lpl. Blesh surplus to establishment was transferred to A.S.C. Depot, HAVRE. 1 Man from 5 <sup>th</sup> L.F.A. came on Ration strength. 2 Lornies were sent to C.R.C. Dump, BUSSEBOOM, 1 Lorry to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coonwall A.S. Coy. & 1 for Rations.	HAZEBROUCK 5A MAP. J.2, H.3, J.3.
	27.4.17.		Dull but fine: much warmer. The Cats held in Reserve Ration Dump were removed: these will be replaced tomorrow by a fresh stock. 1 Motor cyclist & 1 foot soldier reported to C.B. x Supply Column for a period of duty. 1 man joined Unit from Hospital, 3 men came on Ration strength & 1 went off. 10 Lornies will be employed between Railhead & STEENVOORDE changing Cat Rations in Dump today & tomorrow. 1 Lorry sent for Rations.	J.3, G.3. J.3.
	28.4.17.		Dull, with bright intervals. 1 Lorry detailed near RENINGHELST, & 1 for Rations. 1 man came on Ration strength while in Houthof with vehicle.	J.3.
	29.4.17.		Beautifully fine. 1 Lorry sent to North of DIRKEBUSCH, & to QUINTIN SIDING, 1 to the 19 <sup>th</sup> Div BERTHEN, & 1 for Rations.	J.3., J.2., J.3., J.3.
	30.4.17.		Weather continues fine. 1 man joined Unit from Hospital. 5 Lornies were sent to R.E. Dump at OUDERDOM, 2 to RENINGHELST CHURCH, 1 to OUDERDOM Stone Siding, 1 to ISBERQUES Lyne Press, & 1 for Rations.	J.3. F.5., J.3.

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