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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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A. S. S. Training Depot, Parkhouse

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Parkhouse	1.11.18 to 30.11.18		<p>Many changes have taken place this month, in the depot consequent on 1914 men going on leave.</p> <p>During the month 163 reinforcements marched in from various places, &amp; 21 from hospital. Three men who had been on leave to Australia returned to duty.</p> <p>173 reinforcements marched out to France, and 40 OR's marched out to Australia. Great difficulty has been experienced in finding reinforcements for France, the principal difficulty being personnel for H. T. units, and tradesmen such as butchers, bakers and the various artificers required throughout the A. S. S. Representation have been made to H. Q. pointing out the fact that in no case has the number of men required, been sent overseas, and asking for the necessary reinforcements to meet demands, these have not been received.</p>	

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Parkhouse	1.11.18 to 30.11.18	18 18	<p>On the occasion of the signing of the armistice on the 11th inst, and the following days, the men in this depot behaved splendidly, and made no demonstration of any sort, no attempt was made to get out of hand. The conduct of the men generally throughout the month has been excellent, discipline also very good. During the month 22 men were admitted to hospital mostly with influenza, otherwise the health of the men generally was very good. On 20th inst an inspection was made by me of "L Scheme" horses, vehicles &amp; personnel and everything was found to be in good order. All horses are very fit both in this depot &amp; detachments. Attached are reports from officers in charge detachments &amp; strength summary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Edw Jenner Major.</p>	

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Report on Waimunahi

Det for month of Nov 18

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To Hq. Det AASC

Training Depot

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During the past month the depletion of Personnel of the Det has been so great as to dis-organize the whole Transport work of the Area. Not more than 50% of demands could be met.

Out of Personnel that have joined the Det to replace Drivers marched out, only have been to have any knowledge of Animals or had any Training in A S C work.

If the Animals on charge are to be kept in such condition as to realize their full value on the market it is essential that the Establishment of Trained Transport Personnel be kept up.

The General Health of the Animals is Good

Personnel The Health of the Personnel has been far below the usual standard owing to excessive work & inclement weather.

Discipline, Very good

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W. Burgess Capt

OC ASC Det

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MONTHLY SUMMARY FROM WESTHAM DETACHMENT FOR November 1918.

SUPPLY.

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Supply arrangements have worked smoothly, the quality of all supplies has been good, and complete rations have been drawn daily. The issue of fresh meat continued and it has been noticed that the fresh meat is much preferable to the frozen. The quality of eggs received from Messrs. Hooper, Southsea Ltd. for Monte Video Hospital has not been satisfactory and twice it was found necessary to have some dozens condemned as unfit for consumption. An improvement in the colour and quality of bread has been noticed and appreciated. The total rations issued for the period were 193713.

TRANSPORT.

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The demand for transport has eased considerably and no difficulty has been experienced in dealing with the work.

M. T.

Three heavy lorries have been available for duty including the Mack " which is still on loan from the British authorities. The total mileage covered by Motor vehicles was 2420. miles.

H. T.

All animals were in good condition. Clipping was completed about the 14th. and its advantage has already been noted. Under instructions No. 1445 Brown Gelding H.D. aged, was exchanged for 1624 Black Gelding, aged, H.D. and the new animal has given every satisfaction. The only animal off duty during the month was No. 1406 Black Mare aged, H.D. which has shown signs of lameness due to the development of a knee spavin in the near fore-leg.

One G.S. Waggon has been posted to "C" Sub-Depot, Verne Citadel, in order that goods may be consigned to Easton Station and dealt with by horse transport thus saving unnecessary petrol consumption, in transporting goods from WEYMOUTH by motor lorry.

The total mileage covered by H.T. was 1740 and the total tonnage lifted 502.

GENERAL.

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shortage

The discipline of all ranks has been satisfactory. Some inconvenience has been caused by the ~~shortage of transport drivers~~ + of transport drivers. The health of the detachment has been good and in spite of the prevalence of the Influenza epidemic no member has been affected.

*Hendon Daine*

Lieut.

O.C. A.A.S.C. Detachment. WESTHAM.

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C.O.  
A.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.  
PARKHOUSE.

Herewith please find particulars of work carried out by A.A.S.C. Detachment Parkhouse, during the month of November 1918.

TRANSPORT.

The transport work for the month was normal in quantity, every turnout being in operation daily. The usual Transport of Supplies, Mails, Salvage &c. was done in a good and efficient manner.

The following are the monthly Transport Averages:-

Total Month's Work.				Daily averages per Vehicle.		
No. of Vehicles.	Total Hours.	Total Tonnage.	Total Mileage.	Miles	Hours.	Tons.
26.	2917.	1033.	4618.	6.9	4.3	1.5

SUPPLY.

The Supply Section continues to work satisfactorily. A diary of supplies for the month has been forwarded to you.

The health of the men has been good. The discipline leaves nothing to be desired. The condition of the horses is good and at the last inspection by the Veterinary Officer Southern Command, very satisfactory remarks were passed on the state of everything at the stables, though so far, no written report has been received.

The wagons are in good condition and are running well.

The harness is fairly good but owing to the fact that the personnel of the detachment has changed twice during the month, it has been hard to keep up to standard.

*W. Kelcher* Captain.

O.C. A.A.S.C. Detachment, Parkhouse.

A.A.S.C. Training Depot,  
No 4 Camp, Parkhouse.  
5th. December 1918.

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REPORT and DIARY of RATIONS SUPPLIES for NOVEMBER 1918

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1. Fresh Meat Issued, Oaten Straw lieu Chaff C.T.D. 50 <sup>U/D</sup> to adjust O/D
2. Fresh Meat Issued C.T.D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
3. Fresh Meat Issued C.T.D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
4. Frozen Meat Issued for 4th. & 5th. C.T.D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
5. Oaten Straw lieu Chaff C.T.D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
6. Frozen Meat, Oaten ~~Straw~~ lieu Chaff C.T.D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D  
A. A. S. C. 41 U/D to adjust O/D
7. Sausage Meat Issued C.T.D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
8. Frozen Meat Issued C. T. D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
9. Fresh Meat Issued C. T. D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D  
Two days forage drawn 10th. and 11th.
10. Fresh Meat Issued C. T. D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
11. Fresh Meat Issued C. T. D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D  
750 Reinforcements marched in to No. 2 Camp ration demand sent in to S. S. O.
12. Fresh Meat Issued C. T. D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
13. Fresh Meat Issued C. T. D. 50 U/D to adjust O/D
14. Sausage Meat Issued C. T. D. 29 U/D to adjust O/D
15. C. T. D. made final adjustment  
Fresh Meat Issued
16. Fresh Meat Issued
17. Fresh Meat Issued
18. Fresh Meat Issued A. A. S. C. U/D 36 rations to adjust O/D  
Oaten Straw lieu Chaff
19. Fresh Meat Issued. A.M. G.T.D. U/D 50 rations to adjust O/D
20. Fresh Meat Issued. A.M. G.T.D. U/D 50 rations to adjust O/D
21. Sausage Meat Issued. A.M. G.T.D. U/D 33½ rations final adjustment of O/D
22. Fresh Meat Issued
23. Fresh Meat Issued A.M. G.T.D. U/D 20 to adjust O/D
24. Fresh Meat Issued

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25. Fresh Meat Issued A.A.S.C. U/D 50 to adjust O/D  
C.T.D. U/D 99 to adjust O/D. Reinforcements No. 2 U/D 37  
rations to adjust O/D.
26. Fresh Meat Issued. A. A. S. C. U/D 50 to adjust O/D. Oaten Straw  
lieu Chaff
27. Fresh Meat Issued A.A.S.C. U/D 52 to adjust O/D
28. Sausage Meat Drawn A.M. G.T.D. U/D 30 to adjust O/D
29. Fresh Meat Drawn A.M. G.T.D. U/D 30 rations to adjust O/D for  
week ending 29-11-18
30. Fresh Meat Drawn, Flour in lieu Bread A.M. G.T.D. U/D 30 rations.

~~The~~ Supply Section worked well during the period, ~~otherwise~~  
nothing unusual to report.

*C. B. Treacy Lieut*



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## Transport Returns for Month of November 1918

No of Vehicles	Total Hours	Total Tonnage	Total Mileage	Daily Averages Per Vehicle			Motor Lorry Attached from AMTS Tidworth
				Miles	Hours	Tonnage	
30	2658	1690	5416	6003	2.9	1.9	Mileage for month 920



*C. J. Elliott* Capt  
 Lt. A.A.S.C. Detachment.  
 Forward.

Transport working for the month of

November

During the month the following units were supplied with Transport from this Detachment. 5th & 9th Training Battalions, (2nd Training Bgde), 12th & 14th Training Battalions, (3rd Training Bgde) No 4 Command Depot, A.A.C. Training Depot, and No 2 Area Gas School. The work consists of Transporting Supplies, Forage, & coal from Dump to various Camps. Swill from Camps to Depot. Parcels and Mail from Rail Head to Civilian & Field Post offices. Kits of all drafts marching in and out. Rations & stores in Depot. Agricultural work. Blankets to & from Fumigator. Salvage from units to Rail head. Funerals from Forward Hospital. Owing to the personnel being reduced through the withdrawal of 1914, and low category men, more work has necessarily fallen upon each individual team. Attached are the averages per team for the month of November. There were not any unusual occurrences of note. In the Supply Section. Lt Hale was warned for Overseas & was relieved by Lt. Wiseman. Serjeant Morgan the Supply Serg, was called in on the Demobilisation Scheme.



W. E. Ellis  
OC. A.A.C. Forward

## SUMMARY OF MARCHING IN AND OUT STATES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. 1918.

A. A. S. C. TRAINING DEPOT.

STRENGTH 1st. November, 1918. 7 Officers. 300 O/Rs. 70 Animals.

No. 4 CAMP, PARKHOUSE.

DAY OF MONTH.	MARCHED IN FROM.					MARCHED OUT TO.					STRUCK OFF (28 Days) STRENGTH ( Hosp. )
	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	HOSPITAL	DETACHMENT OR COMMAND.	OTHER UNITS.	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	HOSPITAL	DETACHMENT OR COMMAND.	OTHER UNITS.	
Nov. 1st.			2		15			1	1		
" 2nd.	1			Lieut. R. Bruce	2						
" 3rd.			1					3			
" 4th.	5		2					2	1		3
" 5th.			3		3						
" 6th.	1		1		3			2	1		
" 7th.			1	6	Lieut. H. A. Voysey.	7 Chaplain. P. J. Denevan (Att)		1	6		
" 8th.			2		24				18	1	2
" 9th.					3		4		1		
" 10th.											
" 11th.				20	7			1	1		
" 12th.			1		2						
" 13th.					2					1	1
" 14th.					Lieut. F. Stephenson (Gen. Off)						
" 15th.	1		2	1	11			1			
" 16th.											
" 17th.			1								
" 18th.				10		65		1	1		
" 19th.					1	16			9	1	
" 20th.			1	7	1		2				2
" 21st.					2	6			( Lieut. P. Rhys-Jones ( 1		
" 22nd.			1	7	14			1		1	
" 23rd.					27	25	10		2		
" 24th.								3			
" 25th.	Lieut. J. S. Wiseman.		1	1	(Lieut. P. R. Lydster. (Gen. Officer)	Lieut. F. Stephenson. (Gen. Officer)					
" 26th.				1	7						
" 27th.	1	3	1	3	1		4	1	4	Lieut. J. S. Wiseman.	
" 28th.				8		(Lieut. P. R. Lydster. (Gen. Officer)		2			
" 29th.			1	3	31	54	20	3	3	1	
" 30th.	1			(Lieut. T. N. Hale. ( 1	5	Lieut. T. N. Hale.	1				

STRENGTH 30th. NOVEMBER. 1918. 8 Officers. 267 O/Rs. 70 Animals.

Category Men for Australia.

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13 Other Ranks Marched out from Attached.