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Atb Training Depot.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Parkhouse	1 st		<p>The month of December was a very quiet one. Training having practically ceased in the Depot owing to the Armistice and the lack of material for training. Heavy reinforcements are required to fill up units in France, but these cannot be supplied until reinforcements are received in this Depot. Advertisements have been inserted in orders from Headquarters asking for motor drivers, horse drivers and the various artificers and mechanics. Up to date there has not been a great response. No men were sent to France during the month. Forty reinforcements from various depots were received, mostly motor drivers and leaders.</p> <p>Christmas and new year leave also tended to</p>	
—	31 st			
	Dec			
	1918			

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A.A.S.B. Training Depot

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Parkhouse	31 st Dec 1918		<p>make camp very quiet.</p> <p>The men were provided with an excellent dinner of turkey, plum pudding etc on Christmas day.</p> <p>The health of troops has ^{been} very good, and discipline excellent.</p> <p>Many concerts were provided during the Christmas season, also larche tournaments. Boxing has also been indulged in bouts taking place once a week.</p> <p>The men are very contented. Education schemes are being formulated, and many men are greatly interested in same.</p> <p>Attached are detachment reports & strength returns.</p>	

J. Lawrence Major
A.A.S.B. Training Depot
31.12.18

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DIARY OF RATION SUPPLIES FOR DECEMBER XXX

1918.

- Dec. 1 Ration as usual. C.T.D. Flour in lieu of bread.
 " 2 Drew two days rations for 2nd and 3rd Consumption.
 2 3 Rations satisfactory.
 " 4 No meat drawn. Straw in lieu of Chaff,
 " 5 Sausage meat drawn consumption 5th. Frozen meat consumption 6th.
 straw in lieu of Chaff.
 " 6 Ration as usual. Frozen meat drawn.
 " 7 Ration Satisfactory. Supplementary ration (400+) for A.M.G.T.D. drawn.
 " 8 Ration Satisfactory.
 " 9 Ration satisfactory.
 " 10 Ration Satisfactory.
 " 11 Sausage meat drawn for 12th, frozen meat for 13th.
 " 12 Ration satisfactory. Supplementary (150) for A.M.G.T.D. drawn.
 2 13 Ration satisfactory.
 " 14 Double Ration drawn for 15th and 16th.
 " 15 A.A.S.C. deducted 30 ration to partially adjust O/D of 92 rations
 Aust. Reinf'ts. Adjusted 13 rations O/D.
 " 16 Ration satisfactorily.
 " 17 A.A.S.C. deducted 62 rations finally adjusting O/D period ending 13th.
 " 18 No meat drawn other rations satisfactory.
 " 19 Sausage meat drawn for consumption of 19th. Frozen meat for
 consumption of 20th.
 " 20 Ration satisfactory.
 " 21 C.T.D. drew 340 rations of flour in lieu of bread.
 " 22 AUST M.G.T.D. undrew 16 rations to adjust O/D period ending 20th.
 2 23 A.A.S.C. underdrew 20 rations to adjust overdrawal week ending 20th.
 " 24 C.T.D. underdrew 55 rations to adjust overdrawal week ending 20th.
 2 days drawn for consumption 25th and 26th.
 " 25 Christmas Day- No rations drawn.
 " 26 Rations satisfactory.
 " 27 Rations satisfactory.
 " 28 Double ration drawn.
 " 29 Rations satisfactory.
 " 30 Rations satisfactory,
 2 31 Rations satisfactory.

[Handwritten Signature]

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To C.O.,
A.A.S.C. Training Depot,
Parkhouse.

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The following is a precis of the work carried out by, and particulars concerning, A.A.S.C. Detachment, Parkhouse, for the month ending 31st December 1918.-

TRANSPORT.

The Detachment has turned out every vehicle daily during the month. The usual daily transporting of supplies has been done and as well transport has been supplied daily for work at Bhurtpore and for work to and from the different camps in Parkhouse.

The mail service has been kept up and funerals have been carried out when required. The two ~~days~~ *trucks* have been in constant use during the month.

The following figures show the total work done and also the daily averages per vehicle:-

<u>Total month's work.</u>				<u>Daily averages per vehicle.</u>		
No. Vehicles.	Total Hours.	Total Mileage.	Total Tonnage.	Miles.	Hours.	Tons.
26.	2101.	3775.	977.	5.1	2.8	1.3

SUPPLY.

The work of the supply section has been satisfactory in every way. Early in the month Lieut Wiseman took over duties of Supply Officer from Lieut Treacey. A diary ~~for~~ of supplies for the month has already been forwarded to you.

The health of the men has been excellent. No men went to hospital during the month. The discipline has been all that could be desired. There were no Orderly Room Cases. The horses are in very good condition and are working well. The stables are in good order and the floors are holding very well despite the wet weather we have had of late. The harness is not as good as I would like but this is natural as the men have been having their Christmas Leave, about 25% being away at a time. This will naturally improve as soon as the leave is completed.

All those men who were in Camp during Christmas were *highly* pleased with the arrangements made for their pleasure and comfort during the holidays.

W. E. L. H. Capt.
O.C. A.A.S.C. Detachment,
Parkhouse.

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Transport returns for month of December 1918

No of Vehicles	Total Hours	Total Tonnage	Total Mileage	Daily Averages Per Vehicle			Motor Lorry attached from A.M.T.S. Tidworth.
				Miles	Hours	Tonnage	
30	2307	1089	4952	5.3	2.4	1.1	Mileage for the Month 1850



[Signature] Capt
O.C. A.A.S.C. Detachment.

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Transport Working for the Month of
December 1918.

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The following Units are supplied from this Detachment, with Transport

5th & 9th Training Battalions (2nd Training Bde.) to ¹⁴13.12.18

14th & 12th Training Battalions (3rd Training Brigade).

No 4 Command Depot.

A.A.M.C. Training Depot.

No 2 Group Clearing Hospital.

No 2 Area Gas School. (to ¹⁴13.12.18)

The Daily work consists of transporting:-

Supplies and Forage from Dump to various Units

Coal from Dump to various Camp Coal Yards.

Swill from Camps to Depot.

Mail from Railhead to Camps, Civilian and Field Post Offices.

Parcels from Railhead to various Units.

Kits of all Drafts marching in and out of Camps and Depot.

Rations and Stores in No 4 Command Depot.

Agricultural Work.

Blankets to and from Fumigator.

Barrack Stores.

Salvage from Units to Railhead.

All Funerals from Fovant Military Hospital, and Isolation Hospital, Salisbury.

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Owing to the 2nd Training Brigade moving to Codford, much more work has of necessity fallen on each individual team. Attached please find averages per team for Month of December, 1918.

No 12 Camp,
Hurdcott, January 9th 1919.

C. J. E. Smith
O.C. A.A.S.C. Detachment.

Capt.



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Supply Report for the Month of
December 1918.

Southern Command Orders of December 3rd 1918, re Fresh meat. Frozen Meat is now being issued; two issues of Sausage Meat in lieu of Frozen meat weekly.

Surplus Sausage Meat is now being issued alternately to this Group, ^{Troops} AND English, thereby reducing such an extensive supply of Sausage Meat to Australian Troops.

Units did not avail themselves of cash allowance in lieu of Meat Issue for Xmas.

II.

2nd Brigade marched out to Codford 14th December 1918 and were rationed up to and including breakfast that morning.

The rear party were rationed up to and including 20th December 1918 when they marched out of this area to Eodford.

9th Training Battalion rear party were rationed up to and including the 23rd December 1918, when they also marched out to Codford.

III.

Regular visits have been made to Codford., Units there are satisfied with Supplies and the Supply Section there is working satisfactorily.

IIII.

(HURDCOTT-FOUNT)

This Group has been supplied regularly during the Period, and are satisfied.

No 12 Camp,
Hurdcott, January 9th 1919.

H. J. Hamilton Lieut.
S.O. A.A.S.C. Detachment.



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MONTHLY SUMMARY FROM WESTHAM DETACHMENT FOR DECEMBER 1918.

SUPPLY :- The past period has seen several changes in the British Supply Depot, and owing to sudden changes in the Command difficulty has been experienced in ordinary supply arrangements. Although some ten days notice had been given to the British Supply Depot re Christmas and New Year arrangements the Depot concerned failed to adhere to the programme decided upon. Thus it was found necessary to draw Supplies on Boxing Day when an effort had been made to avoid same. The quality of all supplies received has been satisfactory, with the exception of eggs supplied by Messrs. Hoopers (Southsea.) Ltd. On the 7th. it was necessary to convene a Board of Officers to examine one consignment with the result that 17 doz. and ten eggs were condemned as unfit for consumption and the Board further found that the consignment concerned could not be considered "new laid." and recommended that the Contractors make a reduction of at least one shilling (1/-) per dozen. The colour and quality of the bread has improved. The issue of fresh meat has been replaced with frozen, but the change is not appreciated, the fresh meat being much preferred.

The total rations issued for the period were 182,085.

TRANSPORT:- All demands for transport have been met.

- (i) M.T. Three lorries have been available for the period. The Mack lorry remained on loan from the British authorities. The spare parts for broken down vehicles have not been received. One small vehicle (Dennis) has been replaced by a more suitable lorry (Saurier.) The total mileage of motor lorries was 2573.
- (ii) H.T. All animals were in good condition and available for duty during the period. No loss of condition has been apparent. 1376 miles were covered during the period, and 397 tons conveyed.

GENERAL:- The discipline and health of all concerned has been good. On account of the shortage of transport drivers it was found necessary to obtain the assistance of several attached men from the Command Depot. As far as possible leave was granted under the Christmas and New Year scheme, and it is hoped to extend the privilege to the remaining members of the Detachment early next month.

December 31 1918.

W. Gordon
O.C. A.A.S.C. Detachment. WESTHAM.

Lieut.



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

A.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.

STRENGTH 1st. DECEMBER. 1918. 8 Officers. 293 O/Rs. 70 Animals.

No. 4 CAMP, PARKHOUSE.

MARCHED IN FROM.						MARCHED OUT TO.					
DAY OF MONTH.	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA.	HOSPITAL	DETACHMENT OR COMMAND	OTHER UNITS.	FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	HOSPITAL	DETACHMENT OR COMMAND.	OTHER UNITS	STRUCK OFF STRENGTH 28 days in Hospital
Dec 1st.	3		1	2	1				1		
" 2nd.		57 G.S. Rfts	3	Lt. G. W. Morris	9						2
" 3rd.	2		2	6	1				25		
" 4th.			1	1				2			
" 5th.				8	3			1	3		
" 6th.				5			10	1	1	2	1
" 7th.					12				1		
" 8th.			2	Chap. H Ward (To Atch)							
" 9th.			2	Lt. J. S. Wiseman			29		1	1	2
							Capt. J. R. McGregor				
							Chap. R. A. Harris.				
" 10th.	3		1					1	2		
" 11th.								2			
" 12th.					3			1			
" 13th.			1	1	3			1		2	
" 14th.					1		2				
" 15th.								1			
" 16th.			1					1		1	
" 17th.			2						1		
" 18th.								1		1	
" 19th.				Lt. G. E. Forster.	1				2	1	
" 20th.									Lt. H. A. Voysey	Lt. G. E. Forster	
" 21st.			2						2		
" 22nd.							2				
" 23rd.											1 (Illegal Absnt)
" 24th.							1		2		
" 25th.											
" 26th.						1					1 do.
" 27th.		20 G. S. Rfts			6			1			1
" 28th.		7 do.			1						
" 29th.								2			
" 30th.			1		1						
" 31st.			2	1	1						

STRENGTH 31st. DECEMBER. 1918. 8 Officers. 355 O/Rs. 70 Animals.

Edward H. W. Major
Major,
O.C. A.A.S.C. Training Depot.

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN -- We will take as our lesson for this evening, Chapters from the Book of Veritas.

1. And it came to pass that the young men journeyed into the land of the Pommies, which are the English; and did dwell in Parkhouse, which is a Camp of Armed Men.
2. Divers weapons have they there. The Sam Browne, the tennis racquet, the football except some lowly ones called Guard which carry muskets. And in the Camp abideth Casoy, whose name is Jim, a mighty man who crieth to the multitude "Prado Shun" and readith the book according to the Commander, also sayeth he unto them "Fall out the sick" and many answer for as the sands of Sahara so are the swingers of lead. Also are these to physical jerks and know not that war is.
3. And one, Chadwick which is Orderly Sergeant richly concerneth himself with the work of the Corporals and doth give picquets and men are wrath and would see him overthrown. He dwelleth in a kingly abode, many servants hath he who are likened unto the lillies of the field for they toil not, neither do they spin, except tales.
4. Now it came to pass that on the 14th Day before Filoosh that one, Gordon, a sergeant of the Treasury did scatter manor to the servants of this abode and many rejoiced.
5. And many also did look upon the hops when it was red, and of this did they arrest myself for loitering.
6. And Worsley - the prodigal son did return into the Squinting Duck, which the loud call Sergeant's Mess. But none slow the fatted calf for he was not ahunger but athirst.
7. And one, Devonport who is attiller of the soil did offer for sacrifice three turnips.
8. After many days some rose from the dead and Murray, the Chief of Constables did hail many before the O.C. - and the O.C. was wrath saying unto them: "Paddy Doyle, thou shalt see for many days" and it was so. Many miracles in this time of rejoicing were wrought and one, Monks who is "O" Class did make merry and show diverse dances despite his afflictions.
9. And one, Menzies, the keeper of the hut book did place three score men in one dwelling for he knew not what he did.
10. And Corporal Mike, the keeper of the kitchen went unto the Q.M.S. crying: "With what shall I feed the multitude and he answered them saying: - "beans".
11. And the keeper of the chariots, one, Eldridge did call upon the smokers in the King's stables saying: - "Watch ye like Hell for ye know not the day nor the hour when the O.C. cometh.
12. And the keeper of the manna, one Lyons who did feed the multitude did give to one Dwyer, a good disciple, a coat that fitted him not but was rather like the skin of a goat upon a camel.

13. And it came to pass that W.O. Maskell whom men call "Peter" did say unto his sparring partner, W.O. Bennett;- "Let us go into the Phillistines of the 90th Reinforcements and describe the North and South ends of a horse and show them wherewith to fix the lead collar.
14. And Sergeant Pike did tell them also the great difference between a G.S. Chariot and a Taxi Cab for he abode much in London.
15. And Q.M.S. Pook did cry unto his servants, saying;- "Bring me a horse" and they did bring him one called "Muley". And Muley waxed wrath and did set his rider in the dust of the earth and he came home in great agony.
16. After many days and much tiding he was healed of his hurts but looketh not upon a horse but journeyeth even to Tidworth in a chariot drawn by two asses and a net of cord is set thereover.
17. And he who sitteth in the Squinting Duck, a publican, one, Chisholm gave to the warriors much stale beer and many were the fat heads.
18. And to a Sergeant, a worker in iron, whiskey so that he know not his right hand from his left.
19. And the Sergeant whose name is Stewart did cry unto the keeper of the stable;- "Behold, I am with you always" and the corporal did answer, saying;- "Imshi Yallah" which is hebrew for welcome.
20. And into the Camp came one whose aspect proveth Darwin's theory for he walketh with jerky stops and chattereth like an animal, and one, Gorman, a scribe, beloved by his master, did make many cricket teams, which won not, but none were there who marvelled at this thing.
21. About that time there cometh into the Camp, one, Collum and on his shoulder he had two stars and with him came his followers and a great array of trumpets, and they would play;- "Christians Awake" ere the night had passed away, and the multitude arose and cried, praise be to Collum, for he indeed hath reason, he rouseth us from our slumbers. But there were among them many who had sore heads and they it was who praised him not, for they liketh not to rise.
22. And lo, a great multitude passed into the Camp, which is called A.M.O., and a great man among these was one, Craig, and he was called W.O. and the Children who were A.4. were wrath with him and he chid them and placed on their backs a sack filled with sand and they loved him not for that.
23. And another great man, was one, Kyme, whom men called Staff Sergeant and he, angered with the children of the Camp, No. 2 and lo he set out for another land but the O.O. halted him saying;- Stay and thou shalt bear witness against these children for they have broken up the property of the King".
24. A mighty man whom men called Tiny, the chief constable of this Camp, did cry unto his O.O.:- "Lo, if my rebecca could hear what they have said".
25. And lo, I will enter unto the men of the nursing staff and I will place these Phillistines in the Klink.

26. And it came to pass that one day a great multitude passed from there to the land of the Somme and the greatest of these was one, Stewart, who was a Staff Sergeant. And he cried aloud to the multitude;- "Behold, a warrior am I and look at my great works in this Parkhouse". and the multitude looked but saw nothing. And the Commander cometh unto to the tent of Stewart and sayeth he;- "Friend I Grievest, why leacest thou me" and he answered him saying;- "Stay me not for I go to meet the foe" and the multitude wept upon each other's necks and they partook of much wine, even untill Stewart's nose grew red.

And again he said "This is my last word - Amen".

By L/Cpl. Dwyer.