

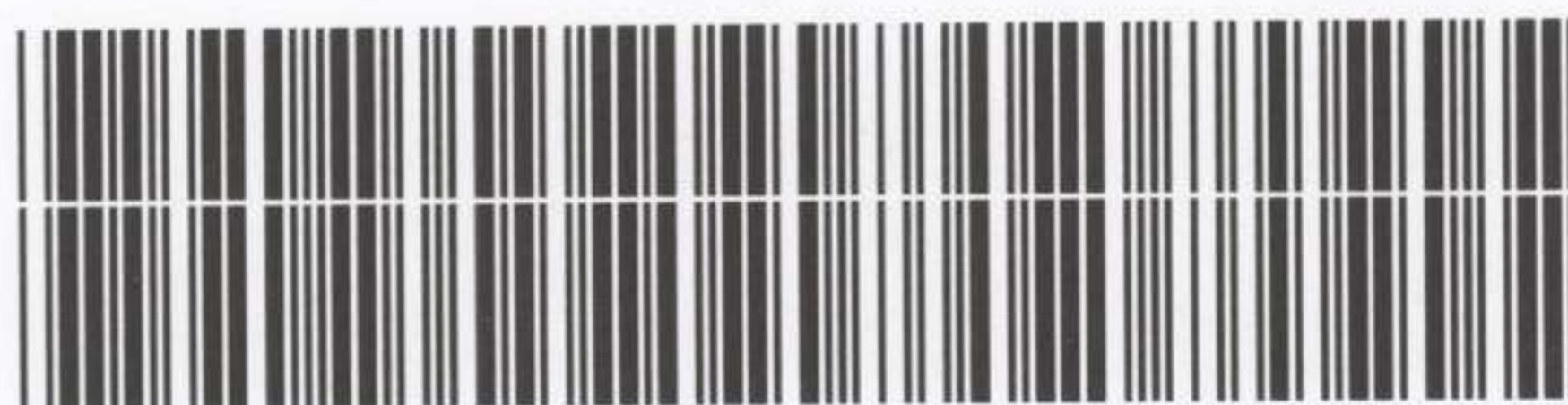
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OF

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN CORPS M.T. COLUMN.

FOR

APRIL 17th/30th. 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

Lt. T. Maplestone
Lieut. & Adjutant
for O.C. Aust. Corps M. T. Column.

Signature of Officer Commanding

J. Hamilton
Major,
Commandg. Aust. Corps M. T. Column.

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or

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*Original
H.Q. Aust Corps M.T. Column
April 17/30 1918*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
62D.A 2 b 05	APRIL 1918.			
	17th.		General Routine. Major J. HAMILTON appointed to Command of Australian Corps M.T. Column, vice Lieut. Col. MOON. C.M.G. (A.I.F. List No. 322 dated 23/4/18.) arrived from 1st. Heavy Repair Shop PARIS, and took over Command from Lt. Col. A. MOON, C.M.G.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	18th.		General Routine. Visited No. 3 Aust. M.T. Coy. also 13th. Aust Field Ambulance, in connection with certain postings of N.C.O's. <u>No. 8 Div. M.T. Coy.</u> ceased to be attached to Aust. Corps as from midnight 17th./18th. Weather. Very cold.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	19th.		General Routine. Hostile aircraft flew over the town and several bombs were dropped in the vicinity about 11-30 p.m.--No casualties. Weather. Cold. Fall of snow.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	20th.		General Routine. Conversation with D.M.T.S. re organization and duties of Corps M.T. Col.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	21st.		General Routine. 5th. Aust. Div. and <u>298th. A.B.R.F.A. Park Section</u> joined Aust. Corps and were located as follows as far as M.T. is concerned..... No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy. Headquarters at ARGOEUVES. Lorry Park..... ST. SAUVEUR. 298th. A.B.R.F.A. P.S. ST. SAUVEUR. O.C. 3rd. Aust. M.T. Coy. called re promotions of Junior N.C.O's. Visited No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy. and went with O.C. to BELLOY, &c. to select a site. Visited No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy. and Corps Troops M.T. Coy. Visited Q Office re a site for No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	22nd.		General Routine. Visited No. 4 Aust. M.T. Coy. to investigate large proportion of lorries in Workshops. Visited No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy. re location of Unit and supply of spare parts etc. Visited Corps Troops M.T. Coy. re Supply Work and rationing of Army Brigades. French Troops have passed through this town en route for the North. Large numbers have camped here overnight.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	23rd.		General Routine. Detailed Lieut. HARTLEY of No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy. to assist No. 4 Aust. M.T. Coy. with solving problem of big-ends running on Thornycroft lorries, after consultation with O's. C. of both Units. Wrote to D.M.T.S. A.I.F. re postings of Officers-- See Appendix. 3. Inspected PIERREGOT and MOLLIEENS-AU-BOIS with a view to placing M.T. Coys there --both Villages might take 1 Coy. Lieut. PHILLIPS 298 Park Section called. Arranged that his Ammunition lorries report to No. 5 and the supply lorries to Corps Troops M.T. Coys. Lieut. FERGUSON 16th. R.H.A.	No. 3 <i>[Signature]</i>

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62D.A 2 b 05.	23rd.		CONTINUED. -reported 9-0 p.m.----Ammunition lorries to No.2 and supply lorries to Corps Troops M.T.Coys.	
	24th.		General Routine. O.C. 77th A.B.R.F.A.Pk. Section reported also O.C. 232 Pk. Section and inquired as to parking of vehicles. Visited No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy. and Corps Troops M.T.Coy. re increasing the working hours in workshops and keeping vehicles under repair to a minimum. Discussed ration lorries of Park Sections with O.C. Corps Troops M.T.Coy. 77th. and 232 Park Section lorries located at MOLLIENS-Au-BOIS.-- Supply lorries with No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy. Sergt. J% IRWIN, attached 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance attached No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy killed by enemy shell-fire.	
	25th.		General Routine. F.G.C.M. convened for the trial of A/L/Cpl. DUPTY. N.C. No.1 A.A.S.P. Charge negligence in connection with handling of mail matter. Time of court 10 a.m. 23.4.18. Letter received from D.M.T.S. A.I.F. B/42 re posting of Officers. (see appendix 3.) Milage return for the month of March for Aust. Corps M.T. shows; -Mileage loaded, 107,967 miles unloaded 95467 miles.	No.3. No.1
	26th.		General Routine. Lieut. C.W.J. ISLES reported from No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy. and is posted to this Unit as Demands Officer vice Lieut. M.J.G. TONKIN to No.5 Aust. M.T.Coy. Lieut. Balfour-CLARKE 6.6. 43th. A.B.R.F.A. Park Section reported. Visited Ammunition Dumps with Captain. CLEVELAND. M.C. (Amm. Officer) and Lt. HEBBLETHWAITE. Instructions issued to Park Sections re Amm. and Supply lorries. (see appendix 4)	3. 4.
	27th.		General Routine. Lieut. L.T. MAPLESTONE. M.C. reported and is taken on strenght as Adjutant H.Q. Aust. Corps M.T. Col. vice Lieut. J.M. LEYDEN transferred to No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy. Artillery Sections of No.20 Div. M.T.Coy. 14th. 36th. and 179th A.B.R.F.A. Park Sections joined Australian and are posted to various M.T.Coys as per instructions. (Appendix 5.) Instructions issued to 43th, 77th, and 232nd Park Sections (Appendix 6) Weather showery.	3. 5. 6.
	28th.		General Routine. Capt. NAYLOR 111 Corps M.T.Coy. called.--Went with him to SALOUELE and PONT-de METZ to see Park Sections etc. coming in today. Went with Lieut. F.W.G. ANDERSON to MOLLIENS au BOIS to arrange about establishing No.1 Park Section Group there. S.M.T.C. 111 Corps. advised following Units transferred to this Corps today.-- 232, 14, 23, 36, and 179 Park Sections and 20th. D.A. M.T. Section. Arranged formation of No.1 Park Section Group at MOLLIENS au BOIS. Lieut. F.W.G. ANDERSON to command. (appendix 7.) and No.2 Park Section Group at PONT de METZ. Captain. H.F. FRAZER. 20th. D.A. Section to Command (appendix 3)	7. 8.

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62D.A 2 b05	28th.		<p>CONTINUED. A/L/Cpl. DUFFY, N.C. No. 1A.A.S.P. tried by F.G.C.M. and acquitted as not sufficient evidence could be produced. Lieut. I.T. MAPLESTONE, M.C. prosecuted. No. 6863 Corpl. E.H. NUNN, No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy. awarded the Military Medal (D.A.A.G. A/97/256) Movement instructions issued to <u>23rd Park Section</u>. (Appendix 9) <u>96th. Pk. Section</u> reported. Weather. Fine in morning and showery during afternoon.</p>	9. <i>[Signature]</i>
	29th.		<p>General Routine. O.C. Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy. called. O.C. 6th. A.B.A.F.A.P.S. called. 5th. A.B.R.H.A. Park Section reported and was posted to No. 1 Group. 20 lorries of 18th. Div. M.T. Coy. in charge of 2 Lieut GUNNER and were posted to No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy. Under instructions from S.M.T.O. all traffic arrows at present on lorries are to be withdrawn and forwarded to A.P.M. Aust. Corps. Instructions issued to Park Sections. (Appendix 10) Weather. Dull & misty. Light showers.</p>	10. <i>[Signature]</i>
	30th.		<p>General Routine. 47th. Div. M.T. Coy. less 1 section marched in and were located at ST. OVEN. 2 Ammunition Sections of the 13th. D.A. M.T. Sections marched in and was to 47th. Div. M.T. Coy. 4 busses of 4th. Army Buss Section moved from No. 4 Aust. M.T. Coy to 3rd. M.A.C. 48th, and 65th. Park Sections marched out from Australian Corps. Visited No. 1 and 2 Park Section Groups- No. 2 & 5 Aust. M.T. Coys. and 18th. D.A.M.T. Section. O.C. 47th. Div. M.T. Coy called. Staff Capt. 20th. D.A. called re moving with full echelons.</p>	11. <i>[Signature]</i>

[Signature] Major.
Commanding. Aust. Corps M.T. Column.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS MECHANICAL TRANSPORT COLUMN-H.Q.

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- 13. Summary of Events for Month.

J. Hamilton Major.
 Commanding Aust. Corps M.T. Col.

Appendix
APPENDIX. |

Mechanical Transport.

Mileage Return.

for March 1918.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Miles run full.</u>	<u>Miles run empty.</u>
Aust.C.T. M.T. Coy.	2610	2404
No.2 Aust M.T.Coy.	18982	21206
" 3 do	53100	36593
" 4 do	8312	11143
" 5 do	18781	16736
3rd A.B. A.F.A. P.S.	2360	2159
6th do	802	1000
108th A.B. F.A.P.S.	300	446
150th do	2730	3780
	107977	95467.

65th & 189th Park Sections report "no record".

26.4.18.

J. Hamilton
Major,
Comdg. Aust Corps, M.T. Column.

Expenditure of Ammunition - April 1918.

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Apl.	Q	QX	O	OX	A	AX	AS	AT	BX	BS	BSK	BCBR	BPS	BNC
1	55	162	-	-	1646	1413	17	1	789	20	-	-	32	40.
2	298	741	27	257	2470	2584	-	-	1532	3	-	180	7	-
3														
4														
5														
6														
7														
8	-	-	-	-	2752	2581	-	-	1276	-	-	-	-	148
9					3594	3028 3804			2181828					187
10					3107	2835			1301		24	84		548
11					3505	2880			689		75	105		373
12					3076	2487			1322		25	2542	42	90
13					3773	2333			1967					
14					5533	3293			2113					116
15					3907	2355			1714					
16					7305	5503			2845					178
17					6494	2561			2081			58		478
18					4903	1286			1330					305
19					3971	1519	30		2214					244
20					3580	1567	20		1259		9	84		3177
21					23275	9992	40		7876		147	68		931
22					4731	1122	1		1700			125		687
23					10383	3192	20		4357					218
24					15939	8152			6264					788
25					7615	3672	3		2789					383
26					10451	3884	3		3765					544
27					4386	1932	6		1613			50		848
28					12303	4980			3189					200
29					12954	4028	50		3632	5	42	84		220
30					9282	3159	4		3313			75		495
	353	903	27	257	171935	83114	199	1	63263	23	322	955	39	8338

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Expenditure of Ammunition - April 1918.

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April	D	DX	DCBR	DSK	DVN	P	PSK	PNC	K	KX	*S	M	G	T	W	DNC	H	N	NX	W		
1	102	312		32	48	1384				27	29	233	12	27								
2	16	154				1936				22	228	146	143		30							
3																						
4																						
5																						
6																						
7																						
8	582	583			106	2443		176	21	28												
9	380	767			105	2439	175	95	75	11												
10	567	821			20	2206	42	9	71	24						22						
11	360	425				2300	196	143	98	63	28											
12	254	725				1982	149	442	122	123	10					150						
13	896	982		60	28	2612	350	225	112	149	19						11					
14	734	912				3175			252	172	24											
15																						
16	587	656				2971			97	138	81											
17	617	1210			70	4329	206	394	226	185	91					230						
18	503	498		18	82	2327	215	320	155	133	57					115						
19	568	632				2047			49	51	143											
20	774	842				2673		68	113	160	65											
21	1521	1484		60	208	4459	604	827	97	232	309					357						
22	819	1052				2194	131	118	58	53	116											
23	1007	1501	111	202	466	3957	386	194	101	64						135						
24	2500	2750			104	7950	263	350	138	106	73					17	230					
25	3201	3381		120	110	8975	152	175	61	79	75					41	411	655				
26	811	1213		36	109	3680	173	309	139	112	111						139	331	431			
27	1413	2240		6	24	4444	149	301	120	144	26					12	195	300	138			
28	860	1396				3805	2	61	113	193	167						73	227	142			
29	871	946				4192			171	313	247						182	13	25	8		
30	1198	1186	39	48	274	4354	335	430	112	257	286					24		12	7	16		
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APPENDIX 3
Appendix 3D.M.T.S.
A.I.F.

I would be glad if Lieut. L.T. MAPLESTONE, M.C. now with 1st. Aust. S.B.A.C., could be appointed Adjutant, Headquarters Aust. Corps M.T. Column, and the following changes in the postings of Officers, effected:-

Lieut. M.J.G. Tonkin from Demands Officer, Aust. Corps M.T. Column to No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy.
 Lieut. C.W.J. Isles, from No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy to be Demands Officer Aust. Corps M.T. Column vice Lieut. M.J.G. Tonkin.
 Lieut. H. Hartley, No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy. to be Workshop Officer No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy.
 Lieut. J.M. Leyden, from Adjutant, Aust. Corps M.T. Col. to No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy.

Lieut. F.S. Sephton would then be available for posting in place of Lieut. Maplestone, or elsewhere.

23/4/18.

(Signed) J. HAMILTON. Major.
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

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APPENDIX 3

D.M.T.S., A.I.F.
B/42
25 Apr 1918.

Officer Commanding,
Aust Corps M.T. Column.

Lieut F.S. Sephton, No. 2 Aust M.T. Coy., is reposted to No. 1 Aust S.B.A.C., vice Lieut L.T. Maplestone M.C. who has been posted Adjutant, Aust Corps M.T. Column.

Please arrange for Lieut F.S. Sephton to report to his new unit as early as possible and advise this office date of his leaving.

You will also arrange the following re-postings within Aust Corps M.T.:-

Lieut J.M. Leyden from Adjutant, Aust Corps M.T. Column, to No. 2 Aust M.T. Coy vice Lieut H. Hartley to be Workshops Officer, No. 2 Aust M.T. Coy

Lieut H. Hartley No. 2 Aust M.T. Coy to be Workshops Officer No. 2 Aust M.T. Coy vice Lieut F.S. Sephton.

Lieut C.W.J. Isles, No. 5 Aust M.T. Coy., to be Demands Officer, Aust Corps M.T. Column, vice Lieut M.J.G. Tonkin.

Lieut M.J.G. Tonkin, Demands Officer, Aust Corps M.T. Column to No 5 Aust M.T. Coy vice Lieut C.W.J. Isles.

Please advise this office when all postings are completed.

25th April 1918.

(sgd) W.H. Tunbridge, Col.
D.M.T.S., A.I.F.

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Officer Commanding
Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy.
No. 4 Aust. M.T. Coy.
No. 150 A.B.R.F.A.P.S.
S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.

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Aust. Corps
M.T. Column
H/5
26-4-18

1. The H.Q. and six lorries of No 150 Park Section will rejoin the 4 lorries of the Section at No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy. where the H.Q. of the Section will be established.
2. Six lorries of the Section, and the Supply details, under the M.T.Sergeant of the Section will remain with the Corps Troops M.T.Coy for Supply duties for the 150th A.B.R.F.A.

26-4-18

Sgd J. Hamilton Major
Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

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Officer Commanding
 No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 16th A.B.R.H.A.Park Section
 65th A.B.R.F.A.Park Section
 Aust.C.T.M.T.Coy.
 S.M.T.O., Aust.Corps.

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APPENDIX. 4
 Aust. Corps
 M.T. Column
 H/4
 26-4-18

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1. The following changes in locations of Park Sections will take effect as ~~from~~ on Noon 27-4-18.
 - 2 Six lorries of Nos 16 and 65 Park Sections, with an M.T.Sergeant will be attached to Aust.C.T.M.T.Coy. for Supply duties with their respective Brigades.
 3. The 10 Ammunition Lorries and the H.Q. of the Sections will be located:-
 - No.16 Park Section with No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 - No.65 Park Section with No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy.

26-4-18

Sgd J Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T.Column.

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H.Q.
Aust. Corps
M.T. Column
H/6
26-4-18

O.C.

No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 No.4 Aust.M.T.coy.
 16th A.B.R.H.A.Park Section
 108th A.B.R.F.A.Park Section
 189th A.B.R.F.A.Park Section
 Aust.Corps Troops M.T.Coy.
 S.M.T.O. Aust.Corps.

1. The H.Q. and 10 Ammunition lorries of No.16 A.B.R.H.A.Park Section will be attached to No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy.. not No.4 as ordered in my H/4 of 26-4-18
2. The H.Q. and six lorries of No.108 Park Section will rejoin the 4 lorries of the Section at No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy. where the H.Q. of the Section will be established.
3. Six lorries of the Section and the Supply details under the M.T.Sergeant of the Section will remain with the Corps Troops M.T. for Supply duties with the 108th A.B.R.F.A.
4. Six lorries of the 189th A.B.R.F.A.Park Section with the Supply details and in charge of the M.T.Sergeant will proceed to Aust.Troops M.T.Coy. for Supply duties with the 189th A.B.R.F.A.
place
5. Above moves to take after details for 27-4-18 have been completed.

26-4-18

Sgd J.Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T.Column.

S.M.T.O. Australian Corps
O.C. No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.
O.i/c 86th A.F.A.B.P.S.

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Appendix 5.

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H.Q.
Aust. Corps
M.T. Column
H/9
27-4-18

86th A.F.A.B.P.S. will be attached in toto to No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy
for maintenance and duty.

Location No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.:- ARGEOUVES.

27-4-18

Sgd J.Hamilton Major
Commanding Australian Corps M.T.Column.

O.C..

No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.
S.M.T.O. Aust.Corps.

O.i/c

14th A.F.A.B.P.S.

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Aust.Corps
M.T.Column
H/8
27-4-18

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14th A.F.A.B.P.S. will be attached in* toto to No.5 Aust
M.T.Coy for maintenance and duty.
Headquarters of No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy. ARGŒUVES.

27-4-18

Sgd J.Hamilton Major
Commanding Australian Corps M.T,Column.

O.C.
 No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 O.i/c
 77th A.F.A.B.P.S.
 S.M.T.O. Aust.Corps.

S E C R E T

Appendix 6.

H.Q.
 Aust.Corps
 M.T.Column
 H/10
 27-4-18

77th A.F.A.B.P.S. will be attached to No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy. for repairs, maintenance and discipline.

6 lorries under a M.T.Sergeant will be parked with No.4 Aust. M.T.Coy and will be used for supplies of 77th A.F.A.Bde.

10 lorries and Headquarters Park Section will be established in MOLLIENS AU BOIS.

27-4-18

Sgd J^g Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T.Column

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S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.
O.C. No.4 A.D.M.T. Coy.
O.1/c
18th A.F.A.B.P.S.

Appendix 6 b

H.Q.
Aust. Corps
M.T. Column
H/11
27-4-18

48th A.F.B.P.S. will be attached to No.4 Aust. Div. M.T. Coy.
for repairs maintenance and discipline.
6 lorries under a M.T. Sergeant will be parked with No.4 Aust.
Div. M.T. Coy. and will be used for supplies of 48th A.F.A.B.
10 lorries and headquarters of Park Section will be established
in MOLLIENS Au BOIS.

27-4-18

Sgd J. Hamilton Major.
Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

O.C.
 No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 O.i/c
 282nd A.B.R.F.A.Park Section

Appendix 6

H.Q.
 Aust. Corps
 M.T. Column
 H/7
 27-4-18

282nd A.F.A.B.P.S. will be attached to No.4 Aust.M.T. Coy. for repairs, maintenance and discipline.

6 lorries under a M.T.Sergeant, will be parked with 4th Aust.M.T.Coy. and will be used for supplies of 282nd A.B.R.F.A.

10 lorries and headquarters Park Section will be established in MOLLIENS AU BOIS.

This cancels my previous instructions, re 282nd A.F.A.B.P.S.

27-4-18

Sgd J.Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column

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- O.C.
- 6th A.B. Aust. F.A. Park Section
- No. 232 A.B.R.F.A. Park Section
- No. 108 do
- No. 139 do
- No. 5 A.B.R.H.A. Park Section ✓
- No. 3 Aust. M.T. Coy.
- No. 4 Aust. M.T. Coy.
- S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps
- Aust. Corps T.M.T. Coy.
- Artillery Officer
- "Q" Australian Corps

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 Appendix 7

H.Q. 18
 AUST. CORPS
 M.T. COLUMN
 No. M/16
 Date 28 AVR 1918

1. After completion of details of 29-4-18 the following Park Sections less any lorries detached with the Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy. will proceed to and remain at MOLLIES SW Bois. No. 6a. No. 5 R.H.A. No. 108. No. 139. 232.
2. They will form No. 1 Park Section Group.
3. Lieut. F.W.G. ANDERSON 6th Aust. Park Section will be in Command.
4. Supply arrangements will not be altered, the respective Section Officers being responsible that the Supply lorries are despatched to the proper Railhead in time, and for maintaining touch with their Brigades.
5. A workshop will be available at MOLLIES SW BOIS for this Group
6. A consolidated Availability Return with details on the reverse will be rendered to the S.M.T.O. and this Office; other returns as usual; through the O.C. Group.
7. A consolidated detail will usually be sent and the work will be allotted by the O.C. Group except for any R.H.A. Park Section in the group, for which special details will be sent.
8. The O.C. Group will be responsible that all Routine Orders etc. are promulgated and for the observance of these and Standing Orders such as Fire Orders, Speed of Vehicles. Headlights, entries in Logbook etc by the whole Group.

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J. Hamilton
 Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column

9. Rations for the Group will be indented for on Corps Troops M.T. Coy. by the O.C. Group; one lorry being detained for Rations and water etc.

Appendix 8

H.Q
Aust. Corps
M.T. Column
H/18
28-4-18

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O.C.
20th D.A.M.T. Section
23rd A.B.R.F.A. Park Section
96th do
169th do
N.C.O.i/c
179th do
S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps
Artillery Officer Aust. M.T. Column
"Q" Aust. Corps

Confirming my E/1 of 28-4-18

1. The following Park Sections will, park in the neighborhood of SALOUEL, forming No. 2 Park Section Group :-
Nos. 23rd, 96, 169, 179 Park Section.
2. The Group will have headquarters at the Rag and Bone Factory between Pont de Metz and Salouel - Map reference 62E.R.19.d.9.9.
3. Captain H.F. Fraser, O.C. 20th D.A.M.T. Section will command the Group, handing over to the senior Park Section Officer on his departure.
4. Supply arrangements will not be altered, the respective Section Officers being responsible that the Supply Lorries are despatched to the proper Railhead in time, and for maintaining touch with their Brigades.
5. A workshop will be available for this Group, and will be at the Group Headquarters.
6. A consolidated availability return with details on the reverse will be rendered to the S.M.T.O. and this Office; other returns as usual, through the O.C. Group.
7. A consolidated detail will usually be sent and the work will be allotted by the O.C. Group, except for any R.H.A. Park Sections in the Group, for which special details will be sent.
8. The O.C. Group will be responsible that all Routine Orders etc are promulgated, and for the observance of these and Standing Orders, such as Fire Orders, Speed of Vehicles, Headlights, entries in Log Books etc. by the whole Group.
9. Rations will be drawn by Sections from their own Brigades.

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Sgd J Hamilton Major
Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

O.C.
 No. 23rd Park Section
 No. 5 Aust. M.T. Company
 No. 2 Park Section *Group*

Appendix 9.

H.Q.
 Aust. Corps
 M.T. Column
 H/17
 28-4-18

- 1 Please quote this Office authority for your attachment to No. 5 Aust. M.T. Coy.
2. You will proceed to ~~82E~~.R.19.d.9.9. and report, to O.C. No. 2 Park Section Group.
3. Any lorries detailed for 29-4-18 will report after completion of detail.

28-4-18

Sgd J Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

O.C.
 No.48 Park Section
 No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.
 Corps Troops M.T.Coy.
 S.M.T.O. Aust.Corps.

SECRET

Appendix 10

H.Q.
 Aust.Corps.
 M.T.Column
 H/20
 29-4-18

1. No.48 Park Section will move after completion of details for 29-4-18 to St QUEN.
2. The Section will be attached to No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy. for maintenance etc.
3. Rations for the Brigade will be drawn from the Corps Troops M.T. Pack, the O.C. Section arranging the reporting of the Supply lorries to Railhead with O.C. Corps Troops M.T.Coy.

29-4-18

Sgd J.Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T.Column.

O.C.

No. 77 Park Section
No. 4 Aust. M.T. Coy.
S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.

Appendix 10

H.Q.
Aust. Corps
M.T. Column
H/19
29-4-18

1. After completion of details to-day, 29-4-18. the H.Q. and all lorries of No. 77 Park Section will be attached to and remain with No. 4 Aust. M.T. Company.

2. Acknowledge.

29-4-18

Sgd J Hamilton Major,
Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

H.Q. 20th Div. Artillery SECRET
 O.C. 20th D.A.M.T. Section
 S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.

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H.Q.
 Aust. Corps
 M.T. Column
 H/21
 29-4-18

Reference Australian Corps Order No. 89

1. 20th D.A.M.T. Sections are placed at the disposal of C.R.A., 20th Div. as from midnight 29/30th April, and will move under his instructions,
2. Indent No. 158 for ammunition to fill echelons as required by G.H.Q. No. B. 1299 of 17-4-18 herewith.
3. Supplies will be drawn from 8th Div Pack at AILLY sur SOMME till 1st May inclusive. Railhead will open at AUXI le CHATEAU on 2nd May.
4. Marching Out States including W.D. Nos of vehicles, Ammunition etc. to be sent to this Office.
5. Acknowledge.

29-4-18

Sgd J. Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

Capt. Rye. O.C. 18th D.A.M.T. Section
 Lieut N. McK. Cockshutt. 179th Park Sect.
 O.C. 23rd Park Section
 96 Park Section
 169 Park Section
 S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.

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Appendix 10

H.Q.
 Aust. Corps
 M.T. Column
 H/24
 29-4-18

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1. Capt. Rye - O.C. 18th D.A.M.T. Section will take over command of No. 2 Park Section Group from Lieut N. McK. Cockshutt, 179th Park Sect. at 9.0.a.m., 30-4-18.
 2. The Office will remain at the Rag and Bone Factory, 62D.R.19. d.9.9.
 3. All instructions regarding the working of the Group will be handed over to Capt. Rye.
 4. Space must be left ~~inside~~ the yard of the Office for a workshop to be established.

29-4-18

Sgd J Hamilton Major,
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

C.R.A. 18th Division
 O.C., D.A. Section 18th D.M.T. Coy.
 47 Div M.T. Coy.
 S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.
 "Q" Aust. Corps.

SECRET

Appendix 11

H.Q.
 Aust. Corps
 M.T. Column
 H/27
 30-4-18

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1. 10 lorries of the 18th D.A.M.T. Section, will be attached to No. 47 Div M.T. Coy, and will draw supplies for the 18th Div. Arty. under instructions of the H.Q.
 2. Running repairs for these lorries, ~~the workshop~~, will be effected by No. 47 M.T. Coy.
 3. The remaining 21 lorries, the workshop. Store and First Aid lorries will form a Section attached to No. 2 Park Section Group at 62E.R.19. d.9.9.
 4. Returns other than availability and ammunition will be sent direct to 18th Div. M.T. Coy.

30-4-18

Sgd J. Hamilton Major
 Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

Appendix 12.

Summary of Battle Casualties for period 17th-30th April 1918

No.12454 Sergt.URWIN.C.W. Attached(10th Aust.Field Ambulance)
No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy.

Killed by Enemy Shell Fire on 24-4-18

J.H. Hamilton
Major,
Commanding Australian Corps M.T.Column.

Australian Corps M.T. Column

APPENDIX 13

War Diary April 1918

Appendix 13

Summary of Events for period 17th-30th April 1918

The outstanding feature of the period is the large number (18) of Army Artillery Brigades in the Corps.

The corresponding Park Sections, which came under this Command, could not conveniently be worked as attachments to Divisional M.T. Companies; and were formed into Park Section Groups, workshops being obtained on loan, for their maintenance, from D.D.S. & T. Fourth Army.

The system works very well and is still in operation.

Changes were made in the Officers of this H.Q. with a view to greater efficiency.

Large quantities of old correspondence and records were sorted through and the essential matter forwarded to the War Records Office.

The Ammunition Expenditure shows a steady increase through the month, up to the 21st, 24th and 25th when the VILLERS-BRETONNEUX operations took place; after which conditions remained normal.

On the 28th the case of L/Cpl. DUFFY, which had been outstanding since November 1916, was disposed of - the essential records being retained by "A" of Corps.

On 28-4-18 No. 6863 Corp. E. H. NUNN No. 2 A.M.T. Coy. was awarded the Military Medal.

On the whole this period was a strenuous one, the changes of front and the large number of M.T. Units moving into the Corps; and the necessity of locating them in a most inconvenient Area; kept all concerned very busy.

J. Hamilton
Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

Major,

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Headquarters Aust. Corps M.T. Column.

In the field, 16/4/18.
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3/4/18. Moved my Headquarters to BEAUMETZ, Aust. Corps ~~M.S.S.~~ Troops M.T. Coy moved to BERNAVILLE, with Railhead at Vignacourt.

4/4/18. Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy moved to Vignacourt.

5/4/18. Owing to the nature of the operations rendering it imperative to carry as little office gear as possible, Demands Officer's receipts were destroyed, also certain office correspondence of no value, either historic or otherwise.

6/4/18. Moved my Headquarters to FLESSELLES, and took over the Corps Mechanical Transport from V11 Corps.

7/4/18. Arrangements have been made, with D.D.S.T., of the Army, that defective and destroyed motor vehicles be replaced with a minimum of delay.

8/4/18. The following are the Units, locations and railheads of the M.T. Units, Australian Corps:-

Unit	Located	Railhead.
No 1 Aust. D.M.T. Coy.	Rainneville	Longpre.
No 2 A.D.M.T. Coy.	St Ouen.	"
No 3 A.D.M.T. Coy.	Allonville.	Candas.
No 4 A.D.M.T. Coy.	Poulainville	Vignacourt.
No 21 D.M.T. Coy.	Longpre.	"
No 35 D.M.T. Coy.	Canaples.	Vignacourt.
Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy.	Vignacourt.	"

12/4/18. On account of certain areas having to be vacated by British troops, I today moved my Headquarters to VILLERS BOCAGE
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17/4/18.
~~18/4/18.~~ Having received advice of my appointment to the position of A.D.S. & T., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., I left at 5 p.m. for the purpose of proceeding to BOULOGNE, en route for U.K. The attached shews the material handed over by me to Col. W.H. Tunbridge, C.B., C.M.G., V.D., S.M.T.O., Australia Corps.
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Alfred Moon
Lt. Colonel
Commdg. Aust. Corps M.T. Column.

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Inventory of Headquarters Aust. Corps M.T. Col.

17/4/48.

OFFICE.

Tables folding, 3. Correspondence trays, 6. Correspondence baskets, 81. Typewriter, Remington, and case, 1. Instructions for Officers Commdg. M.T. Units, 1. File of Miscellaneous Army Forms, 1. Correspondence files, 1-364. Files of weekly returns from H.Q., Aust. Corps M.T. Col, Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy, No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Aust. Div. M.T. Coys, 3rd, 6th, and 12th Park Sections. File of returns from Attached Units. File of monthly returns, all Units. File of Corps Routine Orders. File of G.R.O's. File of A.F's B.122. 2 files A.I.F. Orders, complete to date. 1 Vehicle register. 1 Company register. 4 large tin boxes, 1 small tin box. 2 large cabinets, 4 small cabinets. 4 Rules. 3 telephone instruments and switch board 1 Ellams Duplicator. 2 indices to correspondence files. 2 chairs.

Transport. 1 Vauxhall car. 1 Ford box car. 1 Douglas combn. 1 Douglas lolo
1 7th Reg Aust M.C.

Cookhouse. Stoves, 2. Boilers 2. Dixies, 8. Tables 1. Brooms, 1. Shovels, 1. Tea urn, 1. Axe, 1. Mincer, 1. Knives, 4. Saw, 1. Steel, 1. Chopper, 1. Ladles, 2. Washing dishes, 2. Saucepans, 2. water tank, 1.

Officers' Mess. Stewing pots, 3. Kettle 1. Frying pan, 1. Dixie, 1. Tin dishes, 2. Egg slide, 1. Toasting fork, 1. Ladle, 1. Soup plates 8. Meat plates, 8. Dessert plates, 8. Bread and butter plates, 8. Coffee cups and saucers, 6. Breakfast cups and saucers, 5. Tea cups and saucers, 3. Vegetable dishes, 2. Jam dishes, 1. Gravy dishes, 1. Jugs, 3. Glasses, 6. Liqueur glasses, 4. Wine glasses, 8. Fruit bowls, 1. Salad bowls, 1. Table cloths, 2. Serviettes 8. Butter dishes, 2. Sugar basins 1. Salt cellars, 2. Lamp, 1. Table knives, 6. Small knives, 6. Forks, 10. Dessert spoons, 6. Soup spoons 6. Chairs 3. Broom soft 1.

On C.O's table.

Books leave warrants, 2. Treatise on Ammunition, 1. King's Regulations, 2. Pay Warrant, 1. Regulations for Allowances of the Army, 1. Regulations for use of Prov. Marshall's Branch, 1. Instructions for Officers Commanding A.S.C. Units, 1. Staff and Regimental lists of Officers, 1. War Diary, Manual 2. A.B. 155 3, A.B. 2121, 1. Circulars, various, 14. Fourth Army "A" Notes, 1. Fourth Army Standing Orders, 1. ~~A.S.C. Training, 3 copies.~~ Field Service Regulations, Part 11, 1. Field Service Regulations, Part 1, 1. ~~A.S.C. Training, 1.~~ *A.S.C. Training 1 copy*

Handed over by:-

A. J. Johnson Lt Col

Received by:-

W. J. ... Col.

S.M.T.O. ...

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M A P S.BOX. 3.

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	(36B NE 36.C.NW. ((La Bassée
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3	39	" "
1	57C	" "
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1	62C	" "
24	62D	" "
1	62E	" Eastern Half.
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1	5	" "
1	7	Liege.
1	9	Marche
1	10	Paris.
1	10	Arlon Belgium
1	11	Metz
1	12	Strasbourg
1	17	Chaumont Dyon
1	18	Lure & Bale.

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6.	3.	Antwerp.
2.	3.	North West Europe.
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13.	5.	Tournai.
9.	5a.	Belgium.
8.	6.	Brussels.
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1.	27a.	N.E. "
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*Handed over by Capt. Fred. Brown 17/4/18
Received. W. H. Tombridge Col.*