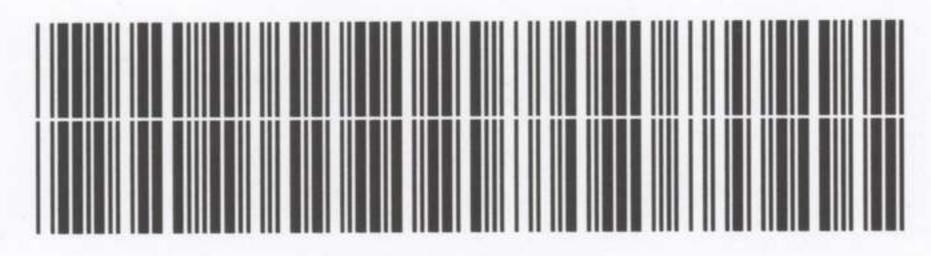
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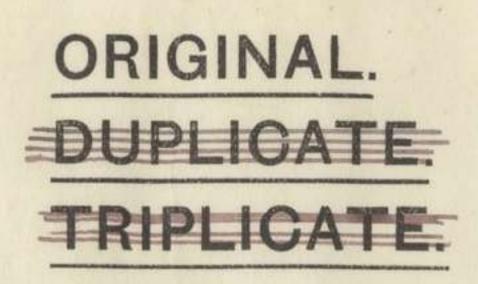
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Remarks and references to Appendices	to
Sheet 62D A.2.b.05.		1918.	General Routine: - O.C. 47th.Div. M.T.Coy.called re site for Workshops & standings. 2/lieut. KEATES -58th.D.M.T.Coy reported with 24 lorries & is attached to 3rd.Aust. M.T.Coy. Drew 1,220 francs £44.14.8 per Lieut.L.T.Maplestone for pay. Expended on acquittance rolls Nos.1 to 9 incl. Visited \$touen, St Leger, Gorenflos, BerteauCOURT, VIGNACOURT Shooting Box looking for site for lorry parks. Visited 47th.D.M.T.CoyAust.Corps Troops M.T.Coy, -2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy 18th.D.A.M.T. Section & Staff Capt. 18th. D.A. Weather Dull & showery.	
17	2nd.		General Routine: - Visited No.1 Park Section Group & arranged for workshop to enter Mairie yard at MOLLIENS au BOIS. O.C. 179th. A.B.Park Section called re returns. 1Workshop & 2 store lorries reported from T Seige Park & are posted to No.2 Park Section Group. Visited Nos. 3 & 4 Aust. M.T.Coys. Visited Q Aust.Corps with Adjt. re Road Discipline and issued letter No. F/104 to all Units. Weather. Fine & warm. Clear night.	
11	3rd.		General Routine: - 169th. A.B. Park Section moved from No.2 Park Section Group to No.1 Park Section Group . See appendix 4. O.C. No.1 Park Section Group called. Weather Fine & warm.	
"	4th.		General Routine: - 96th. A.B. Park Section Moved from No.2 Park Section Group to No.1.P.S. Group Movement Order No.4 issued re M.T. Coys. & Park Sections changing locations. See Apdx. 6. Drew 600 francs -£22.0.0 per Lieut. L.T. Maplestone for pay of Imperial Personnel with Aust. B. Supply Section. Expended on acquittance rolls 1 to 4. Imprest Summary No.2.	
"	5th.		General Routine: - Visited Nos. 2, 47th., 4, & 5 M.T.Coys Inspected Roads between PICQUIGNY and CLAIRY looking for a lorry Road going North. Visited BERTANGLES & inspected proposed new Offices. Trial of Ptes. DUNCAN & FIMISTER of No.5 Aust. M.T.Coy by F.G.C.M. 6th. A.B.Aust.F.A.Park Section moved to No.3 Aust. M.T.Coy. see movement o Order No.5. (Appendix 7) Weather Dull & wet.	
Sheet 62E F. 24.a.22	The second secon		General Routine:- Moved to BERTANGLES -Office located at No.49 Coisy Road by noon. The following Units were transferred to lllCorps at noon. See Movement Order No.6. 47th. Div. M.T.Coy 96th. R.F.A.Park Section. D.A.Section 18th. Div.M.T.Coy 169th.R.F.A.Park Section. 5th. A.B.R.H.A.Park Section 282nd.R.F.A.Park Section. (Continued.)	
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Sheet. 62.E.F. 24.2.22.	6th.	1918.	W	d. Visited No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy. & went to BELLOY with Workshop Officer. Arranged that Workshops of No.5 A.M.T.Coy be located at BELLOY Headquarters at St. SAUVEUR. Visited BERTEAUCOURT re establishing shops of Nos. 4 & 3 Aust. M.T.Coys. there. 0.C.Aust.Corps Troops M.T.Coy. called re maps on lorries. eather Dull & wet.	1
	7th.			Routine:- Lieut. C.W.J.ISLES, Demands Officer injured by a piece of bomb and from dropped by one of our planes, and evacuated to 61st. C.C.S. Adjutant visited Nos.3, 4, & 5 Aust. M.T.Coys. also Aust.B. Supply Section and paid Imperial Personnel as per acquittance rolls 1 to 4. imprest summary No.2. Captain. S.LACEY, Workshop Officer No.3 A.M.T.Coy. & Lieut. F.BURDEN, Workshop Officer No.4 A.M.T.Coy. called re their workshop sites. O.C.No.4 Aust. M.T.Coy.called. Weather Bright & warm.	J.
	8th.		General	Routine: - O.C.Aust.Corps Troops M.T.Coy. called re lorries of Army Brigade Park Sections attached. Movement Order No.7 issued to Park Sections re new locations. Appendix 9. O.C. 3rd. & 6th. Aust.Park Sections called. Capt. TATHAM, M.C. WorkshopOfficer No.5 Aust. M.T.Coy. called re repairs to attached Park Sections. Weather. Fine.	9.
	9th.			Routine:- Visited No.2 & 5 Aust; M.T.Coys. with S.M.T.O. Visited No.3 & 4 M.T.Coys Workshops sites and arranged for Imperial shop from No.4 Aust. M.T.Coy. to go to No.5 Aust. M.T.Coy. 0.C.No.2 Aust. M.T.Coy. called to explain the delay in carrying out a detail. 0.C. 16th. A.B.Park Section called re returns. Weather Bright sunshine.	J.
	10th.		General	Routine:- Visited Nos.5, 6 Aust., M.T. Coys. and Workshops of Nos.3, 4, 5, & 6 A.M.T. Coys Visited S.M.T.O. & arranged details of Homogenity Scheme for Park Sections now in Corps. Weather Dull & showery.	A:
	Ilth.			Routine: - Visited 23rd, 77th, 108th, 150th, 179th, 189th & 298th Park Sections. Nos. 2, 4, & 5 Aust. M.T.Coys. 4th.Army Troops M.T.Coy. and S.M.T.O. Aust.Corps re Homogen-ity Scheme of Park Sections. (Appendix 10-)	10.
	12th.			Routine: - Lieut. C.J.ISLES kit forwarded to A.I.F.Printing Section for Safe custody. Adjutant visited D.M.T.S. re attached men on H.Q.M.T.Col. Weather Cool with light showers.	· di
	13th.		General	Routine: - Visited Nos. 2, 3, & 6 Aust. M.T.Coys also Workshops of No.4 A.M.T.Coy. O.C. No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy called. Weather Dull & showery.	· Ai

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heet 62E.		17	General Routine. Visited Nos.2.3.4. M.T.Companies Workshops. Visited No.2 AUST.M.T.Coy. Drew 565 Fsc - £20-14-4. on Imprest for pay. Large numbers of French Troops passed through this Village en routes North. Westher Dull, threating rain.	d
17	15th	17	General Routine. Lieut Maplestone paid. Imprest Statement No.3. No.77 PARKSECTION exchanged 12 SWISS BERNA and 2HALLFORD lorries for 14 LOCOS. of 13th G.H.Q.RESERVE COY. Appendix 11. Weather Fine.	11
11	16th	11	General Routine. O.C. No.4 A.M.T.Coy. called. Adjutant visited No.6 A.M.T.Coy. re Vehicle Register, and 150th PARK SECTION re transfer of Maudsley lorry to 155 S.B.A.C. Interviewed candidates for Supply Commission from Nos 2 and 5 A.M.T.Coys. Visited Nos 2,5 and 6 A.M.T.Coy and Workshops of No.3 A.M.T.Coy. Weather Hot.	A.
17	17th		General Routine. 10.30 a.m. Vonference with S.M.T.O. and D.D.M.S. at "Q" Office re lorries on return trips bringing back walking wounded. See Appendix 12. Visited Advanced Ammunition Detachment of 3rd A.M.T.Coy under Lieut.RIDGE at PONT REMY. Interviewed Nominees for Supply Commission of 3.4 and 6th A.M.T.Coy's. O.C. 6th AUST.PARK SECTION called re Spare Parts. O.C. 189 R.F.A.PARK SECTION called re Supply matters. Corcular issued to all Units "NOTES ON COMPILATION OF RETURNS" Appendix 13. Weather Hot.	12
	18th	П	General Routine. Visited Workshops of Nos 2,3,5 AUST.M.T.Coy's. Saw O.C. 108th R.F.A.PARK SECTION with Major A.W.HARVEY C.I.M.T., A.I.F. re homogenity scheme Appendix 14. O.C. No.4 A.M.T.Coy called re Returns. Movement Order No.9 issued to 6th AUST, PARK SECTION Weather Hot.	14
11	19th	11	General Routine. Visited S.M.T.O. Weather Very Hot.	1
11	20th		General Routine. Went with S.M.T.O.and Corps Camp Officer (Major MITCHELL) to COISY to see if am M.T.Unit could be located there. Visited No.5 A.M.T.Coy. re Lieut ROBERTSON. taking charge of No.6 PARK SECTION while Lieut. F.W.G.ANDERSON is in hospital injured. Visited 3,4, and 5 Workshops. Visited No.2 A.M.T.Coy. and warned Major JOSS re move to COISY and inspected location with him. Movement Order No.10 issued to No.2,3and 4 A.M.T.Coy. Appendix 16 No.7643 M.S.M.ALSTON.J.G. rejoined Unit from O.T.S. Weather Hot	15
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heet 62E.			General Routine. Visited COISY, POULAINVILLE.ALLONVILLE, CARDONNETTE with the Corps Camps Officer (Major MITCHELL) looking for suitable lorry standings etc. Nos 2,3, and 4 AUST.M.T.Coys moved in accordance with Movement Order No.10 Appendix 16. New Traffic Map issued to all Units. Visited 47th C.C.S. and saw Lieut.F.W.G.ANDERSON who expects to return to duty in a few days. Weather. Hot.	16 .]
	22nd	17	General Routine. Visited Nos 3 A.M.T.Coy. Nos 14,23,86,and 179 R.F.A.PARK SECTIONS at SALOUEL. Visited Workshops of 2,3,4,and 5 A.M.T.Coy's. Visited No.6 A.M.T.Coy. 0.C. No.5 A.B.R.H.A.PARK SECTION reported for instructions. 0.C. 108.189 and 77 R.F.A.PARK SECTION called. Artillery Officer (Capt.L.A.CLEVELAND.M.C.) selected a site for A.R.P. with Staff Captain 2nd AUST.DIV. ARTY. Weather Hot and light showers.	j.
17	23rd	. 11	General Routine. Visited No.2 A.M.T.Coy. at COISY and warned O.C. re probable move of 108 and 189 R.F.A. PARK SECTIONS, Visited No.6 A.M.T.Coy. re compilation of A.F.W.3420. O.C. No.5 R.H.A.PARK SECTION called and received instructions to report to No.4 A.M.T.Coy. on marching into this Corps. Visited Workshops of No.5 A.M.T.Coy. re delay in repair of Foden Disinfector. Weather . Hot and Showery.	di
11	24th	11	General Routine. O.C. No.179 PARK SECTION called. Adjutant visited No.6 A.M.T.Coy. re returns. Visited Workshops of Nos 3 and 5 A.M.T.Coy's. Visited S.M.T.O. re new Officers and PARK SECTIONS. Visited "Q" Office re Supply Car of No.4 AUST.M.T, Coy. and Chief ENGINEER re timber for No.5 AUST.M.T.Coy. Weather-Showery.	di
17	25th	п	General Routine. Went to LONGPRE etc. with CORPS CAMPS OFFICER (Major MITCHELL) re sites for lorry standings etc. Visited Workshops of Nos 2,3,4 and 5 A.M.T.Coy's. Lieut.MURPHY 0.C. No.96 R.F.A. PARK SECTION reported. No.5 R.H.A.PARK SECTION marched in. Movement Order No.11 issued. 0.C.108,189,77 PARK SECTIONS called.	The state of the s
17	26th	11	General Routine. F.G.C.M. sat at these H.G. and dealt with cases of Dvr REHEMAN, 6th PARK SECTION and Pte WOODCOCK. No.6 A.M.T.Coy. and five other cases. Inspected roads round AMIEMS and completed report on M.T.SITES in the present Corps Area. See Appendix 18 Visited Nos 2,3 and 6 A.M.T.Coy's and Workshops of No.3 A.M.T.Coy. O.C. No.2 A.M.T.Coy called re general working, returns etc. Weather - Hot.	18.
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Sheet 62E F.24. A,2.2.	May . 27t	1918 h "	General Routine. 0.C. No.4 A.M.T.Coy. called and questions of detailing of cars ,administrati of Workshops, and Supply work was discussed. Visited No.3 A.M.T.Coy. and Workshops of Nos 2,3 5 and 6 A.M.T.Coy's Weather Fine and hot.	on J.
17	28 th	117	General Routine, Drew 720 Francs - &26-8-0. on Imprest for pay per LIEUT.L.T.MAPLESTONE M.C. and expended on Acquittance Rolls 18 to 27 Imprest Summary No.4. O.C. No.3 A.M.T.Coy. called re Ammunition correspondence and returns. O.C. No.5 A.M.T.Coy. called re Leave. Visited No.2 A.M.T.Coy. Weather Fine.	J.
11	29th	"	General Routine. Visited Nos 5 and 6 A.M.T.Coy's and workshops of Nos 3,4, and 5 A.M.T.Coy's Weather Fine.	J.
11	30th	11	General Routine. 10 A.M. Os.C. Nos 2,3,4,5 and 6 A.M.T.Coy's and Officers of this Office met at S.M.T.O's Office where General Sir.William BIRDWOOD K.C.B., K.C.S.R., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. etc. held a farewell parade. 189th PARK SECTION handed over to 24th Army SIEGE PARK and completion advised by Lieut.W.S.SHAW. (2/Lieut.C.M.EDWARDS of this PARK SECTION admitted to Hospital.) O.Cs No.96 R.F.A. and 6th AUSt.PARK SECTIONS called re Returns Visited No.4 A.M.T. Coy. and workshops of Nos 3 and 5 A.M.T.Coy's. Weather Hot.	1
17	31st		General Routine. 2.A.M. No.4 A.M.T.Coy. at ALLONVILLE shelled, and sustained some casualties, rang up for instructions and were told to.proceed to MOLLIENS au BOIS but as the shelling ceased they did not move. Visited Nos.2.4.5 and 6 A.M.T.Coy's Went with O.S. No.5 A.M.T.Coy to look for a site and decided on AMEINS - RAINVILLE Road south of ALLONVILLE -COISY cross roads. Movement Order No.12 issued Appendix 19. O.C. No.2 A.M.T.Coy called. O.C. No.96 R.F.A. PARK SECTION called re loss of Motor cycle. Lieut.L.PRICHARD reported from Hospital and was posted to this Unit as Temp.Demands Officer vice Capt C.W.J.ISLES to Rospital wounded. Weather Fine and Hot.	19
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4.	Movement order to 169th. R.F.A.Park Section.
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7.	W No.5.
8.	" No.6.
9.	No.7. No.8 re Homogeneity Scheme
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	Exchange of lorries between 77th Park Section and 13th. G.H.Q.Reserve M.T.Coy.
12.	Walking Wounded. "Notes on compliation of Asturna"
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14	Movement Order No.9.
15) " No.10.
16	> " No.11.
18.	Report on M.T.Sites.
19.	Movement Order No.12.
20.	Summary of Important Events.

Commanding Aust. Corps M.T. Column.

		Light	Ammunit	ion Ex	penditure	for m	onth of	May 1918			Appendix 1.	000
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Place	Date	Hour		Summary of Events ar	nd Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
			SUMMARY OF BATT	LE CASUALTIES FOR	MONTH OF MAY 1918		
			Unit	Officers	Other Ranks	<u>Vehicles</u>	
			No.2 Australian M.T. Company.	Nil	1 Wounded (Gas)	Nil	
			No.3 Australian M.T. Company.	Nil	1 Wounded.	Nil	
			No.4 Australian M.T.Company. No.5 Australian M.T.Company.	Nil Nil	2 Wounded (Gas) 2 Wounded 1 Killed	Nil 2 Amb.slighlty	
			No.6 Australian M.T.Company. H.Q.Australian Corps.M.T.Column 3rd A.B.Aust.F.A.Park Section 6th A.B.Aust.F.A.Park Section	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	damaged. Nil Nil Nil Nil	
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APPENDIX, 2

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Offendix 3

Continued complaints are being made by the Corps Commander regarding the road discipline of the M.T. of this Corps.

Cases are continually occurring of lorres proceeding against the Traffic Arrows - proceeding along roads that are not lorry roads - not pulling to the right of the road to allow cars to pass, etc.

Unless steps are taken to improve this state of affairs, it is intended to make an example of the C.O. of the Unit concerned.

It is stated that the drivers reply, on being asked why he was on that road, etc. is avariably that he has not received any instructions

will you therefore, please give thes matter your personal attention, and see that each lorry has a Traffic Map on it, that the drivers
are fully instructed by their Section Officers in all matters of Traffic
are fully instructed by their Section Officers in all matters and
Discipline, especially re leaving gaps in convoys, both when halted and
when en route.

I feel sure that it will not be necessary to go into this matter again, but an immediate improvement will benoted, and the Australian Mechanical Transport attain the reputation for discipline and efficiency that it now has for efficiency only.

HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS

M.T. GOLUMN. Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

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appendix 4 Aust. Corps M.T. Column H/33

2-5-18

No. 2 Park Section Group No.1

No.169 Park Section

No.169 Army Brifade R.F.A. For information

S.M.T.O. Aust.Corps

do "Q" Aust . Corps

1. After completion of details for the 3rd May 1918, No.169 Park Sect. will move to No.1 Park Section Group at Sheet 62D.B.7.b.5.2.

2. Echelons of Ammunition as laid down by this Office G/21/18 of 29-4-18 will be carried.

3. Acknowledge.

2-5-18

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

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MOVEMENT ORDER No, 3

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1. After completion of details for the 4th May 1918, No. 96 Park Section Will move to No.1 Park Section Group at Sheet 62D.B.7.b.5.2.

2. Echelons of Ammunition as laid down by this Office G/21/18 of 29-4-18 will be carried.

3. Acknowledge.

3-5-18.

Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

Copy No.1 to No.2 Park Section Group. No. 2 No.1 Park Section Group. No.3 to 96 Park Section No.4 96 Army Brigade R.F.A. For information to to S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps. No.5 do No. 6 to "Q" Aust. Corps. No.7 to File. Nos 8 - 11 to War Diary.

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Australian Corps H.T.Column.

MOVEREUM ORDER Ho.4 Copy Ho.....

1. The following moves will take place after opmpletion of details on 4-5-18 :- . . .

(a)No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy., less workshops, will move to SALOUEL-PONT DE HETZ, establishing Headquarters at Rag and Bone Factory at 62E.R. 19.d.7.9.

(b) D.A. Section No.18 D.M.T.Coy will move to St OUEN - The Forkshope being established at the Church, the lurries being parked on the main N and S road through St OUEN, parking the supply lorries rejoining the Section.

(c) The ammunition lorries of Nos 108, and 189 Park Sections will join No.2 Aust.M.F.Coy. at St OUEN, parking N of the NIEVRE River under the instructions of O.C. No.2 just.H.T.Coy.

(d) The special Torkshop outfit now attached to No.2 Park Section Group will report to O.C. No.5 _ust.M.T.Coy. for duty.

(e) No.3 Aust. Park Section will join No.3 :ust.M.T.Coy..

- (f) Nos 77 and 150 Park Sections will remain in their present locations, drawing rations with their respective Brigades: repairs by No.4 .ust.Company "orkshop.
- 2. Major E.T. SEARLE, O.C. No.4 mst.H.f.Coy, will take over Command of No.2 Park Section Group from Capt.RYE, 18th D. E.T. Section.
- 3. Repairs to lorries of No.2 Park Section Group will be effected by Fo. 5 Aust.M.T.Coy. at ARGODUVES
- 4. immunition Tchelons as laid down in this Office 6/21/18 of 29171 1918 will be carried.
- 5. "orkshops of No.4 inst.M.T.Coy. will move forthwith to BERTE WCCURT HILL
- 6. "orkshops of No.3 Aust.M.T. Coy. will move forthwith to 57E.P.29.b.2.6.
- 7. Report compliance.
- 8 cknowledge.

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Major, Commanding justralian Corps M.T. Column

Distribution :-Copy No.1 No.4 aust.L. Coy.

2. No.3 lust.M.T.Coy.

3. ho.5 ust.L.T.Cov.

No.2 ust.H.T.Coy.

Fo.1 Park Section Group. 6. No.2 Park Section Group.

D. .. Section IB M.T. Coy.

108th Perk Section. 189th Ferk Section.

10 23rd Park Section

11 179th Park Section

12 3rd aust.Park Section

13 77th Park Section. 14 150th Park Section

Copy No.15 "3" mst.Corps 16 S.H.T.O., ust.Corps

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MOVEMENT ORDER No.5. Copt No.6...

1. No 6 Aust Park Section will join No 3 Aust M.T. Coy forthwith. Lorries returning to new park after completion of to-day's duties.

- The Workshop and Store lorries will proceed forthwith to St Leger, and will park in the site occupied by the 66th Auxiliary Petrol Coy., as soon as that Unit vacates.
- The senior Officer of the remaining Park Sections will be placed in command of the Group, and his name will be forwarded to this office.
- The gateway at the Mairie will be repaired and left as before water entering.
- 5. Acknowledge.

5.5.18.

Distribution:-

Copy No.1 O.C.No.1 Park Section Group.

2 O.C.No.3 Aust M.T.Coy.

S.M.T.O.

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MOVEMENT ORDER No. 6.

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1. The following Units are transferred to III Corps as at noon to-day, 6.5.18.:-

47th Div M.T.Coy.
D.A. Section 18th Div M.T.Coy.
5th R.H.A. Park Section.
96th R.F.A. Park Section.
169th do

169th do

- 2. Marching-out States showing exact location of all lorries on charge, giving W.D.Mos. of vehicles, and number of Officers and O.R.s, will be forwarded to this office immediately.
- 3. All Maps, tents, et., issued by this Corps will be returned to this office forthwith.
- 4. O's C. above Units will report to O.C. III Corps M.F. Column (III Corps H.Q., Villers Bocage) to-day for instructions.
- 5. This office is now located at BERTANGLES.
- 6. Acknowledge.

6.5.18.

Condg. Aust Corps M.T. Column.

Distribution:-

Copy Wo.1 18th Div M.F.Coy.

2 D.A. Section 18th D.M.T. Coy.

3 96th Park Section.

4 169th do

5 28 and do

6 5th do

7 47th Div M.T.Coy.

8 III Corps M.F. Column

B.M.T.O., Aust Corps.

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AUST. CORPS
M.T. COLUMN.

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AUSTRALIAN GORPS
M.T. GOLUMN.

Aust Corps M.T. Column.

MOVIEMBEE GROEF RO.7

1. The following moves will take place on 8.3.18 - lorries detailed on that day will report to the new location on completion of the detail.

(a). Mos.14 and 86 Park Sections from Mo.5 Aust H.T.Coy to Mo.4 Aust M.T.Coy at BALOUEL.

(b). Mos. 77 and 150 Park Sections from LA HAZETTE to Mo. 5 Aust M. B. Coy at St SAUVEUR.

2. (a). Mos.14, 23, 86 and 179 Park Sections will be located at SALOUEL, and be known as Mo.1 Park Section Group.

(b). No.1 Park Section Group will be commended by Major E.T.

(c). Separate Availability States and Details will be rendered by and to the Group.

3. Repairs for the Group will be done by No.5 Aust M.T.Coy Work-Shops at BELLOY, except light running repairs which will be done by the Workshop of No.4 Aust M.T.Coy at SALOUEL.

4. Aclmowledge.

7.5.13.

Conde Inst Corps M.T. Column.

Distribution:-

Copy No.1 No 14 Park Section
2 No 5 Aust M.T.Cog.
4 No 4 do
5 No 77 Park Section
6 No 150 do
7 S.M.T.G., Aust Corps.
9 Artillery Officer.
10/11 Retained.

12/14 War Diary.

Headquarters Aust Corps M.T. Column.

MOVEMENT ORDER No.8. Copy No. ...

SECRETS

Reference S.M.T.O. 149/6 of 10.5.18., attached.

- 1. These transfers will be carried out after completion of detail on 11.5.18. Lorries will be transferred with all equipment and tools as they stand.
- Personnel will not be transferred. 2.
- Lorries in the workshop will be transferred. The drivers will be changed, the lorries willlremain in shop until completion of, repairs, and will then report to their proper units.
- 4. Army Form 3346 will not be used except by No 77 Park Section for the 2 A.E.C. Lorries transferred to 4th Army Troops Coy., and No 150 Park Section for the 1 A.E.C. lorry transferred to 4th Army Broops Coy.
- 5. Availability states must be correctly made up, and reach the S.M.T.O. and this Office by 7.0 p.m. 11.5.18, afterwards as usual.
- O's C. Park Sections will remain at their H.Q. to receive incoming lorries, and send outgoing lorries to destinations as early as possible. If a lorry is in the shops full particulars must be sent to the 0.0. Park Section, who will receive the lorry.
- 7. O's C. M.T. Coys will give every assistance to O's C. Park Sections in the matter of sending back drivers by car where exchange of lorries is not made.
- A progress report will be rendered to this Office by 5 p.m., by telephone where available.
- 9. Location list attached.

10.5.18.

Comdg. Aust Corps W.T. Column.

Distribution: -

Copy No 1 23rd Park Section 2 77th do 108th do ~ 150th do ~ 179th do 6 189th do 7 298th do 8 No 2 Aust M.T. Coy 9 No 5 do 10 No 1 Park Section Group 11 S.M.T.O. 12 Retained 13/15 War Diary.

LOCATION LIST.

3rd., 6th., 16th Park Sections 14th., 23rd., 86th., 179th., 77th., 150th., 298th., 108th 189th

!ATLONVILLE. SALOUEL. St SAUVEUR St OUEN.

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Officer Commanding, Aust. Corps M. T. Column.

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS M.T. COLUMN.

S.M.T.O.,

Attached is Schedule of Homogeneity Scheme for the Army Brigade R.F. A. Park Sections which are at present in this Corps.

Please have these lorries transferred as soon as possible, but so as not to interfere with the routine work.

It will be noted that 108th. Park Section will receive lorries of various makes, but under arrangement made, the D.D.S.& T. will transfer the odd lorries from this Park Section at an early date and endeavour to make them up with all Dennis.

10/5/18. Copies to:-

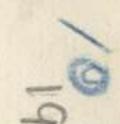
D.D.S.& T., Fourth Army. Fourth Army Troops M. T. Coy.

S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

HOMOGEREITY SCHEME FOR ARMY BRIGADE R.F.A. PARK SECTIONS.

Unit	Vehicle on charge	Trans. to	Receive from	Lake	Will then have on charge
23 A.B R.F A.P S.	. 2-A.L.U.	No 2 Aust M.T. Co. 108 Park Section	108 Park Section	4 Daimlers	16 Daimlers
77 "	10 Swiss Dernas 1 Leyland 3 Pierce Arrows 2 A.E.U.	108 Park Section 150 Park Section 4th Army T. Coy.	150 Park Section 108 Park Section 298 Park Section	2 Swiss Bernas 3 Hallfords 1 Hallford	12 Swiss Bernas 4 Hallfords
108 "	1 L.G.O.C. 3 dallfords 4 Daimlers C Dennis 1 Pagefield 1 Commer	77 Park Section 25 " "	4th Army Troops Co 23rd Park Section 77 " " " " 150 " " " " 293 " " " " 150 " " " "	1 Dennis 2 Packards 1 Leyland 1 Commer 1 Locomobile 1 Albion 1 Daimler	2 Packaris 1 Leyland 1 L.G.O.C. 2 Commers 1 Locomobile 7 Dennis 1 Albion 1 Daimler
150. "	3 Albions 1. 6 Thornycrofts 2 Swiss pernas 1 Pierce arrows	. 298 Park section " " " "	77 Park Section 179 " " 189 " "	3 Pierce Arrows 2 Pierce Arrows 3 Thornycrofts	6 Pierce Arrows 9 Thornycrofts 1 Haudslay.
	l Laudslay l A.m.C. l Commer l Daimler	#th Army Troops 108 Park Section 108 " "			

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R.c.)	2 Piorce Arrow	150 Park Section	4th. Army Troops	2 Dennis	16 Dennis	
189 * *	6 Peerless 5 Thornycroft 7 Pagefield	150 Park Section	108 Park Section 2 Aust T. Coy.	l Pagefield	10 Pagefield 6 Peerless	
298 " "	14 Albion 1 Locomobile 1 hallford	108 Park Section	150 Park Section	2 Albion	16 Albion	
No. 2. AustT.Coy.	2 Pagefiell	189 Park Section	23 Park Section	2 A.E.C.	2 A.E.C.	
Troops L.T.Coy.	3 Dennis	(1) 108 Park Section (2) 179 " "	77 Park Section	2 A.E.C.	3 A.E.C.	

10/5/18.

S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.

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No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.
No.77 A.B.R.F.A.Park Section.
13th G.H.Q.Reserve M.T.Coy.
S.M.T.O., Aust.Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTPALIAN CORPS
M.T. GOLUMN.

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1. An exchange will be made after duty on 15-5-18 of 12 Swiss Berna lorries and the two best HALLFORDS of the 77th Park Section for 14 LOCOMOBILES.

2. These lorries should not be detailed for duty on 15-5-18 if avoidable, but should be sent as soon as possible -- not necessarily all together to 13th G.H.Q. Reserve M.T.Coy. on the FLIXECOURT - BELLOY road.

3. Army Forms W. 3346 will be used.

4. Drivers will remain with their original Units and not be changed with the lorries:

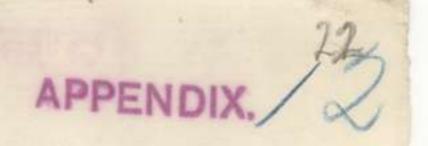
5. Any spares on charge will be handed over on Issue and Receipt Vouchers.

14-5-18

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

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O.C., Aust Corps Siege Park.
Aust Corps M.T.Column.

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The relay posts where the walking wounded will be debussed for transfer to Bus service are as follows:-

Northern Sector.

No,1. Flesselles-Amiens Rd close to Flesselles Railhead at 62E.F.9.a,5,5,
This is now open.

Southern Sector.

No.2. Picquigny-Amiens Rd at left side of road mimmediately after passing Dreuil at 62E.K.30.d.0.4.

This post will be open from 12 noon on Sunday 19th inst.

Northern, at Querrieu on the St Gratien Road at H.16.b.9-5.

Southern;
Central, at the Mairie at Daours, N.6.c.

Southern, at St Acheur at M.20.b.

Please instruct all your units that any lorry returning empty will pick up any walking wounded there may be at these dressing stations in accordance with Fourth Army Standing Orders 895 & 896, and debus them at one or other of the relay posts.

18/5/18.

Copy to:-

Aust, Corps "Q". D.D.M.S. S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

H.Q. WSTRILIN CORPS M.T. COLUMN

MOTES OF COMPILATION OF RETURNS

ARMY FORM B. 213a

Three copies of this return are required (4 from Instralian Units) A. The A.Gs copy.

B. The D.D.S.& To copy.

The copy, front page only, for H.Q. Australian Corps, rendered when a Unit araws its own rations.

D. A copy of "A" sent direct to O.C. Australian Base Post Office LOHDON E.C.1. (BY Australian Units only)

A. (i) Should be made up to 5 p.m. Friday and dated Saturday.

(ii) The line "Effective Strength" should include all A.S.C. and or

A.A S.C. personnel on the strength of the Unit.

(iii) The line Provisional ___ Establishment should show that only Any authorised additions or deductions should be shown on the lines for that purpose, and the authority stated in the hand column. The balance, when additions or deductions have been added or subtracted, forms the "Special Establishment" and must be entered on the lines for that purpose. An authorised deduction that must be shown is for Batman quoting A.I.F. Order 1189 for Aust. Units and G.R.O. 3564 for Imperial Units.

On the line "Details by Arms etc" should be entered any personnel attached, showing R.F.A., R.H.A., R.A. II. C. etc. as the case may bo. These may be either surplus or deficient and must be shown as

such in the lines for that purpose.

A's S's C. personnel temporarily attached - such as Sections of other M.T. Companies etc., will be shown as "On Command" on the line above that marked "Total attached" and the necessary entry made in the "Remarks Column"

(vi) The bottom line - Total Rationed, will only be the sum of lines "A" and "O", when there are no men detached from the Unit, ofther to other Units or on leave, Hospital etc. Therefore in these sases a heading Rationed Away must be made in the "Remarks Column" & the missing personnel accounted for.

(vii)The "Rumber of Report" must be filled in on pages I and 4; also on page 4 at the top the entry "Attached to Australian"

the case may be) Corps"

(viii) The following frequent errors and omissions in compilation of A.F.B.213a are pointed out for future guidance :-Page La - Total attached not added up, Alterations are frequently made without the incorrect figuring being definitaly cancelled and without initialling. Page 2. - Paybook Nos,, omittednwhen recording appointments, promotions and reversions (Aust.Units only) and in the cases of promations, the authority and vice whom is frequently omitted. Page 4. "Total Wanted to Complete" should be extended to column for that purpose.

The number of report on this page is frequently omitted. Note that the certificate re drivers being employed as such is

only required on the D.D.S.&.T. return.

(ix) On page 2 the following headings will be adopted in the order given :-

Taken on Strength Struck off Strength Killed. (a)

Wounded (b) Injured .

Transfers.

To Hospital (Not struck off strength) Attachments (d) Rejoined from Hospital. (Not struck off Strength.

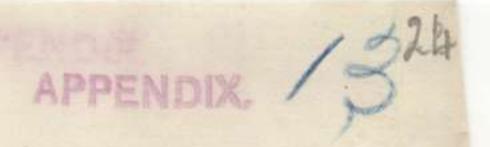
Appointments. Promotions Reversions Remusterings Departed on leave (c) Rejoined from leave. Detachments (a)

a) Whather in action or accidential to be recorded.

b) Evecuated to or if remaining on duty with unit to be shown c) whether to or from U.K. or France to be recorded

(d) The attachment or detachment of Officers will invarible

recorded.



ARMY FORM b.213a (Contra)

(m) In all cases where men are struck off strength as evacuated to Hospital the 1.7.5.122 will be attached to Page 2 of the 1.78. copy.

(mi) Immediately under the heading "Remarks" on page 1 will be mut

- (mii) s vehicles are always demanded to replace as soon as evacuated "Roplacement Demanded" must always be mut in the "Remarks Column" when vehicles are shown "enting to Complete"
- B. (i) Should be made up.to 5 p.m. "sdnesday and dated as on Thursday.

 The figures will therefore not necessarily be the same as on the ... Gs. copy.

(ii) The front page will be completed as for the ..., Os copy and will have the Map Reference of the Unit entered just after the words FIND RETURN and enclosed in a rectangle in RED ink.

(iii) in esterish will be placed against the number of cars and an entry will be made in the "Remarks Column" as to how many are closed and or open.

(iv) Page 2 - Cosmalties will be left blank.

(v) Fage 3 will have lorries by makes and types, as per attached Proforms, entered thereon. The .D. Nos of the Poden disinfector and Water trailer if any, to be shown.

(vi) Rige 4 will be filled in as for the ... Os cony, and in addition will have the following certificate written in the bottom left hand corner. "Certified that all men at 6/- per day (3/- in the case of aust.Units) are employed as drivers (or artificers in the case of aust.Units) only.

- C. The front sheet with only the front page, filled as for the _. Gs copy is required.
- D. Is sent direct by Uni: concerned, and is to be a copy of the Gs return

3. RMY FORM B.2069

(a) This return should include a full list of munishments for the week up to 5 p.m. Friday and be dated as on Staurday.

(b) Care should be taken in the compilation of this return that all all columns are filled in correctly, ustralian Units must give Raybook number, payment Fumber, and total forfeiture of pay in accordance with a.I.P.Orders Hos 2 507,544 and 712. Humerous cases occur of the date of award being ommitted.

(c) The following are briefly the points with which the most trouble has been experienced in the past:

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(d) In the case of Absente without leave the automatic forfeiture under Royal tarrant for the period of absence should be shown in the Bernalis Column and not in funishment awarded column.

(o) Tray not heard 138, Note 7, sets out clearly what constitutes

a day with regard to forfeiture.

(2) In all cases of absence without leave, the actual hours and dates over which the absence entends, should be shown, in order that forfeither of pay may be compated, i.e. from 8 p.m. 6/1/17 to 8 a m 7/1/17 = 18 hours.

to the effect that ... F. B. 206? is MII.

(h) Oring to Mil returns not being rendered it is necessary to show on the top right hand commer of 1.0.0.2069 the period for which the return is rendered and date of last report that was rendered (U.R.O.3340)

4. ARMI FORM \$.3488

The above roturn is required for every man who is accidently hilled or injured. The following ommissions are frequently noticed:-

(a) No mame of Unit in part 1 or date of casualty.

(b) No certificate sigmed by M.O. in para 2.

5. DAILY CASULTEY REPORT.

The above return should reach this Office by 5 p.m. daily and will show convolties that have courred between noon the day previous and noon the day rendered. (4th army " " Motos pare 1)
Wil keturns not required.

6. COURT MARKIER ERCOTTOINGS

on Army Form D. 8069 (G.H.O. Siis)

These entracts should include the following information :-

e) Period in arrest avaiting brish.

b) Date and place of trial.

o) President...... and Unit.

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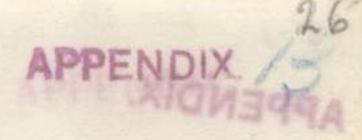
(i) Remarks (to include any feduction or suspension of sentence and authority.

Copies of Pro-Tormes are attached and it is asked that Unite adopt these in making up returns, unfforming not only encures that necessary entries are not overlooked, but mayes work and correspondence for the Unit concerned.

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Commanding Australian Corps M.S. Column.

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HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN CORPS M.T. COLUMN

LIST OF RETURES - Tobe compiled in accordance with this Office Circular (Notes on Compilation of Returns D/58)

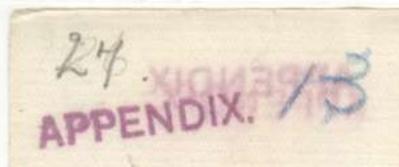
All Returns to be rendered to this Office by 5 p.m. on the day mentioned unless otherwise specified. (Ammunition & Demand Returns excepted)

DAY	FORM	RETURN
Daily	Special Proforma	LORRY AVAILABILITY RETURN. Direct to S.M.T.O. by 4.30.p.m. Copy to this Office. CASUALTY RETURN. Nil returns not required. MARCHING IN OR OUT STATES. Lorries & personnel to be rendered immediately on arrival and departure.
Viednesday	A.F.T. 3388 (c)	D.D.S.& T.RETURN. 1 copy. TRANSFER OF VEHICLES. (Nil returns not req'd) VEHICLED ATTACHED FOR MAINTENANCE. Separate return for CARS & LORRIES. (Nil RTMS req'd) DAIMLER REAR UNIT & CRANKSHAFTS FOR
And the control of th	Special "X" Pro-forma A.F.B.213a	MOTOR CYCLES EVACUATED & REPLACED. M.T.SITUATION return. Including attch.Veh. FIELD RETURN.(A.Gs.) Separate returns loopy for R.G.A. and or R.F.A.
	A.F.B.2069	OFFENCE REPORT. 1 copy for each . 3 of A.Gs.A.F.B.213a.Nil returns to be noted in the "Remarks Column" of B.213a.
lst Day of month.	Special % Pro-forma %	D.M.T.S.RETURN In duplicate. OFFICERS & W.Os JOINED & GONE & STRENGTH RTE. GAS EQUIPMENT RETURN. COPY OF ENTRY IN WAR DIARY. Summary of Battle casualties of personnel & vehicles for
8th Day of month	Special Proforma	preceding month. MILEAGE RETURN. Miles run loaded & unloaded.
25th Day of month		INOCULATION RETURN.
of month	A.F.W.3759	LEAVE RETURN.
of month	A.F.B.158 %	RETURN OF OFFICERS & W.Os.
but one of month	Special Proforma do A.F.W. 3156	BATMAN RETURN. State of Class A and B. RETURN OF MACHINE GUES ON CHARGE. CERTIFICATE RE MAPS. RETURN OF MOTOR CYCLES
14th Day	A.F. 77. 3156	RETURN OF MOTOR CARS.
of month.		U.S. PURCH SE RETURN.
Weekly	A.F.B.213a %	SENT DIRECT TO OFFICES CONCERNED. 1 copy of A.Gs.RETURN. to Australian Base Post Office LONDON.
Monthly.		NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS. Showing how employed Date of joining & casualties for preceding month. To A.Q.M.G.Personal Services (D.R.L.S) BILLETTING

IMPREST.

% WAR DIARY Wo O.i/c Australian War Records Section 130 Horseferry Rd London S.W.I. To be rendered by Australian Units only. To be rendered by M.T. Companies only.

P. T. O.)



A Casualty report is required for every man accidently killed or accidently injured who receives or is likely to receive medical (a) attention. A.F.W.3428 must also be compiled and accompanied by statements of witnesses.

Showing numbers of Officers & O.Rs. and must give W.D. Mos of vehicles. A separate state (Nil returns required) showing

Ammunition brought in or taken out.

Showing Map Reference. Lorries by makes and types on third (c) page. Note on page 2 stating if A.F.W.3388 "Attached" or "Nil" as the case may be.

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(b)

Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

All previous Lists are cancelled.

APPENDIX.

0.C. 108 A.B.R.F.A.Park, Section

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1. Please have transfers affecting your Unit carried out as per attached schedule.

2. Army Forms W.3346 will be used in the case of transfers to and from III Corps.

3. You will retain your own Drivers.

Lorries will report to you between 5.0.p.m. and 7.0.p.m. 19-5-18.

5 Report compliance.

18-5-18

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

Copy to No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy. S.M.T.O., Aust.Corps.

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77th A.B.R.F.A.Park Section

- 1. Please have transfers affecting your Unit carried out as per attached schedule.
- 2. The 3-ton Hallford will be transfered.
- 3. Army Forms W.3346 need not be used.
- 4. You will retain your own drivers.
- 5. Transfers to be effected about 5.0.p.m. at 108th Park Section.

18-5-18

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

Copies to Losth Park Section No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.

No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy. S,M.T.O., Aust.Corps.

HOMOGEMEITE SCHETTE FOR A.D.R.F.A. PARE SECTIONS IN AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Unit	Now have	Transfer to	Receive	From	Then have
77 A.B.A.F.A. Park Sect.	14 Locomobiles 2 Hallfords	(1) to 108 Park Scot.	1 Locomobile	108 Park Sect.	15 Locomobiles 1 Hallford
08 "	2 Packards 1 Leyland 1 L.G.O.G. 1 Commer 1 Locomobile 7 Dennis 2 Albions 1 Daimler	" 111 Corps " 111 Corps " 77 Fark Soct. " 2nd Aust. M.A.L. Sect.	l Hallford 3 Dennis	77 Park Sect. 111 Corps	2 Packards 1 1.6.0.0. 10 Dennis 2 Albions 1 Hallford
S.m.F.O. 111 Corps	3 Dennis	108 Park Section	1 Commer 1 Leyland 1 Commer	108 Park Soct. 108 Park Soct 2nd Aust. M.A.L. Section	
2nd Aust. M. A.L. Section	1 Commer 2 Daimlers	n 111 Corps	1 Daimler	108 Park Section	5 Daimlers

O.C. Aust. Corps M.T.Col.

please arrange to transfer the lorries according to the above schedule as soon as possible, but so not to interfere with the routine work.

and Australian H. A. L. Soction will send the Commor to report to 108 Park Section at St. Cuen, and there take over the Daimlor.

S.M.F.O. 111rd Corps will also send the 3 Dennis to 108 Park Section at ST. OHEN.

D.D.b.&.T. Fourth Army S.i..I.O. Illrd Corps 2nd Aust. L.A.L. Section. S.K.T.O. Australian Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN CORPS M.T.COMUMN.

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MOVEMENT ORDER No. 9

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- 1. No.6 Aust. Park Section will move forthwith to the church at BELLOY-sur-SOMME, reporting O.i/c Workshops No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy. for standings.
- 2. No.5 Aust.M.T.Voy will administer No.6 Aust.Park Section and include it in the Availability States etc.
- Nos 3 A. and 16 Park Sections are attached to No. 5 Aust.M.T.Coy for repairs only from the date of this order.
- 4. Acknowledge.

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18-5-18

Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

Distribution.

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No.6 A.Park Section.

No.16 Park Section.

No.16 Park Section.

No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy.

No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.

S.M.T.O., Aust.Corps.

Artillery Officer.

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MOVEMENT ORDER NO.10

Copy No.

1. The following moves will take place on completion of details for 21-5-18.

(a) No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy less workshops, from ST.OUEN to COISY, the Chateau yard may be occupied but the Chateau itself must be left vacant, (b) No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy. less workshops, from ALLONVILLE to SALEUX,

taking the site of No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.

(c) No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy. less workshops, from SALEUX to ALLONVILLE, taking the site of No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy.

- 2. The workshop of No.4 A.M.T.Coy.now at SALEUX will join the other shops of that Unit at BERTEAUCOURT.
- 3. Park Sections, except Nos.108 and 189, which will move with No.2 A,M.T.Coy., will not move but will be administered by the incoming M.T.Coy. Supply detachments of Nos,108,150 and 298 Park Sections will remain at ALLONVILLE and be administered, except for repairs, by No.4 A.M.T.Coy.
- 4. Commandé of No.1 Park Section Group will pass from O.C. No.4 A.M.T.Coy to O.C. No.3 A.M.T.Coy.
- 5. Repairs of No. 23 Park Section will in future be done by No.3 A.M.T. Company.
- 6. Supply Railheads for 21-5-18 are.
 No.2 Aust.Division POULAINVILLE, 3rd Aust.Division less Artillery
 ATLLY-sur-SOMME, 3rd Aust.Div.Arty PONT REMY, 4th Aust.Div.POULAINVILLE
- 7. Ammunition No.2 A.M.T.Coy. and Nos.108 and 189 Park Sections will move with establishments of Ammunition and will dump at COISY taking all necessary precautions re fire etc. Nos 3 and 4 A.M.T.Coys will hand over ammunition in situ. An Officer from the incoming Unit will make a count and forward a return to this Office.
- 8 Completion will be reported to this Office.

9 Acknowledge.

20-5-18

Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

Distribution

Copy No.1 No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy.

2 No.3 Aust.M.T.Coy.

3 No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.

4 No.1 Park Section Group.

5 108th Park Section.

6 189th Park Section.

7 23rd Park Section. 8 S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.

9 Corps "Q".

10 Retained.

11 Artillery Officer.

12-14 Wra Diary.

APPENDIX.6

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HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN CORPS M.T. COLUMN

SECRET

1st ADDENDA TO MOVEMENT ORDER No.10

- 1. The Supply detachment of No.16 Park Section now with No.2 Aust. M.T. Coy will move with that Unit to COISY.
- 2. Repairs for all lorries of this Section will continue to be done by No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.
- 3. Acknowledge.

20-5-18

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

Distribution.

Copy No.1

No.2 Aust.M.T.Coy. No.16 Park Section.

No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.

No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.

5 S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.

7-8 Retained.
War Diary.

APPENDIX 1717 33

H. J. Australian Corps M.T. Column.

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MOVEMBER ORDER No. 11. COPY No. 15.

- Mo. 5 A.B.R. H. A. Park Section on arrival in this Corps will park with and be administered by No.4 A.H.T.Coy., except for repairs which will be done by Ho. 3 A. M. T. Coy workshops at St LEGER.
- 2. Ho. 96 A.B.R.F.A. Park Section on arrival in this Corps will park with and be administered , including repairs by Ho. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy. at Colsy.
 - 3. No.108 Fark Section will be placed at the disposal of its Brigade from midnight 25/26th May, and will proceed with it to the Artillery Rest Area.
 - No.189 Park Section will be placed at the disposal of its Brigade from midnight 37/28th May and will proceed with it to the artillery Rest Aros.
 - 5. On arrival in Rest Area Bos 108 and 189 Fark Sections will report to 0.6. Fourth Army Siego Park for instructions.
 - G. Supplies 5th A.B.R.H. A. (loss 1 Batty) from 4th aust. Div. Pack on and after 25-5-18. 96th A.B.R.F. A. from 2nd Aust.Div Pack men and after 26-5-18. 108th A.B.R.F. A. from 4th Aust. Div Pack for last time on 26-5-18. 189th A.B.R.F.A. from 2nd aust.Div Pack for last time on 28+5-18.
 - Maps. All squared maps issued by this Office must be returned before merching out.
 - 3. Ammunition instructions will be issued separately.
 - Merching in, or out states, as the case may be will be forwarded to this Office, giving Hos of Officers and Other Banks, W.D. Hos of lorries, Frame Hos of M/bicycles and ammunition carried.
 - Attention is directed to G.R.O. 4045. 10.

11. Acknowledge.

25-5-18

Commanding Australian Corps H.T. Column.

Distribution.

Copy No.1 Ho.5 Park Section. Ho. 96 Park Section. Ho.108 Fark Section. No.189 Park Section. 108 Army Brigado. 139 Army Brigade. Ho. 2 d. M. T. Coy. How 3 A. M. T. Coy. HO. 4 A. M. T. COY. 20 S.M.T.O., Mat. Corps. 11 Corps "Q" 18 Artillery Officer. 13-14 Rotained. 15617 War Diary. 4th Army Siege Park 14

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Australian Corps
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COISY.

SALOUEL.

HEADQUARTERS 18

AUSTRALIAN COAPE ENIONS

M.T. COLUMN.

No. M/139

1. In reviewing the sites for M.T.Units in the Corps Area to the West of the AMIEWS - ALBERT road, two classifications can be made :
A. Those sites which can now be occupied and are suitable for Winter Conditions without any stone, Canadian Standings etc. being required.

B. Those sites on road side which can be occupied now, while the ground is hard but will require Canadian Standings for the lorry lines

and planks or stone for workshop sites.

2. Of the former all the sites are in villages as follows:ALLONVILLE. Will take an M.T. Company of 7 Sections and workshops
in the Chateau Farm. Another M.T. Company of 5 Sections
could be located in the village with workshops near
the Chateau Stables.

Will take an M.T. Company of 5 Sections with workshops

site in the Chateau yard.

CARDONNETTE. One M.T. Workshop could be put in farm yards in the

village, but no lorry standing exists.

LONGERE. Would hold a small M.T. Company such as a Pontoon Park etc., or say 3 A.B.R.F.A. Park Sections.

POULAINVILLE. Will take an M.T. Company of 5 Sections and workshops in the village and has the same accommodation on the main road just south of the Town, but this site may not be used on account of the proximity of the

Railhead.

An M.T. Company of 7 Sections and workshop could park in Saleuel at 62E.R. 25.a. but some stone should be put

SALEUX. An M.T. Gempany of 5 Sections with 3 extra Sections and workshop could park in the Tarpaulin Factory SALEUX at 62E.R.31.a.2.8.

Of the class B sites.

Two M.T. Companies could be parked along the AMIENS - CONTAY road in the neighbourhood of LA HAYETTE.

One M.T. Company could be parked along the AMIENS - RUBEMPRE road

with one workshop at 62D.G.25.d.

One M.T. Company could be parked on the AMIENS - FLESSELLES road.
All these sites require Canadian or similar standings.

- An excellent site for an M.T. Company, or Advanced Siege Park, workshop exists at 62E.L.29.c.7.5. but is too liable to be shelled to have lorries undergoing general overhaul in at the present.
- Under present conditions it is not considered advisable to have workshops and disabled lorries in the Corps Area as defined in the Corps Area Map 14-5-18.
- 6. Several excellent lorry standings can be found in RIVERY, CAMON, CAGNY, etc. but the liability to shelling precludes the use of these sites.

26-5-18

Commanding Australian Corps M.T. Column.

MOVEMENT ORDER No.12

COPY No. /5

1. The following moves will take place after completion of details on 31-5-18

(a) No.4 A.M.T.Coy will move to St SAUVEUR taking over the site of No. 5 A.M.T. Coy.

(b) No.5 A.M.T.Coy will move to the AMIENS - RAINNEVILLE road, south of the COISY -ALLONVILLE cross roads.

(c) Park Sections now attached to No. 4 A. M. H. Coy. will be attached to No.5 A.M.T. Coy and move th the site indicated in "b" above.

(d) Park Sections now attached to No. 5 A.M.T. Coy. less No. 6, which will remain as at present, will be taken over by No.4 A.M.T.Coy. in situ.

2. Present allocations of Park Sections to workshops will stand.

3. Ammunition will be handed over by M.T. Coys. in situ. A check will be made by an Officer of the incoming Unit and a return signed by an Officer of each Unit wendered to this Office. No.5 A.M.T. Coy will convey the ammunition taken over from No.4 A.M.

T. Coy. to a dump site near the camp. The instructions laid down by this Office 1/16 of 21-5-18 will be strictly observed.

4. Supplies The following will be the Railheads on and after 1-6-18

(a) AILLY -sur-SOMME Comprising.

4th Aust.Div Pack 4th Aust.Div - less Arty.

5th Aust. Div Arty. 3rd Aust.Army Bde. 6th Aust. Army Bde. 86th Army Bde R.F.A. 179th Army Bde R.F.A.

POULAINVILLE Comprising

5th Aust. Div Pack. 5th Aust.Div - less Arty 4th Aust. Div Arty.

5th Army Bde R.H.A. 150th Army Bde R.F.A. 298th Army Bde R.F.A.

Acknowledge

31-5-18

Commanding Australian Corps. M. T. Column.

Distribution.

Copy No.1	No.4 Aust.M.T.Coy.
2	No.5 Aust.M.T.Coy.
3	No.3 Park Section.
4	No.5 Park Section.
5	No.6 Park Section.
6	No.16 Park Section.
7	No.77 Park Section.
7 8	Mo.150 Park Section.
9	No.298 Park Section.
10	Mo 1 Demi- decellone
	No.1 Park Section Group
11	S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.
12	Corps "Q".
13	Artillery Officer.
14	Retained.
15-17	War Diary.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS M.T. COLUMN

WAR DIARY FOR MAY 1918

SUMMARY OF EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

A considerable amount of Administrative Work was done this month. After discussion with the S.M.T.O. it was decided to put all workshops in the rear portion of the Corps Area, so as to keep all dismentled vehicles out of the way in case of a retirement and to give more time for assembling them if necessary. The presence of a workshop group in a forward position can easily be located by enemy aircraft, especially at night when it is almost impossible to screen all lights. It is probable that the shelling of the 4th A.M.T.Coy. at ALLONVILLE on the 31st was due to previous observations of the concentration of M.T. at that spot and the fact that the workshop and lorries under repair had previously been removed, enabled the yard to be cleared as soon as the shelling statted, accounted for the small amount of material damage done. Further, this policy, by keeping them away from other duties, allows the Workshop Officers a freer hand, and places more responsibility on the Section Officers with regard to the regular inspection and upkeep of their vehicles etc.

The Corps Area was searched for suitable sites, and the Shops ultimately located as shown in Appendices, 6 paras 5 and 6, 9 para 3,

16 para 1 etc.

On the 6th inst the Corps moved to BERTANGLES; the III Corps taking its place at VILLERS BOCAGE and some M.T. Units were transferred to III

Corps in consequence. See Appendix 8.

On 11-6-18 an exchange of lorries between various Units took place with the object of, as far as possible, giving one Unit all vehicles of themsame make, thus reducing the quantity of spare parts to be carried etc. Details of the changes will be seen in Appendix 10. This was continued on the 14th and 19th, vide Appendices 10 and 14.

The varied and inaccurate method of compiling returns, particularly by the Imperial Park Sections, whose Officers have had very little experience of Command etc. made it desireable that some definite procedure should be laid down. A Circular letter on the subject was therefore drawn up and issued on the 17th. A copy is attached as

Appendix 13.

On the 21st the Fourth Army called for a report on the available M.T. Sites in the Corps Area. Inspections were made and a report - Appendix 18 was forwarded.

Early in the month a strafe was started by higher authority on the subject of Traffic Discipline, see Appendix 3. A new Traffic Map was issued and with Instructions to Drivers was pasted on every lorry.

The ammunition expenditure was fairly constant except for one or

two raids.

On the 7th the Demands Officer, Capt C.W.J.ISLES was wounded by an aircraft bomb while near this Office and was evacuated. Lieut L.PRICHARD being posted in his place on the 31st.

Commanding Austrakian Corps M. P. Column.

Major