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Supplies & Transport

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Mechanical Transport Column

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erased headings not required.)

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

In the field,

Place

Date

Hour

1/10/17

9 a.m.

1-4/9/17. Location, as reported for August, 1917.

5/9/17. Moved "K" Supply Column to L.21 c 2.2. Sheet 27. On moving into the new camp, 4 Nissen huts, already erected on the ground were taken possession of, and were soon supplemented by other buildings and shelters erected by the Unit. Cockhouses, incinerators, latrines, drains etc were established and the camp put into working order.

No. 5 Divisional Supply Column attached 47th Divn. today became attached to "K" Supply Column for administration and command.

11/9/17. No 5 Divisional Supply Column today marched out from 1st Anzac Corps, and No 4 Australian Divisional Supply Column (an Imperial Unit) came under the administration of "K" Supply Column.

30/9/17

Since the 16th instant, a certain number of lorries has been detailed daily to proceed to the forward area for the purpose of evacuating wounded. Prior to being sent out on this duty, the vehicles have been fitted with movable wooden seats, for the accommodation of walking wounded. The lorries on this detail park and rendezvous in Rue Close, YPRES, whilst a lorry fitted out as a breakdown lorry is provided from one of the Supply Columns and one of the Ammunition Sub parks in turn (1st Anzac Corps) to proceed to VIJERHOEK, available when required. A crew of artificers accompanies the lorry, which also carries a stock of those spares which are estimated to be in demand for keeping the lorries and ambulance cars on the road.

During the past month, great demands have been made on all available mechanical transport vehicles, and the Supply Columns under my command have been required to use their vehicles to the utmost, on such duties as R.E. stores Ordnance, Road material, (rendered necessary by congestion of traffic in the forward area in connexion with the operations East of YPRES) Supplies, Ammunition, and, as stated above, for evacuation of walking wounded. In this latter respect, the number of lorries detailed has been 40 during and attack, 12 at other times.

The roads in this area are chiefly pave, and, apart from a certain amount of damage and deterioration to M.T. vehicles caused by excessive vibration, are on the whole, good.

On several occasions during the past month, hostile aeroplanes have come over the camp, and bombs have been dropped in the vicinity; no damage has however, been done to the vehicles or personnel of this Unit.

The Health of the personnel of "K" Supply Column continues to be excellent. The camp is sanitary and comfortable, and the food, clothing, etc are in every way satisfactory. Furthermore, from the profits of "K" Supply Column Canteen, are provided many additional items to the scale of rations, materially contributing to the comfort and welfare of the troops under my command.

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