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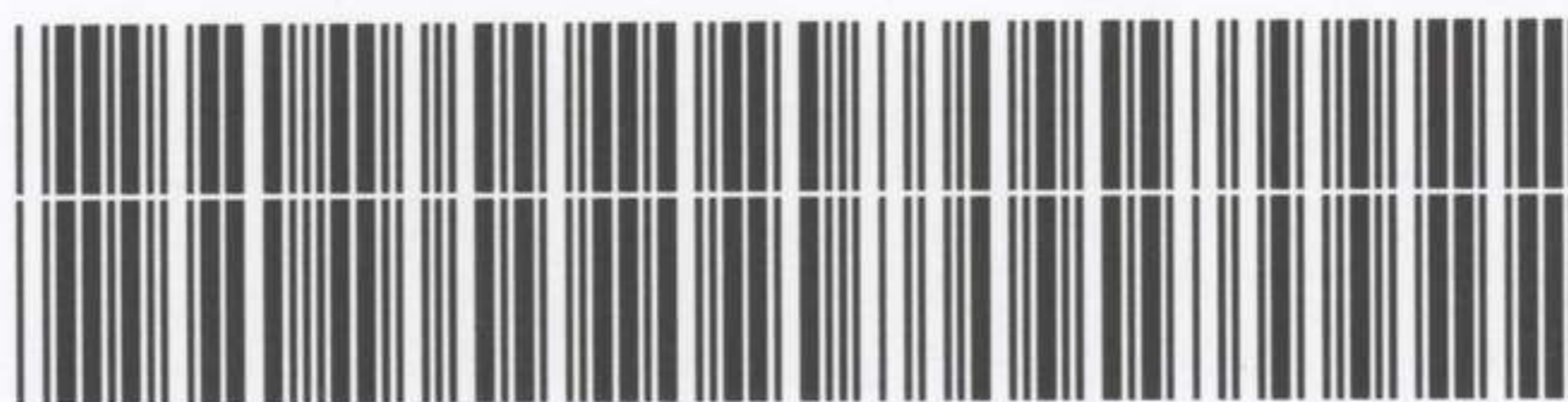
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1914-18 War**

Supplies & Transport

Item number: 25/24/17

Title: 1st ANZAC Corps Troops Supply
Column

November 1917



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Original

1st Angl Corps Troops Supply Column

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HILLEHOECK BELGIUM	1/11/17		Wet morning roads bad visit units in area order necessary road repairs round dumps & Camp	
	2/11/17		raining all day, visit rear area to purchase supplies vegetables which are not too plentiful obtained small quantity turnips & potatoes heavy artillery fire on front	
	3/11/17		misty morning, visit H.Q. & S.M.T.O. in reference to promotions wet night roads bad	
	4/11/17		fine day visit Army H.Q. investigation branch D.D. of S & J. all accounts in order very heavy artillery fire on Passendale front	

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Hilleshart Belgium	5 11 17		Met miserable day roads getting very bad Visit H.Q. Corps Q. & discuss supplies with Q branch	
	6 11 17		Fine day. parade held for inspection Kit. Camp. 7 barries met night	A1
	7 11 17		Heavy mist early morning. Cleared 60 tons coal from Railhead.	A3
	8 11 17		Cold winds. drying roads which are in a bad condition heavy rain during night.	A3
	9 11 17		Received instructions to be ready to take over from VIII corps. visited new area authority Q 1 st Amysac	A3

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Hillesholt Belgium	10 11 17		Very wet. Heavy artillery fire on front, visit S.M.T.O. 1 st Amzac & discussed move, heavy bombing by enemy planes overnight	
	11 11 17		Visited VIII Corps T.S.C. dump & camp. in view of taken over area at an early date. Dump found unsuitable & inconvenient for rationing large number of troops. Bailleul shelled	Charles J. Leonard mg
	12 11 17		Heavy rain. enemy aircraft over during night & bomb. area near camp. heavy artillery fire	
	13 11 17		with S.M.T.O. 1 st Amzac visit new area sites & decide where column would park.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hilloock Belgium	14 11 17		C/O of 2 nd Anzac C.T.S.C. visit camp & arrange time for change over VIA. 1 st ANZAC orders 95	
Steenwerck France	15 11 17		<p>Received orders from SMTO 1st Anzac to move column to Steenwerck after completion of supply work.</p> <p>Moved column 3pm arrived destination 5pm & parked in town square. arranged billets with town major wet day.</p> <p>Look over from VIII Corps T.S.C. made arrangements for issue of supplies in new area, ration strength 16,000 on account of II ANZAC C.T.S.C. not drawing supplies from Peninghelst Rail Head until 16th inst. arrangements had to be made to feed 24,000 troops in that area a detached supply party & one supply officer were left behind to draw & issue for one day from Peninghelst This was successfully done</p> <p>Opened Railhead at Steenwerck for 1st Anzac C.T.S.C. & issued from dump used by VIII C.T.S.C.</p>	<p>Order of command map</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Steenwerck	16/11/17		<p>inspect area for new dump site & Coal storage dump site selected for dump A.22.A.8.8 Sheet 36 arrangements made with Q 100 ansae to build a platform dump as soon as possible. a coal dump was obtained in a farm yard site A.16. D.8.1 Sheet 36 here 500 tons coal & 500 tons fuel wood can be conveniently handled.</p> <p>Capt Hutchinson granted 14 days leave to Enq. 33 D.S.C. 8th Corps moves from area two days after time ordered to take over the billets occupied by them. billeting room scarce town overcrowded</p> <p>Shifted coal dumps 150 tons cleared to new site Rail head delayed owing to congested rail head yard</p>	<p>for new dump</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Steinwerck France	19 11 17		Cleared bottom coal Pailhead fine weather	
	20 11 17		Visit H.B. 10 th Amagac discuss supplies Q. all ranks comfortably quartered - cook house erected latrines made, drainage cleared, general clean up	
	21 11 17		raining again. visit new dump to direct erection old dump site very congested issue hung up two hours while artillery & troops pass	
	22 11 17		Still raining, issue at dump finished 2 hours earlier, all units instructed method of drawing supplies whereby considerable time is saved & transport kept from blocking traffic routes	D. H. J. Gordon way

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Steinmerck France	23 11 17		Fine weather. usual routine enemy bomb overnight	
	24 11 17		Visit S.M.T.O. 1 st Angac discuss supply requirements afternoon attend conference of M.T. Ofc's	
	25 11 17		Receive orders from Of 1 st Supply Col to hand over Command 1 st Angac C.T.S.C. to Capt Harper A.B. necessary arrangements made. all accounts closed. very squally day	
	26 11 17		Hand over command to Capt. Harper in accordance with D.M.T.S. A.I.F. order B/42	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Steinwerck France	26 11 17		<p>In handing over command of the 1st Anzac CTSC after 13 months strenuous service I did so with many regrets. At all times & under trying conditions Officers, Non Commissioned Officers & men gave me loyal & willing support, & the state of efficiency that existed was mainly due to the interest all ranks showed in their work, attached is a report on operations during period September 6th to November 15th 1917, also appendices showing amount of commodities landed.</p> <p>Charles J. Conard Maj</p>	

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Stenwerck France	27/11/17		Weather Showery. Usual Routine. VC. K. Supply Column inspected Dumps. Lieut Rawson granted 14 days leave to U.K.	
	28/11/17		Weather fine. Visited new Dump. Work proceeding satisfactorily. Routine as usual.	
	29/11/17		Weather fine. Usual Routine.	
	30/11/17		Weather fine. Usual Routine. Arranged to procure material to build roadway into Fuel Dump.	
			Approximate average number of rations issued daily for November:- Men. 22,000. H.D. Horses 900. L.D. Horses 700. L Mules 200.	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> <i>Arthur J. Hayter Capt.</i> </p>

1st. ANZAC CORPS TROOPS SUPPLY COLUMN.

APPENDIX 1.

1st. ANZAC C.T.S.C.
Location of Unit
H.Q. M.T. Personnel
Camp, and Lorry
Park.

Sheet 27, L.22.a.3.6.

The Camp consists of four Nissen Huts and 10 Tents. Sandbags have been placed round tents for the protection against bombs. A dugout was also built for cover, and trenches were dug at the sides and end of camp. The camp is well drained and dry.

Improvements have been carried out whilst in occupation.

A lorry standing is in a convenient position off the road, and is dry, ~~and~~ well drained ~~with~~ and ~~has~~ has a good foundation. Three tents have been set aside for the accomodation of reinforcements These reinforcements arrive from M.T. Base, ROUEN, at all hours, and consist of Imperial and Australian personnel for various units throughout the Corps.

Accomodation of Camp :- Officers 5 O.R's 150. Officer's and men's cookhouses with a built in oven. Water has to be conveyed from tanks to the camp in the Water Lorry.

1st. ANZAC CORPS TROOPS SUPPLY COLUMN
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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT
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Train Cleared at :-	Time Clearing.	No. of Trucks Cleared.	No. of Lorries Used.	No. of Water Lorries Used.	Water Supplied (gallons)	Lorries out of Action.	Loads of Supplies Transported
9 AM	2 1/2 hrs	22	36. + 10 G.S. WAGONS	2	1650	Nil	79.

Traffic Routes Used.

Remarks and Suggestions.

Same as previous day. except
3rd Brigade A.F.A. cancelled.

Date Oct 6th /17

Norman Brown

Transport Officer
1st. ANZAC C.F.S.C.

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Appendix III

1st. ANZAC CORPS TROOPS SUPPLY COLUMN

WEIGHT OF SUPPLY COMMODITIES

Drawn from Railhead on the 26-10-17. For issue on the 26-10-17.

For consumption on the 27-10-17.

Total number of Units rationed....154.....

Total number of men rationed :- British.28005.. Chinese.2373..

Total number of horses rationed :- H.D.1971..L.D.1204..Mules.222..

DETAIL OF COMMODITIES DRAWN

Commodity	Lbs.	Commodity	Galls.
Fresh Meat	18650	Petrol	7018
Preserved meat	5412	Lub.Oil	35
Bread	23250	M.B.O.	450
Biscuits	4364	Crosoli	50
Bacon	7299	Zeta Oil	125
Sugar	5429	Vac. 'A'	34
Jam	5251	Whale Oil	45
Cheese	3649	Meth.Spirits	5
Tea	1177	W.P.O.	15
Milk	1750	American Oil	60
Salt	560	mobilo 'TT'	5
Pepper	18		
Mustard	15		
Potatoes	3326		
Onions	2095		
Pork & Beans	9335		
Dried Vegetables	1470		
Pickles	1750		
Rice	2936		
Candles	1122		
Pea Stup	11		
Hay	33970		
Oats	50819		
Bran	1008		
Grease	110		
Chloride of Lime	120		
Carbide	302		
Firewood	73920		
Coal	110840		
	<u>379248</u>		<u>7842</u>

379248 lbs = 169 tons. 5 cwt. 16 lbs.

In the Field.

23th., October, 1917.

Charles L. Roadard

Major.

O.C. 1st. ANZAC C.T.S.C.

1st. ANZAC H.Q.
"Q" Branch.

Herewith list of Units who have returned Fat for Month
of October 1917.

U N I T.	Amount in lbs.	Fcs.	Cens.
1st. ANZAC C.T.S.C.	468	163	60
"K" Supply Column.	90	31	50
1st. ANZAC Cyclists Battalion.	90	31	50
No. 1 A.A.S.P.	130	48	65
No. 3 A.A.S.P.	45	15	75
15th. A.L.R.O. Co.	93	32	55
16th. " "	83	30	60
17th. ANZAC L.R.O. Co.	348	121	80
5th. Australian F. Ambulance.	189	66	15
7th. " "	429	150	15
2nd. Australian D.S.C.	45	15	75
5th. " "	141	49	55
3rd. Army B.A.C.	25	29	05
103rd. Howitzer Battery.	139	48	65
18th. Battery 5th. A.F.A. B'de.	45	15	75
6th. Army B.A.C.	45	15	75
H.Q. 13th. A.F.A. B'de.	32	11	20
12th. Army B.A.C.	45	15	75
119th. Railway Co. R.E.	268	93	80
13th. R.F.C.	93	32	55
18th. Section 17th. Kite Balloon Co.	213	74	55
36th. Kite Balloon Section.	95	33	25
21st. Reserve Park.	175	61	25
No. 1 Army Artillery Reinf.	450	45	50
15th. Ordnance Mobile Workshops.	155	47	25
24th. " " "	45	15	75
55th. " " "	18	6	30
42nd. Army Troop Co.,	93	32	55
345th. Roads Cons'tn. Co.	139	48	65
11th. Liecestershire Reg't.	93	32	55
3rd. Canadian Tunnelling Co.	282	98	70
21st. Light R'way. Train Crew Co.	88	30	10
No. 2 Light R'way. Signal Co.	49	17	15
20th. M.A.C.	94	32	90
5th. New Zealand L.R.O. Co.	237	82	95
"G" Co. 3rd. Batt'n. B.W.I. Regt.	94	32	90
9th. Army Tramway Co. R.E.	45	15	75
145th. Heavy Battery.	97	33	95
23rd. Siege Battery.	42	14	70
120th. " " Amm'n. Column.	92	32	20
121 Siege Battery.	34	11	90
143 " " "	61	17	85
229 " " "	90	31	50
273 " " "	40	14	00
182 " " "	47	16	45
237 " " "	70	24	50
329 " " "	100	35	00
350 " " Amm'n. Column.	109	38	15
41st. Chinese Labour Co.	257	89	95
54th. " " "	239	83	65
Forward.	6206.	2172	10
		Continued.	

U N I T.	Amount in lbs.	Fcs.	Cens.
Forward.	6206	2172	10
8th. Labour Co.	284	99	40
12th. " "	107	37	45
19th. " "	288	100	80
28th. " "	93	52	55
33rd. " "	45	15	75
41st. " "	474	165	90
91st. " "	467	163	45
114th. " "	187	65	45
123rd. " "	423	148	05
151st. " "	239	83	65
163th. " "	93	32	55
185th. " "	186	65	10
	<u>9092.</u>	<u>3182.</u>	<u>20.</u>

Above Totals do not include returns of FAT to dump after 26th. inst.

Charles J. Goddard

In the Field.
3rd. Oct. 1917.

Major.
O.C. 1st. ANZAC C.T.S.C.

APPENDIX V.

Location of Dump for
main Corps Troops.

Sheet 28, G.15.c.1.8. RENINGHELST - POPERINGHE -
OUDERDOM Roads.
Roads excellent, being metalled and well drained.
Dump buildings were erected by Corps Engineers.
Skillion roof with back closed in and a room
built for Office and Storage purposes.
The Dump platform is 75 feet long by 30 feet
wide, and all supplies are kept under cover.
Holding capacity of the Dump about 40,000 rations.
The Supply Section is camped at the rear of the
Dump with accomodation for 30 men.

Location of Dump for
Heavy Artillery Groups
And Siege Park.

Sheet 28, G.26.c.3.8. HOOGRAAF.
Roads are in excellent order having recently
been remetalled.
The Dump building has been extended, and
drainage established.
Holding capicity, abour 20,000 rations.
There is also a park standing for 30 vehicles
which is used by H.A. and Siege Park Lorries, and
the Camp accomodation is for 100 men.
Coal and wood-fuel which is ~~unable~~ to be
dumped at the main Corps Troops Dump is placed here.

UNITS RATIONED BY 1st. ANZAC CORPS TROOPS SUPPLY COLUMN.

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FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. 29th

No1 Traffic Control.	41st. Chinese Labour Co.
No1 Troop "	52nd. " " "
No3 A.S.P.	54th. " " "
No5 A.S.P.	57th. " " "
No17 Kite Balloon Coy.	71st. " " "
No18 Sec'n. B "	Det. 2nd. Pontoon Park.
No36 Sec'n. " "	Det. 9th. " "
No13 Sec'n. R.F.C.	Det. 2nd. Reserve Park.
No2 Light Railway Signal Sec'n.	"C" Co. 3rd. B.W.I. Regt.
21st. " " Train Crew Co.	Reninghelst Laundry.
5th. N.Z. " Operating Co.	269th. Railway Co. R.E.
15th. Aust'ln. " " "	2nd. Corps Church Hut.
16th. " " " "	93rd. Church Hut.
17th. ANZAC " " "	113th. " " "
ANZAC's Att'd Busseboom W'shops.	161st. " " "
15th. Ordnance Mob. Workshops.	1st. ANZAC Corps H.Q.
22nd. " " " "	H.Q. 1st. ANZAC H.A.
24th. " " " "	H.A. Signal Section.
29th. " " " "	1st. ANZAC Cyclists.
55th. " " " "	1st. " Ordnance.
42nd. Army Troop Co.	1st. " S.M.T.O.
133rd. " " " "	"K" Supply Column.
145th. " " " "	1st. ANZAC C.T.S.C.
235th. " " " "	"K" Corps Signals.
No. 3 Group 2 F.S.Co.	"K" Corps Wireless.
No. 13 " 5th. F.S.Co.	"K" " Ammunition Park.
"B" Sect. 5th. F.S.Co.	No. 1A. D.S.C.
"A" Battalion Tanks.	5th. A.D.S.C.
H.Q. 2nd. B'de. Tank W'kshops.	No 1 A.A.S.P.
H.Q. 2nd. B'de. Tank Corps.	No 2 A.A.S.P.
No. 1 Tank Salvage Co.	No 3 A.A.S.P.
6th. M.A.C.	No 4 A.A.S.P.
20th. M.A.C.	No 5 A.A.S.P.
No9 Army Tramway Co.	5th. Aust'ln. Salvage.
A.O.C. & A'ttd. X.C.	1st. ANZAC F.P. Compound.
A.O.C. Guard Det.	1st. Aust'ln. Sanitary Section.
"G" Battery Anti-Aircraft Battery.	1st. " Salvage "
No3 Searchlight Section.	2nd. " Salvage. "
2nd. Corps Pioneers.	2nd. " Laundry.
3rd. Tunnelling Co.	2nd. " Field Ambulance.
21st. Reserve Park.	1st. ANZAC Salvage Section.
12th. Labour Group H.Q.	1st. " Armourers.
29th. " " " "	No. 1 Traffic Mobile Police.
37th. " " " "	H.Q. 3rd. A.A.F.A.B'de.
8th. Labour Co.	6th. Battery. " " "
12th. " " " "	7th. " " " "
28th. " " " "	8th. " " " "
33rd. " " " "	103rd. Howitzer Battery.
51st. " " " "	3rd. Army B.A.C.
61st. " " " "	H.Q. 6th. A.A.F.A.B'de.
83rd. " " " "	16th. Battery " " "
91st. " " " "	17th. " " " "
114th. " " " "	18th. " " " "
114th. " " Abeele.	106th. Howitzer Battery.
118th. " " " "	6th. Army B.A.C.
123rd. " " " "	H.Q. 12th. A.A.F.A.B'de.
143rd. " " " "	45th. Battery " " "
151st. " " " "	46th. " " " "
168th. " " " "	47th. " " " "
185th. " " " "	112th. Howitzer Battery.
11th. Leicestershire Regt.	12th. Army B.A.C.
340th. Roads Const'n. Co.	8th. Aust'ln. M.G. Co.
345th. " " " "	14th. " " " "
3rd. Cav. Div. Dism'td. Battn.	13th. " Light Horse Regt.
9th. Can. Railway Troops.	4th. N.Z. Rifles.
119th. Co. R.E.	Aust'ln. Y.M.C.A. Reninghelst.
No 1 R.A. Reinf. Camp.	33rd. Motor Airline Section.
40th. Chinese Labour Co.	

UNITS RATIONED FOR SEPTEMBER. (Continued)

40th.Chinese Labour Co.(Chinese)	10th. H.A.G.
41st. " " " "	22 "
52nd. " " " "	24 "
54th. " " " "	28 "
57th. " " " "	30 "
71st. " " " "	31 "
1st.ANZAC Concert Party.	35 "
5th.Can.Railway Co.	53 "
301st.Roads Const'n.Co.	57 "
3rd.Batt.H.Q.	66 "
2nd,A.D.S.C.	73 "
4th.A.D.S.C.	1/1 W.Highland H.Battery.
"K"Siege Park H.Q.	1/1 W.Riding. "
120th. S.B.A.C.	111th. H.Battery.
172 "	117 "
182 "	122 "
204 "	146 "
213 "	411th
230 "	R.M.A. Howitzer No.4
247 "	1 st. Siege Battery.
248 "	23 " "
265 "	29 " "
275 "	30 " "
278 "	39 " "
29 "	42 " "
39 "	54 " "
74 "	74 " "
121 "	118 " "
141 "	120 " "
229 "	121 " "
232 "	123 " "
253 "	133 " "
1 "	135 " "
23 "	141 " "
30 "	143 " "
123 "	166 " "
139 "	172 " "
166 "	182 " "
200 "	190 " "
233 "	200 " "
257 "	204 " "
294 "	213 " "
329 "	229 " "
330 "	230 " "
"K"Siege Park W'kshops.	233 " "
"K" " " Supply Col.	247 " "
"K" " " Tractor.	248 " "
"K" " " " Adv'd.	252 " "
Zealand Dump.	253 " "
Robsons Dump.	265 " "
321 S.B.A.C.	275 " "
118 "	278 " "
133 "	287 " "
143 "	294 " "
148 "	329 " "
3rd. B.W.I.Reg't.Pioneer Camp.	330 " "
	333 " "
	343 " "
	381 " "

Charles J. Leonard Maj
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Approx Daily Strength.

MEN.	38500.	CHINESE.
H.D.	2000.	3000.
L.D.	3300.	
L.M.	900.	

1st. ANZAC CORPS TROOPS SUPPLY COLUMN.

Report on Supply Services, period September 6th. to November 15th.

Under instructions from S.M.T.O., 1st. ANZAC, this Unit took over Camps and Dumps from 11 Corps Troops Supply Column at 11 a.m. on the 5th. September 1917. Situations see Appendix 1.

Organization adopted
for supply of Food
and Commodities.
Time clearing Train.
Strength of Corps
Troops.
Comparative figures.
Maximum Transport
etc.

Instructions were received from 'Q' Branch 1st. ANZAC to prepare for issuing rations to 40,000 troops. Arrangements were accordingly made and Dumps enlarged, and roads repaired to meet with increased feeding strengths and traffic requirements.

Railhead was WIPPENHOEK until the 14th. Sept. when it changed to RENINGHELST, both Railheads are convenient and easy to work, there being plenty of parking room. Average time clearing train 2 hours.

The unit has nine lorries available for supplies and to meet the extra transport requirements vehicles are demanded from S.M.T.O., 1st. ANZAC. The average demand during period was fifteen vehicles daily. At times G.S. Wagons were utilised to save M.T. vehicles. See Appendix 11.

The Supply lorries detailed by Heavy Artillery and Siege Parks also draw Supplies from railhead, and delivered to Dump, where they receive rations for delivery to Artillery refilling point, direct, properly proportioned for each Battery or Group, saving detail issue at Refilling point.

On account of Dump and Railhead being close to one another two and sometimes three trips were done with lorries drawing supplies, this also was a saving in vehicles used. See appendix 11.

With the large number of units drawing rations from one Dump- (See appendix VI) there is a possibility of congestion at dump, and roads leading thereto. To obviate this, a system is used, whereby there is no waiting once units arrive to draw supplies, and each unit must fall in rear of Column of Transport keeping traffic way clear. Traffic Controls are told off, and direct traffic on roadway near Dump.

The Units each have a number, and as the Q.M.S. arrives to draw he goes from one commodity to another, giving a chit with number to issuer, who has a corresponding number on his tally, with quantity of commodity to be issued. The average time taken for each Unit to draw Supplies worked out at one and a half minutes per unit for all rations. For instance 150 Units drew rations in 240 minutes.

To prevent congestion at Dump with Units arriving times are notified for Units to arrive at Dump, this saves an unnecessary delay of transport on roads leading to Dump, and is not so conspicuous to enemy aircraft, again there is no delay at Dump, but a continuous move receiving rations.

To successfully operate this method it is essential to have Dump built up with platform, tail-board height, similar to an ordinary railway platform. The road leading to the Dump must have an 'IN' and 'OUT' direction.

Heavy Artillery and Siege Parks detailed 15 lorries to receive supplies from Dump. These were under the Command of a Transport Officer - Lieut. Heath - who took Column to the Refilling Points and handed over Supplies to the various Batteries, or delivered direct by lorry where possible. Each Battery had a representative to account for rations so received, so far no complaints have been received entire satisfaction being expressed in this method.

Supplies.

There is no comment and no complaints. Vegetables were received in excellent order and variety. Potatoes were purchased in small quantities to supplement allowance. The price paid for potatoes being 20 Francs per 100 Kilos. Onions were plentiful and in excellent condition. Cabbages arrived on Pack Train through Central Purchase Board and were excellent, being firm, young and splendid condition. We have never issued better, being a great improvement on previous consignments.

Fuel.

The supply of Coal and Fuel Wood was fairly regular. Total amount handled for the month of October 1,168 tons.

Petrol and Oils.

The demand for these commodities was fairly heavy. 180,000 gallons of petrol being handled together with 20,000 gallons of various oils.

Fodder.

All demands met, supply excellent. Total of Hay and Oats supplied during the month of October was 2,200,000 lbs.

Groceries.etc.

These supplies were always in good condition, the total amount handled exceeded 5,250,000 lbs.

Solidified Alcohol.

Received.	95,000 ozs.
Issued.	76,000 ozs.

Trench Foot Mixture.

Received.	6,000 lbs.
Issued.	6,000 lbs.

Fat Returns.

A great improvement was noted in the return of this very necessary commodity from the various Units, and still better results are expected for the month of November. Attached hereto is a copy of the fat return for the month of October.

Return of Empties.
Sacks etc.

A great deal of supervision is required to ensure the return of all empties. Many units neglect to return bread-sacks, crates, rum jars etc. During the month of October about 40 tons of empties were returned to Railhead.

Attached appendix 111 is one days supply of commodities in detail.

Location of Dumps.

These were found convenient, and suitable for all requirements. See appendix V.

Maximum Strength of Unit.

Officers 5. Other ranks 76.
During the month of September the 17th. A.D.U.S. (Lieut. Whiteford) Officer i/c was attached for duty. This Unit controlled supplies for the Heavy Artillery Groups and Siege Park.
When this Unit was transferred to 5th. Army (20th. October 1917.) the Heavy Artillery Groups and Siege Parks drew supplies from main Dump.

Vehicle casualties and Evacuations.

NIL.

Casualties personnel.

AM/13874 M.T.Dvr. Brown H.L., 6th. A.A.F.A. Brigade, Park Section, wounded by a bomb 29th. September, died of wounds 30th. September

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Act of Gallantry.

During the morning of the 8th. October the Supply Dump was shelled by the enemy. There were several casualties amongst the personnel of the Units drawing rations.

AM/1910 L/Sgt. Ross J.C. did excellent work during the period of shelling. He removed killed and wounded and directed traffic to a place of safety, after first clearing roadway of killed horses.

Through his action all M.T. Transport escaped damage, and all rations were issued to units.

Immediate Award.

AM/1910 L/Sgt. Ross J.C. received the Military Medal. (C.R.O. 1st ANZAC 453.)

Remarks and Suggestions. In general the Supply and Issue for Corps Troops is carried on with an inadequate personal, and the extra rations handled when the ration strength is above normal, with the small personnel in the Supply Section viz. 1 Officer 24 Other Ranks, requires adjustment.

The attached personnel is not satisfactory as the men have to be broken in to Supply work. They are constantly changing and just as a man gets an insight into accounting and checking supplies he is transferred as a reinforcement to some other Unit. Then again the weight of supplies as tabulated in appendix 111 is bulky and heavy, and also requires handling at least three times, off train to vehicles, off vehicles to dump, then dump to units in detail issue. Coal is the worst commodity to handle and arrives at all hours. When at times it is necessary to demand a Fatigue Party, which is not always available, this causes delay and transport is delayed in consequence. To get over the difficulty it would be feasible to provide a Coal Supply Depot. One Officer and 100 other ranks could handle all coal for Corps and Divisions, and have a central dump where it could be issued to all concerned, then it could be accounted for and checked in a more business like manner.

Tip bodies should be fitted to a fleet of transport lorries which could be utilised for coal and road material, thus saving time and labour. Ramps and Hoppers could be constructed to contain coal in bulk from which it could be loaded into lorries drawn underneath to receive same, thus saving labour in loading.

Cars, Lorries and Cycles.

When lorries are demanded to cope with extra loading daily, the same vehicles are not available every day, and although S.M.T.O., 1st. ANZAC arranges that same vehicles will be detailed permanently as far as possible it so happens with columns moving in or out of Corps Area, that different vehicles arrive at Railhead daily. Here again the inadequate Non-Commissioned-Officer personnel is felt for directing and checking supplies as received.

With an increase of vehicles on establishment the drivers would be of great assistance in the daily routine of work. They could assist in many ways in the receiving ~~of~~ and unloading of supplies from Railhead. Also the increase in vehicles and personnel would mean corresponding increase in N.C.O's.

One car is insufficient as it is impossible for Supply Officer to visit the Dumps, Railheads, and various units.

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It is also necessary to make frequent visits to the back Area for the purchase of vegetables. Four Motor-cycles are required:

- 1 For Despatch Rider.
- 1 For Railhead and Supply Duties
- 2 For Transport N.C.O's on detached delivery runs.

At present three motor cycles are in use and these are kept too busy for proper attention and cleaning.

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