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Sheet 28. 9. 29 2. 6. 6.	1/9/17.		31 Lorries on road repair, 284 Tons carried, 377 miles loaded, 526 Miles empty.	GCH
	2/9/17		32 Lorries on road repair. 296 Tons carried. 348 miles loaded. 480 miles empty.	GCH
	3/9/17		21 Lorries on road repairs, 215 Tons carried. 182 Miles loaded. 227 miles empty. Order published warning men not to congregate in the event of enemy aircraft being overhead. 9 Dennis Lorries, 1 Motor Cycle, together with 1 Sergeant & 29 other ranks of the 86 th A.F.A.D.P.S. handed over to 19 th Corps Ammunition Parks.	GCH
	4/9/17		27 Lorries on road repair. 260 tons carried, 250 miles loaded 410 miles empty. 1 Sergeant & 8 other ranks reported from 1 st Base M. T. Depot.	GCH
	5/9/17		11 Lorries on road repair. 6 Lorries on Loads, 143 Tons carried, 131 Miles loaded, 255 Miles empty.	GCH
	6/9/17		24 Lorries on road repair. 260 tons carried, 206 Miles loaded, 261 Miles empty. Orders published to the effect that Grenades and Bombs are not to be carried in Lorries detonated, except in cases of extreme urgency. 3 Men reported from 1 st Base M. T. Depot.	GCH

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Sheet 28.9. 29.8.6.6	7/9/17		30 Lorries on road repair. 265 Tons carried, 254 Miles loaded. 443 Miles empty. Unit transferred from 'B' Corps to 1 st ANZAC.	
	8/9/17		27 Lorries on road repair. 270 Tons carried. 263 miles loaded. 418 miles empty.	
Sheet 24 L21C.25.	9/9/17		32 Lorries on road repair. 257 Tons carried. 263 miles loaded. 373 miles empty. Unit moved from old location at OUDERDOOM to Sheet 27. L. 21. C. 2.5 near ABEELE. Movement completed by 12 NOON. Old Camp site handed over to NO.2 A. A. S. P.	
	10/9/17.		19 Lorries on Ammunition 54 Tons Carried, 113 Miles loaded. 126 miles empty. 12 lorries on French stores. 26 Tons carried. 60 miles loaded, 180 miles empty. 2 Other trucks transferred to Hospital. Sickness. 9 Peerless Lorries with 30 other trucks attached of the 3 rd A. B. Aust. F. A. P. S., and 5 Peerless Lorries, 4 Daimler Lorries with 29 other trucks of the 6 th A. B. Aust. F. A. P. S. attached for maintenance. 2/Lieut. H. A. PERRINS in charge of both Sections.	

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Sheet 27. L. 21. C. 2. 5.	11/9/17		12 lorries moving Troops. 15 lorries on R. E. Stores, 12 lorries on road repairs. Total Tons carried 122. Miles run loaded 346. Miles run empty 774. Most of the above lorries were on night duty in the Forward Area. Orders published to the effect that Box Respirators must be worn in the ready position forward of YPRES and CAFE BELGE. Box Respirator Drill and inspection of Gas Appliances by Orderly Officer. 1 Other Rank transferred CCF to Hospital. Sick.	
	12/9/17.		22 Lorries moving Troops. 4 Lorries on Ammunition. 4 Lorries on R.E stores. Total tons carried 114. Miles run loaded 263. Miles CCF run empty 882.	
	13/9/17.		15 Lorries on Ammunition. 24 Lorries moving Troops, 6 Lorries on R.E. stores. Total Tons carried 285. Miles run loaded 536. Miles run empty 1117. Orders published to the effect CCF that no naked lights will be allowed on lorries.	
	14/9/17.		15 Lorries on Ammunition, 6 Moving Troops, 14 Lorries on R.E stores. Total Tons carried 213, Miles loaded 669, Miles CCF empty 796.	

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Shut 27. L. 21. C. 2. 5.	15/9/17		30 Lorries on Road repair. 6 Lorries moving Troops, Total Tons carried 149. Miles run loaded 351. Miles run empty 735. 2 Douglas Cycles with Side car combination transferred to 2 nd Army Troops Supply Column. 1 Triumph Solo Cycle received from 1 st Aust. D. S. C. in lieu. Side car combinations - under special instructions from Director of Transport, - are no longer on charge to an Ammunition Sub-Parc. 1 Other Road transferred to Hospital. Sickness. <i>GH</i>	
	16/9/17		29 Lorries on Road repairs, 3 Lorries moving Troops, Total Tons carried 190. Miles run loaded 430, miles run empty 913. Traffic orders published to the effect that lorries must not move in Convoy East of a line North and South of DICKEDUSEM. ON all roads East of the line MENINGATE to SHRAPNEL CORNER lorries will move at 100 yards interval by day <i>GH</i> and 200 yards interval by night.	
	17/9/17		30 Lorries on road repairs, 2 on Salvage, 7 3 moving Troops, Total Tons carried 261. Miles run loaded 582. Miles run empty 874. <i>GH</i>	

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Sheet 27. L. 21 C. 2. 5.	18/9/17		29 Lorries on Road Repairs, 4 on Salvage, and 2 on Ammunition. Total Tons carried 203, miles run loaded 397, miles run empty 968. [Signature]	
	19/9/17		3 Lorries on Ammunition, 4 on Salvage, 4 R. E. Stores, and 2 moving Troops. Total Tons carried 54, miles run loaded 236, miles run empty 263. 1 Driver of the 6 th A.B.A.P.S., Killed [Signature] by enemy shell.	
	20/9/17		at 1.0 A.M. 3 Officers 73 Other ranks with 30 Lorries, left Park to take up a position on YPRES to KRUISSTRATT Road, to work under C.E., 1 st ANZAC during operations, carrying stone for Road Repairs to Forward Area. [Signature]	
			31 Lorries on Road Repairs, 6 Lorries on Ammunition, Total Tons carried 200, Miles run loaded, 481, Miles run empty 452. [Signature]	
	21/9/17		30 Lorries on Road Repairs, 4 on Ammunition, 3 Moving Troops, Total Tons carried 158, Miles run loaded 307, Miles run empty 596. 1 Corporal transferred from 1 st Base M. T. Depot. 15 Relief Drivers attached from 'K' Supply Column. [Signature]	

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Sheet 27. L. 21. C. 2. 5.	21/9/17		3 Officers 73 Other ranks, with 30 Lorries reported to Park after completion of duties in Forward Area. Letter received from Chief Engineer, 1 st ANZAC commending the Unit upon the manner the duties of transporting road material to the Forward Area had been carried out. The arrangements previously made by O.C. Unit and C. T. E. Corps Troops were carried through without hitch of any kind.	
	22/9/17		22 Lorries moving Troops, 2 Ammunition and 11 on Supplies. Total Tons carried 193, miles run loaded 373, miles run empty 999. 1 Man transferred to Hospital. (Sickness)	
	23/9/17		17 Lorries on Supplies, 8 moving Troops. Total Tons carried 188. Miles run loaded 354, miles run empty 853. 1 Man transferred from No. 1 A.D.S.C.	
	24/9/17		23 Lorries moving Troops, 3 on Supplies. Total Tons carried 71. miles run loaded 168, miles run empty 642.	
	25/9/17		3 Officers 83 Other Ranks with 30 Lorries left Park to take up position on the YPRES to KRUISSTRAAT Road to work under Chief Engineer, 1 st Anzac. Conveying material for Road Repairs in Forward Area.	

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Sheet 27. L. 21 C. 2. 5.	25/9/17		33 Lorries on Road Repair, 6 on Ammunition, 5 Supplies, and 3 Mowing Troops. Total Tons carried 237, miles run loaded 541, Miles run empty 778. 2 men re-classified Drivers H.T. under A.I.F. Order 785. Order published with reference to the Saluting of Officers. <i>GGH</i>	
	26/9/17		31 Lorries on Road Repair, Tons carried 338, miles run loaded 528, Miles run empty 461. 1 Man reported - on transfer - from the 2 nd Aust. Tunneling Coy. The 1 st ANZAC Corps Commander awarded the Military Medal to the following N. C. Os and men of this Unit. No. 1699 Sergeant G. L. Hooper, No. 1614 Sergeant N. O. Teague, No. 1900 Driver C. J. Bask, No. 1728 Driver W. Todd. <i>GGH</i>	
	27/9/17		31 Lorries on Road Repair, Tons carried 107, Miles run loaded 283, Miles run empty 540. 3 Officers, 50 Other Ranks, with 30 Lorries returned to Park from detached duty in Forward Area. The following casualties are reported, 4 Drivers wounded, by Enemy Shell, <i>GGH</i>	

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Sheet 27. L. 21. C. 2. 5.	28/9/17		12 Lorries on Salvage, 8 Lorries Moving Troops, Total Tons Carried 71. Miles run loaded 277, Miles run empty 467. <i>GH</i>	
	29/9/17		19 Lorries on Ammunition, 13 Moving Troops, 18 on Stores, Total Tons Carried 360. Miles run loaded 728, Miles run empty 1101. Para. published in Orders to the effect that the Australian War Records Section has opened a War Museum, for the purpose of exhibiting and preserving War Curios. Members of this Unit were invited to forward anything of Historical interest. 1 Driver transferred to Hospital, 9 Drivers transferred to No. 4 POST. DIV. SUPPLY COLUMN, and 2 Drivers transferred to No. 2 POST. DIV. SUPPLY COLUMN. Under Authority D. M. T. S., A. I. F., No. 4, and in accordance with A. I. F. Order 785, 9 Privates were appointed Drivers M. T., as from 27-9-17. Under the above Authority 3 Privates were promoted Artificers, and 1 Driver M. T., Re-classified Artificer. <i>GH</i>	
	30/9/17.		25 Lorries on Ammunition, 25 Lorries on Supplies, Total Tons Carried 288, Miles run loaded 504, Miles run empty 971. A. I. F. Order 785 published in Unit Daily Orders, to the effect	

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Shut 27. L. 21. C. 2. 5.	30/9/17		<p>that future appointments of Soldiers to Driver M. T. will only be entitled to hold the rank and receive the rate of pay pertaining thereto whilst employed in the capacity of Driver.</p> <p>The following Casualties for period 3-8-17 to 30-9-17 occurred; -</p> <p>16/8/17. No. 1721 Driver S. Penglass, Evacuated to Hospital, Wounded by Enemy Bomb.</p> <p>26/8/17. No. 1578 Corp. J. Cohen. Evacuated to Hospital, Wounded by Enemy Shell.</p> <p>" " No. 1411 Driver W. Eketon. Evacuated to Hospital, Wounded by Enemy Shell.</p> <p>27/9/17. No. 6934 Driver W. Worth. Evacuated to Hospital, Wounded by Enemy Shell. Since died of wounds.</p> <p>" " No. 1979 Driver C.A. Saunders, Evacuated to Hospital Wounded by Enemy Shell.</p> <p>" " No. 394 Driver G. McLeod, Evacuated to Hospital, Wounded by Enemy Shell.</p> <p>Lorries No. 11711 and 11718 Damaged by Enemy Shell Fire 27/9/17. Repaired in the field.</p> <p>Lorry No. 11713 Damaged by Enemy Shell Fire 26/8/17. Repaired in the field.</p>	

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507 Shelt 28.1.21 C. 2. 5.	30/9/17.		The full complement of Working Lorrys on the Establishment of the Unit were available and used for duty. Owing to the evacuation of Wounded as enumerated, and 4 Drivers in Hospital temporary, great difficulty was experienced in maintaining full crews of 2 Drivers Per Lorry.	

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CHIEF
ENGINEER,
1st ANZAC.
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Headquarters,

21st. September 1917 .

S.M.T.O. 1st. Anzac.

Will you please convey my thanks to Major Fordyce, Officers and men of the 1st. Australian Sub-Park who have been employed in transporting road material to our forward area.

In the few days previous to the operations nearly 1000 tons of stone was dumped. This has proved invaluable in the speedy repair and maintenance of roads which have been used in moving forward heavy guns and transport.

The arrangements made between Major Fordyce and C.R.E. Corps Troops were carried through without hitches of any kind.

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Brig. General.

Chief Engineer 1st. A N Z A C .

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