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Sheet Calais 13. 5. C. 9. 7	1/12/17		18 Lorries conveying Troops. 3 Lorries on Ammunition, 5 Lorries on Stores, 175 Tons Carried. 777 Miles run loaded, 555 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 148. Detached 17. Attached from other Units 5. On leave to United Kingdom 2.	
	2/12/17		16 Lorries conveying Troops, 3 Lorries on Ammunition, 6 Lorries on Stores, 84 Tons Carried, 688 Miles run loaded, 589 Miles run empty. Instructions issued that the N. C. O (Senior) of each Section will personally inspect, once each week, the Gas Equipment of his Section, and will hand a Certificate to the Sergeant Major every Friday morning to the effect that this has been done, and reporting upon any defects and deficiencies that there may be. Instructions also issued that Troops must not use or damage fields under cultivation, it being pointed out how essential is a good harvest to the French Population, and that severe disciplinary action will be meted out to offenders. Strength of Unit 148. Detached 17. Attached 5. On leave to O. K. 2.	
	3/12/17		18 Lorries conveying Troops, 9 Lorries on Stores, 1 Lorry on Ammunition, 118 Tons Carried, 1018 Miles run loaded, 504 Miles run empty.	

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Sheet Calais 18. 5. C. 9. 7	3/12/17		<p>Instructions issued that particulars of the coming Refuendum, which will be held at an early date, are now posted in conspicuous places in the Camp & Billets, and that all ranks should make themselves conversant with the conditions of the proclamation. Instructions were issued that headlights on vehicles will not be used further forward than the road R. E. FARM - KEMMEL - LINDENHOEK - NEUVE EGLISE - LEINSTER ROAD - NIEPPE. Traffic will not proceed by day, and lights will not be used by night forward of the line HYDE PARK CORNER - PODEG STREET - LE BIZET. Vehicles will not halt in daylight on the unscreened portion of the KEMMEL - WYTBCHAETE Road East of PECKHAM.</p>	
	4/12/17		<p>1 Diver reported from 1st Base M. T. Depot. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 5. Detached 17. On Leave to U. K. 2.</p> <p>12 Lorries conveying Troops. 14 Lorries on Stores & Salvage. 127 Tons Carried. 561 Miles run loaded. 452 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 5. Detached. 17. on Leave to U. K. 2.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>

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Shut Cain 13. 5. L. 9. 7	5/12/17		21 Lorries conveying Troops. 6 Lorries on Stores. 141 Tons carried, 747 Miles run loaded, 606 Miles run empty. 1 Private transferred from 1 st A. F. A. Brigade. 1 Corporal attached from 'K' Amm. Parks. Strength of Unit 150. Attached 6. Detached 17. On leave to U. K. 2.	
	6/12/17		24 Lorries conveying Troops, 4 Lorries on Stores, 144 Tons carried, 813 Miles run loaded, 524 Miles run empty. Owing to the long hours which lorries are working, instructions were issued that if all lorries had not returned to Park by midnight, the Orduy N. C. O. of the day must hand his certificate, with reference to 'Foot Punctations' and the emptying of Radiators, to the N. C. O. in Charge, who will be responsible that the lorries not returned are inspected upon their arrival, the certificate completed and handed to the Orduy Officer next morning when Guard is dismounted. 1 Man reported sick from leave. Strength of Unit 150. Attached 6. Detached 16. on leave to U. K. 1.	

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Shank Calais 13. 5. C. 9. 7	7/12/17		19 Lorries conveying Troops. 7 Lorries on Stores. 144 Tons Carried. 782 miles run loaded. 441 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 150. Attached 6. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 2.	
	8/12/17		16 Lorries conveying Troops 8 Lorries on Stores. 61 Tons Carried. 580 Miles run loaded. 442 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 150. Attached 6. Detached 17. On Leave to U. K. 2. Instructions issued that Lorry drivers, when emptying Radiators will leave out the plug to ensure that the Radiator is properly drained.	
	9/12/17		15 Lorries conveying Troops. 9 Lorries on Stores. 119 Tons Carried. 796 Miles run loaded. 454 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 150. Attached 6. Detached 18. Leave to U. K. 3.	
	10/12/17		14 Lorries conveying Troops 9 Lorries on Stores. 898 Miles run loaded. 545 Miles run empty. 198 Tons Carried. Instructions issued with reference to Precautions against Fire. Fires naked lights, and Smoking are strictly forbidden in any room or barn which contains hay. Good houses, fridges, or Incinerators will not be placed against any building, or in the vicinity of any ricks or stacks of any inflammable material. Petrol or Paraffin Oil must not be used on fires, and must not be stored near	

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Sheet Calais 13 S. C. 9. 7	10/12/17		any stove, tray, fireplace, or Lamp. 1 Man transferred to Hospital, Sick. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 6. Detached 18. Leave to U. K. 3.	
	11/12/17		2 lorries conveying troops. 6 lorries on stores. 35 tons carried. 192 miles run loaded. 183 miles run empty. 13 lorries not returned from duties detailed on the 10 th no mileage or tonnage available. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 6. Detached 18 Leave to U. K. 3. 1 st ANZAC Special Order No. 521 read on Parade from Company Order: Instructions issued that owing to the prevalence of motor cycle thefts, special steps must be taken by all concerned to guard the machines in their possession, and to trace offenders with a view to their being brought before a Courts-Martial. Motor lorry drivers are forbidden in some parts to Motor Cyclists in distress unless given an order signed by an Officer or N.C.O. on the spot who has investigated the circumstances.	
	12/12/17		7 lorries on stores, 2 lorries conveying troops. 44 tons carried. 163 miles run loaded. 132 miles run empty. 13 lorries detailed on the 10 th inst not yet returned. mileage and tonnage not available.	

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Stret Calais 13 S. C. 9. 7.	12/12/17		Strength of Unit 149. Attached 6. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 2. 1 man returned.	
	13/12/17.		1 Lorry conveying Troops. 18 lorries on stores, 156 Tons carried. 640 Miles run loaded. 660 Miles run empty. 15 lorries detached, mileage not available. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 6. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 2.	
	14/12/17		Orders issued with reference to Espionage and Spies. 2 Lorries conveying Troops. 14 Lorries on Stores & Baggage. 90 Tons carried. 225 Miles run loaded. 304 Miles run empty. 15 Lorries not returned from duty, mileage and tonnage not available.	
	15/12/17		3 men transferred to Hospital sick. Strength of Unit 146. Attached 6. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 2. 14 Lorries on Stores & Baggage, 4 conveying Troops. 98 Tons carried. 232 miles run loaded. 503 miles run empty. 15 Lorries not returned from duty on 13 th & 14 th inst. Carried 111 Tons. ran 1161 miles loaded and 313 miles empty. 1 Man rejoined from Hospital.	
	16/12/17.		Strength of Unit 147. Attached 6. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 2. Regulations with reference to Censorship. Orders re-published. 2 Lorries conveying Troops. 1 Lorry on Stores, 21 Tons carried. 52 miles run loaded. 54 Miles run empty. 19 Lorries not reported back from detail, tonnage and mileage not available.	

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Sheet Calais 13 S. C. 9. 7	16/12/17		1 man re-joined from Hospital. Strength of Unit 148. Attached 6. Detached 18. Leave to U. K. 2.	
	17/12/17		13 Lorries left Park working under 1 st Aust. Division. 49 Tons were carried. 775 miles run loaded, 95 miles run empty. On completion of detail three lorries reported at Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2. forming an advance party for unit which moves to-morrow. 19 Lorries detached on 15 th , 16 th & 17 th and carried 156 Tons. ran 1024 miles. 2 nd miles run loaded. 753 miles run empty.	
	18/12/17		Unit moved from Sheet Calais 13. S. C. 9. 7. (SAMER) to Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2. BAINHEUX - ARMENTIERS Road, 20 Lorries moved 52 Tons of Camp Gear. and ran 1376 miles loaded. Strength of Unit 148. Attached 6. Detached 18. Leave to U. K. 2. Copy of Movement Order attached. Movement carried out without incident.	
	19/12/17		16 Lorries on Camp Gear 55 Tons Carried. 184 Miles run loaded. 181 miles run empty. Mechanist Staff Sergeant Forror, R. O. appointed Plink and transferred to No. 2 A. A. S. P. 2 O. R. s transferred from 1 st Base M. T. Depot. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 6. Detached 16. Leave to U. K. 2. Instructions issued that on future Gas Generators will be kept empty. When occasion arise that lights are necessary, care must be taken upon return to Park, to empty the Generator.	
	20/12/17		4 Lorries conveying Troops, 5 Lorries on Stores, 43 Tons Carried. 181 Miles run loaded, 193 miles run empty. 1 man transferred from 1 st Base M. T. Depot. Strength of Unit 150. attached 6.	

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Shut 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2.	20/12/17		<p>Detached 14. Leave U. K. 2. Instructions issued that in the event of Hostile Aircraft overhead, all ranks must take cover. If bombs are heard falling in the vicinity, troops should lay flat on the ground thus minimizing the possibilities of injury. Under instructions from the Corps Commander orders were issued that as drivers of Mechanical transport frequently exceed the speed limit, the Military police have been instructed to time M. T. Vehicles at various posts on the road, and report offenders. The speed of Motor lorries is 8 miles per hour on open roads, and 4 miles per hour through towns and villages, and must not be exceeded. 'Frost Precautions' re-published for the information and compliance of all ranks. Copy of which are attached.</p>	
	21/12/17		<p>22 Lorries on Ammunition, 1 Lorry on Stores, 78 Tons carried, 261 miles run loaded, 284 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 150. Attached 6</p>	
	22/12/17		<p>Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2. 7 Lorries on Ammunition, 4 Lorries conveying Troops, 5 Lorries on Stores, 63 Tons carried, 466 miles run loaded, 402 miles run empty. 3 Trucks transferred from AUST. General Base Details. Strength of Unit 153. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2.</p>	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2.	23/12/17		2 Lorries on Ammunition, 6 Lorries on Road Repairs, 7 Lorries on Stores, 2 Lorries conveying Troops. 96 Tons carried. 228 Miles run loaded, 341 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 153. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2.	
	24/12/17		6 Lorries on Road Repairs, 11 Lorries on Stores. 78 Tons carried. 214 Miles run loaded, 316 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 153. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2.	
	25/12/17		15 Lorries on Ammunition, 1 Lorry on Stores, 47 Tons carried. 192 Miles run loaded, 170 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 153. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2.	
	26/12/17		2 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores. 15 Tons carried. 63 miles run loaded. 31 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 153. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2. Xmas Dinner to Unit was given, and Concert on the evening, both of which were thoroughly enjoyed by the men. The Band of the 8 th Battalion which was present added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Inter-Regt sports were held in the afternoon, and although the weather was very cold, and the ground covered with hard frozen snow, a good afternoon was spent.	

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Sheet 28. S. 29 a. 4. 2.	27/12/17		23 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores, 75 Tons carried, 146 miles run loaded, 200 miles run empty, 1 Man transferred from 4 th Battalion. Strength of Unit 154. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2. Instructions issued with reference to Economy in the use of Petrol. The engine of all vehicles will be stopped directly the vehicles have been brought to rest.	
	28/12/17		5 Lorries on Ammunition, 4 Lorries on Stores, 23 Tons Carried, 82 miles run loaded, 68 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 154. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave U. K. 2. As a prevention against 'Trench Feet', a supply of Caustic Soap and Proder has been obtained, and must be used by all ranks once a week. Hot water being specially provided for the washing of feet.	
	29/12/17		3 Lorries conveying Troops, 11 Lorries on Stores, 1 Lorry on Ammunition, 42 Tons carried, 137 miles run loaded, 161 miles run empty, 1 Man transferred to A. I. F. Printing Section, 1 Man transferred from A. I. F. Printing Section. Strength of Unit 154. Attached 6. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2. Instructions issued that vehicles travelling after dark must conform with the following lighting regulations. Headlight will not be allowed East of a line NEIPPE - NEUVE EGLISE - KINDENHOEK - VIERSTRAAT - YPRES - COMINES CANAL - YSER CANAL. Side lights will not be allowed East of a line beyond which lorries are permitted to proceed in daylight.	

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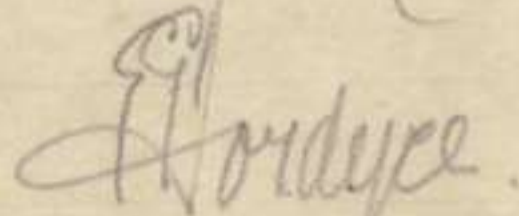
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Sheet 28, S. 29. a. H. 2.	29/12/17		All lights with the exception of tail lights will be extinguished when Searchlights are in action or whilst vehicles are standing.	
	30/12/17		11 Lorries on Ammunition 3 Lorries conveying Troops, 8 Lorries on Stores. 68 Tons Carried. 469 miles run loaded. 492 miles run empty. 2 Lieut. J. Shaw temporary attached for duty. Strength of Unit 154 attached. 7. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2. Strength of Unit 154.	
	31/12/17		9 Lorries on Stores. 8 Lorries on Ammunition. 47 Tons Carried. 341 miles run loaded. 339 miles run empty. 1 Man transferred to Hospital Sick. Strength of Unit 154. Attached 7. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 2.	
			BATTLE CASUALTIES to PERSONNEL & VEHICLES for Month. NIL.	
			Attached is copy of "Frost Precautions" and "Movement Order" of move on the 18 th inst.	
			 Major. O.C. 1st Australian Ammn. Sub. Park.	

No. 1. AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB-PARK.

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5 41	Letter File, High Commissioners, Inwards. August 1915 to December 1916. Letter File, Outwards, August 1915 to March 1916. Letter File Outwards, General Typed letters August 1915 to December 1916 (Important Letters)
6 42	Duplicate Acquittance Rolls from July 1915 to Dec:1916.
7 43	Correspondence Outwards and Inwards reference Continuation Pay Books when 17th Ammunition Sub-Park. Pay and Proficiency Pay of English Gunners attached. Cancelled Continuation Pay Books issued in the Field (English pattern) 14.
8 44	Workshop Records and Convoy Officers Reports, Romsey. Medical Boards report on permanently unfit. June 1915. Workshop Equipment, Chassis & Bullford Numbers of Australian and Peerless lorries. Miscellaneous Melbourne Records. Duplicate copies of proceedings of Courts of Enquiry held in Melbourne, Troopship A/40, Romsey.
9 45	Unit Daily Orders 1st January 1916 to December 31st 1916. File of Daily Orders 11th January 1915 to 11th July 1915.
10 46	Routine Orders by Sir Newton Moore, 22nd February 1915 to 29th May 1916. 1st Anzac Corps Ammunition Park, Part 11 Orders May 1916 to December 1916. 5th Corps Ammunition Park Routine Orders August 1916 to December 1916. 3rd Echelon Daily Orders, Part 11, July 1915 to Dec:1916. 3rd Echelon Daily Orders, Part 11 R.A. section July 1915 to May 1916 Unit Daily Orders January 1915 to July 1915. 2nd Army Routine Orders July 1916 to October 1916. A.I.F., Memoranda, List of Invalidings. 5th Army Corps Troops Routine Orders October 1915 to March 1916. 2nd Corps Routine Orders March 1916 to April 1916
11 47	Correspondence Books Outwards A.B.152, 25th July 1915 to 30th December 1916. Ration Indent Books (Duplicates) October 21st 1916 to 31st December 1916.

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Minutes of meeting held at Awbridge Camp re ration
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List of members, expenditures &c, Australian Recreation
Club, Romsey.
Operation Orders by Lieut: Gen: Jones, Commanding White
Army, Dandenong.
Embarkation & Disembarkation Orders Troopship A/40.
List of men transferred to Hospital, Alexandria.
List of men absent without leave, Avenmouth 12th July 15
List of men transferred to Base Depot, Weymouth,
Avenmouth, 12th July 1915.
Recommendations for promotion to Sergt: by W.O.s
in charge of Workshops.
Marching In State Queensland Section, Sydney Show Ground
Orders by Headquarters, Melbourne for use on Troopship.
List of men transferred to D.A.P. from Broadmeadows.
Field Return January 31st 1915.
Nominal Roll of men embarked for France July 1915.
Copies of allotment forms "B" compiled in Sydney & Melb:
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Nominal Roll of Next of Kins.
Motor Test of Reinforcements, (Sydney)
Medical Transfer Certificate Book, Awbridge Camp.
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- 14 50 Cash Book, Romsey & Awbridge Camp.
Money drawn and deposited Capital & Counties Bank Romsey
billeting Account &c.
Receipt Book.
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- 15 51 Q.M.S. Issue and receipt Books, Clothing & Equipment
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Issue & Receipt Vouchers 17th A.S.P. 10th July 1915 to
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Clothing and Equipment detail 17th A.S.P. 10th July 15
to 19th September 1916.
Issue & Receipt Vouchers prior to embarkation July 1915.
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- 16 52 Billeting Certificates 9th October 1915 to 25th
August 1916.
Sick Reports 15th July 1915 to 31st December 1916.
Duplicate copies of Telegrams when 17th A.S.P.
Army Orders (Imperial) 1st November 1915 to 1st Dec:16.
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