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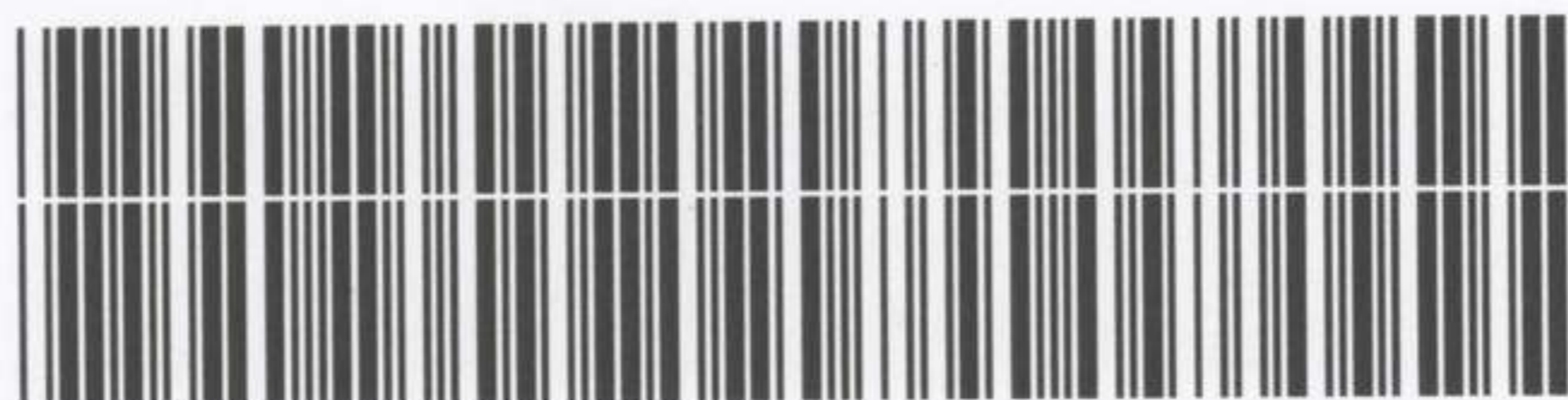
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No. 1 AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB-PARK

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Shut 28. S. 29. a. H. 2.	1/1/18		20 Lorries on Ammunition, 5 Lorries on Stores, 75 Tons carried, 185 miles run loaded, 231 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 154, attached 5, Detached 14, Leave to United Kingdom 2.	
	2/1/18.		23 Lorries on Ammunition, 5 Lorries on Stores, 103 Tons carried, 381 miles run loaded, 457 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 154, attached 5, Detached 14. Two men granted leave to U. K. Total men on leave to U. K. 4. G. R. O. 3076. 'Prevention of Espionage' repeated in Unit Daily Order.	
	3/1/18		12 Lorries on Stores, 3 Lorries conveying Troops, 40 Tons carried, 205 Lorries miles run loaded, 297 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 154, attached 5, Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 3. One man reported from leave to U. K. G. R. O. 3065. prohibiting any Officer, Soldier, or any person subject to Military Law from being in possession of a Camera, or take photographs, published in Unit's Daily Order.	
	4/1/18		21 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries conveying Troops, 4 Lorries on Stores. 81 Tons carried, 213 miles run loaded, 267 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 154, attached 5, Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 3. Instructions issued that all waste paper, cardboard, string, etc. must be collected for the purpose of being	

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Check 28. S-29. a. 4. 2.	4/1/18.		forwarded to Base, it being urgently required to prevent the output of Ammunition being seriously hampered. <i>J.</i>	
	5/1/18		3 Lorries conveying Troops, 3 Lorries on Stores, 16 Tons carried, 98 Miles run loaded, 151 Miles run empty. 11 Lorries were detailed for duty at RENISCUE, but upon reporting were not required, three lorries ran 462 miles empty. Strength of Unit 155. 1 man reporting on transfer from No. 4 A. D. S. G. attached 7. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 3. <i>J.</i>	
	6/1/18		3 Lorries conveying Troops, 15 Lorries on Stores, 52 Tons carried, 231 miles run loaded, 296 miles run empty. 1 Man transferred to Hospital, Broken collar bone playing football. 2 Men granted leave to U. K. Strength of Unit 154. Attached 5. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 5. <i>J.</i>	
	7/1/18		18 Lorries on Ammunition, 3 Lorries conveying Troops, 1 Lorry on Stores, 58 Tons carried, 134 miles run loaded, 217 miles run empty. 1 Man transferred to No. 5 A. A. S. P. Strength of Unit 153, attached 5. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 5. Regulations with reference to the Speed of Motor Lorries re-published in Unit Daily Order. 2 Men granted leave to U. K. <i>J.</i>	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. H. 2.	8/1/18.		20 Lorries conveying Mine Bait, 3 Lorries conveying Troops, 1 Lorry on Stores. 16 1/2 Tons Carried, 116 miles run loaded, 483 Miles run empty. 1 Officer I.O.R. granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 153. Attached 5. Detached 14. Leave to U.K. 9.	
	9/1/18		5 Lorries conveying Troops, 4 Lorries on Salvage, 1 Lorry on Stores. 63 Tons Carried, 111 Miles run loaded, 157 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 153. Attached 5. Detached 14. Leave to U.K. 9.	
	10/1/18		Owing to Naked lights not being allowed on lorries, and as it is absolutely essential that during the winter months drivers must have a decent light inside their lorries, small Acetylene lamps have been purchased and paid for from Regimental Funds, and fitted inside all lorries. 9 Lorries on Stores, 3 Lorries conveying Troops, 32 Tons Carried, 82 miles run loaded, 129 miles run empty. 1 Man transferred to 3 rd Army Brigade A.F.A. Pack Section. Strength of Unit 152. Attached 5, Detached 14. Leave to U.K. 9. No. 9460 Temp. Sergeant Mackenzie M.L. confirmed on Rank, vice Sergeant Odgers V.P. transferred to Hospital sick. Instructions issued that Motor Transport may use the LOCRE-REMMELE road as far as BRUKOZE Railhead only.	

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Sheet 28 8-29 a. 4-2.	10/1/18		The Road from MONT VIDAIGNE to foot of MONT ROUGE will be used by lorries in West to East direction only. East to West lorry traffic must go round by CROIX de POPERINGHE, these instructions are issued owing to the continued bad weather and in consequence bad state of the roads. ¶	
	11/1/18		2 Lorries on Ammunition, 3 Lorries conveying Troops, 2 Lorries on Stores. 13 Tons carried, 55 miles run loaded, 83 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 152. Attached 5. Detached 14. Leave to U. K. 9. Instructions received that "Shaw Precautions" will come into force as from 11-0 AM. 12 th inst. ¶	
	12/1/18.		2 Lorries conveying Troops, 2 Lorries on Stores, 8 Tons Carried 20 miles run loaded, 40 miles run empty. These lorries had to be off the roads by 11 AM. owing to "Shaw Precautions" coming into force. Strength of Unit 152. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 9. 1 Sergeant and 2 other ranks detached for duty at Corps Ammunition Reserve Dump, N. C. O. to take charge until further notice. ¶	
	13/1/18.		During the period Shaw Precautions are in force, a Supply Dump has been opened on the main BAINHEUX-ARMENIERES. ¶	

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Shut 28. S. 29. a. u. 2.	13/15		Road, for the convenience of M. T. Units parked along that road. As this road is one of the few roads open to M. T. vehicles during "Shaw precautions", one lorry left the Unit for supplies and Rations. 6 Tons carried, 13 miles run loaded, 13 miles run empty. 2 men transferred to Hospital, 1 man granted leave to U. K. Strength of Unit 150. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 10. Letter received from D. A. A. G., A. I. F. relative to the application from an M. T. Driver for for transfer to the A. F. C., to the effect that at present there are no vacancies in the A. F. C., and therefore, applications for transfer to that Unit from other arms of the A. I. F. cannot be approved. When vacancies exist applications will be called for through A. I. F. offices.	
	14/15		"Shaw precautions" still in force. 1 Lorry on supplies and rations, 5 Tons carried, 10 miles run loaded, 10 miles run empty. 1 man transferred to Hospital, Sick. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 10.	
	15/15		"Shaw precautions" were lifted at 3-30 P.M. to-day. Owing to the sudden change in the weather, instructions were received this morning to again adopt "Shaw Precautions".	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4-2.	15/1/18		2 Lorries conveying Troops, 17 Lorries on Ammunition, 4 Lorries on Stores, 73 Tons carried, 229 miles run loaded, 224 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 5.	
	16/1/18		Detached 17. Leave to U. R. 10. Shaw Precautions still ^{adopted} from midnight.	
	17/1/18		1 Lorry on A.M.S. duties, 11 Tons carried, 14 miles run loaded, 14 miles run empty. 2 men transferred to 12th A. D. A. F. A. P. S. 2 men on leave to U. R. reported sick. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. R. 8.	
	18/1/18		Shaw Precautions still in force. 1 Lorry on the road for supplies, 2 Lorries on special detail, 9 Tons carried, 31 miles run loaded, 64 miles run empty. 1 Man granted leave to U. R. 1 Man transferred from A.M.T.S. A. I. F. Headquarters, London. Strength of Unit 146. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. R. 9.	
			Shaw precautions still in force. 1 Lorry on Unit stores and rations, 4 Lorries on special detail, 23 Tons carried, 52 Miles run loaded, 98 miles run empty. 4 Men reported back from leave to U. R. 1 Sergeant transferred from 104th Howitzer Battery. 1 Man transferred to A. M. T. S., A. I. F.	

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Sheet 28. 3.29. a. 4.2.	18/1/18		<p>Headquarters, London. Strength of Unit 146. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 5. Fourth Army Traffic Orders para 208 published for the information of all ranks:-</p> <p>"Every lorry will carry a Notice Board, 29 x 22 inches, and a yellow wooden arrow 20 x 5 1/2 inches with the word LORRIES painted on it in black on both sides in such a way that the arrow can be put up to point in any direction required.</p> <p>"These will be handed to an A.P.M. on demand and will then be replaced by the Unit."</p>	
	19/1/18		<p>Shaw Precautions still in force. 1 Lorry on Unit rations. 6 Tons carried, 20 miles run empty, 34 miles run loaded. Strength of Unit 146. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 5. Para 6 of Aust. Corps Frontline Orders published for the information of all ranks:- "Within the Corps Area no bread may be purchased by soldiers from civilians"</p>	
	20/1/18		<p>Shaw Precautions still in force. 1 lorry on Unit stores and rations. 4 Tons carried, 10 miles run loaded, 15 miles empty.</p>	

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Shut 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2.	20/1/18		1 Man transferred from 1 st Base M. T. Depot. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 5.	
	21/1/18		Shaw precautions still in force. 1 Lorry on Unit's rations. 3 Tons Carried. 6 Miles run loaded, 6 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 17. Leave to U. K. 5. Notice received that Shaw precautions would lift at from midnight to-night.	
	22/1/18		3 Lorries conveying Troops, 9 Lorries on Ammunition, 3 Lorries on stores. 26 Tons carried, 165 Miles run loaded, 190 Miles run empty. 2 Men reported back from leave to U. K. 1 detached man reported back to duty. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U. K. 3. Instructions issued with reference to the care to be exercised when handling Ammunition that has been Salvaged.	
	23/1/18		5 Lorries ^{Lorries} conveying Troops, 10 Lorries on stores, 21 Tons Carried 148 Miles run loaded, 202 Miles run empty. 2 Men reported back from leave to U. K. 1 Man granted leave to U. K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5, Detached 16. Leave to U. K. 4. Instructions issued forbidding Officers or other ranks to walk along Light Railway Tracks.	
	24/1/18		2 Lorries conveying Troops. 2 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on stores. 13 Tons Carried. 78 Miles run loaded, 85 Miles run empty.	

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Sheet 28. 3. 29. a. 4. 2.	24/1/18		Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. 2 Men granted leave to U.K. Total on leave to U.K. 6.	
	25/1/18		2 Lorries conveying Troops. 2 Lorries on Stores. 10 Tons carried, 43 miles run loaded, 46 Miles run empty. 1 Officer & 1 O.R. reported back from leave to U.K. 1 Man granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 7.	
	26/1/18		3 Lance Corporals promoted to Corporal under Authority D.M.T.S., A.I.F. B/15 to complete Establishment. 1 Private promoted Driver under provisions of A.I.F. Order 779, Authority D.M.T.S., A.I.F. B/7. 7 Lorries on Ammunition, 1 Lorry on Stores, 15 Tons carried, 50 Miles run loaded, 148 Miles run empty. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. 2 men granted leave to U.K. Total on leave to U.K. 9. Full instructions with reference to "Stock precautions" issued, copy of which was attached to War Diary for November 1917.	
	27/1/18		4 Lorries on Salvage, 2 lorries on Stores, 1 Lorry conveying Troops. 14 Tons carried. 68 miles run loaded, 77 miles run empty. 1 Man granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 10.	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2.	27/1/18.		<p>The following instructions were issued with regard to "Economy in the use of Petrol": -</p> <p>All ranks are again reminded of the strictest economy in the use of petrol, a matter of vital importance, will be ensured by the strict observance of the following orders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) When lorries are in Park all petrol taps will be turned off. (2) When on duty the engines will be stopped directly the lorry is brought to rest, unless the stoppage is due to a temporary check in the traffic. (3) Upon return to Park and immediately the lorry arrives at its parking position the engine must be stopped. <p>Lorries, Workshops, Stores, and Books, were to-day inspected by Director of Transport Inspectors.</p>	
	28/1/18		<p>5 Lorries on Salvage, 1 Lorry on Stores, 1 Lorry conveying Troops, 27 Tons Carried, 82 miles run loaded, 101 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U. K. 10. Army Order 13-1918 published for the information of all ranks. Permitting Warrant Officer, N.C. O. & Men</p>	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2.	28/1/18		who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, or Military Medal, to add the distinctive letters "D. C. M." or "M. M." after their names. Instructions issued that Bridge at Sheet 28. H. 29. C. 3. 9 - between DICKEBUSCH and CAPE BEUGE - will be closed to all motor traffic from 6 AM 21/1/18 till 3 rd February.	
	29/1/18		18 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores, 24 Tons carried, 213 Miles run loaded, 358 Miles run empty. 1 Man transferred from Base M. T. Depot. Strength of Unit 148. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U. K. 10.	
	30/1/18		5 Lorries conveying Troops 3 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores. 14 Tons carried, 151 Miles run loaded, 119 Miles run empty. 2 Men granted leave to U. K. Strength of Unit 148. Attached 5. Detached 16. On leave to U. K. 12.	
	31/1/18.		7 Lorries conveying Troops, 8 Lorries on Stores, 1 Lorry on Ammunition, 33 Tons carried, 294 Miles run loaded, 267 Miles run empty. 1 Man granted leave to U. K. Strength of Unit 148. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U. K. 13.	

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In accordance with Fourth Army Routine Order 208, every lorry in the Unit, including 9 of the 6th A. B. A. F. A. P. S., and 2 No. Amm. Parks H. Qrs Lorries attached, have been fitted with NOTICE BOARDS and ARROWS. 6 Lorries have been completely overhauled during the month. The Crank Cases of all lorries have been drained, cleaned out, and filled with fresh oil. The Front and Rear wheels of all lorries have been removed, inspected, and adjusted where necessary.

Efforts have been successfully made during the month to interest the men in Sport and Recreation. Rugby and Soccer Teams have been entered in the Corps Football Competition, and up to date have done fairly well, the men have shown great interest, and with a little training expect to hold their own.

The Australian Comforts Fund have opened a Cinema Show in the Camp, with a change of programme twice weekly, and which is proving a boom to the men of this and adjoining Camps, during these long, dreary, winter nights.

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Stret 28. S. 29. A. 4. 2.	31/1/18		<p>Personnel Killed, Wounded, or Passed, and lorries damaged or evacuated during month through enemy action:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>N I L.</u></p>	

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