

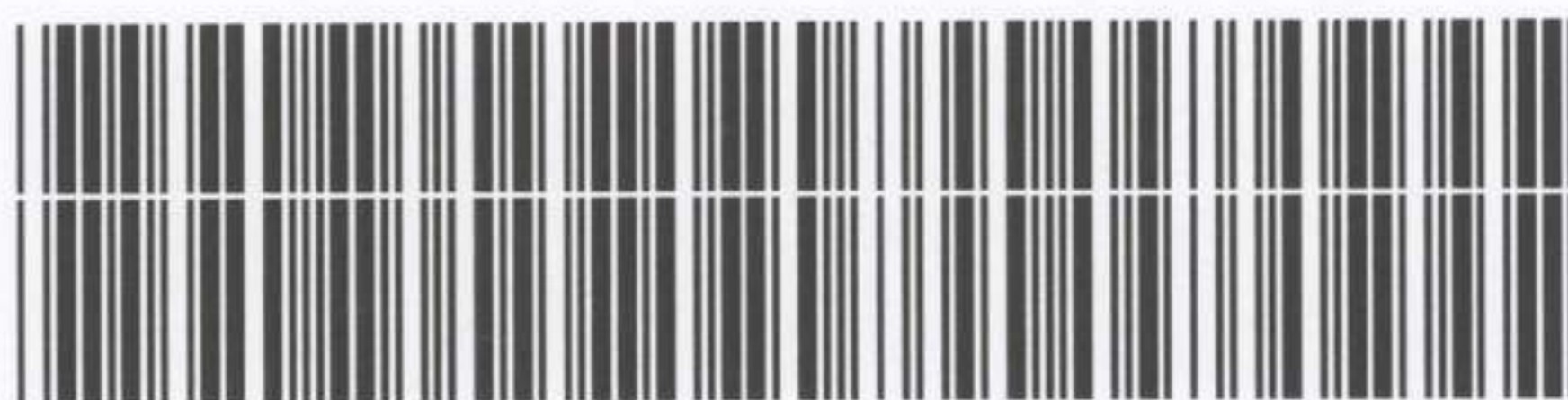
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OF

No. 1 AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB-PARK

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sub 28. S. 29. a. u. 2.	1/2/18		2 Lorries on Road Repairs, 3 Lorries on Stores. 18 Tons Carried, 58 miles run loaded, 32 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 148. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U. R. 13. The footnightly Parade for instruction in Drill and general use of Small Box Respirator was held.	A
	2/2/18		2 Lorries on Stores. 5 Tons Carried, 25 miles run loaded, 28 miles run empty. 2 Men granted leave to U. R. and 2 men reported from leave to U. R. 1 man struck off strength "Absent Without Leave" Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5, Detached 16. Leave to U. R. 13.	A
	3/2/18		1 Lorry on Unit stores and patients 3 Tons Carried, 8 miles run loaded, 8 miles run empty. 1 Officer granted Leave to U. R. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5, Detached 16. Leave to U. R. 14. Censorship Regulations re-published in Unit Daily Order.	A
	4/2/18		5 Lorries on Stores, 8 Tons Carried, 102 miles run loaded, 84 Miles run empty. 2 Lorries on detached duty from 28/1/18 to 3/2/18 carried 40 Tons, ran 271 Miles loaded, 231 Miles empty. 2 men granted leave to U. R. 2 men reported back from leave to U. R.	A

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2.	4 1/2/18		Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 14.	
	5/2/18		20 Lorries on Ammunition, 1 Lorry on Stores, 70 Tons Carried, 167 miles run loaded, 320 miles run empty. 1 Man granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 147, Attached 5, Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 15.	
	6/2/18		Inspection by Brig. General G. A. Brand, C. M. G., D. S. O., 1st Aust. Corps. Q Branch.	
	6/2/18		5 Lorries conveying Troops, 2 Lorries on Stores, 23 Tons Carried, 88 Miles run loaded, 94 Miles run empty. 2 Men granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 17. Instructions issued with reference to 'Furlough Advances' and A. I. F. Order 696 as amended by A. I. F. Order 1061 published for the information of all ranks.	
	7/2/18		10 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores, 38 Tons Carried, 86 miles run loaded, 124 miles run empty. 1 Man granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 147, attached 5, Detached 16, Leave to U.K. 18. Instructions issued that the supply of lubricating oils and greases of all descriptions is becoming a question for the utmost care and consideration, and that it has	

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Shut 27 S. 29. a. u. 2	7/2/18		become necessary ^{for} rigid economy in the use of these commodities.	A.
	7/2/18		2 Lorries on Stores. 8 Tons carried, 21 miles run loaded, 18 miles run empty. 1 man granted leave to U.K. 1 man reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 18.	A.
	9/2/18		2 Lorries on Stores, 10 Tons carried, 27 miles run loaded, 36 miles run empty. 2 men transferred from Base M.T. Depot. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 18. Instructions issued that when lorries are actually engaged on work under Corps Roads Officer may, if carrying a board marked "Roads" travel against the arrow.	A.
	10/2/18		2 Lorries on Stores, 1 Lorry conveying Troops, 9 Tons carried, 12 miles run loaded, 20 miles run empty. 1 man transferred from Base M.T. Depot, 1 man transferred to Hospital sick. 3 men granted leave to U.K. 1 man reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 5. Detached 15. Leave to U.K. 20.	A.

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2.	11/2/18		4 Lorries on Stores, 12 Tons Carried, 27 miles run loaded, 25 miles run empty. 1 Man granted leave to U.K. 4 men reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 149. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 17.	[initials]
	12/2/18		5 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores. 37 Tons Carried. 153 miles run loaded, 53 miles run empty. 2 Lorries on detached duty for 8 days carried 28 Tons, ran 286 miles loaded, and 70 miles empty. 1 Man transferred to R. Amm. Parks, + 1 transferred to Hospital sick. 1 Man granted leave to U.K. and 1 man reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 17.	[initials]
	13/2/18		1 Lorry on Ammunition 2 Lorries on Stores. 12 Tons Carried, 33 miles run loaded, 49 miles run empty. 1 Lorry on detached duty for 9 days carried 37 Tons, ran 117 miles loaded, and 105 miles empty. 2 men transferred to Hospital Sick. Strength of Unit 145. Attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 17. Instructions with reference to Espionage and Spies re-published in Unit Daily Order. 1 Lorry detached for duty with Aust. Corps School, AVELOX.	[initials]

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. H. 2.	14/2/18		3 Lorries on Ammunition, 5 Lorry on Stores & Equipment, 2 Lorries conveying Troops. 30 Tons Carried, 164 miles run loaded, 233 miles run empty. 2 men transferred from Base M. T. Depot. 1 man granted leave to U. K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 18. Leave to U. K. 18. In accordance with G. O. No. 3381 all P. H. Helmets in the possession of the men of this Unit were collected and returned to Ordnance.	
	15/2/18		3 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorry on Stores, 20 Tons Carried. 122 miles run loaded, 82 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 18. Leave to U. K. 18.	
	16/2/18		13 Lorries on Stores, 1 Lorry on Ammunition, 40 Tons Carried. 185 miles run loaded, 232 miles run empty. 3 men granted leave to U. K. 1 man reported back from leave to U. K. Strength of Unit 147. Attached 5. Detached 18. Leave to U. K. 20.	
	17/2/18		1 Lorry on Stores. 3 Tons Carried, 7 miles run loaded, 7 miles run empty. 5 Lorries attached to Corps Gas School for 3 days Carried 15 Tons, ran 410 miles loaded, and 550 miles empty. Lieut. J. D. CAMPBELL transferred to A. M. T. S.	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. 2-4-2.	17/2/18		England. 1 man transferred to Hospital sick. 2 men granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 145. Attached 5. Detached 18. Leave to U.K. 22. All old type containers on Small Box Respirators exchanged for new type.	
	18/2/18		1 Lorry conveying troops. 3 Lorries on stores. 14 Tons carried. 33 miles run loaded. 57 miles run empty. 1 man granted leave to U.K. 4 men reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 145. Attached 5. Detached 18. Leave to U.K. 19.	
	19/2/18		2 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Salvage, 1 on stores. 41 Tons carried, 111 miles run loaded, 178 miles run empty. 2 Lorries returned from detached duty, and during 8 days detached carried 85 Tons, ran 171 miles loaded and 276 miles empty. 2 men granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 145, attached 5. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 21.	
	20/2/18		6 Lorries on Ammunition, 4 Lorries on Stores, 37 Tons carried, 85 miles run loaded, 156 miles run empty. Strength of Unit 145 Attached 4. Detached 16. 2 men granted leave to U.K. and 1 man reported from leave to U.K. making a total on leave to U.K. 22.	

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sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2	21/2/18		30 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores, 24 Tons Carried, 70 miles run loaded, 84 miles run empty. 3 Men reported back from leave to U.K. 1 man granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 145. Attached 4 Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 20. Instructions issued that all waste oils must be carefully conserved for return to Base.	
	22/2/18		4 Lorries conveying troops, 5 Lorries on Stores, 35 Tons Carried, 83 miles run loaded, 107 miles run empty. 3 Men granted leave to U.K. 1 man reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 145, Attached 4. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 22. Inspection of Camp by General H. R. Dierwood, K.C.D., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. Commanding Australian Imperial Force.	
	23/2/18		8 Lorries on Stores, 3 Lorries conveying troops, 26 Tons Carried, 75 miles run loaded, 121 miles run empty. 1 Man transferred to Hospital Sick. 1 Man reported back from leave to U.K. 2 Men granted leave to U.K. 3 Men attached from Aust. Reinforcement Camp. Strength of Unit 144. Attached 7. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 23.	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a. 4. 2	24/2/18		4 Lorries on Ammunition, 2 Lorries on Stores, 2 Lorries conveying Troops and equipment. 28 Tons Carried, 156 miles run loaded, 131 miles run empty. 3 men granted leave to U.K. 1 man reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 144. Attached 7. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 25. A. I. F. Headquarter Circular with reference to "War Savings Certificate" published in Unit's Daily Order.	
	25/2/18		9 Lorries conveying Troops. 1 Lorry on Stores, 38 Tons Carried, 141 miles run loaded, 115 miles run empty. 1 Man transferred to Hospital Sick. Strength of Unit 143, Attached 7. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 25.	
	26/2/18		Gas equipment inspected by Corps Gas Officer. 12 Lorries conveying Troops, 5 Lorries on Stores, 63 Tons Carried, 247 miles run loaded, 279 miles run empty. 2 Lorries on 8 days detached duty, carried 259 Tons ran 352 miles loaded, and 326 miles empty. 2 Men reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 143, Attached 7. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 23.	
	27/2/18		11 Lorries conveying Troops, 4 Lorries on Ammunition 1 Lorry on Stores, 225 Miles run loaded, 285 Miles run empty.	

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Sheet 28. S. 29. a 4 2	27/2/18		<p>1 Lorry on detached duty for 9 days carried 77 Tons, ran 274 miles loaded, and 299 miles empty. 2 Men granted leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 143. attached 7. Detached 16. Leave to U.K. 25. Instructions issued that men proceeding on leave to U.K. will, on presentation of leave Warrant, be served with meat meals at Rest Houses in London. On arrival at destination local food officers will issue special emergency meat cards on presentation of leave Warrant.</p>	
	29/2/18		<p>13 Lorries conveying Troops, 2 lorries on stores, 65 Tons carried, 188 miles run loaded, 92 miles run empty. 1 Lorry on detached duty for 5 days carried 48 Tons, ran 82 miles loaded and 78 miles empty. 1 Man granted leave to U.K. 1 Man reported back from leave to U.K. Strength of Unit 143. attached 7. Detached 17. Leave to U.K. 25.</p>	

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Shut 28. 5 29. a. 4. 2			<p>Copy of report of inspection on the 26th Ult. by Director of Transport Inspectors is attached herewith, and reflects great credit on the Unit as a whole.</p> <p>Loss and mileage statistics for year ending Dec. 31st 1917 is also attached.</p> <p>Major C. G. Goddard and Lieut. J. D. Campbell mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of 7/11/17 for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty in the Field during the period February 26th to midnight 20-21/9/17 (A. I. F. List 279).</p> <p>With the approval of His Majesty the King the following Belgian Decoration has been awarded:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CROIX DE GUERRE</p> <p>Major C. G. Goddard No. 1 Aust. Arm. Sub Parr. For distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty in the Field during the period February 26th to midnight 20-21/9/17. (1 Aust. Corps R. O. No. 8. para 29)</p>	

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Shut 28.5. 29. 2.4.2.	27/2/18		<p>Personnel Killed, Wounded, or Gassed, and Lorries damaged or evacuated during month through Enemy action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nil.</u></p> <p>Leave to the United Kingdom has been particularly good during the month, and has been very much appreciated by the men. The allotment now in force has enabled men to visit England after about eight months service. An intermediate leave of 8 days to Paris has also been available to men who are financially able to take advantage of same, and many men of this Unit have been able to take the trip which has been thoroughly enjoyed.</p> <p>During the winter months endeavours have been made, and very successfully, to keep as much gasfoot off the roads as possible, thus enabling M. T. Units to devote more time to bring the mechanical efficiency of their vehicles up to a high standard.</p>	H.

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Shut 28.5 29.4.2.			<p>During period 1/1/18 to 28/2/18, eleven complete overhauls have passed through the Workshops of this Unit, independent of other necessary repairs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A. Gordya.</i> Major, O.C. 1st Australian Ammu. Sub. Park.</p>	

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APPENDIX

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WAR DIARY

OF

No. 1 AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB-PARK

FOR

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Copy of Report of inspection by D. of T's Inspectors held 26/2/18.

Lorry and Mileage statistics for year ending December ~~31/12/18~~ 31/12/17.

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Director of Transport 9234 -- 7/2/18.
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INSPECTION REPORT ON 1st AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB-PARK.

OFFICER COMMANDING - MAJOR FORDYCE . INSPECTED 26/1/18.

	Cars	Lorries 3 Ton	Work- shops	Store	Bicycles Solo
Chief Makes	Vauxhall	Peerless	Hallford	Maudslay	Triumph Douglas
Strength	1	35	1	1	4
Attached	-	11	-	-	1
Inspected	-	25	-	-	-

1. Mechanical Condition. Very Good. The following were the main points noted for attention:-

Peerless Lorries

A few engines showing signs of wear. Swivel pins loose in axle jaws, and front cross members of gear boxes cracked.

2. Cleanliness. Very Good.

3. Maintenance Very Good. All vehicles are regularly and thoroughly inspected, and defects known. Workshop maintenance is most satisfactory, and work well carried out. The satisfactory condition of the ~~walk~~ vehicles with the Unit is due to the interest shewn by all ranks in their practical maintenance. The lorries have been in France nearly 2 years and their mechanical condition reflects credit on all concerned.

4. Log Books. Kept in company office, and all books are correctly entered up.

5. Stock of Spare Parts. Reasonable.

G. H. Q.
2nd Echelon
5/2/18

(Sgd) T. N. Hutchinson Lieut: Colonel
Chief Inspector M. T.

FOURTH ARMY.

Forwarded for your information. This is a very satisfactory report which reflects great credit on all concerned.

G. H. Q.
9/2/18.

(Sgd) B. Boyce Major General
for Quartermaster General

Officer Commanding,
"K" Ammunition Park.

S. M. T. O. 1032/3 -- 19/2/18.

For information and necessary action and return please.

19/2/18.

(Sgd) W. Tunbridge, Colonel
S. M. T. O. Aust: Corps.

O. C.
No. 1. A. A. S. P.

"K" Ann: Pk F/219/1 - 19/2/18

For information -- Please note and return.

21/2/18.

(Sgd) J. Hamilton, Major.
O. C. "K" Ammunition Park.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters
17th February 1918

S.M.T.O.

Herewith is sent the Chief Inspector of M.T. on the 1st A.A.S.P. as result of the recent inspection.

The report is very satisfactory, and the Army Corps Commander desires that his congratulations be conveyed to the Officer Commanding the 1st Australian Ammunition Sub-Park.

(Sgd) R. A. Caruthers, Brig-General
D.A. & Q.M.G.
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MONTH	Daily Average No of vehicles:-		% of available detailed.	Total Miles Travelled by Park Monthly	MILES RUN		Available vehicles
	Detailed for duty	Available for duty.			Daily average per vehicle detailed	Detailed Vehicles	
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
JANUARY	25.13	25.77	97.49	18696	24.00	168.00	163.78
FEBRUARY	17.11	28.54	59.95	14401	30.07	210.49	126.18
MARCH	20.58	22.51	91.41	21666	33.96	237.72	217.27
APRIL	28.43	30.8	92.31	25151	29.48	206.36	190.50
MAY	21.77	27.0	80.74	14969	22.17	155.19	125.30
JUNE	13.13	22.63	58.02	14064	35.69	249.83	144.95
JULY	22.77	25.84	88.13	25859	36.62	256.34	225.91
AUGUST	26.16	26.68	98.06	23385	28.83	201.81	197.89
SEPTEMBER	24.27	26.9	90.21	19678	27.00	189.00	170.49
OCTOBER	26.61	29.61	89.86	29782	36.09	252.63	227.00
NOVEMBER	22.25	27.86	82.53	24358	35.30	247.10	203.93
DECEMBER	22.64	24.00	94.35	21449	30.55	213.85	201.76

In the Field.
22/2/18.

Major.

Commanding No. 1. Australian Ammunition Sub-park.