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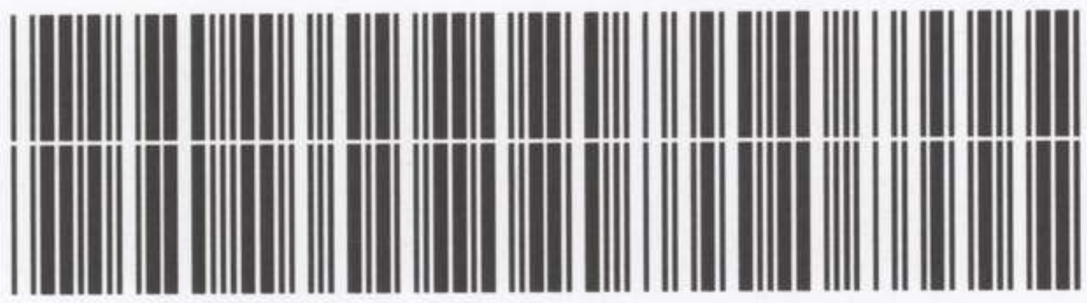

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WAR DIARY

OF

No 2 Australian Ammunition Sub Park.

FOR

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Signature of Officer compiling K.W. Swayne Lieut.
O.C. 2nd Australian Amm: Sub: Park.

Signature of Officer Commanding K.W. Swayne Lieut.
O.C. 2nd Australian Amm: Sub: Park.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FIELD. FRANCE. CALAIS 4d 40.50	1/2/18.		Weather fine clear. Arranging billets, lorry park etc. at DESVRES. Balance of lorries arrived and whole parked along Rue-de-Wimereux. 24 lorries, detailed for supplies, personnel etc. and eight of these were detached to various Battalions for conveying leave parties to Boulogne. 39 loads, 1148 miles full 625 miles empty. 486 galls petrol consumed. 98 tons carried.	
	2/2/18.		Weather, fine clear. 15 lorries returned to the Base and area to move Batteries of the 2nd Div. Four lorries detached to Infantry Battalions & one to C. R. E. This makes eleven in all. 6 lorries detailed for rations etc. 8 loads. 116 miles full. 141 miles empty. 56 galls petrol consumed. 23 tons carried.	
	3/2/18.		Weather dull, cloudy. 12 lorries detailed for rations & various duties in area. 17 loads 553 miles full. 488 miles empty. 210 galls petrol consumed. 43 tons carried.	
	4/2/18.		Weather dull, cloudy. 7 lorries detailed for ammunition, rations etc. 11 loads 266 miles full. 236 miles empty. 116 galls petrol consumed. 27 tons carried.	

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FIELD FRANCE. CALAIS. 4d 40.50.	5/2/18.		Weather, clear. fine. 9 lorries detailed for rations and various duties, 13 loads. 199 miles full. 195 miles empty. 108 gallons petrol consumed. 34 tons carried.	
	6/2/18.		Weather dull. I went to Bailleul and delivered a lecture to 1st Div. on supplies. 2 lorries detailed for rations etc. 6 loads. 152 miles full. 100 miles empty. 64 gallons petrol consumed. 17 tons carried. 5 more lorries detached to the 5th Inf. Bgde making a total of 16 lorries detached.	
	7/2/18		Weather dull; raining. 6 lorries detailed for rations, R.E. work etc. 15 loads. 309 miles full. 144 miles empty. 110 gallons petrol consumed. 44 tons carried.	
	8/2/18.		Weather dull; raining. 6 lorries detailed for various duties, ammunition rations etc. 4 loads. 125 miles full. 760 miles empty. 219 gallons petrol consumed. 6 tons carried.	
	9/2/18.		Weather dull. O.C. "K" Corps Ammn Park visited unit. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 gallons petrol consumed. 2 tons carried.	

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FIELD FRANCE CALAIS 4d 40.50.	10/2/18.		Weather dull. 6 lorries detailed for R. E. work etc. 6 loads. 198 miles full. 152 miles empty. 90 galls petrol consumed. 13 tons carried.	
	11/2/19.		Weather cloudy. 10 lorries sent out to relieve some of the lorries detached with Infantry of 6th + 7th Bgdes. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 4 galls petrol consumed. 2 tons carried.	
	12/2/18		Weather dull, cloudy. 7 lorries detailed for rations. 19 loads 466 miles full. 914 miles empty. 140 galls. petrol consumed. 53 tons carried.	
	13/2/18.		Weather dull. 6 lorries detailed for ammunition rations etc. 6 loads 274 miles full. 244 miles empty. 116 galls petrol consumed. 21 tons carr.	
	14/2/18.		Weather dull, misty. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full 4 miles empty. 2 galls petrol consumed. 3 tons carried.	
	15/2/18.		Weather dull. Unit paid. Amount imprest 7000 frs. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 galls petrol used. 3 tons carried.	

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FIELD. FRANCE. CALAIS 4d 40·50.	16/2/18		Weather fine, clear. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 gallons petrol consumed. 3 tons carried.	
	17/2/18		Weather fine, clear and frosty. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 gallons petrol consumed. 3 tons carried.	
	18/2/18		Weather fine, clear. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 gallons petrol consumed. 3 tons carried.	
	19/2/18		Weather fine, clear. 3 lorries detailed rations, clean clothing etc. 3 loads. 54 miles full. 42 miles empty. 24 gallons consumed. 8 tons carried.	
	20/2/18		Weather fine, clear. Lorries detached with 5th Bgde. & C.R.E. relieved. 4 lorries detailed for rations, ammunition etc. 42 miles full. 52 miles empty. 116 gallons petrol consumed. 53 tons carried in 18 loads.	
	21/2/18		Weather, fine clear. One more lorry relieved. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 gallons petrol consumed. 3 tons carried.	

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Commanding
No 2 Aust. A.S.P.

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FRANCE CALAIS 4d 40.50	22/2/18.		Weather fine, clear. 5 lorries rations detailed for rations, various. 29 loads. 1034 miles full. 78 miles empty. 276 galls petrol consumed. 85 tons carried.	
	23/2/18		Weather, clear fine. 3 lorries detailed for ammunition etc. 3 loads carried. 64 miles full 104 miles empty. 42 galls. petrol consumed. 6 tons carried. The report on the inspection of vehicles by M.T. Inspector carried out on the 26/1/18 was received this day & a copy is attached for future reference. Appendices I	
	24/2/18.		Weather clear fine. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 galls petrol consumed. 2 tons carried.	
	25/2/18		Weather clear fine. O.C. "K" Ammn Pk visited Park. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 galls petrol consumed. 2 tons carried.	

Major
O.C. No 2 A.A.S.P.

Charles J. Lovaine
Capt.

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FIELD	26/2/18		Weather clear. fine. Col. Tunbridge (S.M.T.O.) visited Park. 1 lorry detailed for rations. 1 load. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 galls petrol consumed. 2 tons carried.	
FRANCE	27/2/18		Weather. clear fine. Lieut. K. Mc. Swaine arrived to take over command during my absence on leave. Handed over. 1 lorry	
CALAIS			detailed for rations. 2 loads. 4 ~~loads~~ miles full. 4 miles	
4d. 40.50			empty. 14 galls petrol consumed. 6 tons carried.	
	28/2/18.		Weather fine, clear, heavy fall of snow during night. Major C. J. Goddard. D.S.O. departed on leave. 2 lorries detailed for Rations etc. 2 loads. 4 miles full. 4 miles empty. 2 galls petrol consumed. 6 tons carried.	

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APPENDIX 8

Inspection Report on 2nd Aust. A.A.P.

Officer Commanding:- Major Goddard.

Inspected 26/1/18

	Cars.	Lorries 3-ton	Work-Shops	Store.	Bicycles Solo.
Chief Makes.	Sunbeam.	Peerless.	Benz	Maudsley	Triumph Douglas.
Strength.	1	35	1	1	4
Attached.	-	10	-	.	.
Inspected.	1	17	.	.	.

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

Peerless Lorries

Rim rock rear wheels, and dash board brackets loose were found in a few cases.

(2) Cleanliness:- Good.

(3) Lubrication:- Good. A few cases of steering joints requiring more lubrication were found.

(4) Maintenance:- Very Good. A satisfactory system of Inspection by Officers & N.C.O's is in force. All defects were known & are being efficiently dealt with by Workshops. The vehicles were found to be in a very satisfactory condition, which is due to the interest taken in the practical maintenance, and the excellent system of supervision in force. The general condition of the unit reflects credit on all concerned.

(5) Log Books:- Entered up to-date.

(6) Stock of Spare Parts:- Items found surplus to requirements are shown on Attached List.

G.H.Q.
3rd Echelon
5/2/18

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

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Fourth Army.

Forwarded for your information. The Report reveals a very satisfactory state of Affairs - reflects credit on all concerned.

The surplus spare parts detailed on the attached list should be returned as soon as possible to the Base M.S. depot concerned where many of the parts are required to meet outstanding demands from other Field units. The demand for 12 peerless priming cups should be cancelled.

(Sgd) B Boyce Major Gen
D.A.
for Quartermaster General

G.H.Q.
9/3/18.

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For information & communication to Unit concerned.

Will you please notify this Office when the Surplus spare parts have been returned to Base.

(Sgd) A Herblot Major
Brigadier-General
D.D.S. & T. Fourth Army.

H.Q. Fourth Army
12/3/1918
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APPENDIX 10

Headquarters
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A.M.S.O.

Herewith is sent the report of the Chief Inspector of M.T. on the 2nd Aust. A.A.P. as the 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 2nd Aust. Mun. Sub Park.

Please notify when surplus spare parts are returned to the Base.

(Sgd) Brigadier General
D.A.Q.M.G.
Aust Corps.

Officer Commanding
"K" Mun. Park.

For information & necessary action. Please notify this Office when surplus spares are returned to Base, & return correspondence.

19/2/18

(Sgd) H. Tunbridge Lt Col
A.M.S.O. Aust Corps.

O/C No 2 AA-P

For your information & necessary action please, note & return.

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Sgd) J. Hamilton Major
O/C K. Mun. Park

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COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT

in Desvres Hall

SUNDAY 24th FEB. 1918 at 7 p.m.

Tendered to the Maire & Residents of Desvres

BY CONCERT PARTIES OF

N° 2 Aus. Amm. Sub. Park

(Courtesy Major C.J. GODDARD D.S.O.)

N° 2 Aus. Div. Supply Col.

(Courtesy Cap^{t} M.S. ROSS)

Full Military Band of 18th Batt. A.I.F.

(Courtesy L^{t}-Col. C F. MURPHY D.S.O.)

Under
direction of
Lieut. W. DAWSON DAVIE,
A.S.C.

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