

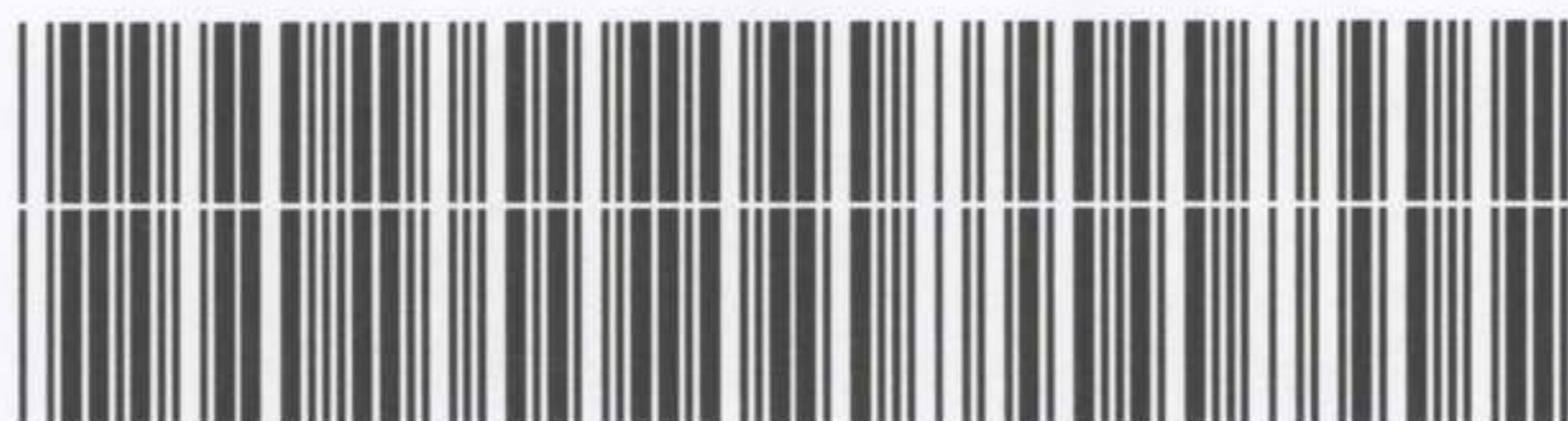
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Dec. 16			
	1		Under instructions by wire from 1st Army Corps Parks. The first aid lorry was sent to join the detachment at MONTAUBAN. Advice from Capt E. G. Fordyce mentions that owing to the extremely bad condition of the roads, several springs on the lorries have broken. Four lorries were detailed to report to 4th Divisional C.R.E. until further notice.	
	2		Six lorries were detailed to convey supplies from MERICOURT for 1st Army Corps Supply Column. There are now 29 lorries detached on special duty, mostly roads repairs. Two other parks were transferred to Hospital from MONTAUBAN.	
	3		Captain E. G. Fordyce returned with 24 lorries from MONTAUBAN STONE QUARRIES. It was found after an inspection of these lorries that it would be necessary to put several into the workshop to undergo repairs, new tyres are required for some and these were sent to F. TYRE PRESS at FRECHÉNCOURT. Six lorries reported at 134 Coy Camp for C.R.E. Corps Troops.	
	4		Two other parks proceeded on General Order to England. 29 other parks have been attached for rations from the Lower Mayou BUIRE. Twenty four lorries reported to MERICOURT RAILHEAD to transport supplies for 1st Army Corps Troops supply.	

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			Column. One other rank transferred to Hospital.	
	5.		Ammunition drawn from the 2nd A.A.S.P. DUMP and delivered to the 19th ASP DUMP is as follows:- S.A.A. 1600. 10 lorries reported at MERICOURT RAILHEAD to transport Supplies for 1st Army Corps Troop Supply Column, three other lorries transported tons from BUIRE to BELLEVUE FARM for D.D.M.S.	
	6		One other rank transferred from 2nd A.A.S.P. Ammunition drawn and delivered from 2nd A.A.S.P. to 19th ASP. DUMPS. W 250. D 966. S.A.A. 160 Boxes. 11 lorries were out on Supplies and 3 other lorries were out on RE. WORK at FREMONT. Paid Unit.	
	7.		Twelve more other ranks have been attached for rations from Town Major BUIRE. Ammunition drawn and delivered Bx 274. from 2nd A.A.S.P. to 19th ASP. One other rank rejoined Unit from 1st M.T. Base. The men proceeded to Divisional Baths at BUIRE. Three lorries on Supplies for 1st Army C.T.S.O. Two lorries reported at 1st Army Corps Park to move them to HEILLY.	
	8		Wagon from O.L. RAILHEAD S.A.A. 4000 and delivered to 1st Army School. Two other ranks transferred to Hospital. Seven other ranks returned from Corps Parks where they	

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			were employed erecting buildings for H.Q. 14 lorries reported at MERICOURT STATION to transport supplies.	
	9.		Ammunition now on hand SAA. 40,000. One other rank transferred to Hospital. 12 lorries conveyed supplies from MERICOURT for 1st Angou Corps Group Supply Column. 7 other lorries were working on R.E. canton, and various works.	
	10.		One other rank transferred to Hospital. Bath parade. Four lorries proceeded to NEW FRICOURT STONE DUMP. to convey duckboards to SYDNEY CAMP at F.S.A. Six lorries reported to CAPTAIN HUTCHINSON at MERICOURT to work under his instructions. Two other ranks proceeded on leave to England.	
	11.		One other rank transferred to Hospital and one other rank taken on the strength. Recreation Hut for the men has been procured and is in course of erection. Four lorries which were attached at MONTAUBAN returned for duty with Park. These lorries had to be overhauled and a new set of tyres put on the rear wheels of one lorry. 10 lorries were out on R.E. and Supply work.	
	12.		One driver was detailed to O.C. No 2 Special Battalion R.E. at TREUX WOOD until further notice. Two other ranks returned from leave to England. One other rank taken	

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			<p>on the strength. 9 lorries reported at MERICOURT RAILHEAD to transport supplies.</p> <p>Three lorries conveyed stores at E.F. Cambien EDGEHILL STATION.</p> <p>13. LIEUT JD. CAMPBELL returned from leave. 85 other ranks are now attached from the Town Mayor BUIRE for rations. 4 other ranks transferred to Hospital and 5 other ranks taken on the strength. One lorry reported to VAUX EN AMIENOIS to convey 4th Medium I.M. Battery equipment to FRICOURT CIRCUIS. The transportation of Coal and Supplies continues for the 15th Brigade Corps Troops supply Columns.</p> <p>14. 10 lorries reported to cross roads AMIENS - FRANVILLERS - HEILLY to convey straw. Each lorry can only carry 1/2 a ton and the total distance covered to transport 5 tons of straw was 740 miles. This work could easily have been carried out by G.S. Waggon and was a misuse of mechanical transport.</p> <p>15. One other rank transferred to Hospital. Nineteen lorries reported to EDGEHILL STATION to transport coal. Four other lorries reported at XI Prisoners of War cage at 8 AM for duty.</p> <p>16. CAPTAIN E.G. FORDYCE proceeded with eleven lorries to RAILWAY SIDING, EDGEHILL to take over work of XIV Corps lorries in transporting material between EDGEHILL and LES CELESTINS.</p>	

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	17.		<p>6 lorries reported at RIBIMONT to transport men back to the 4th Aust. Division. One other lorry taken on the strength.</p> <p>Lieut. J. D. Campbell proceeded to ALBERT to take charge of working party of 6th D.S.C. Two other lorries proceeded on leave to ENGLAND. Two other lorries evacuated to hospital and two taken on the strength. 6 lorries transported supplies for 1st Angl. C.T.S.C. from MERICOURT and 16 other lorries were detailed on R.E. and various works.</p>	
	18.		<p>The 11 lorries detailed under Captain G. G. Fordey will continue this work until further notice. 8 lorries proceeded to VIGNACOURT to convey baggage of 7th Brigade. Paid Unit. Several loads of bricks were procured from ALBERT to put down on the road running alongside the camp, and which is in a very bad condition.</p>	
	19.		<p>One other lorry taken on the strength. Fatigue party proceeded to 1st Angl. Corps Park to make road leading from main road to H.Q. Four lorries reported to EF canton EDGEMILL to convey stores.</p>	
	20.		<p>In all 22 lorries reported at different sectors for duties on roads, supplies and caissons. The work carried out by these lorries is extensive and on average a distance of 500 miles is covered daily. Five lorries reported at NEW FRICOURT STONE dump for</p>	

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			duty under L.R.E. Corps Troops.	
	21.		One other rank transferred to Hospital. Two more ranks transferred to 50 other ranks. Captain E.G. FORDYCE proceeded with four lorries to HEILLY to convey laundry to BEAUVAIS, to wait there and bring back clean washing when ready.	
	22.		Twenty three lorries proceeded on R.E. and supply work. Three other ranks transferred to Hospital. Two cheques for the sum of £50-14-2 each have been received as Regimental Funds for the unit.	
	23.		Driver G.J. Lewis whilst carrying dispatches from Park to Headquarters was accidentally killed, he collided with another soldier and was thrown off his motor cycle and sustained a fractured skull, he was immediately taken to the 38th Casualty Clearing Station but died a few hours after admission. Two other ranks proceeded on leave to England. Three other ranks reported back from Hospital.	
	24.		Two more lorries conveyed laundry from HEILLY to BEAUVAIS. They will wait there and return with the four lorries under Captain E.G. Fordyce. Seven other lorries reported at MERICOURT STATION for R.E. work.	

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	25		Work was curtailed as much as possible. Eleven lorries proceeded to EDGEHILL STATION, but upon arrival were not required.	
	26		The 2nd A.A.S.P. took over duties of 11 lorries at EDGEHILL STATION. One other rank A.A.M.C. attached for duty. Two other ranks returned from leave to England and one other rank transferred to Hospital. 15 lorries proceeded to NEW FRICOURT Stone dump for night work, they will remain parked there until further notice.	
	27		The men working at 6th D.S.B. at ALBERT were recalled back to Parks. One lorry returned from BEAUVAIS.	
	28		One lorry reported to YMCA HQ. BUIRE to convey stores. Two other ranks returned from Hospital. 15 other ranks are attached from 7th Brigade HQ. for rations. The work the lorries are doing at NEW FRICOURT Stone Dump amounts to about 70 loads per night, and mileage covered about 360 miles.	
	29		One lorry proceeded to EDGEHILL STATION to convey hutting material to different camps, and one lorry reported to ANZAC WORKSHOPS to transport Duck boards. One other rank transferred to Hospital.	

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	30.		One other rank proceeded on leave to England. The work done by 15 lorries at NEW FRICOURT. 81 loads and 492 miles. Four other lorries were out on R.E. work and 1 lorry reported to E.F. Cantons at EDGEHILL to convey stores to the various cantons	
	31.		One other rank transferred to Hospital, and two other ranks returned. Three lorries were out on various work at RIBIMONT for 5th Divisional Headquarters	

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