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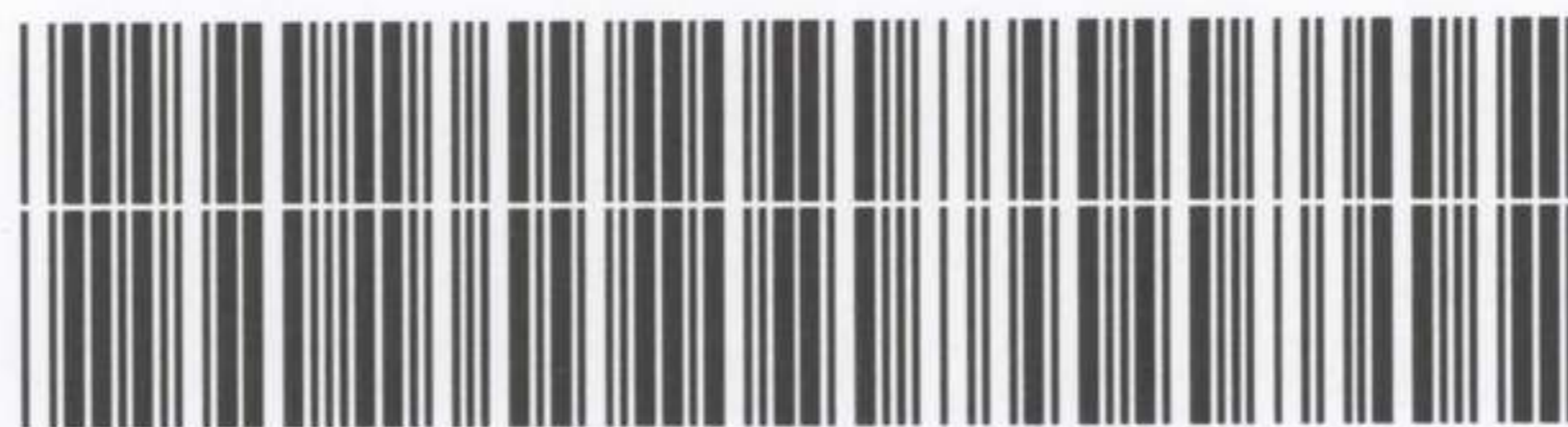
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| | Jan 17 | | <p>1. Sgt. Major Kendall transferred from the 2nd Aust. Amm. Sub. Park. One other rank evacuated to Hospital. Two lorries reported to XI PRISONERS OF WAR CAMP, three other lorries reported to RTO's office EDGE HILL STATION for the purpose of conveying hutting material to various camps.</p> | |
| | | | <p>2. Paid Unit. Work on average carried out by the 15 lorries at LINK ROAD NEW FRIECOURT STONE DUMP each day amounts to 55 loads and a mileage of 400 miles. Two other lorries were out on supply work for the Corps Troops Supply Column. One other rank taken on strength.</p> | |
| | | | <p>3. One other rank proceeded on LEAVE to England, and one other rank transferred to Hospital. Three lorries moved a section of 14th Brigade H.Q. BUIRE to FLESSELLES. Two other lorries reported to CORPS ORDNANCE OFFICER HEILLY to convey stores to REINFORCEMENT CAMP ALBERT.</p> | |
| | | | <p>4. Town Major BUIRE has increased his ration strength from 50 to 75 other ranks. There are also 17 other ranks attached for rations from the 7th Brigade Headquarters. 3 lorries moved 5th Aust. Divisional H.Q. from RIBIMONT to VIGNACOURT. 7 other lorries were out on RE and General Transport work.</p> | |

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| | 5. | | One lorry reported back from NEWFRICOURT with tyre trouble. Two other ranks reported back from General leave, and one other rank transferred to Hospital. Two lorries carried equipment of T.M Battery to VAUX EN AMIENOIS from FRICOURT and ALBERT. | |
| | 6. | | Bath Parade. Two other ranks reported back from leave to England. Three lorries reported to Hqs. 2nd Garrison Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. RIBIMONT. to convey kits and kits to MONTAUBAN. Four other lorries conveyed hutting material to different camps for R.T.O. EDGEHILL STATION. | |
| | 7. | | Two lorries reported to No 6 RE to convey 350 sheets corrugated iron to 133 Coy Camp. after completing this work they reported to LINK ROAD NEWFRICOURT STONE DUMP to replace two lorries sent in for tyre repairs. 3 other lorries were out on supplies. One other rank proceeded on LEAVE to England. | |
| | 8. | | Six lorries were out on R.E. and General Transport works for C.E. 151 Amz. One other rank transferred from Hospital and one other rank evacuated to Hospital. | |
| | 9. | | Two other ranks proceeded on LEAVE to England. Four lorries reported to | |

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| | 9 | | Corps Batho HEILLY to convey washing to laundry at BEAUVAIS. These lorries will wait until clean washing is available and then return. | |
| | 10 | | Touring car returned from detachment to 4th Army Troops Supply Column. Five lorries reported to EDGEHILL SIDING to convey stores to BRAY. One other rank proceeded on leave to England. | |
| | 11 | | Ten other ranks were promoted to Drivers, this leaves the strength of the Unit correct. Batho parade. One lorry reported to ORDNANCE OFFICE HEILLY to convey stores for 1st Anzac Reinforcement Camp to BELLEVUE FARM. 4 other lorries were detailed on RR and SUPPLY WORK. | |
| | 12 | | One other rank transferred from 4th D.A.C. one other rank evacuated to Hospital and 3 promotions to Lance Corporal. Only one lorry was detailed for duty by H.Q. Roads are still in a very poor condition round the vicinity of MERICOURT, EDGEHILL SIDING, and DERNANCOURT. | |
| | 13 | | Two other ranks proceeded on General leaves to England. Five lorries reported to MERICOURT RAILHEAD for the purpose of conveying supplies for 1st Anzac Corps Troops Supply Column. | |

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| | 14. | | <p>Lieutenant A.J. CAMPBELL was transferred to the 2nd Australian Ammunition Sub Park via Captain S.B. LACEY of that Unit transferred. One side-car reported for duty to D.A.D.P.S. 1st Ammunition HEILLY. Four lorries reported to convey supplies for 1st Ammunition Corps Troops supply column to MERICOURT railhead. One other rank proceeded on leave to England.</p> | |
| | 15. | | <p>Second Lieutenant H. BIRD transferred from 1st Australian Ammunition Sub Park via Lieutenant A.J. CAMPBELL transferred to 2nd A.A.S.P. Two other ranks reported back from General leave. One lorry conveyed baggage of 6th Brigade Headquarters BUIRE to WARLEY.</p> | |
| | 16. | | <p>Paid Unit. During the night of 15th inst. a heavy fall of snow occurred, and the ground froze, thereby making transport of all motor vehicles easier. Special precautions have been taken to ensure anti-freezing of the horses. Three other ranks proceeded on leave to England.</p> | |
| | 17. | | <p>One other rank transferred from H.M. D.A.C. Six lorries reported to CORBIE QUAY to meet an Officer and party and convey them to</p> | |

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| | | | VIGNA COURT | |
| | 18 | | Three other ranks proceeded on leave and one other rank reported back. One side car reported for duty to C.R.E. R.Q.T. Area HEILLY. Several lorries reported for duty carrying Canadian stores, Kutting, and supplies. | |
| | 19 | | One other rank admitted to Hospital suffering from burns caused through an accidental explosion at FRICOURT. Eight lorries reported to MERICOURT RAILHEAD to carry supplies for C.T.S.C. These lorries report at 7 AM. but it is invariably 9 AM or 10 AM before fatigue parties arrive to load them. | |
| | 20 | | One other rank transferred to Hospital, and one other rank returned from General leave. Sixteen lorries reported to MERICOURT at 7 AM. These lorries did not start work until 10-30 AM. | |
| | 21 | | Owing to the extreme coldness, it is very difficult to start the engines in the morning, most of the lorries have to be towed to accomplish this. Nineteen lorries were out on supplies, and three on P.E. and General Transport work. | |

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| | 22 | | Two other ranks proceeded on leave to England. The 30 cot horry attached for repairs returned to 23rd H.A.G. Thirteen lorries reported to MERICOURT RAILHEAD to convey supplies for 1st Angac C.T.S.C. Eleven other lorries were out on RE and General Transport work. | |
| | 23 | | Owing to the extreme cold special precautions have been taken to prevent the freezing of hories. Seven lorries were out on supply work. Eight lorries reported to Corps Parks HEILLY to convey laundry to PONT DE METZ. Two other ranks reported back from leave and one other rank evacuated to Hospital. | |
| | 24 | | Four lorries reported to No 6 RE Park to carry material to Angac RE Workshop. Four lorries moved the Headquarters of 3rd Aust. Brigade from BRESLE to MILLENCOURT. Eight other lorries were out on supplies for 1st Angac C.T.S.C. | |
| | 25 | | Three other ranks evacuated to Hospital, and two other ranks returned from leave. Sixteen lorries reported at MERICOURT to carry supplies at 7 AM. but owing to congestion of railways did not start work until 11.30 AM. This | |

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| | 26 | | <p>occurs every time the lorries report at MERICOURT.</p> <p>Three other ranks reported back from leave. One Artillery P.B.O. is attached to O.W.A. for the purpose of assisting the loading and unloading of ammunition trains.</p> <p>3 lorries proceeded to OLINCOURT CHATEAU carrying HUTS to BUIRE REST STATION.</p> | |
| | 27 | | <p>One or two minor repairs to the lorries have been necessary owing to the cold weather and slight freezing. These repairs would not have been needed if the ANTI-FREEZING mixture had been obtainable. This could not be got in this ARMY AREA.</p> | |
| | 28 | | <p>Nine lorries were detailed for RE and General Transport work. Total attached for Rations from Snow Major BUIRE 77 other ranks. 10 other ranks reported to RTO. EDGEHILL for entertainment to Forest as a fatigue party. One other rank evacuated to Hospital.</p> | |
| | 29 | | <p>Sixteen Ammunition Details were sent to Advanced Transhipment Office at QUARRY MONTAUBAN for duty. 11 lorries reported at Albert Railroad for Supplies to convey to the various camps. 9 other lorries were out on RE work.</p> | |

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| | 30. | | Paid Unit. One other tank transferred to Hospital. Two lorries conveyed trench mortars of the 29th Div. to COMBLES, seven lorries conveyed supplies for C.T.S.C. from ALBERT RAILHEAD. | |
| | 31. | | One other tank evacuated to Hospital. Two lorries reported to Ordnance Officer HEILLY, carrying stores to ALBERT. 7 lorries on supply track and 7 on R.E. and General Transport. | |

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