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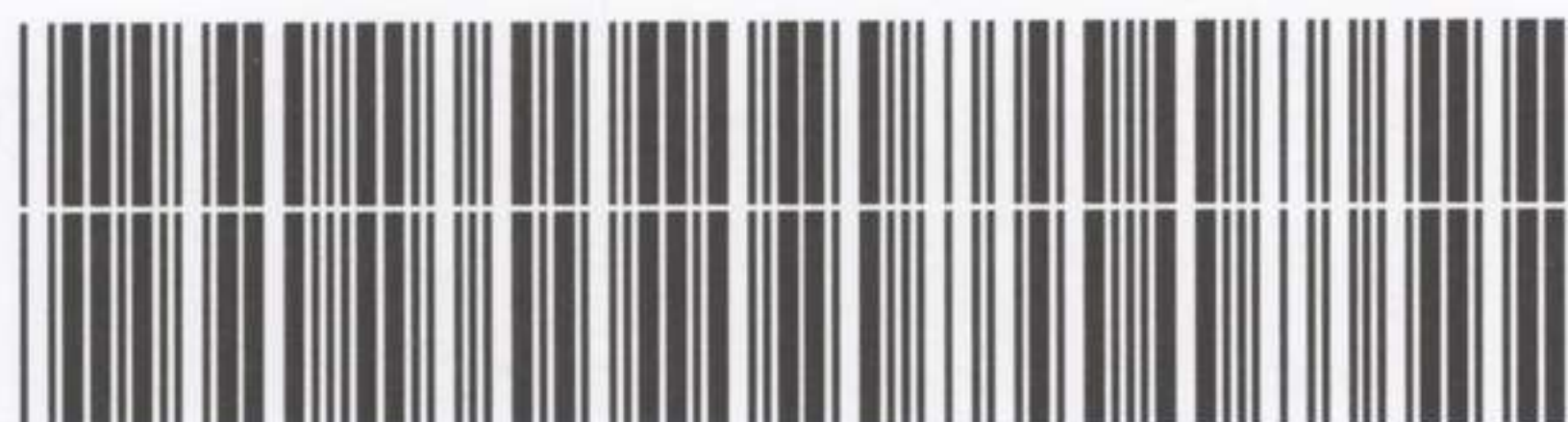
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Poperinghe	1-10-17		<p>Lieut. Burden in charge of lorries carrying Ammunition from Howe to Interno Dumps also Pacific to BARMY Dump, with Grenades. Lorries returned to Parks at 1 pm, and were called out again at 4 pm returning at 12 midnight when inspecting working I took Lieut. Anderson to relieve Lieut Burden at Interno Dump. - Lieut. Burden attended, as a member, Court of Inquiry at No. 1. A.D.S.C. Weather Fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>A. G. H.</u></p>	
	2-10-17		<p>Lorries carrying Ammunition to Taylor Dump from Pacific Dump. With Officer Commanding "K" Ammunition Park, I inspected lorries working at these places, and found road leading into Dump had queue way. There were 88 lorries from Sub. Parks out from 6-30 am to 11 pm, doing two trips. one to Pacific to Taylor Dump and one Corrova to Taylor Dump - Roads very dirty weather fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>A. G. H.</u></p>	

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~~Casualties From 1st 10 17 To 31 10 17~~

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Poperinghe	3-10-17		<p>Mt. lorries clearing Ammunition from Pacific Dump to Taylor and Inferno Dumps. I inspected lorries working during the morning. Went to garden, with 35 lorries from No. 5 A.A.S.P. Lieut. HARVEY with 24 lorries from No. 1. A.A.S.P., and 4 lorries from No. 4. A.A.S.P. at Pacific Dump at 8 Am. causing Ammunition to Taylor, Inferno and Hornsby Dumps unloaded 3 hours, lorries not returning to Park until 2-3 am next day. With Major. HAMILTON, I went to inspect working and found everything progressing, there being no congestion. Again went out at 9 pm and found great congestion at Dressing Station, Menin Road. These lines of traffic both ways, chiefly caused by No. 4 and No. 5 A.A.S.P.'s lorries, carrying Ammunition, passing through YPRES, direct to Transshipment Point, there being as many as 30 lorries waiting to unload. The road through Taylor Dump gave way, and before work can be continued there, road must be laid with sleepers. Lorries working very well, carrying 4,234 Rounds. A. 2912 Ax. 3960 Bx. to forward Dump - There was a good unloading party at Taylor Dump, but at Inferno the sleepers were slippery and a lorry bogged on far end.</p>	

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Poperinghe	3-10-17		of the road, near LILLE GATE consequently cannot use tracks right through. Copy N° 32083 has cracked frame caused on lead road at TAYLOR Dump. I applied for Authority to buy steel plate. Weather Fine.	
"	4-10-17		Lieut. Anderson, with 14 lorries carrying ammunition to forward area. Lieut. Anderson with S/Captain Dickerson, S.D.A.T. inspected TAYLOR Dump at 6.30 AM. regarding new travolement Point. Put in keeper track at TAYLOR Dump - weather Dull and Showery. Received Gramophone for 5th Aust. Div Comforts Fund.	A. G. H.
"	5-10-17		Railhead for Ammunition to VLAEMERTANGHE. 35 lorries to railhead for Ammunition. Two trains arrived. Commenced unloading at 1.30 pm and finished by 8.30 AM. I inspected INFERNO Dump, and found use of same out of the question. Lorries were directed to HOWE and HORNSBY Dumps. Roads muddy and very grassy. Lieut. Anderson, Officer in Charge of TAYLOR Dump. Weather wet.	A. G. H.

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Poperinghe	6/10/17		<p>30. of my lorries and 13 others at VLAMERTINGHE to unload one train of ammunition for Taylor and Howe Dumps. Lieut. Burden the Assembling Point when ammunition train arrived, 8 Siege Park lorries were too close to railway line, and were pulled one against the other, damaging body and radiators. The train was due 1.30 pm did not arrive until 4 pm.</p> <p>Took 8 second drivers off lorries for a spell.</p> <p>5. CARRIER LORRIES in workshop with broken chassis.</p> <p>Rations drawn very short. 4 men to a loaf and 15% fresh meat.</p> <p>Ammunition carried from VLAMERTINGHE to Howe Dump by my lorries</p> <p>4480 Rounds A - 20. Taylor Dump 2904 A and 2272 AX.</p>	
	7-10-17		<p>All lorries an Ammunition from ^{Box} Pilkington Giding, near Goldfish Chateau.</p> <p>Great delay was caused by train not arriving.</p> <p>Collected pit props for lorry standings weather very windy, and very hot all night.</p> <p>5. Lorries in workshop with cracked chassis.</p>	<p>A. W. A</p> <p>A. W. A</p>

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Poperinghe.	8-10-17		<p>Popries went to ^{POK} Polkington Giding for Ammunition. Train arrived at 6 p.m. Popries did not return to Park until 10 a.m. next morning. Weather during the night very wet and cold.</p>	
	9-10-17		<p>Popries on Ammunition and general detail - Received advice that Capt. Maplestone was awarded the Military Cross - letter notifying him. Weather fine during the day, but during the night wet and cold.</p>	
	10-10-17		<p>Popries on Ammunition at ^{POK} Polkington, carrying Ammunition to HOWE Hornsby and Cordova Jumps. I Siege Park wire for witnesses, regarding collision between Sunbeam Car No. 15497 and Lorry No. 32084 on 29-9-17.</p>	
	11-10-17		<p>Popries working on Stone at Quinton Giding - went to HAZEBROUCK for Castings for Stone co. 2nd Army Workshops. Received paper regarding Court of Inquiry, of which I was President. Sent out for all witnesses for Court, to assemble 13th and 15th inst. respectively.</p>	

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Popering he.	12.10.17.		<p>Expries on my early detail, leaving Park at 1.30 am. Paymaster profit, from Canteens, for month of September. of Inquiry for 13th mt until 25th mt, on account of witnesses being away on leave. Weather dull and showery, roads very muddy. <u>A.W.H.</u></p>	<p>Para into the cancelled Court</p>
	13.10.17.		<p>Repaired Sunbeam car of Canadian Railway Company which ran into tree outside park, bending front axle. 3 lorries bogged at Cambridge road. Left them there all night, not being able to move them as road was blocked. Weather very showery. <u>A.W.H.</u></p>	
	14.10.17		<p>3 lorries still at Cambridge Road blocked with gun at one end and a bogged lorry at the other. Went, with Lt. Burden, and inspected them. All lorries on stone at Dickbusch. Weather fine. Forward roads bad. <u>A.W.H.</u></p>	
	15.10.17		<p>Was president at Court of enquiry held here regarding Vauxhall Car. No 45456 and Sunbeam car. No 4488. The 3 lorries returned from Cambridge road. under Sgt. VANZENDEN. Weather fine, roads very muddy. <u>A.W.H.</u></p>	

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Poperinghe	16-10-17		<p>Runt Colonel. WRIGHT 1st. Army. "Q" inspected the Camp. I had an inspection of all men in Camp, inspecting rifles & Bayonets, Box Respirators and P. 16 Helmets, also saw each was in possession of a Steel Helmet, Field Dressing, and Identity Discs. C. Ans. Clarke, Artificer James, and J. W. Symons went to Baillet to be interviewed by R.A.C. representative, with a view of transfer to the A.F.C. Weather in the morning fine, but later, showers. 12. Hornies out, working on stone. A.W.H.</p>	
	17-10-17		<p>I went to Isperque and St Omer. to buy steel plating. Sergt Braddon to be 2nd Lieut, and posted to 12th A.B.A.F.A.P.S. Hornies on ammunition and stone. Weather fine. J. W. R. asks for F.G.C.M regarding disobedience of orders. firing a rifle in Camp. He reconsidered his decision, and elected to be dealt with summarily. A.W.H.</p>	
	18-10-17		<p>Hornies on stone. 12th A.B.A.F.A.P.S. marched out to X. Corps Amm Park. J. W. Bassani changed with leaving his post while a sentry. I applied for Authority to deal with the case. A.W.H.</p>	

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Popelinge	19.10.17		I sent Louy to Ishyques to collect steel plates. Received enough for four lorries. Weather wet. Roads very bad.	
	20.10.17		Authority received to deal summarily with Druver Bassani. Weather fine but dull.	A.W.H.
	21.10.17		10 Lorries conveying Ammunition from Cordova to Inferno. Dumps things very lively, casualties in mt units. Weather fine.	A.W.H.
	22.10.17		President of Court of Inquiry on Ford Ambulance and Paper Box Car with Captain Busack and Lt Richards as members. 12 lorries on Ammunition from Hornby to Taylor. Dump - 8 lorries in workshop, 5 of which have cracked frame.	A.W.H.
	23.10.17		Called to J. Sledge Park for Spare parts. Weather fine roads very muddy.	A.W.H.
	24.10.17		Went to Stenbeque to arrange for Colack to make 8 KARRIER. Front Springs to be ready for Saturday. Received Xmas Cards. Canteen accounts audited by Capt Cleveland, who found all correct. Lorries on Done at Dick Busch.	A.W.H.

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Poperinghe	24.10.17		Qm's. Clarke G.G. transferred to A.F.C.	A.G.H
	25.10.17		Inspected lorries at Hornby and Taylor. Jumps carrying ammunition. Driver McConky and Gunner Overington both severely wounded. Driver Marshall also wounded but returned to duty - Gas shell in Poperinghe. Moonlight at night. Hostile planes over. Weather fine.	A.W.H
	26.10.17		all lorries on early morning detail. weather very wet. Visited Driver McConky at No. 2. C.C.S. He is very badly wounded.	A.W.H
	27.10.17		No. 13456 Driver McConky died of wounds at No. 2 C.C.S. at 10 pm, caused by shrapnel through the neck. He was buried at 2 pm 28th at Wippenhoek Cemetery. 16. Lorries report to 9th Canadian Railway Bn, and are not required - Driver O'Reilly to hospital with broken leg.	A.W.H
	28.10.17		Spoke to all Queenslanders regarding Comforts fund money. Hostile planes drop bombs during the night. Weather fine & sunny.	A.W.H
	29.10.17		1st Aid. lorry on detachment at H29 c. Sheet 28. for anyone to use. Send in recommendation for Qm.S. and acting Sergeant, and ask authority to promote to complete establishment. Weather fine.	A.W.H

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	30.10.17		Heavy bomb near by. Hostile Bombs near Ayeede Station. After November 1st. 14 Days leave granted during winter months to UK. Weather wet - Roads very muddy A.W.A.	
	21.10.17		I arranged with X Siege Park for KARRIER differential. 16. loonies sent. to 9. Canadian Railway Batt. Only 8 were required to put up troops at 1 pm and 4 pm. arranged for at Enquiry reference to No. 4. A.R.S.P. long for R.M. met but postponed until 7th met as chief witness on leave.	
			For work done please see Appendix 5.	
			For Casualties please see Appendix 6	

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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information					Summary of Events and Information					Remarks and references to Appendices
			NUMBER LORRIES	LOADS	TONNAGE	MILEAGE LOADED	MILEAGE EMPTY	NUMBER LORRIES	LOADS	TONNAGE	MILEAGE LOADED	MILEAGE EMPTY	
<u>OCTOBER</u>	1		1	2	6	17	17	37	83	249	326	977	
	2		1	2	6	12	12	35	53	159	564	852	
	3		1	2	6	12	12	36	63	189	498	717	
	4		4	14	42	48	66	18	29	87	436	522	
	5		1	2	6	12	12	34	68	204	289	816	
	6		1	2	6	12	12	30	31	93	141	245	
	7		1	2	6	12	12	33	46	138	223	684	
	8		4	6	18	58	67	30	42	126	121	377	
	9		9	17	51	100	188	17	19	57	152	322	
	10		2	3	9	16½	16½	33	100	300	373	888	
	11		26	96	288	316	491	6	6	18	39	90	
	12		20	21	63	213	443	12	12	36	72	72	
	13		32	55	165	317	629		N	1	L		
	14		31	93	279	282	771		N	1	L		
	15		30	40	120	194	590½		N	1	L		
	16		13	42	126	116	356		N	1	L		
<i>burned forward</i>			177	399	1197	1737½	3695	321	552	1656	3234	6562	

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			NUMBER LORRIES	LOADS	TONNAGE	MILEAGE LOADED	MILEAGE EMPTY	NUMBER LORRIES	LOADS	TONNAGE		MILEAGE LOADED	MILEAGE EMPTY
October	16	10.00	177	399	1197	1737 1/2	3695	321	552	1656	3234	6562	
	17		1	2	6	12	12	31	43	129	320	632	
	19		23	51	153	213	587		N	I	L		
	19		12	13	39	60	266	18	61	183	199	557	
	20		26	44	132	242	556		N	I	L		
	21		5	7	21	39	84	12	36	108	288	490	
	22		10	27	81	83	263	14	42	126	135	393	
	23		20	64	192	224	481		N	L	L		
	24		21	78	234	184	504	3	3	9	42	62	
	25		1	2	6	12	12	24	66	198	292	775	
	26		22	33	99	203	530		N	L	L		
	27		23	28	84	265	463		N	L	L		
	28		18	52	156	176	556		N	L	L		
	29		17	2	6	12	364	2	2	6	40	40	
	30		18	10	30	46	423		N	L	L		
	31		17	10	30	60	598		N	L	L		
	TOTAL		411	822	2466	3568 1/2	9394	425	805	2415	4550	9511	

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CASUALTIES FROM 1st OCTOBER TO 31st OCTOBER 1917.

The following men were transferred from No. 4. A.A.S.P. Dtd. 30/10/17

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			Place	Date	Hour
5523	Dvr WHEELER.H.	No. 7974	HOLLANDS.J.		
7689	" TUXWORTH.G.	"	132 STEWART.G.		
2284	BQMS.Adams	From hospital		3/10/17	
13436	Dvr.Hollands.W.	From Hospital		8/10/17	
1436	Gnr.Benham.F.	Transf to	XXXXXX 7th Batt. 2nd Inf Brigade		10/1
5914	Dvr.Stone.J.W.	Transf From	K Supply Col	5/10/17	
5684	" Mills.A.	"	" " " "	5/10/17	
1381	" Aldridge.R.	"	" " " "	5/10/17	
8021	" O'Connor.F.	"	" " " "	5/10/17	
1521	" Harrison.W.	"	" " " "	5/10/17	
5479	HT" Hodges.A.V.	"	Base Harve.	7/10/17	
348	Dvr.George.O.T.	"	" " "	7/10/17	
13420	Sgt.Philp.S.	From Hospital		9/10/17	
2253	Gnr.Woods.P.	"	"	9/10/17	
12303	" Lennon.H.	To	"	9/10/17	
13382	Dvr.Ramsey.J.G.	To	"	9/10/17	
13383	Sgt.Harders.E.V.	Transf From	1st B.M.T.D.	10/10/17	
2284	BQMS.Adams.T.E.	To Hospital		12/10/17.	
141	Cpl.De Jersey.M.L.	"	"	11/10/17	
	Lieut.Anderson.F.W.G.	Transf fro. SMTO.1st Anzag.		Dated 14/10/17.	
13399	Dvr. Dean.H.	To Hospital		15/10/17.	
141	Cpl.De Jersey.M.L.	From Hospital		17/10/17.	
5914	Dvr. Stone.W.J.	Transf to	12th A.B.A.F.A.P.S.	17/10/17.	
132	" Stewart.G.	"	" " " "	17/10/17	
11755	" Green.A.	"	8th " " "	17/10/17	
5684	" Mills.A.	"	" " " "	17/10/17	
13437	" Ilee.A.F.	"	" " " "	17/10/17	
13453	" Wark.A.	To Hospital.		20/10/17	
13365	" Cooper.J.L.	"	"	22/10/17	
13411	" Philp.R.S.	"	"	22/10/17	
13416	" Vanhomrigh.E.	"	"	22/10/17	
13414	" Thompson.P.M.	"	"	24/10/17	
12303	Gnr. Lennon.H.	From Hospital		24/10/17	
13453	Dvr. Wark.A.	"	"	24/10/17	
13392	" Dean.H.	"	"	24/10/17	
13382	" Ramsey.J.G.	"	"	24/10/17	
13456	" McCarthy.J.M.	To Hospital	WOUNDED.	25/10/17	
12309	Gnr. Overington.E.A.	"	Wounded	25/10/17	
26	Dvr. Laver.S.	Transf from	1st B.M.T.D.	26/10/17	
1645	Pte. Tink.E.W.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
8961	" Champion.E.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
10171	" Dunstan.G.L.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
4413	" English.L.R.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
3213	" Shackle.C.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
3338	" Harkess.D.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
824	" Campbell.O.T.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
1853	" Gibson.W.G.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
2239	" Williams.G.H.	"	" " "	28/10/17	
13481	Dvr. O'Neill.P.J.	To Hospital.		27/10/17	
9672	Spr. Smith.H.E.	Transf from	11th Field Coy Engineers	29/10/17	
13474	L/Cpl.Gray.A.G.O.	Transf from	1st.B.M.T.D.	29/10/17	
13361	Dvr. Howard.J.C.	"	" " "	29/10/17	
2377	Pte. Guppy.L.H.	"	" " "	29/10/17	
13388	Dvr. Bloomfield.R.C.	"	" " "	29/10/17	
13444	" Miller.D.	"	" " "	29/10/17	

(13456 Dvr. McCarthy J.M. Died of wounds. 27/10/17.)

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