

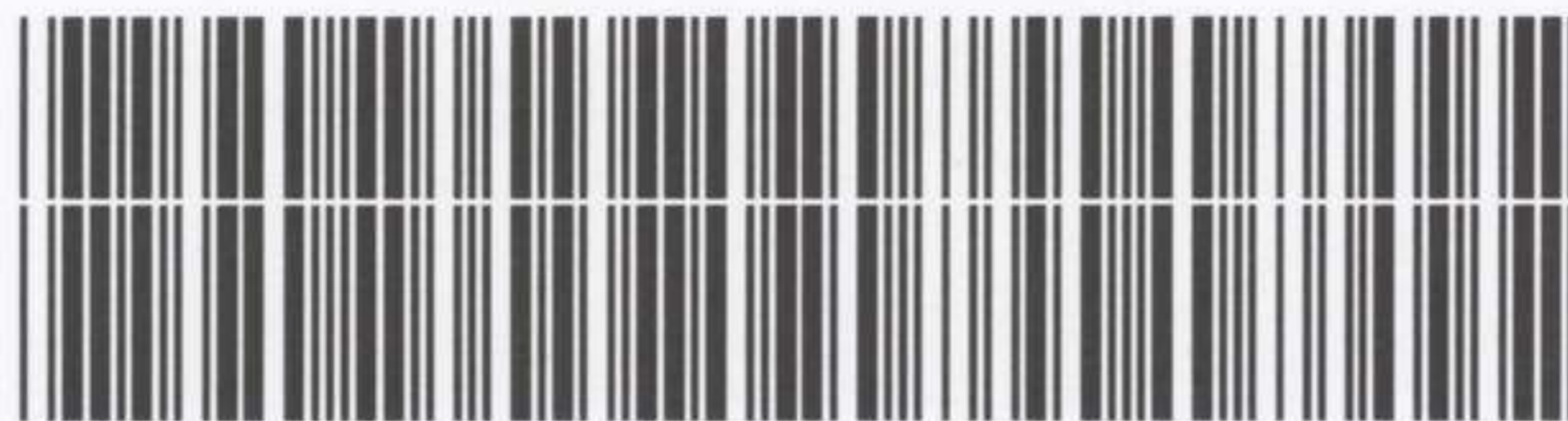
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BAILLEUL	1.12.17		16 lorries working on gravel and various other work. General Routine as usual. Capt. Hamilton called. weather Fine.	
"	2.12.17		Lorries on Sunday detail also 10 lorries detached, reporting to S.M.T.O. ESQUELBECQ. Bombs dropped by hostile aircraft near camp. Football match played against No 3. A.A.S.P. weather Fine.	
"	3.12.17		Sat as President of Court of Inquiry re lorry collision. 30 men arrived from 1 st Anzac, F.P. Compound and are making Burnt Proof Shelters around huts in the Camp. Polling papers arrived. Balance of Imprest 85 Francs returned to Paymaster 1 st ANZAC. weather very cold.	
"	4.12.17		Sat as President of Court of Inquiry re Canadian killed. Capt. Gitts reported to 'K' Ammunition Park, for detached duty. weather fine. but cold.	

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BAILLEUL	5.12.17		<p>9 lorries reported back from detachment. I paid into Regimental Funds account £10 being sale of Band Instruments, also 754 Francs ^{ex No 2 Aust D.S.C} 72 Cnts being profit of CANTEEN for the month of November.</p> <p>Lorries working on Ammunition. Men again working in Camp.</p> <p>I issued orders re FROST. PRECAUTIONS viz lighted side lamps. 9 degrees frost, weather Fine.</p>	
"	6.12.17		<p>I left on leave to ENGLAND. No lorry detail. working on lorries all day. weather Fine but still very cold.</p>	
"	7.12.17		<p>Lorries working on Stone quarries details. 30 men from F.P. component working in camp. Major. HAMILTON called. weather. Fine, Dull. Mist.</p>	
"	8.12.17		<p>Small lorry detail. 30 men again working in Camp. LIEUT. BURDEN & LIEUT. ANDERSON made an inspection of lorries to see if 'FROST. PRECAUTION' Orders were being carried out. weather Fine but cold.</p>	

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BAILLEUL	9.12.17		All lorries detailed. Routine as usual. LIEUT. ANDERSON proceeded with 20 lorries and moved the 135 LABOUR COY to 'BRANDHOEK' 10 other lorries in charge SERGT. PHILP coming from 57 R.A. HQ QRS to ELYERDANGH. weather dull, showery evening with towards evening.	
"	10.12.17		Correspondence received from D.M.T.S. asking for Vehicle Records. Lorries on Ammunition. GUNNER. FITZGERALD escorted back from FURSHIRE CAMP, apprehended, and we were advised by wire. Full lorry detail. Notification of Movement to SAMER received. weather Fine, Cold towards evening.	A.W.H
"	11.12.17		Small lorry detail, 3 lorries proceeded to SAMER. Nothing re referendum. LIEUT. ANDERSON left for SAMER to see MAJOR. FORTYCE re move. weather Dull & cold.	A.W.H
"	12.12.17		3 lorries detailed by 5 th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION to proceed to SAMER,	A.W.H

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BAILLEUL	17/12/17		<p>18 other lorries in charge of SERGT. PHILP proceeded to CREQUY area to convey troops to BLARINGHEM. Instructions received from S.M.T.O. DANZAC that from midnight 13/13th December, all lorries will be detailed direct by the 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. About 3 pm, Hostile Aeroplanes, 9 all told, came over camp very low down, dropping 2 bombs in camp. 1st did not do any damage but second demolished washhouse and new Bath Room recently erected, 6 men wounded by. TRV. STIDWILL, PHILP, R. JEAN. H., 4/CPL. GRAY, A.G.O. also PRTE. GUPPY & SMITH, H.E. all admitted to Hospital and evacuated with the exception of STIDWILL & SMITH. Morning Roll call at 4.30 pm. Received detail from the 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION for the 13th Inst. weather Fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.W.H</p>	
"	13/12/17		<p>Two A.B.A.P.A.R.S. killed by explosion of supposed "Dud" shell, three other casualties. LIEUT. ANDERSON visited C.C.S. and HOSPITAL to see wounded men and arranged to give them some money to carry on with, all progressing favourably. Lorries working under 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.W.H</p>	

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BAILLEUL	13.12.17		full detail. weather fine but Misty.	
	14.12.17		Small lorry detail. LIEUT. ANDERSON called to see D.A.G 5 th DIVISION regarding lorry detail. Two A.B.A.P.A.P.S men who were killed buried at 2.30 pm. New Return received from D.M.T.S. A.I.F. weather Fine, dull but No ill.	
	15.12.17		12 Lories reporting to 5 th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION to load up Baggage, Stores etc for SAMER. Letter received from D.M.T.S. A.I.F. confirming Promotions of SERGT. MULDOON, W.E, CORPL. SWANSON J.G, 4CPL. ROBBINS. F.W, 4CPL. THAIR, W, and 4CPL. SCRYMGOUR. K. Detail received from 5 th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION for 20 Lories to move H/BRS on the 17 th Inst. weather Fine & No ill.	
1	16.12.17		Several Lories left Park for SAMER, LIEUT. ANDERSON & LIEUT. BURTON remaining until the 17 th Inst. No one uneventful with the exception.	

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BAILLEUL	16.12.19		of the workshop runway, which broke down owing to blocks in the Oiling System. 20 Lories remain at STANINGE & will report to 5 th DIVISION on the 17 th but to remain headquarters to SAMER. Spent full of snow at midday. weather cold. A.W.H.	
SAMER	17.12.19		Advised that No 1 A.A.S.P do not move out of BILLET'S Pt until the morning of the 18 th inst, temporarily accommodation arranged. LIEUT. ANDERSON & LIEUT. BURDEN arrive from BAILLEUL. all available lories detailed by 5 th HUST. DIVISION. weather cold & snowing. A.W.H.	
"	18.12.19.		All available lories detailed, some working on supplies, others left for "TRANOUTRE". advised Lieut Marshal convened to try THE FITZGERALD, for being A.W.L. Sergt Major. CHAPMAN proceeded to NEUYE EGLISE as witness, named LIEUT. BRAYTON for SERGT. ROBERTSON to attend. No 1. A.A.S.P. moved out en route to S. 29. a 4. 2 that 28, we moved in and took over billets Pt. at CALAIS. 13 - C.S. A.W.H.	

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SAMER	18.12.17		Weather Fine + No ill.	A.H.H.
"	19.12.17		9 lorries detached with 5 th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, no other lorry detail. MAJOR HAMILTON called. Received daily leave detail from 5 th AUST. DIVISION of 21 lorries to start on the 20 th Inst. weather No ill + Fine.	A.H.H.
"	20.12.17		LIEUT. ANDERSON drew Imprest 7000 francs. Lorry leave detail cancelled until the 21 st Inst. 16 lorries reported to SAMER RAILHEAD to convey supplies to 8 th , 15 th + 14 th BRIGADES. weather very Fine but Cold. Sent Referendum papers away, taking completed. Correspondence received re allowing officers. LIEUT ANDERSON to the 6 th A.B. A.P. A.P.S. and 2/LIEUT. McJERMOTT to be on strength of No 5 A.A.S.P. dated 17/12/17.	A.H.H.
"	21.12.17		21 lorries proceeded to the different Brigades to convey troops on leave to BOULOGNE. I returned from leave to U.K. MAJOR HAMILTON called. weather Fine. Mrs. SIMONS, R.W. & JAMES, B.L. transferred to A.P.C.	A.H.H.

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SAMES	22/12/19		All available lunnies on leave detail to BOULOGNE, GMR FITZGERALD returned from COMPOUND and I handed him over to the A.P.M. 5 th AUST. DIVISION to await Field General Court Martial for A.W.L. Received advise for A/SCT. CREEER, H. to proceed to TIDWORTH to attend COURT OF INQUIRY re Serjeant's Mess at PARKHOUSE. CAMP	
"	23/12/19		Lorry No 32081 driven by J.R. FERRIS whilst proceeding from BOULOGNE with troops ran over and killed a soldier named Pte. WILSON, C. of the 5 th PIONEER BATTALION. in the vicinity of HESPIN L'ABBE, CORPL. LOVE in charge of company, witness to accident C.Q.M.S. BAXTER, J.P. 16 th FIELD Coy. ENGINEERS. called to see J.M.T.S. regarding the report of Officer. weather fine mild. Lunnies on leave detail to BOULOGNE, 5 detached with DIVISION.	A.W.L.
"	24/12/19		LIEUT. McJERMOTT from 3 rd A.F.A.B.A.P.S. taken on strength. all lunnies on leave detail to BOULOGNE, A/SERGT CREEER to M.K. on duty. called to see J.A.B.M.C 5 th AUST. DIVISION with reference to detail	A.W.L.

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SAMER	24.12.19		of lorries. weather - Raining all day but mild.	
"	25.12.19		Christmas Day. Lorries were not detailed. I arranged Christmas Dinner, at which the total strength of my unit attended namely 147, also read out greetings from their Majesties the KING and QUEEN, Field Marshal SIR. DOUGLAS HAIG and General BIRDWOOD. weather, Fine but cold. Frost everywhere. Nil.	R.W.H.
"	26.12.19		Lorries on leave detail to BULLOGNE. LT. ANDERSON left for No 6 A.B.A.F.A.P.S. and is taken off strength accordingly. Received instructions from 'K' AMMUNITION PARK to run at 9 AM daily, reporting the casualties which have occurred to A.T. VEHICLES due to FROST during the previous 24 hours. CORPL. LOVE and TRY. FERRIS attend COURT OF INQUIRY re death of Soldier, also CQMS. BAXTER. weather - Snowing all day and very cold.	R.W.H.
"	27.12.19		2 Lorries detached with 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery, balance on leave	R.W.H.

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SAMER.	27.12.17		detail to BOULOGNE. I called a meeting of the Comfort Funds Committee. Called on T.A.G.M.G 5 th Aust. Division re lorries. weather cold but fine. Front Casualties Nil.	
"	28.12.17		2 lorries on Ammunition also 19 on leave detail to BOULOGNE. 1 searched lorry bogged, owing to quantity of snow on Road, sent my Breakdown lorry out to tow it out. Acquittances Rolls returned to PAYMASTER, 5 th Aust. Division. Front Casualties Nil. weather cold but fine.	R. W. H.
"	29.12.17		Called on T.A.G.M.G also 5 th Divisional ARTILLERY regarding leave lorries. 1 lorry proceeded to ETAPLES for stores balance on leave detail. T/CPL. CLACHER reports to 4CPL. and CORPL LOVE from Hospital, dated 27/12/17, as surplus to establishment. TRV. JUNN & PTE. LANGE on leave to PARIS. Leave lorry bogged and towed in to PARIS by Second Aid lorry.	R. W. H.

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SAMER	29/12/17		Weather - very dull but mild. Frost Casualties Nil	
"	30/12/17		I personally warned all NCOs and Drivers on the 8.30 AM Parade regarding Frost Precautions, Hells, Mudguards & Baths, also secured them an case of LORRIES etc. Letter received from 8th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE, 5th DIVISION, re Field General Court Martial of No 1956. Capt FITZGERALD, E.H. to be held at 32nd BATTALION HEADQUARTERS, on 2nd JANUARY. Minimum SERGT. HOUSTON and SERGT. ROBERTSON warned by wire, also S/MAJOR. CHAPMAN. I issued orders for Falcus Party to clear snow off road opposite Lorry Standings. Weather - Thaw set in. Frost Casualties Nil.	
"	31/12/17		I inspected all lorries on Standings, and found them in very fair condition. All available lorries on leave detail. TR BOUCHART to Hospital, sick. Weather - Thawing. Frost Casualties Nil.	

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Place	Date	Hour	NUMBER LORRIES	LOADS	TONS	MILES Summary of Events and Information		NUMBER LORRIES	LOADS	TONS	MILES		Remarks and references to Appendices
						LOADED	EMPTY				LOADED	EMPTY	
DECEMBER	1		16	63	189	202½	414						
	2		13	20	60	141	203	4	4	12	50	65	
	3		18	23	69	257	262	2	2	6	6	16	
	4		1	2	6	6	6	12	12	36	92	118	
	5		20	34	102	1016	1143	5	4	12	31	64	Planning still not yet a load
	6		3	4	12	101	141						
	7		30	42	126	319	937						
	8		11	12	36	118	119	4	4	12	24	44	
	9		31	35	105	603	817						
	10		22	24	72	149	149	11	11	33	83	119	
	11		3	3	9	27	19						
	12		19	21	63	787	1382						
	13		1	2	6	6	6						
	14		1	2	6	12	12						
	15		13	34	102	1466	1220						
			202	321	963	5210½	6830	38	37	111	286	426	

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						LOADED	EMPTY				LOADED	EMPTY	
1917			202	321	963	5210 1/2	6830	38	37	111	286	426	
Canberra Forward													
DECEMBER	16		13	30	90	931	1101						
	17		21	24	72	1832	402						
	18		22	56	168	145	158						
	19		* 6	60	180	798	595	* Included Mailage 1/2 of 5 Detached Lorrys					
	20		18	18	54	161	193						
	21		26	41	123	1053	528						
	22		20	40	117	444	247						
	23		20	38	114	526	314						
	24		24	42	126	561	291						
	25		1	1	3	6	6						
	26		22	42	126	1412	590						
	27		22	40	120	446	248						
	28		20	40	120	544	297	2	2	6	68	84	
	29		21	27	111	416	283						
	30		20	40	120	520	307						
Forward			478	860	2607	15005 1/2	12390	40	39	117	354	510	

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1917						Summary of Events and Information							
DECEMBER	Annuit Forward		478	860	2607	15005½	12390	40	39	117	354	510	
	31		20	40	120	446	248						
	TOTAL		498	900	2727	15451½	12638	40	39	117	354	510	
TOTAL, R. E. FATIGUES								498	900	2727	15451½	12638	
" AMMUNITION								40	39	117	354	510	
GRAND TOTAL.								538	939	2844	15805½	13148	

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Place	Date	Hour	DATE	MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	LORRIES IN WORKSHOP		Summary of Events and Information	MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	LORRIES IN WORKSHOP		Remarks and references to Appendices
					UNDER 24 HRS	OVER 24 HRS			UNDER 24 HRS	OVER 24 HRS	
	DECEMBER.		1	40°	3	5	19	29.5°			Moving workshop
			2	32.5°	1	6	19	23°			do
			3	31.5°	5	3	20	20.5°	2	5	
			4	28°	6	3	21	19°	4	3	
			5	23°	6	4	22	29°	3	4	
			6	21.5°	6	4	23	19°	3	3	
			7	27.5°	3	3	24	23°	6	4	
			8	41°	2	4	25	Christmas Day.			
			9	34°	7	2	26	29°	6	4	
			10	32.5°	6	5	27	28.5°	4	4	
			11	30.5°	2	4	28	23°	3	4	
			12	29°	1	5	29	20.5°	3	6	
			13	28.5°	3	4	30	19°	3	6	
			14	43°	5	1	31	23.5°	6	4	
			15	40°	Moving workshop.		Total Number in workshop under 24 hrs		99		
			16	32.5°	do		Total Number in workshop over 24 hrs		100		
			17	31.5°	do		Average Minimum Temperature.		27.5°		

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Casualties for Month of December 1917.

Casualty	Officers	Other Ranks
GASSED	Nil	Nil
WOUNDED	Nil	6
KILLED	Nil	Nil.

No	Rank	Name	Date admitted To Hospital	Casualty
13393	Driver	Dean.H.	12/12/17	Wounded
13474	L/Corporal	Gray.A.G.O.	"	"
13411	Driver	Philp.r.	"	"
2377	Private	Guppy.L.H.	"	"
9672	"	Smith.H.E.	"	" Remained on Duty.
13525	Driver	Stidwill.H.W.C.	"	" Remained on Duty.

VEHICLES. Nil.

A. G. Harvey

Major.

Commanding. No. 5. Australian Ammunition Sub. Park.

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