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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FIELD	1. 3. 18		UNIT SITUATED AT SHEET 28 S 29 a 4.2. from 1.3.18 to 29.3.18 Strength 1 Officer 47 Other Ranks. 1 Lorry in Workshop 5 Lorries conveying Chinese Labour from MT NOIR to and from CAESTRE 4 Lorries conveying Chinese Labour from MT NOIR to and from METEREN. 108 miles loaded 108 miles empty 72 gallons petrol drawn N <sup>o</sup> 546 PTE JONES J. proceeding to AUSTRALIA on transport duty (AUTH. DAG. AIF 19/1184 of 25.2.18 Struck off Strength.	gwsa
	2. 3. 18		2 Lorries in Workshop. 5 Lorries conveying Chinese Labour from MT NOIR to and from CAESTRE 4 Lorries conveying Chinese Labour from MT NOIR to and from METEREN 1 Lorry conveying personnel 12 <sup>TH</sup> BDE HQ from METEREN to DE SEULE RE DUMP. 1 Lorry conveying personnel 12 <sup>TH</sup> BDE HQ from METEREN to DE KENNEBAK RE DUMP 1 Lorry conveying personnel 12 <sup>TH</sup> BDE HQ from METEREN to ELLZENWALLE DUMP 201 miles loaded 199 miles empty 102 gallons petrol drawn N <sup>o</sup> 2066 DVR CUDMORE AS N <sup>o</sup> 5333 DVR JOHNSON SW AND N <sup>o</sup> 2178 PTE EBZERY ET attended court of Enquiry assembled at N <sup>o</sup> 105 COMPANY CHINESE LABOUR CORPS MT NOIR	gwsa

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FIELD	2.3.18 (CONT)		as witnesses of the accident which resulted in the death of COOLIE N <sup>o</sup> 44058. ON 27.2.18 N <sup>o</sup> 2301. PTE BEAK J.F reported from 1 <sup>ST</sup> MT BASE DEPOT and taken on strength N <sup>o</sup> 8818 DVR TUCKER W charged with being absent without leave from 7.30 am 23.2.18 to 7.30 am 26.2.18 (absent 72 hours) Forfeiture of six days pay and forfeit 4 days pay by RW awarded by MAJOR FORDYCE N <sup>o</sup> 1AASP.	gmsa
	3.3.18		2 Lorries in Workshop 3 Lorries reported to 728 <sup>TH</sup> LABOUR COY WACKLAND camp N <sup>o</sup> CO in charge was informed that the Lorries were not required as the COMPANY was resting 1 Lorry working under BATHS officer in BAILLEUL AND FLETRE areas 9 miles loaded 27 miles empty 18 gallons petrol drawn	gmsa.
	4.3.18		2 Lorries in Workshop 3 Lorries conveying British Labour from NIEPPE to and from NEUVE EGLISE 1 Lorry working under BATHS officer in BAILLEUL NEUVE EGLISE MERRIS and STEENWERCK areas 1 Lorry working under AUST YMCA in BAILLEUL LOCRE and STEENWERCK area 56 miles loaded 42 miles empty 30 gallons petrol drawn	gmsa.

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FIELD	5.3.18		2 Hovries in Workshop 3 Hovries carrying British Labour from NIEPPE to and from NEUVE EGLISE 1 Hovry working under BATHS officer in BAILLEUL DRANDOUTRE and LOCRE area 1 Hovry from PARK to AUST ORDNANCE and return 7 Hovries reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 4/5-3-18 to midnight 5/6-3-18 34 miles loaded 26 miles empty 30 gallons petrol drawn	gwsa
	6-3-18		2 Hovries in Workshop 3 Hovries conveying British Labour from NIEPPE to and from NEUVE EGLISE 1 Hovry working under salvage officer BAILLEUL carrying salvage from LOCRE STEENWERCK DE SEULE and BAILLEUL to BAILLEUL RAILHEAD 1 Hovry working under 3 <sup>RD</sup> AUST DIV SALVAGE officer RABOT carrying personnel and kits from HYDE PARK CTR. TO ROMARIN and RABOT DUMPS 1 Hovry carrying RE timber from STEENWERCK to ELZENWALLE RE DUMP 2 Hovries carrying RE stores from STEENWERCK RE DUMP to AUST CORPS SCHOOL MERCKEHEM 129 miles loaded 161 miles empty 42 gallons petrol drawn N <sup>o</sup> 11670 DVR BURNS E rejoined from leave to PARIS.	gwsa

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FIELD	7-3-18		<p>1 Lorry in Workshop 3 Lories conveying British Labour from NIEPPE to and from NEUVE EGLISE 1 Lorry working under SALVAGE officer BAILLEUL carrying salvage from BAILLEUL to CONNAUGHT DUMP 1 Lorry to aid from TYREPRESS CAESTRE left rear inner rubber fitted. 1 Lorry working under AUST YMCA carrying wooden forms from BAILLEUL AERODROME to YMCA WULVERGHEM. 1 Lorry towing Lorry N° 28557 out of workshop after overhaul N° 3987 DVR CRESWELL J rejoined from UK and taken on strength N° 1548 CPL RENDALL H. rejoined from leave to UK.</p>	gwea
	8-3-18		<p>1 Lorry in Workshop 3 Lories reporting to 72<sup>TH</sup> LABOUR COMPANY WACKLAND CAMP and were informed that the lories were not required 6 Lories reserved for army purposes as from midnight 7/8-3-18 to midnight 8/9-3-18. 3 Mills loaded 13 Mills empty 14 gallons petrol drawn 1 MAUDSLAY LORRY WD N° 26221, N° 149769 DVR COOK B. and N° 192156 DVR PERRY D marched In from 30<sup>TH</sup> LIGHT ORDNANCE WORKSHOP, 1 KELLY SPRINGFIELD LORRY WD N° 35797 and N° M2/192539 DVR DOWALL E marched In from 5<sup>TH</sup> MEDIUM ORDNANCE WORKSHOP.</p>	gwea

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FIELD	8-3-18		N <sup>o</sup> 12397 DVR GREIG E J reported back from 2 <sup>ND</sup> FIELD AMB.	SWA
	(CONT) 9-3-18		1 Lorry in Workshop 3 Lories reporting to 728 <sup>TH</sup> COY LABOUR. WACKLAND camp and were informed that the lories were not required. 1 Lorry working under AREA COMMANDANT RAVELSBERG carrying marquees from NEUVE ELISE AREA to OUTERSTEENE AND CLAPBANK areas 2 Lories working under OC. STEENWERCK R.E. DUMP conveying R.E. material to SPOIL BANK AREA 29. miles loaded 33 miles empty 20 gallons petrol drawn. 1 MAUDSLAY LORRY WD. N <sup>o</sup> 26221, N <sup>o</sup> 149769 DVR COOK B and N <sup>o</sup> 192156 DVR PERRY D and 1 KELLY SPRINGFIELD LORRY WD N <sup>o</sup> 35797 and N <sup>o</sup> M <sup>2</sup> /192539 DVR DOWALL E marched out to 30 <sup>TH</sup> AUX PETROL COY HARDIFORD. DAIMLER LORRIES 31602 and 32969 and N <sup>o</sup> 12996 DVR CHAMPION AB and N <sup>o</sup> 13050 DVR BLACKWELL B. marched in from 30 <sup>TH</sup> AUX PETROL COY. The following transfer of vehicles made on paper only. 7 DAIMLER LORRIES from N <sup>o</sup> 3 AUST D S C. and 5 PEERLESS LORRIES to N <sup>o</sup> 5 AUST D M T COY. AUTH S M T O AUST CORPS 148/1 of 8. 3. 18	SWA
	10.3.18		No Lories in Workshop 9 Lories reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 9/10. 3. 18 to midnight 10/11. 3. 18 DAIMLER LORRY	SWA

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FIELD	10.3.18 (CONT)		N <sup>o</sup> 31602 and N <sup>o</sup> 13050 DVR BLACKWELL B marched out to N <sup>o</sup> 2 AUST. M.T. Co. DAIMLER LORRY N <sup>o</sup> 32969 and N <sup>o</sup> 12996 DVR CHAMPION AB marched out to N <sup>o</sup> 3 AUST DMT CO. N <sup>o</sup> 4826 PTE HANNAH D granted leave to UK from 11.3.18 to 25.3.18 N <sup>o</sup> 11668 DVR BUDGEON F.C. rejoined from leave to PARIS.	swga
	11.3.18		No lorries in Workshop 13 lorries reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 10/11.3.18 to midnight 11/12.3.18 N <sup>o</sup> 2682 DVR SMITH C. granted leave to UK from 12.3.18 to 26.3.18	swga
	12.3.18		No Lorries in Workshop 13 Lorries reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 11/12.3.18 to midnight 12/13.3.18	swga
	13.3.18		No Lorries in Workshop 3 Lorries working under 1 <sup>ST</sup> AT COY carrying Troops from MONCKTON CAMP to WYTSCHAETE 1 Lorry working under 1 <sup>ST</sup> AT COY carrying Troops from 31 <sup>ST</sup> BTN. HQ to LAMP POST CORNER 73 miles loaded 51 miles empty 30 gallons petrol drawn	swga
	14.3.18		No Lorries in Workshop 16 Lorries 1 Officer and 49 other ranks marched out from N <sup>o</sup> 1 AUST DIV. MT CO. and marched in to N <sup>o</sup> 2	swga

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FIELD	14.3.18		AUST DIV <sup>L</sup> MT CO 4 Lorries working under AUST CORPS TROOPS MT CO. carrying supplies in STEENWERCK area 4 Lorries working under DAD R in STRAZEELE area 34 miles loaded 134 miles empty 40 gallons petrol drawn N <sup>o</sup> 116 DVR BETHUNE R and N <sup>o</sup> 5541 DVR JENKINS W. granted leave to PARIS from 14.3.18 to 21.3.18.	gwea
(CONT)	15.3.18		no Lorries in Workshop 13 Lorries reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 14/15.3.18 to midnight 15/16.3.18.	gwea
	16.3.18		no Lorries in Workshop 7 Lorries reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 15/16.3.18 to midnight 16/17.3.18	gwea
	17.3.18		12 Lorries in Workshop 2 Lorries working under 1 <sup>ST</sup> AUST DIVISION carrying salvage in LA CLYTTÉ and VIERSTRATT areas 48 miles empty 42 miles loaded 24 gallons petrol drawn N <sup>o</sup> 14987 DVR FRASER U. who has been attached since 11.2.18 now returned to AUST CORPS REINFORCEMENT CAMP.	gwea
	18.3.18		2 Lorries in Workshop 5 Lorries reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 17/18.3.18 to midnight 18/19.3.18 7 DAIMLER LORRIES arrived	gwea.

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FIELD	18.3.18 (CONT)		from N° 3 AUST DIV'1 MT Co. N° 7386 DVR BUCKINGHAM. T.W. N° 2371 DVR GREEN. T. N° 13925 DVR HIRST F. and N° 1480 DVR SETON. H.J. taken on strength from N° 4 AUST DIV'1. MT Co.	swya
	19.3.18		8 Lorries in Workshop 4 Lorries working under D.A.D.R. carrying stone in STRAZEELE area 36 miles loaded 68 miles empty 28 gallons petrol drawn N° 2009. PTE DUSSELL A. taken on strength from N° 1 AUST DIV'1. MT Co.	swya
	20.3.18		9 Lorries in Workshop 7 Lorries reserved for Army purposes as from midnight 19/20.3.18 to midnight 20/21.3.18	swya
	21.3.18		16 Lorries marched out to AUST CORPS TROOPS. MT. Co. N° 1549 S/SGT SCANLAN J. marched out to AUST CORPS TROOPS. MT. Co. 1 Lorry att from AUST CORPS TROOPS MT Co in Workshop.	swya
	22.3.18		16 PEERLESS LORRIES TAKEN ON charge from 49 <sup>TH</sup> D. MT Co. N° 1116 DVR BETHUNE R and N° 5541 DVR JENKINS W. returned from leave to PARIS. 1 Lorry attached from AUST CORPS TROOPS. MT COY in Workshop	swya

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FIELD	23.3.18		1 Lorry in Workshop 1 Lorry attached from AUST CORPS TROOPS MT CO in Workshop 6 Lorries working under DADR carrying stone in STRAZEELE AREA 2 Lorries under 2 <sup>ND</sup> AUST SANITARY SECT. carrying stores from BAILLEUL to MERRIS 1 Lorry under CORPS Q moving civil POST OFFICE from BAILLEUL to METEREN 109 miles loaded 173 miles empty 120 gallons petrol drawn	swya
	24.3.18		2 Lorries in Workshop 1 Lorry attached from AUST CORPS TROOPS MT CO in Workshop 3 Lorries on detachment to 184 TUNNELLING CO 4 Lorries working under 5/AUST PIONEERS reported to KEMMEL VIERSTRAATE and were informed that the lorries were not required 4 Lorries working under C.F. carrying RE STORES from 13 <sup>TH</sup> FIELD CO to WATTS LINES 98 miles loaded 215 miles empty 92 gallons petrol drawn	swya
	25.3.18		2 Lorries in Workshop 1 Lorry attached from AUST CORPS TROOPS MT CO in Workshop 1 Lorry to TYRE PRESS ABEELE 3 Lorries under 2 <sup>ND</sup> ARMY Q carrying gravel in HAZEBROUCK MOREBEQUE and SERCUS AREAS 3 Lorries on detachment to 184 TUNNELLING COY 2 Lorries	swya

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FIELD	25-3-18		carrying SAA from O.X.D. RAILHEAD to 9 <sup>TH</sup> INF. BEDE. SERCUS.	8WYA
	(CONT) 26-3-18		1 Lorry attached from A.C.T.M.T CO in Workshop. 2 Lorries in Workshop. 3 Lorries on Detachment to 184 CO. TUNNELLERS RE. 3 Lorries reported for duty at SHOVEL CAMP and were informed that they were not required. 2 Lorries carrying stone in RENESCURE area. 2 Lorries carrying GAS CYLINDERS from GODEWAERSVELDE to KEMMEL. 1 Lorry carrying METAL from HAZEBROUCK to MORBECQUE and LE CLINQ RUES. 61 miles loaded 172 miles empty. 66 gallons petrol drawn.	8WYA
	27-3-18		2 Lorries in Workshop. 1 Lorry attached from A.C.T.M.T CO in Workshop. 3 Lorries on detachment to 184 TUNNELLING CO RE. 4 Lorries working under L SPECIAL COY. carrying GAS TUBES from GODEWAERSVELDE to CONNAUGHT SIDING. 3 Lorries carrying metal from RENESCURE to FORT ROUGE, EBBLINGHEM and CLINQ RUE. working under 2 <sup>ND</sup> ARMY Q. 125 miles loaded 203 miles empty. 84 gallons petrol drawn. N <sup>o</sup> 4826 PTE HANNAH D rejoined from leave to UK. N <sup>o</sup> 8218 D.V.R. STOTT.E.C. admitted to hospital and struck off strength as from this date.	8WYA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FIELD	28.3.18		2 Lorries in Workshop 1 Lorry attached from ACTMT COY in Workshop 3 Lorries on detachment to 184 TUNNELLING Co RE. 3 Lorries working under 2 <sup>ND</sup> ARMY Q carrying stone in HAZEBROUCK area. 1 lorry working under SMTD in FLETRE area. 2 Lorries working under ARMY Q not returned from DUTY. N <sup>O</sup> 2682 PTE SMITH C rejoined from leave to UK. Lorry travelled 66 miles loaded 177 miles empty 72 gallons petrol drawn.	8wya
	29.3.18		2 Lorries in Workshop 1 Lorry attached returned to ACTMT CO 3 Lorries on detachment to 184 TUNNELLING Co R.E. 3 Lorries working under 2 <sup>ND</sup> ARMY Q carrying metal from RENESCURE to FORT ROUGE EBBLINGHEM and CASSEL 2 Lorry working under 2 <sup>ND</sup> ARMY Q not returned from DUTY 1 Lorry working 1 <sup>ST</sup> AT COY carrying NISSEN HUT from MERVILLE to STEENWERCK DUMP. 16 Lorries. 1 Officer and 51 Other RANKS marched out from N <sup>O</sup> 2. AUST DIV'1. MT. COY and In to N <sup>O</sup> 1. AUST DIV'1. MT. CO SITUATED AT METEREN. MAP REFERENCE SHEET 27. X 15 D 6. H. 65 miles Loaded 135 miles empty 54 gallons petrol drawn.	8wya

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FIELD	30.3.18		<p>3 Hovies in Workshop 3 Hovies on detachment to 184 TUNNELLING CO RE</p> <p>3 Hovies working under AGENT VOYERS SOUS COMMISSION STATION</p> <p>HAZEBROUCK carrying store in EBBLINGHEM area 4 Hovies working under CE STEENWERCK RE DUMP carrying RE material from ABEELE to STEENWERCK 2 Hovies working under Army Q returned to PARK These had carried since 28.3.18 Road personnel CAESTRE to DESVRES 1 Hoviy <sup>load</sup> personnel DESVRES to VIL MOUTIER 2 Load of tents VIL MOUTIER to HAUTLOQUE 1 Load personnel HAUTLOQUE to CAESTRE 307 miles loaded 321 miles empty 164 gallons petrol drawn</p>	swya
	31.3.18		<p>2 Hovies in Workshop 3 Hovies on detachment to 184 TUNNELLING CO RE. 4 Hovies working under CORPS Q reporting to 1<sup>ST</sup> DIV WING Reinforcement camp and carrying troops from REMMEL CANADA CNR. VOORMEZELE and tents from VOORMEZELE to CAESTRE 112 miles loaded 72 miles empty 50 gallons petrol drawn</p>	<p>swya  <i>swya Anderson</i>  <i>of COA AB AFAS</i>  <i>Reit</i></p>

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