

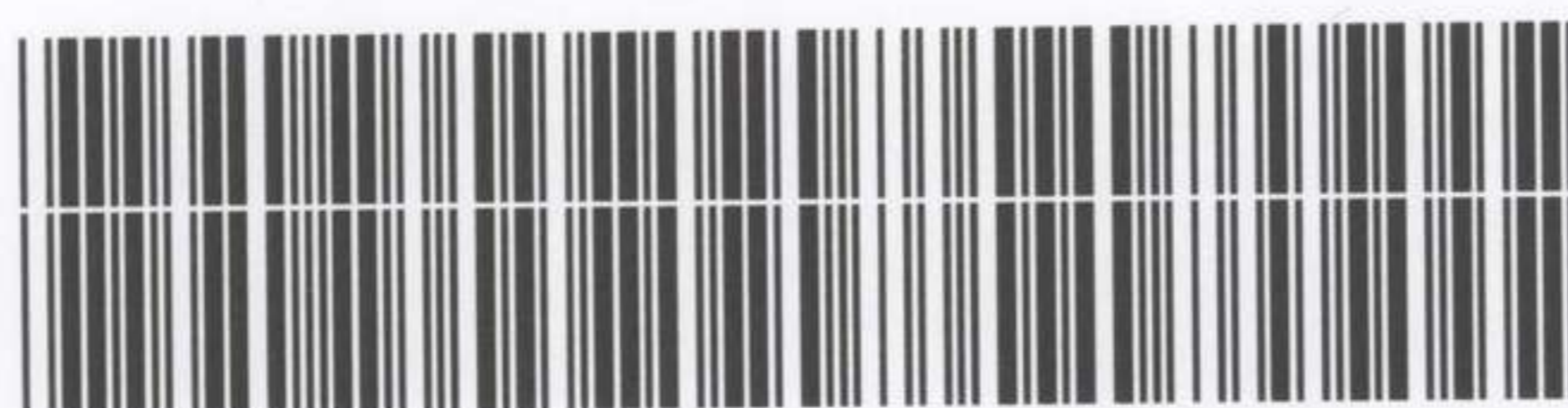
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Dieppe			<p>The strength of the Unit on 1st September was up to Establishment, viz One Officer & twenty other ranks. How sent & Q.M. Eg Hookkins was taken on strength from 2nd Austⁿ Field Butchery and to command the Unit as from 31-8-18. How Captⁿ & Q.M. J.M. Young reverted to the rank of Lieut at his own request and was transferred to A.I.F. Depot in United Kingdom from 4th Austⁿ Field Butchery on 3-9-18. No 5366 W/O McAndrew No 5373 Staff Sgt McLeary & No 5365 Corp^t Brazill C. were transferred to England for return to Australia on two months furlough on 29-9-18. No 4234 Pte Maikland J C No 14918 Pte Wavlan R & No 14919 Pte Brand S. marched in from reinforcements, Rouen and were taken on the strength of the Unit on 6/10/18.</p> <p>Discipline. The conduct of the Unit has been excellent. Health. The health of the members has been fair only. Plenty of colds as there has been an exceptionally large amount of rain and where we are employed has been muddy and wet for the whole month to be correct it has rained almost daily, nothing of a serious illness has however eventuated. Like other Bases the men are employed at different places.</p>	

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Drepper			<p>and I never see them being on a busy position myself in the transport department but from the ones I have seen working they are getting along satisfactorily. I hope to be able to give fuller information in a later months diary. The nature of the work performed is forwarding commodities by rail to the bigger stations and Regulating Stations, the principal items being Hay, Straw & Cato, although good lines of foodstuffs are included. The work is Superintending & checking into the trucks the labor utilized being Coolies, when trucks are available the larger lines above mentioned are loaded direct from Steamer thus doing away with double handling and the work is smartly done especially if the Coolie has a "task" otherwise he will take out time we thus find it a great benefit when the task job can be applied. Trucks have been very scarce, however as very large quantities of Ammunition have been required, but this does not come under us but from another dock. We are employed under Imperial B.S.D. and have little to do with the regulating methods of working. The place is much too small for the work carried on and entails a good deal of Motor & Horse Transport to stacks a couple of hundred yards away. The work is carried out in two shifts and goes on very satisfactorily. I hope later on to be able to know the work of each man better.</p>	

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