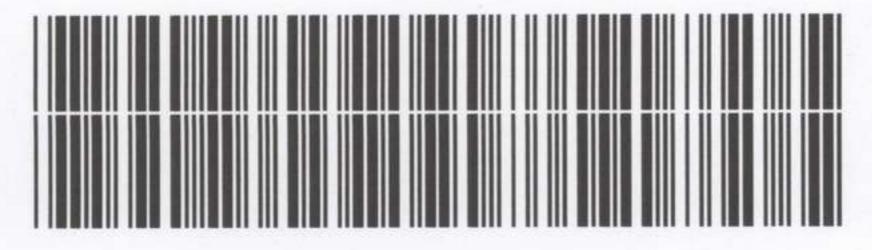
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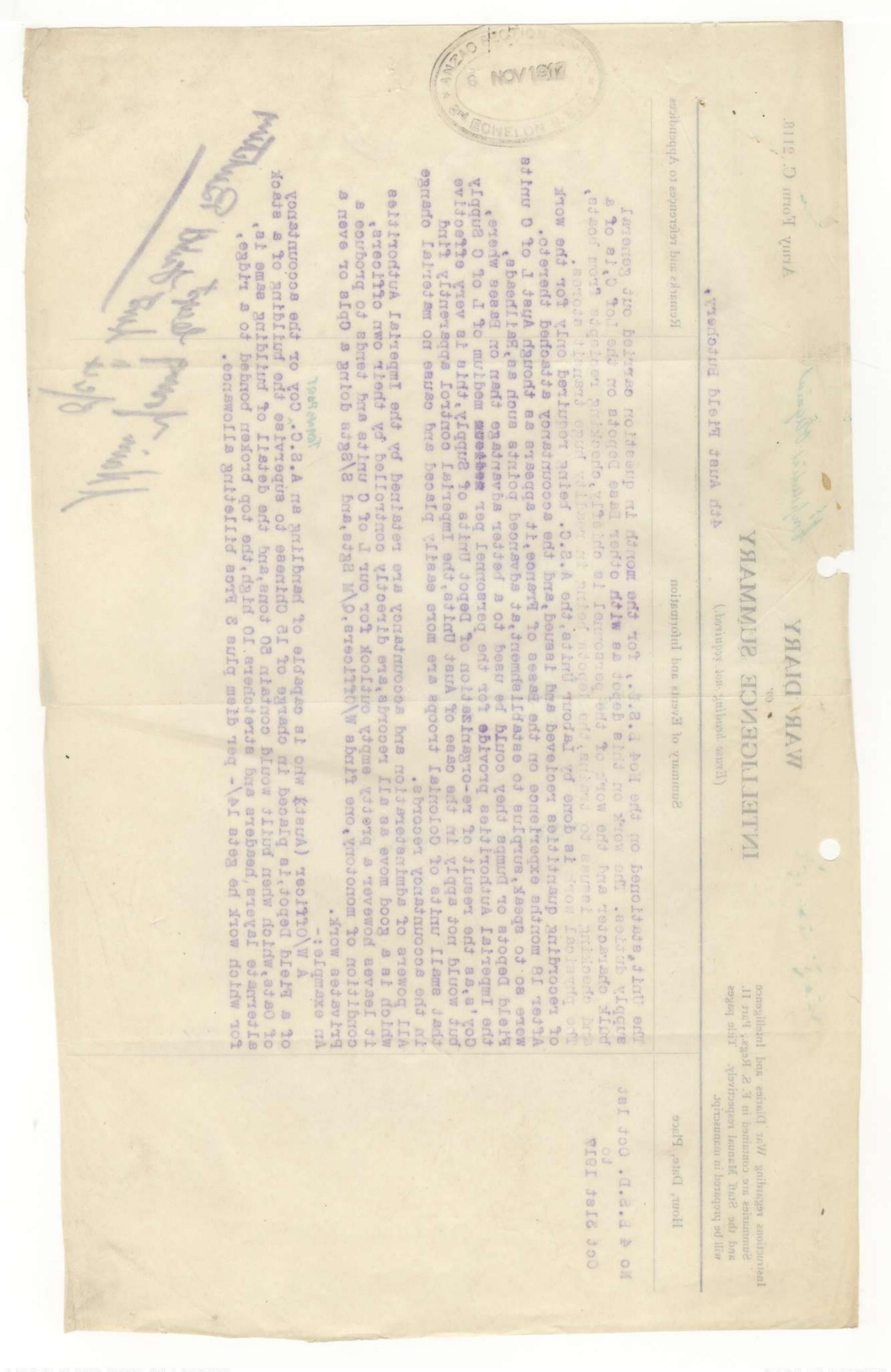
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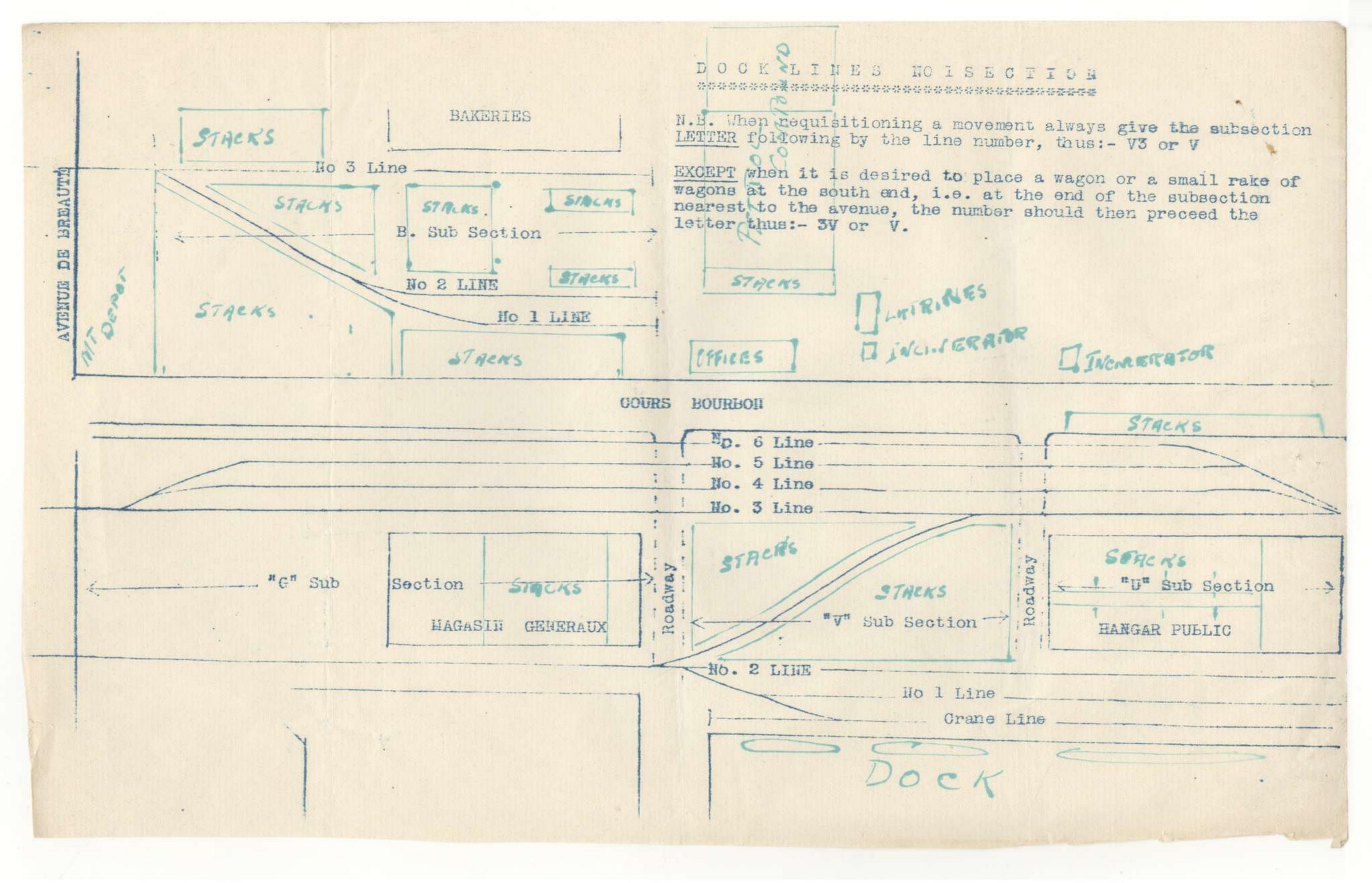
## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.) 4th Aust Field Butchery. will be prepared in manuscript. Remarks and references to Appendices Summary of Events and Information Hour, Date, Place The Unit stationed on the No4 B.S.D., for the month in question carried out general No 4 E.S.D. Oct 1st supply duties. The work on this depot as with other Base Depots on the Lof C, is of a bulk character and the work of the personnel is chiefly, checking reciepts from boats, Oct 31st 1917 and checking issues to trains, the depots being in reality huge transit stores. The physical work is done by Labour Units, the A.S.C. being required only for the work of recording quantities recieved and issued, and the accountancy attached thereto. After 18 months experience on the Bases of France, it appears as though Aust L of C units were so to speak, surplus to establishment, at advanced points such as, Railheads, Field Depots or Dumps they could be used to a better advantage than on Bases where, the Imperial Authorities provide for the personnel per medium of L of C Supply Coy's, as the result of re-organization of Depot Units of Supply, this is very effective but would not apply in the case of Aust Units, the Imperial control apparently find that small units of Colonial troops are more easily placed and cause no material change in the accountancy records. All powers of adminsteration and accountancy are retained by the Imperial Authorities which is a good move as all records, are directly controlled by their own officers, it leaves however a pretty empty outlook for our L of C units and tends to produce a condition of monotony, one finds W/Officers, Q/M Sgts, and S/Sgts doing a Cpls or even a Privates work. TRANSPORT An example:-A W/Officer (Aust) who is capable of handling an A.S.C. Coy or the accountancy of a Field Depot, is placed in charge of 15 Chinese to supervise the building of a stack of Oats, which when built would contain 50 tons, and the detail of building same is, alternate layers, headers and stretchers. 10 high, the top broken bonded to a ridge, for which work he gets 14/- per diem plus 3 Frcs billeting allowance.

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