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**WAR DIARY**

OF

"K" AMMUNITION PARK

FOR

FEBRUARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Feb. 1918			
Sheet 23.5. 14.C.9.4.	1st.	"	General Routine. O.C. No.1 AUST.A.S.P. called re his tour of duty standing by for Lorries reserved for Army. See Appendix III O.C. No.3 AUST.A.S.P. called. O.A/c 3rd A.B.	Appendix III
			AUST.F.A.PARK SECTION called re rations. New leave allotment of 6 men per day came into force (D.A.A.G. AUST.CORPS 114/318 of 22nd JAN.1918) Allotment includes Nos.1,2,3,4,5,A.A.S.P. and 3rd,6th,12th PARK SECTIONS. Weather Misty all day.	
"	2nd.	"	General Routine. O.C. No.5 AUST.A.S.P. called and reported that his Unit was on the move from the REST AREA back to the CORPS AREA and would be released from DIVISIONAL control in a day or two. Notification received -H.Q.AUST.CORPS A/97/96 that the BELGIAN CROIX de GUERRE has been awarded to :- Major E.G.FORDYCE No.1 AUST.A.S.P. Corporal HORLEY.H. No.5 AUST.A.S.P. Weather morning dull, clear night. Enemy aeroplane activity 12-45 P.M.	
"	3rd	"	General Routine. Lieut.H.J.LANE(ADJUTANT) proceeded to No.1 AUST.A.S.P. to take over <del>temporarily</del> temporarily while Major FORDYCE goes on leave. Visited S.M.T.O. re application for commissions in A.F.C. Inspection of gas appliances. Enemy aeroplanes passed over in considerable numbers about 1.A.M. and returned later. No.bombs dropped in vicinity.	



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Sheet 23.S.	Feb.	1918		
14.C.9.4.	3rd.	"	Weather. bright sunshine, evening misty.	
"	4th.	"	General Routine. Major E.G.FORDYCE No.1 AUST.A.S.P. granted leave -4-2-18 - 18-2-18. Lieut LANE taking charge of No.1 A.A.S.P; during the absence of O.C. on leave. 2/Lieut. SLOCOMBE returned from leave and reported to D.M.T.S., A.I.F. Visited C.E. AUST.CORPS with O.C. No.5 AUST.A.S.P. re stone for his Standing. Saw Brigadier General BRAND. A/D.A.& Q M.G. AUST.CORPS and he arranged to visit Units tomorrow 5th. Saw S.M.T.O. re 2/Lt.SLOCOMBE and and Lieut.CAMPBELL. O.i/c 12th A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S. called on his way back from giving evidence in F.G.C.M. Sergt.GIBBS reported for duty vice Serg.LLOYD No.3 AUST.A.S.P. returning to Unit. Weather Bright sunshine Night fine.	
"	5th.	"	General Routine. Brigadier General BRAND C.B., D.S.O., A/D.A.& Q.M.G. AUST.CORPS visited this office and then proceeded with O.C. to Nos 1 and 5 A.A.S.P. Visited No.3 A.A.S.P. with Lieut.L.T.MAPLESTONE M.C. A/Adjutant. S.M.T.O. called to state that D.D.S.& T. would visit the SUB PARKS and PARK SECTIONS tomorrow afternoon. Weather Bright sunshine. Night cloudy, rain during night.	



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	Feb.	1918		
Sheet 28.S. 14.C.9.4.	6th	"	General Routine. O.C. No.2 AUST.A.S.P. called on his way to a lecture and reported all settled in New Standing in REST AREA. Brigadier General H.M.WILSON D.D.S. & T. 4th ARMY with S.M.T.O. AUST.CORPS inspected the workshops and vehicles of the following Units :- No.3 AUST.A.S.P., No.5 AUST.A.S.P., No.1 AUST.A.S.P., 12th A.B.AUST.F.A.Park Section. 6th A.B.AUST.F.A.P.S., 3rd A.B.AUST.F.A.P.S. He also inspected the Stock Sheet Systems of the above Units and also of the <del>DEMANDS OFFICER</del> <sup>DEMANDS OFFICER</sup> of this Unit. He expressed himself satisfied with all he saw. Weather Dull, threatening rain. Showery during night.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	7th	"	General Routine. O.C.No.3 AUST.A.S.P. and O.C. No.5 AUST.A.S.P. called. Weather Misty and showery.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	8th.	"	General Routine. New Fourth Army Traffic Map.issued. Drew 830 Fcs. £30-8-8- on Imprest per Lieut.L.T.MAPLESTONE for pay. Expended on Acquittance Rolls No.125 O.C. No.4 AUST.A.S.P. called re his new Workshop Officer and his change of location. Visited No.4 A.A.S.P. Weather Dull with light showers Night Fine.	<i>[Signature]</i>



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Table with columns: Place, Date, Hour, Summary of Events and Information, Remarks and references to Appendices. Contains two entries for February 1918, detailing military routines and unit changes.



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	<u>Feb</u>	<u>1918</u>		
Sheet 28.S.	11th	"	General Routine. Major JAMES called 2.30 pm. Received Australian Corps (H.Q) 92/409 calling for report on how men are employed now that M.T.has been released.	Appendix IV.
14.C.9.4.			24 M.T.Drivers Reinforcements reported from Base M.T.Depot and were posted to various Units as attached from Aust.Corps Reinforcement Camp. Weather. Dull, threatening <sup>rain</sup> <del>1-om</del> , strong wind.	<i>Ji</i>
	12th		General Routine. Gen Carruthers D.A.& Q.M.G. Aust Corps visited No. 1, 3 & 5 A.A.S.P's accompanied by S.M.T.O.	
			O.C. No.3.A.A.S.P. called. Major James called. O.C. No.2.A.A.S.P. called.	<i>Ji</i>
			Weather. Dull and Cloudy. Light showers during night.	
	13th		General Routine. Major JAMES called. Adjutant visited S.M.T.O. re detailing of personnel from Sub Parks for working parties. Lieut J.D.CAMPBELL. No.1 A.A.S.P.called re his transfer to A.M.T.S. England (d.M.T.S.A.I.F. B/42 of 12/2/18)	Appendix IV.
			Lieut.F.W.G.ANDERSON 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S.reported back from leave and resumed duty with his Unit.	<i>Ji</i>
			Lieut.F.S.SEPHTON "K" Ammm Park reported back from leave and is detached with No.4 A.A.S.P.for duty. Lieut.A.L.REID reported to No.3.A.A.S.P.and taken on strength from "y" Ammm Park 13/2/18.	
			supernumary to Establishment (D.M.T.S. A.I.F. B/42 13/2/18). Weather. Rain all day.	



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Sheet. 28. S.	Feb 1918			
14.C.9.4	14th	"	General Routine. Major JAMES called. 10.30 am - 5 pm. Lieut F.W.G. ANDERSON 6th A.B. Aust. F.A.P.S. detailed to take temporary command of No. 1. A.A.S.P. after departure of Lt. J.D. CAMPBELL to U.K. and pending return of Major FORDYCE from leave. O.S.C. No. 4 & 5 A.A.S.P. called and reported completion of moves. Weather. Light showers all day.	Appendix V
	15th	"	General Routine. Major JAMES called. 3.30 pm. O.C. No. 5. A.A.S.P. called. Adjutant visited No. 3. A.A.S.P. Weather. dull & cold. Light frost during night.	
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	16th	"	General Routine. Lt. J.D. CAMPBELL No. 1. A.A.S.P. reported on departure for A.M.T.S. U.K. 11.30 am. Enemy aeroplane forced down in vicinity by our aircraft after a short fight over this town. Major JAMES called. Weather. Bright sunshine all day. Night clear and cold with slight frost.	
	17th	"	General Routine. Major JAMES called. 10.30 am. Adjt visited No. 3 A.A.S.P.	



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Feb 1918. Sheet. 28. S. 14. C. 9. 4.	17th		Major J.H.HAMILTON.O.C. reported back from leave to PARIS. Visited No.2.A.A.S.P. Weather-Fine and sunshine but cold. 12° Frost during night.16/17.	
	18th		General Routine. A.M. Visited No.3 A.A.S.P. 12th A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S.and S.M.T.O. P.M. Visited No.4 and No.1 A.A.S.P.and 6th A.B.Aust F.A.P.S. Reported at Q.office Aust Corps and S.M.T.O. Weather. Bright sunshine. Clear night.	
9	19th		General Routine. Town Major BAILLEUL called re taking over a Fire Engine by this Unit, to be kept on a lorry at a Sub Park and to be available for fires in the area. D.M.T.S. A.I.F. called and then went with O.C."K"Supply Column. Arrangements were made with the O.C. for the O!s.C. Supply Column and Ammm Park, to learn something of each others duties in view of a reorganization of the M.T. Weather Bright, Sunshine.	
	20th		S.M.T.O. called re temporary detachment of Lt.Shaw to "K"Supply Col. Major FORDYCE No.1 A.A.S.P. reported back from leave to U.K. Visited No.5.A.A.S.P. Received information that the G.O.C. A.I.F. would inspect Units to-morrow. Weather.- Dull and threatening rain.	



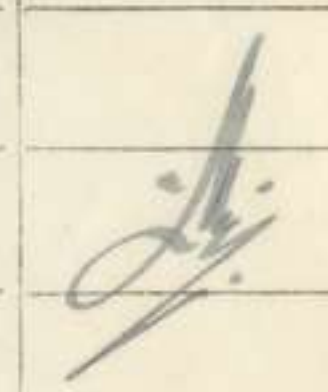
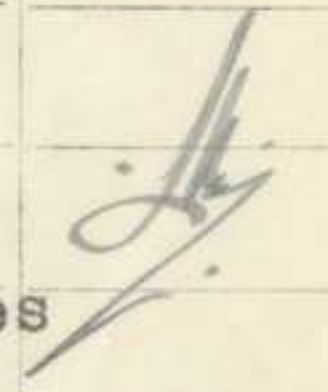

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Sheet.28. 14.C.9.4.	Feb 1918 S.21st		General Routine. G.O.C. A.I.F. Gen Sir W.R.BIRDWOOD.K.C.B. K.C.S.I. K.C.M.G. C.I.E. D.S.O. X. A.D.C. accompanied by the S.M.T.O. visited all the Aust Ammunition Sub Parks and A.B.Aust.F.A. Park Sections. He expressed himself pleased with what he saw and found nothing to criticise. Weather. Bright sunshine. Light rain during night.	
	22nd		General Routine. Drew 685 Francs - £25.2.4 from Staff Paymaster A.I.F. per Lt.L.T.MAPLESTONE for pay. Expended on acquittance Rolls No.126. Visited "K" Supply Column. O.C.No.5.A.A.S.F. called. Visited No.5 A.A.S.P. with S.M.T.O. No.1.A.A.S.P. took over Fire Engine from Town Major BAILLEUL to be kept on a lorry and maintained by No.1.A.A.S.P. and be available for fires in the area. Weather. Dull - threatening Rain.	
	23rd		General Routine. Inspected Supply Work of 5th Aust Div Supply Section and Div Train at BRULOCZE Railhead with Lt.HOYLES.K.Supply Column. Visited "K" Supply Column to inspect a Napier Box Car to be exchanged with "K" Amm Park Ford Box Car. Visited No.3 A.A.S.P. Visited S.M.T.O. Visited D.A. & Q.M.G. Brig-Gen CARRUTHERS re policy of Amm Supply.	



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	Feb	1918		
Sheet. 28.S.	23rd		<u>General Routine</u> Vehicle and mileage return for year 1917 forwarded to S.M.T.O. as called for in S.M.T.O. AC/583 of 19.2.18. 15 M.T. Drivers and 4 Pte Details Reinforcements reported and were posted to Various Units as attached from Australian Corps Reinforcement Camp.	Appendix VI
14.C.9.4			Weather. Dull and threatening rain.	
	24th		<u>General Routine.</u> Communication received from H.Q. Australian Corps (97/155) asking for strength of Officers and Other Ranks as at midnight 23/24. This return required for allotment of Awards in connection with Coming Honours Despatch- 25 Officers-868 O.R.	
			Weather. Dull threatening rain.	
	25th		<u>General Routine.</u> Visited No.3.A.A.S.P. and took Lt. McSwaine.M.C. to No.2.A.A.S.P. to take charge when the O.C. Major C.J.GODDARD.D.S.O. is away on leave.	
			Weather. Dull morning - Bright afternoon and clear night.	
	26th		<u>General Routine.</u> Lt.W.NOALL - 12th A.B.Aust.F.A.Pk Section granted leave to Paris 26.2.18-5.3.18 Lt.A.L.REID No.3.A.A.S.P. to take charge during Lt.Noall's absence.	
			Visited S.M.T.O. and then went with him to No.2.A.A.S.P. Weather. Bright morning. Afternoon dull and cloudy.	



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	27th		<p><u>General Routine.</u> O i/c 6th A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S. called relative to accident with one of his lorries and a chinese labourer. Visited No.3.A.A.S.P. Visited "Q" Australian Corps. Visited S.M.T.O. Weather Dull-threatening rain.</p>	
	28th		<p><u>General Routine.</u> No.1577 Driver CHRISTIE.J. No.1.A.A.S.P. and No.546 Pte.JONES.J.- 6th A.B.Aust. F.A.Pk.Sec. Selected for Transport Duty to Australia - D.M.T.S. B/6 of B .2.18</p> <p>O.C. No.3.A.A.S.P. called.</p> <p>Went with acting Adj S.M.T.O. to select a site for No.2.A.A.S.P.on its return from Rest Area. Decided on sheet.28.M.34.C.1.9. if permission can be obtained-this site being out of the Corps Area. Attended Corps Troops Sports at BAILLEUL Aerodrome in afternoon- Os.C.Nos 1 &amp; 4 A.A.S.P. were also there. Major C.J.GODDARD.D.S.O. No.2.A.A.S.P. granted leave to U.K. 28.2.18-14.3.18</p> <p>Weather dull - Light fall of snow.</p>	

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

- I. Corps Ammunition Expenditure.
- II. Battle Casualties for month.
- III. Particulars re lorries reserved to stand by for Army.
- IV. Situation of personnel, re detailing working parties from Sub Parks.
- V. Movement Order No. 4 & 5 A.A.S.P.
- VI. VEHICLE & MILES RUN Averages for 1917.

*J. Hamilton* Major,  
 C.O. K Ammunition Park.



FIELD AMMUNITION EXPENDED FROM FEBRUARY 1st to FEBRUARY 28th 1918. Appendix 1.

*appendix 1*

Date	Q.	QX	QAZ	O	OX	A	AX	AS	AT	BX	BSK	BCBR	BJBR	BVN	BPS	BPF	BNC	BS
1st.		102			5	425	1125			330								
2nd	6	36				460	1431			535	51						350	
3rd	177	399		142	85	1192	1621		1	799	23							
4th	23	151		58	27	595	1261			582	12	40						
5th	2	5				681	1408			533		60						
6th	89	241		28	27	614	1355		52	429	6	80					10	
7th	12	9		22	35	843	1786		30	647		30						
8th						709	1831			778								
9th						1097	1452	1	11	774		10			,50		40	
10th						1349	2510	100		2976		8						
11th						3782	5429	62		3297	48	260						4843
12th						601	1803	3		775		<del>260</del>			20		14	<del>124318</del>
13th						539	1402	2		560		15			15		25	1
14th						455	1541			473	40	168						
15th						637	2083			600					30			
16th	55	282				665	1994			609	74	134			30			7
17th	249	637		22	210	822	2834		4	1071	1							14
18th	131	505		70	37	704	2266			862	50	100			100			
19th	32	130				555	1622			779		25					17	
20th	44	76		9	3	1258	3963	3	8	1017		50						
21st	27	38				328	1054			339		27						
22nd	116	244		57	28	580	2301	20	28	894		176					88	5
23rd		17				462	1149			640		47						3
24th						679	1559			605		30			50			
25th	11	13				591	2283	1		985		30			17		40	
26th	4	16				634	1501			789								
27th	59	48				519	1903	4		839								
28th	2	16				823	1943			957								
	1039	2965		408	457	22599	54410	196	134	24474	<del>152</del> 270	<del>270</del> 1300			312		584	152

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HEAVY AND SEIGE AMMUNITION EXPENDED FROM FEBRUARY 1st to FEBRUARY 28th 1918.

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D	D	DX	DSR	DCBR	DVN	DPS	P	K	KX	KAP	S	H	M	G	VC	VAX	VCAP	T	U
1st							181				50		40						
2nd		30					1087		12		70	50	215	62				15	
3rd	55	243	31				996	8	12		92	25	117	9					
4th	43	196					413	2	27		128		230	70					
5th	22	15					1182	18	20		78		359	165				45	
6th	71	114					666		2		79		78	82					
7th	31	14					436		20		15	17	78						
8th	17	50					253		24		92		103	87					
9th		66					319		47		129	23	209	2					
10th	49	47					1410		34		185	162	219	162				10	12
11th	33	337			34	14	241		24		6	14	60					10	
12th	20	10					345				80		20	26					
13th	20	15					292						40						
14th	30	70					686		2		20	66	53	110					
15th	56	134					686		2		20	66	53	110					
16th	25	36	30		40	30	691	12	57		28	243	247	15				45	
17th	91	160					1496	17	50		144	43	218	136				60	
18th	36	234					1072	8			91		143	28					
19th	48	193					1592		6		156		134						
20th	23	84			25	25	457							57					
21st		84					2148	5	103		150		94	132				30	12
22nd	59	176					1028		2		121		40	110				12	
23rd	37	89					438				40		30	50					
24th		29					1309				391		135	96					
25th	47	324					532		94		169		70	80					
26th	21	90					1188		45		362		192	19					
27th	78	206					973				168		104	25					
28th	21	20															M	12	
	386	3066	61		99	69	21663	70	581		2844	690	3318	1538				239	24

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Appendix II

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Monthly Ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>Battle Casualties</u>				
Unit.			Personnel	Vehicles.
			Killed, Wounded,	
			Off. Q.R's Off. Q.R's	
"K." AMMUNITION PARK. No 1. Avst. A.S.P.			NIL	
. 2 . . . . .				
. 3 . . . . .				
. 4 . . . . .				
. 5 . . . . .				
3 <sup>rd</sup> AB. Avst. F.A.P.S.				
6 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .			NIL	
12 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .				

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APPENDIX

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*appendix 3*

Appendix III

S.M.T.O.  
Australian Corps.

Reference Fourth Army QC/483 - Your No.1101.

1. Para 4 states a Convoy will consist of 165 lorries, and the last sentence of para 3 states that the O.C. Convoy will take the Brigade Commander in his car. It is assumed that a half company of 55 lorries will be provided from Army sources; will a car also be provided? The convoy will be about two miles long and one car is not enough if it is also to carry the Brigadier. Also one Officer per half company should be on a motor bicycle.
2. Para 3 -C states "Reserve petrol for 100 miles" Is this, which means about 25 gallons per lorry, in addition to the 10 gallons per lorry already carried as a reserve on the lorry? If so I would suggest, to reduce stocks of petrol, that a reserve be held by each of the "K" Units for this purpose. otherwise each Unit Commander, not knowing how many of his lorries may be called upon, will have to maintain a stock of 25 gallons per lorry, in addition to present stocks for at least 80% of his lorry strength. Also whereabouts on the lorry is this extra petrol to be carried?
3. In view of the relative establishments of Supply Columns and Sub Parks I take it that the Officers i/c Park Sections are at the disposal of the Corps Park only, for this detail.
4. I suggest that G.R.O.3159 be re-printed and issued to each M.T. Officer in the Corps.
5. I would also draw attention to the carrying capacity of a lorry as laid down by Fourth Army Standing Order No.213 and G.R.O. 3159 para 4.

*Hamilton*

Major,

Commanding "K" Ammunition Park.

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*appendix 4*

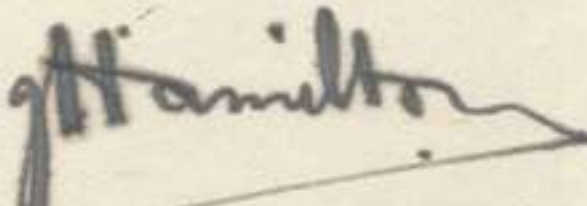
- O.C.
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- No.2 Aust.A.S.P.
- No.3 Aust.A.S.P.
- No.4 Aust.A.S.P.
- No.5 Aust.A.S.P.
- O.I/c
- 3rd A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S.
- 6th A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S.
- 12th A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S.

"K"	
AMMUNITION PARK.	
No.	F/197/1
Date	1/2/18

Reference my F/197 dated 1-2-18 , Fourth Army QC/483

1. All lorries will be equipped with a short ladder to facilitate the embussing of troops. This ladder will be constructed in Units and held as part of the equipment of the lorry and be always carried, For this purpose brackets will be fitted to each lorry in a uniform manner. A return is required by 15-2-18 certifying that this has been done.
2. When senior M.T.Officers are detailed it is to be understood that a car is also detailed. Should the car be unavailable for any reason notice should be sent to this Office by 9.0.P.M. the night before the tour of duty so that other arrangements can be made.
3. Attention is directed to G.R.O.3159.

1-2-18.

 Major.  
 Commanding "K" Ammunition Park.



VII Corps                      X Corps  
 VIII "                        XIX "  
 IX "                            XXI "  
 Australian Corps

*appendix #3*

Fourth Army No. QC/483 17  
 Aust. Corps No. 124/373  
 S.M.T.O. No. 1101

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY LORRY IN THE ARMY AREA

1. From the date of this letter, each Corps will hold 110 lorries at the disposal of the Army for the purpose of rapidly moving troops in case of necessity from the back areas to the forward or Corps area.  
 These lorries must always be available to move to any given point in the Army Area 6 hours after receipt of ax wire ordering them to "STAND BY"
2. Corps may make application to the Army "Q" for the exemption of lorries in connection with their own requirements during an emergency, but until Army authority is received the 110 lorries must be available for Army detail. The release of these lorries will depend on the general situation.
3. (a) The 110 lorries of each Corps, will for this purpose constitute a Company under the command of a Senior M.T. Officer with a Motor Car. Each Company will consist of two half companies of 55 lorries, each of which will be moved independently if required.  
 Half Companies will consist of 2 Sections of 27 and 28 lorries respectively, each under the command of an Officer.  
 Each Section will be formed into 4 groups.  
 (b) When moving the following intervals will be ~~obtained~~ maintained:-  
       "        Between half companies and Sections . . . . . 100 yards.  
       "        Groups . . . . . 50 yards.  
       "        Lorries . . . . . 10 yards.  
 Groups will close up at embussing points, but the intervals between half companies and Sections will be maintained.  
 (c) Each lorry will carry a short ladder to facilitate the embussing of Troops heavily equipped and in addition 2 days rations for the drivers and reserve petrol for 100 miles.  
 (d) The O.C. the Convoy will take the Brigade Commander in his Car. Each lorry will carry 25 Officers and men.
4. A convoy will consist of 165 lorries giving sufficient accomodation for the dismounted personnel of one Brigade Group.
5. Movement of Troops by Lorry will be carried out in accordance with Standing Orders 213 and 214.
6. If half companies only are required from Corps Senior M.T. Officer present will take command of the whole convoy from the embussing point to the time he orders the convoy to disperse.

29.1.18.

Sd, G. Smyth-Osborne, Lt-Col.  
 A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.

O.C.

"K" Ammunition Park.

Reference preceeding minute the following instructions will be observed by the Os.C concerned :-  
 Os.C, "K" Supply Column and "K" Ammunition Park will detail one senior M.T. Officer on alternate days commencing on 1.2.18 with "K" Supply Column. Os.C. "K" Supply Column and "K" Ammunition Park will each detail one Subaltern daily and O.C. "K" Seige Park will detail 2 Subaltern daily.  
 Os.C. "K" Supply Column, "K" Ammunition Park and "K" Seige Park will inform S.M.T.O. of the names of the Officers detailed by them to stand by the following day, by 6 pm daily and S.M.T.O. will inform the Senior M.T. Officer of the names of the subalterns detailed with him.  
 S.M.T.O. will forward each night to the Senior Officer detailed for the following day a memo showing the Units from which the required 110 lorries have been detailed to stand by as far as is practicable the lorries detailed will be from formations in the following proportions:-  
       "K" Seige Park                      2 Sections  
       "K" Supply Column                1 Section.  
       "K" Ammunition Park              1 Section



S.M.T.O. will inform Os.C. Units of the number of lorries under their command which have been detailed to stand by for Army purposes and Os.C.Units will see that these lorries are ready to move in accordance with instructions contained in preceding minute.

The tour of duty for Officers detailed to stand by will be from midnight to midnight, lorries also reserved will be held from midnight to midnight.

31.1.18.

Sgd. W.H.Tunbridge.Colonel.  
S.M.T.O. Aust Corps.

"K"	
AMMUNITION PARK.	
No.	<i>F/197</i>
Date	<i>4.3.18</i>



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S.M.F.O.  
Aust. Corps.AMMUNITION  
PARK.

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Appendix IV

No. M/469  
Date 13/2/18

Reference H.Q. Aust. Corps 92/409 dated February 1918, re formation of working parties from personnel of Ammunition Sub-Parks.

The following shows the establishment of working vehicles of all Units under my command and how employed. The figures are a daily average and cover period 2-2-18 - 3-2-18 inclusive.

Estab. of working vehicles	217 %	
Vehicles not available on account of overhaul, awaiting spare parts, accidents and minor causes.	56	% Includes 15 Supply Lorries attached.
Vehicles used daily, including those on detachment.	79	
Lorries reserved to stand by for Army.	28	
Available and not detailed.	54 %	

After deducting the 15 Supply lorries, which are at present attached and do not form part of an Ammunition Park, the total ammunition lorries left and available for duty is 39, which at 2 drivers per vehicle = 78 men. The establishment of spare drivers per Sub Park is 11, but these men are all utilized to relieve men on leave, sick etc. It is not permitted to employ a driver in any other capacity, so that the ammunition Details in addition to their usual work have to be employed as cooks, camp fatigues, guards and various duties, which uses up all the available men.

The vehicles of all Units under my command have, during the last 8 months, been subjected to very heavy and continuous work. At this period it is absolutely essential that every opportunity be afforded Unit Commanders, to overhaul and repair vehicles, in order to be ready for future operations.

In order that the necessary work may be carried out, the system adopted with this Unit, is to relieve one Unit at a time of all duty for a period so that it can concentrate on the necessary repairs and overhaul work. The remainder of the Units being available for general detail, and these Units in addition carry on as far as circumstances will permit, with repairs.

The work at present permits of one Unit at a time being relieved of duty but the withdrawal of men from this Unit would so far interfere with this Unit's work as to make this system impracticable.

If drivers are used for working parties, in addition to seriously interfering with the work at present being carried on, a certain number of lorries would be rendered unavailable if required, owing to an insufficiency of drivers. If details other than drivers are used, then drivers would have to be told off for their duty and it would amount to much the same thing. In both cases the efficiency of the Units is likely to be seriously impaired, at the time when the utmost efficiency will be required.

It is pointed out that, in September & October 1916 when working parties were drawn from Ammunition Parks, the establishment was then 4 Officers and 182 O.Rs. whereas the present establishment is 3 Officers 144 O.Rs. which includes 7 Category "B" personnel. This means that the total establishment of the Ammunition Sub Parks under my command is now 5 Officers & 190 O.Rs. less than it was in September 1916.

The present locations of Units under my Command are as follows :-

2 Amm. Sub Parks & 2 A.B. Aust. F.A.P.S. grouped	at Sheet 28.S.29.A.4.2.
1 Amm. Sub Park. & 1 A.B. Aust. F.A.P.S.	" " 27.X.15.D.5.5.
1 Amm. Sub Park	" " 28.M.24.D.2.3.
1 Amm. Sub Park.	" " Calais 4d.40.50. (DESVRES)

13-2-18.

*H. Lane* Lieut for Adj.  
for O.C. "X" Ammunition Park.



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Appendix V. Secret

"K" AMMUNITION PARK

Movement Order No. 12

Copy No. 9

"K"	
AMMUNITION PARK.	
No.	F/105
Date	9/2/18

1. On 14-2-18 Nos 4 and 5 Australian A.S.P. will exchange camps.
2. No returns need be rendered, but each Unit will report its new location to this Office on completion of the move.
3. The move to be completed by 6.0.P.M. 14-2-18 to enable details for the following day to be correctly allotted.
4. The 3rd A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S. will not move and will be administered by No.4 A.A.S.P. on and from 15-2-18.  
Attention is directed to this Office G/115 of 8-2-18.
5. Rations will be drawn by Units after the move, through the same channels as those used by the Unit previously occupying the site.
6. Copies 1 to 4 inclusive to be acknowledged.

*Hamilton* Major,  
Commanding "K" Ammunition Park.

9-2-18.

- Copy No.1 No.4 Aust.A.S.P.
- No.2 No.5 Aust.A.S.P.
- No.3 3rd A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S.
- No.4 Aust.C.T.S.C.
- No.5 S.M.T.O., Aust.Corps.
- No.6 File
- No.7 War Diary
- No.8 War Diary
- No.9 War Diary.



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Appendix VI

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VEHICLE & MILES RUN  
AVERAGES  
of  
AUSTRALIAN Ammn M.T.UNITS for year JAN - DEC 1917.

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N.B. Owing to the A.B.Aust.F.A.Park Sections having been attached to Imperial Units and seperate records not having been kept until recently these records are not quite complete.

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*g Hamilton* Major,  
O.C. Ammunition Park.



## NO.1.AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB-PARK%

MONTH	daily Aver No of vehicles:-		% of available detailed.	Total Miles Trav- elled by Park Monthly	MILES RUN		
	Detailed for duty	Available for duty			Daily average per vehicle detailed	Detail- ed Veh- icles	Avail- able vehic- les.
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
JANUARY	25-13	25.77	97.49	18696	24.00	168.00	163.78
FEBRUARY	17-11	28.54	59.95	14401	30.07	210.49	126.18
MARCH	20.58	22.51	91.41	21666	33.96	237.72	217.27
APRIL	28.43	30.8	92.31	251.51	29.48	206.36	190.50
MAY	21.77	27.0	80.74	14969	22.17	155.19	125.30
JUNE	13.13	22.63	58.02	14064	35.69	249.83	144.95
JULY	22.77	25.84	88.13	25859	36.62	256.34	225.91
AUGUST	26.16	26.68	98.06	23385	28.83	201.81	197.89
SEPTEMBER	24.27	26	90.21	19678	27.00	189.00	170.49
OCTOBER	26.61	29.61	89.86	29782	36.09	252.63	227.00
NOVEMBER	22.25	27.86	82.53	24358	35.30	247.10	203.97
DECEMBER	22.64	24.00	94.35	21449	30.55	213.85	201.76

In the Field.  
22/2/18.

E.Fordyce.Major.  
Commanding No.1.Aust.Ammunition Park.



## No.2.Australian Ammn Sub-Park

Month	Daily Average No of vehicles		% of Available Detailed.	Total miles travelled by Park Monthly	Miles Run		
	Dtld for duty	Available for duty			Daily Average per Vehicles detailed	Weekly Detailed vehicles	Average Available Vehicles
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
January	23	27	85%	15343	22	154	131
February	21	25	84%	8946	15	105	89
March	19	23	82%	17096	29	203	168
April	20	23	86%	16273	17	119	104
May	21	25	84%	15147	23	161	135
June	20	35	80%	14480	25	175	140
July	19	26	73%	13295	23	161	118
August	17	25	68%	8524	16	112	76
September	25	28	89%	19733	26	182	163
October	25	28	89%	16703	22	154	137
November	21	25	84%	19042	30	210	176
December	21	24	87%	19752	30	210	184



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NO 3 AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB PARK

MONTH	Daily Average		% of Avail- able Detail- ed.	Total Miles travel- led by Park monthly	Miles Run		
	No of Veh'les Dtd for duty	Available for duty			Daily Average per vehicle detailed	Weekly Average Detailed Vehicles	Weekly Average Available Vehicles
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
JANUARY	19	28	68%	29450	47	329	217
FEBRUARY	19	27	70%	26518	50	350	245
MARCH	28	28	100%	30599	35	245	245
APRIL	26	28	94%	30852	39	273	259
MAY	27	29	93%	24542	41	287	266
JUNE	26	28	94%	30675	39	273	252
JULY	21	26	80%	25655	39	273	224
AUGUST	24	28	86%	31170	42	294	252
SEPTEMBER	18	26	69%	31328	77	539	280
OCTOBER	23	28	82%	29434	41	287	238
NOVEMBER	25	28	89%	23096	30	210	196
DECEMBER	18	27	67%	19996	31	217	147

*A. G. Lacey* Capt. *[Signature]*

O.C. No. 3 Aust Amm Sub Park



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NO. 4 ARTILLERY LIGHT AMMUNITION SUB PARK

MONTH	Daily Average		% of Avail- able	Total Miles travelled by Park monthly	Miles Run		
	No. of Veh'les Detail- led for duty	Available for duty			Daily Average per vehicle detailed	Weekly Average Detailed	Available Vehicles
A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.
JANUARY	20	35	57%	25742	34	168	96
FEBRUARY	19	32	59%	18050	16	112	66
MARCH	18	27	84%	19978	34	238	158
APRIL	14	27	52%	13558	32	224	116
MAY	30	28	71%	19910	32	224	160
JUNE	19	27	70%	19328	34	238	167
JULY	21	27	77%	20807	32	224	174
AUGUST	21	27	77%	21846	34	238	185
SEPTEMBER	22	25	88%	32161	49	343	302
OCTOBER	18	27	66%	14786	26	182	121
NOVEMBER	19	25	78%	35422	63	441	335
DECEMBER	10	26	38%	16687	53	417	160

*A. H. James*  
Major  
O.C. No. 4 Artillery Amm Sub Park



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NO. 5. AUSTRALIAN AMMUNITION SUB-PARK

MONTH	Daily No of Dtld for duty	Average Vehicles Available for duty	% of Avail-able detail-ed.	Total Miles Trav-elled by Park Monthly	MILES RUN		Available Vehicles.
					Daily average per vehicle dt'led	Detailed Vehicles	
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
JANUARY	29	No record	No record	25447	281/3	6362	
FEBRUARY	24	"	"	20463	312/3	5161	
MARCH	29	"	"	26831	29/1/2	6595	
APRIL	30	"	"	28387	31/3/4	7097	
May	31	"	"	23274	32	5818 1/2 <del>5818</del>	
JUNE	26	"	"	23847	32	5962	
JULY TO 14	22			9638	30	4819	
FROM 15.	23	26	83 1/2	9418 1/2	23 1/2	4709 1/4	
AUGUST	27	27	85 1/5	19788	27 1/2	4947	
SEPTEMBER	22	27	81 1/2	23945	28 1/2	5761	
OCTOBER	24	25	96	24199	31 1/2	6049 3/4	
NOVEMBER	18	22	82	18787	34 1/2	4697	
DECEMBER	21	24	87 1/2	27681	43	6930	

January to July 14th., Imperial Records.

20.2.18.

(Sgd) A.W. Harvey. Major.  
Commanding 5th Ammm Sub Park.



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3 A.B.AUST.F.A.PARK SECTION

MONTH	Daily Average No of vehicles		% of Available Detailed	Total miles travelled by Park monthly	Miles Run			
	Dtd for duty	Avail-able for duty			Daily aver'e per vehicle detail-ed.	Weekly Average Detailed Vehicles	Available Vehicles.	
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
JANUARY								
FEBRUARY								
MARCH								
APRIL			No record available for period Jan to Oct inclusive.					
MAY								
JUNE								
JULY								
AUGUST								
SEPTEMBER								
OCTOBER								
NOVEMBER	7	9	78.79%	8229	37	259	203	
DECEMBER	7	10	72.24%	6409	30	206	149	

The above figures are correct to the nearest whole number.

21.2.18.

W.J.Mullet. Lt.  
O i/c 3rd A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S.



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6th A.B.AUST.F.A.PARK

MONTH	Daily Average No of Vehicles		% of Avail- able detail- ed.	Total miles trav- elled by Park monthly	Miles Run		
	Dttd for duty	Available for duty			Daily Average per veh- icle det- ailed.	Detailed vehicles	Available vehicles.
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
JANUARY TO OCTOBER							
NOVEMBER	8.8	12.2	72.13%	6932	26.2	1613.92	1164.1
DECEMBER	6.4	6.9	93%	4246	21.4	959	889.5

21/2/18

F.Anderson. Lieut.

O i/c 6th A.B.Aust.F.A.P.S.



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K" 12 A.B.AUST.F.A.P.S.

MONTH	Daily No of Dtd by Duty	Average Vehicles Available for duty	% of available Detailed	Total miles travelled by Park Monthly	Miles Run.		
					Daily average per vehicle detailed	Weekly Detailed Vehicles	Average Available vehicles
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
OCTOBER (10 days)				2320			
NOVEMBER				3613			
DECEMBER	7	11	64%	6095	25	175	111

No records available, previous to December.

W.Noall Lieut.  
12th A.B.Ausr.F.A.Pk.Sec.



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'K' AMMUNITION PARK.CONFIDENTIAL *aff*SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

during

FEBRUARY. 1918.

Active Operations did not prevail during this month. The highest expenditure being on the 11th, when the 3rd Australian Division effected a successful raid.

The policy of steady and continuous overhauling continued. No. 5.A.A.S.P. replacing No. 4.A.A.S.P. in the Rest Camp near LOCRE, shortly after its return from the Divisional Rest Area; where the M.T. did long daily runs conveying leave personnel to BOULOGNE. No. 2.A.A.S.P. replaced No. 5.A.A.S.P. in the Divisional Rest Area at the beginning of the month.

Several inspections of the Sub Parks and Park Sections were made during the month. On the 5th B-Gen BRAND, C.B. D.S.O. /D.A. & Q.M.G. of the Corps inspected this office and Nos 1 & 5 Sub Parks and 3 & 6 Park Sections. On the 6th the D.D.S & T Fourth Army, Brig-Genl H.M. WILSON, accompanied by the S.M.T.O. inspected Nos 1, 3, and 5 Sub Parks and 3, 6 and 12 Park Sections. On the 12th B-Gen CARRUTHERS, D.A. & Q.M.G. of the Corps, visited Nos 1, 3 and 5 Sub Parks. On the 21st the Corps Commander Gen Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., inspected all the Sub Parks and Park Sections. All these Generals expressed satisfaction with the Units; the D.D.S & T being particularly pleased with the Demands and Workshop records.

In view of a Re-Organization of the M.T. the D.M.T.S. A.I.F. arranged that the C.C. Corps Supply Column and Ammunition Park should learn something of each others duties, and to this end Major HAMILTON on the 23rd studied the workings of the 5th Aust D.S.C. and Div Train at BRULOGNE railhead with Lt. HOYLES of "K" Supply Column. The C.C. No. 1.A.A.S.P. was on leave to the U.K. 4.2.18-13.2.18, and Lt. LAKE Adj. "K" Ammunition Park took charge of his Unit while his senior subaltern Lt. J.D. CAMPBELL was detached with "K" Supply Column. The C.C. No. 2.A.A.S.P. was granted leave to the U.K. from 28.2.18 - 14.3.18 and Lt. McSWAIN, M.C. of No. 3.A.A.S.P. was detailed to take charge, as the other two Officers were fairly junior.

Major HAMILTON was granted leave to PARIS 10.2.18 - 17.2.18. Major A.H. JAMES No. 4.A.A.S.P. taking command of "K" Ammunition Park during his absence.

On 2.2.18 H.Q. Australian Corps notified by letter No. A/97/96, that the following awards had been made for services during the PASSCHENDALE attack.

Major E.G. FORDYCE. No. 1.A.A.S.P. Belgian Croix de Guerre.  
No. 1523. Cpl. NORLEY, H. No. 5.A.A.S.P. Belgian Croix de Guerre.

5.3.18.

*J. Hamilton* Major.  
Commanding "K" Ammunition Park.