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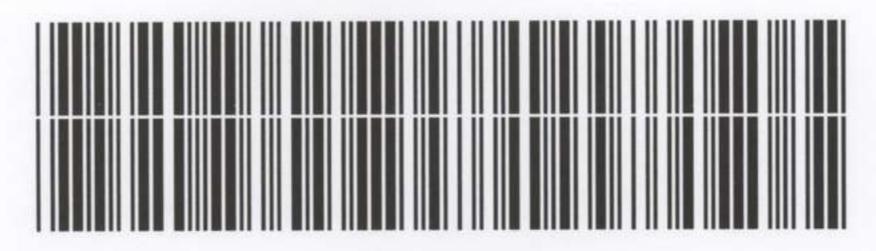
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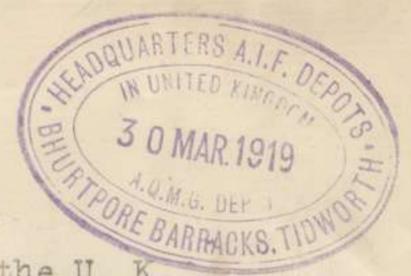
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## WAR DIARY.



## A.Q.M.G's DEPARTMENT.

## HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. DEPOTS in the U. K.

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1.	Number of new Q.1. Forms created	25	20	
2.	Value of Clothing & Necessaries issued to A.I.F. Depots Troops, Approx	£ 81529	£90906	
3.	Value of Clothing, etc., returned to Ordnance, repaired and re-issued	£6984	£7183	
4.	Cost of Repairs	£ 252	2128	
5.	Value of Issues to Reinforcements	Nil	Nil	
6.	Amount collected on Acq.Rolls for articles lost or destroyed by neglect of individuals	£1275	£1085	
7.	Balance of (2), being cost of providing Oct 1250, -Nev 1251, men on return from Front as casualties with new issues.	Nil	Nil	
8.	Value of Training Stores issued	£42682 ×	229147	
9.	Value collected for damages (Rifles, Cycles etc) other than fair wear and tear	11/4d	£2.14.0	
10.	Number of Indents checked and approved	477	497	
11.	Number of Board Proceedings -de	75	45	
12.	Percentage of Board Proceedings referred back to convenor with unjustifiable findings	5	5	
	RATIONS & SUPPLIES.			
13.	Total number of rations for which claims have been received	925751	813948	
	BARRACK SERVICES.			
14.	Number of Barrack Warden reports received and investigated	20	26	
15.	Total claims for Barrack Damages received from Southern Command Paymaster approved and passed to S.P.M. for collection	214	789	
16.	Total amount collected by S.P.M	£83.	£401.	
17.	salance, representing amounts in dispute, settlement of which is having attention.	£131.	£388.	
18.	Amounts collected in respect of previous periods	£297.	£164.	

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		ANIMALS	5 mete	
19.	Total number receivevacuated (appro	ved, treated x.) at Parkho	and use. Nil.	Nil.
20.	Number on charge.		287	248
21.	Number evacuated.		1	39
22.	Number of deaths			-
40		CYCLE REPAIR	SHOP.	
23.	Number of Cycles of			269
	CORRES	SPONDENCE and	RETURNS.	
24.	Inward.		1814	1750 -
25.	Outward.		1987	1791
26.	Returns, Total &	Periods.		
	DAILY.		1	1
	WEEKLY.		5	5
	FORTNIGHTLY.		3	3
	MONTHLY.		13	10

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A.Q.M.G. DEPT.	CAMP ACCOMMODATION RES		TIDWORTH	
UNIT	CAMPS & CAPACITY	ALLOWING		CAL RENGTH
BHURTPORE BARRACKS Headquarters & Attachmen	TIDWCRTH	800	983	1807
1st Training Brigade	SUTTON VENY 3 and 4	2000	1328	2019
2nd Training Brigade A.A.O.C.	CODFORD 3,4,6,7,8,15. 5.	6000	3786 121	5830 126
3rd Training Brigade No. 2 G.C. Hospital	HURDCOTT 5, 6, 7. Cyclists.	3000 200	1388 86	2366
Overseas Trng. Bgde.	LONGERIDGE DEVERILL 11,12,13,14,15.	4500	3711	3967
Rob. A. A.	HEYTESBURY 1,2,3,4 & DAC.	2250	995	2122
No. 1 Command Depot No. 1 G.C. Hospital	SUTTON VENY 2,5,6,7,8,9,10, RE. Cyclists	7500 250	5752 76	6737
NO. 2 COMMAND DEPOT  "A" Sub-Depot  "B" do.  "C" do.  "D" do.	WEYMOUTH  Monte Video 2130 Westham 2100 Verne Citadel 1100 Littlemoor 1975	2027 1620 1075 1641 7305		6956
No. 4 Command Depot Concentration Camp	HURDCOTT 10 and 11 8, 9, 12.	2000)	3559	3999
Convalescent T.D.	PARKHOUSE Camp No. 1	1000	1157	1111
Machine Gun T.D.	do. 3	1000	1063	1105
A.A.S.C. T.D. A.A.V.C. Devons Various	do. 4 ) do. 4 ) do. 4	819	594 9 65	
1st A.D.H. Extension	do. 2	2000	819	668
A.I.F. Canteens Heavy Art. Trng. Depot A.R.O.D.Depot Fld. Engrs. Sig. Engrs.	ongmoor  rightlingsea  lifton Beds  sulford (Camp Staff	800 Billets 300 100 Billets Billets 200 1400	454 8 20 15 32 25 406 a.	463 8 21 16 35 26 503

includes Guard attached.

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## A.A.S.C. DETACHMENTS.

Warminster	North Camp	128
Hurdcott	No. 12 Camp	79
Weymouth	Westham Camp	27
Bhurtpore	Detachment	2
do.	A.D. of .S. &. T.	39
do.	A. M. T. S.	56
Sutton Veny	No. 1 Group	1
do.	lst T.B.	1
Chelsea	A.M.T.S.	4
Tidworth	Hdqrs. A.I.F.	16
Deverill	O.T.B.	1
Brightlingsea	A.E.T.D.	2
Clifton Beds	do.	1
Lewes		1
St. Budeaux.		1
Weymouth		2
Heytesbury	Detachment	40
		401
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SUTTON VENY

Verne Citadel

Littlemoor

HURDCOTT

 Io. 1 Command Depot
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 No. 1 G.C. Hospital
 Cyclists
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"A" Sub-Depot Monte Video . 2130 1616 1920

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2000 499 603

1541

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3848

1269

"1914-15" Personnel

"C" do.

"D" do.

NO. 2 COMMAND DEPOT WEYMOUTH

No. 4 Command Depot 10 and 11.

Concentration Camp 8, 9, 12.

CARRIED FORWARD

"B" do. Westham

## SHEET NO. 2

UNIT	CAMPS & LOCATION		Y ALLOWING APPROPR'N.	RATION	TOTAL
	BROUGHT FO	RWARD	36515	23264	28614
	PARKHOUSE				
Convalescent T.D.	Camp. No.	1	1000	895	910
Machine Gun Trng.D) Depot Conc. Camp )	do.	3	1000	195	283° 68
A.A.S.C. T.D. ) A.A.V.C. ) Devons ) Various )	do.	4 )	2000	943	738 26 11 23 798
No. 2 Camp	do.	2 )			
A.A.M.C. Training D A.I.F. Canteens Heavy Art. Trng. De A.R.O.D. Depot Fld. Engrs. Sig. Engrs. lst A.D. Hospital	Longmo	eaux or lingsea n Beds		347 8 84 139 378 98	641 8 99 160 410 103 B) 442
G	RAND TOTALS		43315	26795	32536
	A. A. S.	DETACHME	NTS		
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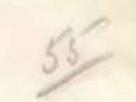
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		Total Saving.	£50.6.3d.

No comparison is made between February 1918 and February 1919, as the accounts for the latter month are not yet to hand.

#### COAL.

Owing to the dearth of Coal supplies, due to "Railway Strike", and decreased output from Coal mines, a serious situation arose, especially in the Warminster District, where some Units had only a day's supply on hand. The matter was taken up by A.D. of S.& F., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., with Southern Command, which resulted in truck Coal being diverted from other Districts, and supplies being made available by Coal Controller to relieve the situation.

Further remedial measures were taken by arranging for the purchase of Fuel wood from the Canadian Forestry Corps to guard against the "general strike of miners" which seemed evident.

It was also considered necessary, in order to conserve available supplies, to reduce the scale of allowances from:-

10 lbs per man per diem for Command Depots, and 8 lbs " for other Units.

to - 7½ lbs per man per diem for Command Depots, and 6½ lbs " for other Units.

Recommendation in accordance with the foregoing is being submitted to the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots, for approval.

It is considered that, in reducting the scale of consumption we will be able to build up a sufficient reserve to guard against a general strike of miners, which seems highly probable during the month of March.

#### CLOSING OF DEPOTS at BRIGHTLINGSEA AND CLIFTON.

On the closing of above Depots, a Representative of Barrack Service Branch visited each place, and finalised all Barrack Service accounts, which necessitated handing over the following quantities of Coal at each Station:-

Brightlingsea - 5 tons to Messrs. Fieldgate & Coy. Clifton - 12 " to O.C., Royal Engineers, Hitchin.

Receipts were obtained for these quantities, and necessary action taken with the Chief Paymaster, A.I.F. to recover amount due from Messrs. Fieldgate and British Authorities respectively.

All other Barrack Service issues were satisfactorily controlled during the month.

#### 2. SUPPLIES.

During the month several important alterations have taken place re

the issue of rations.

## ALTERATION IN FIELD RATION SCALE.

For several months past considerable dissatisfaction was evinced amongst the Troops in the Command on the meagreness of the ration, and the matter was put before the War Office by the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots - Major-General The Hon. Sir. J. Whiteside Mc.Cay, K.C.M.G., C.B. V.D. - and after repeated applications were made, an increase in such items as Bread and Meat, Bacon and Sugar, was approved, and came into effect from 15th February 1919 inclusive. This has been highly appreciated by the A.I.F. Troops as well as the British, who have also participated in the successful efforts of the G.O.C.

Since such increase, the Troops all round are much more contented, and complaints as to quantity of food have now vanished. The daily Ration scale is now as follows:-

Bread	151 ozs	3 e	Sugar	1	5/7	ozs,
Meat	10 ozs		Tea	. 1	Al on	11
Bacon	3 oz	S .	Salt	- 1	AL.	11

This increase does not apply to boys, who will remain on their present scale. The position re Command Depots is that the 12 ozs. of Meat should still be drawn, and all increases in other commodities would apply to these Commands. (Authority R.O. No. 7290 of 17.2.1919.)

## Flour in lieu of Bread.

The equivalent of Flour in lieu of Bread was increased, the actual quantity now allowed being 112 ozs of Flour. (War Office Letter No. 53/Ge./1460).

## Increase in Bacon Issue to Boys under 19 years of Age.

As from the 22nd February 1919, the issue of Bacon was increas-ed from 2 ozs. to 3 ozs. A copy of War Office Authority No. 53/ Eastern/3708 (Q.M.G.6) dated 19th February is attached.

## CLOSING DOWN OF ENGINEER TRAINING DEPOT, BRIGHTLINGSEA.

As this Unit had only a small number of men being rationed at this Depot, it was decided to place the remaining Proops on subsistence allowance, which would enable us to close our Supply Account with R.A.S.C., Colchester. The arrangements were approved as from 1st March,

All questions concerning Supply accounts have been closed satisfactorily as far as this Branch is concerned. The advantage derived from this move means a monetary saving to A.I.F. Authorities.

## OVER AND UNDERDRAWALS.

This matter is receiving a great deal of attention owing to the adoption of the new Parade States, which make it difficult to reconcile over and underdrawals with the figures set out in the said Parade State.

During the month there has been very careful checking of all Units with a view of ascertaining the effects of the change.

#### PRICE LIST.

A further list of prices has been published by the War Office dated 7th February No. 121/Supplies/3366 Q.M.G.F. A copy of this list is attached.

The position as regards the Branch, and all Supply matters con-

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nected therewith, is very satisfactory. All Concentration Depots are in a position to have all issues placed with the Units in sufficient time to feed all quotas marching in.

## QUALITY OF SUPPLIES.

The condition of all commodities is still very satisfactory. The bulk of Beef and Mutton is Queensland and New Zealand.

Forage is also of good quality, Oats being exceptionally good.

## 3. MECHANICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES.

#### Workshop.

The following Vehicles are in the Workshop for overhaul and awaiting parts, &c. -

P. Trees	2				
	Lorries:-	302 A. 318 A. 703 A. 706 A. 713 A.	Belsize Republic Dennis Fiat Overland	1411	Overhaul.  Awai ting parts.  Overhaul.  Awai ting parts.
	Touring Cars:-	507 A. 526 A. 530 A. 531 A. 539 A.	Ford Hupmobile Mett. Ford	1 1 1 1 1	Awaiting parts.  Overhaul.  Awaiting parts.  do.  Overhaul.
	Ambulances:-	206 A. 603 A. 605 A. 626 A.	G.M.C. Buick do. Overland	1 1 1 1	do Awaiting parts. do.
Cycle	Workshop.	412 A. 413 A. 423 A. 427 A. 432 A. 433 A. 443 A. 445 A.	Douglas R. Enfield do. do. Jap. Sunbeam Triumph	1111111	Overhaul.  Awaiting parts. Overhaul.

#### Accidents.

There have been no accidents of a serious nature during the month.

#### Roads.

The condition of the roads is not at all good. The road from Tidworth to Salisbury is bad, especially so between Tidworth and Amesbury, while travelling is very difficult in wet weather through Bulford and Amesbury owing to very bad ruts which are not easy to pick out. From Salisbury to Hurdcott the road is in fairly good repair, but from Hurdcott to Codford it is very rough and badly torn up owing to extra running by heavy Lorries. The roads in and around Sutton Veny, and Warminster to Codford, are in good repair.

The road from Tidworth direct to Heytesbury via Stonehenge and Shrewton is in very bad condition, and should if possible be avoided by touring cars until such time as repairs have been completed.

Tidworth to Andover via Perham Downs is in good condition, but

via Ludgershall is bad in places.

From Tidworth to Weymouth via Blandford the road is good with the exception of about 5 miles before arriving at Blandford. Tidworth to Salisbury via Cholderton is in a very bad state.

#### MILEAGE.

The mileage for the past month (period of four weeks) is as follows:-

Covers ... 32
Tubes ... 4
Petrol ... 5716
Mileage ... 91494

#### PERSONNEL.

W/O. Sutherland from Weymouth to Tidworth. Sgt. Robinson from M.T. France to Tidworth.

Sgt. Paterson from Hurdcott to Warminster to assist N.C.O.

cpl. Wheeler from Tidworth to Hurdcott to replace Sgt.Paterson. Cpl. Kirkpatrick from Tidworth to 1st A.G.H., Sutton Veny, to be in charge of vehicles.

## CHANGES IN ALLOCATION OF VEHICLES.

532 A. Minerva to London, for new hood and completion of repairs.

538 A. Vauxhall S.O.S., and returned to Lieut. E. Higham.

115 A. Hotchkiss to London for duty.

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Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth. 21.3.19.

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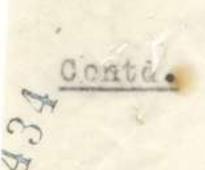
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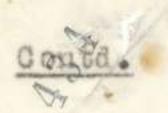
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Camp.	January 1918.	, January 1919.	Saving.
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Westham Littlemoor Monte Video	£54.12.6d. 41.17.11d. 53.18.6d.	236. 8. 1d. 30.18. 4d. 32.16. 3d.	10.19.7d. 21. 2. 3d.
		Total Saving.	£50. 6. 3d.

No comparison is made between February 1918 and February 1919, as the accounts for the latter month are not yet to hand.

#### COAL.

Owing to the dearth of Coal supplies, due to "Railway Strike", and decreased output from Coal mines, a serious situation arose, especially in the Warminster District, where some Units had only a day's supply on hand. The matter was taken up by A.D. of S.& T., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., with Southern Command, which resulted in truck Coal being diverted from other Districts, and supplies being made available by Coal Controller to relieve the situation.

Further remedial measures were taken by arranging for the purchase of Fuel wood from the Canadian Forestry Corps to guard against the "general strike of miners" which seemed evident.

It was also considered necessary, in order to conserve available supplies, to reduce the scale of allowances from:-

- 10 lbs per man per diem for Command Depots, and 8 lbs " for other Units,
- to 72 lbs per man per diem for Command Depots, and 62 lbs " " for other Units.

Recommendation in accordance with the foregoing is being submitted to the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots, for approval.

It is considered that, in reducting the scale of consumption we will be able to build up a sufficient reserve to guard against a general strike of miners, which seems highly probable during the month of March.

#### CLOSING OF DEPOTS at BRIGHTLINGSEA AND CLIFTON.

On the closing of above Depots, a Representative of Barrack Service Branch visited each place, and finalised all Barrack Service accounts, which necessitated handing over the following quantities of Coal at each Station:-

Brightlingsea - 5 tons to Messrs. Fieldgate & Coy.
Clifton - 12 " to O.C., Royal Engineers, Hitchin.

Receipts were obtained for these quantities, and necessary action taken with the Chief Paymaster, A.I.F. to recover amount due from Messrs. Fieldgate and British Authorities respectively.

All other Barrack Service issues were satisfactorily controlled during the month.

#### 2. SUPPLIES.

During the month several important alterations have taken place re

the issue of rations.

#### ALTERATION IN FIELD RATION SCALE.

For several months past considerable dissatisfaction was evinced amongst the Troops in the Command on the meagreness of the ration, and the matter was put before the War Office by the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots - Major-General The Hon. Sir. J. Whiteside Mc.Cay, K.C.M.G., C.B. V.D. - and after repeated applications were made, an increase in such items as Bread and Meat, Bacon and Sugar, was approved, and came into effect from 15th February 1919 inclusive. This has been highly appreciated by the A.I.F. Troops as well as the British, who have also participated in the successful efforts of the G.O.C.

Since such increase, the Troops all round are much more contented, and complaints as to quantity of food have now vanished. The daily Ration scale is now as follows:-

Bread	1.5%	ozs.	Sugar	1 5	17	ozs,
Meat	10	ozs.	Tea	• 3		11
Bacon	3	ozs.	Salt	1		17

This increase does not apply to boys, who will remain on their present scale. The position re Command Depots is that the 12 ozs. of Meat should still be drawn, and all increases in other commodities would apply to these Commands.

(Authority R.O. No. 7290 of 17.2.1919.)

#### Flour in lieu of Bread.

The equivalent of Flour in lieu of Bread was increased, the actual quantity now allowed being 11g ozs of Flour.

(War Office Letter No. 53/Ge./1460).

#### Increase in Bacon Issue to Boys under 19 years of Age.

As from the 22nd February 1919, the issue of Bacon was increased from 2 ozs. to 3 ozs. A copy of War Office Authority No. 53/ Eastern/3708 (Q.M.G.6) dated 19th February is attached.

#### CLOSING DOWN OF ENGINEER TRAINING DEPOT. BRIGHTLINGSEA.

As this Unit had only a small number of men being rationed at this Depot, it was decided to place the remaining Troops on subsistence allowance, which would enable us to close our Supply Account with R.A.S.C., Colchester. The arrangements were approved as from 1st March,

All questions concerning Supply accounts have been closed satisfactorily as far as this Branch is concerned. The advantage derived from this move means a monetary saving to A.I.F. Authorities.

#### OVER AND UNDERDRAWALS.

This matter is receiving a great deal of attention owing to the adoption of the new Parade States, which make it difficult to reconcile over and underdrawals with the figures set out in the said Parade State.

During the month there has been very careful checking of all Units with a view of ascertaining the effects of the change.

#### PRICE LIST.

A further list of prices has been published by the War Office dated 7th February No. 121/Supplies/3366 Q.M.G.F. A copy of this list is attached.

The position as regards the Branch, and all Supply matters con-

nected therewith, is very satisfactory. All Concentration Depots are in a position to have all issues placed with the Units in sufficient time to feed all quotas marching in.

#### QUALITY OF SUPPLIES.

The condition of all commodities is still very satisfactory. The bulk of Beef and Mutton is Queensland and New Zealand.

Forage is also of good quality. Oats being exceptionally good.

## 3. MECHANICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES.

#### Workshop.

The following Vehicles are in the Workshop for overhaul and await-

Lorries:-	302 A. 318 A. 703 A. 706 A. 713 A.	Belsize Republic Dennis Fiat Overland	 Overhaul.  Awaiting parts.  Overhaul.  Awaiting parts.
Touring Cars:-	507 A. 526 A. 530 A. 531 A. 539 A.	Ford Hupmobile Mett. Ford	 Awaiting parts. Overhaul.  Awaiting parts.  do. Overhaul.
Ambulances:-	206 A. 603 A. 605 A. 626 A.	G.M.C. Buick do. Overland	 Awaiting parts. do. do.
Cycle Workshop.	412 A. 413 A. 423 A. 427 A. 432 A. 433 A. 443 A. 445 A.	Douglas  R. Enfield  do.  do.  Jap.  Sunbeam  Triumph	 Overhaul.  " Awaiting parts. Overhaul.

#### Accidents.

There have been no accidents of a serious nature during the month.

#### Roads.

The condition of the roads is not at all good. The road from Tidworth to Salisbury is bad, especially so between Tidworth and Amesbury, while travelling is very difficult in wet weather through Bulford and Amesbury owing to very bad ruts which are not easy to pick out. From Salisbury to Hurdcott the road is in fairly good repair, but from Hurdcott to Codford it is very rough and badly torn up owing to extra running by heavy Lorries. The roads in and around Sutton Veny, and Warminster to Codford, are in good repair.

The road from Tidworth direct to Heytesbury via Stonehenge and Shrewton is in very bad condition, and should if possible be avoided by touring cars until such time as repairs have been completed.

Tidworth to Andover via Perham Downs is in good condition, but

via Ludgershall is bad in places.

From Tidworth to Weymouth via Blandford the road is good with the exception of about 5 miles before arriving at Blandford. Tidworth to Salisbury via Cholderton is in a very bad state.

#### MILEAGE.

The mileage for the past month (period of four weeks) is as follows:-

Covers .. 32
Tubes .. 4
Petrol .. 5716
Mileage .. 91494

#### PERSONNEL.

W/O. Sutherland from Weymouth to Tidworth. Sgt. Robinson from M.T. France to Tidworth.

Sgt. Paterson from Hurdcott to Warminster to assist N.C.O.

Cpl. Wheeler from Tidworth to Hurdcott to replace Sgt. Paterson. Cpl. Kirkpatrick from Tidworth to 1st A.G.H., Sutton Veny, to be in charge of vehicles.

## CHANGES IN ALLOCATION OF VEHICLES.

532 A. Minerva to London, for new hood and completion of repairs.

538 A. Vauxhall S. O.S., and returned to Lieut. E. Higham.

115 A. Hotchkiss to London for duty.

314 A. Ford, from London to Plymouth for duty.

Bhurtpore Barracks. Tidworth. 21.3.19. A.D. of S.& T.

Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K.