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ORGANISATION.

The Australian Army Service Corps in the United Kingdom has been divided into a Training Depot and several Depot Detachments for supplies and transport duties in the different camps.

The Training Depot is under Major (Hon. Lieut. Colonel) A. McMorland, V.D. with a staff as shown in appendix 1.

An establishment for the Detachments was approved by the G.O.C., A.I.F., in Orders No. 854, 855 of 14th. Sept. 1917 as shown in appendix 1.

A Senior Supply Officer, Capt. M.H. Cleeve, M.C., and an Officer i/c of Barrack Services, Capt. J.E. Savage, M.C., were also appointed but no establishment for a separate staffs has so far been approved and this work is carried on by the staff of A.D. of S. & T. with the addition of several attached N.C.O's and men from the Training Depot.

RATIONS.

During the month Fresh Meat was issued in lieu of Frozen Meat. It has been found that Fresh Meat requires considerably more careful handling than Frozen Meat, and also the quality of the Meat generally is not so good. The price was much higher, being 1/2 per pound as compared with 8½d. per pound Frozen. Heads, Hearts and Livers were issued and a great loss of weight ensued; after representation was made to the War Office through Southern Command, an allowance of 20% was made for the bone in heads. The Bacon is also of very indifferent quality, but owing to the shortage of this commodity, no steps could be taken to rectify bad issues; instructions were later issued that, where Bacon was not available 3 ozs. of Sausages would be issued, but, if this could not be carried out, 2½d. in money allowance was to be claimed.

The Supplies generally for the whole of the troops in the United Kingdom were handled without a hitch - at one period the number of rations for the 4 weeks reached 1,880,000.

TRANSPORT.

Transport arrangements were carried out satisfactorily; the movement of troops, baggage and stores being very heavy. Both Horse and Mechanical Transport was used to its fullest extent.

EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE.

Owing to the number of N.C.O's and men of the A.A.S.C. increasing so rapidly at Parkhouse and as so small a demand was made for reinforcements for France, 140 drivers were transferred to Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery as drivers.

It has been decided that arrangements be made whereby all ranks then on permanent cadre of Depot should be relieved by Officers and N.C.O's from Units in the Field; Officers and N.C.O's on permanent cadre then sent overseas accordingly.

Upon the opening of the Camp at Littlemoor, Weymouth,
6 teams.....

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and waggons complete with Drivers were dispatched from 30th. A.A.S.C. to carry out Supply and Transport at this Camp 1 Subaltern was appointed to carry on Depot Detachment. 1 30 cwt Motor Lorry was also forwarded to this Detachment for use at Verne Citadel, making in all 4 Lorries of various kinds in addition to Horses Vehicles. *at Weymouth.*

Draft for Overseas.

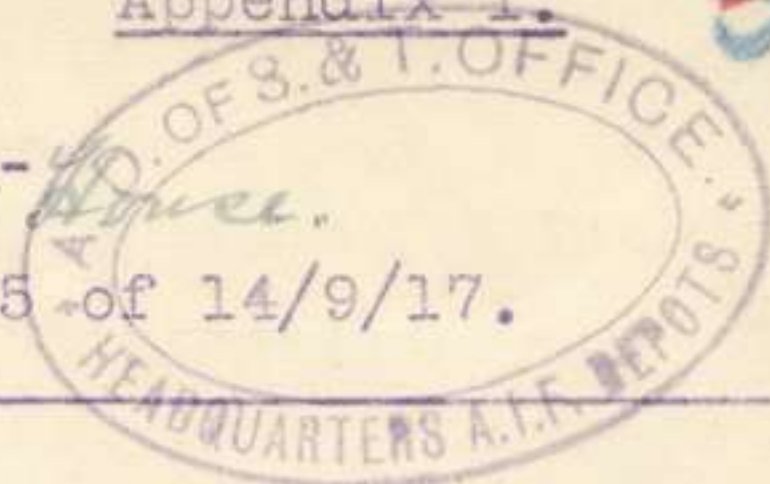
The total number of A.A.S.C. dispatched overseas during the month was 154.

Bhurtpore Barracks,
Tidworth.
28-11-17.

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A.A.S.C. ESTABLISHMENT.

for Training Depot, Park House.
 Vide A.I.F. Order No. 854 - 855 of 14/9/17.



Detail.	Offs.	WO's	Staff Sgts. or Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes.	Total.	Remarks.
<u>HEADQUARTERS.</u>							
Major.	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Adjutant.	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Q.M. & Messing Off.	1	-	-	-	-	1	
R.S.M. & Orderly Room.	-	1	1	1	1	4	
R.Q.M.S.	-	1	-	1	2	4	
Cook.	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Batman & Grooms.	-	-	-	-	2	2	
Total Headquarters.	3	2	1	2	6	14	
<u>TRANSPORT GROUP.</u>							
Captain.	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Subalterns.	3	-	-	-	-	3	
C.S.M. & Orderly Room.	-	1	-	-	-	2	
C.Q.M.S.	-	-	1	-	-	2	
FARRIER S/Sgt.	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Wheeler S/Sgt.	-	-	1	-	-	1	x. Including
Saddler S/Sgt.	-	-	1	-	-	1	2 Farr. Cpls.
Sergeants.	-	-	3	-	-	3	1 Whr. "
Corporals.	-	-	-	12x	-	12	1 Sdl. "
Cooks.	-	-	-	1	-	1b	b.1 per 50.
Batmen & Grooms.	-	-	-	-	3	3	
Total Transport Group.	4	1	7	13	3	30	
<u>SUPPLY GROUP.</u>							
Subalterns.	2	-	-	-	-	2	
Staff Sergts.	-	-	2	-	-	2	
Sergeants.	-	-	2	-	-	2	
Corporals	-	-	-	4	-	4	
Batman & Groom.	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Total Supply Group.	2	-	4	4	1	11	
<u>ATTACHED.</u>							
Medical Officer.	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Veterinary Offr.	1	-	-	-	-	1	c. Batmen to M.O.
Batmen & Grooms.	-	-	-	-	2c	2	and V.O.
Total Attached.	2	-	-	-	2	4	
TOTAL A.A.S.C. INCLUDING ATTACHED.	11	3	12	19	14	59	

All privates may be Home Service men, when suitable ones available.

A.A.S.C. DEPOTS DETACHMENT - ESTABLISHMENT.

Vide A.I.F. Order No.854 - 855 of 14/9/17.

SUPPLY SERVICES.

Place.	PERMANENT CADRE.			(a) ALLOTTED FROM CASUALS AND REINFORCEMENTS.				Total	Total.	Remarks.
	Lts.	S/Sgt Sgts.	Tot -al.	Cpls.	Butc- hers.	Cler -ks	Iss- uers.			
Bhurtpore	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	3	4	
Perham Down	-	1	1	1	2	2	4	9	10	
Parkhouse	-	1	1	1	2	-	5	8	9	
Larkhill	-	2	2	3	2	4	8	17	19	
Rollestone	-	1	1	1	2	2	4	9	10	
Hurdcott & Fovant.	-	1	1	2	2	2	6	12	13	
Codford	-	1	1	1	2	2	4	9	10	
Weymouth	-	2	2	3	2	4	8	17	19	
TOTAL.	-	10	10	13	15	16	40	84	94	

TRANSPORT PERSONNEL.

Place.	PERMANENT CADRE			(a) ALLOTTED FROM CASUALS AND REINFORCEMENTS.					Total	Remarks.
	Lts.	Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes. Cooks Bat-men	Dvrs.	Fars.	Whlrs.	Sdlrs.		
Bhurtpore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perham Down	1	2	2	3	46	2	-	1	57	
Parkhouse	2	2	3	2	40	3	2	2	56	
Larkhill	1	2	3	4	66	4	1	1	82	
Rollestone	1	1	2	2	27	1	-	-	34	
Hurdcott & Fovant.	1	1	2	3	26	2	1	1	37	
Codford	1	2	2	3	49	2	1	1	61	
Weymouth	1	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	8	
TOTAL	8	10	15	17	260	14	5	6	335	

(a) Allotted Personnel are relieved by later arrivals and proceed overseas in their turn. If the number of Troops served increases materially, the allotted personnel will be increased accordingly.