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LONDON	Aug.	1st	In response to a telephone message from Auditor, A.I.F., Lieut.S.H.Leigh called in reference to money owing by Pte. Brodzky to Aussie Trust Account. Private Brodzky, who was present, stated that he was unable to account for the balance of £34-15-7, having given approximately this quantity of Aussies to a member of the A.I.F. to sell on his behalf, but he admitted his responsibility, and on the suggestion of the Auditor this amount was debited in his paybook. This payment now finalised all outstanding debts of the Aussie Trust Account. Captain Kennedy of Directorate of Transport, G.H.Q., telephoned through with reference to the checking of A.I.F.Vehicles. Weather Fine.
LONDON.	Aug.	2nd	Nothing to report, Routine as usual. Weather fine.
LONDON.	Aug.	3rd	Nothing to report. Routine as usual. Weather fine.
LONDON.	Aug.	4th	Nothing to report. Routine as usual. Weather fine.
LONDON.	Aug.	5th	Captain Maplestone S.O., A.A.S.C., (M.T.) Belgium, reported to this Office at 9.am. having crossed on 4th inst., and arrived in London at 6.30.pm. D.M.T.S. considered with him the possibility of reducing the 4th Aust.M.T.Company, and of moving their Headquarters to the Peronne Area. It was decided that the 4th Aust.M.T.Coy could be reduced by 10 lorries and 40 or 50 Other Ranks, owing to no transport being required in the Charleroi Area, the details of which were to be left until D.M.T.S. next visit to France. Mr.McBeath, Disposals Board - Australia House - rang up at 4.pm. and asked D.M.T.S. to call and see him. D.M.T.S. saw Mr.McBeath reference to M.T.vehicles and material for disposal in U.K., after some discussion an appointment was made for another meeting the following morning at 10.45.am. Captain Kennedy of Directorate of Transport, G.H.Q., telephoned through in reference to A.I.F. vehicles, and stated that he would be ready for the final checking on monday next, the 11th inst., he suggested that Lieut.Leigh crossed for this purpose.
LONDON.	Aug.	6th	D.MTS. visited Australia House at 10.45.am. to meet Mr McBeath and Colonel Evans. D.M.T.S. informed that ther were 3 lorries, 1 Box Car, 5 Touring Cars, 15 Side Car Combinations, 4 Solo Cycles and a quantity of serviceable and unserviceable stores now ready at TIDWORTH and were being listed. D.M.T.S. suggested that arrangements should be made for sale at Tidworth, but the sales wereto be thoroughly advertised in the local papers and by

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LONDON	Aug.	8th	<p>Clearance obtained from the Auditor, A.I.F., for Aussie Trust Account under reference No.D/233 dated 8/8/19.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. saw General Jess, Commandant, A.F. Headquarters, and reported that arrangements had been made to sell all M.T. material from Salisbury Plain area at Tidworth as soon as possible.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. spoke to the General reference application by F.B. Felstead for return of 8 Cyl de Dion open car, who stated that a wire had already been sent to Australia regarding this car and the matter would have to be held in abeyance until a reply was received.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. called on Mr. Howard reference the vehicles for West Australia. Mr. Howard said he would like to be notified when 4 Light and 2 Heavy Lorries, 4 Ambulances, 1 Vauxhall or equal car and 2 Fords would be available for inspection, as he desired to inspect them with a view to purchase for West Australia. Weather fine.</p>	<p><i>James</i></p>
LONDON.	Aug.	9th	<p>Nothing to report. Office Routine as usual. Weather - fine.</p>	
LONDON.	Aug.	10th	<p>Nothing to report. Weather - fine.</p>	
LONDON.	Aug.	11th	<p>D.M.T.S. telephoned Mr. McBeath at Australia House and made an appointment for 11.30.am. tomorrow 12th inst. D.M.T.S. also endeavoured to ring General Blamey but could not get into communication.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. checked through the list prepared by Captain Burden of M.T. on Divisional Strength, and found certain discrepancies between it and the new establishment just issued. Captain Burden to go through the list again and re-compile. Weather - fine.</p>	
LONDON.	Aug.	12th	<p>D.M.T.S. called on Mr. McBeath, Australia House, reference to the cars required by the Agent General for West Australia.</p> <p>Lieut-Colonel Anderson - Navy & Army Canteen Board - called in reference to the purchase of A.M.T.S. cars now becoming available. D.M.T.S. spoke to Mr. McBeath reference this matter who wished it to be put up in letter form.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. saw General Jess-Commandant, A.I.F.H/Qrs- with reference to whether it would be necessary for this Office to go through the records of various units as well as the Board. General Jess ruled "No" as the one perusal by the Board and their decisions would be quite sufficient.</p> <p><i>Major Harper - C.D., A.M.T.S.</i></p>	

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LONDON.	Aug.	12th (ctd)	<p>Major Harper - O.C., A.M.T.S., - brought in list of vehicles, etc, prepared for disposal at Tidworth and Chelsea. List to be forwarded at once to the disposals Board.</p> <p>Lieut. Leigh rang through and reported that it was impossible to obtain an additional car for Mr. Murdoch - Times Correspondent - to those supplied for General Hobbs and Captain Harding. D.M.T.S. then spoke to Mr. Murdoch who said he could finish with the car at Amiens on the 23rd, thus making it available for General Hobbs.</p> <p>Colonel Bruche rang up to say that General Hobbs was permitting him to use his car whilst in Belgium, but he would have it back in Boulogne on or before the 25th inst.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. instructed Lieut. Vicary to telephone through to Lieut. Leigh at G.H.Q., France, at 10.am. tomorrow morning and endeavour to arrange for the second car for General Hobbs party to meet Mr. Murdoch on 15th, finishing with him on 23rd at Amiens, and then to report back at Boulogne for duty with General Hobbs.</p> <p>A.B.O.S., New Zealand called to see D.M.T.S. in reference to M.T. in connection with the Post Bellum Army for New Zealand.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>W.V.</i></p>	
LONDON.	Aug.	13th	<p>Lieut Vicary rang through to Lieut. Leigh, at present at G.H.Q., France, and arranged for General Hobbs car to meet Mr. Murdoch on Friday, 15th inst., to do duty until the 23rd, and then report back to Boulogne for General Hobbs and party; also arranged for the second car to meet Col. Bruche on Monday, 18th inst., to take him around the Battle-Fields, and then report back to Boulogne on 25th to pick up party of Officers accompanying Gen. Hobbs.</p> <p>Major Wheeler from the office of the A.Q.M.G. called in reference to the disposal of A.I.F. vehicles at present on duty in France, he was informed that all transport in France and Belgium were being returned to the Imperial Authorities; he also enquired as to when D.M.T.S. could come to some finality in regard to the adjustment of vehicles with the Financial Advisor, War Office. <i>W.V.</i></p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	
LONDON.	Aug.	14th	<p>D.M.T.S. called to see General Blamey but found he had gone to Hospital, he, however, left the required list at his Office of Divisional M.T. on the basis of 5 Infantry Divisions (Estab: for France) and 2 Cavalry Divisions (Estab. for France & Egypt.)</p> <p>D.M.T.S. telephoned the Director of Transport, War Office, asking for an appointment for today or tomorrow reference ' (i) What supply of M.T. vehicles will be required by the A.I.F. from the Imperial Authorities after September 30th, so as to enable the Aust;M.T. to be demobilised on or about that date. (ii) The impossibility if at present estimating what</p>	

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LONDON.	Aug	14th (ctd)	vehicles will be required by the Aust:Imperial Force for transport to Australia. (iii) In connection with Conference now sitting at War Office for Post Bellum Army in Australia.	MWT.
LONDON.	Aug.	15th	<p>D.M.T.S. called by appointment on D of T. War Office, at 10.30.am. reference to notes detailed in diary on 14th inst., D.of T. stated he would help all he could in the matter of supplying transport, he though there would be no difficulty so far as Salisbury Plains were concerned, but was afraid they would have nothing for London; he suggested the A.I.F. had better arrange to hire.</p> <p>D of T. requested that a letter be sent reference to M.T. for the Aistralian Post Bellum Army, he stated that the War Office could not indefinitely hold up vehicles or keep contracts open and it would necessarily follow that unless they could be notified of the Number, Make and Type of vehicle required at a comparatively early date, the War Office would be unable to supply at contract prices, which would mean that Australia would have to purchase in the open markets.</p> <p>D. of T. stated there was no conference sitting at present, but he was entirely opposed to the separation of any M.T. from A.S.C. control.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. called on Mr.McBeath of the Disposals Board and informed him of his inter-view with the D.of T., he requested D.M.T.S. to draft out a cable to Australia on the matter of the Post Bellum Army. Mr.McBeath informed D.M.T.S. that the first sale of M.T. vehicles at Tidworth would be held on or about the 1st September, final lists for cataloguing by the 23rd inst; he wished also for lists to be rendered as early as possible shewing what further vehicles would be for disposal by the 1st October, and further lists of all vehicles that would be required after the 1st of October, either London or Salisbury Plains, the purpose for which required and in the case of cars, for whose personal use.</p>	Appendix...
LONDON.	Aug.	16th	<p>Lieut.B.H.Leigh returned from France at 22.30.hours. For precis of work done see Appendix.....</p> <p>Lieut.S.H.Leigh reported to D.MT.S. on matters concerning his work done in France in xxxx regard to the checking with G.HQ. all the records of vehicles, etc, he stated that all records were in unison and G.H.Q. were now writing up their final statement for the War Office which would be ready in a few days.</p>	Appendix...
			<p>Lieut.Leigh reported he hd made arrangements for the return of 1.S.C.C., on charge to the Graves Detachment, which had been exchanged by an Officer of that unit without authority, he also reported having traced the Lacre-Thornycroft abulance, donated by</p>	

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LONDON.	Aug. 16th	(Ctd)	Camberwell, as having been despatched to U.K. where further enquiries will now have to be made with regard to its whereabouts. Office Routine as usual. Weather - Warm.	
LONDON.	Aug. 17th		Nothing to report. Weather - Hot.	
LONDON.	Aug. 18th		D.M.T.S. interviewed Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, reference vehicles for the Post Bellum Army and suggested the undermentioned cable to be sent to Australia:- "War Office pressing for Make, Type and Number of motor vehicles required for Australia for Post Bellum Army aaa Full report of Conference sent out by General Chauvel aaa Suggest be considered at earliest aaa If can state number and makes at once will probably get vehicles at contract price but if delayed will probably have to go on open market as War Office cannot hold up vehicles or keep contracts open indefinitely." Colonel Tunbridge, D.M.T.S., A.I.F., proceeded by 12.15 pm. Boat Train to France and Belgium on duty. List No.1. (Tidworth & Chelsea) of M.T. vehicles and accessories, on charge of A.M.T.S., available for disposal were forwarded to Mr. McBeath, Disposals Board, Australia House.	
LONDON.	Aug. 19th		Captain Kennedy of Directorate of Transport telephoned through stating that he was forwarding by post a return of M.T. vehicles compiled from figures arrived at during Lieut. Leigh's visit. For particulars see precis of work done by Lieut. Leigh whilst in France, Appendix No. 3.....	Appendix No. 3.....
LONDON.	Aug. 20th		List No.2. (Tidworth) of M.T. vehicles and accessories on charge to A.M.T.S., available for disposal were forwarded to Mr. McBeath, Disposals Board, Australia House. Lieut. Leigh telephoned through to Colonel Tunbridge at Directorate of Transport, G.H.Q. Wimmereux, in reference to the selection of M.T. personnel for the new Aust. Graves Detachment now being formed; A.I.F. Headquarters having notified that the selection of this personnel would now be done by this Office. Lieut. Leigh informed Colonel Tunbridge to this effect, who stated he would make the selection while in France.	

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LONDON.	Aug.	20th (Ctd)	Demobilisation Department: I.D. (Capt. Walker) received a cable from Defence Dept., Australia and notified this Office accordingly, which asked for Major Harper's immediate return to Australia. This officer stated he was quite prepared to remain until the end of September, which information has been passed to Demob:Dept: I.D. Weather - fine. <i>MWT.</i>	
LONDON.	Aug.	21st	Nothing to report. Office routine as usual. Weather - fine. <i>MWT.</i>	
LONDON.	Aug.	22nd	Lieut. Leigh, together with Major Harper - O.C., A.M.T.S., visited A.M.T.S., - Tidworth - reference to lists of M.T. vehicles and stores available for public auction. Secured the final list for the sale which is to take place approximately 2nd September. Office Routine as usual. Weather - fine. <i>MWT.</i>	
LONDON.	Aug.	23rd	Nothing to report. Office Routine as usual. Weather - fine. <i>MWT.</i>	
LONDON.	Aug.	24th	Nothing to report. Office Routine as usual. Weather - fine. <i>MWT.</i>	
LONDON.	Aug.	25th	No.3. list - Tidworth - of M.T. vehicles and accessories, on charge to the A.M.T.S., available for disposal were forwarded to Mr. McBeath, A.I.F. Disposals Board, Australia House. G.H.Q. Final Statement of vehicles received from France. See appendix <i>MWT.</i>	Appendix No. 3
LONDON.	Aug.	26th	Lieut. Kennedy of Directorate of Transport, G.H.Q., rang through in reference to M.T. vehicles, he also stated that Colonel Tunbridge had asked him to advise that he was crossing on Wednesday, 27th inst. <i>MWT.</i>	
LONDON.	Aug.	27th	See entry 25th inst., Letter forwarded to Directorate of Transport, G.H.Q., Wimmereux, in reference to their letter and final statement of Mechanical Transport issued to the A.I.F., passing the final statement as being correct in every respect with the records of this Office, after deducting all Presentation vehicles and vehicles paid for. For this letter and return see Appendix Colonel W.H. Tunbridge, D.M.T.S., A.I.F., returned from duty in France and Belgium at 16.00 hours. For work done see Appendix <i>MWT.</i>	Appendix No. 3 Appendix No. 4

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LIST OF APPENDICES

FOR MONTH OF

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1. Applications called for from A.A.S.C. (M.F) Personnel
for Aust Graves Detachment.

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VERY URGENT.

STAFF OFFICER,
A.A.S.C. M.T.
(D.M.T.S. A.I.F.)
No. *T.297/k*

O.C.,
4th. Aust. M.T. Coy.

A.I.F. GRAVES SERVICES - A.I.F. ORDER No. 1663.

Consequent on the reorganization of the A.I.F. Graves Detachment, the following A.A.S.C. M.T. personnel are required.

	<u>SUBALTERNS.</u>	<u>O/Rs.</u>
	1	1 Corporal. 19 Drivers. 3 Artificers.
TOTAL.	<u>1</u>	<u>23</u>

Applications will be called for at once from all M.T. personnel in FRANCE and BELGIUM and will be submitted to this office, as per attached pro-forma, at your very earliest opportunity.

A Special D.R. will be sent with instructions to your Detachments in rear Area and special care must be taken in the compilation of the forms, that the information called is correct.

It is anticipated that the present GRAVES DETACHMENT will march out from France on or about the 19th inst. and as these applications have to be forwarded to LONDON for selection, please treat this matter with URGENCY.

ENCLS. Pro-forma.

MARCINELLE.
11-8-19.

G. T. Macpherson Capt.,
Staff Officer A.A.S.C. M.T.

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MARCINELLE	August		<p>Drew 25,000 Francs Belgian from Field Cashier, NAMUR</p>	
			<p>1. Captain L.T. Maplestone M.C. detailed as member F.G.C.M. in case of Dvrs. FLINT and DAU, 4th Aust. M.T. Coy, to sit on 8th. August.</p>	
			<p>2. Rang up D.A.A.G., No. 4 Area ref 2/Lieut. LOGAN, L., 1st. Aust. Div. Train, enquiring if any further action was being taken in matter. D.A.A.G. will enquire and notify this office.</p>	
			<p>Visited No. 4 Aust. M.T. Coy W/Shops. Lieut. HARVEY, O.i/c Detachment at PERONNE called.</p>	
			<p>3. Capt. Maplestone departed to D.M.T.S., A.I.F., LONDON on duty.</p>	
			<p>4. Capt. Maplestone arrived London 14.30 but found that it was a Bank Holiday and Headquarters closed. Holiday in HAINAUT Sub-Area.</p>	
			<p>5. Capt. Maplestone called on D.M.T.S. and discussed following matters:- 4th. AUST.M.T.COY It was decided that the Headquarters and personnel at present in CHARLEROI would move to AMIENS Area at an early date. It was considered that the Coy. could be reduced very considerably and that if possible the Headquarters of this office and 4th. Aust. M.T. Coy be assigned amalgamated and the whole come under the command of Capt. L.T. Maplestone. This would mean the release of approximately 3 Officers, 100 O/Rs and 12 vehicles. Colonel Tunbridge - D.M.T.S. - stated he would cross over to France about 18th; inst., and make final arrangements.</p>	
			<p><u>GRAVES DETACHMENT.</u> This unit is being re-organised and will come under the administration of High Commissioner for Australia at an early date. No definite particulars were available as to establishment, but it is understood that 9 cars and 4 box cars will be required. All lorries and cycles to be evacuated. Further particulars will be forwarded as soon as available.</p>	
			<p><u>A.I.F. MEMORIALS.</u> Matter of car for Architect was discussed, and it was pointed out that</p>	

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MARCINELLE	August 1919	5 (contd)	<p>this man asked for car for long trips and that G.R.O. 69³⁷ does not allow civilians to travel in Army vehicles. D.M.T.S. promised to see General HOBBS reference this matter. A.A.G., A.I.F. stated that on no account should a car be given to this man unless an officer was going with him.</p> <p><u>VEHICLE RETURNS.</u> Checked over vehicles still outstanding with D.M.T.S.list.</p> <p><u>RECORDS SECTION.</u> Called and discussed M.T. records and found all in order. Matters relative to casual personnel were being reported very satisfactorily to Records by this office.</p> <p>It was suggested that if it would simplify matters this office and 4th. A.M.T.Coy could be wound up and all personnel left on this side transferred to a Special Unit. It was preferred that the 4th. A.M.T.Coy remain as an original unit, and if possible bring all personnel down to that one Company.</p> <p><u>PAY OFFICE.</u> Called on C.P.M.London ref. returns. Everything in order.</p> <p>No arrangements were being made for pay in Amiens Area when A.I.F.Graves Detachment move out. Suggested that if this H.Q. move to rear area that imprest be held by me as at present.</p> <p><u>A.A.G., A.I.F., c/o G.H.Q. WIMEREUX.</u> Called on Colonel Wynter, A.A.G., A.I.F. in company with D.A.P.M., A.I.F. and discussed general matters of administration in CHARLEROI Area.</p> <p>Future policy. He approved of the suggested re-arrangement of this H.Q. and 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy., and is anxious to relieve as many men as possible for demobilization. He also agreed that the D.A.P.M. should move to AMIENS as there are likely to be a considerable number of A.W.Ls in that area after Graves Detachment move out.</p> <p>Discussed Summary of Evidence in case of No. 3175 Pte. LYNOTT, H. - 20th. Battalion - He agreed that there was no case against the man, but instructed that he be kept under arrest until further particulars are available from Records.</p> <p>He had no particulars ref reorganization of A.I.F.Graves Detachment.</p> <p>Lieut. TWISS visited No. 4 Aust. M.T.Coy re F.G.C.M. papers in connection with Dvrs. DAU and FLINT, and afterwards delivered papers to "A" HAINAUT Sub-Area.</p>	

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	11		<p>Visited Quarries with Contractor for A.I.F. Monuments. 7 trucks have been forwarded to date. 6 to ZONNEBEKE and 1 to St. QUENTIN. Zonnebeke will be finished in approx. 15 days, only 2 more trucks to complete.</p> <p>Arranged to take Contractor down to BELLINGLISE with me on Friday 15th. inst.</p> <p>Communication received from D.M.T.S. ref. GRAVES Services and reorganization of same.</p> <p>Applications called for from A.A.S.C.M.T. personnel, urgent. O.C., 4th. A.M.T. Coy instructed to proceed to Detachments and forward applications at once through this office.</p>	see Appa
	12		<p>Visited D.A.P.M., B.E.F., CHARLEROI reference reported purchase of Spirits by Australian soldier. Called identification parade of this H.Q. and 4th. Aust. M.T. Coy. Investigated case of alleged Petrol theft by 1464 Dvr. BOND, H.S.C., lorry 34709.</p>	
	13.		<p>Visited 4th. Aust. M.T. Coy ref Box Car for ZONNEBEKE, and to arrange for transport of Winch to A.I.F. Memorial there.</p> <p>General Routine.</p>	
	14		<p>Drew 25,000 francs Belgian currency from Field Cashier NAMUR.</p> <p>Called on No. 4 Area H.Q. ref move to AMIENS and F.G.C.Ms pending.</p> <p>O.C., 4th. Aust. M.T. Coy. called on his return from Rear Detachments. Discussed reorganization and move of his H.Q. to AMIENS also reorganization of GRAVES Services, and withdrawal of M.T.</p> <p>Arranged that I would call and see Lieut. Patterson at VILLERS-BRETTONEUX to-morrow.</p>	
	15		<p>Summary of Evidence ref. Dvrs. DAU and FLINT, 4th. Aust. M.T. Coy, taken to "A", HAINAUT Sub-Area by Lieut. Twiss, and request made for F.G.C.M. to be convened.</p> <p>Visited Detachment at BELLINGLISE with contractor of A.I.F. Monuments, also visited A.I.F. Graves Detachment, VILLERS-BRETTONEUX and discussed M.T. transfers with Lieut. Patterson.</p> <p>Visited Town Major AMIENS ref billets for this H.Q. - none available.</p>	
	16		<p>Visited H.Q., 3rd. Area, FLIXECOURT ref move of this H.Q. to 3rd. Area and arranged that billeting arrangements be made with assistance of French Mission, and advise 3rd.</p>	

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	August 1919 16 (contd)		Area Headquarters where we move to. Saw O.C. 3rd. Area French Mission and arranged to send him a wire as to date we are moving. Visited detachment at POZIERES.	
		17	General Routine.	
		18	Took Summary of Evidence in case of 1464 Dvr BOND, H.S.C., 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy. O.C., 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy. called reference applications for transfer of M.T. personnel to GRAVES Services. Car despatched to Boulogne to meet Colonel Tunbridge, D.M.T.S.	
		19	Captain Harding called reference A.I.F. Monuments. O.C., 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy called reference reorganization of Company and vehicles. Convened C. of E. to investigate loss by fire of Talbot Ambulance W.D.No. 19609 of 21st. M.A.C. attached to M.O., A.I.F. Detachment.	
		20	Forwarded papers applying for F.G.C.M. in case of 1464 Dvr. BOND to HAINAUT Sub-Area.	
		21	General Routine.	
		22	Colonel Tunbridge, D.M.T.S., A.I.F., reported on duty from U.K.	
		23	Visited 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy.	
		24	Colonel Tunbridge, D.M.T.S., A.I.F. left for return to U.K. via Monuments. Major ALLEN, Inspector of Graves Services, reported from U.K.	
		25	General Routine.	
		26	Received instructions from HAINAUT Sub-Area reference C. of E. on Talbot Ambulance No. 19609, that Captain Downer and Private McCoy, P. were not to leave Area, and that Pte. McCoy be put under arrest at once. Lieut. Harvey O. i/c PERONNE Detachment called reference general matters, and to draw pay for men in rear area. Visited Field Cashier and drew 17,500 Frs. Belgian.	

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MARCINELLE	August 1919			
	27		<p>a/O.C., 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy called reference Summary of Evidence in case of Dvr. MAURICE alleged whisky sales.</p> <p>D.A.P.M., A.I.F. called reference absentees and F.G.C.Ms on 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy men, also discussed future policy this area.</p> <p>It was decided to leave 2 M.Ps at Brussells with D.A.P.M. These men to act as escorts and will be withdrawn later if not required.</p> <p>As soon as 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy move out, 2 M.Ps will visit FARCHIENNES and CHATELINEAU and pick up any stragglers of 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy or other units.</p>	
	28		<p>Visited 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy reference transfer of personnel to Graves Services. Captain P.L.DANIELS, A.A.M.C. reported for duty in place of Captain H.G.DOWNER who is to proceed to U.K. for N.M.E.</p> <p>Lieut. CRAKER, D.A.P.M., A.I.F. proceeded to rear Area III to locate billets for this H.Q.</p> <p>Visited HAINAUT Sub-Area reference F.G.C.M. cases pending.</p> <p>Visited D.A.P.M., CHARLEROI reference case of Dvr. Maurice alleged whisky sales.</p>	
	29		<p>O.C., 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy called reference transfer of Vehicles and men to Graves Services.</p> <p>Returned tickets and 215 francs to 4th. Area Lottery c/o D.A.P.S. NAMUR.</p>	
	30		General Routine.	
	31		General Routine.	
			<p>NOTE. The Diary of STAFF OFFICER A.A.S.C.M.T. will be included in that of 4th. Australian M.T. Company as from 1st. September 1919.</p>	

J. McPherson
W. W. M. S. A. I. F.
 Colonel
 D. M. T. S. A. I. F.

WAR DIARY

OF

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES.

FOR

AUGUST. 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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| 1. | Copy of letter received from A.M.S., A.I.F., giving new establishment for Graves Services for next two years and Pro-forma of application. |
| 2. | Precis of work done by Lieut.S.H.LEIGH, whilst on duty in FRANCE with G.H.Q., adjusting final figures for A.I.F. , M.T. |
| 3. | Copy of final statement of A.I.F. Vehicles as arrived at by G.H.Q., and correspondence appertaining thereto. |
| 4. | Precis of work done by Col. W.H.TUNBRIDGE, D.M.T.S., A.I.F., whilst on duty in FRANCE and BELGIUM. |
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C O P Y.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A.I.F. Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road
London.

6-8-19

D.M.T.S. A.I.F.

Approval has been given to the provision of the following M.T. personnel on the establishment of the A.I.F. Graves Organisation which is to come into effect as from the date of departure of the existing A.I.F. Graves Detachment from France.

	<u>Subalterns</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
	1	1 Corporal
		19 Drivers
		3 Artificers.
Total	1	23

It is anticipated that the Graves Detachment will march out from France on or about 19th inst., and I am to ask, please, that you will kindly ascertain and report as early as practicable (if possible by 12th inst.) whether the required numbers can be obtained by volunteers from the A.A.S.C. (M.T.) still unrepatriated. Each volunteer should submit an application on the attached pro-forma.

If the number of volunteers exceeds the requirements, it is desired, please, that the forms of application of all should be forwarded here, so that final selection such as "married or single", "wives in Australia or England" etc.

It has been recommended to the Minister that A.I.F. rates of pay should continue.

Sgt. H D Townsend Capt
A.M.S.

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GRAVES WORK IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

(1) Applications are invited from members of the A.I.F. to complete an establishment for Graves work in France and Belgium subsequent to the withdrawal of the Australian Graves Detachment.

(2) The vacancies are for:-

<u>Draughtsmen</u>	(up to rank of S/Sgt) (in tempy. rank)
<u>Photographers</u>	(do do do do
<u>Clerks</u>	(do do do do
<u>M.T. Drivers.</u>	

(3) Applications will be in applicant's own handwriting on the following pro-forma.

Application for employment in France or Belgium as a.....

Reg No..... Rank.....

Name.....
(Surname in Block letters)

Unit.....

Present location.....

Married or single.....
(if married, whereabouts of wife)

I make application for appointment as.....

..... to serve in France or Belgium under active service

conditions. I am prepared to remain, if required, for at least 2 years.

My qualifications are:-

Date.....(Signature).....

The applicant is of good character and his qualifications are as stated. He has served in the A.I.F. for.....years.....months.

I recommend his appointment.

Date.....(Signature).....Commanding Unit.

(4) Following the demobilisation of the A.I.F. personnel will be administered by the Military advisor, Australia House. They will forfeit no privileges they may have as members of the A.I.F.

(5) Applications should reach A.I.F. Graves Registration Staff Officer Room 19, 130 Horseferry Road, Westminster, S W 1. before 12-8-1919.

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PRECIS OF DUTIES PERFORMED BY LIEUT: S.H. LEIGH WHO PROCEEDED BY THE 12-15 p.m. BOAT TRAIN ON 11/8/19 TO FRANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE FINAL ADJUSTMENTS OF VEHICLES WITH G.H.Q., WIMMEREUX, BEFORE FIGURES WERE COMPILED FOR THE WAR OFFICE.

August 11th, 1919.

Reported to Directorate of Transport, G.H.Q., at 19.00 hours.

August 12th., 1919.

Checked over with Captain Kennedy all Australian Vehicles handed into V.R.P.

August 13th., 1919.

Continued checking and compiled together with Capt: Kennedy a final return shewing (1) Vehicles handed into V.R.P. (2) Vehicles not accounted for (This included 7 Solo's stolen and for which write offs were not obtained) (3) Vehicles transferred to U.K. (4) Vehicles still outstanding in France. For this return see appendix The figures of this return agree in every respect with records of the D.M.T.S. and those of the D of T.

August 14th., 1919.

Visited the 3rd Area Troops M.T. Company at Flixecourt in reference to 1 S.C.C. handed in for repairs by the Aust: Graves Detachment; this vehicle being the absolute property of the A.I.F. it was arranged for its return to the Aust: Graves Detachment in order that it may be shipped to London together with the six (6) S.C.C's at present on charge to the Graves Detachment.

Also visited the Graves Detachment at Villers Brettoneux and saw Lieut: Paterson with reference to the above.

August 15th., 1919.

Interviewed Colonel Wynter, A.A.G., ~~Frank~~ A.I.F. Detachment, Wimmereux, in reference to instructions received by telephone from D.M.T.S., London, with regard to cars required for Colonel Bruche and Mr Murdock, War Correspondent of the Times.

Crossed by 17.15 boat, arrived London 22.30 hours.

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DIRECTOR OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES, A. I. F.

54. Victoria Street,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Director of Transport,
G. H. Q., B. E. F.,
WIMMEREUX.



I am in receipt of your T.11057/2 dated 19/8/19, attaching statement of Mechanical Transport issued to the Australian Imperial Forces.

This return after being carefully checked with my records is found to agree in every respect.

Of course I take it for granted that it is fully understood, that certain Vehicles have to be deducted from these final figures i.e. :-

- (a) Presentation Vehicles and Vehicles brought from Australia and Egypt which are the property of the A.I.F.
- (b) Vehicles taken over by the A.I.F. from the Australian Comforts Fund.
- (c) Vehicles for which financial adjustment has already been effected with the War Office.

In the case of (a) and (b) the number of Vehicles to be deducted are as follows:-

<u>Touring Cars.</u>	<u>Ambulances.</u>	<u>Motor Cycles.</u>	<u>Side-Car Comb's.</u>	<u>Workshops.</u>
12.	12.	19.	2.	6.

(For detailed statement of these Vehicles see attached return.)

With regard to (c), this matter will I understand be dealt with by the Chief Paymaster A.I.F. and the War Office, on this side.

27th August, 1919.

W. T. S.
D. M. T. S., Colonel,
A. I. F.

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DIRECTOR OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES, A. I. F.

54. Victoria Street,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Chief Paymaster,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
130. Horseferry Road,
LONDON. S.W.1.



I am attaching hereto a Return showing Mechanical Transport issued to and accounted for by the Australian Expeditionary Force in FRANCE.

This return was compiled by Director of Transport G.H.Q. France and was forwarded to this Department, together with the attached letter, for checking and agreement.

After being carefully checked with the Records held in this Office it is found to agree in every detail, and I have passed and acknowledged same to the Director of Transport as per copy of my letter B/3 of 27/8/19 also attached hereto.

As pointed out in that letter, certain reductions have to be made from the final summary. i.e.:-

- (a). Presentation Vehicles and Vehicles brought from Australia and Egypt which are the property of the A. I. F.
- (b). Vehicles taken over by the A.I.F. from the Australian Comforts Fund.
- (c). Vehicles for which financial adjustment has already been effected by you with the War Office.

In the case of (a) and (b), I am enclosing a detailed statement showing the number of Vehicles to be deducted under these headings, (as follows;)

Touring Cars. Ambulances. Motor Cycles. Side-Car Comb's. Workshops.

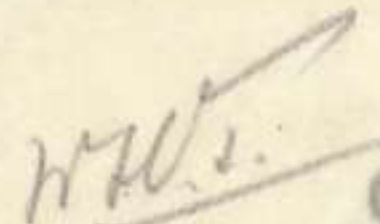
12. 12. 19. 2. 6.

With regard to (c). There are quite a number under this heading. For example the Vehicles of the 300th & 301st M.T. Companies paid for under War Office Claim 121/Overseas/487. (P.S.) of February 1917, Box Car for the Official Photographer mentioned in your Qs. 1464/5/78 of 23/7/19, and in fact it is understood that all Special Establishments sent across to France from time to time, such as Education Cars etc, have already been paid for.

As this office does not hold records of these financial adjustments the total to be deducted under heading (c) is left to your Department.

I understand that a representative is being sent next week from G.H.Q. in France to submit this Final Summary to the War Office and I would suggest therefore that you approach the War Office at the same time with a view to having M.T. matters finalised.

29th August, 1919.


Colonel,
D. M. T. S., A. I. F.

CD. C O P Y.

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Director of Supplies
and Transport.
(TRANSPORT)
19. Aug: 1919
T.11057/2.
H.Q. FRANCE.

D.M.T.S. (Australian Forces).
54. Victoria Street,
L O N D O N.

I enclose herewith statement in the form of
lists showing Mechanical Transport:-

- (a) Issued to and on charge of the Australian Expeditionary Forces.
- (b) Satisfactorily accounted for.
- (c) Not accounted for.
- (d) Shipped to England.
- (e) Outstanding Vehicles which will be accounted for at a later date.
- (f) The composition by makes of vehicles as on charge prior to demobilization.

This statement, I understand, from a representative of your Office, agrees with your records, in all respects, but before forwarding same to the War Office, I should be glad if you could kindly let me know in writing that this agreement has been reached as I consider in this way much time and correspondence in the future may be saved.

Headquarters,
FRANCE. 19/8/1919.

(Sgd) G.W. MACLEOD. Colonel,
for Director of Supplies and Transport.

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 DETAILED LIST OF M.T. VEHICLES, PROPERTY OF THE A.I.F. WHICH ARE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM G.H.Q. FINAL SUMMARY.

Sheet 1.

W.D.No.	Chassis No.	MAKE	Type	From whom received:-	Taken on charge to complete Authorised Estab: of:-	DISPOSAL.
9273	593	AUSTIN.	Open.	Brought from Egypt.	"P" 1st Aust: Div: H.Q.	Evacuated 1st ASCHRS 24/5/17.
9274	1964	METALLURGIQUE	Closed.	-do-	"P" -do-	-do- 2nd -do- 24/10/16.
19336	11099	HAPIER	Colonial.	-do-	"P" 4th Aust: Div: Train	To Aust: Corps V.R.P. 12/4/19.
19329	624219	STUDEBAKER	Open	-do-	Aus: E & M, M & B Coy:	Evacuated 2nd ASCHRS 14/9/16.
19331	21141	FORD.	Open	-do-	4th Aust: Div: H.Q.	-do- 3rd -do- 18/6/16.
19337	18852	FORD.	Open	-do-	-do-	-do- 2nd -do- 25/8/16.
19334	10248	SUNBEAM.	Open	-do-	-do-	-do- 3rd -do- 18/6/16.
15097	8071	-do-	Open	Brought from Australia.	Aust: Corps S.M.T.O.	Trans'fd to AMIS, UK. 23/6/19.
15098	8072	-do-	Open	-do-	By 17th Arm Sub-Park.	-do- 2nd ATSC. 4/8/15.
15099	8068	-do-	Open	-do-	" -do-	-do- 17th Div Sigs. 19/12/15.
15118	8065	-do-	Open	-do-	" -do-	-do- 2nd ATSC. 23/10/15.
15120	8070	-do-	Open	-do-	" -do-	-do- 5th C.H.Q. 17/12/15.

Total 12. Touring Cars.

				Presented by:-			
24063	11003	SUNBEAM	Ambulance.	Radley College.	2nd Aust: Field Ambulance	To Aust: Corps V.R.P.	8/4/19.
24072	11004	-do-	-do-	-do-	3rd -do-	To -do-	8/4/19.
24092	14438	DAIMLER	-do-	W.B. Perry, Compton NSW.	6th -do-	To 770th Co M.T., RASC	5/6/19.
17485	14083	-do-	-do-	G & C Hoskins Sydney	7th -do-	To Aust: Corps V.R.P.	3/4/19.
15188	10798	SUNBEAM	-do-	South Aust'n Veterans	5th Aust: Div: Amb's.	Evacuated 3rd ASCHRS	June 1915.
15090	10794	-do-	-do-	-do-	8th Aust: Field Amb:	To Aust: Corps V.R.P.	10/4/19.
15190	10792	-do-	-do-	-do-	14th -do-	To -do-	15/4/19.
15087	10800	-do-	-do-	-do-	15th -do-	To 770th Co RASC, MT.	27/5/19.
15189	10801	-do-	-do-	-do-	15th -do-	To Aust: Corps V.R.P.	15/4/19.
15091	10895	-do-	-do-	-do-	15th -do-	Evacuated 3rd ASCHRS	11/8/18.
15185	10804	-do-	-do-	-do-	15th -do-	-do-	26/9/18.
15186	10797	-do-	-do-	-do-	15th -do-	-do-	30/9/18.

Total. 12. Ambulances.

Frame No.	Taken over by A.I.F. from:-				
274452	TRIUMPH	S.C.C.	Aust: Comforts Fund.	Aust: Army Postal Corps	Evacuated 2nd ASCHRS 23/4/19
1811MS	"	S.C.C.	-do-	-do-	-do- 13/8/18.
272532	"	Solo.	-do-	Aust: War Records Sec'n	To 770th Co RASC, MT 29/7/19.

Total. 2. Side-Car Combinations. and 1. Solo Motor Cycle.

DETAILED LIST OF M.T. VEHICLES, PROPERTY OF THE A.I.F., WHICH ARE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM G.H.Q. FINAL SUMMARY Sheet 2.

W.D.No.	Chassis No.	MAKE.	Type.	From whom received:-	Taken on charge to complete Authorised Estab: of:-	DISPOSAL.
11344	403	COMMER	Workshop.	Brought from Australia.	1st Aust: M.T.Coy:	To 770th Coy: RASC, MT. 23/5/19.
11354	874	HALLEY	-do-	-do-	1st -do-	To -do- 23/5/19.
11774	12802	BENZ	-do-	-do-	4th -do-	Still on charge to that Coy:
11775	9851	BENZ	-do-	-do-	2nd -do-	To 770th Coy: RASC, MT 13/6/19.
11780	549	HALLFORD.	-do-	-do-	5th -do-	To 23rd Imp: V.R.P. 2/6/19.
11781	560	HALLFORD.	-do-	-do-	6th Aus: M.T.Coy (CT)	To 770th Coy: RASC, MT 27/5/19.
<u>Total. 6. Workshops.</u>						

Eighteen (18) Solo Motor Cycles were brought to France by the 5th Aust: Div: Signal Company on approximately 1st July, 1916 and were handed over in exchange for new Triumph's - Frame and Engine No's of these machines are unknown.

Mechanical Transport issued and on charge to the Australians.

A.
Mechanical Transport "satisfactorily accounted for" i.e.
(a) Handed over to Imperial Authorities
(b) Evac: to Im; H/Qrs & not replaced.
(c) Lost or Stolen for which "write offs" have been effected or applied for.

B.
Mechanical Transport "not accounted for" i.e. including vehicles :-
(a) for which no record as to their location is available.
(b) for which no "write off" can be traced as being effected.

C.
Mechanical Transport shipped to England for Australian use.

D.
Mechanical Transport "still outstanding" which will be accounted for at a later date.

UNIT	Touring.	Box.	Ambulances.	Solo.	S.C.C.	3-Ton.	30-Cwt.	Workshop.	Store.	Foden.	M.T.T.	Tractors.	Touring.	Box.	Ambulances.	Solo.	S.C.C.	3-Ton.	30-Cwt.	Workshop.	Store.	Foden.	M.T.T.	Tractor.	
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.																									
Corps H/Qrs (a)	18	5	-	8	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	7	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corps Intelligence.	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corps Sig: Company.	1	1	-	(d) 22	-	(e) 4	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	20	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corps Wireless Sect:	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corps Cable Sect:(2)	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corps Sig:Sec:(Ops H.A.)	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st M.A.L.Section.	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd M.A.L.Section.	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heavy Trench Battery	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
War Records	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postal Corps	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Official Photographers	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A.A.G.Aust:Section.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aust:Vet:Hospital.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corps M.T.Column.	1	1	-	(f) 1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corps Tps M.T.Coy.	2	3	-	5	-	37	-	3	3	1	-	-	2	2	5	1	37	3	3	3	1	-	-	-	-
	25	15	-	56	7	46	6	3	3	1	-	-	15	7	-	53	6	45	6	3	3	1	-	-	-

Touring.	Box.	Ambulances.	Solo.	S.C.C.	3-Ton.	30-Cwt.	Touring.	Box.	Ambulance.	Solo.	S.C.C.	3-Ton.	30-Cwt.	Workshop.	Store.	Touring.	Box.	Ambulances.	Solo.	S.C.C.	3-Ton.	30-Cwt.	Workshop.	Store.
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(a) Includes one car for the Director of Education, but excludes 2.Cars for C.Labour Sergeant Com't and one for C.Roads Officer.
 (b) Includes Box Cars for Salvage Officer, Dental Officer, Chemical Adviser, S.M.T.O. and Corps A.P.M.
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COMPOSITION BY MAKES OF MECHANICAL TRANSPORT ON CHARGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Sheet. 6.

CARS.		BOX-CARS.		AMBULANCES.	
Rolls-Royce.	1.	Ford.	28.	Ford.	32.
Ford.	8.	Crossley.	23.	Daimler.	12.
Sunbeam.	27.	Napier.	9.	Sunbeam.	48.
Vauxhall	31.	Daimler.	2.	Talbot.	13.
Daimler.	23.	Garford.	3.		
Wolseley.	4.				
Napier.	1.				
TOTAL.	95.		65.		105.

LORRIES. (including 30-cwt & Caterpillars.)		WORKSHOPS.		STORE.	
Albion.	65.	Benz.	1.	Benz.	1.
Daimler.	229.	Commer.	2.	Commer.	1.
Hallford.	2.	Daimler.	4.	Daimler.	4.
Commer.	6.	Dennis.	1.	Dennis.	1.
A. E. C.	12.	Halley.	1.	Karrier.	1.
Peerless.	209.	Hallford.	2.	Maudslay.	3.
Thornycroft.	88.	Karrier.	1.	Peerless.	5.
Maudslay.	1.	Maudslay.	1.	Thornycroft.	2.
Dennis.	1.	Peerless.	2.		
Locomobile.	1.	Thornycroft.	3.		
Holt Caterpillars.	12.				
TOTAL.	626.		18.		18.

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PRECIS. OF WORK DONE BY COLONEL W.H.TUNBRIDGE., D.M.T.S., A.I.F., WHILST ON
DUTY IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM - INSPECTION OF M.T. - FROM 19th to 27/8/19.

August 19., 1919.

Left London by 12-55 hours Boat Train for Boulogne via Folkestone. Arrived Boulogne 17.30 hours. Met Colonel Wynter, A.A.G., A.I.F. Detachments, on pier and arranged to see him at his office the following morning.

August 20., 1919.

Called at Colonel Wynter's office at 10.00 hours.

Went on to D. of S. & T., G.H.Q. and saw Colonel McLeod and Captain Kennedy. G.H.Q. had received a letter from War Office instructing that in future all spares, stores, etc, for Australian Vehicles would be treated as a first issue, which means that every article has to be charged up, checked and paid for by Australia. This of course is quite fair if the capitulation has now ceased. Colonel McLeod suggested it would be much easier if a lump sum could be arranged for each class of vehicle for a stated period, say, i.e. a week.

Tried to arrange for an Imperial Unit at, or near Bryas, to maintain Australian Graves vehicles, as all Australian workshops are expected to be demobilised inside two months. Colonel McLeod advised me to see the Imperial Graves Detachment at Bryas who were not under D. of S. & T.

Cleared up various matters with Captain Kennedy.

Found that authority for Horse Float No. 4900 to be returned to A.M.T.S., England, had been approved, and given.

Shipments of Gift Vehicles to England must all be approved by the War Office, therefore, a letter asking for this authority should be sent as early as possible.

Called on Colonel Wynter and explained above items to him.

Arranged with Colonel Wynter to evacuate Charleroi area as soon as possible and to demobilise as many men as could be spared at once.

Left Boulogne at 17.00 hours; reached Steenvoorde 19.15 hrs.

August 21., 1919.

Left Steenvoorde 09.15 hours; reached Zonnebeke at 12.30 hrs. Found that all the stone had arrived and had been transported to the site. The monument is now about 10 feet high and progressing well. Five lorries are here, but two will be returned at once, and the others as the balance of sand, etc, is completed. The contractors men expected to finish by the 29th or 30th inst. The Box Car with this detachment had broken down with back axle trouble, but the officer i/c hoped to get it fixed at Lille.

Left at ~~XXXX~~ 15.30 hours and arrived at Charleroi at 18.30 hrs.

August 22., 1919.

Went into general matters with Staff Officer, A.A.S.C. (M.T.) during morning.

Then went to 4th Area Headquarters at Namur for the purpose of enquiring into certain Courts of Enquiry and writes off not yet through. All officers were out, so left the matter in the hands of Lieut: Twiss. Returned to Charleroi at 19.30 hours.

August 23., 1919.

Visited ~~to~~ quarry where Australian Monuments are being prepared. Found the last stone for the Bellinglise monument just loaded in truck. The third monument was very nearly finished and ready for trucking. The fourth and last - was in preparation and would, it was stated, be finished and trucked by the 10/9/19.

Returned to Charleroi at 12.45 hours.

August 24., 1919.

Left for Bellinglise at 09.30 hours and arrived at 13.15 hrs. Officer and most of the men were away. (Sunday)

PRECIS OF WORK DONE BY COLONEL W.H. TUNBRIDGE IN FRANCE & BELGIUM Cont.August 24., 1919. continued.

Found that a considerable amount of stone had been delivered to the site, but many of the stones had been damaged in the handling. It evidently requires someone who understands stone to take charge of the loading and the off-loading. Apparently the stone had been moved on steel or other hard rollers without boards or battens, many of the dressed edges were splintered.

Left at 15.00 hours and arrived at Mont St Quentin at 16.00 hours. Saw Lieut's Harvey and Paterson. Here I found all ready and waiting for stone.

Left at 17.30 hours and arrived at Pozierres 18.30 hrs. This site was also ready and waiting for stone. Men were now employed in fencing in the site and ^{making} paths. Saw Lieut: Mercer and the Engineer Officer.

Saw Captain Hardinge and spoke to him about the damaged stones at Bellenglise. Captain Hardinge informed me that General Hobbs was not crossing until Tuesday, 26th inst.

August 25., 1919.

Left at 09.30 hours. Called at Villers Brettoneux; Capt: Gould was not there, he had gone to Boulogne. I was informed by the Officer in charge that the Graves Detachment could not get billets in, or near to Bryas, consequently he thought they were remaining for the present at Villers Brettoneux.

Then went on to Mericourt, found all in readiness for stone. Men were grading and fencing the allotment.

Arrived at Boulogne 17.00 hours; saw Colonel Wynter on wharf and informed him I had been told that General Hobbs would not be crossing until Tuesday. Arranged to see him and Capt: Gould next morning.

August 26., 1919.

Visited D. of S. & T. and went over the accounts and documents with Captain Kennedy. Promised to make arrangements for the Australian Chief Paymaster to call on the War Office Financial Adviser with him if he would let me know when he would be across.

Saw Colonel McLeod reference to the payment for spares. He now thought it would be better to leave matters as they now stand; that is to say we treat all spares, stores, etc, now issued as an initial issue. It will be necessary to ascertain from the Chief Paymaster if capitulation is still being paid, or if it has been stopped.

Arranged ~~that~~ ^{asking} if a letter were written, that the Aust: Graves Detachment be temporarily attached for maintenance to an Imperial Unit in the 3rd area, he would arrange it.

Called on Colonel Wynter and agreed I would write him asking him to arrange for the Australian Graves Detachment to be temporarily attached, as per last para, and eventually to be attached for maintenance to the British Graves Commission, as all Australian M.T. were expected to be out of France by the end of October.

August 27., 1919.

Crossed to England and arrived London at 16.00 hours.

W. Tunbridge
Colonel.
D. M. T. S. A. I. F.