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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS BOCAGE.	1/5/18.		<p>Letter received from D.A.A.G., 3rd Echelon in further reference to A.A.S.C., M.T. Reinforcements. D.M.T.S. replied. See Appendix No. 1. Copy of correspondence forwarded to D.A.G., A.I.F.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited D.A.G. in reference to general matters.</p> <p>300 francs drawn for Imprest Account.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>M.T.S.</i></p>	APPENDIX 1
VILLERS BOCAGE.	2/5/18.		<p>15 A.A.S.C., M.T. Reinforcements arrived from 1st Base M.T. Depot through Corps Reinforcement Depot, and were posted as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Corporal &amp; 2 Drivers to 5th Aust. M.T. Coy.</li> <li>1 Private to 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S.</li> <li>1 Corporal, 1 L/Corporal &amp; 1 Driver to 4th Aust. M.T. Coy.</li> <li>1 Driver to 2nd A.M.T. Coy.</li> <li>1 L/Corporal and 3 Drivers to Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy.</li> <li>3 Privates to No. 3 Aust. M.T. Coy.</li> </ul> <p>Australian Section, 3rd Echelon notified re above.</p> <p>Letter to D of T., G.H.Q., in reference to the taking over of 1st &amp; 2nd Aust. S.B.A.C's. See Appendix No. 2. Copy of correspondence forwarded to D.A.G., A.I.F.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>M.T.S.</i></p>	APPENDIX 2
VILLERS BOCAGE.	3/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited and paid the A.I.F. Printing Section.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Raining. <i>M.T.S.</i></p>	

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VILLERS BOCAGE.	4/5/18.		<p>12 applications for appointment as Flying Officers (Pilot or Observer) were received for May Quota from A.A.S.C., M.T. Units in the Field. The following ten were selected and submitted to D.A.A.G., A.F.C.:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lieut. M. J. G. Tonkin,</td> <td>Aust. Corps M.T. Column.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. J. M. Leyden,</td> <td>" " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MT/Dvr. H. L. Condon</td> <td>" " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cpl. K. Muhlebach</td> <td>2nd Aust. M.T. Coy.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L/Cpl. E. L. Mulgrave</td> <td>3rd " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MT/Dvr. F. A. Phillips,</td> <td>3rd " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cpl. F. J. Mitchell,</td> <td>4th " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MT/Dvr. H. M. Woodbine</td> <td>4th " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pte. J. P. Lewis,</td> <td>4th " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L/Cpl. T. R. Kennedy,</td> <td>Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MT.</i></p>	Lieut. M. J. G. Tonkin,	Aust. Corps M.T. Column.	Lieut. J. M. Leyden,	" " " "	MT/Dvr. H. L. Condon	" " " "	Cpl. K. Muhlebach	2nd Aust. M.T. Coy.	L/Cpl. E. L. Mulgrave	3rd " " "	MT/Dvr. F. A. Phillips,	3rd " " "	Cpl. F. J. Mitchell,	4th " " "	MT/Dvr. H. M. Woodbine	4th " " "	Pte. J. P. Lewis,	4th " " "	L/Cpl. T. R. Kennedy,	Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy.	
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VILLERS BOCAGE.	5/5/18.		<p>Sergt. H. Leigh left for Paris on duty.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Raining. <i>MT.</i></p>																					
VILLERS BOCAGE.	6/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S' Office, together with S.M.T.O., moved from Villers Bocage to new position at Bertangles.</p> <p>Weather - Fine during day but moderate rain in evening.</p>																					
BERTANGLES.	7/5/18.		<p>Notification received from D.A.A.G., A.F.C., that the following four applicants for appointment as Flying Officers, in A.F.C., had been selected for interview at R.T.O's Office, PICQUIGNY on 11th instant, between the hours of 10 a.m., and 3 p.m.</p> <p><small>D. D. &amp; L., London, E.C. (A2001) Wt. W1771/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C2.10/14</small></p>																					

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BERTANGLES	7/5/18.	(Continued).	<p>Lieut. J.M. Leyden Aust. Corps M.T. Col.  131 Sgt M.M. Cumming 5th Aust. M.T. Coy.  13309 Sgt R. Robinson 5th Aust. M.T. Coy.  74 Cpl K. Muhlebach 2nd Aust. M.T. Coy.</p> <p>Units were notified accordingly.</p> <p>Letter received from Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London (through D.A.G., A.I.F.) stating that 25 M.T. Drivers were available from A.F.C. Reinforcements, as A.F.C. have more Drivers at present in excess of their present and prospective requirements for next four months, and asking if D.M.T.S. would care to have them transferred. D.M.T.S. wrote accepting these men, as last week's Personnel Returns of A.A.S.C., M.T. Units in France show only four Drivers surplus to establishment.</p> <p>Communication received from Commandant, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London, regarding appointment of Workshop Officer, A.M.T.S., U.K. D.M.T.S. recommended Lieut H.F. Slocombe, M.C., who is at present in Hospital, U.K., and will probably be boarded, "Fit for Home Service".</p> <p>- Weather - Rain in morning. Fine during afternoon and evening. <i>NW!</i></p>	
BERTANGLES.	8/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited 2nd Aust. M.T. Coy., and the Workshops of 3rd, 4th, and 5th Aust. M.T. Coys.</p> <p>Sergt. S.H. Leigh returned from Paris.</p> <p>Letter received from D.A.G., A.I.F. under covering No. 47/1/95 dated 7.5.18 stating that the General, Commanding A.I.F., approved of the acceptance of Lieut. W.D. Davie's, 2nd Aust. M.T. Coy, resignation of his Commission in the A.I.F. - such resignation to take effect from date of embarkation for Australia, and should report without delay to A.I.F., Administrative Headquarters, London, who are arranging his passage to Australia by first available transport. Instructions issued accordingly.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>NW!</i></p>	

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BERTANGLES	9/5/18.	-	<p>D.M.T.S. visited 5th Aust.M.T.Coy's., Workshops, and 2nd Aust.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Notification received from O.C., 2nd Aust.M.T.Coy, through Aust. Corps M.T.Col., that Lieut. W.D.Davie left to report to A.I.F.Administrative Headquarters, London on 8.5.18. D.A.G., A.I.F. also advised.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>WWT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	10/5/18.	-	<p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>WWT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES.	11/5/18.	-	<p>D.M.T.S. visited 3rd Aust.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>WWT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	12/5/18.		<p>Letter sent to all Australian M.T.Companies inviting Nominations for Commission as Supply Officer - at present there being no surplus Supply Officer in the A.A.S.C., M.T.</p> <p>Letter received from D.A.A.G., Aust.Section, 3rd Echelon asking for the 10 Imperial Drivers attached to Australian Corps Signals to be relieved by Australian Drivers, As the only Drivers (Imperial) were on Headquarters cars and not Signals, D.M.T.S. saw General White in reference to the matter, who stated that the Corps Headquarters cars had never been Australian, and was still an English Unit, but that the 9 remaining Imperial Drivers could be gradually changed.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	12/5/18.	(Continued).	<p>D.M.T.S. convened a Board to report on the efficiency of No.1436 C.Q.M.S. King C., of the 5th Aust.M.T.Coy - attached to 8th Aust. Field Ambulance. Major M.N.McD.Lyons, O.C., 3rd Aust.M.T.Coy to be President. Capt.H.M.Tatham, M.C. and Lieut.F.W.G.Anderson as Members.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MCT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	13/5/18.		<p>Routine as Usual.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MCT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	14/5/18.		<p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MCT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	15/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited the following Units:- 6th Aust.M.T.Coy.(Corps Troops)., and Worksops. 5th Aust.M.T.Coy's Workshops. 2nd Aust.M.T.Coy., and Workshops. 3rd Aust.M.T.Coy's Workshops, and the Workshops of the 4th Aust.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Letter received from A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters asking that the Motor Cycle Frame No 272532, Engine No. 45030 at present held by the D.M.T.S., and that was originally on charge to the Australian Comforts Fund, be handed over to Australian War Records Section. D.M.T.S. wrote D.A.G., A.I.F. asking if he concurred.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MCT</i></p>	

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BERTANGLES.	16/5/18.		<p>Under authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 36/11/13 dated 15.5.18. the under mentioned candidate was selected for training as an Officer (Pilot or Observer) for A.F.C. Instructions issued for him to be sent to A.I.F. Headquarters, London, for further instructions.</p> <p>No. 74 Corporal Muhlebach K., 2nd Aust.M.T.Company.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. wrote D.A.G., A.I.F. asking that Combination Frame No 1811 M.S. Engine No 44987 may be used temporarily by the C.I.M.T., A.I.F. This is one of the Cycles taken over from the Australian Comforts Fund, and being held pending further instructions.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MWT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	17/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited and paid the Staff of the A.I.F. Printing Section, also settled all Billetting for the period 28th March to 17th May inclusive. Staff Sgt Mitchell, N.C.O. i/c A.I.F. Printing Section reported that on the night of 15th inst, 3 bombs were dropped close to the building in which the press is situated, breaking all the windows - no damage was done to the machinery.</p> <p>Weather - Fine and hot. <i>MWT</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	18/5/18.		<p>Letter received from D.A.G., A.I.F. under covering No 30/62 dated 14.5.18 authorizing the handing over of Motor Cycle Frame No.272532 to Aust. War Records Section in France. Lieut.S.W.Gullet, Officer in Charge of Section advised accordingly, and asked to collect same from 6th Aust.M.T.COy.(Corps Troops.)</p> <p>Report of Board and Finding received from Major M.N.McD.Lyons in connection with C.Q.M.S. King - see entry on 12th instant. The finding of the Board was that there was no evidence to show inefficiency but that they considered he was untrustworthy. This is evidently meant for an adverse report, as an N.C.O. cannot be untrustworthy without being inefficient, especially a C.Q.M.S.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MWT</i></p>	

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BERTANGLES	19/5/18.		<p>Schedules prepared by Court of Enquiry held to enquire into, and express an opinion upon the affairs of the Sergeant's Mess, No 3 Camp, Parkhouse, from 31.5.17 until August 1917, were received under cover of D.A.G.'s <del>EX</del> 4/96 dated 17.5.18. Instructions issued accordingly to all concerned, compliance to be reported to this Office. See Appendix No. 3. v</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited the A.I.F., Printing Section, and completed Billetting up to date. Arrangements made for printing "D.D.M.S. Standing Orders". Also visited Paper Mills at Maresquel, and ordered 40,000 sheets of paper to complete the 4th Edition of Aussie, as it was found that 60,000 was quite inadequate.</p> <p>Confidential report received from Major E.T.Searle, O.C., 4th Aust.M.T.Coy. in reference to efficiency of Capt.V.Hutchinson of that Unit. Report was very satisfactory.</p> <p>Weather → Fine. Hot. <i>MWT.</i></p>	APPENDIX 3.
BERTANGLES	20/5/18.		<p>Copy received through D.A.G., A.I.F. under covering No. 25/142 of 17th instant of Quartermaster General's letter to 2nd Army authorizing the taking over of the 1st &amp; 2nd Australian Siege Battery Ammunition Columns by Australian Personnel. Authority 6060/Q.B.2. dated G.H.Q., 14.5.18.</p> <p>Lieut.O.T.Robertson, 5th Aust.M.T.Coy., placed in temporary command of 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S., vice Lieut.F.W.G.Anderson to Hospital.Lieut Anderson was evacuated to Hospital on 19th inst. through accident with motor cycle.</p> <p>D.M.T.S visited the D.A.G., and discussed the matter of N.C.O.'s at present with the A.M.T.S. U.K., and their reduction owing to this Unit intending to employ Women Legion Drivers, and by so doing make "A" Class men available for duty on this side, also discussed the taking over of 1st &amp; 2nd Aust.S.B.A.C's, and arranged to go up North for this purpose on Wednesday if possible, 22nd instant. D.M.T.S. also mentioned the "Finding of the Court" in connection with C.Q.M.S. King - see entry on 18th instant.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. Hot. <i>MWT.</i></p>	

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BERTANGLES	21/5/18.	8.25	<p>D.A.G., A.I.F. called on D.M.T.S.</p> <p>Letter received through D.A.G., A.I.F. asking for D.M.T.S.'s remarks in reference to the proposed scheme for deciding the rating of Drivers by Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London, and to enquire into all claims for pay in relation to M.T. Drivers, Artificers, etc. See Appendix No. 4.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. Very Hot. <i>10/10/18</i></p>	APPENDIX 4.
BERTANGLES	22/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. accompanied by C.I.M.T., and the Paymaster, 2nd Aust. Division who wished to visit the North on pay matters, visited the A.I.F. Printing Section at Fauquembergues, then called on the D.D. of S &amp; T. II Army relative to the Australian Personnel for the 1st &amp; 2nd Australian Siege Battery Ammunition Columns, then saw the S.M.T.O., XV Corps, then <del>XXX</del> on to 1st Aust.M.T.Coy., who are at present in that Corps. Rang up S.M.T.O. XXII Corps, and arranged to meet him at "Y" Siege Park with whom the 36th Brigade Aust.R.G.A. are serving. Went on to "Y" Siege Park, <del>with whom the</del> interviewed the C.O. who sent for Major C.J. Goddard, D.S.O., who reported shortly afterward together with Lieuts. Downe and Sephton. S.M.T.O. XXII Corps also arrived. The particulars of the taking over of the 1st &amp; 2nd. Aust.S.B.A.C.'s with Australian Personnel was discussed and arrangements made for the taking over of the vehicles tomorrow (Thursday) morning. They went to Headquarters, 36th Brigade Australian R.G.A., but O.C., Colonel Horst, was not in. Saw Orderly Officer and Adjutant, who appeared to be rather hurt that the Artillery had not been consulted, as to whether Australian A.S.C. Personnel should be given them in lieu of the Imperial, who had been with them ever since arrival in France. The C.O., 36th Brigade, A.S.C. was also present, and stated he was not aware that the Australian Caterpillar Drivers were fit to drive, and had no knowledge of their having been taught. I explained to him that the Australian Drivers for the Caterpillars had been placed by me, first with K Siege Park on 23.3.18 for tuition, and on the Australian Corps moving South, these men, by arrangement with S.M.T.O. IX Corps, were attached to E Siege Park, promising to report when he considered the Drivers fit and capable, also if there were any inefficient Drivers among them.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	22/5/18.	9 <sup>15</sup> 24	<p>(Continued).</p> <p>Colonel Blamey, S.M.T.O. IX Corps reported to me by wire on 23.4.18 as follows:- "Australian Personnel with "E" Siege Park now considered qualified to take over when higher Authority think fit. AAA." I therefore considered that these men were quite capable, but if there was any doubt on the matter, it could be met by leaving a certain portion of the Imperial Personnel with the Units until it was seen that the Australian Personnel were fit. O.C., 36th Brigade A.S.C. gave me a letter - see Appendix No. 5 . - which I promised to endeavour to get D of T. to sanction. I handed him a reply - See Appendix No. 6 . - authorizing him to retain the Imperial Personnel mentioned in his letter until further word was received from D.D. of S.&amp; T., II Army. I then visited Major C.J.Goddard, D.S.O. at Camp and stayed there for the night, arriving at 12 p.m. Major C.J.Goddard had broken his left arm on 20/5/18 rather badly; but was waiting the completion of taking over before going to Hospital. The C.I.M.T., Major A.W.Harvey, <del>remained</del> remained with S.M.T.O., XXII Corps for the purpose of thoroughly inspecting the vehicles to be taken over, and render a report on their condition. He will also inspect the Vehicles of the 1st Aust.M.T.Company, and 12th A.B.A.F.A.P.S., advising me by wire when completed.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>NYL</i></p>	<p>APPENDIX 5.</p> <p>APPENDIX 6.</p>
BERTANGLES	23/5/18.	9 <sup>15</sup> 29	<p>D.M.T.S. inspected the Personnel of the 1st and 2nd Aust.S.B.A.C's., at 8 a.m., who moved out at 9.30 a.m. to take over the Lorries. Went through all office records with Major C.J.Goddard, D.S.O., and found good records had been kept; but <del>found</del> apparently several of my replies had not so far reached him. Inspected Camp, found same in very good order, clean, and sanitary arrangements well looked after. Made arrangements with O.C's 1st &amp; 2nd Aust.S.B.A.C's to loan 700 francs from Regimental Funds, for the purpose of purchasing and carrying on a Canteen now with the 1st Aust.S.B.A.C. This to be a joint Canteen for the time being, and to become A.A.S.C. Brigade Canteen when the Headquarters A.S.C. Brigade eventually become Australian.</p> <p>Major Shirlaw, O.C., 1st Aust.M.T.Coy., came to see me in reference to several matters, including Reinforcements, Promotions, etc.</p> <p>Arranged to bring back No 15335 Pte C.B.Carter, who had been employed in Orderly Room with Major Goddard, to relieve Pte Oliffe who has gone to Hospital. I then took Major Goddard to Hospital, 2nd Aust.C.C.S., Blandecques. Then visited D.D. of S &amp; T., II Army, who arranged to communicate with D of T. in reference to the Imperial Personnel mentioned in my letter - Appendix No. 6.</p>	<p>APPENDIX 6</p>

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BERTANGLES.	23/5/18.	(Continued.)	<p>and for them to remain 14 days. Lunched with General Wilson, D.D. of S &amp; T, Second Army, and left at 2.30 p.m. for Fauquemberges where I inspected the Press, and arranged for the Staff Sergeant in Charge to spend 10 franc a week in vegetables, this to come from Regimental Funds; but all receipts must be obtained and kept. Left Fauquemberges at 4 p.m. and arranged at Corps Headquarters at 6.15 p.m.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. Very windy, and a big drop in temperature.</p>	
BERTANGLES	24/5/18.		<p>Major A. Wynyard-Joss, O.C., 2nd Aust.M.T.Coy., called on D.M.T.S. in reference to C.Q.M.S. King.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Dull, misty rain. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	25/5/18.		<p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	26/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited the Workshops of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Aust.M.T.Coys., also the Headquarters of the 5th and 6th Aust.M.T.Coys - referred to the advisability of keeping Workshops away from the Forward Areas.</p> <p>Major A.Wynyard-Joss, O.C., 2nd Aust.M.T.Coy called on D.M.T.S.</p> <p>The exchange of two N.C.O's was arranged with the A.M.T.S., U.K. The undermentioned were selected and instructions sent out accordingly for them to report to A.I.F. Depots in U.K., as soon as possible.</p> <p>No 1568 Sgt. H.L.Bennett, 2nd Aust.M.T.Coy.  No 2071, Cpl Mitchell, F.J.4th Aust.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Notification received that the N.C.O's from U.K. had left on the 17th instant.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	26/5/18.		(Continued) Weather - Fine.	
BERTANGLES.	27/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. interviewed Major-General C.B.B.White, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., in reference to "Aussie" funds and the necessity of allowing them to accumulate sufficiently, so as in the case of fire, or being bombed, there would be sufficient money to replace plant, etc. General White agreed that "Aussie" funds should not be used for other than "Aussie" purposes until such time as £1000 had accumulated. Plant and stock now valued at £1400.</p> <p>Wire received from O.C., 2nd Aust. S.B.A.C. stating that Lieut. F.S. Sephton, O.C., 1st Aust S.B.A.C. had been evacuated to the Base.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	28/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. purchased a typewriter for "Aussie" from Corporal Stott, 2nd Aust. M.T.C. Price £12.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. called on D.A.G. in reference to C.Q.M.S. King, 5th Aust. M.T. Coy, and other matters.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
BERTANGLES	29/5/18.		<p>D.M.T.S. dined with Corps Commander, who expressed a wish that before leaving in the morning, he would like to see the Officers Commanding the Aust. M.T. Coys between 9.30 and 10 a.m. at this Office.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. wrote to D.A.G., A.I.F. asking for a ruling in reference to signs for vehicles, pointing out that in 1916, the "Rising Sun" with the numeral of the Company had been adopted for all Australian vehicles, until Second Army issued instructions that all signs were to be painted out. Since then there has been a tendency to adopt various Company signs.</p> <p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>MWT.</i></p>	

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BERTANGLES	30/5/18.		<p>As mentioned in entry of yesterday, Major J. Hamilton and Lieut. Maplestone, C.O. and Adjutant, Australian Corps M.T. Column, Major N. McD. Lyons, O.C., 3rd Aust. M.T. Coy., Major A. Wynyard-Joss, O.C., 2nd Aust. M.T. Coy., Major E. T. Searle, O.C., 4th Aust. M.T. Coy., and Major A. H. James, O.C., 5th Aust. M.T. Coy., Major E. G. Fordyce, O.C. 6th Aust. M.T. Coy. (Corps Troops), also Major Goldsmith and Captain Collins, C.O., and Adjutant, "K" Siege Park were present to meet Corps Commander at 10 a.m. Corps Commander, after speaking individually to each Officer, went through the Office, spoke and shook hands with the Staff.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. spoke to D.A.G. on the phone in reference to repostings.</p> <p>Instructions issued to O.C., 5th Aust. M.T. Coy., to detail Lieut. O. T. Robertson to be in readiness to accompany D.M.T.S., North, who is leaving this Office at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning, 31st instant. Lieut. Robertson will take over command of the 1st Aust. S.B.A.C.</p> <p>Wire received from Major A. W. Harvey, C.I.M.T., A.I.F., stating had completed inspection of vehicles of 1st &amp; 2nd A.S.B.A.C.'s, 1st Aust. M.T. Coy., and 12th A.B.A.F.A.P.S., also giving the map location of 2nd A.S.B.A.C. as Sheet 5A - B4 Central. See Appendix No. 7. List of re-postings forwarded to D.A.G., A.I.F.</p> <p>Weather - Fine. <i>HWI</i></p>	APPENDIX 7																		
BERTANGLES	31/5/18.		<p>Under authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 36/14/2 dated 29.5.18, approval is given for the undermentioned to be appointed 2nd Lieutenants in the A.A.S.C., M.T. dated 1st June 1918.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>AM 11196 M.S.S.</td> <td>A.K. Lock,</td> <td>3rd Aust. M.T. Coy.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 7643 M.S.M.</td> <td>J.G. Alston</td> <td>Aust. Corps M.T. Col.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 13383 Sergt.</td> <td>E.V. Harders</td> <td>5th Aust. M.T. Coy.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 1825 Sergt.</td> <td>A.E. Burton</td> <td>S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 2935 CQMS.</td> <td>W.H. McNamara</td> <td>Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 13127 R.S.M.</td> <td>R.B. Sharwood</td> <td>4th Aust. M.T. Coy.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Instructions issued accordingly.</p> <p>Under authority D.A.G., A.I.F. 45/23/82 dated 29.5.18, approval was granted for No 9976 Sergt. W. Longworth, 4th Aust. M.T. Coy to be 2nd Lieut. as from 2nd June 1918, and is posted to 6th Aust. M.T. Coy. (Corps Troops) as Supply Officer - Supernumery.</p>	AM 11196 M.S.S.	A.K. Lock,	3rd Aust. M.T. Coy.	" 7643 M.S.M.	J.G. Alston	Aust. Corps M.T. Col.	" 13383 Sergt.	E.V. Harders	5th Aust. M.T. Coy.	" 1825 Sergt.	A.E. Burton	S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.	" 2935 CQMS.	W.H. McNamara	Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	" 13127 R.S.M.	R.B. Sharwood	4th Aust. M.T. Coy.	
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BERTANGLES	31/5/18.	(Continued)	<p>See Appendix No. 8. Report from N.C.O. in charge of A.I.F. Printing Section of work done for month of May.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. accompanied by Lieut: O.T. Robertson, who is to take over Command of 1st Aust: S.B.A.C., left for the North. Visited A.I.F. Printing Section at FAUQUEMBERGUES en-route, and left money with Lieut: P.L. Harris for payment of the Staff. Went to 1st and 2nd Aust: S.B.A.C's at LUMBRES, and left Lieut: Robertson, visited O/C A.S.C. 36th Brigade. Then went on to 1st Aust: M.T. Company and found Major G.R. Shirlaw. O.C. and Lieut: Hoyles were in bed with epidemic at present prevalent in these parts, also Lieut: Noall Officer i/c 12th A.B.A.F.A. Park Section. Called on Colonel Harvey S.M.T.O., 15th Corps and arranged to accompany him next day, for the purpose of viewing the distribution of Petrol from bulk. Camped the night with 1st Aust: M.T. Company.</p> <p>During the month the following amounts were paid from D.M.T.S., Imprest Account No, Misc A/79</p> <table data-bbox="839 1078 2393 1169"> <tr> <td>Officer Commanding, 6th Aust: M.T. Coy. (Corps Troops)</td> <td>15. francs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-do- -do- -do-</td> <td>75. francs.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Balance in hand. 260. 50. Francs.</p> <p>Weather :- Fine.</p> <div data-bbox="2051 1441 2548 1572" style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>W. J. ...</i> Colonel. D.M.T.S., A.I.F., (Aust. Corps).</p> </div>	Officer Commanding, 6th Aust: M.T. Coy. (Corps Troops)	15. francs	-do- -do- -do-	75. francs.	APPENDIX 8.
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D. M. T. S., A. I. F.

FOR

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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✓ 3.	File re Sergeant's Mess, No. 3. CampPARKHOUSE.
✓ 4.	File reference to method of dealing with the rating of M.T.Drivers etc, as adopted by A.I.F.Admin: H'Qrs.
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✓ 6.	Letter from D.M.T.S., in answer to above.
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✓ 8.	Report of work done by A.I.F.Printing Section for month of May, 1918.





D.A.A.G.,  
Australian Section,  
3rd Echelon.

Reference your AUS./B.137219 dated 28-4-18.

Para 1. You state no Part II Orders were issued on 16/4/18 for 2nd and 4th M.T. Companies, but you issued Part II Orders for 4th Aust. Div. Supply Column, which states....."ceases to be attached from Corps Reinforcement Depot on marching out to 4th Aust. Div. M.T.Coy"..... As you state "...ceases to be attached from Corps Reinforcement Depot..." I took it you meant them to be put on the strength of 4th M.T. Company, but in the light of your present letter, presumably you meant ".....ceases to be attached to 4th A.D.S.C. and attached to 4th Aust. M.T. Company". The numbers referred to are 147 to 160 inclusive and again on 5th A.D.S.C Part II Orders 103 to 109 inclusive.

This, probably, is a misunderstanding, owing to the wording.

Your Para 2. I stated in my last letter, I did not mind which Unit they were sent to, either the Corps Troops M.T. Company or Corps Reinforcement Depot, but if they are sent to Corps Troops M.T. Company there is a considerable saving of transport.

Your Para.3, I do not understand. The reinforcements certainly were not sent from Base to Corps Troops M.T. Company, but from Reinforcement Depot to Corps Troops M.T.Coy - a totally different thing. You had already sent men to the Reinforcement Depot, or you could not have ordered them from there to Corps Troops M.T. Company.

Will you please state what instructions I have refused to comply with. If you refer to the sending of men from the Reinforcement Depot to various Units, this, in the first place, was not an instruction to me but to the O.C., Reinforcement Depot. He could not comply, because there were no men there at the time and the vacancies had already been filled, besides which, you instructed 3 Sergeants to be sent to Corps Troops M.T. Company from Reinforcement Depot, but no Sergeants had been sent up.

Your Para.5. I have done everything I could to work in with your Office and to save trouble. I wrote each time, asking that certain men might be posted to certain Units, and had that been complied with and men only posted to Units on receipt of my request, there would have been no confusion.

Your Para.6. Re-classifications must go on all the time, as men do learn to drive, etc., or improve themselves, while here, and if they qualify, they have a right to be re-classified. *(if)*

With regard to first posting. As I stated before, I understand what system is to pertain, I am satisfied, because if the posting does not suit, the man will be transferred.

Your Para.7. I quite realize that the M.T. is not the only Service that requires special consideration. I also know that in England, the Australian M.T. reinforcements have no chance of training in their special work at all, and I also know that the classification of men at the Base in France is not to be relied upon. I therefore have to test and re-classify here.

Your Para.8. I enclose a Weekly Summary of Personnel which will show how the Units stand to-day.

There are a total of 72 men surplus, but, of these, 29 are detached with Caterpillar Park in training and will be transferred to 1st and 2nd S.B.A.C's as soon as instructions are received from G.H.Q. for the Australian personnel to take over from British. This would have been done before now, but for the strenuous operations where these Units are. *This makes a total of 43 Surplus men, not including B' Cat.*

Your Para.9. There was never any difficulty until the 50 men were sent to Reinforcement Depot on 11/2/18, followed by the 37 on 23/2/18 and following lots. Up to that time, there had been no friction at all as far as I know and I certainly have always given your Office every assistance in my power.

Your Para.10. As I have already stated and as you no doubt know, there is no Australian organization, either in England or France for training and testing M.T. personnel.

Your Para. 11 is noted. I am sending copies to D.A.G., A.I.F.

1st May, 1918.

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

*W. M. Bridges*  
Colonel,

D.M.T.S. A.I.F.  
Australian Corps.  
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I am directed to reply to your B/32 of 24/4/18  
as follows:-

1. No Part II Orders were issued on 16/4/18 for the 2nd and 4th M.T. Companies; if any of the reinforcements specified in your B/32 of 29/3/18 for 1st and 2nd Australian Siege Battery Ammunition Columns were put on the strength of the above Companies, it was done as being shewn by Units on B.213 probably under your approval, and not under the direction of this Office. Could you please give the names of the "several men" mentioned and quote the authority for their transfer?
2. As already stated, there is no objection to reinforcements being sent to the Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Company for you to distribute to Units within the Corps according to ~~their~~ then needs. What do you desire in addition to this?
3. The system of allotting reinforcements to the Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Company for distribution to other Units by S.M.T.O. was practically continued by this Office (with interruptions owing to re-organisations of M.T. Units) until receipt of your telegram A.72 of 7/4/18 demanding an explanation for its continuance. You had either overlooked this arrangement or were working on some other system for which approval had not been conveyed to this Office. In addition, you would not reply to instructions sent from this Office and forwarded to you through the O.C., Corps Reinforcement Depot.
4. Is it necessary to explain that it was very well known to this Office that the M.T. Reinforcements were not actually in the Reinforcements Camp but were attached to Units?
5. Our instructions to the Reinforcement Camp were that all M.T. reinforcements should be placed at your disposal but that permanent postings should be done under authority from this Office. This was in accordance with the Adjutant General's instructions and practically gave you full control over allotments, had you desired to work in with this Office in the matter.
6. As reinforcements were posted by this Office by numbers and not by individual names, it is thought that you would have little difficulty in making any adjustments required for your purposes. In any case whatever system you may ~~evolve~~ will hardly give this Office or Units any more work than you are giving at present by your system of reclassifications, etc., and consequent inter-unit transfers, and to suggest that this Office is responsible for the transfers effected by you, is not quite fair.
7. The approved system of reinforcing particularly and specially provides for the tradesmen, etc., of M.T. Units. You will readily agree that the M.T. Service is not the only Arm which requires special consideration, and that whilst the specialists of these Arms must be assisted in every way, regard must be had to every point of view of the system.
8. The matter of Australian M.T. Units carrying a large number of surplus personnel is one which must be considered by the Authorities concerned, and approval or otherwise for this system definitely given. Would you, therefore, kindly forward a statement shewing figures of personnel by trades held surplus to establishment for comparison with the figures available in this Office.

(P. T. O).

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9. It is thought you will admit that this Office has at all times rendered the utmost assistance, and used all available machinery at its disposal, in the allotment of M.T. reinforcements to Units as desired by you. Have you any definite instances where the allotment of individuals as arranged by you has been interfered with by this Office?

10. Your statements that organisations existing in England and in France are not capable of doing the work of testing &c., and that such work can be done ~~by you~~ efficiently by you only, is noted, but it is remarked that it does not appear to be the best and most economical system for Units in the Field to be burdened with the whole of the above duties so long as the organisations for carrying them out are in **existence**, and it would appear that Units in the Field are thereby being burdened **with** more clerical and other work than they should be called upon to perform.

11. I am to add that this matter has again been submitted to the Adjutant General by the D.A.G.

(Signed) J. W. DONNELLY, Major,  
D. A. A. G.  
Australian Section.

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Appendix No 2



The D. of T.,  
G. H. Q.

I wired you on the 18/4/18 as follows:-

"Australian personnel for 1st and 2nd Australian S.B.A.C. now ready to take over aaa Wire received from Major Goddard, Australian, states he has been given temporary command 36th Brigade aaa"

to which, I received from you on 19/4/18, the following:-

"Noted aaa Where are Australian personnel for the two Ammn. Columns located aaa Wire particulars and Q.M.G. will be asked to issue instructions.

On the same day, I wired you as follows:-

"Australian personnel with "E" Siege Park aaa Propose visiting them to-morrow aaa"

The Australian personnel for the two Siege Brigade Columns were in training at the Corps Reinforcement Camp until the Australian Corps moved South, when they were left with S.M.T.O., IX Corps, and a number were sent to "E" Siege Park Caterpillar Park, for training with those vehicles, the S.M.T.O. IX Corps promising to let me know when they were fit to take over.

Major Goddard, D.S.O., an Australian M.T. Officer, was left in charge.

Before wiring you, I had received word from Major Goddard that men and Officers were ready and fit to take over. I have since had the following wire from S.M.T.O. IX Corps:-

"Aust. personnel with "E" Siege Park now considered qualified to take over when higher authorities think fit aaa"

The Caterpillar Drivers have been with the Caterpillar Section of "E" Siege Park for several weeks and several of the lorry drivers have also been assisting the S.B. Columns on the lorries.

The Officers and men, therefore, I consider, are now quite capable of taking over whenever you consider the time propitious

If you will let me know when it is considered advisable to effect the exchange, I will go up and make the necessary arrangements with the Australian Officers and personnel and check the vehicles taken over on behalf of the Australian Government.

Major Goddard was given temporary command of 36th Brigade A.S.C., but shortly after, Captain Lovegrove resumed command and Major Goddard was temporarily appointed O.C., "E" Siege Park Reserve Vehicle Pool, which duty, I understand, he is still doing.

2nd May, 1918.

D.M.T.S.

A.I.F.

*H. W. Umbrell*  
Colonel,



Appendix No 3.



Officer Commanding,  
 Aust. Corps N.F. Column.  
 1st Aust. N.F. Company.  
 2nd -do-  
 3rd -do-  
 4th -do-  
 5th -do- (Corps Troops).

Major G.J. Goddard, D.F.C.

The attached file in connection with 'sergeants' Mess, No. 3 Camp, Perithouse, is forwarded for your information and compliance.

The unit on whose strength this personnel is now borne, is shown opposite each name.

You will have the amount collected by debiting the sum of £2:0:41 in their respective paybooks.

On completion, please forward to this office a Nominal Roll, with a certificate stating that:-

"No..... Sergt/or ..... has been debited with £2:0:41 in his paybook".

If any of this personnel are not now with the units stated, please send full particulars as to their location.

*W. T. ...*

19th May, 1918.

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

Colonel,

COPYAUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

D.A.G., A.I.F., 4/98.

D.N.T.S., A.I.F.Headquarters, A.I.F.,  
Attached Australian Corps  
17th May, 1918.

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With reference to your B/38 of 25-12-17 attached herewith are copies of schedules prepared by Court of Inquiry held to inquire into and express an opinion upon the affairs of the Sergeants Mess No 3. Camp, Parkhouse from 31-8-17 until August 1917, showing :-

- A. Proportion of net liability due by Units by periods;
- B. Nominal Roll of members of the Mess by Units, who are responsible for their pro rata proportion of the Unit's liability.

For your information it may be stated that the lists of members were supplied to the Court by the representatives of the various units concerned who gave evidence before the Court of Inquiry and that the representatives accepted the allocation of liabilities on behalf of their Units.

It will be noted that the amount due by each individual to the funds of the Mess is £3.0.4.

Will you please inform those concerned shown on lists for No 3. A.A.S.P., No. 2 A.D.S.G., "K" Supply Column, No 3. A.D.S.G. and No. 4 A.D.S.G. and arrange for the amount of £3.0.4. to be debited in their pay-books, and for this Office to be advised on completion of such action. Also inform this Office without delay of all cases in which the personnel concerned are not now under your command in order that future action may be taken for the collection of the amounts due by them.

It is asked that this matter receive early attention.

(Sgd) H.D. WINTER, Lieut-Colonel for Colonel  
D. A. G., A. I. F.

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LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE FORCE FOR  
THEIR PRO RATA PROPORTION OF THE UNITED LIA-  
BILITY AT DATE OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

No. 5 A.I.S.F.

No.	Rank.	Name.	June 1-30.	June 30-30.	July.	August.
13381	W.O.	Murray, F.A.R.	June 1-30.			Now with- (100prs., Aust. I.B.A.C's)
13382	C.P.R.	Bergent, G.	"			(4th Aust. M.T. Coy).
13383	W.O.	Richardson, A.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy (Corps Troops).
13384	C.P.R.	Rogers, T.B.	"			(4th Aust. M.T. Coy).
13385	Cpt.	Lance, W.H.	"			(Held to Australia 8/11/17).
13386	"	Jordan, E.L.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy).
13387	" (now M.S.S.)	Lamb, R.	"			(1st Aust. M.T. Coy).
13388	"	Philp, S.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy).
13387	"	Vandenham, D.L.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy).
13383	"	Harkers, E.V.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy)
13383	A/Sgt. (now Cpl)	Creer, H.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy).
-	" (now Driver)	Rassoni, F.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy).
13385	I/P.S.	Burford, H.	"			(5th Aust. M.T. Coy).

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LIST OF MEMBERS OF UNIT WHO FOR THE  
THEIR PRO-RATA PROPORTION OF THE UNIT'S  
LIABILITY AT DATE OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

No. 8 A.D.S.C.

No.	Rank.	Name.	June 1-30.	June 31-30.	July.	August.
13128	S.O.	Baxter, W.D.	June 1-30.			(2nd Aust. H.T. Coy).
13129	C.S.M.	Everett, P.S.	"			(1st Aust. H.T. Coy).
13130	C.M.S.	Robinson, G.J.	"			(1st Aust. H.T. Coy).
13131	Sgt.	Irwin, A.C.	"			(2nd Aust. H.T. Coy).
13132	H.S.S.	Francis, E.E.	"			(2nd Aust. H.T. Coy).
13098	Sgt.	Francis, H.J.	"			(2nd Aust. H.T. Coy).
13099	"	Hooking, R.P.	"	} Hospital.		
13090	"	Collier, T.J.	"			
13150	A/gt.	Mills, E.S.	"			(2nd Aust. S.B.S.C).
13157	S.O.	Sherwood, H.	"			(4th Aust. H.T. Coy).
-	Driver Major)	Burrows, J. (now Driver)	"			(2nd Aust. H.T. Coy).





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LIST OF MEMBERS OF UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THEIR PRO RATA PROPORTION OF THE UNITS  
LIABILITY AS DATES OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

"K" Supply Column.

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June 1-30.    June 31-30.    July.    August.

W. G. Vickery

June 1-30

(C.S.T.C.)

A/cgt. Allison.

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LIST OF MEMBERS OF UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR  
PRO RATA PROPORTION OF THE UNITS LIABILITY,  
AT DATE OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

No. 5 A.D.S.C.

No.	Rank.	Name.	June 1-30.	June 31-30.	July.	August.
13000	W.O.	Hillar, F.D.	June 1-30.		Now with:- (5th Aust. H.T. Coy).	
13002	C.P.M.	Dome, F.B. (now Lieut)	"		(2nd Aust. C.S.A.C.)	
13009	C.P.M.	Lorio, P.J.	"		(2nd Aust. C.S.A.C.)	
13181	Sgt.	Brumhill, H.J.	"		(5th Aust. H.T. Coy).	
13008	"	Heaver, F.C.	"		(5th Aust. H.T. Coy).	
13007	"	Gregory, C. (now H.S.S.)	"		(5th Aust. H.T. Coy).	
13309	"	Robinson, R.	"		(5th Aust. H.T. Coy).	
13318	"	Runge, C.H.	"		(5th Aust. H.T. Coy).	
	A/Cpt.	Spooey, -	"		(5th Aust. H.T. Coy attd 6th A. Husb)	

No. 4 A.D.S.C.

No.	Rank.	Name.	June 1-30.	June 31-30.	July.	August.
	Sergt.	Wedgewood, J.	June 1-30.		Now with:- 6th Aust. H.T. Coy.	
13047	"	Hodson, B.V.	"		6th Aust. H.T. Coy.	

STATEMENT SHOWING PROPORTION OF NET LIABILITY DUE BY UNITS BY PERIOD.

U N I T.	June 1 - 20.			June 21 - 30.			July.			August.			T O T A L.		
	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
No. 5 A.A.S.P.	26	4	4										26	4	4
No. 5 A.D.S.C.	22	5	0										22	5	0
"E" Supply Column.	4	0	0										4	0	0
No. 5 A.D.S.C.	18	3	0										18	3	0
16th Field Coy. Engrs.	13	2	2		4	0	45	17	4	57	12	0	68	15	6
17th " " "	23	3	10	13	4	4	5	14	0				40	2	11
Divisional Signallers.	4	0	0	10	3	4	22	13	4	17	5	0	60	2	4
No. 6 A.D.S.C.	4	0	0										4	0	0
Unknown (Sandstone House (G.S.S. Engrs). (Sgt. Stephens).	1	10	4										1	10	4
				1	0	4.	2	15	10	1	12	0	5	0	0
				1	0	4.	2	15	11	1	12	0	5	0	0
	211	12	4.	225	12	4.	223	17	8	243	2	0	2974	0	14

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In reply please quote.  
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Admin. Hd.Qrs., A.I.F.  
London, S.W.1.  
10-5-18.

A.A.G., Aust. Sectn.,  
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q.,  
FRANCE.

Re M.T. Drivers.

1. With reference to our previous correspondence on the above-mentioned subject, it has been decided as desired by you, to investigate in this office the claims of all men to the appointment of M.T. Driver.

2. Procedure. Careful investigation has been made of the cases on hand and the following arrangement is considered the most satisfactory way of dealing with the question.

Each case to be investigated separately and all particulars available to be inserted on a case sheet, including reports from Attestation Paper, Army Form B. 103, Pay Ledger Card, Old Paybook and correspondence files. If sufficient information is then available decision will be made as to rank to which entitled and date.

If the soldier concerned is B.E.F., it is proposed to forward copy of the Case Sheet together with ruling, to your Office for endorsement on A.F. B.103 and publication in Part II Orders, B.E.F.

This course is considered necessary because it would appear that in several cases the date taken on strength of A.A.S.C. M.T. has already been fixed by your Office and also in some cases the date of appointment to M.T. Driver has already been published by you.

The case Sheets being forwarded to you will enable you to make any necessary adjustments to prior Orders issued. It is asked that after publication in Part II Orders particulars of the entry as published and D.O. number be forwarded to this Office,

On receipt of such D.O. Number the Chief Paymaster will be advised by this Office of particulars of the ruling and will then amend his Pay Ledger cards and forward notification to Unit in the Field to have necessary amendment made in Soldier's pay book. For Soldiers at present in U.K., ruling will of course be entered on A.F. B. 103 and published in Daily Orders in this Office and Chief Paymaster immediately advised of particulars.

When publishing in Part II Orders particulars of the ruling, it is suggested that a paragraph be inserted stating that entries referring to Soldier subsequent to date of appointment to M.T. Driver are amended accordingly. This course would obviate a considerable number of corrigenda entries.

3. Policy.

A. A.M.T.S. This Unit was established in Egypt on 1st. October 1915, with the object of bringing under one central control all motor ambulances and other services connected therewith.

The personnel of this Unit was made up of -

- (a) Drivers of Reinforcements of 300th and 301st Motor Transport (8th and 9th A.A.S.C.)
- (b) Cleaners of above.
- (c) Drivers of Motor Ambulances attached to the various Australian Hospitals and Light Horse Field Ambulances and reinforcements of these Units.
- (d) Privates from Infantry and other Regiments.

Upon joining the new Unit the paybooks of the men concerned shewed varied rates of pay. Those ~~shew~~ in

- (a) shewed 8/- per day
- (b) and (d) 6/- per day.
- (c) 6/- and 8/- per day.

In most cases certificates are available from the O.C., A.M.T.S., shewing the dates these men were appointed as Motor Drivers.

B. A.M.C. MOTOR DRIVERS.

(1) Motor Ambulance Drivers who left with Australian General Hospitals, or with reinforcements for those Units

Motor Drivers of Ambulances left Australia as Motor Drivers at the rate of 8/- per day in the case of those embarked by all States except Victoria and New South Wales where pay was only allowed at the rate of 6/- per day and the men embarked as Privates although in charge of Motor Ambulances. These men in the great majority of cases were attached to the Australian General Hospitals in Egypt driving Motor Ambulances, and on the formation of the A.M.T.S. on 1/10/15 were transferred to that Unit. On satisfactory evidence being produced these men have been rated as Drivers (M.T.) at 8/- per day as from embarkation.

(2) ~~xxxxx~~ Reinforcements Motor Drivers of Field Ambulances

In certain cases Motor Drivers were sent forward with Field Ambulances UNITS with rate of pay as laid down for A.M.C. Motor Drivers in para B.(1). These men also have been rated as M.T. Drivers as from embarkation on satisfactory evidence being available.

Cases have occurred of Horse Drivers Or Privates transferring to motor ambulance work after disembarkation and in such cases the men have graded as M.T. Drivers as from date of such appointment

(3) A.S.C. Reinforcements.

Many Drivers have embarked from Australia as M.T. Drivers with rate of 8/- per day as reinforcements for the A.A.S.C. (M.T.), in those days the 8th and 9th A.A.S.C. Others however, although motor driving in camp in Australia embarked as Privates and Cleaners with pay of 6/- per day, and would appear to have been informed that they would be entitled to the 8/- per day as soon as they joined their Units. In a number of these cases dealt with so far the men concerned on arrival in Egypt were attached to the Base M.T. Depot, Mustapha, where they performed general duties, but did not perform the duties of M.T. Drivers. they were later drafted to France and after a short period at the B.M.T.D Rouen, were drafted to the 1st and 4th A.A.S.P. and were then graded as M.T. Drivers. In any cases submitted in of this nature it has been ruled that the men are only entitled to the appointment and pay of M.T. Driver as from date appointed M.T. Driver in the 1st and 4th A.A.S.P.

Other reinforcements to the 8th and 9th A.A.S.C. on arrival in Egypt joined the A.M.T.S. and were appointed Motor Drivers in that Unit. In such cases the men have been graded as M.T. Drivers as from the date of appointment to Drivers in that Unit.

In cases considered necessary soldiers have been asked to produce certificates of duties performed in order to assist in a decision being arrived at.

(4) Many cases have now been dealt with on the lines set out above (vide specimen copies attached) and as soon as your concurrence is received to the method of procedure proposed in para 2. the Case Sheets of the men B.E.F. will be forwarded you for necessary action.

(Sgd) T. GRIFFITHS.  
Brigadier-General.  
Commandant.



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D.M.T.S., A.I.F., B/40.

G.H.Q. 3rd ECHELON. B.E.F.  
AUSTRALIAN SECTION.  
15th May, 1918.

Com

D.A.G., A.I.F.  
Att'd Headquarters,  
Australian Corps,  
B. E. F.

Re M.T. Drivers.

With reference to Administrative Headquarters No. F.1429/9/9 of 29-11-17, setting out the proposed method of dealing with the reinstatement etc, of Drivers, Shoeing-smiths and Farriers, and your letter to Administrative Headquarters approving, enclosed herewith is a copy of letter from Administrative Headquarters to this Office (Ar/4335/13/3 of 10-5-18), setting out proposed method of dealing with personnel of the A.I.F. who have either :-

- (1) Left Australia as M.T. Drivers.
- (2) Since been appointed to such rank.
- (3) Being doing the duties of M.T. Drivers and for whom there are no records of a definite appointment.

Owing to the numerous difficulties in connection with the deciding of these cases, the fact that individual rulings would be unsatisfactory, and also that London Office has fuller records at its immediate disposal, this Office suggested that Administrative Headquarters Reconciliation Promotions Branch should deal with and make a decision in each case. After due consideration and correspondence on the matter the attached is the outcome of the suggestion.

May the proposed ~~the~~ scheme be submitted to the D.M.T.S., A.I.F. for any comments or suggestions thereon, and may your approval or otherwise thereto be advised this Office please.

15/5/18.

(Sgd) Cyril T. GRIFFITHS. Lt-Col,  
A. A. G.

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

Referred for any remarks.

20/5/18.

(sgd) H.D. WYNTER. Lieut-Colonel,  
A. A. G., A. I. F.



D. A. G., A. I. F.

I consider the plan proposed an excellent idea, and embodies everything required, besides which will be of a very great assistance.

21st May. 1918.

(Sgd) W.H. TUNBRIDGE. Colonel,  
D. M. T. S., A. I. F.

A P P E N D I X NO 5 .

War Diary Copy.  
-----O.C.,  
36th (Aust.) Brigade A.S.C.,

Reference the taking over of the 1st and 2nd  
Australian Siege Battery Caterpillars by Australian Personnel.

In my opinion the Australian Caterpillar Drivers  
attached to this Brigade need further training and I suggest  
that for the present, the following remain with the Unit for  
the purpose of training:-

Lieut. Chubb	2nd	A.S.B.A.C.(imp).
Sgt. Talmey	2nd	"
Denton	1st	"
1st Drivers on each Caterpillar (12 drivers).		

sgd. R.W.LOVEGROVE, Capt. A.S.C.  
O.C. A.S.C. att. 36th Brigade  
R.G.A.

22.5.18.

(2).

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

Forwarded for your consideration please.

sgd. P.DOBSON, Lt R.A.A. for LtCol  
Commanding 36th (Aust.) Bde R.G.A.

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22.5.18.

APPENDIX NO 6.  
War Diary Copy.



22/5/18.

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O/C.,  
A.S.C., 36th Aust. Brigade, R.G.A.,

In view of your letter to O/C., 36th  
Brigade, please retain the personnel mentioned in your letter  
until you get further word from Army.

I will see D.D. of S & T on my way through tomorrow  
and arrange if possible to have them left until the  
Australian Drivers are considered quite fit.

sgd. W.H. TUNBRIDGE, Colonel,  
D.M.T.S., A.I.F.







Appendix No 7

D.A.G.,  
A.I.F.  
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May the following re-postings be made please?

- 2nd Lieut. A.E. Burton to 1st Aust. M.T. Coy.  
Vice Lieut S.W. Johnson to Hospital.
- 2nd Lieut. R.B. Sharwood to 2nd Aust. M.T. Coy.  
Vice Lieut. W.D. Davie to Australia.
- 2nd Lieut. A.K. Lock to 3rd Australian M.T. Coy.  
Vice Lieut. L.A. Dowson to Aust. G.B.D.
- 2nd Lieut. J.G. Alston to 5th Aust. M.T. Coy.  
Vice Lieut. O.T. Robertson to 1st Aust. S.B.A. Col.
- 2nd Lieut. E.V. Harders to 5th Aust. M.T. Coy.  
Vice Lieut. K.O. Forrer to A.M.T.S., England.
- Lieut. H.H. Bird to be Workshop Officer, 6th Aust. M.T.C. (Corps Troops)  
Vice Capt. L.R. Bradbury to Hospital, (England).
- 2nd Lieut. W.H. McNamara to 6th Aust. M.T. COY., (Corps Troops).  
Vice Lieut. H.H. Bird to be Workshop Officer.
- Lieut. O.T. Robertson from 5th Aust. M.T. Coy to be Officer i/c  
1st Australian S.B.A.C.,  
Vice Lieut. F.S. Sephton to Base.
- Lieut. T.H. Richards from A.M.T.S., England to 1st Aust. S.B.A.C.,  
Vice Lieut. L. Prichard to Hospital.
- Lieut. L. Prichard from Hospital to be Temporary Demands Officer,  
Australian Corps M.T. Column,  
Vice Capt. C.W.J. Isles, wounded.
- Lieut. K.O. Forrer from Hospital to be Workshop Officer, A.M.T.S.,  
England vice Lieut T.H. Richards to 1st Aust. S.B.A.C.

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30 MAY 1918

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

Colonel.

REPORT OF A. I. F. PRINTING SECTION FOR MONTH OF MAY. 1918

During the month two jobs that had been held in abeyance for some time were completed and sent out, namely:- Instructions for Demanding M.T. Spares (28 pages and cover-18,000 impressions.), and Stores System of the Advanced Mechanical Transport (25 pages f'cap and cover.

53,000 "AUSSIES" No.4 were published and despatched, the complete issue, including folding, was done by the A.I.F. Printing Section Staff.

During the month two Bombs were dropped close to the premises occupied by the Press, but beyond breaking all windows, no damage was done.

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No Printed.	Description of Work	For Whom.
850.	Operations Diary.	D.A.A.G. 5th Aust. Div.
350	Circular & Translation.	G.O.C., Aust. Corps.
650	Circular.	D.M.T.S.
1800	Availability Returns,	S.M.T.O.
730	Routine Orders No. 23.	"A" Branch, Aust. Corps.
1100	Lorry Details	S.M.T.O.
100	Circulation Slip.	"O" Branch, Aust. Corps.
250	Lewis Gun & Map.	Major Casey.
250	Duty Order.	3rd Aust. M.T. Coy.
250	Service Agricole.	Area Cmmdt. Thiembroome.
1200	Instructions for demanding Spares. (28 pages & Cover - 18,000).	No 1 Aust. M.T. Coy.
50	Recommendation for promotion. No 1.	S.M.T.O.
50	Recommendation for promotion. No 2.	S.M.T.O.
730	Routine Orders No. 24.	"A" Branch, Aust. Corps.
1500	Make & Type	Aust. Corps M.T. Col.
1100	Notices	"Aussie".
1100	Labels.	"Aussie".
550	Inter-office Minutes.	D.A. & Q.M.G.
-	Code Book (12 pages) Cancelled.	H.Q. Aust. Corps.
-	Map References. (Cancelled).	Typographical Section.
730	Routine Orders No. 25.	"A" Branch, Aust. Corps.
100	Sold to (4 Books). perforated.	Y.M.C.A.
730	Routine Orders No. 26.	"A" Branch, Australian Corps.
250	P.O. Delivery Slips.	D.A.D.P.S.
500	Unit Returns.	S.M.T.O. 3rd Corps ASC.
100	Notices <del>in carbon</del> . Carbon.	Mayor, Fauquemberges.
4000	Squadron Record Books.	3rd Squadron A.F.C.
730	Routine Orders No. 27.	"A" Branch, Aust. Corps.
200	Duty Orders	12th A.B.A.F.A.P.S.
250	Stores System (25 pages & Cover)	M.T. Base.
250	Detail Forms (4 books).	Am. Officer. A.C.M.T. Col.
53000	"Aussies".	"Aussie."

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