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| POPERINGHE | Oct 7 | | <p>a very heavy day with Mechanical Transport. Every available lorry was used during the day & the majority of these lorries were again called upon at night as it was necessary to unload two trains of ammunition and take it to the Oxford Road dump (East of Ypres). It was with extreme difficulty that this work was carried out owing to a heavy barrage being put on Oxford Road. 1 lorry was destroyed by enemy shell fire. The command of 170 lorries for this job was in charge of Major T. J. R. Langman n.c. O.C. Y. Supply Column.</p> | |
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| | | | was heavily bombed on the night of the 2 nd | |
| POPEYRINEH | OCT 3 | | | |
| | 15 Oct 8 | | The work during this period was very heavy. The percentage of material carried by rail was very small, the bulk of was carried by M.T. which consequently made the demands for transport very heavy. All lorries which could possibly be used were used. The approximate number of lorries used daily was 1,100. During the period of operations 28.9.17 - 18.10.17 the percentage of material carried by M.T. was 80% by rail 20% | |

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| POPERINGHE | OCT | 9-15 | <p>During this period the work of m.t. was not quite so strenuous as the amount of ammunition sent forward was not so great. The constant bad weather interfered with the operations & arrangements + operations were delayed. The town of Poperinghe was heavily bombed on the nights 10th 11th 12th but little damage of material importance was done.</p> | |
| POPERINGHE | 16-18. | | <p>Owing to a large increase R.E. material sent to forward roads all lanes were working. A special convey of lanes were working on the two main roads east of YPRES. The convey</p> | |

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| | | | <u>APPENDIX I</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | <p>During the period of operations the Sept 28. 17 - Oct 18. 17 the following loads were carried by M.T. vehicles of II Anzac Corps (1 load)</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Ammunition</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplies & Fuel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,360</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R & Stores</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,080</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Personnel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,260</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post</td> <td style="text-align: right;">210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,370</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">27,380</td> </tr> </table> <p>The largest number of loads carried on idlers was 1940 loads.</p> | Ammunition | 7,300 | Supplies & Fuel | 3,360 | R & Stores | 10,080 | Ordinance | 800 | Personnel | 1,260 | Post | 210 | Miscellaneous | 4,370 | | 27,380 | |
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