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Heilly	January 1 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Lt. Col. CUMMINGS from Fourth Army Q Branch calls ref. the omission of <u>XIV</u> Corps from Army Mechanical Transport scheme. It was arranged the Corps should remain out, but in case of emergency the AM.T.O. to be called upon to assist. These instructions were subsequently confirmed by letter Q.E. 1237 of 1/1/17. Demands for 30 lorries on stone work for LT. DIEN, French Officer at Bellevue and 78 lorries for <u>XIV</u> Corps stone work received and satisfied by detail of 30 + 50 lorries respectively all from <u>III</u> Corps - weather fine, some wind.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NWJ.</p>	
Heilly	2/1/17.		<p>Visited gravel pit to inspect metal for stanchions. Col. BARTON from <u>XV</u> Corps called and arranged to send his scheme for grouping his parks further forward to me today. <u>XV</u> Corps demanded 90 lorries for movement of troops and 20 for stone work - Reposition satisfied by detailing 26 lorries from <u>XIV</u> Corps, 64 lorries from 8<sup>th</sup> G.H.Q. Parks and 20 from <u>III</u> Corps. Lt. DIEN also provided with 30 lorries from <u>XIV</u> Corps. Weather fine, but cloudy with some wind. Slight rain later.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NWJ.</p>	
Heilly	3/1/17.		<p>Report received at 5 a.m. that business stone train several hours late. Standing detail of 20 lorries from <u>III</u> Corps suspended until report received later of arrival of train when lorries re-detailed. Col. STANTON of <u>II</u> Corps Ammunition Park called and discussed details of AM.T.O. scheme. Forward programmes for movement of troops in the <u>XV</u> Corps and if stone requirements in the <u>III</u> Corps were suggested to enable detailing to be economically worked out. <u>XIV</u> Corps sent LT. DIEN in <u>XV</u> Corps area</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NWJ.</p>	

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Heilly	3.1.17 (cont)		30 lorries for stone work. Army units provided 64 lorries for <u>XV</u> Corps for relief of troops at Maucapas. Weather - heavy wind, cloudy.	
Heilly	4.1.17.		Stone train again reported late at Buire, and similar arrangements made as yesterday for redetailing lorries for Albert. Officer i/c 64 lorries of the 8 <sup>th</sup> G. H. Q. Ammunition Park reported by telephone for duty and was instructed to carry out movement of troops later in the day. A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army telephoned that the French buses were not now available for transport of troops & he was informed of the arrangement already made for use of the 64 lorries. On receipt of warning of probable further movements tomorrow, Major Brigg O.C. 8 <sup>th</sup> G. H. Q. Am. Park was advised and arrangements made for the retention of his lorries in the forward area. A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army telephoned that <u>XV</u> Corps should first apply to Army when additional lorries required for emergencies, that Corps not being at present within the A.M.T. scheme. P.M. Army confirmed over the telephone that authority had been granted for stone & gravel lorries on the Saily Louche & Les Celestins Road to go against the arrows. Visited positions suggested by <u>XV</u> Corps for grouping of lorries in that area - later visited Fourth Army & D.D. & T. and discussed suggested sites for groupings, these were approved in principle and written recommendations were to be submitted to Fourth Army Q. Weather, wet dull & cloudy.	
Heilly	5.1.17		Conference with COL. BARTON. <u>XIV</u> Corps M.T. as to my taking over all details from tomorrow of <u>XIV</u> Corps. A permanent detail for stone work was arranged to be carried out by the 47 <sup>th</sup> Divisional Supply Column. Lt. Cpl. MANCHESTER M.P. No. 133512 joined the staff as an additional clerk, being attached from the <u>III</u> Corps. Fourth Army Q telephoned advising new movement of troops tomorrow in <u>XV</u> Corps area, that 45 Army buses would be provided and the balance should be made good by the requisition on A.M.T.O. 20 lorries were found sufficient for the stone work at Albert and permanent detail of 60 lorries per day was	

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Heilly	5.1.17 (cont)		reduced accordingly weather bright & sunny - some wind. WWT	
Heilly	6.1.17.		<p>Albert Stone train reported not to have arrived at 5 a.m. - and standing detail for same suspended. No stores arriving during the day, no lorries detailed and round-trip worked mileage slowed (approx. 300 miles). Two cases of misuse of transport reported on the part of R.S.O. Wphill and Camp Commandant, Moutaban - and the remarks forwarded them for explanation.</p> <p>COL. RUSSELL. III Corps M.T. called and discussed suggested sites for moving forward his parks. Visited positions around Albert, but those East of Albert appeared impracticable for the purpose. Sites West of Albert towards Mullencourt and on Albert-Aumies Road appeared suitable. Fourth Army Q telephoned advising of a movement of troops at Mawropas on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. for which 100 lorries would be required, the demand to have precedence over Stone or other demands (Q. 2303 + Q. 2314).</p> <p>IV Corps gave forward dates for movement of troops, 81 lorries being req<sup>d</sup> for the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. 45 Army buses would be provided and R.M.T.O. would provide the balance upon request of IV Corps. weather wet, windy &amp; cloudy - with slight frost later.</p>	
Heilly	7.1.17.		<p>Memorandum completed as to proposed groupings of parks in various Corps areas and submitted same to Fourth Army Q for approval. III Corps submitted request for transport of troops for tomorrow + the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. and after discussion with the 40<sup>th</sup> Division request submitted to Fourth Army Q who directed 32 lorries should be provided for tomorrow. Additional programme for 100 lorries required on 9<sup>th</sup> inst. for move of the Guards discussed with Guards Division, Fourth Army and IV Corps Q and transport arranged.</p> <p>Information received of rendezvous &amp; destination of lorries required tomorrow for the 40<sup>th</sup> Division and communicated same to III Corps who were supplying transport. weather, opened with frost, changed later to mild &amp; cloudy.</p> <p>Appendix No. 1 for return showing worked mileage or misuse of transport to date - show dealt with.</p>	No. 1.

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Heilly	8.1.17.		<p>Fourth Army Q sends programme of goods more tomorrow - Discussed same with Guards Division Q and XIV Corps Q, confirmed arrangements to provide transport. III Corps Roads Officer called and arranged with him for stone transport demand to be sent me in bulk and the lorries reporting at Lelland Station to be allotted to roads as required daily. Explanation given and regret expressed by R.S.O. to Lelland Station for omission of 10 lorries, this N.C.O. having been admonished. Similar explanation + regret expressed by Town Major of Montaban. III Corps telephoned requirements for transport of coal for the French inhabitants, 41 lorries being required to draw from Benay mines - a programme to be arranged for same later in the week. Weather wet + some wind, closed etc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HWI.</p>	
Heilly	9.1.17.		<p>Result communicated of report on misconduct of lorry driver at Amiens - the man being punished by stoppage of pay and steps taken to prevent recurrence. Report on light load received and explanation given showing urgent necessity for light transport facilities e.g. box cars. Called for report on locomotives, duties + periods of detachment of lorries detached from various Army units. III Corps Q telephoned as to coal programme for the French and it was arranged to start same on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. XVI Corps <sup>also</sup> M.T. informed they were short of 180 lorries for numerous demands, owing to ammunition stock movements. Arranged to supply 150 lorries or as nearly as possible. Col. WILSON of D.D. &amp; S.T. called and discussed at length the progress of the scheme and he inspected reports, memoranda etc. 120 lorries were provided by III Corps for use of XV Corps and an additional 20 lorries to work with LT. DIEN the French Roads Officer at BELAIR. Weather - windy + variable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HWI.</p>	

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Heilly	10.1.17.		<p>COL. HARVEY. XV Corps M.T. called &amp; produced his consolidated returns for the past few days showing reason of long shortage in his area - He acknowledged great assistance rendered by A.M.T.O. in making good such shortage. III Corps Q. telephoned various alterations in local programme for Bruay. Fourth Army Q. telephoned directing that III Corps car bound to Controller of Mines should be released by the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. Prepared return showing interchange of lorries between respective Corps &amp; Army units, this return to be kept posted daily. Several cases of misuse of transport reported and dealt with. III Corps provided 120 lorries for use of XV Corps, principally in stone work and an additional 30 lorries for the French office at BEL AIR. Weather, cold windy &amp; dull - bright at intervals.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NW!</p>	
Heilly	11.1.17.		<p>COL. BARTON. XV Corps called and stated his Corps Q's objections to the A.M.T.O. scheme. D.A. &amp; Q.M.G. Fourth Army telephoned and discussed the position as regards the XV Corps being outside the scheme and arranged for me to see him tomorrow. He authorized lorries to be details to assist the XV Corps tonight, but directed that afterwards they were to receive no assistance. D.A. &amp; Q.M.G. again rang up stating that XV Corps had agreed to come into the scheme &amp; A.M.T.O. was to act accordingly. Weather, some frost &amp; snow - cloudy later.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NW!</p>	
Heilly	12.1.17.		<p>Visited Fourth Army Q. and arranged the taking over of XV Corps details. Discussed with D.A. &amp; Q.M.G. the sites proposed for grouping lorries in view of changed Corps areas proposed, arranged to prepare &amp; submit plan showing these positions at the conference next week. CAPTAIN LEPPER temporarily attached to D.D. of S.T. 5<sup>th</sup> Army called to discuss A.M.T.O. scheme, with a view to its consideration by 5<sup>th</sup> Army &amp; particular given him for this purpose. Urgent demands for 2 cars for III Corps Q. and S.O.C. 29<sup>th</sup> Div. Artillery - referred application to Fourth Army Q. &amp; declined difficulty as to cars generally. Requesting received for transport of 15 tons of Ammunition from Meaulte to Stallencourt for 48<sup>th</sup> Division - referred same to Fourth Army Q. &amp; instructions received to refuse same. COL. HARVEY. XV Corps M.T. telephoned as to his Corps detail, stated that same had already been made out for tonight &amp; he would require no lorry assistance for tomorrow.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NW!</p>	

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Heilly	12.1.17 (cont <sup>d</sup> )		Distributed A.M.T.O. 1 <sup>st</sup> Circular to Corps M.T. + to MAJOR MORRIS of 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Water Column for redistribution to all M.T. Officers and Senior M.C.O's in the Army. Causes of nuisance of transport reported and explanations called for. Weather - windy, some rain, hail + snow - with intermittent sunshine. <u>W.W.</u>	
Heilly	13.1.17.		Arranged finally for provision of cars for III Corps Q + G.O.C 29 <sup>th</sup> Div. Artillery - same having to be taken from units requiring them for supervision duties. III Corps Liaison Officer called + reported stacks obtainable in Amiens for construction of lorry transport. Arranged for its transport. Discussed fresh area to be taken over by his Corps + arranged to visit same with him. COL. HARVEY XV Corps M.T. called with his adjutant, supplied data as to standing details etc. and arranged to take over XV Corps Detailing tomorrow. Arranged with XIV Corps Roads Officer to release 20 lorries for his use tomorrow, same not being required by LT. DIEN. Weather - etc, rain, cloudy + some wind. <u>W.W.</u>	
Heilly.	14.1.17.		Fourth Army P.M. <sup>reported</sup> that A.M.T.O passes if marked 'in prohibited area during prohibited hours' would be accepted by Corps A.P.M. XIV Corps Roads Officer called - instructed him that stone lorries on good roads must be loaded full + if this done the lorry already supplied would be ample to clear stone trains. Reported to him case of insufficient loading party and he was to rectify same. CAPTAIN COWANS from XV Corps Transport Office called + his Corps Detailing completed, the scheme of office Detailing being further explained to him. In view of constant stone demand at Mametz siding, arranged for a permanent detail of lorries there. Ascertained that some 12 lorries attached to XIV Corps for stone work were not under COL. BARTONS command and arranged for these to be included in XIV Corps details. Weather - some snow, etc + cloudy. <u>W.W.</u>	

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Heilly.	15/1/17.		<p>Requisition for received from D.D. of S.T. for 2 cars for the 8<sup>th</sup> Divisional, but I was unable to supply same. Memo received from Fourth Army Q - through D.D. of S.T. as to 20% of all lorries, cars etc. capable of taking the road being retained for overhaul in workshops. COL. BARTON. XIV Corps M.T. called and discussed fresh sites for groupings in this Area - also confirmed arrangement for controlling the 12 lorries attached for stone to his Corps. CAPTAIN HUNTINGTON, Superintendent Physical Training, 4<sup>th</sup> Army Infantry School called, urgently requiring a car - but I was unable to provide. D.D. of S.T. telephoned authorizing application for use of a car by III Corps. C.E. for new area reconnaissance work + I arranged same with III Corps M.T. 30 lorries for stone work were provided by III + XV Corps for use of IV Corps. Weather variable + cold later. <span style="float: right;">MWT.</span></p>	
Heilly.	16/1/17.		<p>Various complaints of misuse of transport reported - same examined + passed for explanation. Reports showed necessity for officers in MEO's in charge of convoys being warned to only carry out particulars of detail + not to do work of any other kind. I visited D.D. of S.T. and then on to Fourth Army Q weekly conference. MAJOR LAWRENCE. D.A.M.C. 4<sup>th</sup> Army discussed LT. COL. PIERRET's request for stone lorries at AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER and I confirmed the decision of COL. STALLARD. 4<sup>th</sup> Army Roads Officer that same would be granted. Weather. Cold, bright, frosty + some wind - snow at night. <span style="float: right;">MWT.</span></p>	
Heilly.	17/1/17		<p>Additional reports of misuse of transport received and passed for action. Letter of report for misuse received from COL. RIPLEY C.E. 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Construction Battalion. Shortage of stone lorries at Frovetown reported to me by 4<sup>th</sup> Army Roads Board and I required reports on same from III + XIV Corps who were detached to supply same. I arranged with COL. STALLARD, 4<sup>th</sup> Army Roads Officer to inspect gravel + chalk pits for material for new standings. Weather. Snow on ground, cold - after heavy sky. <span style="float: right;">MWT.</span></p>	



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Heilly	18.1.17.		<p>Further cases of misuse of transport reported - and passed for investigation report. CAPTAIN RESHAN, XIV Corps liaison officer called and reported state of roads in his area. LT. GODWIN, on taking over duties from CAPT. LAWS, III Corps liaison officer, reported for early construction. I arranged with him for transport of timber from liaison for construction of standways. Explanation of misuse of transport received from G.O.C. of 40<sup>th</sup> Division. Weather. Further snow fall + considerable frost.</p>	
Heilly.	19.1.17.		<p>With COL. STALLARD. 4<sup>th</sup> Army Roads Officer visited XIV Corps standways roads. Returned with COL. STALLARD to office and discussed working of scheme as it affected road repairs. He took away applications for stone transport in back areas + was to deal with them himself. Explanation of misuse of transport offered by O.C. "D" Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Labour Battalion, P.E. Weather. Frosty, dull sky - ground hard.</p>	
Heilly.	20.1.17		<p>Standways + parts for 1<sup>st</sup> Army Corps in new area discussed + considered. Visited chalk pit near Demancourt, but found it bad chalk for winter working. COL. HARVEY, XV Corps M.T. called + I explained several alterations in form of <del>standways</del> daily return + in future detailing. I detailed some 90 lorries from III Corps to assist XIV Corps in their stone work. Weather, frost still continues, ground very hard - slight thaw later.</p>	

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Heilly	21.1.17.		<p>Visited 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q and discussed the allocated sites for lorry groupings, <sup>construction</sup> the making of standups etc. and the general shortage of cars. I was instructed that whilst cars remain for their own purposes of supervision etc. they were not to be detailed for various duties. Arranged with S. B. of S. T. for 100 lorries being sent down to Longfrie for timber cutting - the men to be drawn from the respective Corps and Army units - and I telegraphed instructions accordingly. owing to demands arising in late for the XIV Corps, I arranged with that Corps M.T. that they should do their own detail tonight &amp; communicate particulars to me. Advice of additional stone load to collect tomorrow and detailed 20 extra lorries accordingly. Weather - very cold, hard frost &amp; snow still lying.</p>	
Heilly	22.1.17.		<p>Telegraphed further instructions respecting timber cutting in back area. I visited 4<sup>th</sup> Army Road <del>Head</del>, discussed allocation of stone lorries and advised on shortage of reported at various dumps. Received further demands for cars but was unable to provide. Further complaints dealt with as to business of transport. Weather - sharp frost, some snow &amp; keen wind. Saving of transport noted - 25 lorries, by altering time of second load and returning loaded.</p>	
Heilly	23.1.17.		<p>Telephoned XIV Corps Liaison officer to enquire into report on structural shortage at front area. M/2 No. 100366 Pte G. R. O. M. P. S. from 2<sup>nd</sup> G. H. Q. Linton Park joined my staff as an additional clerk. Instructed by 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q to supply a car for use of C. P. E. III Corps and arranged same accordingly with III Corps M.T. Explanation offered by C. O. C. 20<sup>th</sup> Division of alleged measure of transport. Saving of transport effected by 11 lorries returning loaded. Weather - hard frost, bright clear air, some sun at intervals.</p>	
Heilly	24.1.17.		<p>Visited COL. BARTON, XIV Corps M.T. at Inceulle and with him inspected proposed standups in his own Corps area - also to fix locations for parking lorries moved up forward for stone work. Demand received from 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q for transport of coal from Bray for French inhabitants in back area and program me asked for showing lorries available and possible dates. Forwarded minutes to 21<sup>st</sup> Div.</p>	

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Heilly	24.1.17 (cont.)		<p>Supply Column at Cairnes with instructions to arrange. Further requisition for cars received from Controller of Mines &amp; from III Corps C.E. owing to movement of the guards, supply of lorries quite inadequate - 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q. advised that some trucks available and I was instructed to reduce the number of surplus lorries on stone work. XIV Corps Liaison Officer called &amp; I gave him instructions to substitute special enquiry at front town, Irons Wood &amp; the Plateau as to lorry demands, detailed &amp; reporting same. On my instructions MAJOR JAMES of 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Amm. Sub Park inspected III Corps area with a view to his taking over duties of liaison officer. Request received from MAJOR HICKLEY. 4<sup>th</sup> Army Salvage Officer for use of car again on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. Weather. Hard frost, slight wind, some sun.</p>	
Heilly.	25.1.17.		<p>Early report received as to additional stone work at Albert - + 20 additional lorries detailed accordingly. CAPTN. KESHAN. XIV Corps Liaison Officer reported on stone work at front town etc. Exceptional demand for lorries owing to troop movements. On 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q's authority, I directed lorries to be taken off stone work, pointing out to each Corps that demands for transport of troops demanded their Corps of stone lorries this might prove serious. Renewed demand for car by III Corps C.E., approved by 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q + I request detailed for same on III Corps M.T. Replenishment five request reported by A.P. + S.S. Amicus for reported misuse of transport. Weather - continued frost, bright sun - some fall in temperature later.</p>	
Heilly	26.1.17.		<p>Various explanations received as to alleged misuse of transport. Similar requests for transport of troops &amp; baggage as yesterday and a similar instruction given to me by 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q as to withdrawal of stone lorries. I advised respective Corps M.T. &amp; directed them to inform their Roads Officers of shortage of stone lorries tomorrow. Late demand made by the 48<sup>th</sup> Division for 12 lorries tomorrow to back area (Hallen Court). 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q directed same to be complied with &amp; detail made accordingly on III Corps Supply Park.</p>	

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Heilly	27.1.17.		<p>I visited 1<sup>st</sup> Angac Q and was informed of my appointment as S.M.T.O. of 1<sup>st</sup> Angac Corps - the duties to start immediately for the reorganization of new establishment. Instructions received from 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q that all details on <u>XIV</u> + <u>XV</u> Corps Siege Parks be cancelled and their horses be held in reserve for ammunition - the two Corps instructed accordingly. Wrote to the <u>III</u> Corps in answer to their enquiry, that 75 horses had been sent them by other Corps from 11<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January inclusive. COL. BARTON. <u>XIV</u> Corps M.T. called and further discussed positions of new groupings and generally with regard to the new Corps' areas.</p> <p>Weather - Continued frost, some sun &amp; light cold breezes - roads very hard &amp; dusty.</p> <p>Pte. Johnson A.R. No. 169472 reported for duty, in exchange for Pte. Pattison who returned to his unit. <span style="float: right;">VWT.</span></p>	
Heilly	28.1.17.		<p>4<sup>th</sup> Army Q telephoned confirming reduction of <u>XIV</u> + <u>XV</u> Siege Park horses for ammunition requirements and same arrangement would hold good for tomorrow. I was today first advised of the 21<sup>st</sup> Div. Supply Column having moved up into forward area. I accordingly telegraphed the O.C. 33<sup>rd</sup> Amm. Sub Park to receive demands for transport &amp; detail for use in back area - also to carry out any detail left incomplete by 21<sup>st</sup> Div. Supply Column, these including two demands for coal from Bruay passed to me from 4<sup>th</sup> Army A.R.M.C. Further confirmation received from 4<sup>th</sup> Army Q to keep 40 horses in reserve in both <u>XIV</u> + <u>XV</u> Corps Siege Parks. Shortage of water experienced owing to frost &amp; I demanded supply from 4<sup>th</sup> Army water column at Pont Nogelles. Report received from D.D. P.S. + T. that Jerry leaving Paris on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. with chemicals had not reported back - I instituted immediate enquiries of the 18<sup>th</sup> Div. Supply Column who had been detailed. To meet ammunition demands I withdrew 15 horses from attachment at LINK ROAD - also 10 horses on stone work at THE QUARRY, the Decauville rail having reported a breakdown. I received new war establishment of S.M.T.O. The 1<sup>st</sup> Angac Corps H.Q. move to HENNENCOURT. Owing to urgent late demands <u>XV</u> Corps arrange to do their detail themselves &amp; forward me particulars tomorrow. Considerable shortage of fuel. Weather. Continued frost, sunny throughout, etc. wind towards evening. <span style="float: right;">VWT.</span></p>	

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Heilly.	29.1.17.		<p>Army Maps requisition transport for plans etc. and then Jarpod lorries detailed accordingly. I visited D.D. of S.T. but COL. WILSON was absent and I arranged to call tomorrow. No stone trains running until further notice. Arrangement continued for keeping 40 lorries in each Corps Sige Park in reserve for ammunition. XV Corps sent in their new Detaching officer to inspect A.M.T.O scheme of dealing with requisitions for transport &amp; detailing for same. Weather. Continued frost, cold wind, some sun.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">WWT</p>	
Heilly.	30.1.17		<p>I visited D.D. of S.T. and discussed S.M.T.O new organization with COL WILSON. Urgent demand from 33<sup>rd</sup> Division received late in evening for transport of troops Amman - Suzanne to front line - 40 lorries required. Submitted same to Lt Army Q, who authorized transport &amp; directed Sige Park lorries to be utilized. Amman Detail given for providing MAJOR PURCELL. XV Corps C.E. with car from the XV Corps. Interviewed C.O. of 20<sup>th</sup> Division Sigsals as to efficiency of telephone &amp; telegraph service and he was to arrange direct line to 4<sup>th</sup> Army. Weather. Frost, cold wind, sunny.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">WWT</p>	
Heilly	31.1.17.		<p>Car for MAJOR PURCELL not having reported, enquired into matter &amp; arranged with S.M.T.O XV Corps to send his own car. LT. SAINSBURY 48<sup>th</sup> Div. C.R.E called and I arranged for a permanent detachment of 10 lorries at CAPPY to carry out local demands from G DUMP, LA FLAQUE and CAPPY. Report on mission of transport returned by 48<sup>th</sup> Div. artillery replacement &amp; apology tendered. COL. LE FEVRE telephoned reporting breakdown of car, but I was unable to replace. Weather. Continued frost - slight thaw later.</p> <p>Appendix No. 2. for Return showing interchange of lorries between respective Corps and Army units</p> <p>Appendix No. 3 for Record of loads carried, no. of lorries out &amp; of miles run under A. M. T. O. scheme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">WWT</p>	<p>No. 2.</p> <p>No. 3.</p>

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## Return showing wasted mileage or misuse of transport

ParticularsHow dealt withAlbert Station

27th Dec 1916	Of 36 lorries reporting at Albert Station 35 did no work owing to non-arrival of Stone train	Previous daily allotment by III Corps of 90 lorries to Albert Station cut down by A M T O to 60 per day. Arrangements made for non-arrival of stone train at Albert to be communicated daily to A M T O at 5 a.m. and lorries under detail for this work then directed to stand by at Parks and await further instructions. On several occasions this has saved a waste in dead mileage approximately 1200 miles per day.
29th " "	33 lorries on similar duties 29 did no work for similar reason	
1st Jany 1917	59 lorries on similar duties 57 did no work	
2nd " "	50 lorries on similar duties 41 did no work	
Result - Lorries out 188 Lorries unused 162		

Dead mileage approximately 3240 miles in 4 days

"G" Dump Dernancourt Road

31st Dec 1916	of 2 lorries sent for material only 1 used	All these cases are being investigated and meanwhile A M T O strongly advises that an Officer should permanently supervise the work at this Dump, and if possible, be in telephonic communication with A M T O
1st Jany 1917	7 lorries reported, but no fatigue party available	
" "	1 lorry sent for material not used	
" "	12 lorries reported but unable to load Stores owing to misunderstanding on part of French Representative there	
3rd " "	4 lorries sent, but unable to get stone without authority from C. R. E. Army	
6th " "	1 lorry reporting unable to locate Stores requiring loading	
8th " "	1 lorry reporting unable to carry out detail owing to non-arrival of guide from 50th Siege Battery	
8th " "	12 lorries reporting were unable to load Stores owing to misunderstanding with French Representative there	

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Return shewing wasted mileage or misuse of transport

Particulars

How dealt with

Various

30th Dec 1916	Lorry reported to have carried 3½ cwt only for 22 miles Report asked for suggested misunderstanding with regard to a further load on part of N C O at rendez-vous	Instructions given by A M T O for N C O's or Drivers in charge of lorry to report to Officer in charge at Rendez-vous and not to take instructions from an N C O
31st " "	Lorry reported to have carried 5 yards Lampwick 15 tins Glasco 456 Candles Report asked for stated demand was urgent and articles unobtainable from pack supply train at Railhead	A M T O quotes this, and the last case, as showing necessity for further light transport facilities e g additional box cars
6th Jany 1917	10 Lorries reporting at Edgell Station for coal were dismissed empty by N C O in charge who stated no coal there	A M T O's demand for report provided explanation from R S O as to error on part of his N C O who was admonished and promise given for future practice to be regularized
6th Jany 1917	15 lorries detailed to draw Nissen Huts from for Camp Commandant Montauban 3 only utilised owing to absence of fatigue party	Camp Commandant expressed regret and gave assurance against recurrence
7th " "	Misconduct and misuse of lorry by Driver at Amiens reported	Investigation established Drivers responsibility He had 5 days pay forfeited and steps taken to obviate possibility of recurrence

*M.W.T.*

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Return shewing extent of interchange of lorries between  
the various Corps and Army Units

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For the six days ending 31st Dec 1916

A M T O, from surplus lorries in other  
Corps and Army Units lent to the XV Corps.

587 lorries  
or approximately  
98 lorries per day

For the six days ending 6th Jan 1917

Total interchange as between the  
various Corps (other than XV Corps)  
and Army Units.

45 lorries

A M T O from Corps and Army Units  
supplied to XV Corps.

535 lorries  
total 580 lorries  
or approximately  
97 lorries per day

For the four days ending 10th Jan 1917

Total interchange as between the  
various Corps (other than XV Corps)  
and Army Units.

150 Lorries

A M T O from Corps and Army Units  
supplied to XV Corps.

529 lorries  
total 679 lorries  
or approximately  
170 lorries per day

RESULT:- In 16 days the XV Corps has received help to the  
extent of 1651 lorries, by which they would otherwise  
have been short

*M.W.T.*



Army Locals

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Detail No	No of Lories	From	To	Detail No	No of Lories	From	To
D153	4	BRAY Church	HERBECOURT	16	16	Trones No for Lories	Parking at night at Plateau - for 5 days - 30 miles Poulainville - Plateau.
D157	1	BRAY	SAILLY LAURETTE				
D156	5	Camp 17 (G3C)	Camps 12 (K336) & 13 (K22C)				
D235	6	Camp 13 (K22C)	Bray Plateau				
14 <sup>th</sup> July		2 lories saved by doing the cups duties in return going.					
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		25 lories saved by taking train & wading up return going.					
23 <sup>rd</sup>		"					
25 <sup>th</sup> July		2	by using <del>lories</del> doing other cups duties in return.				
25 <sup>th</sup>		By parking 5 P.M. at Plateau after going up for <del>the</del> mail trucks, ready in return for <u>plateau</u> .					

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Appendix No. 3.

Record of loads carried, number of lorries out and number of miles run by Corps & Army units from the inauguration of the A.M.T.O. scheme to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1917.

Corps or Army units.	Period of return.	loads amm.	loads R.F. Wmp.	loads Returns + Petrol.	loads Supplies	loads Stones	loads Various	Total loads done	Total lorries out	Total miles run.
<u>III</u> Corps.	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916 <del>27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916</del> to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1917	<del>318</del> 318	1429	1112	3198	6020	4205	16128	10612	331899
1 <sup>st</sup> Angles Corps.	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1917	327	1120	1491	6575	6762	5073	21273	12634	206663.
Army units.	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1917	1	241	459	419	367	1233	2657	2571	56791
<u>XIV</u> Corps.	5 <sup>th</sup> January 1917 to 21 <sup>st</sup> January 1917	1635	1104	801	2402	5942	3166	15062	12225	231684.
<u>XV</u> Corps.	12 <sup>th</sup> January 1917 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 1917	333	1745	829	2265	4632	2942	13048	7605	214405
Totals.		2614	5639	4702	14859	23724	16619	68162	45647	1,041,442

Note. The above totals are approximate only, as the records were available only from the dates indicated when the full detailing was taken over by the, and the figures of the III Corps for the 30<sup>th</sup> + 31<sup>st</sup> January cannot be procured owing to the change over by that Corps into their new area.

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