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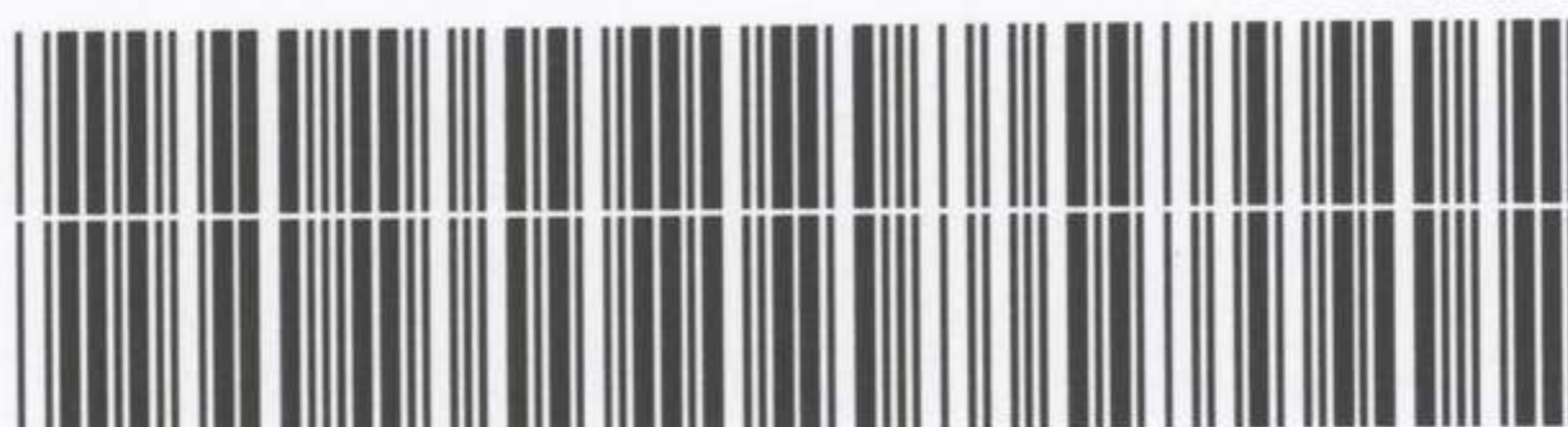
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OF

SENIOR MECHANICAL TRANSPORT OFFICER
Australian Corps.

FOR

A P R I L 1918.

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Adjutant. S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

Signature of Officer Commanding

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S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLETRE.	1/4/18.		Nothing to report. Weather Fine. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	2/4/18.		Routine as usual. Weather, Raining. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	3/4/18.		S.M.T.O., Australian Corps, handed over to S.M.T.O., IX Corps, at 12 noon to-day. See Appendix No. 1 being statement showing Files etc. handed over. S.M.T.O., Australian Corps, temporarily located at LE MEILLARD. Weather Raining. <i>NWT.</i>	Appendix No 1
LE MEILLARD	4/4/18.		Nothing to report. Weather, Raining. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	5/4/18.		Routine as usual. Weather Dull. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	6/4/18.		S.M.T.O., Australian Corps, moved from LE MEILLARD to VILLERS BOCAGE. Weather Dull. Rain during evening. <i>NWT.</i>	
VILLERS BOCAGE.	7/4/18.		See Appendix No. 2 being return required by from Units showing "State of M. T." S.M.T.O., Australian Corps, took over from S.M.T.O., 7th. Corps, at 12 noon to-day. Weather Fine. <i>NWT.</i> See appendix No 2(a) showing units taken over from VII Corps.	Appendix No 2. No 2(a)
"	8/4/18.		See Appendix No. 3 re Lorry Traffic etc. in new Corps area. (227) Adjutant visited H.Qrs. Aust. Corps M. T. Column, Nos. 2/A., 4/A., Nos. 35 and 21 D.M.T. Companies reference Availability Returns. Major E. T. Searle, O.C. No. 4. A.D.M.T.Coy., requested to call at this Office re collection of kits of 4th. Aust. Division by No. 4. A.D.M.T. Coy's lorries. Weather Light showers of rain. Temperature cold. <i>NWT.</i>	Appendix No 3.

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VILLERS BOGAGE.	9/4/18.		<p>Major M.N.McD. Lyons, O.C. No. 3. A.D.M.T.Coy., visited S.M.T.O. with reference to repairs to roads in the vicinity of his Park Location at ALLONVILLE. Adjutant later visited C. E., Australian Corps, with reference to the supply of metal for the above.</p> <p>Major G.R.Shirlaw, O.C. No.1. A.D.M.T.Coy., called on S.M.T.O. with reference to the advisability of opening certain roads which are at present not available for M.T. & Adjutant visited No. 1. and No. 3. A.D.M.T.Companies also Staff Paymaster attached Australian Corps.</p> <p>Weather Dull and showery. <i>WWT.</i></p>	
"	10/4/18.		<p>Adjutant visited Australian Corps "Q" with reference to detail of lorries, also re move of kits and blankets of 1st. Aust. Division to entraining Station.</p> <p>Weather Dull and slight rain at intervals. <i>WWT.</i></p>	
"	11/4/18.		<p>Moved by lorry the kits and baggage of 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigades to entraining Station.</p> <p>Lieut. H.J.Lane, Adjutant, to S.M.T.O., visited Australian Corps "Q" re Transport and clearing of zone between AMIENS - RUBEMPRE Road and LA CHAUSSEE - VIGNACOURT Road.</p> <p>Lieut. Colonel G.C.Somerville, A.Q.M.G. Australian Corps, visited S.M.T.O. re Transport.</p> <p>See Appendix No. 4 re issues etc. to American Army, copies of which have this day been distributed to M.T. Units of the Australian Corps.</p> <p>Weather Dull. <i>WWT.</i></p>	<i>Appendix No 4.</i>

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VILLERS BOCAGE.	12/4/18.		<p>Capt. R.C.A. Anderson, Australian Corps "Q", called on S.M.T.O. with reference to moves of 21st. and 35th. D.M.T. Companies.</p> <p>Major Hamilton-White, O.C. 8th. D.M.T. Coy., reported to S.M.T.O. arrival 3 Sections of unit in Australian Corps. Location RAINNEVILLE.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. accompanied by Adjutant visited Paymaster attached Australian Corps H.Qtrs.</p> <p>See Appendix No. <u>5</u> re evacuations of M. T. during active operations, which is self explanatory. This circular distributed through usual channels to all M.T. Units of Australian Corps.</p> <p>See Appendix No. <u># 6</u> re Demanding of spare parts by M.T. Units.</p> <p>See Appendix No. <u>7</u> re allotment of lorries for Divisional Artillery when away from Division.</p> <p>See Appendix No. <u>8</u> re M. T. Inspector on SMT.O.s Staff, which is self explanatory.</p> <p>No. 1. A.D.M.T. Company accompanied 1st. Aust. Division. to 2nd. Army Area to-day.</p> <p>Headquarters Aust. Corps M.T. Column moved from FLESCELLES to VILLERS BOCAGE to-day. Aust. Corps Troops M.T. Company moved to-day from VIGNACOURT to St. LEGER.</p> <p>Weather Fine and Sunny. <i>nwt</i></p>	<p>Appendix no 5</p> <p>Appendix no 6.</p> <p>Appendix no 7.</p> <p>Appendix no 8.</p>
"	13/4/18.		<p>S.M.T.O. visited "K" Siege Park with reference to Corps Orders re the Corduroying of roads and also evacuations. Corps Troops were also visited re Water Tank lorries move and availability. <i>nwt</i></p> <p>Weather dull and cloudy. <i>nwt</i></p>	

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VILLERS BOGAGE.	14/4/18.		<p>S.M.T.O. visited 5th. Mobile Repair Shop Unit at LONGPRE re Daimler rear axle for No. 4. Aust. D.M.T. Company.</p> <p>Weather Dull and Cold, slight rain. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	15/4/18.		<p>Major Hamilton-White, O.C. 8th. Div. M.T. Coy., called re spares for his unit.</p> <p>Sergeant Burton E.A. left for O. T. C. at St. OMER.</p> <p>Weather dull and threatening. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	16/4/18.		<p>O. C. No. 8 Div. M.T. Coy. called re evacuations.</p> <p>Major Searle, O.C. No. 4. A.D.M.T. Coy., called for re Availability.</p> <p>Weather dull and threatening. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	17/4/18.		<p>Major Hamilton reported and took over H&Qtrs. Aust. Corps M. T. Column. Colonel, Moon departed for duty at A. I. F. H&Qtrs.</p> <p>French troops marched in and billeted in village.</p> <p>Adjutant instructed to report to D.A. and Q.M.G. Discussed details re working of lorries on extraneous services.</p> <p>Weather dull and showery. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	18/4/18.		<p>Adjutant interviewed "Q" Branch re move of 8th. Div. M.T. Coy.</p> <p>O. C. 8th. Div. M.T. Coy. called re move of his unit.</p> <p>O. C. No. 3. Aust. D.M.T. Company called re Transport.</p> <p>Weather dull and showery, very cold. <i>NWT.</i></p>	

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VILLERS BOCAGE.	19/4/18.		<p>Adjutant interviewed "Q" Office re Transport.</p> <p>Hostile aeroplane dropped three bombs in vicinity of village during night.</p> <p>Weather dull and cold, a little snow fell. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	20/4/18.		<p>Adjutant interviewed A.Q.M.G. re lorries for 5th. Division. Visited C.T.M.T. Company re lorry of 216th. A. T. Company R.E. and No. 2. Aust. D.M.T. Company re general Transport.</p> <p>Weather dull and very cold. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	21/4/18.		<p>O. C. No. 4. Aust. Div. M. T. Company called re lorries of unit in Workshop.</p> <p>O. C. Aust. Corps Troops M. T. Company called re detail of lorries for work after completing supply duty.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	22/4/18.		<p>Adjutant visited Workshops of No. 4. Aust. Div. M.T. Coy. at POULAINVILLE re lorries in shops, also visited No. 5. Aust. Div. M. T. Coy. re availability.</p> <p>Weather fine, light rain during night. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	23/4/18.		<p>O. C. Aust. Corps M.T. Coy. called re supply lorries of 298th. A.B. R.F.A. P.S.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	24/4/18.		<p>Adjutant visited No. 4. Aust. M.T. Coy. re general working of lorries and found that they were unable to detail any further lorries as they had 31 in Workshops.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
"	25/4/18.		<p>see overleaf.</p>	

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VILLERS BOCAGE	25/4/18.		Adjutant visited No. 5. Aust. M. T. Coy. re car of C. R. A. 5th. Division which is in their workshops. Weather fine, light rain during night. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	26/4/18.		Adjutant saw "Q" Branch re detailing of Transport. Weather Fine. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	27/4/18.		S.M.T.O. visited No. 2. Aust. M. T. Company and Aust. Corps Troops M. T. Company. Weather Fine during day, light rain at night. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	28/4/18.		Routine as usual. Weather Dull. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	29/4/18.		S.M.T.O. visited 2nd. and 5th. Aust. M. T. Companies re Workshops. O. C. No. 1. Aust. M. T. Company called on S.M.T.O. Weather Dull. <i>NWT.</i>	
"	30/4/18.		Routine as usual. Weather Dull.	

NWT
Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.

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appendices

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4	Circular re issue to American Units.
5	D.D.S. & T. Circular re Evacuati ^o n ^s of M. T. Parts. during operations.
6	Circular re Demanding of Spare Parts.
7	Letter from S.M.T.O., Australian Corps to D.D.S.& T. Fourth Army, re allotment of lorries for D. A. when away from their Division.
8	Letter from S.M.T.O. to D.D.S.&T. Fourth Army re Inspector of M.T. on S.M.T.O.'s Staff.
9	M.T. Situation Return dated 14/4/18.
10	" " " 20/4/18.
11	" " " 27/4/18.

Appendix 1

S. M. T. O.,

IX Corps.

Herewith my handing over files for Units transferred to you.

<u>L I S T. No 1</u>	Table "A" Complete.
" <u>No 2.</u>	Nominal Rolls of No's 1, 2, Aust: and No's 19 (21, 1 Section) 25 Div: M.T.Companies., and Att'd Vehicles.
" <u>No 3.</u>	Nominal Rolls of Siege Park Workshops, Store Lorries, "B" Outfits, Cars and Light Cars.
" <u>No 4.</u>	Nominal Roll of 1st Aust: S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 5.</u>	Nominal Roll No 2. Aust: S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 6.</u>	Nominal Roll 1st S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 7.</u>	Nominal Roll 6th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 8.</u>	Nominal Roll 29th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 9.</u>	Nominal Roll 70th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 10.</u>	Nominal Roll 117th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 11.</u>	Nominal Roll 155th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 12.</u>	Nominal Roll 180th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 13.</u>	Nominal Roll 218th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 14.</u>	Nominal Roll 236th S.B.A.C.
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" <u>No 17.</u>	Nominal Roll 319th S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 18.</u>	Nominal Roll 353rd S.B.A.C.
" <u>No 19.</u>	Nominal Rolls of 1/1 N.Midland Hvy Batty, N.Riding Hvy Bty, 140th Hvy Batty, 151st Hvy Batty.
" <u>No 20.</u>	Nominal Rolls of 12th Bde R.C.A.& Sig Sub Secn. " " " 18th " " " " " " " " 36th " " " " " " " " 41st " " " " "
" <u>No 21.</u>	Nominal Rolls of 80th Siege Bty Rly Mtg " " " 82nd " " " " " " " 83rd " " " " " " " 356th " " " "
" <u>No 22.</u>	Nominal Roll of No 5 R.M.A.
" <u>No 23.</u>	Nominal Rolls, 2nd Army Grave R.U. " " 1st Aust: A.T.Coy A.E. " " 137th A.T.Coy R.E. " " 236th A.T.Coy R.E. " " 134th Tlg Coy. " " 301st Road Const: Company. " " 342nd " " " " " 4th Army Roads W/Shops R.E.

<u>L.I S T No 23 (Contd)</u>	Nominal	Rolls	of	295th Railway Const: Coy.
"	"	"	"	8th Batn Candn Railway Troops.
"	"	"	"	33rd Lt. Railway Oper Coy R.E.
"	"	"	"	8th Army Tramway Coy.
"	"	"	"	"L" Special Company R.E.
"	"	"	"	"Z" Special Company R.E.
"	"	"	"	"No 2. Special Company R.E.
"	"	"	"	3rd Ord: Mob: W/Shops (Med)
"	"	"	"	23rd " " " (lt)
"	"	"	"	30th " " " (Lt)
"	"	"	"	No 2. Observation Group
"	"	"	"	No 4. " "
"	"	"	"	"M" Sound Ranging Section.
"	"	"	"	"W" " " "
"	"	"	"	W.18. Motor Airline Section.

"	<u>No 24.</u>	Nominal	Rolls	of	3rd A.B.Aust: F.A.P.S.
"	"	"	"	"	6th " " "
"	"	"	"	"	11th A.F.A.B.P.S.
"	"	"	"	"	38th " " "

- " No 25. Locations and Lorry Standings Aust: Corps Area.
- " No. 26. Lorry Details for 3/4/13.
- " No.27. Permanent and Daily Details.
- " No.28. Uncompleted details for move of 2nd. and 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigades.

CORPS.	UNIT.		DATE.			Balance required.
			Already Evacuated.	Awaiting Evacuation.	Lost to Enemy.	
-ton						
30-cwt						
W' Shop						
Store						
Cars						
Box Cars						
Trucks						
M. Cycles						
Molt						
F.W.D.						
Steam						

NOTES.

State separately number of lorries to which it is estimated repairs will occupy more than 7 days. Total.....
 Give nature of vehicles.....
 N. D. Numbers to be stated in every instance in pro-forma above.
 Make and type desired as replacement to be stated.
 This Return will NOT include vehicles evacuated prior to Midnight 7/8th. inst.

To
 Officer Commanding,
 "R" Siege Park.
 H.Qtrs. Aust. Corps M. T. Column.
 No. 1. Aust. Div. M. T. Coy.
 No. 2. " "
 No. 3. " "
 No. 4. " "
 Aust. Corps Troops M. T. Coy.
 No. 21. Div. M. T. Coy.
 No. 35. " "

S.M.T.O.,
 AUSTRALIAN
 CORPS.
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Return as per the pro-forma above will be rendered to this Office direct by 4-30.p.m. daily, with Availability Return.
 This Return will include all vehicles as Signal Units and such attached Units as C.O.S's., etc.
 "NIL" Returns not required.
 It is important that this Return reaches this Office at the time stated, or it will not be considered until the following day, as consolidated Return has to be despatched to Army immediately.

A. W. Harvey
 Colonel,
 S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

7/4/18.

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LIST OF M.T.UNITS, AND UNITS (other than A.S.C.)
WITH M.T.VEHICLES ON CHARGE, WHICH WERE TAKEN
OVER FROM VII CORPS AT 12 noon on the 7/4/18.

APPENDIX 2

M.T.UNITS.

- No.3 Aust Div M.T.Company
- No.4 do
- No.21 Div M.T.Company.
- No.35 do
- 65th A.B., R.F.A., Park Section.
- 108th do
- 150th do
- 189th do
- 3rd Motor Ambulance Convoy.

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UNITS (other than A.S.C.).

- 146th Army Troops Coy., R.E.
- 221 do
- 238 do
- 574 do
- 353 Elec.and Mechanical Company.
- 305th Road Construction Coy.
- 313 do
- 177th Tunnelling Coy., R.E.
- 178 do
- 180 do
- 2/Aust.Tunnelling Coy.
- 10th Ord.Mobile Workshops (Medium)
- 25 do
- 17th do (Light)
- 47 do "
- 48th Sanitary Section.
- 50th do
- 119th do
- 7th Motor Machine Gun Battery.
- "RR" Cable Section.

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1. ROADS. Lorry Traffic routes in area are as follows :-

- Double way (AMIENS - DOULLENS -
- (AMIENS - LARIEUX -
- (AMIENS - CONTAY -
- (AMIENS - ALBERT -

- Single way (MONTIGNY - PONT NOYELLES.
- Southerly (CONTAY - FRANVILLERS to
- direction only (AMIENS - ALBERT Road.

It is not advisable that lorries should proceed further forward than the HALLUE VALLEY.

Lorries must not proceed by routes other than the above, and on single way roads lorries must conform to the traffic circuits. Any breach of this order must be severely dealt with.

2. SPEED. Owing to the present condition of the roads in the area and the need for conservation of M.T. Vehicles, every effort must be made to keep speed at an absolute minimum.

Several cases of excessive speeding has been brought to notice and unless a marked improvement takes place, severe disciplinary action will have to be taken. Officers or N.C.Os. in charge of convoys will be held personally responsible for the speed of their convey and must check excessive speeding of any other M.T. vehicles on the road.

3. HEADLIGHTS. Headlights will not be used on cars or lorries east of ST POL - AMIENS Road inclusive. Motor Cycles will use headlights but will cover them when halted. Cars and lorries when halted will cover or extinguish side-lights except sufficient to mark convoys.

4. DISCIPLINE. The discipline of M.T. Units has fallen off to a marked degree particularly as regards dress and saluting. Officers Commanding all Units will take necessary action in this matter and instruct all Officers and N.C.Os. that they must deal with any breach that comes to their notice.

Until lately Australian M.T. Units have been marked for their saluting, smartness and discipline. The falling off must be checked at once. Officers Commanding should see that this is brought to the notice of all ranks and the esprit de corps will, I hope, at once bring back the good name of the M.T. Units.

W. J. ...
Colonel,

8/4/18.

S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

- DISTRIBUTION: Aust. Corps M.T. Col:
- "K" Siege Park.
 - No. 1 Aust. D.M.T. Coy.
 - No. 2 "
 - No. 3 "
 - No. 4 "
 - No. 5 " (for information).
 - No. 21 Div'l M.T. Coy.
 - No. 35 "
 - 65th. A.B., R.F.A., P.S.
 - 108th. "
 - 150th. "
 - 189th. "

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appendix 4

APPENDIX 4

1. C.M.G. informs me that, in view of the impending attachment of 6 American Divisions to the British forces great care should be taken by all Units and formations to ensure that a most careful check is kept upon all issues of M.T. stores to American Units, and formations.
2. The system on which all such issues should be made should be as follows :
- (a) Wherever possible a receipt for any stores thus issued should be obtained from an Officer. Care should be taken to see that the Unit or formation of the Officer is clearly shown.
 - (b) Where urgency or distance make this impossible the ~~same~~ receipt of the N.C.O., accompanied by the name of his unit or formation should be obtained and, if possible, such vouchers should subsequently be counter signed by an Officer.
 - (c) To avoid unnecessary clerical work wherever issues of M.T. Stores have a likelihood of becoming frequent arrangements should be made to obtain the signature of a representative on a sheet which should be counter signed by the Commanding Officer of such representative at some fixed period, say a month, if the unit is stationary or other circumstances prior to the departure of the unit or formation from the A.S.C. M.T. unit that has been responsible for the issue of the stores, etc.
 - (d) No final decision as to the various financial adjustments between the two countries has yet been arrived at, but a list of all issues should be forwarded to the D.D.S. .T. of the Army, supported by the receipt vouchers, at the end of each month by all S.M.F.Os, who are responsible :
 - (i) For issuing this circular to all units and formations.
 - (ii) For certifying at the end of the month that all issues that have taken place are recorded on the sheet forwarded to the D.D.S. .T. and supported by the necessary vouchers.
 - (iii) That they render a Certificate to D.D.S. .T. that no other issues have been made during the month.

3. Acknowledge.

H.Q. Fourth Army.
9-4-18.

Lawshaw
D.D.S. .T. Fourth Army.

Appendix 5D.D.S.T 4
N° CR 1096*excluding motor cycles*

1. Some 300 vehicles in all have now been demanded by Fourth Army in replacement of casualties either lost to the enemy or evacuated to the Base.

2. Of these, the majority have arrived and the remainder are advised as being en route to the Army from the various Bases.

3. It must now be impressed on all concerned that the normal procedure must be resumed as soon as possible: that all Mobile Workshops must be given every assistance to work to the full and that it is the duty of all Officers and men to spare no effort, by doing light running repairs, to keep vehicles on the road, and to avoid demanding further replacements from the Director of Transport's Reserve, which has suffered a very heavy strain during the past three weeks.

4. It is to the Roads Officers, M.C.Os and drivers that we must now look to keep vehicles on the road, by unremitting care of their vehicles and regular inspection, lubrication, upkeep and maintenance.

5. The Director of Transport has met not only the demands of this Army but also the demands for the Army on our front, which have been considerable, with great promptitude and despatch, both as regards replacement vehicles and spare parts. It is now the duty of all concerned to cut down all possible demands so that reserves may not be unnecessarily depleted, in view of the continuous or extension of the enemy offensive.

6. Evacuation.

Every effort must now be made to make use of Rail Transport for evacuating vehicles. Where this is found to be impossible vehicles may still be evacuated to the Army Immobile Vehicle Park, which is changing its position, but you will be informed of the new site as soon as possible.

7. Surplus Vehicles.

It is possible that, owing to the keenness of all concerned to re-equip Units cases of duplication of demands for vehicles of all descriptions may have occurred. Should any vehicle be discovered surplus it must be a point of honour for the Unit concerned to report immediately to the S.M.T.O. who will wire to the D.D.S.T. and ask for instructions concerning such vehicles.

Vehicles which have been put down as lost may rejoin, or two replacement vehicles may have been issued owing to loss of work for one casualty. Motor cycles also are particularly liable to have been overlooked and demanded urgently during the offensive, when the demand had already been submitted

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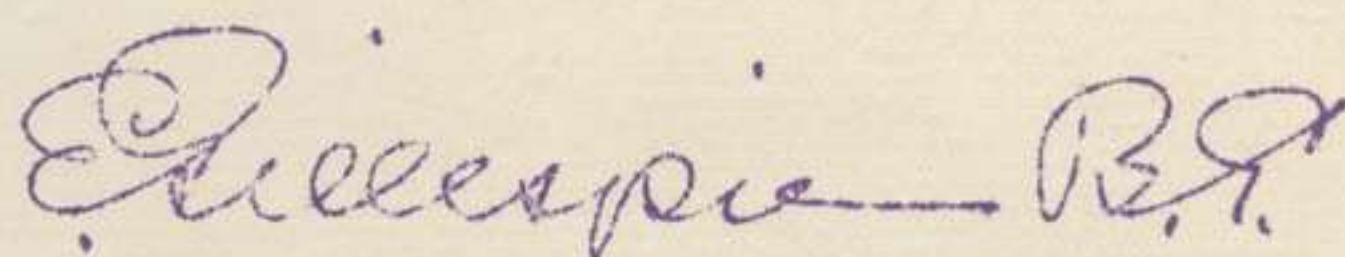
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and complied with through the ordinary channels.

8. Demands for ambulances have been particularly large and it is hoped every effort will be made, by care in driving, upkeep, etc, to ensure the greatest economy in this type of vehicle.
9. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking S.M.T.Os, Officers and all Ranks of the A.S.C., M.T., for the magnificent and unremitting work that they have done during the past 3 weeks.
10. Workshop Officers, N.C.Os and other ranks have contributed to an enormous extent to enable their comrades to carry out the various calls that have been made upon them, and it is to them that we now look to-day to do the chief part of the work in preparing the M.T. of the Fourth Army for the move in the opposite direction for which we are all waiting and hoping.

H.Q. Fourth Army.
9-4-18.



D.D.S.G.T. Fourth Army.

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D.D.S. & T.,
FOURTH ARMY.

S.M.T.O.
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LIAN
No. 219.
Date

In reply to your C.R.1110 dated 8/4/18 regarding the Demanding of Spares by Divisional M. T. Companies on Advanced M. T. Depot and the forwarding of same after a Company has left the area.

I consider the Demands Officer will now have very little to do, consequently while each Headquarters M. T. Column is allowed an Officer for that duty, that he should know the Railheads from where Companies are drawing their Spares prior to leaving and their location after leaving the area, he would, after the Company's departure, visit and keep in daily touch with Railheads and would deliver direct to the various Units by road by means of box-car.

This important service would be under the control of the S.M.T.O. who must see that Demands Officers keep in close touch with Railheads.

As the S.M.T.O. has been responsible for Spares, I have always considered that the Demands Officer should be on his establishment rather on that of the M. T. Column.

12/4/18.

W. J. Tennant Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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D. D. of S. and T.,
FOURTH ARMY.

S.M.T.O.,
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Reference your wire T.544 and our conversation on the 'phone.

I consider the second senior Officer,
1 Workshop and Store,
2 Sections complete,
with a proportion of Artillery and Supply Details are all that can
be spared to remain with Divisional Artillery when away from the
Division.

This number is, however, quite inadequate for the supply
of ammunition to the Artillery in open warfare where it has not been
possible to dump.

On this matter I consulted the C.M.A., Australian Corps,
who agreed with me that for open warfare at least 150 or 200 rounds
per gun of 18.pdr. and 90 rounds per gun of 4.5. should be carried
by the M.T. Company. This is about what used to be carried with
the full ammunition Park and, in my opinion, should not have been
reduced as, although much less carrying capacity would suffice
during trench fighting when dumps can be made, the M.T. Unit is not
ready for the emergency that is bound sooner or later to arise, of
either a considerable advance or retirement, when in either case,
the guns have to be fought without dumps and with no Light Railways
and the probability of Railheads at very long distances.

With regard to S.A.A. I consider 11 lorries more than
sufficient.

I consulted our "Q" Branch on this point.

It is thought that 6 lorries would be enough for this class
but on the other hand vehicles are required for Grenades, T.M.Bombs,
Very Lights, etc., Etc., for which no provision has ever been made.

12/4/18.

W.H.S. Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

D. D. S. & T.,
FOURTH ARMY.

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With reference to your O.R.1169 dated 9/4/18 regarding M. T. Inspectors on S.M.T.O.'s Staff.

- I hold two positions,
1. Director of M. T. Services for Australian Imperial Force, and,
 2. S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

The D.M.T.S. has to keep a complete record of all vehicles received from the British Authorities as a first charge and the condition they are in at the time they are taken over, also of all vehicles handed in to the British Pool, owing to reduction in establishment, and the condition they are in at the time. This is necessary to adjust the accounts as Australia pays for all Vehicles issued as a first charge, gets credit for all vehicles returned owing to reductions in establishment and pays for all replacements and spares etc. by a Capitation Tax.

It is for the above purpose that a C.I.M.T. has been given to the D.M.T.S., but I have used this Officer very considerably on S.M.T.O. work.

I have found him most useful for general Inspections so as to keep Units up to the mark, to inspect all vehicles when they join the Corps, to inspect and advise on all evacuations, to frequently inspect Spare Parts and see that only a reasonable stock is kept. To see that all Workshops are working systematically and are getting through their full share of work, to generally be my Technical Adviser as I do not pretend to be an Internal Combustion Engine expert.

I would strongly advise the putting on the establishment, ^{for Qm.T.A.} of an Inspector who must be a thoroughly qualified Motor Engineer to be the technical adviser of the S.M.T.O., who is often, like myself, not a Workshop Officer. He would do all the work enumerated above and in addition would help Units to quickly obtain spares from other Corps or Armies.

It is not possible for an S.M.T.O. to do the whole of the above mentioned work as often or as thoroughly as it should be done, even if he has the technical knowledge, which he generally has not.

In my opinion, now that Demands are being made out for each Unit separately, the Demands Officer should be retrenched from the Column and an Inspector added to the S.M.T.O.

As a fact I have during the whole of the winter had all Siege Park, Supply Columns and Ammunition Parks Demands sent through me and have in that manner kept a complete check on the Demands and have been able to get down at once on all Frost damage.

A second car is required for the use of the Inspector as he, to do his work, must be constantly on the road.

In my opinion the Headquarters Corps M. T. Column might well be dispensed with entirely and if the Inspector and Artillery Officer were put on S.M.T.O. Staff with the necessary Transport the M. T. would be greatly improved.

12/4/18.

W. W. M. B. B. B. Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

M E C H A N I C A L . T R A N S P O R T .

THE TABLE BELOW SHOWS THE M.T. SITUATION ON APRIL 14/18 (1918).

The following abbreviations are used :-

L. 3 ton and 30 cwt lorries.

C. Caterpillars.

F. Four wheel drive "

A. Ambulances.

M. Motor Cars.

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Establishment.	Number off roads owing to accidents shell fire minor causes.	Number off road owing to overhaul.	Number off road awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated demanded and awaiting re-placements.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
Australian Corps.	L.	892.	96.	74.	2.	12.	184.	686.
	M.	125.	-	19.	2.	6.	27.	-
	F.	68.	4.	2.	-	-	6.	-
	C.	42.	2.	-	-	-	2.	-
	A.	63.	-	8.	-	2.	10.	-

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S.M.T.O.,
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M.ECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shows the M.T. situation on April 19th 1918.
The following abbreviations are used:-

- L. 3 ton and 30 cwt lorries.
- F. Four wheel drive " "
- M. Motor Cars.
- C. Caterpillars.
- A. Ambulances.

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Establishment-	Number off roads owing to accidents shell fire minor causes.	Number off roads owing to overhaul.	Number off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated demanded and awaiting re- placement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
Australian Corps.	L.	901.	114.	33.	19.	4 .	170.	717.
	A.	84.	6.	5.	3.	-	14.	-
	M.	105.	5.	3.	1.	3.	12.	-
	F.	70.	3.	1.	1.	-	5.	-
	C.	42.	2.	1.	2.	-	5.	-

20/4/18.

Edmund Brady
 M.T.O.,
 Australian Corps.

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MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shows the M.T. situation on 26th April.18.
The following abbreviations are used,

- L. 3 ton and 30 cwt lorries.
- F. Four wheel drive " "
- M. Motor Cars.
- C. Caterpillars.
- A. Ambulances.

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Estab-lish-ment.	Number off roads owing to accidents shell fire minor causes.	Number off roads owing to over haul.	Number off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated demanded and awaiting re-placements.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
Australian Corps.	L.	@ 1092.	123.	40.	18.	2.	183.	@ 876.
	A.	84.	8.	5.	1.	-.	14.	
	F.	89.	2.	1.	-.	1.	4.	
	C.	47.	1.	1.	1.	-.	3.	
	M.	61.	2.	1.	1.	4.	8.	

@ INCLUDES 24 WORKSHOPS. 33 STORES . 11 FIRST AIDS.

27/4/18.

John Hamer
Colonel.
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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