

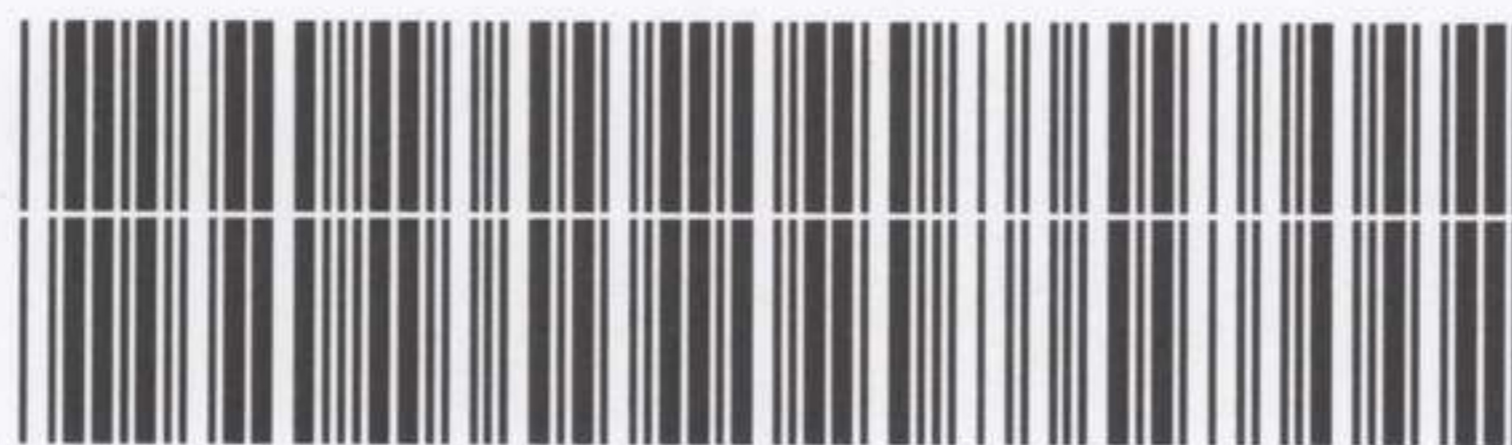
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEILLY	1917 February 1 st		<p>I go to see DA+QMG Fourth Army reference leave. Granted 14 days. Send in my recommendations of officers to complete to new establishment. in new organization to the A.A.G., A.I.F. as follows.</p> <p>To be S.M.T.O.</p> <p>Adjutant Capt. A.W. HARVEY. Warrant Officer N° AM 1675 Staff Sgt MCDERMOTT J.</p> <p>To command "K" Supply Column. Lt. Col MOON A., CME. To be Workshop Officer + promoted Capt. Lieut de FRAGA, C. -- Demands Officer Lieut TONKIN M.T. -- Adjutant Lieut de FRAGA A.N. -- Mech. Sgt. Major. Sgt LEYDEN J.M.</p> <p>To command "K" Ammunition Park. Major HAMILTON J. To be Demands Officer Capt. TATHAM H.M. -- Adjutant Lieut REID A.H. -- Mech. Sgt. Major. To be left open for a few days.</p>	

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HEILLY	1- ³ / ₁₇ cont.		<p>N°1 Aust Supply Column To command vice Lt Col MOON C.M.B. to be promoted Major - Capt SHIRLAW. G.R. To be Workshop officer vice Capt Shirlaw + to be commissioned with the rank of 2/Lt - Sgt HARTLEY - - Roads - - - - - Lieut Tomlin imported to Headquarters - - - - - - - - - - Lieut de Kaya - - - - - N°1 Aust Amm Sub Park To command vice Major HAMILTON + to be promoted to Major - Capt FORDYCE E.B. To be Workshop officer vice Capt TATHAN to Headquarters Lieut CAMPBELL J.D. To be transferred from N°2 to N°4 Aust A.S.P. 2/Lieut MERCER C.W. All the above promotions and transfers to date January 30th 1917. Weather warmer, thaws a little.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2.</u></p> <p>M.S.M. JOHNSON S.W. Sgt MULLETT.</p>
HEILLY	2- ² / ₁₇		<p>To see DA + Q.M.G. 1st Angas ref. promotions, also submit my report with regards to the new general A.S.C. MT Corps organisation - Send a copy of report to D.D.S.T. Fourth Army - see appendix N°3 - Weather freezing -</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>M.V.</u></p> <p>Appendix N° 3-</p>

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HEILLY	3 ² / ₁₇		I depart on 14 days leave of absence to the South of France. Inspect the Laundry at BEAUVAIS. ST. Col. HARVEY carries on A.H.T.O Fourth Army during my absence. weather freezing - <u>W.H.V.I.</u>	3
HEILLY.	4 ² / ₁₇		Adjutant to DDST with regards may I transfer cars within Corps & return surplus to Army Troop Sup Col. - Yes - D.DST letter ST 2303 gives authority to transfer Sunbeam Thapier from K Amm Park to S.H.T.O. weather freezing - <u>W.H.V.I.</u>	
HEILLY	5 ² / ₁₇		General Routine - Freezing - <u>W.H.V.I.</u>	
HEILLY.	6 ² / ₁₇		Adjutant to see A.A.G ref to the 3 nominations for Commission in AAFC, to at first attend School of Instruction. Freezing - <u>W.H.V.I.</u>	

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HEILLY	7 ² / ₁₇		<p>Adjutant to DDST as to whether a Sub Park should have 39 or 41 lorries. Hs Ruling received to carry on as per War Establishment received - Call to see Col MOON. re personnel + surplus lorries - Send to OC K Supply Column, K. Amm Park, K. Siege Park circular letter of Instructions + Guidance for Officers Commanding - Allot 12 lorries to "K" Sup Col. and 8 lorries to "K" Amm. Park - weather freezing - <u>M.V.T.</u></p>	
HEILLY	8 ² / ₁₇		<p>General Routine of reorganization - weather freezing - <u>M.V.T.</u></p>	
HEILLY.	9 ² / ₁₇		<p>Receive reorganisation circular of the formation of (Army) Aust. Field Artillery Brigades, namely No 3. 6 + 12 - Send out table re. withdrawing 3 lorries from each Sup Col. The ^{Army} Army providing 2 more lorries per Brigade making up to 5 per Brigade - weather freezing - <u>M.V.T.</u></p>	

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HEILLY	10 ² / ₁₇		<p>Major J. HAMILTON hands over N°1 ant A.S.P to Capt FIRDYCE - Adjutant to "Q" ref car for 1st Lt Ayre C.T.S Col + new formation of A.A.F.A. Bde - at 10 pm no D.D.S.T returns from Siege Park, promised by 9 am next morning - weather freezing - <u>N.H.V.!</u></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>
HEILLY	11 ² / ₁₇		<p>at 12/30 pm still no returns from Siege Park, rang up they had been sent direct, explain so to D.D.S.T. Major J. HAMILTON granted leave - Major A.W. Joss takes over "K" Amn Park - Monsieur granted leave. weather freezing - <u>N.H.V.!</u></p>	
HEILLY.	12 ² / ₁₇		<p>Arrange for Col HORE Corps Machine Gun Officer to be here 2/30 pm February 13th to interview 3 applicants for Heavy Workshops Machine Gun Corps - "K" Sup Col takes over all ^{division} ambulances of divisions from N°1 ant Sup Col - weather freezing - <u>N.H.V.!</u></p>	

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HEILLY,	13 ² / ₁₇		Starts to thaw a little during day - freezes at night. General Routine reorganization - <u>M.V.I.</u>	6
HEILLY.	14 ² / ₁₇		Submit the names of 3 applicants for AFSC Cadet Training School. Call to see "K" Sup Col. Freezes still. <u>M.V.I.</u>	
HEILLY.	15 ² / ₁₇		The A.M.T.O. finishes as proved what was required in the way of Intense mechanical Transport. 1 st Angac Corps complete transferred to Fifth Army. Sunny starts to thaw a little - <u>M.V.I.</u> from 10 A.M. today.	
HEILLY.	16 ² / ₁₇		General Routine. Starts to thaw - <u>M.V.I.</u>	
HEILLY	17 ² / ₁₇		At 9-30 pm we received "adopt thaw precautions" - Weather mild wet. <u>M.V.I.</u>	

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HEILLY	18 ² / ₁₇		General Routine reorganization. Weather Rain - Chaw Road very bad - <u>WWT.</u>	2
HEILLY.	19 ² / ₁₇		I return from leave of absence - General Routine - Weather thawing - <u>WWT.</u>	
HEILLY.	20 ² / ₁₇		Draw ratings by S.S. Wagon - Ring up 1 st Anzac reporting back - Weather raining - <u>WWT.</u>	
HEILLY.	21 ² / ₁₇		Call see D.D. ST Fifth Army - also A.A.G. A.I.F. referred II Anzac promotions - Weather wet. Roads very bad - <u>WWT.</u>	
HEILLY.	22 ² / ₁₇		To see O.C. 'K' Supply Column ref ambulances - sent for by 1 st Anzac <u>WWT.</u>	

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HEILLY	22 nd /17	Cont.	with regards to withdrawal of 6 Lories from each Sub Park to form Army Field Artillery Brigade Park Section, namely Nos 3-6-12. Issue necessary instructions for these Lories to be withdrawn. Issue "Instruction for the Guidance of Officers Commanding K Supply Column, K Ammunition Park, K Siege Park" - Revised owing to the change of one army to another - weather rain, thaw. <u>NOT.</u>	8
HEILLY.	23 rd /17		A conference at D.D.S. ^{of S.M.T.O's} of the vehicle casualties etc. Lories in workshop. Adjutant inspects site at LE CARCAILLOT FARM for No 4 and A.S. Park. weather wet. Roads very bad. <u>NOT.</u>	
HEILLY,	24 th /17		Condene Court of Inquiry up to lost casualties President Major A. WYNHARR-JOSS - members Major A.H. JAMES, Capt A.J. CAMPBELL. Reorganization of Sub Parks in as much as withdraw 6 Lories from each Sub Park for Army Field Artillery Brigade Park Section. weather fine. <u>NOT.</u>	

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HEILLY	25 th / ₁₇		2/Lieut DENYER attached for duty with A.M.T.O, leaves to join the D.D.S.T's Office Fourth Army temporary - official news of the German line fallen back towards BARRAME - Weather fine - <u>M.V.I.</u>	9
HEILLY.	26 th / ₁₇		Inspect N°1, 2 + 19 amm Sub Parks - draw 390 francs for Insprnt account from Aust Paymaster 1 st Anzac - Frame of Sunbeam broken. Thaw precautions taken off at 12 midnight. 26 th - 27 th inst. <u>M.V.I.</u>	
HEILLY.	27 th / ₁₇		O.C. K ^o Supply Column calls ref. new standings etc - Weather fine - <u>M.V.I.</u>	
HEILLY	28 th / ₁₇		Major J. HAMILTON returns from leave after getting married - Weather fine. Roads improving - Summary of losses month February appendix N°1. <u>M.V.I. conbridge</u> Summary of losses release petrol appendix N°2. <u>S.M.T.O., 1st Anzac</u> was of <u>whilst I was A.M.T.O Fourth Army attached appendix N°4</u>	N°1 N°2 N°4

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			<i>February 1917</i>																
			<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>15th</i>		
			<i>Total number of lorries on charge</i>	817	817	815	813	805	769	690	677	646	597	592	594	596	595	594	
			<i>In Workshops</i>	309	309	307	311	239	238	218	215	⁽²⁾ 21	203	198	198	203	194	177	
			<i>First Aids</i>	23	23	23	22	22	21	21	21	⁽³⁾ 47	21	21	21	21	21	21	
			<i>Workshops & Stores</i>	57	57	57	57	53	53	47	49	⁽⁴⁾ 16	47	47	47	47	47	47	
			<i>F W D</i>	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	16	⁽⁵⁾ 53	16	16	12	12	12	12	
			<i>Loaded in Park. Water Tanks Reserve Supplies. Batty Parts</i>	28	28	28	92	92	71	68	55	⁽⁶⁾ 202	16	19	22	20	20	22	
				437	437	435	502	426	403	374	356	339	303	297	300	303	294	279	
			<i>Boy Supplies</i>	45	41	40	36	36	36	30	30	33	38	30	37	25	35	25	
			<i>Supplies</i>	186	186	206	183	172	207	139	144	129	121	140	135	173	130	139	
			<i>Stone</i>	1	1	2	1	14	7	8	10	-3	1	2	1	2	28	39	
			<i>Timber</i>	27	33	39	40	36	42	46	27	28	19	34	21	25	32	30	
			<i>Personnel</i>	12	12	21	5	21	12	7	25	16	34	12	19	10	2	8	
			<i>Ammunition</i>	50	75			46	29	48	48	46	49	54	45	3	5	10	
			<i>Miscellaneous</i>	25	22	34	31	22	23	23	23	19	18	22	21	23	19	22	
			<i>In Park not used</i>	34	10	38	15	32	10	15	14	33	14	1	12	32	45	42	
				817	817	815	813	805	769	690	677	646	597	592	594	596	595	594	

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			16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th		28 th
			<i>Appendix 1.a.</i>													
			Total number of Lorries on charge	618	622	620	591	593	593	593	593	575	569	569	575	569
			In Workshops	160	179	163	157	150	141	140	143	134	140	141	133	134
			First Aids	16	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
			Workshops & Stores	47	47	47	47	47	47	45	47	47	47	47	47	47
			F. W. D.	12	12	12	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
			Loaded in Park. Water Tank Reserve Supplies. Bally Park	48	48	59	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	42	45
				283	303	298	269	262	253	250	255	246	252	253	247	251
			Boy Supplies	24	24	4	2	-	4	2	2	2	2	4	21	23
			Supplies	213	120	6	1	-	10	-	20	2	19	-	106	119
			Stone	4	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	56	52	21	12
			Timber	28	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	15	39	46
			Personnel	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
			Ammunition	13	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3
			Miscellaneous	28	50	10	1	1	11	16	7	9	17	35	13	17
			In Park not used	13	54	302	318	330	315	325	309	298	216	210	122	87
				618	622	620	591	593	593	593	593	575	569	569	575	569

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February					
Mileage & Petrol					
Date	Miles	Petrol	Date	Miles	Petrol
1 st	7640	3533	15 th	5603	2081
2 nd	8697	3088	16 th	8792	2637
3 rd	6920	3041	17 th	7324	2229
4 th	7146	3299	18 th	374	303
5 th	7342	3280	19 th	116	96
6 th	7155	2701	20 th	45	64
7 th	7323	3343	21 st	570	504
8 th	6390	2680	22 nd	810	293
9 th	6481	2917	23 rd	552	194
10 th	9316	3129	24 th	940	616
11 th	5606	2732	25 th	2159	879
12 th	6687	2480	26 th	3962	1372
13 th	6505	2118	27 th	4059	1351
14 th	5635	1879	28 th	4859	1587

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Lieut. Col.
S.M.T.O., 1st. Anzac.

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Fourth Army

May I be allowed to make a few observations on the new Corps M T organization:

The reduction of one road officer and one car in each Sub Park will very seriously affect these Units.

From my experience with Mechanical Transport on this front for some eighteen months I am able to state with confidence that the Ammunition Sub Park is by a long way the hardest worked Unit in the M T. When on ammunition they frequently have to work night and day and as soon as they are not required for their own duties every available lorry is out on road repair and engineers work.

They very rarely work as a whole but generally in convoys of 10 to 18 lorries. This applies to both Ammunition and Engineers work.

I have had many complaints of convoys either congesting the road or blocking traffic, of convoys loitering on the road, of convoys, or portions of them going astray, and other irregularities. These would not have occurred had an Officer and car accompanied them.

To work Motor Transport efficiently and economically there must be thorough supervision, and I am convinced that if the supervising officers are eliminated the efficiency both of the units and of the lorries must suffer.

The Sub Parks have 35 working lorries not counting the attached lorries (often amounting to 12 per Sub Park) or the spare lorries, yet only one road officer is given this Unit. In the Corps Troops Supply Column, however, with a total of eleven lorries two road officers are given. The Divisional Supply Column with 33 3-ton lorries and 16 30cwt lorries are given two road officers, yet Supply Columns nearly always move in convoys of its full column while Sub Parks hardly ever do.

The proportion of Road Officers in the three units is as follows:-

Corps Troops Supply Column	1 to 5½ lorries
Divisional Supply Column	1 to 24 1/2 lorries
Ammunition Sub Parks	1 to from 35 to 47 lorries

The cutting down of Corporals and L/Corporals is also in my opinion injudicious. Often the lorries of the Sub Parks have to be sent in ones and twos; in these cases a Corporal is generally sent, but with the reduced number and taking into account the guards that have to be found, small convoys will in future have to go without an N C O in charge.

With regard to light transport: Each Supply Column and Sub Park should have one box car. Trains with supplies frequently do not arrive with the standard pack and a few cwt: of certain commodities have to be collected so as to complete the day's issue. This has to be done by a lorry because no light transport is available. In the Sub Parks small lots of rockets, Flares, Very Lights etc, have to be sent up urgently and in the absence of any light transport

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facilities a 3-ton lorry has to be despatched. It must be remembered that lorries generally consume one gallon of petrol (with Oil and Rubber in proportion) per four miles while a box car consumes one gallon of petrol for 20 miles besides which the wear of the road is much less.

The cutting down of the cars is, in my opinion, a very grave matter indeed, as without a car I consider the Road Officer might as well be cut out also. If an Officer rides a cycle he cannot look after his convoy properly, the roads in the forward areas where these convoys nearly always have to work require all the attention of the rider. Trained despatch riders can give their whole attention to their cycle and the road, yet even with them accidents are by no means uncommon.

The side car is a waste of Public money and a very heavy darg on the workshops, which are always overtaxed in the repairs and overhaul of lorries, the result being that lorries do not generally get periodically overhauled as often as they should.

No commercial man would try to make a success of Motor Transport without, at least, one car and one supervisor for every 20 lorries. The French, who are more economical than the English, use far more cars and road officers. Their average - leaving out workshop officers and staffs and with far less commanding officers - works out at one officer per 13 lorries and each is supplied with a car. In addition other officers and cars are provided for general supervision and for economical working. I consider this to be absolutely necessary.

The Sub Park requires at least 2 road officers, 1 Touring Car, 2 Fords, 1 Box Car, and, provided with these, the unit would be efficient and would cost much less to run.

The side cars should be dispensed with altogether. They are a waste of money, a very serious waste of Artificers and a great trial to all who have to do with them.

I do not say that the extra staffs are not necessary but the addition certainly should not be made at the expense of the supervising road officers.

2nd February 1917

Sd W H Tunbridge, Lieut-Colonel
A M T O, Fourth Army;

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Heilly	1/2/17		Lorry reported back having taken off load of French Foot Powder for D.D.S.T. 4 th Army from lorry broken down on return journey from Paris. Usual office routine - nothing special to report. Weather:- Continued frost, roads very hard. <u>WWT.</u>	
Heilly	2/2/17.		Col. HARVEY S.M.T.O XV Corps called and arranged to take over A.M.T.O during COL. TONBRIDGE'S absence on leave. Arrangements made in this office for a partial redistribution of the work. 100 lorries proceeded to BRUAY to draw coal for Army purposes. Report prepared criticising new M.T. organization and submitted to D.D.S.T. 4 th Army. Weather:- Frost + W. Wind. <u>WWT.</u>	
Heilly	3/2/17.		Report on working of A.M.T.O. for January 1917 prepared & submitted to DAQMG 4 th Army. COL. TONBRIDGE left for NIMES on leave. COL. HARVEY S.M.T.O XV Corps arrived to take over from him and arranged the details for his own Corps for that evening. Information received of large movements of troops - the 29 th Division to be relieved by the 20 th Division. Weather:- Continued frost, snow at intervals. <u>WWT.</u>	
Heilly	4/2/17		Usual routine - nothing special to report. COL HARVEY visited his H.Q. with 2/LT. DENYER and arranged further as to future details of his Corps. Weather:- Continued frost. <u>WWT.</u>	
Heilly.	5/2/17.		Fourth Army "Q" instruct that AMTO will not provide substitutes for lorries in workshops. In cases of units being unable to move under these conditions AMTO may send transport for actual journey to new formation but no further. In view of large demand for transport in the XV Corps and no surplus possible, it was arranged for XV Corps to do their own detaching until further notice. 10 lorries reported to Albert Station to convey stores, but no store train arrived. Weather:- Continued cold, frosty & dull. <u>WWT.</u>	

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Heilly.	6/2/17.		<p>COL. HARVEY visited D.D.S + T. 4th Army and discussed several points arising on AMTO arrangements. Some difficulties experienced in detaching in the III Corps, as some of the III Corps units were already moving in the new Corps area.</p> <p>Weather: Continued frost, some wind. <u>WWT.</u></p>	
Heilly.	7/2/17		<p>Nothing special to report note. Report requested as to movement of III Corps units and this was promised to be furnished. Weather:- Frost, dull + some wind. <u>WWT.</u></p>	
Heilly.	8/2/17.		<p>COL. HARVEY with 2/LT DENYER visited his H.A. and arranged for all tonnage required for the present movement of troops in his Corps area to be supplied by XV Corps. Programme of move discussed with XV Corps Q and AM.T.O. to obtain loan of Army busses to help towards the move. Weather:- continued frost, some wind <u>WWT.</u></p>	
Heilly.	9/2/17.		<p>In view of the continued movement of III Corps units, it was arranged that whilst further notice that Corps should do its own detail, only wiring each night to AMTO the number + location of surplus tonnage. Weather:- Frost, cloudy, sun at intervals. <u>WWT.</u></p>	

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Heilly.	10/2/17		<p>Discussed with III Corps S.M.T.O. the new arrangement as to details and fixed an appointment to see COL. RUSSELL. III Corps S.M.T.O. on the subject. Instructions given that A.M.T.O. organization would not be continued after the 15th inst. 2/LT. DENYER visited D.D.S.T and DAQMG 4th Army and arranged that A.M.T.O. Staff should remain on duty some four or five days after the 15th inst. in order to report to COL. TONBRIDGE on his return from leave and also to clear up any outstanding demands, details and correspondence e.g. the contracts unfulfilled for coal from BRUBY for French inhabitants.</p> <p>Weather :- continued frost, some wind. <u>WWT.</u></p>	
Heilly	11/2/17		<p>2/LT DENYER visited COL. RUSSELL III Corps S.M.T.O. and CAPT. REID at O. 29. and finally fixed arrangements for the III Corps to do its own detail work and report surplus only until further notice. A.M.T.O. advised that 40 lorries required on the 13th inst. to assist removal of IV Corps on the 14th and information given to the III Corps that most of these must be supplied by them. Weather :- continued frost. <u>WWT.</u></p>	
Heilly.	12/2/17.		<p>A.R.O. 588 visited directing that each Corps should resume its own detailing on the 15th inst. and determining the A.M.T.O. organization as from that date. DAQMG. Fourth Army intervened as to provision of army buses for tomorrow's move but informed that none available. III Corps reported that 20 lorries could be released from that Corps.</p> <p>Weather :- continued frost. <u>WWT.</u></p>	

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Heilly	13/2/17.		<p>III Corps reformed that a further number of ponies must be provided and it was arranged that 30 should be supplied by them and the balance of 10 by the <u>XV</u> Corps. Weather: - Continued frost.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HWI.</u></p>	
Heilly	14/2/17.		<p>Inquiries received from various sources as to exact date when Detailing would be resumed by respective Corps and it was confirmed that the Detail would go out as usual tonight for tomorrow, but no Detail would be sent out for any duties after tomorrow. D.A.R.M.G. Fourth Army telephoned as to the transport of 1000 Raffers from "G" Dump to La Haye and A.M.T.O. supported No. 8 G.H.Q. Ammunition Park being detailed. Weather: - Continued frost.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HWI.</u></p>	
Heilly	15/2/17.		<p>Arrangements made for the immediate closing of A.M.T.O. The unit providing clerks for the staff were informed these could now be released within next few days. Numerous outstanding letters, contracts etc dealt with and returned for future action. Weather: - Continued frost, slight thaw later.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COL HARVEY left A.M.T.O.</p>	
Heilly	16/2/17.		<p>PTE. GROOM P.S. M.2/100366 on the office staff returned to duty to No. 8 G.H.Q. Ammunition Park. Further correspondence and telephone enquiries dealt with. Weather - Thaw continues, some slight rain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HWI.</u></p>	

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Healy	17/2/17		<p>PTE. JOHNSON D.M. M2/169472 on the office staff returned to duty to XIV Corps 29 Ammunition Sub Park. Further correspondence with reference to the closing of this office dealt with. These precautions directed to be adopted.</p> <p><u>NWT</u> weather - continued heavy.</p> <p><u>NW Timber</u> Lieut: Col: S.M.T.O., Ist: Anzac:</p>	