

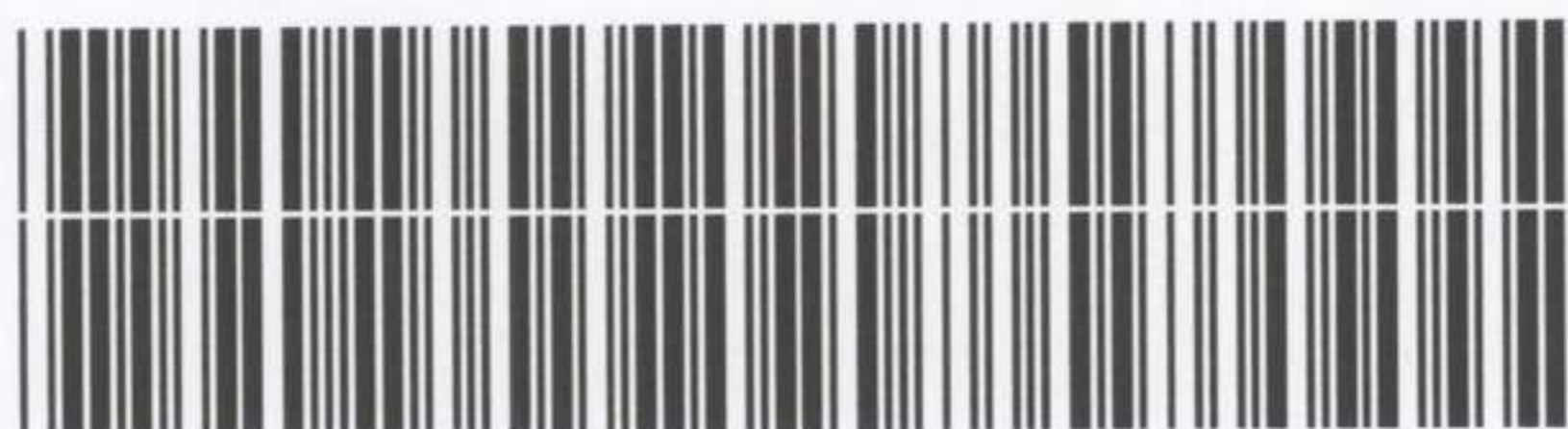
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OF

S.M.T.C., Australian Corps,
and
H.Q., Australian Corps M.T. Column.

FOR

Month of October

1918.

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32C/N.16. a. October 1918.	1st		<p>S.M.T.O. and Aust Corps M.T.Column Offices combined.</p> <p>39th D.M.T.Coy placed under orders of II American Corps from midnight 1st/2nd October.</p> <p>Major Hamilton and Adjutant S.M.T.O. interviewed B.G.G.S. re allotment of Daimler Car just received by Aust Corps H.Q. from 4th Army.</p> <p>Drew 1620 francs - £62-2-0 - on Imprest per Capt Lane for pay of all Units and Printing Section Expended on Acquittance Rolls. <i>N^o 135 1/6 160.</i></p> <p>D.D.S. & T. G.R.1107 received drawing attention to speed of M.T.Vehicles in Fourth Army Area as being excessive; and requesting that earnest attention be given to same. See Appendix <u>4</u></p> <p>All Units notified.</p> <p>Chaplain Lonergan (R.C.) is to be attached to Aust Corps M.T.Column. <i>W.V.</i></p>	Appdx <u>4</u>
	2nd		<p>To all Units. Cases of Rabies in Dogs. Two Cases of men having been bitten by mad dogs have occurred in one unit within the last few days. The greatest care must be taken by Commanding Officers to see that an epidemic does not occur. Attention is directed to G.R.O.2312. <i>W.V.</i></p>	
	3rd		<p>The following units were transferred to XIII Corps as per M.O.No.41. See Appendix <u>5</u></p> <p>25th D.A.Section of D.M.T.Coy. 58th D.A.Section of D.M.T.Coy. D.A.Section of 3 A.M.T.Coy. 3rd Aust Park Section.</p> <p>The following units moved to locations as follows:-</p> <p>104 R.F.A.Park Section to No.5 A.M.T.Coy 108 R.F.A.Park Section to No.4 A.M.T.Coy 86 R.F.A.Park Section to No.2 A.M.T.Coy. No.6 A.M.T.Coy(C.T) to 62C/J.24.b.</p> <p>Major Hamilton and Adjt S.M.T.O. visited following units:- 1st A.M.T.Coy Workshops, No.5 A.M.T. Coy Workshops and Park, 25th and 58th D.M.T.Coys, No.3 A.M.T.Coy, 3rd Aust and 86th and 85th Army Brigades, the latter two Park Sections vehicles were inspected by Major Hamilton.</p>	Appdx <u>5</u>

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62C/N.16.a October 1918.	4th		<p>The following units marched out to XIII Corps after detail today:- 84, 86, 104, 108, 150, and 65 R.F.A.Park Sections. M.O.No.42 issued. O.C.84, and 108 Park Sections called re transfer to XIII Corps. See Appendix <u>6</u></p> <p>Major Hamilton to conference at "Q" Fourth Army re transport for II American Corps who are taking over area from Aust Corps in near future.</p> <p>Adjt S.M.T.O. visited S & T. Fourth Army. Weather fine.</p>	<p>Appdx <u>6</u></p>
	5th		<p>Capt H.J.Lane, Adjt S.M.T.O., granted 1914 Furlough to Australia and left for England for passage via America. Capt L.T.Maplestone M.C. Acting Adjt during his absence.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. VII Corps who is acting as S.M.T.O. for II American Corps called re handing over of our units to him. Instructions received that Australian Corps would hand over to II American Corps at 9 a.m, tomorrow 6th inst. O.C. 3rd Aust Park Section called and reported that this unit had marched back from XIII Corps from temporary duty. Major Joss and Major James called to say goodbye before departing on leave to Australia.</p> <p>O.C. 6th Aust M.T.Coy called and reported that new Vauxhall car had been received for B.G.G.S. Corps.</p> <p>Winter time comes into force at midnight.</p> <p>Weather fine. MWT</p>	
	6th		<p>The following units were handed over to II American Corps at 9 a.m. today:- 2, 3, 4, 5 D.A.Sections of M.T.Coys, 6th & 12th A.B.Aust F.A.P.S., Units of "K" Siege Park. M.O.No.43. See Appendix <u>7</u></p> <p>S.M.T.O. II American Corps called.</p> <p>Weather fine. MWT</p>	

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62C/N.16. a.cent. October 1918.	7th		<p>Visited S.M.T.O. II American Corps handing over files.</p> <p>Visited D.D.S.& T., Fourth Army, and suggested that spare parts be drawn once per week direct from B.M.T. Depot while Corps is in rest, and so save unnecessary transport.</p> <p>Visited 3rd & 4th A.M.T.Coys, No.5 Workshops and No.1 Workshops.</p> <p>Visited C.I.O.M. Fourth Army, re lorries detached with Ordnance Mobile Workshops, and arranged for them to be relieved by 9/10/18.</p> <p>No.6 A.M.T.Coy (G.T.) transferred to II American Corps (temporarily). For instructions re same and moves of units and Park Sections see M.O.No.44. Appendix <u>8</u></p> <p>W.O. Vicary promoted to 2/Lieut and posted to 1st A.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>W.V.</i></p>	
	8th		<p>Nos 2 and 5 A.M.T.Coys moved to rest Area established at Flesselles and Senar Pont. respectively.</p> <p>Major Hamilton and Capts Maplestone visited rest Area and selected Beauchamps as suitable for H.Q., and S.M.T.O. Arranged billets etc., and also saw 3rd A.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Major Shirlaw called for instructions re his position with II American Corps.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>W.V.</i></p>	Appdx <u>8</u>
	9th		<p>D.D.S.& T., Aust Corps "Q", Aust Corps Signals, and all Units notified that S.M.T.O. would be located at Chateau, Beauchamps, on and after 09.00 tomorrow 10/10/18.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. proceeded to new location, Beauchamps, with Major Hamilton D.S.O., who departed on 14 days leave to U.K. 10/10/18 - 24/10/18.</p>	
Beauchamps	10th		<p>Aust Corps H.Q. closed at old location N.16.a./62C at 09.00 10/10/18 and opened at EU at same same hour and date.</p> <p>S.M.T.O., D.M.T.S., and H.Q. Aust Corps M.T.Column close at old location 09.00 10/10/18 and open at Beauchamps at same hour and date.</p> <p>Dull and showery. <i>W.V.</i></p>	

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Beauchamps. October 1918.	11th		<p>Established at Beauchamps. Colonel Tunbridge and Adj. Capt. Maplestone visited Corps "Q" at EU re increasing number of lorries with Divisions and putting a section of each Corps Company out to re-fit.</p> <p>Weather dull & showery. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
	12th		<p>Advice received from Corps "Q" at 05.30 that 6 Sections - 96 lorries - required by Army at once. Capt Maplestone visited "Q" and arranged that all available lorries would report to 13th G.H.Q. Reserve Park M.T. Coy, Villars Carbonnel. Visited No.3, 1, and 5 M.T.Coys and arranged lorries to proceed at once. Visited 5th Div H.Q. re lorries attached.</p> <p>Visited Corps H.Q., saw General Carruthers and Colonel Somerville reference 96 lorries for Army. Advised that vehicles after heavy work of past year must have time in shops to re-fit.</p>	
	13th		<p><i>MWT.</i> Capt Maplestone visited 13th G.H.Q. Reserve M.T.Coy and Fourth Army D.D.S.& T., and "Q", re lorries detached for special duty.</p> <p>Took Capt J.D.Campbell and Capt H.Bird to 6th A.M.T.Coy Workshops. Capt Bird handed over to Capt Campbell and returned to No.1 A.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Called on Major Shirlaw and left particulars of lorries on Special Duty with 13th G.H.Q. Res. M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Weather dull and showery. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
	14th		<p>O.C. 3rd A.M.T.Coy called re Supply Personnel.</p> <p>O.C. 5th A.M.T.Coy called. O.C. No.1 A.M.T.Coy called re personnel.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. visited Corps "Q" re sites for M.T.Coys. <i>MWT.</i></p>	

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Beauchamps October 1918.	15th		<p>Until further notice M.T.Stores will be drawn from A.M.T.D. twice weekly by Demands Officer. A distributing centre has been established at the old Gas Works just East of the Railway Station at Longpre-les-Corps-Saints. Units will be notified on Monday and Thursday nights of what stores are there for them, whether a box-car, 30-cwt or 3-ton lorry load, and must collect the following day, i.e., Tuesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. and Captain Maplestone visited Corps "Q" re lorries detached with 13th G.H.Q.Reserve M.T. Coy., and Mileage return.</p> <p>Drew 4,300 francs - £164.16.8 - on S.M.T.O. Imprest Account per Capt Maplestone for pay of S.M.T.O. D.M.T.S., H.Q.M.T.Column, and A.I.F.Printing Section. Expended on Acquittance Rolls.</p> <p>Weather Dull and Showery. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	16th		<p>Adjutant visited Corps "Q" re lorries on detachment with Army, and general matters.</p> <p>Major Shirlaw, Liaison Officer, with II American Corps, called and discussed general matters.</p> <p>Capt Ferguson, Signals Aust Corps, called re condition of vehicles with Signals.</p> <p>Weather dull. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	17th		<p>Adjutant to Corps "Q" re general matters. Was advised that lorries on detachment with Army would return today, and that Army had complimented both men and officers on excellent work done.</p> <p>Adjutant visited "K" Siege Park, and arranged for their Workshop to take some of the Corps work while Corps Troops Coy is detached with II American Corps.</p> <p>Drew 240 francs per Capt Maplestone on imprest for balance of pay. Acquittance Rolls 161/207 handed in. Total pay 4540 francs.</p> <p>Light rain in the morning, fine afternoon. <i>NWT.</i></p>	

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<p>Beauchamps October 1918.</p>	<p>18th</p>		<p>With the object of (a) Spelling the drivers. (b) Enabling the lorries to be put in good order, (c) Enabling the Workshops to catch up with overhauls, Units were today instructed to withdraw a portion of the lorries from detail. For full particulars see Appendix <u>9</u> which is self explanatory.</p> <p>Lorries returned from detachment with 15th G.H.Q. Reserve M.T. Coy.</p> <p>Five Extra lorries per Division reserved for direct detail by Divisions. See Appendix _____</p> <p>Frost Precautions issued to all Units.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT</i></p>	<p>Appdx <u>9</u></p> <p>Appdx _____</p>
	<p>19th</p>		<p>In accordance with D.D.S. & T. C.R. 2559 of 13/10/18 a certificate was rendered to the effect that "All lorries are complete with, or demands to complete have been forwarded for, non-skid chains.</p> <p>Attention of all units was directed to G.R.O. 5163 and A.R.O. 2616, in reference to the necessity of every motor cycle and side car combination having a Certificate - A.F. 3839 - issued giving full particulars of the machine, the Unit, and authority for holding; that the rider of the motor cycle is to carry the certificate and that no machine is to be repaired in any M.T. Unit Workshop on and after 21/10/18 unless the certificate accompanies it; these instructions also embodied directions for the obtaining of necessary A.Fs W. 3839 and the issuing of same.</p> <p>Further to previous instructions, all units instructed that Frost Precautions will be adopted forthwith; attention of all Units being drawn to Fourth Army R.O. No. 2614 of 15/10/18, and that all drivers of lorries, cars, etc., on charge or attached, should be immediately instructed.</p> <p>Historical records. Circular letter received from Aust War Records Section (see Appendix <u>10</u>) All units were notified accordingly.</p> <p>Fourth Army xxx G.S. 2/23 of 14/10/18 conveying congratulations to the Australian Corps for the prominent part it has played while in Fourth Army, passed to all Units for information. See Appendix <u>11</u></p>	<p>Appdx <u>10</u></p> <p>Appdx <u>11</u></p>

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Beauchamps. October 1918.	19th	(contd)	<p>General Blamey called re the Corps Commander's Car; he asked if permission could be obtained from Army to send to Calais for springs. S.M.T.O. informed him that Army had previously advised that no springs were available at Calais.</p> <p>Adjutant visited Corps "Q" re lorries on detachment, and Corps "A" re forfeiture of pay under A.I.F. Order 1257. Arranged that Corps Cars be sent in for inspection regularly.</p> <p>Lieut W.Noall, 12th A.B.Aust F.A.Park Section, reported for duty with Corps M.T.Column as Adjt.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>MWT</i></p>	
	20th		<p>D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, C.R.112 of 18/10/18 in reference to the conditions governing the issue of Triumph Motor Cycles, as per Appendix <u>12</u>, was distributed to "All Units" for information <i>Appdx 12</i></p> <p>Adjutant visited Corps "Q" re general matters.</p> <p>L/Cpl Sharpe taken on strength of S.M.T.O. as Corporal from No.5 A.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Weather dull. <i>MWT</i></p>	
	21st		<p>D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, C.R.1751 of 21/10/18, received, asking for a return shewing Honors and Awards and Mentions in Despatches received by Officers and O.Rs respectively during the month 12 months ending 30/9/18. This is now being prepared.</p> <p>Visited Corps "Q" re lorries on detachment, and site of 6th A.M.T.Coy. Notified No.6 A.M.T.Coy complete would arrive from II American Corps on 22nd inst., and would be located Gamaches.</p> <p>Weather dull. <i>MWT</i></p>	
	22nd		<p>Adjutant visited Area Commandant, Gamaches, and III Corps Schools, re site for No.6 A.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>O.C. No.6 A.M.T.Coy reported.</p> <p>General Carruthers called. <i>MWT</i></p>	

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Beauchamps October 1918.	22nd (cont)		<p>O.C. 1st A.M.T.Coy called re general matters and leave.</p> <p>O.C. 3rd A.B.A.F.A.P.S. called re special leave to U.K.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	23rd		<p>Colonel and Adjutant visited No.6 A.M.T.Coy at Gamaches.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	24th		<p>O.C., 6th A.M.T.Coy called re leave.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	25th		<p>S.M.T.O. visited Corps - "G" Staff and D.A.Q.M.G.</p> <p>Major J.Hamilton D.S.O., O.C.Aust Corps M.T.Column, returned from leave to U.K.</p> <p>O.C. 5th A.M.T.Coy called.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	26th		<p>§ S.M.T.O. interviewed General Carruthers D.A. & Q.M.G. Aust Corps, to recommend that he use his influence to arrange for the return of the D.A. Sections of the M.T.Coys and the two Park Sections, to Aust Corps; this General Carruthers promised to do.</p> <p>Pursuant to enquiries made. D.D.M.S. Aust Corps, called for a nominal roll of A.A.M.C. personnel attached to Aust M.T.Coys, in order that an establishment of two men per Coy may be completed. Nominal roll rendered today shewing nine A.A.M.C. men with the six Aust M.T.Units.</p> <p>A/O.C. No.1 A.M.T.Coy and Capt Bird, Workshop Officer, called re personnel for Workshops.</p> <p>Major Hamilton and Adjutant S.M.T.O. visited No.6 A.M.T.Coy and Corps "Q"</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>NWT.</i></p>	

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Beauchamps October 1918.	27th		<p>Special payments - Christmas Gifts - vide A.I.F. Order 1378, was drawn attention to by Paymaster A.I.F. attached Aust Corps H.Q.; all the Staff who desired, availed themselves of drawing up to Five pounds.</p> <p>O.C. No. 6 A.M.T. Coy and Workshops Officer called.</p> <p>Major Shirlaw, M.T. Liaison Officer, (with D.A. Sections IX Corps) called to see S.M.T.O. re lorries having been transferred from II American Corps to IX Corps, and D.A. Sections being withdrawn from the line.</p> <p>Weather fine. <i>MWT</i></p>	
	28th		<p>Old Daimler Rear Units and crankshafts needing regrinding from units in Aust Corps will be taken to 4th Heavy Repair Shop in lorries proceeding to Rouen for re-tyring and new rear units will be drawn in exchange, as opposed to the present arrangement. The usual weekly return to D.D.S. & T. office ceases.</p> <p>Pursuant to D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, C.R. 2602 of 21/10/18, enquiries were made from all M.T. Units in order to furnish a Nominal Roll of all men who have had experience in grinding machinery, giving particulars of such experience. This roll was forwarded to D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, today, giving the names of four men.</p> <p>Major Shirlaw, Liaison Officer M.T., called.</p> <p>Weather fine and cold. <i>MWT</i></p>	
	29th		<p>O.C. 1st M.T. Coy called re general matters.</p> <p>Lieut Braddon, 1st M.T. Coy, called re Court-Martial case Dvr Ericksen 3rd Aust Park Section.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. and O.C., M.T. Column visited Corps "Q".</p> <p>O.C. 3rd A.M.T. Coy called.</p> <p><i>MWT</i></p> <p>Q.M.C. Swiss reported from 3rd A.M.T. Coy in place of 2/Lt Vicary commissioned.</p>	

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Beauchamps	29th (cont)		<p>O.C. 5th A.M.T. Coy called re general matters.</p> <p>Drew 3215 francs on S.M.T.O. Imprest per Capt L.T. Maplestone, for pay of units (S.M.T.O., Aust Corps M.T. Column, D.M.T.S., "Aussie" and A.I.F. Printing Section). Expended on Acquittance Rolls.</p> <p>O.C. Corps Signal Coy called re the evacuation of motor cycles attached from Div Signal Coys. It was arranged that M.T. Coys forward replacements direct. See Appendix <u>13</u>.</p> <p>Following units marched in from IX Corps:- 2nd D.A. Section, 5th D.A. Section, 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S.</p>	
October 1918.	30th		<p>Driver Macmillan E.I. reported from 5th Aust M.T. Coy for duty as Despatch Rider and will be taken on strength of Aust Corps M.T. Column as from 30/10/18.</p> <p>12th A.B. Aust F.A.P.S. marched in from IX Corps.</p> <p>Weather dull.</p>	Appdx <u>13</u>
	31st		<p>Central Army Workshops. D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army, C.R. 2397 of 29/10/18, forwarded to all M.T. units for information; it mainly refers to method adopted for overcoming the "Spring shortage". See Appendix <u>14</u>.</p> <p>Weather dull.</p>	Appdx <u>14</u>

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Unit.	1. Loads Ammn	2. R.E. Work.	3. Supply.	4. Stores.	5. Pers'l.	6. Various.	7. Total loads done.	8. Total lorries out.	9. Miles run full	10. Miles run empty.	11. Petrol issued.	12. Lorries available not used.	13. Lorries under repair.	14. Lorries Detached.
1st A.M.F. Coy.	506	306	442	533	170	950	2907	1019	36970	36462	15740	66	650	726
2nd do	472	260	426	49	59	130	1396	984	20541	19906	12609	136	387	1304
3rd do	363	68	442	59	72	260	1264	710	20732	21269	8614	272	339	1208
4th do	562	116	520	7	24	350	1581	1113	22538	26825	10543	301	610	500
5th do	681	160	443	8	67	125	1474	1034	24645	26770	17753	149	492	663
6th do	5	-	1150	-	12	367	1536	669	13098	10063	5314	6	137	197
3rd A.S.A.F.A. Park Sect'n.	106	32	100	37	29	22	325	291	5670	5661	2801	50	131	6
6th do do	245	2	95	11	5	-	362	283	6259	6169	2069	54	88	29
12th do do	254	-	87	15	23	15	394	314	6400	6542	3717	89	87	6
"K" Sge Park.	1612	20	134	123	17	348	2254	1584	25494	27055	13010	18	757	708
	4506	966	3839	643	468	2587	13515	3001	181547	188741	92170	1223	3578	5347

Computed from Totals of Units' War Diary Appendix No.1.

15/11/18.

J. T. Macpherson
 Capt.,
 for S.M.F.C., Australian Corps.

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

DIARY APPENDIX NO. 1 FOR MONTH OF ..OCTOBER.....1918.....

AVAILABILITY OF LORRIES AND DEMANDS FOR TRANSPORT.

Date	Lorries Available	Lorries Demanded	Lorries Detailed		Lorries Not Used	Demands Not Supplied
			All Day	After Supply		
1st	165	95	95	-	70	-
2nd	148	89	89	-	59	-
3rd	163	97	97	2	66	-
4th	165	125	123	2	42	-
5th	103	101	101	-	2	-
6th	53	42	40	2	15	-
7th	84	104	84	-	-	20
8th	50	35	35	-	15	-
9th	43	45	45	-	-	-
10th	24	24	24	-	-	-
11th	30	27	27	-	3	-
12th	55	11	11	-	24	-
13th	24	-	-	-	-	-
14th	15	-	-	-	-	-
15th	22	5	5	-	17	-
16th	42	13	13	-	29	-
17th	33	8	8	-	25	-
18th	20	18	18	-	2	-
19th	78	15	15	-	63	-
20th	18	7	7	-	11	-
21st	16	12	12	-	4	-
22nd	21	19	19	-	2	-
23rd	20	20	20	-	-	-
24th	26	15	15	-	11	-
25th	26	25	25	-	1	-
26th	23	14	14	-	9	-
27th	24	19	19	-	5	-
28th	26	15	15	-	11	-
29th	26	8	8	-	20	-
30th	23	18	18	-	10	-
31st	49	20	20	-	29	-
Total	1602	1044	1020	6	543	20

A I.F. P.S.—A/2—8-18

Australian M.T.Column.

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Expenditure of Heavy and Siege Ammunition for Month of October, 1918 (to 6th.)

Date	D.	DX.	P.	K.	KX.	KAP.	S.	H.	M.	G.	W.	YX.	CX.
1st.	1320	2892	8214	269	307		355	524	126	630	8	21	
2nd.	1372	1441	2920	237	314		162	264	94	634	11		
3rd.	1828	1730	11461	363	216		253	247	261	550	20		
4th.	1243	1835	2908	134	130					35			
5th.	2160	2213	3083	175	199	30				100			
6th.	1165	875	1777	45	149					100			
Total.	9088	10986	30363	1223	1315	30	770	1035	481	2049	39	21.	

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Expenditure of Field Ammunition for Month of October, 1918. (to 6th.)

Date.	A.	AX.	AS.	BX.	BS.
1st.	7357	7857	2663	5443	1366
2nd.	3965	7873		822	
3rd.	36465	28680	1090	10447	461
4th.	12010	11442	854	4875	
5th.	11072	9740	309	4957	
6th.	6205	5197	100	2472	
<u>Total</u>	77074	70789	5016	29016	1827

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

1. It has again become necessary to call attention to the fact that the speed of M.T.Vehicles in Fourth Army Area, is, in many cases, excessive.
2. The present difficulties encountered by Road services in maintaining roads in good condition, and the number of lorries off the road with broken springs, are very real proof that M.T. Drivers are driving their vehicles immoderately.
3. It is of the utmost importance, at the present juncture, that every single lorry should be made available for work, and every M.T.Unit must be prepared to face work of an even more arduous character than at present. Increased mileage and hours on the road are to be anticipated. This will impose a great strain on the Mechanical Transport, and unless something is done to keep more lorries on the road than at present, a serious check to our progress may be anticipated.
4. The number of vehicles that are to be seen any day travelling much too fast over the bad roads in forward areas, which results in broken springs, proves that the drivers of these vehicles have not been sufficiently impressed with the importance of saving their lorries and the roads, on the condition of which so very much depends. This is entirely a matter of discipline for which unit Commanders must be held responsible.
5. I should be glad if you would give this matter your most earnest attention, since, as you will admit, the seriousness of the situation cannot be exaggerated, dependent as we are, so largely, upon our Mechanical Transport for exploiting our successes.
6. As 50% of the lorries under repair are due to broken springs, it is evident how serious this question is.
7. Acknowledge.

H.Q.Fourth Army.
 26/9/18.

sgd. E.Gillespie, B.G.
 D.D.S.& T., Fourth Army.

Distribution.

Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Aust M.T.Coys.
 25th D.A.Section.
 58th do
 39th D.M.T.Coy.
 "K" Siege Park.
 3rd M.A.C.
 XI Pontoon Park.
 1 Retained.

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Movement Order No 41.

Copy Nos 17/19.

1. The following Transfers and Moves will take place on completion of details for 4/10/18.

- (A) 25th D.A.M.T. Section to Xl11 Corps.
- (B) 58th D.A.M.T. Section to Xl11 Corps.
- (C) D.A. Section of 3rd Aust M.T. Coy. to Xl11 Corps.
- (D) 3rd Australian Park Section to Xl11 Corps.
- (E) 86th R.F.A. Park Section to No 2 Aust M.T. Coy
- (F) 104th R.F.A. Park Section to No 5 Aust M.T. Coy.
- (G) 108th R.F.A. Park Section to No 4 Aust M.T. Coy.
- (H) No. 6 A.M.T. Coy to J.24.b. Sheet 82C.

2. Sub paras B,C,D, and F of para 1 will be transfers in Situ.

3. Sub paras E and G of para 1 include transfers for Workshop Maintenance.

4. The echelon establishments of Ammunition will not be transferred to Xl11 Corps except in the case of the 25th D.A.M.T. Section.

5. Marching Out States are only required in the case of the 25th D.A.M.T. Section, who will render separate States for vehicles, personnel and ammunition.

6. Receipt of Copies 1 to 11 inclusive to be acknowledged.

3/10/18.

Major.
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

Distribution.

- Copy. No 1 25th D.A.M.T. Section.
- 2 58th do do
- 3 3rd Aust M.T. Coy.
- 4 3rd Aust Park Section.
- 5 86th Park Section.
- 6 104th Park Section.
- 7 108th Park Section.
- 8 2nd Aust M.T. Coy.
- 9 4th Aust M.T. Coy.
- 10 5th Aust M.T. Coy.
- 11 6th Aust M.T. Coy.
- 12 S.M.T.O. Xl11 Corps.
- 13 Aust Corps "Q"
- 14 Ammunition Officer
- 15 Demands Officer
- 16 Retained.
- 17/19 War Diary.

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S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Movement Order No. 42.

Copies Nos 15/17.

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1. The following transfers will take place on completion of Details for to-day, 4/10/18.
 - a. 65th Park Section to R.F.A. to XIII Corps.
 - b. 84th Park Section " "
 - c. 86th Park Section " "
 - d. 104th Park Section " "
 - e. 108th Park Section " "
 - f. 150th Park Section " "
 2. Officers in charge will report to S.M.T.O. XIII Corps at J.1. d.3.3./ Sheet 62C, forthwith for instructions.
 3. O I/c Park Sections will get in touch with O.C. 24th D.A.C. and send any empty lorries for Brigade use to L.16.O. Sheet 62C.
 4. Mobile Echelons of Ammunition will be taken.
 5. Marching out States, showing W.D. Nos of vehicles, Defect and Deficiency Reports, Totals of Officers and Other Ranks, and Ammunition taken out will be rendered to this Office.
 6. Receipt of copies Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive, will be acknowledged.

4/10/18.

Signed L.T. Maplestone Lieut.
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

Distribution.

- No 1 65 th Park Section.
- 2 84 th Park Section.
- 3 86 th Park Section.
- 4 104 th Park Section.
- 5 108 th Park Section.
- 6 150 th Park Section.
- 7 2nd Aust M.T. Coy
- 8 4th Aust M.T. Coy
- 9 5th Aust M.T. Coy
- 10 S.M.T.O. XIII Corps.
- 11 Aust Corps "Q"
- 12 Ammunition Officer
- 13/14 Retained.
- 15/17 War Diary.

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Movement Order No 43.Copy Nos 17 to 19.

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1. Consequent on the transfer of 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Aust Div Artillery and the 6th and 12th Army Brigades to the 2nd American Corps, the following will take place.
 2. D.A. Sections of 32 lorries, of which only four may be in shops, 1 Box Car, 3 Motor Cycles, 1 Workshop, 1 Store and 1 First Aid Lorry, will be formed in each of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Aust M.T. Coys.. The present seconds in Command of the M.T. Coys will take charge of these Sections and will have another Officer to assist each of them.
 3. The above D.A. Section and the 6th and 12th Park Sections will be under the Command of the 2nd American Corps after detail to-day to-morrow 6/10/18.. Marching in and out States will be rendered by these Sections.
 4. Major G.R. Shirlaw, No 1 Aust M. T. Coy will act as Liaison Officer for the Australian M.T. and will be located at the Office of the S.M.T.O. 2nd American Corps at J.16.a./ Sheet 62C.
 5. M.T. Coys, less D. A. Sections, and any lorries permanently detailed will move as follows:-

No.	After completion of detail for	To.
2	8/10/18	YZEUX Area.
3	7/10/18	HALLENCOURT Area.
5	7/10/18	HUPPY Area.

and will occupy sites to be arranged direct with the respective Divisional Headquarters.

6. No 2,3 and 5 M.T. Coys will wire the Map reference and Telegraphic address of the new locations to this Office and arrange for a D.R. to collect wires from the Signal Office at 09.00 - 18.00 and 23.00 daily. Wires will be in reply to M.O. 43 and will give reference on a 1/1,000,000 sheet. As far as possible the D.R. with details for the following day will leave this Office at 20.00..
7. No 3 Park Section less five lorries detached with the Brigade for supplies, will come under the Administration of No. 4 Aust M.T. Coy except for Workshop attention, which will remain on No. 1 A.M.T. Coy.
8. 12th Park Section will be transferred to 4 D. A. Section for Repairs.
9. Separate instructions will be issued for the moves of Nos 1 and 4 A.M.T. Coys.
10. Receipt of Copies 1 to 8 inclusive will be acknowledged.

Sgd J Hamilton Major.
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

5/10/18

Distribution.

Copies	1	1 A.M.T. Coy	10	S.M.T.O. 2nd Am. Corps.
	2	do	11	T.
	3	do	12	"Q" Australian Corps.
	4	do	13	Ammunition Officer.
	5	do	14	Demands Officer.
	6	3rd Park Section	15/18	Retained.
	7	6th Park Section	17/19	War Diary.
	8	12th Park Section.		
	9	Major G.R. Shirlaw.		

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Reference para 4 Movement Order No. 43.

Captain A.B. Harper will act as Liaison Officer with 2nd American Corps until arrival of Major G.R. Shirlaw.

He will report to S.M.T.O. 2nd American Corps at 6 p.m. to-day 6/10/18, with the availabilities for to-morrow of the Units to whom this letter is addressed.

6 October 1918.

Sgd J Hamilton. Major.
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

Distribution.

Captain A.B. Harper		
Officer I/c.	2nd A.D.A.M.T. Section.	
	3rd do do	
	4th do do	
	5th do do	
	6th A.B.A.F.A. Park Section.	
	12th do do	
S.M.T.O.	2nd American Corps.	

Movement Order No 44.Copy No ~~13 to 14~~

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1. No 6 Aust M.T. Coy, less one Workshop, 1 Store Lorry and 8 Artificers is transferred temporarily to the 2nd American Corps as from 9 a.m. 6/10/18.
 2. The Workshop and Store Lorry will remain in the present Location and move under instructions to be issued later.
 3. No. 1 Aust M.T. Coy will move on completion of details for 10/10/18 to the LONG Area and occupy a site to be arranged direct with 1st Aust Division Headquarters.
 4. No. 4 Aust M.T. Coy, less D.A. Section, will move on completion of details for the 10/10/18 to the CAVILLON Area and occupy a site to be arranged direct with the 4th Aust. Div. Headquarters.
 5. No. 3 Park Section will move on completion of details for 10/10/18 to the LONG Area, when they will Park with and be administered by 1st Aust M.T. Coy..
 6. No 1 Aust M.T. Coy and No 3 Park Section will take their echelons of Ammunition with them to the new area. Instructions as to drawing etc. will be issued by the Ammunition Officer.
 7. A Marching Out state will be rendered by No 6 Aust M.T. Coy..
 8. Receipt of Copies 1 to 4 inclusive to be acknowledged.

Sgd. J. Hamilton Major
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

6/10/18.

Distribution.

Copy	1	No 1 Aust M.T. Coy
	2	No 4 Aust M.T. Coy
	3	No 6 Aust M.T. Coy
	4	No. 3 Park Section.
	5	Aust Corps "Q"
	6	S.M.T.O. 2nd American Corps.
	7	T.
	8	Ammunition Officer
	9	Demands Officer
	10-11	Retained.
	12-14	War Diary.

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O. C.
1-2-3-4-5 Aust M. T. Coys.
3rd A. B. A.F.A. P.S.

1. As the bulk of the lorries have now returned to Units it has been decided to withdraw a proportion of the lorries of each M.T. Coy from detail.
2. This is being done with the object of:-
 - (a) Spelling the drivers.
 - (b) Enabling the lorries to be put in good order.
 - (c) Enabling the workshops to catch up with overhauls.
3. 16 Lorries under an officer from each Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Aust M. T. Coys and 6 lorries from 3rd A.B. A.F.A. Park Section will be shown as in Workshop for a fortnight at a time, commencing Sunday 20th inst..
4. It is not intended that any special section be picked for this spell in shops, but 16 of the lorries most needing attention should be taken from each M.T. Coy and 6 most needing attention from the Park Section.
5. The Officer detailed should act as Assistant to the Workshop Officer and supervise the repair and cleaning of the lorries under his charge. Other officers, if available, should also assist.
6. A thorough examination should be made of the lorries during this period, all necessary repairs should be done, the lorries should be thoroughly cleaned all over, crank cases, gear boxes etc. drained and refilled, and the lorries repainted. Tool kits and equipments should be examined and checked and made up as far as possible.
7. A programme of work should be drawn up, including drill, rifle, exercise and gas helmet drill. An inspection of personnel and lorries will be made towards the end of the fortnight. During the second week if the work on the lorries has progressed satisfactorily the men should be given the afternoon off, and football and matches and other sports arranged.
8. It must be impressed on all ranks that it is the duty of each and every one to take the fullest advantage of this period of inaction to get the M.T. in thorough good order.
9. A fresh section of lorries will be placed in shops at the end of a fortnight, and this office advised accordingly.

18/10/18
Copy to Aust Corps "Q"

Sgd. W.H. TUNBRIDGE Colonel.
S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

2.

O.C.
6th Aust M. T. Coy.

For your information. Please adopt the above in connection with your Unit and show 10 lorries in Workshop in addition those that would be in the ordinary course of events.

18/10/18

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

To S.M.T.O., Aust Corps.

Australian War Records Section.
103 Horseferry Road,
London, S.W.1.

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Historical Records.

In connection with the work of collecting and collating material for the official histories of the A.I.F., it has been found that the War Diaries for the earlier periods (from August 1914 to March 1916) do not contain all the information desirable and essential from which an adequate and full history may be written. Therefore, in order ~~that~~ to supplement and amplify the diaries, it has been decided to write to officers who were on GALLIPOLI and in EGYPT for information on certain subjects and events with which they might be familiar. It is intended that Officers of this Section should, during the winter and accompanied by a stenographer, visit individuals in France, and obtain the information through the medium of a personal visit, which it is considered should be a more satisfactory procedure than relying ~~on~~ solely upon correspondence.

2. Unfortunately this plan will be affected by the fact that numbers of 1914 officers are being returned to AUSTRALIA on furlough, and therefore it is desired that where possible such officers should, if passing through London, call at this Section so that the subject may be discussed with them.

3. The records for which I am personally responsible are those which come under the heading of "Administration" and deal with the work of the administrative branches and services, i.e. Administrative Staffs, A.A.S.G., A.A.S.C., M.T., Ordnance, Pay, Provost, etc.

4. Will you bring the contents of this letter to the notice of all officers concerned, please.

sgd. F.L.Coldwell, Lieut.
for Officer i/c Aust War Records Section.

O.C., 1-2-3-4-5-6 Aust M.T.Coys.
3-6-12 Park Sections.
1st & 2nd A.S.B.A.C.

S.M.T.O.
AUSTRALIAN
CORPS.
11/36
No. 19 OCT 1918
Date.

For your information.

19/10/18.

T. Maphet Capt.,
for S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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Diary Appendix

Appendix II

S.M.T.O.,
AUSTRALIAN
CORPS.

Fourth Army No. G.S. 2/23

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Australian Corps.

Since the Australian Corps joined the Fourth Army on the 8th April 1918, they have passed through a period of hard and uniformly successful fighting of which all ranks have every right to feel proud.

Now that it has been possible to give the Australian Corps a well-earned period of rest I wish to express to them my gratitude for all that they have done. I have watched with the greatest interest and admiration the various stages through which they have passed from the hard times of FLERS and POZIERES to their culminating victories at MONT ST QUENTIN and the great Hindenburg System at BONY, BELLICOURT Tunnel and MONTBREHAIN.

During the Summer of 1918 the safety of AMIENS has been principally due to their determination, tenacity and valour.

The story of what they have accomplished as a fighting Army Corps, of the diligence, gallantry and skill which they have exhibited, and of the scientific methods which they have so thoroughly learned and so successfully applied, has gained for all Australians a place of honour amongst nations and amongst the English speaking races in particular.

It has been my privilege to lead the Australian Corps in the Fourth Army during the decisive battles since August 8th which bid fair to bring the war to a successful conclusion at no distant date.

No one realises more than I do the very prominent part that they have played. For I have watched from day to day every detail of their fighting, and learned to value beyond measure the prowess and determination of all ranks.

In once more congratulating the Corps on a series of successes unsurpassed in this great war I feel that no mere words of mine can adequately express the renown that they have won for themselves and the position they have established for the Australian nation not only in France but throughout the world.

I wish every Officer, N.C.O. and man all possible good fortune in the future and a speedy and safe return to their beloved Australia.

H.Q. Fourth Army.
14th October 1918.

sgd. H. Rawlinson, General.
Commanding Fourth Army.

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To All Units

Forwarded for your information.

19/10/18.

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

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

C.R.112.

1. It has been brought to notice that demands for replacement Motor Cycles are frequently received at the Advanced M.T. Depot accompanied by requests that TRIUMPH Machines may be issued on account of the weight of the individuals who are going to ride the machines, and for various other reasons.

These demands, however, are not countersigned by a representative of the Transport Directorate.

2. The conditions governing the issue of Triumph Motor Cycles are therefore, again circulated for your information and guidance:

- (a) Triumph Machines cannot be issued to Units other than Signals, excepting in the case of a rider being over 13 stone in weight.
- (b) The demand for machine will invariably be passed to D.D.S.T. for approval and countersignature if he considers the issue necessary.
- (c) Certificate to the effect that the rider of the machine is 13 stone or over, must be attached to the demand.

3. There is, however, no guarantee that the make of machine desired will be issued. Signal Units have priority of Triumphs and issues can only be made to other units as supplies permit.

4. It is to be understood that the countersignature of an officer other than the Transport Directorate representative with formations, will not be accepted.

H.Q. Fourth Army.
18/10/18.

sgd. L.H.B. Burlton, Major,
for D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.

Distribution.

To all M.T. Units.

O.C.,
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Aust M.T.Coys.

M/58/1.

Motor Cycles detached with Corps Signal Coy
from Div.Signal Coys., vide G.R.O.4565.

The following procedure will be adopted when any of the cycles on charge to Div Signal Coys detached with Corps Signal Coy require to be evacuated.

The O.C. Corps Signal Coy will wire direct to the M.T.Coy concerned stating Frame No. of cycle and repeating the wire to Div. Signal Coy and S.M.T.O.

The M.T.Coy on receipt of the wire will forward a replacement machine to Corps Signals per Box Car and exchange for the cycle to be evacuated.

Replacements should be made as promptly as possible. In the event of no replacement being on hand the M.T.Coy will wire Corps Signal Coy and repeat wire to this office, when endeavours will be made to hurry forward the replacement from Base.

30/10/18.

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

Copies to:-

O.C., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Aust Div Signal Coys.
6th A.M.T.Coy.
Corps Signal Coy.

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Appendix 14

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

No.C.N.2397.B.

1. With regard to the inauguration of the central Army Workshops manned by P.O.W. personnel and under the orders of O.C. Fourth Army Siege Park at PERONNE, a central Spring Depot has been established where the energies of a number of P.O.W. Blacksmiths are turned to the repairing, setting up, and making of springs.

2. As the nucleus of material with which to start work, I was able to obtain 300 springs which were sent down to the Base as unserviceable in extravagant times, most of which, however, have only one leaf broken. It will therefore be possible at an early date to issue complete springs from the Fourth Army Siege Park to Units in the Field.

3. To make the scheme a success, the following will come into force at once:-

All unserviceable springs now in possession of Units will be sent to the Fourth Army Siege Park Workshops forthwith, and any others coming to hand in future dates should similarly be sent to Fourth Army Siege Park without delay, all springs so despatched to have a tin label attached stamped with the make.

4. In future, when any Corps or any Army Unit requires spring replacements, the S.M.T.O. of Corps (or officer authorised to telephone in his name on this subject) or the O.C. Army Unit, should ring up O.C. Fourth Army Siege Park and ascertain whether he can supply the springs required, and in the event of his being able to do so, make arrangements for the collection thereof, giving in exchange for the serviceable spring obtained, the spring becoming unserviceable, which latter should have a tin label attached stamped with its make.

5. O.C. Fourth Army Siege Park will be responsible for returning to the Base as unserviceable any springs or leaves received from Units which cannot be repaired by him.

H.Q. Fourth Army
29/10/18.

sgd. L.H.B. Burlton, Major.
for D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.

II.

O.C. "K" Siege Park.
NO. I. Aust. M.T. Coy.
" 2 do
" 3 do
" 4 do
" 5 do
" 6 do

For necessary action. The tin label referred to in paras 3 & 4 above, should also bear the name of the despatching Unit.

The demands will arrange for the exchange of springs as required by para 4.

31/10/18.

sgd. J. Hamilton, Major.
For S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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Units in Corps on 1st October 1918

1st Australian ~~xxxx~~ M.T. Coy.
 2nd -do -
 3rd -do-
 4th -do-
 5th -do-
 6th -do-
 3rd A.B. Aust. F.A.P. Section
 6th -do-
 12th -do-
 39th Div. M.T. Coy.
 25th D.A. Section M.T. Coy.
 58th -do-
 65th A.B.R. F.A.P. Section.
 84th -do-
 86th -do-
 104th -do-
 108th -do-
 150th -do-

Units marched out of Corps during Month

39th Div. M.T. Coy.	to II Amer Corps.	2-10-18
D.A. Sect. 2nd A.M.T. Coy.	-do-	6-10-18
D.A. Sect. 3rd A.M.T. Coy.	-do-	-do-
D.A. Sect. 4th A.M.T. Coy.	-do-	-do-
D.A. Sect. 5th A.M.T. Coy.	-do-	-do-
6th Aust. M.T. Coy. (C.T.)	-do-	-do-
6th A.B. Aust. F.A.P. Sect.	-do-	-do-
12th -do-	-do-	-do-
25th D.A. Sect. M.T. Coy.	XIII Corps.	4-10-18
58th -do-	-do-	-do-
65th A.B.A. F.A. Park Sect.	-do-	-do-
84th -do-	-do-	-do-
86th -do-	-do-	-do-
104th -do-	-do-	-do-
108th -do-	-do-	-do-
150th -do-	-do-	-do-

Units which marched into the Corps during Month

D.A. Section of 2nd Aust. M.T. Coy.	from IX Corps	29-10-18
-do- 5th -do-	-do-	-do-
6th Aust. M.T. Coy. (C.T.)	-do-	22-10-18
6th A.B. Aust. F.A. Park Section.	-do-	29-10-18
12th -do-	-do-	30-10-18

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shows the M.T. Situation on 4/10/18.

The following abbreviations are used:-

L = 3-ton & 30-cwt Lorries. C = Caterpillars.

F = Four-wheel-drive lorries. A = Ambulances.

M = Motor cars. SL = Steam lorries.

1182
307
1489

1529
302
1827

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Estab-lish-ment.	No. off roads owing to acci-dents, shellfire, minor causes.	No. off roads owing to overhaul.	No. off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated, demanded, & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	L	* 1529	170	88	21	28	307	* 1182.
	SL	‡ 10	1	-	1	-	2	
	A	106	11	-	1	3	15	
	M	207	18	6	4	2	30	
	F	111	3	1	-	1	5	
	C	69	-	3	-	-	3	

* Includes 34 Workshops, 48 Stores, 12 First-Aids, 5 Petrol Tank lorries.

‡ 5 Foden Disinfectors.

This return does not include Box Cars.

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MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shews the M.T. Situation on 11/10/18.

The following abbreviations are used:-

L = 3-ton & 30-cwt lorries. C = Caterpillars.
 F = Four-wheel-drive lorries. A = Ambulances.
 M = Motor Cars. SL = Steam Lorries.

302

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Estab-lish-ment.	No. off roads owing to acci-dents, shellfire, minor causes.	No. off roads owing to overhaul.	No. off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated, & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
Australian Corps.	L * <u>o</u>	483	39	18	2	6	65	* 423 * <u>o</u>
	SL e	5	1	-	1	-	1	
	A	106	9	1	1	2	13	
	M	68	9	2	2	3	16	

* Includes 16 Workshops 17 Stores, 11 First Aids.
o Includes 4 D.A. Sections with II American Corps.
 e Includes 5 Foden Disinfectors.

* Five lorries employed on 2 duties.

This return does not include 6th A.M.T. Coy - with II American Corps.
 " " " " " " Box Cars.

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MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

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The table below shews the M.T. Situation on 19/10/18.

The following abbreviations are used:-

L = 3-ton & 30-cwt lorries. C = Caterpillars
 F = Four-wheel-drive lorries. A = Ambulances.
 M = Motor cars. SL = Steam lorries.

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Estab- lish- ment.	No. off roads owing to acci- dents, shellfire, minor causes.	No. off roads owing to overhaul.	No. off roads owing to spare parts.	Evacuated, & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average No. of lorries used daily.
Australian Corps.	L	* 446	39	16	1	6	62	370 *
	SL	⊕ 5	-	-	1	0	1	
	A	106	6	6	1	2	15	
	M	68	4	2	2	0	8	

* Includes 15 workshops, 15 stores, 10 First-aids..
 ⊕ 5 Foden Disinfectors.

This return does not include 6th A.M.T.Coy, or D.A. Section of 3rd A.M.T.Coy who have rendered return to II American Corps.

M. Box Cars are not included.

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MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shews the M.T. Situation on 25/10/18.

The following abbreviations are used:-

L = 3-ton & 30-cwt lorries. C = Caterpillars.
F = Four wheel drive lorries. A = Ambulances.
M = Motor Cars. SL = Steam Lorries.

302

Formation.	Type of vehicle.	Estab- lish- ment.	No. off roads owing to acci- dents, shellfire, minor causes.	No. off roads owing to overhaul.	No. off roads awaiting spare parts.	Evacuated, & awaiting replacement.	Total number not available for duty.	Average number of lorries used daily.
Australian Corps.	L	398*	89	26	-	6	121	275*
	SL	6	-	-	1	-	1	
	A	105	10	6	3	-	19	
	M	111	14	3	1	3	21	

* Includes 15 Workshops, 15 Stores, 12 First-Aids.

Return does not include D.A. Sections detached with II American Corps.

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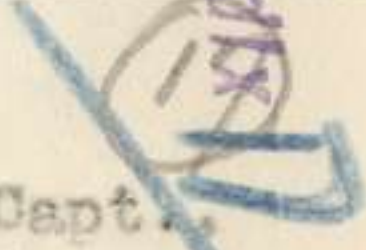
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S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
LOCATIONS M.T. UNITS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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Unit.	Map Reference.	Location.	Remarks.
S.M.T.O., and H.Q., A.C.M.T. Column.		BEAUCHAMPS.	
"K" Siege Park.	Abb.14/ 6.R.50.	MESNIL VAL.	
1st Aust M.T. Coy.	Abb.14/6.L.90.15.	LONGPRE-les-Corps-Saints.	
2nd do	Lens 11/D.6.	FLESSELLES.	Less D.A. Section.
3rd do	Dieppe 18/L.1.25.80.	ARRAINES.	DO.
4th do	H.Q. 62E/L.32.b.2.4.	MONTIERES Chateau.	do
4th do	W/Shops. 62E/R.3.b.8.2.		
5th do	H.Q. & W/S. Dieppe 18/2.I.6.8.	SEMAR PONT.	do
6th do	62G/J.18.d.8.2.	AIZECOURT	Attd II American Corps.
3rd A.B.A.F.A.P.S.	Abb.14/6.L.90.15.	LONGPRE-les-Corps-Saints	" 1st A.M.T. Coy.
6th do	62B/G.11.d.8.4.	"	" 2nd A.M.T.D.A. Sectn
12th do	62B/G.18.d.	"	" 4th do
2nd A.M.T.D.A. Section.	62B/G.11.d.8.4.	"	" II American Corps.
3rd do	62B/B.10.d.central.	"	" " "
4th do	62B/G.18.d.	"	" " "
5th do	62B/O.11.d.8.5.	"	" " "

28/10/18.

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

Appendix D

LORRIES EVACUATED by A.M.T.Coys.

From 7/3/18 to 31/10/18.

Unit.	W.D.No.	Make & Capacity.	Date.		
No.1 Aust M.T.Coy	32181	Peerless 3-ton	23	7	18
	32180	do	18	10	18
	11711	do	18	10	18
	11732	do	27	10	18 - 4
No.2 Aust M.T.Coy.	23890	Daimler 3-ton	7	4	18
	28570	do	7	4	18
	28556	do	29	8	18
	23679	do	10	8	18
	23674	do	9	9	18
	28586	do	30	9	18
No 3 Aust M.T.Coy.	16140	do	4	4	18
	20626	do	4	4	18
	16180	do	14	4	18
	16146	do	14	4	18
	23707	do	15	5	18
	10287	do	15	5	18
	16158	do	15	5	18
	16118	do	15	5	18
	16151	do	9	9	18
	16143	do	17	9	18
	16116	do	24	9	18
	16123	do	27	9	18
	16144	do	1	10	18
	16153	do	6	10	18
	16154	do	6	10	18 - 15.
No.4 Aust M.T.Coy.	11853	Thornycroft 3-ton	8	4	18
	11941	do	8	4	18
	28353	do	8	4	18
	28374	do	8	4	18
	5418	do	8	4	18
	5524	do	14	4	18
	28386	do	29	4	18
	11456	do	29	4	18
	5417	do	30	4	18
	5528	do	30	4	18
	5304	do	22	5	18
	28392	do	11	7	18
	28346	do	24	8	18
	28342	do	19	8	18
	28396	do	25	9	18
	2812	do	5	10	18
	5531	do	23	10	18 - 17.
No.5 Aust M.T.Coy.	10239	Peerless 3-ton	17	4	18
	8193	do	11	8	18
	5866	do	14	8	18
	11762	do	3	10	18
	10234	do	10	10	18 - 5.
No.6 Aust M.T.Coy.	37427	Daimler 3-ton	7	4	18
	12174	do	7	4	18
	8264	do	28	4	18 - 3.