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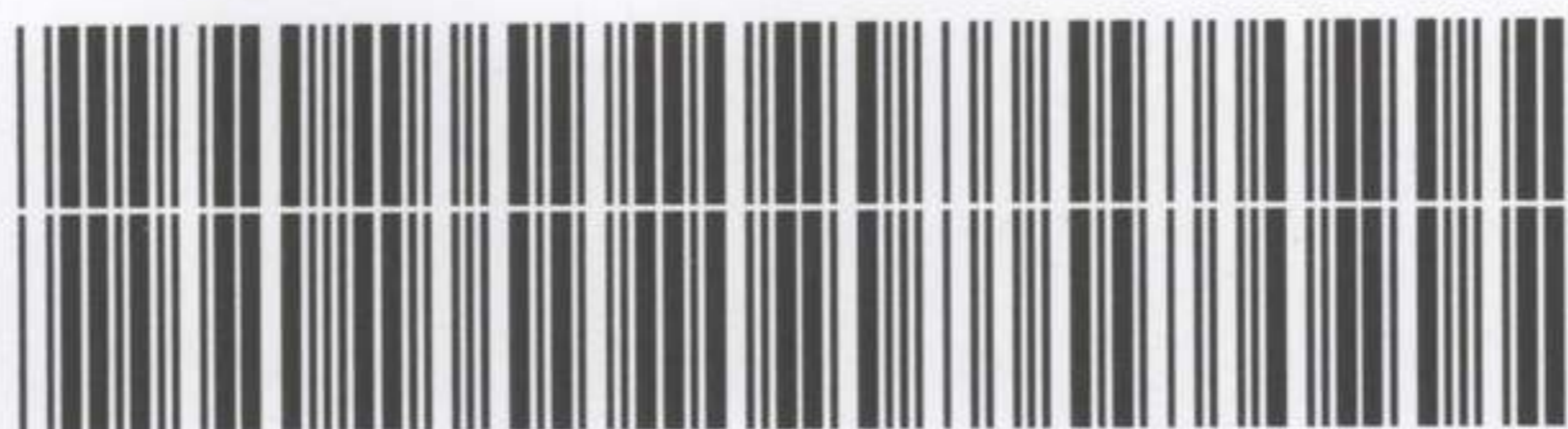
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS  
& Aust Corps M.T. Column.

FOR

JANUARY. 1919.

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| HAM-sur-Heure. | 1919<br>Jan.<br>1. |      | <p>Brigade Commander 1st Australian D.A. called re condition of Brigade Car and the driver of same. Car was inspected and found to be in fairly good order, the principal trouble being that the driver was not looking after the car; arranged that the driver be changed.<br/>S.M.T.O. visited No 4 Aust M.T. Coy.</p> <p>Adjutant visited Captain Hartley ( under arrest ) and found all correct. A.P.M. Aust Corps. advises no papers yet received.</p> <p>Captain Wilkins, Official Photographer, called re loss of car by fire.<br/>Capt. S.B. Lacey, 3rd Aust M.T. Coy. and Capt. H.J. Lane, Mate Adjt S.M.T.O. Aust Corps awarded O.B.E..<br/>Major G.R. Shirlaw, 1st Aust M.T. Coy., mentioned in despatches.</p> |                                      |
|                |                    |      | <p>2. Adjutant visited No 2 Aust M.T. Coy. re transport, also 86 Park Section ( R.F.A. ) re demobilisation matters and to see if all was in order during U.U's absence on leave.</p>   |                                      |
|                |                    |      | <p>3. Lieut. W. Noall, Adjt. Aust Corps M.T. Column, rejoined from leave to U.K..<br/>O.C. 3rd Park Sect ( A.F.A. ) called re personnel and general matters.<br/>O.C. No 1 Aust M.T. Coy. called re general matters.<br/>O.C. No. 6 Aust M.T. Coy. called re transport and general matters.<br/>A.P.M. Aust Corps called with papers in connection with Captain Hartley's case.<br/>Routine Orders No. 12 issued. Appendix. 3 A</p>  | App. 3 A                             |
|                |                    |      | <p>4. A/O.C., 3rd Aust M.T. Coy. called re general matters. A.O/c. of 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called re personnel and general matters.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. visited Aust Corps "A" re case of Capt. Hartley, etc..</p>   |                                      |

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| HAM sur<br>Heure | 5.   |      | S.M.T.O. visited A.I.F. Printing Section, D.A.G. A.I.F. and Aust. S.B.A.C's.<br><i>NWT</i>   |                                      |
|                  | 6.   |      | O.C. 4th Aust M.T. Coy. called re demobilisation of 1915 men.<br>Adj. visited D.D.S.&T., Fourth Army re salvage of German Captured M.T., also shortage of spares and tyres etc., also visited No. 1 Aust M.T. Coy. re car of 1st. A.D.A. in Workshops.<br><i>NWT</i>   |                                      |
|                  | 7.   |      | Captain H.S. Cusack, O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. reported from leave to U.K..<br>Lieut W.H. Duncan, 2nd Aust M.T. Coy and No. 6195 Dvr. K.W. McKenzie, 4th Aust M.T. Coy. awarded Belgian Croix de Guerre.<br><br>O.C. 2nd Aust M.T. Coy. called.<br>Routine Orders No. 13. issued. See Appendix <u>4</u><br><br>O.C. 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S. called.<br><i>NWT</i> | Appen.<br>No. 4                      |
|                  | 8.   |      | O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called. O.C. 3rd Aust M.T. Coy. called.<br><br>Drew 1600 Francs = £61/6/6 on Imprest Account for pay per Lieut W. Noall - Expended on Acquittance Rolls Nos. F4/40 to F4/62<br><i>NWT</i>  |                                      |
|                  | 9.   |      | O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. reported in connection with pay matters.<br><i>NWT</i>   |                                      |
|                  | 10.  |      | Routine Orders No 14 issued. Appen <u>5</u><br>O.C. "K" Siege Park called re general matters.<br><i>NWT</i>  | App 5                                |

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| HAM-sur-Heure | 11.            |   | O.C. 4th Aust M.T. Coy. called.<br>O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called re move of Unit to back area.   |                                      |
|               |                |   | Adjutant S.M.T.O., visited Corps "Q" re lorry details.  |                                      |
|               | 12.            |   | O.C. 2nd Aust M.T. Coy. called.<br>Routine Orders No. 15 issued Appen <u>6</u>  | Appen. <u>6</u>                      |
|               | <del>13.</del> |   | Letter written to Aust Corps H.Q. in reference to Demobilisation General Instruction No. 6 and demobilisation of M.T. Personnel.  | Appen. <u>7</u>                      |
|               | 13.            |   | O.C. 6th Park Section called re lorries detached.<br>O.C. 1st Aust M.T. Coy called re general matters.<br>O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called re routine matters.<br>S.M.T.O. visited No 2 Aust M.T. Coy. re demobilisation.<br>D.A. & Q.M.G., Aust Corps, called re lorry detail and to give notice of 104 R.F.A. Park Section being likely to move to X Corps. |                                      |
| 14.           |                | O.C. 6th Aust M.T. Coy. called re leave for his Unit. O.C. 12th Park Section called.<br>O.C. 3rd Aust M.T. Coy. called re leave to Brussels for his Unit.<br>O.C. 104 Park Section called re demobilisation matters.<br>O.C. 2nd Aust M.T. Coy called re confidential report on O.C. 86 Park Section.<br><br>S.M.T.O. visited 4th Army re collection of Captured M.T.. It was arranged that 10th G.H.Q. Res. M.T. Coy. attend to this within Aust Corps Area. S.M.T.O. sending to that Unit full particulars. Also discussed various general matters.<br><br>S.M.T.O. and Adj. visited No 1 Aust M.T. Coy., where lecture was given to the men on demobilisation. |   |                                      |

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| HAM-sur-HEURE. | 15.  |      | <p>Adjutant visited Corps "A" reference case of Capt. Hartley, who was placed under close arrest. Adjutant, S.M.T.O., left for Fauquembergues and Abbeville. (under instructions from Corps.)</p> <p>S.M.T.O. visited 4th Aust M.T. Coy. and gave lecture on Demobilisation.</p>   |                                      |
|                | 16.  |      | <p>S.M.T.O. visited "A" Branch Aust Corps, Capt Hartley also Printing Section and found machinery nearly ready for work.</p> <p>O.C. No 1 Aust M.T. Coy. called re general matters.<br/>Workshop Officer, 6th Aust M.T. Coy. called re repairs to Corps Cars.<br/>Capt. Cleveland <del>xxxxxxxxxxxx</del> escorted Capt. Hartley to train, handed him over to an Officer of 2nd Aust. Div., who was to take him to 3rd Aust. Div for further investigation of his case.</p>  |                                      |
|                | 17.  |      | <p>Lieut. Butcher, acting O.C. 86 Park Section called re demobilization of R.A.S.C. personnel.<br/>O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called re leave for his Unit and demobilization.<br/>O.C. 3rd Park Section called re Court Martial Cases.</p> <p>Adj. S.M.T.O. visited Adv. Base M.T. Depot, Abbeville, re spare parts and obtained urgent parts required for Corps H.Q. Cars, and arranged for 5th M.T. Coy. to draw spares direct; also to A.I.F. Printing Sect at Fauquembergues re move of same.</p> <p>Adj. S.M.T.O., visited detachment of No 5 Aust M.T. Coy. at SENARPONT and inspected vehicles in Workshops (9); also visited 3rd Aust Div. H.Q. re moving No 5 Aust M.T. Coy. to SENARPONT. Arranged that Senarpont be vacated by S.A.A. Section for 5th Aust M.T. Coy.. Saw A.A. &amp; QMG re lorries and cars etc; Arranged 3rd Div. should get 11 lorries for supplies, 8 for Div. general duties, 4 for Ordnance, 2 for postal = total 25 lorries.</p> |                                      |
|                | 18.  |      | <p>O.C. 1st Aust M.T. Coy. called re evacuation of lorry of 3rd Park Section.<br/>O.C. 3rd Park Section called re his leave to U.K.<br/>O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called re Court Martial Case.<br/>Adj. S.M.T.O. returned from trip to Abbeville etc. Routine Orders No 16 issued App 8</p>   | Appen. 8                             |

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| HAM sur<br>Heure. | 19.  |      | <p>O.C. 6th Park Section reported as instructed re the case of sale of piano to Civilian.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. and Adj. visited "Q" Corps re new M.T. Road Map and arranged for extra roads necessary for M.T. to be opened; also arranged for 5th Aust M.T. Coy to move to SENARPONT at an early date.</p> <p>104 A.B.R.F.A.P. Section marched out to "X" Corps as from 16th inst. Movement Order No 59 issued Appendix <u>9</u>. <u>M.T.</u></p>   | <p>Appen. <u>9</u></p>               |
|                   | 20   |      | <p>S.M.T.O. visited 6th Aust M.T. Coy. and gave a lecture in reference to Demobilisation of M.T. personnel. <u>M.T.</u></p>   |                                      |
|                   | 21   |      | <p>Movement Order No 60 issued to 5th Aust M.T. Coy. to move to Senarpont, less D.A. Section, the latter with 6th Park Section moving to FERRIERE la Grande.</p> <p>Bt. Pullen, 86 Park Section reported back from leave.</p> <p>Workshop Officer 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called re move of Unit.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. visited 5th Aust M.T. Coy. and 3rd A.M.T. Coy. and gave lectures in reference to Demobilisation of M.T. personnel. <u>M.T.</u></p> | <p>App. <u>10</u></p>                |
|                   | 22   |      | <p>O.C. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. called re move of his Unit to back area.</p> <p>Drew 1500 francs = £57/10/- for pay of D.M.T.S., S.M.T.O. and Aust Corps M.T. Column; expended on Acquittance Rolls F/4/80 to F/4/101</p> <p>O.C. 4th Aust M.T. Coy. called. Routine Orders No 17 issued Appen. <u>11</u> <u>M.T.</u></p>  | <p>Appen. <u>11</u></p>              |

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| HAM sur<br>Heure. | 23rd |      | <p>O.C. 1st Aust M.T. Coy. called re General matters.<br/>S.M.T.O. and Adj. visited "K" Siege Park re an Officer for D.D.S.&amp;T. Office, 4th Army: none suitable were available. Inspected workshops of "K" Siege Park.</p> <p>Adjutant visited Corps "A" re Leave to Brussels for M.T. personnel. Approval was given for two parties of 1 officer or senior N.C.O. and 15 other ranks per week. All necessary arrangements re accommodation were to be made with Y.M.C.A. Brussels in advance. Also saw Aust. Corps "A" in reference to case of petrol selling in Charleroi.</p> |                                      |
|                   | 24th |      | <p><u>M.T.</u></p> <p>Lieut Williams, A/A.P.M. Aust Corps called re 4th Army Road Map and discussed extra Roads asked for by S.M.T.O. and method of authorizing use of same.<br/>Adjutant visited Corps "A" re leave parties to DINANT and demobilization of R.A.S.C. personnel.<br/>Workshop Officer No 1 Aust M.T. Coy. called re spare parts and evacuation of vehicles.<br/>Capt. L.A. Cleveland M.C. departed on seven days leave to U.K..</p> <p>S.M.T.O. visited Corps Headquarters in reference to Demobilisation etc.</p>  |                                      |
|                   | 25th |      | <p>Routine Orders No 18 issued Appen <u>12</u><br/>Adj. S.M.T.O. visited Comforts Fund Headquarters re car broken down, also No 2 A.M.T. Coy.</p> <p><u>M.T.</u></p> <p>Adj. S.M.T.O. visited Corps "Q" re details of lorries and A.P.M. re roads.<br/>Adj. Aust C.M.T. Col. proceeded to Brussels to make all necessary arrangements for accommodation of organised leave parties.</p>   | Appen. 12                            |
|                   | 26th |      | <p><u>M.T.</u></p> <p>Conference of M.T. Coy. Commanders at S.M.T.O.'s Office re general matters and demobilisation.<br/>Present :- Col. W.H. Tunbridge S.M.T.O., Capt L.T. Maplestone M.C. Adj. S.M.T.O. Aust Corps, Lt. W. Noall Adj. Aust Corps M.T. Col.; Major Fordyce 6th Aust M.T. Coy; Major Searle 4th Aust M.T. Coy.; Capt Ross 2nd Aust M.T. Coy. ; Capt Harper 3rd Aust M.T. Coy.; Capt Eator 1st Aust M.T. Coy.;</p> <p>Advice received from Corps "Q" to prepare for Thaw.</p>  |                                      |



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| HAM sur<br>Heure. | 26th |      | <p><u>Continued.</u><br/>Lieut. E.R.T. Reynolds reported back from duty in London.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>M.T.</u></p>   |                                      |
|                   | 27th |      | <p>S.M.T.O. visited Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>General Routine.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>M.T.</u></p>  |                                      |
|                   | 28th |      | <p>O.C. 86th Park Section reported re Demobilization matters.<br/>O.C. 12th Park Section reported mechanical condition of lorries of his Section. Lieut. R. Majurey M.M. reported re case of Dvr Jenkins, 6th Park Section.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. visited Corps Headquarters re - Return to base of "U" Class men; "A" Branch stated an allotment of one per week would be given.<br/>Purchase of locks for Motor Cycles:- "Q" stated the case would be put up for the approval of Corps Commander for purchase.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>M.T.</u></p> |                                      |
|                   | 29th |      | <p>O.C. 1st Aust M.T. Coy. called re Demobilisation and evacuation of Garford Box Car.<br/>O.C. 86th Park Section. called re demobilisation and men not returning from leave to U.K..</p> <p>Adj. visited 6th Aust Park Section and 5th D.A. Sect detachment at Ferriere la Grande; arranged for an Officer to be sent to assist Lieut Reid who was ill in bed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>M.T.</u></p>  |                                      |
|                   | 30th |      | <p>O.C. 1st Aust M.T. Coy. called re men of his Unit being restless owing to System of Demobilisation. S.M.T.O. visited Corps Headquarters in reference to this matter.<br/>Routine Orders no 19 issued Appen <u>13</u>.<br/>Approval given for Two parties of 1 officer or Senior N.C.O. and 15 Other Ranks per week to proceed to DINANT for 72 hours leave.<br/>Adj. S.M.T.O. to 2nd Div. Headquarters with Capt. H. Hartley ( under close arrest ) to attend Summary of Evidence and return.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>M.T.</u></p>           | App 13                               |

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| HAM sur<br>Heure. | 31st |      | <p>Adjutant visited Corps "A" re allotment for R.A.S.C. Demobilization - also saw Corps in reference to case of Captain Hartley, 2nd Aust. M.T. Coy..</p> <p>S.M.T.O. visited Corps Commander and 1st. Aust M.T. Coy. re the discontent in the Company who had not gone out on details. They cranked up while there and went out and the C.O. reported later they were working smoothly. S.M.T.O, reported again to Corps Commander explaining the circumstances.</p> <p>Adjutant S.M.T.O. visited 2nd Aust M.T. Coy. and Headquarters 2nd Aust. Division re Capt. Hartley's case, and also proceeded to DINANT to make all necessary arrangements for accommodation for M.T. men proceeding there on three days leave.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. W. Wimbriell</i><br/>Colonel,<br/>S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.</p> |                                      |

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| No.  | Subject.   |
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| 1    | Employment of lorries and work done.                                     |
| 2    | Availability of lorries and demands for transport.                       |
| 3    | Ammunition Expenditure. -- NIL RETURN .                                  |
| *. 4 | Routine Orders No. 13.   |
| 5    | Routine Orders No. 14. * 3a. Routine Orders 12.                          |
| 6    | Routine Orders No. 15.   |
| 7    | Letter re Demobilisation of Aust M.T. Unit personnel.                    |
| 8    | Routine Orders No. 16.   |
| 9    | Movement Orders No. 59.  |
| 10   | Movement Orders No. 60.  |
| 11   | Routine Orders No. 17.   |
| 12   | Routine Orders No. 18.   |
| 13   | Routine Orders No. 19.   |
| 14   | Units in the Australian Corps for January.                               |
| 15   | M.T. Situation Returns.  |
| 16   | Location of M.T. Units in Aust Corps as on date stated.                  |
| 17   | List of vehicles evacuated by Aust M.T. Coys in Aust. Corps for January. |

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| Unit.               | 1.<br>Loads<br>Ammn. | 2.<br>R.E.<br>Work | 3.<br>Supply | 4.<br>Stores | 5.<br>Pers'l | 6.<br>Various | 7.<br>Total<br>loads<br>done | 8.<br>Total<br>lorries<br>out | 9.<br>Miles<br>run<br>full | 10.<br>Miles<br>run<br>empty | 11.<br>Petrol<br>issued | 12.<br>Lorries<br>available<br>not used. | 13.<br>Lorries<br>under<br>repair | 14.<br>Lorries<br>detached. |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st. A.M.F. Coy.    | 5                    | 33                 | 430          | 378          | 280          | 314           | 1420                         | 923                           | 13659                      | 14630                        | 8445                    | 109                                      | 913                               | 579.                        |
| 2nd. A.M.F. Coy.    | 3                    | 38                 | 292          | 22           | 19           | 100           | 534                          | 532                           | 28321                      | 29979                        | 13464                   | 458                                      | 494                               | 1024.                       |
| 3rd. A.M.F. Coy.    | -                    | -                  | 837          | 75           | 47           | 236           | 1195                         | 1051                          | 21151                      | 21921                        | 8992                    | 65                                       | 840                               | 620.                        |
| 4th. A.M.F. Coy.    | -                    | 181                | 700          | 148          | 144          | 600           | 1743                         | 957                           | 24889                      | 22452                        | 10432                   | 241                                      | 776                               | 594.                        |
| 5th. A.M.F. Coy.    | -                    | 1                  | 87           | 6            | 2            | 6             | 82                           | 83                            | 33488                      | 25038                        | 4164                    | 113                                      | 671                               | 1482.                       |
| 6th. A.M.F. Coy.    | -                    | -                  | 1350         | 24           | 5            | 292           | 1371                         | 543                           | 10796                      | 7449                         | 5981                    | -  | 272                               | 293.                        |
| 3rd A.B.A.F.A.P.S.  | -                    | 3                  | 142          | -            | -            | -             | 145                          | 107                           | 1153                       | 1380                         | 673                     | 218                                      | 171                               | 31.                         |
| 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S.  | -                    | 2                  | 73           | 64           | 14           | 14            | 167                          | 59                            | 2123                       | 2559                         | 1090                    | 89                                       | 125                               | 178.                        |
| 12th A.B.A.F.A.P.S. | -                    | -                  | 185          | 25           | 3            | 1             | 179                          | 173                           | 4520                       | 4491                         | 2106                    | 20                                       | 240                               | 62.                         |
| "K" Siege Park.     | 10                   | 415                | 252          | 88           | 587          | 1014          | 2166                         | 1855                          | 39832                      | 42526                        | 20856                   | 360                                      | 2952                              | 2226.                       |
| TOTALS.             | 13                   | 673                | 3998         | 626          | 881          | 2577          | 9002                         | 6285                          | 181730                     | 172397                       | 74204                   | 2193                                     | 7254                              | 7099.                       |

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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                  |                   |                  |                  |              |                  |                      |
| 2nd                  | 91                | 1                | 1                | -            | 80               | -                    |
| 3rd                  | 89                | 47               | 47               | -            | 42               | -                    |
| 4th                  | 52                | 53               | 53               | -            | 14               | -                    |
| 5th                  | 40                | 23               | 23               | -            | 17               | -                    |
| 6th                  | 77                | 2                | 2                | -            | 75               | -                    |
| 7th                  | 36                | 6                | 6                | -            | 30               | -                    |
| 8th                  | 72                | 6                | 6                | -            | 66               | -                    |
| 9th                  | 51                | 14               | 14               | -            | 37               | -                    |
| 10th                 | 72                | 27               | 27               | -            | 45               | -                    |
| 11th                 | 67                | 59               | 59               | -            | 10               | -                    |
| 12th                 | 66                | 10               | 10               | -            | 56               | -                    |
| 13th                 | 63                | 34               | 34               | -            | 29               | -                    |
| 14th                 | 50                | 12               | 12               | -            | 38               | -                    |
| 15th                 | 79                | 13               | 13               | -            | 66               | -                    |
| 16th                 | 55                | 15               | 15               | -            | 40               | -                    |
| 17th                 | 103               | 39               | 39               | -            | 64               | -                    |
| 18th                 | 73                | 13               | 13               | -            | 60               | -                    |
| 19th                 | 73                | 3                | 3                | -            | 70               | -                    |
| 20th                 | 31                | 7                | 7                | -            | 24               | -                    |
| 21st                 | 34                | 17               | 17               | -            | 17               | -                    |
| 22nd                 | 39                | 16               | 16               | -            | 23               | -                    |
| 23rd                 | 63                | 13               | 13               | -            | 50               | -                    |
| 24th                 | 31                | 26               | 26               | -            | 5                | -                    |
| 25th                 | 30                | 22               | 22               | -            | 8                | -                    |
| 26th                 | 32                | 6                | 6                | -            | 26               | -                    |
| 27th                 | 107               | 27               | 27               | -            | 80               | -                    |
| 28th                 | 73                | 10               | 10               | -            | 63               | -                    |
| 29th                 | 67                | 21               | 21               | -            | 46               | -                    |
| 30th                 | 32                | 53               | 53               | -            | 21               | -                    |
| 31st                 | 33                | 17               | 17               | -            | 16               | -                    |
| Total                | 33                | 14               | 14               | -            | 219              | -                    |
| A.I.F. P.S.—A/2—8-18 |                   | 629              | 623              | -            | 1638             | -                    |

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S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

Routine Orders No. 12.

issued by

Colonel W.H. Tunbridge C.B., C.M.G., V.D.

In the Field

3rd Jany. 1919.

49. CORPS F.P. COMPOUND. - The Corps Field Punishment Compound is established at FLORENNES and will receive men to serve sentences of F.P. for periods of 7 days or more, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays before 4 p.m.

50. PHOTOGRAPHY. With reference to G.R. O. 5585, the publication of any photographs taken in the Zone occupied by the British Armies (except those taken by the recognized official photographers) is forbidden.

51. POSTAL CENSORSHIP. Regimental censorship of letters will be discontinued forthwith. Correspondence will still be liable to examination at the Base and all ranks are reminded that the censorship orders are still in force, except as regards those orders cancelled by G.R.O. 5682. If the examination at the Base shows that breaches of the censorship Orders are common in any Units, it will be necessary to re-impose regimental censorship on those Units.

2. All letters and postcards must bear a censor stamp, except those posted in accordance with the latter portion of Censorship Orders para 30.

3. All letters and postcards will bear in the lefthand bottom corner of the address side the name and rank, if any, of the writer. They will be handed closed to the officer in charge of the censor stamp and will not be opened by him except for the purpose of identifying writers who have failed to comply with this order.

4. The issue of Green Envelopes will be discontinued forthwith.

5. Regimental censorship of parcels and telegrams will be maintained as heretofore.

6. For the purpose of interpreting "Censorship Orders for Troops in the Field" the term "franking" will be taken to mean the endorsement of the name and rank of the writer as indicated above, except as regards parcels.

52. LEAVE IN BELGIUM. 1. Periods. - Leave may be granted to places in Belgium as follows:-

(a) In lieu of leave to the U.K. for a period not exceeding 14 days. Vacancies will be taken out of the allotment of leave to the U.K.

(b) For periods not exceeding 10 days absence from Unit under the same conditions as leave is granted to places in France. No allotment of leave vacancies will be given, the numbers allowed to proceed on leave will be limited at the discretion of General Officers Commanding Armies, Corps, L. of C. Area, R.A.F., D.G.T. and Director of Forestry.

(c) Leave not involving more than 72 hours absence from a unit may be granted by Divisional Commanders to enable officers and other ranks to visit places of interest.

2.- Passes. - (a) In all cases in which leave is granted for a period exceeding 72 hours absence from a unit, A.F.W. 3774 (Leave Pass in France) will be issued. "Belgium" will be inserted in place of "France" on the Pass. (b) In all cases in which leave not exceeding 72 hours is granted, a Pass on A.F.W. 3105, or in manuscript, will be issued.

3.- Reporting Arrival. - (a) All officers under the rank of Brigadier-General and all other ranks on leave, if staying or detained a night at any place at which British Troops are stationed, will report personally on arrival to the D.A.P.M. If there is no D.A.P.M. all ranks will report to the Senior British Officer stationed there.

At Brussels officers will report to Commandant, British Troops, and other ranks to the D.A.P.M., 78 Rue du Marche aux Herbes.

(b) All officers under the rank of Brig.-Genl and all other ranks granted leave involving permission to stay overnight, or who are detained overnight, at places in Belgium where no British Troops are quartered, will report to the Belgian Commandant or Gendarmerie and present their Passes for endorsement.

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52. (contd).- 4. Leave to Places in British Army Areas.- Leave may be granted to troops in one Army Area to proceed to places in another Army Area or from the Lines of Communication to an Army Area provided that not more than 30 Passes involving permission to stay overnight at any place are granted by any Army of G.O.C., L.of C. Area, for one period, in each case particulars of the leave granted, giving the address of the officer or other rank while on leave, will be communicated to the Army concerned. In all cases a Leave Pass on A.F.W.3105 will be issued. The previous concurrence of the Army concerned will be obtained if it is desired to exceed this number.

5.-Leave granted to organized parties of Troops to visit places of Interest.- In all cases in which leave is granted to organized parties to visit places of interest and the leave involves the spending of one or more nights at a place, notification of the numbers proceeding, the period of leave and the name of the Officer or N.C.O. i/c the party will be communicated beforehand to the D.A.P.M. or Senior British Officer at the place to which the party is proceeding.

53. RATE OF EXCHANGE.- From January 1st 1919, and until further orders the rate of exchange of the mark will be as follows:-

5 marks = 2s.4d. = 3 francs.

G.R.O.5834 is cancelled.

*L. T. Macpherson* *Coff*  
Colonel.  
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

S.M.T.O., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.  
Routine Orders No. 13.

issued by Colonel W.H. Tunbridge C.B., C.M.G., V.D.

In the Field.

7th January 1919.

54. CURRENCY. - All ranks are warned against accepting  
 (a) Chambre de Commerce Notes or Petites Coupures issued by towns which have been in enemy occupation.  
 (b) Silver coins of the following denominations: 2 Francs, 1 Franc, 50 centimes, & 20 centimes, bearing on the obverse the effigy of Napoleon III with laurel wreaths.  
 Enemy coin and notes will not be introduced into France or Belgium. German coins and notes will be used in Germany.
55. OFFICERS' REST HOUSE. - An officers' Rest House is now open at the "source" Charleroi.
56. CANTENS AND REST HOUSES. - It is desirable that protection should be given to Cantens and Rest Houses which are in possession of large sums of money. It is notified that Guards must be furnished from the nearest troops when an application is made shewing the necessity for such provision.
57. BRUSSELS. - All ranks must be in possession of proper passes before proceeding to Brussels. Strict attention must be paid to the turnout of men which has been very much neglected.

*A. Wallace*

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

NOTICE.

It has been reported that the road from DINANT to WAULSORT is under water, and the only car or lorry route from DINANT is via ONHAYE.



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

Routine Orders No.14.

issued by

Colonel, W.H. Tunbridge O.B., C.M.G., V.D.

In the Field.

10th Jan'y 1919.

58.-MEN PROCEEDING TO UNITED KINGDOM.

It has been reported that men are arriving in England both on leave and for demobilization with unserviceable clothing and boots and in a verminous condition. Every soldier proceeding on demobilization must be given a certificate that he is free from vermin and infection, signed by a Medical Officer (as laid down in G.R.O. 3224 amended by G.R.O. 4754). In addition he will be in possession of a certificate signed by an Officer that his clothing and boots are in a serviceable condition and clean. Any man arriving without certificate will be sent returned to his unit.

59.-TYRE PRESS.

"O" Tyre Press is now open at Atelier de Construction, English Railhead.

60.-LEAVE TO U.K.

No Officer or man is permitted to proceed on leave to the U.K. except on the distinct understanding that he returns to his Unit on the expiration of his leave, unless he obtains an extension ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for reasons other than those connected with demobilization. Commanding Officers are held responsible that no officer or man quits his unit on leave unless he is aware of these conditions.

61.-LEAVE TO BRUSSELS.

Commanding Officers are responsible that every man who is ~~xxx~~ granted leave to Brussels is bathed and certified free from infection from lice, scabies, etc., before being allowed to proceed on leave.

62.-OVERDRAWN PAY ACCOUNTS.

A.I.F. Order No. 723 of 29/6/17 will be republished forthwith in all UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS. It is the duty of every Commanding Officer to see that the pay books of all ranks are handed to the Pay Sergeant of the Unit for checking and compilation of credits at the end of every month. In addition all officers pay books will be regularly scrutinized by the Commanding Officer and a report furnished to Divisional or Corps Headquarters of any overdrafts disclosed; such report to be furnished monthly.

63.-LEAVE.

Commencing with train due to depart HUY 17.35 on 10th inst. Fourth Army Leave train will be consigned to ~~XXXXXXXXX~~. CALAIS.

*W. Hoare*

Lieut.,

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

NOTICE.

Crossley Box Car W.D.No. 59707 Type 8 J. Chassis No. 10518, Engine No. 10530. Painted dark green with an improvised wind-screen. Unit sign is painted on side. This vehicle was removed from 3rd A.M.T. Coy Park, SOLRE-le-CHATEAU, on night of 7/8th inst by some person or persons unknown. Information to S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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S.M.T.O., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.  
Routine Orders No.15

Issued by Colonel W.H.Tunbridge C.B., C.M.G., V.D.  
In the Field.

19th Jan 1919.

- 64.--MEMBERS OF THE A.I.F. EN ROUTE TO AUSTRALIA. S.M.T.O. Routine Order No.35 dated 15th December 1918 is cancelled. Any leave required will in future be granted in England.
- 65.--TYRE PRESS. "D" Tyre Press is now open at JAMBES near Namur.
- 66.--TRAVELLING ON FRENCH RAILWAYS. regulations:- All ranks will conform with the following regulations:-  
(1) Officers and Nurses may travel 1st Class.  
(2) Non commissioned officers may travel 2nd class.  
(3) Private soldiers may travel 3rd class.
- 67.-- RATE OF EXCHANGE. Until further notice the rate of exchange of the mark will be as follows:- 5 marks = 2/7d = 3.35 francs.
- 68.--PARIS LEAVE. OFFICERS. Officers of the A.I.F. on leave in Paris desiring information re hotel accommodation, amusements, and tours, can obtain assistance from the Aust Y.M.C.A. Hotel Windsor, 26 Rue de Petrograd.
- 69.--DEMobilISATION. In future leather jerkins, and undercoats fur will be handed in, and sheepskin lined coats will be exchanged for greatcoats as authorised for branch of service concerned, before men leave their Units.

*W. Wall* Lieut..  
for S.M.T.O., Aust Corps.

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Headquarters  
Australian Corps "A".

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| S.M.T.O.,<br>AUSTRALIAN<br>CCRPS. |      |
| No.                               | M360 |
| Date                              |      |

In view of Demobilization General Instruction No. 6 it becomes necessary to further review the condition of the personnel of the M.T..

If the above circular is intended to apply to the M.T. as I understand it does, it means that each M.T. Unit must retain practically all its personnel for the cadre.

Taking M.T. vehicles as M.T. vehicles, there are on the Establishment of each M.T. Unit, except the 6th Aust M.T. Coy. just two men per vehicle; the 6th have not enough men on their Establishment to form the cadre by 37 men.

The Supply men will be required all the time the Divisions are in the Field and the ammunition details would just make up the numbers required for Q.M. Stores, cooks, etc.; consequently the only men who can be demobilised are the 50% of artificers.

The state of the vehicles, however, does not warrant the reduction of the Workshop Staffs.

The vehicles have been working very hard for the last two months and as far as can be seen, every wheel will continue to be used as long as the troops are in the Field; this with the bad state of the Roads, the necessity of using drivers of less efficiency and practically no experience of driving under present conditions, and the age of the vehicles, necessitates an enormous amount of Workshop attention.

It must also be borne in mind that most of the best N.C.O's and artificers have already been demobilised, so that the shop staffs are not nearly as efficient as a few months ago.

Many of the men coming from divisions will make good drivers in time, but from present figures, nearly half will have to be returned as unsuitable. From the first batch of 30 per division, the highest number selected, so far, is 17. I think it will be difficult to bring the M.T. up to establishment from this source. Men do not want to transfer under present conditions as they have a much harder time in the M.T.. They can get no sport, excursions or Education advantages.

Much discontent is caused by the practice of allowing men on leave in U.K. to put their cases direct to Headquarters, London, and there getting demobilised at once, or attached to Headquarters. Men now think that if they can get to London they will be able to make all arrangements to get back to Australia at once.

If a definite policy could now be laid down, and the men could be told where they stand, even if that policy were to be that the M.T. must remain until last, would be better than the uncertainty of the present, and the chance given to men on leave of, as the men think, wangling their quick return.

12/1/19.  
WHT.

*WHT.*  
S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

Colonel.

Copy to D. A. G., A.I.F..

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S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Routine Orders No. 16.

issued by

Colonel W.H. Tunbridge C.B. C.M.G. V.D.

In the Field.

18th Jan '19.

70. LEAVE TO IRELAND. Until further notice all leave to Ireland is suspended.
72. EXPLOSIVE SOUVENIRS No ammunition, bombs, or explosives of any sort, will be conveyed to the United Kingdom either by individuals or through the Post, or Military Forwarding Establishment.
72. BOULOGNE COLOGNE EXPRESS The Boulogne Cologne Express will continue to run for Leave and Duty Officers of the Second and Fourth Armies. These officers will travel from London by Staff trains and boats.

Time Table.

Up Journey.

|           |        |       |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| Boulogne  | depart | 19.30 |
| Charleroi | arrive | 07.40 |
|           | depart | 08.40 |
| Namur     | arrive | 11.00 |

Down Journey.

|           |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Namur     | depart | 14.40  |
| Charleroi | arrive | 16.45  |
|           | depart | 17.45  |
| Boulogne  | arrive | 06.00. |

73. MOTOR CYCLES Several cases have recently been reported of Motor Cycles being removed from Garages and sheds. Commanding Officers are responsible that a chain padlock and key are at once issued with all motor cycles and side car combinations and riders will at all times chain their machines when not actually being ridden. A certificate will be forwarded ~~to~~ by all Units to reach this office as soon as issue of chains and padlocks is complete.

74. RATIONS

For personnel proceeding by Reinforcement Leave or Unit Trains. :-  
The attention of Commanding Officers is directed to G.R.O. No. 6046.

*W. Wall* Lieut.  
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

18/1/19.

NOTICE LOST from car on Charleroi Namur Road between 17.00 and 20.00 hours on 9th January 1919, a brown leather handbag containing official and private documents, cheque book and toilet requisites.

Information to Inspector of Fires, DOULLENS.

Movement Order No. 59.

Copy No.:- 4222

1. 104 Army Bde R.F.A. Park Section is transferred to "X" Corps "in Situ" as from the 18th inst.
2. Marching Out States with Defect and Deficiency Certificate will be rendered to this Office, in duplicate, by 17.00 on the 20th inst.
3. No. 4 Aust Company will complete repairs to vehicles at present in Shops.
4. Supplies will continue to be drawn from 4th Aust Div. Pack until Bde moves out to 2nd Army Area at a date to be notified by X Corps.
5. O.C. Park Section will report to S.M.T.O., "X" Corps for instructions.
6. Ammunition. Park Section will move with empty echelon.
7. Copies 1 and 2 to be acknowledged.

19/1/19.  
LTM.

*J. T. Macpherson* Capt.  
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

Distribution.

- Copy No
1. 104 Park Section.
  2. No. 4 Aust M.T. Coy.
  3. 104 Army Bde R.F.A.
  4. S.M.T.O. X Corps. ( D.R.L.S.)
  5. Q Aust Corps.
  6. Demands Officer.
  7. Ammunition Officer.
  8. Retained.
  - 9-11... War Diary.

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Movement Order No. 60.

Copy No

1. Headquarters No 5 Aust M. T. Coy. less D. A. Section., consisting of 20 lorries, 1 Workshop, 1 Store and 1 first Aid Lorry will move to SENARPONT on the 22nd inst..
2. D. A. Section and Workshops, and No 6 Park Section will move to FERRIERE-la- Grande on the 23rd inst. Arrangements to be made with Area Commandant for accommodation.
3. 3rd Aust Division will be allotted the following lorries.
  - 11.....Supply
  - 8.....Div. Headquarters for general duties.
  - 4.....Ordnance
  - 2.....Postal.

The above lorries will be kept up and replacements made for any breaking down. Any further demands for transport will be made to this Office.

4. O.C. No. 5 Aust M. T. Coy. will ensure that returns reach this office on times specified, M.T. Situation, D.D.S.&T., and A.G's Return will be made up to Tuesday of each week and despatched by D.R.L.S.
5. D.A. Section will render Availability and M.T. Situation direct to this Office.
6. Supplies and Ordnance will be drawn from 3rd Aust Division.
7. Copies 1 and 2 to be acknowledged.

*T. Maphstone* . Captain.  
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

21/1/19.  
LTM.

Distribution.

- |           |                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Copy No 1 | No 5 Aust M. T. Coy.           |
| 2         | No 6 A.B.A.F.A. Park Section.  |
| 3         | 3rd Aust Division ( D.R.L.S.). |
| 4         | "Q" Australian Corps.          |
| 5         | Demands Officer.               |
| 6         | Ammunition Officer             |
| 7         | Retained.                      |
| 8-9..     | War Diary.                     |

S.M.T.O., AUSTRALIAN CORPS  
Routine Orders No.17.  
issued by  
Colonel W.H.Tunbridge C.B., C.M.G., V.D.

In the Field.

22-1-1919.

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75. A.I.F. Personnel This personnel will consume the Irkon Rations proceeding to Base as one of the four days rations to be taken on for return to Australia.
76. IRON RATIONS OF Imperial Personnel departing from their Unit for demobilization Iron rations will be withdrawn by Unit Commanders before the departure of the men from their units, and will be consumed as part of the daily rations in the unit. Corresponding reductions being made in the daily rations indents (vide G.R.O. 5765 of 5/12/18)  
The A.B.55's on which these underdrawals are made will be clearly endorsed "Iron Rations consumed in lieu of fresh".  
A return will be rendered to reach this office for each period ending 7th., 14th., 21st., and last day of each month, showing the approximate number of men despatched from units for demobilization. The first return will be for the period ending 31st January 1919, and all returns will reach this office on the day following the last day of the period for which they are due.
77. SANITATION. The attention of all Commanding Officers is directed to 4th Army Routine Order No.2798.
78. Killing of Game. It is notified for information that the hunting, shooting or killing of game, (which includes hares and rabbits) by nets, snares or other methods is strictly prohibited. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against anyone contravening this order.

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3-6-12-86 P

*W. Wall*  
Lieut Colonel,  
S.M.T.O., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS  
Routine Orders No. 18.  
issued by

Colonel W.H. Tunbridge C.B. C.M.G. V.D.

In the Field.

24/1/19.

79. DEMOBOLISATION. It is notified for information that no receptacles for food are provided at Halte Repas en route to the Base. Men not in possession of Mess Tins will only be able to bet bully beef and bread.
80. MEN PROCEEDING TO U.K. The attention of Commanding Officers is directed to Routine Order No. 58 dated 10/1/19. It has been reported that a very large percentage of men have been arriving at the Embarkation Camps at Ports wearing lousy uniforms, unserviceable boots, and trousers and jackets which are neither clean nor serviceable. In future, men who arrive in an unclean condition at Concentration, Reinforcement Camps etc. will be sent back to their Units, with written complaints, copies of such complaints being forwarded to Corps Headquarters. This matter is very serious, and it is to the interest of every Officer and man to see that further complaints are unnecessary.
81. ANTWERP. All officers visiting Antwerp will report on arrival at the Base Commandant's Office, at Rue de Pelicans, Sortunia Buildings, opposite the Gare Centrale.
82. AUSTRALIAN Y.M.C.A. The Australian Y.M.C.A. Paris, has affiliated with the Overseas French Homes League. Officers and men of the A.I.F. when on leave in Paris may have hospitality with English speaking families and entertainments arranged for them by applying to the Aust. Y.M.C.A. Hotel Windsor, 26 Rue de Petrograd, Paris.
83. FOURTH ARMY LEAVE TRAIN. The following is a table showing timings of Fourth Army Leave Train.
- | <u>DOWN TRAIN.</u> |               | <u>Up Train.</u> |                 |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Namur .....        | depart 17.55. | Calais ...       | depart.. 0753.  |
| Charleroi..        | arrive 20.25. | Charleroi        | depart.. 00.30. |
|                    | depart 21.25. | Namur ...        | depart.. 02.50  |
| Calais.....        | arrive 16.05. |                  |                 |
84. LEAVE TO BRUSSELS. Approval has been given for two parties of 1 Officer ~~or~~ Senior N.C.O. and <sup>15</sup> other ranks per week to proceed on 72 hours leave to BRUSSELS. The first two parties will be allotted to 6th and 1st M.T. Cos., and subsequent parties to 2nd and 3rd M.T. Cos, 4th and 6th M.T. Coys etc. in that rotation. 5th A.M.T. Co. D.A. Sect. and 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S. will be included in the allotment to 6th A.M.T. Coy. and 3rd and 12th Park Sections in allotments to 1st and 5 A.M.T. Coys, respectively. Full instructions will be issued as soon as necessary accommodation arrangements have been made. This office will be notified at once, if any company anticipates not being able to use its allotment which will be approximately one party per ~~week~~.  
*alternate week*
85. RABIES and the importation of Dogs into the United Kingdom. The attention of Commanding Officers is directed to G.R.O. 6077.

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



Routine Orders No 19.  
issued by

302  
Colonel W.H. Tunbridge C.B. C.M.G. V.D.  
In the Field.

30th Jan 1919.

86. DISPOSAL OF POSTAL ORDERLIES RECEIPT BOOK AB428 Units on being disbanded, should send to D.A.G. 3rd Echelon for safe custody and further reference, all used letter receipt records ( AB 428) in their possession. Under no circumstances should these records be destroyed until 8 months have elapsed from the date of the last entry.
87. CUTTING OF TIMBER Complaints are still being received that British troops are causing damage to Belgian Woods, by cutting trees and underwood. Attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order 2767, which will be strictly enforced.
88. LEAVE TO U.K. Men are not to be allowed to proceed on Ordinary Leave to U.K. if they are nearly due for return to Australia for demobilisation.
89. NON SKID CHAINS. All lorries on the road ~~must~~ must carry full complement of non skid chains.
90. LEAVE TO DINANT. Approval has been given for two parties of 1 officer or senior N.C.O. and 15 other ranks per week to proceed on leave to DINANT for 72 hours. The first two parties will be allotted to 1st. and 2nd Aust M.T. Coys. and subsequent parties to 3-4-6 Aust M.T. Coys., in that rotation. 5th. M.T. Coy. D.A. Section and 6th A.B.A.F.A.P.S. will be included in allotment to 6th Aust.M.T. Coy. and 3-12-86 Park Sections in the allotments to 1st. 3rd. and 2nd. A.M.T. Coys respectively. Full instructions will be issued as soon as necessary accommodation arrangements have been made. This office will be notified at once if any Coy. anticipates not being able to use its allotment.
91. EDUCATION- Conducted tours to BRUSSELS. Arrangements have been made for a party of ten other ranks, approximately every week, to proceed as part of a three days conducted tour to BRUSSELS. The first party has been allotted to 4th Aust M. T Coy. and subsequent parties have been allotted to 6th. 1st., 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Aust. M.T. Coys. in rotation. 5th Aust M.T. Coy. D.A. Section and 3-6-12-86 Park Sections will be included in the allotment Companies as specified in instructions issued in Routine Order No. 90. All necessary instructions regarding the parties will be issued from this office. These tours in addition to the two-weekly parties already proceeding to Brussels on 72 hours leave.

30/1/19.

Sgt. E. Hoall Lieut.  
for S.M.T.O. Australian Corps.

S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Australian M.T. Units in Australian Corps.  
including attached, for month of January 1919.

1st January 1919.

Units in the Corps.

- 1st. Australian M.T. Coy.
- 2nd. Australian M.T. Coy.
- 3rd. Australian M.T. Coy.
- 4th. Australian M.T. Coy.
- 5th. Australian M.T. Coy.
- 6th. Australian M.T. Coy.
- 3rd. Army Bde. A.F.A. Park Section.
- 6th. Army Bde. A.F.A. Park Section.
- 18th. Army Bde. A.F.A. Park Section.
- 86th. Army Bde. R.F.A. Park Section ( Imperial ).
- 104th. Army Bde. R.F.A. Park Section "

Marched out.

104 Army Bde. R.F.A. Park Section. 16th January 1919, to X Corps.

Marched in.

Nil.

Note. As per Movement Order No. 80 herewith 5th Aust. M.T. Coy. moved to the back area, attached to 3rd Australian Division, but remains under the Administration of Australian Corps.

31/1/19.

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D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.

Reference your 1200 of 17/12/18, report herewith.

1. 10 Brigades, 3 Divisional Troops and Corps Troops are drawing supplies from Railhead by M.T.
2. Motor Ambulances are fully employed on their normal duties.
3. The following spare parts are not coming through satisfactorily:-
  - Daimler V Type pistons and steering ball sockets.
  - Sunbeam rear axle parts.
  - 920 x 120 Tyres.
  - 70 x 35 x 17 Ball races.
4. Figures practically the same as previous week.
5. Figures same as past week. Bad roads and continual heavy strain on M.T. Services make it impossible for Workshop Staffs to make any pronounced headway.
6. The A.I.F. Units in this Corps are still 842 all Ranks under strength.

4/1/19.

*J. Wapstone* Capt.,  
for M.T.O., Australian Corps.

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D.D.S. & T., Fourth Army.  
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Reference your 1200 of 17/12/18, report herewith.

1. 9 Inf.Bdes, 3 A.Bdes, 3 Divisional Troops and Corps Troops, are drawing by M.T.
2. Motor ambulances are fully employed on their normal duties.
3. Spares satisfactory, with the exception of:-

Pyrene,  
Sunbeam rear axle parts.  
Peerless quadrant levers, brake drums, and  
rear wheels.

Units complain of long delays of parts in transit.

4. Position practically similar to previous week.
5. Increase attributed to continued heavy strain and bad roads.
6. Same as last report.

11/1/19.

*G. T. Macpherson* Capt.,  
for S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

D.D.S & T., Fourth Army.

Reference your 1200 of 17-12-18, report herewith.

1. 9 Infantry Brigades, 2 Army Bdes, 3 Divisional Troops and Corps Troops are drawing from railhead by H.T.
2. Motor Ambulances are fully employed on their normal duties.
3. Spares satisfactory with the exception of :-  
Peerless parts generally.  
Tyres.  
17 X 35 X 17 Ball Races.  
920 X 130 Tyres.  
Quadrant Levers and Brake Drums.  
Companies complain of long delay in transit of spare parts.
4. On slight increase.
5. Slight decrease only.
6. \_\_\_\_\_

18-1-19.

*T. Mapstone* Capt & Adj.  
For S.M.S.C. Australian Corps.

D.D.S & T., Fourth Army.

Reference your 1200 of 17-12-18, report herewith.

1. 4 Inftry Bdes, 1 Army Bde, 1 Div Trps, Corps Trps and 2nd & 3rd Aust Div Art, are drawing from railhead by H.T.
2. The position of Motor Ambulances is being investigated with a view to ascertaining actual requirements.
3. With the exception of Peerless parts, spares are coming through more satisfactorily.
4. Increase attributed to better results from Unit Workshops during past week.
5. More satisfactory progress during past week.
6. Position regarding personnel slightly improved.

25-1-19.

*T. Mapstone* Capt & Adj.  
For S.M.S.C. Australian Corps.

M.T. SITUATION RETURN.

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The Table below shows the M.T. Situation on 3/1/19.

- (a) Approximate number of lorries (including 3-ton, 50-cwt. F.W.D., and Steam Lorries).....954.
- (b) Number of lorries not being used..... 48.
- (c) Number of lorries awaiting, or under, repair.....861.
- (d) Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts..... 17.
- (e) Number of cars awaiting spare parts..... 4.
- (f) Number of ambulances awaiting spare parts..... 3.

4/1/19.

*J. T. Mapstone* Capt.  
for S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

M.T. SITUATION RETURN.

The table below shows the M.T. Situation on 10/1/19.

- (a) Approximate number of lorries (including 3-ton, 50-cwt, F.W.D., and Steam Lorries).....961.
- (b) Number of lorries not being used..... 47.
- (c) Number of lorries awaiting, or under, repair.....871.
- (d) Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts..... 21.
- (e) Number of cars awaiting spare parts..... 7.
- (f) Number of ambulances awaiting spare parts..... 6.

11/1/19.

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

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(d) Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts...

M.T. Situation Return.

The Table below shows the M.T. Situation on 18-1-19.

- (a) Approximate number of lorries (including 3-ton, 30 cwt, F.W.D., and Steam lorries,.....958
- (b) Number of lorries not being used,.....43
- (c) Number of lorries awaiting or under repair,.....267
- (d) Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts.....39
- (e) Number of Cars awaiting spare parts.....7
- (f) Number of Ambulances awaiting spare parts.....3

18-1-19.

*J. T. McPherson*  
Capt & Adjt.  
For S.M.S.O. Australian Corps...

M.T. Situation Return.

The Table below shows the M.T. Situation on 25-1-19.

- (a) Approximate number of lorries (including 3 Ton, 30 cwt, F.W.D and Steam lorries.....878
- (b) Number of lorries not being used.....65
- (c) Number of lorries awaiting, or under repair,.....226 X
- (d) Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts..21
- (e) Number of Cars awaiting spare parts.....5
- (f) Number of Ambulances awaiting spare parts .....5

X Includes lorries 12, evacuated and awaiting replacement.

*J. T. McPherson*  
Capt & Adjt.  
S.M.S.O. Aust. Corps.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

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The following table shows the M.T. situation in Australian Corps week ending 25-1-19.

The following abbreviations are used :- L.-3-ton and 30-cwt lorries. F.-F.W.D. lorries. S.- Steam lorries. C.- Caterpillars. A.-Ambulances. M.-Motor Cars and Box Cars.

| Type of Vehicle. Establishment. | No. off roads owing to accidents, shell fire and minor causes. | No off roads owing to overhaul. | No off roads awaiting spare parts | Evacuated damaged & awaiting replacement. | Total number not available for duty. | Average number of lorries used daily. |     |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| L.                              | 777  | 113                             | 73                                | 19  | 17                                   | 222                                   | 490 |
| F.                              | 67   | 1                               | -                                 | 2   | 1                                    | 4                                     |     |
| S.                              | 6  | -                               | -                                 | -   | -                                    | -                                     |     |
| C.                              | 15   | -                               | -                                 | -   | -                                    | -                                     |     |
| A.                              | 84   | 16                              | 3                                 | 5   | 2                                    | 26                                    |     |
| M.                              | 150  | 19                              | 12                                | 7   | 1                                    | 39                                    |     |

THIS RETURN does not include 69 Lorries, 19 Cars, 21 Ambulances of the 5th. Aust. M.T. Coy., who are detached with 3rd. Aust. Division at SHEARPOINT, figures of which are not to hand.

S. 6 Morden Disinfectors.

25-1-19.

*J. S. Macpherson*  
for S.M.T.C. Australian Corps.....  
Capt & Adj. ....



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

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The following Table shows the M.T. Situation in Australian Corps on 18-1-19.

The following abbreviations are used:- L. 3 ton & 30 cwt lorries. F-F.M.D lorries.  
S. steam lorries. C. Caterpillars. A. Ambulances. M. Motor Cars and Box Cars

| Type of Vehicle. | Establishment. | No off roads owing to accidents, shell fire and minor causes. | No off road owing to overhaul. | No off road awaiting spare parts. | Evacuated & awaiting replacement. | Total number not available for duty. | Average number of lorries used daily. |
|------------------|----------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| L.               | 346            | 119   | 86                             | 36                                | 13                                | 259                                  | 544                                   |
| F.               | 67             | 3   | 2                              | 2                                 | 2                                 | 3                                    |                                       |
| S.               | 7              | -   | -                              | -                                 | -                                 | -                                    |                                       |
| C.               | 15             | -   | -                              | -                                 | -                                 | -                                    |                                       |
| A.               | 105            | 22  | 2                              | 3                                 | 4                                 | 31                                   |                                       |
| M.               | 167            | 17  | 14                             | 9                                 | -                                 | 40                                   |                                       |

S. 6 Foden Disinfectors.

18-1-19.

  
 J. Waplington  
 Coy S.M.F.O Australian Corps.....  
 Capt & Adj.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

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The following table shows the M.T. Situation in Australian Corps on 10/1/19.

The following abbreviations are used:- L= 3-ton & 30-cwt lorries. F = F.W.D. lorries. S = Steam Lorries.  
C = Caterpillars. A = Ambulances.  
M = Motor Cars & Box Cars.

| Type of Vehicle. | Establishment. | No. off road owing to accident, shell fire, minor causes. | No. off road owing to overhaul. | No. off road owing to awaiting spare parts. | Evacuated, demanded, & awaiting replacement. | Total number not available for duty. | Average number of lorries used daily. |
|------------------|----------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| L                | 843            | 137   | 91                              | 18  | 18   | 264                                  | 532                                   |
| F                | 67             | 2   | 2                               | 3   | -  | 7                                    |                                       |
| S                | 7 *            | -   | -                               | -   | -  | -                                    |                                       |
| C                | 15             | -   | -                               | -   | -  | -                                    |                                       |
| A                | 105            | 20  | 4                               | 4   | 4  | 32                                   |                                       |
| M                | 166            | 19  | 11                              | 9   | 0  | 39                                   |                                       |

\* 6 Foden disinfectors.

11/1/19.

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

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The following Table shews the M.T. Situation in Australian Corps on 3/1/19.

The following abbreviations are used:- L = 3-ton & 30-cwt lorries. F = F.W.D. Lorries. S = Steam Lorries.  
C = Caterpillars. A = Ambulances.  
M = Motor Cars & Box Cars.

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| Type of vehicle. | Estab-lish-ment. | No. off road owing to acci- dent, shell fire minor causes. | No. off road owing to overhaul. | No. off road awaiting spare parts. | Evacuated, demanded, & awaiting replacement. | Total number not available for duty. | Average number of lorries used daily. |
|------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| L                | 843              | 134  | 85                              | 17                                 | 25   | 261                                  | 537                                   |
| F                | 68               | 4  | 3                               | 2                                  | -  | 8                                    | 5                                     |
| S *              | 6                | -  | -                               | -                                  | -  | -                                    | -                                     |
| C                | 16               | -  | -                               | -                                  | -  | -                                    | -                                     |
| A                | 104              | 19   | 2                               | 4                                  | 1  | 26                                   | -                                     |
| M                | 165              | 25   | 7                               | 5                                  | -  | 37                                   | -                                     |

\* 6 Foden Disinfectors.

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*G. T. Macpherson* Capt.,  
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S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Location of M.T. Units.

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| Unit  | Map Reference  | Location                                       | Remarks.              |
|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| S.M.T.O. Australian Corps )<br>& Aust C.M.T. Column ) | Corner of Rue de MARBAIX and<br>Rue St Martin        | <del>NAMUR 8/B.3.49.75</del><br>HAM-sur-HEURE. |                       |
| K Siege Park  | NAMUR 8/B.3.49.75                                    | ERQUELLINNES                                   |                       |
| 1st Aust M.T. Coy.                                    |  | CHATELET                                       | No. 5 Place Firmez.   |
| 2nd "   | Namur 8/F.2.11.90.                                   | MARCHIENNE au PONT                             |                       |
| 3rd "   | 57A/F.18.a.95.00.                                    | Solre le CHATEAU                               |                       |
| 4th "   | Namur 8/H.2.3.1.<br>H/R.<br>W/S.                     | FLORENNES                                      |                       |
| "   |  | MORVILLE                                       | Less D.A. Section.    |
| 8th "   | DIEPPE 16/.....                                      | SEHARPONT                                      | Less D.A. Section.    |
| 5th " D.A. Section.                                   | N.W. Europe 4/.....                                  | FERRIERE la Grande                             |                       |
| 6th "   | N.W. Europe 4/95.89.                                 | BEAUMONT                                       |                       |
| 3rd A.B.A.F.A.P. Section                              | 57/A.13.d.5.7.                                       | CHATELET.                                      | Attd. No 1 A.M.T. Co. |
| 6th "   | N.W. Europe 4/.....                                  | FERRIERE la Grande                             | " D.A. Sect 5th AMT   |
| 18th "  | <del>Namur 8/F.2.11.90.</del><br>57A/F.18.a.95.00. ) | SOLRE le Chateau                               | " No 3 A.M.T. Coy.    |
| 36th A.B.R.F.A.P. Section.                            | Namur 8/F.2.11.9.                                    | MARCHIENNE au Pont                             | " No 2 A.M.T. Coy.    |

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S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Authorities granted for Evacuation of lorries in  
Australian M.T. Coys. for January.

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|      |      |            |             |           |        |          |
|------|------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 3rd. | Aus. | M. T. Coy. | Peerless    | W. D. No. | 27030. | 3/1/19.  |
| 3rd. | do   | do         | Daimler     | "         | 51608. | 6/1/19.  |
| 1st. | do   | do         | Peerless    | "         | 48407. | 9/1/19.  |
| 1st. | do   | do         | Peerless    | "         | 32177. | 16/1/19. |
| 5th. | do   | do         | Peerless    | "         | 5858.  | 17/1/19. |
| 5th. | do   | do         | Peerless    | "         | 10213  | 23/1/19. |
| 6th. | do   | do         | Daimler     | "         | 26246  | 23/1/19. |
| 6th. | do   | do         | Daimler     | "         | 28373  | 25/1/19. |
| 4th. | do   | do         | Thornycroft | "         | 5527   | 27/1/19. |
| 1st. | do   | do         | Peerless    | "         | 11715  | 1/2/19.  |

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