

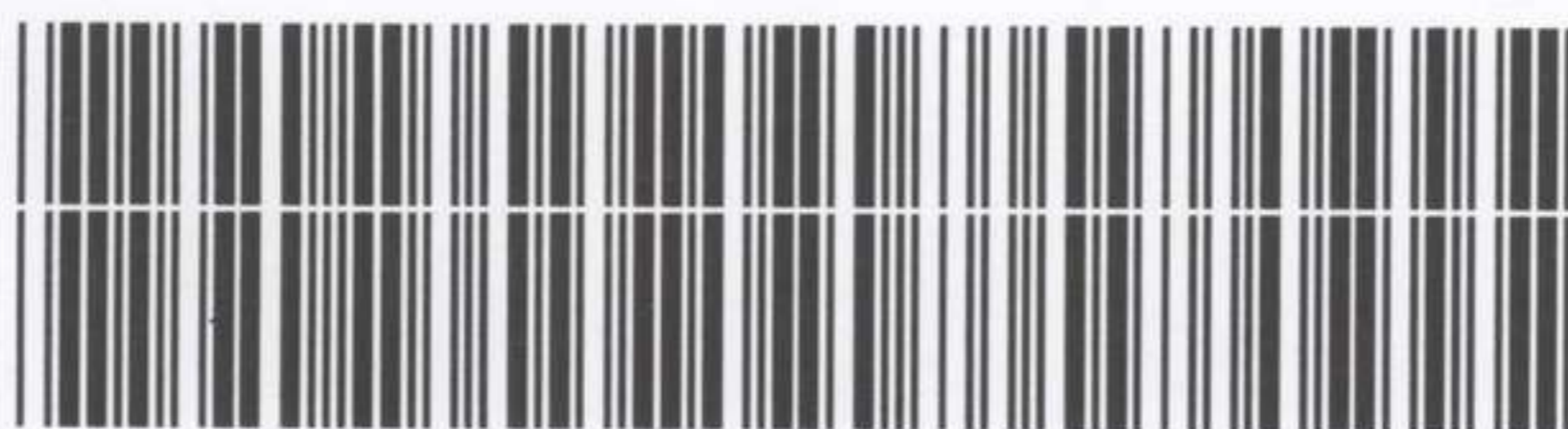
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MARCHIENNE - au-PONT. April, 1919.	1st.		<p>Rate of Exchange 5 francs Belgian = 3/7, 5 francs French = 3/9.</p> <p>Drew 3335 francs = £119/10/1 per Capt. L.T.Maplestone, which includes 1500 fcs. for 6th. Park Section for pay. Expended on Acquittance Rolls F/4285 to F4323.</p> <p>O.i/c 5th. Aust.M.T.Coy. D.A.Section called re arrangements to be made for withdrawing 1915 men as arranged with O.C. the Unit.</p> <p>O.C., 5th. Aust.M.T.Coy. returned to OISEMONT.</p> <p>Adjutant visited Corps "Q" re Lorry Details and cars of Hqrs; also "A" Branch re general matters.</p> <p>O.C. 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re cars and ambulances of Division.</p> <p>O.C. 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re general matters.</p> <p>Workshop Officer 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re cars and ambulances of Divisions.</p> <p>Copps Baths Officer called re issue of M/cycle to him. Was advised that if Corps gave authority for M/cycle to be issued on loan, and endeavour would be made to procure one for him from those coming in to V.R.P.</p> <p>O.i/c Aust. War Records called to ask if box-car or 30-cwt Lorry could be issued for use of his Unit. Was advised if A.A.G., A.I.F. authorized it, would endeavour to secure from those going into V.R.P.</p> <p>6 Ford Cars received from <i>1st A.T.M.T. Coy.</i> for use of Official Artists.</p> <p>Under authority Staff Paymaster A.I.F. H/30/163 of 30/3/19, S.M.T.O. signed Travelling Allowance form for £4/16/10 on behalf of Capt. H. HARTLEY.</p> <p>Aust. Graves Detachment called re returns to be rendered by them.</p>	

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April 1919.	2nd.		<p>A.A.G., A.I.F. called re box-car for Aust. War Records Section. He stated that Ford Cars for Artists were only on loan and would not be taken on strength. He was informed that they were in very bad condition.</p> <p>O.C. 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re lorries in shops.</p> <p>B.E/c 12th. Park Section called re handing in his lorries to V.R.P.</p> <p>Aust. Graves Detachment called. Marched out to III Army.</p> <p>D. Education 2nd. Aust. Division called re obtaining a lorry for use of Motor Class with 2nd. Division. Stated authority would have to be obtained for the retention of one awaiting evacuation to V.R.P.</p> <p>D.A.Q.M.G. 4th. Aust. Division called requesting that 2 additional cars be left with Division. Informed him that authority would have to be obtained from Corps for this. <i>MW</i></p>	
	3rd.		<p>O.i/c. Aust. War Records Section called re box-car. He was informed that one would probably be available for him on 7th. Authority received from D.A.G., A.I.F. to issue extra box-car to War Records.</p> <p>Corps Baths Officer called re loan of m/cycle.</p> <p>O.C., 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re handing in to V.R.P. of Divisional Hqrs. cars and ambulances.</p> <p>O.i/c 5th. D.A.Section called re handing in of lorries of his Section.</p> <p>O.i/c.12th. Park Section called re handing in his Lorries to V.R.P.</p> <p>1st. and 2nd. Aust. S.B.A.C's. marched in from XV Corps.</p> <p>Letter received from S. & T. 4th. Area stating Ford Cars for Artists should be valued before taking over. Spoke to S. & T. on phone and informed him that it was not the intention to take these vehicles over except on loan. He said that he would speak to D. of T. and ask for further instructions. <i>MW</i></p>	

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April 1919.	4th.		<p>S.M.T.O. saw Corps Commander and arranged that 1st. & 2nd. Aust.S.B.A.C's. should go into V.R.P. at once, also car and cycle of 36th. Brigade R.G.A. should also be withdrawn to V.R. P. at once.</p> <p>Reference D.A.Q.M.G. 4th. Division request for 2 additional cars. Corps Cammander did not agree and stated he considered cars sufficient and no additional cars would be allowed.</p> <p>O.C., 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy called re Headquarters cars and ambulances.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. and Adjutant visited V.R.P.</p> <p>Adjutant visited 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy. and 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. re car for C.P.B., G.H.Q. in place of one broken down. Was decided to retain car of 5th. Divisional Train and demobilize car of 2nd. Divisional Train broken down.</p> <p>Adjutant visited Corps "Q" with S.O. 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. re supplies shortages at Railhead without Guard. It was arranged that Guard will be put on immediately by 2 A/Div. This was not done by 22.00 hours. Corps and Div. Group advised and promised Guard would be put on at once. Meantime Guard supplied by 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy Supply Section.</p> <p>Adjutant 2nd. Aust. Tunnelling Coy. called re Box-car replacement which was promised on 7th.inst.</p> <p>Instructions for demobilization of surplus cars of 2nd.& 5th. Divisional Groups issued.</p>	
	5th.		<p>S.M.T.O. and Adjutant visted V.R.P.</p> <p>Instructions issued for vehicles of 1st. & 2nd. S.B.A.C's. to be sent to V.R.P.</p> <p>Adjutant. "K" Siege Park called re lorries to be transferred to 4th. Corps Siege Park and personnel of same. Adjut. conversed with D.D.S.& T. 4th. Area on phone and arranged for the transfer of personnel to 4th. Corps Siege Park with Lorries. It was also suggested that the lorries in exchange be sent to V.R.P. direct by 4th. Corps.</p> <p>O.C., 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re case of Dvr. RYAN who is held in close arrest awaiting F.G.C.M.</p>	

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April, 1919.	5th.		<p>"Q", "B" Div, Group was advised that guard ordered for Supply Train at Marchienne Est, had not reported at 10.30 today.</p> <p>Coy. Supply Officer 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called and informed me that 2'Guards' had arrived at Marchienne Est. <i>HWI</i></p>	
	6th.		<p>S.M.T.O. visited V.R.P.</p> <p>O. i/c. 36th. Park Section called re move of 96th. Brigade to RHINE.</p> <p>O.i/c. War Records Section called re issue of Box-car for use of his section.</p> <p>Corps Baths Officer called re loan of motor-cycle to his Unit. <i>HWI</i></p>	
	7th.		<p>S.M.T.O. visited V.R.P.</p> <p>Lt. Tracey, O,i/c. 5th. D.A.Section to Hospital.</p> <p>O. i/c. Aust. War Records Section called re issue of Box-car and was advised that one was ordered from 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. on transfer from 1st. Division. Signals.</p> <p>D.A.P.M. 1st. Division called re withdrawal of Box-car and was advised that he must obtain Authority from Corps to retain same.</p> <p>O.C. 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re general matters.</p> <p>O.C. 10th. M.A.C. called relative to Demob. of personnel and returns.</p> <p>G.C.M. Capt. Hartley, held at 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy. Headquarters 10.00 hours. <i>HWI</i></p>	
	8th.		<p>S.M.T.O. saw Corps Commander re locations of Monuments, so as to arrange for repairs, petrol, stores, etc. 1st. Division - POZIERES, close to P.O.W.Camp. 2nd. Div. - MONT ST.QUINTEN. 3rd. Division. - BRAY - Corby Ridge, Cross Roads. 4th. Division. - BELLINGLISE, near LE VERGIES. 5th. Division. - POLYGON WOOD. <i>HWI</i></p>	

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April 1919.	8th.		<p>Reference number of cars on Headquarters. A.Q.M.G. stated that there were 11 cars in Workshops yesterday and could not reduce at present, but would reduce the number as early as possible.</p> <p>Reference Box-car of A.P.M. 1st. Division to be retained. Corps Commander agrees.</p> <p>Each Division will require a car for 3 days to visit sites of Monuments.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. and Adjutant visited D.D.S.& T., No.4 Area reference "K" Siege Park ceasing to function and being demobilized and re demobilization of personnel. Stated if Corps would put it up in writing, stating Siege Park could be spared, the matter would receive attention. Reference demobilization of personnel - Army will deal direct with Units, cutting out S.M. T.O. Also re seeing "K" Siege Park personnel re demobilization. Considered that Corps should take the matter in hand first and if considered necessary, ask for an officer from Army to visit Unit.</p> <p>Reference 10th. M.A.C. Promised to transfer to III Army if possible.</p> <p>Reference Aust. Corps V.R.P. A.D.T. stated he would take over from S.M.T.O. as soon as Inspector of C.I.M.T. Branch arrived. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
	9th.		<p>Adjutant visited V.R.P. re handing in of lorries of 1st. and 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coys. and 5th. D.A. Section.</p> <p>O.i/c. Aust. War Records Section called re Box-car. called</p> <p>O.C. 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy./re general matters.</p> <p>O.C. 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re general matters.</p> <p>W.O. Class I Twiss, promoted 2/Lieut. as from <i>MWT.</i> A.I.F. List. and is posted to M.T.Column.</p>	
	10th.		<p>Col. W.H.TUNBRIDGE, S.M.T.O. to U.K. on duty.</p> <p>Lt. REID, A.M.T.Column proceeded with S.M.T.O. to investigate possibilities re repairs, petrol, supplies etc. of lorries with Monumental parties at POLYGON Wood on return trip.</p>	

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April 1919.	10th.		<p>2/Lieut. Mackay 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. proceeded to A.M.T.S. on transfer.</p> <p>Adjutant visited 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. re lorries for return to V.R.P. and withdrawal of H.Q.Cars and lorries, also re number of lorries reserved for supplies.</p> <p>Instructions issued to D.A.Section 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. to send 6 lorries to V.R.P. on 11th.inst.</p>	
	11th.		<p>O.C., 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re lorries on detachment with D.H.Q. and trouble in getting same withdrawn. Corps instructed Division to return same at once.</p> <p>O.i/c.5th. D.A.Section called re return of lorries to V.R.P. Also asked for authority to evacuate car of 3rd. D.A. to V.R.P., which was agreed to.</p> <p>D.D.S. & T. 4th. Area.rang up to say D.of T. instruction to take over 15 Albion lorries from XVth. Corps. Adjutant pointed out that these had been handed over two months ago, while Unit was in XVth. Corps and it was not intended to take them on charge again. Definite orders were received by wire from S. & T. 4th. Area to take them over. As these vehicles have nothing to do with this Corps, a wire was sent to Col. Tunbridge D.M.T.S., A.I.F. asking for instructions.</p> <p>Adjutant visited Corps "Q" re lorry position and withdrawal of more lorries to V.R.P.</p> <p>A.Q.M.G. was advised action adopted re 15 lorries from XVth. Corps and D. of T. instructions in which he concurred.</p> <p>Saw "A" Branch re leave matters and G.C.M. of Capt. Hartley.</p> <p>Capt. Hartley reported from 22nd. Battalion and was posted to 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Instructions issued to M.T.Coys. to withdraw 7 ambulances and 16 lorries per Coy. to V.R.P. next week. See Appendix _____</p> <p>O.i/c.1st.& 2nd. A.S.B.A.C. called re return of Ordnance, which was arranged with A.D.O.S.Corps.</p> <p>Instructions received from A.A.G., A.I.F. to issue one car from V.R.P. to E.S.O., A.I.F., HARVE, (Auth.Q.M.G.569 (QA)9822 of 24/2/19, also 1 car to Aust. Sect. 3rd. Echelon(T/163 of 11/4/19).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx <u>3</u></p>

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April 1919.	12th		<p>Fire occurred at V.R.P. with total loss of Q.M.Store etc. Adjutant visited scene of fire.</p> <p>O.C. 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re handing in of 1st. Aust. Tunnelling Coys. vehicles to V.R.P. Authority issued.</p> <p>Adjutant "K" Siege Park called re personnel and Cadre Establishment.</p> <p>O.i/c. 5th. D.A.Section called re move of Unit to rear Area.</p> <p>Authority issued for vehicles of 1st. Army Troops Coy. to be sent to V.R&P.</p> <p>Lt. Reid(M.T.Column) returned from trip to YPRES, in connection with lorries detached with monument erections. Vehicles are attached to O.M.W.Shop POPERIGNE for repairs. Drawing petrol and rations from VLAMINTIGNE, XIX Corps, Vth. Army. All O.K.</p> <p>Corps "Q" instructed that M/cycle be issued to 3 A/1 Brigade on Temporary loan.</p>	
	13th.		<p>Adjutant. visited 2nd..Aust.M.T.Coy re Court of Enquiry re "SPRINGUEL" car and instructed that guard be placed on workshops at once.</p> <p>Also visited 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. re general matters.</p> <p>Wired S.& T. 4th. Area that had wired D.M.T.S. for further instructions re 15 lorry of XV Corps.</p> <p>Instructions issued to 5th. D.A.Section to join Coy. at OISEMONT on 15th. inst.</p> <p>4 o/r's. left Unit for demobilization.</p>	
	14th.		<p>O.C., 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re general matters.</p> <p>O.C., 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re general matters.</p>	

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April, 1919.	15th.		<p>Adjnt. visited Corps "Q" re lorries details.</p> <p>Adjnt. visited Corps "A" re Court of Enquiry re loss of Springuel Car.</p> <p>Conversation with A.A.G. and Lt/Col. WITHAM, A.I.F. Liaison Officer at G.H.Q., re 15 lorries from Vth. Area. Instructions received from D.M.T.S., A.I.F. not to take on Australian charge. Conversated with S. & T. IVth. Area on phone and arranged to take into A.C.V.R.P. as Imperial Lorries.</p> <p>D.A. Section 5th. Aust.M.T.Coy. moved to rejoin Headquarters,</p> <p>Drew 4900 francs = £175/11/8 per Capt. L.T. Maplestone for pay. Expended on Acquittance Rolls F4/339 to F4/393. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	16th.		<p>General Routine.</p> <p>O.C. 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re lorries on detachment with Division. Division refuses to return. Corps advised and instructions issued to send same back at once.</p> <p>O.C. , 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re general matters. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	17th.		<p>Visited "K" Siege Park and met D.D.S. & T., who addresses personnel on matters of Demobilization.</p> <p>Visited 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. re general matters.</p> <p>Corps Baths Officer called re M/cycle.</p> <p>A.P.M. Aust. Corps called re exchanging his box-car for touring car - Was told that authority would have to be obtained from Army. <i>NWT.</i></p>	
	18th.		<p>Visited 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. re withdrawal of cars from Divisional Group.</p> <p>Letter received from "B" Div. Group to say that Div. Commander had decided to keep certain cars and evacuate others. This was forwarded to Corps, asking that Div. be instructed that all matters of M.T. are controlled from this office and not be Divisions.</p>	

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April, 1919.	18th.		Notice received that house at present used at Offices would have to be evacuated by 25th. inst. Visited Town Major re new site for office. <i>MWT</i>	
	19th.		Returned Acquittance Rolls to Paymaster Aust. Corps and ascertained that a/cs were all square. Letter received from D.M.T.S., A.I.F. See Appendix _____	Appx <u>4</u>
			Lt. Liegh of D.M.T.S. office visited IVth. Area, He was advised that the Imperial Authorities would be taking over the V.R.P. from the A.I.F. within the next few days.	
			Attended dance given by Officers of 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. in evening. <i>MWT</i>	
	20th.		General Routine. <i>MWT</i>	
	21st.		Adj. visited "Q" Aust. Corps with reference to vehicles with Divisions and the withdrawal of same. Also D.A.A.G. and A.P.M. re numerous thefts of M.T.Stores and M/cycles from 2nd. Aust. M.T.Coy. Permission to arm guards with Ball Ammunition was asked for but the A.P.M. is instructed to investigate before permission is given. It was pointed out that during the last 5 weeks 2 Car (German), 3 Motor-cycles and 2 Magnetos had been stolen from this Park. Extra Guards have been posted, but still the thefts take place. It was thought that members of the Unit are possibly involved in the thefts.	
			Saw A.Q.M.G. re move of this office to MARCINELLE, so as to be closer to A.I.F. Headquarters.	
	22nd.		Adj. "K" Siege Park called re general matters. - Under whom do they come for administration after Aust. Corps disbands. This was referred to S. & T. No. 4 Area. Adjutant. visited 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy.	<i>MWT</i>
			Visited V.R.P. re lorries going in, and met D. of T. Inspector. <i>MWT</i>	
	23rd.		Adj. visited 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. re car of Col. WITHAM for repairs.	
			Adj. visited 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. W/shops re car for Aust. Section 3rd. Echelon. This is under-going repairs repairs and will be despatched to ROUEN on 25th. inst. certain.	

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	April 1919. 23rd.		<p>O.C., 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re Leave and general matters.</p> <p>C.I.M.T., G.H.Q. called to see D.M.T.S. and will call again on 25th.</p> <p>Adjutant M.T.Column visited 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. re returns. <i>M.T.</i></p>	
	24th.		<p>A.A.G., A.I.F. called in company with A.D.O.S. Aust. Corps - Col. Lean, A.D.O.S. Demob., and Col. Griffiths D.A.G., A.I.F., reference 2 cars for A.P.M. and A.D.O.S. Also th discuss organization under which it was proposed to work when D.M.T.S., A.I.F. goes over to U.K.</p> <p>O.C., 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re shortages of Equipment on Sunbeam 44208 on charge to "A" Group. Matter was referred to H.Q. Aust. Corps.</p> <p>Letter sent to S. & T. IVth. Area asking who, Imperial Units come under after Corps cease to function.</p> <p>Advice received that S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps ceases to exist on 27th. inst. and all matters of M.T. come under D.M.T.S., A.I.F. as from noon 27th. inst.</p> <p>Adjutant attended Dinner at Aust. Corps given by Officers of Corps. <i>M.T.</i></p>	
	25th.		<p>Adjutant visited IVth. Army Siege Park and saw Lt. TAYLOR, who stated that he would be taking over V.R.P. early next week. He would see S. & T. IVth. Area on 26th. and call at S.M.T.O. Office on Monday 28th. inst.</p> <p>Also visited 10th. G.H.Q. Reserve M.T.Coy.</p> <p>Visited 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. re repairs to car of A.I.F. Liaison Officer G.H.Q. and supplies of all Divisions amalgamating on MARCHIENNE EST Railhead on 28th. inst. S.O. of 3rd. Aust. M.T. Coy. will function.</p> <p>Col. Hutchinson, C.I.M.T., G.H.Q. called and discussed suggestions for ^{improved} working of M.T. S.M.T.O's. letter to S. & T. and Appendices of War Diary dealing with amendments to G1098 were loaned to him. Also figures of interest (mileage, etc.) were given from records.</p> <p>Col. TUNBRIDGE ^{L. Lepton, E.C.} returned from leave. <i>Duty to UK</i> <i>M.T.</i></p>	

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April, 1919	26th.		<p>S.M.T.O. visited V.R.P.</p> <p>C.R.E. 5th. Division called re lorries on Memorial Work at POLYGON WOOD and reported that lorries were not working as they should. - Major Happer, 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. was sent for and instructed to proceed and investigate the matter at once, taking C.R.E. with him.</p> <p>O.C. 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re demobilization and general matters. <i>WWT.</i></p>	
	27th.		<p>S.M.T.O. visited V.R.P. - It was reported that 7 magnetos had been stolen during nights 25/26-26/27th. from Triumph M/cycles. A Court of Enquiry was assembled at once to investigate the matter.</p> <p>O.C., 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. left to investigate the matter of lorries reported by C.R.E. 5th. Div.</p> <p>Adjutant. visited Corps "Q" re cars required by Cadre, etc. Also visited Corps Commander re vehicles on charge to S.M.T.O.</p> <p>Adjutant visited Paymaster "B" Divisional Group re Trust a/c and Imprest, both of which are being transferred to Capt. Maplestone.</p> <p>S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps ceased to function as such from noon today. - All matters affecting Aust. M.T. are being dealt with by D.M.T.S., A.I.F. from that date.</p> <p>Capt. L.T.Maplestone, M.C. will act as Staff Officer A.A.S.C.(M.T.) in France under orders of D.M.T.S., A.I.F. <i>WWT.</i></p>	
	28th.		<p>O.C., 4th. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re cars and ambulances of "A" Div. Group being transferred to "B" Div. Group without proper authority.</p> <p>O.C. 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re general matters.</p> <p>O.C., 3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy. returned from inspection of lorries on detachment at POLYGON WOOD, which are stone carting for the monuments of Aust. Div. and reported that with the exception of one or two small matters of very little importance, the charge of non-working, etc., made against M.T. were not correct.</p>	

WAR DIARY

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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

(Erase heading not required.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
April 1919.	28th.		S.M.T.O. visited V.R.P.	
			Adjutant visited "B" Div. Group re loss of magnetos from Aust. Corps V.R.P. <i>MWT</i>	
	29th.		Adjutant visited "B" Div. Group re general matters.	
			D.M.T.S., Col. Tunbridge and Adjutant to S.M.T.O., Capt. Maplestone, proceeded to England to attend conference on May 1st. relative to the types of M.T.vehicles most suitable for Aust. conditions. <i>MWT</i>	
	30th.		<p>O.i/c. 86th. Park Section called in order to find out from whom he was to take instructions. Rang up D.D.S.& T. IVth. Area, who informed me 86th. Park Section were under "K" Siege Park.</p> <p>O.C., 3rd. Aust. M.T.Coy. called re demobilization matters.</p> <p>O.C., 1st. Aust.M.T.Coy and O.i/c. Workshops 2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy. called re handing in to V.R.P. Steam Fodens, Workshop and Store Lorries, with equipment as laid down on Mob. Store Table G 1098. Letter sent to IVth. Area asking for ruling as to whether items in G1098 and shown as Ordnance issues are to be returned to ordnance or not. <i>MWT</i></p>	
			<u>NOTE.</u>	
			<p>The Diary of S.M.T.O. and Hqrs. Aust. Corps M.T.Column will cease from to-day. Commencing 1st.May a Diary of Staff Officer A.A.S.C.(M.T.) will be rendered to D.M. T.S., A.I.F. who will attach it to his Diary as an Appendix.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;"><i>M. Tunbridge</i> Colonel, S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.</p>	

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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G. T. Macpherson Capt.,
Adj., S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps.

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


DIARY APPENDIX No. 1 FOR MONTH OF APRIL 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	18	15	15	-	3	-
2nd	13	8	8	-	5	-
3rd	28	14	14	-	14	-
4th	53	19	19	-	34	-
5th	50	4	4	-	46	-
6th	54	11	11	-	43	-
7th	36	8	8	-	28	-
8th	42	18	18	-	24	-
9th	41	11	11	-	30	-
10th	38	5	5	-	33	-
11th	41	2	2	-	39	-
12th	41	9	9	-	32	-
13th	45	-	-	-	45	-
14th	51	-	-	-	51	-
15th	54	-	-	-	54	-
16th	58	2	2	-	56	-
17th	33	-	-	-	33	-
18th	42	1	1	-	41	-
19th	37	-	-	-	37	-
20th	44	1	1	-	43	-
21st	44	9	9	-	35	-
22nd	44	6	6	-	38	-
23rd	29	7	7	-	22	-
24th	36	8	8	-	30	-
25th	25	11	11	-	14	-
26th	30	1	1	-	29	-
27th	19	8	8	-	11	-
28th	12	6	6	-	6	-
29th	9	9	9	-	-	-
30th	4	0	0	-	4	-
31st	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1069	191	191	-	878	-

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Diary Appendix No. 1 for Month of April 1919.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
	Loads Ammn.	R.E. Work.	Supplies.	Stores.	Pers'l.	Various.	Total loads done.	Total lorries out	Miles run full.	Miles run empty.	Petrol available issued.	Lorries not used	Lorries under repair.	Lorries de- tached.
1st. Aust.M.T.Coy.	139	89	29	454	99	278	1088	275	14226	11043	6553	279	275	504
2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy.	1	12	103	3	386	73	575	421	4842	5113	2313	198	534	653
3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	30	259	66	84	79	518	462	6019	6817	2681	241	428	662
4th. Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	-	383	69	49	82	587	533	6893	6937	3022	131	494	447
5th. Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	-	345	-	-	-	345	331	2933	3663	2782	32	713	942
6th. Aust.M.T.Coy.	-	16	439	293	133	213	1095	245	10674	7032	4792	120	276	340
TOTALS.	140	147	1558	885	751	724	4208	2267	45587	40605	20143	1001	2720	3548

20/5/19.

G. T. Macpherson
 Capt.,
 Staff Officer A.A.S.C. (M.T.)

O.C.,
 1. 2. 3. 4. 5th. Aust.M.T.Coy.

Field Ambulances.

The D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps has authorized the withdrawal of Ambulances as specified under "B" Group of my M326 of 28/3/19.

O's.C., 1. 2. 3. 4. 5th. Aust.M.T.Coys will therefore send 7 vehicles to Australian Corps V.R.Park for demobilization early next week.

O.C., 5th. Aust.M.T.Coy., will evacuate through V.R.P. ABBEVILLE if arrangements can be made locally.

If Imperial Authority at Abbeville will not accept vehicles, they will be held in W/Shops pending further instructions.

11/4/19.

(Sgd) L.T.Maplestone, Capt.,
 Adjt., S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.

Copies to Aust. V.R.P.
 D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.
 A.D.M.S., 3rd. A/Div.
 "A" & "B" Groups.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Australian Motor Transport Service.
(A.A.S.C. M.T.)

70 Royal Hospital Road,
Chelsea, London S.W.3.
15th. April 1919.

To.

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

I arrived in London on Friday and met General White and General Cowen on Saturday morning.

Was with General Coxon again on Monday morning, and have made arrangements for a committee to assemble in London on 1st. May. Captain Maplestone, M.C., and Captain Campbell, A.J., are members.

Please inform the Corps Commander that I completed duty this Tuesday afternoon, so that my week's leave will start from to-morrow, and I shall be returning to France on Wednesday the 23rd., unless sent for before, so please arrange car accordingly.

Your wire was received on Sunday, and I saw General Coxon on Monday morning. He agreed that the 15 lorries should not again be taken on Australian charge. I therefore wired you as follows:-

"Cannot take 15 lorries on Australian Charge AAA S.B.A. C's. no demobilized lorries in question evacuated to British V.R.P. two months ago AAA If desired may be put into V.R.P. as English Lorries parked separately.
Colonel TUNBRIDGE."

This means that if the D. of T. so desires the 15 lorries may be put into the Australian Corps V.R.P., but as English lorries and taken on from English V.R.P., the 3346s must be carefully checked, and the vehicles will be parked by themselves. They will not be taken on Australian charge.

(Sgd) W.H. Tunbridge, Colonel,
D.M.T.S. A.I.F.

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S.M.T.O. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Routine Orders - No. 33.
issued by,

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

MARCHIENNE-au-PONT.

17/4/19.

146. GENERAL AMNESTY FOR MEN UNDERGOING SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT. Apparantly there is an impression amongst members of the A.I.F., that when the preliminary Peace Terms are signed there will be a general amnesty for all men undergoing sentences of imprisonment in Base Prisons. All men should be warned that this is not the case, and that only in very deserving and exceptional cases will the men undergoing imprisonment be released before their sentences have been completed. This Order is to be republished in Divisional Routine Orders and in orders of Brigades and lower formations and Units. (Administration, A.I.F. A4332/6/70 of 10/4/19.)
147. GENERAL ROUTINE ORDERS. All General Routine Orders issued to the British Armies in France will continue to apply to the British Army in FRANCE and BELGIUM.
148. MOVEMENT ORDERS FOR BRITISH TROOPS TRAVELLING IN ITALY. The conveyance of officers and men travelling on other than British trains in Italy falls under the following heads:-
 (a) Travelling on duty.
 (b) Travelling on leave at Govt. expense.
 (c) Travelling on leave at personal expense.
 (a) Officers and men travelling on duty will be supplied with two copies of a Movement Order, A.F.W.3039, on which the words "In servizio" (on duty) must be written in block letters and signed by the O.C. their Unit. When a return journey is involved the original order should be issued in triplicate.
 (b) Officers or men travelling on leave at the expense of the Government will be furnished by the O.C. their Unit with two copies of Movement Order, A.F.W.3039, on which will be endorsed the remark "In conto dell 'Esercito Inglese" (at the expense of the British Army), signed by the O.C. their Unit.
 (c) Officers and men travelling on leave at their own expense will be furnished by the O.C. their Unit with two copies of the Movement Order A.F.W.3039, on which will endorsed the remark "IN licenza a sue spese" (on leave at his own expense), signed by the O.C. their Unit. These Movement Orders must be presented to the R.T.O. at the station where the journey commences.
149. SOUVENIRS. Attention is drawn to G.R.O.6123 regarding firearms and other souvenirs, the taking or sending home of which is prohibited. The inspections by Units and at Base Depots will be carefully and systematically carried out, and any infringement of the existing orders will be dealt with severely.

W. Haplestone Capt.,
Adjutant S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.

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D. N. S. S. I. Y.

Routine Orders No. 1.

issued by

Colonel Tunbridge. R. C. B., C. S., V. D.

MARCHENNE-AU-PONT

28th April '19

- No. 1. V.R.P. Attached Vehicles. Officers Commanding .S. Companies are responsible for the proper handing-in of all Vehicles attached to them for maintenance, and will be held responsible that A.Ps. 2346 are made out correctly.
- No. 2. MARCHING OUT VOUCHERS. It will be necessary for M.S. Coy to render a Marching Out State (D. .S. Form. 1.) for their M.S. Coy., as well as all their attached Units (Separately) thus accounting for all Vehicles on War Establishment. These Forms will be supplied as soon as available.
- No. 3. WORKSHOPS AND STORE LORRIES. When orders are issued for Breaking up of M.S. Unit:
 - (a) Under instructions B of C (Circular No. 27 of 20/4/19) All tools and equipment for the Workshop and Store Lorries, together with Raw material, will be sent to the V.R.P. with the lorries and will be stored by the C.O., V.R.P. concerned.
 - (b) Officers Commanding Units will arrange to voucher and return to the Base M.S. Depot concerned all spare parts and special .S. stores, such as accessories.
 - (c) Surplus articles of A.C.B. Supply will be sent to Ordnance Depots and not to the Base M.S. Depot, in accordance with Specific C.M. instructions issued for the breaking up of the Unit.
 - (d) Equipment of all Vehicles will be sent with the Vehicles to the V.R.P.
- No. 4. S.M.F.C. UNIT CORPS. S.M.F.C., Australian Corps ceases to function as such at noon 27th April, but Captain L.F. BARKER .C. will remain as "R" Cadre until all M.S. Units Records are completed.
- No. 5. D. .S. S., A.I.F. All matters affecting .S. will be dealt with by D. .S. S., A.I.F. as from noon 27th April. Office of D. .S. S., A.I.F. moves to .S. and opens at 54 Victoria Street LONDON on the 1st May.
- No. 6. .S. LIAISON OFFICER to D. .S. S., A.I.F. Captain L.F. BARKER .C. will act as Staff Officer A.A.S.C., .S. under the direction of the D. .S. S., A.I.F. and all correspondence relative to Australian .S. Vehicles and Personnel will be forwarded through him.
- No. 7. RETURNS. S.M.F.C. returns will be rendered as usual to Staff Officer A.A.S.C., .S. - Location 266 Rue de Beaumont, MARCHENNE-AU-PONT.
- No. 8. VEHICLE DETAIL. No vehicles will be detailed except through Staff Officer A.A.S.C., .S.

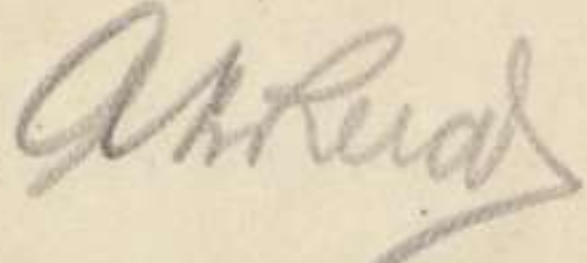
Tunbridge
Colonel,
D. N. S. S., A. I. Y. (6)

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

The table below shows the M.T. Situation in Australian Corps
 week ending 26th April.

(a)	Approximate number of lorries on charge (including 3-ton, 7½ cwt, F.W.D and Steam lorries.....)	...	426
(b)	Number of lorries available and not used.....	...	39
(c)	Number of lorries awaiting or under repair.....:-		
	1. Lorries off the road for minor ailments, which will be put on the roads again at an early date, on receipt of necessary spares or material, to include those awaiting spares, new springs re-tyring etc.....	57)
	2. Lorries off the road for more serious defects, and which should be put into service again within 7 to 10 days of being taken into shops.....	12)
	3. Lorries requiring more extensive repairs, such as engine overhaul, back axle overhaul etc.....	31)
			100
(d)	Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts.		22
(e)	Number of cars awaiting spare parts.....		2
(f)	Number of ambulances awaiting spare parts.....		1

23-4-19.


 For Staff Officer. D.M.T.S., A.I.F. Lieut.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

The table below shows the M.T. Situation in Australian Corps April 19th 1919.

(a)	Approximate number of lorries on charge (including 3-ton, 30 cwt, F.W.D and Steam lorries.....)	..	492
(b)	Number of lorries available and not used.....	..	37
(c)	Number of lorries awaiting or under repair:-		
	1. Lorries off the road for minor ailments, which will be put on the roads again at an early date, on receipt of necessary spares or material, to include those awaiting spares, new springs re-tyring etc,.....	52)	124
	2. Lorries off the road for more serious defects, and which should be put into service again with-in 7 to 10 days of being taken into shops.	17)	
	3. Lorries requiring more extensive repairs, such as engine overhaul, back axle overhaul etc,.....	55)	
(d)	Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts.		24
(e)	Number of cars awaiting spare parts.....		1
(f)	Number of ambulances awaiting spare parts.....		1

20-4-19.

J. T. Macpherson Capt, Adjt.,
For S.M.T.O. Australian Corps,

MECHANICAL ~~444~~----- TRANSPORT.

The table below shows the M.M. Situation in Australian Corps
April 12th 1919.

(a)	Approximate number of lorries on charge (including 3-ton, 30 cwt, F.W.D and Steam lorries.....	...	575
(b)	Number of lorries available and not used.....	...	59
(c)	Number of lorries awaiting or under repair.....:-		
	1. Lorries off the road for minor ailments, which will be put on the roads again at an early date on receipt of necessary spares or material, to include those awaiting spare, new springs, retyring etc.....	51	135
	2. Lorries off the road for more serious defects, and which should be put into service again within 7 to 10 days of being taken into shops.	16	
	3. Lorries requiring more extensive repairs, such as engine overhaul, back axle overhaul etc.....	68	
(d)	Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts.		23
(e)	Number of cars awaiting spare parts.....		2
(f)	Number of Ambulances awaiting spare parts.....		2

13-4-19.

L. T. Macpherson Capt & Adjt
For S.M.T.O. Australian Corps

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT .

The table below shows the M.T. Situation in Australian Corps April 5th 1919.

(a)	Approximate number of lorries on charge (including 3-ton 30cwt, F.W.D and Steam lorries.....)	690
(B)	Number of lorries available and not used.....	25
(c)	Number of lorries awaiting or under repair :-	
	1. Lorries off the road for minor ailments, which will be put on the roads again at an early date, on receipt of necessary spares or material, to include those awaiting spares, new springs, re-tyring etc.....	..78
	2. Lorries off the road for more serious defects, and which should be put into service again within 7 to 10 days of being taken into shops..	...46
	3. Lorries requiring more extensive repairs, such as engine overhaul, back axle overhaul etc.....	..94
(d)	Number of lorries included in (c) awaiting spare parts..	30
(e)	Number of cars awaiting spare parts.....	.. 4
(f)	Number of Ambulances awaiting spare parts.....	.. 4

6-4-19.

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Lieut.
For S.M.F.O. Australian Corps..

LOCATION LIST.
of Australian A. S. C. Units.

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" UNIT.	LOCATION.	O. C.	REMARKS.
Staff Officer A.A.S.C.(M.T.)	266 Rue de Beaumont, MARCHIENNEAU-PONT.	Capt. L.T.Maplestone, M.C.	Representative of D.M.T.S., A.I.F. and S.M.T.O. Aust. Corps.
1st. Aust.M.T.Coy.	CHATELET.	Capt. J.K.Eaton.	Demobilizing.
2nd. Aust.M.T.Coy.	MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT.	Major W.S.Ross.	
3rd. Aust.M.T.Coy.	do.	Major A.B.Harper.	
4th. Aust.M.T.Coy.n	FARGIENNES.	Major E.T.Searle.	
do. (W/shops)	CHATELINEAU.	do.	
5th. Aust.M.T.Coy.	OISEMONT.	Capt. A.J.Campbell.	Demobilizing.
6th. Aust.M.T.Coy.	BEAUMONT.	Major E.D.Fortyce.	Demobilizing.
3. 6. 12th.A.B.A.F.A.P.S.)	Demobilized.		
1. 2nd. Aust. S.B.A.Cols.)			
770th.Coy. R.A.S.C.(M.T.)V.R.P.		Lieut. Taylor.	Late Aust.Corps V.R.P.

MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT.
30/4/19.

Capt.,
Staff Officer A.A.S.C.(M.T.)