

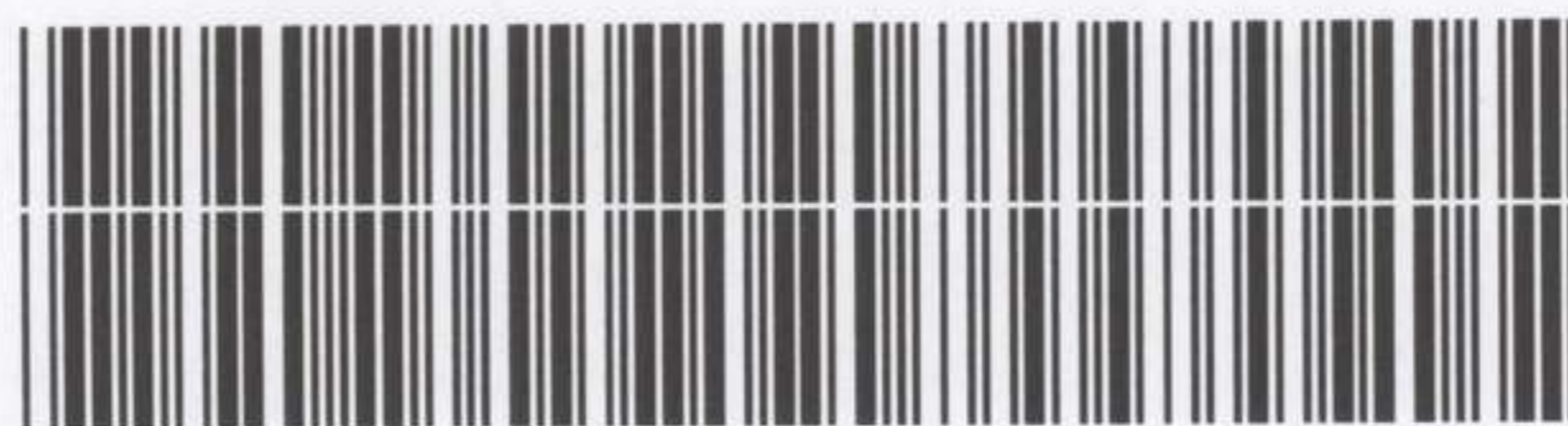
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HAM)SUR-HEURE	1-1-19.		<p>Letter forwarded A.A.G., A.I.F. in accordance with arrangements made with him by D. M.T.S. on his last visit to LILLE as follows:-                      May the following re-posting be made, please:-                      Major J. HAMILTON, D.S.O., O.C., Aust: Corps M.T. Column to Command A.M.T.S., U.K. vice Captain H. WALKER transferred to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. Staff.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited 4th Aust: M.T. Company re promotions.</p> <p>Weather: Fine Rain towards Evening. <i>MWT.</i></p>	303
HAM-SUR-HEURE	2-1-19.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited Corps Headquarters to discuss with Colonel VINEY, A.Q.M.G. his report <del>with</del> to the A.A.G., A.I.F. relative to the M.T. situation, also pointed out to him the advisability of arranging with Army to send up a Train of Ammunition to fill up all forward Area Divisions instead of bringing it up by M.T. as the amount of Ammunition to be transported from the back to the forward Area would take 30 Lorries 5 days each.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>MWT.</i></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	3-1-19.		<p>D.M.T.S. arranged with Captain TOWNSEND, Staff Captain, A.I.F. to Wire all Field Ambulances that A.A.S.C., (M.T.) personnel attached to them were not to be despatched for Demobilization except on instructions from D.M.T.S. also arranged that as far as Demobilization was concerned all A.A.S.C., (M.T.) were to be considered as one Unit. Circular letter sent to all Units which have A.A.S.C., (M.T.) personnel attached, to this effect.</p> <p>The forward Section of the A.I.F. Printing Section moved from MARBAIX to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT was installed and resumed work at night.</p> <p>Colonel H.D. WYNTER, A.A.G., A.I.F. called on D.M.T.S. and discussed the M.T. situation with him including Officers. He advised that General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD would see D.M.T.S. either to-night or to-morrow. D.M.T.S. pointed out the necessity of the M.T. not only being brought up to strength but 25% over - if they were to reap any benefit from the various excursions, Sports, and Education Scheme, Colonel WYNTER promised to put the matter before the General.</p> <p>A5834 Wt. W4973/M687 750,000 8/16 D. D. &amp; L. Ltd. Forms/C.2118/13. <i>MWT.</i>                      Weather: Fine.</p>	

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HAM-SUR-HEURE	4-1-19.		<p>Lieut: S.H.LEIGH proceeded to FAUQUEMBERGUES for the purpose of super<sup>nd</sup>tending the move of the A.I.F. Printing Section from FAUQUEMBERGUES to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT.</p> <p>if Wire received from Repatriation and Demobilization Department, A.I.F. asking the D.M.T.S. concurred early Repatriation of Lieut: P.D.BRADDON to Australia for the purpose of completing his University Medical course- D.M.T.S. wired his approval.</p> <p>Circular Memo D.A.G., A.I.F. 19/8/28 of 3-12-18 received notifying that it had been decided that vacancies in Establishments caused by despatch of 1914 personnel on furlough to Australia shall be regarded as <del>substantive</del> vacancies and that Officers and N.C.O's holding Temporary Rank vice the above personnel who held same prior to 11-11-18 be therefore confirmed. Units notified accordingly and asked to submit the names of such Temporary N.C.O's whom O's.C. considered suitable for Substantive Promotion.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>MWT</i></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE	5-1-19.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited Colonel H.G.VINEY, A.Q.M.G. who stated that the G.O.C., A.I.F. had promised to bring A.A.S.C., (M.T.) up to Establishment as early as possible and in the future to keep them at full strength.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. accompanied by Captain L.A.CLEVELAND, (MC) Demobilization Officer, (M.T.) left Corps Headquarters at 12 noon for A.I.F. Printing Section and Aust: S.B.A.C's arriving at FAUQUEMBERGUES at 6-30pm.</p> <p>All Machinery at Printing Section was dismantled and the four Lorries loaded ready to move off at 6-am. the following morning.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>MWT</i></p>	

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HAM-SUR-HEURE	6-1-19.		<p>A further two Lorries loaded and arrangements made for one of the Staff to be left in Charge of balance of Press which would move up as soon as Transport was available.</p> <p>All Billeting settled at FAUQUEMBERGUES with the Maires up to and including 12-1-19 and letter written to Area Commandant THIEMBROOME to this effect and informing him of the move.</p> <p>D.M.T.S., Captain CLEVELAND, and Lieut: S.H.LEIGH left FAUQUEMBERGUES at 4-30pm for TOURCOING breaking and staying the night at STEENVORDE.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>W.T.</i></p>	303
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	7-1-19.		<p>Captain TOWNSEND, Staff Captain, A.I.F. rang up D.M.T.S. Office and stated that the G.O.C., A.I.F. had authorized necessary direct Commissions to be made in the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) and also authorizing an additional 250 men transferred from the Divisions to A.A.S.C., (M.T.) as Reinforcements.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. left STEENVORDE at 10am for TOURCOING arriving at 12-30pm called on S.M.T.O., XV Corps and O.C., 36th Brigade, A.S.C. who informed him that Confidential reports had gone in on Officers - made arrangements to visit the Australian S.B.A.C's.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited 1st and 2nd Aust: S.B.A.C's discussed the matter of promotions with both Officers in Charge and interviewed Sergeant APPLETON and Corporal PODGER, 1st Aust: S.B.A.C.</p> <p>Reprimanded the Xmas Committee and Officer in Charge 1st Aust: S.B.A.C for publishing certain matter on their Menu which should not have been published.</p> <p>Captain L.A.CLEVELAND lectured and interviewed the men of both S.B.A.C's relative to various Demobilization matters.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. again saw Colonel HARVEY, S.M.T.O., XV Corps who promised to send on copies of Confidential reports for D.M.T.S. information.</p> <p>Weather: Dull. <i>W.T.</i></p>	

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	8-1-19.		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>10-arr</i></p> <p>D.M.T.S. left TOURCOING<sup>10-arr</sup> arriving at Corps Headquarters at 2pm.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited the new site of A.I.F. Printing Section at MARCHIENNE-au-PONT, saw representative of the Firm<sup>10</sup> whom the building belongs reference to obtaining Motor and Electric power in place of erecting our own power Plant, who said in all probability there would be no difficulty but that he would see the Directors.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited 2nd Aust: M.T. Company and arranged with them to ration and deliver same daily to the Staff of A.I.F. Printing Section.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>HWT.</i></p>	303
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	9-1-19.		<p>Copy of letter received from <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> D.A.A.G., Australian Corps which had been sent to the five Australian Divisions, stating that a further 50 men from each Division would be transferred to the M.T. Companies of corresponding number, to make good the deficiencies at present existing in the A.A.S.C., (M.T.).</p> <p>Captain J.K.EATON, a/O.C., 1st Aust: M.T. Company called on D.M.T.S. relative to promotions Lieut: W.J.MULLETT, Officer in Charge, 3rd A.B.A.F.A. Park Section called on D.M.T.S. and strongly recommended Sergeant J.J.CLARKE for Commissioned Rank.</p> <p>Captain F.R.BURDEN, 4th Aust: M.T. Company called on D.M.T.S. to discuss <del>the</del> early Demobilization, asking advice.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>HWT.</i></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	10-1-19		<p>D.M.T.S. visited 1st Aust: M.T. Company reference to general matters and interviewed several N.C.O's who had been recommended for Commissions also visited A.I.F. Printing Section.</p> <p>See entry of 4th January, O's.C., Units authorized to promote Temporary N.C.O's as recommended to Substantive Rank vice 1914 personnel to Australia.</p> <p>Weather: Fine but a bit Cold. D. D. &amp; L., London, E.C. (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>HWT.</i></p>	

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	11-1-	19.	<p>Circular Memo D.A.G., A.I.F. 20/116 received, re the disposal of undesirables and their despatch to U.K. to be dealt with by Repatriation and Demobilization Department; in accordance with above Nominal Rolls of such men of the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) was forwarded to Headquarters, Australian Corps for instruction re allotment and disposal.</p> <p>Weather: Fine <u>WMT</u></p>	303
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	12-1-	19.	<p>D.M.T.S. attended Conference with the Corps Commander and D.A.&amp;Q.M.G. reference to A.A.S.C. (M.T.) personnel.</p> <p>The whole condition of the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) was gone into and discussed and the Corps Commander stated he would call for further men from the Divisions and would obtain up to the 700 required - he instructed the D.A. &amp; Q.M.G. to act accordingly. It was also decided that the D.M.T.S. should see each Company and explain to the men the advantages and disadvantages of the M.T. Service explained to them the necessity of the M.T. remaining while there are Troops in the Field, but every endeavour is being made to Reinforce the M.T. with late service men so that early M.T. personnel may be Demobilized as soon as possible and that they may be given a certain amount of leave and Educational advantages,</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <u>WMT</u></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	13-1-	19.	<p>D.M.T.S. attended by Captain L.A. CLEVELAND, MC and 2nd/Lieut S.H. LEIGH visited the 2nd Aust: M.T. Company. D.M.T.S. addressed the men what was being done in the way of Demobilization Captain L.A. CLEVELAND, MC, Demobilization Officer also spoke to the men reference Demobilization Forms and advantages etc.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited A.I.F. Printing Section paid the Staff and went into general Printing matters.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. also interviewed several N.C.O's of the 2nd Aust: M.T. Company who had been recommended for Commissions.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <u>WMT</u></p>	

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	14-1-	19.	<p>D.M.T.S. attended by Captain L.A.CLEVELAND, MC visited the 1st Aust: M.T.Company and addressed about 60 men as arranged in his Conference with Corps Commander re the position of A.A.S.C., (M.T.). Captain L.A.CLEVELAND, MC, A.A.S.C., (M.T.) Demobilization Officer also spoke to the men.</p> <p>D. M. T. S. visited D.D. of S. &amp; T., Fourth Army and explained to him the method of Financial adjustment between the A.I.F. and Imperial Authorities for M.T.Vehicles, this was approval of a request made for an Australian Comforts Fund, Side Car Combination to be used as Transport for Editor, "AUSSIE".</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited A.I.F. Printing Section found that big Printing Press held up for repairs by 2nd Aust: M.T.Company Workshop, will be ready the day after to-morrow.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. went into and approved of Temporary promotions of N.C.O's of M.T.Companies <del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del> <del>taxEstablishment</del> to complete Establishment.</p>		
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	15-1-	19.	<p>Routine as Usual.</p> <p>Nothing to Report.</p> <p>Weather: Dull. <i>WWT</i></p>		
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	16-1-	19.	<p>Routine as Usual.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>WWT</i></p>		
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	17-1-	19.	<p>D.M.T.S. accompanied by 2nd/Lieut: S.H.LEIGH visited A.I.F. Printing Section re general Printing matters.</p> <p>Routine as Usual. <i>WWT</i></p> <p>Weather Fine and Cold.</p>		

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	18-1-19.		<p>D.M.T.S. spoke to Colonel H.G.WINTER, A.A.G., A.I.F. on the phone who advised that up to 700 General Reifforcements of late class, who have not yet served in FRANCE had been earmarked as Reinforcements for the A.A.S.C., (M.T.).</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>WWT.</i></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	19-1-19.		<p>Routine as usual.</p> <p>Nothing to Report.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>WWT.</i></p>	
Ham-SUR-HEURE.	20-1-19.		<p>D.M.T.S. visited A.I.F. Printing Section re general matters and arranged with 2nd Aust: M.T. Company for the rationing of extra men.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. accompanied by Captain L.A.CLEVELAND, MC - Demobilization Officer A.A.S.C., (M.T.) visited 6th Aust: M.T. Coy: (Corps Troops) and addressed the men as arranged in his conference with the Corps Commander - re the M.T. position - Captain CLEVELAND also spoke to the men re Demobilization Forms etc.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>WWT.</i></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	21-1-19.		<p>By request D.M.T.S. called on General CARRUTHERS relative to the disbanding of A.B.A.F.A. Park Sections - also spoke to Colonel H.D.WyNTER, A.A.G., A.I.F. re men on 75 days 1914 leave in U.K. being overdue - A.A.G., A.I.F. asked that a letter be forwarded him in reference to the matter.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. accompanied by Captain L.A.CLEVELAND, MC, visited 3rd and 5th Aust: M.T. Companies D.M.T.S. addressed the men as arranged in the Conference with Corps Commander- re M.T. position- Captain CLEVELAND also addressed the men re Demobilization Forms etc.</p> <p>Weather: Fine. <i>WWT.</i></p>	

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	22-1-19.		In accordance with arrangements made whilst in LONDON, D.M.T.S. forwarded Nominal Rolls of personnel in the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) who have held the rank of Foreman Artificer (M.S.S.) and Staff Sergeants- this being necessary to adjust pay records - for letter and Nominal Rolls see Appendix No. 1.	303 APPENDIX. 1
			Weather: Fine; <i>M.T.</i>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	23-1-19.		Routine as Usual. Nothing to Report.	
			Weather: Fine. <i>M.T.</i>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	24-1-19.		D.M.T.S. wrote to D.A.G., A.I.F. and Headquarters Australian Corps suggesting that the instructions for the Demobilization of the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) be re-considered with a view to putting this Branch on the same footing as the Ordnance as set out in Demobilization General Instructions No. 8. which states "No member of the Ordnance Services will be embarked or given Orders to Embark without previous reference being made to the A.D.O.S., Australian Corps- who will decide when such personnel will be released". It is considered absolutely necessary for the M.T. to be placed on this footing as it is working at its full capacity at present and is likely to be required for some considerable time, and the D.M.T.S. is the only person who can say when the M.T. personnel can be spared without damage to the Service- for copies of these letters see Appendix No. 2. <i>M.T.</i>	APPENDIX. 2
			An allotment of one(1) Officer and (25) other ranks 1915 A.A.S.C., (M.T.) personnel for Demobilization received through the 2nd Australian Division and was allotted to Units as follows:- S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.                      1. O.R.      2nd Aust: M.T. Company      5. O.R. 1st Aust: M.T. Company                              1. Off:      4. "                              3rd Aust: M.T. Company      3. " 4th Aust: M.T. Company                              -                                  4. "                              5th Aust: M.T. Company      2. " 6th Aust: M.T. Coy: (C.T.)                              -                                  3. "                              3rd A.B.A.F.A. Park Secn: 1. O.R. 6th A.B.A.F.A. Park Section.                          -                                  1. "                              12th A.B.A.F.A. Park Secn: 1. O.R.	
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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	24-1-19.		<p>Contd. This personnel to rendezvous at 2nd Aust: Div: Wing on the 2nd prox. Units notified accordingly.</p> <p>Weather: Dull and Cold. <i>WWT</i></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	25-1-19.		<p>Routine as Usual.</p> <p>Nothing to Report.</p> <p>Weather: Dull and Cold. <i>WWT</i></p>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	26-1-19.		<p>A.I.F. Forms 2. for the promotion of the following Officers to Temporary Majors forwarded to the Assistant Military Secretary, A.I.F. Headquarters together with a letter pointing out the necessity for such promotions at a time like this, also stating that further A.I.F. Forms 2. for Temp/Captains and A.I.F. Forms 1. for direct Commissions would be forwarded as soon as possible Before submitting any of these for approval it was necessary for each Officer and N.C.O. to sign a Certificate stating that he would be willing to remain with the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) as long as his services are required.</p> <p>Captain W.S.ROSS, 2nd Aust: M.T.Company.      Captain A.B.HARPER, 3rd Aust: M.T.Company.                      "      A.J.CAMPBELL, A.A.S.C., (M.T.)      "      J.K.EATON, 1st Aust: M.T.Company.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. held a Conference of all O's.C., Units and discussed general matters.</p> <p>See entry 7th January- D.M.T.S. received copies of Confidential reports on Officers i/c, Aust: S.B.A.Columns as promised by Colonel HARVEY, S.M.T.O., XV Corps.</p> <p>See entry 14th January - Letter received from D.D. of S. &amp; T., FOURTH Army stating that the D. of T., G.H.Q. had ruled that the remaining Side Car Combination purchased from the Australian Comforts Fund must be used as instructed in the first instance viz used as a re-placement,</p> <p>Owing to numerous applications from Despatch Riders and Others to purchase W.D. Motor Cycles etc the matter was referred for a ruling to the Director General, Repatriation and Demobilization</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Contd.</p>	<i>(See Appendix)</i>

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	26-1-	19.	Contd. who <sup>replied</sup> returned stating that same did not concern that Department - it was <sup>then</sup> forwarded to the D.A.G., A.I.F. who ruled that this matter could be dealt with under FOURTH Army Circular CR2792 of 18-12-18 should sales be sanctioned the proceeds should be paid to the Paymaster, A.I.F. for payment into Imperial Funds and credit should be obtained from the Imperial Authorities for the Vehicle as if it had been returned to them.  Weather: Snow and Cold. <i>MUT</i>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	27-1-	19.	Lieut: S.H.LEIGH visited A.I.F. Printing Section reference to general matters and paid the Staff.  Routine as Usual.  Weather: Snow and Cold. <i>MUT</i>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	28-1-	19.	D.M.T.S. visited A.I.F. Printing Section and also called on 2nd Aust: M.T.Company .  Routine as Usual.  Weather: Dull and Cold. <i>MUT</i>	
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	29-1-	19.	D.M.T.S. visited Brig-General T.A.BLAMEY, C.M.G., D.S.O. Headquarters Australian Corps reference to General Demobilization matters.  See entry 26th January A.I.F. Forms 2. for promotion to Temporary Captains and A.I.F. Forms 1. for direct Commissions in the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) together with covering letter, forwarded to Assistant Military Secretary for consideration - for these letters see Appendix N. 3. <span style="float: right;">APPENDIX. 3</span>  Instructions received from Australian Corps for the despatch of all University Students desirous of completing their courses, to be sent to Australian Base Depot, HAVRE enroute for U.K. for early Repatriation. Units notified to hold personnel under this Category ( 1. Officer and (10- Other Ranks) in readiness to proceed with Demobilization Draft leaving on or about	

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	29-1-19		<p>Contd. 3rd prox. Commandant Aust: Base Depots, HAVRE also notified to this effect and rendered a Nominal Roll.</p> <p>D.M.T.S. visited A.I.F. Printing Section reference general matters.</p> <p>Weather: Dull and Cold. <i>MMT</i></p>		
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	30-1-19.		<p>Routine as Usual.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Weather: Dull and Cold. <i>MMT</i></p>		
HAM-SUR-HEURE.	31-1-19.		<p>D.M.T.S. <del>interviewed</del> <i>Aust Capt.</i> was given an interview by the G.O.C., <del>A.I.F.</del> reference the following matters:-</p> <p><i>Whether</i> N.C.O's and Men now on 75 days leave in U.K. would be re-joining their Units, quite a number were now A.W.L. and no notification had been received by the D.M.T.S. of any extension of leave being given, also a number of men on ordinary 14 days leave are as far as known A.W.L. only in a few instances had notification been received of extension of leave being granted pending Non-Military Employment, also discussed general Demobilization matters. G.O.C. promised to discuss these matters with Director General, Repatriation and Demobilization Department, A.I.F. when in LONDON.</p> <p>Wire received from Australian Section 3rd ECHELON that 100 Reinforcements for A.A.S.C., (M.T.) had been despatched from ABANCOURT on 30th inst for CHARLEROI.</p> <p>See Appendix No. 4. Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for "AUSSIE" Trust Account for period 1st to 31st January, 1919.</p> <p>See Appendix No. 5. Report of N.C.O. i/c., A.I.F. Printing Section on work done for month of January, 1919.</p> <p>The following accounts were paid from D.M.T.S. A.I.F. Imprest a/c G.70. during the latter half of the month.</p>		<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix No 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Appendix No 5</i></p>

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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HAM-SUR-HEURE.	31-1-19.	Contd.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Adjutant S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">Fres</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">Cts.</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Demands Officer Aust: Corps M.T.Column.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">300</td> <td style="text-align: right;">00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance in Hand.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">99</td> <td style="text-align: right;">70.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Weather:            Snow and Cold.</p>	Adjutant S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.	Fres	Cts.		Demands Officer Aust: Corps M.T.Column.	300	00		Balance in Hand.	100	30.			99	70.		
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WAR DIARY.

of

Director of Motor Transport Services,  
A. I. F.for  
period

1st to 31st January, 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| 1.         | Letter to Officer i/c Records, A.I.F. Headquarters also Nominal Roll of all Artificer Foremen (M.S.S.) and Staff/Sergeants who have ever been with A.A.S.C., M.T. Units. |
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Officer in Charge Records,  
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Foreman Artificers (M.S.S.) and Staff/Sergeants of A.A.S.C., M.T.

In reference to D.A.G., A.I.F. 26/397 dated 14-11-18 and further to my conversation re the above subject during my recent visit to United Kingdom.

I am attaching herewith Nominal Rolls showing the A.A.S.C., M.T. personnel who were employed as Foreman Artificers (M.S.S.), also those who were only Staff Sergeants and employed as such.

In the case of Lieut: G.C. Saunders and Lieut: H.H. Bird marked with a "X", both these Officers were apparently erroneously promoted Staff Sergeants instead of Foreman Artificers (M.S.S.), for both were employed in Workshops, Saunders with the A.M.T.S. in Egypt and Bird on this side.

It will also be observed that a number of both Staff Sergeants and Foreman Artificers (M.S.S.) marked "X" are given without dates. These are the original and earlier appointments, and records prior to the M.T. Reorganisation in March 1917 have all been sent to Base, consequently there is no further information available, but no doubt your returns will verify and give all that is necessary regarding these.

I trust the attached information will enable you to satisfactorily adjust your records, and I think as far as can be ascertained all NCO's have been included

22nd January, 1919.

D. M. T. S., Colonel,  
A. I. F.



RETURN OF ARTIFICER FOREMAN (M.S.S.) AND STAFF/SERGEANTS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH A.A.S.C., M.T. UNITS.

(1). Promoted to, and employed as, FOREMAN ARTIFICERS (M.S.S.) with pay at the rate of 14/- per diem.

No.	Rank.	NAME	From:-	To:-	Present Unit or Disposal.
13357.	M.S.S.	Lumb, R.	2-4-18.	-	1st Aust: M.T.Company.
1487.	M.S.S.	Turner, A.M.	3-11-17.	-	-do- (Dep: 6.mos furlough to Aust:)
1486.	M.S.S.	Taylor, K.R.	29-8-18.	-	-do- -do-
2111.	M.S.M.	Featherstone, H.S.	3-11-17.	11-10-18.	-do-
6959.	T/M.S.S.	Macgregor, J.M.	7-10-18.	-	-do-
8857.	T/M.S.S.	Boyle, C.R.	7-10-18.	-	6th Aust: M.T.Coy: (C.T.)
1982.	M.S.M.	Muirson, J.	6-11-16.	23-8-18.	3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: - (Dep: 6.mos furlough to Aust:)
13132.	M.S.S.	Francis, E.E.	14-12-17.	-	2nd Aust: M.T.Coy:
13095.	T/M.S.S.	Francis, H.J.	7-10-18.	-	-do-
13356.	M.S.S.	Riordan, W.J.	17-8-18.	-	-do-
1433.	M.S.S.	McKinley, R.	2-4-18.	-	-do- - (Dep: 6.mos furlough to Aust:)
1423.	M.S.S.	Harper, R.	16-8-16.	-	-do- - (S.O.S.Hosp: 8-5-18.)
11849.	T/M.S.M.	McKay, O.	16-11-16.	11-10-18.	3rd Aust: M.T.Coy:
	Lieut:	Lock, A.K.	6-9-16.	1-6-18.	-do-
	Lieut:	McMillan, A.L.	18-12-16.	7-10-18.	5th Aust: M.T.Coy:
2248.	M.S.M.	‰ Auriac, E.P.	-	8-11-16.	(late 3rd A.A.S.P. disposal not known)
11211.	M.S.S.	Paterson, N.B.	16-6-18.	-	3rd Aust: M.T.Coy:
11724.	M.S.S.	Fentiman, S.A.	8-9-18.	-	4th Aust: M.T.Coy:
11725.	T/M.S.S.	Ferrier, D.O.	11-10-18.	-	3rd Aust: M.T.Coy:
11199.	T/M.S.S.	Askew, A.W.	7-10-18.	25-12-18.	4th Aust: M.T.Coy: (Died of injuries 25-12-18)
921.	M.S.S.	Trower, N.E.	7-10-18.	-	3rd Aust: M.T.Coy:
1403.	M.S.S.	Dorian, A.E.	12-1-17.	-	4th Aust: M.T.Coy: (Retd Aust: 6-6-18).
13237.	T/M.S.M.	Gregory, S.	2-4-18.	5-11-18.	-do-
11765.	T/M.S.S.	Hall, F.C.	7-10-18.	-	-do-
1722.	M.S.M.	‰ Rose, A.J.	-	27-7-16.	-do- (Dep: 6.mos furlough to Aust:).
1473.	M.S.S.	Schwarer, W.J.	2-4-18.	-	-do- -do-
1943.	M.S.S.	Thorn, H.J.	17-8-18.	-	-do- (Transport Duty to Aust:).
1508.	M.S.S.	Arnold, J.	14-8-17.	-	A.N.T.S., U.K.
2084.	M.S.S.	Dow, J.B.	9-7-17.	-	5th Aust: M.T.Coy: (Dep: 6.mos furlough to Aust:).
1910.	T/M.S.S.	Ross, J.C. (MM).	7-10-18.	-	5th Aust: M.T.Coy:
1476.	M.S.S.	Shaw, E.J.	3-10-16.	-	"K" Supply Column. (Transport Duty to Australia).

Artificer Foreman (M.S.S.) Continued:

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No.	Rank:	NAME.	From:-	To:-	Present Unit or Disposal.
1425.	M.S.S.	Hay, G.E.	3-11-16.	-	6th Aust: M.T.Coy: (C.T) Dep: 6.mos furlough Aust:
2106.	M.S.S.	Alder, C.	31-5-17.	-	-do- -do-
2121.	M.S.S.	Walsh, J.	2-4-18.	-	-do- -do-
9339.	M.S.S.	Dixon, H.B.	7-10-18.	-	6th Aust: M.T.Coy: (Corps Troops)
2253.	M.S.S.	Prince, A.J.	7-10-18.	-	-do-
1499.	M.S.M.	Watts, J.	12-6-18.	8-9-18.	Aust: Corps M.T.Column.
1457.	M.S.M.	Needham, G.A.	-	10-1-17.	1st Aust: M.T.Coy: Dep: 6.mos furlough to Australia.
	Lieut:	Ferrer, K.O.	27-7-16.	17-12-17.	A. M. T. S., U. K.
	T/Capt: X	Bird, H.H.	28-8-15.	4-8-16.	1st Aust: M.T.Company.
	Lieut: X	Saunders, G.C.	8-3-16.	1-9-16.	3rd Aust: M.T.Company.
	M.S.S. %	Porter,			1st Aust: D.S.G. (no further record).

(2). Promoted to, and Employed as :- STAFF/SERGEANTS. (Mechanical or Transport) with pay at the rate of 12/- per diem.

No.	Rank:	NAME.	From:-	To:-	Present Unit or Disposal.
10.	S/Segt:	Gotterill, W.E.	8-3-16.	-	A. M. T. S., U. K.
	Lieut:	Noall, W.	1-10-15.	8-3-16.	Aust: Corps M.T.Column.
789.	S/Sergt:	Hamilton, W.	1-5-17.	-	4th Aust: M.T.Coy: Ret'd Aust: for early Demob:
6.	"	Bird, H.	1-5-17.	-	2nd Aust: M.T.Company.
5532.	"	Treblco, W.	1-5-17.	-	5th Aust: M.T.Company.
1924.	"	Kellett, S.	24-4-17.	-	A. M. T. S., U. K.
7381.	T/W.O.I.	Howarth, J.F.L.	19-7-17.	15-12-18.	-do-
180.	W.O.I.	Goman, A.A.W.	2-2-17.	2-5-17.	-do-
	Lieut:	Swann, G.G.	1-9-16.	?	-do-
4604.	W.O.I.	Sutherland, A.J.	1-5-17.	4-6-17.	-do-
1962.	S/Sergt:	Pattison, R.	17-9-14.	-	1st Aust: M.T.Coy: Dep: 6.mos furlough to Aust:
1682.	"	Arnott, A.	22-3-16.	-	1st Aust: M.T.Company.
	Lieut:	Gillberg, L.J.	5-6-17.	15-10-17.	3rd Aust: M.T.Company.
1898a.	S/Sergt:	Mitchell, W.S.	28-3-18.	-	A.I.F.Printing Section.
12383.	"	Young, C.R.	21-10-18.	-	6th Aust: M.T.Coy: (C.T).
1549.	"	Seahon, J.J.	28-8-15.	-	-do- Retd: Aust: Transport Duty:
	Lieut:	Irwin, A.C.	-	7-10-16.	2nd Aust: M.T.Company.
1413.	S/Sergt:	Evans, H.P.	1-12-17.	-	A.I.F.Printing Section. Retd: Aust: for Discharge.
1592.	C.S.M.	Martin, E.J.	-	4-7-16.	3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: Dep: 6.mos furlough to Aust:
	Capt:	Lane, H.J.	-	-	S.M.T.O., Aust: Corps. -do-
	T/Capt:	Bradbury, L.R.	-	-	6th Aust: M.T.Coy: (C.T) -do-
	Lieut:	McSwaine, K.	-	-	1st Aust: M.T.Company: -do-
	T/Capt:	Campbell, J.D.	-	-	6th Aust: M.T.Company: (C.T).
	Lieut:	Tonkin, M.J.G.	-	-	"K" Supply Column: (To Aust: Flying Corps).
	<del>Lieut:</del>	<del>xxxxxx</del>	-	-	<del>xxxxxx</del>
	Lieut:	Mercer, C.W.	-	-	4th Aust: M.T.Company.
	S/Sergt:	Stewart, (Supply)	-	-	17th D.S.C., 1st Aust: D.S.C. (no further record)
	"	Taylor,	-	-	17th D.S.C., 1st Aust: D.S.C. -do-
	"	Jackson,	-	-	17th A.S.P., 1st Aust: A.S.P. -do-
	Lieut:	deFraga, A.N.	-	-	1st Aust: M.T.Company: Dep: 6.mos furlough Aust:

D. A. G., A. I. F.



May I suggest that the instructions for the Demobilization of the A.A.S.C., (M.T.) be re-considered, please, with a view to putting this Branch on the same footing as the Ordnance.

The M.T. as far as at present can be seen is likely to be required in its full capacity for a considerable time. The running for the last month was 50% more than in October and November.

Owing to the withdrawal of 1914 and early 1915 personnel the efficiency has been very much lowered, for many of the best Officers, N.C.O's, Artificers, and Drivers were of that Category. Their places have been to some extent filled by learners and men of a less experienced class, but the Branch is still considerably below strength.

Owing to the bad conditions of the roads, long distances, age of Vehicles, and the lower efficiency of personnel, much more work is thrown on the Workshop Staffs, who are themselves much lower in efficiency, as most of the best N.C.O's and Artificers have returned to Australia, consequently I have at present a large number of Vehicles off the road for repairs and overhaul that at any period since the Corps was formed.

Men have been sent from Divisions and reinforcements have been promised from England, which will eventually largely improve these conditions, but this can only be gradual, as even if these men have driven before, they have been for some time away from such work, and have probably never driven under such bad conditions as prevail at present in Belgium and France.

It is therefore absolutely necessary that replacements and reinforcements should be well trained before the men who are at present driving, or in the Shops, can be spared.

I am anxious that all ranks in the M.T. should be able to participate in all the privileges given to other Branches such as Education, Leave etc, and that they should be Repatriated at the earliest moment, but I consider my first duty is to maintain the Units as near as possible at their full efficiency for as long as their services may be spared.

To do this I consider I am the only person who can say when the M.T. personnel can be spared without damage to the service, and therefore request that this Branch may be placed on the same footing as the Ordnance, set out in Demobilization General Instructions No. 8. as follows:- "No member of the Ordnance Services will be embarked or given orders to Embark without previous reference being made to the A.D.O.S., Australian Corps, who will decide when any such personnel may be released" ( substitute D.M.T.S.)

Much serious discontent has been caused by men on leave in England being allowed to arrange for their early Repatriation or for immediate Employment in England, direct with A.I.F., Headquarters. The men consider that this practice gives men who can obtain leave an unfair advantage over those who are not fortunate enough to be due for leave, and they have the idea firmly fixed in their minds that they only have to get to England to be able to arrange to return to Australia at once.

I have a considerable number of men who are as far as I know A.W.L. and have been so registered for some weeks, I have just noticed on a Casualty List that some of these men have been returned to Australia, no Official notification has been received by me of extension of leave given to these men or that they were Repatriated, consequently their positions have been kept open for them.

I have still a number of N.C.O's and Men both on 75 days and ordinary leave, who are now considerably overdue, and it is not known whether these men are returning or if they are being held for Repatriation.

With Units working at full pressure as the M.T. are doing every N.C.O. and Man is urgently required, and only a small percentage can be spared for leave, consequently when they do not return at the expiration, and I am not notified that they are to be struck off strength, it holds up leave of other men who are due thereby increasing the discontent.

24th January, 1919.

Colonel,  
D. M. T. S., A. I. F.

Headquarters, "A"  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.



In General Instruction No.8, Just issued by the Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation, para 33 (a) reads:-

" No Member of the Ordnance Services will be embarked or given orders to embark without previous reference being made to the A.D.O.S. Australian Corps, who will decide when any such person may be released."

May it be represented to the Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation please, That a similar Regulation is urgently required in respect of personnel of the Motor Transport Services in France and U.K..

The M.T. in France is in a peculiar position, as the work has considerably increased since the signing of the Armistice, and during the month of December 1918, the average mileage of each vehicle in the Australian Corps was 50% greater than in the preceding months, when active operations were in progress. This is due to the greater distances to be covered, owing to the scattered locations of the various Units of the Corps. In addition, the granting of 1914 furlough has seriously depleted the strength of all M.T. Units and to a greater degree than in the case of any other Unit in the A.I.F., with the result that M.T. Coys. are now as much as 30% below strength.

The immediate effect of this is to throw more work on the remaining drivers, and in many cases, lorries can only be manned with one driver, whose time actually on the road in some cases runs into 15 hours at a stretch. These drivers are not nearly as experienced as the men they have replaced, with the result that, on narrow and bad roads, such as are the rule in this area, lorries have more rough handling on the roads and less attention when in the park. (A driver after a long spell, single handed on a lorry naturally cannot be expected to overhaul his lorry as carefully as if it had been a normal one ).

This in turn throws more work on the workshop staff who, also are depleted in strength and quality and at the present time there are more lorries off the roads for repairs and overhaul than has been the case since the Australian M.T. first came to France.

As a remedy men have been drawn from other Units, and reinforcements have been promised from men now in England who are under orders for France. These steps will, it is hoped, remedy in time the very serious state of affairs, but the new men have to be trained and passed as efficient before they can take their places on the driving seat of a lorry, or in the workshops, as the case may be, and this training takes time. Even if a man has had previous experience as a motor lorry driver, the lapse of time since he last drove and the very different conditions of the roads and the nature of the work necessitates careful coaching before he can be trusted on the road, while with the man not previously experienced there is naturally a substantial wastage of men who, after a course of training, prove to be unsuitable.

It therefore follows that the remedial measures can only come into full effect gradually and that, for some little time to come, small immediate results will be apparent.

I have personally addressed the men of all M.T. Units with the Corps and explained, firstly, the difficulties that at present exist and secondly, the steps that have been and are being taken to remedy matters, and the men have recognised the peculiar nature and obligations of their particular branch of the service and cheerfully accepted the position, knowing that, although many of the privileges

at present enjoyed by Infantry, And Artillery personnel are denied ~~that~~ them, they will shortly be in a position to have the full benefit of the Educational and Repatriation provisions of the Department.

There is, however, one matter that is causing very grave dissatisfaction and discontent, and that is, the practice which is growing up, of men while on leave, calling at the Department in London and urging their special claims to early Repatriation etc.. Cases have occurred of men who, not returning from leave, when due, have been marked by me as A.W.L. and yet subsequently a message has been received that they have either embarked for Australia, or are in London awaiting their O.C's approval to an application which has never been before him.

This drainage of men to a certain extent nullifies the effort that are being made to bring the Units up to strength and from the men's point of view gives an unfair preference to men who are available for leave over those who are not so situated. The idea is now firmly fixed in the mens Minds that, if they can only get across to the U.K. they can secure preference by putting their cases up in person, and considerable unrest in consequence prevails in all Units.

O.C's are also in the position of not knowing, when men go on leave if they will ever see them again.

It is my desire that every man under my Command should have full opportunity to enjoy any of the privileges that he may desire, but I hold that it is my first duty to maintain, so long as the A.I.F. is in the Field, the Motor Transport Service, in an efficient condition, and this object can be attained if the measures I have already referred to are carried out, but I submit that I am the best, and in fact the only, judge as to which men can be spared and when, and I think that the Director General in his instructions to Divisions, ( Copy of one of which I attach ) has had in mind the conditions as applied to Infantry, Artillery and other branches which since the <sup>sub</sup>suspension of hostilities are merely standing by and from which men can be more readily spared without imperilling the efficiency of the units, and has overlooked the fact that the circumstances of the M.T. are not on all fours with other Units.

I would therefore ask that the M.T. be placed on the same footing as the Ordnance Services, and that no man be released either for Repatriation or Non- Military Employment, until such time as in my judgement he can be spared without prejudice to the Transport Service.

24/1/19

Colonel.  
D.M.T.S., A.I.F.

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Repatriation and Demobilization Dept:  
A. I. F. 54 Victoria Street,  
L O N D O N. S.W.1.  
7-1-19.

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G.O.C.,  
4th Aust: Division.

My Dear General,

Some cases have occurred of personnel from Units having been granted discharges, early Repatriation etc, without previous reference to Divisional and Units Commanders;- I greatly regret this, which was due to the inexperience of some of my Staff. I have taken steps to ensue that it will not occur again.

On the other hand, numerous cases occur where, the man concerned being clearly, ~~tax~~ in my judgement, entitled to one or other of the benefits provided in my General Instructions, reference to Unit Commanders having elicited the response "not approved" or words to that effect.

I am therefore writing you to ask you to explain to your Unit Commanders that the only circumstances which would justify a Commander in refusing to agree with the withdrawal of an Officer or Man from his Unit, is when he is Militarily indispensable. It would indeed have to be an extreme case where the man's allotted duties could not be casually well done by another, such as the case of ~~ka~~ a member of a Headquarters Staff. In no case would a C.O. be justified in replying "Not approved" or in refusing to sign the form, merely because he did not agree to the man receiving the benefit applied for, that is for me and my Officers to decide, and we, of course, act upon Cables and other evidence outside which is not available to the C.O. All the C.O. has got to certify ~~taxis~~ to is, that the man can be spared; except only in the case of men of bad character whom I should expect to be told of it for my guidance in giving a decision.

The whole policy of my Department is, protecting ourselves against imposture, to meet the wishes of every individual man as far as circumstances permit. This is some small compensation for the sacrifices which we have for four years called upon all to make,

I trust therefore that you will take steps to see that the approval of C.O's is not ~~arbitrarily~~ arbitrarily withheld in such cases.

Yours sincerely,  
Sgd. John Monash  
Lieut-General  
Director General.

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Assistant Military Secretary,  
A. I. F. Headquarters,  
130 Horseferry Road,  
L O N D O N. S.W.1.

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When the 1914 Officers and Men left for Australia the matter of promotions was discussed with the A.A.G., A.I.F., and as it was then thought that the M.T. would have an easy time during the winter months, and that the 1914 Officers and Men would be returning in time for the Spring Campaign, it was decided that no Senior Officers should be promoted.

These conditions are now altered, 1914 Officers and Men, I understand, will not be returning. The work of the M.T. is at present very heavy, and I have hardly any Senior Officers. I therefore request that the attached A.I.F. Form 2. for the promotion of:-

Captain W.S. Ross, 2nd Aust: M.T.Coy:  
Captain A.B. Harper, 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy:  
Captain A.J. Campbell, (returning to Aust: M.T.).  
Captain J.K.L. Eaton, 1st Aust: M.T.Coy:

may be put through with as little delay as possible.

All the above Officers have given me a certificate stating that in the event of their being promoted, they are willing to remain as long as their services are required with the A.A.S.C. (M.T).

Further A.I.F. Form 2. for promotions to Captain, and A.I.F. Form. 1. for new Commissions will be forwarded in the course of a day or two, as soon as the necessary certificates are through, stating that these Officers and N.C.O's are also willing to remain. I am not recommending either Officers or Senior N.C.O's for promotion, nor am I promoting any N.C.O's unless the attached certificate is signed, so that in the event of these promotions being approved, the Officers will remain, and I shall have some chance of getting the M.T. into it's former efficiency.

In all probability the handing over of all the M.T. material of each Company, will shortly take place. This will need very careful checking, and as the Officers above-mentioned have now been for some months efficiently carrying out the duties of Acting O's C., I consider at a time like this they are entitled to their promotion.

26th January, 1919.

Colonel,  
D. M. T. S., A. I. F.

4. Enclosures.



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Further to my B/29 of 26th inst, I am attaching herewith A.I.F. Forms 1 and 2 and proposed re-postings of A.A.S.C., (M.T.) Officers.

In the event of these appointments being approved I will still have three actual vacancies, and in addition one Officer awaiting F.G.C.M., one 1914 Officer on 75 days leave and anxious to be Repatriated at once, one desirous of early Repatriation and three others on 75 days leave, it is doubtful whether two of the latter will return. Two of the above Officers will be included in the next Demobilization drafts received, which will then leave me with five actual vacancies.

With the exception of Lieutenant Anderson all the Officers recommended have given me the Certificate stating if promoted they are willing to remain with the Australian M.T. as long as their services are required, owing to Lieutenant Anderson being away on leave his Certificate has not yet been received, but I expect this to come to hand in the course of a day or two. Should this Officer not sign I will wire you to withdraw his name.

I am very short of Officers at present and as I explained in my previous letter, the work of the M.T. is still exceedingly heavy, consequently I am unable to allow Officers to take up Non-Military Employment, to avail themselves of the full allotment of leave, or other privileges now being given to other Branches of the Force.

In the event of these recommendations being approved, I should be glad if they could be put through as early as possible, in any case I should be glad to be advised by Wire.

29th January, 1919.

*W.W.F.*  
D. M. T. S., Colonel,  
A. I. F.



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The attached A.I.F. Forms 2., A.I.F. Forms 1., and re-postings of A.A.S.C., (M.T) Officers, are forwarded and strongly recommended, please. :-

To be Temporary Captains as from 25-1-19. :-

- Lieut: ANDERSON, F.W.G., 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be Temp/Captain and posted to A.M.T.S., U.K., To Complete Establishment.
- Lieut: ROBERTSON, O.T., 1st Aust: S.B.A.C: to be Temp/Captain and posted to A.M.T.S., U.K. To complete new Establish't.
- Lieut: SEPHTON, F.S., 1st Aust: S.B.A.C. to be Temp/Captain and posted to 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Temp/capt: BURDEN re-posted Equipment Officer, A.A.S.C., (.MT.)
- Lieut: NOALL, W., Aust: Corps M.T.Column to be Temp/Captain and Adj't. vice Temp/Captain Maplestone transferred to S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.
- Lieut: HANMARD, F.H., 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be Temp/Captain and posted to 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Capt: Hutchinson to Aust:
- Lieut: MERCER, C.W.(MC) 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be Temp/Captain and posted to 2nd Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Capt: Rees promoted:
- Lieut: HARVEY, J.D. 6th Aust: M.T.Coy:(C.T.) to be Temp/Captain and posted to 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Capt: Harper, A.B. promoted.
- Lieut: MULLETT, W.J.(MC) 3rd A.B.A.F.A.Park Section to be Temp/Capt: and posted to 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Capt: Eaton, J. promoted.
- Lieut: SAUNDERS, G.C. 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: to be Temp/Captain and posted to 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Capt: Lacey to Aust:
- Lieut: PRICHARD, L. 2nd Aust: M.T.Coy: to be Temp/Captain and posted to 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Capt: Tatham to Aust:

To be 2nd/Lieutenants.

- No. 11935 W.O.(Class 1.) TWISS, H.G., S.M.T.O., Aust: Corps to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: McMillan re-posted.
- No. 11849 M.S.N. McKAY, O. 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Windridge re-posted.
- No. 2111 M.S.N. FEATHERSTONE, H.S. 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to A.M.T.S., U.K. as W<sup>1</sup>Shop Officer to complete new Establishment.
- No. 11696 C.S.N. CRITCHLEY, J.J. 6th Aust: M.T.Coy:(C.T.) to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Lock to Hospital.

To be 2nd/Lieutenants. (Contd.)

- No. 13222 C.Q.M.S. LARKE, P.J. 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Tracey re-posted.
- No. 11211 Artificer Foreman (M.S.S.) PATERSON, W.B. 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Mercer promoted.
- No. 6959 Artificer Foreman (M.S.S.) MACGREGOR, J.W. 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Braddon to Australia.
- No. 13182 Sergt: BRUNSKILL, H.L. 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice 2nd/Lieut: Vansenden Invalided to Australia.
- No. 8383 Sergt: DEUCHAR, L.G. 12th A.B.A.F.A.Park Section to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Harders to 5th Aust: M.T.Coy:
- No. 9381 Sergt: APPLETON, G.C. 2nd Aust: S.B.A.Column to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 2nd Aust: S.B.A.C. vice Lieut: Anderson W.S. to Australia.
- No. 6182 Sergt: GRAHAM, C.J., 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Anderson F.W.G. promoted.
- No. 1649 Sergt: GURNEY, C.L. 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Majurey re-posted to 1st Aust: S.B.A.C.
- No. 8341 Sergt: WHITELOW, R.W., 2nd Aust: M.T.Coy: to be 2nd/Lieut: and posted to 2nd Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Shaw.

May the following Re-postings be approved, please:-

- Lieut: MAJUREY, R. 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: to 1st Aust: S.B.A.C. vice Lieut: Robertson to A.M.T.S., U.K.
- Lieut: WINDRIDGE, C.R., 3rd Aust: M.T.Coy: to 3rd A.B.A.F.A.Park Section vice Lieut: Mullett to 1st Aust: M.T.Coy:
- Lieut: SCOTT, A.P., 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: to 1st Aust: S.B.A.C. vice Lieut: Sephton to 4th Aust: M.T.Coy:
- Capt: BURDEN, F.R. 4th Aust: M.T.Coy: to be Equipment Officer A.A.S.C., (M.T.) in accordance with B.K.M., K.K.E. Repatriation and Demobilization 4.D No. 22831 dated 16-12-18.
- Lieut: SHAW, J.S., 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: to 12th A.B.A.F.A.Park Section vice Lieut: Ridge deceased.
- Lieut: HARDERS, K.V., 1st Aust: M.T.Coy: to 5th Aust: M.T.Coy: vice Lieut: Shaw re-posted.

All the above promotions are in order of Seniority.

29th January, 1919.

D. M. T. S.,

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Colonel,

A. I. F.

Appendix No 4

"AUSSIE"

TRUST

ACCOUNT.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31st 1919.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURE.

To	Balance as per Statement 31/13/18	173	17	2
	Receipts from Sundry Units for Sale of "Aussie"	118	2	4

By	Petty Cash Imprest Account	2	17	6
"	Prize Moneys No 8 Issue	7	0	0
"	Prize Money No 9 Issue	14	0	0
"	Blocks, Donnay Bruxelles	3	9	8
"	Blocks, Jean Malvaux	1	16	10
"	Ajustment entry amt. wrongly Credited "Aussie" Pass Book	3	15	8
"	Balance as per Pass Book £258 13 10			
"	Cash in hand		6	0
			258	19 10

£291 19 6

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REPORT OF WORK DONE BY A.I.F., PRINTING SECTION FOR MONTH OF

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DECEMBER, 1918.

On 6th December, one small Machine, 3 men, and one Lorry load of Printing material was despatched from FAUQUEMBERGUES to MARBAIX in BELGUIM to act as an advanced party of the A.I.F., Printing Section, this practically stopped all Official work at FAUQUEMBERGUES as the big machine was on "AUSSIE" and the other small machine on Xmas Cards. The official work was then carried on at MARBAIX 70,000 Xmas "Aussies" were printed with 8 pages extra, equal to 105,000 ordinary issues.

No. Printed	Description of Work.	For Whom.
1000	Xmas Cards "Somewhere in France"	S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.
1000	" " "Xmas Shopping"	-do-
1000	" " "Heavy Artillery"	-do-
1000	" " "French Guns"	-do-
500	" " "Le Poilu"	-do-
500	" " "Machine Gunners"	-do-
70,000	"Aussies" Xmas Issue No. 9.	"AUSSIE"
15,000	Agendas.	"A" Branch Australian Corps
500	Routine Orders No. 52.	-do-
500	-do- 53	-do-
500	-do- 54	-do-
50	Menu Cards.	Aust: Corps Sig: Coy:
25	-do-	S.M.T.O., & D.M.T.S.
100	Narratives of Operations.	Australian Corps.
1000	Proforma's (Work Done)	S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.
20,000	News Sheets No. 10.	Australian Corps.
3500	-do- 11	-do-
3500	-do- 12.	-do-

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## REPORT OF WORK DONE BY A.I.F., PRINTING SECTION FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1919.

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On 6th January, 1919 the A.I.F. Printing Section moved from FAUQUEMBERGUES to CHARLEROI, BELGUIM.

Owing to the move it was towards the end of the month before everything was in working order. Work is now progressing very satisfactory, and the Staff has been increased to 33 men, during the month 15,000 German Pamphlets were folded, stapled and despatched, 10,000 Writing Pads were cut, stapled and forwarded on.

No. Printed.	Description of Work	For Whom.
25,000	Special Orders	"A" Branch Australian Corps.
300	Strength Proforma's.	S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.
300	Diary Appendices No. 1.	-do-
200	Sanitary Reports.	1st Aust: San: Section.
300	Availability Returns.	S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.
300	Lorry Details.	-do-
1,000	Clothing and Equipment Forms,	-do-
500	"Aussie" Labels,	"Aussie"
500	Routine Orders No. 1.	"A" Branch Australian Corps.
500	-do- 2.	-do-
500	-do- 3.	-do-
500	-do- 4.	-do-
500	Sports Programmes.	Aust: Corps Signal Company.
200	Pamphlets Geology of Entre Sambre et Meux.	Australian Corps.
5000	Pamphlets "Guide to History of Belguim, 12 pages, stapled also 2 Maps.	-do-
5000	News Sheets No. 14. 3 pages 15,000 Impressions.	-do-
5000	News Sheets No. 13.	-do-
500	Sports Programmes.	4th Aust: Inf: Bde.
500	-do-	"The Movies.