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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In this field	1.		<p>Position of Unit - On main ABEELE - WATOU ROAD at L 26 a 3 2 Sheet 27. Strength 3 Officers and 137 other ranks. One other rank proceeded on leave. Six lorries detailed to report to PACIFIC SIDING to convey ammunition to forward area, in addition all available lorries were out conveying ammunition from PACIFIC SIDING to advanced dumps.</p>	
	2.		<p>Five other ranks taken on the strength from A.S.C. BASE DEPOT as loaders. Five lorries conveyed ammunition to TAYLOR DUMP from PACIFIC SIDING. All other available lorries reported at CORDOYA DUMP to convey ammunition to RIGHT GROUP TRANSHIPMENT POINT.</p>	
	3.		<p>Paid Unit. Fifteen lorries reported to C.A.R.O. PACIFIC SIDING to convey ammunition forward. One officer took charge of INFERNO TRANSHIPMENT POINT and one 1st class N.O. the ASSEMBLY POINT.</p>	
	4.		<p>One other rank returned from leave of absence. Thirty lorries reported to C.A.R.O. VLAMERTINGHE for ammunition duty all day. Lorries were instructed to report at ASSEMBLY POINT YPRES after leaving RAILHEAD before proceeding to final destination.</p>	

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In the field	5		Thirty two lorries were out on ammunition duty, special instructions were issued that lorries should proceed to forward area via ASSEMBLY POINT - LILLE GATE - TROIS ROIS - TRANSPORT FARM - ZILLEBEKE - HELL FIRE CORNER.	
	6		Three other ranks proceeded on leave of absence. Twenty eight lorries proceeded on duty conveying ammunition to HOWE and HORNBY DUMPS VIA GROVEN JAGER and CAPE BELGE.	
	7		One Officer detailed for duty at HOWE DUMP. Thirty lorries were out on ammunition duty, conveying to TAYLOR TRANSHIPMENT POINT and HOWE DUMP. One 1st AID LORRY was detailed to wait at ASSEMBLY POINT for duty if called on.	
	8		Eighteen lorries reported to CARO PACIFIC RAILHEAD to convey ammunition to HOWE DUMP. One officer detailed for duty at HOWE DUMP where all ammunition was consigned to.	
	9		Two other ranks proceeded on leave to U.K. Two lorries conveyed a party of Q Branch with Aust. Div from STEENVOORDE to BAILLEUL. Thirty	

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			Two other lorries conveyed ammunition to HOWE, HORNBY and CORDOYA DUMPS from POCKLINGTON and PACIFIC RAILHEADS.	
	10.		Three lorries out on salvage work working for CORPS SALVAGE OFFICER. One other lorry reported to D.D.M.S. 1st Coyau loops for duty, and 15 out on ammunition duty.	
	11.		Twenty four lorries reported to QUINTIN STONE SIDING carrying road material to forward area.	
	12.		One other rank returned from leave of absence. Four lorries detailed to convey piping from DICKEBUSCH R.E. DUMP to HOOGE. Four other lorries out on salvage work. Twelve lorries on ROAD WORK in forward area carrying from QUINTIN STONE SIDING.	
	13.		One other rank proceeded on leave. Four lorries reporting to HALLABAST CORNER carrying working party to HELL FIRE CORNER were under heavy shell fire, no damage resulted. Four other lorries were out on R.E. work from DICKEBUSCH to KRUISS TRATE R.E. DUMP. Fifteen lorries were working under IUS. A.T. Coy conveying STONE from DICKEBUSCH STONE SIDING to BIRR CROSS ROADS.	

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	14.		Two other ranks returned from leave. In all twenty eight lorries were out on various detail, i.e. STONE, RE. and SALVAGE.	
	15.		One first aid lorry detailed for duty until further orders at VIJVERHOEK. LIEUT. G.W. MERCER proceeded on leave of absence. Thirty lorries reported to DICKEBUSCH STONE SIDING for work under C.E. 1st Army, conveying STONE to forward area.	
	16.		One other rank evacuated to HOSPITAL. Two other ranks returned from leave and one other rank proceeded on leave to U.K. Twenty lorries on STONE WORK at DICKEBUSCH. and nine other lorries on various detail.	
	17.		Paid Unit. All available lorries out on STONE WORK. Two other ranks proceeded on leave.	
	18.		Three lorries out on RE. duty at KRUISSTRAAT RE DUMP. Ten lorries reported at SWAN CHATEAU at 2.30 AM conveying working parties to HOOGE. Eleven other lorries conveyed timber from BUSSEBOOM to old Post Office at YPRES.	
	19.		Three other ranks returned from leave and one other rank proceeded on leave to U.K. Twenty nine lorries out on RE., STONE, SALVAGE and various	

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	20.		One other rank rejoined from Hospital. Two other ranks returned from leave. Gen lorries conveyed BEECH SLABS, DOG SPIKES ETC. to KRUISS TRAAAT RE. DUMP from DICKEBUSCH.	
	21.		Fifteen lorries proceeded at 5AM. to HORNBY DUMP to convey ammunition to TAYLOR TRANSHIPMENT POINT. During the morning the latter place was heavily shelled, resulting in two lorries being slightly damaged by shell explosions and No 2347 sergeant T.B. MAJOR killed. No 1410 Driver ROBERTSON H.A.F. sustained slight injuries in the face and was evacuated to Hospital. No 7385. Corp BTCHER A.A. rendered excellent service under shell fire getting the lorries clear of the DUMP.	
	22.		One other rank evacuated to Hospital. All lorries out on ammunition detail carrying from PACIFIC RAILHEAD to TAYLOR TRANSHIPMENT POINT. Roads at this point being shelled intermittently.	
	23.		One other rank proceeded on leave and two other ranks returned from leave of absence to U.K. Twenty eight lorries reported to DICKEBUSCH STONE SIDING for work under C.R.O. carrying road material as directed.	

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	24		<p>Twenty lorries proceeded at 8 AM to HORNBY DUMP to convey ammunition to TAYLOR TRANSHIPMENT POINT. At about 2.35 PM. The road in the vicinity of TAYLOR TRANSHIPMENT POINT was bombed by enemy aircraft with the result that No 19 Driver GOODBRAND W. and No 14082 Driver SCHWEIRKERT J. were wounded in Right Shoulder and left Arm respectively. Both these men were evacuated to Hospital.</p>	
	26		<p>Two other ranks transferred to Australian Flying Corps. One other rank rejoined from Hospital, and three other ranks returned from leave of absence to U.K. Twenty five lorries on ROAD WORK in the forward area.</p>	
	27		<p>LIEUT. C.H. MERCER returned from leave of absence. One other rank taken on the strength from No 1. A.G.H. Three lorries conveyed Baggage from CAESTRE forward for 5th Aus Div. Fifteen other lorries on STONE WORK at DICKEBUSCH.</p>	
	28		<p>One other rank taken on the strength from A.M.T.S. LONDON. Four other ranks taken on strength from No 4. A.D.S.C. and four other ranks transferred to No 4. A.D.S.G. Twenty other lorries were out on various detail.</p>	

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	29.		During the night at 9.30 P.M. enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the vicinity but no damage resulted. Eight other ranks taken on the strength from 1st BASE M.T. DEPOT. LIEUT H.H. BIRD proceeded on leave of absence to U.K.	
	30.		Two other ranks returned from leave. Eight lorries proceeded to HALLABAST CORNER to convey working party to HELL FIRE CORNER. Fifteen other lorries were out on plows.	
			Thirty one lorries out on various detail. One other rank transferred to S.M.T.O. 1st Amzac. Four other ranks taken on the strength from 1st BASE M.T. DEPOT. Two other ranks proceeded on leave and one other rank returned from leave.	
			Strength of Unit:- 3 Officers and 144 other ranks.	



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	29		<p>Standard of 3 officers and 144 other ranks.</p> <p>Rank returned from base.</p> <p>1st Base Mt. Depot. Two other ranks proceeded on base and one other to 2nd Mt. Depot. Taken on the return from camp and on various details. One other rank transferred.</p> <p>Other ranks were out on patrol.</p> <p>HARTBART CORNER is camp marked point is HETT FIRE CORNER. Digging work proceeded to two other ranks returned from base. Digging work proceeded to base of approach to W.K.</p> <p>Mr. Howard from 1st Base Mt. Depot. Lieutenant H.M. Bird proceeded on Mr. Howard's but no damage recorded.</p> <p>Ground Mr. Wright at 8.30 P.M. several officers taken on approach to base.</p>	

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