

Army Service Corps Units in the British Salonika Force

Information has been drawn from The Long Long Trail Website (<http://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/>) and The National Archives. The Royal Logistic Corps Archives do not appear to hold any War Diaries for A.S.C. Units in WW1. It should be remembered that the Army Records Office in Arnside Street, Walworth London was bombed by His Majesty's Enemies on the night of 7/8th September 1940 and the majority of the records were destroyed by either fire or water.¹ In writing this ORBAT I have listed the units in the order they appear in the War Diaries held at The National Archives. A short summary history has been included that has been taken from the Long Long Trail website. You are also recommended to the Long Long Trail website for a description of the respective company's work. The information contained there sometimes conflicts with the units listed in the War Diaries and the numbering given in the War Diaries has been preferred. This is not a history of the A.S.C. Units in the British Salonika Force, but has been compiled to help my research into British Military Railway operations during the campaign.

Army Troops

Primary Unit Name in TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date Range	Remarks
GHQ Branches and Services, Director Remounts, Director Supplies and Transport,		WO95/4790	Director Remounts (1915 Dec - 1919 Sept). Director Supplies and Transport (1915 Oct - 1917 Dec)	I have assumed that this is the A.S.C. equivalent of C.R.A/C.R.E
GHQ Branches and Services Director Supplies and Transport		WO95/4791	Jan 1918-Apr 1919	
7 Mounted Brigade: Brigade Train	(210 - HT Company A.S.C.)	WO95/4793	(1916 Sept - 1917 Dec).	Formed December 1914. Served as 24 Reserve Park. Later converted into a Brigade Supply Column for 7th Mounted Brigade, and saw service in Salonika and Turkey.
7 Mounted Brigade:	Brigade Supply Column (802 Company A.S.C.)	WO95/4793	(1917 Feb - Oct).	
7 Mounted Brigade: Brigade Ammunition Column	(803 Company A.S.C.)	WO95/4793	(1916 Dec - 1917 Oct).	
8 Mounted Brigade: Brigade Supply Column	(860 Company A.S.C.)	WO95/4793	(1917 Oct - Nov).	
8 Mounted Brigade: Brigade		WO95/4793	(1917 May)	A.S.C.?

¹ WO32/21769 gives what was destroyed

Ammunition Column				
12 Auxiliary HT Coy	(208 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4808	(1916 July - 1919 Apr).	Formed December 1914. Served as 22 Reserve Park. Did not proceed to France but was later converted into 12 Auxiliary HT Coy and sent to Salonika.
13 Auxiliary HT Coy	(209 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4808	(1916 Aug - 1919 June).	Formed December 1914. Served as 23 Reserve Park. Did not proceed to France but was later converted into 13 Auxiliary HT Coy and sent to Salonika.
14 Auxiliary HT Coy	(238 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4808	(1916 Aug - 1919 May).	Formed February 1915. Served as 37 Reserve Park. Was later converted into 14 Auxiliary HT Coy and sent to Salonika.
15 Auxiliary HT Coy	(798 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4808	(1917 Jan - 1919 July).	Formed January 1917. Based at Salonika.
16 Auxiliary HT Coy	(799 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4808	(1916 Dec - 1919 Mar).	Formed January 1917. Based at Salonika.
17 Auxiliary HT Coy	(800 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4808	(1917 Apr - 1918 Dec)	Formed January 1917. Based at Salonika.
18 Auxiliary HT Coy	(163 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4809	(1917 Feb - 1919 Mar).	Formed November 1914. Served as 16 Reserve Park. Did not proceed to France but was later converted into 18 Auxiliary HT Coy and sent to Salonika.
21 Auxiliary HT Coy	(362 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4809	(1916 Sept - 1919 Mar).	Formed May 1915. Served as 34 Reserve Park. Was later converted into 21 Auxiliary HT Coy and sent to Salonika.
'A' Provisional Horse Transport Coy		WO95/4809	(1918 Jan - Apr).	
854 Auxiliary Pack Coy		WO95/4809	(1917 Nov - 1919 Mar).	
855 Auxiliary Pack Coy		WO95/4809	(1917 Dec - 1919 Mar).	
857 Auxiliary Pack Coy		WO95/4809	(1917 Nov - 1919 June).	
858 Auxiliary Pack Coy		WO95/4809	(1917 Nov - 1919 Jan).	

29 Reserve Park	(270 HT Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4809	(1915 Apr - 1919 Oct)	Formed February 1915 for the Royal Naval Division . As a HT SAA Park Coy,
38 Auxiliary MT Coy	(605 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4810	(1916 Nov - 1919 Mar).	
56 Auxiliary MT Coy	(913 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4810	(1917 June - 1919 June).	
89 Auxiliary MT Coy	(244 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4810	(1916 Jan - 1919 Mar)	
90 Auxiliary MT Coy	(245 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4811	(1916 May - 1919 Nov).	formerly 10 Divisional Ammunition Park
91 Auxiliary MT Coy	(338 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4811	(1916 July - 1919 June).	formerly 10 Divisional Supply Column
92 Auxiliary MT Coy	(346 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4811	(1916 Aug - 1919 Jan).	formerly 28 Divisional Supply Column
93 Auxiliary MT Coy	(597 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4811	(1916 July - 1919 Apr).	Formerly 26 Divisional Supply Column
94 Auxiliary MT Coy	(619 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4811	(1916 Aug - 1919 June).	formerly 22 Divisional Supply Column
95 Auxiliary MT Coy	683 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4811	1916 Dec - 1919 Apr	formerly 60 Divisional Supply Column
96 Auxiliary MT Coy	738 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4811	1916 July - 1919 Mar	formerly 27 Divisional Supply Column
97 Auxiliary MT Coy	(778 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4812	Aug 1916-Mar 1919	(formerly 28 Ammunition Park)
98 Auxiliary MT Coy	(779 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4812	Aug 1916-Mar 1919	(formerly 22 Ammunition Park)
99 Auxiliary MT Coy	(780 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4812	Oct 1916-Dec 1918	(formerly 10 Ammunition Park)
100 Auxiliary MT Coy	(781 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4812	Sept 1917-Apr 1919	(formerly 27 Ammunition Park)
376 MT Coy		WO95/4812	Mar 1917-Mar 1919	
739 MT Coy		WO95/4812	July 1916-June 1919	
740 MT Coy		WO95/4812	July 1916-June 1919	
765 MT Coy		WO95/4813	Aug 1916-Mar 1919	
767 MT Coy		WO95/4813	Nov 1916-Mar 1919	
777 MT Coy		WO95/4813	Aug 1916-Oct 1916	
809 MT Coy		WO95/4813	Oct 1916-Sept 1917	
810 MT Coy		WO95/4813	Mar 1917-Mar 1919	
1031 MT Coy		WO95/4813	May 1918-Mar 1919	
1031 MT Coy		WO95/4813	May 1918-Nov. 1919	

1071 MT Coy		WO95/4813	Apr 1918-Apr 1919	
1083 MT Coy		WO95/4813	May 1918-Mar 1919	
Anti-Aircraft Workshop	(919 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4813	Apr 1917-Mar 1919	
3 Cavalry Brigade Mule Corps (Indian)		WO95/4813	Oct 1915-Jan 1919	
Bharatpur Imperial Service Transport Corps		WO95/4813	Dec 1915-Mar 1919	
Indore Imperial Service Transport Corps		WO95/4813	Dec 1915-Mar 1919	
31 Mule Cart Corps		WO95/4813	Dec 1915-Mar 1919	
GHQ Troops Supply Column	(766 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4813	Aug 1916-Jan 1919	
HQ Supply Column with Serbian Army		WO95/4814	1916 July - 1919 Aug).	
Supply Column Serbian Army	688 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	1916 June - 1919 July	
Supply Column Serbian Army	689 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	Aug 1916- June 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	706 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	June 1916-Mar 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	707 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	June 1916-June 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	708 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	June 1916-May 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	709 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	August 1916-June 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	819 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	July 1917-March 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	820 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	June 1917-June 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	880 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	Dec 1916-March 1919	
Supply Column Serbian Army	881 Coy A.S.C.	WO95/4814	March 1917-May 1919	

Lines of Communication Troops²

Primary Unit Name in TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA	Date Range	Remarks
Officer Commanding Army Service Corps Base		WO95/4942	Jan 1918-Oct 1918	
19 Auxiliary Horse Transport Coy	(128 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4942	Feb 1917-June 1917	
Heavy Repair Workshop	(660 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4942	July 1916-May 1919	
Heavy Repair Workshop	(910 Coy A.S.C.)	WO95/4943	Mar 1917-May 1919	

² Only Labour Coys with A.S.C. in their titles have been included

33 Motor Boat Section		WO95/4943	July 1916-Feb 1919	
Agricultural Park		WO95/4943	Oct 1918-June 1919	
20 Field Bakery		WO95/4943	Feb 1917-Mar 1919	
28 Labour Coy		WO95/4944	Nov 1915-Dec 1916	
97 Labour Coy		WO95/4944	Nov 1917-May 1918	
201 Labour Coy		WO95/4944	Dec 1917-June 1918	

Corps Troops

12 Corps

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
Corps Troops Supply Column	887 Company A.S.C.	WO 95/4822	1917 Jan - 1918 Dec	
26 Ammunition Park	782 Company A.S.C.	WO 95/4822	1916 Nov - 1917 Oct	
60 Ammunition Park	685 Company A.S.C.	WO 95/4822	1916 Dec - 1917 Sept	

16 Corps

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
Corps Troops Supply Column	801 Company A.S.C.	WO 95/4827	1917 Jan - 1918 Dec	

Divisional Units

10th (Irish) Division

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
Divisional Train	475, 476, 477, 478 Companies A.S.C.	WO 95/4833	1914 Aug - 1915 Oct	108, 109, 110 and 111 Companies formed the Divisional Train originally but did not move overseas

				with the Irish Division and transferred to 22nd Division. Replaced by 52nd Divisional Train (471, 472, 473 and 474 Companies) in October 1915
Divisional Train	475, 476, 477, 478 Companies A.S.C.	WO 95/4833	1916 July - 1917 July	

22nd Division

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
Divisional Train	108 - 109 - 110 - 111 Companies A.S.C.	WO 95/4849	1916 Oct - 1919 Apr	186, 187, 188 and 189 Coys A.S.C. joined October 1914 but moved to 30th Division when 22nd Division left France; 108, 109, 110 and 111 Coys A.S.C. joined from 10th (Irish) Division when in Salonika

26th Division

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
Divisional Train	112, 113, 114, 115 Companies A.S.C.	WO 95/4868	1916 Apr - 1919 May	202, 203, 204 and 205 Companies A.S.C. joined in November and December 1914 but remained behind when the Division moved to Salonika, becoming the 32nd Divisional Train. 112, 113, 114 and 115 Coys A.S.C. then transferred from 11th (Northern) Division. On 22 January 1916, the

				Train was on board the “Norseman” when it was torpedoed in the Gulf of Salonika, but all personnel were saved, although 600 mules lost their lives. In October 1916 the Train was reorganised into “Pack and Wheel Echelons”; in July 1917 it was further reorganised, to suit local conditions
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27th Division

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
Divisional Train	852, 853, 854, 855 Companies A.S.C.	WO 95/4886	1916 Jan - 1919 Oct	95, 96, 97 and 98 Companies A.S.C. joined in November and December 1914 but remained behind when the Division moved to Salonika, becoming the 55th Divisional Train. A new Train, comprising 483, 484, 485 and 486 Companies sailed from Devonport on 16 January 1916. In April 1916 the Train was reorganised into “Pack and Wheel Echelons”; 852, 853, 845 and 856 Companies also later joined.

28th Division

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
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Divisional Train	856, 857, 858, 859 Companies A.S.C.	WO 95/4912	1915 Nov - 1919 Oct	120, 21, 122 and 123 Companies A.S.C. joined from 13th Division in November 1915
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60th Division

Primary Unit Designation IN TNA	A.S.C. Unit Designation	TNA Reference	Date range	Remarks
Divisional Train	861,862,863,864 Companies A.S.C.	WO 95/4927	1916 Dec - 1917 June	517, 518, 519 and 520 Companies A.S.C. (while in Salonika the Train was reorganised. These Companies became the Wheeled Echelon. A Pack Echelon, consisting of 861, 862, 863 and 864 Companies, was also formed. The organisation reverted once in Egypt)

A.S.C. Units Taken from the Long Long Trail website

For some of these units there appear to be no War Diaries in The National Archives, and as I think they are peripheral to my research they are being left alone.

HT Base Depot Coys

573	Formed October 1915. 3rd Base Depot. Salonika.
579	Formed October 1915. 4th Advanced Depot. Salonika.

The A.S.C. MT Depot Companies

598	Formed October 1915. 4th Base Depot in Salonika, at Kalamaria.
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The A.S.C. MT Companies working as Divisional Ammunition Parks

245	Formed January 1915. 29th Division. Transferred to 10th (Irish) Division for service in Salonika.
597	Formed October 1915 as 29 Ammunition Sub-Park but joined 26th Division as Supply Column and saw service in Salonika.

The A.S.C. MT Companies attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery as Ammunition Columns / Parks³

376	Formed June 1915. Ammunition Column for 24th Brigade RGA. Later 43rd Siege Park, seeing service in Salonika.
739	Formed July 1916. Ammunition Column for 127 Siege Battery in Salonika.
740	Formed July 1916. Ammunition Column for 130 Siege Battery in Salonika.
765	Formed July 1916. Siege Park for 132 Siege Battery in Salonika.
809	Formed October 1916. Ammunition Column for 205 Siege Battery in Salonika.
810	Formed October 1916. Ammunition Column for 209 Siege Battery in Palestine, later 424 Siege Battery in Salonika.
917	Formed March 1917. Ammunition Column for 292 Siege Battery in Salonika.
1031	Formed October 1917. MT for a 6-inch howitzer Siege Battery in Salonika.
1032	Formed October 1917. MT for a 6-inch howitzer Siege Battery in Salonika.
1071	Formed April 1918. Ammunition Column for 396 Siege Battery RGA in Salonika.
1083	Formed September 1918. Ammunition Column for 320 Siege Battery RGA in Salonika.

The A.S.C. MT Motor Ambulance Convoy Companies (TNA class these as Army Troops)

A.S.C. Number	Coy	TNA Reference	Date Range	Remarks
325		WO95/4804	Jan 1916-Nov 1919	Formed March 1915. 7 Motor Ambulance convoy, under First Army. Moved to Salonika.
355		WO95/4804	Jan 1916 – Nov 1919	Formed April 1915. 9 Motor Ambulance convoy, under Second Army and later in Salonika.
595		WO95/4804	Feb 1917 – Feb 1919	Formed October 1915. 17 Motor Ambulance convoy. Served in Salonika.
771		WO95/4805	Aug 1916-July 1919	32 Motor Ambulance Convoy
787		WO95/4805	Nov 1916-Sept 1919	34 Motor Ambulance Convoy

³ I am unsure of the exact work of these companies as designations seem to differ, and they are being left alone for now.

920	WO95/4805	Apr 1917-May 1919	38 Motor Ambulance Convoy
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A.S.C. Units Mentioned in the RE Railway Coy War Diaries

A.S.C	R.E Coy	Location	Date
201	117	Snevce	4 th Feb 1918
97 Labour Coy	117	Ekaterini	10 th July 1918
98 Labour Coy	117	Ekaterini	10 th July 1918
855 Coy	117	Ekaterini Cricket Match	14 th July 1918
4 A.H.T.	117	Ekaterini	23 rd July, 1918
362 Coy	267	Stravos line	24 th Jan 1918
29 th Reserve Park	267	Stravos line	27 th Jan 1918
362 Coy	267	Vetrina	10 th December, 1918
29 th Reserve Park	273	Afvasil	15 th Jan 1917
163 HT Coy	273	Kopriva	6 th Oct 1918?
163 H.T Coy	273	Rupel Pass	16 th Oct, 1918
163 HT Coy	273	Rupel Pass	24 th Oct 1918
26 th Division Decauville Unit	117	Janesh	14 th Nov. 1916
16 th Corps	273	Mirova	August 1917

WO95/5494

Below is the description taken from the TNA website for this file.

List of Royal Artillery, Army Service Corps, Machine Gun Corps and Medical Units with the Division, Corps or Army they fought with. Siege Batteries Canadian Siege Batteries Heavy Batteries Army Brigades RH & RFA Army Service Corps Units A.S.C. Companies HT & MT Mechanised Transport Companies Index to RA.S.C. companies Machine Gun Units, Tank Corps, Mountain Batteries Armoured motor cars and Heavy Artillery Entrenching Battalions Medical units in France Hospitals, Casualty Clearing stations, Ambulances Medical stores, Specialists, Mobile Laboratories and X-ray units

Abbreviations

A.H.T. Auxiliary Horse Transport

A.S.C. Army Service Corps

Coy(s) Company(ies)

C.R.A. Commander Royal Artillery

C.R.E. Commander Royal Engineers

H.T. Horse Transport

M.T. Mechanical Transport