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for

DECEMBER, 1918.

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	2nd		Demanded Body T.K. for 57th Btn. to replace one "condemned". All Units of 12th Army A.F.A. Bde. moved from Ordnance Aust. Corps Troops to this Unit for "Ordnance Supplies".	
	3rd.		Units hastening delivery of Shoes horse, Boots ankle and Grindery, indents for large quantities of these stores have now been outstanding at Bases for 20 days, but owing to present acute shortage of trucks, Ordnance Bases are unable to despatch even these urgent stores without incurring serious delay.	
	4th.		Received from Base 2 Carts W.T. one each 54th and 55th Aust. F.A. Batteries. All outstanding demands for this formation transferred from Harre and Rouen Ordnance Bases to Calais.	
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	8th		Selected Billets and suitable building for Ordnance Dump in Grandrieu, in anticipation of the Division moving into Solre -Le-Chateau Area at an early date.	
	9th.		Armourer's and Bootmakers Shops established in Grandrieu. D.H.Q. have advised all Units that indents to complete their Mobilization Equipment must be submitted to this Office not later than the 15th instant and certificates that all deficiencies have been demanded forwarded to "Q" branch as early as possible.	



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	11th		6th Army A.F.A. Bde. moved to this Unit from Ordnance Australian Corps Troops for Ordnance supply.	
	12th		Demanded 8,000 Paillasses for use of the Division in New Area.	
	13th		Received from Base 7 tons General Stores including large quantity of Stable and Picketing Gear, Wheels, Technical Artillery Equipment and 5 Chaffcutters.	
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	15th		Moved 6th Army A.F.A. Bde. from this Unit to Ordnance Australian Corps Troops for Ordnance Supplies.	
	16th		Collected from Ordnance Australian Corps Troops a large quantity of Sporting Material for use of the Division.	
	17th		Head Office moved from La-Groise to Grandrieu.	
	18th		Railhead moved from Landrecies to Beaumont.	
	19th		Completed move from La-Groise to Grandrieu.	
	20th		All Units of 3rd Aust. Divnl. Artillery moved to this Unit from Ordnance 4th Army Troops No.2 for the purpose of Ordnance Supply.	
	21st.		Received from Base 8000 Paillasses and issued same as follows:- 15th Bde. 2,500, 14th Bde. 2,100, 8th Bde. 1,500, Pioneer Btn. 750, M.G.Btn. 500, A.D.M.S. for Field Ambulances 300, and C.R.E. for Field Coys. 350. The 5th Casualty Clearing Station moved from Ordnance 4th Army Troops to this Unit for Ordnance Supplies.	

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	24th		Issued to Divisional Sports and Recreation Officer the following Sports gear:- Knickers 526, Football Covers 56, Bladders 133, Boxing Gloves, sets 27, Rope for Tug of War, ft. 1,345.	
	25th		Recalled from Artillery Units all emergency Ammunition Carriers and Parallelescopes.	
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