

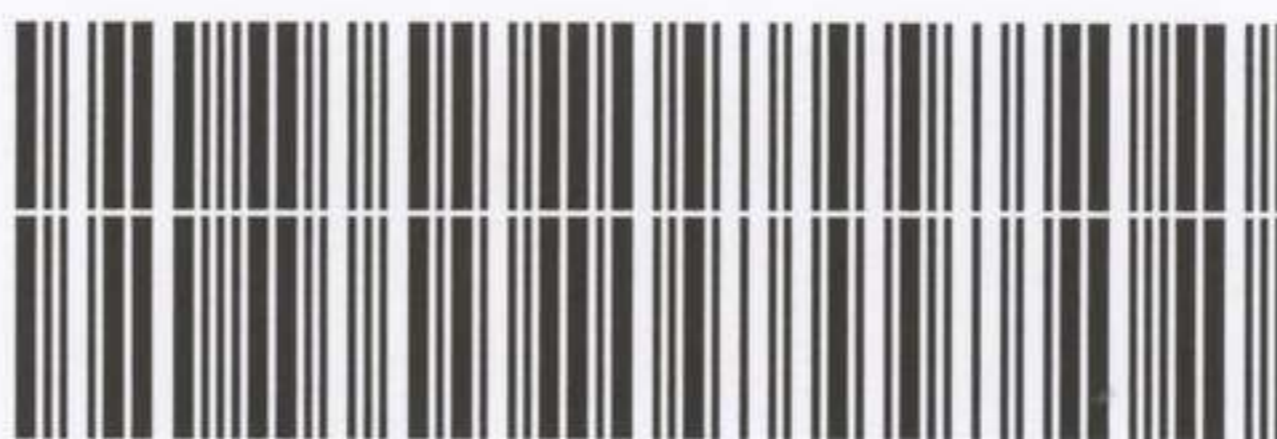
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Thuillies.	April.	1st.	Received the Mobilization Equipment of 15th. Inf. Brigade Headquarters. Demobilization Train pulls in ready for loading to-morrow.	
		2nd.	Loaded and despatched Demob. Ordnance Train for Beaumarais Siding. Principal stores returned as follows:- 54 Ammunition Wagons with Limbers, 6 General Service Wagons, 10 G.S. Limbered Wagons, 4 Travelling Kitchens on the 16 Flat Tank Trucks and 232 sets of Harness, Pole, Draught. 24 sets Officers Saddlery, 146 sets Saddlery Universal; 1 Truck of 4.5 & 18 Pounder Stores, 2 Trucks Camp Equipment and 1 Truck of Tool Chests &c.	
		3rd.	Mobilization Equipment from 5th. Divl. Engineers received for return to Base.	
		4th.	Received 3 Tons of General Stores, principally Grindery, Boots, Soap, Dubbin &c.	
		5th.	Received Mobilization Equipment from 59th. Inf. Battalion.	
		6th.	Despatched to O.O. Demob. Depot, Dunkirk, 2- 4.5" Howitzers and 11 - 18 Pounder Guns with Carriages on train loaded by D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops.	
		7th.	1st. Army Troops Australian Engineers return their Mobilization Equipment.	
		8th.	5 Armourer Sergeants and 2 Other Ranks of this Unit report to "B" Divl. Re-inforcement Camp to join Quota No. 31 en route for England and Australia. Received Mobilization Equipment of 18th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	
		9th.	Loaded and despatched Demob. Ordnance Train to Beaumarais Siding, Calais; principal items returned as follows:- 50 G.S. Limbered Wagons, 24 G.S. Wagons, 4 R.E. Tool Carts, 12 Carts Maltese, 10 Carts Officers Mess, and 17 Carts Water Tank on the 24 Flat Tank Trucks and 213 Sets Harness Pole Draught, 57 sets Saddlery Officers, 109 sets Saddlery Universal, 95 Bicycles, 10 "Miller James" Stretchers Carriers and 2 Trucks of Camp Equipment.	
		10th.	Collected Mobilization Equipment from 5th. Machine Gun Battalion, the personnel of which Unit is now being amalgamated with the Pioneer Battalion	

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Thuillies.	April.	11th.	15th. Field Ambulance and 5th. Sanitary Section return their Mobilization Equipment. One Warrant Officer, 2 Corporals and 2 Storemen with Lorry attached to D.A.D.O.S. 2nd. Aust. Division to administer Ordnance Services to Units of 5th. Aust. Division now in 2nd. Divisional Area.	
		12th.	Received 30 G.S. Wagons from 10th. Coy. A.A.S.C. for despatch to Base also 7 from 28th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	
		13th.	Received 30th. Inf. Battalion's Equipment for despatch to Base (less 4 Travelling Kitchens) Collected 3 Flags Union from D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops, for issue to 29th, 54th. and 60th. Infantry Battalions (Disbanded prior to Armistice).	
		14th.	Trains allotted this Division to-day for return of Mobilization Equipment to Base cancelled. 5 loaded Trucks have now been standing in Railway Yard for 3 days. Received 57th. Battalion's Equipment less 4 Travelling Kitchens.	
		15th.	Received Mobilization Equipment from 28th. Coy. A.A.S.C. and 8th. Inf. Brigade Headquarters. Arranged for the return of Stores from Pioneer and 53rd. B Battalions.	
		16th.	Pioneer Battalion's Transport and 3 Lorry loads of their Mobilization Equipment received.	
		17th.	Collected balance of Pioneer Battalion's Equipment and received transport from 53rd. Battalion.	
		18th.	Forwarded to "Q" Branch "B" Australian Division 13 Silk Union Flags with Carriers; these are being sent to A.I.F. Headquarters London under the charge of an Officer.	
		19th.	Received Transport from 56th. Battalion and collected the Mobilization	

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Thuillies.	April 19th	(cont)	equipment of 53rd. Battalion.	
			<p>20th. Ordnance Demob. Train allotted to this Division for the 23rd. inst. Allotment given by 14th. Inf. Bde. Group to this Unit for Quota No. 41. due to leave for England on 23rd. inst.- 2 Sergeants and 2 Other Ranks.</p>	
			<p>21st. Received the balance of the 5th. Divl. Signal Coy's Equipment for despatch to Base.</p>	
			<p>22nd. Remaining Units of this Division which are still in possession of their Mobilization Equipment are to be Demobilized by D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops, who is moving to Demob. Dump recently occupied by D.A.D.O.S. 1st. Australian Division. Units concerned are as follows:- 5th. Div. Hd. Qrs., 5th. Mobile Vet. Section, 3rd. Mechanical Transport Coy. and Hd. Qrs. and 10th. Coy. 5th. Divl. Train.  D.A.D.O.S. 2nd. Aust. Division, passes outstanding Indents of Units of 5th. Division over to D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops.</p>	
			<p>23rd. Loaded and despatched Ordnance Demob. Train to Beaumarais Siding, Calais; principal items loaded as follows:- 69 G.S. Wagons on the 23 Tank Flat Trucks provided, 64 Bicycles in 2 Covered Trucks, 15 Tons Camp and Ambulance Equipment in 2 Trucks and 12 Tons Vehicle and Artillery Equipment in 2 Trucks.  Armourer Sergeant Johnson and Armoured Corporal of this Unit and 2 attached men report to Re-inforcement Wing to join Quota No. 41. en route for England and Australia.</p>	
			<p>24th. Under instructions from A.D.O.S. A.I.F. Demobilization, all Horse transport and Mobilization Equipment at present available at D.A.D.O.S. Aust. Corps Troops Dump, Thuillies, has been taken over by Unit for despatch to Demob. Base.</p>	
			<p>25th. Warrant Officer Beattie of this Unit reports to D.A.D.O.S. Aust. Corps Troops for duty in connection with the demobilization of the 4 Units of this Division which are still in possession of their Mobilization Equipment.</p>	

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Thuillies	April	26th.	<p>Issued 4 - 4.5" Howitzers and 6 - 4.5" How. Ammunition Wagons with Limbers to O.O. Inter-mediate Collecting Station, Thuillies, required by him for issue to a Battery in the Army of Occupation.</p>	
		27th.	<p>Detachment of this Unit which has been with D.A.D.O.S. 2nd. Aust. Division return here for duty.                      Advice from A.D.O.S. Australian Corps that Ordnance Demob. Train will be available for this Division to-morrow.</p>	
		28th.	<p>Train allotted this Division does not arrive; advice received at 3 p.m. cancelling previous arrangements.</p>	
		29th.	<p>Collected 2 Travelling Kitchens from Machine Gun/Pioneer Battalion and 2 from 8th. Brigade Battalion.</p>	
		30th.	<p>Collected 2 Travelling Kitchens from 14th Brigade Battalion and 2 from 15th. Brigade Battalion.</p>	

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