

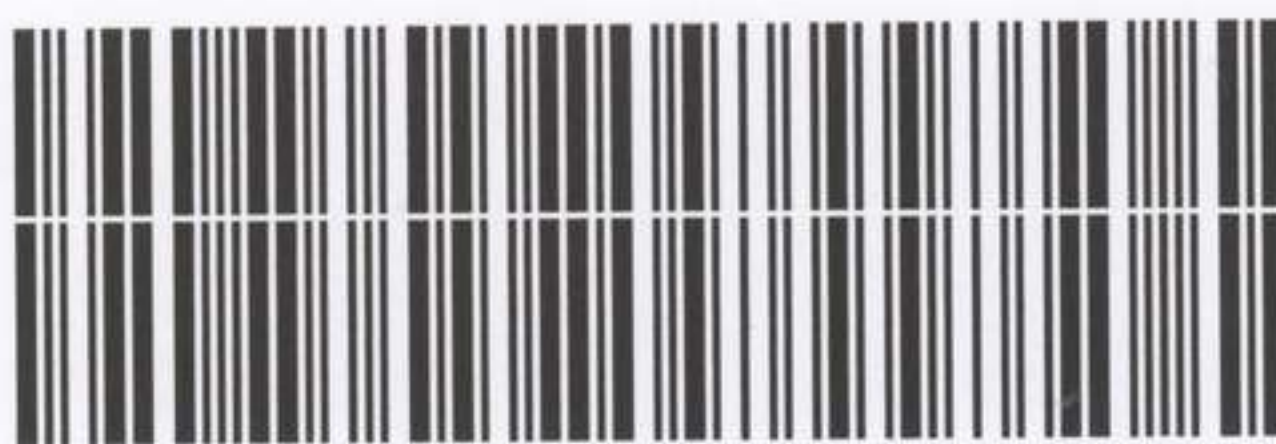
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Thuillies.	May	1st.	All remaining Personnel reported to Mont St. Marcienne for the purpose of undergoing a medical examination prior to preceeding to ENGLAND for Repatriation. All were passed "Fit for Active Service.																			
		2nd.	"Records" London ask for key to photo taken at 5th. Div. Dump (Ordnance) Camon, of Trophies captured by 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade at Villers-Bretteneaux during April 1918. This information, together with available particulars of capture &c., was supplied.																			
		3rd.	A Warrant Officer and a Corporal of this Unit, proceeded to join Embarkation Quota for return to Australia.																			
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Thuillies.	May.	5th.	<p>Instructions received from Department of Repatriation & Demobilization through A.D.O.S., Demob. A.I.F. France, that upon D.A.D.O.S. & Staff being set free for Demobilization, that all Divisional Ordnance Records be taken to London under the supervision of D.A.D.O.S. and delivered to Officer in Charge, Australian Ordnance Depot, Millwall Docks, London. All documents & records connected with Demobilization to be packed separately and delivered to Department of Repatriation & Demobilization.</p>	
		6th.	<p>A Train consisting of 24 Flat Tank Trucks & 8 Covered Trucks despatched from Thuillies Railhead for Demobilization Depot, Beaumarais, Calais. This consignment was composed of the following:- 17 Travelling Kitchens, 46 Wagons Limbered, 7 Wagons Limbered R.E., 10 Wagons Telephone, 21 Carts Water Tank, 16 Officers Mess Carts, 6 Maltese Carts, 8 Tool Carts R.E.. Harness & Saddlery, Technical Stores, Camp Equipment, Hospital & Barrack Stores, Signalling Stores & Tools.</p>	
		7th.	<p>The following Officers Equipment "Free Issue" from Officers of this Division was delivered to D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops, for despatch to Base:- Pistols - 396, Pouches Ammunition - 305, Cases Pistol Webley - 370, Rods Cleaning - 255, Lanyards - 242, Compasses Magnetic Pocket - 199, Compasses Prismatic with Cases - 18, Binoculars Prismatic with Cases - 138, Binoculars ordinary with Cases - 172.</p>	
		8th.	<p>A Train consisting of 18 Flat Tank Trucks & 8 Covered Trucks despatched from Thuillies Railhead for Demobilization Depot, Beaumarais, Calais. This Consignment was composed of the following:- 36 Wagons G.S., Limbered Wagons:- 19 Fore, 27 Hind, 4 Travelling Kitchens, 1 Cart Maltese, 7 Officers Mess Carts, 11 Carts Water Tanks., All the following Special Stores which formed part of The various Units Mobilization Stores:- Binoculars, Pistols, Compasses Prismatic & Magnetic, Watches, Rifles Telescopic, Snipers Rifles, Rangefinder Artillery. Owing to ordinary number of Flat Tank Trucks not being available, 2 of the Covered Trucks were used for conveying a number of the Vehicles. This Train cleared Depot of all Stores and Vehicles returned by Units of this Division.</p>	

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		10th.	Instructions received from A.D.O.S. that the remaining Personnel of this Unit are to proceed to England for Repatriation on or about 14th. Inst. This permission has been, naturally, awaited by all as patiently as possible; the majority of the members of this Unit have, in consequence of being in Ordnance, had to forego their turn for Repatriation in order to play their respective parts in the withdrawing and returning to Base, the Mobilization Equipment of this Division.	
		11th.	All official Records ^{of} and Documents packed in accordance with instructions received and are ready for departure to-morrow. A.D.O.S. Demobilization, A.I.F. France advised to this effect. Certificate forwarded to A.D.O.S. Demob. A.I.F. France, that all Mobilization Stores received from Units of this Division have been despatched to Base, also that all Officers equipment "Free Issue" which has been received here has been handed over to D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops, for despatch to Base.	
		12th.	A Party of about 30 Prisoners of War are to-day engaged in pulling up Corduroy Track which has been made good use of, and has enabled all stores received to be dumped in a very convenient position for loading trucks on Railway siding.	
		13th.	The same party of Prisoners that was engaged yesterday is to-day pulling down the Hut that was erected for this Unit some months ago and which was occupied as Bulk Store and Quarters for some of the staff. All this timber is being taken over by the 49th. Prisoner of War Company who are to take delivery to-morrow.	
		14th.	All preparations are now complete for all the Staff and the 4 attached men, together with records &c., to start on its return journey to Australia. The first stage will be to "B" Divisional Re-inforcement Wing at Charleroi where we expect to arrive at about 2 pm., leaving there the following morning by train for Havre at 8.30a.m.; what will happen from then on the future alone can tell, but we are trusting that all concerned will endeavour to do their best to make the the long trip home full of interest and as pleasant as possible.	

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