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ALBERT.	Jany. 1917.		<p>General receipts from base including 3000 Capes Mackintosh, 4000 Shirts, and 5,100 prs. Socks.</p> <p>General issues and receipts. Small arms and equipt. of 54th. Bn. inspected by me in conjunction with Divisional Armourers and reports on same forwarded to D.H.Q., Bde.H.Q., and C.O. 54th. Bn.</p> <p>Small Arms and equipt. of 53rd. Bn. inspected and reports forwarded. Visited A.D.O.S., G.O.C. Div., A.A&Q.M.G., and G.O.C., 14th. Inf. Bde. All Units of Division moved to 2nd. Aust. Divn. for Ordnance Services so that stores would be consigned to Albert Railhead instead of Vignacourt.</p> <p>General receipts from Base including one stands Director No.4 for 51st. Battery, and one Dial Sight for 50th. Battery, (No.7 regtd.No.5306).</p> <p>Visited C.O. 29th. Bn. 24 Lewis Guns .303" received from Base completing establishment of Bns. in this Divn. to 12 Guns per Bn. Small arms and equipt. of 55th. & 56th. Bns. inspected.</p> <p>D.D.O.S., 4th. Army and A.D.O.S. 1st. Anzac inspected Depot and Divnl. Armourers Shop.</p> <p>General receipts and issues.</p> <p>Visited D.H.Q. One strombos horn and three cylinders received from Corps Troops and delivered to Div. Gas School at Vignacourt on 6th. inst. General receipts from Base inclg. 1245 prs. boots.</p> <p>Visited B.H.Q., and Artillery Training Schools with A.A. & Q.M.G. General receipts from Base including quantity spare parts for Vickers and Lewis M.Guns; also 7300 Box respirators, for issue in exchange for those issued prior to 21.9.16.</p>	

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ALBERT.	Jan.	8th.	General receipts from Base including 513 Tin box Lewis Gun magazine carriers; also bulk S.D. clothing and necessaries. General issues.	
		9th.	General receipts from Base inclg. quantity spare parts for Lewis Guns. 1000 P.H. Helmets and 3960 Box Resp. Small; also 665 brushes dandy for cleaning mens' cloths of mud etc. One 4.5" How. w/B.M., No. 581 received for 115th. How. Bty., to replace No. 1056 condemned by I.O.M.	
		10th.	General receipts from Base including quantity Lewis Gun spare parts; also 1 Maltese cart for 32nd. Bn., and one Pontoon wagon for 8th. Field Coy. Engrs.	
		11th.	General receipts from Base, including water cart for 29th. Bn, wagon limbered G.S. fore and hind for S.A.A. Section., carriage Q.F., 18-pr. received for 53th. Bty to replace one condemned for excessive wear.	
		12th.	Ord. Q.F., 18-pr. w/out B.M. No. 1289 received for 57th. Bty, also Ord. Q.F., 18-pr. Nos 751 & 704 received for 50th. Bty. to replace others condemned by I.O.M. for 'leaking'. Visited D.H.C.	
		13th.	General receipts from Base.	
		14th.	Ord. Q.F., 4.5" How. w/B.M. No. 166 received for 114th. How. Bty, to replace No. 471. General receipts from Base inclg. 90 pieces body armour, light, and 90 necklets bullet proof, new type. Quantity spare parts for Vickers Guns for 14th. & 15th. M.G. Coy., special ground signalling panels received from Base and issued to Units.	

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ALBERT	Jany.	14th.	D.H.Q. moved to Ribemont. General issues and receipts. Quantity of clothing including	
			1650. Vests, 1100 drawers woollen, and 500 shirts received from Baths.	
		15th.	Visited D.H.Q. General receipts from Base.	
		16th.)	Units of 5th. Aus. Div. moved from 2nd. Aust. Div. xxx for Ordnance services.	
		17th.)		
		18th.)	General receipts and issues.	
		19th.	One Lewis Gun .303" received from Base for Div. Training School. Stores taken over from 2nd. Aust. Div. as follows: 395 prs Gum Boots thigh, 21 hot food containers, and 35 sets pack ^{saddlery.}	
		20th.	Ord. Q.P., 4.5" How. No. 604 w/out BM received for 114th. How. Bty to replace To. 665 condemned. Cart officers' Mess received for 30th. Bn. General receipts from Base. 211 Fans Gas, 31 T.P.	
		20th.	Helmets with chain visors, and 12 prs. goggles (special) delivered to D.H.Q.	
		21st.)	General receipts from Base including 1000 Blankets, and quantity Lewis Gun spare parts.	
		22nd.)	5100 prs. socks, 1520 cases mackintosh, and 520 hats felt Aust. Patt. Visited C.O.C. & A. Assq. M.G.	
		23rd.)	General receipts from Base including grindery and boots ankle, 1814 prs. also 1750 prs.	
		24th.)	Drapers' socks. De. of inspected by A. & A. Assq. M.G.	

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ALBERT.	Jan.	25th.	Visited A.D.O.S., 1st. Anzac.	
		26th.	General receipts from Base. 248 prs. Gum boots thigh taken over from 2nd. Aust. Division.	
		27th.	" " " " including 200 prs. woollen bed socks; also one carriage 18-pr.	
			for 56th. Battery to replace one condemned by I.O.M. for 'bent trail'. Visited D.H.C.	
		28th.)		
		29th.)	General receipts and issues.	
		30th.	General receipts including 100 pieces body armour light and 90 necklets.	
			Temple Silencers - 3 large and 3 small delivered to D.A. for distribution to 3 - 2nd T.M. Btys.	
		31st.	General receipts from Base including leather and grindery, also 5100 prs Socks and 600 prs. boots gum short (part worn).	
			During the latter part of the month the vicinity of my Depot was shelled and bombs were dropped, but with the exception that one of my staff received a rather severe bruise caused by a piece of flying metal, no casualties or damage was caused.	

A. O. D.
Captain. A.O.D
D.O.O., 5th. Australian Division.