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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT	Mch.	1st	<p>General receipts from Base, including oils, grease, etc., 1500 capes macintosh and 2 grinders for Stewart horse-clipping machines - 1 for Molbile Veterinary Section and 1 for A.D.V.S. also 61 "Vermoral" sprayers received and issued - 13 each to 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades 14 to 15th Infantry Brigade, 6 to Pioneer Battalion, and 2 each to 8th, 14th and 15th Field Companies. 12 lamps R. R. received from Corps Troops, 1st Anzac; also 41 covers, wagon G.S. for 10th A.S.C. and 21 for D.A.C.</p>	
		2nd)	General receipts from Base, including S.D. clothing, gloves, etc. and issued to units.	
		3rd)	36 inner and 36 outer running-out springs, 18-pdr. received from 5th Army Heavy Workshops for 5th D. A. C.	
		4th)	General receipts from Base. 500 prs. boots, gum, thigh received from O.O. Corps Troops, 1st	
		5th)	<p>Anzac, and issued - 300 prs. to 15th Infantry Brigade and 100 prs. to 8th Infantry Brigade. 200 "Ayrton" fans received from Base, also quantity of Lewis' gun spare parts for 57th Battalion and 5 wheels for 5th D. A. C.</p>	
		6th)	General receipts from Base, including arm distinguishing patches for units of Division -	
		7th)	<p>"Ayrton" fans issued 30 each to 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades, 90 to 15th Infantry Brigade and 50 to Artillery units. 15 "Strombos" horn cylinders re-charged at Heavy Workshops, 5th Army, and issued to :- 7 to 14th Infantry Brigade and 8 to 15th Infantry Brigade.</p>	

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ALBERT	Mch.	8th) 9th)	<p>General receipts from Base, including 2000 P.H. helmets, bulk oils, grease, etc., and quantity of packsaddlery equipment, 26 lamps, electric, aiming and posts aiming for :- 50th Battery - 8 115th Battery - 2, 54th Battery - 5, 55th Battery - 6, and 53rd Battery - 5. 24 "Lewis" guns received, completing Battalions to 16 each. 1 Kitchen travelling body for 55th Battn., 3 R.E. limbered wagons bodies and 1 R.E. limbered wagon limber for 14th Field Coy., 1 wagon limbered G.S. for 30th Battn., 2 Kitchen travelling bodies and limbers for 30th Battn., 1 wagon limbered G.S. hind for 31st Battn., 3 wagon limbered G.S. fore for 30th Battn., 1 Kitchen travelling body for Pioneer Battn., 1 Kitchen travelling limber for 59th Battn., 2 wagons limbered R.E. bodies for 8th Field Coy., 1 Pontoon wagon for 15th Field Coy., 1 wagon limbered G.S. for 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, 1 wagon limbered G.S. hind for 58th Battn., 1 Water cart for 50th Battery. 1000 bags ration w.p. special received and issued to 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 53rd/59th Battalions. 1 horse-clipping machine "Stewart" pattern for 51st Battery, quantity of spare parts for "Lewis" and "Vickers" guns received.</p>	
		10th)	Captain Rodd proceeded on leave.	
		11th)	A.D.O.S. visited office and depot. 5th Div. Supply Column moved to me and from me to O.O.	
			Corps Troops, 1st Anzac.	

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ALBERT	Mch.	11th	General receipts from base including lamps, electric, aiming and posts aiming - 4 for 115th Battery.	
		12th) 13th) 14th)	General receipts from base and 633 prs. Boots, gum, thigh taken over from 1st Aust. Division by 8th Infantry Brigade at Bazentin. 372 prs. Boots, gum, thigh received from 1st Aust. Division and taken into stock. 37 sets of packsaddlery sent to D. H. Q., and 3 sets to A.D.M.S.	
		15th	General receipts from Base, including lamps electric aiming and posts aiming 18 :- 55th Battery 3, 49th Battery - 6, 54th Battery - 3, 115th Battery - 2, and 50th Battery -4. A.D.O.S. called at office. 19th Supply column moved to 19th Division.	
		16th	1 "Vickers" gun received for 14th Machine Gun Coy., and 38 Infantry Rangefinders returned to Base.	
		17th	6 "Strombos" horn cylinders re-charged at Army Workshops and re-issued. Office and depot inspected by D.O.S. (Major-General Parsons) and A.D.O.S., 1st Anzac (Colonel Austin) 30 sets of packsaddlery sent to D.H.Q. 4 chaff-cutting machines sent to O.O., Corps Troops 28 sets of packsaddlery (incomplete) sent to Base.	
		18th	General receipts from Base including lamps, electric, aiming and posts aiming 5 for 53rd Battery. 20 sets of packsaddlery sent to D.H.Q.	

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ALBERT	Mch.	19th	W.O. Young proceeded to Calais for instruction in Ordnance duties and Corporal Walker to Divisional Gas School for instruction. 850 capes macintosh sent to Base.	
		20th	Advance Dump formed at Quarry Siding. 20 sets of packsaddlery sent to D.H.Q. 94 "Lewis" gun hand carts returned to Base and 11 handed over to O.O., Corps Troops, 1st Anzac. A.D.O.S. visited office. 500 trench covers, 250 buckets, grenade and 80 sets of pack-saddlery (to be held as Corps Reserve), 225 18-pdr. ammunition carriers and 13 4.5-Howitzer ammunition carriers (for Div. Artillery) received from O.O., 2nd. Corps Troops.	
		21st)	General receipts from Base, including 1 "Vickers" gun for 14th Machine Gun Coy.,	
		22nd)		
		23rd	2 wagons limbered, signalling, handed over to Corps Troops, 1st Anzac.	
		24th)	General receipts from Base including 48 Colt pistols - 4 per Battalion for Nos. 1 & 2 of	
		25th)		
		26th)	"Lewis" guns, 16 sets of fittings for converting wagons limbered G.S. to carry machine guns and lamps, electric, aiming and posts aiming 10 for :+ 54th Battery - 2, 49th Battery - 3, 55th Battery - 2, and 50th Battery - 3.	
		27th	270 sets of armour, body, light and 270 necklets, silk and 50 Bomber's shields returned to O.O., Corps Troops, 1st Anzac. Horse ambulance for Mobile Veterinary Section, wagon R.E. for Signal Coy., and 18-pdr. Q.F. carriage received for 51st Battery.	

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ALBERT	Mch.	28th	<p>Vehicles etc. received from Base, as follows :- carriages for 18-pdr. Q.F. one each for 49th and 50th Batteries, Wagon limbered R.E. for Div. Signal Coy., Carts water tank one each for 54th Battn. and 14th Machine Gun Coy., Wagon limbered G.S. complete for 29th Battn., Wagon limbered R.E. body for 15th Field Coy.</p>	
		29th	General receipts from Base, including 8 sets of fittings for converting Wagons limbered G.S. to carry Machine guns.	
		30th) 31st)	20 carts, hand, common and 7 Wagons G.S. returned to base. General receipts from Base.	
			<p>The question of supplying units, became a serious one owing to the rapid advance of the Division. This difficulty was met by making an Advance Dump at Bernafay. Units could reach this point fairly easily, and it was possible to keep the Advance Dump supplied by means of my lorries. Preparations have been made to shift the whole dump to a central position where all units are close, and also where Divisional Headquarters is within easy reach.</p>	