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In the field	April	1st)	General receipts and issues from Base including shoes horse, ground sheets, picketing gear &c.	
		2nd)	Advance Dump established at Bapaume and party sent to erect camp.	
		3rd)		
		4th)	General receipt and issue from Base including boots, necessary, etc. and "Vickers" machine	
		5th)	gun for 15th Machine Gun Company.	
		6th)		
		7th)	General receipts and issues from Base, including horse shoes, service dress clothing, oils	
		8th)	and grease. Warrant Officer Siddins proceeded to Calais to attend course of instruction in Ordnance work, and Sergeant Berchdolt to Calais to attend course of instruction in boot repairing.	
		9th)	General receipts and issues from Base, including Lewis Gun parts, picketing gear, and boots	
		10th)	ankle. Depot established at Bapaume	
		11th)		
		12th)	General receipt and issues from Base, including Lewis Gun parts, wheel, wagon limbered G.S. hind	
		13th)	for 58th Battalion, Cart Officers' Mess for 53rd Battery. Also ground signalling gear for 8th, 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades. Dump established at Townsville Camp closed.	
		14th)	General receipts and issues from Base, including shoes horse, picketing gear, service dress	
		15th)	clothing, lewis gun magazines for 31st Battalion and fittings for converting limbers to carry machine guns (for Machine Gun Companies). 2 captured "German" machine guns received from Base for 8th and 14th Infantry Brigades.	
		16th)	Trench shelters issued to Artillery units. 110 rifles short M.L.E. received from 1st Anzac Corps Workshops and issued to Artillery units.	
		17th)	General receipts and issues from Base, including Box respirators, bags nose, wheels etc. Railhead moved to Bazentin. Dump established at Townsville Camp. 120 trench shelters received from Camp Commandant, Bapaume. 79 sets of Packsaddlery returned to O. O., Corps Troops.	
		18th)	General receipts from Base including service dressing clothing, leggings, oils and grease etc.	
19th)	issues to units. D. D. O. S. and A. D. O. S. visited camp			

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		21st)	General receipts from Base, including service dress clothing, grindery, etc., and general issues to units. A. D. O. S. called at Office. Captain Rodd visited D. D. O. S. 12 P.B. men reported for duty in connection with "Soiled Clothing Depot".	
		22nd)		
		23rd	General receipts from Base, including bags nose, picketing gear, etc., and issues to units All stores etc. removed from Bapaume to Albert. Divisional Band (working party) moved to 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, and Concert Party moved to Divisional Headquarters. "Foden" disinfectant reported at "Soiled Clothing Depot". 11th Division tookover Bapaume Depot.	
		24th	A. D. O. S. called at Office. "Soiled Clothing Depot" established under Lieut. Toohey. "Working Party" from 1st Anzac Reinforcement Camp reported for duty in place of 8th Infantry Brigade Band to Brigade Headquarters.	
		25th)	General receipts from Base, including oils and grease, horse rugs, etc. Cart water tank for 114th "Howitzer" Battery, Carriage 4.5 (Howitzer) No. 28,235 for 113th (Howitzer) Battery, Cart Maltese for 13th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters, Cart Officers' Mess one each for 114th (Howitzer) Battery and 31st Battalion, Wagon limbered fore and hind for 29th Battalion, Ordnance Q. F. 18-pdr. with B. M. No. 5143 and Carriage Q.F. 18-pdr. No. 12773 for 51st Battery. Warrant Officer reported back from Calais.	
		26th)		
		27th)		
		28th	General receipts from Base including service dress clothing and leggings, and issues to units. Dump at Bazentin closed.	
		29th	General receipts from Base, including 2 Pontoon wagons for 15th Field Company, 1 Mess cart for 49th Battery, 2 Wagons Limbered G. S. hind for 53rd Battalion, and 2 Ambulance Wagons for 15th Field Ambulance. Conductor Anderson to Calais for course of instruction in Ordnance duties. 6 traversing handles received from 1st Anzac Corps Workshops.	
30th				
			The skinning and re-fitting of the Division has gone on satisfactorily during the past 6 weeks. Baths have been established, thus enabling the troops to be bathed and issued with clean under-clothing. The withdrawal of the Winter Clothing from the troops is now	

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			<p>well in hand. All Boots gum thigh, to the number of 5,150-prs., were returned to Base during the month, and satisfactory progress is being made with regard to returning the remainder of the Winter issue.</p> <p><i>Handwritten:</i> The Boots for Base DAD US. H. A. T. 25</p>	