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DADOS.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bethlehem	July 1 st		Demanded Lorries for Jericho! Could not get them. Too many stores on dump. 6 th Bde moved back. Adverse report from O.C. Dirk Train on 1 st Line Transport, owing to lack of wheels & poor quality of work done in workshop.	
		2	A.D.O.S. came to see & met him at 3.0. m. Went into the question of wheels and repairs. 1000 wheels due from Base. A.D.O.S. called for returns of washers & wheels outstanding and demanded for previous month. A.D.O.S. visited Dirk Hd Qrs.	
		3	D.A.D.O.S. left for 4 days leave in Alex. Leaving W.D. Brown in charge as Chief Clerk. P. H. Helmets to be issued to all ranks not provided with S. B. R's. Base. Submitted I.O. on Kantara for 6000 P. H. Helmets.	
		4	G.O.C. A.I.F. approved 1 man per Division & 1 man per Bde to be attached as a learner to A.A.O.C. personnel of those Head Quarters. No increase in establishment allowed but promotions may be made on W.E. Part XI. of existing personnel.	
		5	Australian L. H. Regiments will in future come under W.E. Part XI do 699/36 Germany Regt. G.H.Q./GS/551/ of 29-6-18. A.D.O.S. instructs to revise L. H. Rgt's table in conjunction with D. H. Q. & to forward him amended copy of the table together with any remarks. Table to be drawn up as near as possible to Germany table. One lorry load of stores for 19 th Bde R.H.A. sent to Jericho today. Notification received from A.A. & Q.M.G. that Cpl Pascoe is posted to A.L.H. Bde being formed from Camel Brigade & that he should proceed to Bir Salem forthwith. 19 th B.A.C. being urgently in need of boots 100 repaired pairs were procured from L.M. Jerusalem and despatched this morning.	
			Notification received from 4 th L. H. Bde Hd Qrs that Cpl Penner's application for leave to England is not approved. Transport for stores to Jericho still unobtainable. Lorries used to move stores on 2 nd July not yet supplied.	

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Bethlehem	July 5	6 4 8	<p><i>Chk</i> 4th Lt. A. Dde wired to know when B.W.O. would be at Jericho. 5 lorries for 19th Ddes now required.</p> <p>A.A.G. A.I.F. agrees Cpl Pascoe remain at 3rd Dde until D.A.D.S. returns</p> <p>5 motor lorries to Jericho this morning. 3 for 4th Dde taking B.W.O. & office, pocketing gear, equipment, clothing &c. 2 for 19th Dde R.H.A. taking stable necessaries, camp equipment, clothing & horse shoes, also 25 stretchers for Hospital. Rest establishments received for various units. One truck store received from Ludd containing grease, dubbing, oil & sundries.</p> <p>108 C.D.S. Pent: allotted & being issued today as area stores in accordance with L.O. 3174 of 7.7.18.</p> <p>Wired cancelling J.O. on Kantara for 6000 Helmets P.H. A.D.S. rant up asking why demand had been submitted as he had drawn sufficient helmets for Corps.</p> <p>Co.O. K.E. sent our J.O. to D.S. without reference here or Corps.</p> <p>memo 143/88 of 7.7.18 from A.A.G. A.I.F. passed to us from D.A.A.G. stating that all promotions in A.A.O.C. will be made under provisions of A.I.F. order no 962 (A.I.F. no 1110) That is to say, all promotions will be E.P. This applies to Sgt Liscudale Cpl Pascoe & Spr Pepper. Informed A.D.S. on phone that position re wheels is still serious, especially with regard to 19th D.A.C. who were informed by 38th Shop that they could not supply & were advised to demand our Base. A.D.S. fully aware of seriousness. Base have practically none. all possible are being sent to shops.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bethlehem	July 9		Transfer of Spr Wrightson 10 th L. Horse Regt (ER employed 3 rd B.H.Q.) to A.A.O.C. approved. He is to be posted as Cpl Clerk to 3 rd Bde Ordnance. Wired Coo Kantara East for Maltic Car for Blonflo to replace lost in move. Wired A.D.S. for permission to draw 10 Paulasses for 18 th Lancers whilst waiting cart is being repaired. Auchy was wired by A.D.S. to J.I.M. Jerusalem & 5 th Bde have been advised.	
		10	Two motor lorries allotted to us today to take our tents from Jerusalem to Bethlehem for 5 th Bde. Again rang up Jerusalem for wheels & told none available.	
		11	A D.O.S. rang up & asked if we had experienced difficulty in obtaining Horse Shoes & if there was any serious shortage. Informed him him that supplies were coming to hand satisfactorily. Revised copy Mob Table for L. H. Regt sent to A.D.S. tonight. Spr Wrightson transferred from 10 th Regt reported to 3 rd Bde this morning. Application received from Sgt Downs for transfer to new Bde in place of Sgt Posen. Referred to D.W.O. new Brigade for remarks.	
		12	One motor lorry of grease, dubbin, oil & wagon parts despatched to Jericho for 4 th L. H. Bde & 19 th Bde R.H.A. Under instructions from DA. Q.M.G., submitted to 5 th Bde claim against Gloucester Yeomanry for 18 Mosquito nets unaccounted for. Descorps approval given for retention by 5 th Bde of 150 Mosquito nets & this number is to be taken into consideration when the Bde is again issued with these nets. A.D.S. rang up about Vehicles on indent for Signal Squadron. One cable wagon only due on indent & this was vouchered off from K.E. on I.V. No 4131 of 2-17-18. Have wired K.E. asking to hasten. Signal Squadron say they still require 3 limbered G.S. to complete new troops but indents not submitted. They have 2 limbered K.E. surplus brought in by Airline Section.	

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Bethlehem	July 13		Rang up A.D.O.S. to ask if we should wire K.E. for Signal Squadron wagons.	
	14		Instructed to do nothing until further heard from him. DADPOF returned from base.	
	15		3rd Bde move down to Jericho & 6th move from Solomon Pool to Salaat-ed-dum. Put in for two lorries for Jericho for stores for 3rd & 4th Bdes. & for moving 3rd Bde office & personnel.	
	16		Move of 5th Bde cancelled & they remain at Solomon Pool. 3rd Bde return to Salaat-ed-dum & BWO remains at Jerusalem until 3rd return to Jericho. 1498 P.M. Helms waiting on dump at Jericho for 3rd Bde. Visited 18th Lancers who are quite satisfied with everything. Cpl Williams receives orders to report to Kantara for possible commission in C.S.C.	
	17		Visited Hodgsons Horse & 5th Mobile Vet Section. Pte Coode from BWO 5th Bde reported D.H. & to take over Sgt Williams work until relief comes along. Spoke to A.D.O.S. on the subject of borrowed fantases while water carts are being repaired.	
	18		Office moves to Jerusalem, one lorry requisitioned for 20th to move office to Jericho. Visited dump to make final arrangements.	
Jerusalem	19		Joined office in Jerusalem. Set up new Signal Squadron with 3 L. GS in lieu of 2 R.E. Limbers. Found out that Kantara had sent up two 13px wagons instead of 10px. handed them over to J.O.M. & re-demanded from Kantara. Spent day on dump & left at night for Valley nothing of note.	

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Jericho	July 20		Divisional Troops Representatives, 8 th Bde & town office moved to Jericho. Lt Col. Hill reported to take Col. Williams' place, all arrived in valley & opened office in D.H.Q.	
	21		Visited Dump & arranged with DADOS Des Corps to complete division with P.H. Helmets to the number of 2950. 45 mosquito nets are issued to 3 rd M. Gun to complete establishment. D.O. Blackshaw reported at D.H.Q. as chief clerk for a fortnight.	
	22		Visited Dump & did office work. 4 th Bde complain about lack of picketing gear owing to bulk not being to hand from Kantara.	
	23		Look 2000 Socks woven from P.O.O. Jerusalem instead of putting on Bulk Demand. No other repaired clothing available. Sent in Bulk Demands. 5 th Bde HQ & staff arrived from Jerusalem with a heavy load of wheels. Rang up 19 th Bde to find out whether Ints Bde had returned 10 Fantasses issued in lieu of water cart, while being repaired.	
	24		Troops appeared re-naming the following: - 5 th Mounted Bde - 13 th Cavalry Bde, 1 st Mtd Div - 4 th Car Division, 6 th Mtd Bde, 10 th Car Bde, 8 th Car Bde, 11 th Car Bde, 2 nd Mtd Div - 12 Car Bde, 2 nd Mtd Div - 5 th Car Div, 4 th Mtd Bde - 14 th Car Bde, 3 rd Car Bde - 15 th Mtd Div, 600 Mosquito gloves & 66 spine pads for trial allotted left Sector. DADOS Des Corps will notify arrival, also 150 rattles for gas alarms allotted to left Sector.	

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Jericho	July 25		<p>Dulk Store arrived Jerusalem requisitioned for 4 lorries. One Field Kitchen complete arrived from 301 Battery. Wined them to collect from Jerusalem. 301 Bty left this area to rejoin 60th Division. Sent all outstanding to DADOS 60th. Received advice of one 13px Ammun Limber at Jerusalem for 19th Bde.</p>	
	26		One lorry of wheels (30-200) & one lorry of Soap, Dubbin & detail Store. C 301 Battery handed over Mosquito lorry to 26th P.L.A. Mr Blackshaw visited dump & made distribution of 20 wheels to 3rd & 4th Bde & detail troops.	
	27		Visited DADOS 5th Car Division & 13th Intd Bde Hd Qrs & 18th Lancers. Wrote O.C. Desert Mounted Rest Camp, Jerusalem to order Lt Col Armes & Pte Lums to Rob Jerusalem. Two lorries of wheels 30-200 & 30-159.	
	28		Five lorries, one of 18-200 wheels & 4 for Dulk Store. 2nd Bde are relieved by 2nd Bde. Visited dump.	
	29		Met A.D.O.S. & DADOS descorps on dump. Arranged to complete 13th Car Bde with P. # 9 Steel Helmets.	
	30		Put in for four lorries for Store from Jerusalem consisting of Horse Shoes & Detail Store. Notice from G. Branch to the effect that Worcester's formation would relieve Gloucesters on night of 3rd & 4th Aug. Also that 19th Bde would be relieved by 26th & 27th Batteries.	
	31		4 lorries arrived from Jerusalem. Mr Blackshaw visited dump & got some jangamees up for 2nd Bde.	

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