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5th Aust Div

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bac St Maur.	Sept 1st		Letter from A.D.O.S. reference to new type of Respirator.	
-----	1st		Indents forwarded to Calais for Lewis Guns to complete to eight (8) per Battalion.	
	2nd		Ordnance 18-pr. and carriage demanded from base for battery to replace one damaged. (Breech ring burst) (Gun No. 1671.)	
	3rd		Received twenty-six (26) Guns Lewis from Calais to increase establishment to eight (8) per Battalion.	
	"		Binoculars graticuled also received by the Division.	
	4th		Ordnance Q.F. 18-pr No. received from Base to replace No. 1671. Lewis Guns issued to all	
	"		Battalions (2 each). Large quantities of stores received from Base. General issues.	
	"		Remarks forwarded to D.H.Q., for discussion at conference held at La Motte in regard to Ord. Services.	
	4th		French pattern Grenades received from U.O., Corps Troops.	
	5th		Received letter from A.H.G. authorising issue of equipment to 8th. Brigade Baths.	
	"		General issues and receipts.	
	6th		Received seventy-two (72) carts hand Lewis Gun, also 2,000 Blankets, from Calais.	
	"		Attended lecture at Saily on new box respirator.	
	7th		Seventy-two (72) carts hand Lewis Gun issued to all Battalions. Forty-two (42) Bags tool	
	"		shoemakers received and issued to units vide A.R.O. 365.	
	"		D.O.O., attended conference at A.D.O.S' office at Corps Hd.Qrs. Bomb carriers recd. from U.O. (Corps) Troops.)	

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Bac St Maur.	8/9/16		General issues and receipts. D.O.O. attended conference at Saily on the New Type Box Respirator.	
	"		Received 3,000 blankets from Calais.	
	9/9/16.		Received first consignment of New Box Respirators size 3, 4,000 from Calais., also first supplies of boots gum thigh from O.O. Corps Troops. From Calais we received a further seven (7) Range-	
	10/9/16.		finders Barr & Stoude, and two (2) No. 14 Periscopes. General issues and receipts. 4,000 New Respirators issued to 8th, 14th., and 15th., Inf. Brigades. Springs running out 18-pr.Q.F., - 5 inner, and 5 outer- issued to 5th. D.A.C.	
	11/9/16.		Quantity of clothing received from Base for Divisional Baths at Erquinghem. General issues & receipts	
	12/9/16.		2,094 Magazines Lewis Gun, received from Calais. General receipts and issues.	
	13/9/16.		300 Box Respirators size No.2 received from Calais, also 34 Lewis Gun hand carts were received and issued.	
	14/9/16.		38 Lewis Gun hand carts, 31 Rangefinders E. & S., received from Calais and distributed throughout Infantry Battalions. General issues and receipts.	
	15/9/16		Six (6) Periscopes No.14 received and issued to Artillery Brigades.	

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	16th.		Machines clipping horse 23 received and issued. Three (3) rangefinders for Pioneer Battalion received from Calais also 8000 prs soles inner for gum boots thigh.	
	17th.		General issues and receipts.	
	18th.		General issues and receipts. 10 seals brass for Officers' kits received demanded on 5AD/268	
	19th.		Quantity of M.P. Saddlery received in lieu of universal saddlery issued in Egypt.	
	20th.		General issues and receipts.	
	21st.		500 helmets trench pattern received from Calais and 446 from D.O.O., 34th. Division (E).	
	22nd.		General receipts and issues. Quantity of clothing received from NIERPE BATHS.	
	23rd.		4800 Box Respirators No.3 recd. from Base., also 4000 prs soles inner for gum boots thigh recd.	
	"		750 prs. Boots F.S. received from Base for equipping percentage of mounted men in Division.	
	"		General issues and receipts.	

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	24th.		40prs. Binoculars received and issued i.e., 18 to 5th. Pioneer Battn., as a free issue to Officers	
	"		and 22 to 5th. Div. Signal Coy. on Mob. Store Table. 2000 Horse Rugs demanded. General issues & receipts	
	24th.		Two parapet rifle rests received from O.O., Corps Troops and X xxxx forwarded 1 each to 14th. & 15th. Bde	for trial.
	25th.		17 sets Saddlery Officers and 8 sets pack saddlery received from Base, and issued to Units.	
	"		70 Ayrton Fans received; also 1 No. 7 Dial sight for 56th. Bty; 1 carts water tank for 50th. Bty.	
	"		5 wheels for G.S. wagon received and issued to 18th. A.A.S.C. General issues and receipts.	
	26th.		10 T.M. Handcarts common issued to :5 to 8th. L.T.M.Bty, and 5 to Medium T.M.Bty. General issues and	receipts.
	27th.		5000 prs socks sent to Estaires Baths. 524 carriers magazines Lewis Gun issued to Battalions.	
	28th.		37 No. 9 Periscopes received and issued to Brigades for distribution. 1 No. 26 periscope (in lieu of No	
	"		26) issued to Medium T.M. Brigade. Q.F., 18-pdr. No. 5167 Mk II received from Base and issued to	
	"		54th. Battery, 14th. A.F.A. Bde. General issues and receipts.	
	29th.		Q.F., 18-pdr No. 4374 Mk. II received from Base for 51st. Battery, 13th. A.F.A. Bde., in lieu of	
	"		Gun returned to I.O.M., II. ANZAC. General issues and receipts.	
	30th.		10 wheels recd from Base and issued to 10th. A.A.S.C. Telescope sighting No. 4 Mk III received from	
	"		Base for No. 3 Sec. 5th. D.A.C. 4000 prs Socks collected from Armentieres. 70 Ayrton Fans	
	"		distributed i.e., 30 to 14th. Inf. Bde., 30 to 15th. Inf. Bde, and 10 to Divisional Artillery.	

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