

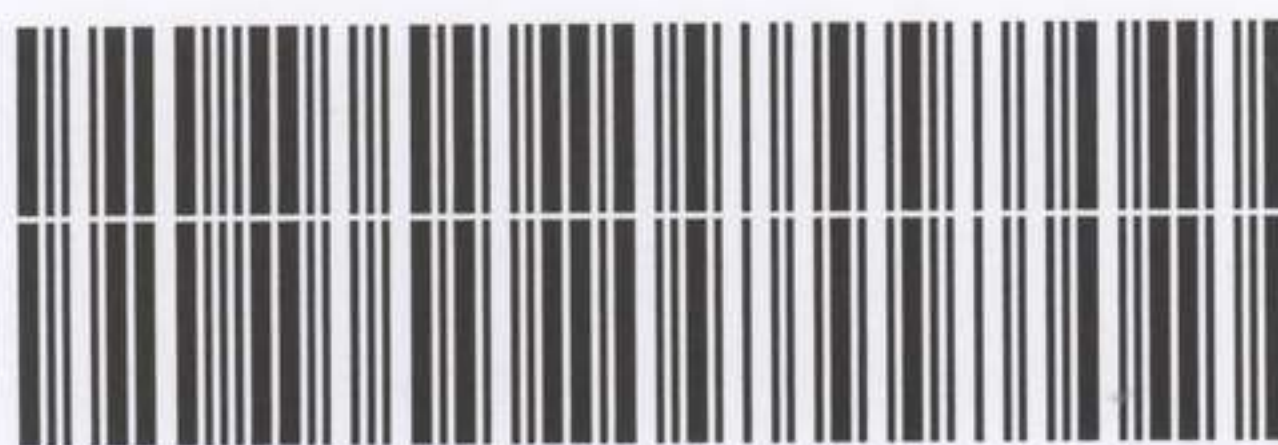
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	April, 1918		<p>On the 1st Orders were received to move to a new area, but as Division had commandeered all lorries, no move could be made.</p> <p>The Office Staff moved out early on the 2nd. and reported to D.H.Q., the rest of the personnel being left to look after stores.</p> <p>No suitable site for a depot was seen, so the lorry returned and parked in Amiens, arrangements being made with Town Major for billets.</p> <p>On the 3rd. further search was made for a depot near the Railhead, other Divisional Dumps being visited. As no Division was moving, arrangements were made with the Town Major to take over part of a large workshop in Amiens as a store.</p> <p>I arrived back and reported at Divisional Headquarters on the morning of the 3rd, having taken 48 hours to reach there. I then proceeded to find my Staff. I selected three sites for depots on the way, each having good accommodation as store house and billets, with good houses for Offices. I then went on to Amiens and found my Staff in the factory arranged for with the Town Major. As the town was being shelled and bombed, and the factory was a large one and a big land mark, I gave orders to move to one of the places selected by me at Camon. Here the Depot was started, Office opened and D.H.Q. and Units notified.</p> <p>The move from Northern to Southern Base having been approved, indents were passed forward.</p> <p>I made a visit to the last Depot and made arrangements for the stores and men to be gradually brought here. I visited the Gun Park and arranged for the supply of Guns etc.</p> <p>The following day I visited the Divisional Nucleus Camp and Divisional Wing, and made lists of their shortages and arranged for such supplies as I had on hand, to be sent, the outstanding items to be demanded by me.</p> <p>Stores were arriving in good quantities now, but only stores required urgently and necessary for fighting were demanded.</p> <p>The bootmakers were brought down and their shop material was obtained from Blaringhem. The shop was opened here.</p> <p>A second visit to the Divisional Wing, who had been forced to march long distances and changed camps on several occasions, revealed a bad state of affairs with regard to boots. I arranged for four bootmakers to go there with necessary material. This was done, and now there are five men working and keeping the boot question good.</p> <p>Stores from salvage which are in good condition, such as rifles, bayonets and parts of equipment are sent up to the Camp as men arriving there are constantly without parts of their equipment.</p>	

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	April. 1918.		<p>Lorries are thus kept going with stores for supplying these needs.</p> <p>Lorries proceed to the Gun Park every three days for stores and this trip is a days journey, as are all the places lorries have to go to from here.</p> <p>It has been possible to replace all Lewis Guns destroyed in the line practically immediately, a reserve having been allowed.</p> <p>With Field Guns all destroyed or condemned have been replaced within 48 hours.</p> <p>The situation to day, 30th., is that there are no guns outstanding of any sort.</p> <p>Captured Trophies:.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3 Large Mininwerfers.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">32 Machine Guns.</p> <p>All were captured by the 15th. Aust. Brigade and are being prepared for sending to Base to be claimed by the Division.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><i>Jm Ross Capt</i></div>	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| (a) | <i>Labour. daily employed.</i> |
| (b) | <i>Bulk Issues.</i> |
| (c) | <i>Guns & Carriages replaced.</i> |
| (d) | <i>Local Purchases.</i> |
| (e) | <i>None.</i> |

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	April 1918		<u>APPENDICES.</u>	
		(a)	The labour daily employed varied from 20-24 outside the ordinary Ordnance Personnel.	
			The number of boot-makers continuously working was 12.	
		(b)	Bulk issues during April. Approximate strength of Division 19,000.	
			Greatcoats, 3,073; Jackets, S.D. 1,762; Boots, ankle, 2,025; Pantaloon, 864;	
			Trousers, S.D. 1,656; Hats, A.P., 343; Puttees, 2,166; Bottles, water, 44;	
			Tins, mess, 276; Sheets, ground, 166; Vests, woollen, 2,500; Drawers, woollen, 2,500;	
			Shoes, horse, 4,200; Shoes, mule, 1,780;.	
		(c)	The undermentioned Guns and Carriages were required to be replaced.	
			50th. Battery. 1- 18-pdr. and Carriage, 1 Limber, carriage.	
			53rd, " 1- 18-pdr. carriage.	
			55th. " 1- 18-pdr.	
			113th. " 1- 4.5 Howitzer and Carriage.	
			39th. Div. Artillery. 1- 4.5 Howitzer and 1- 18-pdr.) Attached to me for	
			20th. " " 1- 18-pdr. and 2- 18-pdr Carriages.) Ordnance services.	
		(d)	It was not necessary to expend any money on local purchases.	
		(e)	On the 30th. I relinquished the appointment of D.A.D.O.S. to the 5th. Australian, Div., having held that appointment since the Division was formed, and in order to take up my new appointment as D.A.D.O.S. to the 1st. Imperial Division.	

*John Ross
Capt.*

APPENDIX A-B-C-D-E