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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Camon.	May.			
	1.		2/Lieut. M.C. Welch, A.A.O.C. reports for duty as Temp./D.A.D.O.S., vice Capt. Rodd, A.O.D., returned to duty with Imperial Force. One Cart, Water Tank and Wagon, Limbered G.S., issued to Machine Gun Battalion to replace others condemned. One Lewis Gun issued to 32nd. Battalion to replace one destroyed "Shell-fire".	
	2.		Shell strikes Ordnance, 4th. Aust., Divisional dump (which is quite close to ours) and kills 6 of their personnel. 4 tons of Service Dress Clothing and Boots received from Base. Lewis Gun issued to 29th. Battalion to replace one rendered unserviceable.	
	3.		Received from Units of 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, 50 German Machine Guns, 3 Mininwerfers complete and a large quantity of German equipment, captured by them around VILLERS-BRETTONEAUX on 25/4/18 and now claimed as trophies. Demanded Ambulance Wagon for the 8th. Field Ambulance to replace one destroyed by "Shell-fire".	
	4.		Receive instructions from Divisional Headquarters to move out of Camon. Site selected on the AMIENS-RAINVILLE Road about 2 miles out of AMIENS. Map location AMIENS Sheet 62D. G. 20 central. Returned to Base 2 Carts, Officers Mess rendered surplus owing to reorganization of Machine Gun Battalion.	
	5.		Moved the Brigade Groups out to new site and commenced erecting Tents and Shelters. Returned to Base 260 Yukon Packs under instructions from Divisional Headquarters. Vickers Gun issued to 5th. M.G. Battalion to replace one destroyed by "Shellfire"	
	6.		Despatched to Base in truck No. 15109, 58 German Machine Guns and 3 Mininwerfers captured by the 15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on 24/4/18. Received from Base, 3 tons General Stores-principally stable and picketing gear; also I Wagon, Pontoon for 8th. Field Company. Collected from Gun Park No. 4 and issued to No. 1 Section 5th. Aust. D.A.C., an 18-pdr. Limbered Amm. Wagon to replace one "Condemned".	
7.		Received from Base, 6 tons General Stores including 54 cases Horse Shoes and 12 Wheels 200A. Issued to 5th. Aust Pioneer Battalion 4 Lewis Guns complete, bringing their Establishment up to 12.		

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	May. 8.		5 tons Service Dress Clothing and Necessaries, including 2,700 Towels received from Base. Also one Wagon, Ambulance for 8th. Field Ambulance. Issued 2 Vickers Guns to 5th. Machine Gun Battalion to replace those rendered unserviceable.	
	9.		Received from Base the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, Dubbing, Soap etc., and one Pontoon Wagon for 14th. Field Company. Demanded Vickers Gun for 5th. Machine Gun Battalion to replace one destroyed by "Shellfire". Distributed 1,056 Grenade Dischargers No. 36, to the Infantry Battalions. This allotment will complete them up to 96 per Battalion. Demanded from Gun Park No. 4, 2 Wagons, Ammunition for No. 2 Section 5th. A.D.A.C., to replace others condemned.	
	10.		I.O.M., 17 & 47 Ordnance Mobile Workshops received 18-pdr. piece, Reg. No. 3007 from Gun Park No. 4, for issue to 55th. Battery to replace No. 1851 condemned-Scoring. Collected from Gun Park, 2 Wagons, Ammunition for No. 2 Section, 5th. A.D.A.C.	
	11.		Received from Base, 7 tons General Stores, including 53 cases of Horse and Mule Shoes, and a large quantity of Transport Equipment.	
	12.		Demanded 19,600 pairs Drawers, M.S. & D.S., Summer Pattern, for issue in exchange for the heavy Winter Pattern. Also demanded fore-portion Wagon, Limbered G.S. for 55th. Battalion to replace one damaged by "Shellfire".	
	13.		Issued Lewis Gun to 56th. Battalion to replace one rendered unserviceable. Under Divisional Headquarters instructions, 10 men, who have been attached to this Unit for a considerable time are detailed to return to their Units. Elliptical Sights for A.A. Lewis Guns received from Gun Park and issued to complete all Lewis Guns authorised for A.A. work.	
	14.		Received from Base 1 Cart, Water Tank for 10th. Coy. A.A.S.C. and rear portion of of Wagon, Limbered G.S. for 59th. Battalion, also 4 Tons General Stores including 600 Box Respirators. Divisional Armourers' Shop opened up for the repair of Machine Guns, Rifles, Bicycles etc.; located near the Ordnance Dump and is under the direct supervision of D.A.D.O.S.	

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	May.			
	15.		Received from Base 7 Tons General Stores, including 100 Hot Food Containers and a number of Draught Poles, Perches and Wheels. Issued 70 Hot Food Containers to 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.	
	16.		Lewis Gun issued to 29th. Battalion to replace one destroyed "Shellfire". Received from Base 19,600 Drawers (Summer Pattern) and forwarded them direct to Officer in Charge, Divisional Baths, for issue, also received fore-portion Wagon, Limbered G.S. for 55th. Battalion.	
	17.		Collected 42 Covers, Gun from O.O., Australian Corps Troops, to complete the initial issue of 7 per Battery (4.5 and 18-pdr.). Demanded from Gun Park No. 4, 1-18-pdr. piece with Breech Mechanism for 53rd. Aust. Battery to replace Reg, No. 6072 condemned by I.O.M. 24th. Ordnance Mobile Workshop.	
	18.		Received from Base 5 Tons Service Dress Clothing, Boots, and Grindery. Units demanding large quantities of paint for use on vehicles. Demands for Wheels rather heavy during the past fortnight.	
	19.		Demanded from Base a second pair per man, Drawers (Summer Pattern) also an additional 5,000 Shirts, 5,000 pairs Drawers and 5,000 pairs Socks.	
	20.		Cpl. Wright A.A.O.C. who has been with this Unit a considerable time, proceeded to England to attend O.T.C. Transfers to A.A.O.C. of Ptes. Langley and Dean approved by Divisional Headquarters. Pte. Gale promoted to Temp/Corporal vice Cpl. Wright to O.T.C.	
	21.		Issue of Gloves, Anti-Gas to Artillery Units and Field Ambulances completed to Scale at present authorised. Demanded 48 Lewis Guns complete from Ordnance Gun Park to complete all Infantry Battalions to 28 each inclusive of Guns at present in possession for A.A. Defence work.	
	22.		Issued to Machine Gun Battalion, for trial and report, a new pattern Belt filling machine. Demanded from Base, 1 G.S. Wagon for 10th. Coy. A.A.S.C. and Cart, Water Tank for 55th. Bde Battery, both to replace "Condemned".	
	23.		Received from Base, fore-portion Wagon, Limbered G.S. for 5th. Machine Gun Battalion. Received from Base, 18,000 pairs Drawers Cotton to complete to Scale of 2 pairs per man. Also received 5,000 shirts, flannel and 5,000 pairs Socks.	

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	23.		13th. Aust. Artillery Brigade take over Guns etc. from 298th. Imp. Brigade, who are short of and urgently in need of, accessories for Air Recuperator Carriages.	
	24.		Collected from Gun Park, 5 Pumps, Air Recuperator and a quantity of other Gun Stores urgently required by the 13th. Aust. F.A. Brigade.	
			Received from Base, 6 tons General Stores, including the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, Dubbing etc. and 2,000 Fringes, Browband, also 2 K.T. Limbers for 30th. Battalion.	
	25.		Collected from Gun Park, 48 Lewis Guns for issue on the scale of 4 per Battalion. Demanded G.S. Wagon for 29th. A.A.S.C. to replace one destroyed by "Shellfire".	
			Received from Base, 5 tons S.D. Clothing and Grindery. Very few breeches D.S. received and Units are rather badly off for them.	
	26.		Received from Gun Park, 3 Sub-beds for 6" Newton Trench Mortars.	
	27.		G.H.Q. Memo, notifying the shortage of Bicycles and Clinometers at the Base.	
	28.		Received from Base, 6 tons General Stores, including 60 complete Strombos Horns, sets, urgently required for the present Divisional Sector.	
	29.		Demanded K.T. body for 5th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion to replace one "condemned".	
	30.		Demanded 18-pdr piece for 53rd. Battery, to replace Reg. No. 1086 "Condemned" Scoring.	
			Collected fore-portion Wagon, limbered G.S. from Ordnance 2nd. Aust. Division for issue to S.A.A. Section, 5th. D.A. Column.	
	31.		Under instructions from Divisional Headquarters, handed over to Ordnance, 4th. Aust. Div. 30 Hot-food Containers and 88 Rattles, anti-gas.	
			Received 7 tons General Stores from Base, including the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, Dubbing etc., a large quantity of Paint, Service Colour, 2,500 Fringes, Browband and a number of wheels No. 200A.	
			Returned to Base in truck No. 59614, Rugs, horse 630:, and in truck No. 76067, Drawers, Woollea, 6,890. and Vests, Woollen 2,410.	
			During the present month the Divisional Boot Repairing Shop, in conjunction with men attached to the Divisional Rest Wing and Divisional Rein. Camp, have repaired, approximately 1,200 pairs of boots.	
			The Divisional Armourers Shop is now firmly established and doing good work.	

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	MAY?	1918.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APPENDICES.</u></p> <p>(a) The labour, daily employed, varied from 14-16 outside the ordinary Ordnance Personnel. The number of boot-makers continuously working was 10.</p> <p>(b) Bulk issues during May. Approximate strength of Division, 17,000:. Greatcoats, 230; Jackets, S.D., 1,495; Boots, ankle, 1,520; Pantaloon, 927; Trousers, D.S., 837; Puttees, 1,549; Hats, 413; Tins, mess, 643; Sheets, ground, 502; Shoes, horse, 3,090; Shoes, mule, 3,012.</p> <p>(c) It was not necessary to expend any money on local purchases.</p> <p>(d) 2-18-pdr Guns for the 53rd, Battery were drawn from Gun Park to replace others "condemned"</p>	

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