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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>1.1.19.</u>		<u>1.1.19.</u> Visited and inspected F.P.O. T.W.2 (2nd.Aust.Divn.Train F.P.O) All in order. Mails very heavy. F.P.O. T.W.3 (3rd Aust.Divn.Train) LOUVRAIL. All in order. Records good. Mails heavy. A.P.O.R.W.5 (5th. Aust.Divl.Railhead) and A.P.O.S.W.1 both O.K.	AF
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>2.9.19</u>		<u>2.1.19.</u> Nothing to report.	AF
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>3.9.19.</u>		<u>3.1.19.</u> Interviewed A.A.& Q.M.G. Aust.Corps and requested that car for D.A.D.P.S. provided for on establishment be definitely detailed for his use. Explained the position becoming serious postally owing to demobilization of most experienced Postal personnel. Close supervision very necessary if services are to be maintained at all efficiently. Cash business at F.P.O's in the Corps exceed 300,000 Francs, and with unknown and inexperienced N.C.O's impossible to have the same confidence in the personnel as formerly.	AF
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>4.1.19.</u>		<u>4.1.19.</u> Visited in company with Divisional Supervisor 2nd Aust.Divn. The following Offices of 2nd Australian Division; A.P.O.R.W.2 (2nd.Aust.Divn.Railhead.A.P.O.) THUILLES.F.P.O's 5.W. 6 W. and 7 W.(5th. 6th. and 7th.Inf.Bde.FPO's) at FONTINELLE, THY-le-CHATEAU, and MARCHIENNE respectively, and D.W.2 (2nd Div.H.Q.FPO.) at MARCINELLE. All in order, but 5W. (5th.Aust.Inf.Bde.F.P.O) in slovenly condition. Other Offices fair.	AF
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE.</u>	<u>5.1.19.</u>		<u>5.1.19.</u> Visited A.P.O.R.W.1 (1st.Aust.Div.Railhead A.P.O.)at COUILLET, F.P.O's 1 W, 2 W, and 3 W,(1st.2nd.and 3rd.Aust.Inf.Bde.FPO's) at JONGRET, COUILLET? and CHATELET respectively.	AF FPO's/

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<u>HAM-sur-HEURE.</u>	<u>5.1.19</u>		<p><u>5.1.19 contd.</u> F.P.O. D.W.1 (1st.Divn.H.Q.F.P.O.) Presles, and F.P.O. T.W.1 (1st.Divl. Train F.P.O.) HYMIEE F.P.O. D.W.2 (2nd Divl.H.Q.F.P.O.) MARCINELLE and F.P.O. 7W (7th.Aust.Inf.Bde.F.P.O) Mt.St.MARCHIENNE. All in order but offices are not up to former standard. With release of 1914 and 1915 personnel for furlough and demobilization, the efficiency of the services has been materially effected. Sufficiently close supervision by Postal Officers cannot be maintained owing to lack of transport, and the very large area at present occupies by this Corps. Representations have again been made to Headquarters Australian Corps and the seriousness of the position pointed out. A request has been made for the car allotted to the D.A.D.P.S. in Corps establishment to be definitely detailed for the use originally intended. Colonel Viney (A.Q.M.G.Aust.Corps) has promised to go into the matter and make an endeavour to arrange this.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE.</u>	<u>6.1.19</u>		<p><u>6.1.19</u> Proceeded to and inspected the Offices of R.W.1 (1st.Divl.Railhead) 1 W.(1st.Inf.Bde.F.P.O.) 2 W (2nd.Aust.Inf.Bde.F.P.O) 3W.(3rd.Aust. Inf.Bde.F.P.O) All work proceeding satisfactorily.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>7.1.19</u>		<p><u>7.1.19</u> Nothing to report.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE.</u>	<u>8.1.19</u>		<p><u>8.1.19</u> Proceeded to and inspected Offices at A.P.O.S.W.1 and D.W.5(5th. Aust.Divl.H.Q.) at BEAUMONT. All work proceeding satisfactorily.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE.</u>	<u>9.1.19</u>		<p><u>9.1.19</u> Nothing to report.</p>	<p>PS</p>

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<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>10.1.19</u>		<u>10.1.19</u> Captain Fletcher left for inspection of 3rd. Aust. Divn. Postal arrangements, after which he will proceed to London to confer with The D.A.P.S. A.I.F.	BT
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>11.1.19</u>		<u>11.1.19</u> Proceeded to Fifth Australian Divn Train F.P.O. Work proceeding satisfactorily. Information, reference Post Orderly Cusack 13th. Aust. F.A.Bgde. was received that he had been seen in London. Cusack wanted for robberies at 13th F.A.Bgde. Telegraphed D.A.P.S. A.I.F. London regarding the matter.	BT
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>12.1.19.</u>		<u>12.1.19.</u> Nothing to report.	BT
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>13.1.19.</u>		<u>13.1.19.</u> Nothing to report.	BT
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>14.1.19.</u>		<u>14.1.19.</u> Visited Field Post Offices of 5th. Division and found everything in order. Heavy mails are still being received, but are being delivered without delay.	BT
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>15.1.19.</u>		<u>15.1.19.</u> Nothing to report.	BT
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>16.1.19.</u>		<u>16.1.19.</u> Visited R.W.4 (4th.Divl.Railhead F.P.O.) D.W.4 (5th.Divl.H.Q.F.P.O.) and 12 W.(12th.Inf.Bde.F.P.O.) All work going smoothly and mails being delivered without delay.	BT
<u>HAM-sur-HEURE</u>	<u>17.1.19.</u>		<u>17.1.19.</u> Nothing to report.	BT

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			<p><u>18.1.19.</u> Interviewed Colonel Viney reference to Guards for mail trucks from Base to Railheads. It was pointed out that Authority must be obtained from G.H.Q. Staff Captain A.I.F. interviewed with result that telegram was sent to D.A.P.S. R.E.F. asking for G.H.Q. authority to be posted this Office.</p>	<p>300</p> <p>JP</p>
			<p><u>19.1.19</u> Visited A.P.O. S.W.1 (Aust. Corps Troops) BEAUMONT. Everything working satisfactorily.</p>	<p>JP</p>
			<p><u>20.1.19.</u> Reported thirteen bags missing from truck No. 60996 A.P.O. 3 to R.W.2 (2nd Aust. Divl. R'head) Truck arrived with seals and locks missing.</p>	<p>JP</p>
			<p><u>21.1.19.</u> Visited R.W.2 (2nd Aust. Divl. R'head) THUILLES. Investigated robbery of previous day. The truck arrived at 17.00 with doors unlocked. The R.T.O. could throw no light on the matter. Visited R.W.4 (4th. Divl. R'head) and F.P.O. 4 W (4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. F.P.O) FLORENNES Everything in order.</p>	<p>JP</p>
			<p><u>22.1.19.</u> Nothing to report.</p>	<p>JP</p>
			<p><u>23.1.19.</u> </p>	<p>JP</p>

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Ham-sur-Heure	23.1.19		23.1.19 Captain Fletcher, D.A.D.P.S. Aust Corps returned from London today.	
"	24.1.19		24.1.19 "Q" Branch Australian Corps informed of arrangements for guarding mails to commence as from 1st proximo. Precise of proposed arrangements see APPENDIX.	"A" <i>CP</i>
"	25.1.19		25.1.19 "Q" requested for car but none available.	<i>CP</i>
"	26.1.19		26.1.19 No car available for inspection today.	<i>CP</i>
"	27.1.19		27.1.19 Lt Gerrans inspected R.W.1 (1st Aust Div R'head A.P.O.) Couillet and D.W.2 (2nd Div HQ FPO) Le Chatelet.	<i>CP</i>
"	28.1.19		28.1.19 Orders issued to Divisional Supervisors re proposed arrangements for Guards.	<i>CP</i>
"	29.1.19		29.1.19 Visited Charleroi and A.P.O. R.W.1 (1st Div R'head A.P.O.) Couillet, to make final arrangements re mail-guards to and from BOULOGNE.	<i>CP</i>
"	30.1.19		30.1.19 Lt Gerrans proceeded to ETAPLES to take up duties as D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. L of C in relief of Lieut Hadley to Australia. He will remain a few days enroute at BOULOGNE in order to supervise the commencement and detailing of Mail-guards at BOULOGNE as from 1st February 1919.	<i>CP</i>
"	31.1.19		31.1.19 "APPENDIX B" : Copies of correspondence in reference to violations and Mail Guards. Nothing to report.	"B" <i>CP</i>

Monthly Report for December see Appendix C
 Institution T.P.O. on Boulogne. Boulogne *CP*

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY POSTAL CORPS.

(FRANCE)

for

JANUARY. 1919

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"B"

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and Violations of Mails.

"C"

Monthly Report for December 1918

"D"

Institution of Travelling Post Office
on BOULOGNE-COLOGNE Express. -
Vouching Instructions.

Australian Corps

Headquarters
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1st Aust Division
2nd Aust Division
3rd Aust Division
4th Aust Division
5th Aust Division

appendix A

D.A.D.P.S. - for information.

To prevent further violations of Australian mail in transit in France, Divisions will supply guards for each Supply Train whose duty will be the protection of Army mails.

For the BOULOGNE-CHARLEROI supply train mail, on the basis of 1 Corporal and 4 men per train, 12 Corporals and 48 men will be required as follows :-

Leave BOULOGNE 1st
Arrive CHARLEROI 5th
Rest CHARLEROI 6th
Leave CHARLEROI 7th
Arrive BOULOGNE 11th
Rest BOULOGNE 12th

To provide these guards, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Australian Divisions will each provide 3 Corporals and 12 men, i.e. the personnel required for guarding three trains. The guards to be detailed by the 2nd Australian Division will report on the 31st January and those to be supplied by the 4th Australian Division will report on the 3rd February to A.D.P.S. BOULOGNE, who will arrange accommodation and rationing. 1st Australian Division will supply guards on the returning Supply Train leaving CHARLEROI on February 1st, 2nd and 3rd and the 5th Australian Division on trains leaving February 4th, 5th and 6th. These will report to 1st Australian Division Postal Supervisor at 9 am each morning and will carry 5 days rations.

In this way all mails will be guarded on Supply trains from 1st February. The personnel will have two days rest in twelve.

For the Havre-OISEMONT service on the basis of 1 Corporal and 1 man per train (one mail truck) 12 Corporals and 12 men will be supplied by the 3rd Australian Division. In this case times are as follows :-

Leave Havre 1st
Arrive OISEMONT 5th
Rest OISEMONT 6th
Leave OISEMONT 7th
Arrive Havre 11th
Rest Havre 12th

3rd Australian Division will despatch 3 Corporals and 3 men to report to A.D.P.S. Havre on 31st January and a similar party to report on February 3rd. The remaining 6 guards each of 1 Corporal and 1 man will proceed daily on returning Supply Trains from OISEMONT, commencing February 1st.

In addition 3rd Australian Division will provide a C.S.M. or capable Sergeant to take charge of these guards at HAVRE and 4th Australian Division a C.S.M. or Sergeant for a similar purpose at BOULOGNE.

Signed. V.P.H. Stantke. Capt.
for Major.
D.A.A.G. Australian Corps.

Divisional Supervisor

1.2.19 Divisions S.W.1 and H.W.1

appendix

1. Commencing with the despatch from A.P.O.3 of 1st February all Supply Train mails for Australian Corps 1,2,4, and 5th Aust Divisions will be loaded in Section No 16 to CHARLEROI.
2. Each train will carry an armed guard of 1 Corporal and 4 men whose special duty will be the protection of the mail trucks.
3. A staff of 1 Corporal and 2 men will be stationed at CHARLEROI to supervise the unloading of Supply Train mails.
4. Divisions at FLORENNES and BRAUMONT and S.W.1 will make their arrangements accordingly.
5. Returning Supply Train mails will be loaded on the T.P.O. as directed in R.E.P.S. instructions and returning Guards will travel in the bag tender to BOULOGNE reporting on arrival to A.D.P.S. BOULOGNE.
6. Guards at CHARLEROI will be billeted and rationed under arrangements to be made by the Divisional Supervisor R.W.1 to whom all guards will report.
7. Authority has been issued by "Q" Branch Australian Corps for the issue of sufficient advance rations for the journey CHARLEROI-BOULOGNE.
8. The Divisional Supervisor R.W.1 will detail all guards and arrange rations for return journey to BOULOGNE.
9. They will report to the M.C.O.1/c Station staff CHARLEROI who will be responsible for the despatch of Guards on the return journey to BOULOGNE.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sd. C.J. Fletcher. Capt.
D. A. D. P. S.
Australian Corps.

28.1.19

3 Divisional Supervisor.

R.W.3

appendix "A"

1. Commencing 1st proximo Supply Trains from A.P.O.1 to R.W.3 will carry an armed guard of 1 Corporal and 1 man per train .
2. Their duties will be solely to guard the trucks of mail on the up journey to R.W.3 and the down journey to A.P.O.1
3. The Divisional Supervisor R.W.3 will arrange for sufficient rations to be drawn for the various guards to provide for the return journey to Havre.
4. All guards will report to the Divisional Supervisor on arrival who will be held responsible for the detailing, quartering and rationing of guards on the return journey to HAVRE.
5. 12 separate guards of 1 Corporal and 1 man are allotted for the service and this should ensure each guard one day's rest at HAVRE and RAILHEAD.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

28.1.19

Sd. C.Fletcher. Captain.
D. A. D. P. S.
Australian Corps.

D.A.D.P.S.
A.I.F. L of C.

Reference above.

All the necessary details will be please arranged by you with the 3rd Australian Division direct.

28.1.19

Sd. C.Fletcher. Captain.
D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

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appendix "A"

A.D.P.S.

A.P.O.1

Cases of violations of mails to and from England are again becoming frequent.

The outstanding feature, from the information at present available, is that the outer bags and registered letter enclosures bags are slit or cut open.

You will perhaps be good enough to arrange that all bags dealt with at A.P.O.1 are carefully examined before disposal. Both incoming and homeward mails are concerned.

Bags to Railhead A.P.O.s likely to contain registered letters should be specially scrutinized.

B.E.F.
13.9.18

(SD) A. Matheson Lt Col.
for Brig-Gen.
D.A.P.S.

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A.D.P.S.
Calais.

1. Stronger Locks. Several attempts have been made in the past to find a suitable padlock stronger than that now used, but without success. Do you know of anything that might be useful?.

2. Locking and Sealing It is laid down in consolidated orders para 74 (1) that the doors of mail trucks should be sealed with wire or string as well as padlocked. If this is done it should be practically impossible for a padlock to be removed, the truck violated and the padlock replaced without detection. Doubtless you are reporting all cases in which these instructions are not carried out in full.

3. TYPE of TRUCK. The Transportation authorities have already undertaken to provide, as far as possible, trucks for padlocking and M.C.O.s at Railheads have instructions to apply to the R.F.O. when suitable trucks are not allotted. (Consolidated Orders para (74 (1)). If there are good grounds for thinking that good trucks are not being supplied when such are available further representations should be made but perhaps you will report on the point.

4. Registered mails. It has been decided, for the present, not to proceed with the proposal to send all Registered mails by lorry services.

5. Safety of Mails en route. The duty of providing for the safety of mail trucks en route and at regulating stations falls to the traffic and Railway authorities. If you consider that the steps taken by these authorities, or by the Train guards, fall short of what may be expected, and that your representations to the local Traffic Officers are not likely to lead to improvement, the matter should be reported to the D.G.T.

6. When returning these papers please report what has been done as regards the long stop of the Cassell truck at COUDEMERQUE TRIAGE.

B.E.F.
4.10.18

Sd. A Matheson, Lt Col
for Brig-Gen.
D.A.P.S.

appendix "A"

D.A.P.S.
(Home).

1. The Australian Detective officer referred to made no communication to this Directorate, his visit was not notified, nor has any copy of his report so far come to hand here.
2. It is not practicable to revert to the former custom of guarding each individual truck of mails. With the long distances and the length of time now taken by Supply Trains in travelling from Base to Railhead and back it is estimated that on an average a staff of 10 men for each Railhead served would be necessary. I do not consider that even if the men were forthcoming the advantages ~~would~~ gained would be commensurate with the difficulties and expenditure of force. The violations have admittedly greatly increased but they still bear a very small proportion indeed to the total traffic.

If however, the D.A.P.S. A.I.F. is prepared to provide Australian personnel to guard the trucks for the Australian Divisions I have no objection: but I should be glad to be informed beforehand of the scope of his proposals. It should be made quite clear, however, from the outset that I cannot provide any Imperial personnel.

3. The violations are most frequent to trucks returning from Railhead to Base and steps have already been taken to divert all Registered mail to road services in this direction. Special detective measures were also put in hand during November, but owing to staff difficulties have since had to be suspended. It should be pointed out that the Postal Service is not the only one affected. M.F.E. and Supply Traffic is suffering also. With the extended L of C and the large number of troops who can now obtain access to the line at many points, the question of guarding Railway Traffic has become a general one.

The whole position is under consideration, but I am not yet prepared to make any statement as to what measures it may be found necessary or possible to take.

B.E.F?
3.1.19Sd. D.J.L. Col.
for D.A.P.S.

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A.Q.M.G.

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appendix "A"

I have to bring under notice the serious position created by the large recent increase in the number of cases reported of looting of mail trucks on the railways.

Mails are sent up to Railheads daily from the three base ports, Havre, Boulogne and Calais, and generally speaking a separate truck is sent up with mails for each Army Troops, Corps Troops and Divisional pack. Mails are also sent back daily from every Railhead to the Base in one of the returning Supply Trucks.

Each bag of mail is securely tied and sealed and the doors of the truck are fastened wherever practicable with special padlocks, and are secured by wire and seals in addition.

The large increase recently in the number of cases where these trucks have been broken into during the journey, is shewn by the figures given in Appendix "A".

In Appendix "B" will be found particulars of the cases reported during December. It will be seen that during that month 104 bags of mail have been stolen out of the trucks, 280 Registered letters are missing and in addition 114 bags have been rifled and their contents lost wholly or in part. These facts have been reported to the Railway authorities as they occurred and also, in the more serious cases to the local A.P.M.. So far in no instance has it been possible to bring home the theft to any individual, and in the majority of cases it cannot even be established at what point on the journey the violation occurred. There is no doubt that the increase in these thefts is connected with the altered Railway conditions since the Armistice - longer journeys, more frequent shunting and halts in sidings &c - which allow greater opportunities for the trucks to be broken into unobserved. The fact that they occur on all routes seems to their being casual and not the work of an organized gang.

During November an officer with Detective experience was specially detached to investigate, but owing to shortage of staff it has since been necessary to withdraw him, and he was not able in the time at his disposal to bring his enquiries to any satisfactory issue. Such steps as are possible have been, and are being, taken to safe-guard registered correspondence by diverting it to the road (lorry) services, but this is only possible to a limited extent.

In the early part of the campaign it was the practice for a Postal guard to travel with each truck of mail between the Base and Railhead and back. This system was discontinued in 1916 owing to the difficulties of man power and in ~~the~~ accordance with the policy of railways that the control of, and responsibility for supply trains should rest with them. The increase in the volume of mails and number of trucks and the greatly increased length of the journeys since that time would require, if the system were re introduced, approximately 1000 men. I don't think the advantages would compensate for the draw back involved in such a scheme or for the expenditure of force necessary and I do not recommend it.

Believe the M.F.E. and Supply Services are faced with similar difficulties and I shall be glad if I might be informed whether any steps to ensure greater security for traffic sent by the railways are under contemplation.

(Sgd)

8.1.19

Brig-Gen
D.A.B.S.

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Appendix "A"

Schedule of Violations of Mails on Railways in B.E.F.

December 1918

Date discovered.	Truck No.	Despatched from.	To	Discovered at	Damage
1.12.18	88201	Le Treport 22.11.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	Contents of 4 parcel bags missing.
2.12.18	26708	Boulogne	Somain	Somain	2 letter bags missing 1 parcel bag rifled.
2.12.18	60046	Boulogne	Marche	Calais	2 letter bags rifled.
5.12.18	41458	Vaux Audigny (Broken into Base before despatch)	Vaux Audigny	Vaux Audigny	2 parcel bags missing
8.12.18	22005	Arques 6.12.18	Calais	Calais	5 bags rifled and parcels opened
5.12.18	33998	Calais 30.11.18	Rotgen	Rotgen	3 Parcels tampered with
10.12.18	91376	Solesmes 27.11.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	10 bags (Letter and Parcel) rifled.
11.12.18	168418	Ciney 30.11.18	Calais	Boulogne	10 bags missing 2 found tampered with.
11.12.18	4629	Calais 31.10.18	Beythen	Calais	2 bags tampered with .19 Regd letters missing
11.12.18	148737	Boulogne 25.11.18	Valenciennes	Calais	11 Bags rifled 1 parcel found in possession of Chinese Coolie at Calais
12.12.18	164526	Dinant 1.12.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	3 bags (parcel missing)
14.12.18	55236	Herseaux 3.12.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	3 letter bags tampered with
14.12.18	3446	Cambrai 11.12.18	Havre	Havre	1 Parcel bag missing.
14.12.18	99014	Beaumont ?	Havre	Havre	2 parcel bags rifled.
14.12.18	60997	Amay 1.12.18	Calais	Boulogne	Whole of the contents of truck (9 bags) missing including 7 Registered letters.
15.12.18	99562	Havre 11.12.18	Longpre	Abbeville	31 bags (11trs) and Parcels) tampered with.
16.12.18	50542	Cambrai 13.12.18	Havre	Havre	6 Parcel bags missing 2 Letter bags opened
16.12.18	164040	Boulogne 13.12.18	Candas	Candas	1 Letter bag & 1 Parcel bag rifled.
16.12.18	?	Dinant 28.11.18	Bohain via Havre	Bohain	Letter bag opened and 3 Regd pkts missing
19.12.18	148486	Le Quesnoy ?	Havre	Romesamps	3 Parcel bags tampered with.
21.12.18	65074	Boulogne 17.12.18	Ciney	Ciney	8 Letter bags missing.

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Appendix "A"

21.12.18, 62004	Baiseux 14.12.18	Calais	Calais	2 Parcel bags opened wagon observed at Zeneghem unsea- led and resealed
21.12.18 148518	Weywertz	Calais	Calais	3 Parcel bags missing 1 Parcel bag tampered with
21.12.18 200252	Euskirchen 16.12.18	Calais	Calais	Contents of Pcl bags entirely missing.
22.12.18 548	Longpre	Boulogne	Abbeville	2 bags and 5 Regd items missg 2 bags rifled
23.12.18 56399	Duren 17.12.18	Calais	Boulogne	whole contents of truck missing 9 Lt rs and Pcl bags
23.12.18 41762	Hoeux les mines 20.12.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	3 bags missing 3 bags found open
23.12.18 157212	Fournai 14.12.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	2 Parcel bags rifled
23.12.18 70859	Boulogne 20.12.18	Ciney	Ciney	3 letter bags & 75 Regd letters missing
23.12.18 59431	Boulogne 19.12.18	Ciney	Assosse	1 Bag tampered with and 2 Regd letters missing
23.12.18 93429	Calais 18.12.18	Ehrenfeldt	Ehrenfeldt	1 Parcel bag 1 bag Letters & 50 Regd letters missing
24.12.18 131116	Enskirchen 16.12.18	Calais	Calais	4 bags letters & Pcls rifled
25.12.18 41686	Havre 21.12.18	Candas	Candas	1 Letter bag ope
26.12.18 138212	Fournai 17.12.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	2 Parcel bags & 1 Letter bag tampered with.
27.12.18 95647	Peronne 23.12.18	Havre	Havre	Contents of 1 pcl bag missing
27.12.18 6334	Boulogne 22.12.18	Jembleux	Jembleux	1 Letter bag & 75 Regd letters missing
28.12.18 143391	Jembleux 18.12.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	3 bags missing 1 bag tampered with
28.12.18 467303	Boulogne 25.12.18	Hoeux les Mines	Hoeux les Mines	2 letter bags & 50 Regd latters missing.
29.12.18 29284	Jembleux 23.12.18	Boulogne	Boulogne	6 Pcls & 1 Ltr bags missing
29.12.18 17590	Boulogne 25.12.18	Somain	Somain	2 bags missing & 1 tampered with 1 reg.ltr.msg.
29.12.18 7631	Namur 22.12.18	Calais	Boulogne	3 bags missing 1 bag rifled
29.12.18 6670	Iwny 23.12.18	Havre	Boulogne	2 pcl bags open
29.12.18 47893	Mons 22.12.18	Havre	Boulogne	Whole contents o
29.12.18 43186	Havre 20.12.18	Cambrai	Cambrai	7 Pcl bags msg.
30.12.18 51070	Havre 27.12.18	Mons	Mons	3 Pcl bags for P.O.W. tampered. 1 Pcl bag tmpd. with.

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300

30.12.18	58771	Berg-Gladbach	Calais	Boulogne	5 bags letters & parcels missing
		19.12.18			
30.12.18	14173	Boulogne	Jembleux	Jembleux	1 letter bag tampered with
		26.12.18			
31.12.18	466071	Boulogne	Douai	Douai	3 bags missing
		27.12.18			1 bag tampered with

300
1918

No of cases of trucks broken into :-

Appendix "A"

Month	(1) on upgoing Supply Trains.	(2) on returning Supply Trains	Total
January	2	4	6
February	1	1	2
March	2	2	4
April	2	3	5
May	3	6	9
June	1	2	3
July	4	2	6
August	3	9	12
September	6	3	9
October	4	5	9
November	9	14	23
December	19	29	48

Copies

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Appendix "A"

H.Q.

Australian Corps.

The D.A.D.P.S. will please be instructed to place such guards as are necessary to ensure the above. A report as to action will please be furnished.

Sd. M. Hutchin.

Major

D.A.A.G. A.I.F.

5.1.19

2.

Dear Gerrans.

Attached is a copy of results of my discussion with D.A.P.S. B.E.F. on the question of mail robberies and the provision of mail guards. I am forwarding this for your information in case I may find it necessary to telegraph you to secure the guards forthwith. As you know this authority has already been given but nothing was stated in that authority as to the number of guards allowable, their rank or the Division from which they should be drawn.

You will notice that some little adjustment of services will be necessary by bulking the mails to Charleroi, but I think this re arrangement will be simpler than providing 5 separate details for our 4 Divisions and the Corps Troops pack. As all the Xpost at present circulates through Charleroi there is really no insurmountable obstacle which should prevent us from adopting proposed plan. I am putting the whole matter up to D.A.P.S. A.I.F. on my arrival in London but in the meantime it would be just as well for you to see Colonel Viney and advise him of our proposed arrangements.

The guards should be despatched to BOULOGNE at the rate of 8 men daily until the complement of 32 is completed. By this arrangement no more than 8 men should be in camp at any one time: the first 8 despatched to BOULOGNE returning to Charleroi with the mails the following day, and so on.

If you are not quite clear about anything, telegraph me to London as I may be detained there longer than I at present anticipate, and this arrangement may have to be put into force almost immediately.

In the case of the 3rd Division, the mail guard would doubtless be supplied locally and should be despatched to Havre by returning Supply Train at the rate of 2 daily until the complement of 10 is completed.

I shall make the necessary detailed arrangements with Lieutenant Hadley to superintend matters in so far as the 3rd Division is concerned.

I would suggest that you request Corps to have these guards available on demand, as at present I cannot give any definite commencement date, but anticipate it should not be later than 31st instant.

Arrangements should be made for the accommodation of not more than 9 M.C.Os or men at Charleroi.

Sd. C. Fletcher. Captain.

12.1.19

During my visit to Etaples I discussed the general question of violation and mail robberies of mails with General Price and Colonel Lidbury.

Authority was requested for the employment of guards on Australian trucks both to and from the base ports. General Price was quite agreeable to the proposition stating that arrangements would be made with the A.D.P.S. Boulogne and Havre to quarter and accomodate such guards as may be found necessary for our purpose.

I went into the whole matter with Colonel Lidbury in detail. To economise personnel employed on mail guard work, I suggested that mail for Australian Corps should be bulked and loaded on Fourth Army "A" pack to Charleroi at which point Xpost and Expresses for Australian Corps and its Divisions are at present drawn.

3rd Australian Division which is based on Havre will require separate arrangements and the accomodation and the control will be arranged by A.D.P.S. Havre.

Colonel Lidbury suggests that a W.O. class 1 or 2 should be provided at both BOULOGNE and Calais for the purpose of Camp discipline and detailing of guards.

I have also discussed the matter with Colonel Wynter A.A.G. A.I.F. who is inclined to agree that these guards should be of W.C.O. rank say Corporal. With the present uncertain and unsatisfactory conditions of railway transport it is impossible to estimate exactly the number of guards required. By bulking the mails to Charleroi as stated it is estimated that 32 guards will be required for the Australian Divisions based on Boulogne and 10 guards for the 3rd Aust Division based on Havre. This would probably allow each guard 2 days rest in 10 and provide a reasonable margin for any unexpected circumstances which might arise. The D.A.P.S. B.E.F. is prepared to put the plan into operation as soon as our arrangements are completed and the necessary definite authority has been secured to provide the guards.

General Price has also kindly afforded me opportunity for securing his report and recommendations on the question of robberies and violations of mails in the B.E.F.. Copies of these reports are attached.

4.

D.A.P.S.

A.I.F.

The above is the result of the conference I had at B.E.F. Headquarters with D.A.P.S. and D.D.P.S. B.E.F..

Sr. C. Fletcher. Captain.

D.A.D.P.S.

Australian Corps.

15.1.19

Appendix "A"

Administrative Headquarters A.I.F.
130 Horseferry Road
London S.W.1

16th January 1919

Brigadier General Williamson
Director Army Postal Services (Home)
General Post Office
London E.C.1

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, re the decision of the Imperial Army Postal authorities declining to undertake the placing of guards on mail trains in France.

In view of your notification, however, that there will be no objection to the A.I.F. providing men to guard the Australian Army mail, authority is being sought to immediately obtain the necessary Australian personnel to undertake the guard duty, and the D.A.D.P.S. Australian Corps France, has been instructed to proceed with the matter forthwith.

Thanking you for your courtesy and prompt decision in this matter.

Brigadier General.
Commandant.

Administrative Headquarters AIF
130 Horseferry Road,
London S.W.1

16th January 1919

Commandant

I beg to submit attached statement, embodying the result of a conference between the D.A.D.P.S. Australian Corps H.Q. and General Price, D.A.P.S. B.E.F. showing the number of men required to effectively undertake the duty of guarding Australian mails as asked for in your letter of the 2nd instant to H.Qrs A.I.F.

The total personnel required is shown as 44, including 2 Warrant Officers 2nd class, the latter being considered necessary in order to maintain discipline, and arrange quartering details at the Base Ports.

I have since gone thoroughly into the matter with Captain Fletcher D.A.D.P.S. Australian Corps H.Q., and am satisfied that it will require at least 44 soldiers, and consider that in view of the importance of this duty, that the guards should be H.C.Os - say Corporals.

ENCLOSURE- statement.

Major.
D.A.P.S. A.I.F.

300 Correspondence forming part of Despatch R.W.4 to I.S.? on
29.1.19 found by 7th Infantry Battalion.

appendix "B"

1.

2nd Aust Infantry Bde.

Herewith mail bag and a quantity of Postal matter. This bag was found late this afternoon near? by a 7th Battalion man, who brought it to Battalion H.Q..

The bag was in the possession of some children who were rifling the contents. Considerable mail matter was collected and placed in the bag and a further search will be made in the vicinity for any stuff which may have been missed.

Damaged Postal Notes found are also enclosed.

10/. 11/6 11/6 Portion of three notes.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sd. ? Lieut
Adjutant 7th Inf Bn.

2.

Postal Supervisor.
1st Aust Division

AZB 384 29

Herewith a quantity of mail matter found in 7th Battalion area on 29.1.19. Report from Battalion is attached, enclosed are portions of Postal Notes found with this mail. Please give bearer receipt for same.

2nd Aust Inf Bde.

3.

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

The attached report from the Staff Captain 2nd A.I.Bde with mutilated Postal Notes attached was handed in at this office. Examination of the datestamps and correspondence show that it has formed part of R.W.4 despatch to I.S. on 29th instant and the vicinity it was found in is close to the Phillipville Charleroi Road in Couillet-Montigny.

30.1.19

Sd. B. MacDonald Sgt
A/Div Supervisor.

URGENT
Divisional Supervisor
R.W.4

For full report from all concerned. Have Army Postal Service orders para 79 been complied with?, Please treat this matter as urgent and state if any part of the despatch has been reported missing. The mail matter is on hand at this office.

31.1.19

Sd. C Fletcher, Capt
D.A.D.P.S.

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Copy

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V 505 /71

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Wagon 65655 despatched from R.W.1 to A.P.O.3 on the 7.1.19 arrived at Fontinettes on the 15th January 1919 violated.

On opening the Wagon it was found that three bags were violated and contents of parcel bags missing. A copy of the relative Way-bill is attached. Please arrange for duplicate way-bill at R.W.1 noted with the Registered No of these papers. A report has been sent to D.A.P.S.... A substitute Letter bill in respect of violated letter bag should also be sent to office of destination please.

A.P.O.4
17.1.19

Sd. R.J.Sargent. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

received out of course at D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. L of C. 25.1.19.

Div Supr
R.W.1

For necessary action, please, say if this truck was sealed and locked in accordance with standing instructions.

11363
28.1.19

C.Fletcher. Capt
D.A.D.P.S.

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Duplicate way-bill attached. Duplicate letter bill forwarded as requested. Cpl Wilson who despatched this truck states, that same was sealed, but as no locks were available the truck was despatched unlocked.

A.P.O. R.W.1
30.1.19

Sd. B.MacDonald Sgt
div Supervisor.

D.A.P.S.
A.I.F.

To see. The Truck was sealed and despatched in good order and condition from Railhead.. Copy has been sent to C.C. A.B.P.O.

30.1.19

Sd. C.Fletcher Capt
D.A.D.P.S.

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Copy of Mail Way-Bill

Truck mail bill

From R.W.1
Despatched 7.1.19

to A.P.O.3
Date of arrival 15.1.19

Truck No 65655

R.W.1	A.B.P.O.	Letters 1	1 Violated	1
"	"	Parcels 6	1 2 3 4 5 6 Violated	6
"	G.P.O.	Parcels 4	1 2 3 4 Violated.	4
				<u>11</u>

Locks Nil

Empties.

Way.Bill

300

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H.S. 180

A.B.P.S.

Truck No KF 16932 despatched from R.W.2 on the 5.1.19 and consigned to A.P.O.3 which arrived with the Postal rake 14.1.19 was found to have been violated.

The truck was checked in the presence of a D.A.D.R.T. Official and a French Railway representative .

Postal padlock received.

Truck sealed with Postal seal on one side .The other secured with Tyden seal 9x2195.

Particulars of violation

Bags open.

RW.2/ABPO (P) 2 bags found open particulars as noted in margin.
Desp 5 bags Five parcels were missing from the A.B.P.O. bags,
1 and 6 Fl. particulars are attached .The bill was missing from
RW.2/ABPO (L) the final bag.
The A.P.O.3 bag was complete as perlist enclosed.
RW.2/APO3 (P). The contents of the A.B.P.O. Letter bag did not
appear to have been interfered with.
Way bill and seals are herewith.

A.P.O.3
14.1.19

Sd. J.T.Bailey.Sergt

2

Wagon No 16932 consigned from R.W.2 to Boulogne 5.1.19 reached the Base 14.1.19 violated.

The undermentioned discrepancies were discovered.

R.W.2 to A.B.P.O. (P) Desp 5 bags 1 and 6 F Cut open. ø
R.W.2 to A.B.P.O. (L) Cut open but contents
apparently intact.
R.W.2 to A.P.O.3 (P) do

ø One parcel missing from Bag 1 addressed
1544 Donohue (not 27th Btn)
Four Parcels and bill missing from bag 6 Final parcels addressed-
3920 Radcliffe G.D. Not 23rd Battalion
4750 Paice J.W. do
5146 McLarty do cover herewith.
5363 Harvey R. do

O.C.

Home Depot

For information. D.A.D.P.S. Australian Corps
has been asked to furnish duplicate bills in respect of the 6.F
bagdirect to office of destination endorsed with the reference
number of these papers .

B.E.F.
16.1.19

for D.A.P.S.

D.A.P.S.

Submitted.

Captain.

AP03

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Please note your records and forward a duplicate bill in respect of the G.F. despatch direct to the office of destination endorsed with the reference number of these papers.

B.E.F.
18.1.19

C. Whitehorn 2/Lieut
for D.A.P.S.

Divisional Supervisor.
R.W.2

For necessary action.

11218
19.1.19

G.S. Ferrans Lieut.
D.A.D.P.S.

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Herewith please find six duplicate parcel lists comprising despatch 5 to A.B.P.O. (P).

R.W.2
29.1.19

M.J. Ryan Sgt
Div Supr.

D.A.P.S.
A.I.F.

To see. The truck was despatched in good order and condition from R.W.2.

A copy of the papers and etc has been forwarded to the C.C.A.B.P.O. for purposes of record and notation of the relative lists etc.,

30.1.19

C. Fletcher. Captain.
D.A.D.P.S.

Copy of Mail Way Bill

Mails despatched from R.W.2

on 5.1.19 to A.P.O.3

Serial No 5

Locks No

Truck No 16932

6 A.B.P.O. (P)

Bag 1 & 6F missing.

1 A.B.P.O. (L)

Missing

6 G.P.O. (P)

1 A.P.O.3 (P)

1 S.W.2 (P)

2 Empties

17

13 Bags received.

∅ Bags and contents found loose in truck.

H. Bonnett 17 bags

S. Burgess. Recg Officer

Parcel list No. 12 5.W to A.B.P.O. 4.1.19

17th bn	6539	Collins	B.R.O.
18th Bn	6763	Bennett	"
"	"	"	"
"	7012	Hunt	"
"	2431	Maxted	"
5-Amb	18749	Miller	"

Parcel list No 50 7.W to A.B.P.O. 4.1.19

3770	Grubb A.W.	Not with	27th Battn
Cpl	Elliott G.W.	"	7th Bde H.Q.
6089	Haines W.C.	"	28th Battalion
6800	Cox F.G.	"	"
5073	Fisher A.C.	"	"
1544	ODonohue J.	"	"

Parcel list No 12 T.W.2 to A.B.P.O. 4.1.19

8828	Wilkinson	Not with Unit
-	Coxbery A.W.	do
1003	Tomley D.R.	do
776	Moebus R.R.	do
7609	Morgan R.H.	do
1998	Smith P.	do
10970	McGee J.	do
2094	Russell E.H.	do
-	Lt Stephenson	do

Parcel List No 10 6.W to A.B.P.O. 4.1.19

33425	Brown C.H.	Not with	6th Bde HQ
3920	Radcliffe G.D.	Not with	23rd Battalion
	do		do
4750	Farce J.H.		do
6151	Lee M.C.		do
5416	McLarty A.J.		do
5365	Harvey R.		do
6832	Issell	Not with	5 Engineers

Parcel list No 11 6.W to A.B.P.O. 4.1.19

1656	Baker C.W.	Not with	5 Field Coy Engrs
7101	Buck H.B.	A.B.P.O.	London
20957	Lawson R.	Not with	6 Field Coy Engrs
6439	Young R.C.	Not with	24th Battalion
5592	Harrison G.A.		do
Lieut	Scott W.W.		do
910	McLaren J.		do
1638	Dunn	A.I.F. Headquarters	
500073	Johnstone W.C.	do.	

Parcel List No 12 6.W to A.B.P.O. 4.1.19

6400	Thomasson L.C.	Not with	24th Battalion
1123	Plenty C.J.		do
698	McDonald D.G.		do
Lieut	Scott W.D.		do
6836	Merton A.		do
5841	Harkness W.F.		do
4533	Speed J.I.	A.I.F. Headquarters	
4606	Stevens R.V.		do
8072	Hermann C.	Not with	16 Coy A.A.S.C.

300
1. Copy of Telegram

Posts Australian Corps.

S.85 27th.

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WIRE HOW MANY MAIL GUARDS BEING SENT TO HAVRE AND BOULOGNE
RESPECTIVELY AND IF ACCOMODATION FOR THEM HAS BEEN ARRANGED. AAA

POSTAL. LE FOUQUET.

2. Copy of Telegram

Postal Le Fouquet

27th

GUARDS WILL ARRIVE HAVRE AND BOULOGNE BASES IN READINESS FOR DESPATCH
FROM THOSE PORTS ON 1st. FEBRUARY AAA ONE C.S.M. ALLOTTED FOR
EACH FOR DISCIPLINE ETC.,.

Posts Australian Corps.

D.A.B.P.S.
Australian Corps.

D.P.S.
6400 ref.

Reference attached copy of correspondence
concerning employment of Australian mail guards and telegrams
referring. Will you please report fully to this office on the
arrangements contemplated.

27.1.19

A Matheson Lt Col
for D.A.P.S.

D.A.P.S.
B.E.F.

The arrangements contemplated are substantially
those arrived at during my recent visit to Le Fouquet when the
whole matter was discussed with General Price and Colonel Lidbury.

12 separate guards have been provided for both
the Havre and Boulogne bases, the former consisting of one Corporal
and 1 man per guard and the latter of 1 Corporal and 4 men per guard.

It was agreed that quartering rationing and etc,
at the Base ports would be provided by the A.D.P.Ss concerned.

If it is possible for the returning guards to travel
in the bag tender attached to the Cologne - Boulogne express it should
be possible to reduce the number of guards (each of 1 Corporal and
4 men) to ten instead of twelve as originally arranged.

The A.D.P.S. Fourth Army has sanctioned this
arrangement providing the space is available and I was informed by
the station staff at Charleroi yesterday that this space is usually
free.

Details and instructions issued by Australian Corps
were forwarded to you yesterday under my 11359 of yesterday.

I was under the impression that the arrangements were
fully understood especially as I was requested to notify the date
the guards would be detailed for duty in order that the bases may be
informed accordingly.

Could

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Could I please be informed by telegraph if any alteration in detail is necessary and also if the arrangements at the Base ports as arrived at during my visit to Le Touquet, still stand.?.
Mails for H.W.1, S.W.1.1st.2nd.4th and 5th Australian Divisions should be loaded as for S.115 on Section 16.
The A.D.P.S. Fourth Army has already arranged this.

Sd. C.Fletcher.Capt.
D.A.D.P.S.

30.1.19

300
Divisional Supervisor

R.W.2

(5) *appendix "B"*
Please attach duplicate Parcel lists.

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11067 :
12.1.19 :
-----1

Sd. G.S.Gerrans. Lieut.
for D.A.D.P.S.

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Herewith the 21 duplicate Parcel lists probably forming
the despatch to A.B.P.O.. Note The Parcel advice was sent by post
to A.B.P.O. on 30.12.18.

Also herewith three duplicate parcel lists of the G.P.O.
despatch. Note Bag 4 Final was empty save for the parcel advice.
December records relative to above despatched to A.B.P.O..

R.W.2
26.1.19

Sd. M.J.Ryan Sergt.
Div. Supervisor.

D.A.P.S.
A.I.F.

Truck No 23595 despatched from R.W.2 in good order and
condition on 30.12.18 was received at BOULOGNE on 5.1.19 presumably
violated en route.

No further inquiry is practicable.
Perhaps the relative records could be please noted.
Copies of reports attached.

27.1.19

Captain.
D.A.D.P.S.

-Copy to A.B.P.O.

Copy of Mail Way-Bill

Mail despatched from R.W.2 Office at 14.00 on 30.12.18

Serial No 12. Truck No 23595 Locks 2047 2048

21	A.B.P.O.	(P)	Bags 5 and 7 missing.
1	A.B.P.O.	(L)	
4	G.P.O.	(P)	" 2 and 3 missing.
1	A.P.O.1	(P)	
2	S.W.2	(P)	
1	S.W.2	(B)	
1	S.W.2	(P)	
5	Empties		
36			

Truck Violated 4 Bags missing.

Total 36 Bags.

H. Bonnett

Despatching Officer

Received the above

J Bailey

5.1.19

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Copy

Wagon No 23595 consigned from R.W.2 to A.P.O.3 30.12.18 arrived at BOULOGNE 5.1.19 violated. The undermentioned discrepancies were discovered.

R.W.2 to A.B.P.O.(P) desp 28 bags No 5 and 7 missing.
 " to G.P.O.(P) " 28 bags No 2 and 3 "
 " to A.B.P.O.(P) " 28 bag No 10 Violated.

5 Parcels were advised on bill of violated bag ?only 4 received, these were forwarded and bill endorsed. Missing parcel addressed 3343 Grant H.B.

s 218/18

O.C.
Home Depot.

For information.

B.E.F.
Jan 1919

Major.
for D.A.P.S.

A.D.P.S.

Truck No 23595 despatched from R.W.2 on the 30.12.18 and consigned to A.P.O.3 which arrived with the Postal rake 5.1.19 was found to have been violated.

The truck was checked in the presence of a D.A.D.R.T. official and a French Railway representative.

Postal padlocks received 2448
Truck sealed with Tyden seals No 8D3389 3392.

Particulars of Violation.Bags missing

R.W.2/A.B.P.O. Four bags of mail missing and one cut open, particulars (P) desp 28 as per margin. Five parcels were advised on Parcel list bags 5.7 of cut bag, only four were to hand. These were forwarded R.W.2/G.P.O.(P) to A.B.P.O. and bill endorsed. There was no trace of desp 28 bags the contents of the missing bags. 2.3. Way-bill and labels found loose are attached.

Bag cut open

R.W.2/A.B.P.O.
desp 28 bag 10

1 Parcel for
3343 Grant H.B.
missing.

Sd. J. Bailey
Sergeant.

A.P.O.3
5.1.19

D.A.P.S.

Submitted.

Sd. R.J. Barnes Lt Col
A.D.P.S.

A.P.O.3
6.1.19

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

For information and to note your records please.

B.E.F.
6.1.19

Sd. M. Sambrel
for D.A.P.S. S.218

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Parcel List No 4

5.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

Unit 17 Battn	6726 De Witt	Not with unit
do	7043 Freeman	do
Unit 18th Battn	5082 Davey	do
do	7100 McLellan	do

(4) Parcels

J.D.Davies.

Parcel List No 6

D.W.2 to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

-----	Vicars H.V.	Not 2nd D.H.Q.
934	Martin W.A.	do
12562	Fulton J.R.	do
3711	Maloney E.	do
699	Stranger P.	do
699	do	do

G.S.Stewart.

(6) Parcels

Parcel List No 7

D.W.2 to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

2	Davies J.M.	Not 2nd D.H.Q.
8432	Bradley J.E.	do
10458	Grant G.	do

(3) Parcels

G.S.Stewart

Parcel List No 50

T.W.2 to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

Capt OConnell	Not with Unit
232351 Muir M.G.	"
843 Mallett S.H.	"
10464 Sullivan	"
232351 Muir M.G.	"
25532 Robinson A.J.	"
6320 Cox W.J.	"
6555 Kilsall A.J.	"

Parcel List No 36

T.W.2 to G.P.O. London 29.12.18

T.14	Mrs Darley	Birmingham
"	Mrs W. Cameron	Kilmore.

(2)

J. Crannitch.

Parcel List No 48.

S.W to G.P.O. London 29.12.18

Mrs Hales	Junee Junction N.S.W.
Miss Foulles	Malvern Adelaide
Mrs Carpenter	Glover St Mosman N.S.W.
Mrs Johnstone	St Johns Wood London
Mrs Carpenter	Mosman N.S.W.
G Morgan	Sydney
Mrs Favelin	Launceston Tas
Miss Gates	Redfern N.S.W

(8) Parcels

F.D. Davies

Parcel List No 6

6.W to G.P.O. London 29.12.18

Nicholas A.	Ballarat Vic
Kendall C.	Sheffield Eng
Thwaite G.G.	Middle Park Vic
Mullair	Geornong
Dwyer	St Kilda

(5) Parcels

J.T. Thompson.

Parcel List No 3

5.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

6170 Rowling	15 A.A.S.C.	Not with Unit
do	"	do
do	"	do
do	"	do
4386 Wheen	"	do

(5) Parcels

F.D. Davies

300

Parcel List No 49

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T.W.2 to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

1547	McKillop R.J.	Not with Unit
35053	McGrindle A.K.	"
25644	Swift J.	"
36844	Webster C.W.W.	"
34747	George H.W.	"
703	Oldham H.G.	"
	do	"
6945	Granden M.H.	"
26515	Rabridge L.	"

(9) Parcels

J Crannitch.

Parcel List No 1T.W.2 to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

36844	Webster C.W.W.	Not with Unit
8015	Geary J.A.	"
36844	Webster C.W.W.	"
6560	McIntosh J.T.	"
27294	Dence F.	"

(5) Parcels

J Crannitch.

Parcel List No 18G.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

14936	Benfield J.	91 Waterloo Road London
1799	Symons E.T.	Not with 6 Field Amb
Major	Bignell	do
1799	Symons E.T.	Watford England
3289	Stone W.A.S.	Not with 6 Field Amb
9449	Manson S.G.	do
16189	Purdy W.O.	do
16189	do	do

Nine Parcels One parcel for 3424 Russell entered on list 14 left behind.

J.A. Thompson.

Parcel List No 317.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

5397	Smith H.S.	Not with 27th Battalion.
Sig	Martin	London (7 Amb)
Sig	Retallick C.M.	Not with 7 Field Amb.

(3) Parcels

C. Primrose.

300

Parcel List No 19

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6.W. to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

6337	Pooler F.	A.I.F. Headquarters
8618	Arthur W.H.	Not with 6 Field Amb.
3221	Scott J.A.	do
Sergt	Dixon G.H.	do
17921	Stranks L.R.	do
6848	McDonald J.H.	Not with 24th Battalion
1669	Firch A.	do
6767	Barney D.	do

(8) Parcels

J.A. Thompson.

Parcel List No 20

6.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

5619	Nicholas R.	Not with 23rd Battalion
6012	Parsons R.J.	"
6060	Martin G.W.	"
6816	Duggan W.J.	"
6352	Luker B.	"
2136	Waddell W.	"
5363	Harris A.	"
6902	Marshall	"

(8) Parcels

J.W. Thompson.

Parcel List No 21

6.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

6138	Grano A.L.	Not with 23rd Battalion
760	Kerwan H.T.	do
5097	Stewart E.H.	do
6160	Turley E.D.	Brightlingsea

(4) Parcels

J.W. Thompson.

Parcel List No 28

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

347	Johnstone J.	Not with 27th Battalion
2471	Leishman W.C.	do
6600	Rubank C.P.	do
2491	Whyte H.	do

(4) Parcels

C. Primrose.

Parcel List No 29

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

5129	Stanton A.T.	Not with 27th Battalion
6686	Egan V.G.	do
3541	Martin H.	do
5667	Wilde W.R.	do

(4) Parcels

C. Primrose.

Parcel List No 30

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

4351 Corcoran J. Not with 27th Battalion
 769 Connor T.A. do
 2573 Bell C.C. do
 5074 Stevens E.G. do
 3680 Smith W.M. do

(5) Parcels

C.Primrose.

Parcel list No 32

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

3468 Grant H.B? Not with 2nd Pioneers
 4296 Westgra do
 1735 Kerr E.C. do
 1170 Hunter J. do
 1692 Cook J.A. do

(5) Parcels

C.Primrose.

Parcel List No 33

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

3557 Jarvis H. Not with 2nd Pioneers
 3319 Hurititch W.H. do
 3668 Watts H.W. do
 3348 Grant do
 3668 Watts H.W. do

(5) Parcels

C Primrose.

Parcel List No 34

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

2727 Bennett W.F. Not with 2nd Pioneers
 3572 Henderson C.M. do
 3348 Grant H.B. do
 3674 Cannara do
 3348 Grant H.B. do

(5) Parcels

C Primrose.

Parcel List No 35

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

401 Congdon F.M. Not with 7 L.T.M.B.
 7866 Horner R. do
 1095 Grise W.C. do 7th Bde H.Q.
 2441 Selllar J.M. Not with 2 Pioneers
 1673 Clark A.J. do

(5) Parcels

C.Primrose

Parcel List No 36

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

Driver Malone C.E. Not with 17 A.A.S.C.
 52214 Donovan A.J. Not with 28th Battalion
 6755 Nicholas W.E. "
 6889 Taylor W. "

(4) Parcels.

C.Primrose.

Parcel List No 37

7.W to A.B.P.O. 29.12.18

6390 Rickard H.C. Not with 28th Battalion
 6391 Bolman S. do
 7432 Wilson W.S. do
 52156 Jacques G.E. do

(4) Parcels.

C.Primrose.

(6)

appendix "B"

O.C.

Aust Base P.O.

Passed to you . I should think that if this file
were retained at yours for reference in case of enquiry it would
meet the case.

11019
24.1.19

Sd. G.S. Gerrans.
Lieutenant.
D.A.D.P.S.

300

appendix "B"

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Wagon No 17534 despatched from R.W.4 to A.P.O.3 was received at Gare Maritime violated. On opening the wagon it was found that seven bags were missing. Copies of relative Way-Bill is attached.

Please arrange for substitute Bill to be sent to office of destination in respect of the missing bags, quoting as authority V/502/32, and to have the duplicate way-bill at R.W.4 noted with the registered No of this paper.

Sd. W Powell
Capt and Q.M.
A.D.P.S.

A.P.O.4
8.1.19

Div Supr
R.W.4

Please attach duplicate Parcel lists of the bags indicated as having been violated.

Australian Corps.
11019
11.1.19

for Captain.
D.A.D.P.S.

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

It is impossible to supply duplicate lists for missing bags from particulars detailed on attached Way-bill.

Attached please find duplicate Mail advice for G.P.O. London.

17.1.19

Sd. Thomas Speak.
A.P.O. R.W.4

Divisional Supervisor
R.W.4

This is not understood .
were not the contents of bag 16 Final to G.P.O. listed? .
Duplicate Parcel lists for the whole of the despatch to A.B.P.O. (P) on this date should be furnished.

Please render.

11019
19.1.19

Sd. G S Gerrans. Lt
D.A.D.P.S.

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Bag "16" Final to G.P.O. London would be listed, but this bag may originate from any office within the Division .

Except in one case all records for December have been already forwarded to Aust Base P.O. London.

Sd. T. Speak.
A.P.O. R.W.4

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Duplicate copy of Mail advice

Despatch No 18 Final.

From R.W.4
to G.P.O. Parcels.

16 Receptacles containing Parcels.

Sd. T. Speak.
Despatching Officer.*Appendix B*
R.W.4
31.12.18Duplicate copy of Way-Bill

From R.W.4

Date of despatch 31.12.18

Locks 2309 2313

to A.P.O. 3

date of arrival 5.1.19 08.00

Truck No 17534

Appendix "B"

		On Despatch.	On Receipt.	No of Bags
R.W.4	A.B.P.O. (L)	5	5	5
	A.B.P.O. (P)	13	7 received	6 missing
	G.P.O. P.O.	16	15 received	16 Final Missing
	S.W.2	1		1
	A.P.O.1 (P)	1		1

19 Empty Bags
Lock No 2309 missing.-----
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Appendix B

D.A.D.P.S.

Aust. Corps.

I have to report the violation of truck 60996 A.P.O. 3 to R.W.2 Serial 15. Truck arrived at Thuilles Railhead 1700 on 19.1.19 without locks and with only one side sealed.

Thirteen bags are missing as detailed hereunder:)-

H D (A.B.P.O.)	to Miscellaneous Div. Units	5 bags
do	do to R.W.2 prob. papers	1 bag
A.P.O.3	to R.W.2 Desp 15 Bags 1 & 2 F p?	2 bags
S.W.2	to R.W. 2 Desp 9 Bag 2f)
	Desp 11 Bags 1.2.3.4.p) 5 bags.

The attached labels were found in truck also four parcels one parcel of which was found violated. These have been forwarded to 26th. Battalion List of four parcels herewith.

(sd) M.J.Ryan. Sgt.
Div. Supr.

A.P.O.R.W.2
20.1.19.

Parcels listed hereunder found in violated truck 60996
Parcels forwarded to 26th. Bn List 3- 21.1.19 by R.W.2

177	Swift A.L.	26th. Bn.
6184	Schofield F.S.	" Parcel violated.
3194	Freddy M.E.	"
1998	Smith S	"

Four parcels.

D.A.P.S.

21.1.19.

Aust. Corps.

Truck 60996 arrived here with seals broken at 1700 hour on 19.1.19.

G. Bruce. R.E. Cheek
for R.T.O. Thuilles.

The D.A.P.S. B.E.F.

The attached correspondence referring to the violation of truck 60996 en route A.P.O.3 to R.W.2 is forwarded for your perusal.

I visited A.P.O.R.W.2 on 21.1.19 and from enquiries made it would appear that the robbery took place prior to the arrival of the truck at the Railhead.

I have telegraphed A.P.O.3 and S.W.2 for duplicates of registered and parcel lists.

The file is referred to the A.P.M. Australian Corps for any action he may consider necessary please.

(SD) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

The O/C A.B.P.O.

Passed for your perusal

One label found in truck A.B.P.O. to 26th. Battalion
Parcels list No.6 of 14.1.19 Duplicates List at yours might
be endorsed accordingly.

The particulars of missing bags should be picked up
when the consolidation of lists complete. (sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
The A.P.M. Aust. Corps. 22.1.19. for D.A.D.P.S.

The A.P.M. Aust. Corps.

Passed for your perusal and any action you may think necessary
please. (sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
22.1.19. for D.A.D.P.S.

The D.A.P.S. A.I.F.

Passed to you for perusal please.

(sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

D.A.D.P.S.
AUSTRALIAN
CORPS.

11264

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S.616.19.

Appendix B

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

Will you please have your records noted.

(sd) C.H.Whitehorn Lt
for D.A.P.S.

B.E.F. 16.1.19.

O/C

A.B.P.O.

*Passed to you Necessary notation
~~Passed for notation in records please.~~
has been made in files records.*

(sd) G.S.Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

The D.A.P.S.
A.I.F.

Passed for your perusal please.

(sd) G.S.Gerrans. Lt.
for D.A.P.S.

The D.A.P.S.
B.E.F.

Notation has been made in records please.

(sd) G.S.Gerrans.
Lt.
for D.A.D.P.S.

*Copies to
oc a.b.p.o
Daps AIF
apm aust Corps*

The A.D.P.S.

Truck J.E. 183419 despatched from R.W.5 S.W.1 on the 5.1.19 and consigned to A.P.O. which arrived with the Postal Wagon 14.1.19 was found to have been violated.

The truck was checked in the presence of a D.A.D.R.T Official and a French railway representative.

Postal Padlocks received. 463 1159

Truck sealed with postal seal on one side only.

Particulars of violation

Bags open. One bag of parcel mails missing and three bags found open. The contents of the open bags were checked with lists enclosed and one parcel 3182 Mulvaney A.I.D.B., was found to be missing from the R.W. 5 to S.W.2 bag. The other bags were complete.

There was no trace of the bag label or contents of the one shown as missing way bills and seals herewith.

RW 5 to SW2
desp 4 bag 1F

J.T.Bailey Sgt.

Bag missing
R.W.5 to GPO PO
desp 5 bag 5

The D.A.P.S.

Submitted.

Captain R.E.
A/ A.D.P.S.

S.616/19.

Wagon No. 183419 consigned from R.W.5, S.W.1 to A.P.O. 3 on 5.1.19 reached the Base 14.1.19 violated.

The undermentioned discrepancies were discovered.

R.W.5 to A.B.P.O. (P) Desp 5 Bag B Violated.

S.W.1 " " " 4 " E do

R.W.5 " S.W.2 " 4 " 1 Final - missing violated

R.W.5 E G.P.O. P.O. 5 " 5 missing.

The contents of the open bags checked with the relative lists and with the exception of one parcel "3182 Mulvaney A.I.B.D. missing from the R.W.5 to S.W.2 bag were complete.

S.616/19

The O/C

Home Depot

For information information

B.E.F.

16 January. 1919

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Appendix B

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

Serial No. 5.

MAIL WAY BILL

Mails despatched from R.W. 5 at 1000 on 5.1.19.

Number of packages.

For A.P.O. 3

Truck No.

1	A.B.P.O.	L. Lock Nos. ⁴⁶³ 888 1159
		Desp. $\frac{5}{1}$ F
X 12	A.B.P.O.	P.P. Desp $\frac{5}{4} \frac{5}{3} \frac{5}{7} \frac{5}{11} \frac{5}{2} \frac{5}{9} \frac{5}{10} \frac{5}{5} \frac{5}{6} \frac{5}{8} \frac{5}{1}$
X 7	G.P.O. Parcel Office.	Desp $\frac{5}{2} \frac{5}{3} \frac{5}{1} \frac{5}{6} \frac{5}{4} \frac{5}{7}$ F
1	A.P.O. 3	P.P. Desp $\frac{5}{1}$ F
1	S.W. 2	P.P: Desp $\frac{4}{1}$ F. Violated
X (R.W. 5	A.B.P.O.	desp 5 bag $\frac{5}{8}$ (Violated)
X "	G.P.O.	bags 5 (Missing)

Truck 183419

Received the above. (SD)
S. Burgess 14.1.19

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

MAIL WAY BILL

Mails despatched from S.W. 1 on 5.1.19

2.	G.P.O. London	Desp $\frac{4}{2} \frac{4}{1}$ Bag $\frac{2}{F} \frac{1}{1}$
1.	A.B.P.O.	Desp 4 Bag $\frac{1}{1}$ Violated.

Truck violated 1 bag open

Recd the above.
(sd) S. Burgess.
14.1.19.

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D.A.D.P.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
No. 11072

The D.A.P.S.
B.E.F.

Herewith duplicate lists.

A complete copy of the file has been referred to
the O/C A.B.P.O. London for particulars of the bags missing.

Notation will be made in records.

Might G.P.O. London be asked which bags were violated
en route to G.P.O. please.

D.A.D.P.S.
No. 11072.
22.1.19.

(sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

The D.A.P.S.
A.I.F.

The attached is passed to you for perusal please.

D.A.D.P.S.
No. 11072
22.1.19.

(sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

The O/C A.B.P.O.

Will perhaps say which bags have been violated
so that notation can be made in records please.

D.A.D.P.S.
No. 11072
22.1.19.

(sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

The A.P.M.
Aust. Corps.

Papers herewith for your perusal and any action
you consider necessary please.

22.1.19.

(sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

Appendix "B"

A.D.P.S.

H.S. No. 104

Truck No. N.N. 163110 despatched from R.W.2 on the 2.1.19 and consigned to A.P.O.1 which arrived with the Postal Rake 7.1.19 was found to have been violated.

The truck was checked in the presence of a D.A.D.R.T Official and a French railway representative.

Postal padlock received. 835

Truck sealed with Postal seal on one side Tyden seal AX 7537 on the other.

Particulars of violation.

Bags missing.

Six bags of mail missing, Particulars as noted in margin.

R.W.2 to A.B.P.O.(P) One label found loose, but no trace of the contents
R.W.2 to G.P.O.P.O. of the bags not to hand.
desp 2 bags 2-3 Label Waybill and seals are herewith.

RW.2 to APO.1.(P)

(sd) J. Bailey
Sergt.

A.P.O.3

The D.A.P.S.

Submitted.

(sd) R. J. Barnes.
Lieut-Colonel
A.D.P.S.

A.P.O./3
7.1.19

D.S. R.W.2

For report in connection with the attached please.

D.A.D.P.S.
NO.11072
12.1.19.

(sd) G. S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

The D.A.D.P.S.

Aust. Corps.

This truck was despatched with doors on either side both locked and sealed. Locks were as detailed on way bill. The two seals were as sample herewith.

(sd) M. J. Ryan Sgt.
Div. Supr.

R.W.2

Memo.

Herewith duplicate parcel lists.

R.W.2	A.B.P.O.	3
do	G.P.O.	4
do	A.P.O. L.	1

and duplicate advices to A.P.O.1 and A.B.P.O.

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DUPLICATE PARCEL BILLS

Parcels desp. from F.P.O. 5 W.

A.B.P.O. London 1.1.19.

6 M G C	704 Johnston	B.R.O.
do	Lieut Stevens	Do
5 M.G.C.	Lieut Heatheote	do

Three

Des Officer F.D.Davies.

List of parcels From F.P.O. 5W

List 4

to G.P.O. P.O. London 1.1.19.

Mrs Floyd	North Sydney	N.S.W.
Mrs Brossois	Turramurra	do
Miss Grendon	Maidenhead	Eng.
do	do	do
Rev Trigwell	Bermondsey	London
M. Forbes.	Milton	Qld.
Mrs Harris	Gloucester	N.S.W.

Des Officer. F.D.Davies.

300
A.B.P.O. London

1.1.19

~~Exhibit~~
1.1.19

3611	Brown A.G.	A.I.F. Hdqrs
"	"	"
"	"	"
5561	Clark A.J.	"
"	"	"
Lieut	Smith J.A.	London E.C.
"	"	"
4750	Miller L.G.	Not with 22nd Bn.

Duplicate Bill Eight.

Des Officer J.A. Thompson

F.P.O. 6W
G.P.O. London

1.1.19

List 18 F.P.O.
6W

Williams	HOLYHEAD
Coates	Workington
Holloway	Kentish Town
Anderson A	Glen Iris
Agnew J.G.	Kangaroo Pt.

Duplicate Bill.

Eight
Des Officer J.A. Thompson

Date Stamp.
300
Receiving
Office.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

Duplicate.

Date Stamp.

Despatching
Office.

LIST OF PARCELS despatched from D.H.2 To A.B.P.O. London on 1 / 1 / 19 11

47173
XXXXXX

Entry No.	Parcel No.	Office of Origin.	Addressee and Address.	Signature of Recipient or how disposed of.	Date of delivery or disposal.	Initials of Delivering Officer.
1		D.H.2	Mjr McCallum Eng. Add			
2						
3						
4						
5			One			
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

Signature of Despatching Officer (sd.) Geo S. Stewart, of Receiving Officer

NOTE.—1. Parcel lists will be made out in duplicate, the original to accompany the parcels and duplicate to be retained in book. 2. Original will be kept carefully filed in order of receipt at office of destination. 3. In cases of inquiry concerning parcels the list and entry No. must always be stated.

Date Stamp.
Receiving
Office.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

Duplicate.

Date Stamp.

Despatching
Office.

ST OF PARCELS despatched from D.H.2 To A.B.P.O. London on 1 / 1 / 19

47178

Entry No.	Parcel No.	Office of Origin.	Addressee and Address.	Signature of Recipient or how disposed of.	Date of delivery or disposal.	Initials of Delivering Officer.
1		D.H.2	Mrs Hardrop Geelong Vic.			
2		do	Mrs Wilson Silverdale N.S.W.			
3		do	Mr Harrington Mt Gambier S.A.			
4						
5						
6						
7			Three			
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

Signature of Despatching Officer (sd.) Geo S. Stewart, of Receiving Officer

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Date Stamp.

300
Receiving
Office.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

Date Stamp.

R.W.2
2.1.19
Despatching
Office.

DUPLICATE. ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

LIST OF PARCELS despatched from.....

To..... R.W.2 on 2 / 1 / 19 3 xx 24
A.P.O.1

Entry No.	Parcel No.	Office of Origin.	Addressee and Address.	Signature of Recipient or how disposed of.	Date of delivery or disposal.	Initials of Delivering Officer.
1	1273		McCredie J.J. 39 Genl. Hosp			
2	1273		do do			
3						
4						
5			Two parcels			
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

Signature of Despatching Officer....., of Receiving Officer.....
(sd) H. Bonnett

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

DUPLICATE ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

Despatch No. 2

MAIL ADVICE.

(Advices are to be numbered consecutively to each office, the last despatch for the month to be marked "final.")

Mails from A.W.2 Time of despatch 1000 m.

To A.B.F.O. PARCOIS per 1011

* State whether train, vehicle or ship. Name of ship to be stated.

Bags, etc., originating at this office for above office of destination.

.....Bags Mail matter.

.....Receptacles containing parcels, etc.

Enclosed in the above bags are

.....Sealed bags containing

.....Registered articles.

Bags, etc., which originated at other offices and are labelled to, or to be handled by, the above office of destination.

.....from 1 D.W.2 for.....

.....from 1 5 W for.....

.....from 1 6 W for.....

.....from 3 for.....

.....from for.....

Date Stamp

of Office of Destination.

Signature of Despatching Officer (ed) H. Bonnett

Signature of Receiving Officer.

Time received.....

- NOTE.
1. This advice must be made out in duplicate by means of carbonising paper, the original folded and tied to the outside of a bundle of letters and the copy retained in the book for reference purposes.
 2. A mail advice must accompany each despatch, only one advice being required for any number of bags forming the despatch to each office.
 3. A clear impression of the date stamp of office of origin should appear on the back of each bag label.
 4. The despatch and bag numbers must be shown on each bag label.
 5. The labels of bags containing letters other than "final bags" must be clearly marked "L."

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

DUPLICATE. ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

Despatch No. 1 I.P.P. MAIL ADVICE.

Date Stamp

Receiv. 2
Despatching
2.1.19.

(Advices are to be numbered consecutively to each office, the last despatch for the month to be marked "final.")

Mails from R.W.2 Time of despatch 10.00 m.

O. A.P.O.1 per Rail
* State whether train, vehicle or ship. Name of ship to be stated.

Bags, etc., originating at this office for above office of destination.

..... Bags Mail matter.

..... Receptacles containing parcels, etc.
one

Enclosed in the above bags are

..... Sealed bags containing

..... Registered articles.

Bags, etc., which originated at other offices and are labelled to, or to be handled by, the above office of destination.

..... from for

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..... from for

..... from for

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Date Stamp

of Office
of Destination.

Signature of Despatching Officer.
H. Bonnett

Signature of Receiving Officer.

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The D.A.P.S.
B.E.F.

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Appendix "B"

Forwarded. The boxes of stationery were missing from truck.

As no lists are enclosed in parcel bags for the Labour Coy's, it is not known if any parcels are missing please.

D.A.D.P.S. Aust. Corps.
No. 10962. 18.1.19.(sd) G.S. Gerrans. Lt
for D.A.D.P.S.

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D.A.D.P.S.
Aust. Corps.

Herewith statement of Column Cpl. responsible for clearing R.W.2 mail from truck.

No locks were advised on Serial 3 Way-bill A.P.O.3-R.W.2 nor were any received.

On apparently violated side of truck a white ration label was posted instead of the regular green postal Pack Number 8

R.W.2 9.1.19

(sd) M.J. Ryan Sgt. D.S.

A.D.P.S.
A.P.O.3

For particulars of boxes entered on way-bill please.

D.A.D.P.S.
10962 12.1.19.(sd) G.S. Gerrans.
LtThe D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

The boxes advised were two cardboard boxes of stationery from the Atationery Office at Boulogne.

A.P.O.3
15.1.19(sd) T.W. Anderson 2nd. Lt
for A.D.P.S.

The D.S. R.W.2

For full inquiry and report please.

D.A.D.P.S. Aust. Corps.
No. 10962 8.1.19

(sd) C. Fletcher Capt.

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Column Cpl R.W.2 For report.
Cpl Donaldson.

- Say
- (1) Who opened truck and condition of locks and seals.
 - (2) Who checked contents of truck and was any discrepancy apparent.
 - (3) If you saw the A.P.O.3 - S.W.1 way-bill
 - (4) Whether you saw the two boxes reported missing or the apparently violated bag.
 - (5) If you checked over with mailguard Wilson the despatch

R.W.2 9.1.19 for S.W.1

(sd) M.J. Ryan Sgt. D.S.

Div. Supr. R.W.2

The truck in question was opened by me and the seal on the side which I opened was intact but was not locked. Contents for R.W.2 and H.W.1 were checked and no discrepancy was apparent and as mail for S.W.1 was stacked in the truck separately I left same in charge of Pte Salter pending the arrival of lorry from Beaumont. to clear the said mail but before leaving I examined the other side of the truck and found that the door-bolt was broken and it was only secured by wire. I then gave instructions to Pte Salter to inform the mail-guard from S.W.1 of the insecurity of the truck I saw nothing of the boxes reported missing or the apparently violated bag and the way bill was attached to one of the bags for S.W.1

9.1.19

(sd) W.A. Donaldson Cpl.

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D.A.D.P.S. Aust. Corps.

Herewith please find report from Mail-Guard Wilson re two boxes that are missing from A.P.O.3

I am attaching label for 81st Labor Coy. belonging to the bag referred to in the report.

The bag on reaching this office contained four parcels.

(sd) T. Bradley T/Cpl.
S.W.1

7.1.19.

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N.C.O. 1/c
S.W.1

2 boxes from A.P.O.3 as advised by them on 3/1/19 in truck No. 200474 is missing.

A bag for 81st Labour Co., was also found open. I was informed by the mail-guard of R.W.2 that one side of the truck was unlocked when it reached THUILLES Railhead.

(sd) Alexander Wilson
Mail-Guard S.W.1

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Headquarters.
Australian Corps.
12th. January. 1919

ADPS
The D.A.D.P.S.
4th. Army.

Forwarded for your information please.

Lieut.
for D.A.D.P.S.

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Headquarters.
Australian Corps.
12th. January. 1919

The A.P.M.
Australian Corps.

Passed to you/ for enquiry.
This office might be advised of the result of your enquiries please.

Lieut.
for D.A.D.P.S.

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D.A.D.P.S.
Aust. Corps.

Truck in question was labelled and locked by A.P.O.
R.W.1. Duplicate way-bill please find attached.

(sd) Thos Speak.
A.P.O.R.W.4
11.1.19

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"B"

The D.S.
R.W.4

Please attach a duplicate way-bill for the despatch in question.

Was this truck despatched by R.W.4

If so please submit a report from the despatching official.

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.
No. 10988
9.1.19.

(sd) C.Fletcher
Capt.
D.A.D.P.S.

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D.A.D.P.S.
Aust. Corps.

Reference attached.

The matter was not brought to notice until a few minutes before the train was re-despatched to A.P.O.3 It is presumed that the label "L'Armee Anglaise" became detached and truck forwarded to this Railhead under Label 112 (ordinary) as/

The four bags reported missing were four bags to A.B.P.O. parcels but the Column Cpl. is unable to state if these are bags despatched from R.W.1 or R.W.4, as time did not permit a detail check being taken.

The matter was reported to the R.T.O. at Comillet Montignies Station.

R.W.1
6.1.19

(sd) B.Kilmartin.
D.S.

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D.S.
R.W.1

Duplicate Mail Way Bill attached.

A.P.O.R.W.1
6.1.19.

G.Whitelock Sgt.
A/W.C.O.i/c

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N.C.O. i/c R.W.1

To attach duplicate mail way bill please.

R.W.1 4.1.19

(sd) B.Kilmartin
D.S.

Div. Supr.

885

Truck No. 132108 with locks 883 containing outward supply train mail for A.P.O. 5 despatched from R.W.1 and R.W.4 at Florennes on the 26th. of December was received at this railhead to-day as ordinary supplies.

Lock 883 was missing also one seal was broken and on checking contents it was found that instead of 63 bags of mail matter as per way-bills there were only 59 within.

This truck was re-labelled and sent away with to-days outward supply mail after the matter was brought under the notice of the R.T.O.

(sd) W.R. Wilson
Cpl.

F.P.O.R.W.I
3.1.19.

Duplicate.C

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

MAIL WAY BILL

Mails despatched from..... Office at....m on 26.12.18

Number
of packages

for

20	A.B.P.O.	Parcels.
5	"	Letters.
6	G.P.O.	Pels.
1	39 Genl Hosp.	
1	S.W.2	

Empties 8

Locks 883/885

Total 33.

(sd) G. Whitelock

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

MAILWAY BILL

Mails despatched from R.W.4 Office atm on 26th 12th 18
600

No. of
packages.

for A.P.O.3

- | | |
|----|---------------------------|
| 1. | Aust. Base P.O. L |
| 17 | Aust. Base Post Office. P |
| 7 | G.P.O. London. |
| 3 | S.W.2 |
| 2. | A.P.O.1 P |

12 empty bags.

Total304.....

.....sd) Thos. Speak....

Signature of Despatching Officer.

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Appendix "B"

Headquarters.
Australian Corps.
10th. January. 1919

Copy

The D.A.P.S.
B.E.F. A.I.F.

Passed to you please. The wrappers of the
violated parcels have been forwarded to the Divisional
Supervisor 3rd Australian Division with instructions
to have delivered to the addressees with explanation.

For War Diary
January

Lieut.
for D.A.D.P.S.

TELEGRAM

Posts. Aust. Corps.

Appendix "B"

Truck 88782 ex A.P.O.3 arrived at OISEMONT with seals broken and
A.A.L.O. Final bag found opened Registers intact and one
parcel bag ex A.P.O.3 opened report posted.

Divl. Supr. A.P.O. R.W.3

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2. A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

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Attached is report by No. 5 Corpl D. McDowall in reference to truck No. 88782 ex A.P.O. 3 arriving violated at Oisemont on the night of 5th. instant.

Cpl McDowall reported to R.T.O. Oisemont in reference to same.

The truck mentioned above was despatched from A.P.O. 3 on 1st. instant.

As truck has taken five days to arrive and was only sealed but not locked this affords the opportunity for the numerous thefts that have lately occurred.

Two parcel covers mentioned in Cpl McDowall's report are herewith.

Attached also is memo by M.C.O. i/c A.P.O.R.W. 3 stating contents of two bags received opened.

Divl. Supr. A.P.O.R.W. 3
6.1.19 No. 840.

(sd) R.H.B. Wight Sgt
A/D.S.

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Div. Supr.
R.W. 3.

Contents of the two bags received open were as follows
Des. 25 Final ex A.A.L.O. Six registered enclosures. Same were found to be intact. Mail matter did not appear to have been tampered with.

Des 1 Pels ex A.P.O. 3
1 official packet
2 do do
1 do do
1 do do
1 parcel 16013
1 do 7698.

9th Field Amb.
2nd. Can. Div. Sig. Coy.
Paymaster 3rd. Aust. Div.
11th Field Coy. Engrs.
Tpr Wilson 9th. F. Coy.
Cpl Bluhdoon 33rd Bn.

As no parcel list was enclosed, it cannot be stated if any parcels other than the two reported by Cpl McDowall, were missing.

A.P.O. R.W. 3
Jan. 6th. 19.

(sd) F.L. Fox
M.C.O. i/c

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M.C.O. i/c
A.P.O.R.W. 3

Please state contents of two bags which were found open in truck No. 88782 which arrived at Oisemont violated on the night of 5th. instant.

Divl. Supr. A.P.O.R.W. 3
6.1.19

(sd) R.H.B. Wight Sgt
A/D.S.

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Divisional Supervisor.
R.W.3

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I have to report mail truck No.88782 which arrived at Oisemont at 7.10 p.m. on night 5th.instant was found to be violated. Seals had been broken previous to arrival. On checking mail I found two bags had been opened A.A.L.O. Final bag and one bag of parcels from A.P.O.3. Registered enclosed were in accordance with accompanying registered advice.

Two parcel covers were found in truck.
A careful check was made and total No. of bags received agreed with way bill.
Nil locks advised.

6.1.19

(sd) D.McDowall
Cpl.i/c Column
A.P.O. R.W.3

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Headquarters.
Australian Corps.

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The D.A.P.S.
A.I.F.

Herewith Monthly Report and Figure Statement
for the Month of December, 1918.

Copy

It will be seen that the work during the
Month has been very heavy so far as the Field is con-
cerned, and very difficult to carry out on account of
the indifferent running of trains to the new Area in
which the Australian Corps is concentrated.

The mails arrived in many instances 48 hours
late, and in certain areas, as many as three days des-
patches were received at once.

The heavy Xmas Parcel Post mails arriving in
bulk as stated above, caused great anxiety to the D.A.D.P.S.
but the Divisional Supervisors and the Field Post Office
Staffs rose to the occasion and by dint of hard work,
perseverance, and initiative, there was no failure whatever
to clear and connect all mails arriving.

Certain N.C.O's and men of the 1915 personnel
were included in drafts and struck off the strength of the
A.A. Postal Corps on marching out to Australia.

Postal robberies during transit of mails by
train to and from the Base Ports and Railheads are still
occurring but steps are being taken for the supply of
Mail-guards which should prevent similar thefts.

The position of the Postal Service in the
Field is very good, and it is hoped that the efficiency
will be maintained even when certain of the Supervisory
personnel are struck off the strength to return to
Australia.

The D.A.G. A.I.F. has given authority for
50 men of late embarkation from Australia, to be transferred
to the A.A. Postal Corps, and these men are now being
instructed in the multifarious duties appertaining to the
intricate Postal systems in the Field.

22.1.19.

[Signature]
Lieut.
for D.A.D.P.S.

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Appendix "C"

AUSTRALIAN ARMY POSTAL SERVICES.

D.A.D.P.S.
Thro Senr. Postal Officer.
France.

Monthly Report Month of December. 1918.

Apart from the general inspection of Unit Post Orderlies there is very little to report on the Lines of Communication.

3rd. Australian Division located in L of C area were visited and matters respecting transport of mails and accommodation of F.P.O's adjusted.

Nothing further can be done in organisation for isolated A.I.F. Units in the B.E.F.

Through evacuation of P B personnel at Base Depots nearly all the attached staff at S.W.2 have been sent to England. Fortunately we have been able to procure the services of other P B man for duty at S.W.2 and W.O. Waugh reports everything running smoothly.

W O Usshers inspection and monthly reports attached hereto.

D.A.D.P.S.
A.I.F. L of C
A.P.O.S.2
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20.1.19.

(sd) C?C. Hadley
Lieut.
D.A.D.P.S.

During the month of December I visited the Australian Units in the Boulogne and Calais areas; also the 3rd A.G.H. Abbeville.

On the whole Postal matters of the Units visited were satisfactory the only points calling for special remark being those mentioned in my reports Nos 4 and 5

During the Month Parcel Lists from the Elec. Mining and boring Coy and the 1st A.L.R.O. have reached this Office instead of having been sent direct by Unit to A.B.P.O. Examination of same discloses that A.I.F. Order 1088 had not in many cases been complied with, inasmuch as signatures from officials receiving parcels on return to Army P.O. had not been obtained, whilst again many failed to show any date stamp impression of the relative F.P.O. Owing to the isolation of these Units from other groups of Australian Units, and the comparatively small strength of them I have not visited them; consequently there has been no checking of Postal matters. The attention of the respective C O's has been drawn to the failure to comply with A I F Order governing this matter. There are many such Units - small, and away from the main groups regularly visited - and it may be that similar irregularities are occurring with them. Perhaps it may be deemed advisable to have visits made to them in order to inspect the Postal arrangements - more especially in view of early demobilization. It has also been observed that requests have been made from A.B.P.O. for Parcel Lists outstanding are:-

1st Aust L.R.O. Coy.

2nd do

3rd do

5th do

6th do

Aust. Elec Mining and Boring Coy.

1st Aust. D.U.S.

6th do

17 do X

18 do

19 do

20 do

2nd ~~xxxx~~ Squadron A.F.C. X

3rd do

4th do X

1st Aust C. C. S X

2nd do

3rd do

1st Seige Battery X

2nd do X

(Those marked X Have received inquiries re missing Parcel Lists)

Reference R.W.3 As you have since my report No. 5 visited that office, there is no occasion for further remarks.

D.A.D.P.S.

A.I.F. L of C

2.1.19

(sd) J. Ussher
Inspecting W.O.

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D.A.D.P.S.,

A.I.F.,

L. of C.

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Figure statement for month of December herewith.
The statement shows an increase in nearly all classes of work to that of the previous month.

The increase in parcel work was the most notable; the percentage of deliveries was satisfactorily maintained.

Of 3544 parcels received from Australian Base P.O. for A.G.B.D., A.I.B.D. and Australian Convalescent Depot 61.6 % were delivered, 28.7 % were redirected to units in France and less than 10 % returned to Australian Base P.O..

The percentage of delivery of parcels received from offices in France is fairly low - 28 % proved deliverable at S.W.2., 42 % being redirected to units in France and the remainder returned to Aust. Base P.O.. Shab parcels received from A.P.O.1 has a considerable effect on this class of parcel work.

The staff at S.W.2. has changed considerably during the month. W.O. Whitelaw was relieved and commenced 75 days furlough at the early part of the month, 5 "B" class men have marched out on draft for return to Australia and 2 men have been evacuated to hospital.

A.P.O. S.W.2.

.4.1.19.

R. M. Waugh W.O.

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Appendix

Headquarters,
Australian Corps.
12.1.19.

MONTHLY REPORT MONTH DECEMBER 1918.

D.A.D.P.S.

I took up duty as Acting Corps Supervisor on the 12th instant.

During the month I visited the following Units:-

1st Aust Tunnelling Coy.
3rd Aust Flying Squadron.
6th Aust Army F.A.B.
Aust Corps Signalling Coy.

At the 1st Tunnelling and Corps Sig Coy's the postal services were running smoothly. Both Orderlies being conversant with their duties. Owing to the change of Post Orderlies in the 3rd Aust Flying Squadron, the present N.C.O. had not a thorough knowledge of dealing with Parcels. I went through all lists on hand, and instructed him that in future all lists are to be reconciled at the end of each month and forwarded to O/C A.B.P.O.

In other Postal matters he was up to the mark, and on a subsequent visit I found that a satisfactory service was being maintained.

At the 6th A.F.A.B. a serious hold-up of parcel lists had resulted through the Brigade having been located on British offices between July and October 1918, In addition to this the frequent changes of Battery positions necessitating Parcels and lists being placed on ration limbers in the charge of men who were not consistently detailed daily, resulted in a great number of lists being delayed and a few going astray. This Brigade has now taken up a stationary position being located on an Australian office, a recurrence of this trouble should be prevented. Other details of Bdr Pinn's work were carefully checked without detecting any irregularities.

A quarterly check of Accounts fell due. The Accounts of H.W.I. and S.W.I. were checked accordingly and found correct.

A.P.O. S.W.I. was in an unsatisfactory condition during the time the R.E.P.S. Corporal (Cpl. Burnett) was in charge. He was relieved by Corporal Bradley on the 19th. instant, and immediately a change took place. This energetic N.C.O. tackled the November and December records which had been allowed to accrue and after working until midnight every night for the ensuing fortnight, he was able to submit the records at the usual time. As this feat was accomplished during the busy period of Christmas I consider great credit is due to Corpl. Bradley for the enthusiasm shown in his work.

Supply trains were ~~invariably~~ invariably from one to two days behind during the month, whilst cross post services were regularly maintained.

Figure Statements for A.P.O.S.W.I. and H.W.I. for the month of December are attached.

B. MacDonald, Sgt.
A/Corps Supvr.

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D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

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Herewith report and statement for month of December.18
for 1st Aust.Divn Postal Services.

During the earlier part of month great trouble was
experienced with Motor Lorries, principally owing to long runs
necessitated to F.P.O's and D.H.Q averaging daily 120 kilos.

These long runs commencing on 30th November 18, lasted
while Division was drawing at Railheads Honnechy, LeCateau, Beaumont
and Florennes.

It was not until the Railhead moved to its present
location that runs reverted to normal.

Billets secured for F.P.O's have been very satisfactory
and work performed by staff and Postal Orderlies, under, sometimes
very trying conditions, deserves special mention.

Postal personnel of 1st Aust.Divn not effected by
furlough for 1915 men, during month.

Considering the amount of rolling stock required for
food purposes and the condition of the Railway subsequent to the
Armistice, supply trains arrived, together it was rather heavy.
amounting on several occasions to six and seven hundred bags.

Nevertheless the staff was at all times able to cope
with same.

An extra lorry and three men were supplied for the Xmas
rush and were kept well occupied.

The staff of Division on the whole well up to strength
after 15, and up to the present there has been no depletion of
same.

R.W.1 1.1.19.

(sd) B.Kilmartin.

G.B.M.

D/s

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIVISIONAL SUPERVISOR
FOR PERIOD DECEMBER 1918.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

After many vicissitudes December saw us passing into a country newly released from enemy occupation. The difficulties of transport were many and varied, the service being tried almost to a straining point. From the beginning of the month until mid-December the Field Post Officer occupied an area of wide dimensions.

Mined bridges, broken and narrow second class roads, heavy traffic and moving troops - these were but a few of the difficulties encountered. Main lorry routes were conspicuously absent. The postal and transport personnel were employed at most irregular hours.

It is to be regretted that a truck containing returning Supply Train mail (mostly parcels) was violated at VAUX AND IGNY Railhead on 4th-5th December.

THE GENERAL ELECTION U.K.

Very few ballot papers circulated through the Postal Service of this Division and no difficulties were experienced in their delivery or despatch.

ISSUE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Increased quantities of newspapers were received during the period of the election and a fair number were distributed to U.K. troops in the Railhead town - isolated detachments, etc., who could not avail themselves of newspapers from other sources.

During the four days trek to our present area, mails were collected and delivered daily to the various stages.

ARRIVALS OF HOME DEPOT AND CROSS POST MAILS.

A peculiar position was created by the arrival about twice a week of very big parcel mails. Bags of parcels outstanding from the 12th to 16th were received on 27th, 28th and 29th. A bumper Xmas parcel mail was received on 26th, 27th and 28th December. There was an increase of 74% of parcels received over preceding month.

Cross Posts mails arrived very regularly.

STAFF.

1385, CSM. RAYWARD, Div. Supervisor, marched out for return to Australia on 22.12.18.

3894 Sgt. M.J. RYAN, Div. Inspecting Sgt. to Acting Div. Supervisor from 22.12.18.

2561 Pte. T.W. Allen transferred from 5W to 8W.1. 23.12.18.

Three men from Battalions within the Division were sent for extra Xmas working. Their conduct and work was satisfactory.

The report may be summed up that a good service was maintained during a trying and abnormal period.

to :-

Submitted.

W. J. Ryan Sgt.
Divl. Supervisor.

Monthly Report 3rd Australian Division.

Duties of Divisional Supervisor were taken over by me from Staff Sergt. FOX on the 3rd December. and I reported to the Camp Commandant, 3rd. Australian Division.

The postal work of the Division is progressing satisfactorily although some attention had to be given to some minor details, such as drawing the attention of N.C.O's i/c of P.P.O's to the correct procedure in forwarding monthly records, transferring of parcel lists and rendering of returns more punctually.

Railhead was moved several times during the month, being moved from LONGPRE to PONT REMY and afterwards to OISEMONT.

An unfortunate incident occurred on the evening of the 9th December, as two final bags of mail were stolen from Mail Lorry at LONGPRE station, whilst Mail-Guard left the lorry to secure a hand truck.

Mail-Guards have again been issued with orders, and have been cautioned that more care must be exercised in carrying out their duties.

Full reports were immediately forwarded in reference to the theft mentioned.

When the Office moved from LONGPRE to PONT REMY on 10th December, a good office was secured, but the Area Commandant advised next day that the office must move, as Third Army orders were "no-one was to be billeted in the Town."

The Office was moved to ABBEVILLE on 12th December, that place being more central, and as cross-post had to be drawn there. The Office is still in ABBEVILLE, although supply train mails are drawn at OISEMONT. A satisfactory service can be carried on, and as the billeting space is very limited at OISEMONT, it is considered necessary to remain at present location, owing to the splendid accommodation.

Some trouble occurred through mail-truck being carried past PONT REMY to AILLY-SUR-SOMME and LONGPRE. The matter was reported and things are more satisfactory now. Railhead is at OISEMONT, although several trucks have arrived there violated.

It appears that thefts are very numerous in this Area, and every precaution is being taken to guard against same.

Sergt. FLANAGAN D.I.F.S. has given a great deal of assistance and has been untiring in his duties of inspecting postal orderly's work. He reports that they are carrying out their duties satisfactorily.

Staff Sergt. FOX and his staff have carried out their duties in a very satisfactory manner, and have cleared all despatches to time, with the exception of the days when mail-lorries have broken down.

These accidents have been rather frequent.

The accounts were checked for the quarter ending 31.12.18 and forwarded to your office.

Returns asked for during the month referring to postal personnel have been obtained and submitted to you.

A great many staff changes have occurred during the month.

On the 30th instant, a Court of Enquiry was held at OISEMONT with reference to the theft of the 9th December and Lieut HADLEY who was present, afterwards visited Railhead Office.

In conclusion I might state that services are being carried out satisfactorily, although a great many difficulties were met with during the month under review.

Monthly return attached.

15.1.19.

(sd) R.H.B. Wight. Sgt
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Australian Corps.

Appendix "C"

5th Australian Division - Monthly report for December, 1918.

1. General.

During the month of December the 5th Division has continued its forward move, railheads being in turn at Vaux Andigny, Le Cateau, Landrecies, (France) and - since the 18th of the month - Beaumont, (Belgium). The postal work has been carried out under many difficulties the chief of which were (a) irregularity of Supply Train and Cross-post mails (b) distances at which F.P.Os. were situated from the Rail-head A.P.O. (c) the state of the roads, their condition being such that the time necessary to serve and clear the F.P.Os. was greatly lengthened.

Owing to the uncertainty and frequent non-arrival of inward mails a regular service to the units could not be maintained but efforts were successfully made to clear outward postings regularly and promptly. The position was easier after the 20th of December by which date the Division was settled in its winter quarters, though the length of the lorry runs was not decreased.

2. Volume of Business.

22168 parcels were received during the month, of which 19317 were delivered. The figures for November were 15514 received and 13753 delivered: the percentage of parcels undeliverable in the units to which they were despatched increased from 11%, in November, to 14%. The number of bags received from all sources increased from 2967 in November to 7299 in the month of December, and a similar increase will be noted in the number of bags despatched. A much greater number of registers was received during December than in the preceding months the increase on the November total being 65%. The bag figures include those for 3rd Divisional Artillery, F.P.O. TW3 being served through the 5th Division for the most of December.

3. Staff.

The increased work at Railhead and Field Post Offices was successfully dealt with by a staff many members of which were comparative new-comers to the Postal Corps. Two members of the 5th Division Postal personnel, including Corporal Bradley, Column Corporal, have been detached to A.P.O. SW1 and three others have marched out for return to Australia.

4. Transport.

A third M.T. Lorry was attached for postal working from the 8th ~~in~~ of the month. This provision proved to be an absolute necessity and even with it the transport of mails has been difficult to arrange owing to the arrival, on several occasions, of two or even three trucks per Supply Trains. Extra assistance has at these times been applied for to the 3rd M.T. Company who have ~~been~~ given same where possible.

G.G. Litchiffe C. S. M.
Divisional Supervisor,
5th Australian Division.

A.P.O. RW5,
14/1/19.

MONTHLY SUMMARY AUSTRALIAN CORPS DECEMBER.1918

	F.P.O. H.W.I	F.P.O. S.W.1	A.P.O. S.W.2	1st. Aust. Division	2nd Aust. Division	3rd Aust. Division	4th. Aust. Division	5th. Aust. Division	Totals
1. Total No. of bags recd. at Railhead.	789	3756	1013	4913	5569	4733	6852	7299	34944
2. Total No of Inward despatches.	435	310	371	555	57	522	598	642	4003
3. Total No. of bags despatched.	696	3510	933	7408	5680	4320	6354	7446	36347
4. Total No. of Outward despatches.	541	333	589	637	686	754	660	702	4902
4a. Total No forward Regd. Bags.				629					
5. <u>Cash Transactions.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>
Postage stamps sold.	1766.35.	1799.00.	3292.80	10019.90.	9283.45.	11631.65	25036.60.	8889	71718.75
Postal Orders issued.	10572.10.	2939.00.	2559.70.	14786.25.	17208.70.	19563.25	5316.80.	18946	118042.85
Postal Orders paid.	2072.10.	5238.00.	1637.70.	7216.65.	3773.50.	293.45	8579.00.	2564	33174.50
Remittances.	7710.65	25200.00.	4504.40.	18471.30.	24019.30.	29746.65	26716.55	23.44.	159413.5
6. Regd letters recd. over counter.	786	1170	1129	2039	2322	2358	2608	2495.	14907
7. Regd. letters recd. from other offices.	1341	4525	1317	6863	7123	5271	6773	7113	40326
8. Registered letters despatched.	1396	5690	1572	5988	5603	4733	5793	6496	37271
9. Parcels recd over counter (clean)	195	284	225	771	603	548	1036	575	11169
10. Parcels recd for re- direction in France.	628	185	1456	2897	2581	1086	1643	1126	11602
11. Parcels recd. for return to A.B.P.O.	182	339	719	2941	1823	1515	1949	2181	11649
12. No. Parcels recd for delivery.	2904	2726	4859	22805	20764	16992	17738	22618	111400
13. No. Cables despatched.	40	30	93	282	399	470	250	259	1823

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Appendix "B"

A.P.O., S.W.2SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

1. No. of bags received at Railhead.	1013
2. No. of inward despatches.	371
3. No. of bags despatched.	933
4. No. of outward despatches.	589
5. Cash transactions-	
Postage stamps sold.	3292.80
Postal orders issued.	2559.60
Postal orders paid.	1637.70
Remittances to cashier.	4504.40
6. Registered letters received over counter.	1129
7. Registered letters received from other offices.	1317
8. Registered letters despatched.	1572
9. Parcels received over counter (clean Postings).	225
10. Parcels received for redirection to units in France.	1456
11. Parcels received for return to Aust.Base P.O.	719
12. Number of parcels received for delivery.	4857
13. Number of cables despatched.	93

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A.P.O.

S.W.1

December.1918.

1. Total No. Bags recd from Railhead	3756	3756
2. Total No. Inward despatches	310	310
3. Total No. Bags despatched.	3510	3510
4. Total No. Outward despatches.	333.	333
5. <u>Cash Transactions.</u>	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Francs.</u>
Postage stamps sold.	1799.00	1799.00
Postal Orders issued.	29090.00	29090.00
Postal Orders paid.	5238.00	5238.00
Remittances.	25200.00	25200.00
6. Regd letters recd. Over counter.	1170	1170
7. Regd letters recd. from other offices.	4525	4525
8. Regd letters desp. and delivered.	5695.	5695
9. Parcels received over counter.	284	284
10. Parcels recd. for delivery re- direction in France.	185	185
11. Parcels returned to A.B.P.O.	339	339
13. Parcels recd for delivery.	2726	2726
13. E.F.M. Cables despatched.	30	30

(sd) P.V. Bradley T/Cpl.
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F.P.O. H.W.1. Monthly Record of Business transacted December.1918.

Appendix "C"

1. Total No. Bags Recd. from Railhead.	789	789
2. Total No. Inward despatches.	435	435
3. Total No. Bags despatched.	691.	691
4. Total No. Inward despatches.	541	541
5. <u>Cash Transactions.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>
Postage stamps sold.	1765.35	1765.35
Postal Orders issued.	10572.10	10572.10
Postal Orders paid.	2072.20	2072.20
Remittances.	7710.85	7710.85
6. Regd letters recd. over counter	786 1/2	786
7. Regd letters recd from other offices.	1341	1341
8. Registered letters despatched.	1396.	1396.
9. Parcels recd. over counter. (clean postings)	195.	195.
10. Parcels recd for re-direction in France.	623	623
11. Parcels recd for return to A.B.P.O.	182	182
12. Total No. Parcels recd for delivery.	2904	2904
13. Total No. E.F.M. Cables desp.	40	40
14. Total No. Telegrams U.M. desp.	33	33

(sd) A.R. Walker. Cpl.
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1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. MONTHLY STATEMENT DECEMBER.1918.

	F.P.O. R.W.1	F.P.O. T.W.1	F.P.O. D.W.1	F.P.O. 1.W	F.P.O. 2.W	F.P.O. 3.W	Totals.
1. Total No. Bags recd. at Railhead	4913.						4913
2. Total No. Inward despatches.	555						555
3. Total No. Bags despatched.	7408						7408
4. No. Outward despatches.	637						637
4a. Through Regd. Bags	629						629
5. Cash transactions.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Postage stamps sold.	401.50.	1337.	2021.50.	2098.55.	1805.65.	2355.50.	10019.90
Postal Orders issued.	2384.05.	2294.60.	495.95.	5664.60.	1320.40.	2626.65.	14786.25
Postal Orders paid.	3276.95.	202.35.	1064.25.	1327.35.	713.	632.75.	7216.65
Remittances.	212.55.	3789.20.	2015.00.	5906.50.	2547.95.	4000.00.	18471.30
6. Regd letters recd. over counter.	126.	330.	287.	448.	394.	484.	2039
7. Regd letters recd. from other offices.	3318.	793	504	859	635	754.	6863
8. Registered letters despatched.	3299	374	772	526	496	521	5988
9. Parcels recd over counter. (clean)	4	55	67	416	108	121	771
10. Parcels recd for redirection France.	1513.	90	501	361	166	266	2897
11. Parcels recd for return to A.B.P.O.	37	393	263	1080	597	571	2941
12. Parcels recd for delivery.	22.	3703	2717	6738	3979	5646	22805
13. No. E.F.M. Cables.	10	48	14	81	41	88	282

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(sd). B. Kilmartin. C.S.M.
D.S.

MONTHLY REPORT SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. DECEMBER

	A.P.O. R.#.2	F.P.O. D.W.2.	F.P.O. 5W.	F.P.O. 6W.	F.P.O. 7W.	F.P.O. T.W.2	
1. Total No. bags received at Railhead.	5589						5589
2. Total No. Inward despatched.	570						570
3. Total No. bags despatched.	5680						5680
4. Total No. Outward Despatched.	686						686
5. Cash transactions :- Postage Stamps sold	127.70	1383.40	1212.00	3138.10	1198.45	2223.80	9283.45
Post. Orders issued.	368.75	5716.25	1001.00	5127.45	1718.45	3276.80	17208.70
Post. Orders paid.	339.30	741.90	740.20	787.85	849.85	314.40	2773.50
Refittances.	-	5058.70	1800.00	7256.15	3569.65	5334.80	24019.30
6. Registered letters received over counter.	58	353	724	445	421	321	2322
7. Reg. letters received from other offices.	3337	372	1129	816	789	580	7123
8. Registered letters despatched.	- - 3356	347	723	429	416	332	5603
9. Parcels received over counter - (clean postings)	6	55	137	105	235	65	603
10. Parcels received for re-direction in FRANCE.	1287	306	150	184	295	359	2581
11. Parcels received for return to A.B.P.O. LONDON.	10	108	482	423	420	410	1823
12. No. parcels received for delivery.	- 12	1789	4400	5267	3282	5414	20764
13. No. LCO cables despatched.	- 3	52	21	124	81	113	399

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	F.P.O. R.W.4	F.P.O. D.W.4	F.P.O. 4.W.	F.P.O. 12.W.	F.P.O. 13.W.	F.P.O. T.W.4	Totals
1. Total No. Bags recd. at Railhead.	6852						6852
2. Total No. Inward despatches.	598						598
3. Total No. Bags despatched.	6354						6354
4. Total No. Outward despatches.	660						660
5. Cash Transactions. <u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>
Postage stamps sold.	459.90.	980.70.	2273.65.	2530.25.	1991.05.	343.45.	8579.00
Postal orders issued.	5077.05.	4233.90.	5972.55.	4136.35.	2652.40.	2964.35.	25036.60
Postal orders paid.	243.65.	2242.60.	637.85.	323.50.	874.50.	994.70.	5316.80
Remittances.	5412.15.	2893.50.	5600.00.	6354.35.	4008.70.	2447.85.	26716.55
6. Regd. letters recd over counter.	141	484	481	548	511	443	2608
7. Regd letters recd from other offices.	3115.	470	687	738	681	1082	6773
8. Regd letters despatched.	3274	573	454	500	549	443	5793
9. Parcels recd over counter (clean)	31	39	363	242	177	184	1036
10. Parcels recd for re- direction in France.	86	475	280	222	230	350	1643
11. Parcels recd for return A.B.P.O.	95	199	300	482	636	221	1949
12. Parcels received for delivery.	446	2233	2580	6482	5002	1005	17738
13. E.F.M. Cables desp.	-	29	56	91	74	-	250

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	A.P.O.R.W.3.	D.I.3.	T.W.3.	9.M.	10.W.	11.W.	TOTALS.
. Total No. of bags rec'd at Railhead.	4733.						4733.
. Total No. of inward despatches.	522.						522.
. Total No. of bags despatched.	4320.						4320.
. Total No. of outward despatches.	754.						754.
. No. of "Forward" reg'd bags despatched.	547.						547.
. Cash Transactions.							
Postage Stamps sold.	180.95.	1659.70.		3133.45.	2079.25.	4578.30.	11631.65.
Postal Orders issued.	455.40.	4646.55.		4468.45.	4446.35.	5546.55.	19563.30.
Postal Orders paid.	18.60.	696.95.		478.25.	281.30.	618.35.	2093.45.
Remittances.	791.30.	5904.75.		7145.45.	6206.05.	9699.10.	29746.65.
. No. of reg'd letters rec'd over counter.	85.	533.		478.	573.	689.	2353.
. No. of reg'd letters rec'd from other offices	2666.	529.		704.	596.	776.	5271.
. No. of reg'd letters despatched.	2286.	587.		545.	585.	730.	4733.
. No. of parcels rec'd over counter (Clean)	10.	94.		165.	110.	169.	548.
(Posting)							
0.No. of parcels rec'd for redirection in France	71.	486.		167.	154.	208.	1086.
1.No. of parcels rec'd for return to A.B.P.O.	28.	176.		480.	421.	410.	1515.
2.No. of parcels rec'd for delivery.	294.	2707.		4836.	4246.	4909.	16992.
3.No. of B.F.M. cables despatched.	3.	74.		129.	81.	183.	470.

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Submitted.

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Chf Divisional Supervisor



POSTAL STATISTICS - 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - DECEMBER, 1918.

	<u>RWS</u>	<u>DWS</u>	<u>TWS</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>LSW</u>	<u>LSW</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
1. Total number of bags received at Railhead.	7299						7299
2. Total number of inward despatches.	642						642
3. Total number of bags despatched.	7446						7446
4. Total number of outward despatches.	702						702.
4a. Total number of forward registered bags despatched.	618						618
4b. Total number of forward registered bags received.	622						622
5. <u>Cash Transactions.</u>	Fr.	Fr.	Fr.	Fr.	Fr.	Fr.	Fr.
(a) Postage stamps sold.	845	2789	483	508	2614	2250	8889
(b) Postal orders sold.	2345	2450	2450	4005	3035	5006	18946
(c) Postal orders paid.	368	629	377	501	366	323	2564
(d) Remittances to Field Cashier.	2550	4339	2534	4760	4590	4271	23044
6. Registered articles received over counter.	115	353	455	375	607	590	2495
7. Registered articles received from other offices.	3737	372	778	712	764	750	7113
8. Registered articles despatched.	3914	379	455	436	622	690	6496
9. Number of parcels received over the counter - clean postings.	56	51	128	155	100	85	575
10. Number of parcels received for re-direction in France.	67	270	210	211	227	141	1126
11. Number of parcels received for return to A.B.P.O., London.	28	280	267	405	578	623	2181
12. Number of parcels received for delivery.	910	3000	4773	4247	3682	6006	22618
13. Number of E.F.M. Cablegrams despatched.	18	50	11	--	79	101	259

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Headquarters.

Australian Corps.

9th. January. 1919.

Reference my 10969 8th. inst. T.P.O. Vouching.

Telegraphic advice has now been received postponing this service for 24 hours.

Instructions should therefore be issued for the vouching to commence on the night of 11th instant instead of 10th as notified in my abovementioned minute.

Please acknowledge.

Capt.

D.A.D.P.S.

T.P.O. working will commence on the 9th instant from Boulogne, 11th instant from Cologne.

The arrangements in connection with the stop of the train at Somain are not yet settled and unless further notification is received the Service from Fifth, First and Third Armies (forward areas) will remain as at present. This will apply also to the despatch and receipt of mails at Bouvrago. A.D.P.S. First Army will perhaps notify as soon as possible what arrangements he can make, bearing in mind the fact that the train is running irregularly in both directions.

The Down T.P.O. will despatch its bags for S.90, S.54, S.61 and the Bouvrago Group at Charleroi until further notice for transfer to the Namur - Mons train service. It will also despatch its transfer bag for the Up T.P.O. at Charleroi.

Otherwise the working shewn in the circular of 21/12/18 and 24/12/18 will be carried out.

The following further details should be noted.

- (i) When the cross post air service (Service B) from St Andre does not function mails for S.40 and S.76 will be handed into the Up T.P.O. at Montrauil. These should be opened and the contents dealt with in the T.P.O.
- (ii) Supplies of empty bags will be required on the Up T.P.O. at Boulogne, Charleroi, and Pepinster and on the Down T.P.O. at Cologne, Pepinster and Charleroi. The T.P.O. staff at the points mentioned will arrange with the local office.
- (iii) Under present regulating arrangements parcel mails for Second Army will be landed at Calais. In view of reduced loads, group loading into about six trucks will be adopted. Details will be issued later.
- (iiii) The timing of the train on the German side of the frontier has been altered slightly and is now scheduled as under.

Herberthal	arr.	17.30	dep.	08.20
	dep.	18.00	arr.	07.41
Aachen	arr.	18.59	dep.	07.03
	dep.	18.44	arr.	06.56
Buren	arr.	19.34.	dep.	06.05
	dep.	19.39.	arr.	05.55.
Cologne	arr.	20.57.	dep.	04.18

- (v) The transfer arrangements between Up and Down T.P.O.'s will not come into operation on the Up journeys of 8th and 9th from Boulogne. The Up T.P.O.'s of those dates will despatch 'back' correspondence to S.76 at Namur and to S.40 at Cologne.

4.1.19.

Sent to:- D.D.P.S. Adv. Admin. H.Q.

A.D.P.S. Armies, Bases, & H.Q. of C

D.A.Ds. P.S. Corps

O.C. 'G' offices

W.O. or H.Q.O. 1/c S.17, S.90, S.61, S.54, S.115, S.76, S.40

(sd) J. Davidson Major
for D.A.P.S.

Appendix D
 Headquarters.
 Australian Corps.
 8th. January. 1919.

To. Divl. Supr's
 R.W.1.2.4.5.
 N.C.O.i/c S.W.1 & H.W.1

Commencing with night despatches of 10th instant inclusive, attached Vouching Instructions will be adopted by all "R" "S" and "H" Offices of Australian Corps.

The lorry services as per attached schedule will also be observed as far as possible.

Railhead Office at Groups 5U 5J and S.W.1 will connect with H.W.1 lorry at HAM-sur-Heure as hitherto.

Railhead Groups 5 A to 5 Z will be re-grouped under the following series.

Charleroi	14 A
Couillet Montignies	14 B
Beaumont	14 C
Florennes	14 D
Seraing	14 E
Pepinster	14 F

Acknowledge.

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Headquarters.
Australian Corps.
3rd. January. 1919.

The A.D.P.S.
Fourth Army.

Herewith schedule of proposed lorry services of Australian Corps to meet Field Post Office working.

In the case of Divisions it is not possible for a connection to be made with the postings of even date at 1500 daily.

I am therefore working their lorries in to arrive at Charleroi at (9.30 p.m. which will allow them to clear the F.P.O's despatches daily, parking at Charleroi and picking up Inward Express next morning.

H.W.1 lorry will run to the 1500 service daily with a supplementary lorry run at night to meet the requirements of Groups 5U 5J and S.W.1

Service (a)

Group 5U	dep.	19.00		arr.	10.15.
H.W.1	arr.	20.15.		dep.	09.00
H.W.1	dep.	20.15.		arr.	08.50
Charleroi	arr.	21.15.		dep.	08.00

Service. (b)

Group 5J	dep.	19.00		arr.	09.30
H.W.1	arr.	20.15.		dep.	09.00
H.W.1	dep.	20.15.		arr.	08.55
Charleroi.	arr.	21.15.		dep.	08.00

Service (c)

Group 5 Y	dep.	19.00.		arr.	09.30.
Charleroi	arr.	20.30.		dep.	08.00.

Service. (d)

Group 5E	dep.	19.00		arr.	08.30.
Charleroi.	arr.	19.30.		dep.	08.00

Service. (e) by light car

H.W.1	dep.	14.30		arr.	15.30
Charleroi.	arr.	15.00		dep.	15.00

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Capt.
D.A.D.P.S.

Appendix D

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Reference D.A.P.S. circular of the 24th inst regarding the commencement of T.P.O. working on the Boulogne-Cologne service, the vouching arrangements to be adopted at Fourth Army offices are shewn on attached sheet. Sufficient copies are enclosed for distribution to Divl. Supervisors and "S" offices when the date of commencement is fixed.

Schedules of proposed lorry services should be submitted as soon as possible.

Lieut. Col R.E.

A.D.P.S.
Fourth Army
26th Decr. 18.
No. 9602 ref.

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B.E.F.M.L.T.P.O.*Appendix D*Cross post arrangements for Fourth Army Offices.

A. All Railheads H and S offices now served through S.76 to make up despatches on

B.E.F. Main Line T.P.O. Up To include located letters for A.2, H.2, H.6, H.9, H.P, H.C1, S.52, S.64, S.114, S.120, S.40, and Railheads 2A to Z.

Parcels for the above Offices and all other cross post correspondence will circulate as laid down in Railhead Circulation Instructions - depot remaining S.76.

All despatches to reach S.76 by 10.00

Inward Cross post from the Rear Armies and L of C will circulate via the T.P.O. Up and S.76. From Second Army it will circulate via the T.P.O. Down which will make up direct despatches for each office.

If the Up T.P.O. runs to time, Inward cross post will be available at S.76 at 14.00, and cross post lorries will run from S.76 to Namur Stn to pick up direct bags arriving in the Down T.P.O. due at 14.00

B. Railheads I4 A, B, C, D, H.W.I., S.W.I., and S.II5.

The above offices will make up all the usual cross post despatches but their depot will be the T.P.O. Down Cross post correspondence for despatch to the T.P.O. will be made up as laid down in Circulation Instructions for correspondence despatched to Depot.

They will also make up direct despatches on S.76 to include located correspondence for A.2, A.4, H.2, H.6, H.9, H.10, H.P, H.C.1, S.4, S.52, S.62, S.64, S.114, S.12, S.127, and railheads R2 A to Z made up in 'Headquarters' 'Railheads' and S. Offices' bundles.

Despatches should reach Charleroi Station by 15.00 and lorries will work out from the arrival of the Up T.P.O. due at 07.40

C. H.C.1 and Railheads at Pepinster.

Despatches will be made up on both the Up and Down T.P.O.'s The correspondence which should circulate to each T.P.O. is shown in the Directors Circular.

Bags for England and A.P.O.3 will circulate to the Down T.P.O. Mails will be received from both T.P.O.'s.

D.A.D.P.S.

Australian Corps.

Attached is a statement shewing the general circulation to the B.E.F. Main Line T.P.O. Up and Down, when T.P.O. working commences.

Attention will perhaps be drawn to any discrepancies. Local variations will probably be necessary and these will no doubt be allowed for.

It should be noted also that the usual "general" vouching -A.P.Os. 1, 2, 3 etc) should continue from the forward Armies.

(sd) J. Davidson
Major
for D.A.P.S.

24.12.18.

sent to - D.D.P.S. ADV. Admin. H.Q.
A.Ds.P.S. Armies.
D.A.Ds.P.S. Corps of Second and Fourth Armies.
C.C. 'IG' Offices.
H.Q. i/c T.P.O. (c/o A.E.P.S. Calais)

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To Up T.P.O.

Contents of bags to T.P.O.

<u>Section 1.</u>	<u>Section 2</u>	<u>Section 3</u>
H.C.1	A.4	A.2
H.W.1	S.76	S.40
S.W.1	S.127	S.120
S.62	H.4	H.2
S.114	H.10	H.6
S.115	Rlhds.4A - Z	H.P
Rlhds 14 A - Z		H.9
		S.52
		S.64
		Rlhds.2A - Z

Usual bundles to be made up and newspaper enclosure bags for Sections specified.
No parcels are to be included.

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- From S.17. - Same as Calais.
- From S.79. - Same as Calais except that sections need not be kept separate.
- From G. - Same as Calais.
- From S.90)
" S.61) - Same as Calais.
" S.54)
- From A.1)
or S.47) - Same as S.79

Until further notice parcel mails for the formations and offices should ~~be maintained~~ circulate via the appropriate loading Base.

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- From S.76 - A.2)
S.40)
S.120)
H.2)
H.6)
H.P)
H.9)
S.52)
S.64)
Rlhds 2A - Z)
- Usual bundles to be made up.
Separate parcel bags.

- At Seraing
&
Pepinster
- S.114, H.C.1 and Divns. at Seraing and pepinster will include cross post for
- A.2)
S.40)
S.120)
H.2)
H.6)
H.P)
H.9)
S.52)
S.64)
Rlhds 2A - Z)
- including Parcels.

Contents of bags to T.P.O. (contd)

To Down T.P.O.

From Second Army
at Cologne

Section 1

Section 2

A.4	A.1
S.76	S.47
S.127	H.22
H.4	S.48
H.10	G
H.C.1	S.17
HW.1	S.11
S.62	S.18
S.114	S.22
S.115	S.34
S.W.1	S.39
Rlhds 4A + Z	S.79
" 14A - Z	S.57
	S.94
	Rlhds 1.L2H3P8& Y
	" 8A - Z

Usual Depot bags for S.90, S.61 and S.54 to be made up at the Second Army Depot.

Depot bags for S.32, S.58, S.94, and S.37 to be discontinued and correspondence circulated in labelled bundles at APO.3 unless otherwise shewn above.

From Second Army

Section 1. Miscellaneous. (Rear Armies etc as shewn above. Sorted into 'Arms' bundles.

At Seraing and
Pepinster

Section 1. Miscellaneous as above
as shewn above
except HC.1
S.114
& Divns at
Seraing & Pepinster

At Namur

Section 2

from S.76

as shewn above.

Usual Depot bags for S.90, S.61 & S.54 to be made up at Fourth Army Depot.
Depot bags for S.32, S.58, S.94, & S.37 to be discontinued and correspondence circulated in labelled bundles at APO.3

At Charleroi

From HW.1
SW.1
S.115

) - Forward Armies -

according to Location List

Rlhds. 14 A, B, C, & D)

Miscellaneous

- (Rear Armies etc) sorted to 'Arms'

The following will be in the 14 A - Z Group series.

Charleroi	-	14A.
Couillet montignies	-	14B
Beaumont.	-	14C
Florennes.	-	14D
Seraing.	-	14E
Pepinster	-	14F

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C O P Y.

Appendix D

D.A.D.P.S.
Australian Corps.

A direct train from Boulogne to Cologne will commence running on 20th instant. The first service in the reverse direction will be from Cologne on the morning of the 23rd instant. Timings will be as shewn on the attached schedule.

As soon as possible two Postal coaches - one letter sorting carriage and one bag tender- will be attached to each train but the vehicles have not yet arrived from England and it is probable that they will not be available until about 27th instant from Boulogne. Notification about T.P.O. working will be issued later. It has been arranged, however, to have accommodation on the train for Second and Fourth Army Express, Supplementary Express, A.P.O.3 and M.F.E. News bags commencing on the 20th. A statement is attached shewing the bags to be loaded, and the relative delivery points so far as can be judged at present. The packing and way-billing at Boulogne will be according to the schedule given, subject to amendment later. The necessary amendments will be notified from Second and Fourth Armies to this Office and Boulogne. It is pointed out, however, that there will be an opportunity of adjusting the packing &c., at Charleroi, where the train is due to stop for an hour.

One mail guard will be provided from Boulogne to Charleroi each day until the T.P.O. working commences. The guard of the 20th will return to Boulogne by road that of 21st by returning train on the evening of 23rd; that of 22nd by train on 24th and so on. Fourth Army and Second Army will arrange for the mail guards between Charleroi and Cologne until T.P.O. working commences. All guards should carry time-bills and note times of arrival and departure at principal points: these times should be reported to this office.

To start with the train will not convey cross post between the rear Armies and the Second and Fourth Armies except in the following cases

- A.P.O.3 which will despatch letters and official parcels complete to Second and Fourth Armies.
- A.P.O.4 which will despatch its S.40 and S.76 letter bags via Boulogne at 1700.
- S.17 & S.79. which will despatch their S.40 and S.76 letter bags at *Etaples* station.
- 'G' which will despatch its S.40 and S.76 letter bags at Montreuil.

Between Charleroi and Cologne the cross post service will be adjusted by A.D.P.S. Fourth and Second Armies if they find it practicable to discontinue the road service before the T.P.Os. commence working.

(sd) J. Davidson
Major.
For Colonel
D.A.D.S.

16th. December. 1918.
Sect to A.D.S.P.S.? Boulogne and Calais
all Armies.
D.A.D.P.S. Second and Fourth Armies
O.C. 'G' Offices
W.Os or M.C.Os i/c 'G', S.17, S.115.
Copy to D.A.D.P.S. Adv. Admin H.Q.

TIME TABLE.

BOULOGNE	dep.	19.30	arr.	05.00
ETAPLES	arr.	20.10.	dep.	05.20.
	dep.	20.12.	arr.	05.18
MONTREUIL	arr.	20.30	dep.	05.00
	dep.	20.35.	arr.	04.55.
ST POL	arr.	22.00	dep.	03.30.
	dep.	22.05.	arr.	03.25.
ARRAS.	arr.	23.00	dep.	02.30.
	dep.	23.10	arr.	02.20
BEUVRAGE (VALENCIENNES)	arr.	02.25.	dep.	23.10
	dep.	02.30	arr.	23.05.
MONS	arr.	04.20.	dep.	21.05.
	dep.	04.30.	arr.	20.55
CHARLEROI	arr.	07.40	dep.	17.40
	dep.	08.40	arr.	16.45
NAMUR	arr.	11.00	dep.	14.40
	dep.	11.10	arr.	14.30
HUY	arr.	12.50	dep.	13.00
	dep.	12.55	arr.	12.55
SERAING.	arr.	14.20	dep.	11.30
	dep.	14.30	arr.	11.20
PEPINSTER	arr.	16.00	dep.	09.50
	dep.	16.10	arr.	09.40
HERBISTNAL	arr.	17.30	dep.	08.20
	dep.	18.00	arr.	07.41
AACHEN	arr.	18.39	dep.	07.03
	dep.	18.44	arr.	06.56
DUREN	arr.	19.34.	dep.	06.05
	dep.	19.39	arr.	05.55
HORREM	arr.	22.40.	dep.	03.00
	dep.	22.45	arr.	02.55
COLOGNE	arr.	20.57	dep.	04.46.

Bags to be loaded.For Despatch at :-Charleroi.

S.115.
 HW.1
 SW.1
 R.5
 R.37
 R.42
 RW.1
 RW.2
 R.W.4
 RW.5

Namur.

A.4
 H.4
 H.10
 S.40
 S.62
 S.76
 S.127
 R.32
 R.34
 R.41
 R.66
 RP.3
 RP.4

Seraing

RC.3

Pepinster

RC.2
 HC.1
 S.114

Pepinster or Duren

R.1
 R.2
 R.6
 R.62
 R.Z

Duren or Cologne

A.2
 S.120
 H.2
 H.6
 H.9
 H.F
 R.B
 R.3
 R.9
 R.29
 RP.1
 RP.2
 RC.1
 S.52
 S.64