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Hqrs.	April			
1st.	1.		En route from Alexandria to France.	
Anzac.	2.		En route from Alexandria to France.	
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	4.		Arrived Marseilles.	
	5.		Left Marseilles 1230.	
	6.		Arrived Paris 0800.	
	7.		Left Paris 1235. Arrived Calais 1000.	
	8.		Left Calais 0105. Arrived Hazebrouck 3.30.	
	9.		Visited Cassel and Bailleul with D.A., Q.M.G.	
	10.		Visited 1st. Aust. Div. at Merris.- Found all going well. 4th. Light Horse short of 95 rifles. Pioneers short of tools - all demanded. Thence via Bailleul, Steenwerck to 2nd Div. at Croir du Bac - D.A.D.O.S. not in. Back via Estaires and Merville.	
	11.		<i>Nil. Office Work. No event of importance.</i>	
	12.		Visited D.O.S. at Abbeville and discussed Ordnance and particularly Australian questions. D.O.S. wired Egypt and asked that such Aust. Supply of Ord. & clothing as was not required in Egypt should be sent to Marseilles. Reinforcements arriving with Mk. VI rifles.	
	13.		Visited D.D.O.S., G.H.Q. also C.O.O., Calais. Went into supply of Aust. Ord. generally. C.O.O. says no difficulty in storing and apportioning Aust. Clothing etc. as recd.	
	14.		Visited D.A.D.O.S. 1st and 2nd. Divs. 1st. Div. have 500 steel helmets-told to issue to 1st. Bde. visited Hdqrs 1st and 3rd. I.Bdes. & C.D.A. also Div. Hqrs. 1st. Div. Train complete as regards Vehicles and harness.	

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Hdqrs. 1st. Anzac.	April 15.		Visited Hdqrs. 2nd. Army-question of repair of guns. We get ours repaired in "B" Section. Major Gransden, A.O.D., Rue-de-la-Gare, Bailleul. Travelling workshops are practically under Army control. R.O. 994 - D.D.O.S. 38/76. Man allowed to retain his worn-out boots provided it does not lead to premature condemnation. Re Salvage Coys. and collection of stores. A.Q.M. G., 3317. D.D.O.S. Q/106 "any transport required is found from the Divl. Train". Many Divs. have Div. Armr. shops - not a bad idea.	
	16.		A.H.Q. with D.A.D.O.S. N.Z. Div. Steel helmets to date - 1st. Aust. Div. 3500, 2nd. A.Div 11400. Told N. Z. to demand gas helmets, 2nd. blanket, Bikes, very pistols. We have not yet got out Inf. Light Trench Mortars. R.A. have been allotted 12 Medium and N.Z. 10. N.Z. short of 2 Vickers guns.	
	17.		Visited D.A.D.O.S., 1st. Div. O.C. 1st. Div. Train. Jerkins not yet drawn. Arranged with A.Q.M.G., 1st. Anzac to get transport. Notified 1st and 2nd. Aust. Divs. what done. 12 2" Mortars arrived from 1st. Div. 1st. Div. had large number of caps. Told D.A.D.O.S. not to issue. Visited 2nd. Corps and 5th. Corps Travelling Workshops at Rue-de-la-Gare, Bailleul, went into general question of repairs.	
	18.		Spoke D.A., Q.M.G. 2nd. Aust. Div. Rifles Telescope 6. Periscopes No.9. 154. Mortars 3.7" 8, 3" Stokes Mortars 2, 4" 4, 2" 12. Vermorels 144 and tins for same 107. Catapults 29, rifle rests 39, rifle batteries 7. Visited A.H.Q. and New Zealand Division.	
	19.		Visited D.O.O. 1st. A. Div at his new dump G.18.c. 1st. Bde complete practically as regards steel helmets. Also 2000 received for 2nd. Bde. Division has 5 Latty Lens sights per Bn. No. teleopic. 2nd. Division also visited. G.18.b. Jerkins also received also 1500 gum boots. 1st. Division another 500 boots. This gives them besides trench stores - 1st. Div. 444-plus 500 984, 2nd. Div. 1482 total 2466 also 1st. Div. 23/4/16 500 = 2966 2nd. Division took over 4600 = total 7566.	
	20.		M. Office work. No event of importance.	
	21.	c	Visited Aire to purchase stores for Anzac Signals.	

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Hqrs. 1st. Anzac.	April 22.		Trial of trench mortars at BERGHEN. G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Division asked me to obtain more boots as Aust. pattern were not wearing well. Instructed D.A.D.O.S. 1st. Aust. Div to double his weekly demand. GUM BOOTS.- 1st. Aust. Div. 6082 plus 1000 from Calais = 7082. New Zealand Div. 697 from 2nd. Corps.	
	23.		Met D.O.S. and D.D.O.S., Second Army at Bailleul. Discussed general questions of Australian financial arrangements with D.O.S. D.A., Q.M.G. 1st. Anzac and B.G., G.S. 1st. Anzac. Visited 1st. and 2nd. Div. Dumps with D.O.S. and D.D.O.S.	
	24.		Visited Bethune to purchase paint for Signal Co. and magnifying glasses.	
	25.		Meeting of D.A.D.O.S. with A.D.O.S. at Cassel.	
	26.		Visited N. Zealand dump. D.A.D.O.S. reports some units still in possession of P. Helmets. Told him to draw on his reserve and refill. Not many stores to hand. Blankets and bags for Machine guns received.- books started well.	
	27.		Capt. H.A. Moore joined as O.O., Corps Troops, 2nd. Div. reports steel helmets to date 10847. N.Z. Div. to get 3400 from Calais. 1st. Div. 6400. Went with Gen. Carruthers to meet Army Commander at Roquefort.	
	28.		Summary of helmets T.P. 1st. Div. 9800. 2nd. Div. 10847. N.Z. Division = 9500. D.D.O.S. informs me that Telescopic rifles when received by D.O.Os. should be handed to Snipers School. Visited Bethune to purchase tools for Pioneer Co.- subsequently to 1st. Aust. Division.	
	29.		Visited D.A.Ds.O.S. 1st and 2nd Aust. Divisions. All well in 2nd. Div. Large bills being sent out for stores returned as "U" and found to be Serviceable. Stores arriving well for 1st. Aust Division - plenty of boots.	
	30.		Visited D.A.D.O.S., N.Z. Div. Lt. Bond reported for Ordnance duty with N.Z. Ordnance. Stores beginning to arrive. 92 bicycles, Horse rugs. No. P.H.G. Helmets or Box respirators.	