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VILLERS BOCAGE.	May. 1st.		<p>D.D.O.S., Fourth Army, rang up to say I's.O.M. No. 24 and 29 O.M.W. with him complained no site to be had at PIERREGOT, and they camped in the open. They have personnel, and 10 lorries of machinery, etc., at PIERREGOT, and if Corps cannot find a site and do not want the shops, they will be sent to back area. Advised that I's.O.M. be sent to D.A. &amp; Q.M.G., Australian Corps, again, and I rang up and communicated information to D.A. &amp; Q.M.G.</p> <p>Wired No. 25 O.M.W. (M) and 22/53 (L) Shops that before moving into LONGPRES, as arranged, they send on an advance party to take possession in view of the possible occupation by the French.</p> <p>I.O.M. Nos. 24/29 O.M.W. sent to BELLOY to select suitable site.</p> <p>C.I.O.M., Army, says Nos. 24/29 O.M.W. have dumped themselves down on site of No. 2 O.M.W. (Medium) at BELLOY, and there is no room for them, also that M.T. Coy. say they must get out to make room for M.T. Coy. who are moving from VIGNACOURT. Reported to D.A. &amp; Q.M.G.</p> <p>Inspected III Corps Siege and Heavy Dump at SALEUX, also F.A. DUMP, also Aust. Corps Dump at Sheet 62.D, G.24, B, and at G.36, C. Reported to D.D.O.S., Fourth Army.*</p> <p>Saw Ammunition Officer, No. 106 Ammn. Unit, and instructed him to go through III Corps Dumps and condemn all u/s and doubtful ammunition and return to Base so that nothing not issuable should be sent to Batteries.</p> <p>Saw O.O., III Corps Troops, who reported he was instructed by A.D.O.S., III Corps, to rejoin him and take over from XIX Corps. Telephoned D.D.O.S., Fourth Army, and pointed out 200 units administered by O.O. III Corps Troops, and that O.O. Aust. Corps Troops had 253 and could not take over, suggested III Corps Troops O.O. Carrying on and D.D.O.S. agreed.</p>	* Appendix 5.												
VILLERS BOCAGE.	2nd.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Australian Division, reports death by enemy shell-fire of</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>1927, A/Sub-Cndr.</td> <td>STEWART, S.J.,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1980a, " "</td> <td>WATSON, H.L.,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6849, Sergeant</td> <td>UPWARD, A.S.,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9319, Corporal</td> <td>MANTON, H.C.,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>740, " "</td> <td>WISHART, N.McL.,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4297, Private</td> <td>McDonald, A.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Attended Funeral at CAMON Cemetery.</p>	1927, A/Sub-Cndr.	STEWART, S.J.,	1980a, " "	WATSON, H.L.,	6849, Sergeant	UPWARD, A.S.,	9319, Corporal	MANTON, H.C.,	740, " "	WISHART, N.McL.,	4297, Private	McDonald, A.	
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VILLERS BOCAGE.	3rd		<p>Captain J.M. RODD, M.C., A.O.D., departed for 1st Division.</p>													

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VILLERS BOCAGE.	May. 3rd		<p>To D.A.G. to discuss personnel of Corps Troops and to ask for an increase of Establishment of 8 men (privates) to be trained in Ordnance duties and ready to fill vacancies in Divisions as required. He agreed to 5 extra.</p> <p>Instructed D.A.Ds.O.S. 2nd, 3rd, 4th Divisions that they must find new locations at once for Dumps etc., and get out of VILLERS BOCAGE at once as barns etc. occupied by them required for accommodation of French troops.</p>																	
VILLERS BOCAGE.	4th		<p>Corps notifies removal on 6th to BERTANGLES and that III Corps will come into VILLERS BOCAGE. Notified by Lieut. CRAWFORD that he had taken over from O.O., Corps Troops at SALEUX by direction of D.D.O.S., Fourth Army, and had as personnel - 1 clerk and 2 storemen; the O.O., III Corps Troops having received instructions to report to his Corps, had departed with his lorries. Asked "Q" to detail 2 lorries to report to Lieut. CRAWFORD to-morrow morning.</p> <p>Following N.C.Os. left Corps Salvage Company for No.12 Ordnance Depot (Blargies North) on 4-5-1918. -</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="1107 984 1708 1143"> <tr> <td>305</td> <td>W.O.</td> <td>HASSAN</td> <td>E.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>403</td> <td>W.O.</td> <td>PURDUE</td> <td>J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>298</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>FLINTOFF</td> <td>F.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>149</td> <td>Cpl.</td> <td>MASON</td> <td>W.H.</td> </tr> </table>	305	W.O.	HASSAN	E.	403	W.O.	PURDUE	J.	298	Sgt.	FLINTOFF	F.	149	Cpl.	MASON	W.H.	
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VILLERS BOCAGE.	5th		<p>To Army Headquarters to D.D.O.S., Fourth Army and discussed O.M.Workshops, Rifles for Labour Units and change over of III Corps Troops.</p> <p>To SALEUX and instructed Lieut. CRAWFORD (O.O., Aust. Corps Troops 'B') that Aust. Corps Troops O.O. would move from VIGNACOURT to SALEUX on 7th, in the meantime he would carry on and issue as much of his stores as possible.</p> <p>Instructed O.O., Corps Troops that owing to change of Railhead to AILLY sur SOMME and change over of III Corps, he would move to SALEUX on 7th and take over from Lieut. CRAWFORD, leaving Lieut. ANDERSON and small staff to clear up the VIGNACOURT Dump by issuing to Units who had demanded from there.</p>																	

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VILLERS BOCAGE.	May 5th		<p>Arranged with D.D.O.S., Fourth Army that Light Shops No. 24 and 29 were to move to III Corps and that Shops to remain with Australian Corps would be No.2 Medium, BELLOY sur SOMME, No.10 Medium BERTEAUCOURT, No.17 and 47 Light CARDONETTE, and No.22/53 PICQUINY. Expressed opinion that the latter Shop was far too much in the rear area for horse drawn guns, and D.D.O.S. agreed that if "Q" Branch suggested a suitable site, he would agree to removal, but he would not agree to them going into a shelled area.</p>	
VILLERS BOCAGE.	6th		<p>To SALEUX with O.O., Corps Troops and Assistant Inspector of Armourers and arranged for both to move to-morrow. 2 lorries asked for by O.O., C.T. (B) did not report and Railhead could not be cleared. Asked D.A.Q.M.G. for 2 to-morrow and 2 to move Corps Armourers Shop. Moved from VILLERS BOCAGE to BERTANGLES, closed at former opened at latter 12 noon. No.24/29 O.M.W. (Light) moved to III Corps but to remain BELLOY sur SOMME until further ordered.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division reports damage by shell to Schoolhouse at CAMON occupied by him as a Store whereby 6 men were killed, 1 wounded and Indent Books and Records of 2 Brigade Groups destroyed.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies withdrawal of 47th and 52nd Infantry Battalions from 12th and 13th Infantry Brigades. Minute to "Q" on subject of return of Mobilization Equipment. *</p> <p>Wire from R.T.O. AILLY sur SOMME stating 5 trucks awaiting O.O., Corps Troops (B) and must be off-loaded, passed to "Q" who instructed S.M.T.O. to detail lorries to clear to-night.</p> <p>Minute to "Q" pointing out that with change of Railhead, and distance to carry stores, must have permanent 4 lorries to carry on, owing to abnormal quantities of stores being demanded, due to the fact that Corps took over troops including Artillery who had lost everything in their retreat, and were practically bare.</p> <p>No telephone yet connected, minute to "Q" and also asking for Electric Light to be connected up.</p>	<p>* Appendix No.6.</p>
BERTANGLES.	7th.		<p>Traffic LONGPRE complains 41 wheels G.S. are at PONT REMY for 4 days, said by III Corps Troops A.D.O.S. to be for this Corps. No certainty for this Corps as Units unknown and no Waybills, asked A.D.O.S., III Corps Troops by what authority he says for Australian Corps. He thinks they are for old III Corps Troops now Aust. Corps Troops "B", cannot identify indents and D.A.Q.M.G. wired Traffic LONGPRE to refer D.D.O.S., Fourth Army, not to us.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	May 8th		<p>"Q" notifies, commencing 8th, permanent detail of 4 lorries to O.O., Corps Troops instead of 2.                      Telephone connected.                      1050 Rifles etc. for 6th Regt. U.S. Engineers received by O.O., Corps Troops and issued.                      O.O., Aust. Corps Troops moved to SALEUX. Corps Armourers Workshop moved to SALEUX.                      3000 Rifles for Labour Coys. Labour Commandant gives distribution as follows :- 600 to each of Labour Groups - 35, 47, 61, 65 and 67.                      S.M.T.O. instructed to obtain from Railhead and deliver.                      To AILLY sur SOMME and saw R.T.O. and R.O.O. thence to SALEUX to Corps Troops and Corps Armourers Shop. Inspected late III Corps Troops Dumps of Field and Heavy Ammunition and found considerable improvement. Saw Lieut. SMITH O. i/c. No.106 Ammunition Ordnance Unit and discussed with him the necessary sorting and protecting of Ammunition.                      Sent O. i/c No.106 Ammunition Ordnance Unit copies of "Notes on Sorting of Ammunition and Instructions for care and preservation of Ammunition in the Field" S.S.(476).                      Electric light installed.                      D.D.O.S., Fourth Army asks that 800 rifles for Labour be delivered to Ordnance Officer, Army Troops No.1.                      Find that O.O., Aust. Corps Troops having received wire from Traffic LONGPRE re 41 G.S. Wheels has sent lorries to collect as they are in regular demand and he can supply as indents are received from Units if he has them on hand. Agreed.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	9th.		<p>R.T.O., AILLY sur SOMME phoned 3 trucks containing 3000 rifles for Labour have arrived, wants cleared to-day. D.A.Q.M.G. says quite impossible to get transport, must wait until to-morrow. D.D.O.S. called and discussed Labour rifles and agreed 1000 to be re-consigned to O.O., No.1 Army Troops, LONGPRE, 2000 to be dumped at AILLY sur SOMME Station for present. Asked R.O.O. to arrange. O.O., Corps Troops arranged to store 2000 rifles at Corps Salvage Dump, AILLY sur SOMME. D.D.O.S., Fourth Army rang up to say had arranged with Labour Commandant Army that Units would call and collect rifles from Salvage Dump.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	10th.		<p>Inspected Field Ammunition Dump at 62D/ B.20.d.3.3., and Divisional Bomb' Dump close to it. Also inspected Heavy Artillery Dump, CARDONETTE. Visited new Dumps of D.A.Ds.O.S., 2nd and 3rd Aust. Divisions. *</p>	<p>* Appendix No.7.</p> <p><i>Sheane Lt Col</i></p>



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BERTANGLES.	May 11th		<p>Visited new Dump of D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Division and O.O., Corps Troops, Aust. Corps. Inspected Dump of Corps Salvage Officer with reference to 2000 rifles stored there for Labour Groups and found same were being removed.</p> <p>I.O.M. No.25 O.M.W. (Medium) called and reported on transfer to Aust. Corps. Workshop is at QUEQUAVILLERS and he will run an advanced lorry at junction of VILLERS BRETONNEUX Roads.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	12th		<p>Lieut. CRAWFORD, A.O.C., instructed to report to 58th Division by D.D.O.S., Fourth Army, and left O.O. Corps Troops, to whom he was attached, to do so.</p> <p>Lieut. ANDERSON having cleared VIGNACOURT of Unit Stores, rejoined O.O., Corps Troops. Stores abandoned by 4th Aust. Div. Artillery. (See March 27th). Board of Enquiry has been held, and proceedings forwarded for me to see, and which I do not consider to be satisfactory, or likely to prevent repetition of this practice of leaving important and valuable stores behind when a unit moves, because they can be indented for again when Unit reaches new area. Lists of stores left and units responsible are attached. * Noted to "Q" that apparently the question of Machine Guns and Signal Stores left behind, had not come before the Board.</p>	Appendix No. 8.
BERTANGLES.	13th.		<p>Discussed with D.A.G., A.I.F. proposition to attach an Officer of A.I.F. B.E.F. to R.A.C.D. London, to look after interests of A.I.F. re Australian Clothing etc., with which D.A.G. agreed and asked for matter to be submitted in writing - same attached.*</p> <p>To No.4 Gun Park PONT REMY and discussed supplies with O. i/c. and he would endeavour to arrange to deliver to Divisions and O.O., Corps Troops.</p> <p>Gun Position at this date :- Outstanding Indents for 18-pdr guns - 3, carriages - 2; 4.5" How.- 1, carriage 1; 60-pdr gun 1, carriage 1; 6"-26 cwt. How.- 1, carriage - 1; 8" How.- 2, carriage - 1; 12" How. Rly. Mtg. - 2; 6" Guns Mark VII pieces 2.</p>	Appendix No. 9.
BERTANGLES.	14th.		<p>D.D.O.S. says III Corps would like to have Lieut. SMITH and 106 Ammunition Section again with it and would I agree. Agreed.</p> <p>Colonel AUSTIN called, leaving for England and R.A.C.D. to-morrow, discussed proposed appointment of an Officer to watch A.I.F. interests in clothing, etc.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	15th.		<p>Wrote D.A.G. and asked for promotion of following 2/Lieuts. A.A.O.C. to Lieuts., having completed 3 month's service. 2/Lieuts. HARRINGTON, WELCH and KENT.</p> <p>Also wrote Div. D.A.Ds.O.S. recommending making substantive, Acting promotions of Warrant Officers 1st Class, as per D.A.G., A.I.F. 151/0/17 of 24/2/1918.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	16th.			

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BERTANGLES.	May 16th		I.O.Ms. 22/53 O.M.W. (Light) called and discussed matters relating to shops and advanced lorry at LONGPRE.	
BERTANGLES.	17th		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Aust. Division reports despatch to C.O.O., HAVRE (through R.O.O., POULAINVILLE) of Vehicles etc., surplus to establishment of 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion as per list supplied. * Wrote 1st, 2nd, 4th &amp; 5th Aust. Divisions for similar returns.</p> <p>Inspected 2nd Aust. Div. Bomb Dump PONT NOYELLES, Divl. A.R.Ps. - 2nd at PONT NOYELLES, 5th at QUERRIEU and DAOURS, and 4th at BLANGY TRONVILLE CHATEAU, and reported on same. * Report to D.D.O.S., Fourth Army; copies to "Q" Branch and G.O.C., R.A. Special minute to "Q" re 4th Aust. Divl. A.R.P.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 10.</p> <p>Appendix No. 11.</p>
BERTANGLES.	18th		<p>Report received from 2/Lieut. HARRINGTON on clearance of No. 17 Rue d'Aire, HAZEBROUCK. Very satisfactory, brought under notice of "Q" and asked that Corps Commander might have brought under his notice the excellent work done under shell fire conditions by 2/Lieut. HARRINGTON, Capt. GOLDRICK, W.O. DUCKWORTH and Cpl. COBB.</p> <p>A.I.F. Orders No. 330 notifies promotion of 2/Lieut. WATSON (O.O., Corps Troops) to Lieut. dated 6-5-1918.</p> <p>Instructed Lieut. SMITH and 106 Ammunition Section to report to III Corps.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	19th		<p>Capt. DOWN, D.A.D.O.S. 2nd Aust. Division made complaint that 2nd Aust. Div. Salvage Officer was issuing Ordnance Stores to Units without reference to him in contravention of G.R.O. Discussed matter with A.Q.M.G., Staff Captain Salvage, Aust. Corps and D.A.D.O.S. 2nd Aust. Div. and agreed that this must be discontinued at once: A.Q.M.G. would issue instructions to all Divisions accordingly.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S. 4th Aust. Division called and discussed Surplus Stores and Vehicles on 47th and 52nd Battalions' demobilization, and it was decided by A.Q.M.G. that stores must be returned to Base to enable re-credit to be obtained, but vehicles, harness and equipment of Transport to be retained pending application to Army for same to be approved for issue to other Battalions to enable stores to be carried and prevent the dumping of equipment which took place when Divisions moved from one Army to another.</p> <p>Reported that Heavy and Siege Ammunition Dump at Sheet 62D, G.11.a. shelled by enemy and should be moved. "Q" (Ammun.) to say.</p> <p>"Q" (Ammun.) says Dump is to be removed at once into Bois de Mai.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>St James</i> Lt Col</p>



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BERTANGLES	May 20th		<p>To ABBEVILLE and inspected 2nd Aust. Div. Dump in A.M.T.D. Hangar at MAUTORT. Reported to "Q".</p> <p>Asked D.A.G., A.I.F. to transfer 2/Lieut. HARRINGTON from 3rd to 4th Aust. Divisions as owing to demobilization of 47th and 52nd Battalions, D.A.D.O.S. required assistance.</p>	Appendix No. 12.
BERTANGLES	21st		<p>Asked for car to inspect dumps, none available.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. called and said that G.O.C., A.I.F. approves proposal to attach a Liason Officer to R.A.C.D., PIMLICO, to watch A.I.F. clothing questions and that it would be necessary for me to proceed to LONDON, as soon as Colonel AUSTIN took up his duties, to arrange the matter.</p> <p>A.D.O.S., III Corps reports arrival of Lieut. SMITH and 106 Ordnance Ammunition Section for duty, on transfer from AUSTRALIAN Corps.</p> <p>A.Q.M.G. sent draft instructions (for remarks) relating to issue of Salvage Stores. Quite O.K.</p>	
BERTANGLES	22nd		<p>Inspected WAGGA Dump (62E, R.26.a.) and Heavy and Siege Artillery Dump (late III Corps), now in good condition. All unserviceable and salvaged having been sent away from both dumps, sorting completed and fire buckets at WAGGA Dump. Tarpaulins also provided but not quite sufficient, further 20 required. *</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. instructed 3rd Aust. Division that 2/Lieut. HARRINGTON should be transferred to 4th Aust. Division to assist D.A.D.O.S.</p>	Appendix No. 13.
BERTANGLES	23rd		<p>2nd Aust. Division turned down application of D.A.D.O.S. for a box car providing same could be obtained from Army, stating that only twice in 4 or 5 months had he been unable to obtain a car when he required it.</p> <p>Reported to D.D.O.S., Fourth Army that 2nd, 3rd, 4th &amp; 5th Aust. Divisions had indented for Lewis Guns to complete to Scale "E". (24 guns per Battalion exclusive of 4 for A.A.)</p> <p>As 3rd Aust. Division had not returned the 24 guns from 36th Battalion but had distributed them amongst other Battalions, instructed D.A.D.O.S. 3rd Aust. Division, after discussing with A.Q.M.G., that he must only draw 20 guns instead of 44.</p>	
BERTANGLES	24th		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Division says has discussed the car difficulty with G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division, and he would like to see me on the subject. Said I would come out to-morrow morning. Notified I would want car.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	May 25th		<p>Not able to get car to go to 2nd Aust. Division this morning and B-Gen. ROSENTHAL would not be in during afternoon, so agreed I would see him after 2 p.m. to-morrow and notified car required.</p> <p>To VIGNACOURT and discussed various questions with D.A.G., A.I.F.: amongst others, the fact that 3 N.C.Os. from LONDON Branch of A.A.O.C. had arrived in France and were awaiting instructions at Base.</p> <p>Wrote A.A.G., 3rd Echelon and D.A.G., A.I.F. on subject. *</p>	Appendix No. 14.
BERTANGLES.	26th.		<p>No car available for me to keep arrangement with Genl. ROSENTHAL, 2nd Aust. Division, so put off until to-morrow afternoon.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	27th.		<p>Saw G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division and discussed with him question of D.A.D.O.S. and facilities for him to perform his work satisfactorily and expressed my own opinion, substantiated by D.D.O.S., Fourth Army, that a D.A.D.O.S. could not do his work in a satisfactory manner unless he had a car at his call.</p> <p>With A.Q.M.G. to Corps Baths Officer and Corps Salvage Dump, O.O. Corps Troops and to 2nd Aust. Div. Dumps.</p> <p>D.A.G. notifies that of 6 N.C.Os. and men sent to Course of Instruction, WOOLWICH, as Laboratory Foremen, 179 Bdr. GRANT T. and 16 Gnr O'GRADY P. have qualified as Laboratory Foremen and the remainder as Assistant Lab. Foremen. Asks for recommendation and says it is proposed to send them to A.A.O.C. for Ammunition duties. Replied that establishment of 2 Lab. Foremen and Fuze Manipulators for authorised establishment of 2 Ammunition Units complete. Recommend further period of practical training until opportunity arises to make use of them.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	28th.		<p>With A.Q.M.G. to 5th Aust. Division.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	29th.		<p>D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies that Lieuts. C.H. MORLEY and J.D. JONES should continue at present practical work until June 18. Agreed.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies that in order that A.A.O.C. may be administered as a Corps, O.C., A.A.O.C. will have full responsibility and authority to approve all appointments, obtaining the approval of D.A.G., A.I.F. where necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>E. L. ...</i> M Col</p>	



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BERTANGLES.	May 29th.		<p>As regards promotions to Conductor and Sub-Conductor, any proposal to promote to such ranks will be referred to H.Q. Division for recommendation of Divisional Commander.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. No.25/209. Re-organisation of Brigades on a 3 Battalion basis. Financial adjustment for Arms and Equipment. A most practical solution suggested by him as to financial adjustment and which will save a considerable amount of accounting and subsequent argument as to re-credit. *</p>	Appendix No. 15.
BERTANGLES.	30th.		<p>With A.Q.M.G. to 2nd Aust. Div. and discussed generally.</p> <p>Afterwards to Divisional Bomb Dump and new Corps Reserve Dump at Sheet 62D., B.20.d., which is now completed and being stocked.</p> <p>Asked D.A.G. to post Lieut. KENT to 1st Aust. Division for temporary duty and transfer Major KINNINMONTH, D.A.D.O.S. 1st Aust. Division to Corps H.Q. for temporary duty.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	31st.		<p>To ROUEN to Clothing Depot and discussed with O.O. Australian clothing supply. He states quantities in hand very low and sizes all small and useless for issue, consider that stocks should be carried equal to one month's issues and an equal quantity be on the way, so that practically two months supply is in stock. Recommended discussion with A.D.O.S. Provision at HAVRE.</p> <p>Left Corps Headquarters at 9 a.m. with Major TUCKETT, D.A.D.O.S. 4th Aust. Division.</p>	

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Lieut-Colonel,  
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APPENDIX.

A.D.O.S., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

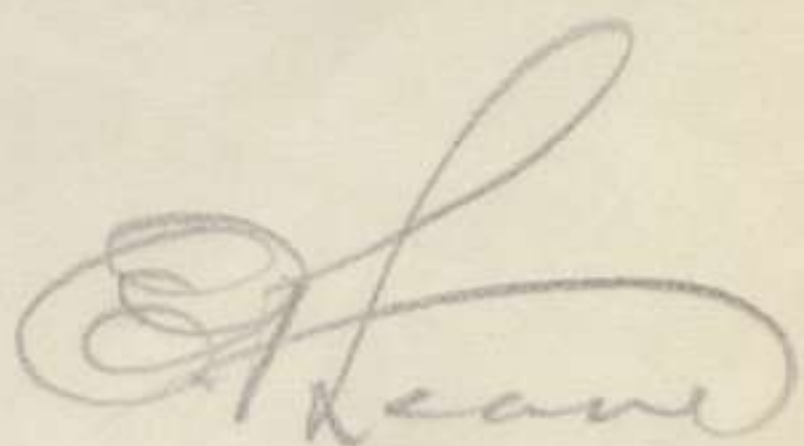
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| ✓ 5.  | Report on inspection of Ammunition Dumps, dated 2nd instant.   |
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| ✓ 12. | Report on inspection of stores in A.M.T.D. Hangar at MAUTORT left behind by 2nd & 4th Aust. Divisions and other units.                         |
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| ✓ 14. | Minutes reference disposal of 3 N.C.Os. of A.A.O.C. U.K. who have been sent to France.   |
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.Headquarters,  
2/5/18.D.D.O.S.,  
Fourth Army.AMMUNITION DUMPS, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Following on my report of 25/4/18, I have to-day inspected the following dumps:-

Sheet 62 D, G.24, C. Closed Field Dump, behind "B" Divisional Artillery. New dump, well sited in forest. Stacks built on duckboards and covered with tarpaulins, but too close together.

Ample space is available and this fault will be remedied. A larger number of fire-buckets should be provided, also pumps, fire, hand, and drag ropes.

This dump is intended to contain 13,000 18-pdr. and 2,500 4.5" ammunition, and 250,000 rounds S.A.A.

Sheet 62 D, G.36, C. Field Dump behind "A" Divisional Artillery. New dump. No provision yet been made for dunnage, protection against weather, or fire fighting. In the meantime it is recommended that drains be opened around each stack of ammunition to run off any water. Site is considered to be too open and exposed to enemy observation; stacks are altogether too close to one another. Sorting of stacks into fuzes, etc., should be done and stacks opened out in the sorting, and these new stacks should be built on proper dunnage, and tarpaulins, fire-buckets, etc., provided.

This dump is intended to carry 10,000 18-pdr., 2,000 B.X., and 2,000 M. and N.X.

Sheet 62 E, R.21, C. Late III Corps dump, Heavy and Siege. There is approximately at this dump, P, 3,600; P, Gas, 2,200; D, 9,000; D.X., 2,500; K, 1,800; K.X., 250; B, 600; H, 1,000; M, 1,000; with components.

Sheet 62 E, R.26, R.32, and XI, late III Corps. Boxed ammn., S.A.A., etc., as follows:- 18-pdr. 18,800; 4.5" 18,850; Gas, 14,700; S.A.A., 8,000,000; Mill's Grenades, 7,000; No. 25 Grenade, 4,500; P. Grenade, 3,500; Very Lights, 12,000; T.M.C., 4,600, T.M.G., 3,500.

This dump is scattered and spread along about 3 kilometres of road, and the boxes have been apparently placed together anyhow with no sorting of fuzes, etc.

These dumps are to be cleared as soon as possible, and will not be carried on by Australian Corps.

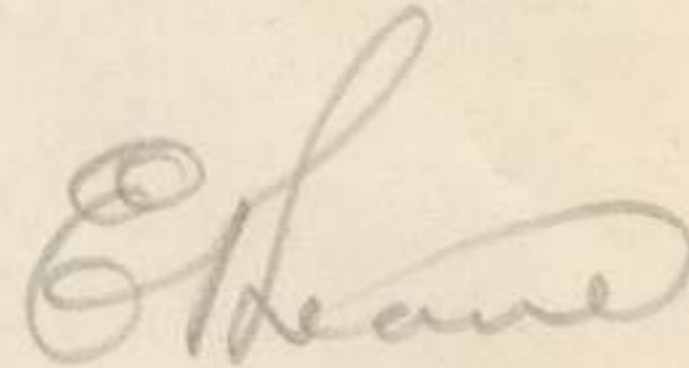
In the meantime, the Officer i/c No. 106th Ordnance Ammn. Section has been instructed to sort out by fuzes, etc., and to examine a quantity of doubtful ammunition at both dumps, to ensure that only servicable is sent forward, and that u/s and doubtful ammunition is evacuated to the Base.

The both dumps are quite without any dunnage or protection against the weather. No provision has been made against fire, nor to drain the ground to run off water.



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In my opinion the site of the Heavy and Siege dump is unsuitable, being quite in the open, and owing to large quantities of shell and components stored there, liable to be observed by enemy aircraft.



Lieut-Colonel,  
A.D.C.S.,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Copy to:-

"Q" Branch, Aust. Corps.



"Q" Branch,  
Australian Corps.

Having reference to D.A.G's. 25/197, 5/5/18, re withdrawal of 47th and 52nd Battalions from the A.I.F., and their continuance as Training Battalions in U.K. for their respective Brigades, it is requested that, having in view the cost of the Mobilization Stores of these units to the Commonwealth, and the re credit which should be obtained from the War Office for their return, the following orders may be issued to the 4th Australian Division:-

All Mobilization Stores are to be returned to D.A.D.O.S., 4th Australian Division, together with a detailed list in triplicate of the stores returned.

Two copies of this list to be signed by D.A.D.O.S. and returned to unit, one copy to be preserved amongst his records.

One copy to be placed by unit concerned amongst its records, one copy sent to A.D.O.S., Australian Corps.

On completion of return of stores, a return will be made by unit to A.D.O.S., Australian Corps, showing:-

- (a) Stores of Infantry Battalion as laid down in G. 1098/110.
- (b) Stores returned to D.A.D.O.S.
- (c) Explanation of deficiencies as per pro-forma below.

Stores	: As per M.S.T.	: Ret'd to D.A.D.O.S.	: Defic'y	: Explanation of Deficiency.

*E. Leane*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
A.D.O.S.,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Copy to:-  
D.A.G., A.I.F.

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Headquarters,  
 11th May 1918.

D.D.O.S.,  
 Fourth Army.  
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The following Ammunition Dumps have been inspected by me during the past week :-

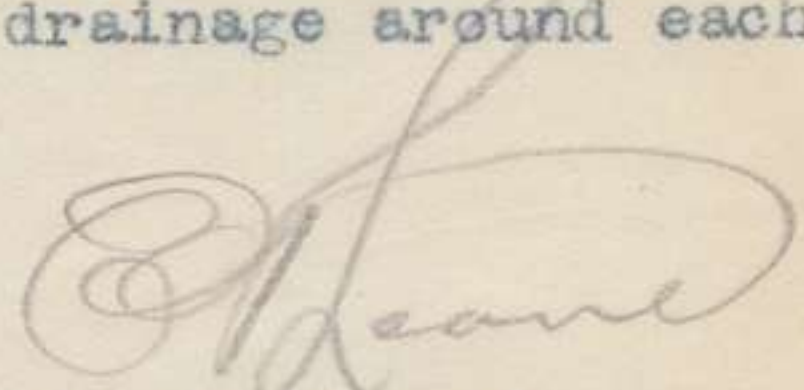
1. H.A. Dump, CARBONETTE. There is practically no change at this Dump, no provision of fire appliances has yet been made, and stacks of shell are still too close together, are not dunnaged, and are not drained in any way. A considerable number of grummets were noticed which had been cut and were scattered about, and being trodden into the ground, and on a large number of shells the grummets had slipped off the driving bands and useless for the purpose for which they were provided. The sorting of Propellants into Lot Nos. is proceeding.
2. Corps Reserve F.A. Dump, Sheet 62D, b.20.d. Not yet complete, no ammunition stored.
3. Divisional Reserve Bomb Dump. Dunnage has now been provided, but not yet sufficiently protected against weather. No fire appliances provided, and hut built of S.A.A. is occupied by Guard, which is not in accordance with Fourth Army Standing Order 720.

Old III Corps Dumps on AMIENS-BACQUEL Road.

H.A. Dump.) Considerable improvement has taken place since last  
 F.A. Dump.) inspection, under O. i/c No.106 Ord. Ammun. Section.  
 Ammunition is being sorted and restacked under better conditions.  
 Tarpaulins are not yet to hand but are expected to be available shortly  
 fire appliances should be provided in the shape of fire buckets for  
 each stack, pumps fire hand for each 5 buckets and I would recommend  
 tanks 200 gal., 1 for each 10 buckets, for storage of water which is  
 not available except by cartage from a considerable distance.

This applies to both Heavy and Boxed Dumps.

It is considered that, where dunnage is not available, and projectiles at Heavy Dump are stacked on the ground, which is neither solid, dry nor level, provision should be made of drainage around each stack, to carry off surplus water.



Lieut-Colonel,  
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Bicycles G.S.,	1.
Covers Trench,	1.
Tarpaulins, 30' x 30',	4.
Bags Picketing Gear,	3.
Panniers Sig. Stores,	1.
Bandages Medical, <del>bags</del> sacks,	1.
Boots F.S., u/s, pairs,	2.
Boards Art. Register,	1.
Cutters Wire Small,	1.
Infantry Equipment, '08 Packs,	1.
Jerkins Leather,	2.
Cardigans, u/s,	2.
Stocks & Dies, sets,	1.
Saws Hand, 26",	1.
Ropes Heel,	3.
Ropes Drag Light,	3.
Sheets Ground, u/s,	3.
Hooks Reaping,	31.
Saddlery, Officers, sets,	1.
Bags, Nose, G.S.,	30.
Saddles S.A.,	1.
Rifles S.M.L.E.,	2.
Hammers Smiths Sledge,	1.
Axes Felling C.H.,	1.
Sights Dial, No. 7,	1.
Belts Waist, Sam Browne,	1.
Belts Shoulder, new,	1.
Frogs, Sword, new,	1.
Vices Hand Comb,	1.
Clinometers,	1.
Spanners of sorts,	3.
Wrenches Adj.,	1.
Pliers, round nose, pairs,	1.
"    S.C., 8",    "	1.
Straight edge for Director,	1.
Rules, 12",	1.
Irons, Soldering, large,	1.
Files of sorts,	4.
Spanners Bicycle,	5.
Screwdrivers G.S.,	2.
Tables Plane Portable,	1.
Seats C.O.M.,	1.
Perches Wagon G.S.,	1.
Handspikes Common, 6',	1.
Hoops Bale C.O.M.,	2.
A.M.C. Splints, etc., bundles,	1.

Approximate value of above stores, £116-2-8.

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ADDITIONAL STORES OF 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTY.

- (a) Returned to Gun Park.
- (b) Returned to A.D. Signals.
- (c) Issued to Units.

H.Q., 10TH BRIGADE, A.F.A.

(b) {	Suzzer,	1.
	Herman Telephone,	1.
	Lamps, Lucas,	1.
	Rings, Rubber,	6.
	Lamps, Bicycle,	1.

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Sights Rocking Bar, Q.F. 4.5" How.,	2.	Cases Carrier No. 7, D.S. No. 1,	4.
Boots Ankle, new, pairs,	6.	Bandoliers, 50 rounds,	3.
" " u/s, "	4.	Telescopes (repairable)	1.
" F.S., " "	1.	Stands Director No. 5,	2.
H.P.D.G.S. Leggings, Drivers,	2.	" Lamp or Helio,	4.
Saddlery Universal;-		" Director No. 3,	2.
Bits, P.M.R.,	6.	Flags Sig. Army White w/stripes,	8.
Collars Head, u/s,	1.	" " " Blue,	7.
Saddles S.A.,	1.	" " " Poles, 3'6",	14.
Collars Head,	7.	Stands Sig. Telescope,	1.
Straps Baggage,	3.	Buckets, Sig. Flag,	1.
H.P.D.G.S. Whips, Drivers,	6.	Rangefinder, Barr & Stroud,	1.
Reins Driving Long, sets,	1 1/2.	Cases -do-	1.
Chains Collar Head,	3.	Helmets, steel,	2.
Spurs, jack, pairs,	2.	Leggings, Aust. patt., pairs,	1.
Dressings, Field,	78.	Cardigans, u/s,	2.
Brushes, Horse,	25.	Coats, Great, A.P., u/s,	1.
" Dandy,	6.	Jerkins, leather,	1.
" Water Carriage,	1.	S.A.A., rounds,	50.
" Piasaba,	2.	Boots, gum, thigh, pairs,	1.
Haversacks, G.S.,	1.	Shirts, u/s,	2.
Telephones, German,	1.	Trousers, S.D., pairs,	1.
Cogs, frost,	100.	Carriers Ammn. 4.5" Howr.	18.
Taps Frost Cog,	6.	Covers, Breech, 4.5" Howr.	2.
Spanners No. 93,	1.	Bags, Picketing gear,	1.
Nets Hay,	40.	Hammers Farriers shoeing,	1.
Irons, Branding,	23.	Covers Muzzle 4.5" Howr.	3.
Springs R.O., wound left,	1.		
Reins, Bit,	1.		
Axes, felling, C.H.,	1.		
Shovels, R.E.,	1.		
" G.S.,	1.		
Imp. Butchers Choppers, Meat,	1.		
Ropes, drag, light,	1.		
Bottles, Oil, Rifle,	13.		
Cans, Oil, No. 3,	6.		
Caps Dust 2nd Class "C" No. 1,	3.		
Locks Brass, without Keys,	4.		
Box Respirators,	2.		
Helmets, P.H.,	1.		
Bottles, Water, enamelled,	3.		
Carriers W.B., with S.S.,	1.		
Sheets Ground, Mk. VII,	1.		
Coats Warm, M.S., u/s,	1.		
Buckets Water, G.S., Canvas,	2.		
Shirts,	1.		
Vests, Woollen,	7.		
Carriers No. 7 Dial Sight No. 1,	1.		
Cells, Electric, inert, "X",	71.	Approximate value of above	
Spanners No. 43,	1.	stores - £263 - 1 - 2.	
Screwdrivers, G.S., 8",	4.		
Spanners McMahon,	3.		
Washers Drag, 2nd Class, "C",	1.		
Pins, Draught,	1.		
Imp. Ammn. Keys No. 82,	1.		
Drawers, woollen,	5.		
Hoops, Bale, C.O.M.,	3.		
Covers, C.O.M.,	1.		
Box Respirators,	1.		
Machines Horse Clipping, Stewart,	2.		
Crowbars, 4'6",	1.		
Oil, Mineral, galls,	5.		
" Lubricating, G.S.,	5.		

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ADDITIONAL STORES OF 4TH. AUST. DIVL. ARTY.

- (a) Returned to Gun Park.
- (b) Returned to A.D. Signals.
- (c) Issued to Units.

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(b) {	Cable, D.S. coils,	2.
	"    D.S.    "	1.
	Telephones,	1.
	Plugs, Suzzer,	1.
	Harness P.D.S.S., Wheel sets,	1.
(c) {	Sumnals,	1.
	Cleaners, Plasabs,	1.
	Spanners, McMahon,	2.
	Buckles, Brass,	12.

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Boxes Medical Store,	3. Washers Buffer Leather Q.F. 18-pdr.	
Saddles Universal,	5. fitted with Air Recuperator u/s,	12.
Pannels Numnah,	7. Oil Stoness Carpenters,	1.
Paint,	Qty. Telephones Switchboard (German)	1.
Shovels, G.S.,	1. Clams, Saddlers,	2.
Apparatus adj. R.O. springs,	1. Covers App. Adj. R.O., Springs,	1.
Boots F.S., u/s, pairs,	12. Boots Ankle, u/s, pairs,	8.
Harness P.D.G.S. Wheel sets,	1. Rattles Anti-Gas,	1.
Rugs, Horse,	7. Bandoliers, 50 rounds,	13.
Carriers Reel Cable S.U.,	7. Bags, Leather,	2.
Buckets Signalling,	7. Wallets, S.U.,	2.
Stocks Drill Breast,	1. Whips Drivers,	1.
Box Respirators, u/s,	4. Saddles Bicycle, Mk. III,	1.
Saddlery Universal :-	Stretchers ambulance,	1.
Stirrup irons,	10. Rings Packing Hemp,	17.
Bits P.M.R.,	3. Gloves Leather Special, pairs,	1.
" " Heads Bridle,	1. Shirts Flannel, u/s,	20.
Reins Bit,	3. Oil Skin Coats,	1.
Collars Head,	9. Boots Gum Thigh, u/s, pairs,	2½.
Tongs Farriers,	1. Bars suptg. draught pole No. 3,	1.
Mats Gun,	3. Bags Nose G.S.,	150.
Indicators Fuze,	2. Rifles S.M.L.E.,	5.
Saws Hand, 26",	2. Crowbars, 4'6",	1.
Leather Sole Bends, lbs,	24. Machines Horse Clipping, Stewart,	1.
Axes Hand, 3 lbs.,	2. Axes felling, w/o helve,	1.
Covers Breech, 18-pdr.	1. Carriers Ammn. 18-pdr.	2.
Spanners Hydraulic Buffer No. 125,	1. Bottles Water enamelled,	12.
Carriers water-bottle, w/s s,	8. Climbers Pole,	1.
Buckles Brass, boxes,	1. App. Ill. Aiming Pts., 18-pdr.	1.
Sights Rocking Bar, German,	1. Spurs, Jack, pairs,	2.
Cans Lubricating No. 3,	4. Pads Surcingle,	16.
Coats Great, M.S., u/s,	5. Jackets S.D., u/s,	1.
Cases Saw Hand,	2. Brushes Dandy,	1.
Blankets G.S.,	5. Helmets Steel,	11.
Tins Mess, M.S.,	1. Jerkins Leather,	1.
Sheets Ground, u/s,	1. Lamps F.S.,	1.
Hides B.B.,	½. Straps of sorts,	46.
Dressings Field,	53. Collars Breast,	1.
Cells, Electric, inert, "X",	18. Cases Can Lubricating No. 3,	2.
Traces Wire Short,	5. Girth Leather,	3.
Spanners Hyd. Buffer No. 128,	3. Stocks Drill,	1.
Vices, hand combination,	1. Buckels Brass, bags,	1.
Straps, assorted, bundles,	1. Covers Canvas Recuperator Cap,	4.
Clinometers, Field,	1. Sword,	1.
Swords,	1. Rubbers Horse,	100.
Leggings leather, A.P., u/s, prs.	32. Bags Tool Shoemakers filled,	1.
" " " serviceable	5. Brooms Bass, heads,	4.
Shoes Horse, boxes,	1. Machines Chaffcutting,	1.

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Approximate value of above stores, £282-16-7.

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ADDITIONAL STORES OF 4TH AUST. DIVL. ARTY.

- (a) Returned to Gun Park.
- (b) Returned to A.D. Signals.
- (c) Issued to Units.

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- (c) Apparatus Illuminating Aiming Point sets, 1.
  - (a) Guns, Lewis, 3.
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Boxes Dust Caps & Drag Wash.	2.	Caps Dust 2nd Class, "C", No. 1,	3.
Washers Drag 2nd Class "C",	3.	Pouches ammn, Pistol, Sam Browne,	1.
Cutters Wire, large, pairs,	1.	Girths leather,	10.
Hooks Bill,	4.	Traces, Rope, short,	11.
Brushes Water Carriage,	7.	Collars, Brest,	2.
" Spoke,	2.	Wallets, Saddlery, Universal,	4.
Cloths, Sponge,	27.	Collars Head,	13.
Clinometers, Field,	2.	Tyres Bicycle:- Covers, u/s,	2.
" Sight,	1.	Cases Spare Parts, empty,	1.
Cleaners Wool,	1.	" " " filled,	3.
" Biasaba,	2.	Boots, Ankle, U/S, pairs,	1.
Scales Deflection,	5.	Lanyards Firing,	1.
Covers Muzzle, 18-pdr.	1.	Pliers, pairs,	2.
Imp. Ammn. Keys No. 18,	8.	Boxes Lamp Siege,	4.
Spanners Hyd Buffer No. 122,	1.	Tables Plane Portable,	1.
" " " " 123,	2.	Covers " "	1.
Handcuffs, common, pairs,	2.	Wrenches, B.M.,	1.
Imp. Ammn. Keys No. 10,	1.	Washers Buffer Leather,	12.
Cans Lub., No. 9,	1.	" Klingerit (?), sets,	8.
Screwdrivers, G.S.,	10.	Imp. Ammn. Keys No. 17,	1.
Hammers Claw, 16 oz.,	1.	Keys Limber Hook,	1.
Syringes extracting Liquid,	1.	Covers Eccentric Brake gear,	1.
Pins draught No. 3,	1.	Pins split, with chain,	1.
Compressors, Lever type, com- plete with fittings,	2.	Funnel, leather,	1.
Crowbars, 4'6",	2.	" tin,	1.
Lamps R.R.,	1.	Spanners Hyd. Buffer No. 129,	1.
Hangers Lamp R.R.,	2.	" No. 267,	2.
Box Respirators, u/s,	1.	Plugs filling hole,	1.
Bottles Water enamelled,	7.	Brackets Dial Plate with two fixing screws	7.
Carriers Water Bottle w/s s.,	13.		
Tins Mess M.S., u/s,	17.	Brooms Bass Heads,	3.
Straps Mess Tin M.S.,	3.	Saws Hand 26",	3.
Leggings A.P., u/s, pairs,	12.	" " " cases,	2.
Bandoliers, 50 rounds, u/s,	4.	Cloth Emery, sheets,	60.
Shovels, G.S.,	4.	Containers S.B.R., u/s,	12.
Lathes Adj. Rangefinder & Case,	2.	Brushes Paint Sash Tool,	1.
Leather Sole Bends, lbs.,	1.	Machines Horse Clipping, Stewart patt., Plates top,	2.
Soles half, pairs,	24.	" bottom,	2.
Bags, Nose, G.S.,	144.		
Buckets Water Canvas,	223.	Rangefinders, Barr & Stroud,	1.
Saddlery Universal, sets,	1.	Stands Director No. 3,	3.
Saddles, complete,	2.	Flags Sig. Army Blue,	1.
Vests, woollen, u/s,	3.	" " " White, w/stripes,	8.
Rugs, Horse,	3.	Directors, No. 3,	1.
Blankets G.S.,	4.	Cases, -do-	1.
Saddle Blankets,	2.	Director No. 4 & case,	1.
Protractors Celluloid 6" & Case,	1.	Buckets Rifle,	2.
Periscope No. 14,	1.	Stands Lamp or Helio,	1.
Cases, -do-	2.	Spings spiral Clock Type Range gear,	4.
Stands Telescope F.A.,	1.	Triggers Part 1,	2.
Plotters Field,	1.	Rules, Range,	2.
Binoculars Prismatic, pairs,	8.	Instruments Angle of Sight,	2.
Compasses for Directors, in case	3.	Cells, Electric, inert, "X", about	100.
Body Shields (private property)	1.	Towels, hand, u/s,	1.
Compass, Prismatic,	1.	Shirts, u/s,	1.
Drawers, woollen, u/s,	1.	Cases, Sextant, Pocket,	1.
Packs, Web,	1.	Packings plaited hemp,	4.
Ropes drag light,	2.	Chests Tool Saddlers,	1.
Rugs, trace,	10.	Straps of sorts,	110.
Rubbers, Horse,	16.	Nets, Hay,	150.
Brushes Harness Hard,	1.	Socks Worsted, u/s, pairs,	130.
Helmets, P.H., u/s,	2.	Brushes Dandy,	1.
Spring R.O., Outer & Inner each	4.	Buckets, leather,	18.
Creeps Lub. Hole, B.H.,	2.	Ropes Picketing, 66',	1.
Catches Limber & Perch Hook,	3.	Hooks Reaping,	12.
" Ret. Breech Screw,	1.	Leg Iron Foot,	1.

Approximate value of above stores £360-12-11.

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ADDITIONAL STORES OF 4TH AUSTR. DIVL. ARTY.

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- (b) Returned to A.D. Signals.
- (c) Issued to Units.

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(b) {	Cells for Lucas Lamps,	3.
	Switchboards,	2.
	Lamps, Electric,	2.
	Files, assorted,	6.
(c) {	Drifts, No. 12.	1.
	Harness P.D.S.S., Wheel sets,	1.

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Machines Chaffcutting,	1.
Pumps Lift and Force,	1.
Hose -do- lengths,	1.
Kettles, Camp, oval,	6.
Tubs Washing, $3\frac{1}{2}$ galls,	2.
Stoves Soyers,	1.
Covers Trench,	1.
Bicycles G.S.,	1.
Bags Nose, G.S.,	20.
Shovels G.S.,	6.
Brooms Bass, Heads,	2.
Axes Pick, Handles,	1.
" " Heads,	14.
Shovels, R.E.,	1.
Spades G.S.,	3.
Compressors Lever Type complete with fittings,	1.
Saws Hand, 26",	1.
Hooks Bill,	1.
Mallets, Tent,	2.
Machines Horse Clipping, Stewart pattern,	1.
Lamps F.S.,	1.
Buckets Water Canvas,	1.
Breeches M.S., u/s,	1.
Towels hand, u/s,	1.
Leggings, A.P., u/s, pairs,	1.
Spurs, Jack, u/s, pairs,	1.
Soap, Soft, lbs.,	56.
Rifles S.M.L.E.,	1.
Bags Rifle Canvas,	1.
Slings, Rifle, leather,	1.
Rugs, Horse,	16.
Axes felling, with C.H.,	1.
Brushes Horse,	1.
Shoes Horse, boxes,	4.
Oil Mineral, galls,	5.

Approximate value of above stores, £86-7-5.

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APPENDIX.

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ADDITIONAL STORES OF 4TH AUST. DIVL. ARTY.

- (a) Returned to Gun Park.
- (b) Returned to A.D. Signals.
- (c) Issued to Units.

43RD BATTERY, A.F.A.

(b) {	Telephone wire, coils,	5.
	Saws, hand, 26",	1.

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41ST BATTERY, A.F.A.

Lathe Adjusting Rangefinder,	1.
-do- German,	1.
Rangefinder, Barr & Stroud,	1.
Stands Director,	2.
" Artillery Rangefinder,	1.
Kettles Camp Oval,	1.
Bottles Water Enamelled,	1.
Pads Collar, Mk. II,	2.
Tarpaulins, 30' x 30',	1.
Periscopes No. 9,	1.
Buckets, Sig., Flag,	2.
Posts, Aiming,	2.
Straight Edge for Director,	1.
Helmets, Steel,	1.
Saddles S.A.,	6a
Shovels G.S.,	5.
Spades G.S.,	1.
Indicators Fuze,	1.
Hose, canvas, lengths,	1.
Boots, Ankle, u/s, pairs,	2.
Traces, Wire, Short,	2.
Collars Breast,	2.
Pads Numnah,	14.
Boots F.S., u/s, pairs,	1.
Leggings, A.P., u/s, pairs,	1.
Foot Iron,	1.
Collars Head,	5.
Straps of sorts,	12.
Carriers Ammn. Q.F. 18-pdr.	18.

Approximate value of above stores, £139-6-6.

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41ST BATTERY, A.F.A.

(b) {	Cable, D.S. coils,	2.
	" D.S. "	2.
(c) {	Cases, Lucas Lamp,	1.
	Fullerphones,	1.
	Buzzer Unit,	1.
	Guns, Lewis,	2.

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Covers Trench,	1.	Machine Horse Clipg., Stewart patt.	1.
Balances Spring,	1.	Aprons Basil Brown,	2.
Boots F.S., u/s, pairs,	5.	Cutters Wire Small, pairs,	1.
Drawers Woollen, u/s, pairs,	1.	Pliers S.C., 8",	1.
Socks, Worsted, u/s, pairs,	6.	Pumps Bicycle,	1.
Paint, tins,	2.	Scales Range Corrector,	1.
Brushes Horse,	1.	Chests Tool empty,	1.
Holdalls, u/s,	16.	Pistol, Colt, u/s,	1.
Packs Web,	1.	Bags Tool Carpenters, filled,	1.
Cardigans, u/s,	3.	Sheets Ground, u/s,	1.
Gloves Worsted, u/s, pairs,	1.	Bags Nose, G.S.,	86.
Jackets Drab Drill,	1.	Wallets S.U.,	2.
Lamps F.S.,	2.	Cases Horseshoe, S.U.,	2.
Shirts Flannel, u/s,	2.	Ropes Head, hemp with ring,	1.
Vests Woollen, u/s,	3.	Jerkins Leather,	1.
Signalling Equip. cases,	1.	Towels, u/s,	1.
Compasses Director,	3.	Boots Ankle, u/s, pairs,	1.
Instruments Angle of Sight,	1.	Tipe Boot Heel, bags,	1.
Bags Tool, empty,	1.	Springs R.O., inner,	1.
Bandoliers, 50 rounds,	1.	" " outer,	1.
Axes Hand,	1.	Soles half, pairs,	72.
Pincers Farriers,	1.	Boxes Batteries Sig. Lamp,	1.
Hammers Smith Sledge,	1.	Saddles S.A.,	1.
Clippers Horse, pairs,	2.	Levers Traversing Q.F. 18-pdr.	1.
Forges Field G.S.,	1.	Bicycles G.S.,	1.
Soles Half, pairs,	75.	Laths Adj. Rangefinder,	1.
Bags Tool Shoemakers, filled,	1.	Stands Telescope Signalling,	2.
Telescopes Sighting,	2.	Flags Sig. Army Blue,	5.
Straps of sorts,	13.	" " " White,	6.
Wrenches Frost Cog, bags,	1.	" " " Poles, 3'6",	11.
Washers filling plugs, pckge,	1.	Stands Lamp or Helio,	1.
Stands Director No. 4,	1.	Buckets Rifle,	2.
Cases -do-	1.	Plotters Field,	1.
Rugs Horse,	12.	Cases Field,	1.
Stands Telescope F.A.,	1.	Periscopes No. 14,	1.
Cases -do-	1.	Cases -do-	1.
Buckets Sig. Flags,	2.	Saws Hand 26",	2.
Oil, drums,	2.		

Approximate value of above stores, £147-3-11.





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59TH BATTERY, A.F.A.

(b) {	Fullerphones,	2.
	Boxes, cell, Lucas Lamp,	2.
	Cable, D.S, coils,	4.
	Buzzer Connector,	1.
	Wire, SPA,	2.
	Reels and Carriers,	2.

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110TH HOWITZER BATTERY.

Towels Hand, u/s,	3.	Oil, various, drums,	5.
Braces, pairs,	1.	Brushes, Horse,	1.
Socks Worsted, u/s, pairs,	15.	" Dandy,	4.
Caps, u/s,	1.	" Spoke,	1.
Drawers Woollen, u/s, pairs,	3.	" Water Carriage,	1.
Leggings, A. P., u/s,	3.	Buckets, Water Canvas,	1.
Puttees, pairs, u/s,	1.	Pins, draught,	1.
Boots Ankle, u/s,	6.	Containers S.B.R., u/s,	6.
Hooks Bill,	1.	Buckets Sig. Flag,	2.
Saddlery Universal:		Carriers Reel Cable,	5.
Irons Stirrup,	7.	Flags Sig. Army, White. w/stripe,	5.
Bits P.M.R.,	2.	" " " Blue,	7.
Heads Bridle,	2.	" " " Poles, 3'6",	12.
Saddletrees Bars side shaped,	2.	Saws Hand 26",	1.
Pumps Bicycle,	1.	Dressings Field,	6.
Buckles Brass asstd.,	12.	Steelyards 56 lbs.	1.
Punches Saddlers,	1.	Brushes Paint S.T.,	5.
Spurs Jack, pairs,	1.	Chests Tool, empty,	1.
Panniers Sig. Stores,	2.	Saddles S.A.,	5.
Shirts Flannel, u/s,	6.	Bags Nose G.S.,	1.
Vests Woollen, u/s,	3.	Helmets Steel,	13.
Lucas Daylight Sig. Lamps,	1.	Bottles Water Enamelled,	3.
Heliographs 5", Mk. V,	1.	Pincers Farriers,	3.
Cases -do-	1.	Bags Tool, Capp. & Wheelers filled,	1.
Cells, Electric, in case,	3.	Blowers Forge Field,	1.
Telephones, "D.3",	1.	Rasps Farriers 16",	3.
Sig. Equipment, sacks,	1.	Clams, Saddlers,	2.
Straps of sorts,	13.	Anvils, 1 cwt.,	1.
Pouches Telephone Equipment,	1.	Rangefinder, Barr & Stroud,	1.
Rugs Horse,	1.	Cases -do-	1.
Covers Trench,	5.	Straight Edge for Director,	1.
Blankets Saddle,	1.	Stands Director,	1.
Ropes Drag Heavy,	2.	" Telescope F.A.,	1.
Machines H.C., Stewart pattern,	1.	Cases -do-	1.
Rifles S.M.L.E.,	2.	Stands Lamp or Helio,	1.
Cans Lub. No. 3,	1.	Tunics, A.P., u/s,	1.
Cases -do-	1.	Blankets G.S.,	2.
Posts Aiming,	7.	Breeches M.S., u/s,	2.
Boots F.S., u/s, pairs,	2.	Chaffcutter,	1.
Collars Head,	22.	Telescope, u/s,	1.
Reins Bit,	2.	Compasses for Directors,	2.
Pistols Signal 1",	1.	Tyres Bicycle Tubes inner,	16.
Dubbin, 3 oz tins, bags,	1.	Handcuffs common, pairs,	3.
Irons Feet,	1.	Cells Electric, Inert, "X",	72.
Carriers W.B., w/s. s,	2.	Panniers Sig. Stores,	1.
Bandoliers, 50 rounds,	3.	Bicycles G.S.,	2.
Traces Wire Short,	3.	Carriers Ammn.,	60.
Jacks Lifting screw,	1.	Lathes Adj. Rangefinder,	1.
Drills Twist & Screwdriver, bags,	1.	Cases, -do-	1.
Saddlery Off. Wallets,	2.	Pouches Ammn. Pist. S.B.,	1.
Cases Horseshoe,	2.	Pliers S.C., 8", pairs,	3.
Stretchers Amb.,	1.	Holdalls, u/s,	3.
Clippers Horse, pairs,	1.	Discs Identity Green, No. 2,	100.
Clinometers Field,	2.	Brushes Shaving, u/s,	3.
Cases, -do-	1.	Bottles Oil,	13.
Cans Oil Bicycle,	1.	Periscope & Case, No. 14,	1.
Telephone Switchboard,	1.	Lamps Bicycle,	2.
Cases -do-	1.	Guards Hand Telegraph Mech.,	4.
Tables Plane Portable & Cover,	1.	Hats C.P., u/s,	1.
Pads Surcingle,	35.		

Approximate value of above stores, £238-0-3.





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110TH HOWITZER BATTERY.

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|-------|----------------------|----|
| (b) { | Cable, D.S. coils,   | 1. |
|       | Telephones, field,   | 1. |
| (a) { | reels, cable, empty, | 2. |
|       | guns, Lewis,         | 4. |

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AUSTRALIAN AUSTRAL CORPS.



Headquarters,  
13th May 1918.

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

Australian Clothing.

1. The supply of the above is far from satisfactory, as you are aware from previous correspondence, and the fault lies not with the bases in France, but with R.A.C.D. in U.K. who apparently are not able to supply demands promptly.
2. I am informed that A.I.F. administrative headquarters have no difficulty in placing contracts for their needs, but the R.A.C.D. contend that in placing A.I.F. contracts, competition is created for the R.A.C.D.
3. It was suggested therefore, that A.I.F. should make demands on R.A.C.D. for the requirements, and leave it to R.A.C.D. to supply, having the market to themselves, and A.I.F. agreed.
4. I am informed that owing to the cumbersome Contracts Department of the War Office, stocks are not forthcoming and A.I.F. Headquarters went back to the old system.
5. Thus they are well supplied, France is not.
6. In my opinion what is required is an Australian Officer of my staff, attached to R.A.C.D., to attend to A.I.F., B.E.F. requirements, watch demands from France for clothing, and color patches, urge the Contracts Dept. until they make their contracts, and then hustle the manufacturers. He could also act as Liason Officer between A.I.F. B.E.F., G.O.C. R.A.C.D., and A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, and prevent any clashing of interests.
7. The time is ripe for the appointment of such an Officer, as Col. J.G. AUSTIN, C.M.G. has been appointed G.O.C. R.A.C.D., and his successor is now in France to take over his present appointment.
8. In Brig-General AUSTIN we will have an Officer who has our interests at heart and one who will always do his utmost to promote our welfare, as he has always done, but the requirements of the position are such as that he cannot possibly give to us the amount of attention we require.
9. I am confident however, that he would give our Officer, who would be attached to him, the facilities to do what is necessary.
10. I have discussed the matter with Colonel AUSTIN, and he approves of the suggestion, and agrees with me that such an appointment should remedy our difficulties.
11. In the event of an appointment being made, I recommend Major J. TUCKETT, M.M., M.C., as an Officer whose business training, and personal knowledge of our wants as a D.A.D.O.S. Division, make him entirely fitted for the position.

Lieut-Colonel,  
A.D.O.S., A.I.F., France.



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Appendix No 10

AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS. 3rd Australian Division.

A.D.O.S.,  
Australian Corps.

I have to report the despatch to C.O.O., HAVRE, through R.O.O., POULAINVILLE, of vehicles, harness, etc. returned to me by 3rd Aust. M.G. Battalion, being surplus to establishment under new organisation, and have asked that credit be passed for same.

List of stores returned are as hereunder :-

Truck No.	W.B. No.	Date.	Vehicles.	Reg. No.	Total.
68275	GRG.2/100	15-5-18.	Carts Water Tank.	No. 15660 ) 170347)	2
"	"	"	Harness P.D.G.S. sets.		4
20073	"	"	Carts Officers Mess	No. 84562 ) 162519 ) 139656 )	3
"	"	"	Harness Shaft Draft sets.		3
"	"	"	Covers Carts Officers Mess.		2
"	"	"	Hoops Bale sets of 3.- sets.		2

My I.V. No.M.6. of 15-5-1918.

15-5-1918.

Sgd/ W. JACK, Captain,  
D. A. D. O. S.

Lieut.-Col.  
A,D,O,S. Australian Corps

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*Appendix No 11*  
Headquarters,  
19th May 1918.

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Herewith please find copy of my report to D.D.O.S., Fourth Army on Ammunition Dumps and A.R.Ps. visited by me this week.

On the whole, considering they are all in their infancy, they are not unsatisfactory, while the dumps of the 5th Aust. Division promise a degree of efficiency in the near future, which is very creditable. But the condition of the 4th Div. Dump at BLANGY TRONVILLE CHATEAU calls for very urgent attention.

I pointed out the faults to the Officer in Charge, whose only explanation was that he had asked to be relieved from the job. He states that his personnel will not permit the instructions regarding sorting to be given effect to.

*Sheave*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
A. D. O. S.  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.



Headquarters,  
19th May 1918.

D.B.O.S.,  
Fourth Army.

I have to report that I have inspected the following Ammunition Dumps during the past week :-

Sheet 82D., I.7.b. Bomb Dump. 2nd Aust. Division.

In my opinion the stacks are too congested, and I found No.35 Grenades stacked side by side with Smoke and Fireworks, in the same stack with S.A.A.

No fire precautions exist, except 8 gallon iron drums full of water, which are too heavy to be handled with any effect in case of fire.

Fire Buckets and Pumps, fire, hand, Mark II, should be provided, also a few drag ropes. Smoke grenades and Fireworks should be placed in separate dumps, quite clear of other Bombs and Ammunition, and the stacks should be distributed over at least 4 times the distance at present occupied for the purpose.

2nd Aust. Divisional A.R.P., FONT NOYELLE.

Ammunition not sorted, no provision made of fire appliances, and a very large stack of empty boxes separated from the Dump only by the width of the road - 25 to 30 feet. In the event of the empties being fired, nothing could save the ammunition. These empties will be removed immediately.

5th Aust. Divisional A.R.P., QUERRIEU. 82D., H.18.C.

A very good Dump, and I found Ammunition sorted by Fuzes, and by Heavy and Normal Groups, but where orange correction labels are found no sorting by tenths of setting correction is done, and no sorting by Lot Nos. of propellants is apparently yet being done. Empties have a separate dump at a considerable distance from live ammunition.

No fire appliances are provided, and I saw no notices re Smoking and no sentry.

With these provisions made, it will be an excellent dump.

5th Aust. Divisional Dump. DAOURS. 82D., H.5.d.

The siting of this Dump is excellent, and the provision of dunnaged floors and sandbag traverses points towards future efficiency. There is very little ammunition at the Dump at present, but what is there, is not sorted, and H.C.T. rounds were noticed amongst Cordite.

No provision is yet made of fire appliances and this should be done at once on the basis of 8 buckets fire and 1 pump hand Mark II to each Bay.

A large stack of empty boxes and empty shell cases should be sent back to Railhead as early as may be.

4th Aust. Divisional A.R.P., BLANCY TROUVILLE CHATEAU.

This Dump is perfectly sited but that is the only point in its favor. Ammunition is not sorted in any way, and it was pointed out to the Officer in Charge that in many of the boxes one H.C.T. was contained in the same box as 30 Cordite filled rounds. There is a large quantity of ammunition here and it should be taken in hand at once and sorted up in accordance with the instructions laid down for the purpose.

No fire appliances exist, large quantities of empty boxes are to be seen in heaps close behind the stacks of live ammunition, and several hutments built of empty boxes and apparently used for billeting personnel, are in the Dump.

All empties should at once be removed to at least 200 yards distance and hutments should be dismantled and the personnel should not be permitted to live amongst the ammunition.

A guard should be constantly on duty as a considerable number of men are camped within a very short distance, and should the dump be fired in its present condition, it must all be destroyed.

Every endeavour is being made to bring sorting up to date, but unless the ammunition is delivered from Railhead in reasonably large quantities of one Lot No., it will be useless to attempt lotting at the Dumps.

*W.H.*

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This is a point I shall establish early next week, in the meantime I inspected one small stack representing one lorry load of 18-pdr. Ammunition, and one stack representing one lorry load of 4.5" Cartridges, said to have been drawn direct from Railhead the previous day.

From a superficial observation I was able to note 3 different fuzes, and cases marked "N.C.T." and "C" in the one lorry load of 18-pdr. Ammunition, and the first 7 packages (each 5) of 4.5" Cartridges, were different Lot Nos.

*E. Leane*

Lieut-Colonel,  
A. B. C. S.  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

Copy to -  
G.O.C., R.A.  
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For information.



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Appendix

No 12.

Headquarters,  
20th May 1918."Q".  
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Referring to attached I have to-day visited A.M.T.D. Hangar at MAUTORT, and inspected the 2nd Aust. Divisional Dump there.

It consists, I estimate, of about 18 Lorry Loads, and comprises stores of every description, as well as Officers' Kits, and large numbers of Kit Bags and Packs, presumably of rank and file,

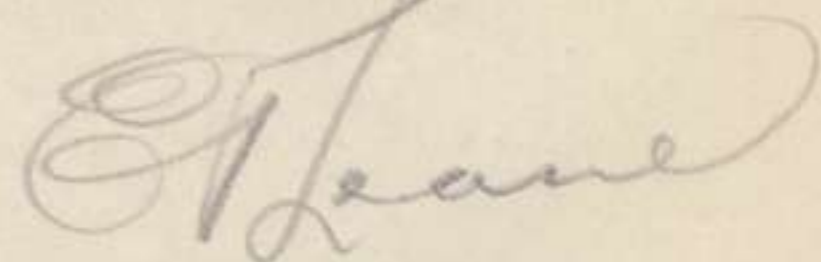
I noticed Ordnance Stores in considerable quantities, Yukon Packs, flags and poles signalling, Bicycles, Crowbars, etc.

In view of the uselessness of them in a Dump, and the presumption that, as the units have been able to do without them now for nearly 2 months, they do not really need them; and the general necessity for returning to Ordnance all surplus stores and material of every description in my opinion the Dump should be gone through by a party from the Division, under the supervision of an Officer, A.A.O.C., who should sort out all Ordnance stores and arrange for their return to Base, taking lists of all stores returned, for a possible future re-credit to the Commonwealth.

There is a quantity of Medical Stores also, which might be dealt with by the Medical Section of the Division.

Amongst H.Q. Kit of 4th Aust. Division, I noticed a Typewriting Machine, and as these are practically unobtainable now, if the Division has no use for it, I am sure it could be advantageously employed in other directions.

Incidentally, I might mention, that in the VII Corps School Dump, I noticed a quantity of A.A. Elliptical Sights (about 100 I should think) the sight now being issued in small quantities to units, as the latest thing in sights. If it is considered advisable, these might be brought under the notice of Army, they are useless at present and would be valuable if issued.



Lieut-Colonel,  
A. D. C. S.  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

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Appendix No 13

Headquarters,  
23rd May 1918.D.D.O.S.,  
Fourth Army.

The following inspections of Ammunition Dumps have been made by me during the current week :-

1. H.A. DUMP. CARDONETTE.

Owing to enemy shell fire which menaced the security of this Dump, it is being removed into the Bois de Mai. (Sheet 62D, G.6.d.).

2. WAGGA DUMP. (Old III Corps Boxed Dump).

A considerable amount of work has been done here and ammunition is now sorted correctly. Fire buckets have been supplied and tarpaulins are in use.

Owing to the absence of water and the long distance it must be carted, and the number of dumps along the roadside, it is most necessary that tanks should be provided for the storage of water at the earliest opportunity.

Pumps, fire, hand, Mark II, are on demand and will be in position as soon as received.

3. HEAVY AND SIEGE DUMP. (Old III Corps).

Now quite in good order, although the open position is to be still considered. No fire precautions yet taken.

At both the above dumps all unserviceable and doubtful ammunition has been sent back to Base and only good serviceable ammunition and components now remain.

Lieut-Colonel,  
A. D. O. S.  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.Copy to -  
G.O.C., R.A.  
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Appendix No 14.

D. A. G.,  
A. I. F.  
-----Headquarters,  
25th May 1918.

Referring to the attached correspondence please :-

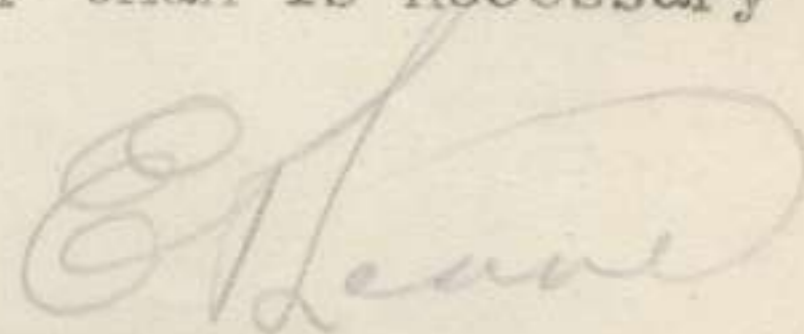
These Non-Commissioned Officers are quite useless to me in the Field, and I would be glad if you could dispose of them.

They have had no experience of Ordnance conditions in the Field and are too highly placed in rank to be taught, apart from the fact that they would, if absorbed, supersede men who do know their job, and are waiting for promotion to the ranks these N.C.Os. are filling.

The past training of these N.C.Os. in Egypt and England has not qualified them for Ordnance work in the Field, and it would be manifestly unfair to good men, who have known none but Field conditions if A.A.O.C. France is made the outlet for members of A.A.O.C. U.K., whose knowledge of Depot work is valueless here, and who possibly have been culled from the A.A.O.C. U.K., while there is no reciprocity with London and no outlet for men from France to London.

As it was the refusal of A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, London which prevented the consummation of the scheme to have one Ordnance Corps, I have every intention, with your approval, to work my own unit in France with men who have been trained in the Divisional Units, who have all joined as privates and who have earned promotion from the ranks and upwards.

Until I hear from you on the subject, I will attach these men temporarily to O.O., Corps Troops and elsewhere, but I respectfully submit that the same number of privates would be more useful to me, as no complications could arise with privates, and I should not be asked to absorb them, or even to keep them longer than is necessary to enable you to make disposal of them.



Lieut-Colonel,  
O.C., A.A.O.C.  
France.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,  
25th May 1918.

D.A.A.G.,  
AUSTRALIAN SECTION,  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

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Replying to your 143292 of 20th instant regarding -

No. 27	S/Sgt.	WARRAN	N.J.E.
967	Sgt.	HAWORTH	P.
1277	Cpl.	CORRY	N.T.

These men are not members of A.A.O.C. France, and cannot be absorbed by me. I will, however, attach them for temporary duty pending further instructions, if you will send them on.

Will you instruct them please to report to Ordnance Officer, Aust. Corps Troops, SALEUX, whose Railhead is ALLY-sur-SOMME.

*E. Leane*  
Lieut-Colonel,  
O.C., A.A.O.C.  
France.

Copy to -  
O.O., Corps Troops.  
D.A.G., A.I.F.

In reply please quote

AUS/B, 143292.

A. D. O. S.,  
Aust. Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN SECTION.  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
20th May 1918.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. of A.A.O.C. arrived recently at the Aust. General Base Depot, Havre, from England :-

No. 27	S/Sgt.	WARRAN	N.J.E.
967	Sgt.	HAWORTH	P.
1279	Cpl.	CORREY	N.T.

Will you please advise your wishes as to their disposal. It is reported that they have not previously served with the B.E.F.

Sgd/ J.W. DONNELLY, Major,  
D.A.A.G.  
AUSTRALIAN SECTION.



Headquarters, A.I.F.,  
 Attached Australian Corps,  
 26th May 1918.

Admin. Headqrs., A.I.F.,  
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Re-organisation of Brigades on a Three Battalion Basis -  
Financial adjustment for arms and equipment.

1. With reference to the question of the financial adjustment for arms and equipment returned to Ordnance or made available to replace deficiencies by the withdrawal of one Battalion from each Australian Infantry Brigade, it is desired to bring the following matters to notice.
2. Under the financial agreement Australia pays for the first cost of all arms and equipment.
3. All Australian units in the Field are maintained complete in arms, equipment, etc., by the Imperial Government for which Australia pays on a per capita basis.
4. When the Battalion of each Australian Brigade is withdrawn it should therefore, in principle, be in possession of arms and equipment complete, deficiencies being replaced by the Imperial Authorities.
5. In view of this it is considered that under the principle in force by reason of the provisions of the financial agreement there should be no necessity for minute accounting to determine the credit which should be made to Australian funds for arms and equipment returned to Ordnance by Australian units withdrawn from the Field.
6. All the arms and equipment in possession of such units will be returned to Ordnance or, should occasion demand, some of it may be transferred under supervision of the D.A.D.O.S. of Division to replace deficiencies in other units.
7. The Imperial authorities should credit Australian funds with the complete mobilization stores of units withdrawn whether such stores were or were not complete at the moment of disbandment since, if they were not complete, it was the responsibility of the Imperial authorities to keep them complete.
8. If this principle is accepted, much minute accounting will be saved and stores which would otherwise have to go to the Base to be checked etc. could be utilized on the spot to replace deficiencies thus saving much labour and train space.
9. Whether the credit to Australian funds should be at the full value of the mobilization stores or not is a matter for discussion with the War Office.
10. Please take the matter up with the War Office and endeavour to arrange for the financial adjustments to be made on the above lines.

Sgd/ T.H.DODDS, Colonel,  
 D. A. G., A. I. F.

A.D.O.S.,  
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For your information.

Sgd/ T.H. DODDS, Colonel,  
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- Aust. Corps.

With reference to this office 25/197 of 15th April and previous correspondence, I am to inform you that the G.O.C., A.I.F. has approved of the withdrawal of the 47th and 52nd Battalions from the 12th and 13th Infantry Brigades respectively, and their being continued as the Training Battalions for their respective Brigades, in the U.K.

Please arrange for the distribution of the existing personnel amongst the other Battalions of the Brigades concerned as far as practicable on a territorial basis.

The records of these Battalions are to be written up to date and sent to the Officer in Charge, Australian War Records Section, Admin. Headquarters, A.I.F., London.

Sgd/ T.H. DODDS, Colonel,

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

For - A. D. O. S.

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