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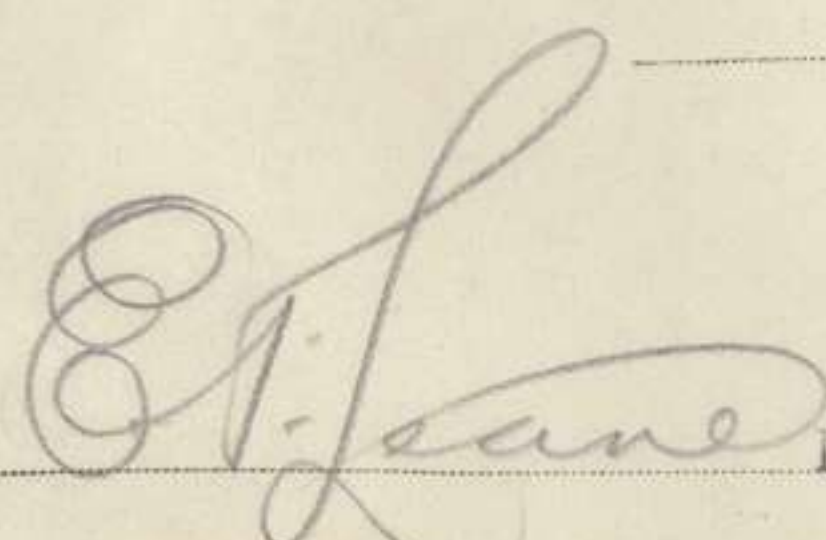
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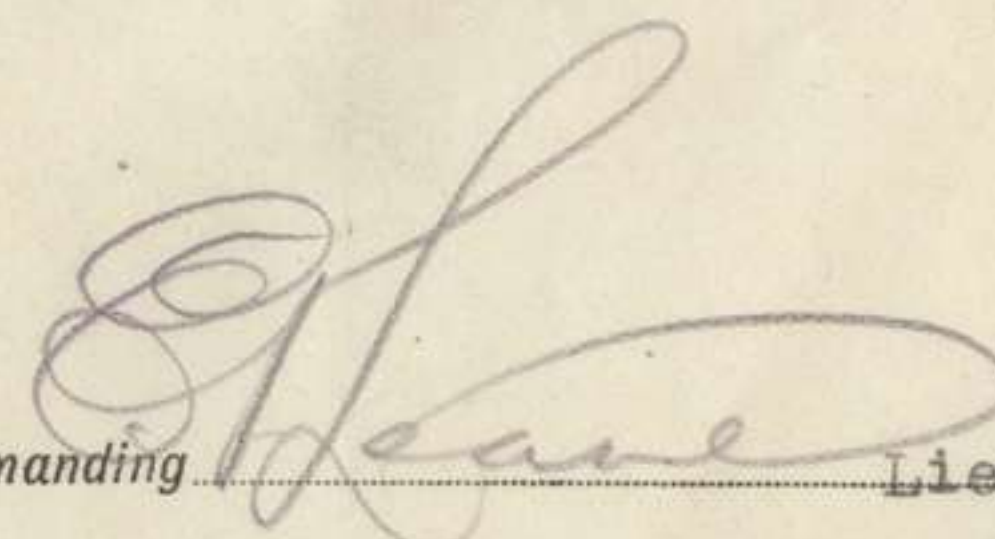
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERTANGLES.	July 1st.		<p>Fuzes required for W.O. PURDUE demanded from Base by Army. Wire No. C.149 dated 29-6-18.</p> <p>Lieut. HARRINGTON, 2nd Aust. Div. Ord. rang up and asked if he could recommend an application for transfer to Aust. Flying Corps, submitted by an Armourer Sergt., 3rd Aust. Div. and sent to him as D.A.D.O.S. was away. Said I had no objection and that there would be no objection to transfer in this office.</p> <p>Letter from D.D.O.S. hastening reply reference Policy for Battalion Armourers. Asked that this may be held over until return of Lt-Col. LEANE.</p> <p>Operations - 16 lbs. Luminous Paint and 120 Hot Food Containers received by Ordnance, Corps Troops. "Q" have arranged supply of a further 2400 water bottles. These will be drawn by Ordnance, 4th Aust. Div. to-morrow. 400 were drawn from Ordnance, Corps Troops without my knowledge. Total to be drawn by 4th Aust. Div. = 6700 and they will issue 900 to 2nd Aust. Div. to-morrow. Reference 70 yards white calico required, clerk at A.H.Q. drew attention to G.R.O. 3207 allowing purchase up to 1000 francs in an emergency.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	2nd.		<p>W. HUGHES, Prime Minister, visited Corps</p> <p>50 Lewis Guns received by D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops yesterday. Arranged with AQ that Indents would be sent to this office for approval.</p> <p>Reference G.R.O. 3943 - Replacement of Officers' Binoculars, Pistols, etc. Ruling from Army "AQ" agrees with that of Corps that stores lost in kits when they should have been carried on the person of the Officers, cannot be replaced except under exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>4th Aust. Division now short of 400 waterbottles owing to them not being drawn by Corps Troops. Tried to get some from III Corps who refused. I then gave D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Div. permission to send to ABBEVILLE to-night on chance. Rang up ABBEVILLE but all officers and clerks had gone to bed, so left message asking to issue.</p> <p>Asked Army if Corps Troops return of Issues might be accepted without average strength of troops administered for month.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	3rd.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division rang up and asked for 20 watches for operations. G.S. Corps confirmed requirements. Rang up D.D.O.S. who said definitely that any demand in excess of establishment must be put up by Corps 'Q' to Army 'Q'. He does not know of any stock of watches in the area. Explained this to "Q" and also that it was probably only a matter of hours and may mean a trip to HAVRE at once. D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Div. awaiting instructions.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	July 3rd.		<p>D.D.O.S. insisted on having average strength of Corps Troops Units for Monthly Return of Issues and Returns. Explained that average was impossible now owing to frequent changes. He agreed to accept approximate present strength instead - 54,050 men, 16,200 horses.</p> <p>"Q" decided to instruct 4th Aust. Division to obtain 20 watches from their own resources.</p> <p>Visited D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division re stores for operations; some hundreds of water-bottles surplus owing to certain American Troops not requiring them as anticipated.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies promotion of Lieut. H.S. BEST to Captain as from 1st July.</p> <p>Lieut. M.C. WELCH, D.A.D.O.S. 5th Aust. Division, returned from Ammunition Course.</p> <p>Letter 92/1 of 2nd instant from D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies that Major F.W. PAGE is reporting to 1st Aust. Division for experience of Ordnance in the Field. Similar letter that Capt. G.S. DOWN, M.C., D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Division has been appointed D.A.D.O.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. vice Capt. BLIGHT. Lieut. J.J. HOLDEN to report to D.A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps Troops as Trainee. Recommendation asked for Conductor or junior officer to be appointed O.O., TIDWORTH.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	4th.		<p>Discussed with D.D.M.S. question of 6,600 suits of S.D. Clothing made available under G.R.O. 4362. Passed suggestion to "Q" for letter to Divisions allotting 1000 suits per Divn., and 300 for Main Dressing Station; remainder to be held in Div. Wings of Reinft. Camps. Not approved owing to impracticability of holding it or issuing it quickly from Reinft. Camp.</p> <p>"AQ" instructed that any which Divisions cannot distribute must be held at Ordnance, also that Imperial Clothing must be demanded instead of Aust. pattern., as this will not be available and cannot be handed over to another Corps.</p> <p>Re-submitted to "Q", cases of claims for replacement by officers of revolvers, binoculars, etc., e.g. revolver left in dug-out owing to lack of ammunition; revolvers left in kits whilst officers were on leave; revolver left on parapet whilst officer was using M.G. and destroyed.</p> <p>Forwarded statement of Battle Stores issued to D.A.Ds.O.S., 2nd & 4th Aust. Divisions, and to D.A.D.O.S. Corps Troops and to "Q". * Instructed D.A.Ds.O.S. to account for these stores and information as to disposal will be sent from this office.</p> <p>Corps recommended that M.G. Battalions have priority of issue of liquid compasses.</p> <p>3rd Aust. Division recommend Infantry.</p>	Appendix No. 25.
BERTANGLES.	5th.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Division called and we discussed position regarding reserve of S.D. Clothing for changing wet clothing and for gassed cases. Position is now that only 1000 suits required for each Division in the line, to be handed over on relief and accounted for to Corps. Instructions sent to Divisional Headquarters, copies to D.A.Ds.O.S. Divisions, Corps Troops and to "Q". *</p>	Appendix No. 26.

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BERTANGLES.	5th		Amendments in Establishment of Machine Gun Battalions. One Transport Officer per Company in lieu of one per Battalion; one Armourer Sergt. instead of the Artificer Sergeant. *	Appendix No. 27.
BERTANGLES.	6th.		D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops advised that Clothing to be held in reserve by Divisions had arrived. As number required now is much less than at first, there is a surplus in pantaloons and puttees but these can be worked off on stock. Only 600 Tunics received so far, but 200 per Division will be sufficient to go on with. Advised D.A.Ds.O.S. 2nd, 4th & 5th Aust. Divisions to draw and advise their "Q" Branches. D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Division asked reference Blankets for reinforcements; informed him to demand as required. Attended trial of Flash Absorber for Lewis Gun, which appeared to be successful. System - shutters in front of muzzle which are normally open but are closed by gas pressure.	
BERTANGLES.	7th.		14th Brigade, R.G.A. asked for services of an Armourer to inspect their rifles, forwarded application to Corps Armourers Workshop. Inventor of Flash Absorber for Lewis Gun called; sent him to Armourers Shop to try and get springs etc., and possibly carry out further improvements there. A.D.O.S., III Corps rang up and asked what measures we were taking to obtain credit to Army for Ammunition issued to Americans attached to Divisions. We had had no transactions in this connection and could give no information. "Q" agreed to recall of Battle stores.	
BERTANGLES.	8th.		S.I.O.M. called and stated that vehicles condemned by Is.O.M. are not necessarily taken from Units by them, and perhaps do not always reach Base. The responsibility should be clearly defined. Will write to D.A.Ds.O.S. on subject and find out what action is taken. 2nd Aust. Div. Headquarters rang up regarding application from Q.M.S. of Pioneer Battalion for transfer to Ordnance as he was in Ordnance in Australia. Said there was very little chance owing to number of N.C.Os. waiting for promotion, but advised him to forward application. Ordered 4th Aust. Division to return reserve of Lewis Guns to Gun Park. A.D.O.S. returned from leave.	

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BERTANGLES.	July 9th.		<p>Discussed with Lieut.-Colonel GARSTIN, D.O.S. Office, Australian Clothing on phone. Most unsatisfactory. He states that War Office inform him that they are only responsible for finding Jackets and Hats and they supply Cyclists Knickers when A.I.F. H.Qrs. cannot supply Breeches D.S. He also states that War Office inform him that A.I.F. H.Qrs. cannot supply any Boots for France. Reported that R.A.C.D. had written O.O., ROUEN re Color Patches stating that they were made when possible between more important work. I stated this was useless to us, that over 80,000 were due to us and provision must be made. No definite result of conversation.</p> <p>Recommended to D.A.G., A.I.F. that Lieut. ANDERSON be sent to LONDON as O.O., TIDWORTH; to be transferred when Lieut. HOLDEN has reported and learned his duties.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. having asked for remarks on a letter received from Capt. HENDERSON, the I.O.M. Section, regarding Australian Mobile Workshops, I replied. *</p>	Appendix No. 28.
BERTANGLES.	10th.		<p>Major J. KININMONTH, returned to 1st Aust. Division.</p> <p>Major TUCKETT (4th Aust. Div.) and Lieut. HARRINGTON (2nd Aust. Div.) called and discussed number of general subjects and personnel matters.</p> <p>Color Patches. Letter to D.O.S., G.H.Q. *</p> <p>Lieut. C.H. MORLEY reported for duty with Ammunition Unit, from England.</p> <p>Australian Clothing. D.O.S. O.S.G. 1931 dated 8-7-18 states that War Office say :- "In the case of Jackets and Hats of the Australian pattern which differ from the corresponding Imperial garments, we have undertaken that in the event of the Australian Authorities being unable to provide what is necessary to meet your demands, we will provide and issue what is required, but with regard to any other Australian garments, if the Australian Authorities cannot satisfy your requirements, we have undertaken to issue the corresponding Imperial garment in lieu."</p> <p>Captain G.S. DOWN, M.C., reported from leave.</p>	Appendix No. 29.
BERTANGLES.	11th.		<p>Discussed with A.Q.M.G., Ammunition Units and he did not agree to accepting the responsibility for A.R.Ps. which are Divisional responsibilities; finally scheme was drawn up for the work to be done. *</p>	Appendix No. 30.

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BERTANGLES.	June 11th		<p>Wrote D.D.O.S., Fourth Army and stated that Lieut. MASON had been transferred from No. 47 O.M.W. (L) without notification to me, and was I to be advised, as this was the fourth occurrence of a similar nature since the Corps joined Fourth Army.</p> <p>Lieut. MORLEY (Ammunition Unit) sent to bed by D.D.M.S. with Influenza.</p> <p>With A.Q.M.G. visited H.Q., 2nd Aust. Div. and 4th Aust. Division. Also visited 4th Aust. Divl. A.R.P. at DAOURS and found an absolute lack of fire precautions and no attempt at sorting ammunition. Cordite and N.C.T. and all setting corrections, light and heavy fuzes, 18-pdr and driving bands, smoke and non-smoke box and 106 and 101 E fuzes, in 4.5inch, being mixed indiscriminately in the various stacks. Reported to "Q" Branch, copy to G.O.C., R.A.</p> <p>Quarterly Turnover of Explosives. Notified 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th D.A.Cs. and O.C., 13th A. Light Horse Regt. that turnover of 25% of explosives must now be made.</p> <p>Wrote D.O.S., G.H.Q. that the quantity of Australian Clothing outstanding is as follows :-</p> <table><tr><td>Jackets C.P.,</td><td>10,655.</td><td>Breeches D.S.</td><td>7,349.</td><td>Hats C.P.</td><td>541.</td></tr><tr><td>Boots.</td><td>1,275.</td><td>Color Patches.</td><td>116,131.</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Jackets C.P.,	10,655.	Breeches D.S.	7,349.	Hats C.P.	541.	Boots.	1,275.	Color Patches.	116,131.			
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BERTANGLES.	12th.		<p>To D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops, SALEUX and inspected: found everything satisfactory, and also to Corps Armourers Shop where also conditions satisfactory. Arranged for transfer of Sgt. HENRY to 4th Aust. Division on trial, and of Sergt. NICOL to Corps Troops for trial. Informed Lieut. ANDERSON that he had been recommended for transfer as O.O., TIDWORTH.</p> <p>Inspected WAGGA Dump (Field Ammunition) and WHITE Dump (Heavy) and arranged with Lieut. WILLIAMS, Officer i/c Dump, that Lieut. MORLEY would be sent to him for duty in charge of Amm. Unit.</p> <p>At WHITE Dump, danger still exists as to crops and long grass. Reported to "Q" on same.</p> <p>Vouchers from A.I.F. Headquarters show 3,750 pairs Breeches D.S. and 200 pairs Boots sent to ROUEN Base, 500 Breeches D.S., 1000 Greatcoats D.S., 300 pairs Boots and 50 pairs Leggings to CALAIS Base.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Division reports move to Sheet 62D., H.19.d.2.3.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Aust. Division reports move to Sheet 62D., H.25.a.8.2.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Division and Trainee (Lieut. HARRINGTON) called.</p> <p>Major PENN, S.I.O.M., Aust. Corps, called and reported proceeding to U.K. on leave to-morrow.</p> <p>Battle Stores, Machine Guns. D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops reports return to Gun Park of 30 Lewis Guns and spares; D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division returned 12 and used 8 to replace casualties in line.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. J. Lane</i></p>													

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BERTANGLES.	July 13th.		<p>Ordnance Fourth Army wired that quantity of 13-pdr Ammunition with 85 fuze at QUERRIEU and DAOURS Dumps and should be returned. Visited these dumps and found 136 and 470 respectively. This to be sent to Salvage Ammunition Dump and refused.</p> <p>Visited new sites of D.A.Ds.O.S., 2nd, 3rd and 4th Aust. Divisions on main ALBERT-AMIENS Road. Quite satisfactory. Major W. JACK reported return from leave.</p> <p>Captain CHAPPLE, No.25 O.M.W. (M) called to report having replaced Captain LAMBERT and that he had taken over duties of S.I.O.M. while the latter is on leave.</p> <p>Captain G.S. DOWN, M.C., reports that 2nd Aust. Div. H.Q. have no car going to BOULOGNE before 16th July, when he will proceed with it for duty in U.K.</p> <p>Vouchers from U.K. show - 6500 pairs Boots (5, 7, 8 & 9); 1500 Breeches D.S. (14, 18 & 22) 1000 Collar Badges sent to HAVRE Depot by A.I.F., H.Q., London.</p> <p>Battle Stores. Instructed D.A.Ds.O.S., 2nd & 4th Aust. Divisions to return all extra Stores drawn for last operations to O.O., No.1 Army Troops, Longpre-les-Corps-Saints.</p> <p>A.Q.M.G. notified that recommendations for use of Ammunition Units as set out in Appendix No.30 had been approved by D.A. & Q.M.G. and G.O.C.R.A., and that instructions had been given to Corps Ammunition Officer to make preparations at WAGGA and BALLARAT (Corps Dumps) to receive the personnel of Units.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	14th		<p>C.I.O.M. Army notifies that No.24 O.M.W. (L) is being transferred to Aust. Corps (13-7-18) and will be situated on same site as No.53 Shop.</p> <p>Discussed Australian Clothing with General CARRUTHERS (D.A. & Q.M.G.) and he proceeded to G.H.Q. to see Lieut.-Colonel, GARSTIN on the subject.</p> <p>Reported to D.D.O.S., Fourth Army on Ammunition Dumps inspected for week. Nothing important.</p> <p>I.O.M., No.25 O.M.W.(M) states on the phone that Major PENN has been transferred to Fifth Army, and that Captain CHAPPLE takes over as S.I.O.M. and transfers to No. 25 Shop the Officer under instruction.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	15th		<p>Inspected Heavy Artillery Dump, Bois de Mai, Ballarat Dump, and 3rd Aust. Div. Bomb Dump. Also 4th Aust. Div. A.R.P., FRECHENCOURT (Quarry Dump), only 9 fire pumps, no buckets or drag ropes, and only 6 tarpaulins at Dump and these are being used to cover personnel. Minute to "Q" on the subject.</p> <p>Captain DOWN called to report proceeding to England to-morrow (16th) for duty in U.K.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies appointment of Lieut. J. HARRINGTON as D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Division.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	July 15th		<p>Long discussion with D.A. & Q.M.G. on matters of Australian Clothing and he reported that G.H.Q., (Lieut-Col. GARSTIN) had said War Office only undertake Hats and Jackets and will not provide Breeches D.S. Agreed that pressure must be brought to bear to compel this, and also proper provision of Color Patches, and that a proposition should be put up to allow Local Purchase of those outstanding; financial adjustment to be made with War Office later if necessary.</p> <p>D.D.O.S., Fourth Army notified transfer of Major PENN (S.I.O.M.) to Fifth Army, and that Captain CHAPPLE would take over duties temporarily. Also that No.24 O.M.W. (L) is to hold itself in readiness to move out of the Army Area.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	16th.		<p>To D.D.O.S., Fourth Army with round of 18-pdr which had been broken off at junction of shell case and shell had a suspicious appearance as if treated with acid.</p> <p>Discussed generally subjects of interest and arranged that he should call for me on Thursday morning and inspect Corps Ammunition Dumps.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. reports that Lieut. JONES was boarded in U.K. and pronounced unfit for G.S. 2 weeks, which expires on 26th July.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. says Lieut. MORLEY not to resume duty for next two or three days. Not yet fit.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division and D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Division called.</p> <p>No.24 O.M.W. (L) reports moved to new site (out of Army).</p>	
BERTANGLES.	17th.		<p>Corps Ammunition Units. Information concerning promulgated. *</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies alteration of establishment of A.A.O.C. to cover Armourers (5), one for each Machine Gun Battalion.</p> <p>Wrote suggesting further extension to include the Armourer Sergeant at Corps School.</p> <p>Instructed all D.A.Ds.O.S. to fill vacancies by appointments of existing surplus personnel, or by recommendation to me of suitable and competent men.</p>	Appendix No. 31.
BERTANGLES.	18th.		<p>With D.D.O.S., and D.A.D.O.S. (Ammun.) Fourth Army. Inspected Corps Heavy Dumps, Corps Reserve Light Dumps and blind Dumps.</p> <p>D.A. & Q.M.G. sent letter of Corps Commander to Admin. H.Q., A.I.F. re Color Patches for approval. *</p> <p>A.I.F., H.Q. forwards copies of Vouchers showing 400 pairs Breeches D.S. and 1506 Boots sent to ROUEN; and 1000 pairs Boots to CALAIS.</p>	Appendix No. 32.

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BERTANGLES.	July 18th.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Division reports receipt of 11,276 Color Patches from Base.</p> <p>Asked D.A.G., A.I.F. to give orders for Capt. BEST to be sent to Corps from No.2 Stationary Hospital, instead of going through Base Depot, as I want him urgently.</p> <p>1096 rounds 13-pir sshrapnel sent back to Ballarat Dump by Daours and Querrieu for repair and subsequent re-issue.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	19th.		<p>Turnover of explosives. All D.A.Cs. report completion of quarterly turnover of 25% stock.</p> <p>C.I.O.M., Fourth Army notifies that No.18 O.M.W. (L) will join No.53 to-morrow.</p> <p>With Lieut. MORLEY to point out various Dumps in his sector (northern).</p> <p>A.I.F. Orders (List No.356) shows promotion of Lieut. J. HARRINGTON as D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Division and transfer of Lieuts. J.D. JONES and C.H. MORLEY to A.A.O.C. and appointment to No.1 and No.2 Australian Ammunition Units respectively.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	20th.		<p>Lieut. MORLEY reported fit for duty and posted to BALLARAT Dump.</p> <p>With C.R.E., Aust. Corps To BALLARAT Dump and with Ammun. Officer, Corps M.T. Column and Officer i/c BALLARAT Dump and Lieut. MORLEY discussed position of Salvage Dumps and Laboratory, and arranged for necessary work.</p> <p>With C.R.E to SALEUX, (WAGGA Dump) and with Lieut. WILLIAMS (O.i/c WAGGA Dump) and W.O. HASSAM, (No.1 Amm. Unit) arranged for position of Salvage Dump and Laboratory, and for work to be done.</p> <p>To D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops and discussed American Units' issues, for careful accounting of stores, that a definite section should be made for American Stores and Issues.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	21st.		<p>To FRECHENCOURT Dump and discussed with O. i/c re salvaged ammunition - 4.5" How., A.A. Ammunition with 83/44 fuzes and the general arrangement of Dump.</p> <p>Arranged to meet Staff Captain, Artillery at Dump on Tuesday (23rd.) in company with C.R.E., Corps and O. i/c Amm. Unit, to settle plans for construction.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	22nd.		<p>To ALLONVILLE to 35th Brigade U.S.A. and discussed Ordnance matters with Brigade Major.</p> <p>Arranged for 1 Officer and 3 O.R. to be collected at 9 a.m. on 24th and conveyed to SALEUX Dump, to be attached to D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops for instruction in Ordnance matters.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	July 22nd.		D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops instructed to form separate Section for U.S. Troops and to post learners to this Section, to handle all demands from American Troops.	
BERTANGLES.	23rd.		At FRECHENCOURT A.R.P. with C.R.E., Corps, O. i/c No.2 Ammunition Unit and O. i/c Dump, discussed proposed construction of Dump and laying plank track for motor and other transport. Proposition is to make the bays by tunnelling in the face of the Quarry to store ammunition in them; no. of bays suggested - 15; each to be 30' x 8'6" x 6'6" high. C.R.E. agrees as to practicability. Minute to Corps "Q" on the matter. D.A.G., A.I.F. (92/2 dated 22-7-18) approves addition of Armourer A.A.O.C. to Aust. Corps School. C.R.E. reports that a party of 50 Americans and a party of Engineers from 4th Aust. Divn. will report to O. i/c, No.2 Ammunition Unit at BALLARAT Dump at 9 a.m. to-morrow to get on with the Salvage Ammunition Dump.	
BERTANGLES.	24th.		C.I.O.M., Fourth Army notifies that Captain DOWLING will be posted to No.2 O.M.W. (M) during the absence on leave of Captain HOLMES. To Corps Troops Dump, Corps Armourers Shop, and No.1 Ammunition Unit. Inspections. O. i/c, No.2 Amm. Unit states that 4th Aust. Div. party reported and are at work, Americans did not report. Arranged with No.2 Stationary Hospital, ABBEVILLE, to discharge Captain BEST to-morrow. D.O.S., G.H.Q. (Lt-Col. GARSTIN) rang up and discussed Color Patches and asked how an allowance of 80 francs per 1000 men initial issue and 20 francs per 1000 men as a monthly upkeep, would meet the situation, Units to provide their own patches out of this allowance, but for us to use up all Color Patches which R.A.C.D. would be able to supply. Referred him to D.A. & Q.M.G. for decision, pointing out that Corps Commander had taken up the matter with A.I.F. Admin, Headqrs., and given certain instructions as to enforcing immediate supply. Discussed question with D.A. & Q.M.G. Wrote C.O.O., CALAIS re shortage of supplies of Australian Clothing for week ending 20-7-18, - Jackets 7086, Breeches D.S. 1824, Hats 578, Boots 612.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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BERTANGLES.	July 25th.		<p>Lieut. N. MILLER reported from LONGPRE and under instructions from C.I.O.M., Fourth Army was ordered to report to No.25 O.M.W. (M) for duty.</p> <p>To ABBEVILLE and brought Captain BEST away from No.2 Stationary Hospital and took him to Corps Armourers Workshop.</p> <p>Letter from Brig-General AUSTIN re Australian Clothing and Color Patches which shows that difficulties are being rapidly overcome and supply will very shortly be made. Passed letter to D.A. & Q.M.G. Corps and to be passed to Corps Commander.</p> <p>C.R.E. reports that work on FRECHENCOURT A.R.P. will be commenced on 25-7-18 by a Tunnelling Coy. party, who will work 3 shifts of 8 hours each until completion.</p> <p>A.R.P. VACQUEMONT reports quantity of 6" and 60-pdr ammunition at Dump, and it is desired to obtain expert opinion as to its fitness. Instructed W.O. HASSAN (Lab. Foreman), No.1 Ammun. Unit to inspect early and report.</p>	
BERTANGLES.	26th.		<p>Inspected work for Salvage Ammunition and Laboratory at BALLARAT Dump, also reconstruction of FRECHENCOURT (Quarry) A.R.P. and found work proceeding satisfactorily.</p> <p>W.O. HASSAN (No.1 Ammunition Unit) inspected ammunition at A.R.P. VACQUEMONT and reports 60-pdr and 6" fit for issue, but 7000 rounds of 18-pdr High Explosive and Shrapnel, have been returned to A.R.P. Unboxed and will require careful examination of every round. Instructed him to carry on and report number found fit for immediate issue, number requiring refuelling or other repair, and number returned to Railhead.</p>	
BERTANGLES	27th.		<p>Owing to alteration of Corps front BALLARAT Dump and FRECHENCOURT A.R.P. are to be handed over to III Corps. Arranged with C.R.E. to remove Laboratory material to WAGGA Dump from BALLARAT and erect there.</p> <p>O. i/c No.2 Ammunition Unit says examined doubtful ammunition 4.5" (H.E. and Gas) at FRECHENCOURT Dump and it requires attention as far as the H.E. is concerned, cleaning up and 106 fuzes rewiring. As to Chemical, it is a mixed lot and in his opinion, unfit for issue. Instructed him to report in writing, and will hand same over to III Corps for disposal.</p>	

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BERTANGLES.	July 28th.		<p>To Corps Troops Ordnance, Corps Armourers Shop, No.1 Ammunition Unit and D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Aust. Division. Material for Laboratory at Ammunition Dump on the ground. Arranged for tent and rations for party of 1 N.C.O. and 5 Men of 4th Aust. Div. Engineers who will carry out the work.</p> <p>Owing to a number of Indents for free replacement of Revolvers, Binoculars, and Prismatic Compasses having been turned down by Corps, B.G., H.A. asks for ruling by superior authority. Minute to D.D.O.S., Fourth Army on the subject. *</p>	Appendix No. 33.																																
BERTANGLES.	29th.		<p>Following men reported for duty with Ammunition Units :-</p> <p>From 1st Aust. Siege Battery.</p> <table><tr><td>No. 300</td><td>T/Bdr.</td><td>GODBOLD</td><td>H.</td></tr><tr><td>311</td><td>Gnr.</td><td>JACKSON</td><td>C.</td></tr><tr><td>126</td><td>"</td><td>ROLFE</td><td>W.</td></tr><tr><td>308</td><td>"</td><td>HARTNEY</td><td>R.</td></tr></table> <p>Posted to No. 2 Ammunition Unit.</p> <p>From 2nd Aust. Siege Battery.</p> <table><tr><td>No. 295</td><td>Gnr.</td><td>DUNLOP</td><td>D.</td></tr><tr><td>219</td><td>"</td><td>GLEESON</td><td>P.W.</td></tr><tr><td>174</td><td>"</td><td>RILEY</td><td>S.C.</td></tr><tr><td>113</td><td>"</td><td>MARTIN</td><td>J.</td></tr></table> <p>Posted to No. 1 Ammunition Unit.</p>		No. 300	T/Bdr.	GODBOLD	H.	311	Gnr.	JACKSON	C.	126	"	ROLFE	W.	308	"	HARTNEY	R.	No. 295	Gnr.	DUNLOP	D.	219	"	GLEESON	P.W.	174	"	RILEY	S.C.	113	"	MARTIN	J.
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BERTANGLES.	30th.		<p>To WAGGA Dump inspecting progress of work at Amm. Salvage Dump.</p> <p>To CAGNY (4th Aust. Div. H.Q.) re transfer of No. 17/47 O.M.Ws. (L).</p> <p>Report by O.C., No.2 Ammunition Unit on Ammunition Dumps and Refilling Points forwarded. *</p> <p>D.D.O.S., Fourth Army states that consequent on change of Area, following alterations will take place in Workshops :-</p> <table><tr><td>No. 17 (Light)</td><td>to III Corps.</td></tr><tr><td>47</td><td>")</td></tr><tr><td>22</td><td>") to BOUTELLERIE.</td></tr><tr><td>18/53</td><td>" to remain at Madelaine Farm.</td></tr><tr><td>2 (Medium)</td><td>moves from BELLOY to MONTIERES.</td></tr><tr><td>25</td><td>" remains at MONTIERES.</td></tr></table>	No. 17 (Light)	to III Corps.	47	")	22	") to BOUTELLERIE.	18/53	" to remain at Madelaine Farm.	2 (Medium)	moves from BELLOY to MONTIERES.	25	" remains at MONTIERES.	Appendix No. 34.																				
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BERTANGLES.	July 30th.		<p>Asked that 17/47 might be moved as one Shop and 22 go to III Corps, as that Corps was perfectly satisfied with their work, and it was more satisfactory to move the shop complete than move one half, and put another shop which would have to be moved anyhow, with the other half. D.D.O.S. said he would see what he could do.</p> <p>D.D.O.S. rang up to say that No.47 would go to III Corps and No.17 remain with Aust. Corps. Australian Boots. Defence Department having cabled Admnaust as to whether Pattern 1615 was suitable for winter wear in France, whether hob nails might be omitted and whether $\frac{3}{4}$ tongue could be substituted for full tongue. D.A.G., A.I.F. passed query to me and I replied that boot appeared to be suitable, but if structural alterations pointed out last winter as necessary, had not been made, the same trouble would occur, that toe and heel plates and hob nails in soles were necessary, and that it was not advisable to alter the full tongue.</p>																																				
BERTANGLES.	31st.		<p>To BOUTELLERIE to inspect Location for Nos. 17/22 (Light) Workshops.</p> <p>D.A.G., A.I.F. notifies promotions :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>No.2227 Sub-Cond.</td><td>SIDDINS</td><td>N.M.</td><td>to be E.R. Conductor.</td><td>26-4-1918.</td></tr> <tr> <td>116 Sergt.</td><td>GLEESON</td><td>J.W.</td><td>to be E.R. Sub-Cond.</td><td>26-4-1918.</td></tr> <tr> <td>664 "</td><td>KIRKPATRICK</td><td>R.W.</td><td>" E.R. Sub-Cond.</td><td>2-5-1918.</td></tr> </table> <p>Recommended promotions as follows :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>No. 890 Sub-Cond.</td><td>DAWSON</td><td>C. 1st Aust. Division</td><td>to be Conductor.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>8480 Sergt.</td><td>SUTTON</td><td>N.W. 5th</td><td>" " " Sub-Conductor.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>3011 C.S.M.</td><td>ANDREWS</td><td>R.C. 3rd</td><td>" " " Sub-Conductor.</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>15 Sergt.</td><td>McNAUGHT</td><td>C.A. 3rd</td><td>" " " Temp. Sub-Conductor.</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>Major J.C. KININMONTH, D.S.O., reported for duty from leave. Instructed that Lieut. KENT should report back to Corps Headquarters.</p>	No.2227 Sub-Cond.	SIDDINS	N.M.	to be E.R. Conductor.	26-4-1918.	116 Sergt.	GLEESON	J.W.	to be E.R. Sub-Cond.	26-4-1918.	664 "	KIRKPATRICK	R.W.	" E.R. Sub-Cond.	2-5-1918.	No. 890 Sub-Cond.	DAWSON	C. 1st Aust. Division	to be Conductor.		8480 Sergt.	SUTTON	N.W. 5th	" " " Sub-Conductor.		3011 C.S.M.	ANDREWS	R.C. 3rd	" " " Sub-Conductor.		15 Sergt.	McNAUGHT	C.A. 3rd	" " " Temp. Sub-Conductor.		
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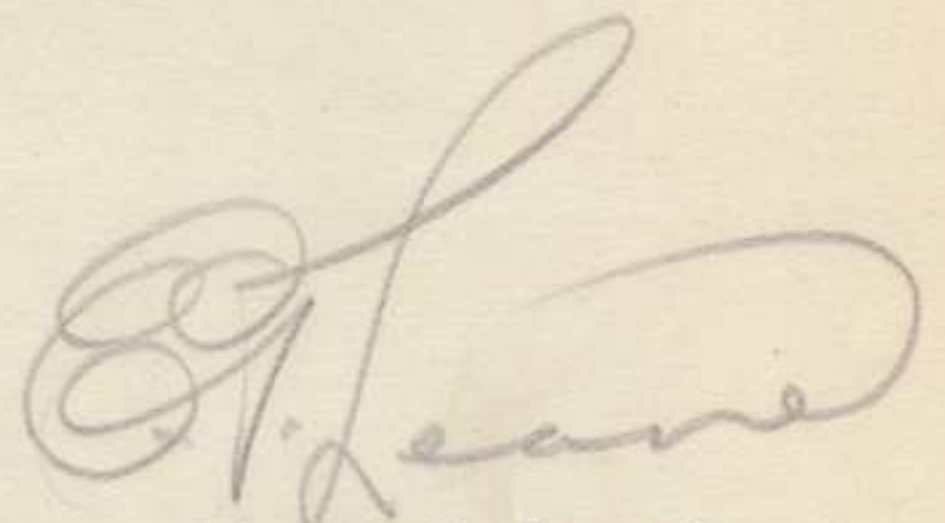
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AUSTRALIAN Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.Headquarters,
4th July 1918.D.A.D.C.S.,
2nd Aust. Division.
4th Aust. Division.

The attached is forwarded for your information and correction if necessary.

Stores, except expendable, should be accounted for as early as possible, either by statement that they are available for return or a certificate from your "Q" that they have been lost or destroyed.

Instructions as to disposal will be sent to you from this office

Major,
for A.D.C.S.
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

STATEMENT of Battle Stores issued for 4th July 1918.

Articles.	From.		Distribution.
Water Bottles.	No. 8 Ordnance Depot by 4th Div.	3000	4th Aust. Div. 5800
	8 " " via S.M.T.O.	900	2nd " " 900
	8 " " by 4th Div.	2400	
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		<u>6700</u>	<u>6700</u>
		=====	=====
Hot Food Containers.	Base.	118	4th Aust. Div. 60
			2nd " " 50
			Ord. Corps Tps. 8
		<u>118</u>	<u>118</u>
		=====	=====
Packsaddles.	Stock. Corps Troops Ordnance.	57	4th Aust. Div. 60
	Fourth Army Ordnance.	20	2nd " " 17
		<u>77</u>	<u>77</u>
		=====	=====
Yukon Packs.	Fourth Army Ordnance.	40	4th Aust. Div. 40
		=====	=====
Water Tin Carriers.	Fourth Army Ordnance by 4th Div.	70 *	4th Aust. Div. 70
	" " " by C.Tps.	70 *	
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	* Single.		
Wire Cutters long.	Gun Park No. 4.	50	2nd Aust. Div. 50
		=====	=====
Electric Torches.	Fourth Army Troops No. 1.	20	4th Aust. Div. 20
		=====	=====
Lewis Guns.	Gun Park No. 4.	50	4th Aust. Div. 20
		=====	Ord. Corps Tps. 30
		50	<u>50</u>
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<u>Expendable.</u>			
Luminous Paint.	Base.	gallons. 2	4th Aust. Div. 2
		=	=
White Calico.	Purchase.	Quantity.	4th Aust. Div. All
			=====
Pullthroughs.	Abbeville.	1250	4th Aust. Div.
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Headquarters,
5th July 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Division.
3rd " "
4th " "
5th " "

Reference G.R.O. 4362.

1000 Suits of S.D. Clothing Imperial pattern, will be issued to Divisions in the line when available. These may be distributed to Brigades, Field Ambulances, etc., as desired. It is suggested that 500 suits be left with Main Dressing Stations.

The full quantity must be maintained by demands on Divisional Ordnance, and handed over to relieving Divisions, copies of receipts and reasons for any deficiencies being sent to this office by the Division coming out. This clothing may be used for raids.

Memorandum
Brigadier-General,
D. A. & Q. M. G.
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

Copy to -

D.A.D.O.S.,
2nd Aust. Division.
3rd " "
4th " "
5th " "
Aust. Corps Troops.
"Q", Aust. Corps.

1st Australian Division.
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 5th Australian Division.
 D.A.G., A.I.F.



G. No. 94/1/336
 Australian Corps.
 1st July 1918.

The attached copy of G.H.Q. Letter No. G.H./407.8. dated 29-6-1918 is forwarded for information.

Approval has been given for the application of these amendments to the Australian Forces (D.A.G., A.I.F. 58/18).

Sgd/ J. McCOLL, Major,
 for Brigadier-General,
 General Staff.
 Australian Corps.

Copy to - AG.
 G.H.Q.O.

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Fourth Army.

Approval has been given to the amendments in the War Establishment of a Machine Gun Battalion, leaflet No. 1133, shown on the attached table. (War Office letter 121/France/1991 (S.D.S) of 18th June 1918).

At present, however, as the number of Officers in the Machine Gun Corps who are available and trained in transport duties is limited, it will not be possible to meet the increases sanctioned at once. It is probable, therefore, that some delay will occur before each Machine Gun Company can be provided with a Transport Officer.

Issue of the additional riding horses will only be made as resources permit and riding horses for Company Transport Officers must not in any case be demanded before the officers themselves have been appointed.

These amendments will apply to the Australian forces, pending sanction by the Australian Authorities.

As regards the New Zealand Division, the present establishment of a Battalion Transport Officer will hold good in place of the increase of four Company Transport Officers, but otherwise the changes will apply pending sanction by the New Zealand Authorities.

General Headquarters,
29th June 1918.

Sgd/ E. WIGRAM, Brig. General,
for Lieutenant-General.
C. C. S.

	<u>P E R S O N N E L.</u>			<u>H O R S E S.</u>				<u>V E H I C L E S.</u>
	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Riding.</u>	<u>Light Draught.</u>	<u>Heavy. Draught.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>INCREASE.</u>								
Company Transport Officers.	4	-	4	4	-	-	4	-
Batmen.	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Officer.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Serjeant, A.V.C.	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Water Carts.	-	2	2	-	4	-	4	2
<u>Wagons & S. for baggage and supplies.</u>	-	-(a)	1	-	-	2	2	1
	4	8	12	6	4	2	12	3
<u>DECREASE.</u>								
Range takers. ϕ .	-	13	13	-	-	-	-	-
Battalion H.Q. Transport Officer.	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Batman.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
NET INCREASE.	+ 3			+ 5	+ 4	+ 2	+ 11	+ 3
NET DECREASE.		- 9	- 6					

(a) Driver, A.S.C.

An Armourer Serjeant, A.O.S., will be substituted for the Artificer Serjeant in the establishment of the Battalion Headquarters.

ϕ In future one private in each gun team will be trained in the use of the range finder.

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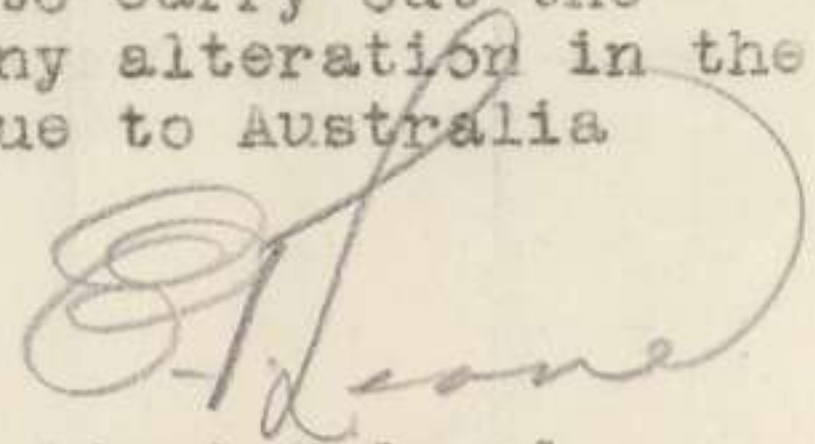
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AUSTRALIANCORPS.Headquarters,
10th July 1918.D.A.G., A.I.F.

With reference to attached copy of letter from Capt. HENDERSON, it is agreed that the more experience and knowledge which can be obtained by Australian Is.O.M., and, in fact, rank and file, the more advantageous it may be for the Commonwealth in the future.

The suggestions of Capt. HENDERSON appear however to me to be impracticable, and also unnecessary for the above purpose. Impracticable, inasmuch as the Australian Corps only carries an establishment of 1 Medium and 2 Light Shops. Unnecessary, inasmuch as all the Officers known to me are already posted to Shops, where they are gaining the required experience under practical conditions, under circumstances, in my opinion, more likely to produce initiative and give them knowledge of Workshop management and equipment in the Field than would any action in conjunction. I cannot see the value of the concerted action, but believe better results will be obtainable from continuing the present policy of passing competent Artificers through a Course, and when they qualify, obtaining appointments for them to Regular Army Shops in the Field, first as Assistants - afterwards, when higher authority is satisfied with their progress, to independent commands - and I feel sure there is more extensive knowledge to be gained by them under the command of various C.I.O.Ms., than there would be if they were all working under one Officer, where in consequence, they would probably all be moulded on the same model. I do agree that, if it can be arranged to obtain the necessary personnel, a complete Australian Section for Heavy, Medium and Light Shops would be advantageous, and I would, if possible, have the Medium and Light Shops of Australian personnel complete attached to this Corps, to move with it and do its work, but experience has shown this to be impracticable, as the Corps is far more mobile than the Workshops, and when the Corps moved into a new Area and to another Army, it has been forced to leave the Workshops in the Army Area it has moved from, because the Army to which it moved is complete with the necessary Shops, and the interchange of Shops, or even the personnel of such Shops is not justified, when each set of Shops is competent to carry out the work of the Corps, and nothing is to be gained by any alteration in the system, nor do I think any great benefit would accrue to Australia if it were.


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

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Headquarters,
10th July 1918.D.O.S.,
G.H.Q.
-----Colour Patches.

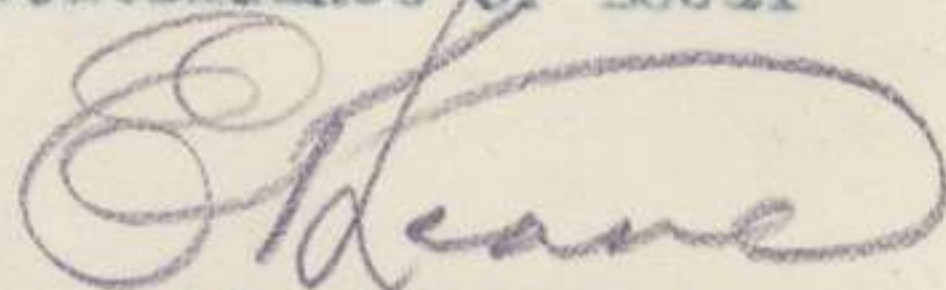
The attached copy of letter from R.A.C.D. Pimlico is passed for your information please, and it is requested that action be taken to produce an immediate change of attitude on the part of this Depot, and that either, Contracts be placed for the immediate manufacture of these Colour Patches, or that authority may be given for the Local Purchase of same, instead of making demands on A.C.D.

The latter for preference, as the question has become one of burning importance, owing to the lack of supply of the only Badge distinguishing which Australians wear, and which it is submitted is absolutely essential to be worn, to enable identifications to be made, and to promote the Esprit de Corps of the various Units, which is so necessary.

At the present time the outstanding demands for these Patches total just on 100,000; and this has been going on for many months: as a concrete illustration, the 48th Battalion demanded 789 on 30-10-17, and they have been redemanded 4 times - on 3-12-17, 24-2-18, 27-4-18, 29-6-18, - and are still unsupplied.

And it is submitted for earnest consideration that there is no excuse for the delay in supplying these Patches as provision is made at the outset for initial issue and monthly Upkeep, ample for all requirements, and they should come forward automatically to the Bases.

It is therefore requested that authority be given for Local Purchase of the number outstanding at this date, and that provision be made to meet future demands promptly or continuance of Local Purchase authorised.



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

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A.D.O.S. Provision,
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As these Badges are made in our factory, as opportunities occur, between the manufacture of more important War items and, as the demands for them both at home and overseas have been very heavy of late, there will be some delay. The manager of the factory will do all he can to expedite supply. It is not considered desirable to place these out to contract.

Sgd/ R.J. HAMLIN, Lieut-Colonel,
for C.O.O.

R.A.C.D.
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26-6-18.

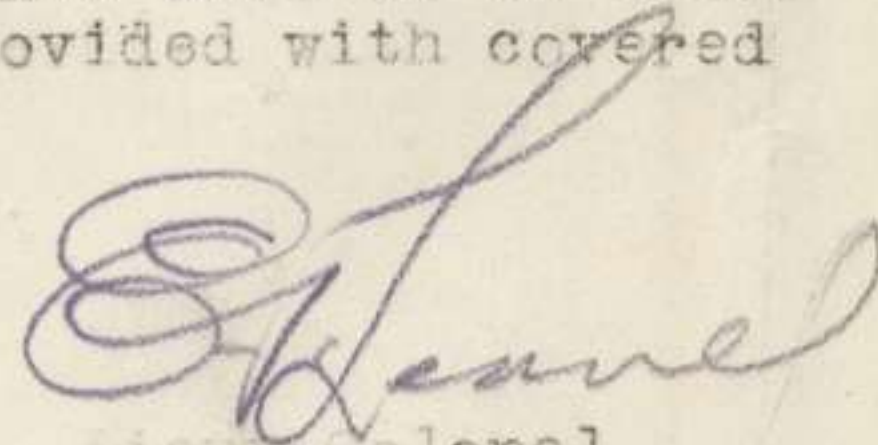
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Appendix 10-50

Now that Ordnance Ammunition Units are being provided for the Corps, it is laid down that the duties of the technical officer and A.A.O.C. personnel shall be as follows :-

1. These officers will act as the technical administrative ammunition officers to the Corps. They will generally supervise all Corps Ammunition Dumps and inspect all A.R.Ps. and Divisional Bomb Dumps in their area and report to A.D.O.S., Corps on the sorting, care and preservation, and whether Standing Orders are being complied with, and will be available to give technical advice and assistance to B.G., H.A. and G.O.C., R.A. if required by them, on application by the Staff Captain of same to the Officer i/c Ordnance Ammunition Unit of his Sector. They will be assisted in these duties by the A.A.O.C. personnel.
2. They will keep in touch with Salvage Officers and instruct them as to the disposal of all salvaged ammunition, and arrange for the demolition of "dud" shells, bombs, etc., in their area.
3. They will be available, if required, to investigate cases of prematures which occur with guns, howitzers, or trench mortars (such investigations frequently bring out important details which throw light on the cause of the failure), and where damage has occurred to the gun, etc., it is important they should work in conjunction with the Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery concerned in the examination of the injured piece, and inquiry into the occurrence.
4. The investigation of failures and faults other than prematures, of ammunition, grenades, signals and all stores supplied through Ammunition Railheads should be carried out on the same lines.
5. The results of all their investigations will be forwarded by them to A.D.O.S., Corps.
6. A weekly report will be rendered to A.D.O.S. Corps on Monday of each week on all Dumps, A.R.Ps., visited and conditions thereat.
7. In all technical matters they will be under the command of A.D.O.S. Corps.
8. Having qualified Laboratory Foremen and Fuze Manipulators with each Unit, all salvaged Gun and Howitzer Ammunition will be inspected by them; ammunition found serviceable will be taken over at the Corps Dumps, components required to complete will be demanded by Corps to enable repairs to be effected and ammunition made fit for issue, and the consequent return to Railhead of the minimum of unserviceable ammunition.
9. Arrangements will be made to equip each Corps Dump with an adequate supply of dunnage, tarpaulins, ammunition keys, screwdrivers, luting, Pettman cement, rubber fuze covers, etc., and fuze waterproofing composition.
10. Account will be kept of all salvage ammunition dealt with, showing number received, repaired and re-issued, and returned to Ammunition Railheads, with details of components received, used and on hand.
11. The Laboratory and Salvage Dump of each Unit will be at least 200 yards in the clear from the Main Dump, be provided with covered accommodation and be well traversed.


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

Headquarters,
16th July 1918.

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E. J. Loane
Lt Col.

Brigadier-General,
D. A. & Q. M. G.
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

Headquarters,

2nd Aust. Division.

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C. R. A.,

2nd Aust. Division.

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G.O.C., R.A., Aust. Corps.

B.G., H.A., " "

Ammunition Officer, Corps M.T. Column.

Corps Salvage Officer, Aust. Corps.

"G", Aust. Corps.

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

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G.O.C., A.I.F.

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

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

Corps Headquarters,
17th July 1918.

Commandant,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
L O N D O N.

Colour Patches.

The question of the supply of Colour Patches to the Australian Troops stands in a most unsatisfactory position. At the present time, the demands are something like 120,000 Colour Patches short, and, apart from this immediate deficiency, there is no assurance whatever of a regular supply to maintain monthly requirements.

This matter has been the subject of much correspondence with the Royal Army Clothing Department, extending over a very long period, and these efforts have so far been entirely resultless.

Quite recently the C.O.D., R.A.C.D. responded to an urgent request for the finality in this question, with the following remarks:

"As these badges are made in our factory as opportunities occur, between the manufacture of more important war items, and, as the demand for them both at home and overseas, have been very heavy of late, there will be some little delay."

It will be seen that this Department totally misunderstands the paramount importance to the Australian Troops of this particular article of clothing, and that the attitude taken up is one which makes it certain that the present serious difficulties, arising from the insufficient supply of these Colour Patches, are not likely to be alleviated by the Army Authorities without some further drastic action on the part of the A.I.F. Authorities.

The importance of the utilization of these Colour Patches appear to be totally misunderstood. In the A.I.F. their use stands upon an entirely different footing from that of the Units of the British Army. The Colour Patch is the only distinguishing mark of any kind whatsoever worn by the Australian soldier. It designates not only the arm of the service to which he belongs, but also his Division and Regimental Unit. The badge is highly prized by the individual soldier as the only means of identifying him with his Unit or Service, and is a most powerful factor in esprit de corps and the pride of the soldier in his Regiment. The loyalty of the Australian soldier to his regimental badge is to be experienced in the Field in order to be fully appreciated.

Apart from this, the Colour Badge is a most important factor in the maintenance of discipline and also in training. It is the only means by which both individual troops and bodies of troops can be immediately recognised in the Field. The Badge of the various Units, in this way, is a most important aid in actual battle operations, particularly when different Units are assigned to different objectives. Responsible Officers are, by means of these markings, able to immediately recognise their troops and thereby organisation before and during battle, and re-organization after battle, are greatly facilitated. As regards discipline, the recognition by Provost Marshals and their Staffs, by Military and Regimental Police, and by Staff and Regimental Officers of the offenders Units, is an important means of exercising disciplinary supervision. The principle applied in the A.I.F. is to make the Regimental Officers responsible for the behaviour of their men. If, therefore, Units are slack in such ordinary disciplinary matters as saluting, galloping horses, drunkenness, overloading vehicles, breaking off on the line of march, and similar offences, they cannot be identified in any case where the soldier is left deficient of any external means of identification, for it is often impossible, in the nature of the case, to interrogate individual soldiers as to their Units, or to investigate the truth of their replies. The wearing of the Colour Patch is, therefore, an invaluable means of sheeting home responsibility to the Unit and to its Officers.

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In brief, the increasing shortage of Colour Patches on the arms of Australian soldiers, is being found seriously to hamper supervision in all directions.

It will be seen that the authorities of the Clothing Department are quite in error in regarding this article of clothing as of subordinate importance.- Upon the contrary, it is, as has already been pointed out, of supreme and paramount importance to the A.I.F.

Under these circumstances, I shall be glad if the most energetic measures possible can be taken, with the least possible delay, in urging my views upon the War Office.- Under the agreement of Maintenance, the Australian Force is entitled to receive these Colour Patches as and when required, without special payment.- If, however, the War Office is, for any reason, unable, or unwilling to comply with our pressing needs, there is only one alternative, and that is to arrange for the supply of these articles of clothing independently of the War Office altogether and to debit the cost of same against the Maintenance charges.- I shall be glad if this whole question can be taken up vigorously, with a view to pressing it to a finality, as a most urgent matter, and I have further to request that, if the assurance of an immediate and adequate supply from the War Office cannot be satisfactorily obtained, you will be good enough to take steps to arrange for present and future supplies by direct purchase or the letting of suitable contracts, debiting the cost of same to the War Office, after due notice, on the lines indicated above.

Sgd/ John Monash,
Lieut.-General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

Headquarters,
28th July 1918.

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

G.R.O. 3943 - para 7.

A Ruling is sought please as to the interpretation of this Clause, and as to the circumstances under which the neglect of an Officer to carry the articles classed as "personal kit to be carried on the person", renders his claim for free replacement inadmissible.

Claims have been rendered by Artillery Officers under such conditions as the following :-

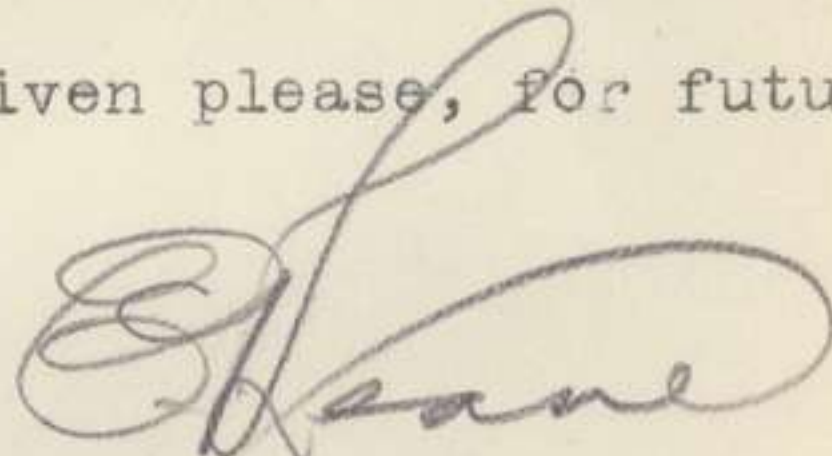
1. Having to evacuate the forward position on March 21st, my Revolver, Binoculars and Prismatic Compass were packed in my Valise. The next day, having again to evacuate the position quickly, I had no time to unpack and they were consequently lost to the enemy.
2. Owing to rapidity of enemys advance on 21st March, the guns of the Battery were in danger and the act of getting them away safely precluded any attempt at salving kit, amongst which were the items shown on attached A.F. G.994.
3. These articles, together with Officer's kits, were placed in a dug-out which received a direct hit from an enemy shell, destroying everything inside.
4. Article enumerated above was lost on 23rd March with other personal kit owing to no transport being available when the withdrawal from position was ordered by Battery Commander.
5. My dug-out was hit by an enemy shell and completely destroyed, with everything inside on March 21st.

In all these cases and others of a similar nature, claims for free issues were not approved by this Corps.

Application has now been made by Officers concerned for a ruling by superior authority.

It is clear that if these Officers had been wearing their equipment it would not have been lost, and that if circumstances such as March 21st and following days did not necessitate the wearing of such articles, so that they might be available for instant use, the necessity for them at any time is not understood.

May the ruling of the Army Commander be given please, for future guidance.



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

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Report on Inspection of Ammunition Dumps carried out by
O.C., No.2 Aust. Ord. Ammunition Unit.

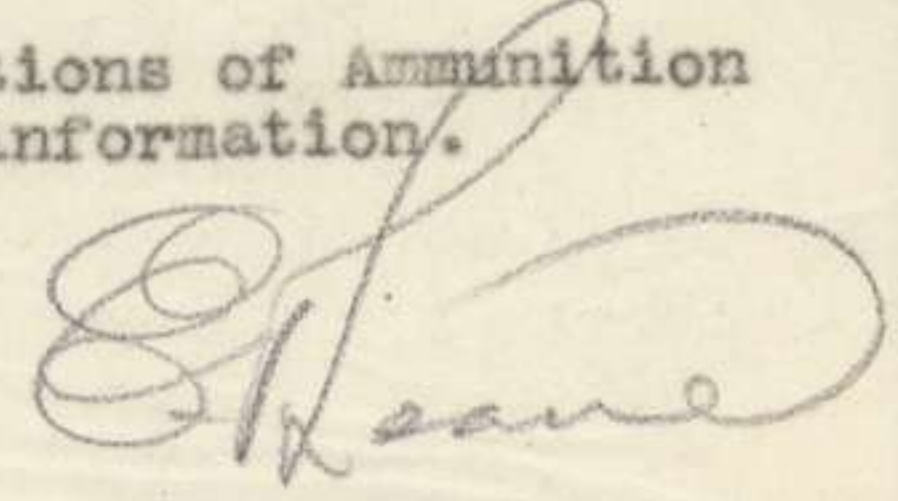
1. ²³⁸ CANBERRA. 26-7-18. Ammunition well covered and raised off the ground. In some cases it was noticed that 18-pdr. N.C.T. & C. were mixed together in the same stack and not grouped according to propellants. One stack of 4.5 charges were on duck boards which had sunk into the ground and this stack was badly drained.
Fire appliances in good order.
2. TYABB. None of this ammunition was raised off the ground.
Stacks were insufficiently drained.
Two stacks were without covers.
Fire appliances correct.
3. 5th Aust. Div. Bomb Dump. I.7.central. Most of the stacks of Grenades, etc., were not clear of the ground.
This Dump was in a satisfactory condition as regards grouping with the exception of Demolition Explosives - Wet G.C., Dry G.C., Primers, No.8 and 13 Detonators, all being stacked together in a small dug-out. No arrangements were made to have these explosives clear of the ground.
Fire appliances in good order.

5th Aust. Div. A.R.P., Quarry Dump. 27-7-18. Every endeavour is being made to keep Ammunition properly grouped.
More fire buckets are required and ammunition is insufficiently covered.
Note :- This site is undergoing re-construction.
5. BALLARAT. Corps Dump. 27-7-18. This Dump is in a satisfactory condition and order. Grouping of ammunition is being carried out.
Fire appliances in good order.
6. 5th Aust. Div. Reserve Bomb Dump. B.20.d.3.2. 27-7-1918.
Small Arm Ammunition not stacked off the ground.
Insufficient covering for stacks.
Some grenades Rifle No.35, were examined and the rods were found to be very rusty.

Sgd/ C.H. MORLEY, Lieut., A.A.O.C.,
O.C., No.2 Aust. Ammunition Unit.

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

The above copy of reports on the inspections of Ammunition Dumps for the past week, is forwarded for your information.


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

Headquarters,
AUSTRALIAN Corps.
30th July 1918.

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