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EU.	Nov. 1st.		<p>C.O.O., ROUEN, writes to say that the ruling re issue of P.W. Clothing to L. of G. units is a D.O.S. Letter, and not a G.R.O. as stated in conversation with Col. LEANE. Held up correspondence until return of Col. LEANE.</p> <p>"Q" forward suggested establishment for increase of present ammunition units and addition of two further units for supply of ammunition forming an ammunition Section. I was satisfied with the establishment but stated that I would prefer to see Officers as well as Men in the new Units transferred to A.A.O.C.</p> <p>Visited Capt. BEST in hospital at ABBEVILLE. He was still sick and had very little sleep. Visited 1st Div. Ordnance. Lieut. KENT stated that D.O.S. had queried his gun indent on base and instructed him to demand from Gun Park and he asked me to take up with Army. Lieut. ANDERSON, Corps Troops Ordnance, had no worries, except difficulty in drawing money. I signed two requisitions for him. Called at 3rd Div. Ordce. and discussed supercession of Cpl. PARRY and return of stores from demobilized Btns. Met D.A.D.O.S., 4th. Aust. Div. on the road. He had heard that Div. might move shortly and wanted 30 rifles, he had already obtained 49 from Corps Troops. Visited D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Div., who had just returned from leave. He had had to move out of the big factory where his dump was, and the new one was not very comfortable or convenient.</p>	P
EU.	2nd.		<p>D.A.G., A.I.F., writes to say that promotion of Lieut. HOLDEN is not approved as he is not an Officer of the Directing Staff. Application for promotion of Lieuts. JONES and MORLEY also disallowed. May be reconsidered at a later date.</p> <p>"G" asked if 3 Prosmatic Compasses may be supplied to Corps School, who have asked for 8. Pointed out that establishment allows 10.</p>	P
EU.	3rd		<p>D.D.O.S., Fourth Army, notifies that owing to shortage of Platforms Firing 6" and 8" Howrs. all indents to be cancelled and new ones submitted with detailed reason for demand. D.D.O.S. sent back 50 Silver Roses borrowed from us, 50 still to come.</p> <p>Army report that two copies of I.V's. will continue to be sent with all stores from Base. It was proposed that one only should suffice and would save a great deal of paper.</p>	P
EU.	4th.		<p>Reference supercession of Cpl. PARRY, 3rd Aust. Div., made following moves and instructed D.A.D's.O.S. accordingly:- Cpl. PARRY to go to 5th Aust. Div. for trial, surplus Cpl. there to go to 3rd Div. in exchange. Promotion of PARKES, 2nd. Div., and HENDERSON, attached 4th. Div., both suspended until PARRY is tried out. BERCHDOLT, 5th Div., now on trial, must wait</p>	P



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EU.	5th.		<p>as he is sixth Cpl. Clerk on the list.</p> <p>Lieut. ROBERTSON, I.O.M. 47 O.M.W. (L) called with Lieut. ANDERSON, A/D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops, and Lieut. KENT, D.A.D.O.S., 1st Aust. Div. Lieut. ROBERTSON said he was rather rushed with work and would not be able to send all Artys. back to the line complete, but this can hardly be expected. He agreed to visit <del>the</del> 6th and 12th Army Bdes., A.F.A. Lieut. KENT had a complaint re suqility of horserugs, two samples produced. He came chiefly to find out particulars re move of D.A. Div. ready for line again as far as equipment is concerned. Lieut. ANDERSON discussed equipment of Army Bdes. and bad state, rationing of clothing, etc.</p> <p>Army urgently require all surplus Lewis Guns from demobilized Btns. for operations. Only 37 from 3rd Aust. Div. not yet returned. Instructed D.A.D.O.S. by telephone to send these direct to Gun Park, LA FLAQUE. Informed "Q". Instructed D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Div., to transfer four surplus Armourers - two to 1st Aust. Div. and two for 4th Aust. Div. These Divs. are very short, and if it becomes necessary to send Armourers to training units, they can be sent later. Instructed D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Aust. Div., to send one surplus Armourer to D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Div. Corps, including Corps Troops Ordce. and Armourers Shop, will probably move forward 11th inst.</p> <p>Lieut. HARRINGTON called on way to Ammunition course - discussed personnel. Letter from D.A.G., A.I.F., stating that G.O.C., A.I.F., decided that Capt. GRIEVE, M.C., must return to France. Letter from D.A.G. asking Administrative H.Q., A.I.F., to send over the four surplus Ammn. Men, and notification that application for Ammn. Course for Cpl. MASON had been sent forward.</p>	
EU.	6th.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Div., forwarded indent from 20th A.D.U.S. for Colour Patches, which they state they cannot get elsewhere. Asked him to send them a few and told unit to indent and if refused, forward observation from Ordce. Offr. here.</p> <p>Lieut. WELSH asked that <del>order</del> order to transfer Cpl. PARRY to him in exchange for another Cpl. Clerk might be reconsidered as Col. LEANE had promised that BERCHDOLT would be prmoted Sergt. Told him to carry on with orders, but promotion of PARRY would not take place until return of Col. LEANE. D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Div. asked to whom he might move.</p> <p>D.A.G. forwards letter from Siege Arty. asking if 414, A/Sgt. ATKINSON might be transferred to A.A.O.C. and promoted S/Sgt. Recommended transfer and promotion and returned to D.A.G.</p> <p>Approval has been given for the wearing of special brassards by instructors at Aust. Corps and <del>schools</del> schools. Instructed Schools to purchase. D.D.O.S. refuses approval for purchase of padlock</p>	<p><i>Mason</i></p>



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EU.	7th.		<p>and chains for bicycles by 4th Aust. Div.</p> <p>A.I.F., LONDON, reports 2/Lt. CONRADI admitted to hospital, London, with influenza, and Capt. J. GRIEVE, M.C., being sent to France on 8th inst. to rejoin 23 O.M.W. (L).</p> <p>Arranged with Ammn. Offr., Corps M.T. Column., for box car to take Lieuts. JONES and MORLEY and O.R. with them from ROUXMESNIL to CONDEVILLE, where course is to be finished. Lieut. WELSH called, and I explained position re non-promotion of NERCHDOLT. He has a surplus of Armoures, who may be sent to 4th Aust. Div.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. asked for 2000 Stretchers, and 4000 Blankets, to be sent to new Railhead. Confirmed none available at Army, and instructed D.A.D.O.S., Corps Troops, to demand, but to suspend indent until further notice.</p> <p>Capt. J. GRIEVE, M.C., forwards through A.I.F. H.Q. an objection to being sent back to 23 O.M.W. (L). Refers to request submitted to C.I.O.M. for material.</p> <p>Lieut. HOLDEN asks for re-consideration of ruling by A.I.F. H.Q. concerning his promotion.</p> <p>A.A.G., A.I.F., asks for names of any officers or senior N.C.O's. who have taken leave to Australia and who are not suitable for the appointments they held, so that arrangements may be made for their appointments in A.I.F. to be terminated.</p>	
EU.	8th.		<p>Received copy of letter from G.O.C., A.I.F., to Q.M.G, G.G.H.Q., asking that new clothing may be issued to Australians on L.of C.</p> <p>HAVRE asked if present arrangements re Gun Park stores would continue. Replied that 1st and 4th Aust. Divs. would revert to normal procedure.</p> <p>Proposal received from A.I.F. H.Q. re formation of Ordnance Unit, of 6 Officers and about 60 O.R. to assist in demobilization and issue of new equipment to A.I.F. before leaving France. Drafted circular for all A.I.F. Units asking for names of those who are willing to join, also asked Captain TOWNSEND, Staff Captain A.I.F., to send a similar circular to Divs. I think there will be some difficulty in obtaining applicants as there are at present no inducements to offer.</p> <p>4th Aust. Div. complained that 47 O.M.W. (L) instructed an N.C.O. in charge of an u/s Cooker to take it to No. 8 Ordce. Depot for repair. Forwarded to I.O.M. for remarks as there is no S.I.O.M. to investigate.</p> <p>A.D.O.S., Provision (S) asked for estimated requirements in Color Patches for next six months, for all Australian Troops in France. Replied. *</p>	<p>Appendix No. 52.</p>



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"3450" <del>3450</del> EU.	Novr 10th.		<p>C.O., 6th Army Bde., A.F.A., rang up to say his Bde. had a bad spin with Ordce. stores. recently, and there were big shortages in Boots, Clothing, Grindery, etc.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust Div. wired re delay in supply of Grindery and Boots, indents not old enough for complaint to Base.</p> <p>Visited D.A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps Troops. Lieut. ANDERSON was forward selecting site for new dump. Decided 8 trucks were necessary to move Ordce., Armrs. Shop, and Ammn. Units, stores. No date for move yet, until our move is finished.</p> <p>▲ D.O.S., IX Corps, wired asking if units coming to our Corps could be moved to us now. Wired reply "Suspend move for present AAA Move of my Corps Troops not yet certain".</p> <p>"Q" asked for 20 tents to be sent to Reinforcement camp, MIANNAY, to-morrow - wired Corps Troops. Arranged with Condr. MACREDIE, 2nd Aust. Div., to take on 3rd Army Bde., A.F.A., and instructed Corps Troops to move them.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	11th.		<p>Moved from EU to LE CATEAU by car. Called on D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Aust. Div., and arranged for two Armourers to be sent to Gun Park, ROISEL, to overhaul Lewis Guns which had been sent in by Divs. of this Corps in an u/s condition.</p> <p>Visited Ordce., Corps Troops, and confirmed move arrangements. Seven trucks to be loaded 12th and despatched if possible. Personnel to move by lorries on 13th to dump already engaged by Lieut. ANDERSON at ST. SOUPLLET. Railhead will be BUSIGNY but I told Lieut. ANDERSON to let stores remain suspended at Base until he had landed his seven truck loads now on hand.</p> <p>News came through that armistice had been signed.</p> <p>Arrived at LE CATEAU, 7 p.m.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	12th.		<p>Settled down in new office, 51 Back Street, LE CATEAU. Goods rooms, but very dirty.</p> <p>Lieut-Col. MILLIGAN, "G" Staff, informed me that Col. LEANE had received a temporary appointment in England to do work concerning demobilization, and that I would have to carry on in his absence.</p> <p>Application for commissioning of Condr. SAWYER refused as there are 3 Trainees already, ANDERSON, HOLDEN, and WALKER, and this should be sufficient. Will resubmit as ANDERSON is O.O., Aust. Corps Troops.</p> <p>2/Lt. CONRADI, I.O.M., to be sent to FRANCE to No. 5 O.M.W. (H), near MARETZ.</p> <p>Death of Cpl. HUNT, Corps Armrs. Shop, reported officially.</p> <p>Application for transfer of Pte. HAY, 59th Btn., to Ordce. Corps Troops approved.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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LE CATEAU.	Novr. 12th.		<p>By car to ST SOUPLET and saw Ordnance Dump - alright, but too far from Railhead. Tried to get one at BUSIGNY, but too late, will try again to-morrow.</p> <p>Visited IX Corps Troops No.2 who have several Units to move under their "Q" instructions. These, I hear, have been cancelled.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	13th.		<p>Car to BUSIGNY Railhead where I booked a large barn for Corps Troops. Also saw O.O., IX Corps Troops No.2 who agreed to administer all units until definite orders were received to transfer.</p> <p>Visited D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division who is having difficulty with supply of boots and grindery. Had wired ROUEN previously to find out whether last Indents had been supplied. S.I.O.M., B Section, 4th Army, and Capt. HENDERSON, I.O.M., A.A.O.C., called to find out where Workshops were required. Referred S.I.O.M. to S.O., R.A. and positions were agreed on.</p> <p>Wire received that Nos. 1 &amp; 2 Aust. Ord. Ammunition Units had completed Course in German Ammunition and were now at No. Ordnance Repair Factory.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps Troops rang up to say that he had arrived. Told him not to open up Armourers Shop; arranged rationing with "Q" Branch.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	14th.		<p>Lieut-Colonel SOMERVILLE stated that Ammunition Units would not be required in move forward, and to dispose of them as Army requires. Ordnance Corps Troops would come forward and would carry horse rugs.</p> <p>To Ordnance, Corps Troops and gave instructions to tell Bases to send forward stores, to hand on to horse rugs and to send back Soyers Stoves.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division wanted reserve of 3000 pairs boots, 1000 Jackets, and 1000 pairs Trousers. Called on D.D.O.S., 4th Army who said this was too much, but reserve could be approved if "Q" put it up. "Q" decided on 6000 pairs Boots for Corps, and 2500 Jackets and 1000 pairs Puttees, and 2000 Trousers, and 3000 pairs Horseshoes. Asked AQ in writing to ask for authority and to keep on trucks until Corps reaches destination. Demands not to have priority over Divisions Indents as regards supply of Australian pattern.</p>	

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LE CATEAU.	Nov. 15th.		<p>Major CHAPPLE, Captain PURDY and Capt. HENDERSON - Is.O.M. - called. Recommendation for award for Capt. PURDY apparently gone astray. He wishes to join or be attached to Aust. Ordnance Demobilization Unit if possible.</p> <p>Major, W. JACK, D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Aust. Division called and wishes to join this Unit also. We discussed his position as regards transfer to another Corps during move forward.</p> <p>Took letter to Fourth Army. Corps asking that reserve of clothing might be sent to Corps Troops Ordnance, who would not unload but take forward in same trucks and hold as reserve for whole Corps. D.D.O.S. said "Q" would put up to Q.M.G. and he would also endeavour to take a much larger quantity forward in the same way for Imperial Corps. He is endeavouring to arrange for the formation of an Ordnance Depot at LIEGE, as Lines of Communication will be too long for Ordnance services, and it is being impressed on all Divisions that troops must be well dressed.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	16th.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 25th Division called and asked if we required Cardigan jackets and Underclothing. None required. Cavalry Officer offered us 200 Trench Shelters. These were accepted; numbers actually received seem to be many more.</p> <p>S.O.R.A. advised that 12th (Army) Bde. A.F.A. are badly off for certain stores but Lieut. ANDERSON says they will be fixed up in time.</p> <p>At "Q" Conference; points discussed :- New clothing to be issued to troops marching to Germany. Tents to be sent to Base except by Labor Units. Trench Shelters to be brought up to BUSIGNY. Extra Traces to be issued to H.T. Vehicles. Acetylene Flares to be obtained from Railheads. A.A. Lewis Guns to be sent to Base. Field Kitchens of Units to be in good condition for journey.</p> <p>O.C., 1st Aust. Tunnelling Coy. called to say his Unit was on move with IX Corps by road and had not received Winter Clothing. Vests and drawers most urgently needed. Rang up Ordnance, Army, who knew of no reserves in Area. He went to Corps Troops and got some gloves and cardigans.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	17th.		<p>S.I.O.M., IX Corps, called and stated that names of Workshops had been changed - No.2 Medium to 1st Aust. Medium, Nos 17 and 22 Light to Nos. 2 &amp; 3 Aust. Light respectively. C.I.O.M. has made changes for move forward as follows :- Cameron vice Handerson; Stamps vice A.O.D. I.O.M.; Pockett vice Grieve. Called on C.I.O.M. to say that A.I.F. would probably object to move of Henderson, but he stated that D.O.S. wished to select men who had done long service, and that A.D.O.S. had informed Henderson on arrival that he would be moved at will by C.I.O.M.</p>	

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LE CATEAU.	Nov.	17th.	<p>Lieut. ANDERSON, Ordnance, Corps Troops, arranged with "K" Siege Park to supply lorries to go to PICQUINY for underclothing to-morrow.</p> <p>Instructed D.A.D.O.S., 1st Aust. Division to put in large estimate demands for clothing and boots particularly. He seems to be having difficulty in obtaining use of car.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	18th.		<p>Advised that Colonel LEANE is to arrive to-morrow.</p> <p>Saw "Q" re move to us of 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd Aust. Workshops. They refused to move without Army "Q" authority. No lorries with these shops and two light shops working for this Corps. Shops are all getting orders to collect Carriages 18-pdr. air recuperator for exchange with spring, but have no lorries to collect. "Q" wired Army for confirmation.</p> <p>Arranged with S.O.R.A. for disposal of H.T.M.B. mortars and stores on 22nd instant.</p> <p>Decided with "AQ" that Corps Armourers Shop should accompany Corps to Germany.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	19th		<p>Received complaint from 3rd Aust. Divl. Arty., now administered by O.O., Corps Troops, that IX Corps had held all their bulk stores which W.O. was sure had arrived, and handed over only A.P. Tunics.</p> <p>S.O.R.A. stated that 12th (Army) Bde. A.F.A. was in very bad way for boots and clothing. Wired Army to ask if any objection to Corps Troops sending lorries to ROUEN to collect clothing for Heavy Artillery.</p> <p>A.Q.M.G. instructed me to tell D.A.Ds.O.S. that an attempt was being made to provide reserve of clothing and horseshoes, but to submit fairly large estimate demands as well.</p> <p>Ordnance Workshops still hung up for want of lorries to collect guns and stores. Hastened "Q" who are endeavouring to procure at least 2 at once. Army have taken 150 lorries away from Corps.</p> <p>Captain GRIEVE and Major STAMFORD called. GRIEVE has no job at present.</p> <p>Colonel LEANE arrived, to collect kit and hand over office, will remain until Saturday.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	20th.		<p>Colonel LEANE went through all papers which I had held for him to see; mostly concerning A.A.O.C. personnel. He made it clear that moves of Australian Is.O.M. have nothing to do with this office, even to and from the 3 Australian Workshops.</p> <p>Asked D.D.O.S. by wire and letter to instruct O.O., IX Corps Troops No2. to hand over to 3rd Aust. Div. Arty. clothing which had been sent c/o him to that formation. This had been appropriated under instructions from his A.D.O.S. to equip other troops going to Germany.</p>	



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LE CATEAU.	Novr. 21st.		<p>With Colonel LEANE to Corps Troops Ordnance, BUSIGNY, and met Ammunition Officers there. Heard unofficially of the death of Arm. Sgt. GORST, Corps Armourers Shop.</p> <p>Visited Ordnance, 4th Aust. Division but D.A.D.O.S. was out; Conductor said that necessary number of boots were on rail and no other troubles.</p> <p>Visited D.A.D.O.S., 1st Aust. Division who has several vacancies for Armourers still, and I advised him to put forward through Division. There may be difficulty as transfers between arms and promotions are only now to be allowed in exceptional cases.</p> <p>Asked Army to further hasten ROUEN for supply of boot leather to 4th Aust. Division.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	22nd.		<p>Application submitted by Corps for reserve of boots and clothing to take to Germany, refused by Army as normal supply should suffice for the present; G.H.Q. has been asked to form Depot in GERMANY.</p> <p>Arranged for 1 N.C.O. and 6 fatigue men to be sent to Corps Troops Ordnance.</p> <p>Army wired to find out what provision of clothing was being made for returning prisoners of war. "A" asked for 1000 suits of clothing. Blankets have arrived but no blanketcoats under Army arrangements. Wired D.D.O.S. to ask if any blanketcoats were available with him.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 4th Aust. Division called, and asked if demands submitted obviously only to complete establishment should be supplied. Advised him to have indents passed for replacement by D.H.Q. and hold till definite arrangement is arrived at.</p> <p>Advised Capt. HENDERSON, if relieved, to refer to S.I.O.M. the question of taking batman with him.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	23rd.		<p>D.A.G.A.I.F. asks for names of O.R. who left Australia in January and February 1915, for furlough to Australia. This will take a good many more men from Ordnance and vacancies will be hard to fill.</p> <p>Excellent report received from No.4 Ordnance Repair Factory, on German Ammunition Course attended at No.15 Ordnance Depot by members of Aust. Ammunition Units.</p> <p>Report from D.A.D.O.S., 1st Aust. Division that Sgt. McNAUGHT is now suitable for promotion to S/Sgt again. He was recently reduced in 3rd Aust. Division.</p> <p>Asked Army to send further hastener to ROUEN for Grindery for 4th Aust. Division.</p> <p>Reported to Army that 11 Aust. Inf. Battalions had been disbanded and 337 Lewis Guns returned to Base.</p> <p>Advice received from Army that Gun Parks will soon close down.</p> <p>Colonel LEANE left for England to take up appointment of Director of Equipment.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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LE CATEAU.	Nov. 24th.		<p>106th Battery report loss of stores through limber being sent to O.M.W. I.O.M. replies that it was unnecessary to send these to Workshop and further, that Battery representative should have looked after them.</p> <p>Lorry, withdrawn from No.47 O.M.W. (L) by previous Corps. They ask for another but this is not available as lorries are all in use feeding forward troops, and O.M.W.'s work is not urgent just now.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Division forwards complaint from 5th Aust. Div. Train that a certain size of brand of horseshoes is faulty. Asked other Divisions if similar faults detected.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	25th.		<p>2nd Aust. Division report shortage in sizes 6 &amp; 11 of Aust. pattern boots; thus causing trouble through issue of Imperial pattern boots which hurt men's feet.</p> <p>Army uphold O.O., IX Corps Troops No.2 in appropriating stores sent to 3rd Aust. Divnl. Artillery whilst attached to them. Reason given is that troops moving to Germany had to have priority, and this Corps was the only one which complained. Forwarded reply to "Q".</p> <p>D.D.O.S. gives ruling that all horses should now be in possession of rugs.</p> <p>Captain GRIEVE called and complained of not being given the Australian Medium Workshop, and asked if he could be made S.I.O.M. of Corps. Told him that it had nothing to do with me but if he wished to forward a complaint in writing, he would send it on to D.A.G., A.I.F.</p> <p>Lieut. G.N. POCKETT reported for duty at No.3 Aust. O.M.W. (L).</p>	
LE CATEAU.	26th.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps Troops reported that 4 trucks were sent to LE CATEAU in error and off-loaded before his representative arrived, with the result that 62 cases of Horse Shoes and one parcel were deficient. Visited R.T.O. who said that it was done without his knowledge and Ordnance Corporal who was apparently responsible was ill. Thinks that a Cavalry Division took the Horse shoes and is making enquiries. Reported case to Army and asked if something might be done to prevent off-loading of ordnance trucks.</p> <p>D.A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps Troops forwarded large number of indents from H.A. Units. Demands were greatly in excess of ration scale. Asked "Q" to approve, but was instructed to tell D.A.D.O.S. to issue only one month's ration, or if urgently required two month's ration to each unit.</p>	
LE CATEAU			<p>2/Lieut. J.E. WALKER, is recommended by 1st Aust. D.H.Q. for second star.</p> <p>Arrangements made for Fitter Corporal CORBETT, 106th Battery, to be sent to No.2 Aust. O.M.W. (L) for trial as Armament Artificer.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE CATEAU.	Novr. 27th.		<p>Lieut. HARRINGTON, D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Division reported back from Ammunition Course. Captain STAMPS, I.O.M., No.2 Aust. O.M.W. (L) called. He mentioned that he had not been appointed to No.1 Aust. O.M.W. (Medium) as he is senior to Captain CAMERON, M.C. Advised him to forward complaint in writing to me as C.O., A.A.O.C. in France.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	28th.		<p>Captain H.S. BEST, A.I.A., reported back from Hospital. G.O.C., R.A. discussed appointments to Australian Ordnance Mobile Workshops, and asked for full particulars as he wishes to find out if Director of Ordnance and Demobilization requires any Is.O.M. Forwarded full particulars showing seniority, appointments, and causes for grievances. Copy to D.A.G., A.I.F. *</p>	<p>Appendix No. 53.</p>
LE CATEAU.	29th.		<p>D.A.D.O.S., 5th Aust. Division called. He had had no trucks from Base for 3 weeks but 24 tons arrived in one day, and he is now in good position as regards all important stores. He intends to suspend issue until Division is settled.                      Visited D.A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps Troops. He had received Indents from Heavy Artillery returned to him with instructions to issue according to ration scale. Advised him that he could go to two months scale if satisfied that clothing was unserviceable. Told him and Capt. BEST to explore CHARLEROI Area for suitable dump.                      D.A.D.O.S., 1st Aust. Division called. Many complaints being received about Imperial Boots being issued in lieu of sizes 6 &amp; 11. Promised to hasten supply if possible.                      Captain GRIEVE, M.C., forwarded complaint at being passed over in selection for I.O.M., No.1 Aust. O.M.W. (M), and also asked if he might be appointed S.I.O.M. of the Corps. Forwarded to D.A.G., A.I.F. with request for views on both subjects.</p>	
LE CATEAU.	30th.		<p>Applied for Special Leave to visit LONDON with view to taking 1914 leave. Forwarded report to A.H.Q. re samples of Safety Trigger Guards which have been on trial. Advised Army and D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Aust. Division that "Q" had decided that Lewis Gun Chests should not be issued for transport of Lewis Guns.</p>	

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
for A.D.O.S.  
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| 52. | Estimated requirements of Color Patches for all A.I.F. Units in France for the next six months.  |
| 53. | Memo to G.O.C., R.A. showing seniority of Australian Is.O.M., their postings to Australian Workshops by C.I.O.M., Fourth Army, and grievances owing to postings. |

*J. Munro*  
Major,  
for A.D.O.S.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.



*Appendix No 52*

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.



Headquarters,  
6th November 1918.

A.D.O.S.,  
Provision (South).  
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In reply to your P.2854/3 dated 26-10-18 regarding Badges Cloth Corps Distinguishing for Australian Troops.

I consider that recent issues are not a dependable basis upon which to estimate future requirements, as both the demands and supply have been erratic of late.

I think an estimate per Establishment Strength would meet the case and I am forwarding a list of Color Patches used in France and the estimated requirements per month arrived at by dividing strength by 5 and calling the result pairs.

My total estimate per month - 32,000 pairs - is very much below your figure, but if the supply is regular I am confident that it will be sufficient after present outstanding demands have been met.

I am very much against rationing, as varying conditions of warfare cause great fluctuations in demands.

*Permanently*  
Major,  
for Colonel,  
A. D. O. S.  
A.I.F. in France.



STATEMENT SHOWING COLOUR PATCHES REQUIRED FOR THE A.I.F. IN FRANCE.

Name of Badge, Cloth, Corps Distinguishing :	Approx. Strength :	Per :	Estim'd monthly upkeep, pairs :	No. of units wearing similar badge :	Total monthly requirements for this service- pairs :
Divl. H.Q.,	132.	Div.	44.	5.	220.
Engrs. & Sig. Coy.	972.	"	324.	5.	1,620.
Bns.,	1,000.	Stn.	330.	59.	19,470.*
Sde. H.Q.,	24.	Sde.	8.	15.	120.
Divl. Train.,	424.	Div.	140.	5.	700.
A.A.M.C.	723.	"	240.	5.	1,200.
Sanitary Sectns:	28.	"	10.	5.	50.
Mob. Vet. "	29.	"	10.	5.	50.
A.A.O.C.	36.	"	12.	5.	60.
A. Pay Corps,	30.	"	10.	5.	50.
Arty.	2,260.	"	760.	5.	3,800.
18th Light Hse.:	469.	Regt.	156.	1.	156.
A. Army Sde. Arty:	1,109.	Sde.	340.	3.	1,020.
Dental Services:	220.	France:	75.	1.	75.
A.F.A. Pk. Sectns:	42.	Sectn.:	14.	3.	42.
Aust. H.A.,	750.	France:	250.	1.	250.
" H.T/M. Bty.:	69.	Bty.:	23.	-	23.
H.Q., Corps M.T.:	17.	France:	5.	-	5.
M.T. Coys.	2,458.	"	815.	-	815.
Rld. Supply Det.:	17.	"	5.	-	5.
A.T. Coy., A.E.:	160.	"	55.	-	55.
Corps Sig. Coy.:	460.	"	155.	-	155.
Aust. Tun. Coys:	2,025.	"	675.	-	675.
" E.M. & B. Coy:	250.	"	85.	-	85.
Rly. Op. Coy.:	1,794.	"	598.	-	598.
Sig. Sub-Sectns,:					
A.F.A. Bdes.:	45.	"	15.	-	15.
Topo. Sectn.:	21.	Sectn.:	7.	-	7.
Wireless Sectn.:	28.	"	10.	-	10.
1 Aust. C.C.S.:	98.	Stn.:	35.	-	35.
2 " " ":	98.	"	35.	-	35.
3 " " " Stn.:	98.	"	35.	-	35.
Aust. Vet. Evac:	40.	"	15.	-	15.
" Corps H.Q.:	150.	France:	50.	-	50.
" Pay Corps:	30.	"	26.	-	26.
" Flying ":	650.	"	220.	-	220.
A.A.O.C.:	160.	"	30.	-	30.
1st Aust. G.H.:	311.	"	100.	-	100.
2nd " " ":	311.	"	100.	-	100.
3rd " " ":	311.	"	100.	-	100.
Corps Cyclist Bn.:	1,000.	"	330.	-	330.
Aust. Vet. Hos.:	475.	"	160.	-	160.

32,567.

\* This number includes all Infantry Battalions, Machine Gun Battns., and Pioneer Battalions, viz :-

	1st A. Div.	2nd A. Div.	3rd A. Div.	4th A. Div.	5th A. Div.
Battal, 2, 3, 4,	17, 18, & 20,	33, 34, & 35,	13, 14, 15, 16,	30, 31, 32,	
" 5, 6, 7, 8,	22, 23, & 24,	38, 39, & 40,	45, 46, & 48,	53, 55, 56,	
" 9, 10, 11, 12,	26, 27, & 28,	41, 43, & 44,	49, 50, & 51,	57, 58, 59,	
1st A. M.G. Bn.	2nd A.M.G. Bn.	3 A.M.G. Bn.	4 A.M.G. Bn.	5 A.M.G. Bn.	
1st Pioneer Bn.	2nd Pnr. Bn.	3rd Pnr. Bn.	4th Pnr. Bn.	5 Pnr. Bn.	



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

With reference to our conversation re moves by Army of I's.O.M. of the A.I.F., the following is the position:-

NOMINAL ROLL, SHOWING SENIORITY.

Captains.

T. Henderson.	20/11/17.
J. Grieve, M.C.	31/12/17.
J.S. Stamps.	1/1/18.
D.R. Cameron, M.C.	1/1/18.

Lieutenants.

G.N. Pockett.	27/3/18.
N. Miller, D.C.M.	27/3/18.
W.H. Butcher.	27/3/18.
C. Ellis.	27/3/18.
H.W. Pickett, M.C.	28/3/18.

2nd Lieutenants.

F.N. Conradi.	28/10/18.
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In view of the move to Germany, C.I.O.M. Fourth Army selected the following to be in charge of the Australian Workshops:-

No. 1 Aust. O.M.W. (M).	Captain D.R. Cameron, M.C.
No. 2 Aust. O.M.W. (L).	Captain J.S. Stamps.
No. 3 Aust. O.M.W. (L).	Lieut. G.N. Pockett.

As Captain T. Henderson has only been in France a short time, he has no grievance so long as he does not lose seniority.

Captain J. Grieve, M.C., feels that if he is not fit to be in charge of the Medium Shop, he should have definite reasons.

Captain J.S. Stamps also states that he should be in charge of the Medium Shop as he is senior to Captain D.R. Cameron.

As I have no control over the moves of I's.O.M., I did not intend to take action until complaints were received in writing. These will be forwarded to D.A.G., A.I.F., on arrival.

*gck*  
Major,  
for Colonel,  
C.I.O.M., A.A.O.C., FRANCE.

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