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Headquarters,
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM
Bhurtpore Barracks,
T i d w o r t h.

23rd February, 1918.



To
Headquarters, A.I.F.,
attached Australian Corps,
B.E.F. FRANCE.

The increasing difficulties in food supply have caused the Navy & Army Canteen Board to notify me that it can no longer carry on the present system followed in A.I.F. Depots by which the 5½d Messing allowance has been expended by Units through the local Canteen.

The N.A.C.B. state that they now have to get the concurrence of the Food Controller about their supplies, and that this has to be arranged about a month ahead.

As a result, I shall have to fix, each month, one Diet Sheet for the following month for all A.I.F. Depots, after consultation between the NACB and my representatives as to the supplies permitted by the Food Controller. My representatives will also have to become aware of what supplies we can get locally, so as to bring them into the "pool". The recent reduction in the daily ration also renders increased expert guidance necessary.

As the N.A.C.B. is very anxious to get the new plan inaugurated without delay, I am acting in anticipation of your approval of the following proposal :-

(a) I am appointing two Chief Messing Officers :


Lieut. R.L. ANDREWES, P.S.L.

Lieut. P. CARO, 2nd Tunnellers,

being my two experienced Messing Officers of outstanding capacity and success.

(b) Their duties are defined in the accompanying Order.

(Sd) J.W. McCay,
Major-General.
General Officer Commanding,
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN THE U. K.


CAPTAIN
D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.
Bhurtpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH 28.2.1918.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No.223.

MESSING AND DIET SHEETS.

To meet the increasing difficulty in obtaining food supplies, the following procedure will in future supersede the arrangements which have hitherto existed in regard to the issue of Diet Sheets and drawing of supplies for the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Commuted Allowance from the Navy & Army Canteen Board.

1. Two Chief Messing Officers will be appointed for A.I.F. DEPOTS on Salisbury Plains, who will be responsible for the particular supplies to be drawn and their distribution, for the distribution of local produce grown by Units and others, and for the Diet Sheets of the Units coming under their supervision. One Messing Officer will supervise and assist all A.I.F. Units situated in and around Sutton Veny and Codford, and the other Hurdcott, Fovant, Tidworth, and Parkhouse.
Lieut. R.L. Andrewes and Lieut. P. Caro are appointed, the former for the Sutton Veny Area, and the latter for Hurdcott, & Tidworth Area.
2. A Universal A.I.F. Diet Sheet will be laid down monthly for the ensuing month for each district, and such Diet Sheets will be submitted by these Chief Messing Officers, after a consultation with their various Units, one month in advance for the necessary arrangements to be made to obtain the articles of diet included, from the N.A.C.B. The new Diet Sheets will come into operation on the 1st April.
3. Units situated outside Salisbury Plains will submit through their own Messing Officers similar Diet Sheets for approval by these Headquarters, unless special circumstances in their respective Commands render this undesirable. Commanders of such Units will report in writing on this matter as early as practicable.
4. Unit Messing Officers, after this procedure comes into force, will not as heretofore deal direct with Sub-Area managers of the N.A.C.B., but will deal entirely with the Chief Messing Officers of their district, and receive their instructions from them on all matters relating to the procuring of their requirements, carrying out of their Diet Sheets, and the economy and methods of their kitchen and messing arrangements.

(Sd) GEORGE WALL
Lieut.-Colonel,
A.Q.M.G.,
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN THE U. K.


CAPTAIN
D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

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HEADQUARTERS A.I.F. DEPOTS
IN UNITED KINGDOM
BHURTPORE BARRACKS, TIDWORTH
A.Q.M.G. DEP T

SPECIAL ORDER BY
MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON. SIR J.W. MCCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D.,
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH - 5.2.18.

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1. Special Order No. 3556 is cancelled, and the following is issued in lieu thereof.

2. Instructions have now been issued by the Army Council that the daily rations for all ranks of all troops, except boys under 19 years of age who are in training for service Overseas, are to be reduced to the following scale :-

Meat	10 ozs.
Bacon	2 "
Sugar	1-1/7th ozs.
Tea	3/8 oz.
Bread	14 ozs.
Salt	1/4 oz.

Boys under 19 will remain on the scale in force prior to 1.2.18.

3. Medical Officers may in any particular individual case order a higher scale of rations on medical grounds, but this does not permit of the ordering of a higher scale in classes of cases.

4. The A.Q.M.G. and the A.D. of S. & T. will issue any necessary detailed instructions for carrying out this order.

5. This Order is to be read twice on two successive Commanding Officers parades.

6. The G.O.C. does not think it necessary to address the troops again with reference to this new order, but wishes them to be reminded that as all troops in the United Kingdom come under the order, and as the reduced ration is sufficient for health, even if not all we would like, Australians will not grumble at it.

7. These reductions render it more imperative than ever that all waste shall be avoided and every scrap of meat, fat, &c., used. They also emphasise the need of extending our cultivation of vegetables, especially potatoes, as much as possible.

8. A copy of this Order is to be kept posted on every Company Notice Board.

C. H. Foot

Brig-General.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.

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SPECIAL ORDER BY
 MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON. SIR J.W. McCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D.,
 GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS
 IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters,
 Bhurtpore Barracks,
 Tidworth. 3.2.1918.

- 3556 1. The reduction of rations ordered by the Army Council for troops not under training or otherwise in preparation for service Overseas, or not being mobile formations actually employed in Home Service, applies to the following troops in A.I.F. Depots in U.K. :-
- (a) At HEADQUARTERS, - to all.
 - (b) For AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS U.K. and STAFF OF LEWES DETENTION BARRACKS - to all.
 - (c) IN ALL TRAINING UNITS, to personnel medically classified 'B2a', 'B2B', 'C.1', 'C.2', or 'C.3', or for Officers classified as P.U.G.S. or P.S.L. and also to anyone on permanent Cadre not down to return to France at expiry of tour of training duty.
 - (d) IN COMMAND DEPOTS, to all permanent cadre of all ranks of whatever medical classification and to all others who are medically classified 'B2a', 'B2B', 'C.1', 'C.2' or 'C.3' or in the case of Officers, P.U.G.S. or "For Australia."
 - (e) FOR PRISONERS IN LEWES DETENTION BARRACKS to those medically classified as 'B2a', 'B2B', 'C.1', 'C.2', or 'C.3'.
2. Medical Officers may in any particular individual case order a higher scale of rations on medical grounds, but this does not permit of the ordering of a higher scale in classes of cases.
3. OFFICERS' MESSES and SERGEANTS' MESSES having members drawing rations on different scales will make their own arrangements for the consumption of the rations subject to the approval of the O.C. Unit.
4. FOR ALL MESSES and meals other than Officers' Mess^{es} and Sergeants' messes units must make arrangements to distinguish those receiving the higher rations from those receiving the lower, whether by separate cooking, or differentiation in the quantities issued to messing parties, or such other means as will produce the required result. Officers Commanding Units are authorised to house separately those not belonging to Officers' or Sergeants' Messes who are on the lower scale of rations; for example 'B2a' and 'C' Class soldiers in a training Unit may be hotted together.
5. The A.Q.M.G. and the A.D. of S. & T. will issue any necessary detailed instructions for carrying out this order.
6. A memo, by the G.O.C. accompanies this order and is to be read on all Company parades and a copy posted in every occupied hut.
7. These reductions render it more imperative than ever that all waste shall be avoided and every scrap of meat, fat etc., used. They also emphasise the need of extending our cultivation of vegetables, especially potatoes, as much as possible.
8. A copy of this order is to be kept posted on every Company notice board.

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Brig-General.
 D.A. & O.M.G.

A.I.F. DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO.209.

HEADQUARTERS,
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
Tidworth. 3/2/18.

MEMORANDUM BY G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. issued with
Depot Special Routine Order No.3556 of 3/2/18.

To:- The members of the Australian Imperial Force in A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

1. You are probably aware from the newspapers that the Army Council has ordered a reduction in the daily ration for all troops in Great Britain except those under training or otherwise in preparation for service Overseas and except mobile formations actually employed in Home Defence. Detailed orders are being issued from Hdqrs. accordingly.

2. The reductions ordered are as follows :-

MEAT	-	from	12	ozs.	to	8	ozs.
SUGAR	-	from	2	"	"	1	"
BACON	-	from	2	"	"	1	"
TEA	-	from	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	$\frac{3}{8}$	"

3. This reduction applies to all troops of the Empire in Great Britain whether they are British, Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, or others, and has been rendered unavoidable owing to the existing shortness of food supplies in this country; a shortness not expected to diminish for some months at any rate.

4. I wish all ranks to realise several facts; FIRST, that it is right that those of us who are not definitely preparing or marked to return or go to France should be the first to submit to a reduction in rations rather than that those who are proceeding to the front should do so; SECOND, that we Australians want no preferential treatment over our fellow soldiers in Great Britain, and that all of them are being treated the same way; THIRD, that we soldiers who are coming on to the reduced ration are still far better off for food than the great bulk of the civilian workers of all classes in Great Britain; and FOURTH, that though some of us may still feel hungry after consuming our ration nevertheless even the reduced ration is sufficient to keep us in health and strength. Feeling equal at the end of a meal to eating more is not proof of our needing more.

5. The shortness of food supplies has also compelled the Army Council to limit the total daily weight of bread cake and pastry obtainable at Canteens to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. per man of the units using the Canteen. This is not a large quantity, but men who habitually purchase in excess of this allowance may be eating it at the expense of their comrades who are equally entitled to purchase, and equally wanting something to eat.

6. If you will look at the order posted on your Company notice board you will see that while it does not apply to 'A' or 'B1' class officers or men under training or definitely returning to France after a tour of duty in England, it does in addition to applying to 'B2' and 'C' class officers, N.C.O's. and men, apply also to 'A' or 'B1' personnel, who are not definitely down to return to France, even though they are liable to do so, and that this rule applies to all ranks, commencing (as it should) with the G.O.C.

7. I know that you all recognise it as fair that we Australians should take our share of this unavoidable inconvenience of the war and that you will accept it with the same cheerfulness as you have shown in the face of infinitely greater discomforts and difficulties. We must not grouse about it; the only things we have a claim to grouse about are the things that can be helped; this thing cannot till we out the Boche.

(Signed) J. W. McCAY

Major-General.

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CULTIVATION OF LAND.

The following areas were under cultivation by
different Units during this month :-

<u>HEYTESBURY</u>	..	..	3 acres Potatoes. 3 " other produce.
<u>St BUDEAUX</u>	..	..	Ploughed only 1 acre, 9 chns. 5yds
<u>HURDCOTT.</u>	..	..	80 acres ploughed for Potatoes. 33 " other products. 19 " ploughed only.
<u>FOVANT</u>	..	..	13½ acres ploughed only.
<u>SUTTON VENY.</u>	..	..	20 acres ploughed for Potatoes. 11 " other products. 9 " ploughed only.
<u>CODFORD</u>	..	..	29½ acres ploughed only 5000 cabbages have been planted.
<u>LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.</u>	..	..	5 acres under cultivation for Potatoes. 3 acres other produce
<u>BULFORD.</u>	..	..	2 acres being ploughed. Proposed 1½ acres Potatoes ½ acre Vegetables.
<u>WEYMOUTH</u>	..	..	8-5/6 acres under cultivation Potatoes. 9¾ acres other produce.
<u>PARKHOUSE.</u>	56 acres ploughed only. Proposed 20 acres Potatoes. 26 " other produce 10 " grain.



CAPTAIN
D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

S T A N D I N G O R D E R S .

8th FEBRUARY, 1918.

No. 3617: MOVE - ORDNANCE STORES.

1. A new Ordnance Depot will be opened at Codford in the premises recently occupied by Dear's Wool Store, on the 18th inst., and from the 9th inst. to that date, the transfer of certain stores from Tidworth to Codford will be taking place. During that period therefore, indents are to be reduced to a minimum, special and urgent requirements only to be applied for.
2. After the 18th inst., all communications and correspondence for the D.A.D.O.S. will be addressed to "D.A.D.O.S., A.I.F. ORDNANCE DEPOT, CODFORD" - and not A.I.F. Depots, Tidworth, except as laid down in para.(6).
3. Indents will be submitted as usual through Headquarters, Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth.
4. After the date of opening of the Codford Depot, Units situated at Sutton Veny, Heytesbury, Longbridge Deverill and Codford, will themselves draw their stores, with the exception of Stationery, from that Depot.
5. Units situated at Headquarters Bhurtpore Barracks, Parkhouse, Bulford, and Weymouth, will obtain their stores as heretofore from Tidworth.
6. The stores of all other Units will be forwarded by rail from Codford, with the exception of Stationery, which in all cases will be supplied from Tidworth, and correspondence in regard to the latter will be addressed to the Ordnance Depot, Tidworth.
7. Stores for return to D.A.D.O.S., including all unserviceable clothing, etc., will be held over until the opening of the Codford Depot, and then returned there.



[Signature]
CAPTAIN
D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

"Q" BRANCH MONTHLY WAR DIARY.



FEBRUARY.

ISSUE OF TRAINING STORES:
Clothing and Equipment, etc.

1. Number of new Q.1. Forms created.	3573
2. Value of clothing and necessaries issued to A.I.F. Depot Troops (approx.)	£ 54355
3. Value of clothing, etc., withdrawn from troops proceeding overseas and returned to Ordnance, repaired and re-issued.	£ 5134
4. Cost of repairs.	£ 2520
5. Value of issues to Reinforcements (approx).	£ 3000
6. Amount collected on acquittance rolls for articles lost or destroyed by neglect of individuals.	£ 1645
7. Balance of (2) being Cost of providing 618 men on return from front as casualties with new issues.	£ 7725
8. Value of Training Stores issued.	£ 37500
9. Value collected for damages (Rifles, Cycles, etc), other than fair wear and tear.	£ 28
10. Number of Indents checked and approved.	1235
11. " " Board Proceedings "	63
12. Percentage of Board Proceedings referred back to convenor with unjustifiable Finding.	8

RATIONS & SUPPLIES.

13. Total of Rations for which claims have been checked.	1096256
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BARRACK SERVICES.

14. No. of B.W. Reports received and investigated.	40
15. Total claims for B.D. received from S.C.P.	612
16. Total amount collected.	£ 561
17. Balance, representing amounts in dispute, settlement of which is having attention.	£ 51
18. Amounts collected in respect of previous period.	£ 264

ANIMALS.

19. Total number received, treated and evacuated (approx.) at Parkhouse.	6
20. Number on charge	1106. Value: £ 69678



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ANIMALS (Continued).

21. Evacuated.	17	Value.	£ 1071
22. Deaths.	-	-	-

CYCLE REPAIR SHOP.

23. Number of Cycles on charge to Units.	386
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WASTE PAPER.

24. Amount collected.	£ 17
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CORRESPONDENCE and RETURNS.

25. Inward.	1576
26. Outward.	1760
27. <u>Returns:</u> <u>Total and periods.</u>	
Daily.	...
Weekly.	...
Fortnightly.	...
Monthly.	...
Quarterly.	...
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GENERAL.

[Signature]
CAPTAIN
D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

CAMP ACCOMMODATION RETURN

SHEET NO. 1

28th February 1918.



U N I T.	CAMPS & LOCATION	CAPACITY ALLOWING FOR MIS-APPROPRIATION	TOTAL STRENGTH
<u>1st TRAINING BRIGADE</u>	<u>SUTTON VENY</u>		
1st Trng. Bn.	3 and 4	(2060	1591
Signal School	3 and 4	(	242
2nd Trng. Bn.	2 and 5	2060	1322
Headquarters			59
<u>2nd TRAINING BRIGADE</u>	<u>FOVANT</u>		
5th Trng. Bn.	1 and 2	2160	990
6th do.	3 " 4	2160	1335
9th do.	13, 16 & 17.	2200	679
	<u>SUTTON MANDEVILLE</u>		
10th do.	18, 19 & 20.	1500	881
Headquarters			91
<u>3rd TRAINING BRIGADE</u>	<u>CODFORD</u>		
12th Trng. Bn.	13 and 14	2000	1122
13th do.	3 " 4	2000	985
14th do.	5, 6, & 7.	3000	1256
15th do.	1 & 2.	2000	1018
Headquarters			64
<u>R.B.A.A.</u>	<u>HEYTESBURY</u>		
	1, 2, 3, 4 & DAC.	2650	2883
<u>Overseas Trng. Bgde.</u>	<u>LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL</u>		
	11, 12, 13, 14, 15.	4920	4724
<u>No. 1 Command Depot</u>	<u>SUTTON VENY</u>		
	7, 8, 9, 10 & Cyclists	4190	4292
<u>NO. 2 COMMAND DEPOT</u>	<u>WEYMOUTH</u>		
"A" Sub-Depot	Monte Video	2130	2020
"B" do.	Westham	2100	1707
"C" do.	Verne Citadel	1100	883
"D" do.	Littlemoor	2316	1982
<u>No. 3 Command Depot</u>	<u>HURDCOTT</u>		
	5, 6, 7, 8 & Cyclists	4200	3823
<u>No. 4 Command Depot</u>	<u>HURDCOTT</u>		
	9, 10, 11, 12.	4000	3035
<u>Pioneer Trng. Bn.</u>	<u>SUTTON VENY</u>		
	6 and R.E.	1830	939
	(Parkhouse		12
	(Devizes		52
	(Durrington		53
Pioneer	(Bhurtpore		1
Detachments	(Hurdcott		4
	(1st Trng. Bn. Sutton Veny		4
	(London		10
	(Drainage Party		38

CAMP ACCOMMODATION RETURN

SHEET NO. 2

28th February 1918.



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U N I T.	CAMPS & LOCATION				CAPACITY ALLOW- ING FOR MIS- APPROPRIATION.	TOTAL STRENGTH
Conv. Trng. Depot	Camp No. 1 Parkhouse				1000	510
A.A.M.C. Trng. Depot	do.	2	do.	)	1000	571
Mumps Patients	do.	2	do.	)		21
Details	do.	3	do.	)	1000	78
Signal Engineers	do.	3	do.	)		101
Engineer Rfts.	do.	3	do.	)		446
Tunnellers Rfts.	do.	3	do.	)		283
Light Horse Rfts.	do.	3	do.	)		47
Details	do.	4	do.)	1000	8
A.A.V.C.	do.	4	do.)		40
Devons	do.	4	do.)		18
A.A.S.C. Trng. Depot	do.	4	do.)		480
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<u>A.A.S.C.</u>						
<u>Detachments.</u>						
(Warminster						150
(Fovant						126
Boyton						93
(Weymouth						30
(Bhurtpore A.D. of S. & T.						29
(Bhurtpore A.M.T.S.						28
(Grantham						11
(Chelsea A.M.T.S.						20
(Tidworth Bakery						8
(Warminster						4
(1st Trng. Bgde. Sutton Veny						1
(Lewes Camp						1
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Heavy Artillery	St. Budeaux-Devonport					106
Railway Details	Longmoor					135
Detention B'ks. Staff	Lewes Camp					34
Field Engineers	Brightlingsea					684
Signal Engineers	Clifton					355
1st A.D. Hospital	Bulford					270
Light Horse Units	Tidworth					150
Mach. Gun Trng. Depot	Grantham					1074
A.A.O.C.	Codford					80

[Signature]
CAPTAIN
D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

----- WAR DIARY. -----

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1918.

A.D. of S. & T.



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FORAGE - SCALE OF ISSUE OF.

The scale of issue of Forage to horses on lines in Camp was reduced as follows, vide A.C.I. No. 134 of 1918.

Heavy Draught Horses.)	
Officers' Chargers, and all riding	)	Ration of grain will
horses of 15 hands $1\frac{1}{2}$ inclusive,	)	be reduced by 2 lbs.
and upwards.)	

Riding Horses (other than Officers')	
Chargers) under 15 hands $1\frac{1}{2}$, and	)	Ration of grain will
pack horses.	)	be reduced by 1 lb.
Light draught horses.)	
Heavy draught Mules (according to)	
War Establishment).)	

Light draught Mules.		Ration of grain will
		be reduced by 2 lbs.

The ration of Hay for Pack Mules in Camp will be reduced by 1 lb.

RATIONS - SCALE OF ISSUES OF.

Instructions were received from the War Office that the issue of the A.S.C. Ration for all troops except boys under 19 years of age who are in training for service Overseas, were to be reduced to the following scale :-

Meat	...	...	...	10 oz.
Bacon	...	...	...	2 oz.
Sugar	...	...	...	$1\frac{1}{7}$ th oz.
Tea	...	...	...	$\frac{3}{8}$ oz.
Bread	...	...	...	14 oz.
Salt	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

Arrangements were made accordingly, and instructions were sent out to all Units to reduce their demands on the A.A.S.C. to meet the revised scale.

AT TICKETS.

A.C.I.'s Nos. 177 and 197 of 1918, regarding Journey Meat Meal Cards, were received, and instructions were issued to Units to requisition on this Office for tickets required. Indents placed with D.A.D.O.S. for urgent supply of tickets.

AUSTRALIAN MOTOR TRANSPORT SERVICE.

2/Lieut. E. Higham assumed duties of O. I/c A.M.T.S. Depot, Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U. K., vice Lieut. G.G. Swann to A/O.C., A.M.T.S., London.
Lieut. D.J. Campbell reported from Overseas and took up duty at A.M.T.S. Depot as Workshop Officer.

PETROL.

Owing to the increasing shortage of Petrol, further restrictions were imposed on the use of Motor vehicles.

K.G.T.
Lieut. Colonel,
A.D. of S. & T.
Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

MONTH OF MARCH 1918.

A.D. of S.&T.



AUSTRALIAN MOTOR TRANSPORT SERVICE.

The following changes in Officers took place:-

Lieut.D.J.Campbell, Workshop Officer proceeded to Administrative Headquarters en route overseas 18-3-18.

Lieut. T.H.Richards reported from overseas as Workshop Officer vice Lieut.Campbell 18-3-18 and assumed duties as Officer-in-Charge A.M.T.S.Depot, Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K.from same date.

2/Lieut.E.Higham ceased to be Officer i/c A.M.T.S.Depots and assumed duties as Officer i/c Administration and Personnell, A.M.T.S. Depot 18-3-18.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

After considerable correspondence between Headquarters A.I.F.Depots and Southern Command regarding charges for electric lighting it was decided by the latter to submit the case to War Office for decision.

A letter was forwarded to Southern Command on 28-3-18 (C.R.A.I.F.26192 S.T.) dated 25-3-18 with schedule attached setting out all the accounts in dispute amounting to :

Paid accounts	£5672.19.7.
Unpaid accounts	£18013.11.2.
Total.	<u>£23685.10.9.</u>

Letter and schedule were forwarded in duplicate with a request that one copy of each be submitted to War Office for decision as to on what basis these accounts should be settled.

It is hoped to obtain a considerable refund of total amount involved.

FORAGE- VARIATION IN SCALE OF ISSUE.

The following variation in scale of forage issue at home was authorised by A.C.I. No.252 of 1918.

It is notified that until further orders:-

- (a) Where the ration is 10 lbs hay and 6 lbs chaff, the proportion will, in future, be 8 lbs hay and 8 lbs chaff.
- (b) Where the ration is 6 lbs hay and 4 lbs chaff, the proportion will, in future, be 5 lbs hay and 5 lbs chaff.

In the case however, of animals accommodated in stables, the combined ration of hay and chaff may, if units so desire, be issued entirely in the form of chaff, provided the mangers and nosebags available permit of its use to such extent.

(Promulgated to all Units in Standing Orders 4046 of 15-3-18.)

CARRIERS NOTES.

The following instructions were issued regarding the procedure to be followed in forwarding goods, stores etc at the expense of the Commonwealth.

STANDING ORDER NO.4047 DATED 14-3-18.

Standing Order No.3272 dated 12th January 1918, is cancelled and the following is substituted therefor:-

When it is desired or intended to forward goods, stores, & C, at the expense of the Commonwealth Government, by rail, it is necessary for Army Form G.980 (Carriers Note) to be prepared in quadruplicate and signed by the Commanding Officer, Unit despatching stores, or by some other Officer representing that Unit. These Forms will then be taken or forwarded to the nearest A.A.S.C. Transport Officer for registration and signature, the triplicate being detached by that Officer.

The original, duplicate, and quadruplicate will be handed to the Railway Company by the consignor, who will obtain the quadruplicate copy from the Railway Company, duly receipted, and forward same to the Transport Officer for filing and record.

CARRIERS NOTES (Contd).

The duplicate copy will be collected by the Transport Officer from the Railway Company, who will write thereon, the Truck No. if stores are despatched by goods Train, or the time of departure if sent by passenger train.

The duplicate and triplicate copies will then be forwarded by the Transport despatching Officer to the Transport Officer at Consignees end, who will detach duplicate copy and file for record.

The triplicate copy which is retained by the Despatching Transport Officer until he receives the duplicate copy from the Railway Company, will be forwarded through Transport Officer at destination to the consignee, who will receipt thereon, as having received the stores in question, stating their condition. When thus completed, this copy will be forwarded through Consignees Transport Officer to the Transport Officer who despatched the goods.

In a case where the stores so consigned have been damaged or lost in transit by the Railway Company. The Transport Officer concerned will be notified immediately, who will then investigate the matter, and failing any trace being obtained of the stores etc., lost, and also in the case of stores damaged, will prepare A.F.W. 3292 in quadruplicate, and after same has been completed in so far as consignor and consignee are concerned, such Army Form will then be forwarded to the A.D. of S.&T. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth, who will then take any further action necessary.

Officers Commanding Units are directed to give particular attention to this matter in cases where goods, & have been damaged or lost, as steps have to be taken to have any articles so lost or damaged replaced.

Officers baggage such as spare uniforms, personal effects, &c., are not to be railed or conveyed for storage at A.I.F. Kit Store at Government expense. The owner must in all cases pre-pay charges.

Conveyance is at Government expense when the kits contain Government property, i.e., "Articles to be left at the base when a Unit takes the field" (See "Equipment Regulations" or page 191 Field Service Pocket Edition).

A.F.G. 980 will be used in the case of soldiers' kits to be forwarded to A.I.F. Kit Store.

A.A.S.C. Transport Officers are stationed at Bhurtpore, Barracks Warminster, Boyton, Fovant, & Weymouth.

BARRACK SERVICE ACCOUNTS.

Accounts in connection with Barrack Service issues received from British Authorities in the Cotford District during period October 1916 to January 1917 were reviewed and overcharges amounting to ~~£££££~~ 989.9.4½ were disclosed. These overcharges were admitted by British authorities and a claim was submitted accordingly.

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