

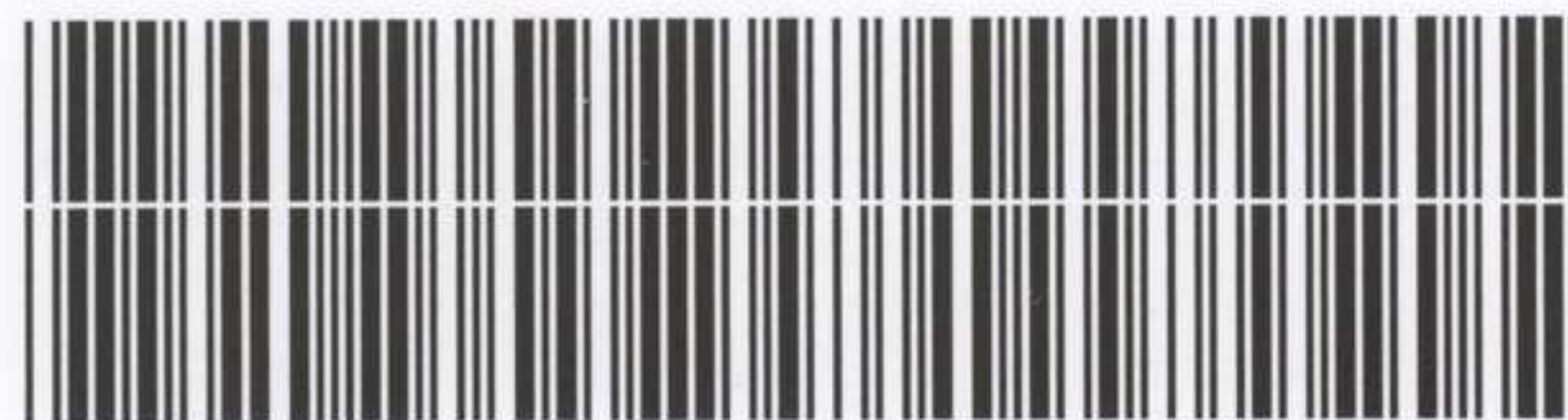
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WAR DIARY

..... JUNE 1918.

"Q" B R A N C H.

Summary.

SALVAGE.

Circular memo. No.250 of
20-6-1918.

Responsibility of Individuals
regarding Loss of Stores.

Copy of Standing Order No.5173
of 21-6-1918.

General.

Statement showing :-

Issue of Training Stores,
Clothing & Equipment; Rations
and Supplies, &c.,&c.,

Accommodation.

Copy of Accommodation Return.



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

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CIRCULAR MEMO. No. 850.

Headquarters,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH, 20th June 1918

S A L V A G E.

With further reference to Routine Orders Nos. 3590, of 6.2.18, and 4608 of 2.5.18, which are now amended hereby, the classes of Salvage which are now to be collected are detailed hereunder. They are entirely distinct from the unserviceable Clothing and Equipment which, when returned to Ordnance, are dealt with by that Department. The articles specified are in part the property of the Australian Government and in part that of the troops, since much disused privately-owned material eventually finds its way to the rubbish heap. The conservation and utilization of this material is of the highest National importance, and new uses and new methods are being discovered daily whereby all classes of so-called rubbish can be used to increase National supplies and reduce cost of production. While it is impossible to state at the present time uses to which EVERY waste product can be put, there is practically nothing contained in any rubbish bin which is not worth putting on one side and conserving, and incinerators SHOULD BE CLOSED DOWN except for the destruction of excreta.

As it is recognized that every individual soldier contributes towards obtaining the proceeds of salvage, it has been decided that all monies obtained from its sale will - after deducting expenses - be divided equally between Public Funds and the Unit's Regimental Funds, so that each Unit is directly interested in obtaining for itself as large a share of profit as possible.

Collection will be made at intervals and disposal effected, under the advice of the National Salvage Council, to public or private undertakings which fulfil two requirements:

- (a) Utilize the particular waste product to the NATIONAL advantage.
- (b) Give the highest value consistent with (a).

It must therefore be understood that although, in certain instances, such as paper, etc., higher prices may frequently be obtainable locally than will be paid by adopting the advice of the Salvage Council, the principal consideration is that the Nation and not the individual should benefit to the fullest possible extent. The importance of the subject must be brought to the attention of all ranks, and the co-operation of all obtained.

Sacks will be supplied on indent (endorsed "for Salvage purposes") and these should be made available in every hut and at all positions where the enumerated articles automatically accumulate. It is important to avoid mixing salvageable articles with anything of a wet nature - such as tea leaves, etc. - which will deteriorate from their value. The bins which have been supplied for collecting camp rubbish should be employed only for ashes and such wet material which is useless and a detriment to the salvage.

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To be kept separately.

Monthly reports will be furnished by each Unit as to the quantities on hand. From these reports consignments will be arranged to various manufacturers, and instructions issued as to their delivery to Depots situated on the Railway, where the weights will be ascertained and receipts given, from which subsequent division of proceeds will be made.

Commanding Officers will take the necessary steps to ensure the proper carrying out of the procedure laid down, and for the safeguarding of salvage collected and any plant or buildings used in connection therewith.

Captain.

D. A. Q. M. G.

& SALVAGE LIAISON OFFICER, A.I.F. DEPOTS.

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CIRCULAR MEMO. No. 251

Headquarters,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH, 20.6.1918.

SALVAGE.

T I N S.

Old Tins form at the present time by far the most valuable portion of a Unit's Salvage. Their worth varies from £3. to £25. a ton, dependent on their size, condition and treatment.

They may be divided into the following classes:-

- (a) Large Tins complete with lids which have contained Jam, etc., which are capable of immediate re-employment without treatment.
- (b) Small Tins which have contained Tobacco, Butter Scotch, Metal Polish, Boot Polish, etc., which can be similarly re-employed with or without re-conditioning. These should be kept separately in their different makes.
- (c) Large and other Tins which can, by a new process, be cut open and spread into flat sheets. A small machine will be supplied to each Unit for this purpose, which can be operated by one man and deal with the whole of the available supply. The top and bottom of cylindrical Tins are cut off and kept separately and the remainder opened out flat. These Sheets will then be packed in sizes and tied up into bundles of known weight awaiting disposal. The value of such sheets varies with the size, as they are then employed for stamping out new similar tins of a smaller size than the original.
- (d*) A demonstration of this process will be given shortly at a time and place to be specified later, and Commanding Officers are requested to make the soldier in charge of their Tin Salvage Dump available to attend for the requisite instruction.
- (d) Very rusty and crushed Tins, unavailable to be used as in (c), (Rust is a detriment, and must be avoided, but slightly rusted Tins, and even badly rusted ones, if one side is clean may be employed for (c)).

These must be collected separately and will later be treated by a simple furnace process for the extraction of solder.

NOTE: Tins must be washed where necessary with a 5% hot solution of caustic soda (obtainable on indent) to remove any food or other material which would become insanitary if allowed to remain; otherwise there is no occasion to wash them or remove paper from the outside, and in such cases handling should be confined to one sorting (before cutting) on arrival at the Dump Shed.

B. J. Martin

Captain.
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STANDING ORDERS.

21st June, 1918.

No. 5173. RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS REGARDING LOSS OF STORES.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the personal responsibility of every individual to make good, financially, any loss or damage occasioned to Government Stores by any neglect of duty on his part, whether such individual is wholly or only partly responsible for the loss or damage.

The personal responsibility of Commanding and other Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, or men extends to their taking in every case adequate precautions against theft or loss of stores temporarily or permanently placed under their charge, and the absence of specific orders in regard to the procedure to be followed in safeguarding such property does not relieve them from the responsibility of taking adequate precautions or reporting to their superior Officer any difficulty in the matter.

In this connection, attention is drawn to Standing Order No. 4731 of 11-5-18, in which the responsibility of those signing certificates, as to the correctness of accounts &c., is set forth.

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





ISSUE OF TRAINING STORES:
CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT, etc.

1. Number of new Q.1 Forms created	1244.
2. Value of clothing and necessaries issued to A.I.F. Depot Troops (approx)	£24928.
3. Value of clothing, etc., withdrawn from troops proceeding Overseas and returned to Ordnance, repaired and re-issued.	£26931.
4. Cost of repairs.	£22838.
5. Value of issues to Reinforcements (approx).	£15.
6. Amount collected on Acquittance Rolls for articles lost or destroyed by neglect of individuals.	£1312.
7. Cost of providing 1229 men on return from front as casualties with new issues.	£16362.
8. Value of Training Stores issued.	£85200.
9. Value collected for damages (Rifles, Cycles, &c.,) other than fair wear and tear.	£19.
10. Number of Indents checked and approved.	1105.
11. Number of Board Proceedings approved.	71.
12. Per centage of Board Proceedings referred back to convener with unjustifiable Finding.	6.

RATIONS & SUPPLIES.

13. Total of Rations for which claims have been checked.	779711.
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BARRACK SERVICES.

14. Number of Barrack Warden reports received and investigated.	39.
15. Total claims for Barrack Damages received from Southern Command Paymaster.	£688.
16. Total amount collected.	£326.
17. Balance, representing amounts in dispute, settlement of which is having attention.	£362.
18. Amounts collected in respect of previous period.	£77.

ANIMALS.

19. Total number received, treated and evacuated (approx.) at Parkhouse.	21.
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ANIMALS (Continued).

20. Number on charge	871.	Value	£54873.
21 Evacuated	88.	"	£3068.
22 Deaths	Nil.	"	Nil.



CYCLE REPAIR SHOP.

23. Number of Cycles on charge to Units. 297.

WASTE PAPER.

24. Amount collected. Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & RETURNS.

25. Inward. 1991.

26. Outward. 2039

27. Returns: Totals and Periods.

Daily ...	1.
Weekly ...	4.
Fortnightly	4.
Monthly ..	14.
Quarterly	1.

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A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

CAMP ACCOMMODATION RETURN.

A.Q.M.G. DEPARTMENT.

TIDWORTH.

30th JUNE 1918.

U N I T.	CAMPS & LOCATION.	CAPACITY ALLOW- ING FOR MIS- APPROP-RIATION	RATION STRENGTH	TOTAL STRENGTH
<u>BHURTPORE BARRACKS TIDWORTH.</u>				
Headquarters & Attachments			470	735
A.M.T.S.			88	173
Aust. Provost Corps			89	484
			647	1392
<u>1st TRAINING BRIGADE SUTTON VENY.</u>				
1st Trng. Bn.	3.4.2.5	4120	1086	1109
Signal School				255
Pioneer Trng. Bn.	6 & R.E.	1830	277	441
Headquarters				62
		5950	1363	1867
<u>2nd TRAINING BRIGADE FOVANT.</u>				
5th Trng. Bn.	1, 2, 3, 4,	4320	747	930
9th do	13.	1000	614	868
Headquarters				63
		5320	1361	1861
<u>3rd TRAINING BRIGADE CODFORD.</u>				
12th Trng. Bn.	3, 4, 14	3000	1537	1851
14th do	6 & 7	2000	969	1129
A.A.O.C.	5			59
Headquarters		5000	2506	3039
<u>Overseas Trng. Bde LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL</u>				
	11, 12, 13, 14, 15	4920	2973	3751
<u>R.B.A.A. HEYTESBURY.</u>				
	1, 2, 3, 4, & DAC	2650	1304	1495
<u>No. 1 Command Depot SUTTON VENY.</u>				
Group. Cllg. Hosp.	7, 8, 9, 10 Cyclists	4190	2973 335	3762 108
<u>No. 2 COMMAND DEPOT WEYMOUTH</u>				
"A" Sub-Depot	Monte Video	2130	1078	1205
"B" do	Westham	2100	1241	1259
"C" dd	Verne Citadel	1100		33
"D" do	Littlemoor	2316	1038	1110
		7646	3357	3607
<u>No. 3 Command Depot HURDCOTT.</u>				
	5, 6, 7, 8, & Cyclists	4200	3456	4597
<u>No. 4 Command Depot HURDCOTT.</u>				
	9, 10, 11, 12	4000	3262	3535
CARRIED FORWARD			43876	23537
				29014

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U N I T.	CAMPS & LOCATION.	CAPACITY ALLOW- ING FOR MIS- APPROPRIATION.	RATION STRENGTH	TOTAL STRENGTH
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	<u>BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	43876	23537	29014
Conv.Trng.D Depot	Camp No.1	1000	579	446
Details	do 2	1000	66	73
Mach.Gun T.D Depot	do 3.	1000	837	1071
A.A.S.C.T.D Depot	do 4)		303	720
A.A.V.C. do	do 4)			29
Devons	do 4)			11
Various	do 4)			6
		1000	303	766

A.A.M.C.Trng.D Depot	A.S.C.Camp Fovant	334	466
A.I.F.Canteens	Salisbury	4	4
Heavy Art.T.D Depot	St.Budeaux-Devenport	125	167
A.R.O.D.D Depot	Longmoor	40	52
Field Engineers	Brightlingsea	1152	1250
Signal Engineers	Clifton	121	335
Light Horse T.D Depot	Tidworth	45	55
A.A.O.C.	Codford	96	106
Detention Barracks	Lewes	55	38
1st A.D.Hospital	Bulford	301	268

<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>47876</u>	<u>27595</u>	<u>34111</u>
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A. A. S. C. DETACHMENTS.

Warminster	North Camp	138
Fovant	No. 2 Group	85
Boyton	No.1RAF Camp	57
Weymouth	Westham Camp	30
Bhurtpore	Detachment	4
do	A.D.of S.& T.	15
do	A.M.T.S.	32
Sutton Veny	No.1 Group	3
do	1st T.B.	1
Chelsea	A.M.T.S.	6
Tidworth	Headquarters AIF.	14
Brightlingsea	A.E.T.D.	1
Deverill	O.T.B.	1
Grantham		9
Clifton		1
Lewes		1
Longmoor		1
St.Budeaux-Devenport		1
Gosport		2
		<u>402</u>

PIONEER DETACHMENTS.

Parkhouse	36
Hurdcott	1
Devizes	47
1st Trng.Bde S/Veny	1
	<u>85</u>

TIDWORTH 1st July, 1918.

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

WAR DIARY.

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1918.

A.D. of S. & T. BRANCH, HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.



1. During the month of June 2 "A" Class men were relieved from the Establishment, and their places filled by category men.

2. An epidemic of Influenza broke out during the month, and greatly affected the personnel of this Branch. Eight members of the Staff were admitted to Hospital. The A.A.S.C. Training Depot and Detachments were also considerably affected. In all cases the necessary work was carried out efficiently.

3. BARRACK SERVICE ISSUES.

All Camps in A.I.F. Depots were inspected during the month, and, with the exception of small accumulations of slack, everything was most satisfactory, and Circular Memorandum 199 of 2nd January, 1918, is being strictly complied with.

In order to impress on all concerned the necessity of making the best use of the Coal available Standing Order No. 5255 of 30.6.18 was published for information and compliance as follows:-

Extract of Standing Orders.

H.Qrs. Tidworth.

"COAL.

5255 "The attention of Commanding Officers is directed to Circular Memorandum No. 199 dated 2.1.1918 relative to consumption of slack. In a number of cases this order is not being strictly complied with.

In order to relieve the heavy pressure on Rolling Stock, the United Kingdom has been grouped into Districts for the supply of Coal, each district being supplied from the nearest Colliery. This has resulted in the quantity of Coal available in some districts not being up to the standard obtainable prior to this Order being enforced.

In such cases the Coal supplied contains a certain proportion of slack, which must be used up, and every endeavour made to prevent accumulation.

Slack will burn readily in Horsfall Destructors, Boiler fires, and also a certain quantity can be consumed in Cook-house fires. It is imperative in the National interest that the best use be made of the Coal available, and steps will be taken by all concerned accordingly.

A copy of this Order will be posted in all Cook-houses, "near Bath-house boilers, and in all Coal yards."

(Sgd.) J. S. Knox, Lt. Colonel,
A. A. G.
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

4. WATER.

The consumption of water throughout A.I.F. Depots, which is excessive, is a matter which is receiving strict attention, and every effort is being made to prevent waste.

At present it is difficult, owing to the absence of meters, to gauge the exact amount of water, used in each Camp, and Headquarters, Southern Command, were communicated with on the 29th May 1918 with a view of installing meters in each Camp occupied by A.I.F. in order that closer supervision may be exercised, and so reduce consumption to a minimum.

The precautions taken throughout all Camps are as follows:-

- (a) Strict supervision during ablution and bath hours.
- (b) Notices posted in all ablutions regarding the use of wash-basins and prohibiting their removal from ablution sheds; the prohibition of men washing under running taps, and the use of hose pipes for washing Cook-house floors, and water-



BARRACK SERVICE ISSUES. (Contd.)

ing vegetable and other gardens.

(c) Camp Water Police have been appointed to see that these Orders are carried out.

As a result of above orders, the consumption of water is steadily decreasing.

5. ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The orders regarding the consumption of electric light are being strictly observed, and the service throughout for this month is satisfactory.

6. SANITARY SERVICE.

This is most satisfactory.

7. METHOD OF CHARGING FOR CONTAINERS. SUPPLIES.

As the result of Memorandum to Southern Command numbered C.R. A.I.F. 33333 (ST), instructions have been issued by the War Office to the effect that - "though prices to be charged to Dominion Contingents, Allies and others, for supplies include the cost of packages, there is no objection to the continuance of the practice of showing the packages separately on the Waybill if that is desired by the Australian Contingent. Any such packages returned may be allowed for at the appropriate prices in Priced List of Supplies."

8. FORAGE.

(a) Chaff has been only fair in quality; in fact, in some instances complaints have been made that it has been of inferior quality. The D.P.O.S., Devizes, has been advised.

(b) Oats have been good and sound, though of very small grain.

(c) As a result of grazing animals and issuing green fodder, which has been cut by Troops in the Camp fields, the following quantities, enumerated as below, have been underdrawn during this month for the feeding of 981 animals, which is a saving to the A.I.F. of £1004/5/10:-

	<u>Oats.</u>	<u>Hay.</u>	<u>Chaff.</u>
Warminster.....	18152.	18624.	71161.
Weymouth.....	960.		386.
Fovant.....	15242.	8131.	8131.
Codford.....	9747.	5667.	5667.
Parkhouse.....	17693.	9672.	9672.
	<u>61794.</u>	<u>42094.</u>	<u>95017.</u>

The quantity of Fodder drawn amounts to 396½ tons.

9. RATIONS.

On the whole the quality of the Rations has been good.

ISSUE OF SAUSAGES.

Complaints are still being received from several Units as to a too frequent use of this commodity. They further complain that they get less Meat in sausage issue than in Beef or Mutton, as the ordinary meat issue is 8 ozs. per man whereas in Sausage it is 6 ozs; and as the Sausage only contains 60% of meat and

RATIONS. (Contd.)

40% of other ingredients, the Troops consider they are only receiving a half ration on days that Sausages are issued. In some cases issues have been made twice a week. The question of a reduction in the issue of Sausages is again being brought before the Southern Command.

The total number of Rations issued for June period was 771,091, which is a decrease of 203,675 rations as compared with the Month of May.

The weight is 512 tons, or 165 tons less than that for May period, made up as follows:-

	<u>May.</u>	<u>June.</u>
Flour.....	27 tons.	26 tons.
Bread.....	347 "	266 "
Meat.....	200 "	139 "
Bacon.....	55 "	43 "
Sugar.....	31 "	25 "
Tea.....	10 "	8 "
Salt.....	7 "	5 "

10. EGGS & MILK.

Application was made, on the 24th June, by the Convalescent Training Depot, Parkhouse, for an increased supply of eggs and milk in consequence of an outbreak of Influenza, which was approved.

Authority for the issue of eggs and milk to No. 3 Command Depot, Hurdcott, for gassed patients was granted on the 4th June, and contracts made accordingly by the Supply Officer, Fovant.

11. CUTTING ALLOWANCE IN MEAT.

A cutting allowance of 1%, which has been referred to the War Office for a ruling has not yet been dealt with.

12. MOTOR TRANSPORT SERVICE.

(a).The Workshop of the A.M.T.S. at Bhurtpore Barracks has been kept exceptionally busy, and it has been found necessary to work three shifts of 8 hours each on the lathe.

(b).Only one accident occurred during the month. This was in connection with a "Douglas" Motor cycle; damage - slight.

(c) Mileage - The total mileage for the month was 85,000.

(d) Petrol consumption was 4422 gallons, which is a reduction of 275 gallons on consumption for May.

(e) Personnel - Lieut. K.O. Forrer, 5th A.M.T.^S took over the position of Workshop Officer on the 6th June.

Lieut. T.H. Richards returned to France, and Lieut. E. Higham took over command of the Detachment.

(f) Roads - The weather, having been very dry during the month, has caused the roads in places to become very bad.

(g) Running Books - There has been a pronounced improvement in keeping the records in the drivers' running books of the mileage run and the Petrol consumed.

Bhurtpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH.

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