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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Underdom	1/11/17	-	Received from Base 18-pt. - carriage for 6 th Aust. Battery and 18-pt. piece for 1 st Aust. Battery. Demanded from Base 1 cart Water Tank for 11 th Bn 1 for H.Q. - 1 st A.D.A.C., 1 - 3" Stokes Mortar for 2 nd A.L.T.M. Bty. and 1-4.5" Limber carriage for 102 nd How. Bty.	
"	2/11/17	-	Received from Base 5 tons Stores including 4000 Jackets, Cardigan and 9000 pro. Gloves. Demanded fore portion Wagon, Limbered G.S. for 2 nd M.G. Coy.	
"	3/11/17	-	Received from Base 10 tons General Stores including Service Dress clothing, Boots, Ankle, Oils, Grease and Lubricants, also 9 G.S. Wagons for No. 1 Coy. Div. Train and 1 for "B" Echelon 1 st A.D.A.C. Demanded from Base 1 Limbered G.S. Wagon and 1 Water cart for 2 nd F. Coy to replace condemned.	
"	4/11/17	-	Received from Base 5 ton Stores chiefly Stable and Picketing gear, also 1 cart W.T. for 4 th F. Coy. Demanded one Wagon, Pontoon for 4 th Field Coy to replace one destroyed by shell-fire.	
"	5/11/17	-	Received from Base 10 Ton Stores, including 700 pro Boots, F. B. 83 c/s Horseshoes and a large quantity of Leather and Grindery. Demanded Wagon Limbered R.E. for 1 st Aust. Div. Signal Coy.	
"	6/11/17	-	Received from Base - Cart W.T. for 10 th Inf. Bn. and 2 Ton of stores - principally material for repair of transport. Demanded and received from Base M.G. Store 2 Lewis Guns for 6 th Inf. Battalion.	

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Underdom	6/11/17	(Contd.)	Demanded from Base 1 Wagon G.S. for 2 nd Coy., Div. Train, books cart for H.Q., 2 nd F.A. BDE, 2-18-pr Limber Carriages for 3 rd Battery and body of Travelling Kitchen for 6 th Inf. Bn. Received from Corps Troops - 20 Hot Food containers, 29-18-pr Emergency Ammunition carriers, and 11 sets Packsaddlery.	
"	7/11/17	-	Received from Base 4'5" Limber carriage for 102 nd How. Bty. and 18-pr Wagon Ammunition for 4 th Battery. Demanded from Base 1 G.S. Wagon for No. 1 Coy. Div. Train. Returned to 4 th Amgac Corps Troops Ordnance, 1631 pts Boots, Gum, Shing, 1800 pts. Gloves, Hedging, 1490 carriers Water Bottle, 919 Water Bottles, 52 Yukon Packs and 10 sets Packsaddlery.	
"	8/11/17	-	Received from Base, 3000 Blankets; these are the first of a demand for 16500 required to issue a second blanket per man. Also received the usual weekly supply of oil, grease, dubbin, soap, etc., and 1 G.S. Wagon for No. 1 Coy. Div. Train. Demanded from Base, 4'5" How. piece for 101 st Bty. to replace Reg. No. 1595 condemned for wear, 2-18-pr. carriage limbers, for 2 nd Battery, cart, W.T. for 101 st How. Bty. and Wagon Pontoon for 1 st Field Coy, all to replace others destroyed by shellfire.	
"	9/11/17	-	Received from Base 1300 Blankets, 1 Pontoon Wagon for 1 st Field Coy. 1 cart W.T. and limbered Wagon for 2 nd Field Coy, 1 limbered Wagon for Div. Hq., 1 cart W.T. for 11 th Inf. Bn. and fore portion Limb. G.S. Wagon for 2 nd M.C. Coy.	

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Underdom	10/11/17	-	Railhead changed from Dickelburch to Wippenhoek. Received from Wippenhoek Railhead 6 Tons S.D. Clothing, Boots and Ficketing gear, also Pontoon Wagon for 4 th Field Coy. and 6 th O.M. for 2 nd Aust. Bde H.Q. 8000 Blankets cleared from Ebbingham Railhead to Ordnance Dump previously occupied by 66 th Div. in Renescure. Wired Base to suspend issue of stores.	
"	11/11/17	-	Sent 3 Lorry loads of stores down to Renescure Dump. Withdrew Advanced Ordnance Dump into Underdom. Received from Wippenhoek Railhead 1 Limb. C.S. Wagon for 1 st Sect. D.A.C. Moved 1 st Aust. Divisional Artillery with No. 1 Coy. Div. Train to Ordnance - 3 rd Aust. Div., for Ordnance Services and 4 th and 13 th Aust. Field Coys. to Ordnance - 4 th Aust. Div.	
"	12/11/17	-	Received from Wippenhoek Railhead, 61 y. shoes, Horse and 2 Ton General Stores. Forwarded 4 Lorry loads of stores to Renescure Dump.	
"	13/11/17	-	Received from Ebbingham Railhead 1 C.S. Wagon for No. 1 Coy. Div. Train, 1 for No. 2 Coy. Div. Train and 6 th W.T. for 101 st How. Battery. Received from Underdom Railhead, 4'5" Howitzer piece for 101 st How. Battery to replace condemned hot wear.	
"	14/11/17	-	Demanded from Base 4 Lewis Guns, for 3 rd Bn. to replace others lost.	
"	15/11/17	-	Demanded 6 th W.T. for 1 st Aust. Pioneer Bn. to replace one abandoned. Wired Base to send forward stores.	

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Desvres	16/11/17	-	Moved Ordnance Dump from Peneuvre to Desvres in to the Cement Works, situated in the Rue de la Gare, this is quite close to Railhead and most convenient in all respects.	
"	17/11/17	-	Demanded 1 Lewis Gun for 1 st Inf. Bn. to replace one lost.	
"	18/11/17	-	Completed 2 nd and 3 rd Inf. Bdes. with second blanket. Units instructed to submit their indents to re-equip not later than 21 st inst.	
"	19/11/17	-	As units are at present scattered over a very large area it has been found necessary to deliver 1 st & 3 rd Inf Bde stores to them per lorry.	
"	20/11/17	-	Demanded from Base two 3" Stokes Trench Mortar Barrels for 3 rd A.I.T.M.B. to replace others damaged by shellfire.	
			Received from Base one Pontoon wagon for 1 st Supt fld Coy Engrs	
	21 st /11/17		Railhead changed from Desvres to Sanner, as this will be nearer to the majority of our units the stores received will be dumped near Railhead & split up to the various Brigade Groups who will afterwards reload their lorries & proceed with stores to issue direct to units.	

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Desours	21/11/17		Demanded from Base three Vickers Guns for 1 st M.G. Coy & one for 2 nd M.G. Coy, all to replace lost.	
	22/11/17		Received from Base 9 tons general stores including 7000 Leather Jerkins & the usual weekly supply of Oils Dublin & Soap. also one Cart Water Tank for 1 st Pioneer Coy one fore portion of Lumbered Wagon for 2 nd fld Ambulance & one Travelling Kitchen body for 6 th Inf Bn.	
	23/11/17		Demanded one Lewis Gun for 9 th Inf Bn to replace lost Received from Base 5 tons Service Dress Clothing Boots Ankle etc. All Battalions now in possession of Jerkins leather to scale of one per man	

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Desures	24/11/17		Received from Base 4 Tons General Stores principally Stables & Picketing gear.	
	25/11/17		All units now in possession of 2 Blankets per man 5,000 Paliasses received from Base, Demanded one Lumbered wagon for 1st Div Signal Coy	
	26/11/17		Received from Base 1120 lbs Paint Service Colour required for renovating units transport. And three tons of clothing, necessaries, & gunnery.	
	27/11/17		Received a further 7000 Paliasses from Base.	

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Desours	27/11/17		2000 Buckets Latrine demanded for distribution throughout the Divisional area.	
"	28/11/17		Demanded 4 complete travelling kitchens for 5th Bn. 3 for the 7th Bn. 1 rear portion for the 8th Bn. & 1 fore portion for the 6th Inf Bn. all to replace unserviceable.	
	29/11/17		Received from Base 2000 Bucket Latrine & 6 tons General stores including 2 3" Stokes trench Mortar Barrels for the 3rd A.L.T.M.B. & one Lewis Gun for the 9th Inf. Bn.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Desours	30 th /11/17		As there are no light Ordnance Mobile Workshops in this area all unit transports requiring overhaul will be either repaired or condemned by the Brigade Coys of Divisional Train	

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