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| Desmies | 1/12/17 | | Received from Base 7 Tons S.D. clothing and Boots, also Wagon Limb, G.S. for 1 st Aust. Div. sig. boy. and fore. portion Wagon Limb. for Mobile Veterinary Section. | |
| " | 2/12/17 | | Demanded 2 carts W.T. for 5 th Inf. Bn. to replace others condemned. Received from Base 5 Tons clothing, Necessaries, Grinders and a large quantity of Technical Stores, - 1 st Aust. Div. Amm. Sub. Park moved from Anzac Corps Troops to this formation for purposes of Ordnance supply. | |
| " | 3/12/17 | | Demanded from Base for Div. Clothing Officer - 5000 shirts, Flannel, 4000 pts socks, 3000 Drawers, Woollen and 3000 vests, Woollen, also 150 Rolls canvas Messian for use of C.R.E. in this area. | |
| " | 4/12/17 | | Demanded from Base 2 T.K. Bodies for 1 st Aust. Pioneer Bn, 1 cart W.T. and Wagon Limb. for 3 rd M.G. Coy., and 1900 Jerkins Leather, the latter to be issued to Trench Mortar Batteries, Field Coys., M.G. Coys., and Div. sig. boy. of this Division. Received from Base 2 T.K. bodies for 7 th Bn, 1 for 8 th Bn, 1 Limber T.K. for 6 th Bn., and 3 Tons General Stores, principally Stable and Picketing Gear. | |
| " | 5/12/17 | | Received from Base 6 Tons Genl. Stores, including weekly supply of lds, Grease and Dublin, a quantities of accoutrements, and 1 Lewis Gun for 12 th Bn. | 1 |

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| woods | 6/12/17 | - | Demanded 2 Wagons Pontoon for 3 rd Inf. Coy. to replace others condemned by Div. Train. Received from Base 3000 Yell's Woollen and 150 Rolls Canvas Hessian. | |
| " | 7/12/17 | - | 2 nd Army A.C. Store now attached to Ordnance Gun Park No 2. Voting on the Australian Referendum (re conscription) completed in this unit. Under 2 nd Army authority all old pattern containers now in box Respirators to be replaced in possession of troops to be replaced by a new pattern container. | |
| " | 8/12/17 | - | Received from Base 48 yds. Shoes, Horse, 1000 Containers N.C., 1500 P.H Helmets and 800 Box Respirators, also K.T. for 12 th Inf. Bn. 3 Lorries dispatched to Ord. Calais, to pick up the balance of the underclothing demanded on the 3 rd inst. | |
| " | 9/12/17 | - | As there are no great laundry facilities in this area, and a clean change of underclothing is very necessary to the troops of this Division, prior to moving into the forward area, Div. Hdqrs. instruct that at least 6000 suits of underclothing be obtained at once from Calais Base. 5 Lorries proceed to Ord. Base - Calais, and collect 9000 yds Drawers, Woollen, 6000 Shirts, Flannel and 6000 Singlets, Aust. Patt. | |

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| Desert | 10/12/17 | - | Received from Base 8 tons clothing, Necessaries, Boots Ankle, and Grindery, also 1 K.T. for 10 th Bn. As the Division are commencing to move up to the forward area have wired Base to suspend despatch of stores. | |
| " | 11/12/17 | - | Ordnance - 1 st Aust. Div. are to take over dump now occupied by Ordnance 5 th Aust. Div. located sheet 28 - M.36. C.1.8. Sgt. Johnson with 2 men proceeded to with first lorry ^{load} of stores to commence erecting sheds, etc. Div. Hdqrs. instructed all units to return paillasses to Ordnance at once, these are to be taken up to new area and re-issued to units as required. 2 Lories arrived from Ordnance - 5 th Aust. Div. with stores and personnel and have taken over portion of this dump. 3 Lorry-loads of salvage cleared from this Dump to Samar Railhead. | |
| " | 12/12/17 | - | Demanded from Base 1 Wagon Telephone for 1 st Aust. Div. Sigs. 3 Lorry-loads of salvage collected from 1 st Bde Salvage Dump and sent to SAMER Railhead. Owing to units lack of transport, have sent lories with urgent stores to 1 st Bde and to return with paillasses. | |

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| Desvres | 13/12/17 | - | Despatched 3 lorries with Bde Groups' stores etc. to our Ordnance Dump in new area. Wired Ordnance - Calais to commence despatch of stores on 15 th inst. Ordnance - Gun Park No 5 located sheet 27 - R.I.D.2.4. commenced to supply units of 2 nd Army with guns, howitzers, carriages, artillery vehicles, etc. | |
| Dranoutre | 14/12/17 | - | Head Office established at DRANOUTRE. Taken on charge from Ordnance - 5 th Aust. Div. - 400 Praziers, 5 Hot Food containers, 200 Improved Hot Food containers, 300 Tins, Water carrying, 2 Vermorel sprayers, 70 Ayrton Flapper Fans, 82 Rattles Anti-Gas, and 7 Stromboos Horn Air cylinders, Filled. | |
| " | 15/12/17 | - | Received from Base Wagon, Limb. A.S. for 3 rd F. Coy., last W.T. and Wagon Limb A.S. for 3 rd M.G. Coy., and 3 Tons Genl. Stores. These were received through BRULOOZE - the new Railhead. | |
| " | 16/12/17 | - | Received from Base, 3 complete J.Ks. for 7 th Inf. Bn. Demanded J.K. Body for 6 th Inf. Bn. to replace one condemned. | |
| " | 17/12/17 | - | 1 st Aust. Div. Artillery with H.A.C. and No 1 Coy. Div. Train moved from Ord. 3 rd Aust. Div. to Ord. - 1 st Aust. Div., for Ordnance supplies. W.O. Keates, clerk and 2 Storemen who have been attached with Artillery to 3 rd Aust. Div., withdrawn | |

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| ranoutre | 17/12/17 | could. | and start dump for Artillery units here. Received from Base 2 Wagons Pontoon for 3 rd F.I. Coy. and 1 Wagon Telephone for 1 st Aust Div. Sig. Coy. Collected 50 Bats suspension for Thomas Splints from STEENWERCK R.E. Dump. Ordnance Gun Park No. 5 advise 14 18-pr. with bariages are available for Batteries of this Division | |
| " | 18/12/17 | - | Collected 14 pr 18-pr. pieces and 5 18-pr. bariages from Ordnance Gun Park No. 5, and delivered them to I.O.M. - 30 th L.M.W. Received from Base 5 Tons General Stores, including 150 Yukon Packs 70 yds of Horse shoes and a quantity of technical stores. Ordnance Gun Park No. 5 advise 2-18-pr. with bariages available for 5 th Battery. | |
| " | 19/12/17 | - | Received from Base 5 th Tons S.D. Clothing, Boots, Ankles. Collected 9-18-pr bariages from Ord. Gun Park No. 5 and delivered them to IOM. 30 th Light Mobile Workshop. - 5 th Aust. Sanitary Section moved from O.O. - 1 st Angac Corps Troops to this formation for the purpose of Ordnance supplies | |
| " | 20/12/17 | - | Received from the Base 7 Tons General Stores including Stable and Picketing gear, accoutrements and the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, | |

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| Oranoubie | 20/12/17 | (Contd) | Dubbin, etc. Collected from Oranance Gun Park No. 5 - 2 18 par. pieces for 5 th Aust. Battery and delivered them to I.O.M. - No. 30 L.M.W. Collected from Corps Troops of New Pattern Hot Good containers, 3 Web Ammunition Cartridges and 2 balais Pattern Lewis M.G. Mountings, all to be issued for trial and report. | |
| " | 21/12/17 | | Collected from O.O. - 1 st Anzac Corps Troops 500 pts. Gum Boots High to replace others rendered unsevicable. Division instruct all units to return P.H. Helmets in possession of troops to Oranance. These are to be stored here and re-issued if the necessity arises. Received from Base 6 tons clothing S.D. and Grindery. | |
| " | 22/12/17 | | Demanded from Oranance Gun Park No 5 18-par piece for 5 th Aust Bty to replace one condemned for premature. Sent 150 Yukon Packs to 1 st Army Ordnance Depot - Caestie, to be held there in reserve for this Division. | |
| " | 23/12/17 | | Demanded from Ord. Gun Park No. 5 - one Vickers Gun for 21 st M.G. Coy., to replace one destroyed shellfire. Div. Reinforcement Camp | |

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| " | 24/12/17 | | urgently require 500 Blankets. Received from Base 132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Horseshoes and quantity of technical stores. Demanded from Base 12 Fire Extinguishers - required for Div. Ammun. Dump. | |
| " | 25/12/17 | | Collected 500 Blankets G.S. from 4 th Army Ord. Depot, Caestre and delivered same to Div. Reinforcement Camp. Field boys. urgently requiring additional gloves, Hedging and Long Wire-cutters. Army authorities issue on loan and Ord. Gun Park No. 5 delivered 200 pds gloves, Hedging and 100 Long Wire cutters. Also received from Gun Park, Vickers Gun for 21 st Ab. G. Coy. | |
| " | 26/12/17 | | Demanded G.S. Wagon, limbered for 1 st Field Coy. and Cart, O.M. for 2 nd Field Coy., both to replace condemned. Demanded from Gun Park, Vickers Gun for 2 nd M.G. Coy to replace one destroyed shellfire. Gun Park advise 18 pds. piece available for 5 th Aust. Battery. I.O.M. - 30 th L.M.W. wired to collect. 3 rd Bde. urgently requiring 20 Periscopes and 8 Sniperscopes. Demands for these wired to Base, and they should be available for issue in a few | |

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| Stromoultic | 26/12/17 | (cont'd) | days. Received from Base 4 Tons General and Anti-Gas Stores. Collected from O.V. Corps Troops 10 Strombos Horns and 30 Cylinders Air Filled. | |
| " | 27/12/17 | " | Demanded from Ordnance - Calais, 22 Hot Food Containers, being the number required to complete this Division to scale authorised. Received from Ordnance Gun Park No. 5, Vickers M.G. for 2 nd M.G. Coy. Also demanded from Base 163 White overalls for Night Patrols which at present are urgently required. | |
| " | 28/12/17 | " | As this formation's Artillery have taken over the guns of 5 th Aust. Div. Artillery - Artillery Headquarters instruct all units that indents for Gun Stores are to be considered cancelled. Received from Base 4 Tons S.D. Clothing, Boots Ankle, & Grindery. | |
| " | 29/12/17 | " | I.O.M. - 30 th Light Mobile Workshops advises receipt of 18-pdr. piece for 5 th Aust. Bty. | |
| " | 30/12/17 | " | Demanded from Ord. Gun Park No. 5 1-6" Newton Trench Mortar for YIA Trench Mortar Battery and 1 Lewis Gun for 9 th Inf. Bn. - both to replace destroyed by shellfire. Received from Railhead 2 Travelling Kitchens for 5 th Inf. Bn. | |

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| Aramoutie | 31/12/17 | - | <p>Received from Base 7 Tons General Stores including Stable and Picketing Gear shoes, Boots, Jackets, Cardigan and a large quantity of Technical Stores.</p> <p>Received from Gun Park 1 Lewis Gun for 9th Inf. Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDNANCE - 1st AUST. DIV.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D. Sheel CONDR FOR MAJOR D.A.D.O.S.</p> | |

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