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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Longprelesbois/aints	1/10/18.		Despatched 2 Lorries with stores to re-filling points of 1 st 2 nd 3rd Bdes. Despatched Lorry delivering stores to all units of 3 rd Bde.	
	2 nd		Despatched Lorry to Ordnance 5 th Aust. Div. taking up clerk to relieve one going to Australia on 6 months furlough. All 1914 personnel Armourers warned to be in readiness to proceed on furlough to Australia. Indented on Base for supplies of winter clothing.	
	3 rd		Despatched Lorry with stores for 2 nd Bde. 6 Armourers Sgt & 2 other ranks of Ord. 1 st Aust. Div. reported to H.Q. 1 st Aust Div. to proceed on furlough to Australia.	
	4 th		Received 1 truck of clothing from Rouen containing: hats, cardigans etc. This was despatched on 28 th ult. & arrived with the seats on both doors broken. Several bales & bags were opened & the following shortages were found:- Pantaloon 58 pairs, Boots Ankle 23 pairs, Cardigans 14. all these goods were new. In this consignment of clothing, out of 541 pairs Pantaloon - 350 pairs were part worn. Despatched 1 Lorry to 1 st Bde with stores & to collect salvage.	APPENDIX

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Longpre Les. Corps Saints.	5 th 10/18.		Despatched 1 Lorry with stores for 2 nd Bde to re-filling point + another to 3 rd Bde. Demanded 1 Tickers Gun & Mounting for 1 st Aust. M. Gun Bn. to replace one destroyed by shellfire. Sent one truck of salvage to Base.	
	6 th 10/18		Demanded 1 Tickers Gun & Mounting for 1 st M. G. Bn. to replace one destroyed by shellfire. Artillery group consisting of one W.O. 1 Clerk, & 1 stoneman, returned from Ord. 5 th Aust. Div.	
	7 th 10/18		Despatched 2 Lorries to re-filling points with stores to 1 st & 2 nd Bdes.	
	8/10/18		Despatched 1 Lorry to Corbie for 40 Bents for H. Q. 1 st Aust. Div. Demanded on Base 2 nd blanket for all Units of 1 st Aust. Div.	
	9/10/18.		Demanded balance of winter clothing for Artillery, 1 st M.G. Coy, & 1 st Aust. Div. Train. Despatched 3 Lorries, 1 to each Bde with stores + to pick up salvage. Lt. E. G. Kent takes over duties of D.A.D.O.S. from Mjr J. G. Kinmonth. D.S.O. who proceeds to Aust. Corps. Troops.	
	10/10/18.		Received from Base 7 tons of stores including A.D. clothing, boots.	

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Longpre Les bords Saint	10/10/18	Contd.	Grinding & other detail stores. Out of 429 jackets S.D. received 64 were part worn, Pantaloon 127 pairs, all part worn, Hat AP. 329. were all of English manufacture, Boot Ankle 1044 pairs, 708 pairs were of Imperial Pattern, Goggles D.S. 180 pairs, 40 pair part worn.	
	11/10/18		Artillery stores re-consigned from Ord. 5 th Aust. Division. Despatched 3 Lorries 1 to each Bde with stores for Unit. Despatched to Base 1 truck salvage.	
	12/10/18		Despatched 1 Lorry to Gun Park for stores. Despatched 1 Lorry with stores for Unit of 1 st Bde, also to bring back from Port Remy (5 th Aust Div Railhead) artillery stores. Despatched 1 Lorry to Oisemont Ord 5 th Aust Div. Taking store sent in error to 1 st Aust Div + also to bring back Artillery stores. 2 Vickers Guns received from Gun Park for 1 st Aust M.G. Bn.	
	13/10/18		Received 10 tons stores from Base including Rifle, Equipment, Blankets, G.S. Picketing gear, Show Horse, camp equipment, wheels, & other detail stores.	

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Longpre Les Cottes Saints	14/10/18		Received 5 Tons Stores from Base comprising, Oils, Soap, Grease + Lubbers, also 5000 Drawers + 10000 Test woollens. (Winter Clothing) + other Detail Stores Despatched 1 Lorry to 1st Bde with stores for Units. Despatched 1 Lorry to Bancourt with stores for 2nd Battalion. Despatched 2 Lorries to 2nd + 3rd Bde with stores for Units + to Ord 5th Aust Div to collect balance of Artillery Stores.	
	15/10/18		Received from Base 1 Cart Water Tank for 4th Bn, 2nd Field Ambulance + H.Q., D.F.C. respectively. 1 Wagon Lumbered G.S. Fore + Hind Portion for 12th Aust Inf Bn, 1 Wagon Lumbered G.S. Hind Portion for 11th Aust Inf Bn. 1 Wagon Lumbered G.S. Fore Portion for 3rd Aust Field Ambulance. Despatched 1 Lorry to 3rd Aust Inf Bde. with stores for Units. Forwarded 1 Truck Salvage to Base. Despatched 1 Lorry to 1st Bde with stores for Units. Despatched 3 Lorries to clean Clothing Store at ailly Le Haut. blocher with winter Under-clothing	
	16/10/18.		Received from Base 4500 Leather Jerkins, 700 waist coats, + distributed	

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Longpre La Corps limits	Contd 16/10/18		400 to each Inf Bde including 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion. Despatched 1 Lorry with stores to 1st Inf Bde & another with same to 2nd Inf Bde	
	17/10/18		Despatched 1 Lorry to Abbeville to try & obtain Paint from Ord Depot there but they were unable to supply. Despatched 1 Lorry to Ord of Army Troops HQ at La Chapallette to collect charge. Despatched 1 Lorry to pick up YMCA Representative at Le Mesge & take him to Picquigny. Despatched 1 Lorry to 2nd Bde & Pioneers with 2000 Jerkins. Despatched 1 truck of salvage to Base.	
	18/10/18		Received 1920 Horse Rugs from Base. Erected Marquee near Aust Corps Troops where Horse Rugs were stacked. Despatched 1 Lorry with stores for units of 2nd Bde.	
	19/10/18		Received 5 Trucks of blankets from Base & unloaded them at Marquee. Despatched 3 Lorries with blankets to 5th 6th 7th & 8th Aust Inf Battalions. Despatched another lorry to 1st 2nd 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. with sports material from YMCA.	
	20/10/18		Despatched 2 Lorries to 3rd Inf. Bde H.Q. with blankets for Battalions.	

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Longpre Les Corps Saik	Contd 20/10/18		Despatched 1 Lorry to H.Q. 1st Aust Div. & 1st Aust Div Signal Coy with blankets, also another to 1st Aust Pioneer Bde with same stores.	
	21/10/18		Received 1 wagon G.S. from Base for 1st Div Aust DAC. also 7 tons S.D. clothing necessaries & other detail stores. The following articles of winter clothing are included in this total:- Jerkins 2366, Gloves fingerless 8000, Undercoat fur 1184, Coats sheepskin lined 224, Gloves M.C. 29, Of 1031 Boots ankle received 580prs were Imperial Pattern + of 840 jackets S.D. 100 were part worn; Paultaloom 303prs - 3 were part worn. Despatched 1 Lorry to 2nd Bde with stores including blankets for units. Despatched 1 Lorry to 1st Bde with stores for units & 3 Lorries to 1st Bde with blankets.	
	22/10/18		Despatched 2 Lorries to 2nd & 3rd Bdes respectively with stores for units. Issued blankets (2 nd per man) to all Artillery units. Received from Base 15 tons of stores including Horse Rugs 2080, Paillasses 8055. Frost bogs 3024, Shoes Horse 85 cases, Harness & Stable Equipment, Picketing gear, Oil, soap, grease, + dubbin, + other Detail stores. 4 Lorries engaged in clearing railhead.	APPENDIX 6

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Longpre Les Corps Saints	Contd 23/10/18		Despatched 1 Lorry with stores to units of 2nd Bde. Despatched 1 Lorry to Montiers. To Ord. 3rd Aust. Div to collect rifles which were brought back to Longpre	
	24/10/18		Forwarded 1 truck of salvage to Base. Distributed 8055 paillasses to Area Commandants at Longpre Les Corps Saints, Ailly Le Haut Clochet, & Pont Remy. Advised all units that paillasses were available at above area commandant. Despatched 2 Lorries with stores to units of 2nd & 3rd Aust Inf Bde respectively. Demanded leg wire on Base 1 wagon timbered G.S. for SAA section Aust DAC.	
	25/10/18		Despatched 1 Lorry to Long & Pont Remy with stores for 1st Inf Bde & 150 Paillasses for Area commandant Pont Remy. Despatched 1 Lorry to shift 2 loads of stores of Ammunition Unit to Aust corps troops & brought back 80 rifle from corps Armourer workshop. Despatched 2 Lorries to Ailly Le Haut Clochet to take 6th Inf Bde to concert at Pont Remy. 1 Lorry fitted up as Armourer's travelling workshop & accompanied	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Longpore Leo Corps Base	Contd 25/10/18		by 5 Armourers despatched to 2 nd Aust Inf Bn to inspect all arms of that unit & execute minor repairs.	
	26/10/18		Despatched 1 Lorry fitted up as travelling workshop to 4 th Inf Bn to inspect rifle & m Gun of that unit & execute minor repairs. Received 5 Tons stores from Base comprising horse shoes & detail stores. Despatched 2 Lorries with stores to 1 st & 2 nd Aust Inf Bde's respectively with stores for units. Despatched 2 Lorries to Port Remy with 1 st Aust D.A.C personnel to attend concert.	
	27/10/18		Despatched Lorry fitted up as travelling workshop to 3 rd Aust Inf Bn to inspect rifle & m Gun of that unit & effect minor repairs. Received from Base balance of horse shoes which were short on previous day. Despatched 1 Lorry with stores to units of 1 st Bde.	
	28/10/18		Received 8 Tons of stores from Base including S.P. clothing, boots & other detail stores, also following articles of winter clothing - Boots 533 pairs, Gloves worked 35-50, Gloves fingerless 931 pairs	

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Longpore L ^o Corps Sante	Contd 28/10/18		Shield Hand M.B. 37 pro, Gloves MT, ASC 306 pairs, Glove Leather Special 403 pair. Of 1113 pro Boots ankle received 591 pro were Imperial Pattern. Despatched 1 Lorry fitted up as Travelling Workshop to inspect all arms of that Unit, & effect minor repairs. Despatched 1 Lorry to 1st Bde with stores for Units, Despatched 1 Lorry for 2nd Bde with stores for Units. Lent 3 Lorries to Aust Corps Troops to clear their railhead.	
	29/10/18		Received from Base 7 tons stores including following items winter clothing:- Sweaters 280, Socks inner pairs 9172, Greatcoats sheepskin lined 245, Cardigans 2580, Other stores received included Grindingy necessaries & detail stores. Of S.D. clothing received the following were part worn:- Jackets 11, Pantaloons 17 pair. Despatched 1 Lorry fitted up as Travelling Workshop to 5th Aust Inf Bn to inspect rifles & m guns & execute minor repairs.	
	30/10/18		Demanded 4.5" Howitzer carriage for 102nd Aust How Battery.	

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Longpre Ls Corps Sains	Contel 30/10/18		<p>Replaced 1 condemned gun; also 2-18 pdv pieces for 5th Aust Battery. condemned Scoring. Received 5 Low Stores from Base comprising Baillasses, Web Equipment, Stable Equipment, Rifle S.M.L.E. + other detail stores.</p> <p>Despatched 1 Lorry fitted up as travelling workshop to 6th Aust Inf Bde. to inspect rifle & other arms of unit & effect minor repairs to them. Despatched 3 Lorries to 1st 2nd 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. respectively with stores for units.</p>	
	31/10/18.		<p>Despatched 1 Lorry fitted up as travelling workshop 7th Aust Inf Bde to inspect Rifle & 6 Guns & effect minor repairs to them.</p> <p>Despatched 1 Lorry with stores to units of 2nd Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p>Demanded 1 Ammunition Wagon Lumber for 6th Aust Bty.</p> <p>Received 7 Low Stores from Base including:- Taps 2nd Coy, Stable equipment & Spare Parts Machine Guns, Paint, and other Detail Stores.</p>	

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Ordnance, 1st. Australian Division.

Fourth Army.

Lt. E.C. KENT. D.A.D.O.S.

2nd. Lt. J.E. WALKER. D.A.D.O.S. Trainee.

Reg. No.	Rank.	Name.	How Employed.	Medical Category.
Head Office.				
2596.	E.R. Sub- Condr.	Young C.S.	Acting Condr. (attd.) (From Ord. 5th. Aust. Div.)	Active.
3242.	E.R. Sgt.	Stephens. H.	Clerk.	Active.
5766.	E.R. Cpl.	Stanford. W.J.	Clerk.	Active.
2330.	E.R. Cpl.	Barrett. T.A.	Storeman.	Active.
1st. Brigade.				
15.	E.R. Sgt.	Mc Naught. C.A.	(Attnd. from Ord. 3rd. Aust. Div.)	Active.
2941.	E.R. Cpl.	Fraser. C.	Clerk.	Active.
5661.	Fte.	Beard. J.	Storeman.	Active.
2nd. Brigade.				
10504.	E.R. Sgt.	Barwell. C.M.	(Attchd from Ord. Aust. Corps.)	Active.
-	-	-	Clerk.	-
-	-	-	Storeman.	-
3rd. Brigade.				
11874.	E.R. S/Sgt. (Act. Sub-Condr.)	McMullen W.W.	-	Active.
5774.	E.R. Cpl.	Harris. G.	Clerk.	Active.
1619.	Fte.	Lyall. J.C.	Storeman.	Active.
Divisional Units.				
2152.	E.R. Sub-Condr.	Johnson R.J.	-	Active.
-	-	-	Clerk.	-
1256.	Fte.	McLachlan G.	Storeman.	Active.
Armourers and Artificers.				
			Attached.	
29460.	W.O. Class. I.	Gysin T.E. D.C.M.M.M.	1st. A.F.A. Bde. Act.	
2107.	Arm. S/Sgt.	Ball S.	3rd. Inf. Bn. Active.	
5765.	Arm. Cpl.	Smith. W.F.	5th. Inf. Bn. Active.	
3105.	Arm. Sgt.	Narracott A.E.	Div. Arm. Shop. Act.	
805.	Arm. Sgt.	McLean. D.	12th. Inf. Bn. Active.	
1717.	Arm. Sgt.	Bowring. W.	1st. M.G. Bn. Active.	

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ARMOURER'S WORKSHOP.

Statement of Work carried out in above Workshop for month of October 1918.

Item.	Particulars.	No.
Guns. vickers. .303.	Overhauled, painted and re-issued to M.G. Battn., in satisfaction of indents to replace destroyed by shellfire.	-
Guns. Lewis. 303.	Assembled from serviceable parts received from salvage and issued to Units in satisfaction of indents to replace destroyed by shellfire etc. Overhauled and repaired.	12. 3.
Bicycles.	Built from frames received from salvage and issued to Units in satisfaction of demands. Sent in by units for complete overhaul, including painting, and minor repairs.	1. 21. 5.
Rifles.	Received from salvage and overhauled for re-issue.	80.
Pistols.	Repaired and overhauled.	4.

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APPENDIX 3

Comparative Return of Expenditure of
Clothing and certain Equipment for October 1918

	Per 1000 Men																				Per 100 Animals		
	Greatcoats		Boots ankle prs.		Jackets S.D.		Mounted Services Pantaloon		Dismounted Services Breeches		Puttees		Hats C.P.	Shirts	Socks	Vests	Drawers	Haversacks	Water Bottles	Maps Cms	Sheets Ground	Flannellets yds	Shoes Horse and Mule prs
	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned											
1 st Aust Div	13	7	268	173	233	236	331	333	207	169	221	190	102	3	12	1	6	37	20	70	21	829	2725.

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STATEMENT SHOWING ALL 18-Pdr. GUNS and 4.5.inch Howitzers REPLACED to
UNITS of 1st.AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY for Month of October 1918.

Indent.No.	Date Demanded.	Nature.	Reg.No.	Unit.	Reason for Condemnation.	Replaced By No.
1A/266.	1/10/18.	18-Pdr.Piece with B.M.	6474.	1st.Bty.	Condemned Scoring.	9515.
5A/4609.	1/10/18.	18-Pdr.Piece.	6867.	4th.Bty.	Condemned Scoring.	11118.
5A/4636.	1/10/18.	18-Pdr. Piece.	6278.	2nd.Bty.	Condemned Scoring.	5059.
5A/4636.	1/10/18.	18pdr. Piece.	6550.	2nd.Bty.	Condemned Scoring.	10942.
5A/4636.	1/10/18.	18pdr.Piece.	6918.	4th.Bty.	Condemned Scoring.	8360.

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