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			RE STORES AND WORKSHOPS OFFICER TO CHIEF ENGINEER, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. -----	
Ville-le-Marclet.	3/10/1918 to 7/12/18.		When the Australian Corps moved from the Forward Area to the Rest Area, between Amiens and Abbeville - Corps Headquarters then located at EU - the Australian Corps Workshops Coy., after handing over the RE Dump at Bray Troubieres to II American Corps, was moved to Ville-le-Marclet, near Flixecourt, where an RE Dump was formed. The CRE 4 AT Dump at Long was cleared and the material transported to Ville-le-Marclet. The Workshop Coy. with 80 P.O.W. cleared the new site and laid out the Dump, while the balance of the Company not so engaged erected their Camp. Owing to the fact that Corps H.Q. was so far removed from the Divisions and Ville-le-Marclet, it was arranged with C.E. 4 Army that the Officer in Charge of the Dump should have the power to indent direct on the C.E. 4 Army for any stores he might require for the use of the Divisions. Divisions instead of indenting on C.E. Australian Corps for their requirements were instructed to go direct to the RE Dump and all arrangements for supply were made from there, Most of the Work done in the Area being the erection and repair of Billets, Stabling and formation of Rifle Ranges, there was a great demand for timber, stoves and small stores, of which the supply was small. Accordingly arrangements were made for Timber to be drawn from the 364 Forestry Company which was at St. Ouen, and a regular supply of small stores was sent from the Base at the rate of 3 Z(three)	

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			<p>3 trucks per week. The supply was equal to the Demands of the Divisions, and as these were not great the Workshops Coy, was enabled to avail itself of a well deserved rest.</p> <p>Very little work was done in the Workshops, The only machinery at the disposal of the Coy, was a Lathe, a Drilling Machine and a small engine for driving same. Practically the only work done was the overhaul and repair of Motor Lorries.</p> <p>On 22 11th November, 1918 the Corps moved to LE CATEAU, Stores were then supplied by the C.E. 4 Army from RE Dumps in the vicinity of BOHAIN. These dumps were not taken over by the Corps. When the Corps moved still further forward to AVESNES, the RE Dump at RANCE was taken over, and the 1st Army Troops Coy, AE. stationed there, the Workshops Coy. still remaining at Ville-le-Marclet, although that Dump had been handed over to the C.E. with 7th Corps on the 11th November. The stocks at Rance consisted mainly of Timber &c. Owing to Railway disorganisation no stores could be forwarded from the Base, and as the Divisions were demanding Latrine Seats and Latrine accomodation, the construction of Latrines &c was commenced at Rance. A percentage of the output was allotted to each of the Divisions in the Area, who were informed weekly as to the amount and quantities they could draw, and instructed that they could take delivery without obtaining any further authority.</p>	

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