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WAR DIARY

OF

DADOS 2nd Aust. Division

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCINELLE	1919 July 1		Cleared 2 trucks from CHARLEROI containing Blankets and General Stores	
	2		visited ROO CRE and 6th Bde H/Q unable to obtain car to go to 7th Bde Saw G/DARMS in evening about hastening indents for all Mob Stores deficiencies.	
	3		Saw Staff-captain DA re board shortages in Artillery and Trench Mortar Batteries, then proceeded to 7th Bde H/Q to settle a dispute between Staff captain and O.C. 25th Batten re stores returned on demobilization of 25th Batten Saw Division re indents for 3rd Blanket and Paillasses Forwarded ADO5 detailed list of shortages from Base	
	4		DR O appeared asking units to submit indents to complete indents for all shortages, also 3rd Blanket and Paillasses. Cleared truck from CALAIS, some shortages were reported by Railhead Corporal	

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MARCINELLE	1919 JANU.		Circular received from Corps asking for indents to be submitted stating whether stores were lost or rendered US before or after 11 11 18 and whether required or not. Spoke to ADOS re Pioneers, whether to be demobilized on a 3 or 4 company basis. The reply was a 4 company basis	
	5		Remained at the office all day working on papers in connection with demobilization of units. Large numbers of indents received for deficiencies	
	6		Saw ADOS Corps re indents for deficiencies also about personnel of this unit. Collected 10 flags, Dalk, Union from ADOS Corps Troops. Cleared 2 trucks from Railhead	
	7		visited units of 5th Brigade and RE re submitting indents to complete to establishment	

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MARCINELLE	1919 JANU	9	No car being available the day was put in on checking and amending Mob store tables and reviewing indents Saw ROO re returning stores	
		10	visited all units of 4 th FA Brigade re shortages, also visited DAC and 26 th Battrn.	
		11	visited 5 th AFA Brigade all units and DA H/Q Saw 23 rd Battrn re transfer of clerks	
		12	visited ADOS re Mob Stores and instructions re demobilization. Reviewed indents from units, which were considerable in quantity.	
		13	visited 5 th and 6 th Field Ambulances re return of Mob Stores for 'C' Section. Saw 'Q' re return of vehicles from Field Ambulances and was informed, these would be returned by road	

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MARCINELLE	1919 JANU 14		Not having a car I put in the day in the office reviewing indents and other papers which had accumulated. Saw RBO re trucks for return of Mob Stores, also re the discrepancies from trucks arriving here for me.
	15		visited DADOS Corps Troops and collected some bicycle spare parts; also visited Brigade Major 86 th Brigade RFA re shortages of boots and nosebags, which he had reported to Corps.
	16		Saw Staff Captain 6 th Brigade re matters relating to his Brigade, also the 7 th Field company re their demands under Corps Adminis. Circular No 13, asked Corps for authority for 1000 sacks for return of equipment.
	17		I was informed verbally that one section of each artillery Battery would be demobilized, and I asked where I could store the returned Mob Stores.

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MARCINELLE	1919 JANU 18		With MAJOR RAPER, visited various buildings in MARCHIENNE-AU-POINT to endeavour to find a building capable of holding the stores, returned by division, on demobilization, but all the large buildings are being refitted by the civilian people, and I was unable to procure one. I saw Staff-captain 5th Brigade and OC 18th Bn about stores, also re return of Armourer attached to Brigade H/Q	
	19		Stores returned by "C" Section of Field Ambulance of this division, ready to return to BASE, but after arranging with R.O.O. for trucks, I was informed that authority had to be first obtained from BASE. I wired corps asking that the necessary authority be obtained	
	20		Visited A.D.O.S. office re matters of promotion within the A.O.C. and was informed that any promotion that would be made would be only temporary, and was advised to write COL LEANE OC. AAOC direct, on the subject.	

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MARCINELLE	1919 Jany 20		Received notification that the Medium Trench Mortar Batteries and 1 section of each Artillery Battery would be demobilized practically immediately, 10 ^m 1 st Mobile workshops to take in the gun carriages and vehicles	
	21		Saw 10 ^m No. 1 workshops and arrangements were made to have guns and vehicles packed at TEUMORT and owing to the amount of thieving that was being done, decided to strip all spars from vehicles	
	22		Orders being received for one section of each Battery to be demobilized MAJOR RAPER and self proceeded to Artillery Area to endeavour to locate a store suitable for the accomodation of the stores as the units demobilized	
	23		visited THY-LE-CHATEAU to endeavour to obtain possession of a large shed in railway yard for the purpose of storing vehicles of the division. The shed was in possession of the R.A.F. who had their lorries parked in it.	

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MARCINELLE	1919 JANU. 24		Visited the Town Major MARCHIENNE-DU-POINT who drove around with me to various factories, trying to get a suitable store for accomodation of returned Mob. Stores of units. All factories in the area were starting work, so no place of sufficient dimension could be obtained. Six of Staff reported for return to AUSTRALIA.	
	25		Received wire re attending conference at Corps tomorrow. Saw Staff Captain 5 th Brigade and C.R.E. re stores and asked that all stores not actually being used, should be cleaned and packed, ready for return to BASE.	
	26		Attended conference of D.A.D. O.S. and 10 M ^s at Corps and discussed the method of returning stores. Orders are for dumps to be formed at Railheads. These dumps are to be guarded until they can be loaded on the trains.	
	27		Visited A.D.O.S. office re matters of Personnel. At present I am 10 under establishment and asked that the authority for transfer of attached men be given.	

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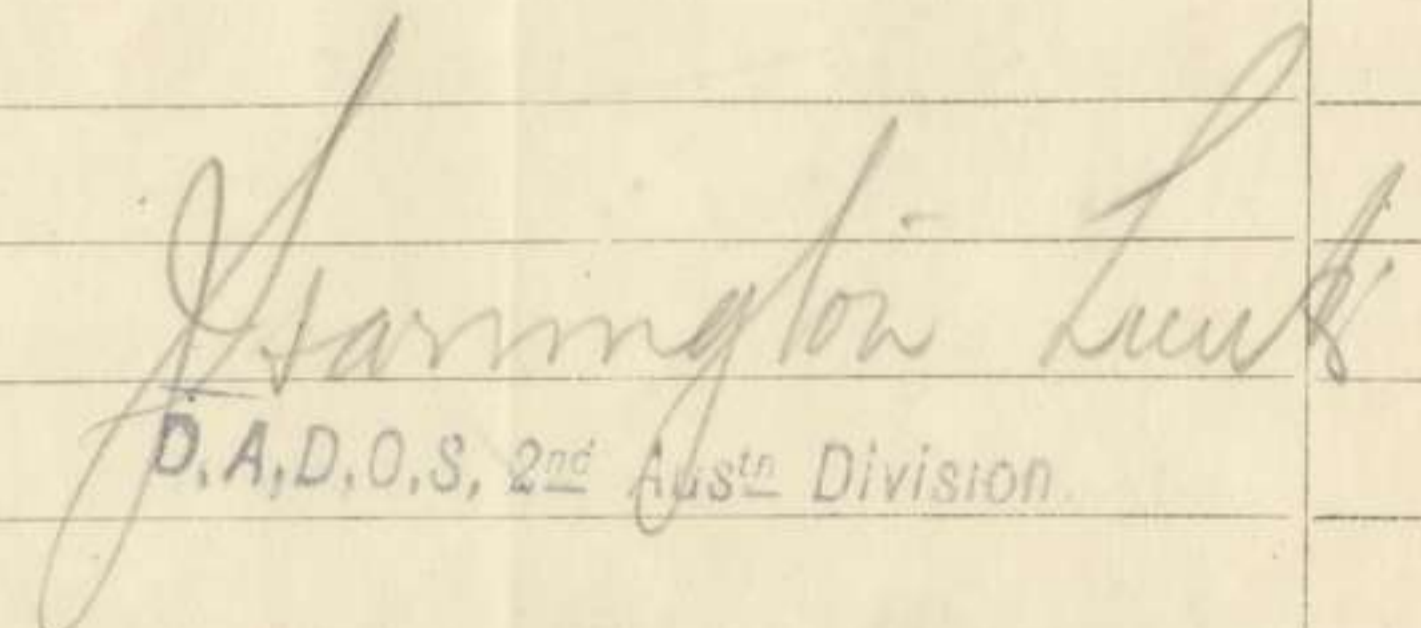
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MARCINELLE	1919 JAN 4 28		<p>Attended another conference at corps "B" Branch, all previous instructions re dumps being cancelled. Trains have been allotted to Australian Corps for the purpose of sending stores direct to BASE. Units are to guard stores and retain responsibility of same, till handed over to Imperial depot CALAIS.</p>	
	29		<p>As the 6th Australian Army Field Artillery Brigade is being transferred to me and is to be the first demobilized. I proceeded to its H/Q to arrange such with the OC. Not being clear on some points the OC asked if I could take him to Corps, and afterwards to D.H.Q., to clear up these queries. On nearing D.H.Q. the driver lost control of the car, through the slippery state of the roads, and we were finally brought to a standstill by crashing into a tree. The car was severely damaged, but the passengers escaped injury. I asked that the car be allotted to me for the coming week, but was informed by Division, that this was not considered necessary.</p>	

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MARCINELLE	1919 JANUARY 30		Car reported at 11AM after some difficulty. I saw 86 th Army Artillery Brigade re demobilization, and also A.D.O.S. Australian corps. Afterwards I went to DA Hq and had a talk with Staff-captain re demobilization of 1 section per Battery.	
	31		MAJOR RAPER, WO STEEL and self visited the railhead to make arrangements for despatch of equipment from the 6 th Army Brigade A.F.A. I received a copy of wire from corps stating that the size of the train had been altered. There were also various other amendments to original instructions	
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Comparative Return showing Expenditure of clothing & certain
items of Equipment during the month of January 1919.

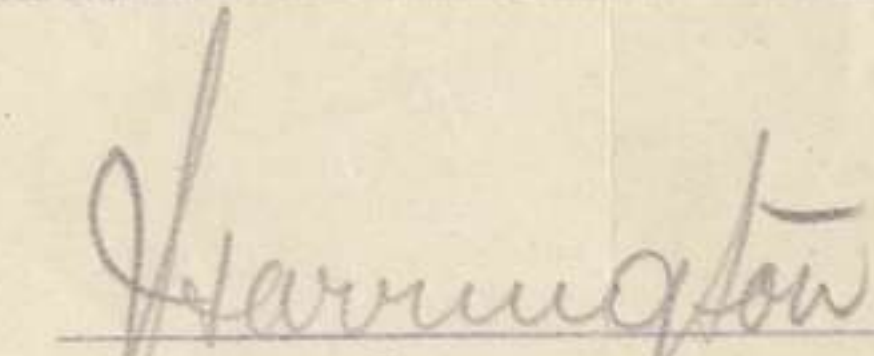
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SHIRTS SOCKS etc ISSUED DIRECT TO DIVISIONAL BATHS

To DDOS IV ARMY

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