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MARCINELLE	Apr 1		Despatched train to Base, containing vehicles only, as no small stores had been received in time to be got ready for this train. Took in stores from 7 th FIELD Coy Engineers with my lorries as all their horses had been sent to Base	
		2	Took in stores from Mobile Veterinary Section and part of DHQ 2 nd Aust. Division, also part vehicles from MACHINE GUN BATTALION.	
		3	Took in stores from S.A.A. Section but could not finish in the day.	
		4	ADOS visited the dump and especially asked, re the papers of demobilised units. Finished checking stores of S.A.A. Section, Stores of Cyclist BATTN. did not arrive at dump till 6pm. necessitating the Staff returning to Demob. Store after tea. Rake B as our Demob train is termed reported back to CHATELINAU Station during the evening. A lorry was sent down to clear ropes and chocks and bring them back to the store	

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MARCINELLE	Apr 5		<p>Checked stores returned by Cyclist BATTY. Stores all returned less bicycles on detachments. DADOS visited ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS re papers for demobilisation and finalisation of the Batteries. 3rd Austn Div. ARTILLERY transferred to this unit for Administration. Being Sunday and no units returning stores. The day was put in squaring up stores and getting ready for train on 9th inst.</p> <p>DADOS again visited D.A. and units to try to obtain some more definite information re lost articles of units equipment. A wire was received from Corps stating that train for 9th was cancelled. 6th Bde Hqrs stores received.</p> <p>MACHINE GUN BATTY returned stores during the day. I asked for a car to go to ARTILLERY to square up the papers for demobilised Batteries, but was informed that four cars had gone to MONT ST QUENTIN, and no car could be spared.</p>	
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MARCINELLE	1919 Apr 9		<p>A car being available I sent papers from several units to Corps also went to ARTILLERY to collect papers from other units. In reply to query from CORPS, I replied that after my next train I would only require three more trains if the proposal to make them up of 30 flats and 4 covered was carried out.</p> <p>10 Saw DHR re taking in of CORPS MOUNTED REGIMENT and others and was informed that it is desired to complete the Division by the 26th inst. Provided sufficient trains are allotted to this can be done, but the stores are very much congested at present and no sign of a train before the 16th inst.</p> <p>11 A telephonic message from CORPS saying the train was now arranged for the 15th with others likely to follow on 17th and 20th, was received. I wired the LIGHT HORSE to return stores on 13th and 14th inst.</p> <p>12 MAJOR DUFFY called and asked for four lorries to assist him in returning stores. These lorries left here at 4 PM so that an early start may be made by the LIGHT HORSE tomorrow. I collected three KING'S COLORS from DADDS CORPS TROOPS for the disbanded battalions, now having thirteen in stock</p>	

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MARCINELLE	Apr 13		The LIGHT HORSE stores arrived in good order, not giving very much trouble in checking.	
	14		Those of the Staff who could be spared had a trip by lorry to the FIELD of WATERLOO, although the weather was not bright the trip was enjoyed. Took in stores less vehicles from 20 th BATTN. The stores were brought in by DADOS lorries. I visited D7HQ during the afternoon. It rained all day and the roads are in a very sloppy condition.	
	15		Loaded and to despatched a train consisting of 24 flats and 9 covered trucks. The covered trucks took the bicycles and saddlery of the Cyclist BATTN and CORPS MOUNTED REGIMENT.	
	16		Took in stores of the PIONEER BATTN but on account of the condition of the Lewis Guns and Harness, these were sent back for cleaning and packing in accordance with instructions for return of stores. ADOS called and collected papers of Demobilised units. CORPS TROOPS units moved to me.	

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MARCINELLE	Apr 17		The troops were up bright and early ready to start loading the train at 7 AM. After waiting and making investigations I found out at 10 AM that the train had been cancelled and CORPS had not notified me, thus wasting a complete day, as units are waiting to return stores.	
	18		Visited D AHQ in the morning. Took in stores from 22 nd BATTN. This Battalion has eclipsed all previous units in the way the stores were returned.	
	19		Took in vehicles of TUNNELLING Coy. Visited the dump at MARCIENNE and the Wagon Park at VILLE HAUTE STATION which is now filled to its utmost capacity.	
	20		As my train for today has been cancelled, no units stores were returned. The day was used in squaring up the dumps and sorting ready for train. CPL TRUMPER left for England to play Cricket.	

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MARCINELLE 21	Apr		Took in stores from 2 nd TUNNELLING Coy.	
	22		The weather has warmed up to real Spring weather. Received a ring from CORPS saying that train had arrived at Station & could we load today, instead of tomorrow. I obtained six lorries from the M.T. Coy and started. I received extension of time, till 4PM. Cleared HORSE CONCENTRATION CAMP of all stores. I received a wire to take in no more stores.	
	23		5 th BRIGADE H/QRS stores checked, having been returned late last night. DADOS visits REST HOUSE. BRUSSELS re return of Ordnance stores and kitchen.	
	24		Transferred all outstanding units to DADOS. CORPS TROOPS for Demobilisation and arranged to hand over all stores in stock.	
	25		ADOS visited dump and asked if we had taken in stores from SIGNAL Coy. who wish to be demobilised by me. I arranged to have them done by CORPS TROOPS.	

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MARCINELLE	1919 Apr 26		<p>The Train which was supposed to be at the station this morning failed to put in an appearance. After waiting 2 hours I got into telephonic communication with CORPS who informed me the trains had been cancelled for the next 3 days. The tranquility of the men is not quite what may be desired, as this is the second time this has happened lately, and after loading the lorries and waiting about in the rain, then having to ask the men to unload again brings forth remarks more forcible than polite.</p>	
	27		<p>Sunday, and not being very busy, some members of the staff made up a picnic party and went out for the day. The office staff was kept busy getting the records together.</p>	
	28		<p>Packed all officers' equipment for return to DADOS CORPS TROOPS in accordance with instructions received from ADOS office.</p>	

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MARCIVELLE	1919 Apr 29	
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Received circular from ADO S stating that a vacancy existed on Draft Quota 49 for two ORs for repatriation. ER S/ndr Kirby and bpl Kimber were selected to go. I visited DHQ and ADO S office for news of trains, but none was available.

I returned Officers Equipment to DA DO S Corps Troops. The Office staff are still busy on records which are being got up to date.

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