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~~INTELLIGENCE~~ SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<u>DECEMBER.</u>			
<i>1028</i> ALLERY	1st.	1918	<u>SUNDAY</u> : No stores at Railhead, Longpré - les - Corps Saints. Base wired and asked to expedite delivery of Bags Nose and Grindery. A very quiet day, nothing of importance to record.	
<i>1028</i>	2nd.		<u>MONDAY</u> : Lieut. J. J. Holden, D.A.D.O.S. Trainee (attached) left for A.I.F. Headquarters this morning. Advice of 7 tons of clothing etc., received from Rouen. Nothing at Railhead and no stores held for Units.	
<i>1028</i>	3rd.		<u>TUESDAY</u> : No stores received, and nothing of importance happened.	
<i>1028</i>	4th.		<u>WEDNESDAY</u> : Units asking for stores to be hastened. Advice received from Base that stores are available, but that the shortage of trucks is acute. A wire from Ordnance 4th. Army was received, stating that from the 7th. inst. we would be based on Calais. W.O. Andrews went on leave to United Kingdom.	
<i>1028</i>	5th.		<u>THURSDAY</u> : One truck load of stores comprising Boots, Clothing, and Grindery etc., was received from Railhead. No vouchers were found and the Base was asked to forward same. The stores were checked and issued to Groups, off demands which it was thought that they satisfied.	
<i>1028</i>	6th.		Arm. Sgts. Wilson and Longthorn reported back from United Kingdom leave. <u>FRIDAY</u> : One G.S. Wagon received for 106th. Howitzer Battery, 6th. A.F.A. Brigade. Unit notified and asked to collect same from Railhead. D.A.D.O.S. went to Rouen and Havre Bases, to make arrangements whereby we can send lorries to collect stores which are very difficult to obtain owing to the shortage of trucks. Several Units' stores were delivered by lorry.	
<i>1028</i>	7th.		<u>SATURDAY</u> : One lorry load of Salvage was sent to Base. Fourteen (14) wheels were received from Railhead (A.M.F.O.) The 6th. Army Brigade F.A. called and collected stores. Boots Ankle and F.S., were urgently required by this Brigade, and approximately 500 pairs were issued. Many telegrams were received and answered to-day. Notice received that this Unit is to move on the 10th. inst.	
<i>1028</i>	8th.		<u>SUNDAY</u> : Two lorries were despatched to Rouen Base to collect clothing etc., owing to shortage of Rail transport. Billets at Oisemont were inspected by D.A.D.O.S. and arrangements made for Store and Office.	
<i>1028</i>	9th.		<u>MONDAY</u> : One lorry load of Salvage was sent to Base. One Howitzer piece received from No. 4. Gun Park (rear) for 106th Howitzer Battery A.F.A. A.D.O.S. This Unit was notified and asked to collect same.	
<i>1028</i>	10th.		<u>TUESDAY</u> : Move to Distillery - Oisemont commenced at 8 am. Two lorries returned from Rouen and sent on to Oisemont. D.A.D.O.S. portion of move completed by noon. Two lorries were sent to Pont Remy to collect General Stores from Havre (three loads in all) Armourers move commenced in afternoon. New location - office, Distillery at Oisemont; store at Carpentier's Farm, Oisemont.	

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	<u>DECEMBER.</u>			
<u>OISEMONT</u>	11th	1918	<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> Two lorries were despatched to Pont Remy to clear Railhead, and two lorries to finish Armourers' move. Lorries reported from Pont Remy that no stores there. Armourers move finished by noon. No accommodation available for Armourers.	
	12th		<u>THURSDAY:</u> Accommodation arranged for Armourers in Distillery. Five men reported in connection with Trade Schools, - told to stand by till arrangements could be made for their accommodation, and Workshop started.	
	13th		<u>FRIDAY:</u> Three more men reported in connection with schools. Tailors' shop fixed up in an attic of the Cafe de la Gare. Stores and tools etc. received from Rouen sufficient to equip this school. Efforts are being made to obtain a sewing machine.	
	14th		<u>SATURDAY:</u> Lorry despatched to Rouen to obtain 2000 Towels, and also Grindery for Shoemakers' school. Two men of Bootmakers' school returned to Unit as they had no facilities to obtain instruction in "clicking".	
	15th		<u>SUNDAY:</u> One lorry despatched to Havre to obtain Cycle parts for instructional course - Cycle Mechanics.	
	16th		<u>MONDAY:</u> Lorry returned from Rouen to-night, reported no Grindery available at Base. Advice received that truck of Camp Equipment had been despatched from Calais - not yet to hand	
	17th		<u>TUESDAY:</u> Advice of 8 tons of stores from Havre. Calais truck not yet arrived. One lorry was sent to Workshops.	
	18th		<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> Truck of stores despatched to O.C. Corps Troops of 6th. F.A. Brigade, including Howitzer piece 2449. Two trucks of stores were cleared at Pont Remy. Lorry returned from Havre with Cycle parts.	
	19th.		<u>THURSDAY:</u> Conductor (Mr. Falconer) returned from Paris leave. Units called and collected stores available at Groups. One lorry load of Salvage returned to Salvage Dump ✓	
	20th		<u>FRIDAY:</u> Advice received of 8 tons of stores despatched from Havre. No stores collected from Railhead. Fortnightly pay was drawn.	
	21st		<u>SATURDAY:</u> One lorry was despatched to Rouen to collect Boots. These are urgently required by Units on account of the wet weather rendering so many unservicable. Troops were paid this afternoon.	
	22nd		<u>SUNDAY:</u> Blankets were delivered to Reinforcement Camp. No stores drawn from Railhead. D.A.D.O.S. proceeded to United Kingdom on 14 days leave. Weekly return of receipts of Australian Pattern Clothing forwarded to A.D.O.S.	
	23rd		<u>MONDAY:</u> Lorry returned from Rouen with load of 1000 pairs of boots.. Stores were distributed to Units from Groups.	
	24th		<u>TUESDAY:</u> The 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion inquired about Cooker to be condemned. Stores for	

