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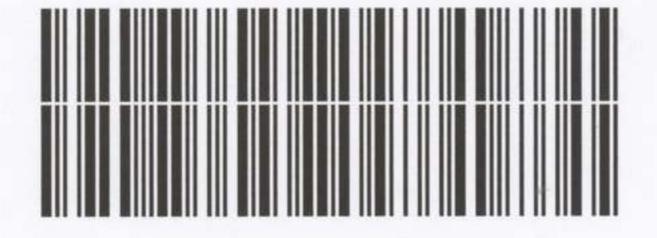
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	DECEN	BER.		
ALLERY	lst.	1918	SUNDAY: No stores at Railhead, Longpre - les - Corps Saints. Base wired and asked to expedite	
			delivery of Bags Nose and Grindery. A very quiet day, nothing of importance to record.	
4	2nd.		MONDAY: Lieut. J. J. Holden, D.A.D.O.S. Traines (attached) left for A.I.F. Headquarters	
			this morning. Advice of 7 tons of clothing etc., received from Rouen. Nothing at Railhead	
3	3rd.		and no stores held for Units. TUESDAY: No stores received, and nothing of importance happened.	
	4th.		WEDNESDAY: Units asking for stores to be hastened. Advice received from Base that stores	
92	20 0 44 6		are available, but that the shortage of trucks is acute. A wire from Ordnance 4th. Army	
7			was received, stating that from the 7th. inst. we would be based on Calais. W.O. Andrews	
			went on leave to United Kingdom.	
na -	5th.		THURSDAY: One truck load of stores comprising Boots, Clothing, and Grindery etc., was received	
040			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.	
	6+2	E X	Arm. Sgts. Wilson and Longthorn reported back from United Kingdom leave. FRIDAY: One G.S. Wagon received for 106th. Howitzer Battery, 6th. A.F.A. Brigade. Unit	
102	6th.		notified and asked to collect same from Railhead. D.A.D.O.S. went to Rouen and Havre Bases,	
600			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.	-
	7th.		SATURDAY: One lorry load of Salvage was sent to Base. Fourteen(14) wheels were received	
100			from Railhead (A.M.F.O.) The 6th. Army Brigade F.A. called and collected stores. Boots	
6000=	- N. II		Ankle and F.S., were urgently required by this Brigade, and approximately 500 pairs were	
(4)			issued. Many telegrams were received and answered to-day. Notice received that this	
	0.43		Unit is to move on the 10th. inst.	
128	8th.		SUNDAY: 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	
107.0			arrangements made for Store and Office.	
1	9th.		MONDAY: One lorry load of Salvage was sent to Base. One Howitzer piece received from	
123			No. 4. Gun Park (rear) for 106th Howitzer Battery A.F.A. A.D.O.S. This Unit was notified and	
100			asked to collect same.	
	10th.		TUESDAY: Move to Distillery - Oisemont commenced at 8 am. Two lorries returned from	
002			Rouen and sent on to Oisemont. D.A.D.O.S. portion of move completed by noon. Two lorries	
1000			were sent to Pont Remy to collect General Stores from Havre (three loads in all) Armourers	
	1 - 19	4	move commenced in afternoon. New location - office, Destillery at Oisemont; store at Carpentier 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2	
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	DECEM	Contraction of the Contraction o	WEDNESDAY: 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	
109	12th		move finished by noon. No accommodation available for Armourers. THURSDAY: Accommodation arranged for Armourers in Distillery. Five men reported in	
150			connection with Trade Schools, - told to stand by till arrangements could be made for their accommodation, and Workshop started.	
633	-13th		FRIDAY: 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.	
122	14th		SATURDAY: 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	
1000	15th		instruction in "clicking". SUNDAY: One lorry despatched to Hawre to obtain Cycle parts for instructional course -	
1099	16th		Cycle Mechanics. MONDAY: Lorry returned from Rouen to-night, reported no Grindery available at Base.	
123	17th		Advice received that truck of Camp Equipment had been despatched from Calais - not yet to hand THESDAY: Advice of 8 tons of stores from Havre. Calais truck not yet arrived. One	
7 10	18th		WEDNESDAY: Truck of stores despatched to O.O. Corps Troops of 6th. F.A. Brigade, including Howitzer piece 2449. Two trucks of stores were cleared at Pont Remy. Lorry returned from	
1993	19th		Havre with Cycle parts. THURSDAY: Conductor (Mr. Falconer) returned from Paris leave. Units called and collected	
1900	20th		stores available at Groups. One lorry load of Salvage returned to Salvage Dumpo	
1000	21st		from Railhead. Fortnightly pay was drawn. SATURDAY: One lorry was despatched to Rouen to collect Boots. These are urgently required	
Logic	00.1		by Units on account of the wet weather rendering so many unservicable. Troops were paid this afternoon.	
198	22nd		SUNDAY: 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.	
63	-23rd		MONDAY: Lorry returned from Rouen with load of 1000 pairs of boots Stores were distributed to Units from Groups.	
1633	24th		TUESDAY: The 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion inquired about Cooker to be condemned. Stores for	
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OISEMONS LOS LOS LOS LOS LOS LOS LOS	25th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st	1918	TUESDAY: - Units distributed. Boots held in Bulk. Conductor visited No. 8. Ordnance Depot Abbeville, and picked up one Axistree for 43rd Battalion, which lith Brigade advised was waitable. Arrangements made for Machine Gun Battalion to return travelling Kitchen to No. 8. Ordnance Workshop for condemnation or repair. Lists were forwarded to A.D.O.S. showing names of men willing to remain behind until completion of Demobolization. All preparations compton to enforce a Happy Ohristmas being spent by the Staff temorrow. WEDDESDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY Five tons of clothing reported consigned to D.A.D.O.S. from Rouen Base. An exceptionally good dinner was provided by the cocks, and was certainly done ample justice to by the troops. The various toasts were honoured and responded to, in the usual "Aussie" hearty style, and everyone enjoyed themselves to the uttermost. THURSDAY: BOXING DAY - The various returns for this date were made up and despatched Stores were Issued to Units from Groups. Lorry No.59 sent to Workshop with broken Chassis. Light Car broken down, sent to Workshop. For this date were made up and despatched Conductor went with lorry and returned at noon. Colonel Bruddy called this morning. SAUTURAY: Lorry No.63 had broken water jacket repaired at Workshop. Conductor went with lorry and returned at noon. Colonel Bruddy called this morning. SAUTURAY: For Freeman. A. sent back to 41st. Battalion on account of his being imsuitable for the work required. Returns for this date completed and despatched. Stores collected by Units from Groups. SUMDAY: Five tons of clothing and grindery received from Rouen Base. One truck of surplus stores from Field Ambulance despatched to Demobolization Depot Calais. MONDAY: APPHIGATIONS for employment in United Kingdom during Demobilization period completed. Conductor went to 10th Field Engineers. Units collected to Paris on leave. General cleaning up for the New Year. A very quiet day.	lete
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