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Supplies & Transport

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S. GARDENS	1-6-18		Spent for week, four on account of gas. S.O. 7 Bde reported A/S re forwarding supplies to front line. - Fresh meat & Veg. 6 Cookers situated at support lines, where hot meals are prepared & sent forward by carrying parties. Dry rations packed 7 to 10 in sandbags & sent up by linkers & carrying parties. Hot tea sent up nightly in petrol tins.	
	3-6-18		CAMON GARDENS heavily shelled.	
	4-6-18		CAMON GARDENS heavily shelled. Visited Aust Corps "A" re fruit at CAMON GARDENS and they would obtain instructions from 4 <sup>th</sup> Army	
	5-6-18		CAMON GARDENS heavily shelled. S+T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army advises for purposes of accounting Green Forage 1 Kilo = Hay 1 lb	
	8-6-18		S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported u.16 re method of forwarding supplies to Front Line - Per 1 <sup>st</sup> Line to supports thence per carrying parties. Rations packed in bags, containing from 6-12 rations. Hot meals are got up to front line as follows:- Cookers taken	

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ST. GRATIEN	8-6-18		<p>up at night, hot meals ready on arrival. Cookers situated near Transport Lines &amp; meals sent up hot in dixies. Cooked in dixies near support lines. Hot drinks provided in all cases. Vegetables cooked separately whenever possible. Water sent up in tins or water carts from Q.M. stores. Casualties NIL</p> <p>S.O. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported re forwarding supplies to Front Line:- Cooked at Transport Lines in cookers, put into Tins, which are transported in Chambers of fore portion of cookers, to retain heat. Dry rations sent up in bags containing from 6 to 8 rations. The whole are taken per transport to about 500 yds of line &amp; met by carrying parties. When Bns in support, cookers are situated near Support Line. Vegetables cooked in stews. Water supply abundant from river in forward area. Casualties NIL</p> <p>S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported A.15 re forwarding supplies to Front Line:- Some cooked at Transport Lines in cookers &amp; sent up hot in tins per Limbers. Some cooked in cookers situated near Support Lines. In both cases carrying parties meet Limbers, or cookers, &amp; convey to Front Line. At times cookers convey meals from Transport Lines to Support Lines. Dry</p>	

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ST. GRATIEN	8-6-18		rations packed in sand bags, containing from 6 to 8. Hot drinks provided. Water supplied in water-carts, which go to point near supports. Tommy cookers & solidified alcohol utilised for heating tea, & making cocoa. Casualties Nil	
	11-6-18		Aust Corps "Q" consulted on telephone re strawberries from CAMON GARDENS and they instructed they were to be issued to Field Ambulances pending further instructions.	
	14-6-18		Consequent on relief of Division and move of 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde, 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Group refilling point changed to RIVERY. Sheet 62 D. M. 2. b.	
ALLONVILLE	16-6-18		T. H. Q moved to ALLONVILLE. S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported on forwarding supplies to Front Line: Train transport refilling-point to O.M. Stores. In the case of 2 Bns, cookers situated near Support Line. Rations taken up by Limbers. Thence per carrying parties at night. The other 2 Bns, hot meals prepared in cookers at Transport Lines, the meals being sent forward at night in fore portion of cooker, & dry rations in rear portion of a limber attached to fore portion of cooker. From support line, per carrying parties.	

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ALLONVILLE	16-6-18		dry rations packed in sand bags containing from 7 - 14 rations. Water supplied by water carts. Tommy cookers & Sol alcohol utilised for heating tea & making cocoa & milk casualties NIL.	
	17-6-18		Green Forage. S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde reports available at Fm 3-00 to 3-40 per 100 Kilos. S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde. Fm 5-00 per 100 Kilos. S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Fm 4-00 per 100 Kilos.	
	18-6-18		Green Forage. Note No 4034/D.A. by G.H.A. French mission & 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Q 2308 received and copies issued to all Supply Officers per T.R.O. 761. para 5. 18/6/18. Copy also attached hereto.	
	23-6-18		Recommended to C.O. Train that S.Q.M.S. Hogan may receive an immediate reward in recognition of services rendered while in charge of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Section of CAMON. GARDENS.	
	25-6-18	4-pm	attended D.H.Q. and fixed Supply arrangements for move of Division	
	26-6-18	4-0pm	arranged handing over with S.S.O. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Div.	
	27-6-18		Consequent on move of Division 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde refilling point changed to Sheet 62 D. M. 4. C. 5. 9. Rations dumped 7-am by M.T. (drawn Rhd 26 <sup>th</sup> ) refill 10-am.	

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ALLONVILLE	27-6-18		Strawberries & such other Fruit as may from time to time become available at gardens near AMIENS will be reserved for use of C.C.S.'s. To be gathered & handed over to O/c Army Section of CAMON GARDENS, who will forward to C.C.S.'s N.C.O. of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Section of gardens instructed, also to obtain A.B. 55 receipted at end of each period. Aust Corps 180/132. 26-6-18.	
	27-6-18		Following wire to S.T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army on 24 <sup>th</sup> . S.561. "Authority requested to purchase milk at 50 centimes per litre and Eggs at 40 centimes each for med Comforts as unobtainable at lower price. Reply received 27-6-18 per S.T. S/29. 27/6/18 "Correct"	
	27-6-18		Lieut Cox relinquished duties of S.O. Div Troops "B" group on group being transferred to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Div	
	28-6-18		Lieut Rutherford assumed duties of S.O. Div Troops "B" group on group being handed over from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Div	
	28-6-18		Railhead changed to AILLY-sur-SOMME. Time of loading 6-am. Pack Train short 4000 men, 20,000 lbs Oats & 20,000 lbs Hay. The following are the transfers consequent on Division taking over the Right Sector of the Line, affecting Railhead 28 <sup>th</sup> inst.	

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ALLONVILLE	28-6-18		From 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Troops group (Div art) 63 <sup>rd</sup> Labor group, + 16 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.H.A. 96 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. left for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army on 27 <sup>th</sup> inst, & rations demanded on A.F. W. 3317 for R'head 27 <sup>th</sup> inst were written off by R.S.O. From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div. "K" Siege Park, 14 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.F.A., 23 <sup>rd</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A. 179 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div Troops group (Div art).	
	28-6-18	19/30am	Visited Aust Corps "Q" & informed them of shortage on Pack Train as above.	
		8-am	Supplies drawn from Railhead <sup>by M.T.</sup> & dumped at Refilling Points. Time of refilling 10 am. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde R.P. M.10. d.8.6. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde R.P. M.9. d.8.6. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div Troops R.P. G36. a.6.3	
		3-0p	Took over Fuel Dump from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div at Stret 62 D. M10. d.8.4.	
		3-30p	Handed over Fuel Dump to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div at QUERRIEU.	
		9-30p	Phoned S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army re Shortage on Pack Train, also re weights of potatoes received from Railhead. 7 days weighed. Railhead weights 29525 lbs. actual weights 27593 lbs shortage 1932 lbs = 3864 rations.	
	29-6-18		Commencing today 2000 lbs Fresh Vegetables will be obtained from CAMON GARDENS.	
		10-am	D.H.A. closed at COISY and opened at GLISY.	
			23 <sup>rd</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A. draw from Pack for last time. On 30 <sup>th</sup> inst	

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ALLONVILLE	29-6-18		draw from 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div Pack Train at same Railhead as per Aust Corps 158/649 of 28 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
			S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reports on rations going up to Front Line. Transport from R.P. to Q.M. Store (Train G.S. Wagons) Broken up into companies & forwarded a further 10. Kilometres per 1 <sup>st</sup> Line (Limbers). Cooking done over open fires except in one case, where cooker is used. Hot meals are prepared & sent forward by carrying parties at night. Dry rations packed in bags from 7-10 as required. Sol alcohol used for heating tea & making cocoa etc. Losses from Shell Fire etc NIL	
	1-7-18		Major H.A. Nugent. D.S.O. S.S.O leave to U.K. Capt G.W. J. Blackman takes over duties of S.S.O.	
	5-7-18		} as per D.D.S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army C.R. 1848 4/7/18 and Aust Corps 86/181. 65,000 lbs Oats drawn from Railhead were dumped at LA. FOLIE. RESERVE DUMP and equivalent quantity reloaded for issue to groups. Reason, to turn over Oats on RESERVE DUMP.	
	6-7-18			
	7-7-18		179 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A. draw for last time from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Pack Train	



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ALLONVILLE	7-7-18		Rations drawn today for consumption 9 <sup>th</sup> inst. Moving to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army as per Aust Corps order No 125. 5/7/18.	
	7-7-18		S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported A.50 of 6/7/18 re transport of rations to the line. Train Supply Wagons to Q.M. Stores, thence per 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Tapt. Cooking done forward. Only one unit using cookers, others using open fires & dishes. Taken up to front line at night per carrying parties. Dry Rations packed in Sand bags containing from 7 to 10 rations. Hot meals taken by carrying parties in Food containers & P. Tins. Casualties NIL.	
	8-7-18		S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported re transport of rations to the line. Per Train Tapt to Q.M. Stores. Cookers at Tapt Lines. Hot meals sent forward by 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Tapt in Tins packed in straw. Carrying parties from 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Tapt to front line. Dry rations in sand-bags averaging 8 per bag. water supplied to cookers per water cart, & sent further forward in tins.	
	10-7-18		When cut clover is requisitioned this should be reckoned at 1. Kilo Green Forge = 1 lb. Hay. D.D.S.T. A.F 10/1/29 of 9-7-18.	
	13-7-18		Loading railroad changed to 11-am. Still per M.T. Dumped at 1 pm.	
	14-7-18		A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14. Communicated S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Accounts Branch re payment to maire of Commune <sup>from</sup> Forage handed over to him by owners who have evacuated, to be sold. authorise payment to maire of Commune, AFW 3399 to be endorsed to that effect by maire	

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ALLONVILLE	14-7-18		Pack Train for 15 <sup>th</sup> to arrive LAMOTTE-BREBIÈRE by 11 pm. H.T. to be used for all except "K" Siege Park. Off loading to be commenced immediately & train cleared early as possible. R.S.O. SALEUX to work Supplies.	
	15-7-18		Pack Train did not arrive LAMOTTE BREBIÈRE night of 14/15. Off Loaded at SALEUX 11 am by M.T.	
	16-7-18		Pack Train arrived LAMOTTE-BREBIÈRE 11 pm 15 <sup>th</sup> inst Off Loading commenced 11-30 pm. Completed 2 am 16-7-18. All groups by H.T. except K. Siege Park. Commenced collecting Hay from Forward area, which is being cut from Defence Systems. To be issued as Hay ration & written off on A.F.W. 3316	
LAMOTTE	16-7-18		2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div "A" 63/74 3/7/18 T.H.A. closed ALLONVILLE 10 am / opened LAMOTTE 12 noon. Major H.A. Nugent D.S.O. returned from leave U.K. Capt Blackman resumed duty with 15 <sup>th</sup> Coy AASC. O.C.	
LAMOTTE	17-7-18		Pack Train arrived 1 am Off Loading completed 2-30 am.	
	18-7-18		Pack Train arrived 1 am Off Loading completed 2-45 am.	
			"K" Siege Park transferred to 4 <sup>th</sup> Aus Div Pack. 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 86 <sup>th</sup> Army Brigades R.F.A. transferred from 4 <sup>th</sup> Div Pack to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Pack taking effect railhead night of	

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LAMOTTE	18-7-18		17/18 July. Pack for 18 <sup>th</sup> July. Army Bde R.F.A. to draw by Horse Transport Aus Corps. Admin Inctr No 218. 16/7/18. 5/597.	
	18-7-18		Following wire from A. Corps. Q 734. "Following from fourth army begins raa in accordance with Army Council's instruction hay ration will be reduced by 1 lb with effect from July 21 <sup>st</sup> .	
	20-7-18		Transfers affecting Pack Train 20 <sup>th</sup> inst 23 <sup>rd</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div, 298 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div	
	21-7-18		Visited AIRINES. C.P.B. to enquire for Vendors of Fresh Vegetables. Following from S+T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army "Wire me each Friday commencing 26 <sup>th</sup> inst reqts fresh Vegs ex S.P.D. PARIS.	
			S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde u/89 reports re Rations for units in line. Per 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Tpt to Supports thence carrying parties. Number rations per bay 4-14. (a) Hot meals sent up in Dishes & containers. (b) Cooked in Cookers in Forward area & served direct to men. (c) Cooked at Transport Lines & sent forward by 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Tpt & carrying parties to m.g. Positions. (d) a cooker has been improvised in front line from Oil Drums filled with sand, fat, & m.B.O. used to heat M+V & cooked foods. Sol alcohol used to heat drinks	

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LAMOTTE	28-7-18		<p>S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde reports re method of transport of rations to Front Line. Per Train Tapt to Q.M. Stores thence per 1<sup>st</sup> Line Tapt to Support Lines. On from there per carrying parties. No of rations per bag 4-14. Hot meals provided as follows. (a) Cooked in rear &amp; carried in dixies &amp; food containers. (b) Cooked in cookers in forward area &amp; served direct to men there (c) Cooked at Tapt Lines &amp; sent forward by 1<sup>st</sup> Line Tapt &amp; carrying parties to men in M.G. Positions (d) meals heated in front line with Sol alcohol &amp; Tommy Cookers. Cooker also improvised from Oil Drums containing sand, dust, fat, &amp; M.B.O. Hot drinks provided in all cases. Veggies cooked in stews, &amp; also served separately at times. Water sent up in water carts from Rear. to Supports &amp; thence in tins.</p> <p>Casualties NIL</p>	
	28-7-18		<p>S.O. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reports on mode of Tapt of Rations to Front Line. Cookers in Supports, &amp; rations served direct to units there. Units in line, rations sent forward at Night per carrying parties, in containers &amp; Patrol Tins. Dry Rations packed in bags in lots of 8. Rations for M.G. Teams are sent up from Transport Lines in lots for each team, about 10 rations, and cooked at gun position with the aid of Primus Stoves. Veggies are cooked in Stews. Water sent up in</p> <p>A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. &amp; L. Forms/C./2118/14. Patrol Tins. Casualties NIL.</p>	

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LAMOTTE	29-7-18		affecting Railhead 29 <sup>th</sup> inst. 86 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. transferred to 58 <sup>th</sup> Div, and 6 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde Aux F.A. transferred from 5 <sup>th</sup> Aus Div.	
	31-7-18		N.C.O. of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div area CAMON GARDENS reports. Land prepared for planting 20.59 chains. Planted 10,900 Cabbage Plants. Sown N14. for period 22 to 31 <sup>st</sup> July. Owing to Plage of insects (flies) estimated loss of 8000 Cabbage Plants (newly planted) and all Turnips sown.	
	31-7-18		Commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Troops Refilling Time to be 7 pm. Rations delivered en-route to Railhead.	
	3-8-18		Interviewed D.A.D.S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army regard to irregular arrival of Pack Train and he will see Traffic. Also with regard to Vegs for Americans. S+T 2039 1/8/18, and no action was to be taken thereon.	
	4-8-18		New mown Hay & Bya Straw will constitute part of the glb flat rate, and will not be issued in excess of that amount <sup>S+T</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Army C.R. 2004 3/8/18 Ref G.P.O. 4613. Following prices of Rations as per S+T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army G3/1/135. 31-7-18 & Aus Corps 180/139 3/8/18. Field Ration 2/5 L of C Ration 2/- Forage 3/3 1/2. Commencing July 1-1918.	
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LAMOTTE	4-8-18		Fuel Wood allotted to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div for August 60 tons. Draw from No. 708 Labour Coy BACQUEL Station. Notify Aus Corps @ 5 days before allotment expended. Aus Corps 88/224 3/8/18.	
	4-8-18		S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde reports U/105 on Rations to front Line. Per 1 <sup>st</sup> Line to supports thence per carrying Parties. No of rations per bag 4-14. Hot meals. Carried up in Dishes & containers. Cooked in cookers in forward area & served there. Cooked in Tapt Lines & sent forward by 1 <sup>st</sup> Line & carrying Parties to men in M.G. Positions. Meals heated in Front Line with Sol alcohol. Tommy Cookers & improvised heaters made from Oil Drums filled with Fat, M.B.O. & Sandust. Hot drinks always provided. Veggies cooked chiefly in stews. Water sent up in Water Carts to supports thence per Trins. Casualties NIL	
	4-8-18		S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reports re Rations to front Line. Bns <sup>near Tapt Line</sup> cook in cookers. M.G. crews cook their own in positions with aid of Primus Stoves. Bns in Line cook rations in Dishes in forward area. Veggies chiefly used in Rissoles. Water supplied in Petrol Trins. Bns in Line send hot meals forward in Petrol Trins & Containers. Casualties NIL	
	5-8-18		Railhead LAMOTTE BREBIERE. Time 12-30 am (23 tons coal ret'd on Truck to Base)	
	6-8-18		--- -- -- -- -- 12-30 am	
	6-8-18		--- for Pack for 7-8-18. 11 pm	

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LAMOTTE	6-8-18		Lieut Cox takes over duties of S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.	
	8-8-18		H.C.O. of 2 <sup>nd</sup> am Div area CAMON. gardens reports. Land prepared 8. sq chain. Planted 2,400 Lettuce Plants. 1,200 Cabbage Plants. Sown Onion Seed 2 lbs Radish Seed 5 lbs Cabbage Seed 2 lbs Turnip Seed 7 lbs Carrot Seed 6 lbs. Lettuce Seed 1 1/2 lbs. Estimated No. of Plants destroyed by Flies. 4000 Cabbage Plants during period. The following mixtures were used to try and rid plants of Flies. Tobacco Water. Kerosene & Soap. 1 Pt Acetic to 2 galls water. Aus Corps Farms Officer notified when visiting, a sprayer would be sent.	
	8-8-18		Inf Brigade Tapt Lines situated 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. O. 16. C. 5. 3. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. O. 13. d. 8. 5. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. O. 32. a. clockface. Assault Pattern Bis 1 lb PM. 1 Tin Tea 1/2 oz Sugar 2 oz, issued to all assaulting troops from Gen Purpose Assault Patterns	
	8-8-18		Took over approx 150 Tons Coal at VILLERS BRETONNEUX from Salvage in Factory Rue-de-HAMEGET	
	9-8-18		Rail Road LAMOTTE Time 6-30 am by H.T. S.O. Div Troops to act as S.O. D.T's "B" group from this date. 5, 6, & 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde groups Refilling Points LAMOTTE	
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VILLERS BRETONNEUX Sheet 62-D. O.27. a.1.4	10-8-18		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Div T.H.Q. close at LAMOTTE 9-am reopon VILLERS BRETONNEUX at 11-am</p> <p>Location Sheet 62 D. O.27. a.1.4</p> <p>Railhead CORBIE. Time 7-30 am by H.T. <sup>Amtrak 0756</sup> ^ Consequent of move of Div</p> <p>Refill; Points change to 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde P23. a. cont. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde O.15.4.3.7. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde O.26. d. 6.5. 2<sup>nd</sup> ans Div Troops O.18. b. 8.5. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde "B" front LAMOTTE CHURCH</p> <p>Units not moved forward formed into 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. "B" front</p>	
10-8-18		<p>Handed over Fuel Dump CAMON to S.S.O. 4<sup>th</sup> ans Div. Coal 200 tons Coke 5 Tons Charcoal 2 tons. Task over approx 200 tons Coal <sup>and 15 Tons Charcoal.</sup> from 2<sup>nd</sup> ans Div Salvage at GUILLAUCOURT. Sheet 62 D. W.8 d.9.1.</p>		
10-8-18		<p>Complaints having been received that number of loaves of Bread in bags were short, the bags of 5, 6, 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde groups &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> ans D.T.'s front received 2-8-18 to 8-8-18 were checked &amp; resulted as follows. A shortage of 48 loaves on the whole period of 7 days</p>		
11-8-18		<p>S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde per G.14 of 11<sup>th</sup> inst reported on rations to units in line. Per First line Troop from Q.M. Stores to Cookers, situated behind Bn H.Q. then forward to Bn H.Q. by 1<sup>st</sup> line &amp; on to Front Line per carrying parties. Some cookers were situated <sup>immediately</sup> A behind front line and hot meals served direct to men in Trenches. Number of rations</p>		

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX	11-8-18		<p>packed in each bag 4-14. Hot meals got up as follows:- (a) In Dishes and food containers (b) cooked in cookers immediately behind front line &amp; served direct to men in Trenches (c) cooked at Trench Lines &amp; sent forward by 1<sup>st</sup> Line Trench &amp; carrying parties to men in M.G. Positions. (d) Food heated in Front Line with cookers &amp; Sal alcohol. Hot drinks provided in all units. Veggies cooked in stews &amp; also separately. Water sent up from Q.M. Stores in Tins and Water Bottles by 1<sup>st</sup> Line Trench &amp; carrying parties. all water is chlorinated. Casualties 3.</p>	
	13-8-18		<p>On 12<sup>th</sup> inst, the coal 150 tons at VILLERS BRETONNEUX and 200 tons at GUILLAUCOURT, reported as taken on charge from Salvage on 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> insts respectively was found unsuitable for use, being all slack and when burnt giving off dense masses of smoke. In one instance the Battery cookers had to be moved. Under these circumstances it was decided not to use it. D.P.S &amp; T notified per S/321 of 13<sup>th</sup> inst per C.O. Train personally, and 10 tons daily ordered on pack train. 20 tons coal obtained from S.S.O. 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div this day &amp; dumped at all Refilling Points.</p>	
	14-8-18		<p>Transfers affecting Rhead 14<sup>th</sup> inst. 2<sup>nd</sup> ans D.T's "B" front to 4<sup>th</sup> ans Div. 298 Army Bde R.F.A. 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. A.F.A. 4<sup>th</sup> ans Div to 2<sup>nd</sup> ans D.T's "B" front 5<sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.H.A. 12<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. A.F.A. Refilling Points of Army Bdes on Div Troops "B" front</p>	

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX	14-8-18		14 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde RFA. O.11. C.4. 12 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde AFA O.7 C.3.5. 5 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde PFA K21.C.9.2. all sheet 62.D.	
	14-8-18		Ground prepared, planted & sown during period 8 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> inst at CAMON Gardens 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div area. Prepared 10 sq. chain. Planted 2100 Lettuce Plants. Sown Onion seed 2 lbs. Lettuce Seed 4 lbs. Cabbage Seed 6 lbs. all cabbage plants have been killed with insects Lettuce been cleared of weeds.	
	14-8-18		Charcoal 15 tons reported to be at GUILLAUCOURT by Salvage, & to be taken on charge on Fuel Summary p.c. 14-8-18, not to be found at location given, so for this reason was not taken on charge.	
	15-8-18		Transfers affecting Rhead this day. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Art Group to S.S.O. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div. 58 <sup>th</sup> Div art group from S.S.O. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div.	
	16-8-18		Railhead Time changed. Loading commences 6-45 am. Order of drawing 1. 58 <sup>th</sup> Div art group 2, 3, & 4, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , & 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde groups 5. D.T.'S "B" 6. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde "B" 15 minutes between groups.	
	18-8-18		Consequent on move of Div, D.H.A units formed into one group (5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde group) Supplies for this group <sup>to be</sup> drawn from Rhead by H.T, carried in Coy Lines over night, loaded	

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX	18-8-18		<p>on to M.T. <sup>1000</sup> the following morning, dumped &amp; Issued one hour later at Church ALLONVILLE. Units of 5<sup>th</sup> Bde "B" front as for Rhead 17<sup>th</sup> inst, all transferred to other Bde groups, affecting Rhead 18<sup>th</sup> inst</p>	
	18-8-18		<p>S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde 9.25 reported on Rations to units in line. Per 1<sup>st</sup> Line Tapt to cookers situated in rear of Trenches, except in one instance, a few Fires being used immediately behind Trenches. No carrying parties required. Food cooked in dishes &amp; containers at cookers &amp; cookhouses, &amp; served direct to men there. Hot drinks proved in all units. Vegs cooked in stems, chiefly, but at times separately. Water sent up in water carts from Q.M. Stores. all chlorinated. Casualties NIL.</p>	
	18-8-18		<p>S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported on rations to units in line. Per Train Tapt to Q.M. Stores, where rations are broken up into companies &amp; sent forward by 1<sup>st</sup> Line Tapt to cookers in Supports a distance of about 5. Kilometres, where for meat, vegs, stems etc are prepared &amp; sent forward by carrying parties to front line. Distance abt 1. Kilometre. Hot meals sent forward in Food Containers, &amp; Tea in Patrol Trins. Tamy Cookers &amp; Sol Alcohol are used for heating Cold Tea &amp; making Cocoa &amp; milk etc. Casualties NIL</p>	
VECQUEMONT.	19-8-18	9-30 am.	<p>T.H.Q. Moved from VILLERS. B. location Rue-de-VACHE Sheet 62D. M.12. a.5.8.</p>	

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VECVEMONT	20-8-18		Transfer affecting Rhead 20 <sup>th</sup> inst. 58 <sup>th</sup> Div Art group to S.S.O. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Div. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Art group from S.S.O. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Div. Times of loading at Rhead. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde 6-45. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde "B" 7-am. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde 7-15 am. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde 7-30 am. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ans D.T.'s "B" 7-45-. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ans D.T.'s 8-am.	
	21-8-18		Refilling Points & Tapt Lines of Army Bdes. <sup>Sheet 62 D</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.H.A. R.P. 1.36 a. 40.30. Tapt Lines I 27. C. 2. 4. 14 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. R.P. 0.11. C. 3.0. Tapt P.30. C. 8.3. 12 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A. R.P. 6. C. 0.0. Tapt P.6. C. 0.0. Refill Pt 2 <sup>nd</sup> ans Div Troops. 0.18. a. 5.9. time 10.am.	
	21-8-18		Capt Gibbins, S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde, proceeded on leave to U.K. Lieut L. Hoakes takes over duties of S.O.	
	23-8-18		Lieut E.R. Cox S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde & 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.T.'s "B" group proceeded on leave to U.K. Capt E.L. Medlyn takes over duties of S.O. S.O.'s asked to report percentage of Flour in lieu of Bread units would like to draw, on one day per week, the result being 20% through the Div. & that quantity demanded weekly on Form X.	
	23-8-18		N.C.O. of Canon gardens (2 <sup>nd</sup> ans Div area) reports for period ending 21 <sup>st</sup> inst, on Landed. planted prepared etc. Prepared 8 sq chains. Planted. 4750 Lettuce Plants Sown NIL.	

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VECVEMONT	25-8-18.		Capt E.L. Medlyn S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde to T.H.Q. Lieut Frankel takes over duties of S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.	
	25-8-18.		A.R.O. 2419 re. Requisition of poor quality Darts in Forward Area. Copy attached also 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans D.H.Q 63/81. Copy of requisition note & all details to be supplied to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans D.H.Q.	
	26.8.18		S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army <sup>A662</sup> replied to 5321 of 15 <sup>th</sup> inst. Informing weight of cabbage 4320 Kilo. " " asked (5623) if cucumbers as available in lieu of tomatoes could be taken. Replied nil as vegetables issue was overissued.	
			Aust Corps advised 9828 railhead GUILLAUCOURT commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> inst drawing night 27/28.	
	27.8.18		Capt. E.L. MEDLYN took over duties of R.O. vice LT. HARRISON proceeded on leave.	
			Saw R.S.O. GUILLAUCOURT, railhead time midnight 27/28. All Coys advised T1061 also AFA & RFA Bde.	
			Locations of Coys and Refilling Points. - Sheet 62 P. 15 <sup>th</sup> Coy - Q16 C 7 3 <sup>2.0 PM</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> Coy Q16 d 8 8 <sup>2.0 PM</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Coy Q10 C 22 <sup>2.0 PM</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> Coy W14 C 9 0 <sup>10.0 AM</sup>	

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HAMEL.	27.8.18		<p>THQ closed at VECQUEMONT 12 noon and re-opened vicinity HAMEL. Sheet 62° P 9 a 5. 4.</p>	
			<p>D.H.Q. located at Sheet 62° Q 13 a 3 6</p> <p>Wired Aust. Corps in reply to Q 951 the locations of refilling points; further alterations to be reported by wire.</p>	
			<p>Arranged with Aust. Corps to transfer 105 Labor Coy, and Tom Major HAMELET to No. 6 A.M.T. Coy.</p>	
			<p>Attended railhead GUILLEAUCOURT at midnight. Issue completed 4.0 AM except 16<sup>th</sup> Coy ASC who collected supplies 7.0 AM.</p>	
"	28.8.18		<p>Arranged railhead time 29<sup>th</sup> inst to be 7.0 AM. Inserted in T.R.Q.s and Army Bde Arty. advised.</p>	
			<p>D.O.S.T 4<sup>th</sup> Army advised railhead LA FLAQUE on 29<sup>th</sup> inst. to which railhead R.S.O. VILLERS BRETTONEUX was proceeding.</p> <p>Ascertained<sup>57</sup> from R.S.O railhead time 4.0 AM. Advised Corps and 3 Army Bdes.</p>	
			<p>Asked Q Aust Corps to whom 50 tons Coal at FOULLOY may be handed.</p>	

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Midway between MERICOURT & PLOYART	29.8.18		Railhead LA FLAQUE - Time of drawing 4.0 AM. THQ closed at HAMEL 8.30 AM and re-opened at Sheet 62° R7 d 4 2. at 10.0 AM	
			Locations of Refilling Points. 5th 1 Bde. Sheet 62° R 8 a 2 6 at 11.0 AM 6 " " " R 7 c central " 11.0 AM 7 " " " R 7 c " " 11.0 AM Dns Troops. " " " " " 2.0 PM.	
		2.0 PM	15 <sup>th</sup> Coy ASC moved to vicinity of CAPPY. Sheet 62° R 8 a 2 6 Aust. Corps (G201) advised commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> Army Art Bde. will draw from 32 <sup>nd</sup> Div. Park at GUILLAUCOURT and 22 <sup>nd</sup> Arty Bde. (subsequently ascertained should have read 23 <sup>rd</sup> ) from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. Park at LA FLAQUE. Weid figures to 5.5.0. 32 <sup>nd</sup> Div. and received wire from him, giving strength of 23 <sup>rd</sup> Army Bde.	
			Railhead time for 30 <sup>th</sup> inst. changed to 7.30 AM - all units advised. Aust. Corps advised location of Refilling Points on 29 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
		5.0 PM	17 <sup>th</sup> Coy ASC moved to vicinity of CAPPY. Sheet 62° R 29 central. Locations of other than Dns units. No 6 Forway RE G19 A 6 2. 13 ALH Rpt. G24 C 2 6 1 <sup>st</sup> San. Sect. R 20 a 9 1.	
			D. D. S. T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army advised in future it will be necessary to receive demand for S. P. D. Vegetables on Fridays not later than 12 noon. S.T. 228.	
			Rec'd DOST 4 Army No. 95 Circular re Issues of rations on repayment.	



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Sheet 62 <sup>o</sup> R7d 42	30.8.18		Railhead LA FLAQUE - time of drawing 7.30 AM. Locations of Refilling Points. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Sheet 62 <sup>c</sup> G 28 a 6 4 at 11.0 AM ECLUSIER 6 <sup>th</sup> " " 62 <sup>c</sup> R 7 c centre " 11.0 AM midway MERICOURT & PROYART. 7 <sup>th</sup> " " 62 <sup>c</sup> G 21 d 8 0 " 11.0 AM ECLUSIER Dwt Troops " 62 <sup>c</sup> R 14 a 5 3 " 2.0 PM - PROYART	in vicinity of
"		1.30 PM	T.H.Q. closed at R7d 42 and re-opened 2.30 PM at Sheet 62 <sup>c</sup> G 22 d 3 8. - vicinity of ECLUSIER.	
			20 <sup>th</sup> ASC Hdqrs Coy moved to vicinity of ECLUSIER - Sheet 62 <sup>c</sup> G 22 d 3 8. Runt issued to 7 A.I. Bde authority. Aust. Corps "Q" 88/230 received asking estimate of fuel wood Sept. Rped 50 tons.	
ECLUSIER	31.8.18		Railhead LA FLAQUE - time of drawing 7.30 AM. Dwt Troops Refilling Point changed to Sheet 62 <sup>c</sup> G 21 b 5 6 vicinity ECLUSIER. 12 <sup>th</sup> Army A.F. A Bde. not at railhead to draw supplies 7.30 AM. S37 to Bde to expedite. S.O. No. 2 AMT Coy reported supplies not drawn 11.0 AM. Rec'd O.M. 116 (50.A.H.8) advising supplies not drawn and asking location of railhead etc. S44 in reply. Arty. supply officer of Bde. called at my office at 6.0 P.M. re supplies. Stated that supplies were not collected as usual as he was waiting for further advice. Informed	

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ECLUSIER	31.8.18		<p>him he had received his orders, which he had acted on on 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> inst. He stated he would endeavor to shift 2 days' supplies from Rullhead on 1<sup>st</sup> prox.</p> <p>Issue of Rum to 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde approved by D.H.Q. S38 to S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde.</p> <p>Rationing of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div Baths Detachment MORCOURT &amp; Salvage Coy.</p> <p>WARFUSEE taken over by 1<sup>st</sup> Aus. Div. First issue Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> <small>dust Cpls. 8406 S501'0w. S582</small></p> <p>Rec'd Q315 from 'G' Corps advising 40 tons Coal at FOULLOY will be taken over by CTMT. Coy on 31<sup>st</sup> and accounted in this period.</p> <p>Subsequently S585 agreed to be accounted for in period 1/7<sup>th</sup> Sept.</p> <p>S.T. 4<sup>th</sup> Army wired biscuit cake not available at base S707.</p> <p>Rec'd P.O. S.T. 4<sup>th</sup> Army No. 95 - reference issues on repayment.</p> <p>S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported on mode of transport and treatment of supplies to the line. First line transport to cookers situated in vicinity of Bn. HQs thence per carrying parties. Number of rations per bag 4-14 meals cooked at cookers and sent forward cold. Food heated in front line with cookers and solidified alcohol. Hot drinks are</p>	

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ECWUSIER	31.8.18		<p>provided in all units. Vegetables are cooked in stews and also served separately. Since the units have commenced advancing rapidly vegetables have been cooked and sent forward cold and served with cold meat. Water is sent forward by carrying parties, the receptacles being tins &amp; water bottles. All water is chlorinated. No loss of supplies have been reported through enemy action.</p>	
"	1.9.18		<p>Railhead LA FLAQUE 7.30 AM.          6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Refilling Point changed to Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> G 21 a 49 at 11.0 AM          Rec'd Misc G. D.O.S. &amp; T 4<sup>th</sup> Army - X &amp; Y forms to be handed to the RSO daily.          Rec'd G B 92 from 2 D.H.G. advising Railhead tomorrow will be MERIGNOLLES R 8, from where supplies will be taken forward by light railway to G 28; time not yet known. <sup>6.0 PM. Capt. G. advised for food Regiments probably not available. HT to land pending further instructions.</sup>          10.30 PM. D.A.G.M.G. advised HT would draw at MERIGNOLLES 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. and to arrange with light railway Coy for transport on 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.          Refilling points for attached artillery to be worked to Aust Coy. G 388.          S 62 in reply All army Bde. refill at railhead</p>	

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ECLUSIER	1/9/18		<p>Wned (566) Aust Corps' G<sup>n</sup> - may cannon BAROENS be handed over to another formation and party relieved.</p> <p>S. O. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported on mode of transporting supplies to the line. By G.S. wagons to G.M. Store where rations are broken up, and sent to cooker positions on limbers a distance of from 2 1/2 to 3 Kilometres in the case of 3 Bn. and the Cookers in transport lines in the case of the other Bn. where Fresh Meat, Vegetables, Ruskies Stews Bacon, etc. are prepared and sent forward by carrying parties to units in the line a distance of about one kilometre. In the case of one Bn. whose cookers are in the transport lines, the prepared meals are sent forward about 2 kilometres in forward portion of cooker, and rear portion of limbered G.S. Wagon. Food containers are used for rations. Petrol tins for tea. Water is sent up from cooker position in Petrol tins. Tommy cookers are utilised for heating cold tea and making cocoa - milk etc. Loss from shell fire 114.</p> <p>S. O. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reported supplies taken forward by limbers, with exception of Mts, in which case by pack. Prepared in lots.</p>	

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"	2/9/18	7.15 PM	<p>Attended MERIGNOLLES railhead. Pack not arrived. Ascertained pack was at LA FLAQUE, and sent H.T. there to draw. R.T.O. LA FLAQUE received word <sup>after pack had been cleared</sup> from Army that pack was to be sent to MERIGNOLLES.</p>	
			<p>12<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde. did not put in an appearance at either railhead. Wired them. Officer from Bde saw me at 1.0 PM, and explained he had received wire that railhead time would be 7.30 PM - which was a error in transmission of message.</p>	

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ECLUSIER	2/9/18		<p>5<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R. H. A. HQ Rear W. Line R106 central G14 c 9 7 Sheet 62<sup>c</sup>                      23<sup>rd</sup> " " R. F. A. Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> N 15 &amp; 7 2 R 11 Central " 62<sup>d</sup>                      12<sup>th</sup> " " A. F. A. " " N 10 6 M 11 L 5 8 " 62<sup>e</sup></p> <p>He would send transport to collect supplies waiting under guard at                      LAFLAQUE.</p> <p>Rec'd QB 98 from 2 D HQ. authorising issue of rum to 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Bdes. SO3 advised                      Rec'd QB 64 from O HQ. advising railhead for 4<sup>th</sup> inst. FROISSY. Hence                      by light railway to Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> G 28 a. Inserted in TRCS and Army                      Bdes. F.A. advised. S 74 to SO. No. 2 AMT Coy. Subsequently                      ascertained from Capt. Lt. Rway Coy - supplies could be dumped                      at sidings at G 21 a. Units advised.</p>	
	3/9/18	7.45 PM	<p>Pack train arrived at MERIGNOLLES and not FROISSY as advised                      Supplies for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Bdes &amp; Div Troops, and 12<sup>th</sup> AFN Bde conveyed                      by light railway to Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> G 21 a. 5<sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.H.A.                      and 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde RFA drew by HT from Railhead                      D HQ gave authority for issue of rum to 7<sup>th</sup> Bde. SO advised                      Wred Army that coal was urgently required                      Wred Aust Coy "Q" refilling points 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde RFA railhead.                      All other groups Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> G 21 a S 93.</p>	

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	4/9/18		Railhead FROISSY - Time 7.0 AM. DAG instructed receive of rum to 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde. & 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde. 200 gallon Rum obtained and delivered to 20. Div Troops Div. Authority 4 <sup>th</sup> Army G 464 "G" Aust. Corps asked units and strengths other than Div. rationed at 4 <sup>th</sup> . Received statement from SO. No. 2 A.M.T. by giving number of trucks used to convey supplies on light railway 3. 9. 1918. <sup>5103 in reply.</sup>																																																		
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			Rec'd G 839 from Aust. Corps "G" advising Army will relieve Canon Gardens Staff within a few days. Staff Sgt. Hogan reported as follows. Prepared 5 sq. chains, planted 2,800 lettuce plants, sown nil for period ending 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug. The addition weeding has been carried on daily.																																																		
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ECLUSIER	5/9/18		<p>Railhead MERIGNOLLES. Time 7.0 Am. Pack not in position until 8.0 Am. All groups draw by H.T. except 12<sup>th</sup> AFABde by light railway to H 31a.</p> <p>Received Q68 from D.H.Q. &amp; Q961 from "Q" Aust. Corps advising commencing 6<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A. will draw from 32<sup>nd</sup> Div pack at FROISSY, and 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A. will draw from 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Pack at MERIGNOLLES. This in order to put 12<sup>th</sup> Bde on L.R. as 6<sup>th</sup> Bde can draw by H.T. S100 to 6 Bde advising time. Wined strengths of 12<sup>th</sup> AFABde to S.S.O 32 Div.</p> <p>10.30 P.M. Received Q59 from Aust Corps and Q72 from D.H.Q. to cancel above transfers. Advised 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Bde A.F.A. S112 to S.O. Div Troops.</p>	
	6/9/18		<p><sup>amended A.F. W3317 forwarded S.O. No. 2 Army Troops</sup>  Railhead MERIGNOLLES. Time 7.30 Am. all groups draw by H.T.</p> <p>Refilling Points. <del>the</del> 5<sup>th</sup> Bde Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> G 28 a 64 at 11.0 Am  6 " " G 21 a 82 " 11.0 Am  7 " " G 21 a 80 " 11.0 Am  O.Troops " 62<sup>D</sup> L 28 a 34 " 10.0 Am.</p> <p>Instructed S.O. No. 2 A.M.T. Coy to draw full 3 oz. Jam or equivalent daily from Railhead for all groups.</p> <p>43½ tons Coal on pack delivered to Div. Coal Dump, EXCLUSIER, Cpl. AE GOSLIN - N.CO 1/c.</p> <p>Advised 5<sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.H.A., commencing 7<sup>th</sup> inst. supplies will be loaded on light railways at MERIGNOLLES, and dumped at switch in Sheet 62<sup>C</sup> H 31. about 11.0 Am. S123. S124.</p> <p>S.O. Div Troops and S.O. No. A.M.T. Coy advised.</p>	

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SUMMARY OF SUPPLY SERVICES DURING OPERATIONS RESULTING IN ADVANCE TO AND CAPTURE OF PERONNE AND Mt. St. QUENTIN. 25th AUGUST TO 4th SEPTEMBER 1918.

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The normal system of Supply viz:- one day on lorries, one day on Train Supply wagons, and one day on Cookers could not be carried out as lorries were not available being otherwise employed under Corps orders. This necessitated the Train wagons dealing always with an extra day's supplies, at any time a difficult operation; but in an advance, requiring the finest adjustment and considerable extra mileage. When information of the move was available in time, baggage wagons, when reporting to Units for baggage, delivered one day's supplies, thus leaving supply wagons free to transport the remaining day's supplies to new area and dump before proceeding to Railhead. When early information was not available constant interchange of wagons between companies was necessary in order to move the supplies forward.

Apart from Divisional Units, Army, Corps, and Area Units were constantly on and off the ration strength by transfer to or from other Divisions. No troops were struck off strength for whose future supply provision was not made.

The supply of Army Artillery Brigades provided constant difficulties for the Supply Services. Instances frequently occurred of Brigades rationed by this Division fighting under a different Division and located in the Area of still another Division. This was unavoidable owing to rapid tactical changes but the consequent delayed communication frequently placed the Divisional Train Transport Sections with Army Brigades under severe strain as well as greatly increasing the work and responsibilities of the Supply Service.

Attributable no doubt to traffic delays and disorganisation consequent upon the rapid advance more difficulty was experienced at railheads than during any previous similar period. At GUILLAUCOURT on night 27/28th August the time of loading was altered, under Army orders, without notice from 12 midnight to 7 a.m. After much discussion with Railhead Officials who were roused from their beds, the pack train was discovered at GUILLAUCOURT station instead of WEINCOURT switch as previously arranged. Loading commenced at 2 a.m. but 16th Coy. A.A.S.C., accepting Railhead dictum as the time and being out of touch with other Units, bivouacked in a field to find at dawn that they were within 200 yards of the pack train. Train supply wagons loaded at LA-FLAQUE Railhead at 4 a.m. on 29th August and at 7-30 a.m. from 30th August to 1st September. MERIGNOLLES was advised as Railhead for 2nd September. Train supply wagons arrived at 7-30 a.m. to find that the pack train had not arrived. Enquiry and search disclosed that it had been held at LA-FLAQUE where wagons proceeded. After loading was finished R.T.O. received orders that MERIGNOLLES was Railhead.

FROISSY was advised as Railhead for September 3rd but the pack train arrived at MERIGNOLLES. Supplies were forwarded by light railway to all Groups' Refilling Points. The pack train did arrive at FROISSY on 4th September in accordance with advice received and supplies were again sent forward to Refilling Points by light railway.

During the period under review Train wagons delivered to Q.M's Stores where supplies were broken up and sent forward by limbers and pack animals to Cookers' positions forward, or at transport lines, according to locations of Units in or out of the line.

Fresh meat, vegetables, rissoles, stews etc. were sent forward in hot food containers, tea and water in petrol tins, by carrying parties. Tommy Cookers were used in the line for heating cold tea and cocoa & milk. Small Units used primus stoves for cooking food at forward posts.

The normal ration was maintained except in the case of Tobacco, Cigarettes and Matches, shortages in which commodities were considerable and could not be replaced as Base supplies were short.

*Palmer*

Major,  
S.S.C. 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

In the Field,  
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ECLUSIER	7/9/18		<p>Railhead MERIGNOLLES 7.30 Am. Coal 30 tons on pack delivered to Dump. All groups drew by H.T. except 5<sup>th</sup> Army Bde RHA. by light railway to vicinity of HERBECOURT. Cpl. Borrowman reported 6.0 Pm supplies not collected. Wred then, and telephoned "G" Corps. Supplies were collected at 8.30 Pm.</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde drew from Railhead by H.T. as information regarding light railway had not reached the supply section of Bde. S.O. No. 2 Am.T. Coy instructed to draw 4 oz. only Vegetables until further notice 9/130</p> <p>Advised 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. supplies commencing 8<sup>th</sup> inst. will be forwarded from Railhead by M.T. Advise wtd refilling point.</p> <p>Summary of Supply Services during operations resulting in advance to and capture of PERRONNE and B.T. ST. GUENTIN, 25<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 1918 forward to D.H.Q. Copy filed herewith</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. wtd in reply to 5131 refilling point is Sheet 62<sup>c</sup> U9615.</p> <p>Aust Corp. (Q1) advised <sup>supplies</sup> for 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. will be drawn from Pack train 8<sup>th</sup> inst. by M.T. for delivery to B.A.C. at U96. Bde. advised. S.O. No 2 Am.T. Coy advised.</p>	

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ECLUSIER	8/9/18		<p>Railhead MERIGNOLLES. Time 7.30 AM.                      23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde RFA drawn by M.T. and dumped Sheet 62<sup>nd</sup> U96.                      5<sup>th</sup> " " RHA by light railway to H 31a.                      12<sup>th</sup> " " AFA by H.T.</p> <p>Received Aust Corps Q 321 advising commencing railhead 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. AFA. and 5<sup>th</sup> R.H.A. Army Bde. will draw from 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. Wined strength to S.S.O. 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div. S.147                      Q 318. Commencing railhead 10<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bde. R.F.A will draw from 32<sup>nd</sup> Div. Wined strength to S.S.O. 32<sup>nd</sup> Div. S.148</p>	
"	9/9/18		<p>Railhead MERIGNOLLES Time 7.30 AM. Coal 21 tons.                      Advised S&amp;T 4<sup>th</sup> Army on Form no coal further requirements of Coal required for 10 days.</p>	
"	10/9/18		<p>Pack not in position until 10.0 AM. Due to derailment of trucks at LA FLAQUE - hence delay in traffic.                      May 27,000 lbs short on pack due to 2 trucks being cut off at ROMES CAMPS. Advised trucks would arrive tomorrow. SOS advised No. 6 Forway Coy F.E. failed to draw supplies 9<sup>th</sup> inst. Ascertained unit had moved to PERRONE. Advised D.A.S.M.C.</p>	
"	11/9/18		<p>Div Troops refilled at 10.0 AM from today onwards.</p>	

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ECLUSIER	11/9/18		<p>Received O.O. No. 218. 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bdes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust D. AC (less S. A.A. section) will move to left div. section on 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> inst.</p> <p>S/Capt. advised following locations. 5<sup>th</sup> AFABde Hdqts Sheet 62<sup>a</sup> T256 5 7 13<sup>th</sup> Bty. T336 1 2, 14<sup>th</sup> Bty. T316, 15<sup>th</sup> Bty. T312, 105<sup>th</sup> Bty. T25a.</p> <p>Rec'd Q1009 from Aust Corps. advising commencing railhead 12<sup>th</sup> inst. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. D. A and 5<sup>th</sup> D. A. will be exchanged. The DA will draw from 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Pack. Ten lorries will report to T.O. LA CHAPELETTE. 8.0 AM. 12<sup>th</sup> inst. Capt H.T. will be used subsequently. 5<sup>th</sup> D.A. will draw from 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust D.A. pack at MERIGNOLLES by L.R. to HERBERCOURT. Aired strengths to S.S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Aus Div. Received strength from SSO 5<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div.</p> <p>S.O. Div. Troops made second issue (3.0 P.M.) of supplies for consumption 13<sup>th</sup> inst. with exception of 5<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde. whose supplies will be collected by 5<sup>th</sup> lorries at 8.0 AM on 12<sup>th</sup> inst, and refilled under arrangements made by S.O. Div Troops. see T.R.O No. 846. Para. 8.</p> <p>S.O. No. 2 AMT Coy. advised 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Bdes. when drawing petrol returned empty tins equivalent to quantity demanded, and are not in credit.</p> <p>Report of S. Gms. Hogan on operations at CAMON GAROENS forwarded to Cd. Train. Copy filed herewith.</p> <p>Transferred to S.S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. with 2<sup>nd</sup> D.A. 6,000 rations vegetables overassessed.</p>	

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10th September, 1918.

To S.S.O.,  
2nd Australian Division.

On completion of tour of duty at 2nd Australian Division Area Canon Vegetable gardens I beg to submit following report for your information please.

Operations were commenced on 14th May, 1918 and the last consignment of vegetables was dispatched on 31st July, 1918.

In all, 140,094 lbs. vegetables and 3,353 lbs Fruit from Civilian plants already growing were taken off the area allotted this Division.

Supply of Civilian plants was cut out as from following dates:-

Radish, 25th May. Lettuce, 10th June. Spring Onions, 13th June. Leek, 18th June. Turnips, 20th June. Carrots, 30th July. Potatoes and Cabbage, 31st, July.

Replanting was commenced on 30th June and from that date until 9th inst. approximately 8 acres of ground have been cleared and thoroughly prepared for planting and sowing.

With the exception of a few plants on plots taken over all plants and seeds were received through Aust. Corps Farms Officer.

No vegetables have yet been available for consumption from seeds and plants that have been sown.

At the end of July and beginning of August considerable damage was done by a plague of Flies. At least 15,000 plants being completely destroyed.

On completing tour of duty 23,500 healthy vegetable plants and approximately 2,500 which may be good if transplanted were handed over to Fourth Army Section on 9th inst.

Approximately 5 acres of ground are also left prepared for sowing.

(Sgd.) W. G. HOGAN, S.C.M.S.

N.C.O. i/c CANON VEGETABLE GARDENS,  
(2nd Aust. Div. Area.)

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	13/9/18	-	<p>5<sup>th</sup> Div Artillery supplies drawn by M.T. (10 lories) to HERBECOURT.                      Aust. Corps asked estimated monthly needs of W.P.O. Replied 600 gallons.                      Rec'd Aust. Corps. Q 222.4 &amp; Q 236. <sup>instructed</sup> 10 days rations <sup>for 800 men</sup> up to 24<sup>th</sup> inst                      inclusive to be put on train at BRAY railhead, 6 days bread &amp;                      4 days biscuits, proportion of fresh meat to be advised later.                      Supplies to be provided from second days ration on hand. To be                      handed over to Major Milner at 6.0 PM 14<sup>th</sup> inst. at railhead.  <del>Report</del> instructed Supply Officers as per T.R.O. No. filed                      herewith.                      10.0 PM. Major Milner, "G" Aust. Corps. advised arrangements were</p>	

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ECLUSIER	13/9/18		postponed one day. 800 men rations <sup>for consumption 15<sup>th</sup> inst</sup> to be delivered to Major RAMSEY, Aust. Corps Depot, BARRY, at 6.0 P.M. 14 <sup>th</sup> inst. S.O.s notified of alteration, and S.O. 7 Bde. instructed concerning 800 rations (5188).	
"	14/9/18	-	Right Railway trucks were not available to convey supplies to HERBECOURT for 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust D.A. Advised of Aust. Corps who arranged 5 lorries to report to MERIGNOLLE railhead. S.O. No. 2 A.M.T. Coy. instructed to draw all vegetables on pack until further notice. Advised D.D. S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army that no more coal was required until further notice, also flour not required. In reply to 5198, Aust. Corps "G" replied regarding rations to be delivered to BARRY to issue 3 days' Fresh Meat, 3 days' Max V, balance P.M. Tomorrow issue to be 8266 rations.	
"	15/9/18	-	Railhead MERIGNOLLES - Train 7.30 A.M. Pack late loading commenced 10.0 A.M. 5 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. Army supplies conveyed by 10 lorries to HERBECOURT. 3 tons coal sent to S.O. S. D. A. <del>Rec'd of 448 from of Aust Corps</del> Handed over to Capt. Milne, G.M. Aust. Tom Party, <sup>at BARRY railhead</sup> 8282 men rations, 3 tons coal, (300 lbs Butter), 154 lbs Candles.	

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ECLUSIER 15/9/18	15/9/18		Lt. Harrison returned from leave, and resumed duties as Requisitioning Officer.	
16-9-18	16/9/18		800 mens Rations delivered to Capt C. G. MILNE at BRAY for Aust Corps Special Furlough Party today as per Aust Corps Q. 681 of 16 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	16-9-18		Refilling Point 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Art today Sheet 62c J. 27. c. 6. 4. Time 10 am. Commencing 17 <sup>th</sup> inst & onwards Sheet 62c J. 31. a. 9. 8. Time 10. am.	
	16-9-18		Commencing Rhead 18 <sup>th</sup> inst 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Art draw from 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div Pack, and 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div Art now fed by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div draw from 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div Pack.	
	16-9-18		4 <sup>th</sup> Army per C. R. 228 of 10-9-18. forwarded copy of memo from O. C. S. P. D. Paris dated 6-9-18 re vegetables as follows:- The French Intendance now inform me that the large demand for Cucumbers has raised the prices to such an abnormal figure, that they have given up the idea of supplying their Armies with them, and in consequence they are not in a position to meet our requirements. I regret therefore that I shall not be able to send you any cucumbers as suggested.	
	16-9-18		Aust Corps Q 699 of 16 <sup>th</sup> inst advises 9000 rations added to pack on 18 <sup>th</sup> inst only.	
	18-9-18		9082 additional rations drawn Railhead this morning, to replace issues made to Aust Corps Special Leave Party	
	18-9-18		Aust Corps Q 752 of 17 <sup>th</sup> inst advises 800 rations added to pack on 19 <sup>th</sup> inst	

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ECLUSIER.	19-9-18		800 additional <sup>mens</sup> rations on pack this day, & drawn to replace issues made to Aust Corps Special Furlough Party.	
	20-9-18		Comparison of Ration Scales vide Ration Pamphlet S.S.571 amended by G. P.O. No. 4994, issued with T.R.O.'s 854 of 19/9/18 to all S.O.'s as per attached. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Troops R.P. for 20 <sup>th</sup> inst Sheet 62C.J.28.a.5.9 (BUIRE). Supplies drawn from 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div Pack TINCOURT commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	20-9-18		S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Troops advises R.P. 21 <sup>st</sup> inst & onwards Sheet 620.J.18.D.8.5. (HAMEL)	
	21-9-18		Q. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div per Q.204 21 <sup>st</sup> inst. Deliver 6 tons coal + 2008 ty Oat Bags to major Ramsay BRAY for Aust Furlough Draft. Required by 25 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	21-9-18		Ref G. P.O. 4994. attached table of equivalents commencing railhead 21 <sup>st</sup> inst. S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army C.R.2342. 20-9-18. Issued to all S.O.'s as per T.R.O. 21/9/18.	
	22-9-18		S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Troops. C71 of 21 <sup>st</sup> inst reports on rations to Battys in line. Sent forward by mess cart & G.S. wagon. Pack Trapt not used. Hot meals prepared at gun positions. Rations being split up in rear wagon lines at A.M. Stores. Vegs cooked both in stews & separately. Water in forward area presenting great difficulties, & has to be obtained in the rear. Sent forward by water cart & Petrol Tins. Casualties NIL.	
	23-9-18		Railhead changed to LA. FLAQUE. Time 7-30 am. Capt G.W.J. Blackman to T.H.Q. and Lieut H.M. Harrison P.O. to 16 <sup>th</sup> Coy AA&SC as Transport Officer	

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DDAF,  
Fourth Army,  
No. O.A. 2342,  
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Reference O.A.O. 4924.

The following equivalents will be adopted for issues for consumption from 23rd, inclusive, i.e. railhead drawing 21st:-

Bread - 1lb. = Flour )  
Rice ) 2/3rd. lbs.  
Oatmeal )  
Biscuits )

Frozen Meat 1 lb. = Preserved Meat 12 ozs. actual.

Bacon - - 3 ozs. = 1/3 rd. Tin H. & V.

Other equivalents as at present.

A full Fresh Meat ration is therefore - - - - -  
plus 3 ozs. (actual) Pres. Meat = 4 ozs.  
Frozen Meat 12 ozs.

A full Preserved Meat ration is therefore - - - - -  
plus 3 ozs. Frozen Meat = 6 ozs.  
Preserved Meat = 9 ozs.

A full Bread ration - - - - -  
plus 2 2/3rd. Ozs. Biscuits = 4 ozs.  
BREAD 13 ozs.  
BISCUIT 4 ozs.  
BREAD = 17 ozs.

A full Biscuit ration - - - - -  
plus 13 ozs. Bread ..... = 8 2/3rd. ozs.  
BISCUIT 2 2/3rd. ozs.  
BREAD 8 2/3rd. ozs.  
BISCUIT = 11 1/3rd. ozs.

Fork & Beans and H. & V. will not be considered as part of the Meat ration, H. & V. will not constitute any part of the vegetable ration.

The Preserved Meat ration viz. 3 ozs. is actual weight not nominal, and Preserved meat will in future be shown on all Army ~~Forms~~ Forms in lbs. not rations.

(Sgd.) M.L.C. Gill Capt.  
for D.D.S & T. Fourth Army.

Headquarters,  
Fourth Army,  
19/9/18.

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COMPARISON OF RATION SCALES VIDE RATION PAMPHLET S.S.571, AMENDED BY G.R.O. NO. 4994.

OLD RATION	NEW RATION	REMARKS.
Frozen Meat or P. Meat or P. & Beans or M & V.	ozs. 16 9 2 2/9 1	Frozen Meat & P. Meat & P. & Beans or M. & V. Tin
		ozs. 8 3 4 1/6
		Reduction of 2 2/3 ozs. F. Meat, compensated by 1/6 Tin M & V. or 4 ozs. P. & Beans
Bread or Biscuits	ozs. 16 10	Bread & Biscuits
		ozs. 13 2 2/3
		Increase of 1 4/15 ozs. Bread
Rice	1	Rice
		1
Oatmeal (thrice weekly)	2	Oatmeal
		1
		Increase 1 oz. per week.
Bacon	4	Bacon
		3
		Decrease 1 oz. per day.
Margarine (thrice weekly)	2	Margarine
		1
		Increase 1 oz. per week
Cheese	2	Cheese
		2
Fresh Veggies or Dried Veggies.	8 2	Fresh Veggies
		8
		-
Jam	3	Jam
		2
		Decrease 1 oz. per day.
Tea	1/2	Tea
		1/2
Sugar or Sugar (with sweetened milk)	3 2 1/2	Sugar or Sugar (with sweetened milk)
		2 1
		Decrease of 1/2 oz. per day.
Condensed milk	1	Condensed milk
		1
Salt	1/4	Salt
		1/4
Pepper	1/100	Pepper
		1/100
Mustard	1/100	Mustard
		1/100
Pickles (thrice weekly)	1	Pickles (thrice weekly)
		1
Tobacco & Cigarettes (once a week)	2	Tobacco & Cigarettes (once a week)
		2
Matches (three times a fortnight) Box	1	Matches (three times a fortnight) Box
		1
Lime Juice Gall.	1/160	Lime Juice Gall.
		1/160
Rum Gall.	1/100	Rum Gall.
		1/100
		Decrease of 36 rations per Gallon.

EQUIVALENTS.

1 oz. Oatmeal or 1 oz. Dried Fruit may be drawn when available in lieu of 1 oz. Bread.

ozs.  
 F. Meat 16 =  
 P. Meat or 9  
 M. & V. or Tin 1  
 P. & Beans " 2 2/9  
 M. & V. 1 Tin = 1 meat and 1 Vegetable Ration.

ozs.  
 Bread 16 =  
 Biscuits or }  
 Flour or }  
 Rice } 10

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ECLUSIER	24/9/18		Railhead time changed to 8-30 am.	
	26-9-18	8-30 P.M.	Attended D.H.Q. arranged details of move forward except Railhead which would be notified later	
	27-9-18	10-30 AM	Capt. G.W.J. Blackman to 15 <sup>th</sup> Coy AASC to Command. Lieut. H.M. Harrison to T.H.Q. as R.O.	
	27-9-18		<p>Brigade Coys: Rations for consumption 29<sup>th</sup> inst drawn from Rhead with Supply wagons. Baggage wagons deliver to units rations on dump for consumption 28<sup>th</sup> inst. Supply wagons refill rations for consumption 29<sup>th</sup> inst and deliver to units locations in forward area. Rations for 2<sup>nd</sup> D.H.Q group for consumption 29<sup>th</sup> inst delivered at old locations. N.C.O. in Fuel Dump instructed to return guard to units. D.H.Q. (Capt Gallasch Q Bde) informed verbally.</p>	
DOINGT	28-9-18		<p>T.H.Q moved to DOINGT. Sheet 62C I.24. C.5.4. Railhead CARTIGNY Pack Train available 10-30 am. Consequent on move of Division Brigade front Refilling Points changed as follows. <sup>Sheet 62C.</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde J.32. C.9.8. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde J.32. a.5.8. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde J.31. C.8.8, all near COURCELLES. Supplies drawn from R.H. by H.T &amp; held on wagons in bulk to be refilled &amp; delivered to units on 29<sup>th</sup> inst. D.H.Q moved to DOINGT.</p>	
	29-9-18.		Supplies held in bulk on wagons over night, & refilled & delivered to units following day. by arrangements with Brigades. T.R.O. 28/9/18.	

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DOINGT		30-9-18	Assault Rations (Pea Soup 750 lbs, P.M. 2000 tms, Bisc 2000 lbs) drawn by S.O. No 2 AMTCO and delivered to S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde at R.P.	
			Supplies drawn Railhead this morning dumped immediately in vicinity TINCOURT to be issued on 1 <sup>st</sup> Prox. In view of possible moves, supplies will not be delivered to units until the afternoon before consumption, or until units locations for that night are finally ascertained.	
	1-10-18		Refilling Points 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde J.18. d. 4.3. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde J18.C. 6.3. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde J24 b. 1.6. Sheet 62 C all vicinity TINCOURT. Commenced unloading Pack Train 8-30 am. Rum 200 gls drawn from Aust C.T.M.T. Co. + delivered to 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde. R. Points. Assault Rations. 1200 issued 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde 400 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. G. Bn. Pea Soup 250 lbs to each 5, 6, & 7 <sup>th</sup> Bdes for Bdes & m. G. Coys.	
ROISEL	2-10-18		T.H.A close at DOINGT at 2pm open at ROISEL 5pm. K17. a. 5. 5. Following groups transferred for railhead 3 <sup>rd</sup> div 25 <sup>th</sup> Div A. 58. Div A. 65 <sup>th</sup> , 84 <sup>th</sup> , & 150 Army Bdes R.F.A. Later wire from Aust Corps Q. 790. 2 <sup>nd</sup> div need 10pm Transfers previous mentioned groups to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div Pack and following from 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Pack. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. D. A. + 12 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde. A.F.A. all groups to be loaded on Decanville at ROISEL and dumped at HARGICOURT. Refilling Points 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde L. 11 a. 6. 8. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde L. 19 a. 3. 8. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde. L. 7. b. 6. 9 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.T's. K. 16 b. 8. 4. all between ROISEL and HARGICOURT. R.P's for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div Railhead ROISEL. Time 9 am.	

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ROISEL	3-10-18		<p>T.H.A from K.17.a.55. to K.10. ent at 2 pm.                      Railhead ROISEL Time 9-am. Commencing this day Supplies for all groups to be loaded on Light Railway at ROISEL and drawn by H.T. from Light Railway Switch at HARGICOURT. Trucks to be unloaded expeditiously. Refilling Points to be selected near HARGICOURT by S.O'S. Train Supply Wagons deliver to Q.M. stores.                      Refilling Points selected as follows. Sheet 62.C. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. L.11. a. 6.8. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde L.5 a. 0.2. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. L. 7. d. 7. 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T'S L 4. d. 0. 3. Refill at these locations on 4<sup>th</sup> inst. Loading commenced at Railhead 9-am. Last train on light Ply completed Loading 4 pm. Despatched 4-30 pm. No of Trucks used 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. 5. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde 5. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T'S 7. 12<sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A. 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> D.T'S 7. 4<sup>th</sup> D.T'S 8.</p>	
	3-10-18		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D. H. A. <sup>Q.B. 182</sup> Anthouse issue of rum to all troops. Issued today.</p>	
	<del>4-10-18</del>		<p>Refilling Points: 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus D.T'S TEMPLEUX. 4<sup>th</sup> Aus D.T'S HARGICOURT.</p>	
	3-10-18	9-am	<p>Railhead shelled.</p>	
	4-10-18		<p>Aust Corps Q 88 of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. nearby CAMON GARDENS. been given up by Army to the Owners.</p>	
	4-10-18	11-am + 4 pm	<p>6<sup>th</sup> Bde Dump Shelled. Loading to Decanville Ply completed 1-30 pm. No of trucks used same as on 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.</p>	
		8-30 p	<p>Obtained information of move to YZEUX area from D.H.A.</p>	
		9-15	<p>Telephoned Aust Corps Q re handing over Art and informed all Art to be transferred to 30<sup>th</sup> American Div affecting railhead 7<sup>th</sup> inst. advised Corps Light Ply, 30 trucks required per Decanville on 5<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>	

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ROISEL	4-10-18	10 pm	<p>Arranged with R.T.O. ROISEL to switch train to H.T. siding for unloading by 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Bde groups at 3 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> inst after Decauville siding cleared by Artfronts.</p> <p>S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde advised location "B" Sqdn 13<sup>th</sup> A.L.H. Regt Sht 62B. C10.C.31.</p> <p>Refilling Point 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Troops changed to Sht 62C L4.C.5.4. HARGICOURT.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde groups unloaded Supplies from Pack at Railhead 3 pm. all other groups by DECAUVILLE as usual. Refilling Points for Bde groups for 6<sup>th</sup> inst 5<sup>th</sup> Bde K17. a. 7.2 6<sup>th</sup> Bde. K16. C. 9.4. 7<sup>th</sup> Bde K.17. a.</p> <p>Aust Corps Q. 430 wire 5<sup>th</sup> D.A. and 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde A.F.A transferred from 5<sup>th</sup> Div to 2<sup>nd</sup> Div for Railhead 7<sup>th</sup>, but Pack not adjusted. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Aust D.A., 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Army Bdes A.F.A transferred from 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div to 30<sup>th</sup> American Div for drawing Railhead commencing 8<sup>th</sup> inst.</p> <p>Aust Corps Q 88 of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst notify Canon gardens given up by Army to the owners.</p> <p>S&amp;T. 4<sup>th</sup> Army S.O/1 of 30-9-18. "Div &amp; Corps Troops Coal Dumps will be made at or near railheads when at all feasible, thus avoiding the present system of dumps scattered 'all over the country, which formations are unable to clear in the event of a move. On the move of a formation it is responsible for the disposal of its dumps, either by handing over to some other formation or to a P.S.O. but the latter cannot take over a dump which is situated more than 400 yds from his railhead."</p>	

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ROISEL	6-10-18		<p>Railhead Time 8-am. Groups drew as 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>mi</sup> except, 5, 6, &amp; 7. A. I. Bde groups, which drew by H.T. R Points as on 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>mi</sup>.</p> <p>Balance of Solidified Alcohol in reserve Stock (21455 cys) returned to S.O. NO. 6. A.M.T.G. (Aust Corps Troops M.T. Co)</p>	
	6-10-18		<p>S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde M. 81. of 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>mi</sup> reports on rations to front line. Usual method of preparing Supplies. Cookers of 3 Bns located at Q.M. Stores. Two cookers of other Bn about 2 Miles nearer line. Rations in bags containing about 7 rations each. Dry Rations sent up on limbers. Other Hot Food in containers on limbers, &amp; front portion of cookers sent forward to Bn H.Q. From there per carrying parties. Distance about 1 to 2 Miles. M. G. Coy used Pack Animals to convey Supplies forward. Water sent up in Pet Tins from Q.M. Stores. Shortage of Tins &amp; good water rendered supply rather difficult at first, which was modified later by a quantity of good water being obtained in villages forward. No losses reported.</p>	
			<p>S.O. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reports on Supplies going forward. R.P. to Q.M. Stores by Train Tstpt. Dry rations in bags of about 7 &amp; other rations taken Q.M. Stores to Cookers by 1<sup>st</sup> Line. The Front portion of cookers taken up containing hot tea, stew &amp;c. 1<sup>st</sup> Line take up as far as possible, thence per carrying parties. Water obtained in forward area, drawn from wells. Sent up in Petrol Tins. Casualties NIL.</p>	

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ROISEL	6-10-18		<p>S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde reports on Supplies going forward. Train wagons R. P. to Q.M. Stores. Rations broken up. Fr meat, Veggies, rissoles, stems, bacon etc were prepared and sent forward by carrying parties to units in line. Distance about 3 Kilos. Food containers used for rations. Patrol Tins for tea. Water was sent up from cookers in Patrol Tins. Tommy Cookers &amp; Sol alcohol used for heating tea, &amp; making cocoa &amp; milk etc.</p> <p>Casualties NIL</p>	
			<p>S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s G. 101. 5<sup>th</sup> unit reports. Rations for batteries in line, sent to gun positions in mess carts &amp; G.S. Wagon. Each Battery has cook with gun, and rations for the whole detachment sent up in bulk. Hot meals prepared on the spot where batteries have forward horse lines a cook is also attached with them. Rations being split up in the rear wagon lines at Q.M. Stores into 3 lots. Veggies used in stems &amp; are cooked separately. Water sent forward by water cart and Patrol Tins. Casualties NIL.</p>	
	6-10-18	4pm	<p>Attended D.H.A. Obtained information re move to rest area and fixed supply arrangements.</p>	
		4-30p	<p>Interviewed S.O.'s of Bde groups &amp; gave instructions re supplies and explained arrangements.</p>	
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J. H. Q.  
6. 10. 18.

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attach to  
Supply arrangements

on 7th inst

Supplies for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &  
Bde will be drawn by M.T.  
and placed in Omnibus train  
at TINCOURT. Lorries are  
available; some will make  
double trips.

21 lorries will report  
to an N.C.O. to be detailed by  
you, at GARE ST. ROCH on  
night 7/8 inst. Supplies will be  
loaded from train to  
lorries which will dump

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bde VIGNACOURT
- 6<sup>th</sup> " LA CHAUSSEE
- 7<sup>th</sup> " ST. OWEN.

on 8<sup>th</sup> inst

3 lorries per Bde  
Group will draw supplies  
for Road party from above  
Refueling Points and dump

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at DAOURS. <sup>2</sup> CHURCH. Then  
proceeding to ECLUSIER church  
to load coal which will be  
dumped at FREMONT.

Of the 21 lorries 15  
will draw supplies from  
Ailly - sur - Somme on 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> &  
10<sup>th</sup> inst and 6 will be  
held available for detail  
by D. H. Q.

15 Supply lorries  
after dumping on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
inst. to collect coal from  
ECLUSIER and dump at  
FREMONT.

Coal from R.H. to  
be dumped at FREMONT.

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ROISEL	6-10-18		Copy of arrangements for M.T. for supplies for mine, as given to S.O. No. 2 AMT Co attached.	
		9-30	Arranged with R.T.O. ROISEL. Pack to be available at 7 am on 7 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	7-10-18		<p>Pack Train not available for unloading until 2 pm.</p> <p>Supplies at Bde group Refilling Points for consumption 8<sup>th</sup> inst issued at 7 am &amp; loaded on Supply Wagons; Separately for Train &amp; Road Personnel. Supplies for Train personnel entrained with troops at TIN COURT. Road party travelled to ECLUSIER and refilled on evening of 7<sup>th</sup> inst.</p> <p>Personnel of 5, 6, &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Bdes &amp; D. HA travelled by Train, Transport by Road.</p> <p>Supplies for 5, 6, &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Bde groups for consumption 9<sup>th</sup> inst drawn ahead by M.T. and loaded into trucks on trains at TIN COURT. 4 trucks on each train for supplies of its Bde. Supplies for 5<sup>th</sup> ADiv Art &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde AFA drawn from ahead by H.T. Other groups by Light Railway to HARGICOURT.</p>	
	7-10-18	9-am	<p>2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Aust D.A. 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> Army Bdes A.F.A. handed over to S.O. 30<sup>th</sup> American Div for railhead 8<sup>th</sup> inst as per Aust Corps Q 430 of 5<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>	

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FREMONT.	7-10-18		T. H. Q. open Fremont 2 pm. Closed ROISEL 10 am. Wire from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div, Railhead 8 <sup>th</sup> inst AILLY-SUR-SOMME. 6 pm Verbal information received from C.O. Railhead 8 <sup>th</sup> inst POULAINVILLE. 9 pm Visited POULAINVILLE Railhead, where nothing was known of Section 8 arriving there on 8 <sup>th</sup> inst. 10 pm Rang up 4 Army Supplies from D.A.P.M. office AMIENS and received reply Railhead 8 <sup>th</sup> inst POULAINVILLE.	
	8-10-18		Railhead POULAINVILLE. Time 11 am. Groups 5, 6, & 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bdes. Supplies drawn by M.T. & dumped at R.P.'s as follows. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde VIGNACOURT. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde TIRANCOURT. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde BERTICOURT. Owing to trains carrying supplies & supply transport arriving late, lorries were not available for all groups, & had to do double journeys. Supplies not finished dumping until late in the afternoon. Personnel Trains arrived at Detraining Stn (ST. ROCH) during night of 7/8 <sup>th</sup> inst. Omnibus Trains carrying Supplies detrained VIGNACOURT. All trains late. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde arrived 8 am. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde 10-30 am. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde 2 pm. These trains carrying supplies for consumption 8 <sup>th</sup> inst.	

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FREMONT	8-10-18	12-00	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Omnibus Train not having arrived, & 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Personnel being without supplies for this day, Issue was made by M.T. to all units of the group from Supplies on Dump of S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde for consumption 9 <sup>th</sup> , & replaced when 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Omnibus Train arrived. Supplies on Omnibus Train for consumption 8 <sup>th</sup> on f. S. Wagons. For consumption 9 <sup>th</sup> in bulk in Trucks. <del>Left</del> the latter taken by M.T. to refilling points as above, immediately on arrival of Train.	
	9-10-18	10-30 am	Packet Available. Off loading commenced immediately by M.T.	
FLESSELLES	9-10-18	2 pm	T.H.Q. close at FREMONT and open FLESSELLES (106 Rue-de-AMIENS)	
1			Wired S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Bulletin, Straw urgently required, may it be drawn from C.P.B. in this area per S/357.	
	10-10-18	10-00	Railhead AILLY-SUR-SOMME. Supplies drawn by M.T. 2 pm. Two times of supplies made by S.O.'s, units now hold 48 hrs.	
			S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army. S/C 59. Bulletin, Straw to be drawn from C.P.B. at PICAUVIGNY	
	11-10-18	9-30 am	Supplies drawn by H.T. R.P.'s 5 Bde FLESSELLES. Time 1400 hrs 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde	
			TIRANCOURT. <sup>TIME 1430 hrs</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. ST. VAST Road VIGNACOURT. Time 1430 hrs	

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FLESSELLES	11-10-18		<p>15 Tons Billets, Straw drawn through R.S.O. AILLY-SUR-SOMME from C. P. B. PICQUIGNY and distributed as follows: 5<sup>th</sup> Bde 3 tons, 6<sup>th</sup> Bde 5 tons, 7<sup>th</sup> Bde 7 tons</p> <p>Lieut. H.A.E. Rutherford S.O. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.</p> <p>Lieut. L. Hoopes S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.</p>	
	12-10-18		<p>Wire to S&amp;T 4<sup>th</sup> Army, S.372 for authority to draw Fuelwood from 364 Forestry Coy, R.E. ST. OVEN</p>	
	16-10-18		<p>No reply from S&amp;T re Fuelwood wire S.381. wood urgently needed.</p> <p>Lieut R. Cooper S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.</p>	
	17-10-18	10-am	<p>Communicated with S&amp;T 4<sup>th</sup> Army per phone re Fuelwood, a no reply having been received. Authority given, a confirmed per S&amp;T S.106, 17<sup>th</sup> inst authority to draw up to 40 tons weekly. from 364 Forestry Coy R.E. ST. OVEN.</p>	
	18-10-18		<p>30 tons Fuelwood drawn as per above, &amp; issued as follows. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde 7 tons 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. 10 tons. 7<sup>th</sup> Bde 13 tons, as one weeks supply.</p>	
	18-10-18		<p>S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> ans Div Troops per G III of 13<sup>th</sup> inst reports on Supply arrangements whilst attached to 30<sup>th</sup> American Div. Railhead 8<sup>th</sup> inst HARGICOURT. Refilling Point sheet 62 C. I. 4. C. 5. 4</p> <p>Railhead 9<sup>th</sup> inst ROISEL thence per light railway to JONCOURT, refilling on 10<sup>th</sup> inst</p>	53



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FLESSELLES	18-10-18		<p>at Sheet 62 b. H. 7. b. cont. 10<sup>th</sup> met Rhead so as 9<sup>th</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> met Rhead ROISEL thence light railway to JONCOURT and M.T. to Sheet 57 B. V 23. D. 5. 7. (Refilling point)</p> <p>On 12<sup>th</sup> met a separate pack for Aust Arty came to ROISEL, reloaded under Army arrangements on to light railway to Sheet 57 B. H. 7. a. 3. 0. M.T. clearing to refilling point as on 11<sup>th</sup> met. Supplies at ROISEL have been loaded in bulk, not in groups and issue has been made at Light Railhead and as it has usually happened that the first train arrives about 6 pm and the last about 6 am next day it has meant standing by practically the whole night, as trains had to be cleared immediately on arrival and there was not sufficient space to dump. The first train arrived at Aust Light R.H. on 12<sup>th</sup> at 10-0 pm and it was found impossible to get M.T. alongside in the dark owing to nature of ground, shell holes etc, and trains stood by until daylight this morning and then it was found impossible to load from more than one truck at a time, and at 11 am today all supplies have not yet arrived at Dump. Quartermaster Corps are appointing an officer to act as S.S.O. for all Artillery and in the meantime Capt GRAHAM 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Train is acting in that capacity.</p>	

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FLESSELLES	18-10-18		S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Troops reports G110, 19 <sup>th</sup> inst, no alteration in the system of getting supplies forward has taken place since my report G101 of 5 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	22-10-18		Cabbages 5,700 kilos on Pack. wired S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S. 397, referring to my S. 385 of 17 <sup>th</sup> . Cabbages 5½ tons received today. No more required.	
	23-10-18		wired S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S. 400. Requirements commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> hour Fuelwood 40 tons.	
	24-10-18		wired S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army. Requirements Fresh Veggies week commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> inst NIL	
			S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde advises refilling time 1-30 pm.	
			50 tons Fuelwood drawn from 364 Forestry Coy R.E. ST. OVEN.	
	25-10-18		wired S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S. 409. Billeting Straw for current period urgently required. L/Cpl MURTAGH. 15 <sup>th</sup> AASC to coal dump ST. SAUVEUR i/c. Cpl GOSLIN. 16 <sup>th</sup> AASC. sick	
	26-10-18		wire from S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S. 225 of 25 <sup>th</sup> inst. Draw 15 tons Billeting Straw from C.P.B. FLUY.	
			T/Capt HAE. RUTHERFORD to be S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. Lieut W.G. CADD proceeded on leave.	
	28-10-18		Cpl GOSLIN evacuated to Field Amb from Coal Dump.	
	31-10-18		Location 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s Refilling Point CARDONNETTE. Time 2 pm.	
			Railhead CORDIE 9-30 am. by M.T.	

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FLESSELLES.	31-10-18		Memo from D. D. S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army reads. "Fuel wood for Nov is allotted you at 364 <sup>th</sup> Forestry Coy's Dump VIGNACOURT Forest. Map reference sheet 57E. w.26. a.4.2." Instructions issued to S.O.'s Bde Coys to collect fuelwood as follows from VIGNACOURT Forest. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde 10 tons. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde 13 tons. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde 17 tons to be drawn by 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Tapt.	
	1-11-18	8-am	Wire from S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S.S.6. of 31/10/18. Draw Fuelwood from 364 <sup>th</sup> Forestry Coy along roadside at BELLOY-sur-somme, where felling is in progress.	
		8-30am	S.O.'s notified re change of dump as above per S.435. Wired S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S.437 for authority to purchase milk at 50 centimes per Litre, lowest price obtainable, for medical comforts S.439 to S&T. Requirements 8 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> . Fuelwood 40 tons. S.440 to S&T. Requirements month December Fuelwood 200 tons.	
	2-11-18		S.443 to S&T. Requirements 8 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> . Extra Forage 15 tons. Billets, Straw 112. Linseed Cake 4 tons. S.444 to S&T. 15 tons Coal required daily on Pack authority received from S&T. S.311. 7/11/18 to purchase milk at 50 centimes per Litre	
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FLESSELLES	5/11/18		LIEUT. W.G. CADD returned from Leave takes over duties. S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.	
	6-11-18	3/pm	Interviewed C.P.E. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aux Div at ST. OVEN <sup>building</sup> re shelters at Refilling Points 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde FLESSELLES. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde TIRANCOURT. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde. ST. VAST. ROAD. VIGNACOURT. Submitted estimates received from Supply Officers. Shelters required 50' long x 12' deep. Height 9' front x 7' back. Raised 2' from ground. C.P.E. would look into the matter and communicate further by phone.	
		3-15/pm	Visited O.C. 364 <sup>th</sup> Forestry Coy R.E. ST. OVEN, and arranged to draw 54 tons Fuelwood on 8 <sup>th</sup> inst (as weekly supply) from dumps on roadside BELLOY - FLIXECOURT road on outskirts of BELLOY. Allotted as follows: 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde 12 tons. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde 14 tons 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde 18 tons. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aux D.T.'s 10 tons. S.O.'s Bde groups to arrange for 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Transport to draw. S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aux D.T.'s to draw by M.T. after dumping supplies at Refilling Point.	
	8/11/18		Fuelwood drawn from 364 <sup>th</sup> Forestry Coy as per entry on 6 <sup>th</sup> inst above. On account of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Art having recd orders to be prepared to move on 10 <sup>th</sup> inst, S.O. D.T.'s drew 10 tons by M.T. and dumped 8 tons at 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Refilling Point. Only 2 tons taken for issue to his own group. Bal (8 tons) to be available for drawing by him if required at a future date.	

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FLESSELLES	9/11/18		Requirements period commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> inst Extra Forge 10 tons Lin Cake. 4 tons S. 473 to S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army	
			Requirements period commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> inst Fuel Wood 50 tons. S. 474 to S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army	
	10/11/18		Material drawn by Bde Train Coys from CRE. ST. OUVEN to build shelters at Refilling Points. Coys to provide labour to erect.	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.A. & 20 <sup>th</sup> Coy AASC move to BRAY-SUR-SOMME. Railhead this day CORBIE.	
			draw by M.T. Fuel <sup>coal</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s Dump CARDONNETTE collected by M.T.	
			during afternoon and delivered to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Fuel Dump ST. SAUVEUR. qty 7 tons	
			S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s wired per S. 478 of date, to make best arrangements possible	
			with A/cs Branch 4 <sup>th</sup> Army with regard to Supply ops for ensuing days. AFW 3316 <sup>15</sup>	
			& 3317 <sup>15</sup> up to 10 <sup>th</sup> inst to be forwarded here per D.R.L.S. Suggested, until another	
			formation be joined, that a certificate similar to that previously given, may be	
			accepted, and advise me by wire arrangements made.	
	11/11/18		Armistice for 36 days signed by GERMAN GOVERNMENT to take effect from	
			11am this day.	
	13/11/18		Visited O.C. 364 <sup>th</sup> Forestry Coy R.E. STOUEN and arranged to draw 40 tons Fuel Wood	
			on 15 <sup>th</sup> inst. 25 tons Forest VIGNACOURT. 15 tons Saw mill ST. OUVEN.	

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FLESSELLES	15/11/18		Fuelwood 40 tons as per entry on 13 <sup>th</sup> inst drawn as follows. 25 tons VIGNACOURT & FOREST. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde 10 tons 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde 15 tons. 15 tons ST. OUVEN. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde. all drawn by 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Trgt, arranged by respective S.O.'s with Staff Captains of Brigades.	
	16-11-18		Requirements commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> inst Extra Parage 10 tons. S/493 to S & T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army " " 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fuel Wood 50 tons S/494. " " "	
	17-11-18		S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans D.T.'s per L 20 of 13 <sup>th</sup> inst reports as follows:- Railhead 10 <sup>th</sup> inst CORBIE. Refilled to units at Sheet 62C P30.d.4.6 (ESTREES-EN-CHAUSSEE) at 2pm on 11 <sup>th</sup> inst. No supplies drawn on 11 <sup>th</sup> inst, Railhead VERMAND. 12 <sup>th</sup> inst, refilling same day at 7-45 am at Sheet 62C R32.a.3.9 (VERMAND). Two days supplies were supposed to be drawn on 12 <sup>th</sup> inst but owing to non arrival of Train supplies for 14 <sup>th</sup> were not available until 7 am on 13 <sup>th</sup> inst. These were drawn this morning and refilled at 10 am in Coy Lines CAULAINCOURT. Supplies for 15 <sup>th</sup> inst are being drawn from ROISEL at 2 pm today and will be refilled at 10 am on 14 <sup>th</sup> , also in Coy Lines. It is expected we will be moving on at any day. AEW. 3316 & 3317 for 10 <sup>th</sup> inst were sent you by D.R. on 11 <sup>th</sup> inst but as D.R. Service is very uncertain I am trying to get in touch with ops	

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FLESSELLES	17-11-18		(cont) Branch to arrange to send further a/c's direct with certificate re fuel etc.	
			A/c's Branch have been on the move forward and were out of communication yesterday. I expect to draw supplies through 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div on next move forward.	
	17-11-18		S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s for G24 of 15 <sup>th</sup> inst reports. Reference supply a/c's for period 11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> inst inclusive. A/c's Branch asked me to render Fuel, Forge, & Veg a/c's direct to them to save delay, which I have done. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.H.A. have now arranged for D.R. service daily with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.H.A. while we are in present location. Do you wish that I should send future A.F.W 3316 <sup>'s</sup> & 3317 <sup>'s</sup> daily to you until I join another formation.	
	17-11-18		Wire to S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s (20 <sup>th</sup> ANSC) S/496. in reply to G24 of 15 <sup>th</sup> inst "Render a/c's direct"	
	17-11-18		MEMO to D.D.S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S/341. "In order that a regular supply of fuel may be assured to this Division during the move forward, will you please arrange that 15 tons of Coal be included on the Div Pack every day until further notice"	
FLESSELLES	18-11-18	10/10	Called at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.H.A. to discuss supply arrangements for move.	
		11-45p	Telephoned D.D.S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army re change of Pack.	

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FLESSELLES	19-11-18	11-30a	Visited 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans D.H.Q and further discussed Supply Arrangements.	
		12-noon	Telephoned D.D. S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army (D.A.D.S.) who was unaware of move, but would see 4 <sup>th</sup> Army "Q" and endeavour to arrange pack as required. Requirements as follows. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2 Bdes to AILLY-SUR-SOMME 1. Bde to BUSIAMY. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2. Bdes to BOHAIN. 1 Bde to A. ILLY-SUR-SOMME. 24 <sup>th</sup> . Full Pack (3 Bdes) to BOHAIN.	
		10-30p	Received wire from D.D. S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army asking for feeding strength at AILLY on 24 <sup>th</sup> . Reply sent S/101. No Troops at AILLY on 24 <sup>th</sup> . Following strength required at forward railhead 22 <sup>nd</sup> . men 3500 Horses 600. 23 <sup>rd</sup> men 6500 Horses 1200. 24 <sup>th</sup> Full Dir Pack men 10.500. Horses 1900.	
	20-11-18	11-am	Visited D.H.Q. Discussed final supply arrangements.	
		12-noon	Conference with Supply Officers re move. Instructed rations drawn railhead date of entraining to be issued to units at entraining station, to provide for possible delays on train journey.	
	21-11-18	10-am	Lt H.M. Harrison to forward area with Lt H.A. Wilton (S.O. No. 2. AM.T. Co.)	
		11-30a	Visited D.H.Q. and ascertained trains were late. Times of entraining, 21 <sup>st</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde group Commence 12-noon & every 4 hours to 8-am 22 <sup>nd</sup> Station VAGNACOURT.	



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FLESSELLES	21-11-18.		22 <sup>nd</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde group to commence 12-noon & every 4 hours to 8-am 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Entaining Stn VIGNACOURT. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde group to commence 12-noon and every 4 hours to 8pm 24 <sup>th</sup> inst	
		12-noon	Visited VIGNACOURT entaining Station. Entainment of 5 Bde delayed owing to non arrival of train	
		4pm	Telephoned D.H.Q. (Capt Gallasch) and suggested possibility of extra days supplies being drawn from AILLY-SUR-SOMME for 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Bdes owing to delay and Capt Gallasch would investigate	
	22-11-18	10-am	Arranged with R.S.O. AILLY-SUR-SOMME for personnel of 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde entaining on 24 <sup>th</sup> to draw supplies before entaining. Handed over Coal Dump at ST.SAUVEUR to R.S.O. AILLY-SUR-SOMME.	
		11-30am	Visited D.H.Q. Question of extra days supplies to be discussed tonight.	
		12-noon	VIGNACOURT Railroad. Trains arriving better now. 5 hours late which would not affect supplies.	
		6-30pm	Telephoned "Q" 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div and they agreed that present supply arrangements would serve.	

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FLESSELLES	22-11-18	7pm	Received Anst Cpts "Advance" Administrative memo NO 6 and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anst Dir Admin Instruction NO. 1. each detailing procedure to be adopted in advance to the RHINE.	
B.	23-11-18	9-am	R.S.O. AILLY-SUR-SOMME was unable to supply full ration for 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Group. Shortages Bread, Bacon, margarine, Pork & Beans. Received demand note on BOHAIN.	
		10-am	Left Railhead. AMIENS 10-30 am VERMAND 12-noon Stopped for lunch at ST. QUENTIN 1pm BOHAIN 1/45 pm	
BOHAIN	23-11-18		T.H.Q. moved to BOHAIN.	
		3pm	LIEUT H. McHarrison reports as follows:- Left AILLY-SUR-SOMME. 10 am arrived BOHAIN 6 pm on 21 <sup>st</sup> inst. 7-30 pm Phoned R.S.O. BUSIGNY re time of drawing supplies for 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Group for consumption 24 <sup>th</sup> inst from 13 <sup>th</sup> Corps Pack on 22 <sup>nd</sup> inst. On account of late arrival of train R.S.O. could give no time, but advised calling at 10 am on 22 <sup>nd</sup> inst. 22 <sup>nd</sup> inst BUSIGNY 10-am no news of Pack. 3 pm no news of pack, 8 pm expected at 10 pm, but did not arrive until midnight. Commenced loading 2 pm, finished 3 pm. Supplies dumped 11-am on 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q. BOHAIN.	

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BOHAIN	23-11-18	4pm	Saw R.S.O. BOHAIN. Pack Train probably arrive about 6-30 pm.	
		7-30p	Received message from R.S.O. requesting that Pack on arrival be allowed to stand till 8-am on 24 <sup>th</sup> inst. Agreed.	
		9-30pm	D.A.Q.M.C. Capt Gallasch gave groups for move forward commencing 25 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
		9-30p	Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Div O.B. 300. Railroad for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div less Artillery on 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> inst BOHAIN. 26 <sup>th</sup> Railroad HONNECHY. One Bde group of 5 <sup>th</sup> Aus Div will draw from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Pack. 27 <sup>th</sup> the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Art draw from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Pack.	
	24-11-18	1-30am	- Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus DHA warning order G/1/998/1 of 23 <sup>rd</sup> inst Lieut Wilton reported train arrived and must be cleared at once.	
			He carried on with 4 lorries. 1 Truck Canteen Stores also cleared, and supplies for 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Bdes and Canteen Stores dumped at 15 <sup>th</sup> Coy billet	
			12. RUE-DE-PIEMONT. BOHAIN.	
		10-am	Visited 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde Dumps, all in order for issue	
			Arranged with 15 <sup>th</sup> Coy to clear 11 tons Coal from Railroad to their Dump.	
			R.S.O. expects the Train in this afternoon.	
		2-30p	Train arrived and cleared. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde by M.T. and dumped at BUSIGNY.	

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BOHAIN.	24-11-18	2-30p	5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> Bdes by H. T. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde R.P. Rue de Piemont BOHAIN. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde R.P. Rueguise BOHAIN. Following wire from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Q.B. 144. " Aust Corps have asked Army to send one ton Charcoal per Division per week for fires in Field Ambulances "	
	25-11-18		Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.H.Q. G/1/998/2. Amendment to warning order G/1/998/1 of 23 <sup>rd</sup> inst, also D.H.Q. Order No 228 and march table attached for move to CARTIGNIES area.	
		11-am	D.A.Q.M.G. advised that Railway Line at CAMBRAI. destroyed by mine explosion. 3 trains delayed. Arranged for Div Sig Coy to collect supplies for units concerned from 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Dump and deliver to units near RUMILLY.	
		3pm	R.T.O. advised Pack train delayed west of CAMBRAI. Telephoned S+T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army and they could do without nothing. Saw D.A.Q.M.G. and he asked Corps "Q" and they would enquire whether another Railhead would be used or Transport was to wait arrival of Train at BOHAIN.	
		9pm	Visited R.S.O. BOHAIN. No news of Pack Train with rations for Consumption	
			27 <sup>th</sup> inst.	

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BOHAIN.	26-11-18.		Waited at BOHAIN until 12-noon, but no advice of Pack due 25 <sup>th</sup> inst	
		12-20	Met S.O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s at FRESNOY-la-grand. Obtained figures and discussed plans.	
		12-45	R.S.O. and R.T.O. BOHAIN had no news of Pack.	
		1-30pm	Saw R.S.O and R.T.O. HOMNECHY. no news of today's Pack.	
		2pm	Saw S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde at ST. SOUPLLET and with him to 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q.	
		2/30pm	Saw S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde at MAZINGHIEN.	
		2/50pm	Saw S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde at PRISCHES.	
			Instructed all S.O.'s verbally that if lorries not arrived at 8-am daily, wagons were to proceed with columns but guide to left till 10.am.	
CARTIGNIES		3-30pm	Arrived T.H.Q., which moved today.	
		4pm	By arrangement with A.A. and QMG Priority Call obtained to D.D.S.T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army D.A.D.S. had no knowledge of train and would see Traffic 4 <sup>th</sup> Army and if necessary obtain authority from 4 <sup>th</sup> Army "Q" to draw from Army reserve at BOHAIN and I was to telephone later.	
		5/30pm	Telephoned again and D D S & T advised yesterdays train would arrive at 6pm.	
		6-30pm	Q 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div telephoned that Corps Q reported train had arrived.	

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CARTIGNIES. <del>BOHAIN.</del>	26-11-18		<p>Supplies arrived at refilling points from 12-midnight 26/27<sup>th</sup> to 8-am 27<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>6-30p A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. telephoned. attended D.H.Q. and informed 2<sup>nd</sup> Ans Pioneer Bn moving independently. S 541. to S.O. 6<sup>th</sup> Bde to make necessary arrangements to deliver supplies. Message taken by D.A.A.G. who would deliver personally at ST. SOU PLET tonight.</p>	
			<p>Refilling Points. 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. PRISCHEs. 6<sup>th</sup> Bde ST SOU PLET 7<sup>th</sup> Bde MAZINGHIEN.</p>	
	27-11-18	9-30am	<p>Left CARTIGNIES for HONNECHY. Delayed by traffic and roads. Arrived HONNECHY Railhead 12-30pm. Train due 26<sup>th</sup> arrived and ready for clearing. Proceeded to BRANCOURT but met Lieut Wilton S.O. No. 2. AMTCO. at BUSIGNY. Returned to Railhead</p>	
		2pm	<p>Loading commenced and arranged with Lieut Wilton to call at THA tonight or send D.R. for figures, and he would keep in touch with VAUX ANDIGNY.</p>	
		2-30p	<p>Saw S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ans D.T.'s at ST. SOU PLET.</p>	
		3-30p	<p>Saw S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde at PRISCHEs.</p>	
			<p>Visited 2<sup>nd</sup> Ans D.H.Q. several times during day and night.</p>	

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CARTIGNIES	27/11/18		<p>Following wire from 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D HQ. Q.B. 335. 27<sup>th</sup> inst Railhead 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div and artillery VAUX ANDIGNY from 28<sup>th</sup> inst. 86<sup>th</sup> Army Bde Artillery will be transferred for rations from No. 6. AM T Co. (Aus Corps Troops) to 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> Prox for Consumption 2<sup>nd</sup> Prox.</p> <p>Following from Aust Corps Q 782. 27<sup>th</sup> Inst 86<sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.F.A. trans for rns from 6<sup>th</sup> AM T Co. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> inst for Consumption 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. S.O.'s concerned to arrange.</p> <p>Received 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Instructions No. 6. re Advance to the Rhine 01/0001 27<sup>th</sup>/11/18. giving groups for move &amp; billeting, but these are subject to modification later. move not expected to be earlier than Decr 4<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
	28/11/18	4 pm	<p>Pack Train for 27<sup>th</sup> arrived, supplies commenced to arrive R.P's 5 pm. Refilly Point 5<sup>th</sup> Bde PRISCHEs. 6<sup>th</sup> Bde. BOULOGNE-SUR-HELPE. 7<sup>th</sup> Bde GD. FAYT. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D. T's</p> <p>CARTIGNIES (PRISCHEs ROAD)</p> <p>Phoned VAUX. ANDIGNY Railhead, but no news of pack for 28<sup>th</sup>. visited 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D HQ. several times day &amp; night.</p>	
	29-11-18	1-am	<p>D.R. from S.O. No. 2 AM T Co arrived with figures for pack due 27<sup>th</sup>, and advice that double pack expected 29<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>	

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CARTIGNIES	29/11/18		Two Packs arrived for 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> . Brigade groups cleared 2 days rations at one loading extra M.T. being available. Div Troops. M.T. two journeys R.H. to R.P. all completed by night. One issue made to units today, another to be made in the morning.	
	30-11-18		Wire to S & T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S.560. "Where can Fuel Wood be obtained"	
			Reply from S & T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S/687. Fuel wood ordered on Pack.	
		10-am	S.O. No. 2. AMT Co advises Pack due 1 pm.	
		2 pm	To VAUX ANDIGNY railhead, but no news of arrival of Pack	
	1-12-18	10 am	To VAUX ANDIGNY railhead, Pack due 30 <sup>th</sup> arrived 9-am & cleared immediately. This days pack anticipated 3 pm. Pack arrived 3 pm & cleared.	
			Wired S & T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S/571. asking for addition to pack of men 1000 animals 200	
	2-12-18		Pack for this day arrived 3 pm & cleared. Fuel Wood 10 tons on Pack.	
	3-12-18		Pack arrived 6 pm. Cleared & dumped immediately	
	4-12-18	12 noon	S.O. No. 2. AMT Co advises strength of Pack only 12,200 men. wire S/582 to	
			S & T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army. Increase Pack to 14,000 men, also 15 tons Coal and full 8 oz.	
			Fresh Veg or Equivalent required daily. Commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> inst all S.O.'s to weigh Fresh Meat daily & report at end of 7 days.	

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CARTIGNIES	4-12-18		S/584 to S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army to increase pack to 15,000 men. (on of rations + reimp. wing) Pack available 6pm. Cleared & dumped immediately.	
	5-12-18		2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans D.H.Q. Q.B. 391 of date advise Railhead commencing 6 <sup>th</sup> inst LE. CATEAU. Statement of shortages in rations for Nov. forwarded by 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde to D.H.Q. & found to. C.O. Train. Commodities short Rice, Oatmeal. (not available from Base) vegetables (previous over issues being written off. Paris Supplies etc) Fresh meat (question of average weight, & when the Div receipts by all groups of Div weighed over a period of 14 days on previous occasion, the average shortage was only 1/2%.) R.S.O. VAUX ANDIGNY issued demand (AFW. 3326) on 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Dump AVESNES for the bulk of commodities for drawing today, balance to be drawn from Pack Train on arrival. S.O. No. 2. AMT Co reports having visited location of Dump at AVESNES, but the whole of the rations had been moved to another dump at BEAUMONT about 80 Kilometres away. 6pm Phoned 4 <sup>th</sup> Army, to cancel AFW. 3326, and draw all commodities from Pack. Approval given.	
	6-12-18		Pack due 5 <sup>th</sup> available 1-am. Cleared immediately.	

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CARTIGNIES	6-12-18	2pm	Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Instructions no 7 G/1003 and Warning Order & march Table G/1004 for move forward. (Phase of Advance to the Rhine)	
		3pm	Railhead LE. CATEAU. Pack available. Cleared & dumped immediately.	
	6-12-18		Capt. F.W. BARRETT takes over duties S.O. D.T. <sup>15</sup> vice Capt L.G. GIBBINS. Leave.	
	7-12-18	3-30pm	To Railhead. NO news of Pack.	
		4-30pm	Interview with G.O.C. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I Bde and discussed Supply Situation.	
		6pm	Pack arrived. & cleared.	
	8-12-18		Amendment to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div warning order G/1004 received. "Not expected move to commence before 16 <sup>th</sup> inst"	
	9-12-18		Pack due 8 <sup>th</sup> arrived 9am. Cleared immediately. Oats, Biscuits P.M. Tea & Sugar drawn from Army Dump AVESNELLES.	
			Cool arriving at railhead very short on waybill weights. Today truck waybilled at 10 tons only contained 4 tons, which quantity only taken on charge.	
			4 <sup>th</sup> Army S/29 "Lined Cake not available"	
		3pm	Visited Army Dump at "Avesnelles", reference taking over on 10 <sup>th</sup> inst as	

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CARTIGNIES	9-12-18	4pm	To. Aust Corps "Q" at AVESNES re dump at AVESNELLES. Only small quantity of rations being left after issues to be made on 10 <sup>th</sup> inst, arranged not to take over until further instructions tomorrow.  Pack arrived & cleared. Dumped at R.P.'s about 8pm.	
	10-12-18		Aus Corps "Q" advise per telephone, the following commodities to be taken over on Dump AVESNELLES. Bic 149 1/2 cys. P.M. 4 cys. Patrol 52 gls. Grease 60 lbs. Lub Oil 90 gls  Dats about 10 split bags. S/612 to S.O. No. 2. AMT Co. to collect & deliver at Refilling Points.	
		9-15pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Q. B. 422 of date received. "Change of Supply Railhead AM 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Aus Divs Aust Corps Troops to LANDRECIES 12 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	<del>11-12-18</del>		Pack arrived & Supplies dumped at R.P.'s	
	11-12-18	6pm	Pack not arrived	
	12-12-18		Pack for 11 <sup>th</sup> arrived 7-am cleared & dumped immediately	
		12-noon	Pack to Railhead LANDRECIES. Pack arrived, but M.T. not yet available on account previous days pack being late. Cleared at 3pm.	
	13-12-18		Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div OO 230 dated 12 <sup>th</sup> re move forward. move to commens 17 <sup>th</sup> inst, also 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Admin Memo 236 of 12 <sup>th</sup> (arrangements for move forward)	

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CARTIGNIES.	13-12-18		Pack available and cleared 12-noon.	
	14-12-18		Pack available and cleared 11-am.	
	15-12-18		Pack available and cleared 10-am.	
			Results of weighing the following commodities for period ending 14 <sup>th</sup> inst, by all Supply Officers. Shortages Oats 1/2%. Fr Meat 2%. Bacon 3 1/3%.	
			1 <sup>st</sup> Amendment to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Order No. 230. received.	
	16-12-18		Following wire from Aust Corps. Q. 29. of 15 <sup>th</sup> inst. Railhead commencing 18 <sup>th</sup> inst	
			BEAUMONT. Aust Corps Troops off 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Pack.	
		10-am	To Railhead LANDRECIES. Pack available & clearing commenced.	
MARCINELLE	17-12-18	9-am	To Railhead. Pack available and clearing commenced.	
(CHARLEROI)		12-30.	Arrived MARCINELLE (CHARLEROI)	
			T.H.Q. to MARCINELLE 75. RUE-DE-CHARLEROI.	
	18-12-18	11-am	R.O. Interviewed Burgemeister MARCHIENNE-AU-POINT re Carrots & Cabbages for disposal. Quantity available Carrots about 50,000 kilos. Cabbages abt 4000. kilos. Price. Carrots 15-00 Fms per 100 kilos. Cabbages 25-00 Fms per 100. kilos.	
		2pm	Arranged for delivery of 5000 kilos Carrots on 21 <sup>st</sup> inst and 2000 kilos on	
			23 <sup>rd</sup> inst to be collected by M.T. from MARBAIX.	

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MARCINELLE	18/12/18		Railhead BEAUMONT. Pack available 3pm. Cleared & dumped immediately.	
	19/12/18.		NO news of today's Pack.	
	20/12/18		Pack due 19 <sup>th</sup> . available 2pm. Cleared immediately. no news of 20 <sup>th</sup> Pack.	
			Memo from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div re Rum. "200 gals ordered on Pack twice weekly. 70 galls to be handed over to S.O. NO. 6. AMTCO (Corps Troops) weekly. Balance for issue to all troops rationed by this Div. Authority G.O.C. Div for Div units and Army Bde's artillery attached. Authority for Corps & Army Troops to be obtained from Corps H.Q. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Q 454. G.O.C. authorised issue of rum to all troops.	
	21/12/18		Pack due 20 <sup>th</sup> . available & cleared 11-am. Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> DHA Q 450 of 20 <sup>th</sup> inst "Recommitee for Wharf accommodation in neighbourhood THUIN at which Coal Barges could be off loaded to form Div Reserve Dump and meet current requirements. Visited THUIN. Very hilly. Steep descent to river. Only one point where coal could be off loaded from barges and transport able to approach, which is in main street along river side, & unsuitable for a Dump.	

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MARCINELLE	21/12/18		Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Admin Memo 238 of 20 <sup>th</sup> inst, dealing with system of Supplies to be adopted when drawn from Railhead by Horse Transport. Wire to S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S/657. where my medical comforts be obtained.	
	22	12 noon	R.O. to MARBAIX. Carrots to be collected by M.T. today sent per rail on 20 <sup>th</sup> to MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT, to arrive 1 pm. Notified S.O. AMTCo to collect from MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT.	
	22/12/18		Pack due 21 <sup>st</sup> available & cleared 11 am. This days Pack available & cleared 8/30 pm. All groups cleared by M.T. Refilling Points 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde FONTENELLE. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde THY-LE-CHATEAU. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde main Square MONT-SUB-MARCHIENNE. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s BIESMES-SOUS-THUIN. Wire from S&T S/257. If medical comforts want draw from P.S.O. CHARLEROI. If not wire reqts which will be ordered on Pack S/663 to A.D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div asking for weekly requirements for following month.	
			S/669 to S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army where may billeting straw be obtained.	

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MARCINELLE	23/12/18		<p>Capt McIntosh S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde vice Lint Hoakes on leave U.K.</p> <p>S&amp;T. 4<sup>th</sup> Army 12/229 "Wire amount Billiey Straw required and same will be ordered on pack"</p> <p>S. 675 to S&amp;T. Requirements B. Straw 20 tons</p> <p>S. 676 to Q Aust Corps requesting authority to issue Rum to Corps and Army Troops rationed by this Div.</p> <p>Aust Corps Q 998. of date. "Arrange ration 305 POW Coy arriving JAMBOULX 24<sup>th</sup> met commencing 25<sup>th</sup> for 26<sup>th</sup>."</p> <p>Carrots to be collected by S.O. No. 2. AMTCo on 21<sup>st</sup>, not able to be collected until 22<sup>nd</sup> on account of M.T. not available. N.C.O. sent by S.O. No. 2. AMTCo. to collect did not do so, stating Carrots unfit for consumption, being very rotten.</p>	
	24/12/18		<p>S&amp;T 4<sup>th</sup> Army wires re Billiey Straw. 20 tons for 11,000 men on Stone floors. confirm.</p> <p>Aust Corps Q 140 of date. Rum issue approved for Corps and Army Troops at such times as a Divisional issue is authorised by Div Commander</p>	sh

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MARCINELLE	24/12/18		Local Purchases of Vegetables. Carrots 2000 Kilos <del>taken</del> collected by S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from MARCHIENNE - AU - PONT.	
			Pack due 23 <sup>rd</sup> available 8pm today. Drawn by M.T. & dumped immediately.	
	25/12/18		Pack due 24 <sup>th</sup> available this morning, and cleared before noon.	
	26/12/18		S. 694 to S&T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army. 11 tons Billating Straw required.	
			25 <sup>th</sup> Pack available 8-am today.	
			Amst Corps Q. 179 of date cancelling Q 998 of 23 <sup>rd</sup> re rationing 305. P.O. V. Coy	
			S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. M. 8 of 25 <sup>th</sup> inst Certifying having taken over all standing orders, Statements of af &c of 5 <sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde Group.	
			Local Purchases of Vegetables. Carrots 5000 Kilos <del>taken</del> collected by S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from MONT - SUR - MARCHIENNE.	
			Received 4 <sup>th</sup> Army J.D. S&T No. A.F. 224 "Instructions re Accounting for Thaw Precaution Reserves"	
			T.R.O. 946 of date calls for reports from all S.O.'s if accommodation under cover is available for storing 3 days Thaw Reserves.	
			Today's Pack available 5pm.	



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MARCINELLE	27/12/18	8pm	Aust Corps Q 267 of date "Arrange ration commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> for 29 <sup>th</sup> . 372 P.O.W. Coy JAMIOULX.	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Q 492 of date "Change of railhead 30 <sup>th</sup> inst inclusive to THUILLIES.	
			3pm Pack available clearing commenced	
	28/12/18	9:30am	To JAMIOULX. 372 P.O.W. Coy rationed to 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan inclusive. arranged to ration 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan for Cons 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan, through 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde Group.	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Q 496 of date "Supply arrangements for Corps Troops AAT 29 <sup>th</sup> draw 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Pack BEAUMONT. 30 <sup>th</sup> draw 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Pack THUILLIES. 31 <sup>st</sup> draw	
			Corps Troops Section BEAUMONT. SO. No. 2 AMTCO advised.	
			S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Q 769 in reply to S. 696. Ruling force Potatoes 20 Fms 100. Kils	
			Maximum allowed 26. Fms	
			Local Purchases of Vegetables. Cabbages 780. Kils collected by S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde	
			from MARBAIX. Carrots 5000. Kils and Cabbages 1000 Kils collected by	
			S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE. S.O.'s to make distribution	
			as per detail in T.R.O.'s to other Groups.	
	29/12/18		28 <sup>th</sup> Pack cleared 8-am this day.	

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MARCINELLE.	1918 30/12/18		29 <sup>th</sup> Pack cleared 8-am	
		10-30am	to THUILLIES. Railhead. 30 <sup>th</sup> Pack arrived. Clearing to be commenced 2pm.	
		11-am	Coal Dump established near railhead 2/cpl Murtagh 15 <sup>th</sup> AASC in charge.	
			1 Loader per company detailed, also guard of 1. N.C.O. & 6. O.R.'s. 2 Loaders per Coy from those at railhead to be detailed by Reg. Tapt. Officer when coal requires clearing.	
			Local Purchases of Vegetables. Cabbages 1830 Kilos Onions 1000 Kilos collected by S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE. and distribution made.	
			Reports received from all Supply Officers, stating accommodation available to store 3 days Thaw Reserves.	
	31/12/18		Pack cleared 10-am	
			Local Purchases of Vegetables. Carrots 12,000 Kilos. Cabbages 820 K. collected by S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT, and distribution made.	
	1919 Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans Dir 123/439 of date "Authority is given for Rum to be issued to all Labor Coys. This issue will be made on the same scale and at the same time as issues to Div units"	

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MARCINELLE	1919 1/1/19		Results of weighing Fresh meat received from Rhead period 22 to 31 <sup>st</sup> /12/18 by all S.O.'s. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde Qty recd 20,000 lbs shortage 784 lbs. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde Recd 20,700 lbs shortage 72 lbs. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde 24,700 lbs surplus 24 lbs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans. D.T.'s 12,500 lbs surplus 100 lbs. Result on the whole Division over the period, shortage .9%.	
	2/1/19		Pack cleared during morning. S+T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S. 396 of date "Medical Comforts available weekly from R.S.O. BEAUMONT." AD.M.S and all S.O.'s advised. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans Div Q 525 of date "Owing to change of regulating station, preserved ration only will arrive railhead 4 <sup>th</sup> inst". Published in T.R.O.'s of date. Statement showing prices of Local Purchases received from 4 <sup>th</sup> Army (D.D.S+T) Pack cleared 10-am. Local Purchases of Vegetables. Carrots 5000 Kilos, Cabbages 3000. Kilos. Carrots collected by S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from MARCHEHENNE-AU-POINT. Cabbages collected by S.O. 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from MARBAIX. Distributed as per instructions to various groups. Aust Corps Q. 678. received re Thaw Reserves. <sup>begin</sup> 3 day hard rations for thaw rations arrive on pack train on 5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> inclusive. Probably one"	

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MARCINELLE	2/1/19		<p>days complete 5<sup>th</sup>, one days ration each 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup>, one days forage each 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup>. arrange to draw and dump. arrange extra lorries with S.M.T.O. "ends"</p> <p>C.O. Div Train advised no of lorries required each day as follows. 5<sup>th</sup>, 26. 6<sup>th</sup>, 12. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14. 8<sup>th</sup>, 12. 9<sup>th</sup>, 14. Dates of expected arrival as above published in T.R.O's 3/1/19. S.O. No. 2. A.M.T. Co advised S734.</p> <p>S. 722 to S &amp; T 4<sup>th</sup> Army. "Authority requested to issue Coal in lieu of wood vide SS. 571 Sect 13 E.</p>	
	3/1/19		<p>S &amp; T. 4<sup>th</sup> Army S. 413. "If wood not arriving on pack, local purchases are authorised price not to exceed 5 Frs 100. Kilos.</p> <p>Cabbages 4000 Kilos (Local purchases of Vegetables) collected by S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde. from MARCHIENNE-AU-POINT and distributed.</p> <p>Today's pack not arrived. Expected 4<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>	
	4/1/19		<p>Pack due 3<sup>rd</sup> Cleared during morning. Salt on pack. First time since Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. M &amp; V or Bacon still being issued in lieu margarine. W.P.O. &amp; meth Spts on pack.</p> <p>Aust Corps Q 35 received re Thaw Reserves. "Ref Q 678 of 2<sup>nd</sup> One days reserve"</p>	

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MARCINELLE	4/1/19		ration complete arrives railhead 5 <sup>th</sup> . Remaining two days will be packed as railway and other conditions permit. Advice will be sent of despatch from Base "all S.O.'s (per TRO's) and S.O. No. 2. AMTCs advised.	
	5/1/19		Pack due 4 <sup>th</sup> Cleared during morning. Today's pack and Thaw Reserves not expected until 6 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
		6pm	D.A.P.M. requested, in view of the probability of food riots amongst civilians, that refilling of supplies be done in places not open to view of civilians. S/352 (Confidential) to all S.O.'s.	
	6/1/19		Pack due 5 <sup>th</sup> Cleared 8 am. 1 days Thaw Reserve (Fodder) arrived. Total quantities Oats 54256 lbs Hay 33245. Straw 11095. Distributed as follows S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde Oats 5983. Hay 4950. 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde Oats 6184 Hay 5133. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Oats 6185. Hay 5729. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus D. T <sup>6</sup> 's 35904 Hay 29128. D.T.'s includes Reserve for 86. Army Bde	
	7/1/19		Pack due 6 <sup>th</sup> available 7-30 am & cleared. Thaw Reserves as follows arrived P.M. 9000 lbs. Disc 10650 lbs. Distributed as follows S.O. 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde P.M. 2088. Disc 2450 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde P.M. 2160 Disc 2550. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde P.M. 2880. Disc 3500. D.T.'s P.M. 1872. Disc 2150.	

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MARCINELLE	7/1/19	3/30pm	Acting D.A.M.G Corps stated that no further Thaw Reserves would be forwarded until further notice																									
	8/1/19		<p>Pack due 7<sup>th</sup> cleared 11-45 am. Thaw Reserves as follows arrived and were distributed to S.O.'s. P+Beans 3982 M+V. 5328 Cheese 2016 Jam 3000. Sugar 2480. Milk 1008. Tea 508. margarine 1020. Complaint having been received of short weight of Hay, all S.O.'s weighed period 1-7<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Results as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="616 1068 2710 1310"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Head weight.</th> <th>Surplus lbs</th> <th>Deficiency lbs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5<sup>th</sup> Bole</td> <td>35000</td> <td>-</td> <td>261</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6<sup>th</sup> "</td> <td>26000</td> <td>258</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7<sup>th</sup> "</td> <td>40500</td> <td>2036</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. D.T.'s</td> <td>70000</td> <td>441</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>171500</u></td> <td><u>2735</u></td> <td><u>261</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Nett Surplus 2474 = Surplus 1.46%</p>		Head weight.	Surplus lbs	Deficiency lbs	5 <sup>th</sup> Bole	35000	-	261	6 <sup>th</sup> "	26000	258	-	7 <sup>th</sup> "	40500	2036	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ans. D.T.'s	70000	441	-		<u>171500</u>	<u>2735</u>	<u>261</u>	
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	9/1/19		<p>Pack due 8<sup>th</sup> placed 4-am. Clearing commenced 8-am. Thaw Reserves as follows arrived and were distributed to all S.O.'s Oats 49300 lbs Hay 46800. Owing to Foot &amp; mouth Disease &amp; Diphtheria. 20<sup>th</sup> Coy A.A.S.C. had to move from BIESMES to MALADRIE. Refilling point also moved to same village</p>																									
	10/1/19		<p>Pack due 9<sup>th</sup> placed 6-am. Clearing commenced 8-am. Thaw Reserves as follows arrived, &amp; distributed. Hay 28900 lbs. Oats 61200 lbs.</p>																									

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MARCHELLE	10/1/19		<p>Lieut L. Neakes returned from leave and took over duties S.O. 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde                      Capt MC. INTOSH proceeded on leave.                      2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Paymaster 29/357 of 8<sup>th</sup> inst received, re P.O.'s Imprest a/c. Commencing 1-1-19 this a/c is an A.I. F. Imprest a/c number MISC G/64. Old a/c MISC A/11. B.E.F. Imp a/c to be cleared up, to 31-12-1918. R.O. taken necessary action. Paymaster 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div requires statement up to &amp; inc 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; last day of each month, together with all vouchers etc.</p>	
	11/1/19		<p>Pack due 10<sup>th</sup> placed 1-am. Clearing commenced 8-am.                      Certificate received from Lt. L. Neakes, having taken over all standing orders, statements of a/c etc of 5<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde group.</p>	
	12/1/19	3 pm	<p>Pack due 11<sup>th</sup> placed during night 11/12. Clearing commenced 8-am.                      Reports received from Supply Officers indicating that refilling points away from Public view as requested by D.A.P.M. on 5<sup>th</sup> inst are not available. I discussed the matter with D.A.Q.M.G. and he stated that no further action need be taken</p>	
	13/1/19	11-30 am	<p>Interviewed D.A.P.M. re change of Refilling points, discussed the matter and he concurred with the decision of the D.A.Q.M.G.</p>	

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MARCINELLE	13/1/19		<p>Pack due 12<sup>th</sup> placed during night 12/13<sup>th</sup>. Clearing commenced 8-am.</p> <p>This days Pack in position 2pm. Clearing commenced immediately. Completed 6pm, on account of H.T. having to be notified and two journeys to P.H. being necessary today.</p> <p>Aust corps Q 782 of date "Issue of Rum to British Guard with P.O.W. Coys three times weekly approved" S 775 to S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.</p> <p>Aust Corps Q 790. of date "Wire number of days thaw rations and fodder in possession noon" Reply S 777. Fodder 3 days Rations 1 day.</p>	
	14/1/19	3pm	<p>R.O. arranged purchase of 5000 kilos Carrots @ 12-00frs per 100.K. from Ravitaillement Commune 21. Ave-de-la-Providence MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT. To be collected from Monsieur GERARD. Arthur MARBAIX. S.O. 6<sup>th</sup> Bde to collect on 16<sup>th</sup> inst and distribute as per T.P.O. 966 para 8 of date.</p>	
		6pm	<p>This days Pack not arrived. Expected during the night.</p> <p>Aust Corps Q 879 recd, wire deficiencies in issues coal &amp; wood period 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Reply S 778. Coal no deficiency Wood 86 tons deficiency.</p>	

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MARCINELLE	15/1/19		<p>14<sup>th</sup> Pack placed during night 14/15<sup>th</sup>. Clearing commenced 8-am                      this days pack not arrived                      Aust Corps Q967 of date "S&amp;T advises grocery portion Thaw Rations expected                      railhead 15<sup>th</sup>". S.O. No. 2. AMT Co advised per S787 of date</p>	
	16/1/19		<p>15<sup>th</sup> Pack placed during night 14/15<sup>th</sup>, Clearing commenced 8-am                      this days pack placed 1 pm Clearing commenced 2 pm.                      Thaw Reserves (grocery portion) arrived this day                      S&amp;T. 4<sup>th</sup> Army S 537. "wire prevailing prices fresh veg your area by                      km's also whether quantities available sufficient for or surplus                      to your requirements.                      S. 787 to S&amp;T. 4<sup>th</sup> Army. Pats 22 Fns Carrots 12 Fns. Cabbages 20. Fns per 100k.                      Small surplus over immediate requirements.                      S.O. 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde advises Refilling Point now situated in building at                      Station THY-LE-CHATEAU.</p>	

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MARCINELLE	17/1/19		S789 to S4T 4 <sup>th</sup> ARMY requesting authority to purchase potatoes at 2200 frs per 100 kilo.	
			S4T 4 <sup>th</sup> ARMY advised that form X not being received. Replied S791 that same being despatched daily to RSO also visited RSO. THUILLIES to state if form X is being received by him	
	18/1/19		Pack train for 17 <sup>th</sup> inst in position during night & cleared at 0800 on 18 <sup>th</sup>	
		1100	Received & attended conference at DDST 4 <sup>th</sup> ARMY at which supply matters generally were discussed. Sent letter to CO. TRAIN to be passed to DHO giving decision re meat weights.	
			Received AF 329 from S4T 4 <sup>th</sup> ARMY re potatoes issued in lieu of cheese not to be shown on AFW 3317.	
			S793/5 instructed R.O.'s D Troop & 4 <sup>th</sup> ATBUE re rationing and adjustments to be made for horses & personnel	

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MARENGUE	19/1/19		<p>proceeding to Army Concentration Camp                      S794 advised D.O. 2 MT Coy Cambrai available at NAMUR                      S796 instructed S.O. 2 MT Coy to detail 2 Lories on 21<sup>st</sup> to                      23<sup>rd</sup> unit to convey supplies for party proceeding to staying                      Camp near NAMUR</p>	
	19/1/19		<p>Pack train <sup>for 18<sup>th</sup></sup> placed during night &amp; cleared at 8.00                      Received 2 Aust Div 75/489 &amp; Aust Corps 163/539 re                      disposal of horses on demobilisation. Copy sent                      to D.O. 7<sup>th</sup> AT Bde</p>	
			<p>In view of arrangements contained in above cancelled                      S796 to D.O. 2 MT Coy S799 also amended instructions                      to D.O. 7<sup>th</sup> AT Bde S801</p>	
			<p>Instructed S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> AT Bde S802 to issue 100 new rations and                      for delivery to Div Rest Camp BRUSSELS To be taken                      from THAW RESERVE and replaced on 21<sup>st</sup></p>	
			<p>S803 advised NCO of dump &amp; S.O. 2 AMT Coy that</p>	

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MARCEIN	19/1/19		nightly full report is being received 2 or 3 days late + to be handed in daily in future	
	20/1/19		Pack train for 19 <sup>th</sup> placed during night + cleared at 08.00 S806 advised S.O.7 Bde of alteration in strength of party passing through to Demobilisation Camp on 22 <sup>nd</sup> as per Aust Corps 163/539 S807 instructed S.O. MT Coy not to draw more than 800 Negs. per man daily. Received Aust Corps 188/1/183 re disposal of Iron ration of personnel for demobilisation. Sent copy to S.O.7 Bde S.O.6 Bde reported having collected 3735 Kilos Carrots from GERRARD and distributed same	
	21/1/19		Pack train of 20 <sup>th</sup> in position overnight and cleared at 08.15 Pack train of 21 <sup>st</sup> inst arrived at 06.00 and loading commenced at 09.30.	
			Received A806 from S & J 4 <sup>th</sup> Army amending prices for locally	

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MARCINELLE	27/1/4		<p>purchased vegetables</p> <p>Received SB17 from S+J 4<sup>th</sup> Army quantity of flour required in lieu of bread replies SB14 NIL</p> <p>Received SB15 from S+J 4<sup>th</sup> Army authority to issue coal in lieu of wood if possible to purchase locally.</p> <p>Received SB18 S+J instructions to submit cases of vegetables procurable at higher rates than price list for special approvals</p>	
	27/1/4		<p>Pack train for <sup>road</sup> in position 0800 cleared at 0930</p> <p>S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> AMT Coy reported re complete ration of jam or dried fruit not being available for 3 days.</p> <p>SB15 advised S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A Road of change of location of Corps Ammunition concentration camp to OGINE BOULONNERS MARCHIENNE ZONE. Long replying to him for rations tonight.</p> <p>Received SB16 S+J, if platform scales or weighing machine at RH replies SB16 no scales at RH Scales in village may be used as spare vehicle</p>	

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MARCINELLE	27/1/19		<p>Received S.O. 2. RL 88 authorising issue of 200 lb Salt fish to replace quantity condemned Demanded from R.H. &amp; advised S.O. 7 Bde 5817</p> <p>S.O. 7 Bde applied for authority to issue M.V. from Their Reserve &amp; replace with bacon for train ration personnel proceeding to Australia replied S.S. 19 not approving</p> <p>S.O. 6 Bde advised C.S. re weighing of meat, <del>states</del> bonowed scales being withdrawn by units, applying to other units for loan</p> <p>Received D.H.Q. 75/489 re sale of horses to Belgian government.</p> <p>Received D.H.Q. 173/488 re crops &amp; vegetables planted by Germans. To be taken on charge issued, &amp; under drawn from R.H.</p> <p>Report to be rendered of such crops by 29<sup>th</sup> inst.</p> <p>Forwarded to all supply officers for report also interviewed Belgian mission who will report as to this area.</p>	
	23/1/19		<p>Pack train in position</p> <p>S.S. 24 wrote to S.O. 2 AMTCy advising that weighing of meat</p>	

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MARCINELLE	23/1/19		discloses that unequal distribution is being made at R.H. Requested that personal supervision be given this matter.	
	24/1/19		Pack train in position 11.30, loading commenced same hour. S. J. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army asked S638 for list of units rationed for 25 <sup>th</sup> inst. Complied with.	
			Received AVS7 Corps Q815 enquiring if show precaution dumps complete with 3 days rations fodder and fuel. Replied S826 Yes except 14000 rations manganite.	
			3rd Aust Div wires moved of party to animal concentration camp post found 2 days strength of party 34 all ranks and 150 horses. Repeated to S07 ABae S826	
			Received letter from 86 ARMY Bde RFA re short issue of fuel. Replied S826 <del>and</del> pointing out that shortage at Base was occasioned same enclosed memo from Director of Supplies explaining reasons of same.	
			S.O. 2 AMT Coy reported that straw arriving at RH in hay	

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MARCINELLE	24/11/49		<p>Trucks waybilled as hay. Percentage this day over 70%                      S.O. D.O. also reported same. Wrote to SPS 4<sup>th</sup> Army                      reporting above and giving instances.                      1400 Interviewed contractor who had horse canots for sale,                      Referred matter to DAQMG who instructed me that horse                      canots need not be purchased.</p>	
	25/11/49		<p>Pack train in position                      Received DHO memo 173/450 asking if R.S.O held one days                      reserve ration and forage for Division in case of traffic                      delays. Wrote to S.O. MTCoy 5831 to ascertain and report.                      Received advice from 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Div that 90 O.R. and 250 horses                      report Corps Concent<sup>ion</sup> Camp on 29<sup>th</sup> inst requiring 24 hours                      rations. Advised S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A 1301 5832                      Received advice from DHO 757489 of alteration of dates of                      1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Div parties proceeding to Horse Concent<sup>ion</sup> Camp.                      Advised S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A 1301 5833</p>	



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MARCINELLE	26/1/19		Pack train in position	
			Received S 639 from S. & S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army advising that list of units due 25 <sup>th</sup> not to hand. Urgently required. Replied S 836 list forwarded by D.R. 24 <sup>th</sup> duplicate being forwarded today.	
		1500	Received S 679 S & S 4 <sup>th</sup> Army vegetable forecast for week ending 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. No fresh available at present will issue immediately supplies are received.	
			Received CR 2818 S & S 4 <sup>th</sup> Army instructions re purchase of Vegs in Belgium. Enquiries to be made as to local requirements before purchase is made.	
		1800	Received Q 175 from Aust Corps advising that approx 4000 lb Sugar 600 lb Dr Veg and 1600 lb Jam being delivered ex barge on 27 <sup>th</sup> . Take on charge and underdraw where necessary.	
			D.H.Q. advises Q 131 all moves of horses to Army collecting Camp stopped. Horses on road to be recalled. Advise S. & S 7 Army S 839.	

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MARCINELLE	26/1/19	1800	S.O. 2 AMT Coy reported re DHQ 123/150 that RSO is not holding one days reserve hard rations but has sufficient forage for one day. Advised CO Train 5/840.	
	27/1/19	1000	Pack train available 5842 to S.O. 2 AMT Coy asking on what days oils are being packed 5842 to STJ 4 <sup>th</sup> ARMY requesting authority purchase coal at 60.00 francs per 1000 Kilos.	
	28/1/19		Received 5708 STJ 4 <sup>th</sup> ARMY advising if sufficient supply of vegs not available in area, quantities of carrots and cabbages in GEMBOUX district. Replied 5845 sufficient supplies available	
		1000	Pack train available Bread and meat not on train.	
		1700	S.O. 7 AIRBde reported receiving sugar & Dr Vegs captured supplies re Barge Sugar 2000 lbs Dr Veg 1435 <sup>th</sup> took off as available quantities of THAM Reserve supplies to three days requirements affecting railhead 29 <sup>th</sup> inst. S.O. 2 AMT Coy reported oils being packed alternate days	

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MAREUILLE	28/1/19	7:50	30 <sup>th</sup> ins being used day. Published in TRO. S+34 <sup>th</sup> ARMY advised in linseed case, bran, roots or beans available. Small quantity of linseed. Replied 5853 2 tons required.	
	29/1/19	10:50	Wired 5854 S.O. 5700e to expedite report re German crops. Pack train available. double quantity of bread and meat arrived to depot 28 <sup>th</sup> ins. 5855 instructed S.O. 7700e to write off as available rations drawn for Concentration Camp and required.	
		15:00	5857 advised C.O. Train re D.H.Q. 123/1448 that Belgian Mission supply officers and civil authorities reports disclose no German crops in area. Instructed 400 fuel dump to issue 1 ton charcoal twice weekly to each S. 6.77 Bdes for 2nd Amb	
	30/1/19		5859 to S.O. 7 Bde to issue 5 bags coal for Dis Rest Camp Brussels as requested by D.H.Q.M.C.	

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MARCEINELLE	30/1/44		Received AVST Corps Q358 instructions to draw necessary material from RH to complete 3 days Thaw reserve authority S+J 5703.	
			Instructed S.O. 2 AMT Coy accordingly S862	
			Received Aust Corps Q727 requesting quantities of captured supplies taken on charge. Replied S863 Sugar 20000 lbs Dr Yegs 143576	
		1800	S865 instructed S.O. 7 Bde to issue dried Yegs (captured) to P.O. VV issue of sugar to be advised later also instructed S.O. 2 AMT Coy S866 to maintain above quantity of Dr Yegs.	
			S.O. 7 Bde Lt CHARISTIE reported taking over standing orders accounts & lists of returns on assuming duties of Supply Officer.	
			S+J & Army advised S+T 228 that 10 days notice required for starting or cancelling consignments of PARIS vegetables.	
			S.O. 6 Bde advised cqs that Bde Sig sec have merged into 6 Bde HQ for supplies.	
			S+J & Army advised S761 in reply to S844 Price considered excessive	
			52 francs being paid by other formations for coal.	

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MARCEINELI	31/1/19	1030	<p>PACK train available</p> <p>Aust Corps advised Q773 that show reserve to be increased to four days reserve. Base have been instructed to make three loadings 1/3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> should arrive R.H. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> inst altered by Q791 to 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>	
	1/2/19	1000	<p>PACK train available</p> <p>Instructed S.O. 5780e 5867 to arrange with CO 2 AMG Bn for all camp to draw no one Bn.</p> <p>DHQ advises party of 54 OR and 150 LD of 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div passing through Concentration Camp on 3<sup>rd</sup> inst <del>arrived</del>. Instructed S.O. 780e 5868 and demanded rations for consumption 4<sup>th</sup> inst.</p> <p>Advised S.O. 2 AMT Coy re increase of THAW reserve 5869 and published in TRD.</p>	
	2/2/19	1030	<p>PACK train available</p> <p>AAQMG 2 Aust Div asked for quantity of staves to be made</p>	

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MARCINELLE	3/27/19		available to be placed in trucks for draft proceeding to AUSTRALIA. obtained demand note to draw from RSO CHARLEROI and arranged for issue to be made as requested. Received D HQ 39/126 Organisation during Demobilisation	
	3/27/19	10.30	Pack train available 5878 to SO 7 <sup>th</sup> ARD & Div Troop arranging for party of men and horses from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div Arty proceeding to NAMUR Instructed 5879 SO 7 <sup>th</sup> ARD to supply party of 20 OR and 40 L of 4 <sup>th</sup> Cav AMT Coy. Returned AFW 3716 to S.O. Div Troop for correction 5883. 5884 forwarded to SO 2 AMT Coy list of commodities required to complete 4 days Shaw rations	
	4/2/19	10.30	Pack train available Received D HQ 707504 Major T.R. CHARLTON assumed duties of SSO. Received D HQ 757504 entrainment of 730 R and 175 horses of	

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MARCINELLE	4/7/19		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Arty. Instructed S.O. 7<sup>th</sup> A Bde and Div Troops re supplying and necessary adjustments 5886/7</p> <p>5888 Instructed S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> AM Coy to deliver 28 tons fuel to 7 Bde dump in anticipation of THAW</p> <p>Sgt 4<sup>th</sup> Army advises 5887 Captured sugar to be issued at usual rates. Arranged distribution TRO 986 para 9 and instructed S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> MT Coy to underdraws RH 6<sup>th</sup> Coy 5890</p> <p>Instructed S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Div Troops to deliver 30 sacks to fuel dump for re-sacking charcoal.</p> <p>S.O. 6 Bde advises C105 that 23 Am manufacturing for supplies for transport and personnel on separate AD 58. Instructed him 5893 that one indent only should be accepted</p> <p>Received DHQ G 173/440 instructions from H<sup>q</sup> Army Q "Prepare for Thaw, arrangements to be made for rations actually to be dumped with units if not already done" DHQ instructed to comply in case of 6. 7. Bde &amp; Div Troops. 5 Bde THAW to remain in</p>	

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MARCINELLE	4/2/19		back until move to MONTIGNIES area	
	7/2/19		Following from S&T. 4 <sup>th</sup> Army R 72 of date "Q.M.G requires weekly returns showing number of complete rations held in Army for men and horses. Wise to reach this office not later than midnight Saturday above particulars respecting your Division.	
	8/2/19		D.H.Q. G 38/128. G.S. Circular Memo M 66 re Organization during demobilization Aux Coops A 524 of date "4 <sup>th</sup> Army Q 656 of 7 <sup>th</sup> Anthouses 25% increase of coal ration during cold weather provided it can be purchased locally. Price 50-00 Fms per 1000 Kilos." Enquiries made, not possible purchase at less than 63-00 Fms 1000 Kilos. Prices of coal increased during past two weeks by 20-00 Fms per 1000 Kilos.	
	9/2/19		S. & T S. 887 of date. On account shortage of hay, ration will be reduced by 2 lbs commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> inst and to meet this an increase of 1 1/2 lbs Oats is authorised.	
	11/2/19		Recd D.H.Q. 232 re move of 6 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde group from NALLINNES area to MARCINELLE area on 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> insts.	103



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MARCINELLE	16/2/19	9-am	<p>Thaw Precautions commence from 9-am today. <sup>10am</sup> Visited railhead THUILLIES. M.T. not working. <sup>12noon</sup> Arranged with O.C. 15<sup>th</sup> Coy AAFC to detail 10 G.S. Wagons to draw Bread, Meat, &amp; Fresh Veggies for 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde group, to move off 1pm. arrangements made for 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> Coys AAFC to supply transport for railhead on alternate days for 7<sup>th</sup> Bde group during Thaw Precautions. To report railhead daily 10am. Only Bread, Fresh meat, Fresh Veggies, &amp; Sundries to be drawn. Other commodities to be consumed from Thaw Reserves.</p> <p>19/2/19 Thaw Precautions cease midnight 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> insts. 4 Days the rations have been consumed from Thaw Reserves.</p> <p>20/2/19 M.T. commence to draw for 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde from Railhead. R.S.O. notifies 4<sup>th</sup> Army advise Thaw Reserves have to be replenished, so commenced immediately.</p> <p>21/2/19 Aust Corps @ 700 of date arrange to complete all Thaw Dumps to three days rations, drawing supplies necessary from those now dumped at railheads</p> <p>an report completion</p>	

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MARCINELLE	22/2/19		S. 995 to Q. Anst Corps, reporting Thau dumps completed	
	23/2/19	10am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Q 65/91 of 22 <sup>nd</sup> recd - 4 <sup>th</sup> Army mine Q 764 of 20 <sup>th</sup> begins - 25% increase coal ration approved during cold weather by my Q 656 of 7 <sup>th</sup> is cancelled from 22 <sup>nd</sup> inst	
		9.30am	Major Anderson DAAMG anst Corps phoned, desiring to meet SSO at railhead THUILLIES.	
		11am	arrived Railhead THUILLIES. L/Cpl Viney & Major Anderson Anst Corps there, and discussed with them arrangements for supplies by metre gauge Trucks from THUILLIES. The following are the estimated requirements of Trucks: 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde 7. D.T. <sup>IS</sup> 3. 86 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde 3. The 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde supplies would be offloaded near Montigny & conveyed to present refilling point MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE by H.T. D.T. <sup>IS</sup> , and Army Bde supplies would be off loaded at GOZEE.	
		12 noon	Left railhead in company with Major Anderson and reconnoitred the route of metre gauge railway for suitable points to off load at GOZEE and MONTIGNY. Suitable places (with loop-lines) found at both points.	

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MARCINELLE	23/2/19	1pm	<p>visited 4<sup>th</sup> Army Traffic CHARLEROI with major Anderson, and discussed requirements on metre gauge, times etc of trains, and submitted same. I should be informed in a day or two what arrangements could be made, before finally commencing use of metre gauge. On account of thaw and bad condition of road THUVILLES - CHARLEROI, the road closed to all M.T. traffic commencing 24<sup>th</sup> inst. Arrangements made for A.T. commencing 24<sup>th</sup> inst.</p> <p>Truck of Potatoes arrived railhead as per 4<sup>th</sup> Army C.R. 2908. waybilled at 14,100 kilos. army instruct weigh on arrival &amp; report. No facilities for weighing at railhead, so M.T. commenced to transport to 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. refilling Point. On account of bad condition of roads, only about 7000 K got to 7<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde R.P. today. Road closed to M.T. commencing 24<sup>th</sup>. S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus D.T.'s instructed to draw balance by M.T. and weigh and report immediately. S.997. to S&amp;T 4<sup>th</sup> Army. Reference C.R. 2908. potatoes arrived railhead today. Cancel all Vegetables on Pack for 12 days.</p>	

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MARCINELLE	25/21/19	noon	Received instruction from D.A.M.G. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div to see 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Traffic and make arrangements as to point supplies for 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde group are to be off loaded at MONTIGNY.	
		3pm	Visited 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Traffic and manager Belgian Tramway, arrangements made as follows:- 7 Trucks to be placed THUILLIES on metre gauge at 10 am daily. Off loading point MONTIGNY Junction of Tramway and MONTIGNY. Elec System GOZEE - MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT at loop line. 5 Trucks depart THUILLIES per special train 2pm arrive MONTIGNY 2-45pm. 2 trucks depart THUILLIES on ordinary passenger train 4-45pm arrive MONTIGNY 5-30pm daily, commencing 27 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
		5pm	T.R.O. of date giving details as above. Supplies <sup>to be</sup> off loaded at MONTIGNY by H.T. and conveyed to present refilling point MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE. O.C. 17 <sup>th</sup> Coy to detail necessary transport. Transhipping of Supplies from Pack to metre gauge Trucks at THUILLIES to be done by 20 <sup>th</sup> Coy AASC Transport.	
			Received S & T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army S/23. Report any shortage of Potatoes in truck 79107. Report to reach this office not later than 27 <sup>th</sup> inst.	

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MARCINELLE	26/2/19		<p>Re Potatoes recd railhead 23<sup>rd</sup>. Shortage of 1000 kilos disclosed on night being completed. S. 22 of date wired to S+T 4<sup>th</sup> Army. " 13.100 kilos received truck 79107 on 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. Shortage 1000 kilos. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Q 808 of date " S+T 4<sup>th</sup> wires in X/116 dated 26<sup>th</sup> begins - Purchase of Roots as equivalents authorised price not to exceed prices as latest price list - ends -</p>	
	27/2/19		<p>Supplies for 7<sup>th</sup> Bde front loaded to metre gauge at THVILLIES. 6 Trucks used today. The whole 6 trucks departed THVILLIES 2-30 pm arrived MONTIGNY 3-30 pm.</p>	
			<p>Following wire from D.A.C.M.G. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div. of date. Q. 810. Railway Traffic 4<sup>th</sup> Army wires S. 245 begins - my R 109 reads. Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> portion of daily supply pack for 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div will be transhipped to metre gauge at THVILLIES for transport to MONTIGNIES-LE-TILLEUL. 5 Trucks depart THVILLIES 1400 for MONTIGNIES 14-45. 2 trucks depart THVILLIES by passenger train 16-45 hrs for MONTIGNIES 17-30. Empties dep MONTIGNIES for THVILLIES 0830 hrs following day. Saw your S.S.O. this morning who was satisfied.</p>	

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MARCINELLE. MONTIGNY	1/3/19	10-am	Visited office of Charbonnages Reunis Charleroi and arranged purchase 15000 kilos Coal as per Aust Corps 88/263 of 21 <sup>st</sup> Feby at 50-00 Frs per 1000 kilos.	
		4pm	Delivery of 12000 kilos taken at Mine by M.T. & delivered 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Refilling Point.	
			Aust Corps 88/263 of 21 <sup>st</sup> Feby reads. Arrangements have now been made whereby good household coal can be obtained from the mines at Charleroi at 50 Francs per 1000 kilos. The demand, which must be signed by the S.S.O. personally must bear his office stamp, will be presented to M. Ch. FRANCOIS, Ingenieur en-chef-des Charbonnages Reunis de Charleroi, near place-de-la-Broncheterre Charleroi. Payment for the coal so drawn will be made by S.S.O.'s on their Imprest account. Coal can be drawn by either M.T. or H.T. Please forward a specimen signature for transmission to M. FRANCOIS. Specimen signature of S.S.O. (Major J.R. Charlton) forwarded to Q' Aust Corps for 5/376 of 26 <sup>th</sup> Feby.	

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MARCINELLE	2/3/19	10am	Arranged with mess Ch. FRANCOIS to collect 10,000 Kilos Coal daily 9-30am from mine commencing Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> inst, excepting Sundays.	
	3/3/19		Arranged with O.C. No. 2 AMTCs for 4 lorries (out of 5 detailed for S.S.O. duty) to be available at 9am daily for coal, and such other detail as supply situation demands. T.R.O. of date instructing S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde to detail H.C.O. and loading party to report at No. 2 AMTCs - Park daily (excepting Sundays) commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> inst, to load coal, at mine, and dump 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Refilling Point. S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde collected 2000 K. Potatoes from Mess Jules SMOOS-WILMART. MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT at 10-am.	
	4/3/19	9-30am 10-am	To <sup>coal</sup> mine, saw loading of coal commenced. To RANSART. Mess R. LONDOTL. and arranged take delivery of 6000 Kilos Carrots (Horse) on 6 <sup>th</sup> inst 1pm, by M.T. 5pm. arranged to take delivery of 3000 K Potatoes from mess Jules-SMOOS-WILMART	
	7/3/19	10am	MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT 9-am. on 5 <sup>th</sup> inst. Arranged purchase of 5000 K Potatoes from mess Jules SMOOS-WILMART, to be collected @ 10am on 8 <sup>th</sup> inst.	

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MARCINELLE	8/3/19		Coal purchased for period 1 <sup>st</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> 68950 Kilos @ 50-00 per Ton (1000K) from Charbonnages Reunis CHARLEROI.	
	10/3/19		S & T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army wire S/91 of 9 <sup>th</sup> inst. Scale of Forage ordered in my 171 Q. D. I. of 7 <sup>th</sup> Feby is cancelled. Former rates of Forage may be drawn resumed from 18 <sup>th</sup> march inclusive.	
			Arranged purchase & collection today of 7000 K. Potatoes from messr Jules Smoos-Wilmart Marchienne-au-Pont.	
	12/3/19		3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div Act commence drawing from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Pack. Dump & refill at BIERCEE.	
	13/3/19		arranged purchase 5000 K. Potatoes from Jules-Smoos-Wilmart to be collected on 15 <sup>th</sup> inst.	
	14/3/19		Major J R Charlton to Command Train temporarily during absence of Lt Col C H Manning D. S. O. Capt G W J Blackman S. S. O.	
	15/3/19		Coal purchased for period 8 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> 60.400 Kilos @ 50-00 per 1000 K. S & T 4 <sup>th</sup> Army wires X 177 of date. "Consume all Thaw precaution rations forthwith, underdraw equivalent commodities from	
			railhead report completion.	

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MARCINELLE	16/3/19		Commenced underdrawing commodities held as Thaw Reserves from railhead.	
	17/3/19		Double Pack arrived THVILLIES Railhead. Commencing this day Pack arrives alternate days (containing 2 days supplies). Saw D.A.M.C. and Capt re transport for 2 days supplies, and on account of shortage of transport only one days supplies to be drawn railhead daily.	
	18/3/19	all	Commodities in Thaw Reserve, underdrawn & consumed, excepting Hay, Oats, P.M. Bisc. M&V, quantities of which are still on hand and will be underdrawn daily until all consumed.	
			arranged purchase of 5000 K. Potatoes from Jules Smoot Walnut to be collected this day.	
	19/3/19		6000 K Potatoes collected by S.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde on 18 <sup>th</sup> inst	
	21/3/19		coal purchased for period 15 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> . 12000 kilos @ 50.00 Frs per 1000 K.	
	22/3/19		3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div Art and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Art groups combined, & commenced drawing from railhead as one group (2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus. D.A) Refuel point MALADRIE.	

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MARCINELLE	24/3/19.		<p>arranged purchase of 7000 Miles Carrots (Horse) at 11-00 Frs per 100K from Msr Fernand Londot RANSART to be collected on 27<sup>th</sup> inst from RANSART.</p> <p>Received 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div G. S. Circular memo 68 of date re amalgamation of 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Aus Divs and Div. Order 236 re move of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Inf group from MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT area to MARCINELLE area. 14<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde to move to MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT area.</p>	
MARCINELLE.	1/4/19		<p>S.S.O. "B" Aus Div group (late 5<sup>th</sup> Aus Div Train) takes over. 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Aus Div Trains amalgamated on 29<sup>th</sup>/3/19 under command of C.O. 5<sup>th</sup> Aus Div Train. now called "B" Aus Div Train, but Supplies &amp; Supply accounts were carried on to end of period 31/3/19 by S.S.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div</p>	