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<p>Poperinge G.19</p>	<p>1917 Oct 1</p>		<p>Arrive message from D.A.G. that Lt Rutherford appointed as officer for 6 months with of duty in P.K. Also that Genl. Ferris + Hocking commissions are approved. Orders Lt Col to take over supply duties 5th Brigade from Lt Rutherford and Capt Gibbin to take over Div. troops Group from Lt Col. Ported Lt Ferris to 16th Company and Lt Hocking to 15th Company. Heavy artillery firing from daylight until the late afternoon. Another bombing raid by Huns tonight but bombs dropped principally in area in rear of us. All Companies making hut bomb splinter proof + repairing horse stabling with bricks from Dickbach. D.H.Q. moved advanced H.Q. to Ypres Ramparts + Rear to Smyth Camp. Weather perfectly fine. Inspected lines of 15th + 17th Companies. Proceeded to Ypres + saw D.H.Q. Everything going well. Saw the forward Detachment at Smyth Camp. Found everything going well, though work is hard on men + horses. More bombs dropped tonight one being within 100 yards, no damage. Lt Rutherford + Lt Colker proceeded to P.K. on 6 months tour of duty. Proceeded to Ypres + saw D.H.Q. Nothing important. 14th Company, reported that Mr. Stephenson wounded here horse killed working up in Forward Area near Westhoek, advised that No 1 Company establishment reduced by 1 Sgt + 1 Riding horse. Intended to send them to 6th Army F.A. Brigade. Cloudy night-no plans.</p>	
			<p>2/10/17</p>	
			<p>3/10/17</p>	

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<p>Peperinthe G. 19</p>	<p>4/10/17</p>		<p>Attack on German lines this morning. Zero hour to an. Went to D.H.Q. at 4 p.m. Had to detain 10 SS Wagon to report to A.D. - at Belgian Battery, Coma to convey walking wounded. Advised by D.A.S. that 2nd Lieut Bonney V from C.I. Supply Column would report to this train via D.A.S. 2nd Lieut Marchant of 1st Ayrac High. Rly Supply Column also reports under instruction from D.A.S. This is too bad altogether the train is being filled up with Supply men to the detriment of the efficiency of the unit. A transport man can be instructed in Supply duties in a month, but Supply men cannot learn transport duties under command of their men acquire the proper knowledge. Posted A. Bonney to 17th Co, 1st Lieut Marchant to 20th Co temporarily. Wrote D.H.Q. for approval to transfer these two officers to the 8th + 9th Depot units vice Lt Cold + Frankel to come to the train. Near all objectives gained in the fighting, all subdivisions. Rained in afternoon. Dr. J. Robertson of 20th Coy. badly wounded last night on duty with the Forward Detachment. Also 1 horse killed. Three D.C.O.'s sent to Caestre to proceed tomorrow to Infantry School. Sgt O'Sullivan + 1/2 Sgt Barnett of 20th Coy + 1/2 Cpl Young of 15th Coy. went to D.H.Q. at 4 p.m. Everything running well. News to be issued to 6th + 7th Brigades tonight. 5th Brigade going into the line. Recommended Sgt Smith of 26th Company and Driver McNamee of 20th Company for the Military Medal for gallant conduct. Weather wet + cold.</p>	<p>Operation Order 143</p>

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Poperinghe G. 19	6/10/17		<p>Proceeded to D.H.Q. at 4 p.m. They desired 10 more G.S. wagons for A.R. work at once. Complied. A.D. unit advised one horse killed last night & 1 account of those detailed for duty with the medical vehicles. D.A.G. instructs that 2 Lieut. Sims late Transport Officer 65th Battalion is transferred to this train. Lt R. Cox proceeds with C.R.S. wagon detail & took over command from Lt Fleming who remains there. Driver R. Hall of 4th Company severely wounded today. One horse killed & severely wounded. Weather cold & stormy. Ordered that a change over of Transport detail is forward Area should take place tomorrow. Clock put back an hour last night. D.H.Q. advise that 10 H.D. & 1 Ride available for the train at Bailleul tomorrow. Driver Nicholson wounded on duty with Forward Detachment & horse killed.</p> <p>Went up to D.H.Q. Our Division moves to Steenvoorde on the 11th. Received Secret Operation 147 for battle to take place on 4 day. Railhead will be Caestre for Steenvoorde. Vicinity of Reninghelst Railhead shelled this morning, several casualties. British A.B. Company asked permission to come over on to part of your ground. Two wagons destroyed by shell fire and 4 of them lost in shell hole may or may not be salvageable.</p> <p>7th Brigade move to Steenvoorde tomorrow. Held meeting of Coy. Commanders & discussed all arrangements for move. H.P. Company to have the loss of all 6 G.S. wagons. 10 H.D. remain and 1 Ride arrived today. Allotted 6 to 15th Coy, 2 to 17th Coy. The ride to train H.P. for hospital.</p> <p>Driver V. Shepherson of H.P. Company slightly wounded. 10 G.S. wagons remain work for C.I. 5th & 6th Brigade move to Steenvoorde on the 12th inst. Artillery do not move.</p>	
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<p>Bohemian G 19</p>	<p>10/10/17</p>		<p>Capt Bourquet reported back from leave yesterday. All units of our Division accumulating in this area transferred to 4th Division from tomorrow. 17th Company proceeded to Steenwoorde today. 16th & 15th move tomorrow. Hum aeroplanes about from midnight last night bombing our rear area. Railroad Caestre tomorrow for the 3 Brigade groups.</p>	
	<p>11/10/17</p>		<p>Staff Sgt Keir accidentally killed by mortar bomb at Caestre this morning. Buried Wippenhoek. 15th & 16th Coy moved to Steenwoorde today. Sgt Bonyie charged with neglect of duty - reprimanded. Detachment in Forward Area 10 St. wagon. Spare team from M.R. Company. Lt R. Cox & Lt Holking. Day fire night wet & stormy. D.H.Q. moved to Steenwoorde today.</p>	
	<p>12/10/17</p>		<p>Saw D.H.Q. at Caestre. Saw the G.O.C. as Staff Sgt Shedy. He could not approve any idea of a return to Antwerp over family matter. In afternoon received instructions for 20 St. wagon to report to O.R.S. Hellfire Corner at 4 am tomorrow. As these wagon would come from Steenwoorde about 13 miles then be expected to work under difficult conditions, I rang Corps as the matter & obtained permission to make it 4 am. on the 14th but D.A.G. will not approve replacement of Capt Frankel owing to short time marchant & Bonyie have been with the train. The D.A.G. might as well run the train. The C/O has apparently no say over distribution of his Officers whilst a man sitting in an office with no knowledge of things calmly alters your interior economy. It is wrong & detrimental to the best interests of the Unit.</p>	
	<p>13/10/17</p>		<p>Advised that M. M. granted to Sgt Fink of 16th Company. Saw D.H.Q. as D.A.G.'s action informed that the train was to be an Instructional School for beginners. Arranged that Supply duties should be exchanged by Lt Steven & Lt Bolo to 2nd Lt Ferris & Marchant. The two first named I will send to Forward Area on Transport Duty. Capt Bourquet will relieve Lt Cox in charge of detachment.</p>	
	<p>14/10/17</p>		<p>Applied for 10 days leave to Paris from 19.10.17. Reunited Lt J. M. Gamm of 17th Coy for F.G.C.M. for absence without leave.</p>	

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<p>Popering G. 19</p>	<p>15/10/17</p>		<p>Advised that our MPO Capt Porter would be transferred to 19th Batta. Capt Davis to come to the train. Instructions received re Farrier M.O. Price advised from Sergeant who wrote to C.O.C. in protest to read him the file in connection with the matter. This was done re-education upheld. Sgt Olsen transferred to the train. German planes about bombing last night. Fine day. C.S. Major Whyte + Sadler Lt. Gilbert proceeded to England for tour of duty at Depot, UK. A.D. Orders transfer Hunt Kennedy re 8th Depot train to train + Lt. Pemberton from train to 8th Depot Unit. Inspected transport at Caestre Railhead. Conditions fair considering weather + stable conditions. Caring to horse lines being in need it is impossible to maintain things in the usual polished conditions. Horses very good condition considering the work they have recently done. An extra blanket will be issued forthwith to all ranks for winter.</p> <p>16/10/17</p> <p>Sent Car 18619 in for fortnightly overhaul. Orders now out that clipping will take place at once + rags will be drawn from Ordnance.</p> <p>Received leave permit for Paris from 19/10/17 to 29/10/17.</p> <p>Lt. Poles + Stevens proceeded to forward area on transport bus, with Detachment.</p> <p>17/10/17</p> <p>Weather fine + clear. Arranged Major Chorlton to command in my absence.</p> <p>Capt J.R. Porter left for 19th Batta. Capt C.J. Davis join train as M.O. Witnessed E.A. shot down by one of our machines. Capt T.H. Stabler proceeded on leave to U.K. Received instructions that F. S. C. M will be held on 21st inst on Day M^o James. Instructed one section of the 2nd Coy to take over Camp at G. 19. Weather fine but very windy. rained during night.</p>	

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POPERINGHE G.19.	1917 Oct 18 th		<p>St Hocking reported back from Forward Detachment to join 15th Coy. C.O proceeded on base to Paris. Major G.R. Charlton took over temporary command of Train. Bcha blanket returned to T.H.Q by 20th Coy for personnel attached. Lt R. Cooper took over temporary command of 17th Coy during absence on leave of Capt Etabler.</p>	
	19/10/17		<p>Major Charlton called at D.H.Q. and then visited 15th 16th & 17th Coys took Capt Davis with him to meet O.C. Coys. 15th Coy commenced chipping horses. Rups drawn by Base Coys. One Matthews 15th Coy wounded. Lost 1 I.S. wagon which was hit by a shell and completely destroyed. Horse wounded by same shell. A R.Q.M. Sgt and 4 men reported from Base as reinforcements all attached to Hq Det Coy. Major Charlton making enquiries at D.H.Q re R.Q.M.S. as there is no such rank in A.S.C.</p>	
	20/10/17		<p>Major Charlton called at D.H.Q. received word that 8 Reinforcements are to be drawn from Boulogne on 22nd inst. Word through that Lt Wentworth is to be relieved from A.P.B. by another officer from the Train. E.A. dropped 2 bombs very near T.H.Q. early this morning. weather fine but lazy.</p>	
	21/10/17		<p>One Quorrie 16th Coy & one Smith, 17th Coy wounded & by shell fire in forward area and admitted to Hospital. Had word from Capt Rosanquet that work for C.P.E in forward area was finished. applying for wagons to be returned to Coys. Preliminary instructions received from D.H.Q re our move back to the line about 27th/28th inst. weather fine and E.A. active dropped bombs in Popringhe.</p>	

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POPERINGHE G19.	1917 22/10/17		Major Charlton called at P.H.Q. and visited Coy in steinwoorde area. He is proceeding to Forward Detachment to inspect same, also to look at Camp sites in case the train moves up. Bombs dropped near T.H.Q. again this morning. weather, raining & dull. Capt Perryman reported back from leave and will assume duties as Adjutant. 2 horses sent down from 2nd Detachment wounded.	
	23/10/17		Received word that wagons in forward area to continue working probably will be used for conveying shells to the guns. 3 more horses wounded. asked for a return showing personnel, horses, and wagons, killed, wounded & destroyed in forward area for 10 days ending 21 st Oct. submitted names of O.P.s decorated, and who have not been presented with the ribbons. weather very dull and raining.	
	24/10/17		Received word that Division moving up to the line on 26 th /27 th . The 15 th , 16 th & 17 th Coy moving up to old Camp G19 & G26 tomorrow. Supply wagons of 15 th & 17 th conveying rations to remain on wagon over night and dump next morning. 16 th Coy moving empty. Division arranged for motor lorries to convey baggage, as our baggage ^{wagons} are working in 7d Area. Ask to submit a return showing shortage of wagons and H.D. horses. the figures were 1 wagon & 17 H.D. Horses short. Cops rang up tonight asking how many horses out of action and still on lines. the total given 26. Horses suffering in Forward Area. owing to travelling on sheep track, which pulls the shear off and horses return to lines same O.C. Detachment reports as many as 18 horses lost their shoes in a day. weather cold and threatening.	

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<p>POPERINGHE G 19 B 7 7 Sheet 28</p>	<p>25-10-17</p>		<p>Instructions received to reduce forward Area Det to 10 G S Waggons. 34th Train Coy Waggons & Personnel advanced to Linn. 10 vehicles of 20th Coy under Command of Lieut Stevens remain at H 21 B 22. Obtained new Camp Site for 15th & 16th Coys at G 20 A 8-6. All Coys have now covered Standings & good accommodation for Personnel & when standings are prepared Casualties in horses from Dutkewicz this week should be reduced to a minimum. Advice received Capt Elliott permanently unfit for Gen Service. Capt Walker unfit for all Service one month. Lieut Gravelly unfit for all Service one 6 months. Capt Cook to Command 17th Coy during absence of Capt Stabler on leave. Division moving forward 15th & 17th Coys draw from Caester & move up full to old location G 19 B 7 7. 16th Coy leave & move up empty. Orion M^c Gann 17th Coy awarded 90 days F P N^o 2 by F O C M for absence without leave 12 days. Four G S Waggons destroyed by Shell fire. 10 Casualties among Personnel & Horses killed & 1 wounded & destroyed.</p>	
	<p>26-10-17</p>		<p>Capt Bozanguet rejoined 20th Coy from forward Area & Lieut Bales 17th Coy. Instructed him to submit report with any recommendations for immediate repairs. Visited Coy lines & found them settling down & fairly comfortable. Railhead opened at Drekubush Drawing at 8 am 15th & 17th Coy dump Supplies at R.P. & proceed R.H. 16th Coy direct to R.H. 10 PM received instructions to despatch 20 vehicles back to forward Area H 21 B 22. 10 vehicles for C.R.E. 10 for conveying material for Horse Standings Lieut Cooper of Det & Lieut Marchant to assist. 5th Bn Artillery attached for Rations</p>	
	<p>27-10-17</p>		<p>Visited Det at H 21 B 22 & found they had settled down in old quarters. Report received from Capt Bozanguet on work done in forward Area from 15 to 26 Oct describes that vehicles in many instances were working within 300 yds of front line & great credit is due to both NCO's & men for the manner in which they worked & controlled their horses under shell fire, & G S Waggons were blown to pieces by shells & in two instances the men being left with their horses & pole only & Horses & Drivers intact. It is impossible to select any individual for immediate reward as all ranks displayed such remarkable coolness & resourcefulness under fire.</p>	
	<p>28-10-17</p>		<p>Visited D.H.Q. in forward Area all well. Lieut Stevens reports on coolness & resourcefulness of N^o 8818 Cpl^{HC} Bidgood 20th Coy who when driving a vehicle was blown off his box on to the hind quarters of his Team, slightly wounded in the ear, recovered himself & pulled up his Team who were bolting, refused to attempt crossing Station & carried on his duties. Owing to Linnis not being able to get to Coal Train at Drekubush Railhead to clear, it is now arranged that when Coal has to be cleared, Linnis will draw Supplies for 7th Bn & 17th Coy Transport with Clear Coal</p>	
	<p>29-10-17</p>		<p>Capt Gibbins to UK leave 10 days. Lieut Cox to be S.O. B.W. Troops during his absence. Lieut Col Manning returned from leave & resumes Command of Train.</p>	

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Poperinghe G 19	30/10/17		<p>Received report from Capt Bosanquet on works of the detachment in the forward area from 15/10/17 to 26/10/17. He commends the work of Lieut Steven & Bolds and his narration emphasises the excellent work & courageous conduct of all those engaged on forward work. Special mention to Lt Sgt F. L. Foster of 5 Coy. Advised from UK that Capt Elliott was marked permanently unfit for service. Went up to check nothing doing there.</p> <p>Reviewed the work done in my absence and pay a tribute to the excellent work done by Major J. R. Charlton who acted in command. Asked to recommend an officer to replace Lt. Wentworth with Central Purchase Board. Recommended Lt. Deurchant. Bombing last night in neighbourhood of us.</p>	A
	31/10/17		<p>Ad. 7. Orders show Lt Pestalozzi as returned to Australia, thus struck off strength. Recommended Lt Steven for his Captaincy, vice Capt Elliott. Advised that no replacement will be made from UK. of Spau Whyte & Snodde. Lt. Silbert sent from here, but that promotion may be made to fill their places.</p> <p>Inspected all Companies found stabling very fair but seats & blankets to him very bad, nothing can be done as all material is required for forward area.</p> <p>Allotment of leave from 1/11/17 to be utilised for men without leave for 12 months in first instance & time for winter released to 14 days. Bombed again last night.</p>	<p>C/S. M. Morrison Lieut Colonel C/O Substitution Division Hain</p>

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RENINGHELST	30 th 1 st 10/17	9.0 PM. 9.0 AM	T.R.O. No. 506. Para. 4. Issue of supplies. Para. 5. Solidified alcohol. Para. 6. Reinf. Camps. Para. 7. Duffing. Para. 8. Div Cinema. Para. 9. Reserve Store. Para. 10. Transfers. Para. 11. addenda.	
RAILHEAD		10.30 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
changed today to		"	Rec'd list of medical comforts short drawn 1 st Dist. by 2 nd Aust D.S.C.	
DICKEBUSCH		"	Rec'd Q244 from D.H.Q. - 51 men 4 th Aust Div attached to 1 st Pioneer for rations.	
		"	Rec'd certificates from ^{all} S.O. that no oils or petrol had been issued during month September to Div. Cinema.	
		"	S.O. 2 nd Aust Div Troops advised outstandings empty of 7 th Fld. Amb. Sacks 18. Tins 28 Cases 7 Drums.	
		4.0 PM	A.Q. telephoned re supplies of 5 th Bde. personnel to reinforcement camp & I was to arrange with Corps Reinforcement Camp.	
		5.30 PM	D.A. & M.G. telephoned that ANZAC Cyclist Bn Strength Men 12 were attached for rations from 2 nd Dist. Informed him they would be rationed by 5 th Bde. group.	
		7.0 PM	S.O. 7 Bde. informed his report "meat average very light" was not understood. Usual detail to be forwarded.	5859 A.
		"	S.O. Div Troops informed that statement of empties (period ending 30 th Sept.) appeared to indicate that units do not appreciate their responsibility.	

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RENINGHELST	1 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	7.0 PM	^{Contd} with regard to returning empties. A more satisfactory statement is expected for the ensuing period.	S 858.
"	"	"	S.O. 7 Bde instructed to forward certificate of destruction of 60 Iron Rations for 4 Bde H.Q. referred to in A.F. W3334 submitted today.	S 859.
"	"	"	T.R.O. No. 507. Para. 4. Coal. Para 5 Reports. Para 6 Transfers. Para. 7. Reserve Store. Para. 9 Transfers. Para 10. Addenda Para 11. Reserve Stores.	
"	2 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.0 AM	Pack train available.	
"	"	"	S.O. 5 th Aus. Div Troops informed he would draw at railhead at 9.0 AM and 10.0 AM on alternate days. 9.0 AM on Oct. 2 & so on.	
"	"	10.0 AM	S.O. 5 th Aus. Div. insto advised that 1 st ANZAC Cyclists Bn. Strength 20 men had not drawn supplies on 1 st inst. Advised Capt. RUPPOM, who stated unit had been advised to draw supplies from S.O. 5 th Aust. Div., and that location of dump was known by Cyclists Bn. He would refer matter to 5 th Aus. Div. S.O. 5 th Aus. Div Troops had not included unit on A.F. 3316 drawing railhead 2 nd inst, but would do. so for 3 rd inst.	

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PENINGHELST	2 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	10.0 AM	8960 lbs Linseed Cake on pack issued to 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Bde & 2 nd Div Troops	
		"	Arranged with S.O. 2 nd Aust. Div Troops to send man at 7.30 am 3 rd mt. to Sgt K Supplies D.S.C to guide lorries containing supplies shot drawn from railhead today to Div Troops dumps	
		11.0 AM	Took over Coal 16 tons Charcoal 6 ³ / ₄ tons Coke 2 ³ / ₄ tons dumped at Herb from S.S.O. 1 st Aust. Div.	
		"	Rec'd CR. 383 from S.S.O. 5 th Aust. Div. asking to take on charge 12 ¹ / ₂ tons Coal dumped for S.O. 5 th Aust. Div. Troops.	
		"	Visited D.H.Q. Informed authority obtained for issue of 10,000 pieces chewing gum.	
		"	Visited S.O. 5 th , 6 th & 7 th Bde.	
		2.0 PM	Rec'd G. 255 from D.H.Q. D.D.S. & T. 2 nd Army's ^(C.S.W. 29) approval for issue 10,000 pieces Chewing gum. Obtained 10,000 pieces from No. 2 F.S.D. which were returned (and A.F. W 3326 signed by me cancelled) on 3 rd mt. upon ascertaining that P.S.C had ^{also} collected from No. 2 F.S.D. upon demand note from P.S.O. DICKEBOSCH.	

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RENINGHELST	2 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	12 Noon	R.S.O. RENINGHELST advised 2 1/2 tons Coal at HOVERAAF to be cleared today Sgt. 1/2 Supplies advised 5860.	
		12.45 PM	D.O. S. & T. 2 nd Army requested to discontinue coke and charcoal on Sect. 8 pack until further notice.	5861.
		8.0 PM	S.O. 5 Bde. advised potatoes over drawn on 28 th ult. have now been adjusted. C1.	
		9.0 PM	" Sgt 1/2 Supplies D.S.C. advised no shortages in medical comforts indents today. S.O. 5 th Aust. Div. Troops advised that in accordance with instructions issued by D. of S., all Army Books 55 supporting supplies drawn from railhead on 30 th Sept. 1 st & 2 nd Oct. are to be forwarded to D. O. S. & T. 2 nd Army, and not to Central Investigation Dept.	5864.
		11.0 PM	A.P.M. 2 nd Aust. Div. advised to draw supplies for 5 th inst from S.O. 5 th Bde. group on 3 rd inst.	5865.
			S.O. 5 Aust. Div Troops asked supply of Bran, Linseed and Course Salt. Informed him to demand on Q3316 for linseed and Salt. Bran (2 bags) would be his proportion per week of bran on pack.	5875.

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RENINGHELST	2 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	11.0 PM	S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops, asked for additional supply vegetables. Repld. 2000 Potatoes extra would be delivered 4 th inst.	S 875
			T. R. O. No. 508. Para. 4. Coal. Para. 5. Reports. Para 6 Transfers. Para. 7. Reserve Stores.	
"	3 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
"			S.Os. 6 th & 7 th Bde. advised 10,000 rations (5,000 pieces) would be issued today, ^{2 days issue.} to be issued made to troops drawing trench rations at 1/2 piece per man per day. Balance to be returned to Reserve Store	
"			S.Os 5 th & 7 th Bde instructed to arrange for wagons returning from dumps to convey coke or charcoal from 5 th Bde. dump to Coal Dump.	S 867
"		9.30 AM	R.S.O. DICKERBUSCH asked to increase section 8 pack to 23,000 men's rations and Hay and Oats to 91,000 lbs, 112,000 lbs respectively	S 868.
"			S.O. 5 th Aust. Div. Troops, asked if Rum could be obtained. Informed him to refer matter to Staff Captain, who would, if approved, secure authority for issue.	

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RENINGHELST	3 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM	<p>Rec'd Q 259 from D.H.Q. D.O. S&T 2nd Army wires Rfc. G.R.O. 1170; the summer scale of fuel as laid down in G.R.O. 1539 amended by G.R.O. 2277 and 2306 and ration pamphlet S 5571, will be maintained until further orders during the continuance of present fair weather.</p> <p>" Rec'd S.W 33 from D.O. S&T 2nd Army - summer scale of fuel will be continued until further order. T.R.O. No.</p> <p>" Rec'd A.C. 304 from D.O. S&T 2nd Army - asking for W 3316 & W 3317 for period 30th Sept. A.F. W 3316 and 7 handed to R.S.O. RENINGHELST at 9.45 AM. 3rd inst.</p> <p>10.30 AM. Visited D.H.Q. Informed section 13th A.M. would be attached for ration today. Strength would be wired.</p> <p>3.0 PM. Sgt 1/2 Supplies D.S.C. advised Medical Compts for 6th Fld Amb. will be delivered to BELGIAN BATTERY Corner today.</p> <p>" S.O. 2nd Aust. Div. Troops (G 5) rec'd - 15 galls. W.P. oil not rec'd 2/10/17.</p> <p>" Sgt 1/2 Supplies D.S.C. asked for list of units drawing from 5th Aust. Div. Troops. Forwarded complete list of all groups.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	3 ¹⁰ / ₇	7.0 PM	<p>Sgt. 1/c Supplies to ascertain and advise this office by D.R. at 6.30 AM the shortages of Hay and Oats on pack 4/1-1/7 so that horse transport may be regulated accordingly. R.S.O DICKEBUSCH rang up 8.0 PM, and stated Hay & oats were approximately correct.</p> <p>Advised S.O. 2nd Aust. Div Troops. S876.</p> <p>" S.O. 5th Aus. Div Troops asked 8th Fld. Coy Engrs. be struck off W3316 for 4th unit.</p> <p>" S871 to S.O. 5 A.D.T. to draw supplies from railhead at 8.0 AM daily ^{Done.} Advised him that 8th & 14th Fld. Coy. Engrs struck off A.F. W3316 drawing railhead 4th unit, and that strength of Area Commandant OUDERDOM had been increased by 20 men's rations S871.</p> <p>" S.O. 2nd Aust. Div Troops forwarded request from NCO's 2nd PW. Compound for 50 of the 90 rations ^{demanded} to consist of P.M. and Bisc. in lieu of Meat & Bread S872 to S.O. Div Troops to draw 200 lbs Biscuits from Reserve Store, and 4 cases P.M. from Corps Salvage Office, and issue to Compound. AFW3316 reduced to 40 rations for Compound.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	3 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.0 PM	R.S.O. DICKEBUSCH ^{asked} to arrange to cut trench ration, Pea Soup or equivalents off section 8 pack.	S873.
			S.O. 2 nd Aust. Div Troops advised Petrol 22 galls Oil BB 5 galls. for Aust. Comforts Fund added to AFW 3316 drawing railhead 4 th inst. Supplies to be forwarded to T.H.Q.	S874
			Rec'd S236 from D.D.S&T. 2 nd Army inviting attention to overdrawls of Forage by Units. Inserted in T.R.O. No. 509 Para. 7.	
			Rec'd S652 from D.D.S&T. 2 nd Army forwarding pro-forma to be used in connection with reports as to inferior quality of supplies T.R.O. No 509. Para 7 Overdrawls of Forage Para. 8 Reserve Store. Para. 9. Addenda.	
		9.0 AM	Oats on pack averaged at 78 lbs, and 100 lbs per bag. R.S.O. informed that all bags weighed 100 lbs, and he stated waybills showed 78 lbs and 100 lbs. Oats issued to all units at 100 lbs except 5 th A.I. Bde, who received bags averaged at 78 lbs. Increased weight of bags caused surplus of 13 337 lbs, which is held on hand.	

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RENINGHELST	4 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
			Rec'd Q 267 from D.H.Q. & Q 411 from Corps B - that frozen meat at 45% would arrive on pack on 4 th inst.	
		5.0 PM	Rec'd S.P. 173 from D.O. S & T 2 nd Army with ref. to S 972 and S/942/3 dated 25/7/17 re vegetables in Div. Area under E.F.C. arrangements. Repld S 879 - report would be forwarded within a few ^{day} Submitted to D.A.Q.M.G. and he said nil return obtained from all units, and he would formally advise later.	
		5.0 PM	Telephoned S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. and he would take on charge 400 Iron rations transferred on 24/7/17 in next reserve Stock etc.	
		10.30 PM	Telephone from D.A.Q.M.G. to send rum issue for 5 th , 6 th & 7 th Bdes. to Bde. Transport Officer with instructions to hold pending further instructions. SS 13 to P.S.C. SS 10 to ^{T.O.} 5 Bde SS 11 to ^{T.O.} 6 Bde. and SS 12 to Transport Officer 7 Bde. T.R.O. No. 510. Para. 7 Fuel-scale of Para. 8. Reserve Store.	

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RENINGHELST	5 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available	
		9.30 AM	S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops asked for 3 tons Coal, and extra vegetables to complete ration. Sgt K Supplies instructed to collect 15 bags Potatoes (each 112 lbs) from Reserve Store, and deliver to S.O. 5 th Aust Div Troops, also 3 tons Coal.	
		10.30 AM	Visited O.H.Q. A.F.W 3334 for 60 Iron Rations for 7 th Bde H.Q. left with D.H.Q. for signature of G.O.C.	
		4.30 PM	Rec'd C8 from S.O. 5 th Bde - advising 1 ton ^{Coal} to 5 th Bde 3 tons to 6 Bde, 1 ton to 7 Bde issued from dump at 5 th Bde refilling point.	
			Rec'd D.H.Q. 63/60 from D.H.Q. 1 st ANZAC 86/122. forwarding memorandum from G.H.Q. and Second Army with reference to distribution of Forage supplied by the Central Purchase Board. ^{D. 95} ⁶¹⁴⁹ No. 260/17/4. 12 9 17	
		6.0 PM	T.R.O. No. 511 Para. 5. Reserve Store.	
	6 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available	
		9.0 AM	Saw S.O. (Lt Higgs) 5 th Aust. Div Troops, and he asked authority be obtained for rum issue to 38 th and 86 th W.F.A Bde, and 2 nd Canadian Tunneling Coy. 5887 to "G" 1 st ANZAC Corps.	

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RENINGHELS T	6 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM	S.S. 15 to 6 th Fld Ambulance advising authority from O.H. 18. to be obtained before 12 gallons Rum issued today were consumed.	
		10.0 AM	Visited S.O.s. 6 th & 7 th A.I. Bde.	
		10.30 AM	Visited O.H. 18. D.A. Q.M.G. stated that Iron Rations destroyed would be replaced from Div. Reserve, and written off. D.A. Q.M.G. would ask Corps for issue of chocolate for men in trenches.	
		3.0 PM	Visited D.O. S&T 2 nd Army. Arranged for issue of Cocoa and milk in their Pea Soup. Arranged for one truck Vegetables (Paris Supplies) weekly, and for Coke and Charcoal to be cut off pack.	
		"	D.A. Q.M.G. telephoned issue of rum to be made to 6 th A.I. Bde.; rum to be delivered to Bde. Transport Officer	
			S. 884 to Sgt. 1/c Supplies D.S.C. to collect 47 gallons Rum from Reserve Store, and deliver to Transport Officer, 6 th Bde. S. 885 to T.O. 6 Bde.	
			S.O. 5 th Aust. Div. asked 2 days' supplies for 15 th Fld Coy be added to S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops A.F. W 3316 drawing railhead 7 th instant.	
			S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops advised S	

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RENINGHELST	6 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	4.0 PM	Rec'd Q 646 from 1 st ANZAC Corps, and Q 279 from D.H.Q. advising frozen meat packed at 30% for railhead 6 th dist.	
			" Rec'd S.P. 243 from D.O. S&T. 2 nd Army and A.Q. 398 from D.H.Q. advising winter scale of fuel as laid down in G.R.O. 1170 will be adopted forthwith. Inserted in T.R.O. No 512 Para. 7.	
		7.0 PM	R.S.O. DICKEBUSCH requested to include 1 bag. Flour in lieu of bread on section 8 pack daily. S883	
			" R.S.O. DICKEBUSCH requested to include 5000 Trench rations of Cocoa & Milk on section 8 daily. D.A.O.S 2 nd Army will issue instruction that Cocoa & milk and not pea soup is to be issued. If pea soup comes on pack it should be returned to No. 2 F.S.D and Cocoa and Milk drawn in lieu thereof. S888.	
			" Sgt. 1/2 Supplies instructed to draw 20,000 rations Cocoa & milk for Reserve Store. S889.	
			Sgt. Wilton 1/2 Supplies P.S.C. promoted 2 Lt. and appointed Supply Officer, 2 nd Aust. D.S.C.	

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RENINGHELST	6 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	10.0PM	Ascertained from D.H.Q. that time would be put back one hour at 1.0 AM 7 th inst. S.O. D.S.C. advised.	
		11.0PM	Rec'd G.C. 735 from 1 st ANZAC B, advising frozen meat packed at 60% railhead 7 th , for railhead 8 th and 9 th at 30%.	
		9.0PM	S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops asked to forward original authorities for issue rum to units of his group. S893.	
		"	S.O. D.S.C. instructed to deliver Cocoa and Milk demanded on A.F.W.3316 by brigades and D Troops to Reserve Store. 3 tons Coal, 2 tons coke and 1/2 ton charcoal to be delivered to S.O. 5 th Div Troops S894. T.R.O. No. 512. Para. 6. Rum. Para 7 Fuel, scale of Para. 8 Fuel. Para. 9 Reserve Store.	
	7 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	8.0AM	Pack train available.	
		9.0AM	Saw S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops. Advised him extra vegetables would be delivered at dump tomorrow.	
		11.30AM	Visited D.H.Q. Arranged for NIV return vegetables in units' areas to be forwarded to me. Informed P.A.D.M.G. re Cocoa & Milk.	

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RENINGHELST	7 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.0 AM	<p>Arranged for S.O. 5th Aust Div Troops to draw coal from Coal dump on demand. 5.0 PM S.O. arranged^{asked} if coal might be drawn from 1st Aust. Div Coal dumps, Replied, no, but would arrange to forward coal, coke and charcoal by M.T.</p> <p>3.0 PM D.A. & M.G. telephoned to collect frost-bite ingredients from C.T.S.C and deliver to 7th Fld. Amb. Saw Cqm. 7th Fld Amb, and arranged with him to collect.</p> <p>6.0 PM S.O. 6th A.I. Bde. advised A.A. & M.G. had given authority for issue of rum to 6th Fld. Ambulance Authority did not state whether one issue or daily.</p> <p>S.O. 6th A.I. Bde advised that Bomb Dump officer had asked for rum issue, and had told him to obtain authority from D.H.Q. Authority obtained, and issue made 8th inst. S896 to S.O. 6 Bde</p> <p>9.0 PM Received S.N. 143 from D. P. SAT. 2nd Army advising 23½ tons Steam Coal being sent RENINGHELST today.</p> <p>" S.O. 6th A.I. Bde instructed to draw rum from Reserve Store</p>	

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REININGHELST	7 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.0 th 9.30 th	and issue 1 gals to Div Train Details, 2 galls to Bomb dump. "Q" 1 st ANZAC Corps asked that authority requested in my 5887 be granted.	5896. 5897.
"			T. R. O. No. 513. Para. 4. Trench rations. Para. 5. Drifting. Para. 6. A.F.F. 773. Para. 7. Straw. Para. 8. Reserve Store.	
"	8 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 th	Pack train available.	
"			Ascertained 7 th Field Ambulance had collected trench foot ingredients (Talc Powder 250 lbs, Borax Powder 17 ¹ / ₂ lbs, Camphor 11 lbs, and Soft Soap 168 lbs) from C.T.S.C. Advised D.H.Q.	
"		9.0 th	Obtained from S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops original authorities for issue of rum to 5 th Aust. Div. Arty, and 8 th , 14 th , 15 th and 25 th M.G. Coy and 5 th Pioneer Bn.	
"		10.0 th	Visited D.H.Q.	
"		12 Noon	S.O. 2 nd Aust. D.S.C. instructed to send 2 lorries to 2 nd Aust. Div. Reinforcement Camp at FLETAE to collect 50 men, and deliver them to 2 nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. at SWAN CHATEAU Sheet 28 T19 c 3 7.	5895.

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RENINGHELST	8 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	2.0 PM	L/Cpl. H.T. PRINGLE instructed to collect 117½ gallons Rum from reserve store and deliver to 2 nd Aus. Div. Bomb Officer, and he would remain there to issue. S902 to NCO to Reserve Store	
"			2 nd Aust. Div. Bomb Officer advised that A.A. & Q.M.G. had instructed all Rum be sent Bomb Officer for issue. 117½ galls. forwarded here with, also L/Cpl. H.T. PRINGLE, 17 th A.A.S.C., who would remain attached to Bomb Dump Details for the purpose of issuing rum. S901	
"		3.0 AM	Visited "Q" 1 st ANZAC Corps, and furnished strength of 2 nd and 5 th Div. Art. and attached details for change of pack trains on 11 th inst.	
"		6.0 PM	S.O. 6 Bde. asked if issue of rum was authorised for 16 th A.A.S.C. S.O. advised to draw 1 gallon from Reserve Store 9 th inst.	
"			Rec'd C22 from S.O. 5 th A.I. Bde. concerning unsatisfactory condition of jam received in packing consisting of tin and cardboard.	
"			T.R.O. No. 515. Para 4. Supply Officers to forward their observations	
"			Rec'd Q.C. 921 from Q 1 st ANZAC (in reply to 5087) advising approval given issue of rum to 2 nd Can. Tunnelling Coy. only. S.O. 5 th Aus. Div. Troops advised S908.	

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RENINGHELST	8 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6.0pm	Rec'd S.N. 149 from D.O.S&T 2 nd Army advising Fuel had been ordered from Base. Until it arrives 5 tons daily may be drawn from Forest Control 2 nd Army.	
"			S.O. D.S.C. instructed to deliver 2640 lbs Oats held by him to S.O. 2 nd Aust. Div. Troops, and dump balance in Reserve Store. S906.	
"		7.0pm	S.O. D.S.C. instructed to collect 8 bags Potatoes from Reserve Store, and deliver to S.O. 5 th Aust. Div Troops.	
"		9.0pm	D.H.Q. 123/299, and copy of D.H.Q.'s letter to 1 st ANZAC Corps on 29 th inst. stating there were no potato crops in Divisional area forwarded to D.O.S&T, 2 nd Army with vegetable summary for period 1 st -7 th Oct. S910.	
"			D.O.S&T, 2 nd Army advised no extra forage requirements for period commencing 15 th instant.	
"			Rec'd B64 from S.O. 7 Bde advising 13 th ALN. would not draw supplies from him after today.	
"			T.R.O. No. 514 Para. 5. Pioneer Bn Para. 6. Extras from Reserve Store.	

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RENINGHELST	9 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
		10.0 AM	Visited O.H.Q.	
		4.0 PM	S.O. D.S.C. instructed to draw 165 gallons Rum from reserve store, and deliver to 2 nd Aust. Div. Bomb Officer at B Army Dump today. S913.	
			S914 to Bomb Officer.	
			S.O. D.S.C. instructed to collect Coal 3 tons Coke 2 tons Charcoal 1/2 ton and deliver to S.O. 5 th A.D.W. Troops tomorrow morning. S916	
		5.0 PM	Telephoned O.H.Q. - supply arrangements for move of 7 th A.I. Bde.	
			" Rec'd C25 from S.O. 5 th A.I. Bde. advising 10 rations over drawn by 5 th Fld. Coy. on 29 th Sept. had been adjusted.	
			" Rec'd S.N. 160 from D.O. S&T, 2 nd Army. Ref. S.N. 149. Application for fuel wood order on Forest Control should be made to R.S.O. of	
			" Rec'd 4/S from 1 st ANZAC Corps asking trench feet impediments be collected 10 th inst. S917 to 7 th Fld. Amb.	
		9.0 PM	2 nd D.S.C. asked to arrange for 5 lorries to draw supplies ^{for 7 A.I. Bde} from DICKEBUSCH railhead at 8.15 AM on 10 th inst, and dump at	

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RENINGHELST	9 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.0 PM	STEENVOORDE. Lories en route to STEENVOORDE to pick up Supply Section of 17 th AASC at RENINGHELST.	S919
		"	S.O. 2 D.S.C. to arrange for one lorry to convey 3 tons Coal to 7 th Bde. dump at STEENVOORDE 10 th inst.	S920
		"	S.O. 5 th Aus. Div. Troops informed 5 th Aus. Div Troops Group would be attached to 5 th Aust. Div on and after 11 th instant. RF. W3316 to be submitted direct to S.S.O. 5 th Aus. Div.	S921
		"	Supply Arrangements No 9/1 dated 9 th Oct 1917 forwarded D.H.Q.	
		"	TRD No. 515 Para 4. Packing Para 5. Potatoes Para 6 Transfers. Para 7. Supply Arrangements. Para 8. Railhead. Para. 9 Reserve Stock. Para. 10. Supply Section. 17 th AASC.	
	10 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 PM	Pack train available.	
		"	6000 Kilos (approx) Cabbages from Paris Supplies on pack. Distributed 5 th A.I. Bde. 600 Kilos 6 th A.I. Bde. 800 Kilos 7 th A.I. Bde. 900 Kilos. 2 nd Div Troops 700 Kilos. 5 th Div Troops. 3000 Kilos.	
		6.0 PM	Visited D.H.Q. Rum issue authorised for 5 th , 6 th & 7 th Bde	

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RENINGHELST	10 th 7	10.0 AM	S.O. O.S.C instructed to draw 129 gall. Rum from Reserve Store, and deliver 38 galls to S.O. 7 Bde at STEENVORDE, 2 galls to P.S.O. DICKEBUSCH, 89 galls to Div Bomb Officer. S924 S925 to S.O. 7 Bde. S922 to Bomb Officer.	
		11.30 AM	5 th Fld. Amb. advised to draw supplies for consumption 13 th inst from 1 st ANZAC C.T.S.C, and to submit A.B. 55 to S.O. C.T.S.C not later than 4.30 PM today. S926	
		3.0 PM	2nd Aust. Div Bomb Officer asked to instruct P/Cpl. H.T. PRINGLE, 17 th ANZC to rejoin his unit tomorrow 11 th inst. S925	
		3.0 PM	O.D. S.M.T Accounts asked (telephone) who was feeding 7 th Fld. Amb. Replied 1 st ANZAC C.T.S.C	
		5.0 PM	Rec'd 502/17 (in reply to S900) from S.O. 6 th A.I. Bde advising overdraws of 6 th M.G. Coy, and 22nd M.E. Coy had been adjusted	
		"	S.S.O 4 th Aus. Div. asked that 2 nd Bde. School rationed to night 11 th inst at STEENVORDE be issued with supplies for consumption 12 th inst. Repld it would be arranged. Strength added to AF W3316 for 7 th A.I. Bde from drawing Redhead 11 th inst. S.O. 7 Bde advised.	

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RENINGHELST	10 ¹⁰ / 17	5.0 PM	S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. asked that Coal dump (8 tons) at RENESCURE be taken over. Agreed to do so if area occupied.	
	"		S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. advised 23½ tons Steam Coal for Div. Laundry is advised to arrive RENINGHELST, and asked him to take it over. 5926.	
	"		S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. agreed to take over reserve store at RENINGHELST on 11 th inst.	
			Sgt. HEPBURN instructed NCO and 3 men on guard at Reserve Store are to report to Lt. Col. RALPH at 2 nd O.H.Q. at STEENVOORDE on 11 th inst. until rationed to night of 12 th inst. Sgt. HEPBURN informed Reserve Store will be taken over by S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. Everything except potatoes and oats to be handed over and receipt forwarded to this office.	
	"		Rec'd. W451 from S.S.O. 66 th Div. asking could 26 O.R. of Div. Burial party be rationed by me. Telephoned him 2 nd Div. was leaving area, and suggested the matter be referred to S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div.	

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RENINGHELST	10 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	5.0 PM	<p>Rec'd C 28 from S.O. 5th Bde, 503/17 from S.O. 6th Bde, and Q 32 from S.O. Div. Troops reporting their observations on new method of forwarding jam in packages consisting of tin and cardboard. Method considered by Supply Officers to be unsatisfactory, and likely to cause waste and trouble especially in forward areas.</p> <p>6.0 PM. S 930 to CRE S 931 to 2nd Aust. Pioneer, S 932 to Canteen, Camp Caundt, 2nd Div Sig Coy and 2nd Aust APM re supply arrangement.</p> <p>" 2nd Aust. Div D.A.D.O.S. telephoned unit would move to STEENVOORDE 11th inst., and asked supply arrangements. S 933 in reply.</p> <p>9.0 PM S.O. D.S.C. advised to dump supplies drawn at railhead by M.T. 11th inst at refilling points as follows. 5th A.I. Bde. Sheet 27 J36 Central 6th A.I. Bde. Sheet 27 K34 C 8 3. S 934</p> <p>" 2nd D.S.C. asked to arrange for 8 lorries to draw supplies at CRESTRE railhead at 9.30 AM on 11th inst. and dump as above. S 935</p> <p>" S.O. D.S.C. advised 3 tons Coal each to be delivered each 5th & 6th Bde. refilling points 3.0 PM tomorrow. S 936</p>	

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RENINGHELST	10 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.0 PM	<p>Rec'd Q 141 from 1st ANZAC to supply tomorrow to WATERIE at STEENVORDE 3 tons Coal, and 5 gallons Heavy Lub. Oil for water supply plant. Debit to steam coal. S936 to S.O. D.S.C</p> <p>Arranged with S.O. D.S.C for one lorry to report to T.H.Q. at 8.15 AM 11th inst. en route to STEENVORDE to pick up Supply Section of 5th and 6th Bde. S937 to S.O. 5 & 6 Bde.</p> <p>T.R.O. No. 516 Para. 5. Railhead for Div Troops Group. Para. 6 Potatoes Para. 7 Railhead Time. Para. 8 Transfers. Para. 9 Fuel. Para. 10. Addendum.</p>	
RENINGHELST RAILHEAD For Bde. Group at CAESTRE	11 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM 9.30 AM 10.0 AM	<p>Railhead CAESTRE 2nd Aust. Div. Troops transferred to 4th Aus Division for supplies.</p> <p>9.30 AM Pack train available.</p> <p>10.0 AM Reserve Store at RENINGHELST handed over to S.S.O. 4th Aus. Div S938 to S.S.O. 4th Aus. Div. advising billeting certificate for Reserve Store has been given to M. HENRI VERDONCK up to and including 11th instant.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	10 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	3.0pm	2nd Mob. Vet. Section advised they would move to STEENVOORDE 12 th inst., and asked supply arrangements. S942 in reply. Vegetables, potatoes 65 x 112 lb now in Reserve Store, and Cabbages 2250 lb issued to S.O. 2 nd Aust Div Troops, total 19060 rations transferred to S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. S939.	
		3.30pm	Visited O.H.Q. Arranged for Coal for baths on 12 th inst. Visited S.O. 6 th and 7 th Bdes; instructed them to enquire if units wanted fuel wood.	
		6.0pm	Driver 1/2 Lorry 2 nd Aust. D.S.C. instructed to draw one ton Coal from Coal dump, and deliver tonight to 2 nd Aust Div Baths at STEENVOORDE	
		6.0pm	OC. 15 th ARASC. asked supplies be drawn from railhead by M.T. 12 th instant. S945 in reply, supplies to be drawn by H.T.	
		8.0pm	S.O. D.S.C. instructed to collect 9 tons Fuel Wood from Forest Control 2 nd Army, and dump 3 tons at each Bde. dump tomorrow. S947	

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RENINGHELST	11 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0pm	Sgt. HEBBORN instructed to proceed with party to coal dump at CAESTRE, and take over 4 th Aust Div. Coal Dump Here Sg 48.	
			T.R.O. No. 517 Para. 3 Transfers. Para. 4 Fuel. Para 5 AF W 3316.	
	12 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30am	Pack train available.	
		12 noon	Rec'd S.P. 371 from D.O. S ₄ T 2 nd Army asking to wire approximate weight in kilos of Cabbages in Truck No. 143325 cleared 10 th inst. Rpld 6000kls ^{Sg 50} .	
		11.0am	Visited O.H.Q.	
		5.0pm	S.O. 2 nd Aust Div Troops reported D.A.H.Q. move to STEENVOORDE area 12 th inst. Sg 53 to D.A.H.Q. to draw supplies for consumption 15 th and 16 th inst. withdraw from S.O. S Bde on 14 th inst. T.R.O. No. 518 Para. 7	
		6.0pm	Rec'd E5 from R.S.O. CAESTRE advising all carrots in truck No. 38795 to be cleared. Telephoned S.S.O 4 th Aust. Div. and he would accept transfer of 10,500 kilos. Carrots Sg 54 to S.O. D.S.C to convey carrots to S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. Reserve Store RENINGHELST.	
		"	Rec'd E6 from R.S.O CAESTRE advising Coal was 39 tons to be cleared. Sg 54 to S.O. D.S.C. 10 wagons from train ^{would} report at 9.0 Am to assist	

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RENINGHELEST	12 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6.0 PM	S.O. OSC instructed to ascertain days and times dripping may be handed in at CHESTAE railhead.	
			" Received statement from S.O. 2 Div Troops of outstandings of sacks, etc. of 5 th Fld. Ambulance transferred to ^{12th DIV} Corps Troops Supply Column.	
			" Rec'd C33 from S.O. 5 Bde. advising reinforcements joined Battalions without rations for consumption 13 th and 14 th inst. Strength 1274 added to his A.F. W3316 drawing railhead 13 th inst. and advised him. S956.	
			" S.O. 7 th A.I. Bde reported grain packed in cardboard and tin packages to be very unsatisfactory.	
			" S.O. 6 th A.I. Bde advised supplies will be issued daily at Replling Point at 2.0 PM.	
			" S.O. 6 th A.I. Bde reported that units had requested that Straw be issued to complete Hay ration. S958. to D.O. S.T 2nd Army advising 10 tons Straw extra forage required for period commencing 22 nd inst.	
			" S.O. 6 th & 7 th Bde. to explain why list of rations drawn by units for	

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RENINGHELST	12 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6.0 PM	consumption 9 th to 13 th mist had not been forwarded. Lists to be handed to S.O. D.S.C at railhead 13 th mist.	S957
"			Rec'd statement from S.O. 5 th A.I Bde showing rations drawn by units for consumption 9 th to 13 th mist.	
"			D.O. SAT 2 nd Army requested to discontinue vegetables from Paris Supplies S959	
"			Fuel at Coal dump RENINGHELST taken over by S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div. Coal 79 Coke 98 Charcoal 13 tons. Took over 4 th Aus Div Coal Dump at CRESTAIE. Coal 20 tons.	
"			T.R.O. No. 518. Para. 7 Transfers. Para. 8 Refilling Para. 9 Coal Dump Details.	
"	13 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM	Pack train available.	
"			Rec'd Q 313 from 2 nd Aus. Div. to obtain further supply of ingredients for trench foot remedy. Ascertained quantities held by 5 th Fld. Amb. WARATAH Capt. O.H. advised.	
"			Sgt. HEPBURN instructed to hand over duties at Coal Dump to L/Cpl BORROWMAN, and return to 16 th A.H.S.C.	S960

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RENINGHELST	13 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	10.0 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
		12 noon	Rec'd S.B 15 ^{from D.O.S & T 2nd Army} stating coal must not be issued in lieu of fuel wood without reference to that office.	
		6.0 PM	Rec'd C111 from S.O. 5 th A.I. Bde. advising refilling point on and after 14 th inst would be at Sheet 27 P6 a 8 4.	
			* Rec'd 511/17 from S.O. 6 th A.I. Bde asking if siege candles could be obtained for lamps in possession held by Bn. Added to his A.F. W 331.6.	
			* S.O. 2 nd Aust D.S.C advised dripping would be received at CAESTRE railhead on Wed. and Saturday before 12 noon. TRO. Para.	
		7.0 PM	S.S.O. 4 th Aust Div. advised 10,500 Kilo Carrots were delivered to his Reserve Store today, and would be accept transfer on vegetable summary for current period. S961.	
			T.R.O. No. 519 Para. 6 Dripping Para 7. Change of Duties of Supply Officer	
	14 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM	Pack train available.	
		10.0 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
			* Rec'd A 285 from D.H.Q. advising reinforcements arriving from Base.	
			Added A.F. W 331.6 5 th A.I. Bde T.R.O. No 5 th Para. 11.	

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RENINGHELST	14 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6.0pm	S.O. D.S.C instructed to convey 1 1/2 tons Charcoal from 2 nd Aust. Div. Coal Dump at CHESTRE to 4 th Aust. Div. Coal Dump RENINGHELST. S963	
			" S.S.O. 4 th Aust. Div agreed to take ^{over} Charcoal at RENINGHELST at 14 1/2 tons instead of 13 tons as per receipt.	
			" Forwarded receipt for 20 tons Coal at CHESTRE to S.S.O. 4 th Aust Div. S964	
			" R.S.O CHESTRE asked to increase pack train to 10,500 men's rations S966.	
			" S.O. D.S.C advised 43 tons Coal at CHESTRE to be cleared. S967.	
			" S.O. 7 Bde instructed to deliver 10 cart coal to 25 th Bn for use with Fadden lorry, in accordance with O.H.O. Q10. S968.	
		8.0pm	Rec'd Q11 from D.H.Q. to arrange to issue supplies thro' 17 th Coy AASC for 71 of 13 th Div. School on 16 th inst. DT970 to S.O. 7 A.I. Bde.	
			" Rec'd 16/5 from S.O. 1 st ANZAC C.T.S.C. to debit and credit 5 tons Coal for Baths, and 1 ton Coal for Rest Station for period ending 14 th inst. Included in Fuel Summary.	
			" T.R.O. No. 520 Para. 10 AFs W3316. Para 11. Strengths of AFs W3316.	
			" Rec'd 65/20 from D.H.Q re arrangements for providing fuel for A.M.C. establishments.	

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RENINGHELST	15 ¹⁰ / ₇	9.30 AM	CAESTRE railhead. Pack train not available until 4.0 PM.	
			" Rec'd C.C. 10/593 from Camp Commandant to collect 20 cases rum surplus from 7 th Bde. issue. S969 to S.O. 7 A.I. Bde.	
			" S.O. 2 nd Aust O.S.C. instructed to collect 150 Oil Drums from 4 th Aust. Div. Coal dump, and deliver to Coal Dump CAESTRE.	
		6.0 PM	Rec'd C44 from S.O. 5 A.I. Bde. advising supplementary indents on A.F. W3316 drawing railhead 16 th instant are for reinforcements rationed only to night of 14 th inst.	
			" Rec'd C45 from S.O. 5 A.I. Bde advising 19 th Bn move to Belgian Battery Corner 16 th inst. Strength transferred to Div. Troops Group TRO No. 521 Para. 11. S.S.O. 4 th Aust Div ⁽¹⁰⁰⁰⁾ & 19 Bn notified S972	
		6.5 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
		7.0 AM	Ascertained that Corps Troops Supply Column require authority from G. 1 st ANZMC before further issue trench feet mixture is supplied. S974 to D.H.Q.	
			T.R.O. No. 521. Para. 11. Transfer. Para 12. Reserve Store.	

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RENINGHELST	16 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM	Pack train available.	
			D.A.D.M.C. asked supply arrangements for 19 Bn. Informed him 19 Bn. advised as per S 972.	
			S.O. 2 nd Aust D.S.C. instructed one lorry to report to ACF at ^{SS 251} RENINGHELST	
			Rec'd W17. from OC 2 nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. certifying 120 petrol tins and 30 petrol cases sent with water to forward area could not be recovered.	
			Rec'd 19/181 from D.A.D.V.S 2 nd Aust Div. asking all bran supply be issued to 4 th and 5 th Arty Bdes until further notice. Advised S.O. D.S.C. to deliver Bran to S.O. 2 nd AASC. S972 also TRO No. 574 Para 11.	
			Visited D.H.Q.	
			Ascertained from S.O. 1 st Anzac C.T.S.C that authority from Corps is necessary before further supplies of trench feet mintine can be obtained. Advised D.H.Q. S 974.	
			4.0 PM "Q" 1 st AVMC Corps telephoned if any alterations of packs was necessary due to 19 Bn. moving to forward area. Replied no.	

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RENINGSHEVST	16 ¹⁰ / ₇	6:00 PM	S.O. 2 nd Aust O.B.C. instructed to collect 60 bags each 110 lbs Potatoes from M. BROCQUAERT'S farm, and deliver as follows 5 th A.Bde dump 15 bags 6 th Bde. 20 bags 7 th A.I. Bde 25 bags.	S975
			Supply Officer notified T.R.O. No. 522 Para. 12.	
			S.O. 2 nd Aust Div Troops instructed to increase 19 th Bn strength by 138 men's rations ^{on AF W3316} for drawing railhead 18 th inst. Supplies are required in order to bring reinforcements into line with rest of Bn. who are rationed 48 hours ahead.	S976
			T.R.O. No. 522 Para 11. Coal Para 12 Potatoes. Para 13 Reserve Store	
	17 ¹⁰ / ₇	9:30 PM	Pack train available. 10 tons Hay, 2 tons ^{2 tons} humped Cattle drawn as extra forage.	
		10:00 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
			A.F. W3333 received from S.O. 7 th A.I. Bde for iron rations consumed by 25 th Bn Returned, and W3334 to be submitted	S979
			A.F. W3334 and AB 55 rec'd from S.O. 5 th A.I. Bde for iron rations consumed by Battalion's Forwarded to D.H.Q.	
			D. Arama telephoned one ton Coal to be delivered to 18 th Bn at 8 am T.R.O. tomorrow for use with Fodder lorry. T.R.O. No. 522 Para. 7	

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RENINGHELST	17 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6.0 PM	T.R.O. No. 523 Para. 5 Jam. Para. 6. Extra forage. Para. 7. Coal Para. 8 Coal for fodder lorry. Para. 9. Reserve Store.	
	18 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM 10.0 AM 11.0 AM	Pack train available. 3 tons Linseed Cake drawn from Railhead as extra forage. Visited D.H.Q. Visited D.O.S.T and D.A.D.S. 2 nd Army. Arranged to draw 10 tons Hay extra from Railhead 19 th inst. as extra forage.	
		12 Noon	S.O.D.S.C. instructed to deliver 3 tons linseed cake to S.O. 20 th AMSC. S980.	
			S.O.D.S.C. advised 29 1/2 tons Coal at railhead to be cleared, and that transport was reqd. from Train to assist as it was anticipated lorries would experience difficulty on account bad road to coal dump. Arranged with Adj. for 10 G.S. Wagons to report at 2.30 PM. today at CAESTRE railhead. S.O.D.S.C. advised S981	
		6.0 PM	S.O.D.S.C. advised that D.O.S.T. 2 nd Army had authorised issue of 10 days HAY as extra forage from CAESTRE railhead. 2 tons to be delivered to S.O. 2 nd Aust. Div Troops at refilling point, and balance at Coy. lines. One ton linseed cake to be collected from S.O. 2 nd AD Troops, and delivered S.A. Bco 1/2 ton S984 6 " 1/4 " 7 " 1/2 "	

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RENINGHELST	18 ¹⁰ / ₇	6.0 PM	S.O. 5 A.I. Bde advised that 1 ton Coal had been delivered to 18 Bn for use with Fodder lorry. C 55.	
			T.R.O. No. 524 Para. 5 Extra Forage. Para. 6 Linseed Cake Para. 7 A.F.s W3333 and W3334.	
"	19 ¹⁰ / ₇	9.30 AM	Pack train available. S.O. 6 th and 7 th A.I. Bdes advised reinforcements joining Battalions rationed to 20 th just. S985/6. Rec'd W 21/S from S.O. 1 st ANZAC CTSC asking trench feet ingredients be collected. S988 to 5 th Fld Amb. to collect.	
		10.0 AM	Visited D.H.Q. O.A.S.M.B. instructed 3 tons Coal & 5 ^{gals} Lub. Oil to be delivered to LAITERIE STEENVOORDE. S.O. D.S.C. instructed to comply.	
		3.0 PM	Visited D.H.Q. Rec'd S/629/2 from D.D.S & T. 2 nd Army forwarding extract from letter from D. of S on subject of possible shortage of Purchase Board Straw. "Armies will make good deficiencies by demanding additional quantities from Regulating Station!"	

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RENINGHELST	19 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	3.0 PM.	<p>Contd. S/629/2 O.O. S.T. 2d Army continues.</p> <p>When any formation has, at the conclusion of any period failed to receive its extra forage for that period from Purchase Board sources, immediate application should be made to this office, when authority will be given for the issue of Hay from Railhead to an equivalent amount.</p> <p>" Received 70/30 from D.H.Q. to take delivery of 75 smoking pipes (gift from "Soldiers Pipe Fund" New York) from S.O. 12th ANZMC C.F.S.C. and distribute ^{them}.</p> <p>T.R.O. No. 525. Para 3. AFs W3333 and W3334.</p>	
	20 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM	<p>Pack train available.</p> <p>" Received A.G. 416 from D.H.Q. 11th Aust A.F.A. Bde. now being rationed by 4th Aus. Div. will on moving to ODOEZZELLE Area be issued by 2nd Aus. Div. on 23rd and thereafter.</p> <p>Received at 4.0 PM. Q 201 from D.H.Q. Move referred to in A.G. 416 cancelled.</p> <p>" Visited D.H.Q. and all S.Os.</p> <p>" 2200 Iron Rations drawn from railhead. AFs W3334 received from S.Os. 19th inst and approved at D.H.Q. ^{AFs} Handed to RSO CHESTRE.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	21 ¹⁰ / ₇	9.30 AM	Pack train available.	
		10.30 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
		8.0 PM	D.D.S&T Army 2 nd Army advised 46 tons Extra forage required for week commencing 1 st November. " R.S.O. CAESTRE asked truck of coal be cleared early. S ⁸ to S.O. P.S.C. T.R.O. No. 527 Para 8 Extra Forage.	57.
	22 ¹⁰ / ₇	9.30 AM	Pack train not available until.	
			Arranged for supply wagons waiting pack train to assist P.S.C. clearing coal from railhead to Coal dump.	
		10.30 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
		5.0 PM	Rang up S.O. 1 st ANZAC CTSC re taking delivery of 75 smoking pipes referred to in D.H.Q. 70/30. and he would advise when they were ready to be collected.	
		6.0 PM	S.O. 4 th A.I. Bde advised A.B. 55 for 3 rd Inf. Bde. School had been handed to S.O. 5 th A.I. Bde. Added to A.F. W 3316 drawing railhead 23 rd inst. S ¹⁰ to S.O. 577. 86.	
			" Received Q 270 from "G" 1 st ANZAC. advising railhead will	

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RENINGHELST	22 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6.0 PM	<p><i>Contd</i> probably change to DICKEBUSCH on 26th instant, and asking what units now rationed will be left behind. SII in reply, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Bde. Schools.</p>	
	23 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	9.30 AM	Pack train available.	
		10.0 AM	Visited D. H. S.	
			<p>Received 65/67 from D.H.S. forwarding extracts from letter from D.O.S.A.T. 2nd Army. Charcoal for sections drawing DICKEBUSCH, OUDERDOM, and RENINGHELST will be sent to HAEGEDORNE.</p>	
		3.0 PM	<p>Visited D.O.S.A.T 2nd Army. Arranged ① one truck Vegetables from Paris Supplies weekly, ② 5000 trench Rations of Co Milk on pack train daily. If Pea Soup is packed at base, R.S.O. has been instructed to issue demand notes on F.S.D for Cocoa & Milk in lieu. ③ One truck coke and Charcoal per week ④ 150 gallons Rum on pack daily.</p>	
		6.0 PM	<p>S.O. D.S.C. asked if 1oz Cheese had ^{should} be shown as Components of rations on R.F. W 3317 drawing railhead 22nd int. He replied 1oz Cheese only packed, and drawn.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	23 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6.0 PM.	Telephoned O. A. S. G. - supply arrangements.	
"	"	6.0 PM.	S.O. D.S.C. advised that 9 G.S. Wagons would report at CHESTRE railhead at 2.30 P.M. 24 th inst. to convey wood to coal dump. S 15.	
"	"	"	S.O. D.S.C. D.H.Q. telephoned 16 tons Coal and 15 galls. Oil. lub. to be delivered LAITERIE STEENVOORDE tomorrow S. 17 to S.O. D.S.C.	
"	"	"	Received D 72 from D.P. S. A. T. 2 nd Army returning AF W 3334 from 26 th A.I. Battal. In. for 507 Iron Rations, and asking if underdrawals had been made. Forwarded to S.O. 713de for report.	
"	24 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	"	Received G 24 from D.H.Q. advising railhead on 26 th inst. at DICKEBUSCH.	
"	"	9.30 AM	Railhead Pack train available 2.0 P.M.	
"	"	10.0 AM.	Ascertained from A.D.M.S that 6 th Fld. Amb. would probably move to RENINGHELST on 24 th inst.	
"	"	11.0 AM	S.S.O. 1 st Aus. Div. advised 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Bde. Schools transferred to him rationed to 24 th inst. Sig. Replied S 1241 in reply. Noted.	
"	"	"	Bde. Supply Officers advised to draw extra forage from Coal Dump. S 20.	
"	"	2.0 PM.	Supply Arrangements 10/11 handed to "G" D.H.Q. by O.C. Train.	
"	"	5.0 PM.	Arranged with S.S.O. 5 th Aus. Div. to take over Coal dump at DICKEBUSCH at 4.0 P.M. tomorrow.	

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RENINGHELST	24 ¹⁰ / ₇	5.0 PM	Ascertained from S.O. 1 st ANZAC C.T.S.C. that Solidified Alcohol (ration 10,000 oz per week) could be obtained from him on demand.	
		6.0 PM	S.O. 2 nd Aust. D.S.C. advised 30 tons Coal expected at CAESTRE railhead to be delivered to LAITERIE, STEENVORDE.	
		"	S.O. 2 nd Aust. D.S.C. instructed one lorry to report Coal Dump at 1.0 PM. 25 th inst. to convey Coal Dump party to Coal dump at DICKEBUSCH S ²⁵⁰ .	
		"	L/Cpl. Borrowman instructed to proceed to DICKEBUSCH Coal dump. One man to be left at CAESTRE dump.	
		"	T.R.O. No. 530. Para. 6 Transfers. Para 7 Supplies - issue of. Para. 8. Addendum. Para 9 Coal Dump. Para. 10 Fuel.	
	25 ¹⁰ / ₇	9.30 AM	Visited Railhead. Pack train not available until 3.0 PM.	
		1.0 PM	Coal dump party proceeded to Coal dump at DICKEBUSCH. Asked R.S.O. Caeste if Vegetables could be issued in lieu of Cheese as only 1 oz Cheese was packed. He referred matter to D.O. SAT 2 nd Army, who ruled that when 1 oz Cheese was packed, extra vegetables in lieu would not be issued unless Base advises ^{extra} vegetables in lieu had been packed.	

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RENINGHELST	25 ¹⁰ 7	5.0 PM	<p>Rec'd AA 3 from O.H.Q. advising personnel move to Reinforcement camp on 25th inst.</p> <p>" Rec'd GC 510 from 1st ANZAC Q advising Supply Column had been instructed to draw 23472 lbs Charcoal from HAECE DOORNE, and deliver fuel dump.</p> <p>" Received 65/71 from O.H.Q. forwarding copy of ANZAC Corps S/256. 16 tons Coal and 15 galls. Oil to be issued to LAITERIE, STEENVOORDE, also 30 tons Coal consigned to CAESTRE railhead.</p> <p>" Received 138/835 from O.H.Q. forwarding Q.O/13/108 from 2nd Army. re Cases Paillasse Banack. Straw to be indented for by S.S.O to O.D. SAT. Requirements for 2nd Aust Div. will be advised later.</p> <p>" Received 130/298 from O.H.Q. forwarding copy of letter 158/408 from 1st ANZAC relative to reserve of rations held under Divisional control in the forward areas.</p> <p>" 5.0 PM Took over 2nd Aust. Div. Coal Dump. Coal 68 tons Charcoal 39³/₄. Charcoal 50¹/₂. Also Soda Tablets, 30,000 Iron rations 660.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	25 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	5.0 PM	Advised S.O. 5 th Aust. Div. Troops to draw railhead 26 th inst. at 8.0 AM.	
		"	Arranged S.O. 5 th Aust. Div. he could draw coal for 15 A.I. Bde from Coal dump on 26 th inst.	
		6.0 PM	Wired D.H.Q. to arrange guard 1 NCO and 3 men for coal dump DICKEBUSCH tomorrow. Rec'd A432 from D.H.Q. Guard detailed from 5 A.I. Bde.	
		"	S.O. 2 nd Aust. D.S.C. instructed one lorry to convey supplies from 6 th A.I. Bde dump to STEENVOORDE tomorrow for D.H.Q. Sig Coy. ^{S.O. HQDS} CRD	
		"	D.D.S.T. 2 nd Army asked to discontinue Coke and Charcoal on section 8 until further notice. ^{S 30}	
		"	S.O. 6 th A.I. Bde instructed to draw 1250 tons Solidified Alcohol from S.O. 1 st ANZAC D.S.C. and deliver to Coal Dump tomorrow ^{S 32}	
		"	T.R.O. No. 531. Para. 7. Transfer Para 8 Transfer Para. 9 Addendum Para. 10. Issue of supplies. Para 11. A.F.W 3316	
RENINGHELST Railhead Changed to DICKEBUSCH	26 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
		10.0 AM	Received SB 97 from D.D.S.T. 2 nd Army instructing straw must not be	

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RENINGHELST	26 th 17	10.0 AM	purchased in Second Army area forward or back except through Central Purchase Board. TRO. No. Para.	
		"	Received from S.O. 5 th Aus. Div Troops No. 13/414 from 1 st ANZAC - approval for daily issue of rum to personnel of 86 th A.F. A. Bde. during present inclement weather.	
		"	S.O. 5 th Aus. Div Troops stated that S.S.O. 5 th Aus. Div held Divisional authority for daily issue of rum to units of 5 th Aus. Division.	
		12 Noon	Received E 23 from R.S.O. Caestre to clear 21 1/2 tons Coal at CAESTRE railhead, Telephoned O.D. SAT, who said he would arrange for this coal to be cleared by F.S.O.	
		"	Received O.D. 5 from 2 nd Aust. Div Bomb Officer for rations on 26 th inst & onwards for 16 men and 1 L.O. Telephoned him to draw from 7 th A.F. Bde front at 11.0 AM. 27 th inst. TRO. No. 532. Para. 9.	
		"	Received AA 8 from 2142 - 200 O.R. 6 th Bde marched to Reinforcement Camp 27 th inst. rationed for 27 th inst. only.	
		6.0 PM	S.O. 2 nd Aust. OSC advised to write off Biscuits and Cheese for 2 nd Aust. Div Troops drawing railhead 27 th inst.	535.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELST	26 th	6.0 PM.	<p>S.O. 2nd D.S.C. instructed to complete R.F. W3317 drawing railhead 27^{1/2} mit. R.F. W3316 from S.O. 5th Div Troops not to hand. S 36.</p> <p>12 noon O.C. 2nd Mob. Vet. Section telephoned unit would not leave OUDERZEELE on 24th inst. and not 26th inst. as previously informed. Told him supplies for 24th inst. would be forwarded^{delivered} to him at OUDERZEELE by motor lorry. Arranged with S.O. 2nd Aust. D.S.C. to collect supplies at 5th A.I. Bde. dump, and deliver. He advised later no lorry available. Arranged with O.C. 2nd Aust. D.S.C. to send lorry to T.H.Q. Lorry arrived 3.0 P.M. and supplies collected at 15th A.A.S. Coy. Driver of lorry given instructions re delivery. S.O. 5 A.I. Bde. advised.</p> <p>6.0 PM T.R.O. No. 532. Para. 7. Dripping. Para. 8 Straw. Para. 9 Addendum.</p> <p>8.0 PM Pack train available.</p> <p>12 noon D.O.S & T. 2nd Army requested to discontinue fuel wood on set 8. S37.</p> <p>3.0 PM Rung up D.H.Q., and obtained authority to issue run to C.R.E. 5th, 6th & 7th Fld. Coy. Pioneers. 2nd Div Train Details & 19 Bn. TR.O. No 533 Para. 3.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	27 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	5.0 P.M.	Rec'd 192 from R.S.O. HAEBE DOORNE to forward A.B. 55 for 23472 lb Charcoal drawn 26 ¹ / ₂ inst. Forwarded A.B. 55.		
		6.0 P.M.	Rec'd SN426 from O.D. S+T. 2 nd Army in reply to S 37. Noted, & in future fuel wood to be included in daily fuel wire.		
		"	Rec'd 541/17 from S.O. 6 Bde. advising refilling point H 26692.		
		"	S.O. 2 nd Aust. D.S.C instructed to collect 3000 Kilo Potatoes at M. BAGQUAERT and tomorrow, and issue to groups on 29 th inst. at railhead. S40.		
		"	Received O.D. S+T. 2 nd Army Circular Minute No. 30 re issues to Y.M. CH. Inserted in T.R.O. No. 533 Para 5.		
		"	T.R.O. No. 533. Para. 3 Rum. Para 4. Dupping. Para. 5. A.B. 55.		
		28 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 A.M.	Pack train available.	
		9.30 A.M.	Visited all dumps and D.H.Q.		
		"	D.H.Q.M.S. stated one ton coal to be delivered to Div Baths YPRES, strength of D.H.Q. to be increased by 60, 3 days supplies for 20 men.		
		12 noon	Received advice from O.H.Q. 30% Frost meat arriving railhead until further notice.		

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PENINGHELST	28 th 17	6.0 PM	<p>Telephoned D.O. S&T. 2nd Army re handing over Coal dump at CAESTRE. Rec'd SN457 in reply. 7th Div. Train will take over on 31st inst.</p> <p>" Received from 'B' Corps 88/156 from D.A.S.M.C. 2nd Army. Solidified Alcohol will be issued during the Winter, and commencing from this date on a scale of 12,000 ops. per week to each Div. in the line.</p> <p>" S.O. 2nd Aust. D.S.C. instructed to collect 4 tons Potatoes from M. BACQUAERT, tomorrow, and issue to groups at railhead 30th inst. Distribution will be advised later. S42.</p> <p>" S.O. 5th Aust. Div. Troops asked to explain demand of 360 lb Candles on A.F. W 3316 submitted today. He replied 2 cases required for 2nd Canadian Tunnelling Coy, 1 case for 15th Fld Coy, Sigs, balance for general issue.</p> <p>" T. R. O. No. 534 Para. 6. Addenda. Para. Soda Tablets. Para. 8 Sacks. Para. 9 Railhead. Para 10. Time of drawing railhead.</p>	

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RENINGHELST	29 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
		10.0 AM	Visited D.H.Q. D.A.D.M.G. instructed one ton Coal be delivered to Div. Baths YPRES. Wagon from 15 th As. Coy detailed to do work. S.O. 2 nd Aust. D.S.C. stated he required 2 extra lorries for permanent duty at railhead. Telephoned "G" Corps, who gave approval. Wined O.C. 2 nd Aust D.S.C. S53.	
		12.30 PM	D.O. S&T. 2nd Army - requested to grant authority to purchase Potatoes at 20 francs per 100 Kilos. Rec'd AC 378 from D.O. S&T. giving authority, and asking quantity to be bought. Replied 25 tons approx. S47.	
			S.S.O. 7 th Div. advised coal dump at CAESTRE would be handed over at 3.0 PM. 31 st inst. S45	
		4.0 PM	4000 Kilos Potatoes collected by D.S.C from D. BACQUHART. To be issued to groups at railhead 30 th inst. S48.	
			S.O. D.S.C instructed to collect 60 bags (3000 Kilos) Potatoes from A. HOUVEN ABEL tomorrow. Gone to groups at railhead 31 st inst. S49	

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RENINGHELST	29 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	3.0 PM	Asked S.O. C.V.S.C. for further supply of trench feet ingredients, and he would deliver 5 th Fld. Amb. tomorrow.	
	"	11.0 AM	Asked S.O. 5 th Aust. Div for authorities for issue of rum to 5 th Aust. Div Troops, and attached units, and he would forward.	
	"	6.0 PM	S.O. 5 Bde. advised coke could be drawn for 20 th Bn; -corresponding reduction to be made in coal issue.	S52
	30 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
	"	6.0 PM	T.R.O. No 535 Para. 6 Railhead Para. 7 Time of drawing. Para. 8 Loaders Para. 9 Potatoes.	
	30 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
		9.0 AM	Rec'd Q13 27 from D.H.B. - 2 tons bagged coal be sent Div Batho ^{V.P.P.E.S.} arranged.	
		10.0 AM	Visited D.H.B.	
			S.O. 2 nd Aust D.S.C. instructed to issue 2 bags Bran ^{arriving on pack} to 5 th Aust. Div Troops and balance to 2 nd Aust. Div Troops.	S54
		3.0 PM	Rec'd C84 from S.O. 5 th Bn Bde advising refilling point on and after 31 st inst. would be at Sheet 29 I 13 C 37.	

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RENINGHELST	30 ¹⁰ / ₇	3.0 PM	Paid A. HOUVENAGEL for 6000 Kilo Potatoes. He agreed no fixed quantity of Potatoes was to be taken. Potatoes could be taken delivery of, and paid for when required. Rec'd 829/S from SO. 1 st ANZAC CTSC to collect 75 pipes (smoking) Pipes collected and issued to groups as per D.H.Q. 70/30. Accounted for in Reserve Stock of	
		6.0 PM	Rec'd 123/304 from D.H.Q. forwarding copy of letter from D. Ops. 2 nd Army re packing of Jam.	
			S.O. 4 th ABde instructed to collect 250 tons Solidified Alcohol from CTSC, and deliver Coal Dump. ABSS herewith	S56.
			S.O. 2 nd DSC advised distribution of Potatoes collected today.	S57.
			S.O. 7 th DSC instructed to collect 3000 Kilo Potatoes from A. HOUVENAGEL at BOESCHEPE, and issue at railhead 1 st prox.	S58
			Rec'd 130/298 from D.H.Q. forwarding copy of letter from 1 st ANZAC re Return of Rations in Supporting Points. Replied S764 asking information requested in my S/266 of 22 nd inst. be supplied.	
	31 ¹⁰ / ₇	8.0 AM	Pack train available.	
		9.0 AM	Telephoned D.D.SAT 2nd Army asking if 50 tons Hay in lieu CPB straw not available. could be drawn	

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RENINGHELST	31 st / ₁₇	9:00 AM	Rec'd G.B. 112 from D.H.Q. - P.D.S 2 nd Army wires - Arrange to draw Hay 50 tons in lieu of C.P.B staws not available from R.S.O. DICKEBUSCH. Hay drawn, and entered on AFW 3317	
		12 noon	Asked SSO 4 th Aus Div. to accept transfer of 10122 lbs Hay for period ended 31 st inst. Rec'd R459 - accepted.	
			" Asked SSO 5 th Aus Div. to accept transfer of 1716 lbs Linseed Cake for period ended 31 st inst. Accepted (Lt. Higgs)	
		6:00 PM	SO. 2nd. Aust RSC advised distribution of Potatoes collected today. S 62	
			" Rec'd S454 from SSO 4 th Aust Div. advising Coal dump RENESCURE had been closed down. Replied noted S 63	
			" Rec'd NL 192 from SSO 7 th Div. advising Coal dump CHESTRE would be taken over at 3.0 PM, and estimating coal at 70 tons. Replied S64. Coal 70 tons Fuel Wood 47 tons transferred to here.	
			" Rec'd 140/158 from D.H.Q. forwarding D.S. 178. re Bread Sacks. High % to be returned to base. TRD. 537 para 8.	

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RENINGHEIST	31 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	6pm.	<p>Received 548/17 from S.O. 6th Bde. forwarding a request from 21st Bn. to be supplied with Coke; 22nd & 24th Bn. asking full 1/2 lbs coal be issued. Replied 566. Fuel ration laid down in Ration Pamphlet 55571 must be adhered to. Units may draw either ordinary or trench ration: whether they are in trenches or not, but no alteration of the scales, or issue of equivalent is permissible. Troops not drawing coke or charcoal may draw 1/2 lbs Coal per man per day.</p> <p>" Rec'd C88 from S.O. 5 Bde advising refilling point would be at sheet 28 H16 d 11 on and after 1st prox.</p> <p>" S.O. 7th A.I. Bde instructed to draw 1500 tons Solidified Alcohol from S.O. 1st ANZAC C.A.S.C. and deliver Coal dump tomorrow. 567</p> <p>" Rec'd S/1857/a from D.O. SAT 2nd Army re Fuel ration.</p> <p>" Repl S/782/2 from D.O. SAT 2nd Army - no issues of Coal, oil or petrol to be made to Corps Agricultural Officers for issue to local farmers for threshing purposes.</p>	

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PENNINGHEAST	31 st / ₁₇	6:00pm	Rec'd O 88/157 from "B" 1 st ANZAC, forwarding copy of D. of S. 102/32 - re issue of coal to Y.M.C.A. on repayment. TRO. 537 Para 9.	
		3:00pm	Handed over Coal Dump at CRESTAC to SSO 7 PW.	
		8:00pm	F.V.B., 2nd Aus Div. telephoned authority for daily issue of rum to Div Sig Coy. until further notice.	
		8pm	T.R.O. No. 537 Para 8 Statement of Supplies Issued and Returned. Para 9. Coal, issue to Y.M.C.A.	
"	1 st / ₁₇	8:00Am	Pack train available.	
		9:00Am	OC 15 th Battery advised 1 bale (contents unknown) was signed for by Dr Band on 10 th ult. S68.	
		9:00Am	Arranged for 2 G.S. Wagons to convey 150 Drums and 50 petrol tins from 1 st ANZAC Corps Salvage dump to Coal dump. S69.	
		2:00pm	S70 to OHQ. OO 151 received.	

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STATEMENT OF EMPTIES RETURNED DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1917.

FORMATION	SACKS		PETROL TINS		PETROL CASES		DRUMS		JARS RUM & LIMEJUICE		CASSES RUM	
	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED
5th A.I. BRIGADE	3998	3163	465	303	99	95	60	92	59	32	30	30
6th A.I. BRIGADE	2879	2459	112	119	28	33	22	19	52	35	27	27
7th A.I. BRIGADE	4139	4160	488	740	118	156	180	122	76	57	-	-
2nd A.DIV. TROOPS	11005	10944	852	707	213	142	170	144	430	187	171	171
TOTALS	21021	20726	1917	1869	458	426	432	377	617	311	228	228

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APPENDIX A.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONSUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS NO 9/1 9TH OCTOBER 1917

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 10TH OCTOBER 5TH BRIGADE GROUP. (5th A.I.Bde., 5th A.M.G.Coy., 7th A.M.G.Coy.,
 15th Coy A.A.S.C.)
6TH BRIGADE GROUP. (6th A.I.Bde., 6th A.M.G.Coy., 6th Fld Amb.
 22nd A.M.G.Coy., 16th Coy A.A.S.C.)

Supplies for consumption 12th inst., will be drawn from Railhead and issued as usual.

7TH BRIGADE GROUP. (7th A.I.Bde., 17th Coy A.A.S.C.)

Supplies for consumption 11th inst., will be reloaded into Train Supply Wagons at Quartermasters Stores at 8 a.m. and delivered to Units' lines in STEENVOORDE area. Units have been instructed to arrange for a guide to accompany Supply Wagons, and after delivering supplies these wagons will return to 17th Coy A.A.S.C. lines.

7TH BRIGADE GROUP. (7th A.I.Bde., 17th Coy A.A.S.C., 2nd Div.H.Q.,
 2nd Div Sig.Coy., 2nd Div.A.P.M., Div.Centeen)

Supplies for consumption 12th inst., will be drawn by 2nd Aust Div. Supply Column lorries and dumped at Sheet 27.K.32.d.5.

Supply Officer will arrange to take over supplies as soon as dumped, and issue on 11th inst., at a time to be arranged by him with Units.

DIV TROOPS GROUP. (2nd Aust Div. Art'y., 2nd Div. Engrs. H.Q.,
 5th, 6th, & 7th, Field Coy's A.E.,
 2nd Pioneer Bn., 5th Field Amb.,
 2nd Mob. Vet. Section., 2nd Div. D.A.D.O.S.)

Supplies for consumption 12th inst., will be drawn from Railhead and issued as usual.

11TH OCTOBER 5TH BRIGADE GROUP &
6TH BRIGADE GROUP

Supplies for consumption 13th inst., will be drawn from Railhead by 2nd Aust Div. Supply Column, and dumped at Refilling Points:-

5th Bde. Group Sheet 27.J.36 Central

6th Bde Group Sheet 27.K.34.c.8.3.

and issued on 12th inst., at a time to be arranged by Supply Officers with Units.

7TH BRIGADE GROUP (As for 10th inst. and 2nd Div. D.A.D.O.S.)

Supplies for consumption 13th inst., will be drawn from Railhead by Train Supply Wagons, and dumped at Refilling Points Sheet 27.K.32.d.5., and issued at a time to be arranged by Supply Officer with Units.

DIV TROOPS GROUP (As for 10th inst. less 2nd Div D.A.D.O.S.)

Supplies will be drawn as usual under arrangements to be made by Supply Officer direct with S.S.O. 4th Aust Division. 5th Aust Field Amb. will be transferred to 1st ANZAC.C.T.S.C.

12TH OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH, & 7TH BRIGADE GROUPS
 Et. seq.

Supplies for consumption 14th inst et. seq., will be drawn from Railhead by Train Supply Wagons and issued at times to be arranged by Supply Officers with Units.

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Major
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SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS NO 10/1

24th OCTOBER 1917.

Reference 2nd Aust.Div.Order No 150

25th OCTOBER 6TH BRIGADE GROUP. 6th A.I.Bde., 6th A.M.G.Coy., 6th Fld.Amb.
2nd A.D.H.Q., 2nd A.Div.Sig.Coy., C.R.A.,
A.P.M., D.A.D.O.S., 1st A.I.Bde School.,
2nd A.I.Bde School., 3rd A.I.Bde.School,
& 16th Coy.A.A.S.C.

Supplies for consumption 27th inst., will be drawn and issued as usual.

5TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. 5th A.I.Bde., 5th A.M.G.Coy.,
& 2nd A.Mob.Vet.Sect. & 15th Coy A.A.S.C.

7TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. 7th A.I.Bde., 7th A.M.G.Coy.,
22nd A.M.G.Coy., & 17th Coy A.A.S.C.

There will be no issue of supplies on this date.

26th OCTOBER 6TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. As on 25th Oct. less 1st, 2nd & 3rd
A.I.Bde Schools

There will be no issue of supplies on this date, except for 2nd A.D.H.Q.,^{CRA} 2nd Div Sig.Coy., A.P.M., & D.A.D.O.S., whose supplies for consumption 28th inst. will be issued at Divisional Headquarters STENVCORDE at 2 p.m.

5TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. As above.

7TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. As above.

Supplies for consumption on 27th and 28th instants, will be issued at 11 a.m. Refilling Points:-

5th A.I.Bde.Group Sheet 28.H.24.b.3.5.
7th A.I.Bde.Group " 28.H.29.b.3.8.

27th OCTOBER 6TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. As on 26th October

Supplies for consumption 28th and 29th instants, will be issued at 11 a.m. at refilling point Sheet 28.H.32.b.5.8., except 2nd A.D.H.Q., C.R.A., 2nd Div Sig.Coy., A.P.M. & D.A.D.O.S., whose supplies for consumption 29th inst, will be issued at 11 a.m. on 28th inst..

5TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. As above.

7TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUP. As above.

Supplies for consumption 29th inst., will be issued at 11 A.M. at same Refilling Points.

28th OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH, & 7TH A.I.BRIGADE GROUPS.
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Supplies for consumption 30th inst.et.seq., will be issued at 11 a.m., at same Refilling Points as on 27th inst.

.....MAJOR.
S.S.O. SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Appendix A

To C.O.,

2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

I beg to report the loss of 4 G.S. Wagons whilst on duty with Forward Detachment.-

On the morning of the 20th inst., 1 G.S. Wagon belonging to the 20th. Company, and 1 G.S. Wagon belonging to the 16th. Company, were completely destroyed by shell fire on WESTHOEK RIDGE.

On the morning of the 21st. inst., 1 G.S. Wagon belonging to the 20th. Company, and 1 G.S. Wagon belonging to the 16th. Company, were damaged to such an extent, they had to be abandoned. These two wagons were out on the "sleeper track" on ANZAC RIDGE, the shell fire being very heavy at the time, no temporary repairs could be made without great risk to the other transport held up behind these two wagons.

26th. October, 1917.

(Sgd) R.G. BOSANQUET, Captain.
O.C. Forward Detachment.

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C O P Y.

To C.O.,

Appendix A

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2nd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

I beg to report on the work done by the Forward Detachment from 15/10/17, to the 26/10/17.-

Lieut Cox handed over to me 30 G.S. Wagons and two spare teams, with a standing detail for 30 G.S. Wagons to report at HELL FIRE Corner at 4.0.a.m. each morning to the R.E. Officer in charge of the sleeper dump. He then returned to the Company on the 15th. inst., leaving Lieut Hocking for duty with me.

The following day Lieut Stevens and Lieut Boles were detailed for duty with the detachment and Lieut Hocking returned to his Company. I went out with the convoy on the 15th. inst., leaving the camp at 3.0.a.m. and reported to Lieut. Dentry, Officer in charge R.E. Dump at 4.0.a.m. He gave me instructions that he would require the same number of wagons each morning until further orders- to cart sleepers to the North side of WESTHOEK RIDGE, that two trips with 16 sleepers to a wagon would be required.

The track from MENIN ROAD to the top of WESTHOEK RIDGE is a circuit track joining up with the MENIN ROAD again near HOOGE - But the road from WESTHOEK RIDGE to ZONNOBEKE, which we were carting sleepers for, was a single track a little wider than a wagon, so wagons returning empty had to leave the road to allow the full ones to pass. In addition to our wagons, ^{there} were detachments from the other Divisional Trains and Canadian Reserve Park all on the same work, and to make the traffic more congested, was a continuous stream of Pack mules and horses- this made it most difficult for returning wagons to get back.

From the 19th. to 21st. insts., we had instructions to proceed to the top of WESTHOEK RIDGE empty, load up there, and do three and four trips between ANZAC RIDGE and ZONNEBEKE; and on the 21st. inst we joined up with the Pioneers who were building a track down from ZONNEBEKE.

This day was one of our worst experienced, the enemy shelled the track from WESTHOEK RIDGE to the North side of ANZAC RIDGE continually putting in a number of gas shells; it was one of the greatest tests our Drivers have been through, the road being continually blown up by the shells which completely destroyed it, making the road quite impassable, but quite heedless of their own dangers, the Drivers would dismount and stand to their horses heads while the road was being repaired. Our N.C.Os played a great part in this work, collecting what men they could, would at once lay sleepers across the shell holes, then would proceed to the next damaged part very often being not 25 yards from the one already repaired. I cannot speak too highly of these men in the absolute devotion of duty.

Out of my N.C.O's., Sgts. Scott, Foster, McNaught, and Cpl. Warren, it is hard to single out any one of these four N.C.O's., which in very many cases had it not been for their prompt action, Drivers and teams would on many occasions been lost.

From the 23rd. inst., we have been carting sleepers for platforms and reserve dumps at different points along the track.

Acting on instructions from T.H.Q., I handed over (10) ten complete turnouts and one spare team to Lieut. Stevens on the 26th. inst. The remainder of the Detail were sent back to their respective Companies.

Both Lieut. Stevens and Lieut. Boles did splendid work directing traffic and repairing the track when blown up by shell fire, setting a most splendid example to the men, and thereby giving them the utmost confidence.

(Sgd) R.G. BOSANQUET. Captain.

26th. November, 1917.

O.C. Forward Detachment.