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La Briche #1000	1/17/17		Leave allotment for December cancelled & new one substituted. Have now have a total of 16 for the month. Bulk of leave given to Infantry which is as it should be. Advised by D.A.G. that Capt F. W. Barrett was in the orders to join this train. To be regretted. Also that on completion of the forthcoming School for A.S.B. personnel that any vacancies in officers would be filled. Applied in view of Capt Bergman not being likely to return this winter, that he be placed on seconded list & that Capt H. A. Cook be appointed from the 12 th November date Capt Bergman was evacuated. S.H.O. arranged for a Corn Crushing Establishment at home Bergman to crush oats for the Division. Received letter from Capt Walker that he was passed for S.I. and hoped to return in a few days. Hard frost during night, fair this winter.	
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	3/17/17		Meeting of Company Commanders. Discussed leave matters & re A. War Record Section request for trophies. Fear that little comes the way of this unit, since we follow after Infantry & Artillery have cleaned up. Orders give new system of dealing with Drift pay, by which G/C Train receive vouchers from R.S.O. & issues order for S. F. Caulin to the unit concerned. Intend to see O.T.R. with a view to getting Field Cooks credit units in their accounts. Sent in application for 8 days Paris leave & to visit Rouen for self, Adjutant & 4 Company order room clerks. We can spend the 3 days in Rouen desired by 3 & 4 Schelon going through Rouen's Rolls, and combine leave with it. Train took place today. Hun plane came over at early hour in morning & dropped bombs in fields along the Baillou - Armentieres road. Car 18619 sent in to S.H.O. today. New precautionary orders issued by C.H.Q. All motor transport leaves Rouen & those transport only permitted with 2 horses & high loads. Weather bright.	

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La Creche	4/17/17		Medical Officer proceeded on 8 days leave to Paris. Capt S. Walker reported back after about 3 months absence sick. Placed him temporarily in charge of H.Q. Company. Refilling points being rebuilt by engineers the recent storm having damaged them. Saw 6th 3rd Australian Div. him & mutually agreed to retain our present site when our Division's change over. Saw D.H.Q. after the G.O.C. obtained ratification of same. Weather clear & frosty.	
	5/17/17		S.H.O. proceeded on 4 days Paris leave from 6/17/17. Inspected 15th & 16th Lines found horses looking well & harness & vehicles have never been in better condition. Weather good & heavy frost. Chaff cutter only cutting a quarter of estimated amount & corn crusher 3/4 of estimated. Latter to be remedied. Medical Officer from 5th Field Ambulance returning on 10 days temporary leave. Major Charlton due back from leave tomorrow to act as S.H.O. temporarily. Everything normal & proceeding quietly.	
	6/17/17		Saw D.H.Q. Obtained 2 special leaves for Ds Mayo & Sims for 14 days each. Both having bereavements in family. A.D.V.S. & D.A.Q.M.B. inspected train line today. Very satisfied with condition of horses, harness & vehicles. Great fear of mange prevailing as several cases reported in Division. Capt Quinn & Major Charlton reported back from leave today. Corn crusher now doing 9 ton per day. Chaff cutter will only produce 4 tons at present. Owing to frost great trouble with engine. Also show blunts blades of being more than hay. Presaw cutting 1/2 hay 1/2 straw - 2 tons for Division in all.	

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La Criche	27/12/17		Car 18619 returned last night. Capt-7. W. Barnett reported today late 30th Coy, A.P.C.B. of proposed 6th Division disbanded. Posted him as Supply Officer 20th Company. Received Ballotting papers re Referendum on Conscription for 100 short of our requirements. Asked for the extra. will come tomorrow. Went to Reussens and settled claim of Louetene Plomacert for windows broken etc of Chateau 87 teams 17th Coy paying out of Reg. Funds. notified of distribution of Australian Comforts Fund Cinema profits. Train share 100 francs. Capt Ennis assumed command of 16th Coy. Capt Gibson transferred to 15th Company. notified that Lieut J. Viner of Infantry General Reinforcements proceeding to join the train. Strongly resent this, which appears to be wire pulling, but can say nothing. This sending of outside officers to the train is bad in every way & opposed to the interests of the Unit. Deserving & qualified train B.C.O's are thus robbed of their chances. Cannot go & see D.A.C. took reason to write is futile. Disgusted. Saw A.P. in re traffic control for La Criche & arranged for 2 men to be posted at Steenwerck end to prevent lorries coming this way owing to blocks caused in traffic owing to narrow road. Car 14295 went in to Column today. Leave to Paris approved. Saw D.C.I. Durran & A.D.M.G. every thing all right. Held meeting of Company Commanders completed details re Polling re Referendum. Main date 11th & 12th but said 20th. Received copy of report from Defence, Australia sent to A.D. 7. M.T. re charges made by Lieut. Worthington in 194 pt. Replied giving my opinion of the matter which is pure spite. Gladly being done washed against money.	

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La Bruere	9/11/17		met weather set in light rain, Traffic Control men reported for duty. Nothing doing. Men proceeding on leave tomorrow voted today.	
	10/12/17		Lt Col. C.H. Manning D.S.O. went on eight days leave to Paris, Major Charlton takes command of the Train during the C.O.'s absence. Major Nugent returned from leave to Paris. Five reinforcements arrived from Calais, which were a very fair lot of hands, this makes the Train one deficient. Weather good.	
	11/12/17		Received instructions from A.P.M. that no wagons were to be parked on the roads in La Bruere, arrangements made to park 20 th Coys wagons in a field near T.H.Q. All companies taking votes for the reinforcement Referendum. Under instructions from D.H.Q. Chaplain E. J. Sydes will be attached to 5 th Arty Bde HQ from this date. Weather fine.	
	12/12/17		Received 2 nd Aust. Div. Operation Order No 156 relating to the relief of the 3 rd Aust. Div. in the Right. Div. Sector of the Corps front by the 2 nd Aust. Div. on the 14 th , 15 th and 16 th Dec.	
			All companies taking votes for the reinforcement Referendum. Capt Cook, acting Adjutant. due back from U.K. leave. Three Shivers & beams reported to Army Vegetable Farm, which Second Army has established in the vicinity of La Koinetbak, Shivers being experienced plough men.	

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Le Biche	13/12/17		The four Companies were inspected by the G.O.C. Division, Corps Horse Master, O.O. & Q.M.G. & D.O.D. & S. today, the G.O.C. expressed his satisfaction in all branches, especially the condition of the horses and the harness. The following N.C.O.s and men were presented with military medals today, Sgt Sted, Sgt Frick, Dnr Turner, Dnr Thorne & Dnr Pratt. Capt R. G. Berangnet proceeded to Paris. Interpreter A. Antoine reported for duty attached to 15th Coy. Capt H. O. Cook reported back from H.Q. and resumed duties as adjutant.	
	14/12/17		Received instructions that personnel now at Div Chaffucette to be relieved by 1st ans Div Shathy, and that the bulk of the personnel could report back to their units. Instructions received from D.H.Q. for daily detail of 2 G.I. hitches to report to Farm major Stimmuck, and 21 Drivers & 21 H.D. Horses to report to ROMARIN STONE S.I.D. 146 for hauling stone. weather very dull.	
	15/12/17		Issued instructions to Companies to economise in the use of paper, train Routine Orders issued singly from today, all transport detailed except 5 wagons owing to Boes moving. Warant Officer in charge of 21 Drivers & horses on stone carting, reported one horse killed, not being used to shafts, cart was damaged and horse slightly. Weather fine and clear, air planes very active.	
	16/12/17		D.H.Q. advise to bring officer and all material away from Div Chaffucette. 3/1st Hacking granted 4 days leave to Boulogne from 17th inst. Capt H. O. Cook appointed adjutant vice Buripman on regimental seconded list (invalided) from 12/11/17. Received a daily detail of 4 G.I. Wagons for sanitary work at T. 17. Baillun. Inspected teams at Army Vegetable Farm. & found some O.K.	

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Le Breche	17/12/17		Instructions received that D. H. Q. move back to Ravelsburg tomorrow, also that 2 nd Army will be designated the 4 th Army, & the 2 nd Army as such will, for the time being, cease to exist. Issued Veterinary Officer's Report on mange to each company. A light fall of snow this morning, ground partly frozen tonight. Enemy planes over Stenwerck this morning, were driven back by our A. A. guns. 3 cases of gift arrived for the train from the A. S. C. Antial Comforts Fund. 1 Reinforcement arrived posted to 20 th Coy.	
	18/12/17		alotment received from D. H. Q. for use of 1 st Angora Corps Mange Dip. Corps will send 135 horses on the 20 th & 21 st inst & 92 on 22 nd inst. Toting on Repermann to close at 12 noon tomorrow. Weather very cold and ground frozen.	
	19/12/17		all Repermann papers despatched to London. 6 Reinforcements arrived, mostly old hands who had been evacuated. Lt Cooper proceeded on leave to Paris. Received an allotment for 1 O.R. to be recommended for the Croix de Guerre. Weather fine but very cold.	
	20/12/17		The C. O. returned from Paris. Major Myer left for U.K. on 14 days leave. Lt Croe also left for U.K. on leave. Major J. R. Chantlin to act as P. S. O. during Major Myer's absence. Instructed all O.C. Companies to have frost legs fitted to horses' shoes, as roads are frozen. S/Sgt Loring attached to 2 nd Div Post Office transferred to Hq 2 nd H th Div. Recommended Cpl S. Thomas 17 th Coy for Croix de Guerre. Received telegram from Capt M. Perryman saying he had been boarded for return to Australia. Weather very cold. Heavy frost and mist.	

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La Creche	11/11/17		As a result of investigation of Record Section, Rouen discovered that C.S. M. Wilson & C.S. M. Anheau were only privates having been given rank of C.S.M. for war age only. Sergt-Dane is only substantive Corporal. Arranged with 3rd Echelon to make the necessary amendments in next Part II orders. Faults lay with them. Major Charlton acting as S.S.O. & Capt. S. Walker as O/C H.Q. Company during absence of Major Lengue. 130 horses dipped for mange yesterday. Hips is warned horses trotted back & kept in warm stable they suffer no harm, though I do not agree with dipping during present frost. Dipping suspended today. Harbours clear & very cold. Correspondence received re to Rutherford protesting against being superseded by Lt Stevens. Replied pointing out that the former was not qualified for promotion. He lacks personality, power of command, knowledge of transport & cannot even ride. Went up to H.Q. at Ravelsborg. Everything in order there. Slight thaw set in last night but very gradual. Clear bright day, & sunnier light. Fair number of men with a dry cough, but inevitable. Think it is inevitable how our men stand the cold condition. All are warmly clad & have gloves. Cool show for last 2 days, but a quantity arrived tonight. Great number of men proceeding to Paris on 4, 5 & 6 day leave. Day boots will not support a longer period. Paris is far preferable to London for leave for our men and their behaviour has been excellent. Endeavouring to avoid all possible work on New Day & double issue on 16th. Horses all doing well & harness in excellent state. Effort are being made to reduce retention & economise in stationery. French Interpreter Dr. Antoine reported for duty yesterday.	

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Halbreche	23/1/17		Dipping of horses resumed today. 119 dipped. Cold, frosty clear weather. Saw D.O.C. nothing doing. Received Xmas gifts from Comfords Fund, being 1 package for each man + 1/2 lb of plum pudding for all, also some soap + handkerchiefs. Also 24 gum boots from British A.S.B. Fund which are most welcome. Consider these gifts are wonderful considering this is the 4 th Xmas + men appreciate greatly. Corps instruct that 8 formations at present fed by Corps troops Supply Column will be fed by this Division from 26 + 2nd. Heavy Artillery transferred to train + assigned to Auzas high Rly. Supply detachment went to Greenwicks Railhead saw Supplies loading. Frozen rabbits (New South Wales) on pack train today which are greatly appreciated. Comforts issued to Companies. Puddings in 8 lb tins made by Whiteley, London. Saw D.O.C. + discussed the power of a C/O to degrade a driver to Private. D.O.C. holds he has the power to do so for misconduct or inefficiency as it is an appointment not a rank. This will exercise a salutary effect as the man would lose it a day. Sanitary Officer inspected lines today + expressed his satisfaction at the state of things. Total sick horses today 15 deficiencies 4. Owing to excellent stabling conditions, which are a marked contrast to last year, all animals are doing well. Thaw continued, road becoming muddy + very slippery. Xmas Day. No issues took place. Supplies arrived from Railhead + detail issue got ready + returned on trucks for early issue tomorrow. Most of the day a holiday. Weather cold + snow fell in afternoon making it a traditional Xmas day. First set in + it became a clear, bright, moonlight night.	
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La Crèche	73/1/17		Every Company gave a big dinner to its personnel & the D.Cos in most cases waited on the men, holding their own dress later on. Visited each Company in turn for a quarter of an hour, and found everything most harmonious. Turkey, Bors, App, Pudding, jellies & fruit were at all & every thing went off well. No disorders took place.	
	76/1/17		Owing to hard frost the roads were frozen & extremely slippery, in fact only the frost-cogs enabled animals to maintain an upright position. Men were falling down every where. The frost-cogs issued now are much superior to those of last year which used to break very easily. Double issue of supplies today. Part of 2 proceeded to Calais to know & remove. Lieut H.M. Harrison reported for duty from Base after an absence on the 16 months. Posted to 20th Company for the present. Capt L.G. Stevens proceeded on 8 day leave to Bignacourt. Saw D.H.O. & S.W.I.D. Corps re various matters & "K" Column re the extra pay for motor car drivers. Policy & Smith's matter has been sent to Record for verification & no reply yet received. Clear, bright, sunshine and frost - at night nearly full moon. Heavy firing started at about 8 pm toward Arras.	
	77/1/17		Adjutant attended Court Martial on Dr Fraser today for absence & breaking arrest. His man is at present serving a sentence & is incorrigible. Found fault. Saw Col. Brown of "K" Column & promising relief for motor car drivers. Arranged that Lt Lewis be sent along for test & given permit to drive any of the train cars temporarily thus enabling the drivers to take leave. Day & night as previous day.	

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LA CRECHE	1 ¹² / ₁₇	9.45 AM	Pack train available	
		10.5 AM	Received S401 from DP SAT 2 nd Army - authority to purchase Oil cake at 70 francs per 100 kilos not approved - supply demanded from Base.	
		"	Received AF W 3334 from DROMS stating - "advised as having been held in dump on the 4 th Nov 1917, but actually were previously accounted for. The deficiency thereby caused is 1106 Iron Rations 20 cases bisc. It is recommended that these rations be written off."	
			W 3334 forwarded with Reserve Ration 7/6 to D.H.Q.	
		"	Received 123/280 from D.H.Q. forwarding copy of letter from 1 st ANZAC Corps on the subject of reserve rations	
		"	Received 123/311 from D.H.Q. asking statement showing (a) all units other than those of 2 nd Aust. Div. less Ant. rationed (b) Approx strengths. Replied S271.	
		"	Rec'd T84 from 13 th A.L.H. re supplies. Subsequently cancelled T85.	

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LA CRECHE	12/17	3.00pm	Visited VIEUX BERQUIN. Arranged with to crush 10 tons Oats per day. 3 men to be supplied, and sufficient coal.	
		4.00pm	Telephoned D.O. S.T. 2nd Army (Capt. Pallen) re Coal for Corn-Crushing plant, and he said 80 francs per ton was to be charged to the farmer.	
		5.00pm	Informed A.A.S. G.M.C. by telephone of arrangements. Phoned S.O. 5 Div. that 4 tons Straw could be chaffed at ORANDOTRE daily.	
		"	S.O. 2nd Aust D.S.C. advised arrangements re Corn Crusher. S273 and Chaff cutter S272	
		6.00pm	Received S.R. 35 from D.O. S.T. 2nd Army - authorising a weekly issue of extra forage to 2nd Aust. Div Rest Farm. S.O. 2nd Aust Div Arty advised to inform unit, and indent accordingly commencing 2nd inst. quoting authority. S288.	
		"	D.O. S.T. 2nd Army advised 46 tons extra forage required for period commencing 8th inst. S291.	

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LA CRECHE	1 ¹² / ₁₇	6.0 PM	S272 & S273 to S.O.D.S.C. - Supply Arrangements for Corn Crusher and Chaff Cutter.	
"	2 ¹² / ₁₇	6.0 PM	T.R.O. No. 567 Para. 7 Oats. Para 8. Packs Para 9 Chaff cutter.	
"		9.45 AM	Pack train available.	
"		11.0 PM	D.D.S&T. 2nd Army advised 2 tons linseed cake required on pack train weekly. S293.	
"			S.O.D.S.C. advised 30 galls M.B.O for 6 Bde are urgently required, and to be delivered 3 rd inst. S294 20 galls reqd. for Chaff Cutter.	
"			S299 to 2nd Bde advising quantity had been added to AF W3316 for delivery to Chaff Cutter S.	
"			D.D. S&T 2nd Army advised 5 tons steam coal required weekly S295.	
"			Received 123/318 from D.H.Q. - reference report from 22nd Bn re short issue of vegetables and issue of Powdered Milk S296 in reply.	
"		3.0 PM	Received AH372 from D.H.Q. to deliver weekly on Mondays 5 tons Coal to PALMER Baths. Adj. advised to arrange transport. S300 to NCO's Coal Dump instructing to issue specially selected big coal.	
"			A.F. W3334 for 80 Barrage Rations for 15 Bty. forwarded to D.H.Q. for approval and return S301.	

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LA CRECHE	2 ¹² / ₁₇	3.0 PM	Visited Corn Crusher. Arranged for work to commence for work tomorrow Interpreter informed LEMORT-FERMOY that Military coal was not to be used for private work. Report received from Interpreter stating farmer would crush 10,000 Kilo per day. 1000 Kilo coal required for plant daily work for Div. was 1/4 of the general work which comprised crushing of beans, green peas, maize etc and flour milling. Price 75 centimes per 100 Kilo.	
		4.0 PM	Visited R.H.S. S.O. 6 Bde	
		5.0 PM	Visited P.H.S.	
		"	Rec'd Pzq from S.O. Div Troops asking if issue on 4 th inst could be made at usual time, and crush oats arriving at about midday to be issued following day. Replied this could be done if no inconvenience would be experienced by units.	
		6.0 PM	Rec'd TB 20 from Camp Cmdt. to increase indent by 329 galls Petrol and 10 galls M.B.O. Arranged with OSC and advised S.O. 7 Bde.	

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LA CRECHE	2 ¹² / ₁₇	60pm	Received report from S.O.D.S.C. that 59 tons Coal were delivered to Coal Dump on 1 st inst by 15 MT loads. Trucks Nos. 9379 - 9 tons 11494 - 9 tons 8403 9 tons 116614 22 ton, 23094 10 ton. N.C.S. 1/2 Coal reported Coal received at 45 tons, and was instructed to write off short weight.	
			Received A.B. from S.O. S.Bde. for 10 cart. Coal for Y.M.C.A. Replied directing his attention to T.R.D. No 537 Para 9 re issues of Coal to Y.M.C.A. on re-payment.	
			G.M. S. Fld. Amb. asked that extra issue of fresh vegetables, cabbages for preference, be issued to S. Fld. Amb for patients suffering with skin diseases. S 303 to S.O. S.Bde. to issue 300 lbs extra cabbages out of next consignment and obtain medical comforts indent.	
			Rec'd report from S.O. D.S.C. stating that upon going to clear coal Trucks Nos. 20269 - 10 1/2 tons 227036 - 22 ton, at STEENWERCK railhead. He found trucks practically empty, only	

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LA CRECHE	2 ¹² / ₇	6.0 PM	10 tons remaining Imperial and Canadian troops with chits from Anzac Corps Troops were found clearing coals, and chits were collected from these points by Coal Corporal S304 to SO. 1 st Anzac Corps T. S. C. advising him of matter Coal 54 1/2 tons would be transferred to him on fuel summary for period ending 7 th inst. and to take on charge.	
	3 ¹² / ₇	9.45 AM	Pack train available.	
		11.0 AM	Visited D.H.Q.	
		3.0 PM	S305 to SO. SBde informed summary of empties returned for month of October was not satisfactory, and to ensure that better results are obtained during current month.	
			" S.O. D.S.C. instructed to deliver ^{4 tons} Hay, if straws not available, to Chaffcutters, to be deducted from groups. S306.	
			" Lt. Hocking advised 4 tons chaff would be collected daily and delivered to groups. S307	
			" TRO. No. 569 Para. 5 Chaff not to be issued to 2 nd Aust Div Train, and 13 th L. H. Regt.	

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LA CRECHE	4 ¹² / ₁₇	9.45 AM	Pack train available.	
		"	Received reports from P.O. 2 nd Aust. D.S.C., and N.C.O. 1 st Coal Dump. Coke was received in Trucks Nos. 64915 & 13137 weighbilled at 17 tons - was cleared by 4½ M.T. loads estimated weight 13½ tons - shortage 3½ tons.	
			Coal received in Trucks Nos. 116824 and 128262 weighbilled at 44 tons was cleared by 9½ M.T. loads - estimated weight 29 tons - shortage 15 tons.	
		11.0 AM	D.A. QMG telephoned GOC had approved issue twice a week of Rum to all troops. Confirmed by Q87 from DIBB Rum to be issued for consumption on Wednesdays and Saturdays, S310 to R.S.O. STEENWERCK to include 300 galls Rum on pack arriving railhead Tuesdays and Fridays. S.O.s informed T.R.O. 570. Para 11.	
		"	O.P. 2 nd Army asked (S465) what steam coal is required for. Replied - Divisional baths and laundry. S313.	

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LA CRECHE	4 ¹² / ₁₇	30PM	Visited P.O. S-T w/ re oat Crusher and Coal for same. and D.A.O.S re Bread and Coal.	
"	"	60PM	Forwarded report to O.H.G re complaint of 2 nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. concerning broken bread.	S314
"	"	"	R.S.O STEENWERCK asked approx strength for trench ration when Div. in line. Replied 10,000 S315	
"	"	"	Received 65/74 from O.H.G.M.G. to forward list of woods or localities in which it is desired to exploit shattered or dead trees in order to build up a reserve of fuel wood.	
"	"	"	Received report from Lt. Hocking that no chaff available today on account knives not being sharpened. 4 ton will be ready for delivery 5 th inst.	
"	"	9.45PM	Telephoned "G" O.H.G. and arranged to supply 500 bread sacks for PALMER BATTLES tomorrow, and re capacity Chaffcutter which was to be inspected tomorrow.	
"	"	"	S318 to D.O. 7 Bde to supply.	

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LA CRECHE	4 ¹² / ₁₇	9.45 PM	S.O. OSC instructed to deliver 3 ton Coal to Corn Cusker Street. S319.	
		"	T.R.O. No. 570. Para. 10. Cases, Pork and Beans, Para 11 & 12 Rum.	
			Para. 13 Rum Cans.	
"	5 ¹² / ₁₇	9.45 PM	Proceeded on leave. Duties carried on by Requisitioning Officer.	
			Pack train available. Advised by R.S.D. STEENWERCK to collect	
			30 tons R. Purchase Board Straw from dump at.	
			Arranged with O.S.C to collect and deliver 3 tons to 12 Div Troops	
			and balance to Chaff Cutter.	
		3.0 PM	Received Q80 from 2 nd D.H.G to deliver 3 tons Coal to LOCRE baths 9.0 AM.	
			7 th Dist. S320 to S.O. 2nd Aust D.S.C to deliver.	
		"	13 th L.H. Regt. telephoned that they had been authorised by 1 st ANZAC CORPS	
			to draw 15 cart Coal for sawmill's use, and asked if coal	
			might be collected. S321 to S.O. 6 Bde to issue.	
		"	1000 Kilo Beetroot delivered to 2nd Aust. Div Rest Farm.	
		"	Camp Commandant, 2 nd D.H.G. telephoned M.B.D. urgently required	
			tomorrow. S322 to S.O. 7 Bde.	
		"	S.O. O.S.C. reported a considerable number of sandbags and	

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LA CRECHE	5 ¹² / ₁₇	3.0 PM	sugar bags were included in bags delivered to Corn Crusher today S.O. 7 Bde instructed to have bags sorted in future S323	
"	"	"	D.A.G.M.G. telephoned that 6 th Fld. Amb. had not received full forage issue 4 th inst. Explained deduction had been made apc chaff cutter and corn crusher, and that chaff and crushed oats would be issued.	
"	6 ¹² / ₁₇	9.45 AM	Packet train available.	
"	"	9.50 AM	D.A.G.M.G. telephoned that rum issue twice weekly had been left to the discretion of Bn Commanders and OC units, and that rum would only be issued to units demanding same on indent. Inserted in T.R.O. No. 572 Para 5	
"	"	10.0 AM	Lt Hocking reported difficulty was being experienced at chaff cutter owing to cold weather and subsequent trouble with engine. Asked for coke so that boiler might be burnt in engine house at night. S327 to SO. DSC to deliver He also stated on the man required. Referred matter to Ady.	

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LA CRECHE	6 ¹² / ₁₇	-	who would arrange Chaff cutter when working satisfactorily, could chaff 3-4 tons daily and it was proposed to mix equal quantities of hay and straw when cutting. Arranged P.O. to deliver 2 tons Hay every 2 days S325. P.O.S. advised T.R.O. No. Para. Extra tarpaulin was required. S.O. 6 Bde could not supply, so referred matter to Adj. 11.30 AM Saw D.A.G.M.S. Referred 65/74 re woods in Dnr area to him, and stated he stated no reply was required while Dnr in present area. He would further forward ask for reply at later date.	
		2.0 PM	D.A.D.M.S. asked days Fish was arriving railhead. Advised him Wednesdays and Saturdays, and asked distribu- tion to be made. He advised issue to 5 th 6 th T. Amb in ^{following} proportions, 2, 2 and 3 parts. Advised P.O. 2nd. Aust. A.S.C. S324.	
		3.0 PM	Rec'd S504 (reply to S313) from D.D. & T. 2nd Army. Steam Coal not allowed.	

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LA CRECHE	6 ¹² / ₇	-	for Baths and Laundries and to issue household coal. Advised OAGM re decision.	
		3.30 PM	Visited SO. 6 Bde. He was unable to provide tarpaulin for chaff cutter.	
		4.30 PM	Visited corn crusher. Work progressing satisfactorily. 9 tons ^{oats} approx. being crushed daily. Miller had not succeeded in securing coal from French authorities. NCO/c asked that supply of turnips be obtained.	
		6.0 PM	Rec'd 662/17 from SO. 6 Bde. advising detachment of 13 th Aust LH rationed at LACRECHE had been added to his AFW 3316 drawing RH. 7 th ind. as unit was moving to LOCHE. Detachment's strength was omitted from 7 Bde figures.	
		"	OAGMS telephoned a week's supply of trench foot ingredients be obtained and sent to 7 th Fld. Amb. Replied OAG had advised issue could be obtained for Div only when in the line. Informed OAGM of the matter, and he would refer it to 1 st Nurse Corps.	

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LA CRECHE	7 ¹² / ₁₇	-	an issue to 13 th L.H. Regt. of 15 cwt. of farmer's coal S.O. 6 Bde already advised S321.	
		3.0 PM	S.O. 5 Bde stated Qms had asked if straw was available for palliasses. Referred matter to P.A.G.M.B. who stated no action was to be taken until further advised. Informed S.O. 5 Bde accordingly.	
		6.0 PM	D.D. S&T 2 nd Army advised NIL remains, Oat Straw, Wheat Straw & Hay S333.	
		"	O.C. 15 th ARSC advised 2nd Aust. D.S.C. will collect rations for men at Corn Crusher from Qms' store at 10.0 AM. S334.	
		"	D.D. S&T 2 nd Army advised extra forage requirements for week commencing 15 th inst - 48 tons.	
		"	S.O. 2nd Aust D.S.C. instructed to deliver 3 tons Coal to Corn Crusher 8 th inst. S336.	
		"	N.C.O. 1 st Coal Dump advised 19½ tons Coal to be written off remains on account short weight received on 6 th and 7 th inst. at railhead. S337.	

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LA CRECHE	9 ¹² / ₁₇	9 30 AM	Visited S.O. 6 Bde	
		9 45 AM	Pack train available.	
			10 tons Hay received in lieu CPB Straw. 7 tons delivered to Chaff Cutter and 3 tons to 1 st Div Troop.	
		11 30 AM	Saw Lt Hocking who stated that engine had been repaired, but further repairs were being made.	
		4 0 PM	Visited Com Crusher. No crushing performed today as miller had spent day fixing second crusher. 2 Crushers would be available 10 th inst. Miller stated he had made further attempts to secure coal from French authorities without success.	
		3 30 PM	Called at 1 st ANZAC Ordnance, but was unable to obtain supply of twine for tying bags at crusher.	
		6 0 PM	Received report from S.O. DSC that 40's tons wood were cleared by 9 MT. loads 8 th inst.	
			Rec'd B95 from D.H.Q. advising 50 tons Coal expected STEENWEEK today	

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