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OF

2nd AUST. DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

FOR

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Ecluse Somme G 22 D 8-2	1/9/18		Saw D.H.Q. every thing normal in regard to Supply & Transport matters. Lieut M.G. Cadd returned from leave to D.K. Advised that Railhead tomorrow will be at MERIGNOLLES - R 8 B 1-6 between Americourt & Chignolle. Horse transport will draw as Decanville will not be ready until the next day. Many Hun planes over during evening. Troops catching great quantities of fish in traps in river & sending up to the Battalions in front. Army made a blunder over Railhead, the Pack being sent to La Haque and transport had to proceed there. Army admitted error & promised to rectify. Saw at Merignolle Railhead today, with H. T. Decanville promised for tomorrow. In morning instructed the Troisy would be Railhead High Railways would deliver in G 21 close to Company Lines. In evening place of drawing altered to Merignolle. It is as well communication or excellent otherwise all these changes would cause hopeless confusion. Major J.R. Charlton returned from leave to D.K. Railhead Troisy, Decanville delivered to valley in G 21 each Company formed a Refilling Point at the Sidings. This is an excellent arrangement & will save Horse Transport considerably. G.O.B. has left his post before this & his action in writing baseless complaints to Mr. Hughes.	
	7/9/18			
	3/9/18			

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Eclusier	3/9/18		Visited all Refilling points, everything going well. Weather perfect. All Companies getting their harness & steelwork into good order again. D.H.Q. advised Brigades coming back for a rest into the Cappy area. Two horses of 20th Company of a team in a baggage wagon detached with a Battery killed by bombs from enemy plane tonight.	
	4/9/18		movement orders received for relief of Brigades from here also Artillery. Brigades in Cappy - Eclusier - Trise Area, Artillery in Bray area. Corps advised Railhead tomorrow Merignolles at 7 am by Horse Transport. Instructed the 20th Company to find a Camp between Bray & Troissy, so as to be nearer to his group. G.O.B. issued a congratulatory Order re the Mont-St-Barentin operations & complimented the Train on the excellence of the arrangements in supply matters. Also told me personally that all C/O's reported that things had gone without a hitch. Capt. Stabler proceeded on 14 day leave to G.H. From G.O. 6th Field Ambulance reported the case of Driver A.J.C. Shottbolt for his courage in stopping a pair of bolting horses. Forwarded to D.H.Q. recommending insertion in Corps Orders. Railhead today was Troissy, thence per Decauville to Refilling Points. Railhead at Merignolles by Horse Transport. Everything went well. Brigades all in rest areas, everyone relaxing. Campaigns commencing to form large Salvage dumps. Asked D.H.Q. as to disposal & endeavour to be made to get a section to Salvage Company to come up to sort & take care. Heavy thunderstorm & slight rain in afternoon. Ceremonial Parade of Division to be held in about 7 days time.	
	5/9/18			

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Elusive Sonne	6/9/18		Sent in recommendations for Honours Draft today. Major J.R. CHARETON for D.S.O., Lieut. R. COOPER and Lieut E.R. Cox for M.C., and warrant Officer C.W. TURNER and Staff Q.M.S. HOGAN for M.S.M.	
	7/9/18		Capt Barrett Supply Officer of 20th A.S.L. made another gross, careless error today & made false statements in regard to the matter when questioned. This officer is untrustworthy, I fear. Held conference of Company Commanders in afternoon and arranged plans for the Divisional Parade. Nothing of importance. Capt Gibbons returned from leave to V.K. Capt Walker and Capt Barrett proceeded on 14 days leave to V.K.	
	8/9/18		Detained Capt Bosanquet to attend Divisional Committee meeting at the Hooker. He attended Group Committee meeting in connection with Divisional Sports to be held on the 16th inst. Capt Gibbons posted as Supply Officer of Divisional Troops Group.	
	9/9/18		Sent D.H.Q. nothing there. Held meeting of Company Commanders re Sports. Forwarded to D.H.Q. Report on operation from 25/8/18 to 4/9/18 in regard to the Supply & Transport matters. Held meeting of Company Commanders re Divisional Sports and arranged for later Company Competitions. Lt E.R. Cox reported back from leave to V.K. Received S.Q.M.S. Hogan's report on Cannon Exercise.	Report on operations I II W

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Exclusar	10/9/18		Forwarded to D.H.Q. Draft recommendations for Honors in New Year list. For M.S.M. Serjt Foster and Corporal EDWARDS of 15th Company, for mention. Capt GIBBONS, Capt WENTWORTH and W/O Foote, W/O Chippindall Staff Sgt Heath and Staff Sgt Peterson. Weather turned cold, wet & windy. but men & most horses well sheltered. Pack Train about an hour late owing to derailment of two trucks at Paoz art. No 2 M.T. Company moving up to vicinity of Peronne & workshops to Biaches. Car 18619 which sank too. Broken away cannot be repaired for two days. Leave allotment from 14/9/18 to 4/10/18 out. Given 10 Officers & 65 Other Ranks This is most liberal in fact it is doubtful if we can utilise it all. Received advice about midnight that 5th Artillery Brigade would move first thing in morning in advance of Peronne. Also 4th Brigade and D.A.C. move tomorrow. Instructions D.H.Q. Company to move forward to conform. Railhead tomorrow at Chappelle, south of Peronne. Look up to Company up to find a suitable Camp, no accommodation or district is very congested. Decided to camp the Company in the open & fire Refilling Point adjacent to Railhead. Lt Cooper proceeded on 14 days R.H. leave. Instructions to draw 6 M.D. Horses from Artillery. This will complete our Establishment. No Rides available. Our Artillery draw from 5th Divisional Pack tomorrow, send 5th Artillery from our Pack at Incignolles	

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Ecluse	12/9/18		2nd Company A.D.C. moved up to la Chappelle this morning. Pack train there cleared by Mechanical Transport from 5th Divisional Pack. 5th Division Artillery Group drew from our Pack at Merignolles & conveyed supplies forward to Herbecourt by Light Railway. Weather cold & wet. Groups holding competition for Divisional Sports. Lt Harrison reports back from HK, leaves instruction received to move 5000 Ration to Bray Railhead to be on 15th Inst for 10 days Ration for 500 men proceeding to Australia on Furlough.	
	13/9/18		Sgt. Amyr Godwin to go from this train. Letter brought down in plane in evening by A.A. fire. 16th Company moved into Camp at Ecluse vacated by 50th Company. Weather fine but unsettled. Sgt. Lane, Driver Little & Roberts also picked to go to Australia all being 1914 men. G.R.O. out today give a new ration scale involving a considerable reduction in bread & meat. 16th Company Refilling Point moved today to a point between Coppes & Suzanne. Competition for Divisional Sports from the train picked today. Letter	
	14/9/18		Continual excitement and change as 1914 men proceeding to Australia additional men being called for all day and up to midnight. Eventually Capt Bosanquet, Captain Wentworth, Plt & Driver Harrison, Callow, Jones & James picked. Indramely inconvenient owing to shortness of notice.	

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137 Ecluseur	15/9/18		Party picked for Furlough to Australia proceeded to the Camp at Bony today. They entrain tomorrow morning. Detailed Lieut E. R. Cox to report to Train HQ. as Assistant Adjutant in view of the early departure of Capt. Cook for Australia with next allotment. Headquarters Company moved Camp to vicinity of Buire today. Attached to the British to this Company. Saw Corps with a view to having our Div. Artillery Pack placed at Hammevent (Peronne) Railhead with 1st Division Pack. will endeavour. Weather cleared up & perfect today.	
	16/9/18		Divisional Sports held today. Practically all work ceased and a general holiday was kept. Forwarded recommended application by Capt H. W. ENNIS for leave to Australia. Sent with Faries Staff Sgt. Telling of 15th Company.	
	17/9/18		Corps Complimented the S.S.O. on the manner in which he dealt with the supply of 9800 rations for the 800 men returning to Australia. Pack for our Divisional Artillery to be moved to 1st Div. Pack at Hammevent tomorrow. This will be a great benefit and will save at least an hour's travelling for the transport. Recommended Lieut R. B. BATES of 1st Company for a Commission in the Educational Service vice Serjt Sans to Australia. Saw the Convention Service in the matter. Army instruct us to draw 1 lb straw per horse for 4 days. Ration for German stork at Treigny. This is useless stuff and not wanted.	

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Exclusion	17/9/18		Everything quiet + normal waiting events. Transferred MO Class I Fortescue from 17 th to 20 th Company to replace MO Class II Downer sent to A.S.B. before I.K.	
	19/9/18		Forwarded recommendation for Commission for MO Class I C.W. TURNER as a reward for exceptional good service. This MO is a most capable man and richly deserves the promotion. Inspected 15 th and 17 th Companies everything in order. New allotment of leave gives us 5 officers and 2 other ranks per day for the ensuing month. Quite liberal.	
	19/9/18		Saw the A.D.M.S. regarding sanitation matters, and arranged with the D.A.A.S. for Infantry Fatigue Party to cover the heaps of German horse manure. Wrote A.I. F. H.Q. London to ascertain if Regimental Funds could be used to give extra remuneration to cooks, and to purchase dungarees for them.	
	20/9/18		On analysis the new Ration which comes into force on the 25 th September is in reality a little more liberal than the old. For Australians the reduction of jam is not a good step, and cheese of which we are not great eaters could be reduced by one half. Corps. advise that Railhead will move to Lincoln tomorrow for our Div. Artillery Group and they will draw from 4 th Div. Pack. Important conference held at D.H.Q. relative to forthcoming action by the 2 nd Div. in mobile warfare with unlimited objectives. Called a meeting of B.C., Adjutants, and Company Commanders and outlined the plans arranged to date. Brigades are being organized on a 3 Battalion basis at once, but no reduction in transport takes place until after the operations. This is of great advantage. Paraded MO C.W. TURNER before the C.O.B. who is well satisfied with him and has sent the recommendation for Commission on.	III

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Belmar	20/9/18		Asked by S.H.Q. if I could recommend Major J.R. Charlton for command of a Div. Train. Replied that I recommended him as a capable and highly qualified officer. Divisional Signals were asked for a warrant officer to take charge of the Transport for 10 days or so, and burst it into shape in Routine. Detailed W/O Turner for this duty.	
	21/9/18		Notified by A.S. F. H.Q. London that Lieut H.A. VOYSEY was wounded and marked for Home Service only. Recommended Lieuts H.A.E. RUTHERFORD and C.D. MCINTOSH for Captain.	
			Everything very quiet. Arranged for Capt Blackman to transfer to the S.S. and to be attached to Train H.Q. for a week. Capt Medley to take command of the 15 th Company in Capt Blackman's absence. Capt. Stabler returned from leave.	
	22/9/18		Nothing to record.	
	23/9/18		S.H.Q. advise that a conference will take place of Train C/O at A Branch in regard to the transfer of 60 men per Train to First Div. Train in order to replace personnel proceeding to Australia on Tuesday.	
	24/9/18		Attended Conference. Arranged to transfer 16 men tomorrow. Reinforcements of untrained men will replace all transferees. S.H.Q. spoke to me about Major J.R. CHARLTON and informed me that in view of statement made to him by Corps that he withdrew his recommendation for promotion.	

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Exclusion	21/9/14		606. also stated that this Unit was obtaining an inevitable name on account of drinking and to take steps to check it. Called a meeting of Company Commanders re the matter and also the transfer of personnel to First Division. Wrote D.H.Q. through D.H.Q. stating that this Unit has 3 M.O. Class I on its establishment surplus, and could they be placed. All German, civilian, and swan-thorned recruits have to be handed in today & a certificate rendered to D.H.Q. weather excellent. Held a conference of Company Commanders and directed that no opportunity must be afforded in the future for any criticism regarding drinking on the part of officers. Issued orders re transfer of 16 men to 1st Div. Train and cancelled all leave from the 24th Unit for the present. Informed Major Charlton of the statements made against him and that any repetition would lead to a Court-martial if sufficient evidence was available, & if not he would be returned to the Unit. He made no denial of the charges. Also informed him that no chance now existed of his being selected to command a Train. Three (3) horses wounded this morning belonging to wagon detached with Batteries. Capt Walker Capt Barrett returned from leave to 9th. Withdrew recommendation & to Honours regarding Major Charlton	

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27/9/18 Colonies	27/9/18		Asked D.A.G. to hold up recommendations for promotion of Lieut. Rutherford McDonald in view of possible transfers. Asked for permission to send a Captain to 6th Depot Unit of Supply, vice Lieut. H.B. Boyce, boarded as unfit for G.S. D.A.G. refused but stated I could nominate a direct commission. Wrote for application from W/O Class I W. Hamburn of the Depot Unit. Sent 16 personnel to report to 1st Australian Divisional Train. Capt Walker assumes command of 1st Company. Received application from Major T.R. CHARLTON for return to Australia on urgent private business. Spoke to Capt Barrett regarding 2 cases of neglect on his part as Supply Officer. Saw G.O.C. re Major Charlton application which I strongly recommended. He promised to see the Corps Commander and endeavour to arrange. The offensive began this morning. Weather perfect. G.O.C. stated that Corp. has decided to grant Major Charlton application for return to Australia. Received Route Order for move of Division to Peronne - Meuse area night of 24th and 25th September. March to take place at night. Baggage wagons march with units, supply wagons with Supplies drawn from La Flaque today proceeded up with each Brigadier Company H.Q. to Area	

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Eclusier	27/9/18		between Doingt & Buire 531 & 532 taking over lines from corresponding Brigade Train Companies of 3rd Australian Division. Supplies were delivered to Battalions advanced Parties when passing through Brigade Areas. Each Company was divided into two convoys and proceeded by 3 different routes it being of imperative need that no increase of traffic should be observed by the enemy. Proceeded up to Cortigny, which is Railhead tomorrow. Saw R.S.O. find time of trains very uncertain. Only small Railhead. Time not before 10-30 am. Arranged for orderly to attend in morning & notify Companies when arrival of train signalled. Two British Divisions drawing from same place. Saw Headquarter Company, notified Major Charlton that his return to Australia would be approved by G.O.C. Notified by D.H.Q. to take over Camp of 3rd Aust. Div. Train but they state they are not moving. Asked D.H.Q. to take action with result that the 3rd Div. Train were ordered to move. Doingt Inch-u	
	28/9/18		moved up to new Camp taking over from 3rd Div. Train. Railhead today Cortigny quite satisfactory. Brigade Companies moved forward areas. Meeting Officer attached to 5th Field Ambulance for Brigades moved to forward areas. Meeting Officer attached to 5th Field Ambulance for operations. Unit Cooper returned from leave.	

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Boring I 24 C. 6. 0	29/9/18		Weather very unsettled. Cartier, railhead today, again. Received 11th Lumbom application for commission 6th A.D. S. Recommended & forwarded. When Railhead moves from Cartier, Engineer Companies will move to their Brigade Area camp.	
	30/9/18		Advised by D.A.G. that M/O C.W. TURNER had been appointed 2nd Lieutenant in this unit. Saw D.A.G. no word of movement this morning. Railhead Cartier today. Instructed by D.A.G. that Lt Frankel would be detailed at act as Railway Supp. Officer via Capt. Butell to Australia on furlough. Application from Pte C. Bennett 9th A.D. S. through the Prime Minister and A.L.F. HQ. pending for a commission received. Replied that no possibility suggested transfer to another unit. Deficiencies in Horses for Train 5 H.D. and 3 Riders. Health of men. Horses for the month were excellent and discipline good. About £24000 of salvage obtained for the month. Weather wet & cold.	

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| 3. | Comparison of Ration Scales with R.P.S.S. 579 |

REPORT ON OPERATIONS FROM 25th. August, 18 to 4th. September, 18.

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In connection with the operations leading up to the capture of MONT ST. QUENTIN, the initial steps so far as the Divisional Train was concerned were taken on the 25th. August, when notification of the move of the 6th. Brigade to the MORGOURT area was received.

As this entered upon Mobile Warfare, application was duly made to Corps for Mechanical Transport in order that Supply and Baggage wagons of the Train might perform their proper functions. It was clearly indicated however that no lorries could be made available owing to the pressing need of these vehicles for other work, and that the Train would have to perform the work of the Supply Column in addition to its normal and proper duties. Steps were taken to meet the situation, and though the strain imposed on horses and drivers was severe, it was carried through without mishance.

The Senior Supply Officer's Report to me on the Supply Services I give in extenso as being a plain lucid statement of the situations met with and how they were dealt with.

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

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

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

Attributable no doubt to traffic delays and disorganisation consequent upon the rapid advance more difficulty was experienced at Railheads than during any previous similar period. At GUILLAUCOURT on night 27th/28th. August the time of loading was altered, under Army orders, without notice, from 12 midnight to 7 a.m. After much discussion with Railhead Officials who were roused from their beds, the pack train was discovered at GUILLAUCOURT station instead of WEINCOURT switch as previously arranged. Loading commenced at 2 a.m. but 16th. Company A.A.S.C., accepting Railhead dictum as the time and being out of touch with other units, bivouacked in a field to find at dawn that they were within 200 yards of the pack train. Train Supply wagons loaded at LA FLAQUE Railhead at 4 a.m. on 29th. August and at 7.30 a.m. from 30th. August to 1st. September. MERIGNOLLES was advised as Railhead for 2nd. September. Train Supply wagons arrived at 7.30 a.m. to find that the pack train had not arrived. Enquiry and search disclosed that it had been held at LA FLAQUE where wagons proceeded. After loading was finished R.T.C. received orders that MERIGNOLLES was Railhead.

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

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

Fresh meat, vegetables, rissoles, stews etc. were sent forward in

hot food containers, tea and water in petrol tins by carrying parties. Tommy Cookers were used in the line for heating cold tea and cocoa and milk. Small units used primus stoves for cooking food at forward posts.

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

It is realised that in an advance such as this has been, where no estimate as to the rate of advance could be arrived at, difficult situations must be created and considerable latitude must be given to all responsible Officers. For this reason the Officers Commanding the 4 Companies of the Train were given great freedom of action conditional on close touch being maintained with Train Headquarters, and all action taken advised at once.

The Companies therefore moved in conformity with their Brigades and kept closely in touch with Brigade Headquarters and to this I ascribe the smoothness with which the Transport difficulties were surmounted. It often became necessary to assist one Company with temporary Transport from another, but such is the harmony prevalent throughout this Unit, that each one assisted the other to his full power.

The distances travelled by the Horse Transport varied considerably, in some cases being 15 miles for the double journey, in others 18 miles. These distances would have been considerably increased had the weather not been fine and dry, thus enabling the cross country tracks to be made use of. In Mobile Warfare of any duration this substitution of Horse for Mechanical Transport between Railhead and Refilling Point could not be maintained, but in this instance the period was not long enough, nor the daily advance great enough to do more than strain our Transport resources.

I desire to draw attention to the particularly able manner in which the Senior Supply Officer dealt with the matter of Supplies, and the Four Company Commanders for their efficient handling of the Transport difficulties.

The casualties sustained by this Unit were 1 driver and 4 horses killed on the 30/8/18, and two horses on the 3/9/18.

C.H.F. Dunning
.....Lt-Col.
Commanding 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

In the Field,
9th. September, 1918.

10th. September, 1918. II

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

On completion of tour of duty at 2nd. Aust. Div. Area, CAMON Vegetable Gardens, I beg to submit following report for your information please.

Operations were commenced on 14th. May, 1918 and the last consignment of Vegetables were despatched on 31st. July, 1918.

In all 140,094 lbs Vegetables and 3353 lbs Fruits from Civilian plants already growing were taken off the area allotted this Division.

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

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

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

With the exception of a few plants on plots taken over, all plants and seeds were received through Aust. Corps Farms Officer. No vegetables have yet been available for consumption from seeds and plants that have been sown.

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

On completing tour of duty 23,500 healthy vegetable plants and approx. 2500 which may be good if transplanted were handed over to 4th. Army Section on 9th. inst.

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

Sgd. W.G. HOGAN, S.Q.M.S.,
M.C.O. 1/c CAMON VEGETABLE GARDENS,
2nd. AUST. DIV. AREA.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.COMPARISON OF RATION SCALES VIDE RATION PAMPHLET S.S. 571.AMENDED BY G.R.O. No. 4994.

<u>OLD RATION.</u>		<u>NEW RATION.</u>		<u>REMARKS.</u>
	Ozs.		Ozs.	
Frozen Meat or	16	Frozen Meat &	8	Reduction of 2 2/3
Preserved Meat or	9	Preserved Meat &	3	F. Meat compensated
Pork & Beans or	Tins 2 2/9	Pork & Beans or	4	1/6 Tin M&V or 4 oz.
M. & V.	" 1	M. & V.	Tin 1/6	Pork & Beans
	Ozs.		Ozs.	
Bread or	16	Bread &	13	Increase of 1 4/15
Biscuits	10	Biscuits	2 2/3	) ozs. Bread.
Rice	1	Rice	1	-
Oatmeal (Thrice weekly)	2	Oatmeal	1	Increase 1 oz. per week
Bacon	4	Bacon	3	Decrease 1 oz. per day
Margarine (Thrice weekly)	2	Margarine	1	Increase 1 oz. per week
Cheese	2	Cheese	2	-
Fresh Vegetables or	8	Fresh Vegetables	8	-
Dried Vegetables	2			
Jam	3	Jam	2	Decrease 1 oz. per day
Tea	1/2	Tea	1/2	-
Sugar or	3	Sugar or	2 1/2	Decrease 1/2 oz. per day
Sugar (with sweetened Milk)	2 1/2	Sugar (with sweetened Milk)	2	Do. Do.
Condensed Milk	1	Condensed Milk	1	-
Salt	1/4	Salt	1/4	-
Pepper	1/100	Pepper	1/100	-
Mustard	1/100	Mustard	1/100	-
Pickles (Thrice weekly)	1	Pickles (Thrice Weekly)	1	-
Tobacco & Cigarettes (once a week)	2	Tobacco & Cigarettes (once a week)	2	-
Matches (Three times a fortnight)	Bx. 1	Matches (Three times a fortnight)	Bx. 1	-
Lime Juice	Gall. 1/160	Lime Juice	Gall. 1/160	-
Rum	Gall. 1/64	Rum	Gall. 1/100	Decrease of 36 rations per gallon.

EQUIVALENTS.

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

Ozs.
F. Meat 16 =
P. Meat or 9
M. & V. or Tin 1
P. & Beans " 2 2/9
M. & V. 1 Tin = 1 meat & 1 Vegetable ration.

Ozs.
Bread 16 =
Biscuits or)
Flour or) 10
Rice)

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