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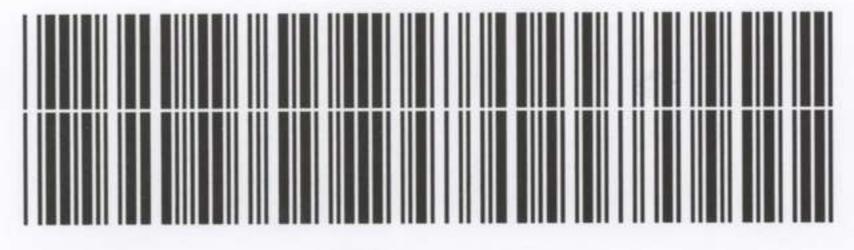
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WAR DIARY



MAY 1918.

REGIMENTAL GARDENS.

"Q"BRANCH ORDERS.

General.

Accommodation.

Copy of Circular Memo. No. 243 of 30th May, 1918.

Supplement No. 2, to Extracts from Routine Orders relating to Q.Matters, A.I.F.DEPOTS in U.K., to 28th Reby. 1918.

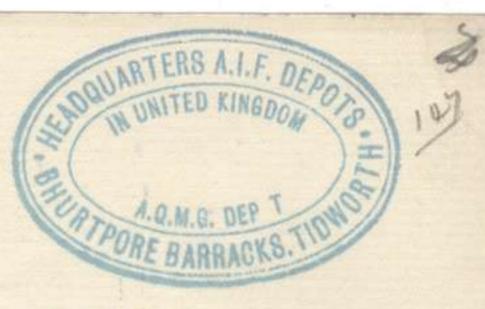
Statement showing :Issue of Training Stores,
Clothing & Equipment; Rations
and Supplies, &c., &c.,

Copy of Accommodation Return.

D.A. DEPOTS IN U.K.



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AUSTRALIAN DIPERIAL FORCE.

CIRCULAR MEMO. No. 243

A.I.F. Depots in the U.K. Bhurtpers Barricks, TIDWORTH. 30th May, 1918.

REGIMENTAL GARDENS.

- account of Regimental Gardens are to be included in Regimental Trust Accounts. Separate accounts as from the 1st May will be kept and a separate Bank Account, opened, to be operated on by the O.C. & P.R.I.
- 2. The produce obtained by a Unit from cultivation of spare land is the property of that Unit and the proceeds obtained from its sale are a credit to its Agricultural Account and theprofits eventually a credit to its Regimental Funds. Messing Officers will exercise supervision over the distribution of produce, keep records of quantities obtained and issued to Masses through Army Book 48. obtaining payment from the 6id Commuted Allowance at published Canteen prices less 10%, and credit such amounts to the Agricultural Account. The produce estimated to be surplus to requirements may be disposed of to outside Units at published Canteen Prices less 10%, and all such transactions, whether within or without the Unit, must be subject to these prices as ruling from time to time. It will be the duty of Messing Officers to make the necessary arrangements for the disposal of their estimated surpluses.
- Expenditure supported by all vouchers and Bank Pass Book will be forwarded to the Local Auditor, A.I.F. Salisbury, at the same time as statements of Regimental Funds are submitted. The Receipts side of the statement must show the individual amounts received from each Mess, &c. The Expenditure side will inter alia show amounts expended on purchase of seed, working plant, authorised extra duty pay, &c. &c. and also any refunds of advances to Regimental Trust Account. At the foot of the statement a certificate signed by the O.C. Will be inserted to the effect that all Receipts & Expenditure have been included in the Cash Book for the month and that the foregoing is a correct copy thereof.
- 4. Units will immediately furnish to these Headquarters a schedule of the following expenditure from Regimental Funds :-
 - (a) All purchases of vegetable seeds or plants, which belong to this year's crop, the proceeds from the sale of which have not yet been realised, or credited to Regimental Funds.
 - (b) All payments to gardeners and purchases of gardening tools and implements since lat January to lat Hay.

The total of (a) and (b) will be verified with the monthly statements of Regimental Funds submitted to the Local Auditor, A.I.F. and will be considered as an advance from Regimental Funds to Agricultural Account. This advance will be repaid to Regimental Funds as soon as sufficient proceeds from the sale of vegetables are received. Profits from Agricultural transactions must be transferred to Regimental T rust Account regularly and not allowed to remain as a Credit Balance in Agricultural Account, with the exception that a small amount may be retained to meet ordinary working expenses.

Until sufficient proceeds are received, Units may make a monthly advance from Regimental Funds to Agricultural Account in one amount to cover necessary working expenses.



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6. A Monthly Statement of all seeds and plants purchased, together with the yield for each month, will be forwarded to the A.Q.M.G. on pro forma attached.

- 7. Commanding Officers are authorised to pay from Regimental Funds to privates acting as Overseers of Regimental Vegetable Gardens an amount mot exceeding four shillings (4/-) per diem while so employed, provided that the disbursements for this purpose do not exceed the estimated profit accruing to Regimental purpose do not exceed the estimated profit accruing to Regimental Funds from the cultivation of vegetables. Such disbursements must be supported by a certificate from the C.O. that the extra must be supported by a certificate from the C.O. that the extra duty was performed and showing clearly the period of employment (H.Q.Routine Order No. 3042 of 18-12-1917).
- 8. Authority is given to pay special soldiers employed on ploughing or phanting 1/- per diem allowance from the Regimental ploughing or phanting 1/- per diem allowance from the Regimental Funds, in cases where not less than two hours! Agricultural work is done during the day, outside of or in addition to the Military work the men concerned would otherwise be doing (C.R.A.I.F. No.14776/Q).

9. Standing Orders No. 504 of 13th June, 1917, and No. 839 of 3rd July, 1917, are hereby cancelled.

A.Q.M.G. A.I.F.DEPOTS IN THE U. K.

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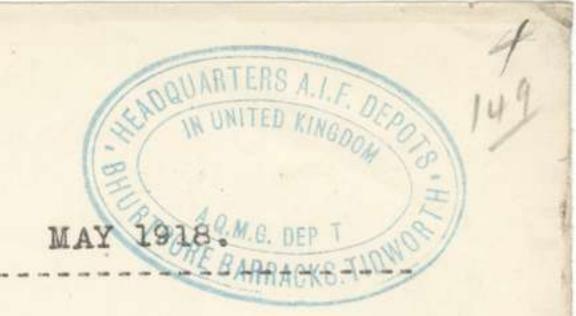
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE RETURN.
For the Month ending

Produce	Acreage under Cultivation.	Plants Purchased. [Value].	Quantities Sold to Units' Messes, &s.	Value.
1. Potatoes (Main Crop) la. Second Earli lb. Earlies. 2. Beetroot. &c.,				
Zotal Acreage .				

Unit

Date / / 1918.

"Q" BRANCH MONTHLY WAR DIARY.



ISSUE OF TRAINING STORES: CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT, etc.

1.	Number of new Q.1 Forms created.	2470.
2.	Value of clothing and necessaries issued to A.I.F., Depot Troops (approx.)	£18 6 65.
3.	Value of clothing, &c., withdrawn from troops proceeding Overseas and returned to Ordnance, repaired and re-issued	£6013.
4.	Cost of Repairs.	£2267.
5.	Value of issues to Reinforcements (approx.)	£1810.
6.	Amount collected on Acquittance Rolls for articles lost or destroyed by neglect of individuals	£1640.
7.	Cost of providing 657 men on return from front as casualties with new issues	£8212.
8.	Value of Training Stores issued	£25095.
9.	Value collected for damages (Rifles, Cycles &c) other than fair wear and tear.	£17.
10.	Number of Indents checked and approved	1068.
11.	Number of Board Proceedings approved	71.
12.	Per centage of Board Proceedings referred back to convenor with unjustifiable Finding	6.
	RATIONS & SUPPLIES.	
13.	Total of Rations for which claims have been checked.	990183.
	BARRACK SERVICES.	
14.	Number of Barrack Warden reports received and investigated .	35.
15.	Total claims of Barrack Damages received from Southern Command Paymaster	£305.
16.	Total amount collected	£305.
17.	Balance, representing amounts in dispute, settlement of which is having attention.	Nil.
18.	Amounts collected in respect of previous period	£70.
	ANIMALS.	
19.	Total number received, treated and evacuated (approx at Parkhouse	16.

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ANIMALS (continued).

20. Number on charge ... 840 Value £52920.

21. Evacuated ... 13 " £756.

22. Deaths ... Nil.

CYCLE REPAIR SHOP.

23. Number of Cycles on charge to Units

368.

WASTE PAPER.

24. Amount collected

£19.

CORRESPONDENCE & RETURNS.

25. Inward. 2114.

26. Outward 2356.

27. Returns: Totals and Periods; -

Daily ... 1.
Weekly ... 4.
Fortnightly ... 4.
Monthly ... 14.
Quarterly ... 1.

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A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.



A.Q.M.G.DEPARTMENT.

31st MAY 1918.

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No. 4 COMMAND DEPOT	HURDCOTT. 9,10,11,12		4000		2500	6	2887
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TIDWORTH 2nd June, 1918. D.A.Q.M.G.

A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

WAR DIARY

FOR THE MONTH OF MAM, 1918.

AD. of S.&.T. BRANCH, HEADQUARTERS, AIF. Depots in U.K.

Carried out the duties of A.D. of S & T., A.I.F. Depots, since the inception of the Depots in U.K., and who is returning to Australia, handed over to Lieut-Col. Alfred Moon, C.M.G., late Commanding the Australian Corps M.T. Column in France.

At the direction of the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., inquiries were made with a view to effecting a reduction of the strength of animals, vehicles, & personnel of A.A.S.C. Depot's Detachments owing to the diminution of the number of troops in the various Camps.

A provisional Establishment (copies attached) was drawn up which was approved by the G.O.C. This provided for a reduction as follows: Personnel 79, Animals 91, Vehicles 60. The animals were returned to the British Remount Depot, and arrangements made to return the Vehicles to D.A.D.O.S.

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BARRACK SERVEES.

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Sanitary Services. (a). The method of dealing with night-soil and Camp refuse in all A.I.F. Camps on Salisbury Plain is now by Horsfall Destructors which have replaced private Contractors. These Destructors are controlled solely by the British Military Authorities under the supervision of a Sanitary Officer of the R.A.M.C.

- (b). The charge for this service was made by Bouthern Command against A.I.F. was at the rate of £1. 0. 0 per 1000 men per diem, which is equivalent to £1.0. 0. (One pound) per Destructor, a Destructor being capable of incinerating for 1000 men.
- (c). Exception was taken to this charge as, pro rate, it was in excess of that charged by private Contractors for the same service. On investigation it was found that the charge included 15/- per diem for each vehicle employed in collecting refuse, and 5/- per diem to cover cost of pay, food, and equipment of the men employed.
- (d). The whole question was discussed at a conference between representative parties of Southern Command and this Headquarters on 28.1.1918 and it was agreed, subject to decision of War Office, that the charge should only be inclusive of 15/-per G.S. Wagon per diem employed in collecting refuse, and fourpence (4d) per diem extra duty pay for each of the personnel employed.
- (e). The matter was referred to War Office and a reply was received from Southern Command on 23.5.18 stating that no charge would be made against A.I.F. in regard to this service. This is very satisfactory as it means a saving at present, to the A.I.F., of £10,000 per annum. This amount will be increased by an additional £2,400% per annum when Horsfall Destructors have been installed in Weymouth and other Out-Districts.
- (f). The system of Incineration by these Destructors is excellent, and a great improvement on that of the private Contractor.
- BARRACK SERVICE ISSUES.

 (a). During the month of May a number of

 A.I.F. troops have been accommodated under canvas, and, in

 accordance with para 145, Regulations for Supply, Transport, and

 Barrack Services, issues to such troops are controlled through

 Officer i/c Supplies.

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- 4. BARRACK SERVICE ISSUES. (Continued).
 - (b). Arrangements have been made, however, to continue issues as if such troops were in Barracks or Hutments and treat such Camps as an "Extension of Barracks".
 - (c). This will simplify accounting and control of issues which will be regulated by the Officer i/c Barrack Services.

SUPPLIES.

- 5. SUPPLIES. (a). A.C.I. No. 611 of 1918, dated 31st May, 1918, was published. This A.C.I. lays down the price to be charged to Overseas troops for meat, sausages, fish, &c. (Copy A.C.I. attached).
- 6. FORAGE RATION.

 (a). In accordance with A.C.I. No. 420 of 1918, a reduction in the issue of Forage was effected, green fodder being obtained, arrangements having been made for grazing of animals and a supply of green fodder.
 - (b). Quality of Fodder. The fodder has been of good quality although the hay has contained rather much dust. The oats, whitst good and sound, has very small grain.
- The question as to whether the A.I.F. should receive an allowance of 1% for cutting up of meat was raised with the British authorities (Headquarters, Southern & Northern Commands), and although the Southern Command agreed to forego all Claims made for this 1% allowance, the Northern Command insisted that as the Contractors charged the British Authorities for this allowance the A.I.F. should pay for it. After considerable correspondence had taken place the matter was referred to the War Office for a railing.
- According to a War Office amendment to the Official Priced List of Supplies, the price of flour was reduced from 30/10 d per 140 lbs. to 23/11 d per 140 lbs. to be applied retrospectively to 17th September, 1917. Sufficient data is being obtained from Records held in this office to enable a claim being rendered for the difference in the prices to obtain a credit to A.I.F. for the overcharge.
- Omplaints were received from several Units as to the poor quality of the sausages on issue and representations were made to Headquarters, Southern Command, with a view to having the issue of this commodity either discontinued or considerably reduced. Southern Command replied that the issue must be continued as the War Office had so instructed.
- LO. (a). The total strength of vehicles of the A.I.F. Depot Section of the A.M.T.S. has now increased to 142, which is an increase of almost 50 in the past twelve months. This number is made up of 20 lorries, 31 Ambulances, 37 touring cars, and 54 Cycles and Side-cars. The approximate mileage covered by these machines is 85,000.

AUSTRALIAN MOTOR TRANSPORT SERVICE (Contd.).

10. (7).

One of the chief difficulties to be contended with is the distance the cars are stationed from Headquarters. At present there are vehicles at Tidworth, Weymouth, Warminster, Hurdcott, Codford, Grantham, Brightlingsea, Shefford, Devonport, Salisbury, & Lewes, which naturally makes supervision very difficult. Difficulty is also experienced in obtaining spare parts for machines in anything like reasonable time. These parts are Obtained from the Home Machanical Transport Depot through the Headquarters of A.M.T.S. London. The demand on the H.M.T.D. is, of course, exceedingly heavy, and consequently a considerable time is taken for delivery of parts, with the natural result that cars are held up in the workshop for a much longer period than would appear necessary.

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- (c). The personnel has also increased correspondingly with the vehicles. Twelve months ago the total strength was 130 O.R., whereas now there is a personnel of 190, including 2 Officers, one W.O., and twenty-ohe N.C.Os. Endeavours are being made, as far as possible, to march out as many "A" Class men as can be spared, and replace them with men classified "Cl". Arrangements are also in hand with the D.M.T.S., France, through the O.C., A.M.T.S., London, for the exchange of N.C.Os and men.
- (d). The roads over which the cars have to travel are, on the whole, good, although the road from Tidworth to Hurdcott and also that to Warminster, is indeed badly cut up, but taken on the whole there is no cause for complaint on the condition of the roads.
- (e). As regards repairs to vehicles, minor repairs for machines on Command are done at their respective Depots but any big repair job or overhaul is done at this Headquarters, as the only lathe we have is located here.
- (f). Very strict supervision is being kept over petrol, and special instructions have been issued in regard to the careful recording by each driver in his running book of the mileage run, and the petrol received. The petrol is being issued to drivers by the M.T. N.C.O. i/c at various Depots who also is now checking the running books of the drivers.

Bhurtpore Barracks,

A.D. of S & T.

Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

...AA.S.C. DEPOTS DETACHMENTS (A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.........

......Details of ANIMALS and VEHICLES

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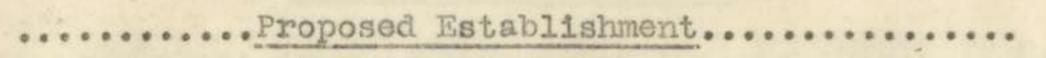
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...A.A.S.C. DEPOTS DETACHMENTS (A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.)......

...... TRANSPORT PERSONNEL......

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Detachment.	Offs.	Sgts.	Cpls.	Ptes., Cooks & Batmen.	Gen. duty.	Dvrs.	Farrs.	Whlrs.	Sdlers.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
BOYTON.	1 1	1 2	1 2.	1 3.	1	35.	2.	1 2.	1 2.	1 49.	
FOVANT.	2.	1 2.	1 41	5.	1	47.	3.	2.	, 2.	1 67.	
PARKHOUSE.	2.	2.	1 3.	1 -	1 -	45.	3.	2.	1 2.	59.	
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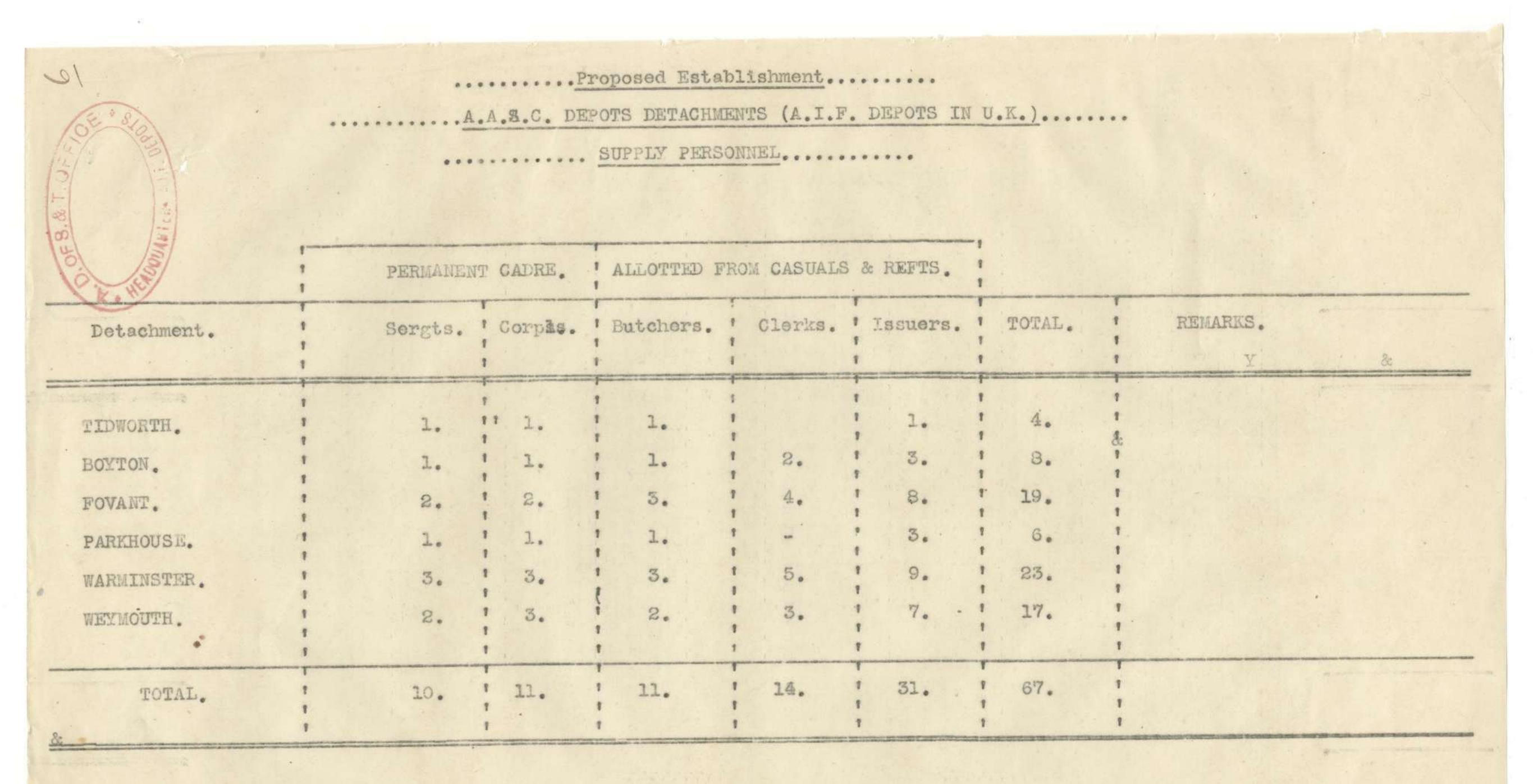
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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTION.

No. 611 of 1918.



War Office, 31st May, 1918.

611. REPAYMENT ISSUES OF FROZEN MEAT, &c., TO OVERSEAS TROOPS.

With reference to para 2 of A.C.I. 419 of 1918, it is notified that claims against Overseas Troops from stocks held by Main and Base Supply Depots or by Os. i/c supplies of frozen meat, frozen fish, rabbits and sausages on repayment will be prepared as follows with effect from 1st April, 1918.

- 1. An allowance of b of 1 per cent. will be deducted from the gross weight of meat for wmappers.
- 2. The net weight of the meat will be charged at the ex-store price of 9th per 1b. for frozen meat, 6d per 1b. for frozen fish, 7d. per 1b. for rabbits, and 8th per 1b. for sausages from a W.D. factory, except Aldershot factory.
- 3. Am charge will be made for inspection at cold stores of ls. per 1000 lbs. weight of meat, fish, rabbits, or sausages supplied.
- 4. The cost of rail carriage from the store or factory to the depot issuing the meat, &c., and the cost of rail carriage, if any, from the depot to the consignee will be added.
- 5. A charge for departmental expenses will be made.

53/Gen No./9958 (Q.M.G.F.)

By command of the Army Council.

(Sgd) R.N.BRADE.