

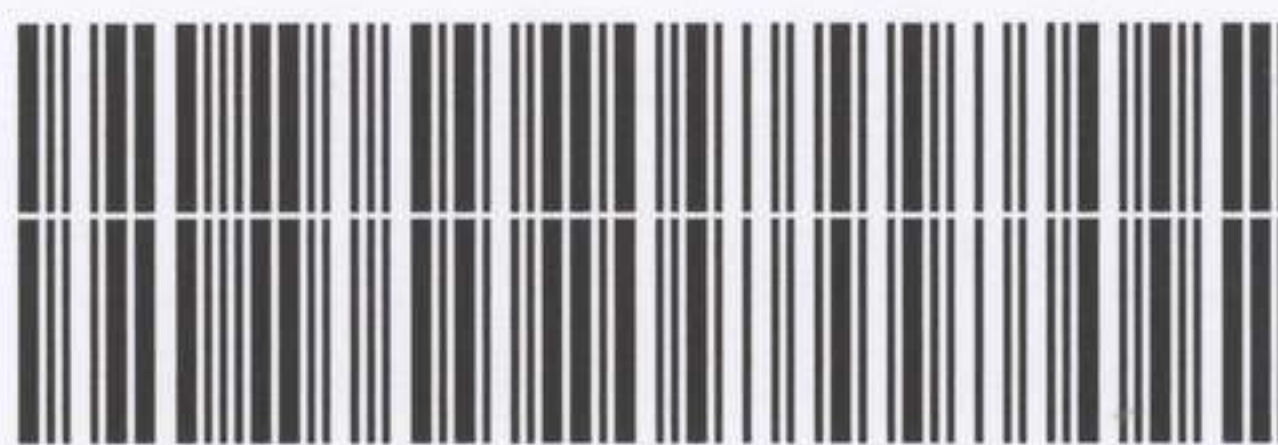
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# WAR DIARY

OF

*D.A.D.O.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Division.*

FOR

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	March. 1918.		<p>Stores continued to arrive satisfactorily, no especial delay in the fulfilling of demands being found.</p> <p>Special stores were received for the training of infantry in aeroplane observing, so that enemy attacks would be driven off.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for the starting of a bootshop and a tailors shop with the D.A.C. All stores necessary were demanded, and the personnel for the bootshop were tested out by my Sergeant Bootmaker. The personnel of the tailor's shop was collected under the charge of a Staff/Sergeant of the Divisional Ammunition Column.</p> <p>Stores for the re-starting of the Divisional Armourers Shop continued to arrive, but no start was made as some of the stores which were very necessary, had not arrived.</p> <p>Accompanied by the D.A.A.G., I inspected the Q.M.'s stores and shops of two Brigades. We found very few instances of the holding of stores by any Unit. The general conditions of the various bootshops was good and the armourers shops were, in nearly every case, excellent.</p> <p>On the 20th I received instructions to proceed to an Ammunition Course at No. 14 Ordnance Depot. This Course I joined on the 21st. The Course consisted of lectures and practical work on the Ammunition in use by the British Armies in France, one day being given to the demolition of shells, etc. I was still at the Course at the end of the month.</p> <p>On the 21st, Orders were received from Divisional Headquarters that the winter clothing and stores, thought to be unnecessary to carry, were to be returned to my Depot and sent to Base by me. Large quantities were received and returned.</p> <p>A rear dump of the various shop's equipment and spare material was made at Blaringhem.</p> <p>About 65% of the winter issue was returned to the Base.</p> <p>On the 27th. the Working Party under one W.O. left by train for the new location.</p> <p>On the morning of the 28th. the rest of the Staff left by lorry, halting at mid-day for a meal. One N.C.O. and 7 O.Rs were left behind to hand over to the incoming Division.</p> <p>A camp was formed at Vauchelles, accomodation being found in huts.</p> <p>No stores were received while the camp was here. The lorries were employed each day in collecting salvage and forwarding it to the nearest Railhead.</p> <p>The Office was opened for the receiving of indents, which were forwarded to Base.</p> <p>Large shortages of box respirators were found in certain units. This was met by salving new ones, but demands were not met in full until the next area was reached.</p> <p>The camp was in the same place at the end of the month</p>	



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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

*(a)**Labour, daily employed:**(b)**Bulk. Issues.**(b)(D)**Guns & Carriages replaced.**(c)**Local Purchases.**Inboard*



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	March. 1918.		<p align="center"><u>APPENDICES.</u></p> <p>(a) The labour, daily employed, varied from 20-24 outside the ordinary Ordnance Personnel. The number of boot-makers continuously working was 14.</p> <p>(b) Bulk issues during March. Approximate strength of Division, 19,000.</p> <p>Greatcoats, 69; Boots, ankle, 1,587; Jackets, S.D. 1,446; Pantaloon, 670; Trousers, S.D. 1,469; Puttees, 1,615; Sheets, ground, 134; Tins, mess, 414; Bottles, water, 31; Shoes, horse, 2,817; Shoes, mule, 1,990;</p> <p>(c) It was not necessary to expend any money on local purchases.</p> <p>(d) No Guns or Carriages were required to be replaced.</p> <p>The formation of the Machine Gun Battalion was carried out by the merging of the four Companies. All stores in excess of Battalion establishment were returned to Base and demands submitted for all stores required to make up to new establishment. The vehicles and other stores were very prompt in arriving, thus allowing of the new formation being made a complete unit.</p>	

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