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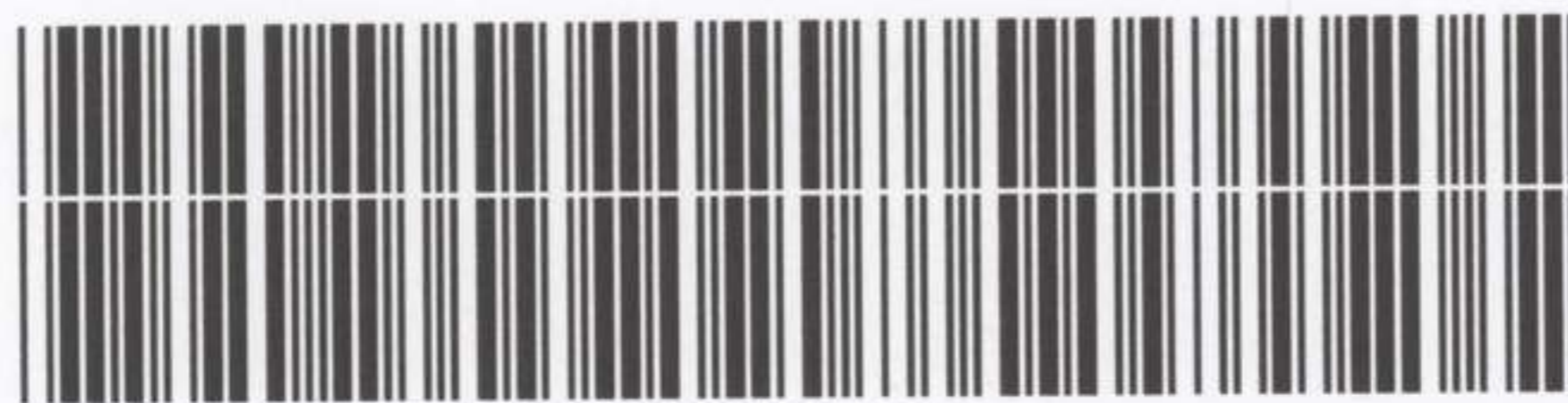
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WAR DIARY

OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouen France.	1-7-18.		Strength. 1. Off. 89.0. Ranks. not including 1 on leave, 3 in hosp. and 1. Attached. 1 man proceeded on transfer to Infantry Battln. 78 men and 24 women baked 63530 lb. Rations. Temperatures. Bakehouse 63. Flour 59. Water. 104 to 96. Outside. 57. At about 12-10. a.m. an enemy machine was heard which appeared to be directly above the Bakery. About two minutes afterwards the defence guns put up a strong barrage. Personnel not on duty immediately took cover in the trenches provided for that purpose, and work in the bakehouse was suspended for nearly ninety minutes. The "all clear" signal sounded at about 1-40. a.m. As far as could be ascertained several bombs were dropped, one landing on the Guard Room of a German Prisoners' Camp, killing four French soldiers. The material damage caused was not considerable; another bomb fell in the river and a third on a coal dump.	
"	2-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 68480 lb. rations. Temp. Bkse. 63. Fl. 60. Wtr. 104 to 96. 0.58. All A.S.C. Supplies Flour was used and a very satisfactory article produced.	
"	3-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 66960 lb. Rations. Temp. Bkse. 64. Fl. 60. Wtr. 104 to 96. 0.58. One man rejoined Unit from leave. During the afternoon a fire alarm drill was held when all N.C.O's and men not actually on duty were on parade.	
	4-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 61040 lb. Rations. Temp. Bkse. 60. Fl. 59. Wtr. 104 to 96. 0.56. One man proceeded on leave.	
	5-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 47860 lb. Rations. Temp. Bkse. 63. Fl. 59. Wtr. 104 to 96. 0.58.	
	6-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 59300 lb. Rations. Temp. Bkse. 62. Fl. 59. Wtr. 104 to 96 0.56. Two men in hospital over 7 days were struck off strength.	
	7-7-18.		Sunday. 52 men and 16 women baked 21760 lb. Rations. One man in hospital over 7 days was struck off strength.	
	8-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 68960 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 63. Fl. 59. Wtr. 104 to 96. 0.58.	
	9-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 68880 lb Rations. " " 65. " 60 " 102 " 94 " 60.	
	10-7-18.		78 " " 24 " " 68360 " " " " 60. " 62. " 102 " 94 " 60.	
	11-7-18.		One man absent without leave 2--9-7-18. was awarded 28 days F.P. No. 1. 78 men and 24 women baked 64940 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 60. Fl. 60. Wtr. 104 to 98. 0.56.	
	12-7-18.		78 " " 24 " " 53770 " " " " 63 " 60. " 104 " 96. " 58.	
	13-7-18.		78 " " 24 " " 54320 " " " " 63 " 60 " 104 " 96 " 58. One man taken on strength from hospital.	

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Rouen. France.	14-7-18.		Sunday. 52 men and 16 women baked 26880 lb. Rations. One man was taken on strength from hospital.	<i>PP</i>
	15-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 58200 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 65. Fl. 60. Wtr. 100 to 92.0.60.	<i>PP</i>
	16-7-18.		78 " " 24 " " 72040 lb " " " 68. " 60. " 96 " 90 " 60. One man was taken on strength from Reinf. Depot, Rouen. One man from hospital.	<i>PP</i>
	17-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 65600 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 70. Fl. 65. Wtr. 94 to 90.0.63. One man evacuated to hospital sick.	<i>PP</i>
	18-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 58880 lb rations. " " 70. " 67. " 94. " 90. : 65.	<i>PP PP</i>
	19-7-18.		78 " " 24 " " 65280 " " " 68. " 67. " 96 " 90 " 65.	<i>PP PP</i>
	20-7-18.		78 " " 24 " " 69640 " " " 65. " 65. " 102 " 90 " 63.	<i>PP</i>
	21-7-18.		Sunday. 52 men and 16 women baked 42560 lb Rations.	<i>PP</i>
	22-7-18.		At 12-15.a.m. an air-raid alarm was sounded and seven shots were fired. No machines were seen or heard, and the "all clear" signal was given at 12-55.a.m.	<i>PP</i>
	23-7-18.		The N.C.O's and men of the 6.a.m. till 2.p.m. and the 10.p.m. till 6.a.m. Shifts were underwent the usual monthly medical inspection. 78 men and 24 women baked 68800 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 65. Fl. 63. Wtr. 100 to 92.0.60.	<i>PP</i>
	24-7-18.		One man was taken on strength from Reinf. Depot, Rouen and one in hospital (over 7 days) struck off strength. The 2.p.m. till 10.p.m. Shift and all details underwent the usual monthly medical examination. 78 men and 24 women baked 79480 lb. Rations. Temp. Bkse. 63. Fl. 62. Wtr. 100 to 94.0.58.	<i>PP</i>
	25-7-18.		One man was taken on strength from A.S.C. Base Depot, Havre ex invalided to England. 78 men and 24 women baked 58600 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 63. Fl. 60. Wtr. 102 to 94.0.58.	<i>PP</i>
	26-7-18.		78 men and 24 women baked 57100 lb rations. Bkse. 65. Fl. 60. Wtr. 102 to 96.0.57.	<i>PP</i>
	27-7-18.		78 " " 24 " " 69360 " " " 65. " 63. " 102 " 96. " 56. One man proceeded on leave to U.K. and one evac. to hospital sick.	<i>PP</i>
	28-7-18.		Two men proceeded on leave to U.K. An air-raid alarm was sounded by 6 or 7 shots being fired but no machine was seen or heard. 52 men and 16 women baked 38620 lb. Rations.	<i>PP</i>
	29-7-18.		One man proceeded on leave to Paris and one to U.K. 78 men and 24 women baked 69440 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 63. Fl. 60. Wtr. 104 to 96.0.55.	<i>PP</i>
	30-7-18.		One man proceeded on leave to U.K. 78 men and 24 women baked 65600 lb Rations. Temp. Bkse. 65. Fl. 60. Wtr. 102 to 96.0.57.	<i>PP</i>
	31-7-18.		One man was taken on strength from hosp. 78 men and 24 women baked 68320 lb. Rtns. Temp. 68. Fl. 63. Wtr. 100 to 90.0.60.	<i>PP</i>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Breadloading ----- Store to Rail.

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Rouens France.	31/7/18.	(Continued).	<p>At about 11.50 p.m. the alarm signals sounded, both sirens and gun fire, and an enemy machine was plainly heard. The guns put up a strong barrage, also machine guns took part. As far as could be ascertained at present there was no damage done. The "all clear signal" was sounded at 12.50 a.m. At 2 a.m. another alarm was sounded and the guns launched forth again. The "all clear" signal was sounded at 2.45 a.m. <i>JP</i></p> <p><u>Strength of Unit.</u> 1 Officer 87 other ranks not including 1 attached, 6 on leave. 1 in detn and 1 in hospital. <i>JP</i></p>	
Appendix	No. 1.	Breadloading from	<p><u>breadstore to rail transport.</u></p> <p>The position of the breadstore is such that railway lines have been laid alongside, and along this line the number of trucks are brought up as required. Usually the daily output is divided amongst two trains, with an average of seven to eight trucks each train. The railway line is on the quay side, and the first duty performed by the breadstore staff is the placing of the required number of trucks for the first train on the turntable and pushing them on to the siding alongside the store. The next duty is bagging the bread. Until recently (i.e. about the 3rd of month) large sacks capable of holding 50 2 lb loaves, i.e. 100 rations, were used. Now, however, smaller sacks are used, having the capacity of only 25 loaves, i.e. 50 rations. This procedure has been adopted owing to the number of "B" and lower category personnel who find the large sack loads of bread difficult to carry any distance. It is necessary sometimes to carry them some distance through congestion of traffic on the railway line; it is difficult to arrange to have the trucks sent up to the breadstore on every occasion. This system is not in favour with the Australians employed on this work, for the following reasons. The handling is exactly double, the cutting and tying of the bags is duplicated, also the carrying, and packing in the trucks. It is easy to carry one of these small bags, but two which would represent the weight of one of the former style used would be impracticable, owing to bulkiness.</p> <p>There are usually about 40 men employed in the breadstore. The placing of the bread into sacks and tying is the first duty.</p> <p>The first train's load is bagged and then loaded into the different sections of the train as required.</p> <p>Under the large bag principle, the 40 men are split up into</p>	as <i>PS</i>

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eight gangs of five. One man holds the bag open, two fill the loaves in, the remaining two tie up and stack clear ready for loading. When the small bags are used there are ten teams of four, one to hold the bag open, two to fill in, and one to tie up and stack clear.

Owing to the latter system, the work takes more time. The work done under large bag conditions would easily be finished two hours or more sooner as the majority of men employed at this branch are Australians and class "A".

The loading is carried out by filling two trucks at the same time, four men in each truck, stacking, six men stay in the breadstore and lift the bread on to the carriers' backs. This utilizes 14 men lifting and stacking in trucks. The remainder carry the bread to the trucks.

An average section's capacity is 15,000 rations which practically fills the track. With the small bags more space is required for stacking and greater care must be exercised.

The instructions as to the amount for each section are handed to the N.C.O./c and it is his duty to see that the correct amount is packed securely in the place assigned for it, and that the track is properly fastened and sealed and labelled prior to despatch.

Rouen.
1/8/18.

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