

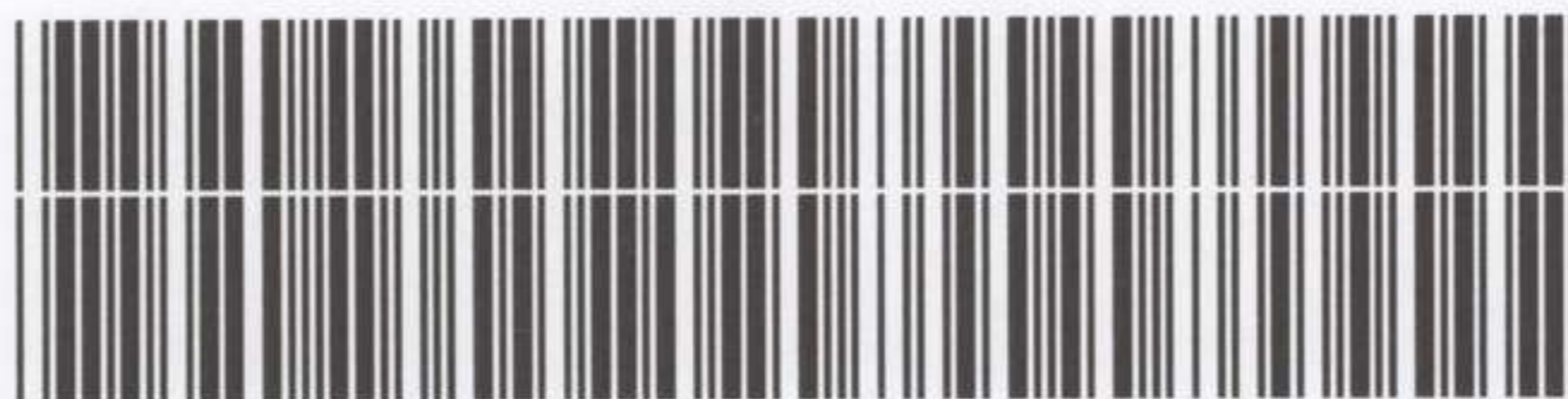
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	Sept 17		Position of Unit on main BAILLEUL - ARMENTIERS ROAD, map reference sheet 28. S. 29 at 3.3 Strength 3 Officers 141 other ranks. Three other ranks returned from leave. Twelve lorries were working on R.E. stores at STEENWERCK Four other lorries were conveying civilians to works on roads.	
	2		Three other ranks taken on strength from 1st Base M.P. Depot. BIRD returned from leave. Three lorries reported to Town Base BAILLEUL for duty. Hostile aircraft were active during the night, bombs were dropped in BAILLEUL and in adjacent fields.	Unit 141
	3		Fourteen lorries were out on R.E. and General Transport duties. Six other lorries were out on ROAD WORK.	
	4		Five lorries reported to ROMARIN STONE SIDING to convey STONE to BAILLEUL STEENWERCK ROAD Six other lorries conveyed personnel of 319th ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY to works.	
	5		Paid Unit. One other ranks returned from leave, and one other ranks proceeded on leave to ROUEN.	

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	6.		Four lorries conveyed personnel and French Mortars of 8th French Mortar Brigade to NIEPPE. MAJOR A.H. JAMES proceeded on leave of absence to England.	
	7.		Only five lorries were out on R.E. duties at RE Yard STEEN WERCK. Two other ranks returned from leave.	
	8.		Eight lorries proceeded with working parties to advanced positions on roads at 7 AM. and waited with party until 5.30 PM. returning to BULFORD CAMP with party. Heavy shelling was in progress at 3.15 PM. until 4.5 PM. but no damage resulted to lorries or personnel.	
	9.		Only two lorries detailed for duty.	
	10.		One other rank returned from leave. Twenty lorries reported to CAPTAIN SPIERS 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION at RENESOURE for duty. One other rank vacated to Hospital.	
	11.		Five lorries reported to GODEWAERSVELDE RAILHEAD to convey stores for O.O. Corps Troops. Two other lorries reported to 14th Division a TROIS ARBRES to convey stores.	

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	12.		Preparations being made to move position. Instructions received from 'H' Ammunition Park to move on 13th inst.	
	13.		At 10.30 AM the Park left VIIIth Corps and proceeded to STEENVOORDE coming under control of 1st Ammunition Corps. The lorries parked in the square of STEENVOORDE and billets procured for the men.	
	14.		Lorries standing by for move on 15th inst.	
	15.		Park moved off at 10 AM and proceeded to ABEELE taking up position on WATOU - ABEELE ROAD, map reference, sheet 27 L 26 a. 3.2. Lorries are parked on the side of the road and the camp was constructed, in a field, which is well shielded from aerial observation by trees, etc. Eight lorries reported to No 1 A.A.S.P. for delivery of ammunition.	
	16.		Look over from No 3 A.S.P. Corps Reserve Ammunition Dump situated about 200 hundred yards from camp on the WATOU - ABEELE ROAD. This dump is composed of FLARES, CARTRIDGES, T.M.C. BOMBS, ROCKETS, VERY LIGHTS, and S.A.A. Twelve lorries reported to BELGIAN CHATEAU to convey party to Forward Area. At 11 AM. No 7642 Driver Fraser W.S. 10. was	

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			wounded by enemy shell fire, a piece of shell striking him in the arm and causing a rather deep wound, he was evacuated to Hospital.	
	17.		One other rank proceeded on leave. Twelve lorries reported to BELGIAN CHATEAU for duties in the forward area. Five other lorries were out on various detail under instructions from 8th Aust Inf Brigade.	
	18.		Two other ranks evacuated to Hospital. Five lorries reported to 2nd Aust Div. RENINGHELST for duty. Six other lorries conveyed Party to forward area from STEENVOORDE.	
	19.		Paed Unit. Eight lorries reported to CAPE-BELGE for work under 2nd Div Salvage Officer. One other rank evacuated to Hospital.	
	20.		Twenty nine lorries proceeded to CARO PACIFIC SIDING to convey ammunition to forward dumps. These lorries were continually under shell fire from the enemy in the forward area.	
	21.		MAJOR A.H. JAMES returned from leave of absence to England. In addition to twenty five lorries carrying ammunition to forward dumps. Three lorries conveyed stores for Q.O. Corps Troops to SWAN CHATEAU.	

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	22.		Thirty lorries reported to PACIFIC SIDING for duty carrying ammunition to CORDOVA DUMP. One other lorry rejoined from hospital.	
	23.		One other lorry proceeded on leave to United Kingdom. All available lorries were out on ammunition duties at PACIFIC RAILHEAD. A quantity of FLARES, CARTRIDGES, GRENADES, and SAA was drawn from XC and O.K. and delivered to 5th Australian Division.	
	24.		LIEUT. C.W. MERCER with 30 lorries proceeded to CORDOVA DUMP to convey ammunition to forward dumps. These lorries could only proceed along forward roads with long intervals between each lorry, they were continually under shell fire.	
	25.		One other lorry transferred to the Australian Flying Corps. Ten lorries conveyed ammunition from PACIFIC SIDING to 5th DIVISIONAL DUMPS.	
	26.		All lorries were out on ammunition detail, carrying from PACIFIC SIDING to CORDOVA DUMP. Twelve ammunition details have been promoted to DRIVERS. M.T.	

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	27.		A quantity of CARTRIDGES, ROCKETS and BOMBS were delivered to 1st Angas Mounted Troops from Corps Reserve. Eight lorries conveyed ammunition from CORDOVA and HOWE DUMPS from PACIFIC SIDING.	
	28.		Eighteen lorries reported to an officer of the left Group of the 5th Australian Div. Artillery at CORDOVA DUMP for ammunition duties. Ten other lorries also reported at CORDOVA DUMP at 10.30 PM. conveying ammunition to forward area.	
	29.		Four other ranks were transferred to No 5 A.A.S.P. and 4 to 4th A.D.S.C. One other rank proceeded on leave. Thirty lorries out on ammunition detail at PACIFIC SIDING, CORDOVA and HOWE DUMPS.	
	30.		One other rank returned from leave. All available lorries out on ammunition duties. Two other ranks proceeded on leave. Strength of unit: - 3 Officers and 132 other ranks.	



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