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	April 17		<p>1 The position now occupied by the Park, H 34 c central, Sheet 570 on the main BAPAUME - PERONNE ROAD and right at the cross road leading to BAYCOURT was shelled during the morning, no damage eventuated all lorries being out at the time, but it was thought that owing to the position being at the cross roads it would be advisable to move. This could not be accomplished immediately owing to the delivery of Ammunition, and the necessity of every available lorry being detailed for this duty.</p>	
			<p>2 Two other parks vacated to Hospital and four Ammunition Details were taken on the strength from Australian General Base Depot. The lorries and personnel of the 12th A.A. & A.B. P.S. which have been attached and doing duty under my instructions returned to their own command. Only heavy ammunition arrived to-day and lorries were out working on Stone. Portion of Parks moved to new pit at H 28 c 7.2 Sheet 570, on main BAPAUME - CAMBRAI ROAD.</p>	
			<p>3 All except Workshops moved to new position which is on a Brick field and affords housing for all Ammunition Details and spare personnel. Ammunition dealt with during the day was A 5800 AX 1732 BX 1380 delivered to No 1 Refilling Point and A 5800 AX 1736 BX 1336 to No 2 Refilling Point, D 1250 DX 1050 to Heavy Artillery.</p>	

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	4.		<p>The losses and personnel of the 6th A.A.F.A.B.P.S reported for duty. One other rank evacuated to Hospital and other ranks returned from leave to England. The trolley stand is now being made of bricks which afford an excellent solid stand. Ammunition delivered as follows: - To No 1 Refilling Point A 2634. AX 2000 BX 1474, To No 2 Refilling Point A 900 AX 500 BX 1476, To Heavy Artillery DX 270.</p>	
	5.		<p>One other rank evacuated to Hospital. The Workshop have now moved to the new site. Ammunition dealt with as follows: - To No 1 Refilling Point A 2000 AX 1888 BX 350. To No 2 Refilling Point A 1796 AX 1648 BX 326. All this Ammunition was drawn from Achet to Grand (AMPHILL).</p>	
	6.		<p>Six Ammunition Details surplus to Establishment have been transferred to the 12th A.A.F.A.B.P.S. One other rank evacuated to Hospital. Application by Supply Officer, Advanced Corps Troops for lorries to convey supplies could not be complied with, owing to all transport being used for conveyance of Ammunition, quantity handled as follows: - delivered to No 1 Refilling Point A 6400 AX 3200 BX 674, to No 2 Refilling Point BX 676.</p>	
	7.		<p>Train expected to arrive at BAPAUME during the day, the railway having been completed through. Ten other ranks, Ammunition Details, of the 5th</p>	

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	8.		<p>Ammunition Sub Parks reported for duty and are now attached. Drawn and delivered to 12 noon, To No 2 DAC. A 8800 AX 3200 BX 2250. The DAC's are to be known and designated as follows:- No 1 DAC. to be L III. No 2 DAC. to be L II. No 4 DAC. to be L I. Drawn from MONUMENT SIDING and delivered to L 3. A 7200 BX 1600 A Smoke 300. 101 E fuzes 2500. To L 2. 101 E fuzes 2500 A Smoke 300. To L 1. 101 E fuzes 3000. A smoke 400. B smoke 140. To 5th DAC. 101 E fuzes 2000. cartridges BX 738.</p>	
	9.		<p>Progress of clearing up the camp continues, it was in a very bad condition when taken over, a large marquee being put up and turned into a recreation room, and a bantock opened. The ammunition delivered as follows:- To L 3. A. 2804. To L 1 Mills Grenades No 5. 20400. Trench mortar Bombs 1200. and Very lights 750. To Right Group BTL 1106 BSK 1552.</p>	
	10.		<p>Two lorries and four other ranks of "O" Ammunition Park have been attached for duty. Paid Unit. The only ammunition handled was 5000 101 E fuzes which were all drawn from AMPHILL and equally distributed to L 1. L 2. and L 3.</p>	
	11.		<p>Two other ranks attached from 5th Ammunition Sub Parks. L 3 refilling point</p>	

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			has now moved to I 19 d sheet 57c on the BAPAUME - CAMBRAI ROAD outside FREMICOURT. Ammunition dealt with BX 1852 delivered equally to L 1, L 2, and L 3.	
	12		Three other ranks taken on the strength from the 1st BASE MT. DEPOT. An urgent telegram requesting 600 rounds A and AX from R 1 refilling point to R 5 refilling point was complied with. DAC are not supplying sufficiently rapidly to meet emergency, batteries are now in action. Other ammunition delivered is to L 2 BX 1544 to L 3 A 3612 BX 168.	
	13		The 5th Quot Div Artillery Refilling Points for delivery of ammunition drawn from railhead are now as follows: - R 1 to BEALENCOURT R 2 to BAPAUME R 3 FREMICOURT R 4 FREMICOURT and R 5 BEUGNY. R 1 and R 2 will shortly be discontinued. Delivered to L 1 A 2000 AX 2000 BX 1410 MILLS GRENADES NO 5 3812 to L 2 A 3872 AX 1000 BX 1000 to L 3 A 4388 AX 1000 BX 2200.	
	14		Two other ranks evacuated to Hospital. Only three lorries are now undergoing repairs in the workshop. BX 1080 and MILLS GRENADES NO 5 was the only ammunition dealt with to 12 noon 16-day	
	15		One lorry and two other ranks of the 6th A.A.P.A.B.P.s reported for duty and to be attached, this now makes a total of 9 lorries and 31 other ranks of	

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	16		<p>This Unit attached. 600 cartridges .303 blanks and 341 cartridges 4.5 delivered to L 1.</p> <p>One other rank transferred to hospital. The Lewis and personnel of the 3rd A.A.P.A.B.P.S. under instructions of K Ammunition Park have been detailed to report to me for duty. Baths have been erected on the Parks for the use of men of unit. Quantity of ammunition dealt with as follows: - delivered to L 1 A 5000, to L 2 A 2184 to L 3 A 2560. to Right Group AX 2200. and Smoke A 456. Transferred from DECAUVILLE to L 1 A 3880 BX 3844 and to L 2 A 224.</p>	
	17.		<p>One other rank of the 3rd A.A.P.A.B.P.S. proceeded on special leave to England. and one other ranks returned from Hospital. Delivered A 4000 AX 2400 to R 5 and A 4000 AX 2400 to R 6. This ammunition was drawn from MONUMENT SIDING.</p>	
	18.		<p>One other ranks returned from Hospital and one other ranks from K Ammunition Parks. One other ranks transferred from No 2 A.A.S.P. During the afternoon a hostile aeroplane flew over the Parks dropping three bombs in close proximity to the houses but no damage was sustained. Ammunition drawn from MONUMENT and delivered to L 1 A 1500 To L 2 A 3000 BX 1000</p>	

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	19		<p>to L 3 A 3000 Bx 574 To R 5 A 1500 Bx 788 and to R 6 A 3000 Bx 788.</p> <p>Four other ranks reported from Australian General Base Depot and have been taken on the strength. One lorry and two other ranks of the 3rd A.A.P.A.B.P.S. reported for duty, making a total of 7 lorries and 28 other ranks now attached of this Unit. Delivered a total of A 6460 AX 8851 Bx 3656 to L 1. L 2. L 3. R 5. R 6.</p>	
	20		<p>The following message was received from A.R.O. 1st Amgar: "Since noon yesterday to noon to-day the total ammunition dealt with was as follows: Gun and Bowdler 63,054 rounds. In addition 5000 grenades No 23 and 3000 cartridges Red TMC were handled." Since the 2nd November 1916 I have handled ammunition for the Amgar corps, previously my highest figure was 32,000 pounds. Frequently it hovered round that figure. Now I think we have created a record. It was chiefly dealt with by your Park, I feel that the able way in which the lorries were handled and skill shown by the drivers, also the untiring energy of all ranks considerably accelerated the delivery. In no case was there any trouble or delay. I consider great credit is due to the 4th A.A.S.P."</p> <p>One other rank graduated to Hospital. One other rank proceeded on leave to Paris.</p>	
	21		<p>Delivered to 2nd Div Bomb Store Mills Grenades No 5 25,000. Paid Unit.</p>	

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			2 lorries and 4 other ranks returned to K. Ammu Park.	
	22		Delivered to L 2 A 5000 AX 1200 to L 3 A 1400 AX 2000 to R 5 A 3200 AX 1600 BX 1124 to R 6 A 3200 AX 1600 BX 1124. A 68 pounds were returned to RAILHEAD defective.	
	23		One other ranks proceeded on leave of absence to CAMIERES for a period of four days. Delivered to Heavy Artillery Dump Fuzes No 106. 1862, to R 5 BX 2250 smoke A 148 to R 6 A 4800 AX 1600 smoke A 152. One other ranks attached from 3rd A.A.F.A.B.P.S.	
	24		One other rank taken on the strength from K. Supply Column, 6 other ranks of the 5th Ammunition Park reported for duty and have been taken on the attached strength. The only ammunition handled was cartridges BX 2744 which were delivered to L 1 L 3 and R 6 equally.	
	25.		Several lorries went round the dumps and collected empty boxes, returning same to railhead. 6 other lorries were out on plone works. One other rank returned from Hospital. Delivered from MONUMENT to 2nd Div Bomb Store Grenades No 5 9492, Grenades No 23 4216. Pistol webley 5000 and BX 4500 pounds equally to L 1 L 2 L 3. and to Corps Reserve A 4000.	
	26		One other ranks taken on strength and one other ranks returned from Hospital	

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	27		Delivered Bx 2700 to L1 and L3 equally and A 8000 Bx 2700 to Corps Reserve The two lorries and four other ranks of 'O' Ammunition were detailed and reported to 62nd Ammunition Sub Park for duty and have been struck off the attached strength. Delivered to L1 L2 L3 each Bx 750 and to Corps Reserve A 6400 Bx 2250 D 747 Dk 250.	
	28		One other rank returned from leave of absence. Delivered to Corps Reserve A 1600 D 1200 Dk 1000.	
	29		One other rank returned from leave of absence, and one other rank transferred to K. Ammunition Park. All lorries undergoing a thorough oiling and greasing, several have required new tyres which were obtained from tyre press at DOULLENS and EDGEHILL.	
	30		Drawn and delivered as follows. To L1 A 3480 Bx 750 To L2 A 1120 A 1400 Bx 1000 To L3 A 1000 A 1000 Bx 500. One other rank of 3rd A.A. & A.B.P.S. has been detailed for duty with Corps Reserve. Strength of Unit all ranks 157 Attached. 11 lorries and 66 other ranks	

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