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WAR DIARY
of

1ST ANZAC CORPS AMMUNITION PARK

FROM JULY 1ST 1916

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VIEUX BERQUIN	July 12 th 1916		<p>Wire 187/1/143 received that LIEUT L.A. CLEVELAND to be transferred from 29/6/16. Heavy rain leaving shelling. Weather fine. 5 francs = 3/7 for the month. Inspect the R.E fatigue line with LIEUT LACEY. 78 hours R.E fatigue. Ammunition expended to noon today -</p> <p>1st Aust Am Sub Park. hit - 2nd Aust Am Sub Park. hit - NZ Am Sub Park. hit - Heavy artillery 562 Coy. hit - Corps expenditure - 2632 A 1704 AX. 21 B. 572 BX. 41 NX. 94 D. 2 DX. 24 P. <u>11 WT.</u> 370 Q. 19 N. 69 NX.</p>	
VIEUX BERQUIN	2-7-16.		<p>82 hours R.E fatigue. weather fine & sunny - Ammunition expended to noon today.</p> <p>1st Aust Am Sub Park. — 2nd Aust Am Sub Park. — NZ Am Sub Park. — Heavy artillery 562 Coy. — Corps expenditure . 3751 A. 4253 AX. 5 B. 1071 BX. 16 W. 60 D. 32 DX. 12 P. 6 Q. 57 N. 17 NX.</p>	

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VIEUX BERQUIN	2/7/16		<p>Warrant officers C.O. SABBART + S.S. BAKER to be 2/LIEUT dated 2-6-16 to 2nd and 3rd division. A.I.F orders June 29th 1916 -</p> <p>MAJOR WILSON C.O 2nd Ammunition Park + LIEUT MURRAY ADJUDANT report for duty instructions - the the the the the -</p> <p>ammunition expended to noon today.</p> <p>1st a.a.s.P. —</p> <p>2nd a.a.s.P. —</p> <p>nz a.s.P. —</p> <p>Heavy artillery 562 Coy. —</p>	page 162
VIEUX BERQUIN	3/7/16	for 3-7-16	<p>Corps expenditure - 6894A. 4480AX. 7B. 1117BX. 71WX. 62D. 22DX. 29F. 10P 416Q</p> <p>Weather fine.</p> <p>Headquarters of Corps move to BAILLEUL. 106 lorries on R.E. fatigue.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p> <p>ammunition expended to noon today.</p> <p>1st a.a.s.P.</p> <p>2nd a.a.s.P.</p> <p>nz a.s.P.</p> <p>Heavy artillery 562 Coy.</p> <p>Corps expenditure - 2967A. 1948AX. 315BX. 99WX. 52D. 16DX. 24P. 10W. 103Q. 9N.</p> <p>for 4-7-16.</p>	N 32. NX 124.
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VIEUX BERQUIN	4-7-16		<p>4th D.S.C. comes very late in turning up, & then go all astray - 106 bombs on R.E fatigue. Weather fine - Ammunition expended to noon today. 1st A.A.S.P. - 2nd A.A.S.P. - 3rd A.A.S.P. - Heavy Artillery 562 Coy. - Corps expenditure - see 3.7.16. <u>MWT.</u></p>	Page 163
VIEUX BERQUIN	5/7/16		<p>Will received that the 4th AMMUNITION SUB PARK due to arrive. Drawing ammunition from O.G for re-use store. Court marshal re summer Fowler - built 4 months hard labour. Weather showery. Major HAMILTON to 17th DIVISION for stores. 106 bombs on R.E fatigue - Ammunition expended to noon today. 1st A.A.S.P. - 2nd A.A.S.P. - 3rd A.A.S.P. - Heavy Artillery Coy. - Corps expenditure - 3855A. 1398AX. 762BX. 244WX. 269D. 20DX. 60F. <u>MWT.</u> 21W. 3Q.</p>	

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VIEUX BERQUIN	6/7/16		<p>Four gas alarm wires received - drawing ammunition from OY. for bomb store - Serg GREY from 2nd anzac attached for instructions - CAPT. JAMES takes over R.E. fatigue - 95 Corries on R.E. fatigue. The 4th Australian Ammunition Sub. Park reports at 2pm CAPT. CAMPBELL OFFICER COMMANDING.</p> <p>Weather fine - Ammunition expended to noon to day.</p> <p>1st a.a.s.P. — 2nd a.a.s.P. — 3rd a.a.s.P. — 4th a.a.s.P. —</p> <p>Corps expenditure 2001A. 1250 AX. 241 BX. 43 Q.</p> <p>Heavy artillery 562 Coy -</p>	
VIEUX BERQUIN	7-7-16		<p>C.O. to Second Army. D.D of S+T. Col. TAYLOR here ^{reference} ready to move on the morning of the 10th - the C.O. to "A" office A.Q.M.G. to bury to see him. Saw 1300 francs Imprest account.</p> <p>Weather fine - Ammunition expended to noon to day.</p> <p>1st a.a.s.P. — 2nd a.a.s.P. — 3rd a.a.s.P. — 4th a.a.s.P. —</p> <p>Heavy artillery —</p> <p>Corps expenditure — 312 A. 210 AX -</p>	

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VIEUX BERQUIN	8-7-16		<p>the C.O. to Second Army - Col MURRAY here AQMG II ANZAC. Weather fine 114 hours R.E. fatigue - Ammunition expended to noon today. 1st aasp. — 2 aasp. — 3 aasp. — 4th aasp. — Heavy artillery — Corps expenditure - 264 A. 122 AX. 136 BX. <u>MUT.</u></p>	<p>page 165</p>
VIEUX BERQUIN	9-7-16.		<p>Wain all concerned to be ready to move. weather fine - MAJOR SHELTON down to see printing press. Ammunition expended to noon today. 1st aasp 2 aasp 3 aasp 4 aasp. } hit - Heavy artillery Corps expenditure - <u>MUT.</u></p>	

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VIEUX BERQUIN	10-7-16		<p>Moving order received - moving order sent out to O.Cs 1st + 2nd A.S.P. at 2 pm. Weather fine - Ammunition expended to noon today -</p> <p>1st A.S.P. 2nd A.S.P. 3rd A.S.P. 4th A.S.P. Heavy artillery Crops expenditure. } hit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MWT.</p>	
VIEUX BERQUIN	11-7-16		<p>The 1st A.S.P. move off at 10-45 AM viz ST VENANT - LILLIERS - PERNES - ST POL - DOULLENS - CANAPLES - The 2nd A.S.P. move off at 11-10 am viz NEUF BERQUIN - MERVILLE - THIENNES - AIRE - THOUANNE - FRUBES - HESDIN - ABBEVILLE. Stop for night. Then to PICQUIGNY. I ANZAC ammunition Park moves off at 11-45 am. through ABBEVILLE to VIENACOURT arrive at 6 pm - The 1st A.S.P. to move on to VIENACOURT, arrive at 11-30 pm. Weather dull, afterwards bright + sunny.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MWT.</p>	

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<p>BERTHEN VIGNACOURT</p>	<p>12-7-16.</p>		<p>The 1st a.a.s.P. move to STOUVEN arrived at 6 pm. Inspect BERTHEN COURT + BERTANGLES. The II a.a.s.P. report at 4 pm at PICQUIGNY. Weather fine. maps supplied + sent out. Ammunition expended nil. <u>HWL</u></p>	
<p>VIGNACOURT</p>	<p>13-7-16</p>		<p>Letter received from Col PHELPS. as follows. Headquarters 1st Army Ammunition Park. "I should like to place on record the extremely good work done by the printers at your Headquarters, and the great assistance rendered to this office thereby. I fully realise the large amount of work I asked you to undertake and how willingly and excellently it has been done. Signed A. Phelps Colonel D.D. of S. + T. Second Army. meeting at "Q" Headquarters of Staff Captains + Divisional "Q" re ammunition. Weather dull but fine - Cold. The 2nd a.a.s.P. move to STOUVEN at 2/30 pm - <u>HWL</u></p>	

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VIGNA COURT	14-7-16.		The C.O. to D.D.S+T Fourth Army, reference returns, report arrival - Weather dull but fine - Ammunition nil - <u>NW1.</u>	page 168
VIGNA COURT	15-7-16		The 4 th a.a.s.P report at 4.30 pm - Park at STOUCEN. Authority to form the 4 th a.a.s.P with Australian personnel - Monsieur DERVIER granted leave from 15-7-16 to 24-7-16 - Weather fine - Ammunition nil - <u>NW1.</u>	
VIGNA COURT	16-7-16		Weather dull + showery - <u>Quite</u> - Ammunition nil - <u>NW1.</u>	
VIGNA COURT	17-7-16		Weather fine, but dull - Ammunition nil - <u>NW1.</u>	
VIGNA COURT	18-7-16		Orders received 1 st a.a.s.P. to report to X ^R Corps Park for duty - 1 st a.a.s.P. move to TEULECOURT. 1 st a.a.s.P. amm. Park to move to CONTAY - C.O. inspects CONTAY - This order cancelled. Ammunition nil - <u>NW1.</u>	
CONTAY	19-7-16		Order to move to CONTAY, report at 12 midday - Bombardier COLLINS + Gunner THOMAS - also Bombardier LOGIE report back to 2 nd Aust. D.A.C for duty - weather warm - <u>NW1.</u>	

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CONTAY	20-7-16		<p>The 1st a.a.s.P. report back to 1st ANZAC for duty - To move to HERISSART but cancelled - to move to RUBEMPRE, reports at 9 A.M. - We received 2nd a.a.s.P. to move to BONNEVILLE, reports at 9-30 pm. The 4th a.a.s.P. to move to LAVICOONE, but cancelled. 1st ANZAC now attached to Reserve Army - The C.O. + artillery officer to 15th Corps Park reference returns - The C.O. to D.D.S+T Reserve Army report arrival, + see about new returns - weather fine - Ammunition expended to noon today.</p> <p>1st a.a.s.P. 2250A. 13 447AX. 480 BX. 2000A. 1000 AX 400 BX</p> <p>2nd a.a.s.P. nil.</p> <p>4th a.a.s.P. nil.</p> <p>Corps expenditure - 180A. 21AX. 43 BX. <i>W.H.I.</i></p>	
CONTAY	21-7-16		<p>1st Division goes into action. Weather warm - NE AM 1536 J.B. MARTIN order to be Lance Corporal - Ammunition expended to noon to pay -</p> <p>1st a.a.s.P. 8,000A, 3,000 AX, 600 BX. 15,000 Mills grenades.</p> <p>2nd a.a.s.P. nil.</p> <p>4th a.a.s.P. nil.</p> <p>Corps expenditure - 5232A - 959 AX. 288 BX.</p> <p>sumner FOWLER 2nd a.a.s.P. sentence of 4 months H.L. commuted to 3 months <i>W.H.I.</i></p>	

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CONTAY	23-7-16		<p>all ammunition will in future come through in allotments from Army - Weather fine - Ammunition expended to noon to day - 1st aasp 3,000A. 500AX. 400BX. 2nd aasp. — nil - 4th aasp — nil - Heavy artillery — nil - Corps expenditure — 6906A. 1190AX. 556BX. <i>WLT.</i></p>	page 170.
CONTAY	23-7-16		<p>The C.O. to 4th Lahore D.A.C. re ammunition. The 562nd Coy Heavy Artillery is going to be attached for ammunition and distribution of lorries. Weather fine but dull - Ammunition expended to noon to day. 1st aasp 8,000A. 1600AX. 400BX. 2nd aasp. — nil - 4th aasp. — nil - Heavy artillery — nil - Corps expenditure. 10,142A. 5130AX 1280BX. 24 Tracers. <i>WLT.</i></p>	
CONTAY	24-7-16		<p>The C.O. to 1st D.A.C. 1st Sw: CRA + Heavy R.A. re ammunition - monsoon & ERVIEU reports back from leave - Weather fine - Ammunition expended to noon to day - 1st aasp 5,500A 3,000AX. 200BX. 1000 1000 2 aasp nil. 4 aasp nil Heavy artillery 1,000P. 160S. Corps expenditure. 3805A. 2244AX. 956BX. 24 Powder filled. 110M. <i>WLT.</i></p>	

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CONTAY	25-7-16		<p>The C.O. to 2nd a.a.s.P. at BONNEVILLE, then to 4th a.a.s.P. at STOVEN Capt CAMPBELL told about his Park going to be all Australian then to 1st a.a.s.P. at RUBEMPRE. 8 Lories of the 1st Angouaise size. Park detailed to pick up blankets at 57th P 21 a 7.0 at 11 am, did not report until 6.30 pm. Torque rod on Napier box body broken. Weather fine. Serg HARRIS + Lt Col MARTIN cruised for ammunition expended to noon to day. 1st a.a.s.P. 6,000 A 1,500 AX 2,000 BX 2nd a.a.s.P. - nil - 4th a.a.s.P. - nil - Heavy artillery 50 S 200 M. Corps expenditure 6,886 A. 2,683 AX. 7 B. 2,371 BX. 18 P.P.F. 338 P. 155 M. 42 S. 15 M.</p>	page 171
CONTAY	26-7-16		<p>Standing orders got out for the clerks in the office. Serg HARRIS takes over the office - ammunition expended to noon to day - 1st a.a.s.P. 7,500 A. 2,500 AX. 500 BX. 1,000 2nd a.a.s.P. - nil - 4th a.a.s.P. - nil - Heavy artillery 100 S. 50 M. Corps expenditure. 7,256 A. 2,566 AX. 23 B. 2,347 BX. 69 B Smoke 218 B Ined. Weather warm - 148 P. 173 S. 58 M.</p>	WWT

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CONTAY	27-7-16		<p>Officers here from Reserve Army reference ammunition. Some of the 2nd Divisional Artillery go into action. The 1st + 2nd aasp to change positions but cancelled. C.O. to 2nd Co RA. but moved. Weather fine + bright. Ammunition expended to now today - 1st aasp 4500 A. 2,000 AX. 2,000 BX. 2 aasp — hit — 4 aasp — hit — Heavy artillery 76 S. Corps expenditure. 4985 A. 1571 AX. 171 BX. 204 P. 50 M. Weather fine.</p>	page 172
CONTAY	28-7-16		<p>2nd Lt. Corpl HARVEY J.D. promoted to Corporal. Capt A.H. JAMES is attached to the 4th a.a.s.P. Weather fine. Ammunition expended to now today - 1st aasp 8,500 A. 3,250 AX. 1,000 BX. 2nd aasp. — hit — 4th a.a.s.P. 208 BX. Heavy artillery 400 P. 100 S. 50 M. Corps expenditure. 6362 A. 2144 AX. 143 BX. 18 P. 32 S.</p>	M.V.I.

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CONTAY	29-7-16		<p>The C.O. inspects suitable parking ground for 2nd + 4th aasp. The Parks to move - cancelled by "Q" - weather hot. Ammunition expended to noon today - 1st aasp 15,500 A. 6,500 AX. 3000 BX. 2nd aasp - hit - 4 aasp - hit - Heavy artillery 50 S. 50 M. 200 P. 300 S. 320 M. Corps expenditure - 12,519 A. 42742 AX. 400 BX. 439 P. 210 S. 206 M. W.H.T.</p>	
CONTAY	30-7-16.		<p>A.I.F orders dated July 29th - List N^o 70. Capt. A.H. JAMES to command a Sub Park dated July 27th 1916. Lieut. A.W. HARVEY to be Captain dated July 27th 1916. NO AM 1627 Mce. Sgt Mjr. K. MCSWAIN to be 2nd Lieut. dated July 27th 1916. NO AM 1377 Q.M. Sgt. A.H. REID to be 2nd Lieut. " " " NO AM 1574 Mce. Sgt Mjr. J.D. CAMPBELL to be 2nd Lieut. " " " weather hot. C.O. G.D. D.S+T Review army as new ant. Sub Park. Ammunition expenditure. 1st aasp 8,000 A. 4,000 AX. 1600 BX. 20,000 grenades hills. 2nd aasp - hit - 4th aasp - hit - Heavy artillery hit - Corps expenditure - 8343 A. 4624 AX. 258. 1170 BX. 88 P. 130 S. 8 M. W.H.T.</p>	

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CONTRAY	31/7/16		<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">174.</p> <p>Weather hot - Reinforcements arrive for the 4th Aust. A. S. P. from different units - Ammunition expenditure - 1st aasp 7,000 A. 3,000 AX. 600 BX. 550 P. 2nd aasp - hit - 4th aasp - hit - Heavy Artillery 550 P. 380 S. 200 M. 200 DX. Corps expenditure - 7282 A. 4363 AX, 688 BX. 6 P. 12 S. 18 M.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;"> <i>W.W. Sumbich</i> Lieut. Col. Comdg. Anzac; Amm. Park </p>	