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The Secretary,  
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I forward herewith for your information and retention, War Diary of the 17th Ammunition Sub Park for the period 1/9/15 to 30/11/15. inclusive.

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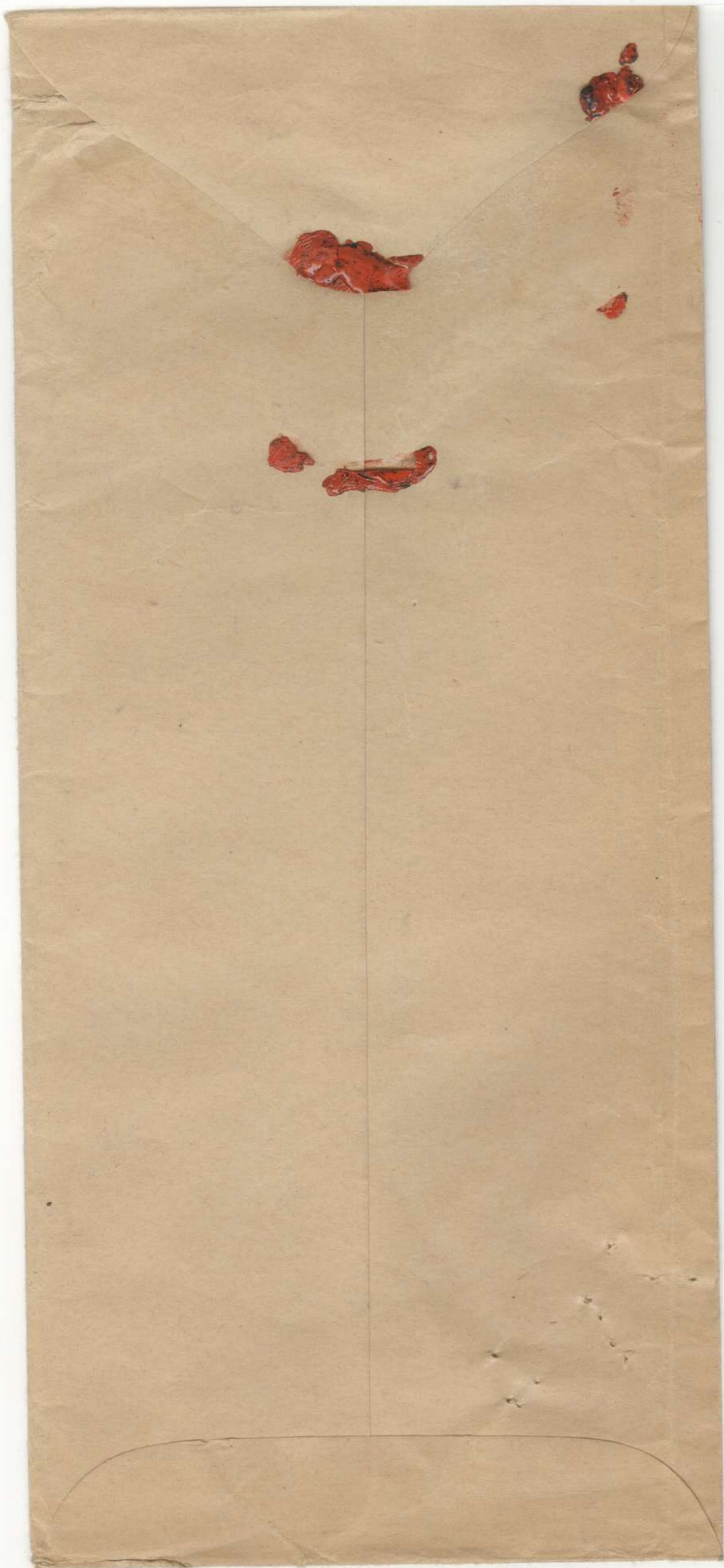
War Diary.

of

17 AMM SUB PARK

IN THE FIELD.

from. 1-9-15 to 30-9-15.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENVOORDE	1-9-15	2.0 PM	<u>General Routine.</u> Went to ABEELE. Saw General <del>Atcherley</del> Atcherley - with OC's Supt. Parks & Supply columns of V <sup>th</sup> Corps. re utilisation of spare lorries of Vinte for R.E. fatigues.	
"	2-9-15	5.0 AM 8.30 AM 11.0 AM 5.30 PM 8.0 PM	Lorry No. 41 ditched on road in 25-H-7-C-8-7. Sentry 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid lorry out to bring in 41. Went out to see No 41 brought in. Driver forward takes up duty as Signals orderly via Drive Forward. Lorry No 11740 collided with Sunbeam car No 14477 - owned to Lt. C.R. Radclyffe. at 27-Q-2-b-3-9. Bought from Dubaillov Strajecle. Vegetables F.82-00. Hubert Steenvoorde Gun F 1-20.	
"	3-9-15	12.30 PM 3.0 PM 4.0 PM	Saw Lt Col Hill A.Q.M.G. V <sup>th</sup> Corps Packed Sunbeam No 14477 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid lorry & sent it to 358 M.T. Co. G.H.Q. Went to G.H.Q. Saw O.C. 23 <sup>rd</sup> A.S.P. at MOULLE - went to 358 M.T. Co. re Sunbeam. Brought Art. Sergt. H. H. Bird back from MOULLE.	
"	4-9-15	2.0 PM	Drew from Field Cashier ABEELE. F. 4400-00. W.O. Richards brought 2 long poles & exchanged 1 bench vice from Australian workshops at G.H.Q. & took 2 tarpaulins for 23 <sup>rd</sup> A.S.P. Sicut Harvey paid the unit.	gth.

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STEENVOORDE	5-9-15		<p>General Routine.                      W.O. Tatham promoted. Temporary Lieut from 26-8-15. Authority V.A. 1700/5-9-15                      also. D.D.S.T. P. 1./2592.                      Four men reported from Base as reinforcements.                      Bought from Duyardyne Levr Steenvoorde.                      A. Coulter " " " " " " " " " "</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-left: 200px;"> <tr> <td>N. M./054188</td> <td>Divin Piper g.L</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" M./074721</td> <td>" " " " " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" M./046680</td> <td>Artificial Pow. W.P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>? No number</td> <td>B. Smith Hayward W.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F. 3-50</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nails</td> <td>0-60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bolts</td> <td>0-70</td> </tr> </table>	N. M./054188	Divin Piper g.L	" M./074721	" " " " " "	" M./046680	Artificial Pow. W.P	? No number	B. Smith Hayward W.	F. 3-50		Nails	0-60	Bolts	0-70	
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"	7-9-15		<p>General Routine                      11-0A. Left with OC. V ~ Corps Amm Park - Lt. Tatham for G.H.Q.                      12-30P. Slow. Captain Jess. OC. 23 ~ A.S.P. on road about 3 miles E of ARQUES. (23 ~ Div. on the move). Discussion re Establishment, Personnel of 17 ~ + 23 ~ Sub. Parks                      2-15PM. Called at D. of To Office. Thence to Tule Factory thence to Lt. Col. Gibbs A.Q.M.G. District of Personal Services thence to Australian Workshops. 1/c 358 M.T. Coy.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">gll.</p>														

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STEENVOORDE	8-9-15	Noon	GENERAL ROUTINE Went to D.D.S.I.T. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army (Lt Philips) re (a) purchase of stores. (b) accident to 1st Radclyffe's car. (c) issue of closed car to 17 <sup>th</sup> A.S.P.	
		5-30 PM	Inspected Advanced Section. Bought from A. Coulier. Steenvoorde. Steel FI-70.	
"	9-9-15	9-0 AM	Went with Lt. Talham to ABEELE to get a Laissez Passer. for A.P.M. V Corps.	
		3-0 PM	Went round men of R.E. fatigue lorries with OC. V Corps Amm Park. Lorry 09 had a radiator dented by collision with a Ford. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid lorry left 4 30 PM. with spare radiator - returned. 10-1 PM.	
"	10-9-15	9-0 AM	Went to R.S.O. Caestre to complain about the quality of jam thence to Hagebroeck. Bought from F. Schotte Hagebroeck. Gal. Iron } F. 16-50 Nails } 11-35 AM Went to Field Cashier changed £3-10-0 in Eng Notes to £3-0-0 in gold for F. 177-10.	
		3-0 PM	Went to Hagebroeck to 50 <sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station. saw Capt Swayne & Capt Nicholas - Eraker etc.	
		9-5 PM	Sent lorry No. 11711 with 280 rounds of Anti-Aircraft Ammunition to increase establishment of Advanced Section.	
"	11-9-15	12 30 P.	OC. 23 <sup>rd</sup> A.S.P. called to inquire about Regimental Details - Voluntary resignation of N.C.O.s etc.	
		2-30 P.	Majors etc. OC. 11 <sup>th</sup> Corps Amm Park called to enquire about running a Corps Park & took a copy of list of returns to be rendered.	
		3-30 P.	Inspected Advanced Section. thence to O.A.D.O.S. 17 <sup>th</sup> Division thence to OC. 23 <sup>rd</sup> A.S.P. Lorry 11703 came in with 4 Backs inside tyre stuffed. Mileage 1603.	

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STEENVOORDE	12-9-15	Noon	St. Cl. Hill inspected the Camp & Quarters of the Unit.	
		3-0pm	Went with O.C. V <sup>th</sup> Corps Amm Park to O.C. 23 <sup>rd</sup> A.S.P. re Mails & Changes of Allowance. General Routine	
"	13-9-15	Noon	Received from V <sup>th</sup> Corps Troops Supply Column. two 4 1/2 HP Douglas Motor Cycles & side cars. Eng. Nos. 2268 2388	
		2:30 P.	Went with O.C. V <sup>th</sup> Corps Amm Park to inspect work of lorries on R.E. fatigues Sent lorry 11741 to 17 <sup>th</sup> Div R.E. to take place of lorry 11730 returned with a leaky radiator. Bought from { Dubaillo STRAZEELE Vegetables F.82-00 Ruckebusch - Deluyev Sheet Iron F.6-30. General Routine	
"	14-9-15	6-0AM	Lieut Harvey & 10 lorries left for CALAIS to bring back Tram-vails	
		9-30AM	Went with Lt. Tatham to Advanced Section - Inspected roads used by Unit with Lt. Fordyce. Saw O.C. 79 <sup>th</sup> B.A.C. re his request for the loan of a lorry.	
		10-0pm	Lieut Harvey returned (in advance of the lorries).	
		11-55pm	last lorry of the convoy returned General Routine	
"	15-9-15	11-0A	Went to tyre press STRAZEELE re tyres for Peerless belonging to 172 <sup>nd</sup> RE Coy. Saw Lt. Col. Moon. 17 <sup>th</sup> O.S.C. at H.Q. V <sup>th</sup> Corps Amm Park General Routine	
	16-9-15	11-0AM	Saw O.C. Tyre press STRAZEELE	
		2-0PM	Took driver of Hill to ABEELE Station for transfer to base. Inspected Advanced Section	
		6-30 PM	Sent two lorries to Advanced Section to replace two with knock in engine. Delivered (individually) 1 lorry SAA type U.S. to O.C. 29 <sup>th</sup> Mot. Vet. Section. Bought from I. Samelle - Detail Steenvoorde Varnish F. 0-90	



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STEENVORDE	17-9-15.	9-0 AM	General Routine.	
			Saw A.P.M. VLAMERTINGHE (A.Q.M.G. VI Div. re Steel Girders for 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Lorry.	
		NOON.	Went to O.C. 23 <sup>rd</sup> A.S.P. re Nominal Rolls.	
		3-30 PM	Lt. Tatham & Interpreter went to G.H.Q.	
		5-0 PM	Lt. Harvey drew F. 4300-00 on Imprest Account. - paid the sub Park.	gtt
"	18-9-15	9-0 AM	General Routine.	
			Saw Lt. Col. Hill re girders S of Railway Line VLAMERTINGHE - sent to Lt. Col. Collins	
			OA & Q.M.G. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Division - thence to A.P.M. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div.	gtt
"	19-9-15	Noon.	Sent Lt. Harvey to HAZEBROUCK to see O.C. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Batts re Pte Gincherou - travelling without papers.	
		3-0 PM	Inspected Advanced Section	gtt
"	20-9-15	10-0 AM	Sent S. Sgt Lane to G.H.Q. to see D.D.S.T. - Authority D.D.S.T II Army. T. 1/1094	
		2-0 PM	" " " Troops Supply Column.	
			Sent 7 lorries 1/2 Sgt Jackson to Advanced Section.	
		3-0 PM	Captain Tapp. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Corps Troops Supply Column. called re surplus motor cycles.	
		5-0 PM	Lieut Harvey & 7 lorries left to take over Advanced Section.	
			Paid Madame Verbeke F. 50-00 for rent of office for 50 days	gtt
"	21-9-15	7-30 AM	Lieut Fordyce took over R.E. Fatigue re Lt. Harvey to Advanced Section.	
		11-30 AM	Inspected Advanced Section	
		3-30 PM	Visited O.C. 23 <sup>rd</sup> A.S.P. re Inquiry re Board of Enquiry sent by High Commissioner	
		6-0 PM	Inspected Advanced Section with O.C. V <sup>th</sup> Corps Amm Park	gtt

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STEENVORDE	22-9-15	9-0 AM	<p>General Routine Went to Advanced Section - Discussed proposed new position of Advanced Section with OC V<sup>th</sup> Corps Amm Park. Discussed &amp; inspected with Lt Col. Dunlop (OC 17<sup>th</sup> O.A.C.) position of Ammunition Dump if required to be formed. Went to BAILLEUL to inquire about Peerless cylinders at R.T. Os Office. Then to STRAZEELE to see O.C. tyre press. - Peerless Tyres. 9-0 AM Went to A&amp;Q V<sup>th</sup> Corps also Advanced Section - Inquiries re 'V' type S.A.A. 10-45 P Issued orders to Lt Harvey to dump "Thelfallite No 2 bombs Received CA. 695 - One transfer of 5 tonnes temporarily - to Cantalbeam Sub Park</p>	jtt
"	23-9-15	20 PM	<p>Detached to 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Sub. Park. 5 tonnes - 1140 rounds 18 pdr Shrapnell. 1 Corporal 10 drivers - 5 R.F.A details Inspected site of Advanced Section Inspected Advanced Section with Lt. Col. Dunlop, Lt. White</p>	<p>HE 65 11710 11718 11721 11724 11742 jtt</p>
"	24-9-15	3-0 AM 11-0 AM 2-30 PM 7-0 PM 11-30 PM	<p>Sent 60 rounds 18 pdr Shrapnell to 3<sup>rd</sup> A-S-P. Above 60 - returned. All S.A.A. transferred from bandstand in square to Dump in camp. Went out to Advanced Section with Art Officer V<sup>th</sup> Corps Amm Park - saw long No 11719 pulled out of a ditch. Received CA. 709 re painting out everything but W.D. Nos on lorries asking for 1132 rounds of "A" at once</p>	jtt

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STEENVOORDE	24-9-15	entire	<p>Issued in Daily Orders Part II No 354.</p> <p>Promotions 24 cleaners to Drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Artificer to Corporal</li> <li>3 Sgts to Act. S. Sgts</li> <li>1 Lance Sgt to Sgt</li> <li>4 Lance Cpls to be Cpls</li> <li>1 S Sgt to be Acting SM</li> <li>1 S Sgt to be Acting W.O.</li> <li>1 Cpl to be Sergeant.</li> </ul>	<p>to complete Establishment</p> <p style="text-align: right;">jt.</p>						
"	25-9-15	12-5 AM	Sent 5 lorries Nos 07-08-22-23-40 out to Advanced Section loaded with A.							
		12-6 AM	Recd. instructions to send 20,000 rounds S.A.A. to Advanced Section							
		12-35 AM	Lorry No 30 - with 80,000 rounds S.A.A. moved out to Advanced Section							
		6-45 AM	Issued instructions that everything but W.D. Numbers to be painted off lorries (C 0209)							
		7-15 AM	Lieut Forays sent out to relieve 2nd Harvey							
		8-0 AM	6 lorries sent out as above - returned empty							
			2 Douglas Cycles transferred to I <sup>st</sup> Corps Troops Supply Column	<table style="font-size: small;"> <tr> <td>From</td> <td>Engine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22516</td> <td>21976</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21593</td> <td>23018</td> </tr> </table>	From	Engine	22516	21976	21593	23018
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			Rearr. Surplus to Establishment	jt.						
"	26-9-15	2-0 PM	<p>General Routine.</p> <p>Inspected Advanced Section - thence to BAILLEUL - re M.T. Stores. Saw R.T.O. who advised that M.T. Stores should be sent to 14<sup>th</sup> Divisor Railroad.</p> <p>thence to Canadian Amm Park - discussed payment - outfitting of details attached with the Adjutant. thence to Wyn Pass STRAZEELE</p>	jt.						

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"	28-9-15	3-30pm	General Routine. Inspected Advanced Section.	<del>gtt.</del>
"	29-9-15	2-30pm 3-0pm	General Routine. Went to V <sup>th</sup> Corps Troops Supply Officer to get Vouchers signed. Inspected Advanced Section.	<del>gtt.</del>
"	30-9-15	9-30am 3-30pm	General Routine. Inspected Advanced Section. Thence to V <sup>th</sup> Corps Troops O.D. to get vouchers signed. Thence to BAILLEUL to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Canadian Sub Park - paraded gunners to obtain details of date of enlistment for Woolwich. - thence to STRAZEELE tyre press. Thence to R.T.O. Caestre a base to which Australian Field Kitchens men to be sent. (Colais). Usual inspection of Advanced Section.	<del>gtt.</del>