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**WAR DIARY**

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROI SEL. Sheet 62.C	1918.			
	October			
	1st.		Moved Main Ordnance Dump from Le-Mesnil to Roisel. Issued Wagon Ambulance to 8th Field Ambulance to replace one condemned. Issued 14 sets Packsaddlery to 15th Infantry Brigade for operations.	
	2nd.		v Demanded 18pdr. Wagon Ammunition Body for 1st Section, 5th D.A.C. to replace one Condemned, also 4.5 How. Carriage for 114th Battery to replace Reg.No.24898 damaged by Shell-fire. Received from Base Wagon Limbered G.S. for 59th Battalion, Cart Water Tank for 58th Battalion, Cable Wagon for 5th Australian Divisional Signal Coy., and Cart Officers' Mess for 49th Battery.	
	3rd.		Demanded 4.5 How. piece and Carriage for 114th Battery to replace Reg. Nos 2459 and 2068 damaged by Shell-fire, also, demanded 3 Complete 18pdr. Wagon Ammunition with Limbers for 1st Section 5th A.D.A.C. and Wagon Ammn. 18 pdr. for 53rd Battery all to replace destroyed by Shell-fire. Received from Base 7 tons of S.D.Clothing, Boots ankle, Grindery and 4000 Jackets Cardigan.	
	4th		Received from Base 7 tons of General Stores including a large quantity of Transport Equipment, Harness and Saddlery and Oils, Grease, Soap and Dubbin. Received from Gun Park 4.5 How. piece Reg.No.3094 for 114th Battery replacing Reg.No.622, 18 pdr. piece Reg.No.11118 for 4th Battery replacing Reg. No. 6867 and 2-18 pdr. pieces Reg. Nos. 9586 and 11275 for 55th Battery replacing Reg. Nos. 6710 and 6591. Demanded 3" Stokes Trench Mortar for 8th Aust. L. T. M. Bty. to replace one destroyed by Shell-fire.	
	5th		Received from Gun Park 3 Complete 18 pdr. Ammn. Wagons with Limbers for 1st Section 5th A.D.A.C., 1 - 18 pdr. Ammunition Wagon for 2nd Section 5th A.D.A.C. and 1 - 18 pdr. Ammunition Wagon Body for 53rd Battery. Received from Havre Base 8 tons of General Stores including 90 c/s. Shoes horse and 21 Wheels. Moved all Units of 1st Australian Divisional Artillery, 1st Coy. A.A.S.C. and 1st Australian Pioneer Battalion to Ordnance 1st Australian Division for supply and administration. 5th Australian Div. less Arty. preparing to move out to Rest Area.	



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Roisel.	1918. Oct. 6th.		Moved all Units of 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and 10th Coy. A.A.S.C. to Ordnance Australian Corps Troops for supply and administration. Reconsigned Truck No. 165750 from Roisel to New Railhead. Loaded 3 Trucks Ordnance Stores at Roisel and consigned them to new Railhead. Advanced Part leave here with lorry load of Camp Equipment for New Area. Demanded 3 Vickers Machine Guns for 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion to replace others destroyed by "Shell-fire."	
	7th		2 Lorries with Ordnance Stores and Personnel leave for new Area. Received from Gun Park 1 - 3" Stokes Trench Mortar for 8th A.L.T.M. Bty. and 3 Vickers Machine Guns for 5th Machine Gun Battalion. Ordnance Dump established at the Distillery Oisemont, Railhead to be Pont-Remy. All Gun Park Stores now to be demanded from Havre Base. Demands passed to Base for all items of Winter Clothing required for this Division	
OISEMONT.	8th		Move completed from Roisel. Received 10 tons of General Stores from Base including 1000 Blankets. Demanded from Base Body T.K. and Cart Water Tank for 32nd Battalion to replace others condemned.	
	9th		Demanded from Base 8000 Pailiasses for use of this Division whilst in this Area, also demanded Limber T.K. for 56th Battalion and Hind portion Wagon L.G.S. for 53rd Battalion.	
	10th.		Received from Base 9 tons of General Stores including Picketing and Stable gear, Oils, Grease, Soap and Dubbin and a large quantity of Technical mobilization equipment.	
	11th		5th Australian Divisional Artillery, 10th Coy. A.A.S.C. and S.A.A. Section moved from Ordnance Australian Corps Troops to Ordnance II American Corps Troops for Ordnance supply and administration.	
	12th		Received 3 Trucks/ loads Ordnance Stores, which were re-consigned from Roisel. All Units indents now submitted for re-equipment, large demands being received for S.D. Clothing, Paint and Transport equipment.	



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OISEMONT.	1918. Oct. 13th		Received from Base 8 tons of General Stores including 420 Rugs Horse and 1000 Blankets. 29th and 54th Battalions demobilizing and all mobilization equipment with the exception of transport being returned to Ordnance.	
	14th		Received from Base Body T.K. and Cart Water Tank for 32nd Battalion, Limber T.K. for 56th Battalion and Hind portion Limbered Wagon G.S. for 53rd Battalion	
	15th 15th.		Received from Rouen Base 7 tons of Clothing S.D. Boots ankle, Grindery and Jackets Cardigan. Sent Lorry load to Artillery Group principally Horse Rugs, S.D. Clothing and Boots ankle.	
	16th		Received from Havre Base 8,000 Pailliasses. Artillery Branch Ordnance Dump moved from Peronne to Roisel.	
	17th		2000 Rugs Horse received from Base. Demanded Cart W.T. for 14th Field Coy.	
	18th		Received 3000 Blankets, G.S. from Base, this being the first consignment of Units second Blanket.	
	19th		18,300 Drawers, woollen received from Rouen Base and delivered direct to Baths.	
	20th		Demanded Cart W.T. for 59th Battalion to replace one condemned. Received from Rouen Base 1950 Jerkins, Leather and Undercoats Fur, these were despatched direct from Railhead to Brigades.	
	21st		Received from Rouen Base 432 Coats, Long-rein Drivers and 45 c/s Shoes horse from Havre Base.	



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OISEMONT	22nd.		Returned 1,500 Rugs Horse to Base as the general clipping of horses will not be carried out this year. Received from Rouen Base 10100 Drawers Woollen, and 2,400 Vest Woollen these were delivered direct to Divisional Baths from Railhead.	
	23rd		Received from Havre Base two Carts Water Tank, one each 59th Battalion and 14th Field Coy., also received Truck from Rouen Base containing 13700 prs. Gloves Fingerless and 4,000 Jerkins, Leather.	
	24th.		14,000 Blankets G.S. received from Base.	
	25th.		Received from Rouen Base 14,000 prs. Gloves, worsted, 200 prs. Gloves, M.T.A.S.C. and 6,500 Vests, Woollen.	
	26th.		86 c/s Shoes horse and a number of wheels received from Havre Base. Units are now complete with 2nd Blanket.	
	27th		Received from Base 9 tons General Stores principally Transport equipment, Harness and Saddlery, Oils, Grease, Soap and Dubban .	
	28th.		Artillery Units moving out into Rest Area, Branch Ordnance Dump will be established in Camon.	
	29th		Received from Rouen Base 9 tons S.D.Clothing, Boots ankle, Grindery and necessaries.	
	30th		Demanded Cart Water Tank for 56th Battalion and one for 59th Battalion both to replace others condemned.	
	31st		Sent up to Artillery Group 2,300 Jerkins, Leather, 1,200 Gloves, Fingerless, 2,300 Gloves, Worsted and 1,500 Blankets. All Infantry Units now completed with their issue of Winter Clothing.	

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APPENDIX

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

"A"

LABOR EMPLOYED.

"B"

BULK ISSUES FOR MONTH.

"C"

LOCAL PURCHASE.

"D"

GUNS ISSUED.

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APPENDICES.</u></p> <p>(A) The Labor daily employed varied from 14 - 16 outside the ordinary Ordnance Personnel.</p> <p>The number of Boot-makers continuously working was 8.</p> <p>(B) Bulk Issues during October:- approximate strength of Division : 17000 Greatcoats, 189, Jackets, S.D. 2192, Boots ankle, 2362, Pantaloon, 893, Sheets-ground, 414, Trousers, 1593, Puttees, prs. 2278, Hats felt, 625, Tins, mess 1021, Bottles water, 206, Shoes horse, prs. 3199, Shoes Mule, prs. 2350.</p> <p>(C) It was not necessary to expend any money on Local Purchase.</p> <p>(D) 3 - 18 pdr. pieces were drawn from Ordnance Gun Park, No.4 to replace others condemned, 4th Battery - 1, 55th Battery - 2. 1 - 4.5. Howitzer was drawn from No.4 Ordnance Gun Park for the 114th Battery to replace condemned.</p>	

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