

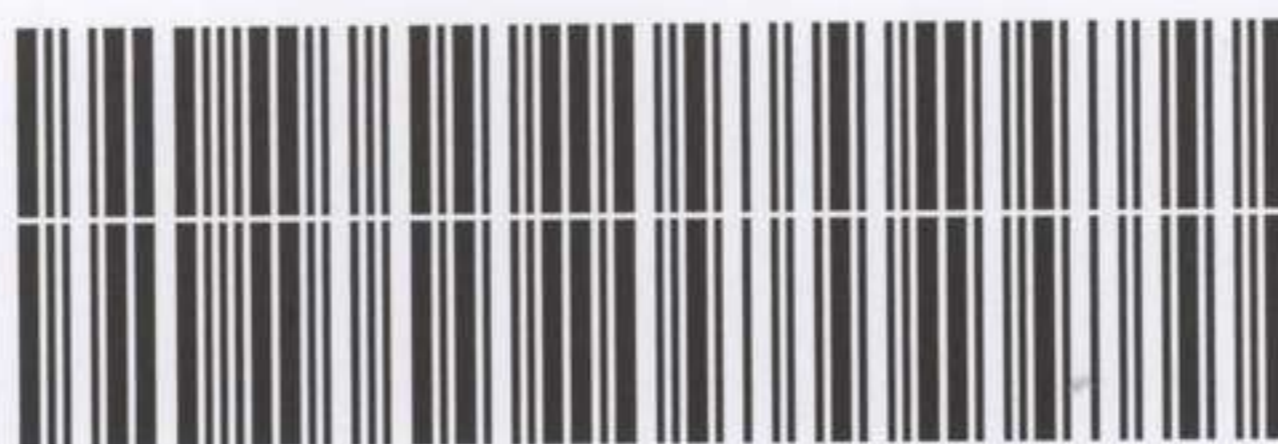
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*No 2 Aust Ammunition Unit*

FOR

*July* 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

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Signature of Officer Commanding

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*O.B. No 2 Aust Ammunition Unit*  
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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ballast dump B20462	29/1/18		Planning a site for Laboratory also salvaged Ammunition to be repaired.	
"	29/1/18		Inspecting for stores tools etc required for Laboratory operations & obtaining stores from Ordnance.	
"	22/2/18		Collecting stores from Ordnance & R.F. Dump.	
"	23/2/18		Sectioning Fuzes 146 & pistol traps (Stokes Mortar) for French Mortar School.	
"	24/2/18		A party of 50 Americans commenced excavating for Laboratory & Amtr Bays.	
"	25/2/18		Commenced work examining & refuzing 13 <sup>th</sup> QF Shrapnel & H.E.	
"	26/2/18		A working party of 50 Americans excavating for Laboratory & Amtr Bays.	
"	27/2/18		The OCA 2 Unit accompanied by the W.O inspected all Corp Dumps. A.R.P. & Divisional Bomb & Grenade Dumps.	see APP
"	28/2/18		Re-fuzing & examining 13 <sup>th</sup> Salvaged Amtr. Ceased work on Laboratory, order having been received that 3 <sup>rd</sup> Corp would take over the Dump.	
"	27/2/18		Re-fuzing & examining 13 <sup>th</sup> Ammunition.	
"	30/2/18		The O.C. unit accompanied by the W.O inspected Ammunition on charge to 16 <sup>th</sup> Bde Ammunition Column also A Battery Q Battery & V Battery R.H.A. Amtr found in good condition 4 min reported from R.A.C.A & taken in strength of unit.	
"	3/7/18		packing & cleaning up preparatory to handing over to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Corp.	

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## APPENDIX

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Appendix to War Diary of No. 2 Aust Ammunition  
Unit A.A.C.

Appendix I

Organization The Establishment of the above  
unit is as under:-

Sub. (Lab Foreman)	(Fuze Manipulator)	Cpl	Plt	Batman	Total
1st Class WO	Sergeant				

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with the exception of the Batman the personnel  
of this unit was drawn from the R.A.S.A.  
(i.e. Nos 1 & 2 Aust Siege Batteries),

the officer, WO, & WCOs having undergone  
a course of instruction in Ammunition  
at Woolwich Arsenal.

Appendix II shows the duties laid  
down for this unit & the unit comm-  
enced operations on the 20-7-18.

at "Ballarat Corps Camp" Sheet 62<sup>d</sup>

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## Appendix 2

Headquarters  
16<sup>th</sup> July 1918

Now that Ordnance Ammunition Units are being provided for the Corps, it is laid down that the duties of the Technical Officers and the A.F.O.C. personnel shall be as follows:-

- ① These Officers will act as the technical administrative ammunition Officers to the Corps. They will generally supervise all Corps Ammunition Dumps and inspect all A.R.P.s and Divisional Bomb Dumps in their area and report to A.D.O.S., Corps on the sorting, care + preservation, and where Standing Orders are being complied with and will be available to give technical advice and assistance to B.G., H.A. and G.O.S.C. R.A., if required by them on application by Staff Captain of same to the Officer in Charge Ordnance Ammunition Unit of his sector. They will be assisted these duties by the A.F.O.C. personnel.
- ② They will keep in touch with Salvage Officers and instruct them as to the disposal of all salvaged ammunition, and arrange for the demolition of duds, shells, bombs, etc., in their area.
- ③ They will be available, if required, to investigate cases of prematures which occur with guns, howitzers, or trench mortars, (such investigations frequently bring out important details which throw light on the cause of the failure), and where damage has occurred to gun, etc., it is important that they should work in conjunction with the Inspector of Ordnance Machinery concerned in the examination of the injured piece, and enquiry into the occurrence.
- ④ The investigations of failures and faults other than prematures, of ammunition, grenades, signals and all stores supplied through Ammunition Railheads should be carried out on the same lines.
- ⑤ The result of all their investigations will be forwarded by them to A.D.O.S. Corps.
- ⑥ A weekly report will be rendered to A.D.O.S. Corps Monday on each week, of all Dumps, A.R.P.s, visited and conditions thereat.
- ⑦ In all technical matters they will be under command of A.D.O.S. Corps.
- ⑧ Having qualified Laboratory Foremen and Fuzee Manipulators with each Unit, all salvaged Gun + Howitzer Ammunition will be inspected by them; ammunition found serviceable by them will be taken over by the Corps Dumps, components required to complete will be demanded by Corps to enable repairs to be effected and ammunition made fit for issue and the consequent return to Railhead of the minimum of ~~the~~ unserviceable ammunition.
- ⑨ Arrangements will be made to equip each Corps Salvage Dump with an adequate supply of dunnage, tarpaulins, ammunition keys, screwdrivers, bluing, Pettman's cement, rubber fuzee covers, and fuzee-water-proofing composition.
- ⑩ An account will be kept of all salvaged ammunition dealt with, showing number received, repaired + reissued, and returned to Ammunition Railheads, with details of components received, used and on hand.
- ⑪ The Laboratory and Salvage Dumps of each Unit will be at least 200 yds from the clear from the Main Dump, be provided with covered accommodation and be well traversed.

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for Brigadier General  
D.A. + G.M.G.(A.C.)