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Bac St Maur.	Augt. 1st.		Supplies of washed and repaired clothing received from Erquinghem and Saily baths.	
"	2nd.		300 Blankets from Erquinghem Baths. General issues. Periscope return to A.D.O.S.	
"	3rd.		Pistols signal 1", 21 received from Base for 8th. Inf. Bde., Letter from A.D.O.S., re reporting on wire-proof gloves.	
"	4th.		Quantity of clothing issued to brigades. boots fair quantity issued. Four (4) LewisGuns received	}
"	5th.		Periscopes no. 18, eighty (80) issued to 15th. F. A. Bde. Brigade W.O's visited dumps and and issued to 14th. Inf. Bde.)	
"	"		Q. M's stores. Turnout and purchase return to A. D. O.S.	
"	6th.		Pistols signal, eighteen (18) issued to 15th. INF. Bde. Handcarts common, ten (10) issued to	
"	"		M.T. Mortar Bde. Fifty (50) shields bomber's received from O.O., 2nd. Anzac corps.	
"	"		Eight (8) Lewis Guns issued to 8th. Inf. Bde., and 368 magazines.	
"	"		Four (4) " " " to 14th. Inf. Bde.	

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Bac St. Maur.	Augt. 7th.		General issues and receipts.	
	8th.		General issues and receipts. Quantity of unserviceable stores returned to Base.	
	9th.		General issues. 500 linings for helmets T.P. received from Base. Periscope return to A.D.O.S.	
	10th.		General issues. Quantity of paints, oil etc., received from Base.	
	"		D.R.O. No. 704 referring to ammunition packages.	
	11th.		Consignment of clothing from Base. General issues. <i>Meeting held of Lewis gun officers.</i>	
	12th.		Seals for Officer's kits not available. Magazines and machine gun return to A.D.O.S.	
	12th.		D.R.O. No. 718 reference Officer's saddlery.	
	13th.		General issues. Turnouts and purchase return to A.D.O.S.	

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	14th.		Compassess Magnetic twelve (12) received for 15th. inf. rde.	
	"		Ordnance Q.F. 18 pdr. piece no. 8600 received for 57th. Battery	
	15th.		Authority for issue of canvas clothing for Divnl. Train received.	
	"		General issues.	
	16th.		Received quantity of Mob. Stores to replace others lost by 14th. Field Coy.	
	"		Periscope return to A.D.O.S.	
	17th.		5th. Divnl. Supply Column moved from D.O.O., 5th. Aust. Division to G.O., II. ANZAC.	
	"		military medal ribbon in 5" lengths and breast pieces issued to A.A." Q.M.G.	
	17th.		Clothing removed from sailly baths to Erquinghem baths. Efforts made to purchase "Luminous paint".	
	"		D.D.O.S., (Colonel Hale) visited Depot.	
	"		Wagon ammunition, issued to D.A.C., 500 Lewis Gun Magazines received and issued.	
	18th.		Luminous and neutral paint and 20 Torches electric procured from Calais. (special messenger).	
	"		Fire orders posted in stores and sheds. Helmets ^{T.P.} 800 received from Base.	
	19th.		Nine (9) watches K.A. received fro Artillery. Large quantity of stores received from base,	
	"		and issued to units. ^{hundred} Four and eighty (480) magazines received from 51st. Division.	

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Bac St Augt. Maur.	20th.		Thirty (30) bicycles received for Artillery units in lieu of horses, and carts Officer's mess one (1) for 30th. Battalion. saddlery officer's sets two (2).	
	21st.		Twentyone (21) Tarpaulins for D.A.C. Dumps received from U.O., 2nd. Anzac Corps. <i>meeting with Lewis gun Officers</i> Large quantity of general stores from Base. 1400 helmets T.P., received from Base.	
	22nd.		Received 1200 helmets T.P., and 2,000 P.H.G. helmets from C.O.U.	
	23rd.		Three 3() Barr & Stroud rangefinders received from Base and issued to 8th. Infantry Brigade, and also two (2) telescopes vide letter from Second Army dated 12/7/'16.	
	24th.		Three (3) periscopes no. 14, and four (4) mekometers complete from C.O.U. Periscope return to A.D.O.S. Received from C.O.U., Calais eleven (11) sets saddlery (officer's) in lieu of U.P.	
	"		Quantity of technical stores for Artillery units received and issued, also four (4) mekometers	
	"		for 8th. field coy., Special shield for machine Gun received from U.O., Corps Troops and	
	"		issued to 14th. infantry brigade.	
	"		Letter to D.H.Q. re Divisional boot shop. Divisional armourers shop opened.	
	25th.		Received twentyone (21) periscopes no. 9. General issues and receipts.	
	26th.		Received forty-eight (48) torches electric. Turnouts and purchase return to A.D.O.S.	

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Bac St Maur.	Augt. 27th.		Brigade W.O's inspected battalion dumps. Twenty-two (22) rangefinders received from Base and issued to 15th. Infantry brigade.	
	" 28th.		(Helmets T.P., Lewis magazines)	
	"		(" P.H.G., Sprayers vermorel) Return re these stores forwarded to A.D.O.S.	
	"		(" P.H., Strombos horns.)	
	"		bootmakers reported for duty at divisional bootshop.	
	29th.		Three (3) men from Divisional Train attached to staff for training. General issues.	
	30th.		General issues and receipts.	
	31st.		Received eleven (11) B. & S. rangefinders from base. wire received from Base Ordnance 2nd. Army	
	"		advising extra issue of two (2) Lewis Guns per Battalion.	
	"		D. O. O.'s conference at A.D.O.S' office.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																
Bac st Maur.	1916 Aug.		<p>During the past month a considerable quantity of stores of all descriptions have been received from Base and distributed to units of the Division.</p> <p>The Base have been very prompt in dealing with our demands. The only stores which are slow in coming to hand are spare parts for Machine Guns; these stores are urgently required.</p> <p>In some cases our clothing demands have not been met in full.</p> <p>Demands for technical stores for Artillery have been promptly met.</p> <p>Wheels of all classes are forwarded without any delay. During the month we have received and issued 202 wheels of all descriptions.</p> <p><u>HELMETS T.P.</u>: During the month we have received 4,400 steel helmets thereby completing our first supply, and the balance are to replace others lost and damaged.</p> <p><u>RANGE FINDING; STORES</u>: It is with pleasure that I report the receiving the following stores:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Range-finders B & S.</td> <td>- 25,</td> <td>(Total cost Approximate)</td> <td>-----£1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Periscopes No.14.</td> <td>- 3</td> <td>" "</td> <td>"-----£ 50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mekometers,</td> <td>- 4</td> <td>" "</td> <td>"-----£ 40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>do.</td> <td>- 4</td> <td>" "</td> <td>"-----£ 40</td> </tr> </table> <p>The range-finders are the first that have been issued to this Division, and were demanded from the Base on the 17-6-16.</p>	Range-finders B & S.	- 25,	(Total cost Approximate)	-----£1,500	Periscopes No.14.	- 3	" "	"-----£ 50	Mekometers,	- 4	" "	"-----£ 40	do.	- 4	" "	"-----£ 40	
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Bac St maur.	August. 1916.		<p><u>GUNS MACHINE:</u> - We received thirteen (13) Guns Lewis and 1,080 Lewis gun magazines, and a small quantity of spare parts.</p> <p><u>DIVISIONAL ARMOURERS WORKSHOP:</u>- This shop was commenced during the latter part^{end} of the month but owing to not having sufficient tools, extensive repairs have not yet been undertaken, all necessary tools have been demanded and are expected very soon.</p> <p><u>DIVISIONAL BOOTSHOP:</u>- This branch of ordnance was also commenced at the end of the month and will be in full swing during the ensuing month.</p> <p><u>DIVISIONAL SALVAGE COY:</u>- Much useful work has been done by the Salvage Coy., large quantities of stores of all descriptions have been salvaged and received from units and returned to Base, serviceable clothing being returned to the laundry for washing and repairing, and re-issue.</p> <p>ALL TENTS in Divisional area have been inspected by Ordnance representatives and their condition reported on. Tents were demanded and received from Base to replace those requiring repair, and any found unserviceable.</p> <p><u>OFFICER'S PURCHASE DEPARTMENT:</u>- During the past month this section has been dealt with a considerable quantity of clothing, stores etc, for officer's "On Payment". Over 200 parcels have been received from the Base and in almost every case the officer's have expressed satisfaction with the articles received.</p>	

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