

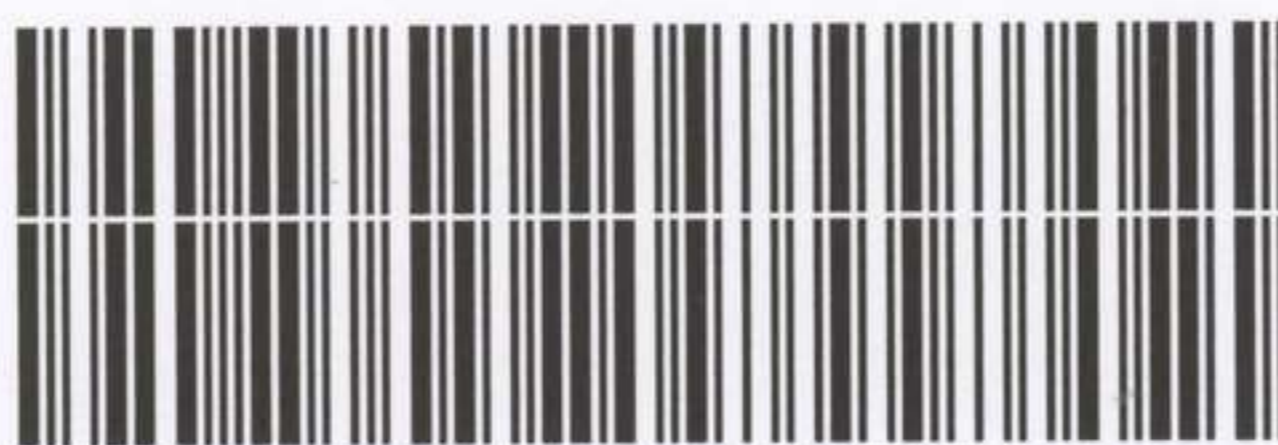
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
Location	1.			
Sheet 62D	August			
G.20 Central				
			Received from Base 6 tons General Stores including 21 Wheels No.200, a large quantity of Paint Service Color and Transport equipment. Railhead changed from Poulainville to Ailly-Sur-Somme. All Units are now out of the line and are being rapidly re-equipped. Demanded 4.5 How. piece for 114th Battery to replace Reg.No.1930 condemned for "Wear".	
	2.		Received from Base 8 tons Service Dress Clothing, only half the number of Jackets demanded were sent up from Base, all other items boots ankle, Breeches, etc., received as required. Visited all Brigades, Machine Gun Battalion, and Pioneers Battalion, no urgent requirements and everything satisfactory. Demanded 1 - 3" Stokes T.M. for 15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery to replace one destroyed "Shell-fire".	
	3.		Received 4 tons Stable and Picketing Gear from Base. 600 suits Imperial Pattern S.D. Clothing issued to 6th Field Ambulance for use in Main Dressing Station, St Acheulin exchanging Gassed patients clothing. Demanded 2 - 3" Stokes Trench Mortars for 14th A.L.T.M. Battery to replace others destroyed "Shell-fire".	
	4.		Issued 4.5 How:- piece Reg. No.880 to 114th Battery to replace No.1930 condemned "Wear", also issued 1 - 3" Stokes T.M. to 15th A.L.T.M.Battery and 2 to 14th A.L.T.M.Battery. Drew from O.O. Fourth Army Troops 50 sets Packsaddlery and 50 Racks-carrying water-tins and from D.A.D.O.S., Australian Corps Troops 6000 Bottles water with Shoulder straps, 50 Hot-food-containers and 100 Wire cutters, all to be issued forthwith to Infantry units for use in pending operations, Distribution 1800 water bottles, 16 sets Packsaddlery, 16 racks-carrying water-tins and 16 pairs Wire cutters per Brigade and 600 Water bottles to the Machine Gun Battalion. Advanced Ordnance Dump established on Glissy-Blangy-Tronville Road, Location Sheet 62D, W20. D.8.O. Railhead changed from Ailly-Sur-Somme to Lamotte-Brebiere, supplies to be cleared at night. Received from Base 5 tons General Stores including 800 Box respirators 46 c/s Shoes-Horse.	

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	1918. August 5.		<p>Demanded Cart W.T. for 53rd Battery to replace one "Condemned". All issues of "Battle Stores" completed. Preparing to move the whole Dump forward to N20.D8.0. Received from Advanced Gun Park Longeau 36 M V Range Dial Correctors for distribution to Artillery Batteries, and all urgent outstanding M.G.Stores.</p>	
Location 62D.N20 D8.0	Sheet Aug.6.		<p>Moved the whole of the Dump, with exception of Bootmakers and Armourers Shops, to new Location. Issued 4 Lewis Guns to 29th Battalion to replace others damaged by "Shell-fire".</p>	
		7.	<p>Artillery Units asking for Wire-cutters urgently, these were collected from Gun Park, Pont-Remy and Batteries advised to collect. Received from Base through 3rd Corps 2000 Dressings Field. Demanded 4 - 3" Stokes Trench Mortars for 8th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery to replace others destroyed "Shell-fire", also Wagon, L.G.S. for 30th Battalion to replace one "condemned".</p>	
		8.	<p>Collected from Gun Park and issued to 8th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery 4 - 3" Stokes Mortars. Demanded 3 - 6" Newton T.Ms' for 9th Aust. M.T.M.Battery to replace others destroyed "Shell-fire". Issued Gun Lewis to 32nd Battalion to replace one destroyed "Shell-fire".</p>	
		9.	<p>Established an advanced Ordnance Dump at Villers-Bretonneux, Location Sheet 62D, P32-A-2.8, this Dump carries 500 Box Respirators, 1000 Field Dressings, 30 gallons Oil lub., a few gallons of Mineral and Rangoon Oil and a quantity of Rifle flannelette. All urgent Stores are forwarded from Main Dump and issued to Units from this Advanced Depot.</p>	
		10.	<p>Demanded 1 - 6" Newton Trench Mortar for 10th Australian Medium Trench Mortar Battery to replace one destroyed "Shell-fire". Received from Base Wagon G.S. for S.A.A.Section 5th D.A.C., 2 Wagons, L.G.S. one each for 30th and 55th Battalions and 2 Carts W.T. one each for 53rd Battery and 58th Batt. Demanded Cart W.T. with Harness complete for 30th Battalion to replace "Destroyed "Shell-fire", also 18pdr. piece for 53rd Bty. to replace Reg.No.6212 condemned "Scoring" and 18pdr. carriage for same unit to replace Reg.No.99470 Condemned "shell-fire".</p>	

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	1918.			
	August			
	11.		<p>Large quantities of Captured Ordnance Stores and Machine Guns being returned by Units to Dump for transmission to Base.</p> <p>Collected from D.A.D.O.S., Australian Corps Troops 300 Suits combination Anti-Gas for distribution to Units for trial purposes.</p>	
	12.		<p>Railhead changed from Lamotte-Brebiere to Corbie.</p> <p>Demanded 18 pounder piece for 50th Battery to replace Reg. No.1486 condemned "Scoring" also Wagon Limbered R.E. complete with Harness for 5th Australian Divisional Signal Coy. to replace damaged by "Shell-fire".</p> <p>Advanced Ordnance Depot moved forward to Guillaucourt, Location Sheet 62D, W14 A5.3.</p> <p>Issued to Australian Corps Composite Infantry Brigade 50 Hot-food-containers.</p>	
	13.		<p>Moved the Armourers' and Bootmakers Shops from G20 Central to Main Dump.</p> <p>Demanded 18 pounder piece for 54th Battery to replace Reg. No. 7249 condemned "Scoring", 18 pounder piece for 49th Battery to replace Reg No.3567 condemned "Scoring" and 18 pounder carriage for 50th Battery to replace Reg. No.24365 Condemned "Wear", also 4 Lewis Guns for 58th Battalion to replace others destroyed "Shell-fire".</p>	
	14.		<p>Railhead moved from Corbie to Villers-Bretonneaux.</p> <p>Received from Base 10 tons General Stores including 500 Box-respirators, 500 Blankets, 650 Rattles anti-gas and 12 Bicycles.</p>	
	15		<p>Collected by I.O.M. 17th Ordnance Mobile Workshops for issue to 53rd Battery -</p> <p>1 - 18 pounder piece Reg.No. 9303 replacing 6212, 1 - 18 pounder piece Reg.No.1575 replacing No.1486 for issue to 50th Battery. 1 - 18 pounder piece Reg. No. 5089 replacing 7249 for 54th Battery, 1 - 18 pounder piece Reg. No. 9486 replacing 3567 for 49th Battery, 1 Carriage 18 pdr. Reg. No.14223 replacing No.99470 for 53rd Battery and 1 - 18 pounder Carriage Reg. No.15534 replacing No.24365 for 50th Battery.</p>	
	16		<p>Received from Base 6 tons General Stores including the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, Soap and Dubbin, a large number of picks and shovels and 500 Blankets.</p> <p>Demanded from Base Cart W.T. for 15th Australian Field Ambulance to replace one condemned.</p>	

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	1918.			
	August			
	17.		Moved Main Dump from N20 D. 8.0 to Hamlet Location Sheet 62D - 06-D2-5. 5 tons General Stores received from Base principally Horse-shoes, stable and Picketing Gear and Transport Equipment. Demanded Wagon-Limbered G.S. for S.A.A. Section 5th D.A.C. to replace one condemned. Advanced Dump at Guillaucourt withdrawn.	
Location Sheet 62D 06-D2-5.	18.		Collected from Gun Park large number of Draught Poles, Wheels No.45 and a quantity of urgent Artillery Stores. Units returning large numbers of Captured Machine Guns and other Ordnance Stores for Australian War Museum.	
	19		The No. 5 Ordnance Mobile Workshops, Montieres are now exchanging Unserviceable Wheels for wheels repaired by them. This is most useful, as replacements are now made much quicker and it also saves large numbers of wheels from being sent down to Base which can be repaired within the Army Area.	
	20.		Demanded 18 pounder piece for 50th Battery to replace Reg. No. 1767 condemned "Scoring". Received 6 tons Clothing S.D., Boots ankle and necessaries from Base.	
	21		Demanded 18 pounder piece for 55th Battery to replace Reg.No.7889 condemned "Scoring" Received from Base 5 tons General Stores principally Wheels, Transport equipment and timber for repair of vehicles.	
	22.		Demanded Wagon, G.S. for 2nd Section 5th D.A.C. to replace one destroyed "Shell-fire", also 18 pounder piece for 51st Battery to replace Reg. No. 2815 condemned "Scoring", 4.5 How.:- piece for 114th Battery to replace 1877 condemned "Wear" and 18pounder piece for 55th Battery to replace 1304 condemned "Scoring"	
	23.		I.O.M. 18th Ordnance Mobile Workshops collects from Gun Park the following 18 pounders for Units of this Division:- 18 pounder piece Reg.No.4276 for 50th Battery replacing 1767. " " " " 2368 " 55th " " 7889. " " " " 9280 " 51st " " 2815. " " " " 7028 " 55th " " 1304.	

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	1918			
	August			
	23.	Continued.	Division urgently requiring an additional 2000 Water-bottles with Shoulder Straps, these were collected from D.A.D.O.S., Australian Corps Troops and issued according to the Infantry Brigades requirements.	
	24.		D.A.D.O.S., 1st Australian Division delivers 2000 Bottles water with shoulder straps to this Dump, but will not be required by this Division.	
	25.		Received from Base 2 Carts W.T. one each for 15th Aust. Field Ambulance and 30th Battalion, Wagon Limbered R.E. for 5th Divisional Signal Coy., and Limbered Wagon G.S. for S.A.A.Section, 5th D.A.C. Issued 400 Suits of Imperial Clothing to 15th Field Ambulance for use at Main Dressing Station in exchanging Gassed patients clothing. I.O.M./8th Ordnance Mobile Workshops collects from Gun Park 4.5 How. piece Reg. No. 209 for 114th Battery to replace No. 1877, also 18 pounder carriage Reg. No. 2434 for 54th Battery replacing 96337.	
	26.		Received from Base G.S.Wagon for 2nd Section, 5th D.A.C. Demanded 18 pounder piece for 53rd Battery to replace Reg.No. 11176 condemned "Scoring", also 18pdr. carriage for 51st Battery to replace Reg. No. 12330 damaged "Shell-fire".	
	27.		I.O.M. 18th Ordnance Mobile Workshops collects from Gun Park 18 pounder piece Reg. No. 4895 for 53rd Battery replacing 11176 and 18 pounder carriage for 51st Battery Reg. No. 64334 replacing 12330.	
	28.		Returned to D.A.D.O.S., Australian Corps Troops 2000 Water bottles with Shoulder straps and 439 Suits Anti-Gas. Issued to Divisional Reinforcement Wing 500 Blankets, G.S.	
	29.		Railhead moved from Villers-Bretonneux to La-Flaque. Main Ordnance Dump moved from Hamlet to Morcourt Location Sheet 62D Q16 A 6-4. 6 tons of General Stores principally horse-shoes, picketing and stabling gear received from Base.	

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	1918.			
	August			
Location Sheet 62C M27, C Central		30	Moved Main Ordnance Dump from Morcourt to Foucaucourt.	
		31.	Received from Base 6 tons Clothing S.D., Boots ankle and grindery. During the month the Armourers Shop have repaired and reissued 56 Bicycles 11 Lewis Guns and 6 Vickers Machine Guns. The Bootmakers Shop have turned out 666 pairs repaired boots and made 6 pairs to special measurements.	

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	1918 August.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>A P P E N D I C E S.</u></p> <p>(a) The Labor daily employed, varied from 14 - 16 outside the ordinary Ordnance Personnel. The number of Bootmakers continuously working was 8.</p> <p>(b) Bulk issues during August: Approximate strength of Division - 17,000. Greatcoats, 77, Jackets, S.D. 1899, Boots ankle, 1983, Pantaloon, 665, Trousers, 1927, Puttees pairs, 2526, Hats, 400, Tins mess, 563, Water bottles, 107, Sheets ground, 264, Shoes horse prs. 2618, Shoes mule prs. 1192.</p> <p>(c) It was not necessary to expend any money on Local Purchases.</p> <p>(d) 10 - 18 pounder guns were drawn from Ordnance Gun Park, No.4 to replace others condemned 49th Battery - 2, 50th Battery - 2, 51st Battery - 1, 53rd Battery - 2, 54th Battery - 1, 55th Battery - 2. 2 - 4.5 Howitzers were drawn from Ordnance Gun Park, No.4 to replace others condemned for the 114th Howitzer Battery.</p>	

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