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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Foucaucourt. M.27.C.4.5.1st.	1918. September.			
			Demanded Wagon Limbered G. S. for 57th Battalion, 3 G.S. Wagons and 1 G.S. Limbered Wagon for S.A.A. 5th Australian D.A.C. all complete with harness to replace others destroyed by Shell-fire.	
		2nd.	Issued 2 Lewis Guns from Armourers' Shop to 31st Battalion to replace others destroyed Shell-fire.	
		3rd	Demanded 18 pdr. piece for 49th Battery to replace Reg. No. 1170 condemned "Scoring". Established Advanced Dump at H.20 B3.9 Sheet 62C. Demanded 4 Complete Vickers Guns from Gun Park for 5th Machine Gun Battalion to replace others destroyed Shell-fire.	
Fontaine-les-Cappy. M 9 Bl.1 Sheet 62C.		4th.	Moved Main Ordnance Dump to M 9 Bl.1 Sheet 62C. Demanded Cart O.M. for 13th Brigade A.F.A. and Wagon Limbered G.S. for 14th Field Coy., Engineers, both to replace others "Condemned".	
		5th	Received from Gun Park ^{Have} a large quantity of urgent Artillery Stores, including the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, Soap and Dubbin, Stable and Picketing gear, and a large quantity of Transport Equipment.	
		6th	I.O.M. No.17 Workshops draws 18pdr. piece Reg. No. 8559 for 49th Battery. Advanced Depot established at N.20 D6.8. 3 Trucks of Vehicles arrived at Railhead for the following units:- 54th Battalion - Kitchen Travelling Body, 57th Battalion:- Wagon Limbered G.S. - 1, S.A.A. Section 5th D.A.C.:- 3 Wagons G.S., 1 Wagon L.G.S. and Harness P.D.G.S., Wheel Double sets- 4 Lead Double sets- 4, 51st Battery:- Cart W.T., 55th Battalion:- Wagon L.G.S. Demanded 18pdr. piece for 49th and 51st Batteries to replace Reg.Nos. :- 6463, and 6378 both condemned "Scoring".	
		7th.	20 Watches issued to 5th Machine Gun Battalion as a first supply to complete to new establishment. 2 Lewis Guns issued to 53rd Battalion and 3 to 55th Battalion to replace unserviceable.	
		8th.	Received 6 tons S.D. Clothing, Boots ankle and grindery from Base, all size 6 boots were Imperial pattern and the majority of the Pantaloon were Part-worn.	

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Le-Mesnil. Sheet 62C. 17.A.9.2.	1918. Sept. 9th	v	Received from Gun Park all the most urgent Machine Gun and Artillery stores required to re-equip the Division. I.O.M. No. 17 Workshops draws 18pdr. pieces Reg. Nos. 3365 and 4449 for 49th and 51st Batteries to replace Reg. Nos. 6463 and 6378 respectively.	
	10th.		Moved Main Ordnance Dump to Le-Mesnil. Location 62C. 017.A.9.2. All units are now out of the line resting and being rapidly re-equipped.	
	11th.		Demanded 18pdr. piece for 50th Battery to replace Reg.No.4179 condemned "Scoring". also Wagon Limbered G.S. for 58th Battalion to replace one destroyed Shell-fire. Received from Base G.S. Wagon for Headquarters Coy. 5th Australian Divisional Train	
	12th.		Demanded from Gun Park 3 Lewis Guns for 53rd Battalion, 4 for 54th Battalion, and 1 for 53rd Battery, all to replace others damaged in action. Cart O.M. received from Base for 13th Brigade A.F.A. and Wagon Limbered G.S. for 14th Field Coy Engineers.	
	13th		Demanded Wagon G.S. for 53rd Battalion to replace one destroyed by Shell-fire. Issued 56th Battalion 7 Lewis Guns from Divisional Armourers Shop to replace others lost and destroyed in action.	
	14th.		Received 11 tons General Stores from Base including a large number of Wheels, a quantity of General equipment and 800 Box Respirators. Heavy Demands being received at present for Draught Poles, Bars supporting, Perches G.S., W.L.G.S. and Travelling Kitchen, chiefly due to heavy transport work and the state of the roads and tracks.	
	15th		I.O.M. No. 18/22 Workshops draws 18pdr. piece Reg.No.4099 for 50th Battery. Received from Base Wagons G.S. two, one each for 58th and 53rd Battalions.	
	16th.		Demanded from Gun Park 2 - 4.5 Howitzer pieces to replace Reg. Nos. 2040 and 2183 of 113th Howitzer Battery's, condemned for Wear, also 18pdr. piece for 50th Battery to replace Reg. No. 6469 condemned "Scoring".	
	17th.		Received from Base 5 tons S.D. Clothing, Boots ankle and Grindery.	

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	1918. Sept., 18.		Demanded Wagon Limbered G.S. for 53rd Battalion and G.S. Wagon for 14th Infantry Brigade, Headquarters, both to replace Condemned.	
	19th.		I.O.M. No.22 Workshops draws 2 - 4.5 Howitzer pieces Reg. Nos. 1892 and 2035 for 113th How. Battery and 18pdr. piece Reg No. 2163 for 50th Battery. Received 12 Wheels No.200A and 2 No. 45 from No.5 Ordnance Workshops, Montieres for issue to Artillery Units.	
	20th		Demanded Cart Water Tank for 29th Battalion to replace one "Condemned". Received from Base 6 tons Clothing Boots ankle, Grindery and Field Dressings.	
	21st.		Issued Limber Ammunition 18pdr. to 54th Battery to replace one condemned and 7 Wheels No.45 to 51st Battery to replace others rendered Unserviceable.	
	22nd		9 tons General Stores received from Base principally Oils, Grease, Soap and Dubbin, Stable and Picketing Gear and a Large quantity of Transport Equipment.	
	23rd.		Demanded 18pdr. piece for 53rd Battery to replace Reg. No. 6781 condemned "Scoring", also demanded Wagon G.S. and Cart Water Tank for No.1 Section 5th D.A.C. both to replace condemned for wear.	
	24th.		Demanded 4.5 Howitzer piece for 114th How. Battery to replace Reg. No. 622 reported "Inaccurate". Orders issued by D.A.G., A.I.F. for the demobilisation of 54th and 60th Battalions, all mobilisation equipment is to be returned to Ordnance for despatch to Base.	
	25th.		Demanded Wagon Ambulance for 8th Field Ambulance to replace one condemned. I. O. M. No.22 Workshops draws from Gun Park 18pdr. piece Reg. No. 5111 for issue to 53rd Battery.	
	26th.		Demanded 18pdr. piece for 4th Battery to replace Reg. No. 6867 condemned "Scoring" and Cart Water Tank for 32nd Battalion to replace one condemned for "Wear".	

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	1918. Sept. 27.		<p>Demanded Body Travelling Kitchen for 32nd Battalion. Established Advanced Ordnance Dump at K23A5.4 Sheet 82C.</p>	
	28th.		<p>Drew from D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops 600 Water bottles and carriers, 40 sets Packsaddlery, 60 Hot food containers and 60 Wirecutters required for Special operations. Issued 2000 Water-bottles, 60 Hot food containers and 24 sets Packsaddlery to 8th Infantry Brigade, 1,500 Water-bottles, 16 sets Packsaddlery and 18 pairs Wirecutters to 15th Infantry Brigade and 1,200 Water bottles to 14th Infantry Brigade.</p>	
	29th.		<p>Issued 420 Box respirators to D.A.D.C.S., Australian Corps Troops and 500 suits Imperial Clothing to 8th Field Ambulance, the latter to reclothe Gas patients. 60th Battalion's mobilisation equipment returned to Ordnance, 54th Battalion's returned to me and re-issued to-day. Demanded 2 - 18pdr. pieces for 55th Battery to replace Reg. Nos. 6710 and 6591 condemned "Scoring", 1 - 18pdr. piece for 49th Battery to replace Reg. No. 1428 condemned "Scoring" and 1 - 18pdr. piece for 50th Battery to replace Reg. No. 490 damaged by "Shell-fire".</p>	
	30th.		<p>Received from Base Cart Water Tank and G.S. Wagon for No.1 Section 5th D.A.C. Wagon Ambulance for 8th Field Ambulance and Wagon Limbered G.S. for S.A.A. Section, 5th D.A.C. Returned 36 Guns Lewis, withdrawn from 60th Battalion, to Gun Park No. 4. Issued 336 lbs. Soft Soap to 15th Field Ambulance for use as an ingredient of a mixture for the prevention of Trench foot. Demanded Cart Water Tank for Headquarters 1st D.A.C. to replace one Condemned.</p>	

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