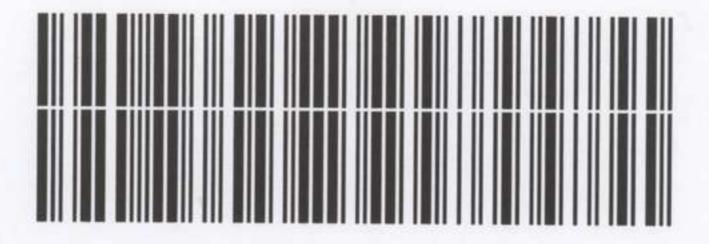
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Baths & Laundries

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Kemari referen
	August		ST GRATIAN Baths (less the delousing furniture) and PONT NOYELLES Baths were handed over to the 18th Division on 1st and 2nd August respectively. CAGNY Baths, were opened for a few days using the portable furniture from St Gratian but were closed again and the furniture removed when the 4th Australian Division moved away from that area. FRANVILLERS and LA HOUSSOYE Baths were handed over to 18th Division by 5th Australian Division about 1st Aug.	
A	17th		Exchange at LONGEAU was opened today for the reception of clean clothing from Abbeville. This when Divisions had exhausted the supply at AILLY-sur-SOMME there would be a good stock waiting to be drawn from LONGEAU.	
	August 23rd		Received word that 4th Army had arranged a barge service from Abbeville to Corbie. Went to Corbie and took over "The Albatoirs as a Corps Clothing exchange allotting a portion of the building to III Corps.	
	August 25th.		The staging beside the river was completed by midday and the first barge unloaded 17.500 pieces for the Australian Corps and 17,500 pieces for III Corps in afternoon. The first idea was to have a barge carrying 5000 sets for each Corps each way each day. This was altered on 30th August to a barge proceeding every second day and carrying 10,000 sets for each corps. This alteration was made to reduce the number of tues.	
	August 27th		Found a portable German washing machine tat one of their CasualtyC learing Stations near Lihons (Map reference - Sheet 62 D. x 21 d. 5. 1.)	
	August 28th		Took a lorryb out towed the washing to Corbie and also obtained possession of the German Portable Bath, which had been salved by 6th Australian Field and handed to War Records Section, as arranged by letter with the War Records Section on August 25th.	
	Augus		Corbie Lock opened today but progress is impossible beyond Vaux on account of a Tubular iron bridge. Moved Corps Baths Officer from Glisy to Corbie.	

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	August 31st		The supply of clothing is still adequate but the quality is bad. (The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for previous month and will be found with diary for that month.)	
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