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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GLISY.	1918.			
	Aug.			
	1.		A warm clear day. Rode up to VILLERS BRETONNEUX QUARRY. Discussed our Gas Defences with American Officers. Examined gas proof doors on QUARRY Dug-outs with B.G.O., 6th A.I.Bde. Sufficient care has not been shown and many require packing.	
	2.		A wet day. Raining all day.	
	3.		Wet in morning, gradually clearing. A cloudy bright evening. Visited 5th Nucleus Bn. 7th Field Coy. Engineers and 2nd Pioneers and discussed anti-gas training. Also visited 5th Field Coy. Engineers.	
	4.		A dull but dry day. Sent weekly returns to Corps H.Q. Had conference with Brigade Gas Officers.	
	5.		A cloudy day, raining in afternoon and evening. Visited M.D.S. Gas Officer, 7th A.I.Bde. returned from leave. Visited by C.A., Aust. Corps.	
	6.		Fine in morning, raining during afternoon. Visited 5th Field Coy. Engineers. 300 Yellow Cross shells fell in O.28.b. c. and d. (62D. S.W.) and 400 in O.17.b.	
	7.		A fine day. Went up to 7th A.I.Bde. and round VILLERS BRETONNEUX with D.A.Q.M.G. PINEAPPLE SWITCH in O.29.a.3.0. smelt of Phenyl carbylamine. Chloride and Mustard.	
	8.		Great attack made on Germans. A fine day. Attack very successful.	
	9.		At D.H.Q. all day. "G" and "Q" moved to VILLERS BRETONNEUX. A splendid clear day.	
	10.		Went up to advanced D.H.Q. Attack going well.	
	11.		Visited 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. at HARBONNIERES. German respirator for men wounded in the head, Dragar Breathing Apparatus, Lachrymatory cartridge and C.O. papers obtained by 7th A.I.Bde.	
	12.		Visited 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. also 4th A.F.A. Bde. 6th and 4th A.F.A. Bdes. in large dugouts South of HARBONNIERES. Dugouts being made gas proof. returned past GUILLEMONT and MARCELCAVE.	

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VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	1918.			
	Aug.			
	13.		Anti gas stores in old front line system before attack on 8th instant collected. Very hot dusty weather.	
	14.		Still hot and dusty. Work of collecting anti gas stores continued.	
	15.		Visited 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. and 4th A.F.A. Bde. Completed collection of forward stores.	
	16.		Rode to LAMOTTE - BREBIERE. Gas stores moved forward. Visited M.D.S. at the White Chateau. Large dumps of gas shells reported at X.1., X.7. BAYONVILLERS, and WARFUSEE (Sheet 62D.). Large store of Respirator drums at LA FLAQUE, also siren alarms.	
	17.		Visited GLISY and BLANGY to locate gas stores. Visited by C.A., who took away German Gas apparatus, forwarded by the Bdes.	
	18.		Collected all rear anti-gas stores and formed a dump at VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Yellow and Green Cross shells sent back to Corps Gas School.	
ALLONVILLE.	19.		Division relieved by 32nd Division. Moved back to ALLONVILLE. Arranged to change eyepieces of 2nd Pioneer Bn.	
	20.		Visited 6th and 7th Bdes. and 2nd Pioneer Bn.	
	21.		Visited 2nd Pioneer Bn. and saw party changing eyepieces working. Visited 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. 5th and 7th Engineers, 5th, 6th and 7th Field Ambulance and 2nd A.M.G. BN. to arrange for exchanging eyepieces of S.B.Rs.	
	22.		Visited ABBEYVILLE.	
	23.		Rode to DAOURS and saw work of exchanging eyepieces progressing favourably. Held meeting of Gas Officers in afternoon.	
	24.		In office all day.	
	25th		Visited BUSSY. Eyepieces of 5th A.L.T.M. Bty. changed. Visited by C.A. Aust. Corps.	2

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Q.13.a.2.6.	1918. Aug. 26.		Visited 5th and 6th A.I.Bdes. and 1st Aust. Division, also D.G.O., 1st Aust. Division at CORBIE.	
	27th.		Division took over forward area from 1st Aust. Division. A damp dull day.	
	28.		Visited 5th, 6th and 7th A.I.Bdes. Examined shelled C.C.S. at CAPPY.	
CAPPY.	29.		Division H.Q. moved to CAPPY.	
	30.		Visited 5th Field Ambulance and FOUILLERES. Gasschultzlager at G.28.d.3.9. (Sheet 62C.)	
	31.		Examined gas shell dumps on CAPPY -DOMPIERRE Road and near HERBECOURT. Examined Gasschultzlager. It contained a store of respirator drums, Drager oxygen cylinders and large cylinders of oxygen.	