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62D M 16 A 2-8	1 st		Camped at Camon. Company disposition 1 N.C.O. 4 O.R. to reserve Brigade, two O.R. to 5 th and 7 th respectively. 1 Off., 2 N.C.O.s and 5 O.R. to A.R.P. Gley. 3 O.R. to 15 th 16 th and 17 th A.A. & B. respectively, one man to each. 1 N.C.O. & 33 other ranks to Blangy Dump. 1 Officer 2 N.C.O.s and 11 O.R. to Camon. Company orders published.	
	2 nd		Camped at Camon. Withdrawing men, ^{from} and Supply Dumps & closing them down as intended. Wired the French Mission to remove material. Tried to obtain Motor Lorries from the supply dump. Owing to misunderstanding none supplied. Salvage despatched, 28 lorries from A.R.P. to Flessels, 14 - to Saloux. 14. Reported shell fire in Villers Bretonneux.	
	3 rd		Camped at Camon. Obtained lorries & forwarded salvage to Ailly sur Somme. 2 loads also sent salvage to Saloux. 15 lorries. 1 Lorry to Flessels. 9 G.S. wagons reported to Blangy.	
	4 th		Camped at Camon. Company infected by the fever now prevalent. 3 men to hospital. Salvage sent away 4 lorries to Ailly sur Somme, 8 lorries to Saloux.	
	5 th		Camped Camon. 2 men to hospital. O.C. went forward to Villers Bretonneux, and area. Reported that bulk of salvage would consist of French material. Sent away salvage 21 lorries. 6 wagons reported and worked in Blangy - Villers Bretonneux area.	
	6 th		Camped Camon. 3 more men to hospital. Party of 10 ordered to report at main dump. Only 8 could be sent owing to evacuation. Salvage despatched 36 Lorry-Motor.	
	7 th		Camped Camon. Coy disposition altered a little. Salvage sent away 17 lorries to Saloux. 9 G.S. wagons reported. Working between Blangy - Villers Bretonneux & Camon. Owing to the many cases of sickness from the complaint now prevalent, it is necessary to withdraw the 9 men at Brigades to help the Coy in its work. Notices to this effect were sent to Brigades.	

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	8 th		Camped Camon. Bay disposition the same. Men from Brigade reported back. O.C. French Mission called to see O.C. and stated that he would attach two Interpreters to the Bay to assist in dealing with the French material. Salvage dispatched this day 7 lorries Saleux. 9 wagons reported - working from Villers Bretonneux.	
	9 th		Camped Camon M. Grand, Interpreter. came to take over French dump in Camon. 4 French lorries made two loads each from Camon to the Gare - Ailly sur Somme. Salvage dispatched this day. 21 lorries to Saleux. 9 wagons working from Villers Bretonneux.	
	10 th		Camped Camon. Parties in Camon salvaging. French lorries removed 4 more loads to Ailly-sur Somme. 1 lorry dispatched to Saleux. 10 G.S. wagons working today and two specially detailed for Camon dump	
	11 th		Camped Camon - Salvaging Villers Bretonneux. Owing to the ammunition supply being well ahead, it is now becoming difficult to obtain motor lorries at the A.R.P., consequently there is a great accumulation of material. Sent wires to Corps asking for a further detail. 4 Lorries dispatched to Saleux. 10 G.S. wagons reported for duty.	
	12 th		Camped Camon. Today it was discovered as to whom the wool etc now being salvaged at Villers Bretonneux belongs. The firm by name Theodore Delacour et Fils. Succeson Fibergliem Free. The amount of wool running into a large amount. 6 lorries dispatched to Saleux. 12 Wagons reported for duty.	Attached two Bill Form of Owner -
	13 th		Camped Camon - Salvaging Villers Bretonneux & Camon. All returns sent in. O.C. phoned Capt. Anderson re motor lorries. So far not very successful as only 6 were obtained. with a prospect of obtaining another 25 in two days. 13 G.S. Wagons reported.	
	14 th		Camped at Camon. Salvaging in Camon, Villers Bretonneux and Longean. Much salvage of French material coming in. The French lorries call at the dump almost daily to remove same. 10 Lorries dispatched to Saleux with salvage. 5 Lorries to Ailly sur Somme. Bay paid today 13 Wagons reported for duty.	

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	15 th		Camped at Camon. Salvaging Villers Bretonneux. Camon + Longcaw. Salvage from Camon principally paper and paper. Salvage despatched 15 lorries to Saleux. 13 Wagons reported for duty.	
	16 th		Camped at Camon. Salvaging as yesterday. Lorries despatched, 4 to Saleux. 13 Wagons reported for duty.	
	17 th		Camped at Camon. Salvaging as usual. Major Waddell called to see O.C. and discussed the position as to a general move forward of the A.S.B.s and keeping the French material for dumping at Blangy, owing to the long journey back to Camon. It was decided that this should be carried out. Salvage despatched today 13 Lorries to Saleux. Wagons reported 13.	
	18 th		Camped Camon. Salvaging as usual. All Brigades + D.H.Q. advised that French material be dumped at Blangy and despatched from there by the French Mission. 3 men sent forward to assist in the work. Salvage sent away 28 lorries. 13 Wagons reported for duty.	
	19 th		Camped at Camon. Today the dump was assailed by American troops in search of cooking material, their transport not having arrived. All returns made up. The entry of the 2 nd Div Artillery made an increase for this week. Salvage despatched 6 lorries.	
	20 th		Camped Camon. In accordance with R.O. one man reported from 2 nd Pioneers for special duty of assisting salvage in material for shelter and dug outs for coming winter. Reported from Blangy that there is a great deal of material in the French dumps to be removed. No French lorries were sent today. Salvage Despatched 39 lorries.	
	21 st		Camped Camon. All valuations made up. No lorries today. 13 Wagons reporting.	
	22 nd		Camped Camon. Salvaging as usual. Pioneer Cpl. reports little or no material in area for winter use for salvage. He was detailed to try Camon and Area. Lorries today. Salvage sent away 18 loads. 13 wagon reported for duty.	

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	23 rd		Camped Camon. Salvage work as usual. Lorries despatched today 20 loads. 13 Wagons reported for duty. Owing to heavy enemy shell fire and gas overnight, it was found to be impossible to work in the Viller Bretonneux area, consequently the wagons had to turn back. Parties returned by the gas officer, 2 nd Aust. Div, with instructions not to enter Viller Bretonneux until notice. Notice sent all transport not to report in the morning, excepting the two wagons for Dump at Camon.	
	24 th		Camped Camon. This day no work carried out in the forward area. Work as usual in back area. two wagons only reported. Salvage despatched this day 9 loads (Lorries)	
	25 th		Camped in Camon. 13 Wagons reported for duty, but were stopped on the way to Viller Bretonneux by an armed guard and turned back, the reason being that Viller Bretonneux was being heavily shelled and gassed by the enemy. Work as usual in Back area. Salvage despatched 15 Motor loads. Returns made up	
	26 th		Camped at Camon Salvaging as usual. All returns made up. Lorries despatched today 10 loads.	
	27 th		Camped Camon. Salvaging Viller Bretonneux. Reported from forward that the shelling of this town is now particularly heavy, making the conduct of the work very difficult. 16 Wagons reported, two of which as usual worked in Camon and district. Lorries despatched today 10 loads. Amount of wool (French) salvaged to the present date:- Wool on bobbins, 169000 lbs in Crates, Boxes 18344 lbs Baskets 2134 lbs, loose 250 lbs open crates 8600 lbs, Wool, Bags 7605 lbs, Basket 6990 lbs, Boxes 5890 lbs, Bales 1494 lbs Bales 210 lbs. Woolen material 10,850 lbs, Bales 344 lbs Bags 1960 lbs Bales 9700 lbs Baskets 9690 lbs, Boxes 2520 lbs. Paper, rolls 9 - 9 cwt, Bales 8 - 8 cwt. Cottons Bags 1 - 30 lbs. Rolls 2 - 2 cwt. Cotton peels Bag 72 lbs. Bales, Cotton 4500 lbs. 1 Case cotton 150 lbs. Cardboard Bobbins 7 cases. Cardboard bobbins 2 Baskets. Wheat 7200 lbs Barley 540 lbs. Paraffin ware. 500 lbs Cotton bags 530 cwt.	

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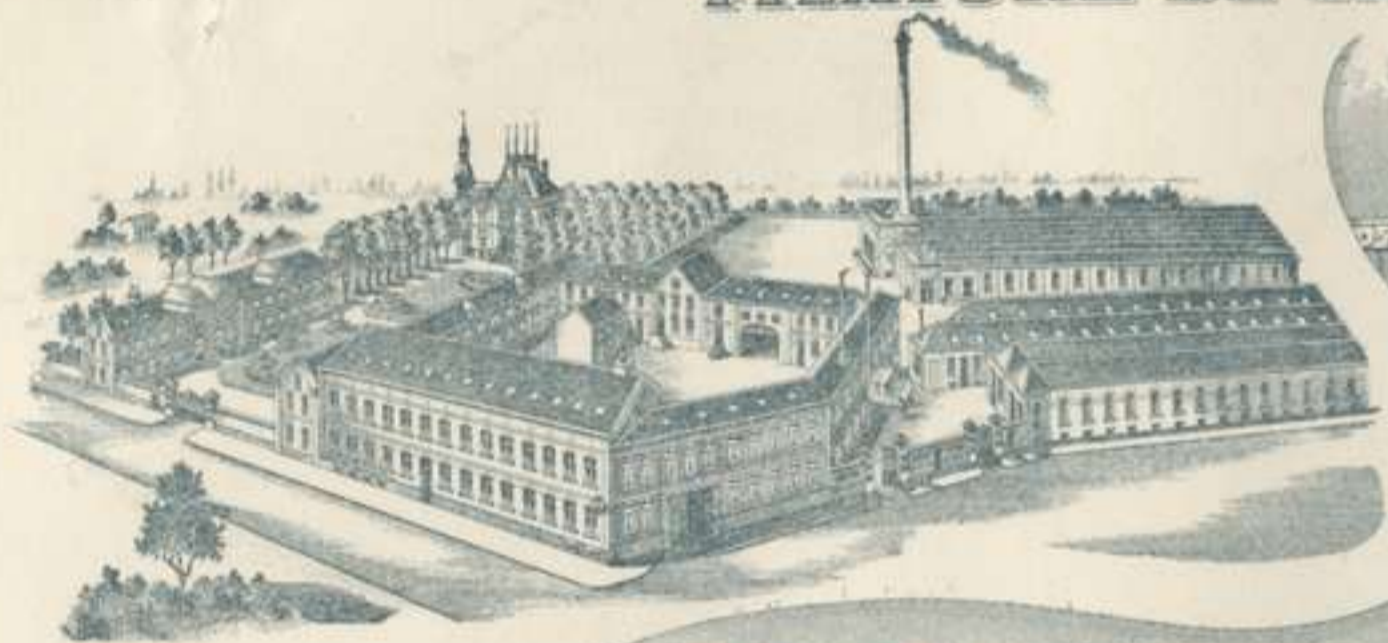
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	28 th		Camped Camon. Salvaging as usual. 13 Motor Lorry loads despatched. 15 G.S. wagons reported.	
	29 th		Camped Camon. Salvaging as usual. 5 Loads Saleux. 15 wagons reported for duty.	
	30 th		Camped Camon. Salvaging VILLERS BRETONNEUX. The quantity of wool & material is now much decreased, and it is now necessary that the Company turn its attention to the removal of the valuable machinery such as can be removed by the means in the Companies possession. Much of this machinery though still intact is far too heavy for removal. With regard to outlying dumps from the Mills, many of them have been destroyed by shell fire which has grown to greater intensity during the last few days rendering the salvage work both difficult and dangerous. Salvage despatched today 14 Loads Lorry. 15 G.S. Wagons reported for duty.	
	31.		Camped Camon. Salvaging VILLERS BRETONNEUX. another case of dysentery reported at the ART 6/134. investigation being conducted by an M.O. 7 th Field Ambulance. removed today with also from Viller Bretonneux 30 Machine Looms. 12 Singer Sewing Machines. It has been considered that as the material is now becoming greatly reduced that the transport available should be reduced accordingly. - reduction made accordingly. Salvage despatched this day. 14 Lorry to Saleux. 15 wagons reported for duty.	

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- POUR HOMMES
- GILETS FLOCHES
- EN LAMA ET CACHEMIRE
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- ARTICLES DE SPORTS
- CHANDAILS, MAILLOTS MARINS
- GILETS ET JAQUETTES DE DAMES
- COSTUMES JERSEY POUR ENFANTS
- ETC.

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