

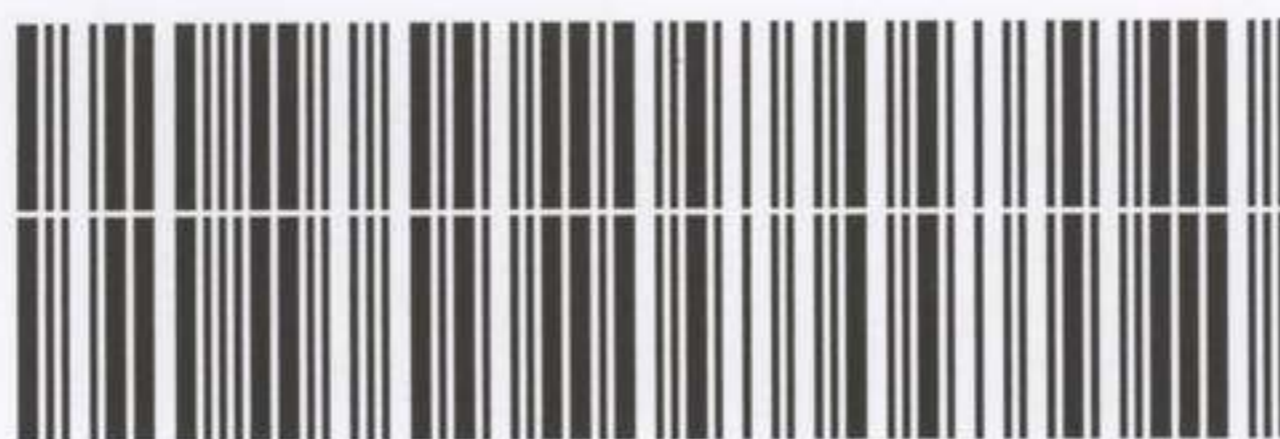
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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	1/8/17.		1. Completed inspection of explosives on charge of Field Coys. of 4th Australian Division. Explosives in good condition. Some of the wet gun-cotton is too dry, & some of the safety fuze in opened tins sentenced for practice only.	
	2/8/17.		2. Visited Salvage dumps of all 3 Divisions with C.S.O.,	
	3/8/17.		1. Held Conference of D.A.Ds.O.S., They will let me know sites of new Salvage dumps as soon as new areas are settled.	
	4/8/17.		1. Held Conference of Corps Salvage Officers. They will let me know sites of new Salvage dumps as soon as new areas are settled.	
	5/8/17.		1. Visited Nos. 23, 30, and 13 Ordnance Workshops. At 23, approaches being made but at present in very bad state.	
	6/8/17.		2. Visited O.O. Corps Troops. & examined his records of detail issues etc.	
	7/8/17.		1. Corps Routine. Visited 4th Australian Division & went into question of recording detail issues. Suggested separate sheet for each item. This is being done. Services in the Field".	
	8/8/17.		2. Lectured to Corps School on "Instructive Ordnance Formations in the Field".	
	9/8/17.		1. Attended Court of Enquiry at 3rd Australian Divisional Headquarters on subject of missing priced vouchers for stores issued to 3rd Australian Division in England.	
	10/8/17.		1. Visited gun ammunition refill points at (a) Dranoutre, (b) Romarin, & (c) Corps Bomb Store at Dranoutre.	
			At (a) there is a great accumulation of empty boxes & mens meat is cut up in one of the ammunition shelters.	
			At (b) floors are being built up with shingle as dunnage is giving out.	
			At (c) Corps Bomb Store, they have not placed the flares, rockets etc. separate from the other explosives.	
			2. Attended Court of Enquiry on loss of priced vouchers for equipping the 3rd Australian Divn:	
			1. Held Conference of D.A.Ds.O.S.	
			(a) Unanimous opinion that it would be better to do away with scale of winter clothing, - each man to have 1 complete suit of underclothing & 2 pairs of socks, & that suits of underclothing up to 50% of strength of Division be held at Divisional Baths. This I suggested to	
			II Army.	
			1. Visited the following Baths & Laundries. (a) Dranoutre, (b) Palmer & (c) Pont Bieppe (4th Australian Divn:)	
			At (a) The arrangements are bad, this Corps only has the baths but men have to undress and dress in the same room.	
			(b) is going on alright, but more drying rooms are necessary.	

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	10/8/17.		1. (Continued) (c) Working well, should do everything necessary for the 4th Australian Division. 3 good drying rooms also hydraulic press.	
			2. Visited No. 23 O.M.L. Workshop. R.E. are making the road there. The I.O.M. required 3 tents for the attached men. He has to vacate the barn.	
	11/8/17.		1. Visited Salvage Officer 3rd Australian Division & also visited dump of Salvage Officer 4th Australian Division.	
			2. Visited new dump of D.A.D.O.S., 4th Australian Division. Not very suitable. Have told him to look round for a better site.	
	12/8/17.		1. Visited I.O.O. Strazelle & A.D.O.S., 1st A.N.Z.A. Corps.	
	13/8/17.		1. Visited No. 23, 13, & 30 Workshops & O.O. Corps Troops. dump with A.Q.M.G.	
	14/8/17.		1. Visited dump of D.A.D.O.S., 3rd Australian Division, Salvage dump of 3rd Australian Division & D.A.D.O.S., dump New Zealand Division.	
			2. Inspected Bomb Stores Right Sector. Explosives are well sorted & cared for.	
			3. The Siege Park is sorting salvaged ammunition at Romarin. A shelter is necessary. I informed Q.	
	15/8/17.		1. Visited Salvage dump of 4th Australian Division. Am informed that there is still gun ammunition to be salvaged from old gun positions in area. Sent strong letter to all Divisions on the subject.	
			2. Visited Dranoutre dump. Gradually being straightened out. Separate shelters for gun shell will be erected shortly.	
			3. Visited D.A.D.O.S., 4th Australian Division.	
			4. Visited Dranoutre Baths & Laundry. At Baths, 60 women employed can turn out about 20,000 garments per week. No drying room. Machinery - 2 foden lorries, 4 hand dolling machines, & 2 hand wringers.	
	16/8/17.		1. Held Conference of D.A.Ds.O.S., Discussed winter arrangements for gum boots & daily issue of dry socks.	
			2. Went to Bailleul to remove a dud German shell. As it is 9 feet deep & in a field, left it.	
	17/8/17.		1. Took round the Corps Commander who visited all the D.A.Ds.O.S. dumps also O.O. Corps Troops. the Corps Salvage dump & the Workshops.	
	18/8/17.		1. Corps Routine.	
	19/8/17.		1. Conference held by D.D.O.S., of A.Ds.O.S. of Corps. Discussed necessity for a Corps Ordnance Ammunition Unit. I suggested desirability of an I.O.O. for each Corps. 1 laboratory foreman to each D.A.C. & Siege Park.	

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	20/8/17.		1. Examined with I.O.O. explosives of 1st, 2nd, & 3rd New Zealand Field Engineers. Will complete examination on 22/8/17. 2. Visited Kennebak Railhead & bomb store. At latter some explosives not under cover. 3. Visited Bomb Store at Souvenir dump. Well arranged etc. except that Stokes bombs should be on skidding. Reported to 'Q'.	
	21/8/17.		1. Visited Siege Park Ammunition dump. Not much there & what there is will shortly be issued. 2. Visited D.A.D.O.S., 8th Division. He has all the armourers except 3 in Divisional Armourers shop.	
	22/8/17.		1. Completed with I.O.O., inspection of explosives on charge of No. 1 & 2 Field Coys. New Zealand Engineers. 'S' except for 4 boxes of wet gun-cotton which were condemned. 2. Visited O.O. Corps Troops & all Workshops, reference to reduction of any employed 'A' men.	
	23/8/17.		1. Held Conference of D.A.Ds.O.S. (a) The spout of the new water carrying tin is too long and sharp & often pierces the tin above. Army informed. 2. Lectured at Corps School on Ordnance Services.	
	24/8/17.		1. Visited following Laundries & Baths:- (a) Palmer. 4th Australian Division have just taken over. Every item is disinfected in disinfector before washing. The Laundry is well run. The only defect is the high cost. O i/c hopes to reduce this. (b) Pabot. Baths. New Zealand Division not yet completed the building. 8 showers available. (c) Steenwerck Laundry. Only 8 women. 30 more coming tomorrow. A few men working. There is no drying room. (d) Bailleul. There is urgent need of rearrangement of changing rooms. Wrote O i/c to let me have a scheme.	
	25/8/17.		1. Corps Routine.	
	26/8/17.		1. Corps Routine.	
	27/8/17.		1. Visited Salvage dumps of Left & Right Divisions. Both Salvage Officers report their Areas are pretty clear up to old front line also old gun positions but ahead of this, a good deal of work is still to be done.	
	28/8/17.		1. Inspected all explosives on charge of 4th Fld Coy. N.Z. Engineers. All good & well cared for. Reported to D.D.O.S., & Hqrs. 2nd Anzac. 'Q'. 2. Visited 35th S. Bty. Examined several shell. No signs of exudation. Condemned one shrapnel shell for damp.	

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