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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EBBLING HEN	1/7/18		Received from Base 6 tons general stores including stable equipment, shoe horse, 6 Linc bitting harness, 19 cases, Box Respiration, 4 S.B. belts for 3 Bde W.O. and conductor, also various detail stores, Cart Officer's Mess for 6 th Bty. Demanded one 3" Mortar barrel for 3 rd Mtd Bty.	
	2/7/18		Despatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage. Received from No 2 Gun Park various gun stores including 1 Stokes 3" Mortar for 3 rd Tm Bty. Received from R.O. WARBEQUES 294 Blankets G.S. carriage for 1 st Bty, delivered from Gun Park to 14 Work shop.	
	3/7/18		Received from Base 42 wheels, V.T. Body for 6 th Batt ^{re} , despatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage, collected from CO 15 th Corps Troops 2 Pumps complete with flexible tubing and issued to Div Arty. Indent submitted to Base for Chevrons Overseas Service. Demanded 18/100 price for 6 th Battery.	
	4/7/18		Rec ^d from CO 15 th Corps Troops 25 Suits Combination A.G. Rec ^d from Base. Hor food. Containers-2. Oil, Grease, Dubbin, Stable Equipment, + detail stores. Despatched to Railhead 1 lorry load salvage.	

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EPPLETON	5/7/18		<p>Received from Base Wagon Lumberia Tare + Wind portion 1 each for 12th Btn, Wagon GS one for 1st Fla Co/engrs, one bare W.T. for 2nd Fla Amb, dispatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage, and trophies as follows (in Truck No 39170 Way Bill No 414) for 11th Btn, 2 base trophies and 1 German Mortar ^{only} 1 Minierwerfer in Truck 6919 WB 402</p> <p>Demanded How price for 101st How Battery.</p>	
	6/7/18		<p>Received from Base 6 long stores including SD clothing, Boots, 9 Hot Food containers, ^{stable equipment} Grinders, detail stores. Dispatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage</p>	
	7/7/18		<p>Dispatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage, demanded 18 per piece with B.M. for 2nd Battery, Dump re-constructed. Demanded 18 per</p>	
	8/7/18		<p>Received from Base 4 tons stores including Hats 178, Shoes Horse 76 cases, Craft cutters 2, Cutch lbs 100, Dispatched to Railhead 1 lorry load salvage. Demanded 1 Vickers Gun from No 2 G. P. for 1st M.G. Btn authority 2nd Army OOH/255/1/1 4/7/18. Received from Gun Park various M.G. stores, also 2-6" Newton Mortars for 30th Div Med T.M. Batteries demanded one 3" Mortar complete and one 3" mortar barrel.</p>	
	9/7/18		<p>Received from Base one Wagon GS for 2nd Sect 1st Aust DAC, dispatched to Base</p>	

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EBBLING NE	8/7/18	(Continued)	one lorry load Salvage. Received from Gun Park No 2 various Gun Stores	
	10/7/18		Received from Base 42, wheels. Despatched to Base 2 lorry loads Salvage.	
			DADOS returned from Aust corps, Received from Gun Park No 2, various Gun Stores. Demanded 18 per piece for R Coy 149 th Bde, 30 th Div Artillery	
	11/7/18		Received from Base 5 lorry stores including 9 Hot food containers, Rack, Wood Lewis Gun 12, butch str 100, Camp equipment, Stable equipment, 36 Cases	
			Box, Respirator, Oils, Grease, Dettol, detail stores, 37 bicycles. Despatched to Base 1 lorry load Salvage.	
	12/7/18		Received from Base 35 wheels despatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage. Received from No 2 Gun Park 1- 3" Stokes Mortar Complete, 1-3" Stokes barrel, 1 Base plate, also 30 Vickers barrels.	
	13/7/18		Received from Base 2 cart WT increase in establishment, SD clothing Boots ankle, 3 Hot food containers, Quindery + detail stores, Bags Nose, Stable equipment.	
	14/7/18		Received from No 2 Gun Parks 4 Lewis Guns, distribution 4 per Fla Coy Sngs, also from Gun Park various M.G. parts. Despatched 1 lorry load Salvage to Base.	

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EBBLINGHEM.	15/7/18		Received from Base 1425 Blanket Gs, 1 Wagon lumbered Gs for SAA Sect. Ans SAC. Hats 125, Shoes Horse 60 cases, 30 cases Box Resp ^r , 30 th Div Artillery Representative moved to 30 th Div SAA Gs, demanded 18 th price for 1 st Bty.	
	16/7/18		Received from Base 16 bicycles 20 wheels, poles draught, 1 Water Cart for 30 th Div Artillery. Major Kiminmonth proceeded on leave. to U.K. despatched to Base 7 sets U. Patt ^r saddlery owing to reduction in Mobile Vet. Sect. establishment Truck N ^o 143291 Way Bill 460 from EBBLINGHEM railhead. Despatched as War trophies for 9 th Btm 2 cases trophies in truck N ^o 143291 Way Bill 460 from EBBLINGHEM Railhead, also for 1 st Batt ⁿ 11 German MGs in truck N ^o 143291 Way Bill N ^o 460 and various War trophies for 3 rd Btm in same truck	
	17/7/18		Despatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage. 18 th price demanded for 1 st Bty on indent 1A/7705. Issued to N ^o 14 Work Shop.	
	18/7/18		Received from Base 1300 Blanket Gs, Stable equipment, Oils Grease Dubbin, Camp equipment, 1 Wagon Gs for 4 th Coy ASC. Despatched to Base surplus harness from Artillery Units and 1 lorry load salvage demanded. 16 Lewis Guns for Art. AA. increase from 2 to 4 per battery.	

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EPBLINGHEM.	19/7/18		Despatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage. Received from OP 15 th Corps Troops 25 Strombos Horns. Reported to 2 nd Army & 15 th Corps having received one 4.5" How & one 18 pdr for 1 st Bty & 102 nd How ^{Bty} respectively.	
	20/7/18		Received from Base 10 tons stores, including 2500 drawers cotton long, Signalling equipment, Hot food containers 5 Irons flat 16, Stable equipment, S.D. clothing, Boots Angle Grindery and detail stores Received from Gun Park 16 Lewis Guns distribution of 2 per Battery Despatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage. Also from Base 5 Wagons G.S. for No 1 Coy AASC	
	22/7/18		Received from Base 7 tons stores including 100 cases Horse Shoes 100 lbs Cutch, Stoves Sayer 3, Hot food containers 4 Goggles Night firing 9s and detail stores, also 1 wagon G.S. for No 1 Coy AASC and 1 K.T. for 8 th Battalion.	
	23/7/18		Received from No 2 Gun Park one 3" Stokes Barrel, despatched to Base 1 lorry load of salvage. Demanded one 18 pdr with B.M. for 3 rd Battery	
	24/7/18		Demanded one Lewis Gun for 6 th Bty, despatched to Base 1 lorry load salvage	

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EBBLINGHEM	24/7/18	Continued	Demanded one 4.5" piece for 102 nd How Bty.	
	25/7/18		Received from Base Store, including Camp equipment, Oils, Grease, Lubber, Stable Equipment, cartridges dummy 3000, Shelters, Signalling, folding modified.	
	26/7/18		Received from OC Corps Troops 2 sets of Temple Grenade Throwers. Demanded 1 16 Gun Lewis for 10 th Btn shell fire. Despatched Salvage to Base.	
	27/7/18		Cond: J. E. Walker promoted 2 nd Lt and Trainee DADOS, 1 st Aust Division	
	29/7/18		Received from Base Stable Equipment, Boots, S.D. Clothing Grinding, Plates Horse, Shoe for picked up nails.	
	28/7/18		Received from Gun Park Magazine, L.G., Sprung R.O. inner and outer, Spare M.G. parts etc. Demanded one lumbered Wagon M.G. complete.	
			Major Page reported to Ordnance from DHB for short course of instruction. Demanded 2-18 ⁱⁿ Guns for 5 th + 6 th Batteries condemned for inaccuracy.	
	29/7/18		Received from Base Shoes Horse + Mule, Necessaries + Kato R.P. Purchased 13 electric torches for 3 rd Aust Int Bdey.	
	30/7/18		Conference of DADOS held at 15 th Corps. Collected 32 Vickers M.G. Barrels from Gun	

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EERLINGHEM	30/7/18	Continued	Park for 1 st N64 Battalion. Demanded 1-18 par with B.M. for 4 th Bty. Despatched 2 lorry loads salvage to Base.	
	31/7/18		Received from Base 1 Wagon lumbered G.S. for 3 rd HQ Coy Engineers. Demanded 1 lumber K.T. and cart W Tank for 5 th Bty, 18 par gun demanded for 1 st Battery to replace one condemned for scoring. Major Mininmonth returned from leave to U.K.	