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WAR DIARY

OF

ORDNANCE 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EBBLINGHEM	1/8/18		Received from Base 5 Tons Oils, Grease, Picketing Gear. 29 th Imperial Division Ordnance began to move in. Sent to Base 3 lorry loads salvage. Received from No 2 Gun Park one 18-Pdr. piece for 1 st Aust. Battery.	
	2/8/18		Despatched to Base 2 lorry loads salvage. 8 Tons of Stores and 38 Wheels advised from Base. Arrangements made to entrain certain stores to new location.	
	3/8/18		Received wire to move from 2 nd to 4 th Army. Wired Ord. No. 2 Gun Park to cancel all outstanding indents. 2 Trucks General Stores and 38 Wheels at Railhead (Ebblinghem) reconsigned to Florian. 3 lorry loads Salvage despatched to Base. Refilling points discontinued. K.F. Limber, and Cart Water Tank arrived for 4 th Aust. Inf. Bn. Q.F.-18 Pdr without. B.M. issued 1 st Aust. Bty, No. 4031. All bulk indents outstanding on Calais Base, cancelled by Calais. Despatched three trucks with armourer sqts, to new site.	
	4/8/18		Lorry left for new location. Despatched 3 lorry loads Salvage to Base. Demanded one 18-Pdr Piece for 2 nd Bty to replace one blown out by shellfire Demanded above on new Gun Park, No 4. Captured Trophies forwarded to Base. Camp cleaned up, in readiness for move.	

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EBBLINGHEM	5/8/18		Despatched lorry to new area with stores. Sent 2 lorry loads of Salvage to Base.	
	6/8/18		Despatched 2 lorries to new area, completing move. New dump formed at Rivery, a suburb of Amiens. D. H. Q. at Allonville. Reported location, and collected maps in afternoon. In evening found out from S. S. O. Railhead and R. P. s. Wired Rouen & Havre Bases to accept stores. Received very welcome assistance from 2 nd & 4 th Aust. Div. Ordnances with extra lorries to clear trucks of Ordnance stores & underclothing, which arrived before our last two lorries reached new area.	
RIVERY	7/8/18		Location, Sheet. 62 D. G. 32. D. I. 1. Found that 1 st BDE were going into line at once with 4 Aust. Division & were to receive Battle Stores from them. Arranged supply of battle stores for 2 nd & 3 rd Inf. Bdes. with D. A. Q. M. G. 1 st Aust. Div. & A. D. O. S. Aust. Corps. Division requirements as follows:— Packsaddles 50; Water Bottles & Carriers 4000; Water Tin Carriers per 50; Lashing yds 6000; Wire Cutters 100; Grenade cups, Reserve 200; (No 36 Grenades) Hot Food Containers 50. A. D. O. S. arranged supply as follows. Pack Saddles & Hot Food Containers from Ordnance Corps Troops; Water Bottles & Lashing from Base; Water Tin.	2

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RIVERY.	Continued 7/8/18		Carriers from No 1 Army Troops Ord. Longpre; wire cutters & grenade cups from Gun Park, Pont. Remy. Lorry despatched to Gun Park to draw 3 Lewis.	
	8/8/18		M. Guns; one for 9 th Inf. Btn, & two for 12 th Inf. Btn. Commenced issuing to Units at re-filling points. Collected battle stores as arranged with A. D. O. S previous day, from various sources. Advised 2 nd Aust. Bty. to draw 18-Pdr Piece from I. O. No. 17 th + 22 nd Ord. Mobile Workshop.	
	9/8/18		Railhead changed to La Motte Brebiere. Formed new dump, Location 62 D. N22 C. 9. 2. Despatched 5 lorry loads of stores from dump at Rivery to dump at 62 D. N22 C. 9. 2. Battle Stores collected from various sources. No 1353 act/Sgt. F. S. Johnstone transferred to Ordnance 5 th Aust. Division. Representatives saw all Q. M. s or representatives before Bns. went into action, and were informed that there were no urgent requirements. 1 st Aust. Divn. H. Q. at Villers-Bretonneux, rear Headquarters near new dump at Blangy-Trouville.	
Blangy - Trouville	10/8/18		Moved remainder of Staff & stores to new dump. 62 D. N22. C. 9. 2, Blangy-Trouville. Established branch dump at Bayonvillers, near S. A. A. dump & transport lines. It was necessary to form branch dump & stop sending	

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Blangy - Troxville	continued 10/8/18		<p>stores to refilling points for the following reasons:-</p> <p>(1) Difficulty in obtaining information regarding locations, & times for refilling at Supply Dumps, particularly in the case of Artillery, which were attached to another Division.</p> <p>(2) Ordinary stores were not required by Units owing to mobile conditions of warfare.</p> <p>(3) In addition to clearing Railhead & sending lorries to re-filling points, it was necessary one day to send 3 lorries with small loads to units at night over bad roads, to distribute battle stores, to units' transport lines. Drivers tackled this willingly, but lorries began to break down, two having to be exchanged in one day.</p> <p>Advantages of the "advance dump" system during operations:-</p> <p>(1) Main dump with clerical work, & stores being held for units until they were prepared to accept, can be left well back, & near railhead.</p> <p>(2) Units have a fixed & known point within easy reach of transport, where they can draw on demand such stores as respirators, oil,</p>	

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Blangy-Tronville	10/8/18	Continued	<p>field dressings etc., and draw all battle stores that are issued on authority of D.A.Q.M.G.</p> <p>(3) Salvage, captured trophies etc, can be handed in, when convenient to Units.</p> <p>(4) Requirements can be made known when they arise, and indents can be submitted.</p> <p>(5) One lorry per day is sufficient, as a rule, to keep supplies up to branch dump. It travels between two fixed points & there is no delay collected, Respirators, Bicycle Parts, & 50 Hot Food Containers from O.C. Corps Troops. Received from Base, Horseshoes, & Detail Stores.</p>	
	11/8/18		<p>At 4 A.M., urgent wire from D.A.Q.M.G. asking for 4 Lewis M. Guns for 3rd A.I. BDE. Lorry sent at 6.30 A.M. to advance Gun Park to collect same, which were delivered to forward dump by 11 A.M. Asked A.D.O.S. Aust. Corps, for a further 50 sets Pack-Saddlery, & 50 Water Tin Carriers; also asked for 400 respirators from a local supply as stock had run out, & there was no advice of those due from Base,</p>	5.

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Blangy-Tronville	Continued 11/8/18		<p>coming forward. Third Brigade reported that all cups for firing No 23 Rifle Grenades were left at kit-store. Supply of No 36 Grenades running short, so 300 cups for No. 23 were collected from Gun Park by light car, & 200 delivered to 3rd BDE, balance of 100 being held in reserve. Despatched lorry to refilling point & advance dump, with battle, & general stores. One lorry to O. O. Corps Troops, & No I Army Troops for battle stores. Demanded one 4.5" Howitzer piece for 102nd How. Bty. Despatched more battle-stores to Advance Dump. No 8480. act/sub. bondr. Sutton. N. W. reported here for duty from 5th aust. Div. Ordnance.</p>	
	12/8/18		<p>Despatched one lorry to No I Army Troops to collect 1000 Water-Bottles, also to O. O. Corps Troops, for 50 sets of Pack saddlery, 50 barriers Water. Tin, & 400 Respirators. Despatched lorry to Advance Dump with various stores. Railhead very uncertain.</p>	
	13/8/18		<p>Despatched lorry to O. O. Corps troops for Gas suits, also to Wheel repair shop, with 5 wheels No 200. for exchange. Two lorry loads of battle & gas stores despatched to advance dump. Railhead time for</p>	5

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			Continued	
Blangy Troxville	13/8/18		Drawing very uncertain. Despatched lorry to Abbeville for respirators, urgently required. Received one travelling dispensary, captured by 7 th Inf. Btn. Demanded 2-18 Pdr Pieces for 3 rd & 5 th Aust. Batteries respectively.	
	14/8/18		Received from Base 5 Tons stores, including Boots, Hats, & necessaries. Despatched one lorry load of stores to Fouilloy. Demanded one 18-Pdr Piece & carriage for 5 th Aust. Bty.	
	15/8/18		Commenced to move dump to Fouilloy. One lorry despatched to advance dump to bring captured Trophies to Fouilloy. Sent to base one lorry load of salvage.	
	16/8/18		Received from Base 6 Tons stores including Oil, 1200 Field Dressings, Box Respirators. Completed move of Dump from Blangy-Troxville to Fouilloy & established camp. Three lorry loads stores removed from advance dump to Fouilloy.	
Fouilloy	17/8/18		Despatched two lorries to advance dump to clear stores. One lorry despatched to old dump at Rivery for balance of stores, & the armourer. Sgts, who were sent to 1 st 2 nd & 4 th Aust. Inf. Btns; to inspect rifles & M. Guns.	

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Fouilloy	17/8/18	Continued	Sent to No 4 Gun Park to enquire if any stores were available. 8 U/S Wheels also sent to repair shop at Montières.	
	18/8/18		Despatched two lorry loads of salvage to Base. Two lorry loads of stores delivered to units at Refilling points. Units returned all battle stores. Captured trophies returned to H.Q. 1 st Aust. Div. Demanded two 18-Pdr Pieces for 6 th Aust. Bty. Condemned through inaccuracy, & also one for 4 th Aust. Bty., condemned through scoring.	
	19/8/18		Received from Base 6 Tons General stores, including Grindery & Detail. Despatched lorry with Blankets to 1 st Aust. Division Reinforcement Camp. Forwarded 1 lorry load of salvage to Base.	
	20/8/18		Despatched 2 lorry loads of salvage to Base. Despatched one lorry to Montières, Rivery to collect wheels, etc. Demanded 2 Lewis M. Guns for 11 th Inf. Btn. New sites selected for main & advance dumps.	
	21/8/18		Advance Dump established near Cerisy Location Sheet 62 D. Q. 9. A. 9. 7. Despatched 4 lorry loads of battle stores there. Sent lorry to 2 nd & 4 th Aust. Divisions to pick up hot-food containers urgently required.	D

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Fouilloy	21/8/18	Continued	Lorry despatched to Poulainville to collect cordage. Received from No 4 Gun Park various M. Gun stores, & poles draught.	
Lachauville	22/8/18		Moved main dump from Fouilloy to La Neuville. Despatched one water-cart and one limber W.G.S. to advance dump, urgently required. Received from Base 5 tons clothing. S. D. - 6 Tons General Stores, also 1-Water Cart, one G. S. Wagon, K.T., one Wagon Limber complete, one hind portion Wagon. Despatched lorry at midnight with 2000 water-bottles for advance dump. Lorry also despatched to Saily le-Sec. to collect 50 Hot Food Containers. Division advanced & gained all objectives.	
	23/8/18		Removed Captured Trophies from H. Q. 1st Aust. Div. to Ordnance dump. Received from Base, one G. S. Wagon, one Cart Water Tank, two Wagons Limber, Despatched lorry to old dump at Fouilloy for Gas Blankets urgently required. Two lorries despatched to advance dump. One lorry despatched to Rivery dump to remove Armourer's Workshop to La Neuville.	
	24/8/18		Cleared all salvage from dump at Fouilloy to railhead.	

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La Neuville	24/8/18	Continued	Despatched two lorries with vehicles & stores to advance dump. Despatched 2 lorries to Rivery dump to move remainder of armourers & stores to dump at La Neuville. One lorry worked all day on moving captured trophies from near H. Ops 1 st Aust. Div. to ordnance dump. Lt. Kent returned from leave to U. K. & proceeded to Ordnance 2 nd Aust. Div.	
	25/8/18		Received from Base 5 Tons Service Dress clothing. Two lorries despatched to advance dump with stores & vehicles. Completed moving Captured Trophies from near H. Ops 1 st Aust. Div to dump at La Neuville. Despatched lorry to Gun Park for stores.	
	26/8/18		Received from Base 8 Tons General Stores, shoes horse, wheels, stable equipment, respirators & Detail Stores. Despatched lorry to Montiers Wheel repair shop, with 20 unserviceable wheels. Visited 2 nd 3 rd & 5 th Aust. Ordnance Divisions for Service Dress clothing, urgently required for gassed cases.	
	27/8/18		Despatched quantity of Captured Trophies to Australian War Museums, including vehicles. Despatched one lorry load to Salvage	10

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Lacknewville	27/8/18	Continued	Despatched three lorries to advance dump to clear stores to main dump.	
	28/8/18		Despatched three lorries to Inf. B de. re-filling points, with stores.	
			Despatched three lorries to advance dump to remove battle stores to main dump. Approval granted for the return to Gun Park of 10 Magazines per Lewis Gun, which were held by Ordnance, in reserve for Battns. Despatched to base one lorry load of salvage. Demanded one 6 inch Newton T. Mortar, for No 1 Medium T. M. Bty.	
	29/8/18		Received from Base 8 Tons General Stores, including, Lubbin, oils, grease, soda, camp equipment, torches electric hand 20, stable equipment & detail stores. Two men sent to re-open advance dump, same location as before. Collected from Gun Park, one 6 inch Newton Mortar, complete, for No I, Medium T. Mortar. Bty. Despatched 2 lorries to refilling points with stores for units. Demanded 18- Pdr. Piece for 3rd Aust. Bty.	
	30/8/18		Despatched three loads of salvage to Base. Despatched two lorries to refilling points with stores for units. Demanded one 18 Pdr	=

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Personnel Return, showing how employed, & medical category.
2.	Statement of Work carried out in 1 st Aust. Divisional Armourers' Shop.
3.	Comparative Statement of Issues & Receipts per 1000 Men.
4.	List showing all 18-Pdr. Guns & 4.5 inch. Howitzers etc. Replaced in 1 st Aust. Division during month of August 1918.

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Major. J.C.KININMONTH. D.S.O.-D.A.D.O.S.

2nd.Lt.J.E.WALKER. D.A.D.O.S. TRAINEE.

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DIVISION.

FOURTH ARMY.

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Reg.No.	Rank.	Name.	How Employed.	Medical Category.
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Head Office.

890.	Condr.	Dawson.C.	Conductor.	Active.
11874.	Sgt.	McMullen.W.W.	Clerk.	Active.
6983.	T/Cpl.	Crotty.G.F.	Clerk.	Active.
3774.	Cpl.	Harris.G.	Storeman.	Active.
875.	Pte.	Young.D.J.	Storeman.	Active.
3012.	Pte.	Dickson.A.G.	Cook.(Hospital)	P. B.

1st. Brigade.

8480.	Act./Sub.Condr.	Sutton.N.W.		Active.
2941.	Cpl.	Fraser.C.	Clerk.	Active.
5661.	Pte.	Beard.J.	Storeman.	Active.

2nd. Brigade.

2152.	Sub.Condr.	Johnson.R.J.		Active.
3242.	Cpl.	Stephens.H.	Clerk.	Active.
172.	Pte.	Sayer.H.H.	Storeman.	Active.

3rd. Brigade.

359.	Sgt.	Gunderson.O.	Clerk.	Active.
357.	Cpl.	Noble.V.	Clerk.	Active.
1619.	Pte.	Lyall.J.C.	Storeman.	Active.

Divnl. Units.

18.	Sub.Condr.	Keates.B.J.		Active.
5766.	Cpl.	Stanford.N.J.	Clerk.	Active.
1256.	Pte.	McLachlan.G.	Storeman.	Active.

Armourers and Artificers.

Attached.

29460.	W.O.(Class I)	Gysin.T.E.D.C.M.M.M.	1st.A.F.A.Bde.	Active.
20733.	W.O.(Class I)	McCormack.C.	* 2nd.A.F.A.Bde. (Hospital)	Active.
2225.	Arm.Sgt.	Johnston.V.F.	* 1st.Inf.Btn. (Hospital)	Active.
5138.	Arm.Sgt.	Lane.W.E.T.	* 2nd.Inf.Btn. (Hospital)	Active.
2107.	Arm.S/Sgt.	Ball.S.	3rd.Inf.Btn.	Active.
290.	Arm.S/Sgt.	Martin.W. M.M.	Div.Arm.Shop.	Active.
5765.	Arm.Cpl.	Smith.W.F.	5th.Inf.Btn.	Active.
3105.	Arm.Sgt.	Narracott.A.R.	Div.ArmShop.	Active.
634.	Arm.Sgt.	Mills. A.W.	7th.Inf.Btn.	Active.
545.	Arm.Sgt.	Dunn.F.	8th.Inf.Btn.	Active.
62.	ArmS/Sgt.	Finlay.J.	Div.Arm.Shop.	Active.
531.	ArmS/Sgt.	Randall.E.L.	10th.Inf.Btn.	Active.
167.	Arm.S/Sgt.	Gosling.A.	11th.Inf.Btn.	Active.
523.	Arm.Sgt.	Blythe.W.C.	Div.Arm.Shop.	Active.
141.	Arm.S/Sgt.	Provis.C.O.	Div.Arm.Shop.	Active.
1717.	Arm.Sgt.	Bowring.W.	1st.M.Gun..Btn.	Active.

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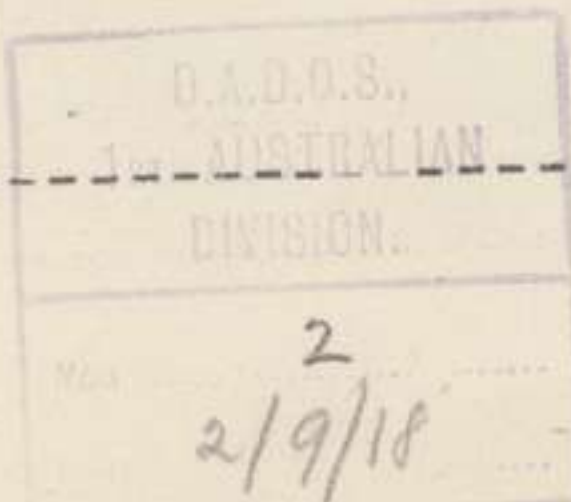
Armourers Workshop.

Statement of Work carried out in above workshop for month ending 31/8/18

Item.	Particulars.	No.
Guns. Vickers.303.	Overhauled, painted and re-issued to M. Gun Battn. in satisfaction of indents to replace destroyed by shellfire.	1.
Guns Lewis.303.	Assembled from serviceable parts received from salvage and issued to units in satisfaction of indents to replace destroyed by shellfire etc. Overhauled and repaired.	7. 8.
Bicycles.	Built from frames received from salvage and issued to units in satisfaction of demands. Sent in by units for complete overhaul including painting and minor repairs.	15. 13. 8.
Rifles.	Received from salvage and overhauled for re-issue.	Nil.
Pistols	Repaired and overhauled.	Nil.
Rangefinders.	Overhauled and re-issued.	1.
Binoculars.	Repaired for re-issue.	prs. 1.
Torches Electric.	Repaired for re-issue.	2.

 Captured Guns and Vehicles overhauled and cleaned.

Guns Field.	15.
do. Anti-Tank.	2.
Wagons Travelling Dispensary.	4.
Machine Guns.	102.
Mortars Heavy.	6.
Mortars Light.	32.
Mortars Medium.	6.
Mounts Field machine Gun.	52.



Comparative Return of Expenditure of
Clothing and certain Equipment for August 1918

	Per 1000 Men.																				Per 1000 Animals		
	Greatcoats		Boots ankle prs.		Jackets S. D.		Mounted Strength Pantaloon		Dismounted Strength Trousers		Puttees prs		Ho's A. P.	Shirts	Socks	Vests	Haversacks	Water Bottles	Mess. Tins	Sheets Ground	Flannelletto	Drawers	Shoes Horse and Mule prs.
	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned	Issued	Returned											
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List showing all 18-Pdr.Guns and 4.5.inch Howitzers Replaced to Units
of 1st.Aust.Divisional Artillery for the month of August. 1918.

Indent No.	Date Demanded.	Nature.	Reg.No.	Unit.	Reason for Condemnation	Replaced By No.
1A/8102.	4/8/18.	18-Pdr.Piece.	554.	2nd.Bty.	Condemned. Scoring.	5275.
1A/8170.	11/8/18.	4.5-in.How.	1045.	101st.How. Bty.	Condemned. Wear.	671.
1A/8208.	13/8/18.	18-Pdr.Piece.	6725.	3rd.Bty.	Condemned. Scoring.	8649.
1A/8209.	13/8/18.	18-Pdr.Piece.	2308.	5th.Bty.	Condemned. Inaccuracy.	9320.
1A/8213.	14/8/18.	18-Pdr.Piece. and Carriage.	6102. 33377.	5th.Bty.	Condemned. Scoring. Shellfire.	8877. 10529.
1A/8300.	18/8/18.	18-Pdr.Pieces. Two.	5211. 926.	6th.Bty.	Condemned. Inaccuracy.	4888. 2164.
1A/8301.	18/8/18.	18-Pdr.Piece.	7099.	4th.Bty.	Condemned. Scoring.	2542.
1A/8447.	25/8/18.	18-Pdr.Piece. and Carriage.	7274. 39260.	1st.Bty.	Shellfire.	1671. 32879.
1A/8485.	28/8/18.	18-Pdr.Carriage	32889.	1st.Bty.	Condemned. Wear.	16835.
1A/8488.	28/8/18.	18-Pdr.Piece. and Carriage. (Tank)	6802. 33492.	5th.Bty.	Premature.	9479. 15719.

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Statement showing Mileage of Lorries for week 11/8/18 to
17/8/18.

No of Lorry.	Total Mileage.	Average mileage per day.
1.	245.Miles.	35. Miles.
2.	263.Miles.	37.57. "
3.	248.Miles.	35.42. "
4.	321.Miles.	45.85. "

