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## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
"Q" Branch

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY	August 1916		<p>Each Battalion has had the establishment of Lewis Guns completed up to 8 per Battalion. Divisional Boot Repairing Shop, Divisional Small Arms, and Cycle Repair Shop established under control of D.A.D.O.S. This has proved a great boom as Lewis &amp; Vickers Guns are quickly put into working order by Armourers who have been through the Armourers classes in Australia and Calais. Water tanks have been installed all along front and reserve line for good supply of chlorinated water for all ranks. Tanks installed at Reinforcement Camp and Bomb School. Ammunition and Bombs have come forward immediately on demand. Supplies have been very satisfactory with the exception of bread which continues to arrive in broken condition. Owing to reported shortage of petrol the Divisional Train have been doing their own work, as well as that normally done by Divisional Supply Columns. This could only be done under conditions such as exist at present, the Railhead (BAC ST MAUR) being not more than 3 miles from the firing line. The supplies are unloaded from the train early every morning (times change) into Train Wagons and conveyed to refilling point. At refilling point the supplies are sorted out for units and go as far forward in daytime as Battalion dumps. At these dumps the supplies are sorted out for platoons, sections, or posts and packed into sand bags and sent forward during the night to the units. Owing to the wet weather and great shortage</p>	



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SAILLY	Aug- ust 1916		<p><u>continued.</u></p> <p>of billeting accomodation, straw had to be issued for some of the billets. This was done as a case of amergency, but 2nd ARMY have vetoed action taken. In future medical certificate must be sent with requests for straw bedding before 1st October.</p> <p>APPENDICES attached of Returns rendered by "Q" Branch during the month of August.</p> <p>Ammunition (A)    Labour (B)    Animals (C)    <i>Stores salvaged (2)</i></p>	



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DAILY EXPENDITURE OF GUN AMMUNITION FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1916

	A	AX	B	BX	BPF
August 1st	235	168	-	1	-
" 2nd	220	383	-	97	-
" 3rd	403	238	-	20	-
" 4th	708	399	-	38	-
" 5th	560	259	-	66	-
" 6th	411	329	-	108	-
" 7th	171	297	-	57	-
" 8th	480	465	1	39	-
" 9th	991	638	-	168	-
" 10th	268	234	-	126	-
" 11th	467	295	-	97	-
" 12th	391	284	-	76	-
" 13th	586	485	-	127	-
" 14th	524	274	-	76	-
" 15th	343	107	-	67	-
" 16th	815	664	-	137	28
" 17th	520	397	-	123	3
" 18th	916	564	-	129	-
" 19th	259	71	-	84	11
" 20th	3785	1477	-	458	-
" 21st	138	175	-	109	10
" 22nd	391	225	-	9	-
" 23rd	209	117	-	24	-
" 24th	155	302	-	53	-
" 25th	76	38	-	46	2
" 26th	148	164	-	30	-
" 27th	187	106	-	65	2
" 28th	128	129	-	64	1
" 29th	3411	2518	-	604	-
" 30th	288	56	-	16	-
" 31st	232	49	-	39	-
<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>26416</b>	<b>11907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3153</b>	<b>57</b>

Guns on Hand:- 18 Pdr. 48 : 4.5 How. 12.

S.A.A. ON HAND, 28th August 1916.

With Units.....3,702,000  
 Brigade Reserve.....1,559,090  
 D.A.C.....5,006,000

**T O T A L**      **10,267,090**

TRENCH MORTARS: GUNS AND AMMUNITION, 27/8/16.

	Guns	Total Rounds
2 "	12	4361
3" Stokes	24	11400

GUN AMMUNITION ON HAND, NOON, 31/8/16

A	AX	B	BX	BPF
14803	4198	11	2893	209



GRENADERS ON HAND, SUNDAY 27th August 1916.  
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Newton Rifle Grenades	5500	<u>Bombs.</u>	
Hales " "	3527	"P" Smoke	4500
Mills " "No.5.Mk.1,	3124	M.S.K.Tear	217
		<u>Candles</u>	
<u>Time Grenades</u>		Single	546
Mills No.5	85000	Triple	9419

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Expenditure of Grenades for Month of all Descriptions -  
948.  
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## T.M. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE FOR MONTH.

2 2"	827
3" Stokes	4737

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX "B"

Return of Labour, unskilled and semi-skilled, other than that provided by Fighting Troops or Reinforcements employed on 31st August 1916.

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French Civilian

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>How employed</u>
5th Sanitary Section	27	Scavenging & Sanitary
Div. Engineers	80	Workshops and Stores

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Military

Div. Salvage Co.	1 Off. 34 O.R.	Salvage.
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CENSUS OF ANIMALS

31st August 1916.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

	HORSES			MULES		Total	Number of Animals Short of Establishment.
	Riders	L.D.	H.D.	Pack	L.D.		
Div. Headquarters	65	2	4	1	-	72	1 Charger for Liaison Officer
Infantry Brigades	164	-	108	-	328	704	7 Riders, 14 L.D. Mules, 4 Pack Mules,
M.G. Coys.	31	127	-	-	-	158	2 Riders, 8 L.D. horses
Pioneer Bn.	12	-	9	17	59	97	1 L.D. Mule
H.Q. Div. Artillery	10	-	-	-	-	10	
Field Art. Bde.	652	1002	-	-	246	1880	16 L.D. Horses, 10 L.D. Mules
D.A.C.	90	-	-	-	891	981	29 L.D. Mules
H.Q. Div. Engineers	6	-	-	-	1	7	
Field Companies	60	122	-	12	34	228	10 L.D. Horses
Div. Sig. Co.	43	24	-	7	27	101	1 Charger, 3 Riders, 2 L.D. Horses.
Div. Train	59	11	327	-	23	420	1 Rider
Field Ambulance	40	51	61	-	-	152	5 Riders, 3 L.D. Horses, 2 H.D. Horses
Sanitary Section	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Mobile Vet. Section	20	23	-	-	9	52	2 L.D. Horses.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>1362</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1518</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4863</b>

Headquarters  
31st August 1916

Captain  
D.A.C.M.G.  
for Maj-Gen., Comdng. 5th Aust. Division



## STORES SALVED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST 1916.

Name of Stores	Number	Condition
<b>CLOTHING</b>		
Greatcoats	1070	Unserviceable
Tunics	10 sacks	"
Breeches	13 sacks	"
Socks	10 sacks	"
Towels	1 sack	"
Handkerchiefs	3 sacks	"
Underclothing	31 sacks	"
<b>ARMS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
Rifles	675	" & Repairable
Bayonets & Scabbards	250	" "
Web Equipment	65 sacks	" "
Bayonets & Scabbards	9 sacks	" "
Leather Equipment	10 sacks	" "
<b>ORDNANCE STORES</b>		
Steel Helmets	174	Serviceable & Unserviceable
Blankets	200	Unserviceable
Gas Helmets	500	"
" "	11 cases	"
" "	16 sacks	"
Hurricane Lamps	34	"
S.R.D. Jars	79	Serviceable
Waterproof Sheets	440	Unserviceable
Shovels (broken)	95	"
"	10	Serviceable
Pick Heads	141	"
Dixies	28	Unserviceable
Dixie Lids	9	"
Mess Tins	193	"
" "	4 sacks	"
Saddlery	9 sacks	"
Horseshoes	17 sacks	"
"	9 cases	"
Oil Drums (M.T.)	38	Serviceable
Petrol Tins (M.T.)	1258	"
Water bottles	108	Unserviceable
Lanterns, Bulls eye	6	Serviceable
Pole Supporting bar	1	Unserviceable
Swindle Bar	1	"
Pole G.S.	1	"
Panniers	1	Serviceable
Glass	1 box	"
Entrenching Tool Heads )	1200	"
" " Helves)		
Kerosene	1 drum	"
Brake Block 6"	1	Unserviceable
Sacks	200	Serviceable
" Limber load	1	"
Bicycle (No. E 6161)	1	"
Handcuffs	1 pair	Unserviceable
Picquet Pegs	1 sack	Serviceable
Frogs, Wire cutter	1	"
Anvil	1	"
Tubs Wooden	2	"
Tarpaulin	1	"
Saw	1	"
Carrier, Saw	1	"
Lathe, adjusting	1	"
Range Finder	1	"
Covers, Rifle	5	"
Hessian Roll	1	"
Rope	Quantity	"



STORES SALVED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST (Contd)

Nature of Stores	Number	Condition
<b>ORDNANCE STORES (contd)</b>		
Catapults, Trench	3	Unserviceable
Barb Wire Posts, Spiral	24	Serviceable
Cylinder, Gas	1	Unserviceable
Motor Tyres	6	"
Spring, Gun	1	"
Razors	38	"
"	2 sandbags	"
Brushes of sorts	68	"
"	5 sandbags	"
Boots, ankle Pairs of	149	"
"	11 sacks	"
" Gum, pairs of	47	"
"	12 sacks	"
Satchels, Gas Helmets	25	"
Bill Hooks	12	"
Hats & Caps	178	"
"	3 sacks	"
Covers, Mess Tin	2	sacks
Carriers, Dixie	1	"
Jackets, Skin	10	Serviceable
Cases, Lantern	8	Unserviceable
Respirators	16	"
Magazines Lewis & M.G.	93	" & Serviceable
Capes Machine Gunners	6	Serviceable
Housewives	93	"
"	2 sacks	"
Leggings, Pairs	16	"
Rods, Cleaning	3	Unserviceable
Spring, ejector	1	"
Spurs, pairs	10	"
Periscopes, Trench	5	"
Bugles	6	"
Stands, Lewis Gun	4	"
Wire Cutters, Rifle	1	sack
Rifles, Snipers	5	Serviceable
Wrench	1	Unserviceable
Nosebags, Horses	Quantity	Serviceable
Magazine Box, Lewis M.G.	1	Unserviceable
Side Rails Timber	5	"
Tyre Bicycle	1	"
Choppers	13	"
Duck Boards	6	Serviceable
Basins, Washing	2	Unserviceable
Boxes, Horseshoe	24	"
Cases M.G.	4	"
Case, Tripod	1	"
Belt cases, M.G.	12	" & Serviceable
Blower Forge	1	Unserviceable
Vibrator & Cell Carrier	1	Serviceable
Cell Carrier, Tin	1	"
Haynets	Quantity	Unserviceable
Cotton Bandoliers	"	"
Holdalls	5	sacks
Housewives	1	case
Sprayers, disinfectant	4	Serviceable
Duck Boards	6	Unserviceable
Latrine Buckets	3	Serviceable
Grease, drum	1	Unserviceable
Oil	1	Serviceable
Tent Pegs	1	"
Canvas Water Bags	1	sacks
Grading Implements	1	sack
Tool Bag contg. Tools	8	Unserviceable
Strops razor,	1	Serviceable
	1	sack
		Unserviceable



STORES SALVED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST (contd.)

Nature of Stores	Number	Condition
<b>ORDNANCE STORES (contd)</b>		
Breech covers	1 sack	Unserviceable
Cutlery	2 sacks	"
Tent	1	"
Tent Poles	6	"
Lamp, Folding	1	"
<b>AMMUNITION etc.</b>		
S.A.A?	63 Boxes	Serviceable
Lights	12 cases	"
"	2 sacks	"
Bomb Cases	30	"
Boxes 4.5"	Quantity	"
Caps 4.5"	"	"
Carriers, Shell	150	"
Shells 18 pdr. (Dummies)	43	"
Boxes (Components Trench How.)	37	"
" (3" Stokes)	275	"
" (Trench How.Tail)	82	Unserviceable
Boxes Mills Grenades	800	"
Fuse, Safety	Quantity	Serviceable
Shells	518 boxes	"
"	60 sandbags	"
Clips	293 boxes	"
"	26 sandbags	"
<b>SUPPLIES</b>		
Biscuits	17 cases	"
"	16 tins	"
Bully Beef	35 cases	"
"	1 sack	"
Hay,	5 bales	"
<b>MEDICAL STORES</b>		
Field Dressings	38	Unserviceable
Stretchers	16	"
Apron, Stretcher bearers	1	"
<b>ENGINEER STORES</b>		
Wire, coil	1	Serviceable
Cables, wire	1	"
Wire, Enamel, coils	2	"
Nails 3"	3 boxes	"
Wire, Insulated, reel	1	"
Septic pump & Hosing	1	"
Flags, Signallers, <del>XXXXX</del>	7	"
Flag <del>XXXXX</del> Pole, pieces	2	"
Hessian	Quantity	"
Blacksmiths Apron & Bag	1	"
Buzzer	2	"