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| Hdgrs.<br>1st.<br>Anzac. | Aug.<br>1.   | ---  | Secret files destroyed 1.8.16. at Contay.-Location of units 13/7/16 to 31/7/16. Hdgr. Nos. 68/37. 38. 44. 43., 124/161. G.386. 443. 444. 747. 817. Moves Infantry - 124/182. Moves - 8-4-18 S.412. Changed Railheads - 123/20 & "Q" Summary 123/20 (see also 7th. July). Visited Camouflage School. 6" gun completed by I.O.M. Guns out of action - 1st. Div. 16 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 4 Stokes, 5-18 pdrs, 1-4.5" Howr., 2nd. Aust. Div. 2 Lewis, 2-18 pdrs. |                                      |
|                          | 2.           |      | Visited D.A.D.O.S., 4th. Aust. Div. Guns out of action. 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Divs. 18 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 4 Hotchkiss, 3-18 pdrs. 1-4.5" Howr. D.A.D.O.S., 2nd. Aust. Div. reports a surplus of 3 Lewis guns.  |                                      |
|                          | 3.           |      | 4th. Aust. Div. reports receipt of 11 Periscopes No. 14 for Lahore Artillery. Deficiency in the division now is:- Lahore 5, 3 Infy. Bdes 3, 3 T.M. Batteries 3. total 11. Guns out of action :- 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Divs.- 13-18 pdrs., 1-4.5" Howr. Visited Workshop, 1st. Aust. Division and 4th. Aust. Division.   |                                      |
|                          | 4.           |      | Visited D.A.D.O.S., 1st. Aust. Division also 3rd. Infy. Bde. Guns out of action:- 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Divs:- 12-18 pdrs and 2-4.5" Howrs.   |                                      |
|                          | 5.           |      | Guns out of action 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Divs:- 17-18 pdrs., 2-4.5" Howitzers.  |                                      |
|                          | 6.           |      | Secret files destroyed Contay 6/8/16.- 1st. Anzac Orders No. 9, 10, 12 - Reliefs and Moves copies 16, 17 and 19. Guns out of action. 1st, Aust. Div, 2nd. Aust. Div. and Corps Troops:- 17 Lewis, 16-18 pdrs., and 2 Hotchkiss. Visited Amiens with Gen. Lontbiniere. 2nd. Aust. Div. demanded and got too many Lewis guns. I gave them these 3 from Corps Troops, and so when they receive their 20, they must return 3.                                 |                                      |
|                          | 7.           |      | Visited Val de Maison Camp and Varennes. Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th Aust. Divs and Corps Troops:- 28 Lewis, 4 Vickers, 15-18 pdrs. D.A.D.O.S., 4th. Aust. Div. reports 13 Lewis guns taken over by 4th. Aust. Div. from 2nd. Aust. Div. The 2-18 pdrs. knocked out, or rather condemned, have now been replaced from Base.  |                                      |



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|        | <del>1917</del> |      |   |                                      |
| Hqrs.  | 1916.           |      |   |                                      |
| 1st.   | Aug.            |      |   |                                      |
| Anzac. | 8.              |      | Guns out of action. 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs. :- 31 Lewis, 6 Vickers, 12-18 pdrs. and 2-4.5" Howrs. Visited 4th. Aust. Divl. Dump.   |                                      |
|        | 9.              |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs.:- 20 Lewis, 13-18 pdrs, 2-4.5" Howitzers. Visited D.A.D.O.S., 1wth. Division re Armourer for Cyclist Battalion under training. Spoke to D.A.D.O.S., 2nd. Aust. Division. He was not really 17 Lewis guns short - he was 20, hence I did not have 3 surplus. |                                      |
|        | 10.             |      | Railhead changes - 1st. Aust. Div. Acheux. 2nd. Aust. Div. Vignacourt. Guns out of action:- 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs:- 12-18 pdrs, and 2-4.5" Howitzers. H. M. The King visited 1st. Anzac Headquarters. Visited No. 32 Workshop.  |                                      |
|        | 11.             |      | Guns out of action:- 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs.:- 11-18 pdrs,. Visited Paris for purchase of stores.  |                                      |
|        | 12.             |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs.:- 10-18 Pounders. (1 condemned). State of Trench helmets:- 1st. Aust. Div. 1811, 2nd. Aust. Div 7000, 4th. Aust. Div. 1100, Corps Troops 570. Returned from Paris 2.0 a.m.  |                                      |
|        | 13.             |      | 2 Heavy Trench Mortars arrived and issued to Suzan (1st. Aust. Division). Guns out of action:- 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs, 146 Hy. Batty and 108. Siege Batty.:- 1 Lewis, 9-18 Pdrs., 1 60-pdr., 1-6" Howitzer. Visited 4th. Aust. Division and workshop.  |                                      |
|        | 14.             |      | Guns out of action:- 1st, 2nd, 4th, Aust. Divs, and 146 Hy. Batty:- 1 Lewis, 11-18 pdrs, 1-60 Pdr. and 1 Stokes Mortar. Visited Army Headquarters.  |                                      |
|        | 15.             |      | Guns out of action:- 1st, 2nd, 4th, Aust. Divs. and Corps Troops:- 1 Maxim, 5 Vickers, 16-18 pdrs, 2 Stokes. Visited 2nd. Aust. Div. reshortage of Machine guns. Also 4th. Aust. Div. and Headquarters, 4th. Aust. Div. at Tara Hill.   |                                      |



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| Hdgrs.<br>1st.<br>Anzac. | Aug.<br>16.  |      | Guns out of action. 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs:- 5 Vickers, 1 Maxim, 14-18 Pdrs, 1 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar. Inspected wagons and carts of 2nd. Aust. Div. Condemned 90 wheels, 3 cart covers, 11 sets of brake gear, 9 limber hooks, 9 perch eyes, 3 spring wagon seats, 1 wagon limbered G.S. (how). Visited D.A.D.O.S., 2nd. Australian Division.       |  |
|                          | 17.          |      | Guns out of action :- 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divisions:- 5 Vickers, 1 Maxim, 14-18 Pounders, 1 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar. Visited 2nd. Australian Division.  |  |
|                          | 18.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs:- 5 Vickers, 1 Lewis, 1 Maxim, 14-18 Pounders, 1 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar. Visited Amiens to purchase signalling sheets for 1st. Aust. Div.  |  |
|                          | 19.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs:- 5 Vickers, 1 Lewis, 1 Maxim, 13-18 Pounders, 1 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar. Visited D.A.D.O.S., 4th. Australian Division.- they have not yet sent in their list of deficiencies in Lewis guns though many days out of action.   |  |
|                          | 20.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th, Aust. Divs:- 6 Vickers, 9 Lewis, 1 Maxim, 22-18 Pounders, 1 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar. Visited 1st, and 2nd. Australian Divisions also Corps Dump to find tripods for Vickers guns. Also visited Reinforcement Camp re a small Depot there.  |  |
|                          | 21.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th, Aust. Divs and Corps Troops:- 1 Vickers, 9 Lewis, 16-18 pdrs, 1 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar, 1-6" Howitzer. Visited 4th. Aust. Divisional Train and inspected Train Transport which was in a very good condition.  |  |
|                          | 22.          |      | Steel helmets.:- 2nd. Aust. Div. report about 4000 short. Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th, Aust. Divs and Corps Troops:- 1 Lewis, 15-18 Pdrs, 3 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar, 1-6" Howr. Authority received from D.D.O.S. to take and hand over P.H. Helmets from and to Canadian Corps. A.D.O.S. Canadian Corps visited and discussed handing over with me. |  |



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| Hdqrs. | Aug.<br>23.  |      | 1st. Aust. Div- All issues to suspended and all dues out transferred to Calais this day. (D.D.O.S. Reserve Army H.M. 244 d/- 23/8/16). Guns out of action: 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs and Corps Troops :- 1 Lewis, 10-18 Pdrs, 1 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar, 1-6" Howitzer.  |  |
| 1st.   |              |      |  |  |
| Anzac. | 24.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th, Aust. Divs. and Corps Troops:- 16 Lewis, 7-18 Pdrs, 3 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar, 1-6" Howitzer. 2nd. Aust. Division report 4000 steel helmets on their way which should fit out the Division.  |  |
|        | 25.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs and Corps Troops:- 15 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 5-18 pdrs, 5 Stokes, 1-2" Mortar, 2-6" Howitzers. Visited 4th. Australian Division - they have received an ample supply of steel helmets, also Rangefinders coming to hand.   |  |
|        | 26.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs and Corps Troops :- 15 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 4-18 Pdrs, 5 Stokes, 2-2" Mortars, 2-6" Howitzers. Information received from Canadian Corps that the following gashelmets are available to be taken over :- Corps Troops 5000, No. 1 Dump 22000, No. 2 Dump 17000. Reported that quantity of regimental equipment left behind by 1st. Aust. Division at Beauval. Visited 2nd. Aust. Divl Bomb store at E.R. Central - all bombs and other explosives are well and safely stored.   |  |
|        | 27.          |      | Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th, Aust. Divs and Corps Troops:- 15 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 5 Stokes, 2-2" Trench Mortars, 11-18 Pounders, 2-6" Howitzers. Visited Beauval and ascertained that 9th. Battn had left behind 120 blankets, 150 Greatcoats, 100 empty packs, 2 sacks of hats, 2 sacks of necessaries, 100 towels, 1 sack of underclothing, 30 steel helmets, 25 rifles, 6 shovels, 1 bag of sandbags, 6 bayonets, 12 scabbards, box Mills grenades, sack hand grenades, these were all collected and returned. Visited H.Q. Reserve Army and arranged for issue of 4 Stokes Mortars with Foulis adapters to 2nd. Aust. Division. |  |



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| Hdqrs,<br>1st.<br>Anzac. | Aug.<br>28.   |      | <p>War-diary-from 34807 S/Condr. Bennett, 2nd. Can. Div, 61003 S/Condr. Nichols, 3rd. Can. Div, 81826 Sergt. Smith, Corps Troops (Can) arrived to take over Dump stores. Guns out of action:- 1st, 2nd, 4th Aust. Divs and Corps Troops:- 15 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 5 Stokes, 2-2" Trench Mortars, 11-18 Pdrs, 1-6" Howr. 1200 steel helmets arrived for 4th. Aust. Div. which were not demanded. -A rrranged for return to Base.</p>                                |  |
|                          | 29.           |      | <p>10 Stokes Mortars arrived for 4th. Aust. Div. at General Staff Branch, Reserve Army. I.O.M., 32 Workshop (Lt. Allen) reported sick- admitted into hospital 28/8/16. Visited Varennes Workshop; handed over stock of P.H. Helmets at Canaples to representative of A.D.O.S., Canadian Corps. Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs and Corps Troops :- 16 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 4 Stokes, 2-2" Trench Mortars, 14-18 Pounders, 1-4.5" Howr, 1-6" Howr.</p> |  |
|                          | 30.           |      | <p>Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs and Corps Troops:- 1 Lewis, 1 Vickers, 2 Stokes, 2-2" Trench Mortars, 9-18 Pdrs, 1-4.5" Howr, 2-6" Howrs. According to Despatch No. 27 from Commandant A.I.F. Base, Australia is making arrangements to supply sleeveless leather jerkins vests for the winter, also 1000 tons of reserves of clothing being forwarded by transport leaving Australia about August 24th.</p>                                    |  |
|                          | 31.           |      | <p>Guns out of action 1st, 2nd, 4th. Aust. Divs, and Corps Troops:- 1 Vickers, 3 Lewis, 2" Stokes Mortars, 2-2" Trench Mortars, 2-18 Pdrs, 1-4.5" Howr, 2-6" Howr. Blankets issue of to complete to 1 per man.- See A.C./183, Second Army wire Q.O. 3342 d/- 31/8/16 - Ordnance, Formations directed to indent. Visited Nos. 15 and 32 Ordnance Workshops.</p>  |  |

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A.D.O.S.-1st ANZAC CORPS



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