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Bac-St-Maur Merris	4-7-16		Left Bac-St-Maur Dump which was exceptionally convenient for handling Ordnance Stores, being a large shed on main road, with road running through, leaving sufficient room for 4 Warrant officers to keep their stores separate. During move to Merris arrangements were made with DADOS 4 th Australian Division, by which 4 lorries from each Division were travelling filled both ways, and Reserve helmets were exchanged so that very little time was lost.	
	9-7-16		Large quantities of stores being handed in to salvage by Minto, but all these were cleared to railhead.	
	10-7-16		Indents suspended, and many stores at railhead were not accepted.	
Canaples Flesselles	11-7-16		Left Merris. Owing to 20,000 reserve of Gas Helmets and inability to send lorries back for a second load, it was necessary to get 4 other lorries from D.L.C. With these all Gas Helmets and a small amount of oil, grease etc, were carried. Lorries travelled to Canaples with D.L.C. and were sent on to Flesselles next day.	
	12-7-16		Very little accommodation, stores were dumped outside, and M.C.O's and men built huts with Gas Helmet cases. Owing to change of Base no stores were received for a week. Railhead Vignacourt.	
Contay	16-7-16		Move to Contay. It was found necessary to send Warrant Officers out to Infantry Brigades so that they could be near Quartermasters. The system is satisfactory so far as Infantry Brigades	

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Contay	18-7-16		<p>are concerned but it leaves very few to look after the stores for the whole Division and Divisional Troops which comprise 41 Units. D.A.S. moved with D.H.Q. to Contay, taking one Clerk and leaving Conductor in charge of Dump at Hesselles with 2 Sergeant Clerks, 2 Corporals and fatigue party of 7. Left Contay where very few Indents were passed, owing to Units being on the move. Moved with D.H.Q. to Seulis. Brigade dumps were formed in this area for Packs and Blankets. As these were far behind the fighting troops, it was impracticable to leave Ordnance Warrant Officers in charge of these. They would have been useless to their Brigades. Stores arriving in large quantities, notably Lewis Machine Gun Hand Carts, Lewis Gun magazines, Steel Helmets, and P.H.S. Gas Helmets.</p>	
Albert	19-7-16		<p>Moved to Albert. Brought Conductor and Clerks up to Dump there, and ramped Warrant Officers on a main road near 1st Line Transport and refilling point. Stores were divided there, and any surplus of stock brought to Albert. During fighting Oil was asked for and issued, and Gun springs ran out, 9 guns were temporarily out of action.</p>	
Rubempre	26-7-16		<p>Left Albert, passed through Rubempre and made Dump at Canaples next day. Owing to two moves on consecutive days some difficulty was found in shifting stores quickly.</p>	
	27-7-16		<p>Commenced re-equipping, great delay was caused by Units being kept on the move. 1st main</p>	

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	28-7-16		<p>Indent did not reach this office until 31/7/16.</p> <p>Equipment for Division, considering the number of casualties, was not excessive.</p> <p>Total number of Machine Guns required for replacement 26, and French Motors 4.</p>	
			<p><i>McInmont</i> Capt. D.A.D.O.S. 1st Australian Division</p>	

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	31-7-16		<p>Indents for re-equipment of 1st and 2nd Porigads received. Bulk stores were demanded from Base in one indent, irrespective of correct days for demanding various stores.</p> <p>Original of above entry will be found on page 1 of diary for the month of August 1916 and bound with that month.</p>	