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WAR DIARY

OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN

FOR

JULY

1918

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Place	1918 Date July	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HONDEGHEM	1		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 12 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 1 wagon carting R.E. material from Martyn Dump to 1st F.A. Brigade. 3 wagons carting ammunition and rations to wagons D.T.M. Batteries. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 3 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 25 Officers, 646 o/Ranks and 663 animals.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS.</u> - Captain H.A. Webb marched in from Reinforcement Wing and posted to command D.A.E. Dump.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 2 other ranks evacuated.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Fine.</p> <p><u>AMMUNITION.</u> - See Appendix "A".</p> <p><u>SALVAGE.</u> - See Appendix "B".</p>	<p>Location V.1 c7.4 Sheet 27:</p>
			<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 1 Wagon to D.A. Headquarters 5 wagons with ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 2 G.S. Wagons drawing Green Fodder to DAC Wagon Lines. 2 wagons carrying Road metal. 1 wagon drawing R.E. material and delivering same to 1st F.A. Brigade. 1 wagon carting Trench Mortar Ammunition.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 25 Officers 646 other ranks and 663 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Fine.</p>	
			<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 6 G.S. Wagons on duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 2 wagons drawing Green Fodder to D.A.C. Wagon lines. 4 wagons carting road metal. 1 wagon drawing R.E. Material from Martyn Dump and delivering same to 1st F.A. Brigade. 1 wagon carting ammunition to Trench Mortars. 1 wagon to D.A. Headquarters. 5 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 25 Officers, 645 o/Ranks and 662 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 1 other rank evacuated.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> Dull</p> <p><u>INSPECTION.</u> - The G.O.C. 1st Australian Division inspected 1st Aust. D.A.C. and expressed himself as very pleased with the Column. He considered that the condition of the animals and harness showed good work by Officers and men.</p> <p>The C.R.A. congratulated the D.A.C. on the condition they have kept their animals and harness in during the heavy work of the last few weeks.</p>	

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HONDEGHEM	1918 July	4	<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 2 wagons carting Trench Mortar ammunition. 1 G.S. Wagon to D.A. Headquarters. 3 wagons carting green fodder to DAC Wagon lines. 2 wagons carting Road metal. 1 wagon drawing R.E. material from Martyn. Dump and delivering to 2nd FAB. 41 wagons carting ammunition to 1st FABrigade. 4 G.S. Wagons carting Rations and ammunition to Trench Mortars. 12 L.G.S. Wagons doing duty with No. 2 Special Coy R. Engineers carrying Gas Projectors to forward area. 8 G.S. Wagons carrying kits of 1st Inf. Brigades. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> 25 Officers, 645 o/Ranks and 660 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Fine.</p>	Location V. 1 c 7.4 Sheet 27
		5	<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 8 G.S. Wagons carting ammunition from Divl. Salvage Dump to DAC Ammunition Dump. 2 G.S. Wagons drawing manure from Wagon lines to dump. 26 wagons carrying ammunition to 1st FAB. 2 G.S. Wagons carting ammunition to Trench Mortars. 10 Wagons with ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 2 G.S. Wagons carting R.E. material to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 25 Officers, 645 o/Ranks and 660 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Fine.</p>	
		6	<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn. 5 wagons carrying Trench Mortar Ammunition and Rations to Trench Mortar Batteries. 12 wagons with Ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 2 wagons carting green fodder to DAC Wagon lines. 3 wagons carting manure from DAC Wagon Lines to Dump. 2 wagons carting R.E. material.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 25 Officers, 646 other Ranks and 660 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 1 other rank from Hospital.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Fine.</p> <p><u>INSPECTION.</u> - The D.A.D.V.S. 1st Australian Division, inspected all animals and lines of 1st Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.</p>	
		7	<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 5 GS Wagons carting manure from wagon lines to Farm. 2 wagons saxing conveying Band. 4 wagons carting empties from 101st Battery to Dump. 5 wagons carting ammunition to Trench Mortar Batteries from Dump. 12 ammunition wagons to 1st FAB. 1 G.S. Wagon with R.E. material to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 6 wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 10 G.S. Wagons carting gas projectors to Forward Area for No. 2 Special Coy. R.E.</p>	

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HONDEGHEM	7 (Contd)		<p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 648 other ranks and 657 animals. <u>OFFICERS.</u> - 2/Lieut G.H. Todd, M.M. transferred to Trench Mortars. <u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 2 other ranks marched in from A.G.B.D. <u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	Location V. 1 c. 7.4 Sheet 27
		8	<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 30 ammunition wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 4 G.S. Wagons carting T.M. ammunition to Batteries. 6 Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn. 2 Wagons carting manure from DAC Wagon lines to Farm. 2 wagons carting green fodder to DAC Wagon lines. 1 wagon carting coal to Wagon lines. 2 wagons drawing R.E. material for 1st FABrigade. 2 ammunition wagons carting to 1st FAB. <u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 648 other ranks and 657 animals. <u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	
		9	<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 2 G.S. wagons carrying Green Fodder to Wagon Lines. 4 G.S. Wagons carrying manure to Farm. 1 wagon carting empties from 1st FAB. 23 wagons carrying ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 17 wagons carrying ammunition to 2nd FA Brigade 2 G.S. Wagons xxxx carrying ammunition to Trench Mertar Batteries. 1 wagon doing duty for Y.M.C.A. 6 wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. <u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 652 other ranks and 657 animals. <u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 4 other ranks from A.G.B.D. <u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	
		10	<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 16 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 2 wagons carting green fodder to DAC Wagon lines. 2 wagons carting road metal. 1 wagon carting empties from 1st FAB to Dump. 1 G.S. Wagon carting manure from DAC Wagon lines. 11 wagons carting ammunition to 1st FAB. 2 G.S. Wagons carting R.E. material from Martyn Dump to 1st F.A. Brigade. Two G.S. Wagons carting ammunition to Trench Mortars. 6 Wagons carting for 1st Pioneer Battalion. <u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 652 other ranks and 657 animals. <u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	

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HONDEGHEM	1918 July			
	11		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 2 G.S. Wagons carting manure from wagon lines to Farm. 28 Ammunition wagons carrying ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 6 G.S. Wagons on fatigue to 1st Pioneer Battalion. 6 Wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 4 Wagons to Trench Mortar Batteries with ammunition.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 658 other ranks and 657 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 6 other ranks from A.G.B.D.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Showery.</p>	Location V.1c7.4 Sheet 27.
	12		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 1 G.S. Wagon with ammunition to Trench Mortar Batteries. 32 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 1 L.G.S. Wagon with Officers kits to 1st F.A.B. 23 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 1 G.S. Wagon carting empties to Dump. 2 G.S. Wagons carting manure from DAC Wagon Lines to Farm. 2 G.S. Wagons carting green fodder to Wagon Lines. 2 G.S. Wagons carting material to Wagon lines. 8 Wagons carrying kits of 3rd Infantry Brigade. 6 Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 other ranks and 656 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 3 other ranks from A.G.B.D.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Showery.</p>	
	13		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 36 ammunition wagons collecting ammunition from 31st Div^l Dump and carrying same to D.A.C. Dump. 12 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 2 wagons carting conveying Band to 1st F.A.B. Wagon lines. 4 G.S. Wagons carrying 2nd Inf. Brigade Blankets. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 2 G.S. Wagons to No. 2 Special R.E. Coy. 23 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd FAB. 1 G.S. Wagon carting ammunition to Trench Mortars. Two G.S. Wagons carting R.E. material to 6th Bty.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 other ranks and 656 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	
14		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 3 G.S. Wagons carting green fodder to Wagon lines. 13 G.S. Wagons carting R.E. material from Martyn Dump to 1st F.A. Brigade. 1 wagon carting coal to Wagon lines. 1 wagon carting Trench Mortar Ammunition to T.M. Batteries. 4 wagons carting Road metal from BORRE to wagon lines. 3 ammunition wagons with ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 other ranks and 656 animals. <u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy, heavy showers.</p>		

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HONDEGHEM	1918 July 15		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 15 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 4 wagons carting green fodder to DAC Wagon lines. 5 wagons carting timber to Wagon lines. 3 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 2 G.S. Wagons carrying rations and ammunition to Trench Mortars. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Bttn. 10 wagons carrying 1st Inf. Brigade kits.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers 660 other ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 1 o/Rank to R.A. Cadet School.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	Location lc. 7.4 Sheet 27
	16		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 2 G.S. Wagons on road metal fatigue. 4 G.S. Wagons carting manure from wagon lines to Farm. 2 wagons conveying fatigue party. to 3rd Battery. 24 Wagons with ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 22 wagons with ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 1 G.S. Wagon with rations and ammunition to Trench Mortar Batteries.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 662 o/Ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 3 other ranks from A.G.B.D. 1 other rank evacuated.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Dull.</p>	
	17		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 2 G.S. Wagons carting manure from Wagon lines to Farm. 2 G.S. Wagons carting road metal. 2 G.S. wagons carting green fodder to W. Lines. 19 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 4 G.S. Wagons drawing R.E. material from Martyn Dump. 3 Wagons carting rations and ammunition to Trench Mortar Btys. 17 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 2 wagons carting timber for Horse lines.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 o/Ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 1 o/Rank evacuated.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy and very hot.</p>	
	18		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 4 G.S. Wagons carting empties to Dump from 1st F.A. Brigade. 39 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 12 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 5 wagons carting green fodder to Wagon lines. 1 wagon carting timber to wagon lines. 2 wagons carting 4th Battalion blankets. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Bttn.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 o/Ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Fine.</p>	
19		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 50 ammn. wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 3 G.S. Wagons carting timber etc. to wagon lines. 2 G.S. Wagons carting manure from Wagon lines to Farm.</p>		

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HONDEGHEM	19		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - (Continued) 2 G.S. Wagons carting green fodder to Wagon lines. 39 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 o/Ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Fine.</p>	<p>Location V.1 c7.4 Sheet 27</p>
	20		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 3 G.S. Wagons carting green fodder to wagon lines. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 1 wagon carting manure from wagon lines to farm. 25 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 1 G.S. Wagon drawing R.E. material and delivering same to 1st FAB. 18 Wagons carting ammn. to 2nd FAB.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 other ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Showery.</p>	
	21		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 4 G.S. Wagons carting green fodder to Wagon lines, 29 wagons carting ammn. to 1st F.A.B. 1 Wagon carting empties to dump from 1st F.A.B. 4 G.S. Wagons carrying timber to DAC Wagon lines. 1 wagon carting manure from wagon lines to farm. 30 wagons carting ammunition to 2nd F.A.B. 6 G.S. Wagons carting doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn. 15 G.S.L. Wagons carting gas projectors to forward area.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 660 o/Ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	
	22		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 1 G.S. Wagon drawing R.E. material and delivering same to 1st FAB. 2 wagons carrying band to 2nd F.A.B. 2 G.S. Wagons carting manure from wagon lines to farm. 2 G.S. Wagons carting timber to wagon lines. 1 wagon carting green fodder to wagon lines. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty for 1st Pioneer Battn. 10 G.S.L. wagons doing duty for No. 2 Special Coy. R.E.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers 660 o/Ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Wet.</p>	
	23		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 4 G.S. Wagons carrying building material to wagon lines. 2 G.S. Wagons carting green fodder to wagon lines. 3 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade 14 L.G.S. Wagons carting Gas projectors to forward area. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers, 661 o/Ranks and 654 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 2 o/Ranks from AGED, 1 other rank evacuated. <u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	

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HONDEGHEM	24		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 14 teams carting empties from Dump to Railhead. 2 G.S. Wagons carting sleepers from Strazeele. 1 wagon drawing R.E. material from Martyn Dump and delivering same to 1st F.A.B. 1 G.S. Wagon carting to Trench Mortars. 1 G.S. Wagon carting green fodder to Wagon lines. 14 L.G.S. Wagons carting Gas projectors to forward areas. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 24 Officers 660 o/Ranks and 659 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 1 o/Rank evacuated.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Stormy.</p>	Location V.1 c7.4 Sheet 27.
	25		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 3 G.S. Wagons drawing green fodder to wagon lines. 1 G.S. Wagon drawing R.E. material from Martyn Dump and delivering same to 1st F.A.B. 9 wagons carrying ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 2 G.S. Wagons carting timber to wagon lines, 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battn. 10 G.S.L. wagons carrying Gas Projectors for No. 2 Special Coy. R.E. to forward area.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 28 Officers, 659 o/Ranks and 659 animals.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS.</u> - Lt. G.V. Garner, 2/Lieut. P.W. Hall, 2/Lieut. C.F. Murray and 2/Lieut. F.W. Armstrong reported from A.G.B.D. and were posted to SAA Section No. 2 Section (1) and No. 1 Section (2) respectively.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 1 other rank evacuated.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Heavy rain.</p>	
	26		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 3 G.S. Wagons salvaging timber and carrying same to Wagon lines. 6 wagons carting ammunition to 1st F.A.B. brigade. 3 wagons carting manure to farm. 6 G.S. wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 28 Officers, 669 o/Ranks and 658 animals.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 11 o/Ranks from A.G.B.D. 1 o/rank evacuated.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> - Raining.</p>	
	27		<p><u>WORK DONE.</u> - 1 G.S. Wagon carting green fodder to Wagon lines. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer. Battalion. 3 G.S. Wagons carting T. Mortar ammunition to Trench Mortar Batteries. 9 wagons carting empties from dump to Railway Siding 12 ammunition wagons carting ammn. to 1st F.A.B. 2 G.S. Wagons carting manure from wagon lines to farm.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH.</u> - 28 Officers, 670 o/Ranks and 658 animals. <u>PERSONNEL.</u> - 1 o/r from AGED.</p>	

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HONDEGHEM	28		<p><u>WORK DONE</u> 14 Wagons carting Ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigades. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 3 G.S. Wagons carting Green fodder to Wagon Lines. 2 G.S. Wagons salvaging Timber and carrying same to Wagon Lines for stables. 2 G.S. Wagons Carting Blankets to Ebblinghem. 1 G.S. Wagon carting Gravel to W/Lines</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> 28 Officers 671 O/Ranks and 658 Animals: <u>PERSONNEL</u> 1 O/Rank from A.G.B.D. <u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p>	Location V.I.C.7.4 Sheet 27
	29		<p><u>WORK DONE</u> 2 G.S. Wagons carting Rations and Ammunition to Trench Mortars in forward Area. 6 G.S. Wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 1 G.S. Wagon carting stores for Y.M.C.A. 10 G.S. Wagons doing duty with No. 2 Special Coy. R.E. 2 G.S. Wagons doing duty with Forward Area 1 G.S. Wagon carting Reinforcement Kits from EBBLINGHEM</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> 28 Officers 669 O/Ranks and 658 animals. <u>PERSONNEL</u> 2 O/Ranks from A.G.B.D. <u>WEATHER</u> Fine..</p>	
	30		<p><u>WORK DONE</u> 10 G.S. W. Wagons carting Gas Projectors to Forward Area for No. 2 Special Coy., R.E. 5 G.S. Wagons employed in salvaging building material and carting same to Wagon Lines. 17 Wagons carting Ammunition to 1st F.A. Brigade. 2 G.S. Wagons carting rations and Ammunition to Trench Mortar Batteries in forward Area 1 G.S. Wagon conveying Kits of Reinforcements to 1st F.A. Brigade. 1 G.S. Wagon carting Green Fodder to wagon lines. 6 wagons doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> 28 Officers 669 O/Ranks and 658 Animals. <u>WEATHER</u> Fine</p>	
	31		<p><u>WORK DONE</u> 6 G.S. doing duty with 1st Pioneer Battalion. 2 G.S. Wagons carting Ammunition and Rations to Trench Mortar Batteries. 1 G.S. Wagon carting Green Fodder to Wagon Lines.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u> 25 Officers 669 O/Ranks and 658 Animals. <u>OFFICERS</u> Lieut. C.M. SHENTON, LIEUT. R. HANDLEY, LIEUT. FF. DRAKE, Lieut. R. R. BEER and 2nd LIEUT F.E. JONES were transferred to 1st F.A. Brigade. Lieut. C.W. SMITH M.C. and Lieut. S. MOLLISON were taken on strength from 1st and 2nd F.A. BRIGADES respectively and posted to No. 2 SECTION.</p> <p><u>WEATHER</u> Fine.</p>	

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Hondeghen	July 31		<p><u>DUMP</u> For particulars of Ammunition handled by D.A.C. Dump see APPENDIX "C". <u>OFFICERS</u> Captain G.G. HOGAN was promoted Temporary Major as from 1st July 1918.</p>	<p>LOCATION V. I. C. 2 Sheet 27</p>

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Statement of ammunition for WAR DIARY - July 1918, APPENDIX "A".

Date	ISSUED TO 1ST AUST. F.A. BRIGADE								ISSUED TO 2ND AUST. F.A. BRIGADE						
	A.	AX	BX	BX	Smoke		BNC		A.	AX	BX	BX	Smoke		BNC
July				Chgs	A	B	Chgs			Chgs	Chgs	A.	B.	Chgs	
1	2298	728	700	700											
2	384		100	100											
3	1280	224	200	200											
4	600	300													
5	2620	1000	500	500				300	504	300					
6									602	158					
7	355										700	700		300	
8		532													
9 ^m	525	404	467	467		100	100		1194	943				100	100
10		532	354	354	300					478	333	333	600		
11									500	390	300	300			
12	1400	646	300	300							300	300			
13	1002	646	300	300					1850	500					
14	1652	200							1500	608					
15	342	342	150	150							150	150			
16															
17	1425	889	576	576					828	100					
18	900	156							1100	228					
19	1600	100	600	600					1550	426					
20	1900	800	1000	1000						6					
21	800	342	1500	1500					2604	800	1270	1270			
22	1250	308	800	800					552	500	300	300			
23		500							1360	556	800	800			
24		76													
25	976	348													
26	44	652													
27	152	304													
28	608	304													
29	1106	780					100								
30	608	304													
30	584	684													
31	100														
Total	24511	12101	7547	7647	300	100	100	300	14044	6187	4403	4403			

APPENDIX

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN
 Statement of Ammunition issued to other than Australian Brigades, also issued
 to Australian Trench Mortar Batteries.

APPENDIX "A".

Date July X	BRITISH UNITS.				SMOKE		TRENCH MORTARS.			
	A.	AX	BX	BX Chgs	BNC	A.	B	T.M.G.	Chgs	c/Parts
1	2222	1180	800	800				420	420	420
2	4116	800	900	900				120	120	120
3		444	1038	1038						
4	1880	750	462	462				540	540	540
5	1500	978	1691	2041						
6	1300	500	212	212	600			240	240	240
7	3599	1950	1788	1788						
8	1148	2200				300				
9	500	984					140	300	300	300
10	624	3006	750	750			160	40	40	40
11		700						60	60	60
12	1800	904	800	800				120	120	120
13	1046	402								
14	900	500								
15	300	700	700	700						
16										
17	1034	1600	424	424						
18	1380	600	650	650						
19		500	550	550						
20	1628	1550	1250	1250						
21	2948	1300	1175	1175						
22	156	1100	1400	1400						
23	480	1500	1000	1000						
24	2400	1400	2320	2320						
25	2800	2400	2289	2289						
26	6400	3900	3060	3060						
27	1000	500								
28	2796	3400	1229	1229						
29	2521	2225	2376	2376						
30	2857	2455	790	790	304					
31	150	1238								
Total	48985	39666	27654	28004	904	300	300	1800	1840	1840

APPENDIX 7

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN
 Details of ammunition issued by 12th D.A.C. Dump to 12th (Army) A.F.A. Brigade during July 1918
 APPENDIX "A"

Date July	Charges				Smoke
	A.	A.X	B.X.	B.X.	B
1	2012	800	600	600	
2	1116	400	518	518	
3		224	788	788	
4	700	250	212	212	
5	800	728	941	1291	
6	2		212	212	
7	2499	750	1288	1288	
8					
9		484			140
10	624	1516	500	500	160
11	350	350			
12	600	400	400	4000	
13	1046	402			
14	476	348			
15	300	350	350	350	
16					
17	682	900	224	224	
18	780	300	350	350	
19		250	300	300	
20	928	600	500	500	
21	2000	1000	500	500	
22	156	600	700	700	
23	240	828	640	640	
24	600	200	970	970	
25	600	600	1089	1089	
26	1600	1680	1971	1971	
27					
28	3000	2400	2100	2100	
29	1200	1000	1800	1800	
30	1300	1000	2000	2000	
31					
	23259	18360	18953	19205	300

APPENDIX

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN
 DETAILS of AMMUNITION delivered to INFANTRY BRIGADES by S.A.A. SECTION during month of JULY 1918

APPENDIX A

Date July	S.A.A.	Machine Gun	PRACTICE &				GRANADES		FLARES GROUND			WEBLEY Pistol	
			German	A.P.	Tracer:	Blank	No.23	No.27	No.34	No.36	Red		Green
1		112800			2496	6	600						1008
2	20000			2496	2496		1200						2160
3	70000						600						
4	50000						1200	600					
5	50000						600						
6		45120	5000	12480	7488	5040 B							2160
7		169200			4992								2160
8		112800											4320
9	70000												
10		67480											
11	4000	225600					504						
12	10000												
13													
14	20000						840	120					6480
15	30000							240					2160
16						20000 P							
17	100000	50760					3600	240					
18		112800			4992								
19			5200			18000 P							
20		100392											2160
21		50760											
22		100392											
23													
24	50000												
25	50000			6240	6240		6000	804					
26													
27	50000												
28		169200											
29			20600										1200
30		112800											
31	110000	157248					3000	360	3600	3600			8640
	684000	1435072	30800	21,216	28704	43040	21144	2180	3600	25860			31248

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN
APPENDIX A. Ammunition delivered by SAA Section continued.

July	STOKES AMMUNITION.			VERY LIGHTS			GROUND FLARES Red	S.O.S				S.O.S			
	Always Fuze	Green cartridges	Ring Chgs White	A.F. 3	Red	Green		White	D.I	G W	E W	R W	R R	Red	Green
1															
2				501										160	
3		450	600	300											11
4															
5															
6		900	1800	501											
7			1800	501										12	
8															
9											24			36	
10		450	1800	432											
11															
12											12			24	
13															
14															
15		675	2400												
16															
17		1125	3000	300		750					12				
18							300								
19				51											
20															
21															
22														12	
23		450	600	300		750									
24				300				768							
25		2250	6000	1500		1350		2072							
26															
27															
28			3600	900						6	6	12		12	
29															
30															
31				252											
Total	6300	21600	5838			2850	300	2840		6	6	12	48	256	

APPENDIX

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN
APPENDIX B SALVAGE.

War Diary for July 1918

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.....
Jam Cartons. Paper & Cardboard. Fat. Solder-Tins to plant- Biscuit Tins. Cigte Tins. Lead. Horseshoes. Stove. Hosing. Rifle
.....
551 lbs 483 lbs & 350lbs 1466 Tins, 120 lbs, 33 2 80lbs. 8 Cases. 1 15ft. 1
& 3 Bags. Bags. & 4 drums. & 59 Sacks.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN

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APPENDIX "C" to War Diary for July 1918

DETAILS OF AMMUNITION handled by 1st. Australian D.A.C. Dump during July. 1918.

CLASS OF AMMUNITION	NO. OF ROUNDS.
<u>18 Pr.</u>	
A.	110,799
A. X.	76,314
A. Smoke.	1,500
<u>4.5. How.</u>	
BX	58,557
CHARGES	59,257
BNC	1,204
B. SMOKE	800
CHARGES	200
<u>TRENCH MORTARS.</u>	
T. M. G.	1,840
CHARGES	1,840
C/PARTS	1,840
<u>S. A. A.</u>	
Webley Pistol	31,248
Rifle	684,000
Machine Gun	1,435,072
German	30,800
A. P.	21,216
Tracer	28,704
Blank	5,040
Practice	38,000
<u>GRENADES.</u>	
No. 23.	21,114
27	2,180
34	3,600
36	25,860
<u>STOKES AMMUNITION.</u>	
Green Cartridges	6,300
Ring Charges White	21,600
A. F., 3	5,838
<u>VEREY LIGHTS</u>	
White	2,850
D. 1.	300
<u>GROUND FLARES-Red.</u>	2,840
<u>S. O. S.</u>	
S. O. S.	6
G-W	6
R-W-G	12
R-W-R	48
R-R-R	256
R-G-Y	

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General working of the 1st Aust. D.A.C.
APPENDIX "D" TO WAR DIARY - JULY, 1918

The work that is done by a D.A.C. is little realized by those who have not watched the unit closely. As a general rule, the Billets of a D.A.C. are comfortable, and not as a rule exposed to much shell fire. But the work of the men takes them to Batteries delivering ammunition, to the support lines delivering material for Pioneer work, to the front line with Gas projectors, and to Infantry Dumps with S.A.A.

Parties are constantly required for fatigue work at the Batteries, and when guns within a few hundred yards of the front line have to be salvaged, or when tracks for guns have to be made, it is the D.A.C. that as a rule, the task is given.

Personnel for dumps are supplied from the DAC.

With this varied work, much of which has to be done at night, and with strength much reduced by the parties on detail at dumps etc., 665 animals have to be cared for.

WORK OF FIRST AUST. DAC DURING JULY, 1918.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY. - The work has been far above normal. See Appendix "A".

GAS. - During July as during the last four months this Unit has been working with No. 2 Coy. R.E. (Special Gas). The G.S. Wagons of the SAA Section carry gas projectors etc. to the front line. This is dangerous work and casualties to animals are frequently taking place. The casualties to men have been light.

As the wagons often approach within three or four hundred yards of the line, the wheels of the G.S.L. have motor tyres placed over them. Since this plan was put into use, the number of times the enemy has heard movement, has very much decreased. During the month 136 wagons were engaged on this work, a total number of 932 hours.

PIONEER WORK. - 6 G/S. Wagons each night have been detailed to carry material to the support line.

FATIGUES. - During the month 40 men were at Battery positions for an average of eight days. *Sixty G.S. Wagons & teams have been supplied for Infantry fatigues apart from Ammunition supply.*

IMPROVEMENTS. - During July much new constructive work was done at the dump and in each Section. In the Sections harness feed and shelter huts were put up. The material for this work was salvaged from the front area by our own men, and all the work of making roads in dump, and erecting sheds etc. carried out by our own labor.

HEALTH OF MEN. - Throughout the last month the health of the men has been excellent. The food has been good, and the type of cooker in use has enabled it to be well cooked. A small Unit such as a battery or Section of DAC has, in most cases, to depend on dixies and Soyer stoves. No variety in dishes is then obtainable.

The DAC. last February obtained a small patent cooker for each Section. The cost was about £15 each Section. The result has been excellent. A good Q.M.S. and cook, with the aid of this cooker and the profits of the Canteen, succeeds in the SAA Section giving the men meals at least equal to those in the Officers Mess.

Throughout the D.A.C. the monotony of stew has been done away with. The R.M.O. of this Unit is of opinion that good cooking is a very considerable factor in maintaining the present high standard of health in the Unit.

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ANIMALS.- During July the improvement in the condition of the animals in the D.A.C. was maintained. The Unit was congratulated by Inspecting Officers on the uniform good condition of the animals. Work has been constant, and for some days at a time severe.

The Veterinary and other Inspecting Officers are of opinion that the fixed stable routine known and enforced throughout the Column, has helped very much the good work of Officers and men in obtaining and maintaining, in spite of heavy work, a very high standard.

Copy Stable Routine attached.

AMUSEMENTS.- During the month five concerts have been given in the 1st D.A.C. lines by visiting Concert parties. These parties were supplied by our own and English Divisions. The 9th, 30th and 31st Divisions all most kindly granted the use of their splendid concert parties - splendid shows all - In addition nightly, the men not on duty have sing-songs in the Y.M.C.A. hut. Splendid work has been done by Mr. Grose, the Y.M.C.A. representative with this Unit.

CLASSES.- During the month, classes for Senior and Junior N.C.O's in gun drill, gunnery and other subjects fitting them for Battery work, were conducted by the Officers, under the supervision of the Adjutant, Lieut. R. McR. Pattie.

Gerald Hogan Major,
Commanding 1st Aust. D.A.C.

31st July, 1918.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN
Column Standing Order.
by Captain Gerald Hogan, Commanding

26th June, 1918.

STABLE ROUTINE.

The most important matters to attend to in the routine of daily management are exercising, grooming, watering and feeding. System is essential to obtain good result.

The following Stable Routine will be adopted forthwith in 1st D.A.C.

STABLES.- Stables is a Parade. All Officers will be present at all stables, except morning stables when the Orderly Officer will take charge. Leave to be absent from midday stables should be granted most sparingly. Men will fall in and be inspected and dismissed as on other parades. Talking and smoking is forbidden.

(a) STABLE CLEANING.- At morning stables the lines should be thoroughly cleaned before stables are dismissed. If this is done stablemen can keep the lines clean. Clean lines are the first essential.

(b) GROOMING.- The primary object of grooming is to clean the skin and to prevent disease. This is not attained by surface polish.

Grooming must be carried out with jacket off, sleeves rolled up, spurs removed and braces down. Quick hard grooming is required. A man must put his will and weight into it. Head, tail and under chest require special attention.

Grooming Routine.-

- (a) Pick out feet.
- (b) Examine animal and report any casualty.
- (c) Wash out eyes, nostrils and dock.
- (d) Groom the neck (starting behind the ear) shoulders and foreleg in succession, then the body, belly, hindquarters and legs. Begin on near side and then take the off side in same order.
- (e) Remove head collar and suspend by throat strap.
- (f) Groom head neck and chest.
- (g) Brush out tail (c) Wisp
- (h) Clean head collars and replace.
- (i) When groomed, report to M.C.O. "Horse ready for inspection". At midday stables, each animal will be inspected by the No. 1 and Section Officer and 'Passed'.
- (j) Collect reports.
- (k) Feed. Where, owing to shortage of men, it is not possible to groom all animals thoroughly at midday stable these should be thoroughly groomed at evening stables.

All animals should be thoroughly groomed daily and passed by an Officer.

(c) WATERING.- Always water before feeding.

All animals should be halted 25 yards from trough, bits removed and girths slackened.

Animals must not be trotted to or from water. Bucket watering is not satisfactory. Troughs or substitutes can generally be arranged.

Proper water discipline at troughs is one of the most important items in stable management.

- (a) An Officer must always be in charge.
- (b) One man to two horses. He should stand between them, and on no account must horses heads be tied together.
- (c) Ample room at troughs should be allowed; at least three feet per horse at a trough.
- (d) They should be dressed up by word of command and no horse allowed to leave trough until the last horse has finished drinking.
- (e) When horses have finished, the command "Right or Left turn file away" should be given, and the next batch of horses then filed on.

(c) WATERING. -

(e) Horses should file on and off by order of the Officer in charge.

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(f) Every batch of animals requires five to six minutes at the trough. At midday stables all animals will be left at trough at least five minutes. Officer in charge check by watch. Kickers should be watered separately. Troughs should be frequently emptied and cleaned.

(d) FEEDING. -

Feeding of animals should be carefully watched. POOR ANIMALS. - Each No. 1 and Section Commander to have list of all animals on extra feed. Proper inspection means that any falling off in condition is noted at once, and can be stopped. O.C. Unit must regularly inspect his Section for poor animals.

FORAGE. - O.C. Section will inspect forage daily.

FEED HOUSE. - A permanent skilled feeder to be in charge. Forage to be watched by O.C. as well as Q.M.S. Avoid waste. This is done by having a clean paulin sheet or blanket placed on the ground wherever forage is stored or chaffed or feeds made up.

At feed house a board will show : -

(1) No. of animals (a) Horses
(b) Mules.

(2) Ration per animal Oats----lbs.
Hay ----lbs.

No of measures should be shown.

(3) Horses on extra feed. The numbers of all such animals or if not numbered some distinguishing description.

(4) Rations for animals on extra feed.

(e) SHOEING. - The O.C. will carefully watch his animals' feet. Daily inspection will be made by Farrier.

A shoeing list will be kept by Farrier Sergeant, Section Officer and N.C.O. in charge sub-sections.

No. 1 will report to his Section Officer daily the animals newly shod. Section Officer will inspect. No animal to be allowed to go over one month without attention to feet and re-shoeing.

(f) ROLLS TO BE KEPT. - Each Section Officer and No. 1 will keep a nominal roll showing : -

(1) Number and working place of each animal.

(2) Horses on extra feed.

(3) Shoeing list showing date of shoeing.

(g) GROOMING KIT. - Section Officer and No. 1 are responsible that all drivers have the following grooming kit : -

(1) Dandy Brush

(2) Body Brush.

(3) Hoof Pick.

(4) An improvised scrape (wire or wood) for removing mud.

daily

(h) NOSEBAGS, HAYNETS. - Nosebags should be frequently inspected and deficiencies in these and haynets reported.

(i) DISINFECTING. - All grooming kits and head collars to be disinfected once weekly.

(j) SUPERVISION. - To attain the best results, proper supervision by Officers and N.C.O's is essential. In stables an Officer should have no time to stand about. Wrong method in grooming means waste of time and energy. Midday stable hour is all too short for an Officer to go through all his animals. Failure to detect skin disease or other troubles until they have spread extensively indicates inexcusable negligence.

Gerald Hogan

Captain,
Commanding 1st Aust.D.A.C.