

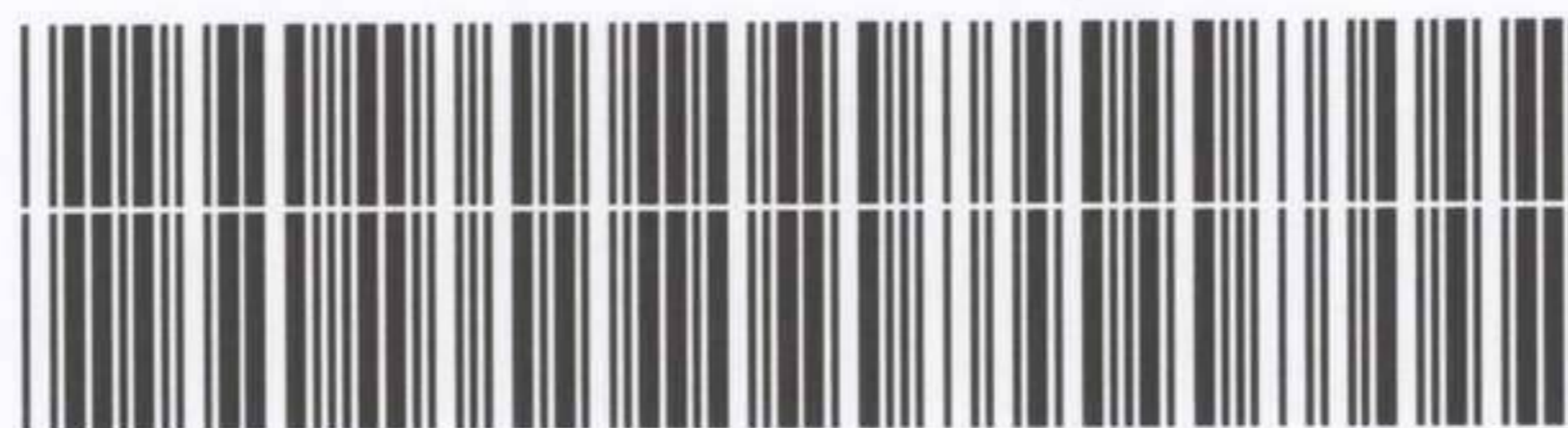
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	14/9/16		<p>1. From 12 noon on 31st August 1916 to 8 p.m. on the 1st September 1916, the following quantities of ammunition have been drawn and delivered. A. 9000 drawn 9000 delivered. AX. 3000 drawn 3000 delivered B 50 drawn 50 delivered. BX. 1950 drawn 1950 delivered. D. 350 drawn. DX 300 drawn. Now on hand D 678 DX 619 SAA 847000.</p> <p>Finished paying sub Park; steel helmets were issued to corps by Ordnance.</p>	
			<p>2. From 8 p.m. on the 1st September 1916 to 8 p.m. on the 2nd September, 1916, the following quantities of ammunition have been drawn and delivered. A 4500 drawn 4500 delivered AX 1500 drawn 1500 delivered B 40 drawn 40 delivered BX. 560 drawn 560 delivered D 200 drawn 268 delivered. DX 200 drawn 338 delivered. Now on hand. D 610 DX 481 SAA 847000.</p>	
			<p>3. Under instructions from Movement Order No 45 by Lieut-Colonel H. W. Timbridge, this Unit came under the control of the Canadian Corps Ammunition Park from 3 p.m., also the 2nd Australian Ammunition sub Park having received instructions to proceed to F.B.E.E.L.E., I have taken over 560000 SAA from them.</p> <p>From 8 p.m. on the 2nd Sept 1916 to 8 p.m. on 3rd Sept 1916, the following quantities of ammunition have been drawn and delivered. A. 7200 drawn 7200 delivered AX 1800 drawn 1800 delivered. BX 1200 drawn 1200 delivered. D 150 drawn DX 400 drawn. SAA 560000. Now on hand. D 751 DX 881 SAA 1407000.</p>	
			<p>4. According to orders issued by Army Corps Park, I have detailed the 9 heavy siege lorries attached to my unit, to Canadian Heavy Siege Battery at TOUTENLOWRT. Ammunition drawn & delivered from 8 p.m. on the 3rd Sept 1916, to 8 p.m. on the 4th Sept 1916 is as follows A 5400 drawn 5400 delivered BX 900 drawn 900 delivered D 751 delivered DX 881 delivered. Now on hand SAA 1407000.</p>	

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	5		<p>One lorry has been detailed to the Camp Commandant, Reinforcements camp and will travel to ABEELE via VAL DE MAISON. I have received instructions to withdraw the two lorries attached to R.E. One man taken on the strength. Ammunition drawn and delivered from 8 pm on the 4th Sept 1916 to 8 pm on the 5th of Sept 1916 is as follows:- A 3000 drawn AX 3000 drawn 1800 delivered Bx 900 drawn SAA 640000 delivered. Now on hand A 3000 AX 1200 Bx 900 SAA 767000</p>	
	6.		<p>Ammunition drawn and delivered from 8 pm on 5th August 1916 to 8 pm on the 6th August 1916 is as follows:- A 3000 drawn 6000 delivered. AX 1200 drawn 2400 delivered Bx 900 drawn 1800 delivered. On hand SAA 767000. Everything is being prepared for evacuation the day after to-morrow (9/9/16). Having received instructions to proceed to ABEELE on that date.</p>	
	7.	8 p.m.	<p>Handed over to the 56th Sub Park SAA 767000. Everything is ready for complete evacuation to-morrow morning.</p>	
	8.		<p>According to instructions issued by Canadian Corps Ammunition Park the first convoy, comprising twenty lorries left RUBEMPRE at 8 am. for ABEELE, travelling via DOULLEMS, SAINT POL, AIRE and HAZEBROUCK, arriving at ABEELE at 7.30 pm. A halt was made outside SAINT POL at 12 noon for dinner, and on arriving at ABEELE, tea was immediately prepared for the men. The second convoy under Captain E. G. Fordyce left RUBEMPRE at 10 am. and, travelling via the same route arrived at ABEELE at 9.30 p.m. By 10 p.m. the whole movement was completed and the camp properly settled. Eighteen Belgians have been attached to the unit. One other rank has been struck off the strength (transferred).</p>	

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	9.		Several extra structures have been erected to accommodate the men as sleeping quarters, and also to house the Motor Cycles etc. Improvements re drainage, latrines etc are going on. Ammunition taken over is as follows:- Q 500. Q x 248. A x 4. B x 2. S.A.A. 330000. and the I now have on hand.	
	10.		Lieut. H.J. Campbell has reported to No 5 G. & Q. Ammunition Park to attend at the school of Instruction. Eight lorries have been detailed to report at OUDERDOM to morrow morning for the purpose of hauling big stone. Captain E.B. Fordyce is to be the officer in charge of all R.E. fatigue lorries detailed from Corps Parks.	
	11.		The eight lorries detailed on the 10th inst reported at 7 A.M. at OUDERDOM SIDING for the purpose of carrying big stone. One man has been sent to the Sub Park Telephone exchange, which is about 1 mile on the south side of POPERINGHE. and one O.R. has been attached to 1st ANZAC CORPS PARK.	
	12.		All the lorries are undergoing a thorough cleaning and inspection. Three lorries reported to Interpreter Boschi at BOESCHEPE SIDING QUARRY R 15. a. 7.7 at 7.15 A.M. Two lorries reported at 1st ANZAC CORPS PARK at 8 A.M. and picked up guide, they then carried Headquarters R.E. stores between QUINTIN and ABEELE. One lorry reported to the O.C. 196th Land Drainage Co. RE at BOESCHEPE at 7 A.M. Under instructions from 1st ANZAC CORPS PARK. I handed over to the 2nd Australian Division one 9.4 Trench Mortar and one Trench mortar Bomb.	
	13.		Fourteen lorries reported at 7.15 am at OUDERDOM SIDING for the purpose of hauling big stone. to BRANDEHOEK road, map reading G.10. Five lorries were detailed to run between QUINTIN and HUTTING DUMP to carry winter fuel for the C.R.E. 2nd Australian Division. weather continues to be good, and roads are in very good repair.	

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	14		ammunition drawn and delivered is as follows:- drawn from O.W. 233000, SAA, delivered to 4th DAG. 233000 SAA. Six lorries reported to OUDERDOM SIDING at 7.30 AM. for the purpose of carrying big stone, used for road making and repairing at BRANDHOEK. Two lorries were detailed permanently to C.R.E. 4th Australian Division. One O.R. was taken on the strength	
	15		Special leave was granted to one O.R. to London, by 1st Amal Cops Park. One O.R. was admitted to Hospital. One lorry reported to Land Drainage Co. RE at 7 AM. at BOESCHEPE for the purpose of carrying low rails and timber. Two lorries reported to C.R.E. 4th Aust. Division at QUINTIN SIDING. Paid Unit.	
	16		Lieut J.D. CAMPBELL relieved CAPTAIN E.G. FORDYCE as road officer for R.E. work. Fourteen lorries reported at QUINTIN SIDING at 9 AM. for cartage of materials for 4th Division Artillery.	
	17		Ten lorries reported to OUDERDOM SIDING at 8 AM. The materials carried by my lorries are mostly for road repairs and making suitable huts for housing men during the winter months. This is being done on all parts of this salient from YPRES to DICKEBUSCH, RENINGHELST, and POPERINGHE.	
	18		Four lorries reported at OUDERDOM SIDING for the purpose of hauling big stone and macadam. Six lorries reported at QUINTIN SIDING at 8 AM. The roads are now in a rather bad condition owing to the heavy rains of the last two days.	

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	19.		Two lorries reported to the hand 10 ramage Coy at BOESCHEPE at 7 AM. and seven lorries reported to OUDERDOM SIDING. at 7.30. Each lorry does from three to five trips per day. One O.R. taken on the strength.	
	20.		Two lorries reported at 196th hand 10 ramage Co. RE at 7 AM at BOESCHEPE. One lorry reported at C.E. ABEELE for the purpose of carrying timber, and six lorries at QUINTIN for C.E. work just Division.	
	21.		Nine lorries reported for C.E. work at ABEELE, BOESCHEPE, and QUINTIN for the purpose of carrying timber, road metal, and tent bottoms.	
	22.		One lorry reported at OUDERDOM SIDING for the purpose of conveying Prisoners of war to camp and to carry duck walks. The usual R.E. work continues. The lorries reporting every morning at the different R.E. dumps and returning to camp at night.	
	23.		Six lorries reported to R.E. SIDING QUINTIN. Six O.R. reported to RE for duty until further notice.	
	24.		One O.R. returned from Hospital. Lieut CAMPBELL returned from the Officers School of Instruction. One lorry reported at ORDNANCE office ABEELE at 6 AM.	
	25.		Lieut ID CAMPBELL and 51 O.R. reported at OUDERDOM to form part of M.T. Composite Company. until further instructions are issued will remain there, work carried on is to make Gun Pits etc.	

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	26.		4 O.R. taken on the strength, and 3 O.R. transferred. 8 lorries reported at 6 AM. at QUINTIN SIDING for C.R.E. 1st Australian Division.	
	27.		Two lorries reported at 196th Land Drainage Coy. at 7 AM. and 4 lorries at QUINTIN SIDING to run between QUINTIN and HUTTING DUMP.	
	28.		one O.R. attached for RATIONS. two lorries at R.E. one to take working party of Pioneers to BUSSE BOOM, and be at the disposal of 4th Pioneer for the day.	
	29.		four lorries went to HOOGERAAF to carry stone to BUSSEBOOM.	
	30.		6 O.R. reported to R.E. at RENINGHELST. for duty until further notice. 2 lorries reported for Salvage duty at Office of Corps Salvage Officer BOESCHERE. and one lorry reported to 2nd ARMY WORKSHOP.	

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From O.C.

Lt. Col. Aust. Amm. Sub. Park.

To D.A.G.

3rd Echelon.

Herewith War Diary of the above Unit for the
month of September 1916.

In the Field.

9-10-16.

J. H. James
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O.C. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIV. AMMⁿ SUB. PARK.