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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POULAINVILLE.	July. 1.		DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY moved up from Army Training Area into forward area.	
Sheet 62.			Received from Base 5 tons General Stores including the weekly supply of	
D. G. 20.			Oils, Grease, Dubbin etc., and a large number of Wheels.	
Central.			Issued 2 Wagons L.G.S. to 32nd Battalion and 1 to 31st Battalion.	
	2.		Issued 100 Fans Anti-Gas, 60 Rattles anti-gas and 50 sets of Body Armour to 15th Brigade Headquarters.	
	3.		Four tons Accoutrements, Stable and Picketing Gear received from Base.	
			Demanded from Base 12 Miller James wheeled stretchers for even distribution to the Field Ambulances of this formation.	
			Collected a large quantity of Artillery Stores from O.O. Fourth Army Troops for issue to 5th Divisional Artillery.	
	4.		Received from Rouen 7 tons of S.D. Clothing, Boots ankle and necessaries.	
			Collected from Gun Park 3--6" Newton T.M. Sub-beds and 2 G.S. beds for the Medium Trench Mortar Batteries of this Division.	
	5.		41 Wheels No. 200A and 38 c/s Shoes-horse received from Base, the Wheels are urgently required and were issued during the afternoon.	

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	July.				
	6.		Received from Base K.T. body for 58th Battalion, 100 Suits Body Armour, and 150 Fans, Gas., Collected from D.A.D.O.S., Australian Corps Troops 1000 complete suits Imperial Pattern clothing, this clothing is for use of Raiding Parties and for replacing the S.D. Clothing taken off Gassed patients.		
	7.		<p>Demanded 12 Guns Lewis complete as an initial issue for even distribution to the 3rd Field Coys of this Division.</p> <p>Issued 500 Blankets, G.S. to the Divisional Reinforcement Camp for issue to the Details passing through.</p> <p>A large number of Wheels No. 45 are at present outstanding at Gun Park, and Units are urgently in need of same.</p>		
	8.		<p>Demanded Cart Water-tank for 30th Battalion to replace one destroyed by Shell-fire.</p> <p>Received 6 tons of General Stores from Base including a large quantity of Transport equipment and 500 Box respirators, also 12 Miller James wheeled Stretchers.</p>		
	9.		<p>Issued Vickers Machine Gun to 5th Machine Gun Battalion to replace one destroyed by Shell-fire.</p> <p>Collected 12 complete Lewis Guns, and a quantity of Artillery and Machine Gun parts from Gun Park.</p>		
	10.		<p>Issued 4 Lewis Guns per Field Coy.</p> <p>Demanded from Base 2 Carts W.T. and 1 G.S. Wagon, all complete with harness for 5th Machine Gun Battalion as a first supply.</p>		
	11.		<p>Received from Base 7 tons of General Stores including Stable and Picketing Gear, Accoutrements and weekly supply of Oils, Grease and Dubbin.</p> <p>Demanded Cart W.T. for 30th Battalion to replace one condemned.</p>		
	12 ¹ .		3 trucks of Vehicles received from Base, and issued as follows:- Two Fore and one Hind portions Limbered Wagons G.S. to 53rd Battalion, one complete Wagon L. G. S. to each of 5th Divisional Signal Coy, 28th A.A.S.C., and 55th Battalion, also 1 Cart W.T. to last mentioned Unit.		

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	12.		Demanded 3" Stokes Trench Mortar complete for 8th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery to replace one destroyed by Shell-fire	
	13.		Received another 500 Blankets from Base for issue to Reinforcement Camp, also 5000 rounds S.A.A. Dummy, and 4000 rounds S.A.A. Blank Ammunition for S.A.A. Section 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column. Lorry collected from Gun Park 16 Wheels No. 45 urgently required by Artillery Units.	
	14.		Collected an additional 15 Wheels, No. 45, 4 - 6" Newton T.M. Beds and a large quantity of Gun Stores from Gun Park. Received from Base 6 Tons of General Stores principally Horse-shoes, and (75) German Machine Gun Belt boxes, the latter for issue to 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.	
	15.		Received and issued 3" Stokes T.M. to 8th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery Received from Base 6 tons of General Stores, principally Transport Equipment, Stable and Picketing Gear.	
	16.		Received from Base and issued to 30th Battalion two Carts W.T. 5 Tons of Clothing S.D. boots ankle and necessaries received from Rouen.	
	17.		Received 2 Carts W.T., and 1 G.S. Wagon from Base and issued same complete with harness to 5th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.	
	18.		Issued to Divisional Baths 3000 pairs of Drawers Cotton. Received from A.D.O.S., Australian Corps Troops 36 Paralelosopes for issue to Batteries of Artillery on the following scale:- 4 per 18 pounder Battery and 6 per 4 .5 How. Battery.	
	19.		Received 1 G.S. Limbered Wagon from Base for issue to 5th Machine Gun Battalion replace one condemned.	
	20.		Drew from D.A.D.O.S., Australian Corps Troops 667 Suits Combination Anti-gas. 3 Armourers posted from A.I.A. Australian Corps Workshop to 5th Australian Division for Detachment 1 each to 29th, 55th, and 58th Battalions	

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	JULY 21.		<p>Demanded from Gun Park 16 Guns Lewis Complete for issue to the 18 pounder and 4 .5 Batteries of this Division, scale 2 per Battery.</p> <p>Received from Base 10 tons of General Stores including 500 Blankets, G.S., 600 Box respirators and 45 c/s Horse-shoes.</p> <p>Demanded from Gun Park 18 pounder piece for 54th Battery to replace Reg. No. 7088 condemned.</p>	
	22		<p>Received from Base and issued to 5th Machine Gun Battalion Kitchen Travelling to replace one condemned.</p> <p>Collected 16 Guns Lewis from Ordnance Gun Park, No. 4 and issued them on the scale of 2 per Battery of Artillery with this Division.</p>	
	23		<p>Received from Base Travelling Kitchen Body for 32nd Battalion and 2 fore-portions K.T. for 57th Battalion.</p> <p>I.O.M. 17th and 47th Ordnance Workshops advise having collected 18 pounder piece No. 10892 from Gun Park to replace Reg. No. 7088 condemned "Scoring," the new piece will be issued to 54th A.F.A. Battery.</p>	
	24		<p>Demanded from Base G.S. Wagon for S.A.A. Section 5th D.A.C. to replace one condemned.</p> <p>Issued to 32nd Battalion 1 Telescopic Sighted Rifle and 1 Snipers Pattern 1914 Rifle to replace others lost.</p>	
	25		<p>Demanded from Gun Park 2 - 18 pounder pieces for 51st Battery to replace Reg. Nos. 204 and 2221 both condemned for "Inaccuracy."</p>	
	26.		<p>Ordnance 4th Army advise release of 2 - 18 pounder pieces Nos. 204 and 2221, .</p> <p>I.O.M. 17th and 47th Ordnance Workshops collects Reg. Nos. 8891 and 7003 in replacement from Gun Park.</p>	

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	1918.			
	July,			
	26.		Received 13 Lewis Gun A.A. Mountings, Monkey puzzle pattern from Gun Park and issued them to 14th Brigade.	
	27.		Received from Base 8 tons Clothing, S.D., Boots ankle and necessaries, only 25 per cent of Jackets Australian Pattern demanded were received. The supply of Color Patches, which has been decidedly poor for the last six months, is improving, out of 20,000 pairs demanded during the month 15,000 pairs were received.	
	28.		Received 6 tons of General Stores from Base including the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, Soap and Dubbin, etc. 45 c/s Horse shoes and a number of Wheels 2nd Class No.200. Demanded from Gun Park 18 pounder piece for 49th Battery to replace Reg. No. 3311 condemned for "Inaccuracy".	
	29.		Issued 200 Suits Combination Anti-Gas, 65 Overall s and 65 pair Trousers Anti-Gas to each of the Artillery Brigades; these are issued for an extensive trial as a protection against Yellow Cross Gas. As Infantry Brigades are making preparations to move into Rest Area, no more stores are being sent out to them per lorry.	
	30.		500 Blankets, G.S. forwarded to Divisional Reinforcement Wing for issue to Details passing through. Collected from 8th Brigade Headquarters 300 Suits Imperial Clothing which have been held in forward area for issue to raiding parties and re-clothing Gas-patients.	
	31.		Divisional Artillery preparing to move out into Rest Area. The Divisional Armourers Shop have, during the month repaired and re-issued 45 Bicycles, 6 Lewis Guns, 4 Vickers Machine Guns and a large number of Lewis Gun magazines and Rifles. I.O.M. 17th and 47th Workshops collected from Gun Park 18 pounder piece No. 5526 to replace No.3311 of 49th Battery.	

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(a)	LABOR EMPLOYED.
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(c)	LOCAL PURCHASES.
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(a)	GUNS ISSUED.
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	1918. JULY.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>A P P E N D I C E S.</u></p> <p>(a) The labor, daily employed, varied from 14-16 outside the ordinary Ordnance Personnel. The numbers of boot-makers continuously working was 10. (5 being employed at Divisional Nucleus Camp from 1:7:18 to 22:7:18.</p> <p>(b) Bulk issues during July. Approximate strength of Division, 17,530. Greatcoats, 30; Jackets, S.D., 1657; Boots ankle, 1365; Pantaloon, 819; Trousers, D.S., 1387; Puttees pairs, 1645; Hats, 405; Tins mess, 504; Sheets ground, 239; Shoes horse pairs, 4234; Shoes mule, 3084.</p> <p>(c) It was not necessary to expend any money on local purchases.</p> <p>(d) 4-18 pounder guns were drawn from Ordnance Gun Park No.4 to replace others condemned. 49th Battery - 1. 51st Battery - 2. 54th Battery - 1.</p>	

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