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OUDERDOM AREA	Oct. '17			
		1st.	Selected position for Forward Dump at I 17 b 9.7. (Sheet 28 ). <u>REMOUNTS</u> .103 Horses and 103 Mules received from Remount Depot HAVRE. All Horses were sent to Brigades. All Mules retained by this unit . <u>WORK DONE</u> .48 Ammn. Wagons with 6 animal teams carting Ammn. to Forward Dump. 39 G.S.Wagons with Six animal teams carting Ammn. to Forward Dump. 30 o/r making approach to and preparing platforms for Forward Dump. <u>CASUALTIES</u> .3 Riding Horses died of wounds caused by bombs on night 30th. September/1st October. <u>REINFORCEMENTS</u> .47 O/r marched in from A.G.B.D.Of these 9 went to Brigades this unit retaining 38.	<u>AMR</u>
		2nd.	Forward Dump I 17 b 9.7. was found to be unsuitable owing to difficulty of getting wagons off the MENIN ROAD to unload,thus blocking the traffic on that road. New site for dump selected at I 10 c 9.5. <u>WORK DONE</u> .52 G.S.Wagons,with six animal teams,&48 Ammn. Wagons with six animal teams carting Ammn. to Forward Dump. 13 Limbered G.S.Wagons carting Small Arms Ammn. to WESTHOEK for 1st. Aust Div. Infantry. <u>OFFICERS</u> . Captain M. Wilkinson reported from 1st.F.A.Bde. transferred to this unit and was posted to command 2nd. Section vice Lt. R.T.Dougherty sick. 3/Lt. D.McCONVILLE was transferred to 2nd. F.A.Bde.	<u>AMR</u>
		3rd.	<u>MOVEED</u> 1st. and 2nd. Sections to new wagon lines near CAFE BELGE as they were too far back to carry out their work satisfactorily. <u>WORK DONE</u> .48 Ammn. Wagons with six animal teams, and 39 G.S. Wagons with six animal teams carting Ammn. to Forward Dump. 13 Limbered G.S.wagons with four animal teams carting S.A.A. for Infantry to WESTHOEK. 30 pairs pack animals packing ammn. to 2nd Battery Guns. <u>CASUALTIES</u> .1 o/r wounded. <del>NX. 33300</del> Gnr. BURNS R.W. No.30113	<u>AMR</u>
		4th.	<u>WORK DONE</u> . 20 L.G.S.Wagons carting S.A.A.. and R Engineering Material for Infantry, to WESTHOEK 3 G.S.Wagons carting Charges to 101st Battery guns. 37 G.S.Wagons carting ammn. to Forward Dump. 30 pairs pack Animals carting ammn. to 101st battery guns. <u>PERSONEL</u> . 30 gunners were Tem/attached to each 1st. and 2nd Bdes.from this unit. LT.R.T.DOUGHERTY was evacuated to hospital sick. <u>CASUALTIES</u> . <del>Nx.33300</del> Gnr. <del>BURNS</del> R.W. <del>WOUNDED</del> . No.33300 Gnr. GLEDHILL F.B.	<u>AMR</u>
		5th.	<u>MOVE</u> .Moved "E" Echelon and Headquarters to PIONEER CAMP Area. <u>PERSONEL</u> .LT. R.O.C.KEENE transferred to 1st F.A.Bde.20 Drivers temporarily attached to each 1st. & 2nd. Bdes. <u>ANIMALS</u> .35 horses and 3 mules transferred to 1st .F.A.Bde.33 horses and 7 mules transferred to 2nd.F.A.Bde. <u>WORK DONE</u> . 48 Ammn. Wagons carting Ammn. to Forward Dump. 15 L.G.S.Wagons carting S.A.A. and Engineers material forward for Infantry. 40 pairs pack animals packing ammn. to 102nd Battery Guns.40 pairs pack animals packing ammn to 3rd. Battery Guns. 40 pairs pack Animals packing ammn. to 101st. Battery guns.	<u>AMR</u>
		6th.	<u>WORK DONE</u> .30 pairs pack animals packinf ammn. for 101st Battery guns. 20 pairs pack animals packing wire etc. for Div. Sig. Coy. to forward positions. 12 L.G.S.Wagons carting "Fagines" to Battery positions.35 G.S.Wagons carting ammn to forward dump. <u>CASUALTIES</u> .No. 27564 Gnr.Mealy No.1930 A/Bdr Waller No.13458 Dvr Lawson J.W.M. No.26673 Dvr. Holmberg H. Wounded.1 Riding horse destroyed 1 Light Draft horse died.	<u>AMR</u>

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	6th.		PERSONEL. LT. A. G. HEPPINGSTONE transferred to 2nd. F.A. Bde. 2/LT. A. N. LEWIS and 2/LT. J. L. G. DUFFY transferred to 1st. F.A. Bde. 2/LT. H. J. FISHER joined from A. G. B. D. and was posted to "B" Echelon.	
			CASUALTIES. No. 29899 Bombardier Anderson G. Wounded. (Died of Wounds 7/10/17)	
	7th.		WORK DONE. 60 pairs pack animals packing S.A.A. and engineering material etc. for Infantry and Div. Sig. Coy. 30 pairs pack animals packing to 2nd. Battery guns. 38 pairs pack animals packing ammn. to 102nd. Battery guns. 30 pairs pack animals packing ammn. to 6th. Battery guns. 9 L.G.S. Wagons carting Engineering material to Battery positions. 30 G.S. Wagons carting Ammn. to Forward Dump.	HHR
	8th.		CASUALTIES. No. 27588 Dvr. FLYNN, J. No. 6205 Dvr. GRAY H. E. No. 29140 Dvr. PRELL C. W. Killed-in-action. No. 25579 Dvr. JONES A. J. No. 28160 Dvr. BYRNES P. C. No. 28286 Dvr. BROWN G. W. No. 9965 Dvr. PAINE R. W. No. 3580 Dvr. MCGUIRE F. G. No. 30313 Dvr. BUSH P. J. Wounded.	HHR
	7th.		CASUALTIES. No. 5575 Dvr. HOWELL J. H. No. 1828 Dvr. HEARN R. No. 14706 Dvr. HARRIS R. A. Wounded. No. 70210 Gnr. PRESTON J. R. Killed-in-action. (TEM./ATTD. 2nd. F.A. Bde.) 1 Mule destroyed 5 Mules Killed-in-action.	HHR
	8th.		WORK DONE. Pack animals:- 40 pairs packing Ammn. 3rd. Battery Guns. 30 pairs packing 101st Battery guns. 30 pairs packing 4th. Battery guns. 50 pairs packing 102nd. Battery guns. 35 pairs packing for Infantry And Div. Sig. Coy. CASUALTIES. See <del>xxx</del> above and 3 Mules Killed-in-action.	HHR
	9th		WORK DONE. Pack Animals :- 25 Pairs packing Ammunition to 101st Battery Guns, 42 Pairs packing Ammunition to 102nd Battery Guns. 40 pairs packing Ammunition to 2nd Battery Guns. 25 pairs packing Ammunition to 6th Battery Guns. 12 G.S. Wagons with 6 animals teams carting Ammunition to FORWARD DUMP. PERSONNEL. 2nd LIEUT BERR H. R. joined from 1st F.A. Bde. 2/LIEUT PATTIE R. McC. joined from 2nd F.A. Bde. CASUALTIES. 2 Mules Killed in Action. 3 Mules drowned. (in Shell Holes)	HHR
	10th		WORK DONE. 3 G.S. wagons carting Ammunition to FORWARD DUMP. 10 L.G.S. Wagons carting Fascines to Battery positions. 14 Pairs pack animals packing ammunition to 2nd Battery Guns. 40 Pairs packing Ammunition to 4th Battery Guns. 50 pairs packing ammunition to 101st Battery Guns. CASUALTIES 2 Mules Killed in action. PERSONNEL. LIEUT. HEPPINGSTONE A. G. Joined from 2nd F.A. Bde.	HHR
	11th		WORK DONE. Pack Animals:- 60 pairs packing ammunition to 101st Battery Guns. 60 pairs packing Ammunition to 102nd Battery Guns. 15 G.S. Wagons with 4 Animal Teams carting empty Boxes back from FORWARD DUMP. CASUALTIES. No. 3777 Driver SHEPLEY J. M. No. 1803 Driver MC QUALTER D. R. No. 2647 Wheeler HOWARD H. No. 618 Act/Bombardier RYAN J. K.I.A. No. 4931 Driver GOULD B. No. 30282 Driver KING W., wounded. 4 Mules K.I.A. PERSONNEL. 38 O/Ranks marched in from Details and were distributed as follows:- 1st F.A. Brigade 8, to 2nd F.A. Brigade 3, retained by this Unit 17.	HHR



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	12th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 6 L.G.S. Wagons 4 animal Teams carting Engineering material to forward Gun positions. Pack animals:- 35 pairs packing ammunition to 101st Battery Guns. 35 pairs packing Ammunition to 102nd Battery Guns. <u>CASUALTIES.</u> No.27655 Gunner Steven A.V., wounded.	
	13th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 3 G.S. Wagons 6 animal Teams carting empty cases from FORWARD DUMP. 30 pair pack animals packing ammunition to 6th Battrey Guns. <u>PERSONNEL</u> Lieut KEENE R.O.C. reported back from 2nd F.A.Bde. 2/LIEUT TAYLOR C. Joined from 1st F.A.Bde. 36 O/Ranks and 40 animals pæviously temporarily attached transferred to 1st F.A.Bde. 56 O/Ranks and 40 animals previously temporarily attached transferred to 2nd F.A.Bde.	HUR
	14th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 5 L.G.S. Wagons carting Charges to .101st Batticefy position. Pack Animals:- 40 Pairs packing ammunition to 2nd Battery Guns. 60 pairs packing ammunition to 102nd Battery Guns. <u>PERSONNEL</u> Major H.W. RIGGALL joined from 2nd F.A.Bde., to Command. Tem/Major CUNNINGHAM L.K. transferred to 2nd F.A. Brigade. 2 O/Ranks transferred to 2nd F.A.Bde.	HUR
	15th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 22 G.S. Wagons carting Bricks and Timber for Horse Line improvements.	HUR
	16th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Camp fatigues, improving Horse lines.	HUR
	17th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 9 L.G.S. Wagons carting Duck-Boards to 101st Battery Gun position. 24 G.S. Wagons carting Bricks for Horse Lines . 35 Reinforcements marched in from Details and were distributed as follows, 1st F.A. Brigade 18, 2nd F.A. Brigade 13, 4 retained by this Unit. The following personnel was transferred to Brigades. To 1st F.A.Bde. LIEUT. BOOTH H. and 20 O/Ranks to 1st F.A. Brigade, 20 O/Ranks to 2nd F.A. Brigade. LIEUT. HANDLEY R. evacuated to hospital sick.	HUR
	18th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 7 G.S. Wagons 6 animal Teams carting R.E. Material to Gun positions. 10 G.S. Wagons carting Bricks to Horse Lines.	HUR
	19th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 2 G.S. Wagons carting Engineering Material to Gun positions. Improving Horse Lines etc.,	HUR
	20th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 12 G.S. Wagons carting Bricks for Horse Lines . <u>PERSONNEL.</u> LIEUT A.G. HEPPINGSTONE transferred to 2nd F.A.Bde.,	HUR
	21st		<u>WORK DONE</u> 10 G.S. Wagons carting Ammunition to FORWARD DUMP. 5 G.S. Wagons carting Engineering material to 4th Battery. <u>CASUALTIES.</u> No.31621 Gunner HARRIS G.W. No.25459 Gunner NELSON V.T., wounded. New FORWARD DUMP started at I.11. D. 8.9. Major H.W. Riggall granted temporary rank of	HUR
	22nd		<u>WORK) DONE</u> 5 G.S. Wagons carting Engineering material to 4th Battery. 22 G.S. Wagons carting ammunition to FORWARD DUMP. 6 G.S. Wagons carting Bricks. <u>PERSONNEL.</u> 10 Reinforcements marched in from Details and were distributed as follows;- 1st F.A. Brigade 6, 2nd F.A. Brigade 3 retained by this Unit 1.	HUR 10/533)



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	23		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 36 Ammunition Wagons carting ammunition to forward Dump ( I 11. D.8.9. Sheet 28) Pack animals:- 26 pairs packing ammunition to 6th Battery Guns. 24 pairs packing ammunition to 2nd Battery Guns. 25 pairs packing ammunition to 3rd battery Guns. 12 pairs packing ammunition to 5th Battery Guns. <u>PERSONNEL.</u> 86 O/Ranks marched in from Details and were distributed as follows to 1st F.A. Brigade 36, to 2nd F.A. Brigade 36, T.M. Brigade 6, retained by this Unit 8. Captain F. N. SNOW left to join R.B.A.A. in England. Captain M. WILKINSON left to join R.B.A.A. in England.	
	24th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Pack animals:- 30 pairs pack animals packing to 102nd Battery Guns. 26 pairs packing to 6th Battery Guns. 19 pairs packing to 2nd Battery Guns. 23 pairs packing to 3rd Battery Guns. 13 pairs packing to 5th Battery Guns. <u>CASUALTIES.</u> 1 Mule K.I.A.	
	25th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Pack animals:- 30 pairs packing to 6th Battery Guns. 10 pairs packing to 3rd Battery Guns. 37 pairs packing to 101st Battery Guns. 10 pairs packing to 3rd Battery Guns. 18 G.S. Wagons 6 animal Teams assisting A.S.C. to clear RAILHEAD. "This was necessary owing to <u>CASUALTIES</u> to animals and <u>TRANSPORT</u> of the A.S.C." <u>CASUALTIES.</u> No. 1395 Tem/Sergeant Gainge H.J. K.I.A. 5 Mules and 1 Riding Horse K.I.A. <u>PERSONNEL.</u> 2/LIEUT RENDALL F. and 2/LIEUT MOLLISON B. joined from A.G.B.D. X R.A. Cadet School, ENGLAND. LIEUT IRWIN L.F. transferred to 1st F.A. Brigade.	
	26th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Resting Animals. Improving Horse Lines, cleaning Harness etc.,	
	27th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Pack Animals:- 50 pairs packing ammunition to 101st Battery Guns. <u>CASUALTIES.</u> 1 Mule killed in action.	
	28th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Pack Animals:- 50 pairs packing ammunition to 101st Battery Guns. 40 pairs packing ammunition to 3rd Battery Guns. 30 pairs packing ammunition to 6th Battery Guns. <u>CASUALTIES.</u> No. 30340 Driver CLAYTON S.P. wounded, NO. 30343 Driver CROWHURST J.F. missing. 3 Mules lost. 3 Mules missing.	
	29th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> Pack animals:- 50 pairs packing ammunition to 101st Battery Guns. 30 pairs packing ammunition to the 3rd Battery Guns. 30 pairs packing ammunition to the 6th Battery Guns. <u>CASUALTIES.</u> 1 Mule K.I.A. 3 Mules lost, under fire. <u>PERSONNEL.</u> 29 O/Ranks marched in from Details and were distributed as follows :- to 1st F.A. Brigade 12, to 2nd F.A. Brigade 8, retained by this Unit 8, 1 T.M. Brigade.	
	30th		<u>WORK DONE.</u> 4 L.G.S. Wagons carting Engineering material to 4th Battery Guns. Animals rested. Camp fatigues, cleaning Harness etc., <u>PERSONNEL.</u> LIEUT KEENE R. O.C. 2/LIEUT TAYLOR C. and 2/LIEUT FISHER J. transferred to 2nd F.A. Brigade.	
	31st		<u>WORK DONE</u> Pack animals:- 83 pairs pack animals packing ammunition to 101st Battery Guns.	



