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FRECHENCOURT.	1st.		<p><u>Locations:-</u></p> <p>Headquarters - B.29.b.2.4. (Sheet 62 D, 1/40,000)</p> <p>No.1.Section. - B.29.d.4.6. do.</p> <p>2 " - H.11.b.6.5. do.</p> <p>S. A. A. " - M.2.a.2.2. do.</p> <p>Preparations made for handing over to the 18th D.A.C. Advance Parties of Units sent forward to LONGPRE to take over billets of 18th D.A.C.</p> <p>Capt. C. E. Gatliff sent down to the Base to attend Medical Board.</p> <p>S. A. A. Section moved from Camp at I.7. Central to new camp at M.2.a.2.2.</p>													
do.	2nd.		<p>Handed over to 18th D.A.C. and moved to LONGPRE via ALLONVILLE and POULANVILLE. A very difficult march owing to the rain which made the roads and tracks very slippery and sticky. Arrived at LONGPRE at 1.30 p.m. Received orders there from 5th Aust. Div. Arty to march to GLISY. Left LONGPRE at 2.15 p.m. and marched through AMIENS and LONGPRE, reaching GLISY at 4 p.m. At GLISY the unit came under the orders of the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery. Bivouaced for the night as follows:-</p> <p>Headquarters - GLISY.</p> <p>No.1.Section. - South of BLANGY TRONVILLE.</p> <p>" 2 " - North of BLANGY TRONVILLE.</p>													
GLISY.	3rd.		<p>Received orders that the unit will be responsible for filling the advanced battery positions in front of VILLERS BRETONNEUX to be occupied by a Brigade of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery. 600 rounds per gun is to be dumped there and completed by night 6th/7th inst., Established a dump South of BLANGY TRONVILLE.</p> <p>Sections commenced carting and dumped the following amounts at Battery positions:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="683 1441 1118 1522"> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>A.X.</td> <td>B.X.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2114</td> <td>686</td> <td>1530</td> </tr> </table> <p>Ammunition as under was carted forwards by S. A. A. Section to Infantry Brigades:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="683 1552 1336 1632"> <tr> <td>S. A. A.</td> <td>GRENADERS.</td> <td>STOKES.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>125,000</td> <td>1400</td> <td>99</td> </tr> </table> <p>Casualties etc., 2 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital sick. 1 O/Rk. taken on strength from Aust. Motor Transport Co. 1 O/Rk. taken on strength from 5th Aust. Div. H.Qrs.</p> <p>Strength of unit. 22 Off. 637 O/Rks.</p> <p>No reinforcements arrived during the week.</p>	A	A.X.	B.X.	2114	686	1530	S. A. A.	GRENADERS.	STOKES.	125,000	1400	99	
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GLISY.	4th.		Moved No.1. Section to new bivouacs South of GLISY. Conference at 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters at which the arrangements for the day of the operation were explained. Sections dumped at forward positions the following amounts of ammunition:- <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.X.</u></td> <td><u>A.S.</u></td> <td><u>B.S.</u></td> <td><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td><u>GRENADES.</u></td> <td><u>PISTOL WEBLEY</u></td> <td><u>STOKES.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2950</td> <td>2692</td> <td>990</td> <td>60</td> <td>-</td> <td>318000</td> <td>288</td> <td>210</td> <td>296</td> </tr> </table> S.A.A Section delivered:-	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>	<u>A.S.</u>	<u>B.S.</u>	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>GRENADES.</u>	<u>PISTOL WEBLEY</u>	<u>STOKES.</u>	2950	2692	990	60	-	318000	288	210	296	
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do.	5th.		A further conference held at 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. with regard to details on the day of the operation. Selected a forward dump immediately behind the front line on the FOUILLOY - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road for use as the Advanced Dump for the day of the operation. Sections dumped at Forward Battery positions the following amounts of ammunition:- <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.X.</u></td> <td><u>A.S.</u></td> <td><u>B.S.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2348</td> <td>76</td> <td>490</td> <td>840</td> <td>300</td> </tr> </table> Ammunition delivered by S.A.A. <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td><u>GRENADES.</u></td> <td><u>STOKES.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>125,000</td> <td>1400</td> <td>99</td> </tr> </table> Lieut. G.E. Barrow left for England on fourteen days special leave.	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>	<u>A.S.</u>	<u>B.S.</u>	2348	76	490	840	300	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>GRENADES.</u>	<u>STOKES.</u>	125,000	1400	99			
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do.	6th.		Made final preparations for the operation. Detached four G.S. Wagons to the D.T.M.O. which will be used by him for carrying Mortars and ammunition forward during the operation. The ammunition as under was delivered by S.A.A. Section. <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td><u>GRENADES.</u></td> <td><u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>250,000</td> <td>1400</td> <td>479</td> </tr> </table>	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>GRENADES.</u>	<u>PISTOL WEBLEY.</u>	250,000	1400	479													
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do.	7th.		A day of rest. All arrangements completed.																			
do.	8th.		The operations commenced brilliantly and proceeded with the utmost success. No.1. Section was affiliated to the 13th Aust. F.A. Bde. No.2. Section to the 14th Aust. F.A. Bde. for the purpose of ammunition supply. Sections moved forward in rear of the Brigades 1st Line Wagons, and dumped their echelon on wheels at forward dumps - No.1. Section N.E. of LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE. No.2. Section S.E. of WARFUSSE - ABANCOURT. They then returned and salvaged the ammunition from the vacated Battery positions. After this was in the main completed they returned to the main A.R.P. located on the FOUILLOY - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road and continued replenishing the for-																			

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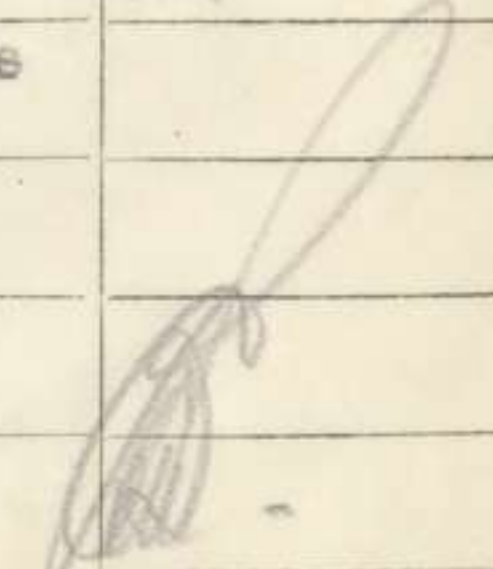
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GLISY.	8th.		<p>ward dumps by this means continuously. Headquarters, 5th A.C. moved into the QUARRY Dugouts on the FOUILLOY - VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road and controlled the supply of ammunition from there. These arrangements worked admirably throughout, the Battery wagons drawing from the forward dumps and the supplies there being maintained by the D.A.C. Wagons. The main A.R.P. was filled by M.T. Vehicles and was divided into two halves to avoid congestion. One half feeding the right forward dump, the other half the left. Supply throughout was adequate. Sections established their Wagon Lines at FOUILLOY and worked from there. Prior to the operation, supplies, stores and equipment, the Tailors, Bootmakers, Dentists and Y.M.C.A. establishments were left behind at GLISY. All personnel of Brigades surplus to establishment were attached to No.1. Section and remained with that unit until called for to replace casualties. Amounts of ammunition carted forward as-forward were as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="745 987 1429 1078"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>A.X.</td> <td>B.X.</td> <td>A.S.</td> <td>B.S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2348</td> <td>76</td> <td>490</td> <td>840</td> <td>300</td> </tr> </table> <p>383,000 rds. of S.A.A. delivered by S.A.A. Section. 14 O/Rks. & 22 Mules were detached to 14th F.A. Bde. S.A.A. Section moved to new position at O.28/c.6.6.</p>	A.	A.X.	B.X.	A.S.	B.S.	2348	76	490	840	300	
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FOUILLOY.	9th		<p>Selected a forward main A.R.P. on the WARFUSEE - MARCELOAVE Road, and forward refilling points in the vicinity of HARBONNIERES. Sections still kept up the supply to the Forward Dumps from the Main Dump. Amounts carted to these dumps were as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="839 1340 1243 1421"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>A.X.</td> <td>B.X.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2660</td> <td>968</td> <td>2250</td> </tr> </table> <p>S.A.A. Section had 24 G.S. Wagons employed in making a Forward Dump at BAYONVILLERS.</p>	A.	A.X.	B.X.	2660	968	2250					
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do	10th.		<p>Motor Transport Vehicles were diverted to new A.R.P. selected yesterday, and old A.R.P. was handed over to the 2nd Divisional Artillery. In order to assist in filling battery positions expeditiously Sections carted forward from Main A.R.P. direct to Battery positions between HARBONNIERES and VAUX VILLERS and filled them up to establishment. Amounts dumped forward were as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="792 1683 2533 1764"> <tr> <td>A.</td> <td>A.X.</td> <td>B.X.</td> <td>GRINADES.</td> <td>STOKES.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1848</td> <td>1584</td> <td>1344</td> <td>8500</td> <td>4290</td> </tr> </table> <p>Delivered by S.A.A. Section.</p>	A.	A.X.	B.X.	GRINADES.	STOKES.	1848	1584	1344	8500	4290	
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FOUILLOY.	10th.		<p>2/Lieut. C.M. Conners and 21 O/Rks. proceeded by Motor Lorry from the Hospice at FOUILLOY to AILLY SUR SOMME to entrain for ABBEVILLE to obtain remounts for the Divisional Artillery.</p> <p><u>Casualties etc.</u>, 9 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital sick. 1 O/Rk. accidentally injured and evacuated to Hospital. 1 O/Rk. Killed by Aeroplane Bomb. 2 O/Rks. proceeded to R. A. Cadet School, St. John's Wood, England. 2/Lieut. H. R. McLarty, M.M. transferred to 5th D.A.H.Q. 1 O/Rk. transferred to A.A. Postal Corps and attached as Postal Orderly.</p> <p>Reinforcements. NIL. Strength. 21 Officers. 623 Other Ranks.</p>																												
do.	11th,		<p>5th Australian Divisional Artillery withdrawn into Corps Reserve. D.A.C. remain in same position. Salvage of ammunition in the area was commenced. Salvage Dumps were formed</p> <p>(a) On the VILLERS BRÉTONNEUX - WARFUSEE ROAD. (b) On the FOUILLOY - WARFUSEE Road.</p> <p>Ammunition salvaged was as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="808 1209 1554 1290"> <thead> <tr> <th>A.</th> <th>A.X.</th> <th>A.S.</th> <th>B.X.</th> <th>B.S.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1405</td> <td>755</td> <td>677</td> <td>190</td> <td>193</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	A.	A.X.	A.S.	B.X.	B.S.	1405	755	677	190	193																		
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do.	12th.		<p>Salvage Operations were continued and a general reorganization of the unit was made preparatory to the next operation.</p> <p>One man per section attended the parade of Australian Corps at VECQUEMONT and were inspected by his Majesty the King.</p> <p>Ammunition salvaged was as follows:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="808 1512 2797 1592"> <thead> <tr> <th>A.</th> <th>A.X.</th> <th>B.X.</th> <th>A.S.</th> <th>B.S.</th> <th>E.N.C.</th> <th>S.A.A. Sec. delivered</th> <th>S.A.A.</th> <th>GRENADES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2201</td> <td>1480</td> <td>3</td> <td>805</td> <td>23</td> <td>416</td> <td></td> <td>274,000</td> <td>1300</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2/Lieut. C.M. Conners and party arrived with remounts after marching from ABBEVILLE. They were distributed as under:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1367 1612 1926 1693"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>14th Aust. F.A. Bde.</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>15th "</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	A.	A.X.	B.X.	A.S.	B.S.	E.N.C.	S.A.A. Sec. delivered	S.A.A.	GRENADES	2201	1480	3	805	23	416		274,000	1300		14th Aust. F.A. Bde.			30			15th "	12	
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do.	13th.		<p>Conference at 5th Aust. D.A.H.Q. and arrangements for new operation explained. Moved to CAIX and Sections were established in a valley running West of that village. Formed a P.T.O.</p>																												

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CAIX.	13th.		<p>Main Dump to the North of CAIX and commenced filling it with M.T. Vehicles. Owing to the short time available Sections will assist the Batteries in carting direct to their positions West of the LIHONS - MREHNRICOURT Road. Sections commenced the work as soon as darkness came on, and carted forward the following ammunition:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.X.</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3204</td> <td>2204</td> <td>1640</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>S.A.A. Section moved to new camp at W.21.b.5.6. Heavy bombing during the night but no casualties.</p>	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>		3204	2204	1640						
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do.	14th.		<p>Transport of Ammunition to battery positions still continues. At 9 p.m. received advice orders that the operation was cancelled, and that we are to stand fast pending instructions. Ammunition carted was as follows:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.X.</u></td> <td><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td><u>GRENADES.</u></td> <td><u>P.W.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2118</td> <td>1916</td> <td>740</td> <td>S?A.A. Section. 156,000</td> <td>6000</td> <td>4320</td> </tr> </table>	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>GRENADES.</u>	<u>P.W.</u>	2118	1916	740	S?A.A. Section. 156,000	6000	4320	
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2118	1916	740	S?A.A. Section. 156,000	6000	4320											
do.	15th		<p>At CAIX reorganizing sections. Echelons refilled from A. R. P. Camp & vicinity shelled during the day. 3 O/Rks. Killed and 1 Wounded & evacuated.</p>													
do.	16th.		<p>Received orders to relieve the 17th D. A. C. at CERISY tomorrow, and sent advance parties forward. Units making all preparations for the move tomorrow. S.A.A. Section moved to new camp at P.12.a.2.8.</p>													
do.	17th.		<p>Placed a guard of one N. C. O. and 3 O/Rks. on the Dump at CAIX. At 1.30 p.m. moved to CERISY via GUILLAUCOURT and BAYONVILLERS, and took over the lines of the 17th Imperial D. A. C. Headquarters D. A. C. at GAILLY. No ammunition was carted today as Brigades did not take over till midnight.</p> <p>Took over Dump at CERISY, which is most exposed.</p> <p>Casualties etc., for week. 3 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital. 3 O/Rks Killed in Action and 2 Wounded and evacuated. 1 O/Rk. proceeded to St. John's Wood, R.A. Cadet School. 4 O/Rks. struck off strength on m/o. to A. I. F. H. Q. for return to Australia on furlough. 1 O/Rk. taken on strength on transfer from 5th Motor Transport.</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 21 Off. 612 O/Rks.</p>													
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CAIX.	18th.		Squaring up camp and settling down in lines. Carted forward to Batteries who are situated South East of MORCOURT. Ammunition carted was as follows:- <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>S.A.A. TRACER.</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">10,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">300 T.M.G.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">to T.M. Batteries in vicinity of PROYART.</td> </tr> </table>	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>S.A.A. TRACER.</u>			10,000	2000	300 T.M.G.	to T.M. Batteries in vicinity of PROYART.					
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do.	19th.		Commenced salvage of ammunition from back areas, carted forward to Batteries. Ammunition salvaged is as follows:- <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>B.X.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>GRENADES.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">864</td> <td style="text-align: center;">762</td> <td style="text-align: center;">120,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">450.</td> </tr> </table> S.A.A. Section delivered:-	<u>B.X.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>GRENADES.</u>	864	762	120,000	450.					
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do.	20th.		Formed new Dump on the HAMEL - CERISY Road, which will be better protected and made suitable in every respect. Following ammunition was salvaged:- <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.S.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>B.N.C.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>B.X.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">46</td> <td style="text-align: center;">91</td> <td style="text-align: center;">543</td> </tr> </table> 300 Rounds of B.X. was carted forward to Batteries. S.A.A. Section delivered:- 2,000 Grenades and 1,200 stokes.	<u>A.S.</u>	<u>B.N.C.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>	46	91	543							
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do.	21st.		A very heavy dump on the dump; approximately 37000 rounds were received and issued during the day. Moved D.A.C. nucleus from GLISY to FOUILLOY. At 10 a.m. came under the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery for tactical control. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters moving into reserve. Ammunition carted and salvaged was as follows:- <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Salved:-</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>18-pdr.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>B.X.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">784</td> <td style="text-align: center;">231</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Carted:-</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>A.X.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">228</td> <td style="text-align: center;">76</td> </tr> </table> 300 T.M.G. was delivered to T.M. Batteries in the vicinity of PROYART.	<u>Salved:-</u>	<u>18-pdr.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>		784	231	<u>Carted:-</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>		228	76	
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do.	22nd.		A little ammunition was carted forward to Batteries in front of MORCOURT, but they are now up to establishment. The salvage operations in the area were practically completed. 100 rounds of T.M. Ammunition was carted forward to T.M. Batteries in the vicinity of PROYART. A most oppressively hot day.	P.T.O. 9												

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CAIX.	22nd.		<p>The following ammunition was carted to Batteries:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>A.S.</u></td> <td><u>S.A.A.</u></td> <td><u>GRENADES.</u></td> <td><u>P.W.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>304</td> <td>152</td> <td>100</td> <td>128,000</td> <td>4200</td> <td>400</td> </tr> </table> <p>Delivered by S.A.A. Section:-</p>	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>A.S.</u>	<u>S.A.A.</u>	<u>GRENADES.</u>	<u>P.W.</u>	304	152	100	128,000	4200	400	
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do.	23rd.		<p>A successful operation on our front and all objectives gained. Batteries advanced forward to a distance of 1000 yds. A very large amount of ammunition was handled at the Dump, and transported forward to Battery positions. 100 rounds of T.M. Ammunition sent forward to Batteries in the vicinity of PROYART.</p> <p>Ammunition carted to Batteries:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.X.</u></td> <td><u>STOKES.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>562</td> <td>350</td> <td>800</td> <td>500</td> </tr> </table> <p>Ammunition delivered by S.A.A. Sec:-</p>	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>	<u>STOKES.</u>	562	350	800	500					
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562	350	800	500													
do.	24th.		<p>Brigades moved out into the Rest Area so there was no ammunition carting at all. All units were engaged in cleaning up, and organizing preparatory to the next move forward. Very heavy hostile bombing during the night. Our casualties were:- 2 O/Rks Wounded and evacuated, 2 mules killed and three wounded.</p> <p>Casualties etc., for Week:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 O/Rks. evacuated to Hospital sick. 2 O/Rks. Wounded and evacuated. 1 O/Rk. accidentally injured & evacuated to Hospital. 2 O/Rks. transferred to other units. 9 O/Rks. taken on strength ex A.G.B.D. <p>Strength. 21 Off. 615 O/Rks.</p> <p>129 Reinforcements marched in ex Divisional Reinforcement Wing and were distributed as under:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>66</td> <td>O/Rks.</td> <td>13th F.A.Bde.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50</td> <td>"</td> <td>14th F.A.Bde.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19</td> <td>5th</td> <td>D.A.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5th</td> <td>D.T.M.Bde.</td> </tr> </table>	66	O/Rks.	13th F.A.Bde.	50	"	14th F.A.Bde.	19	5th	D.A.C.	4	5th	D.T.M.Bde.	
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4	5th	D.T.M.Bde.														
do.	25th.		<p>An uneventful day, 5th Divisional Trench Mortar Brigade were attached to the unit for quarters as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th T.M. Battery to No.1. Section. 10th T.M. Battery " 2 " <p style="text-align: right;">P.T.O.</p> <p>Reorganization and cleaning up continues.</p>													

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CAIX.	25th.		Lieut. G.H. Cooper and 20 Other Ranks proceeded to CORBIE to collect 40 remounts, which were handed over to the 14th F.A. Bde. on the 26th inst.,											
do.	26th.		Moved from GAILLY to the MORCOURT VALLEY and established Headquarters in a wood close by. Established a new dump on the main WARFUSEE - ESTREES Road at the head of the valley. Units again came under 5th Australian Divisional Artillery for tactical control. Batteries moved forward and occupied positions, but their own echelons on wheels had enough for their requirements. Detached two G.S. Wagons to each T.M. Battery for use as required											
MORCOURT.	27th.		Moved dump about 1000 yds. forward along the main road. Carted ammunition forward to batteries which lie in the vicinity of PROYART. Sent G.S. Wagons to assist the Trench Mortars in their move up to PROYART. <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.N.C.</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2052</td> <td>1444</td> <td>300</td> <td>200</td> <td>Delivered by S.A.A. Section. 200 Stokes.</td> </tr> </table>	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>	<u>B.N.C.</u>		2052	1444	300	200	Delivered by S.A.A. Section. 200 Stokes.	
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2052	1444	300	200	Delivered by S.A.A. Section. 200 Stokes.										
do.	28th.		The enemy has commenced to retire and has gone back about four miles. Reconnoitred new positions and dump in the vicinity of FOUCAUCOURT. Sections prepare to move forward tomorrow morning. Sent two G.S. Wagons to GAILLY to assist the move of the T.M. Bde. to PROYART. 7400 Grenades issued by S. A. A. Section.											
FAY	29th.		Moved to FOUCAUCOURT, but on arrival there received orders to move further forward. Selected lines in the vicinity valley in the vicinity of FAY and established a Headquarters there. Established a dump on the main road close to ESTREES. Carted ammunition to Batteries in the vicinity of BARLEUX <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td><u>A.</u></td> <td><u>A.X.</u></td> <td><u>B.X.</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>680</td> <td>304</td> <td>300</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> S.A.A. Section moved to new site at R.25.a.95.95.	<u>A.</u>	<u>A.X.</u>	<u>B.X.</u>		680	304	300				
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do.	30th.		Moved dump to ASSEUVILLERS in consequence of the Divisional boundary side slipping to the left. Filled this dump by Motor Transport Vehicles from the old Dump, and dumped our load on wheels at it, also Sections returned to old Battery positions in the vicinity of PROYART and FOUCAUCOURT and salvaged the ammunition from there, dumping it at the P.T.C.											

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FAY.	30th.		<p>ASSEVILLIERS Dump. Ammunition was issued to Batteries in the vicinity of BARLEUX. Two G. S. Wagons were sent to PROYART TO MOVE the T.M.Bde. forward. A little bombing during the night, but no casualties.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>A.X.</td> <td>B.X.</td> <td colspan="2">Ammn. delivered by S. A. A Section:-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>721</td> <td>340</td> <td>320</td> <td>S. A. A.</td> <td>GRENADES.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ammunition carted:-</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>17,000</td> <td>2,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ammunition salvaged:-</td> <td>1596</td> <td>1140</td> <td>1094</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A	A.X.	B.X.	Ammn. delivered by S. A. A Section:-		721	340	320	S. A. A.	GRENADES.	Ammunition carted:-			17,000	2,600	Ammunition salvaged:-	1596	1140	1094		
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do.	31st.		<p>Salvage work of back areas continues. Sent two G. S. Wagons to D. A. H. Q. to move them forward to vicinity of BARLEUX.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>A.X.</td> <td>B.X.</td> <td>B.N.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1587</td> <td>222</td> <td>955</td> <td>165</td> </tr> </table> <p>Casualties etc., for week:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 O/Rks. evacuated to Hosp. sick. 1 O.Rk. transferred to 5th D.A.H.Q. 2 O/Rks. Wounded & evacuated. 5 O/Rks taken on strength ex A.G.R.D. <p>Lieut. G.E. Barrow returned from leave 28.8.18. Capt. B. R. Law departed on furlough to U.K. on 29.8.18. Lieut. E. Dunlop do. do. 30.8.18.</p> <p>Strength. 21 Off. 614 O/Rks. Reinforcements 6 O/Rks.</p>	A	A.X.	B.X.	B.N.C.	1587	222	955	165													
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			<u>COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31.8.18.</u>	
			<p>In general the work of the unit for the past month has been the heaviest and in addition the most interesting the unit has yet been asked to perform. At the beginning of the month the work of transporting the large amount of ammunition to battery positions necessary for the barrage on the 8th inst., involved great difficulties and very hard work indeed, both on Officers, men and animals. This ammunition had all to be carted up during the hours of darkness as concealment to ensure the element of surprise desired was an essential factor. In addition, the teams were subjected along the roads to heavy shell fire, and it was only by good fortune that so few casualties resulted.</p>	
			<p>The work of all Officers and men during this part of the operation was most praiseworthy, and the promptitude and exact manner with which all orders were carried out under such trying circumstances enhances the value of their work.</p>	
			<p>From August 8th onward till the end of the month the role of the unit has been practically mobile warfare conditions. Very much moving, often at short notice, periods of very heavy work in assisting batteries to fill up their battery positions to large figures, followed by periods of ordinary work, periods of intense activity, followed by periods of semi-inactivity.</p>	
			<p>During the periods of semi-inactivity the unit has been engaged in salving ammunition, which of necessity remains left behind in positions vacated by advancing batteries, and these salvage operations have been the means of saving vast quantities of ammunition from deterioration by the weather, and also have relieved the ammunition question to no small extent.</p>	
			<p>Dumps have been established in the vicinity of the unit's lines at every position occupied, filled by M.T. Vehicles and the supply of ammunition has never been inadequate at all during the whole month. In addition the complete salving of all ammunition boxes, caps, clips etc., has been made from every dump administered by the Unit.</p>	
			<u>HEALTH.</u>	
			<p>The health of the men throughout the month has remained most remarkably good, and the evacuation figures for the month are very low indeed, even considering the arduous nature of the duties the men have had to perform, and the conditions under which they have lived. I consider this due to a large extent to the most efficient staff of cooks each Sections have now got, and to the excellent manner in which all sanitary instructions were carried out. Although clean clothing has been a difficulty throughout only one change</p>	
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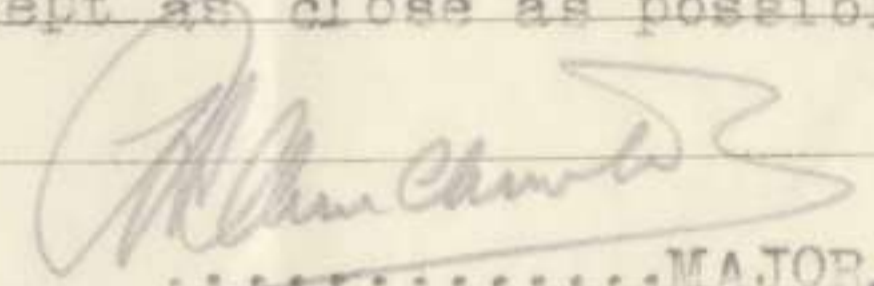
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			<p>having been received for the men to obtain a clean change of underclothing. Vermin have been practically non-existent owing to unit Commanders personally seeing that each man's underclothing has been washed at least once per week, and that the men bathed in the streams or canal at every opportunity.</p>	
			<p>The health of the animals has remained good, though they have in all cases lost a good deal of condition owing to the heavy work. During the advance watering facilities were very poor and this has caused the main proportion of the loss of condition amongst them. In the main they are still in good hard working condition now and are fit for any further work that may be required of them.</p>	
			<p><u>MORALE.</u></p>	
			<p>The morale of the troops has remained of the very highest order, and they have carried out everything that has been required of them and have undergone any hardships or difficulties with the utmost cheerfulness and have treated this hardest side of war more as a highly enjoyable game than anything else. There is no doubt the change from the ordinary dull routine of trench warfare has been a boom to all.</p>	
			<p><u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u></p>	
			<p>Owing to the conditions of the advance it has been impossible to carry with us the Dental Unit, the Y.M.C.A. and the Tailors and Bootmakers Shop. These detachments have been kept as close as possible to the troops, and have been able to continue their work without a pause.</p>	
				<p> MAJOR, C.O. 5th D. A. COLUMN.</p>

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN ORDER No. 14.

Headquarters,
31st July 1918.

REFERENCE SHEET - AMIENS, 1/100,000.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) will be relieved by the 18th Divisional Ammunition Column on the 2nd August 1918. Relief will be completed by 2 p.m. on the 2nd of August 1918.
2. Personnel with Anti Tank guns will be relieved on the night 1st/2nd August 1918.
3. On completion of relief the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) will march to the ST. SAUVEUR Area under orders to be issued later.
4. Units of the 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will move out with echelons full.
5. Attention is directed to 5th Australian Divisional Administrative Order No. 34 issued herewith, which will be complied with.
All certificates and receipts vide this office M/453 of 21.6.18 will be furnished to this office immediately on relief.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th D.A. COLUMN.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN ORDER No. 15.

Headquarters,
1st August 1918.

REFERENCE SHEETS - AMIENS 1/100,000
" 62 D. 1/40,000

1. The Fifth Australian Divisional Ammunition Column (less S.A.A. Section) will march on 2nd August 1918 to LONGPRE in accordance with March Table below.
2. Special attention is drawn to 4th Army Routine Order No.2030, 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery and 5th Aust. D.A.C. instructions re marching order and march discipline.
3. Billets have been allotted to Units in accordance with table attached.
4. Definite Billets selected will be forwarded to this office by 10 a.m. 3rd August 1918.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten Signature]

.....Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th D.A. COLUMN.

MARCH TABLE.

Unit.	Starting Point.	Time to pass Starting point.	ROUTE.
Headquarters.	Cross Roads	10 a.m.	H.5.a.3.0. to
	H.5.a.3.0.		H.15.b.2.8. to
No.1.Section.	do.	10.1.a.m.	ALLOWVILLE to
			POULAINVILLE to
2 "	do.	10.11 a.m.	LONGPRE.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

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Headquarters,
7th August, 1918.

ORDER NO. 16.

1. The Fifth Australian Division will attack the enemy on the 8th August 1918. The attack will commence at an hour to be notified later.
2. For the purposes of the operation No.1. Section is allotted to the 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade, and No.2. Section to the 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade. S.A.A. Section will remain detached as at present.
3. Fifth Australian Divisional Ammunition Column Instructions Nos 2 and 3 are brought into operation by this order.
4. Headquarters, 5th Aust. Divisional Ammunition Column will be at O. 17. c. 30. 85.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. H. H.
.....LIEUT.
ADJUTANT 5th D. A. COLUMN.

Issued at 6 p.m to :-

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

INSTRUCTION NO.1.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will be responsible for the transport and dumping of ammunition for one Brigade of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery, the positions of which have already been notified to units.

2. This work is sub-divided as follows:-

- No.1. Section - 2, 18pdr. Batteries.
- 2 " - 1, 18pdr. Battery
- 2 " - 1, 4.5 How. Battery

3. The following amount of ammunition is to be dumped at Battery positions:-

- 18-pdr. - 150 "A") rounds
- 450 "AX") per
- 10 "AS") gun.
- Of "AX" 10% will be 100 fuzes.

- 4.5 How. - 500 B.X.) rounds per
- 10 B.S.) gun.

As large a percentage of 100 fuzes to be obtained as possible.

4. The dumping of ammunition will commence tonight 3/4th inst., and must be completed by the night 5th/6th inst.,
Ammunition is not to be dumped forward of the normal A.R. Ps. in daylight.

5. All dumps must be carefully camouflaged.
Camouflage can be obtained on demand from the 2nd Aust. D.A.C.

6. Sections will forward progress reports to this office at 9 a.m. each morning, commencing tomorrow 4th inst., shewing amount of ammunition dumped at battle positions.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th D.A.COLUMN.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. to

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

Instruction No.2.

28th August 1918.

1. Attention is drawn to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instructions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 already issued to Units.

2. SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION.

1. Arrangements for ammunition supply will be as follows:-
 along the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - FOUILLOY RD.
- (a) The Corps A.R.P., will be at Q.17.a & c, under the charge of the C.O., 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column.
- (b) Forward A.R.P's will be formed at P.30.b.85.40 and P.35.d.4.3., as soon as the defensive artillery moves forward. Left Dump at P.30.b.85.40 (under charge of O.C. 6th Army B.A.C.) Right Dump at P.35.d.4.3. (under charge of C.O. 2nd D.A.C.)
- (c) For the purpose of the operations, sections are allotted as follows:-
 No.1. Section to 13th F.A. Brigade.
 No.2. Section to 14th F.A. Brigade.
- (d) No.1. Section will supply and deal with Left Dump. No.2. Section with Right Dump.

ii General arrangements will be as follows:-

- (a) Sections will dump their load on wheels at the Forward A.R.P's as soon as the defensive artillery moves forward.
- (b) They will then replenish from vacated battery positions, and will continue carting to forward A.R.P's until the ammunition at vacated battery positions is exhausted.
- (c) When these positions are exhausted they will replenish from the Corps A.R.P., and continue the supply from there.

- iii It must be fully understood that although the above will be the normal procedure for the day of attack, Section Commanders must be prepared at any moment to renew the normal supply of ammunition by D.A.C's to Brigades, in case of a further general advance being ordered

3. LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS.

The importance of keeping touch with Brigades and with H.Q. D.A.C., must be thoroughly impressed upon all Officers and N.C.O's.

The following Liaison arrangements will be made:-

- (a) Os.C. Sections will each detail one mounted N.C.O., to be attached to Headquarters of the Brigade they are supplying, and one mounted orderly to each battery. These orderlies must be thoroughly acquainted with the location of the Os.C., their Section.
- (b) Os.C. Sections will in addition, each detail, one orderly to report to H.Q., 5th Aust.D.A.C.
- (c) In case of moves H.Q. 5th Aust.D.A.C., Brigades and Battery Orderlies must be immediately advised of new locations.
- (d) Orderlies will report to Units by 6 p.m 7.8.18.

4. Special attention is directed to 5th Aust.D.A. Administrative Instruction No.1., already issued to Sections.

5. TRENCH MORTAR TRANSPORT.

- (a) Os.C. Sections will each detail two G.S. Wagons, each loaded with 40 rounds T.M.G., complete, to report to D.T.M.O., at RAILWAY DUMP, at 3 p.m tomorrow 7.8.18. This detail will remain attached to the D.T.M.O., for the purposes of this operation and will be rationed by them.
 Personnel will report with 24 hours rations.

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5. TRENCH MORTAR TRANSPORT. (Continued)

(b.) O.C. Duty Section will dump 160 rounds of T.M.G. Ammunition complete with D.T.M.O. prior to 5 p.m. tomorrow, 7th inst.,

6. FATIGUE DUTIES.

(a) Personnel at present detached to the Railway Dump will remain under the charge of Lieut. J. Gates for the purposes of the operation.

(b) Os/C. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections will each detail a party of one Officer and 25 Other Ranks to report to C.O. 13th Aust. F.A. Bde. and 14th Aust. F.A. Bde respectively at 6 p.m. 7/8/18. These parties will be used under the direction of Brigade Commanders concerned to make passages for Batteries over the Trench system N & S. of WARFUSSE - ABANCOURT. On completion of the work parties will report to C.O. 5th Aust. D.A.C. at 0.17.c.30.85.

(c) O.C. No.1. Section will detail 2nd Lieut. W. Hay to report for duty to Lieut. Gates tomorrow 7.8.18.

7. REAR PARTIES.

A rear party consisting of the undermentioned will remain at GLISY and will take charge of, and be responsible, for the Baggage Dump of the 5th Aust. Div. Arty.

- Capt. J.H. Coppock.
- 101st Aust. Dental Unit.
- Y.M.C.A.
- Tailors & Bootmakers Shop

O.C. No.1. Section will detail necessary transport for rations etc., O.C. No.2. Section will arrange to transport the Baggage of the 101st Dental Unit and of the Tailors & Bootmakers' Shop to the Baggage Dump, GLISY, by 12 noon tomorrow, 7.8.18.

8. SURPLUS BAGGAGE.

All surplus baggage will be dumped at billet No.23 GLISY.

9. D.A.C.H.Q. will be located at 0.17.c.30.85 on day of attack.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

P. Barnett
.....Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 5th D.A. COLUMN.

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14th F.A. Bde.	"	5
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Headquarters,
- 7th August, 1918.

INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

1. DUMP PERSONNEL.

Personnel for the Corps A.R.P., at O.17.a and c will be found from Units as follows:-

- (1) Personnel of GLISTY DUMP - 1 Officer and 61 Other Ranks.
- (2) Personnel of RAILWAY DUMP - 2 Officers and 21 Other Ranks.

The above personnel will report to Headquarters, 5th Aust. D.A.C., O.17.c.80.35 not later than Zero plus 2 hours on "Z" day. Command of RAILWAY DUMP will be handed over to a battery of 2nd D.T.M. Brigade on "Y"/"Z" night.

2. WAGON LINES.

As soon as the tactical situation requires, Sections will move forward.

In the event of Sections not being required to go further forward than line O.12 central or O.30. central, they will be allotted to the following areas:-

No. 1. Section to area between the Northern Divisional Boundary and a line from O.18.c.0.0 to N.18.c.0.0.

No. 2. Section to area between a line from O.18.c.0.0 to N.18.c.0.0, and the main VILLIERS-BRETONNEUX-AMIENS Road.

Sections will move forward to these areas in rear of their respective Brigade wagon lines.

3. RECONNAISSANCE

As soon as the tactical situation permits Co.C. Sections will arrange to send Officers forward to thoroughly reconnoitre the roads and tracks in the forward area.

4. ROADS AND TRACKS.

Locations of roads and tracks which can be used will be forwarded later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Baruch
..... LIEUT.
ADJUTANT 5th D.A. COLUMN.

Issued at 6 p.m. to:-

No. 1. Section	Copy	No. 1.
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5th D.A.H.Q.	"	3.
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Lieut. McDonald.	"	5.
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Headquarters,
9th August 1918.

INSTRUCTION NO. 4.

1. Attention is directed to 5th Australian Divisional Artillery Instruction No. 6 already issued to units.
2. On the regrouping of the artillery, vide para. 7 of above quoted instruction, the forward dumps will be allotted as under:-
Right Group Dump (P. 35.a.4.3.)
 No. 1. Section, 5th Aust. D.A.C.
 " 2 " " "
 under charge of Capt. B. R. Law, No. 2. Section.

Left Group Dump. (P. 30.b.35.40)
 5th Aust. Army B.A.C.
 23rd Army B.A.C.
 under charge of C.C. 6th Aust. Army B.A.C.
3. The responsibility for keeping these dumps filled with ammunition rests entirely with the Officer commanding the Forward Dump.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

William Charles ...
 Lieut.
 A/Adjutant, 5th D.A.C. COLUMN.

Issued at 4.30 p.m. to:-
 No. 1. Section, Copy No. 1.
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 5th D.A.C. " 3.
 Lieut. J. Gates. 4
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

INSTRUCTION NO. 5

1. The Fifth Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will come under the command of the C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division as from 4 p.m. today, 9th inst.
2. The Corps A.R.P. in C.17.A. & C. will close tomorrow, 10th inst. A new A.R.P. will be formed tomorrow, 10th inst., in C.35.A. on the WARRIENE - WARRINGAHVAH Road, and will be under the charge of Lieut. McDonald.
3. The Right Group Forward A.R.P. (C.35.A.4.B.) will cease to exist as a Forward Refilling Point for the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery from 4 p.m. today, will come under the charge of the 1st Aust. Div. Art. For the night 9th/10th inst., Sections will feed the Left Group Forward A.R.P. at P.30.A.87.A0.
4. Co/C. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections will select, in consultation with their respective Brigades/Commanders a Forward Refilling Point for the 15th and 14th B.A. Bns. and from 9 a.m. tomorrow, 10th inst., will feed forward to the dump selected. This dump will be placed under the charge of Capt. H.R. Law, Co. 2 Section. Position of dump selected will be forwarded to this office as soon as possible.
5. Lieut. McDonald and 40 other ranks of the Corps A.R.P. Dump party will report at the new Corps A.R.P. at 8 a.m. tomorrow, 10th inst., and will prepare the site selected. It is expected that ammunition will commence to arrive by M.T. vehicles at 11 a.m. tomorrow, 10th inst. Lieut. Gates, with the remainder of the dump personnel, will remain in charge of the old Corps Dump until further orders.
6. Co/C. Sections will reconnoitre and select Wagon Lines in the vicinity of the new Corps A.R.P. and will move to sites selected tomorrow, 10th inst. Position of new Wagon Lines will be immediately notified to this office.
7. Returns will be rendered to this office at 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. as at present by Co/C. Dumps and Refilling Points showing ammunition received and from whom, ammunition issued and to whom and ammunition on hand. Receipts will be forwarded.
8. 5th Australian D.A.C. Instructions No. 4. are hereby cancelled.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.C. Ireland, Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th D.A. COLUMN.

Issued at 8 p.m. to:-
 No. 1. Section, Copy No. 1.
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 2nd Aust. B.A. B. 2
 5th Aust. B.A. B. 2
 Lieut. Gates
 " McDonald.
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Headquarters,
16th August 1918.

Reference, Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column, (less S.A.A. Section) will relieve the 17th D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) on the 17th August 1918. Relief to be completed by 6 p.m.
2. Command will pass to the C.O. 5th Australian D.A.C. on completion of relief.
3. All ammunition at the A.R.P. will be taken over "in situ", and receipts given, duplicate copies of receipts to be forwarded to this office immediately on completion.
4. Lieut. J. Gates, with 5th Australian D.A.C. Dump personnel, will relieve the 17th D.A.C. Dump personnel at the A.R.P. CERISY not later than 5.30 pm 17th inst.,
5. Units will march to new area in accordance with March Table as under:-
6. Special attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order 2039, 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and 5th Australian D.A.C. Instructions re March Discipline.
7. Headquarters, 5th Australian D.A.C. will be at Q.1.c.25.60.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
.....MAJOR.
C.O. 5th D.A.C. COLUMN.

MARCH TABLE.

Unit.	Starting Point.	Time to pass Starting pt.	Route.	Remarks.
Hd.Qrs.	Cross Roads W.27.a.0.0.	1.30 p.m.	GUILLAUCOURT - BAYONVILLERS - Cross Roads Q.19.d.2.8. -	Units are not to enter villages; avoiding roads are in all cases to be taken round villages.
No.1.	"	1.31 p.m.	Cross Roads Q.7.c.2.8. - P.6.d.	
2	"	2 p.m.	"	

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Lieut. Gates.	4
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ORDER NO. 18.

26th August 1918.

Reference Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000

1. (a) The operations of the Australian Corps are to be continued.
(b) The 1st Australian Division is to be relieved on night 26th/27th August by 2nd and 5th Aust. Divs. 5th Aust. Div. being on the right and 2nd Aust. Div on the left.
(c) The boundary between the 5th and 2nd Aust. Divs. will be the East and West grid between M.8. and M.14.
2. Under command of C.R.A. 5th Aust. Div will be:-
1st Aust. Div. Arty. (less H.Q. and T.M. Batteries).
5th Aust. Div. Arty.
12th Aust. Army F.A. Bde.
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.
3. (a) All Brigades already in action on the Divisional front will reconnoitre positions to ensure that, as soon after dusk as possible, on 26th August, all batteries are east of the North and South grid between R.14 and R.15, and as many batteries as possible are moved into the area east of N & S. grid between R.15 and R.16.
(b) Batteries of 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Bdes. will all be East of the North and South grid between R.16 and R.17. They will be given priority of selection of positions.
4. All moves detailed above will be completed in time to enable batteries to open fire at daylight on 27th of August.
5. All incoming Brigades will dump 176 rounds per 18-pdr. and 108 rds. per 4.5 How. at positions. In addition all echelons of all Brigades will be full.
6. The 5th Aust. D.A.C. will move to area Q.22.c & d. and Q.28.a. today 26th inst., in accordance with attached table.
7. The usual vacating certificates will be obtained. All area stores will be returned and receipts obtained. Duplicate copies of all receipts and certificates to be furnished to this office as soon as possible after receipt.
8. H.Q. 5th Aust. D.A.C. will be at Q.21.d.5.5.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

MAJOR.

C.O. 5th D.A. COLUMN.

Unit.	Time to pass	Starting Point.	Route.	Remarks.
H.Q. No.1. Sec)	11 a.m.	Cross Roads	CERISY-MORCOURT Cross Roads Q.22.d.0.6.	H.Q. Wagons will report to O.C. No.1. Sec. at 10.30 a.m.
No.2. "	11.15 a.m.	Q.3.c.0.0.	CERISY- Cross Roads Q.9.d.0.9.	and will move with that section.

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1st Aust. D.A.	"	4
5th "	"	5
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ORDER No. 19.

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REFERENCE SHEET - ROZIERES.

1. The 5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column will move to Area R.24 and R.30 today, 29th August 1918, in accordance with the attached March Table.
2. Special attention is directed to S.S.724 of July 1918 re March Discipline.
3. Headquarters, 5th Aust. D.A. COLUMN will be at R.29.d.5.4.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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.....Lieut.
Adjutant, 5th D.A. COLUMN.

MARCH TABLE.

Units.	Starting Point.	Time to pass Starting Point.	Route.
No.1.Sec.	Cross Roads Q.28.d.2.2.	9.45 a.m.	Q.28.d.2.2.
2 "	"	10.15 a.m.	along main road
Hd.Qrs.	"	10.30 a.m.	to R.29.c.7.6.

Issued at 9.35 a.m. to:-

- O.C. No.1.Section, copy No.1.
 - 2 "
 - S.A.A. "
 - 5th D.A.H.Q.
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