

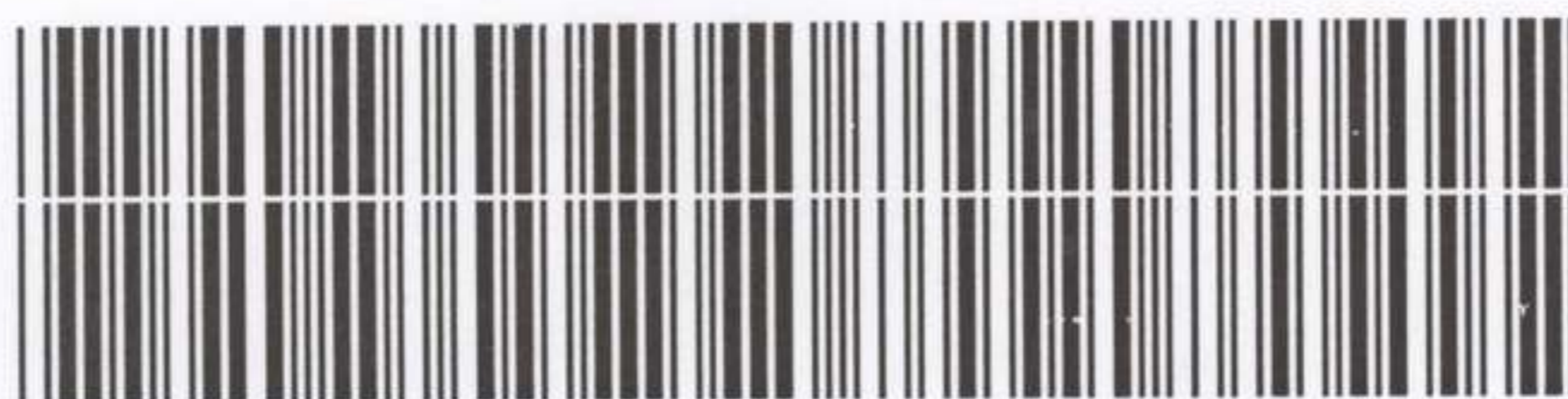
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Field	1-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 199 ORs 128 L.D. 20 Riding 93 bulles. 9 ORs taken on strength from A.G.B.D 10.R. (27592 Svr Henderson AD) died. Ammunition supplied as follows:- 7th Battery A 796 A x 116: 8th Battery A 456 A x 152: 9th Battery A 695 A x 361 103rd Battery B x 288. Drawn from dump. A 2036 A x 540 B 684. On hand in Echelon A 1363 A x 485 B x 684. Weather - cool & overcast.	
Field	2-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 199 ORs 127 L.D. 20 Riding 93 bulles. 1 L.D. evacuated. Ammunition supplied as follows:- 7th Battery A 544 A x 368: 9th Battery A 228 A x 76: 103rd Battery B x 192: Drawn from dump: A 712 A x 504 B x 192: On hand in Echelon: A 1383 A 545 B x 684: Weather - dull & unsettled.	
Field	3-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 199 ORs 127 L.D. 20 Riding 93 bulles:- Ammunition supplied as follows:- 8th Battery A 372 A x 228: 9th Battery A 228 A x 76 - 103rd Battery B.N.C 500 - Drawn from dump. A 676 A x 228 B.N.C 500 - On hand in Echelon A 1439 A x 409 B x 684. Fine & warm	
Field	4-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 199 ORs 127 L.D. 20 Riding 93 bulles - Capt H. J. Richardson + 1 OR transferred to 7th Battery: Capt S. Robertson taken on strength from 7th Battery & to command: 2 ORs taken on strength from 7th Battery: 1 OR to Hosp & struck off strength - Ammunition supplied as follows: 9th Battery A 228 A x 76 - Received from dump A 228 A x 76 - On hand A 1439 A x 409 B x 684. Weather Fine & warm.	
Field	5-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 199 ORs. 127 L.D. 20 Riding 93 bulles Ammunition supplied as follows:- 7th Battery A 600 A x 456 A S 20.	

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In the field	5.5.18	Contd	8th Battery A470 AX586 AS20 - 9th Battery A392 AX216 AS10-1031a Battery Bx336 BS25 - Received from dump A1360 AX1360 AS50 Bx336 BS25. On hand in Echelon A1337 AX511 Bx684. Weather - Warm, with heavy rain in evening	
In the field	6.5.18		Strength 4 Officers 1990. Rs 127 L Ds 20 Riding 93 lbules. Ammunition supplied as follows: - 8th Battery A80. Drawn from dump A80. On hand in Echelon A1337 AX511 Bx684. Dull + unsettled	
In the field	7.5.18.		Strength 4 Officers 1970. Rs 127 L Ds 20 Riding 93 lbules. 10.R on command at 4th Army school of cookery. 10.R transferred to HQ 3rd Army Brigade AusFA. 1 O.R. transferred to 1031a Howitzer Battery. 1 Riding horse evacuated from attached. Ammunition supplied as follows: - 7th Battery A228 AX228 8th Battery A100 AX100 1031a Battery Bx288. Received from dump. A328 AX328 Bx288. On hand in Echelon A1337 AX511 Bx684.	
In the field	8.5.18		Weather, fine but overcast. Strength 4 Officers 1970. Rs 127 L Ds 20 Riding 93 lbules. Ammunition supplied as follows: 1031a Battery Bx288 BNC546. Drawn from dump. Bx288 BNC546. On hand in Echelon A1337 AX511 Bx684. Weather, close with some light rain.	D. A. Robertson Capt

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In the Field	9-5-18		<p>Strength 4 Officers 202 ORs. 127 L Ds 20 Riding 93 Hules. 5 ORs taken on strength from A.C.B.D. 5 Sumners mustered Drivers as from 7/5/18. 1 OR vacuated to Hosp. from attached. Column employed in general routine. Ammunition on hand A1337 AX511 BX684.</p> <p>Weather. Fine, warm &amp; bright.</p>	
In the Field	10-5-18		<p>Strength 4 Officers 202 ORs. 130 L Ds 21 Riding 102 Hules. 4 L.D &amp; 9 Hules drawn from remount depot &amp; taken on strength. Ammunition supplied as follows:- 9th Battery. A76. Drawn from dump A76. On hand in Echelon A1337 AX511 BX684. Column employed in general routine.</p> <p>Weather: Fine warm &amp; bright.</p>	
In the Field	11-5-18		<p>Strength 4 Officers 202 ORs. 130 L Ds 21 Riding 102 Hules. Column employed in general routine. Ammunition on hand. A1337 AX511 BX684.</p> <p>Weather. Fine.</p>	
In the Field	12-5-18		<p>Strength 4 Officers 202 ORs 127 L Ds 21 Riding 105 Hules. - 3 L Ds (remounts) exchanged for 3 Hules from 7th Battery. 1 S.S Wagon to 9th Battery for shell cases to be returned to salvage dump. Column employed in general routine. Ammunition on hand A1337. AX511 BX684.</p> <p>Weather - Fine &amp; clear.</p>	

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Field	13-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 202 ORs 127 L.D's 21 Riding 105 Mules. 5 Gunners mustered as drivers. 1 Driver remustered gunner 1 Driver mustered Saddler dated 7/5/18. Column employed in general routine. Ammunition on hand A1337 A x 511 B x 684. Weather - Fine & clear.	
Field	14-5-18		<del>Strength</del> Strength 4 Officers 201 ORs 127 L.D's 21 Riding 105 Mules. 1 OR to hosp. 9 Struck off strength. Column employed in General Routine. Ammunition on hand A1337 A x 511 B x 684 Weather. Dull & unsettled.	
Field	15-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 201 ORs 127 L.D's Riding 21 Mules 105. Column employed in general routine. Ammunition on hand A1337 A x 511 B x 684 - Weather Fine & warm	
Field	16-5-18		Strength 4 Officers 201 ORs 127 L.D's 21 Riding 105 Mules. Column employed in general routine. Ammunition on hand A1337 A x 511 B x 684 Weather Fine & warm	
Field	17-5-18		Strength 4 officers 201 ORs 127 L.D's 21 Riding 105 Mules. Column employed in general routine. Ammunition on hand A1337 A x 511 - B x 684 - weather fine warm.	
Field	18-5-18		Strength 4 officers & 1 att'd 206 ORs 127 L.D's. 105 Mules. Ammunition supplied as follows - 7 Battery - A1252 A x 248 - 8 <sup>th</sup> Bat A936 A x 564 D. A. Robertson Capt.	

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Field	18	5.18	9th Battery A320 AX 280 103 Battery BX 900 obtained from Dump A1687 AX 402 BX 418 on hand in Echilon A107 AX 230 BX 202 weather fine warm during morning rain storm afternoon	
Field	19	5.18	Strength 4 officers + 2 att'd 207 OR's 127 LD's 23 Riding 105 Mules ammunition supplied as follows 9th Battery A152 9th Bat A900 103 Bat BX 144 - obtained from Dump A2563 BX 626 - on hand in Echilon A1618 AX 230 BX 684 weather fine warm.	
Field	20	5.18	Strength 4 officers + 2 att'd 207 OR's 127 LD's 23 Riding 105 Mules column employed in general routine work = weather fine warm column moved from Point Noyelles (Map Location) at 6 pm to chateau grounds near Querieu (Map Location - H. 11. D. Central) arriving about 7 pm.	
Field	21	5.18	Strength 4 officers + 2 attached 207 OR's 127 light D's 23 riding 105 Mules A456 supplied to 9th Battery obtained from Dump AX 152 on hand in Echilon. A1162 AX 382 BX 684 - weather fine warm.	
Field	22	5.18	Strength 4 officers + 2 attached 207 OR's 127 L. D's 23 Riding 105 mules A152 supplied to "b" Battery 108 Army Bde - R.F.A. obtained from Dump A196 AX 128 - on hand in Echilon. A1186 AX 570 BX 684 weather fine warm. Lines bombed by enemy aircraft about 10 pm. 2 bombs exploding in lines - 1 officer + 4 other ranks wounded	

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Field	22/5/18		1 driver injured - 4 Riding Horses + 5 Mules Killed + 42 animals wounded - 1 Gunner detached on Dump Duty Killed.	
Field	23/5/18		Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 201 other Ranks 127 Light draughts 19 riding 100 Mules - A <sup>456</sup> <del>456</del> to 7th Battery - BX432 to 103 Battery - Struck off strength No 36628 Gun Johnson Wt (Killed) Lieut Wedge (wounded) 3047 Lt Plt Blyth OD (wounded) 9658 Lt Priebe CR (wounded) 1708 Gun Green W (wounded) 2046 Gun Smith W (wounded) 2033 Dr N.C. Graham (injured) 4 Riding Horses (Killed) 5 mules (Killed) - weather fine + warm with much wind.	
Field	24/5/18		Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 200 other Ranks 126 light draughts 18 riding Horses, 89 Mules A380 A76 to 7th Battery - on hand in echelon A1034 AX814 BX684 - Struck off strength Dr Fackrell No 5533 transferred to 103 Howitzer Battery. - No 4157 Dr La Sage United Kingdom leave (22/5/18) - weather cool with rain + windy 12 mules	
Field	25/5/18		I.L.D. 1 Riding horse evacuated wounded - 1 mule died wounded. Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 199 other ranks. 102 light draughts 89 Mules - Struck off strength No 2465 Gun Cheeseman P.E. transferred to 103 Howitzer Battery. - 24 light draught Horses supplied to 8th Battery. Ammunition supplied A228 AX228 to 8th Battery BX1000 to 103 Battery Drawn from Dump A228 AX228 BX1000 - on hand in echelon A1034 AX814 BX684 = weather cool and overcast.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	26/5/18		Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 103 OR's 18 Riding Horses 98 Light D. 2 89 mules - Taken on strength No 5707 Gun f. Malony, 2101 Lt W. R. Taylor No 2190 Dr G. Kithier - No 28872 Dr A. B. Ewin - all from A.G.S.D. ammunition supplied to Batteries - 7th Battery. A160 AX448 - 8th Battery A456. Drawn from Dump A1186 AX 296. On hand in Echilon A1186 AX662 BX 684 - weather cool, windy overcast.	
Field	27/5/18		Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 101 OR's 18 Riding Horses 98 L.D. Horses 89 mules - Struck off strength No 14191 Dr Brown R. transferred to 3rd Div Train - + Interpreter in Delacour - ammunition supplied to Batteries - 7th Battery A228 AX228 - 8th Battery A456. obtained from Dump A684 AX 228 On hand in Echilon A1186 AX662 BX 684 - Weather fine & clear	
Field	28.5.18		Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 101 OR's 18 Riding Horses 98 L.D. Horses 89 mules - General Routine work. Supplied to Batteries - 7th Battery A152 AX152 9th Battery A76 - obtained from Dump A228 AX152 on hand in Echilon A1186 AX 662 BX 684 Weather fine warmer	
Field	29.5.18		Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 101 OR's 18 Riding Horses 98 L.D. Horses 89 mules - General Routine work. Ammunition supplied - 7th Battery A228 AX228 drawn from Dump A304 AX152 on hand in Echilon A1262 AX586 BX 684 - weather fine with wind - dull during afternoon	

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Field	30/5/18		<p>Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 202 OR's 18 Riding Horses 98 LD Horses                      87 Mules - General Routine work ammunition supplied - 20                      7th Battery A228 AX228 To 8th Battery A532 AX268 9th Battery A380 AX380                      103 Battery BX16 obtained from Dump A1140 AX876 BX16                      on hand in Echelon A1262 AX586 BX684 - weather fine. No 1708                      Gun taken on strength.</p>	
Field	31/5/18		<p>Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 202 OR's 18 Riding Horses 98 LD Horses                      87 Mules - General Routine work. Ammunition supplied to                      Batteries - 7th Battery A304 AX304 8th Battery A200 AX200 9th Battery A152                      AX152 - drawn from Dump AX84 - on hand in Echelon                      A606 AX14 BX684 - unable to obtain ammunition to fill echelon                      from Dump - weather fine clear.</p>	
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