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Field	1/6/18		<p>Strength 3 officers + 2 attached 203 OR's 18 Riding Horses 98 Light draught to 89 Mules. Taken on strength N°4828 Gun Smith J from A.S.D. Rejoined N°1589 Gun Morrison to from 4th Army cooking school. General Routine work. Ammunition supplied - 207th Battery A468 AX140 8th Battery A824 AX376 drawn from Dump A1158 AX578 on hand in Echelon A472 AX76 Unable to fill Echelon from Dump. Weather fine clear.</p>	
Field	2/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers + 2 attached 202 OR's 19 Riding Horses 98 LD Horses 89 Mules. Gone Lt J J Turner + 1 Riding Horse to 103 Battery N°30209 Gun Taylor JH. to 103 Battery. joined Lt J J Turner from 103 Battery Lt L A Fogg from 7th Battery - 2 Riding Horses. 1 Riding Horse attached from 7th Battery. Ammunition supplied. 9th Battery A152 AX152 obtained from Dump A952 AX652 on hand in Echelon A1272 AX576 BX684. Weather fine clear.</p>	
Field	3/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers + 2 attached 202 OR's 19 Riding Horses 98 LD Horses 89 Mules - N°2639 Lt Gordon N. United Kingdom leave. N°35220 Gun Sibert JH to Hospital. ammunition supplied. 7th Battery A221 AX228 9th Battery A152 AX152 103 How Battery BNC. 750 obtained from Dump A350. AX350. BNC. 750. on hand in Echelon A1272 AX576 BX684. Weather fine clear.</p>	
Field	4/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers + 2 attached 203 OR's 19 Riding Horses 98 LD Horses 89 Mules. N°28825 Gun Watts J.D. taken on strength from 7th Battery. ammunition supplied - 7th Battery A228 AX228 9th Battery A304 AX152</p>	

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Field	4/6/18		obtained from Dump A608 AX304 on hand in Echelon A1348 AX500 BX684 No 2658 T/Plt McDonald A. Reverted to Bombardier dated 3/6/18 - No 1619 Bde Hillback SA. promoted Temp. Capt vice McDonald. dated 3/6/18. No 1708 Gun Green W. mustered. Driver dated 1-6-18 No 28961 Dr Pitcher EA reverts to gunner at own request dated 1-6-18. Weather fine warm.	
Field	5/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 201 OR's 19 Riding Horses 98 LD Horses 135 Mules. Capt Kelly RL to Bde HQ (from attached) No 5284 Gun Walters J to Bde HQ (from attached) No 28125 Dr Small Ef. on command at Bde H.Q. No 4282 Dr Campbell JF evacuated Hospital injured. joined - No 2138 Saddler Nadahl AK from A.G.B.D. 48 Mules received from Remount Depot. ammunition supplied - 7th Battery A308 AX300 9th Battery A304 AX304 obtained from Dump A612 AX604 on hand in Echelon A1348 AX500 BX684 Weather fine warm	
Field	6/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 202 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses 135 Mules joined No 14058 Dr Smith RW. from 3rd B.A.B. Struck off. 2 LD Horses to Hospital. ammunition supplied 7th Battery A228 AX228 8th Battery A784 AX424 103 Battery A288 - obtained from Dump A932 AX732 BX288 on hand in Echelon A1268 AX580 BX684. Weather cloudy overcast.	
Field	7/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 203 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses 135 Mules joined No 2297 Gun Baughton H from 31st Battalion. Ammunition supplied 7th Battery A228 AX228 9th Battery A152 AX152 103 Battery BX48 obtained from Dump A380 AX380 BX48 on hand in Echelon A1268 AX580 BX684 Weather cloudy overcast.	

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Field	8/6/18.		<p>Strength 4 officers &amp; 1 attached 203 OR's 19 riding Horses 96 LD Horses  135 Mules - on command 8/6/18 Lieut Vine - No 3899 Gun McDougal f and  No 4482 Gun Green G.S. to Lewis Gun school. Ammunition supplied  7th Battery A228 AY228. 9th Battery A532 AX380 obtained from Dump  A760 AY1608. on hand in Echelon A1228 AX620 BY684. Weather  Sun clear. Returned from U.K. leave No 4157 Lt L. A. Sage.</p>	
Field	9/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers &amp; 1 attached 208 OR's 208 OR's 19 riding Horses 96 LD Horses  134 mules found from a G.D. 8/6/18 No 37721 Gun Lewis H.G. 36181 Thompson Wf  38198 Shephard H.D. 37703 Fitzpatrick H.G. 36224 Wickins L.G. 1 mule  evacuated to Hospital. Ammunition supplied - 7th Battery A380 AX228  8th Battery A674 AX326 103 How Battery BX1156 BNC 250 BCBR.100 Drawn  from Dump A880 AX728 BX1156 BNC 250 BCBR 100. on hand in Echelon  A1054 AX794 BX684. Weather Dull &amp; showery -</p>	
Field	10/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers &amp; 1 attached 203 OR's 19 riding Horses 96 LD Horses  134 Mules. Transferred to 7th Battery. No 37721 Lewis H.G. 36181 Thompson Wf.  38198 Shephard H.D. 37703 Fitzpatrick H.G. 36624 Wickins L.G. Taken  on strength (attached) from 9th Battery. No. 2113 Dr White W &amp; 2 LD. Horses.  Ammunition supplied - 7th Battery A228 AX228 103 How Battery  BNC 100 B Smoke 100. Drawn from Dump A304 AX152 B Smoke 100 BNC 100  on hand in Echelon A1130 AX718 BX684 cloudy &amp; overcast.</p>	<p>D. A. Robertson Capt.</p>

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Field	11/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers + attached 203 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses                      134 Mules. Returned from Command (Bde HQ) 28125 Dr E. Small.                      ammunition supplied 9th Battery A228 AX228 103 How Battery BX200 B.N.C. 150                      obtained from Dump A304 AX155 BX200 BNC 150 on hand in Echelon                      A1206 AX642 BX684 - Weather fine clear</p>	
Field	12/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers + attached 203 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses                      134 mules - ammunition supplied 8th Battery A 236 AX304 9th Battery                      A240 AX368 - Drawn from Dump A476 AX672 on hand in Echelon                      A1206 AX642 BX684 - Weather fine clear</p>	
Field	13/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers + attached 206 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses                      134 Mules. Returned from Command N° 28125 Dr Small E. Taken on                      Strength from A.S.S. B N° 30336 Dr Woodforde M.V.E. + N° 2171 S/S Duffy p-                      ammunition supplied 7th Battery A380 AX228 8th Battery A400 AX228                      9th Battery A244 AX364 - 103 How Battery BX708 B.N.C. 200. Drawn from                      Dump A912 AX932 BX708 BNC 200. on hand in Echelon A1094                      AX754 BX684 Weather dull overcast</p>	
Field	14/6/18		<p>Strength 4 officers + attached 206 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses                      133 Mules - 1 mule evacuated to Hospital. ammunition supplied                      7th Battery A380 AX228 8th Battery A602 AX248 9th Battery A228 AX76 103 Battery A456 BCG 150                      Drawn from Dump A1408 AX312 BX456 BCG 150 - on hand in Echelon A1292                      AX514 BX684. Weather overcast cold</p>	<p>D.A. Robertson Capt</p>

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Field	15/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 206 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses - 133 mules ammunition supplied to Batteries 7th Battery 1A276 AX180-9th Battery A76 AX76 103 How Battery BX350 BNC150 BCG150 drawn from Dump A380 AX228 BX350 BNC150 - BCG150 - on hand in Echelon A1318 AX488 BX684 weather fine.	
Field	16/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 206 OR's 19 Riding Horses 96 LD Horses - 133 Mules - attached 1 NCO + 6 men replacing eyepieces in Small Box Respirators. ammunition supplied to Batteries 9th Battery A152 103 How Battery BX300 BNC150 BCG75. Drawn from Dump BX300 BNC150 BCG75 - on hand in Echelon A1166 AX488 BX684 - weather fine & clear	
Field	17/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 206 OR's 19 Riding Horses 84 LD Horses 132 Mules - Struck off strength 4 mules to 103 Battery & LD Horses to 8th Battery - 1 mule lost Establishment in Horses reduced to 219 (196 LD's - 19 R3, 4 R2) Establishment in drivers from 121 to 103 - 15 Drivers to be reverted to rank of gunner on becoming supernumerary to Establishment ammunition supplied to Batteries 7th Battery A380 AX76 Drawn from Dump A400 AX250 on hand in Echelon A1186 AX662 BX684. - weather dull overcast.	
Field	18/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 207 OR's 23 Riding Horses 89 LD Horses 113 Mules. Struck off strength 19 Mules to Batteries - 1 NCO & 6 other ranks employed replacing eyepieces in S.B. Respirators - gone struck off attached taken on strength N° 2046 Gunner Suster G.S. from a.s.d. The following drivers reverted gunner on becoming supernumerary to Establishment (vide R.O. and Corps 39/73) dated 16/6/18. N° 37798 Lake G.B. 30713 Robertson D 37312 Bretherton S.G. 38755 Woods F. 38756 Woods R. 30778 Sauerbier G.K. 37805 McEaster F 35286 Adair H.H. 38721 Ducat H.V. 35291 Holmes H.B. 35917 Palethorpe W.F. 35280 Hunter G.F. 38752 Stuart G.R. D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A7883) Wt. W809/M1672 350,000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms C/2118/14 D.A. Robertson Capt	

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Field	19/6/18		The following drivers reverted at own request. No 29045 Broadbent C.A. 1503 Dean E.F. weather overcast with rain & wind	
Field	19/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 1 attached 206 ORanks Riding Horses R2-4 R3-19- 79 L.D Horses 114 Mules struck off strength No 26451 Dr Meadow J.R. evac. to Hospital. 1 Mule previously understated 1 L.D. Horse previously overstated. - Ammunition supplied to Batteries 7th Battery A194 AX202 nil. 8th Battery A100 AX100 9th Battery A48 103 Battery BX 298. Drawn from Dump A500 AX405 BX398 on hand in Echelon A1056 AX492 BX 684. weather rainy with much wind.	
Field	20/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 2 attached 206 ORanks Riding R2-4 R3-19- 79 L.D Horses 114 Mules 1 officer & 3 other ranks 99th Dental unit attached. - ammunition supplied to Batteries 4th Battery A304 AX152 8th Battery A100 AX100. 103 Battery BX200 BNC 100 BCG 50 - Drawn from Dump A356 AX300 BX200 BNC 100 BCG 50 on hand in Echelon A1008 AX840 BX684 weather very windy with rain.	
Field	21/6/18		Strength 4 officers & 2 attached ORanks 204 Riding R2-4 R3-19 93 L.D. Horses 113 Mules 1 Mule evacuated to Hospital. ammunition supplied to Batteries - 103 Bat BX50 Drawn from Dump BX50 on hand in Echelon A1008 AX840 BX684 The following drivers transferred to 8th Battery. No 29048 Macce B.W. 20289 304 L. 4828 Smith J.O. 4954 Cochain E. 4907 Bartley J.W. to 103 Battery 4157 Sage J.A. 31441 Latall H.O. 2307 Marshall J.W. 2523 Blackmore A.T. 24504 Prody H.G. 31088 Quill J.S. 25484 Whitten R.F. No 2639 Gordon W. returned from U.K. leave. No 21043 Gun Dingwell No 1682 Gun Soud - attached from 103 Battery. - weather cool overcast with much wind.	

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Field	22/6/18		Strength 4 officers 12 attached 192 other Ranks & Ridings R2-4 R3-19 L.D. Horses 93 Mules 113 - No 2639 D Gordon N returned from UK Leave 21/6/18. Ammunition supplied to Batteries - 8th Battery A100 103 How Battery BX350 BNC50 Drawn from Dump A100 BX350 BNC50 on hand in Echelon A1008 AX940 BX684. weather cool overcast.	
Field	23/6/18		Strength 4 officers 202 other Ranks Ridings R2-4-R3-19- Light Draughts 93 Mules 113. taken on strength from A.S.D. 22/6/18 No 2033 D Graham NC. 37409 Sun de Lage NB 13755 Dr Worboys NS. 37698 Spruce NS 37225 Skemp LB. 37707 Miller aa 35204 Farnford bio Marshall NS. 5666 S/S Carter W. Returned from Comyzard (4th Army school of Lewis Gunnery) Tent (all time No 1482 Sun Brass SS. No 3893 Sun M'Dougall Ammunition supplied to Batteries 8th Battery A Smoke 36 9th Battery A252 AX304 103 How Battery BX100. drawn from Dump A252 AX304 A Smoke 36 BX100 on hand in Echelon A1008 AX940 BX684. weather cool overcast	
Field	24/6/18		Strength 4 officers 202 other Ranks & Ridings R2-4-R3 19 Light Draughts 93 Mules 113 on command No 37698 Sun Spruce NS 37225 Skemp LB. 37707 Miller aa 35204 Farnford Pg. ammunition supplied to Batteries 7th Battery A348 AY260 103 How Battery BX100. Drawn from Dump A304 AY304 BX100 on hand in Echelon A964 VAX984 BX684. Weather cool overcast.	
Field	25/6/18		Strength 4 officers 202 ORanks Ridings R2-4-R3 19 Light Draughts 93 Mules 112 1 Mule destroyed 24/6/18. Ammunition supplied to Batteries 7th Battery A296 AY332 103 How Battery BX100 BNC145 BCG35 BCBR60 Drawn from Dump A344 AY304 BX100 BNC145 BCG35 BCBR60 on hand in echelon A992 A856 BX684. weather cool overcast.	

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Field	26/6/18		Strength 4 officers 202 other Ranks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 83 Mules 112 ammunition supplied to Batteries 7th Battery A304 AX152 9th Battery A228 AX228 - 103 Battery BY220 BNC 100 Drawn from Dump A456 AX456 BY220 BNC 100 on hand in Echelon A916 AX932 BX684. weather fine but cloudy during part of the day	
Field	27/6/18		Strength 4 officers 202 other Ranks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 83 Mules 112 16 L.D. Remounts drawn for Brigade and attached to strength ammunition supplied to Batteries. 8th Battery A152 AX248 103rd Battery BY50 BNC 75 Drawn from Dump A200 AX200 BY50 BNC 75 - on hand in echelon A964 AX884 BX684 - weather fine clear	
Field	28/6/18		Strength 4 officers 202 other Ranks Readings R2-4 R3-19 L.D. Horses 87 Mules 112 4 L.Ds taken on strength from attached - 3 L.Ds to 7th Bat 3 L.Ds to 8th Bat - 1 L.D. to 9th Bat 5 L.Ds to 103 Battery from attached. ammunition supplied - 7th Battery A152 AX152 8th Bat A48 AX152 - 103 Battery BY50 BNC 50. Drawn from Dump A252 AX252 BY50 BNC 50 on hand in Echelon A1016 AX932 BX684 weather fine clear	
Field	29/6/18		Strength 4 officers 204 other Ranks - Readings R2-4 R3-19 L.D. Horses 87 Mules 112 taken on strength No 2234 for division No 37184 in Snowball 99. from a 9th Bat ammunition supplied 7th Battery A152 AX152 Smoke 100 8th Battery smoke 96 103 Battery BY100 BNC 270 Drawn from Dump A152 AX152 Smoke 106 BY100 BNC 270 on hand in Echelon A1016 AX932 BX684 - weather fine clear	

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