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Field Sommay (Sommay)	1/8/19		Strength 5 officers 194 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 86 Mules 111 No 26219 Dr Leach J.D returned from UK leave work general routine. Supplied to Batteries Nil Drawn from Dump nil on hand in Echelon A1104 AX708 AS4 BX684 Weather Dull wet	
Field Sommay	2/8/19		Strength 5 officers 194 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 86 Mules 111 No 79 Dr McDonnell P to UK leave 1/19. Ammunition to Batteries 7th Battery A380 AX220 AS60 8th Battery A450 AX150 AS60 9th Battery A300 AX300 AS60 103rd Battery BX600 BS60 Drawn from Dump A1200 AX600 AS180 BX600 BS60. on hand in Echelon A1210 AX638 AS4 BX684 - weather overcast.	
Field Sommay	3/8/19		Strength 5 officers 194 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 LD Horses 85 Mules 111 Capt E.S. Wortner (attached) on leave to UK. 2/1/19. 1 L.D. Horse at mobile Vet Section evac. Ammunition supplied 7th Battery A1202 AX970 8th Battery A1172 AX1029 9th Battery A1330 AX926 103rd Bat BX580 NC 250 - Drawn from Dump A2994 AX2462 BNC 250 on hand in Echelon A300 AX176 AS4 BX104 weather Dull overcast	
Field Sommay	4/8/19		Strength 5 officers 194 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 LD Horses 84 Mules 111 1 LD Horse destroyed. Ammunition supplied A400 AX400 AS60 to 8 Battery 7th Battery A414 AX414 AS60 - 9th Battery A340 AX340 AS60 BX700 BS60 Drawn from Dump A1957 AX1204 AS180 BX980 BS60 on hand in Echelon A1103 AX226 AS4 BX504 weather dull wet	

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Bonny field	5/8/18		Strength 5 officers 193 ORANKS Rridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 84 Mules 111 No 3549 Mr Lanigan M on leave to UK 4/8/18 No 31505 Mr Smith S.E. on leave to UK 4/8/18 No 1503 Mr Dean E.H. transferred to 9th Battery 4/8/18. Ammunition supplied 7th Bat AS120 8th Bat AS120 9th Bat AS120 103 Bat BX880 BS 120 Drawn from Dump AS360 AX516 BX1000 BS 120 on hand in echelon A1103 AX747 AS4 BX504 weather wet	
Bonny	6/8/18		Strength 5 officers 189 ORANKS Rridings R2-4 R3-19 18 Horses 84 Mules 111. Lieut O.W. Church on Paris Leave. No 5341 Mr Henley AH No 14782 Mr Heath AF No 2826 Mr Barry L.W. No 34998 Mr Burns R of No 36606 Mr Elliott Rd to 9th Battery No 37328 Mr Harrison RB to Hospital. Ammunition supplied to 103rd Battery BX240 Drawn from Dump Nil on hand in echelon A1103 AX742 AS4 BX263 weather overcast	
Bonny	7/8/18		Strength 5 officers 187 ORANKS Rridings R2-4 R3-19 18 Horses 84 Mules 111 No ammunition supplied to Batteries. Drawn from Dump BX420 - on hand in echelon A1103 AX742 AS4 BX684 - weather fine -	
Nare wood	8/8/18		Strength 5 officers 187 ORANKS Rridings R2-4 R3-19 18 Horses 84 Mules 111 No 2109 Mr Lambert L detached to 7th Bat. No 21151 Mr Sellen W.E. detached to 8th Bat No 22446 Mr Rowley E.J. detached to 9th Bat No 31478 Mr G.H. Wilson detached to 103rd Bat additional mounted orderlies 4 18 Horses detached to Batteries No 384 Mr Hetherington No 4152 Mr Wright J. No 2301 Mr Waters J. No 29572 Mr Wade J returned from 4th Army Rest Camp. Column moved forward from chateau grounds Bassy to a position near Hamlet. Full echelon of ammunition dumped at A.R.P. Hamlet. Ammunition cleared from old gun positions & moved forward to new positions - weather fine but misty	

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Vane Wood	9/8/18		Strength 5 officers 187 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 84 Mules III Lieut L A Fogg returned from United Kingdom leave 5/8/18 ammunition cleared from old Battery positions and returned to A.R.P. Jamelot. ammunition drawn from Dump A310 AX174 BX384 on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 weather fine	
near Rosieres	10/8/18		Strength 5 officers 187 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 84 Mules III Column moved from Jamelot at about 6 pm to Marcelcave. ammunition supplied to Batteries weather fine near	
do	11/8/18		Strength 5 officers 190 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 84 Mules III No 38039 Gun Kinga v. No 37219 Gun Gank aft. No 35014 Gun Cornell (L taken on strength from 10/8/18) ammunition supplied - 3 complete trips to each 4th 10th 9th and 103rd Batteries. Column moved at 2 pm from (near Marcelcave) to (near Quillacourt) weather dry but very misty	
do	12/8/18		Strength 5 officers 182 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 84 Mules III 8 quinnors transferred to 8th Battery struck off strength 11/8/18 No 4736 Gun Woodberry 8th + No 5760 Gun Brown 7.6. on UK leave Ammunition supplied to Batteries - Ammunition on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 weather fine	

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near Rosieres (Somme)	13/8/18		Strength 5 officers 182 ORanks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 111 2 Light Draughts transferred to Brigade H.Q. - Ammunition supplied to 7th Battalion A1008 AX1008 8th Battalion A1110 AX890 9th Bat A1084 AX828 103rd Battalion BX1924 Drawn from Dump A3646 AX2382 BX1860 on hand in echelon A1368 AX480 BX620 weather fine - column moved from (near Guillaucourt) to E.4.A 20. 10. Near cage at about 7/30 pm	
do	14/8/18		Strength 5 officers 182 ORanks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 116 No 30611 Gun Cheetham AH and No 1482 Gun Green G.S. on UK leave 13/8/18 one heavy draught (attached) evacuated to M.V.S. 1 mule evacuated to M.V.S. 6 mules taken on strength from Remount Depot ammunition supplied to 7th Bat A985 AX431 AS100 8th Bat A796 AX726 AS56 9th Bat A152 AX88 AS120 103rd Battalion BX1026 BS-50 Drawn from Dump A1609 AX969 AS316 BX1026 BX50 on hand in echelon A1064 AX208 AS20 BX620 weather hot and misty.	
do	15/8/18		Strength 5 officers 184 ORanks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 116 Taken on strength No 1702 Bover Skotchdo-Baker H and No 15671 Bover Shells W. from a G.S.D 14/8/18 No 29359 Bover Robinson L.B. returned from UK leave Ammunition supplied to Batteries Nil Drawn from Dump Nil on hand in echelon A1064 AX208 AS20 BX620 weather fine	
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near Roseries (Somme)	16/8/18		Strength 5 officers 181 ORank's Rridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 116 Struck off strength No 38039 Gun King AV. to 7th Bat. No 37219 Gun Guard AGS and No 35014 Gun Correll 12 to 103 Battery 15/8/18 Ammunition supplied to Batteries Nil. Drawn from Dump BX64 on hand in echelon - A1064 AX208 AS20 BX684. weather fine	
do	17/8/18		Strength 5 officers 181 ORank's Rridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 116 Lieut Ow Church returned from Paris Leave 16/8/18 No 1813 Gun Ovr AGS and No 1303 4/sgt Gunning Wf on U.K. Leave 16/8/18 Ammunition supplied to Batteries Nil Drawn from Dump Nil on hand in Echelon A1064 AX208 AS20 BX684 weather cloudy.	
do	18/8/18		Strength 5 officers 181 ORank's Rridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 116 11 other Ranks detached for duty at A.R.P. Guillaucourt 17/8/18. Ammunition supplied - 103rd Row Battery Gas 250 withdrawn from Battery wagon lines A29 AX547 Returned to Dump A.S. 20 Drawn from Dump Gas 250. on hand in echelon A1093 AX755 BX684 weather cloudy and hot.	
do	19/8/18		Strength 5 officers 181 ORank's Rridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 116 Lieut G J Turner on UK Leave 18/8/18 No 6665 apdr Alton returned from UK Leave 18/8/18 Ammunition supplied Nil Drawn from Dump Nil on hand in echelon A1093 AX755 BX684 weather fine	

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near Rosieres	20/8/18		Strength 5 officers 181 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 116 one driver and 2 H B horses temporarily attached from 15 th Army Auxiliary Horse Company. Ammunition supplied Nil Drawn from Dump Nil on hand in echelons A1093 AX755 BX684 weather cloudy.	
do	21/8/18		Strength 5 officers 181 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 81 Mules 114 1 Light draught destroyed 2 mules evacuated 17/8/18, 1 MCO and 3 men from 5 th D. A. attached for Rations. Ammunition supplied Nil Drawn from Dump Nil on hand in echelon A1093 AX755 BX684 weather fine.	
do	22/8/18		Strength 5 officers 180 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 114 1 Light taken on strength from 9 th Battery. No 675 Gun Lewis & returned from detached (Rde A.C.) No 79 Dr M. Bonnell P to V.D. Hospital Bulford while on U.K. Leave and struck off strength dated 16/8/18. Ammunition supplied 7 th Battery A228 AX350 AS100 8 th Battery A152 AX304 AS100 9 th Battery A200 AX200 AS100 103 Batten BX100 BCG 250 BS 100 70 Drawn from Dump A304 AX1162 AS300 BX100 BCG 250 BS 70 on hand in echelon A815 AX1033 BX684 weather fine.	
do	23/8/18		Strength 5 officers 180 ORanks Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 114 No 30778 Dr Bauerber BK on U.K. Leave 21/8/18 4 mounted orderlies returned from Batteries 22/8/18 Ammunition supplied 9 th Battery A150 AX150 BX400 Drawn from Dump A150 AX150 BX400 on hand in echelon A815 AX1033 BX684 weather fine	

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near Crozieres (Somme)	24/8/18		Strength 5 officers 181 ORANKS Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 82 Mules 114 No 31505 Gun Smith S E returned UK Leave 23/8/18 No 37328 Driver Dawson R B returned from Hosp and taken on strength dated 23/8/18 Lieut Vire, No 852 Ser Ford R O No 3803 Gun Mc Donnell returned from 4th Army Artillery school 23/8/18, Ammunition supplied Nil Drawn from Dump Nil on hand in echelon A815 AX1033 BX684 weather fine.	
do	25/8/18.		Strength 5 officers 181 ORANKS Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 87 Mules 114 No 3549 Driver Ganigan returned from UK Leave No 29587 Dr Turner W and No 30713 Gun Robertson D. on UK Leave 24/8/18. 4 men att'd from 5th DA. for rations gone. 5 L.D. horses taken on strength from remnants. No ammunition supplied to Batteries - returned to Dump AX109 Drawn from Dump A109 on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 weather fine.	
do	26/8/18		Strength 5 officers 179 ORANKS Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 87 Mules 114 Lieut J M Vire on UK Leave 25/8/18. No 15883 Cpl Swepton on ^{transport duty} UK Leave 7/10 Aushaha No 2129 Sgt Dingle W.K. transport duty to Aust. 1 Heavy draught (ASC.) taken on strength. No ammunition supplied - work - general Routine on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 - weather fine.	
do	27/8/18		Strength 5 officers 179 ORANKS Ridings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 87 Mules 114 No 11037 Dr Brewer A G UK Leave No 10351 Sgt Kennedy L.V. UK Leave 26/7/18. General Routine work - No ammunition supplied - on hand in Echelon A924 AX924 BX684. weather overcast	

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near Rosieres (Somme)	28/8/18		Strength 4 officers 179 ORanks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 87 Mules 114 Lieut Jim Vire transferred to 8th Battery Capt 10 Robinson (99th Dental Unit-att'd) on Paris leave. No ammunition supplied. General routine work. on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 weather fine	
do	29/8/18		Strength 4 officers 178 ORanks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts Mules 114 No 10351 Sgt Kennedy L.V. transferred to 103rd Bat No 2235 Sgt McLeod E to 9th Battery 1 driver & 2 HD horses att'd from 18th Army Auxiliary Horse Coy returned. 13 ORanks detached to 32nd D.A.R.P. No 35220 Gun Sebort FA taken on strength from AGSD. No Ammunition supplied on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 weather fine	
do	30/8/18		Strength 4 officers 176 ORanks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 77 Mules 114 No 5766 Gun Woodbery EM + No 4936 Dr Brown 76 returned from UK Leave No 26441 Dr Gray B.G. on Paris leave No 2203 2nd Bdr Alcock H 4 and No 2224 Dr Keldael I. on transport duty to Aushaka work General Routine on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 - weather fine	
near Tern (Somme)	31/8/18		Strength 4 officers 176 ORanks Readings R2-4 R3-19 Light Draughts 79 Mules 114 No 11760 Dr Hillbuck H, No 11757 Gun Gibbons H, No 4946 Dr Brownly 109 No 5041 Dr Brownly I on UK Leave. No 30611 Gun Cheetham AN and No 1482 Gun Green G Returned UK Leave - work general routine ammunition on hand in echelon A924 AX924 BX684 weather fine. Column moved at 3pm from cart to near Tern.	

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