

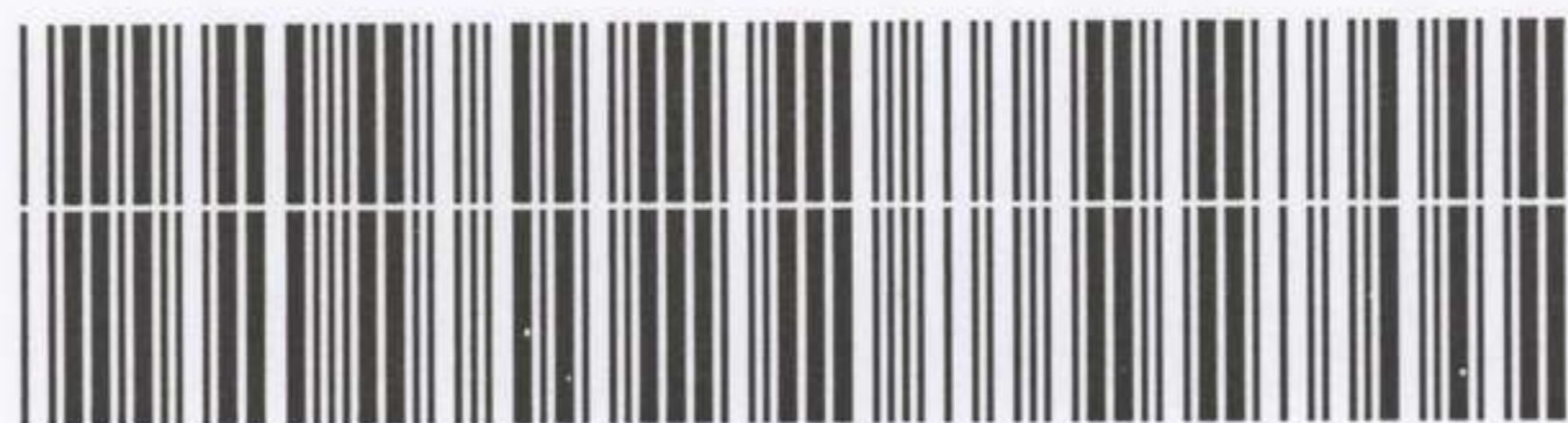
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WAR DIARY L<sup>th</sup> DAC

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ROUGE CROIX near CAESTRE	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	1916	From The Divisional Establishment of Gun Ammunition, SAA, & Mills Grenades, which had arrived 30/6/16 from AAPark, filled each of the Sections L <sup>th</sup> DAC, & prepared dumps for issuing to Division. (HVV)	
"	2 <sup>nd</sup>		10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> AFA B <sup>des</sup> bring wagons & fill up. Also 12 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>de</sup> A. Inf. draws some SAA. All the 10000 odd rds <del>gun</del> gun ammun cleared in complete establishment. The Officers and The <del>13<sup>th</sup></del> <sup>13<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup></sup> personnel of The <del>Heavy</del> <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> Medium Trench Mortar Batteries return from the school; The Heavy TMB personnel less officers had remained in D.A.C. (HVV)	
"	3 <sup>rd</sup>		The T M Batteries march out. 2/L <sup>ts</sup> SIMPER L <sup>th</sup> DAC returns from instructional period at AAP. (HVV)	
"	4 <sup>th</sup>		Motored in a.m. to BAC ST MAUR to new DA office; Then round billets of 2 <sup>nd</sup> ADAC; then to billets of 1 <sup>st</sup> ADAC; installed 2/L <sup>ts</sup> Jackson up of 1 <sup>st</sup> Div Bomb Store at SAILLY; reported DA; Then to ROUGE CROIX; despatched per motor 2/L <sup>ts</sup> STUBBIN to take charge of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Bomb Store near BOUDRELLE. (HVV)	
"	5 <sup>th</sup>		Moved DAC en route at 11.30 am to TROU BAYARD near ESTAIRES - SAILLY. As there was 2,692,000 rds SAA and 9984 Mills Grenades in Dumps I found it necessary to leave a guard. Also no Train wagons for Baggage or Supplies turned up, & I therefore had to leave these. As guards were necessary they had to retain their wagons as there would be no drivers. ∴ total guard left was 2/L <sup>ts</sup> Simper 26 O/Rs 6 GS Wagons & 246,000 rds SAA. This shows necessity of Train allotting wagons to DAC. On arrival TROU BAYARD took over billets & dumps of 1 <sup>st</sup> ADAC, 2/L <sup>ts</sup> GRAY returned from instructional duty with 2 <sup>nd</sup> DAC. 3 junior officers of 1 <sup>st</sup> DAC remained. (HVV)	

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ESTAIRE	July 6 <sup>th</sup>		Instructed to close 1 <sup>st</sup> Div Bomb Store by DA, & use only 2 <sup>nd</sup> till stock ran out. Sections commenced to issue gun ammunition, & SAA. Bomb Stores issuing. (AVU)	
"	7 <sup>th</sup>		Returned the 3 officers 1 <sup>st</sup> ADAC to their unit: SAA & grenades commence to arrive from ROUGE CROIX. 52 O/R reinforcements arrive. Issuing ammunition & SAA & Bombs. (AVU)	
"	8 <sup>th</sup>		Issuing all ammunition left: also SAA & Bombs. 480 rds of BX drawn from NZ DAC. At 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bomb Store a Sgt had hand blown off: acknowledged he was picking out a detonator as a souvenir: no blame attached to officer in/c Bomb Store. (AVU)	
"	9 <sup>th</sup>		Reopened 1 <sup>st</sup> Bomb Store & began to move 2 <sup>nd</sup> B/Si stock to 1 <sup>st</sup> . (AVU)	
"	10 <sup>th</sup>		2/Lt BARRON returns from Signalling School. 2/Lt THORNE attached from 5 <sup>th</sup> DAC for instruction & allotted to N°3 Section. No gun ammunition from Park. 100 O/R shot in Bittels. (AVU)	
"	11 <sup>th</sup>		Relieved by 5 <sup>th</sup> ADAC: move to Bittels S.W. of STEENWERCK (AVU)	
"	12 <sup>th</sup>		No ammunition from Park. (AVU)	
"	13 <sup>th</sup>		Park delivers 18 pr & 4.5 ammunition: issued to BW Lines as fast as it comes in. (AVU)	
"	14 <sup>th</sup>		Park completes establishment in 13392 18 pr & 2664 4.5: fill DAC & issue all night. (AVU)	
"	15 <sup>th</sup>		Park issues 7372 A 5356 AX 1270 BX. Organized A Echelon office in FLEURBAIX (AVU)	
"	16 <sup>th</sup>		Park issues 5448 AX 2428 BX. I issue 2102 A 7611 AX 2542 BX to Batteries & DWLS at FLEURBAIX and have more left. Move all remaining wagons & DAC office to FLEURBAIX (AVU)	



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FLEURBAIX	July	17.	Installed A Echelon $\frac{1}{2}$ mile NORTH of FLEURBAIX : B Echelon vicinity FORT ROMPU: a dump on RUE RATAILLE : received & issued 14500 rounds.	(HVV)
"	18		Issued 2943. No rounds left.	(HVV)
"	19		Issued about 6000 rounds. Withdrew advanced office in FLEURBAIX as pits were filled.	
"	20	}	Issued 19170 rounds. (HVV)	
"	20		2/Lt Isaacs taken to reinforce 10 <sup>th</sup> P A D Co. (HVV)	
"	<del>20</del> 21 <sup>st</sup>		Supply from Park stopped, & a lower rate of expenditure announced. I dismiss guides in the morning & issue orders for retirement behind River LYS. AT 4 PM A Echelon had left FLEURBAIX, & B Echelon less one subsection had left FORT ROMPU: DAC joins & goes into old billets SW of STEENWERCK. Pastures where DAC had been were heavily shelled with HE about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after leaving: The I Subsection escaped casualties, excepting one man slightly wounded. I Subsection collect boxes empty shell cases all night. (HVV)	(HVV)
STEENWERCK	22		I subsection returns. Instructed to get into touch with O.C NZ DAC which I do. (HVV)	(HVV)
"	23		Resting at Billets. (HVV)	
"	24		4 <sup>th</sup> DAC under control of 4 <sup>th</sup> DA, from 5 <sup>th</sup> DA. 5 <sup>th</sup> DAC take the use of N <sup>o</sup> 1 Section 4 <sup>th</sup> DAC: & N <sup>o</sup> 3 Sect report for duty at JESUS FARM under NZ DAC. 3 18 pr guns & 1 howitzer arrive for use in training: Syllabus drawn up. (HVV)	(HVV)



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STEENWERCK	July 25 <sup>n</sup>		No 1 Section is placed by 5 <sup>th</sup> DAC w/c FORT ROMPU DUMP. 2/Lt CLARKE E.J.H transferred to 24 <sup>th</sup> FAB <sup>de</sup> . 2/Lt HAYES D. to 12 <sup>n</sup> FAB <sup>de</sup> . 2/Lt de TEUTY to 11 <sup>n</sup> FAB <sup>de</sup> . 2/Lt STUBBIN to 10 <sup>n</sup> FAB <sup>de</sup> . 2 NCOs <sup>or more</sup> like found for possible commissions - to go to AT Dept.	(H.V.)
"	26.		A DAHQ Sgt Instructor of Signalling (HEATHORNE) with certain equipment comes daily commencing today for a refresher course for telephonists & signallers. Inspecting roads & bridges & routes through Erguington & les trois Tillents. Park sends for supplies.	(H.V.)
"	27		Inspecting routes & other billets to bring DAC nearer CROIX du BAC.	(H.V.)
"	28		2/Lt Morris detached to conduct <sup>35</sup> reinforcements to TM Battys at 4 <sup>th</sup> Div Railhead. During the march where the 4 <sup>th</sup> Div were he found when sent from railhead he had 28 mile march with the reinforcements. He does not return to BILLETS for some days.	(H.V.)
"	29 <sup>n</sup>		At Billets - inspecting routes - drilling & training.	(H.V.)
"	30 <sup>n</sup>		do do do do	(H.V.)
"	31 <sup>st</sup>		do Battery drill on river flats. etc.	(H.V.)
<p style="text-align: right;">REPORT Under para 5(x) Sect 140 PS Regs II :- This DAC having 1010 animals feels the need of a V.O. attached. H.V. Vernon Lt Col OC 4<sup>th</sup> DAC.</p>				<p style="text-align: right;">H.V. Vernon Lt Col</p>