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31st May 1918

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<td>BUS Nr</td>
<td>6 May 1918</td>
<td>18 hrs 3</td>
<td>During the month the following Guns, Mortars, and Machine Guns were demanded for various reasons:</td>
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<td>ARTOIS</td>
<td>24 July 1918</td>
<td>14.5 hrs 1</td>
<td>- Ord. N.T. 18 hrs 3 To replace 3 condemned by 30% for scoring 30 hrs for repair 1 condemned by 30% for wear</td>
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<td>- To replace 1, condemned by 30% for wear 15 hrs for repair 1, destroyed by hostile fire</td>
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<td>4.5 hrs 18</td>
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<td>- 6” Norton French Mortar 18 To replace 1, destroyed by hostile fire</td>
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<td>3” Stokes French Mortar 6” 2 To replace 2, destroyed by hostile fire and four condemned for wear</td>
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<td>3” Guns 303 8” 46 condemned by armours as past repairs</td>
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**Remarks and references to Appendices**
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Hours 303° 30.

Forty-eight were issued as a first supply to bring Batts up to 24 per Batt, exclusive of guns on charge for anti-aircraft defence.

The 1/7th Entrenching Trenches were moved from Ordnance 22nd Corps to this formation for administration in Ordnance services on 17th May, but were 3 days later moved to 00 III Corps under instructions from 14th Corps.

On 23rd May the 2nd 1/7th Army Field Artillery Bde were moved from Ordnance IV Corps to be Ordained by this Dept, but on 25th May 3rd Army ordered them to be moved back as the movement was contrary to ERD 3783.

Our months work as a whole was of a routine nature. Some difficulty was experienced in keeping the films in good order owing to the water supply.
May 1918. Going out when the pumping plant broke down. Water pumps were borrowed from neighbouring units and the water was carried to the baths kept going in this fashion. We were much cramped for clean underclothing due to the irregularity of the railway service. Trucks were only as long as 6-7 days on rail coming the short distance from Villeroy.

A small sock washing depot was established with 16 men. This was found essential so that the soldiers in the front line could get a clean change daily. Socks torn or found with holes were returned to the laundry as the mending could not be done with our fine weather the drying was done outside but when put the socks were hung on wires from the ceiling of a room and dried by means of coke braziers. The girls did excellent work and coped with 4 to 5 thousand pairs daily and kept up an
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Ordnance stores arriving from Base were often very much behind time-table and two or three bulk demands would arrive together. The irregularity was evidently on account of shortage in railway rolling stock. There was not anything particular to note in the work carried out by salvage boys except the recovery of 2000 lbs. of saltpet from bulky beef tins. The Divisional Armurier’s shops repaired and overhauled 14 guns Vickers, 7 guns Lewis, 1 gun Hotchkiss and 335 rifles in addition to general repairs to bicycles etc.

45,425 men passed through the Baths during the month.