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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/11/17.		1. Corps Routine.	
	2/11/17.		1. Corps Routine.	
	3/11/17.		1. Visited Corps Baths. 8 Showers can bath 400 to 500 men per day.	
	4/11/17.		1. Corps Routine.	
	5/11/17.		1. Corps Routine.	
	6/11/17.		1. Visited 1st Anzac.	
			(a) All their laundry work is done in the Area & at Dunkerque.	
			(b) Salvage operations very sketchy as yet in forward areas.	
	7/11/17.		Corps Routine. <i>Col. Man. A.S.O. proceeded on leave to Paris.</i>	
	8/11/17.		Corps Routine.	
	9/11/17.		Corps Routine.	
	10/11/17.		Received orders for Corps to move to Abeele on the 15th instant.	
	11/11/17.		Corps Routine.	
	12/11/17.		Col Man returned from leave of absence.	
	13/11/17.		Corps Routine.	
	14/11/17.		Visited I Anzac and Xth Corps (Headquarters) and took over from the A.Ds.O.S., concerned.	
	15/11/17.		Moved to new area with Headquarters, at ABEELB.	
	16/11/17.		Visited Corps Salvage Dump at Reninghelst. 49th Divl Salvage Officer will act for the C.S.O. whilst the latter is on leave.	
	17/11/17.		Visited Salvage Dumps at Epres Esplanade and Cafe Belge at both places ammunition is dealt with at the same place as general stores. Propose using old gun ammunition dumps at Cordora and Granville for this job.	
	18/11/17.		Visited Granville and Cordora Dumps. First named nearly empty - some of the roof has been taken away and part of the dump is being used by VIIIth Division as supply store. Very suitable place for the overhaul of Salvaged Ammunition.	
			Cordora - only cover is tarpaulins, - place pretty full and still being used by Australian Artv.	
	19/11/17.		Visited O.O., Corps Troops, and Corps Salvage Dump - Former is gradually getting straight.	

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	20/11/17.	1	Visited Right & Left Divisional Road refilling point ammunition Dumps, East of Ypres, both lack roofs, traverseys and Fire Appliances. - Reported to Corps 'Q'.	
		2	Visited Right and Left Divisional Salvage Dumps at Ypres and Cafe Belge. The former is too often shelled to be suitable for a sorting dump. Latter is a good dump, but too small.	
		3	Visited D.A.D.O.S., New Zealand Division-plenty of room but very muddy.	
		4	Along roads East of Ypres a graet deal of gu-n ammunition to be salved. West of Ypres only salvage - I noticed ordinary salvage left by Units in vacated dumps etc.	
	21/11/17		Conference of Divl 'G' and 'Q' Staffs at Corps Headquarters, on Winter Arrangements etc. My 'Salvage Scheme' adopted.	
	22/11/17		1-D.D.O.S., held a conference of A.Ds.O.S., at Army Headquarters. (a) Corps will not be allowed to retain Guns in excess of establishment, because of R.A., forming Corps Gun Pool. (b) Q.M.G., will cancel all gun indents shortly. (c) Important that Guns in the line be salved and returned early. (d) D.D.O.S., will give approval for the manufacture in R.E., Workshops of any N.I.V. stores. (e) Position of Corps as regards Winter Clothing, discussed.	
	23/11/17.		Visited dumps of D.A.Ds.O.S., 66th and 49th Divisions, former very unsatisfactory-in tents-very muddy-moving to-morrow. Latter pretty good, but also moving	
	24/11/17		Held conference of D.A.Ds.O.S., and O.O., C.T. 1-No shortage of winter clothing except N.Z. Division who wants 12000 leather jerkins. 2-Saw Corps Laundry Officer, Abeele Can put out 18000 garments a week locally at 10 cents each. 3-Area Commandant, Reninghelst can put out about 20000 4-Inspected Corps Bomb Store, -better cover than tarpaulins required, Reported to Corps 'Q'	
	25/11/17.	1.	Visited Salvage dump Right Division. Ammunition is being collected there. A great pity it cannot be sent direct to Cordova.	
		2.	Inspected Beatty dump. Traverses of wooden boxes should be replaced by g.i. Tank of water desirable. Dump too big. I reported to 'Q'.	
		3.	Visited Cordova. Ammunition not cleared out yet. Some salvaged ammunition is there.	
	26/11/17.	1.	Visited Workshops as under. (a) 7 & 18 Medium. I.O.M. states he requires huts. They are desirable, but not essential. (b) 24 & 29. Camp dirty. (c) 22 & 55. Sufficient huts here, probably 1 to spare. (d) 15. Huts being erected. (e) 5 & 54. Extremely muddy. Roadway requires repair. Shops should be moved. Men all in tents.	

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	27/11/17		1. Went out to look for advanced Workshop sites. All places with buildings etc. occupied, but unoccupied site I saw was at D.16.c.9.1. Here remains of road metalling for 2 roads.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	28/11/17.		1. Very busy all day with Q.M.Gs. cancellation of gun indents.	
	29/11/17.		1. Visited Reninghelst, Westoutre & Outtersteen laundries/D.A. & Q.M.G., (a) is well supplied with machinery. Work needs to be speeded up. (b) Westoutre not very good hand laundry. Work needs speeding up. (c) Outtersteen very poor accommodation. Drying room can only dry 500 articles per diem.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>
	30/11/17.		1. Visited New Zealand Salvage dump. Great accumulation of Ammunition & general Salvage. No trucks obtainable to remove it. 2. Visited Howe dump. Insufficient shelter. Proper roofs are necessary. Dump is gradually being tided up. 3. Tried to get into Ypres but road was being heavily shelled. 4. Met A.D.O.S., IX Corps & discussed situation as regards testing of fuzes.	<i>Handwritten initials</i>

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