

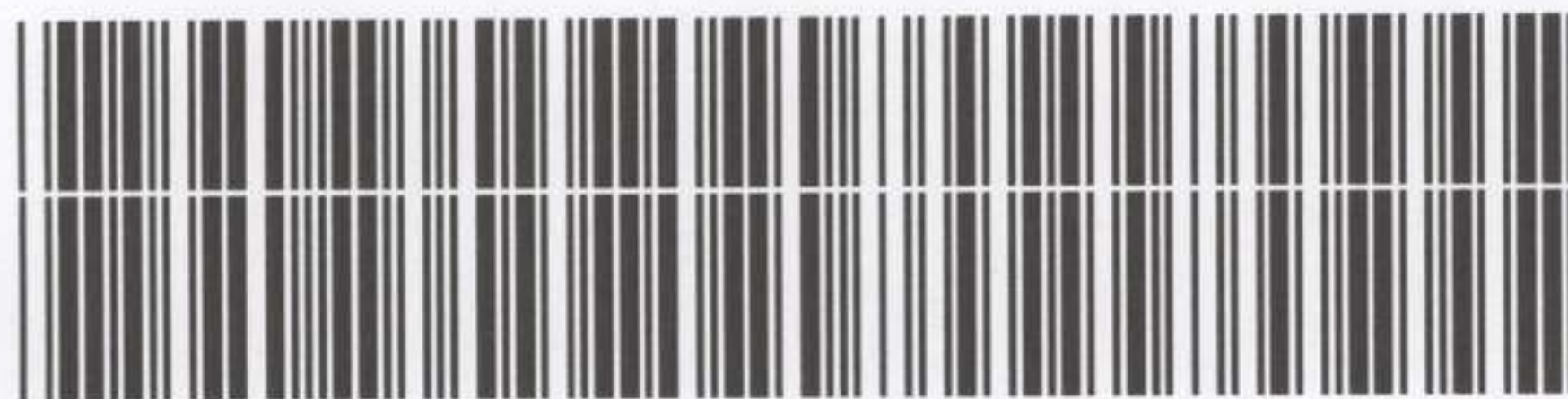
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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAUMONT. Sheet 4 N-W Europe/ K.4.b.2.9.	19 19 Jan. 1.		Headquarters Office and Column located at BEAUMONT-Sheet 4-N-W Europe/K.4.b.2.9. Ration Dump and Railhead Notice published in Orders that as a result of decision to repatriate all University Undergraduates at the beginning of the Academic year in March, the organisation of the Australian Corps Central School has been modified. Candidates will be prepared for Matriculation, Public Service, Bankers Institute, Accountancy and Instruction provided in English, French, German, Latin, History Geography, Mathematics, Greek, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Accountancy, Commercial Law. Courses for 3 months Opening 13/1/19.	333
	3.		G.R.O.5834 published in Orders which reads:- Until further orders the rate of exchange of the Mark will be as follows:- 5 Marks = 2/8 = 3.50 Francs.	
	5.		G.R.O.5941 published in Orders which states that Regimental Censorship of letters will be discontinued forthwith. Correspondence will still be liable to examination at the Base and all ranks are reminded that Censorship Orders are still in force, except as regards those orders cancelled by G.R.O.5682. Letters and Postcards must bear a Censors stamp, except those posted in accordance with latter portion of Censorship Orders, para.30. All letters and postcards will bear in left-hand bottom corner of the address side the name and rank of the writer. They will be handed closed to the Officer in charge of the Censor stamp and will not be opened by him except for purposes of identifying writers who have failed to comply with this order. Regimental Censorship of parcels and telegrams will be maintained.	
	7.		G.R.O.5955 published in Orders, which calls attention to G.R.O.'s 1751, 2248 and 4367 and cautions all ranks against accepting silver coins bearing effigy of Napoleon III, with laurel wreaths- these coins are no longer legal tender- also Chambre de Commerce Notes or Petites Coupures issued by towns which have been in enemy occupation. In FRANCE: The current situation remains as before the Armistice. Enemy coin or notes will not be introduced into FRANCE. In BELGIUM: French notes and coins, notes of the Banque Nationale de Belgique and notes of the Societe Generale de Belgique are legal tender. Enemy coin or notes will not be introduced into BELGIUM. In GERMANY: German coin and notes will be used. Field Cashiers will exchange French, Belgian and German currency for British units, individuals and Institutes at the official rate of exchange.	
	12		Attention of all ranks drawn (through Orders) to a copy of Demobilisation General Instructions No.6 appearing on the unit Notice Board to-day. The following extract from Routine Order No.14 issued by S.M.T.O., Australian Corps was also published:- No officer or man is permitted to proceed on Leave to the U.K., except on the distinct understanding that he returns to his unit on the expiration of his Leave, unless he obtains an extension for reasons other than those connected with Demobilisation. C.O's are held responsible that no officer or man quits his unit on leave, unless he is aware of these conditions.	

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BEAUMONT.	1919		Corps R.O.No.1 d/8/1/19 published, in which the Corps Commander desires that the attention off		
Sheet 4	Jan.		all ranks should be again drawn to A.I.F. Order 723 d/29/6/17 which is to be republished		
N-W Europe/	12		forthwith in al Routine Orders. Since cessation of Hostilities there has been a marked		
K.4.b.2.9.Cont'd			tendency for Paying Officers to disregard this Order and numerous cases of overpayment have		
			been reported. Al ranks should be warned of seriousness of this offence, both Paying Officer		
			and Payee being equally culpable.		
	13		G.R.O.5983 published in Orders, which states that it has been brought to notice by the French		
			Authorities that their regulations regarding the class of compartment in which various ranks		
			of the French and Allied Armies may travel on civilian railways, are not always complied with by		
			British troops. These are:- Officers and Nurses 1st Class. N.C.O's 2nd Class.		
			Privates 3rd Class.		
	14		Routine Order published that Drivers will, in future, not attempt Carburettor adjustments		
			without first reporting same. Adjustments will be made by the Workshop Staff.		
	16		Published in Orders that, a rough summary of the policy proposed by each Australian State		
			for settlement on the land by returned soldiers and sailors is now available and can be read		
			on application. Also applications for Special Lecturers in a number of subjects connected		
			with the A.I.F. Educational Scheme, and all ranks notified that further information as to		
			certain Special Courses is now available.		
	17		G.R.O.3377 republished in Orders, which refers to the increasing prevalence of losses of		
			motor cycles and lays down certain safeguards to be adopted for their safekeeping.		
	20		A Parade of all ranks was held by the D.M.T.S., A.I.F., who addressed the troops regarding		
			Demobilisation and Educational Schemes, etc.		
	22		Notification appeared in Routine Orders that Lectures by Captain Campbell on the subjects of		
			Carburettors, Lubrication, Transmission, Ignition and Engines will be delivered every evening.		
			Men being coached in Mechanical Transport work advised to attend whenever possible.		
	23		Order published that in view of serious number of broken sleeves in the "Y" Daimler Engines		
			of the lorries of this unit, the attention of all ranks is called to the order that no engine		
			should be "raced", until it is thoroughly warm. Starting from "Cold" the lubricating caps		
			on the Induction pipe should each be filled, at least twice, and the oil allowed to be sucked		
			slowly in.		

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BEAUMONT.	19 19			
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N-W Europe	/24			
K.4.b.2.9.				
	29		Fourth Army R.O. 1996 republished in Orders. This is to the effect that cases still occur of Officers and other ranks pursuing and killing game. All hunting, shooting or killing of game is strictly prohibited. The practice is still persisted in throughout the Army Area and Casualties have been caused to both soldiers and civilians. Applications invited from those desirous of 72 hours Leave to BRUSSELS.	
	30		Circular Memo. 112/A/2, regarding training in Land Pursuits in connection with the A.I.F. Education Scheme, drawn attention to in Orders and a copy of same posted on the Notice Board. Notification published in Orders that Any member of the unit claiming to be eligible for the "1914-15" STAR, is to make application in writing stating date of embarkation from Australia date of arrival in EGYPT, GALLI POLI, FRANCE, ENGLAND, or any other theatre of War mentioned.	
			<u>S U M M A R Y.</u>	
			<u>Casualties to Personnel.</u> To Hospital and struck off, L/Corporals 1, M.T. Drivers 4, Privates 2 Artificers 1.	
			To Hospital and not struck off, M.T. Drivers 1.	
			<u>Transfers to other units.</u> M.T. Drivers 1.	
			<u>Strength taken on.</u> Officers 1, M.T. Drivers 17.	
			<u>Leave to Australia.</u> M.T. Drivers 1.	
			<u>75 days Leave in U.K.</u> Nil.	
			<u>Discipline.</u> Good.	
			<u>Health.</u> Good, excepting for a number of bad "Colds".	
			<u>Weather and Roads.</u> Cold-severe frosts. Roads bad, but slightly improved during the month.	
			<u>Railhead.</u> BEAUMONT-no change.	
			<u>Messing.</u> Shortage of vegetable ration was experienced during January which was made up by purchase from Regimental Funds. Fat returned 200 lbs.	
			<u>Mechanical Details.</u> Workshop and Store Waggon 8, Lorries 60, Cars 29, Motor Cycles and Combinations 82, Box Cars 17 and "Foden" Disinfector 1.	
			Total Lorries, including attached, -Overhauled Nil, Decarbonised 5,	
			Repairs to Transmission 5. Total Cars, including attached-	
			Overhauled 3, Decarbonised 4, Repairs to Transmission 5.	
			Total Motor Cycles and Combinations Overhauled 12.	

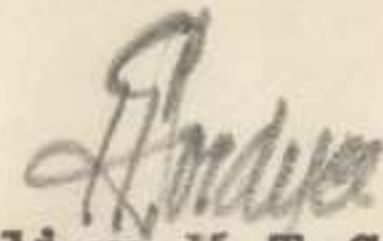
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UNIT 6th Australian M.T.Co. (Corps Troops).DIARY APPENDIX No. 1 FOR MONTH OF January 1919.

Date	1 Loads Amm.	2 R.E. Work	3 Supply	4 Stores	5 Personnel	6 Various	7 Total Loads Done	8 Total Lorries Out	9 Miles Run Full	10 Miles Run Empty	11 Petrol Issued	12 Lorries Available Not used	13 Lorries Under Repair	14 Lorries Detached
1st			24				24	20	110	146	58		6	9
2nd			27				27	15	210	125	68		10	10
3rd			25				25	16	225	115	64		9	10
4th			29				29	16	350	188	88		9	10
5th			27				27	15	184	184	76		10	10
6th			29				29	16	168	135	64		9	10
7th			32				32	18	132	126	59		7	10
8th			25				25	20	110	110	35		6	10
9th			28				28	18	295	166	78		8	10
10th			29				29	16	220	209	89		9	11
11th			32			4	36	14	214	214	92		11	11
12th			39				39	15	133	144	74		11	10
13th			28				28	17	147	123	58		9	10
14th			35				35	17	158	146	64		9	10
15th			35			6	41	17	223	165	88		9	10
16th			35				35	17	146	140	56		9	10
17th			35			1	36	18	132	112	62		8	9
18th			35				35	19	134	126	58		7	10
19th			35			2	37	17	448	123	75		9	10
20th			28			1	29	18	196	172	74		9	9
21st			36			8	44	16	161	139	62		11	9
22nd			30			2	32	17	184	178	70		10	9
23rd			36			6	42	20	184	178	72		7	9
24th			30				30	19	228	120	70		8	9
25th			30			3	33	19	230	194	106		8	9
26th			28				28	18	150	80	60		9	9
27th			20	1		3	24	20	341	128	116		9	7
28th			19		1	1	21	20	260	180	88		9	7
29th			35				35	13	102	98	28		13	10
30th			22		2		24	21	258	190	114		7	8
31st			26		2		28	21	220	208	90		7	8

1st	Lorries detached for week ending:-													
5/6th	13		12			106	118		1401	965	541			
12/13th	13		28			86	114		1127	736	466			
19/20th	16		48			45	93		1120	503	400			
28/29th	8		38	23		18	79		895	583	318			

5th														
6th			1050	24	5	292	1371		10796	7449	3981			
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