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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Supplies & Transport

**Item number:** 25/63D/1

**Title:** 5th Australian Depot Unit of Supply

July 1917 - May 1919



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July 1917

From the 1st to 22nd the unit continued duty with the 3rd Corps Troops Supply Column, having charge of the rear supply dump at Maricourt Bois. One NCO

& three men on detachment with the Supply Column. Two men left Maricourt 30/6/17 en route for England on their first furlough.

The feeding strength was low about 3000 consequently there was not a great deal of time spent issuing. The Column Supply Officer was advised of the feeding strength as per R B 55 the night previous to issuing & the rations were sent down from the Column's forward dump by Motor Lorry daily.

To effect a saving of petrol it was decided to issue from the rear dump every second day. To facilitate the working of this units were instructed to hand in their indent four days before the consumption of the rations.

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The scheme worked smoothly except in the case of one unit Street Station, who owing to the continual fluctuations in strength overdrawn rations on one or two occasions, necessitating adjustments as soon as could be arranged. The clerical duties were carried out by the Staff Sgt, the outside duties being under the supervision of the Warrant Officer assisted by a Corporal.

Discipline was of a very high character.

The weather throughout was fine & warm, occasional showers mitigating the effect of the heat & oppressiveness.

All ranks were accommodated in dugouts built at some time previously presumably by the French. The accommodation was very comfortable the only trouble being rats & mice.

On the 22nd orders were received to entrain for Calais. The men on detached duty were recalled & the unit (officers 12 of ranks)



entrained at Plateau at 12 noon  
23rd, arriving at Cairns after  
an uneventful journey on 24th  
after a few hours delay, eventually  
at transport reported, the unit  
was instructed to report at

Wob Res Camp. Trucks were  
packed & the mobilisation  
equipment sent to store. Rifles  
being handed in to the Armory.

The following morning I  
paraded at Personnel Office

B.S.D & received detail of duties

I was counted against A.C  
establishment & the unit  
taken on strength of B.S.D

The following is a detail of  
the duties allocated:-

- W.O. Bond      Camp Duty (Sergeant  
Major A.S.C details)
- Sgt Power      B.S.D Ops Office
- Cpl Polwart    Detail Issue Store
- Cpl Morris     Personnel Office
- Cpl Pike
- Pte Johnston } To report to Outside  
                     } Superintendent for  
                     } duty.
- " Davis
- " Stabel
- " Doble

Pte Perry	} To report to Outside Sup <sup>t</sup> for duty.
" Pess	
" Scot	

I was detailed as O.C. A.S.C  
detail Wob Res Camp. (1250 strength)  
The men detailed to report to  
Outside Sup<sup>t</sup> were distributed  
as checkers on the supply  
trains loaded at Base Supply  
Depot.

J. Bentley, Lieut  
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DEPOT UNIT OF  
SUPPLY.

No. 2  
Date 1/1/43



# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
6 days	4.8.17		S. Sgt. Howse, Cope Pike, Cope Polwarth, Pte Morris & Davis inoculated against Typhoid Fever.	
Hob Rest Camp.	5.8.17	5.30 AM	I took charge of Roman Catholic Church Parade A.S.C. Details. I was detailed as Fire Picquet officer for week ending 12.8.17. Commenced duty 6.8.17	
	6.8.17	10.30 AM	1st Lt. Caldwell, O.C. B.S.D. inspected the lines Hob Rest Camp.	
	7.8.17		Pte Davis was detailed for duty with A.D. of S. Northern	
	8.8.17	5.30 PM	Unit paraded for fortnightly pay.	
	13.8.17		I was detailed for duty in C.O.'s office B.S.D. 8.45 PM to 10 PM.	
	15.8.17		I was detailed for duty in A.D. of S. office. 8.45 PM to 10 PM.	
	17.8.17		8660 Cope G. Polwarth promoted 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt. to date from 1/8/17, vice Sgt. H. Hunt in Hospital 9411 Pte R. V. Morris promoted 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cpl. to date from 1/8/17 vice Polwarth promoted 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt.	
	19.8.17		I was detailed for duty in C.O.'s office from 8.45 to 10 PM.	
	20.8.17	10.30 AM	A.S.C. Details took stock of all camp equipment. The Camp P.M.S. assisted	
	24.8.17		I was detailed for duty in A.D. of S. office 8.45 to 10 PM.	
	26.8.17		I was detailed for duty in C.O.'s office 8.45 to 10 PM.	
			<p>The weather throughout the month was variable, the first few days being wet &amp; cold, gradually becoming warm oppressive and dusty. The last few days were cooler light showers falling.</p> <p>Daily strength for the month: - 1 officer 12 other ranks casualties: NIL</p> <p>General health of all ranks was good. Discipline was of the usual high standard, no complaints were received from any officers with whom the N.C.O.'s men were working. Rationing &amp; accommodation good.</p>	



W. Bentley, Lieut  
5th Ave. Supply.





Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks
11/11/17	0800	Received message from HQ B.E.F. regarding the situation in the Ypres sector.	
11/11/17	1000	Inspection of the front line in the area of the old railway cutting.	
11/11/17	1200	Lunch and rest in the dugouts.	
11/11/17	1400	Received orders for the night patrol to be held in the usual manner.	
11/11/17	1600	Patrol returned from the front line. No contact with the enemy.	
11/11/17	1800	Darkness falling. Increased activity on the enemy's side.	
11/11/17	2000	Received message from the Adjutant General regarding the status of the troops.	
11/11/17	2200	End of the day. All troops in their positions.	
11/12/17	0600	Woke up at dawn. The weather is clear and calm.	
11/12/17	0800	Received message from HQ regarding the movement of the front line.	
11/12/17	1000	Inspection of the front line. The position is stable.	
11/12/17	1200	Lunch and rest.	
11/12/17	1400	Received orders for the night patrol.	
11/12/17	1600	Patrol returned. No contact.	
11/12/17	1800	Darkness falling. Increased activity on the enemy's side.	
11/12/17	2000	Received message from the Adjutant General regarding the status of the troops.	
11/12/17	2200	End of the day. All troops in their positions.	

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No 6 Rest Camp Calais

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Calais	2.9.17	9.45 <sup>AM</sup>	Enemy aircraft were over the town. No bombs were dropped. Rate of exchange for month of Sept fixed at 5 francs = 3/8.	
	3.9.17	5.00PM	The unit paraded for pay.	
		9.00PM	Beautiful clear moonlight night. Air raid signal was blown at 9.00PM. Enemy aircraft over the town a few minutes later, and continued circling round till a few minutes after 11PM. A number of bombs were dropped on Calais and district. No bombs were dropped in the locality of the camp.	
	4.9.17		I was detailed for duty in A.D. of S. office from 8.45 to 10 PM.	
		9.00PM	Air raid signal blown at 9.00PM. No raid took place.	
	6.9.17		I was detailed for duty in O.C.'s office from 8.45 to 10 PM.	
	9.9.17		No 8667 Pte R. J. Perry admitted to No 30 General Hospital.	
	12.9.17		I was detailed for duty in A.D. of Supply office from 8.45 to 10 PM.	
	14.9.17		I was detailed for duty as O.C. a. a. s. to Details from 14.9.17 took over from Lieut. P. H. Pemberton. W/o Bowd detailed to assist me.	
	15.9.17	5 PM	Unit paraded for fortnightly pay.	
	19.9.17		I was detailed as a member of a board of enquiry to enquire into the circumstances under which Sg/27886 Cpl Wiggins T.F. 14 <sup>th</sup> Lof Co. Coy was injured.	
	20.9.17		I was detailed for duty in A.D. of S. office from 8.45 to 10 PM.	
	21.9.17		No 8667 Pte R. J. Perry discharged from hospital.	
	22.9.17		I was detailed for duty in O.C.'s office from 8.45 to 10 PM.	
	23.9.17		Orders were received to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. Lieut. P. H. Pemberton was detailed to relieve me as O.C. a. a. s. to Details.	
	24.9.17	8 PM	Air raid alarm given. No raid eventuated.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	20.7.19	7.00	Bombing commenced over the town. No bombs were dropped. A lot of incendiary bombs were dropped at 8.15 am & 9.15 am. The wind was from the north.	
	20.7.19	9.00	Bombing continued over the town. A number of bombs were dropped on the town and district. The bombs were dropped in the locality of the camp.	
	20.7.19	10.00	I was detailed for duty in S. D. office from 8.45 to 10.00 pm.	
	20.7.19	11.00	I was detailed for duty in S. D. office from 8.45 to 10.00 pm.	
	20.7.19	12.00	The 5667 Pte R. J. Perry, admitted to 10th General Hospital.	
	20.7.19	12.00	I was detailed for duty in S. D. office from 8.45 to 10.00 pm.	
	20.7.19	14.00	I was detailed for duty as C. A. S. D. Details from 14.00 to 16.00 pm. Lieut. P. A. Pemberton was detailed to assist me.	
	20.7.19	18.00	Unit paraded for fortnightly pay.	
	20.7.19	19.00	I was detailed as a member of a board of enquiry to enquire into the circumstances under which 5622 Sgt. Wiggins 1st Lt. of 6, Coy was injured.	
	20.7.19	20.00	I was detailed for duty in S. D. office from 8.45 to 10.00 pm.	
	21.7.19		The 5667 Pte R. J. Perry, discharged from hospital.	
	22.7.19		I was detailed for duty in S. D. office from 8.45 to 10.00 pm.	
	23.7.19		Orders were received to be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. Lieut. P. A. Pemberton was detailed to relieve me as C. A. S. D. Details.	
	24.7.19	8.00	Air raid alarm given. No raid occurred.	



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5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Depot Unit of Supply

No 6 Rest Camp Calais

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Calais	25.9.17		Air raid alarm at 8 P.M. Enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs on Calais & district, four or five bombs fell on marshy ground about 1/2 mile from the camp.	
	26.9.17		Orders were received to report with equipment etc at Railway Station 11 AM 27.9.17 All ranks were relieved from the various duties to prepare for moving the following morning	
	27.9.17	6 AM	Reveille. Mobilization of equipment etc loaded on transport. Instructions received to report to R. S.O. Boisieux-au-Mont. Left camp 11.20 AM & arrived at the station 11.40 AM Train left 4.20 PM.	
Rouescamps	28.9.17		Arrived Rouescamps during the night, had to spend the day there waiting for the departure of supply train for Boisieux. Left Rouescamps 9 P.M.	
Boisieux-au-Mont	29.9.17		Arrived at Boisieux-au-Mont during the night. Reported to R. S.O. who had no instructions regarding our arrival. Reported to D.D.S.T in army by phone, & was given instructions to stand by for further orders. Pitched camp near the Raichead	
	30.9.17		No orders received today. Completed erection of camp.	
			The weather throughout the month was fine & warm with clear moonlight nights during the full moon. Very little rain fell.	



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No 6 Riv Camp Cochin

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Catain	25.7.47		Aircraft alarm at 8 AM. Enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs in Catain district. Four or five bombs fell on marshy ground about 1/2 mile from the camp.	
	26.7.47		Orders were received to report with equipment etc. at Railway Station at 11 AM 27.7.47. All ranks were relieved from the various duties to prepare for moving the following morning.	
	27.7.47		Van Herwille. Mobilization stores equipment etc. loaded on transport. Instructions received to report to R. S. O. Bois-lez-Austrimont. Left camp 11.20 AM & arrived at the station 11.40 AM. Train left 4.20 PM.	
Rome camp	28.7.47		Arrived Rome camp during the night. Had to spend the day there waiting for the departure of supply train for Bois-lez. Left Rome camp 7 AM.	
is camp at Mont	29.7.47		Arrived at Bois-lez-Austrimont during the night. Reported to R. S. O. who had no instructions regarding our arrival. Reported to D. O. S. T @ army by phone, & was given instructions to stand by for further orders. Pitched camp near the railhead.	
	30.7.47		No orders received today. Completed erection of camp.	

The weather throughout the month was fine & sunny with clear moonlight nights during the full moon. Very little rain fell.



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5th Australian Depot Unit of Supply

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Strength of unit 1 officer 12 other ranks.          With the exception of Pte Perry who was in hospital from 9th to 21st the general health of all ranks was good.          Discipline was of the usual high standard the behaviour of the N.C.O.s &amp; men during the air raids was very creditable. No complaints were received from any source regarding the conduct of the N.C.O.s &amp; men.          Rationing and accommodation good.          Prior to the departure of the unit from Calais, Lieut Col. Caldwell spoke very highly of the work done by all ranks during the two months the unit was attached to the Base Supply Depot.</p>	

5th Aust.  
 DEPOT UNIT OF  
 SUPPLY.

*Inspected*

No. ....

Date 21.11.17

*J. P. Blutey. Lieut  
 G. C. 5th Aust. D. U. Supply*





Date of entry  
 Name of officer  
 GRADE  
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			<p>           1. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           2. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           3. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           4. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           5. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           6. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           7. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           8. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           9. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p> <p>           10. The following information was received from the G.H.Q. on 4 Dec 1917:         </p>

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*5th Australian Depot Unit of Supply*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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Strength of unit sufficient 12 other ranks.  
 With the exception of Pt. Linn, who was in hospital from 7<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> the general health of all ranks was good.  
 Discipline was of the usual high standard & the behaviour of the U.S. men during the air raids was very creditable. No complaints were received from any sources regarding the conduct of the U.S. G.I. men.  
 Rationing and accommodation good.  
 Prior to the departure of the unit from Calais Lieut Col. Caldwell spoke very highly of the work done by all ranks during the two months the unit was attached to the Base Supply Depot.

*5th Aust*  
 DEPOT UNIT OF  
 SUPPLY.  
 No. *500/100*  
 Date *24.11.47*

*O. C. 5th Aust D.U. Supply*



September

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Boislevue	2.10.17		Orders received from D. O. S. I. Army that I was to take charge of Reserve Coal Dump which up to that time had not been commenced.	
	2.10.17	7.30 AM	Unit paraded under W/O Bond & proceeded to site of the coal dump to assist labour already at work clearing the ground under the supervision of the P.E. This routine was continued until 13 <sup>th</sup>	
	7.10.17		8669 Pte. H. J. Cox admitted to hospital	
	9.10.17		Ptes. Doble & Stabell granted leave to Amiens	
	11.10.17		Sgt Polwarth & Pte Johnston granted leave to Amiens	
	12.10.17		I was granted leave of absence to England 13.10.17 to 23.10.17 & left Boislevue by leave train at 11 P.M. The unit was attached to 53 R.H.S.D. under the command of Capt. Needham during my absence	
	13.10.17		S. Sgt. Brown & Capt. Pike granted leave to Amiens	
	14.10.17		all available N.C.O.s & men proceeded to site of dump to commence the erection of huts	
	17.10.17		Hut completed & camp transferred to the coal dump. First coal train of 599 tons arrived. Off loading completed 11 P.M.	
	19.10.17		Coal train arrived cleared 10 P.M. 597 1/2 tons	
	25.10.17		I arrived back at Boislevue from England 11 P.M.	
	26.10.17		Coal train arrived 571 tons. During shunting operations at night, nine of the trucks broke loose & overshoot the dead-end fire falling into a sunken road. Six trucks were derailed three of them being upended. The contents scattered. One railway shunter badly mangled, died shortly after. Estimated loss 6 tons which amount was written off.	
	28.10.17		Coal train arrived 567 tons cleared 8.30 P.M.	
<p>Weather throughout the month was variable, gradually become colder towards the latter part of the month. Strength on 31<sup>st</sup> 1 officer 11 ranks 8669 Pte H. J. Cox admitted to hospital was the only casualty during the month. Discipline was off the usual high standard &amp; all ranks carried out their various duties very creditably.</p> <p>Plan of coal dump as it will appear when completed attached.</p> <p>Previous to the arrival of the first coal train, the bunkers had been marked out &amp; it was intended to build the bunker nearest the broad gauge line first &amp; the succeeding rows of bunkers, by wheeling the coal in barrows from the tip of the first bunker. An attempt was made with the first train to</p>				

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			<p>assign certain trucks, but certain bunkers, but a number of trucks had been placed between two bunkers. As the train had to be cleared as soon as possible, these trucks had to be dumped where they stood, necessitating double handling of the coal by the fatigue party. After the fourth train had been cleared, the original plan to build the first row of bunkers was found to be impracticable owing to the congestion &amp; the insufficiency of labour. The matter was referred to D.D.S.T. &amp; instructions were received to commence building the rear bunkers. Wheelbarrows were provided and a period of six days between the arrival of coal trains gave us time to clear the coal back &amp; make room for the arrival of next train.</p> <p>The larger pieces of coal were chosen to build the walls of the bunkers, this all being done by hand. At the end of the month this work was well in hand. A guard of 3 rics &amp; 12 men were attached to patrol the dump at night 5 PM to 5 AM, &amp; provided the day picket of two men 6 AM to 5 PM. Considerable difficulty was experienced owing to the distance to be patrolled in preventing theft.</p> <p>Method of Issue &amp; Accounting for Supplies -</p> <p>On the arrival of a train the numbers of all trucks are taken, &amp; compared with the truck numbers previously advised by telegram, &amp; the D.D.S.T. advised by wire if the train is received complete or otherwise.</p> <p>All trucks received are entered in a truck book kept for that purpose. The D.D.S.T. is advised by wire every Saturday before 12 noon the amount of coal on hand.</p> <p>A statement on the lines of the attached proforma is rendered on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; last day of the month. All trucks advised but not received are taken on charge &amp; then written off as an issue.</p> <p>Entries in each statement are supported in the case of receipts by consigned portions of waybills, &amp; in the case of issues by A.B.55 A. 1<sup>st</sup> W 3526 &amp; other demand forms properly completed.</p> <p>All coal received is taken on charge &amp; issued at waybilled weights. No issues are made without the authority of D.D.S.T., who is immediately advised by wire the quantity issued, to whom issued, &amp; amount remaining on hand.</p>	



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			<p><i>Distribution of duties:-</i></p> <p><i>W. O. Bond } General superintending of offloading of trains &amp; building of</i>  <i>Sgt Polwarth } bunkers.</i></p> <p><i>S. Sgt Brown } In charge of office and accounts</i>  <i>                  } All other ranks day per post duty as per roster &amp; supervising</i>  <i>                  } as the occasion demands</i></p> <p><i>Rationing &amp; accommodation good</i></p>	
<p><i>J. W. Blakley. Lieut. AA.S.C.</i>  <i>O.C. 5th Asst Supply</i></p>				

5th Asst  
DEPOT UNIT OF  
SUPPLY.

No. *In the field*

Date *30.11.17*



Coal Dump when completed  
Broad Gauge Lines



21 stacks 25' x 90' x 7'      8268 tons  
 \* 3 stacks 25' x 7' x 7'      500 tons (approx)

Desauville Railway  
 Tip Gratings

Bunkers commence  
 4ft from Broad  
 Gauge Metals.

Statement of Coal Received & Issued during  
 period from — to —

Receipts		Issues	
Dates	Tons	Dates	Tons
Balance on hand Bghl. 7 <sup>th</sup>			
Total		Balance on hand 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup>	

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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Boisense	4.11.17		coal train of 52 trucks 57½ tons arrived today. One truck missing Promotions 8660 Sgt Polworth. G. to be Sgt. 9411 Sgpr Morris R.V. to be Capt.	
	7.11.17		coal train of 40 trucks 603 tons arrived today. Offloaded 11.15 P.M.	
	9.11.17		coal train of 54 trucks 580½ tons arrived today. Offloaded 1 A.M. 10/11/17.	
	13.11.17		coal train of 48 trucks 559 tons arrived today. Offloaded 3.15 P.M.	
	18.11.17		Expected coal train did not arrive	
	19.11.17		Train due yesterday arrived today. 20 trucks in position 1.5 P.M. cleared 5.15 P.M. As the men had been working since 8 A.M. they were dismissed with instructions to commence work the following morning at 5 A.M.	
	20.11.17		Balance of train 19 trucks in position overnight. Work commenced 5 A.M. Train cleared 10.15 A.M.	
	21.11.17		coal train of 16 trucks 225 tons consigned to R.S.O handed over to us. In position 1 P.M. cleared 3.45 P.M.	
	22.11.17		coal train of 39 trucks 595 tons arrived today. First section of train in position 10.15 A.M. cleared 1.45 P.M. The second section was not in position until 3.50 P.M. so work for the day was discontinued	
	23.11.17		Work commenced 6 A.M. on second section of train. cleared 10.15 A.M.	
	24.11.17		Winter clothing issued this evening	
	27.11.17		coal train of 45 trucks 603 tons received today. First section in position	



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Boisieux	27.11.17		2.20 PM cleared 6.45 PM Work for the day discontinued	
	28.11.17		Work commenced on second section 6 AM cleared 10.20 AM	
	29.11.17		Coal train due, did not arrive	
	30.11.17		Coal train 40 trucks 602 tons arrived overnight. Work commenced 7 AM. Train cleared 3.45 PM. Slope Pike granted leave of absence to Amiens for the day	
			<p>The weather throughout the month was very unsettled Wind rain &amp; fog with very few fine days Daily strength 1 officer 11 other ranks. Casualties for the month Nil Discipline of a very high standard. Rationing &amp; accommodation Good The last coal train has been received, &amp; the dump is still 720 tons short of the amount originally intended to be held in reserve. During the month good progress was made with the building of the rear bunkers which are now nearly complete It was found much more expedient to discontinue night work where practicable time was saved as the men were able to avoid the broad gauge line becoming blocked while off loading trucks. During the month the D.D. S. L visited the dump and expressed himself as satisfied with the progress made</p>	



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			<p>up to that time.</p> <p>To prevent theft of coal, representations were made to the D.D. S. L. to provide material for fencing the dumps. This suggestion was favourably received, &amp; the posts barked wire etc were received on 30th inst.</p> <p>No issues have yet been made, except that required for our own use.</p>	

J. W. Bentley-Lieut  
O.C. 5th A.D.U.S.

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BOISLEUX	4.12.17		9411 Cpl R. V. Morris & 8665 Plt T. H. Debble detailed for duty under the R. to Roulers until further orders	
	8.12.17		Truck 9033 cutoff train which arrived 4/11/17 Received today.	
	12.12.17	2.00 PM	The voting in connection with the Australian Referendum was held today. Thirteen votes were recorded, including two votes cast by two N.C.O.s of 60 <sup>th</sup> Aust R.O.D. who were on detached duty in this locality, had no other means of recording their votes.	
	13.12.17		8669 Plt H. T. Cox reported back from hospital & was taken on strength. The unit paraded for pay at 5 P.M.	
	15.12.17		I was detailed by D. O. S. T. to relieve R. S. O. at Bois leux during his absence on leave.	
	17.12.17		Took over R. S. O. duties. Stock taken by S. Sgt Howse in conjunction with the R. S. O.'s representatives.	
	25.12.17		Christmas day was celebrated quietly & dinner was held at 1 P.M. & was very successful. All ranks agree that it was the best Xmas spent on active service.	
	28.12.17		8657 W/o G. J. Bond granted leave to Amiens.	
	27.12.17		8668 Cpl F. Pike granted 4 days leave to Roulers in lieu of Paris leave.	
	31.12.17		8664 Plt P. E. Davis proceeded on furlough to England.	
			The weather throughout the month dull & overcast, with intermittent fine days. It continued very cold from the 4 <sup>th</sup> to the end of the month with very severe frosts & snow from the 17 <sup>th</sup> onwards.	
			Strength 1st to 13 <sup>th</sup> 1 officer 11 other ranks. 14 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 officer 12 other ranks. 27 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> 1 officer 11 other ranks.	



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BOISLEUX	DEC. 1917		<p>Casualties during December: NIL.  Reinforcements received: NIL.  Discipline was of the usual high standard. No crimes were reported.  Rationing and accommodation: Good.  Good progress was made throughout the month, with the building of the bunkers, which were all completed on 23rd. No further coal trains were received, rail available labour was concentrated on the building of bunkers.  Very little trouble was experienced by the walls giving way. The walls did give way in four places, &amp; for the most part this was caused through large pieces being abstracted from the walls by thieves. Thieving was mitigated by the building of a wire (barbed) fence six feet high round the dump.  This fence was completed 16th Dec &amp; has been found effective. Owing to the thaw following the heavy frost the corner of one bunker gave way.  On the 13th the dump was inspected by the D. D. S. I., &amp; he expressed himself as satisfied with the work done. No issues have been made, except that required for our own use.</p>	

J. Bentley Lieut. Col.

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BOISLEUX	2.1.18		Lieut. G. V. Bentley rejoined unit from detached duty as R. S. O. Boisieux-au-Mont.	
	3.1.18		No 8668 Cpl F. Pike rejoined unit from 4 days leave to Rouen.	
	9.1.18		No 8658 S. Sgt R. W. Brown proceeded to Albert to meet a representative from Base Pay Office to have all pay books audited & checked. All paybooks were found to be correct.	
	14.1.18		For purpose of instruction No 8668 Cpl F. Pike was ordered to proceed to the railhead daily until further notice to report to R. S. O.	
	17.1.18		No 8664 Plt R. E. Davis rejoined unit from leave to U.K.	
	18.1.18		No 12413 Plt D. G. Thomas taken on strength from 2nd A. D. U. S.	
	24.1.18		No 8667 Plt R. J. Perry admitted to hospital	
	25.1.18		Lieut. G. V. Bentley proceeded to Guinecourt for duty as R. S. O. No 8669 Plt H. J. Cox accompanied Lieut Bentley	
	26.1.18		No 8658 S. Sgt R. W. Brown proceeded on leave to U.K. During the absence of S. Sgt Brown's all clerical duties will be carried out by Cpl F. Pike	
			<p>The weather throughout the month was very unsettled, cold winds, snow &amp; rain prevailing with the advent of the full moon it became fiercer.</p> <p>The daily strength of the unit fluctuated on account of furlough men, others on detached duty casualties Plt R. J. Perry to hospital. Word has since been received that this man has been sent to England</p> <p><u>Reinforcements:</u> Plt D. G. Thomas taken on strength from 2nd A. D. U. S., bringing the unit up to war establishment</p> <p>Discipline throughout the month was of the usual exemplary character</p> <p>During this month appreciable progress was made with the building of light railway roads in connection with the coal dump. The road (telegraph) has been completed &amp; the laying of the railway (narrow gauge) will probably be completed in February. Owing to the action of the weather a number of bunkers gave way, &amp; have since been rebuilt. No further stock was taken on charge, &amp; no issues, except coal required for our own use, were made.</p>	

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BOISLEUX	7.2.18		2666 Pte AWT has departed on furlough to U.K. Unit paid at 4 P.M.		
	9.2.18		Orders were received from D. D. S. & I for all available men to proceed daily to Goncourt to assist in the digging of antichokes. The party to proceed by motor lorry leaving here at 8 A.M.		
	11.2.18		8658 A. Sgt. Prowse returned from leave to United Kingdom		
	16.2.18		Owing to heavy frost the digging of antichokes was discontinued, and the day frequent at coal dump resumed.		
	18.2.18		9411 Cpl R. V. Morris returned to unit from temporary duty with R. S. O.		
	20.2.18		Issuing commenced this morning. Loaded 20 trucks from first row of bunkers		
	21.2.18		using the third row of bunkers to Divisions. Issues for the day 180. Unit paid by C.O. 415 p.m.		
	25.2.18		Loaded first light railway consignment of 280 tons		
			<p>The weather throughout the month was very unsettled with intermittent fine days. During the period of moonlight, the enemy dropped bombs in the locality. Strength of unit 1 officer 120 ranks casualties nil. The general health of all ranks was good. Discipline was of the usual exemplary character. Rationing &amp; accommodation good.</p> <p>The light railway was completed on 18th inst issuing commenced on 20th. Previous to the commencement of issuing stock was taken up to be 500 tons short of stock book figures. Advice was received that the issue would be about 300 tons daily &amp; up to the end of the month this average was maintained. The first line of bunkers was reserved for loading trucks on broad gauge railway &amp; the third line for issue to formations moving by either horse or motor transport.</p>		
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BOISLEUX			<p>Each individual stack was numbered &amp; particular care taken to see that a correct record was kept of the quantity issued, so that on completion of stacks the outcome of each would be known. In loading broad gauge trucks each truck was measured before loading &amp; the tonnage loaded computed at 40 cuft per ton. On the 25<sup>th</sup> the first light railway train was loaded trucks being alongside the stacks (second row of bunkers) the day's issue was completed at 2.45 P.M. About the 27<sup>th</sup> the loading of broad gauge trains involved longer time as the front line of bunkers had been practically cleared, necessitating the wheeling in barrows of coal from the second line of bunkers. Latest figures go to prove that the first line of bunkers will work out to within a few tons of the stock taken before issuing commenced. Quantity issued 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> was 2738 tons, an average of 304 tons daily. The maximum daily issue was 429 tons on the 26<sup>th</sup> (274 tons Light Railway 40 tons Broad Gauge and 115 tons by Horse &amp; Motor Transport.</p>	<p>Rub.</p> <p>J. P. Bentley. <i>Lieut Col</i> O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Sub. D.S.</p>



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Boulogne	1.3.18		8662 Pte J. G. Stabell granted leave of absence to Paris 3rd to 10th inst	
	3.3.18		8662 Pte J. G. Stabell departed for Paris on furlough	
	4.3.18		Lieut. F. V. Bentley was relieved of duty as R. S. O. Funicourt returned to unit accompanied by 8669 Pte H. J. Cox.	
	10.3.18		Pte J. G. Stabell rejoined unit from furlough	
	12.3.18		Instructions were received from D. D. S. I that all coal remaining on the dump has to be cleared up today. Work was commenced at 6.30 am & the dump (728 tons) was clear at 12.45 am 13th. D. D. S. I advised that the unit would probably be moved any day after completion of coal issuing, & preparations were made accordingly.	
	13.3.18		The loose coal was today collected & realized about 35 tons which was issued according to instructions. The account was adjusted & showed on completion a deficiency of 3 <sup>30</sup> / <sub>100</sub> tons. D. D. S. I was quite satisfied with the work done & the result of the outcome.	
	2 PM		Full marching order parade. Gas drill was carried out in accordance with Corps Area orders	
	17.3.18		8657 W/O G. L. Bond left for Paris on 8 days furlough.	
	19.3.18		Orders were received at 7 pm that the unit would retrain at 6.45 am 20th & proceed to Boulogne & report to O.C. B. S. D. for further instructions	
	20.3.18		Reveille at 4 am. Sgt Polworth & Ptes Stabell & Johnston detailed to accompany truck of technical equipment leaving at 2.30 pm. Remainder of unit embarked at 6.45 am. Arrived Boulogne 3 pm. Reported by phone to O.C. B. S. D. & proceeded to report to O.C. Personnel for instructions. Received orders to proceed to No 3. A. S. D. Outhear for duty. Arrived Outhear 5.30 pm & reported arrival to O.C. No 3 A. S. D.	



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	26.3.18		Unit paraded for pay at 5.30 P.M.																							
	28.3.18		5657 1st/2nd Bond repaired unit from Furlough to Paris and was detailed for duty at Forage Dept.																							
	31.3.18		Lieut. G. V. Bentley received instructions from O.C. No. 3. A.S.D. (as a special duty) to supervise the erection of a camp enclosure to accommodate 600 goats. A party																							



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Cachew			<p>of 2 sappers R.E. &amp; 40 Chinese was detailed to carry out the work according to plans submitted the work to be completed by the 2nd April</p> <p>The weather throughout the month has been somewhat unsettled, but much finer than March 1914. A period of fine warm weather was experienced between 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> inclusive. The health of all ranks continued good &amp; discipline throughout the month was of the usual exemplary character. No crimes were recorded. Reinforcements received: this. Casualties: Nil. Rationing &amp; accommodation good.</p> <p>The issuing of coal from Reserve Coal Dump Buitenz continued at an average of 350 tons daily until the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. The largest Broad Gauge loading for one day's work being 400 tons on the 2nd inst. The dump was cleared up completely on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst &amp; turned out 3 tons 3 cwt deficient. The D. D. Lt. J. expressed his satisfaction at the way in which the work had been carried out, &amp; the ultimate outcome of the stock he was fortunate enough to receive morning orders 24 hours before the evening offensive began, consequently we were able to save all technical equipment.</p> <p>At No 3 A.S.D. the various duties being performed by the unit have been satisfactorily carried out, no complaints having been received from any source, derogatory to the reputation of any N.C.O. or man.</p>	

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Auburn	1st to 8th		Nothing to report.	
	9.5.18		No 8660 Sgt. G. Polwarth transferred to 59th Battln. left to join his new unit.	
			No 8666 Pte A.W.V. Pess admitted to hospital (influenza)	
	10.5.18		No 9411 Cpl R.V. Morris admitted to hospital (influenza)	
	11.5.18		No 8668 Cpl F. Pike } No 12413 Pte D.G. Thomas } admitted to hospital (influenza)	
	12.5.18		Nothing to report.	
	15.5.18		Nothing to report.	
	16.5.18		No 8666 Pte A.W.V. Pess } rejoined unit from hospital No 12413 Pte D.G. Thomas }	
	18.5.18		No 9411 Cpl R.V. Morris } rejoined unit from hospital No 8668 Cpl F. Pike }	
	19.5.18		Nothing to report.	
	22.5.18		Nothing to report.	
	23.5.18		No 8668 Cpl F. Pike promoted Sergeant from 10th inst vice Polwarth transferred No 8666 Pte A.W.V. Pess appointed Corporal from 10th inst vice Pike promoted	
	24.5.18		Nothing to report.	
	31.5.18		Nothing to report.	

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Outbreak			<p>The weather throughout the month was fine, warm, &amp; dusty except for a few days of a cloudy, dull, &amp; showery nature. The weather was for the most part, favourable for aerial activity, &amp; four enemy raids were made during the month. A few bombs were dropped, but no damage was done &amp; no casualties were occasioned at this depot. The general health of all ranks was good, with the exception of an epidemic of influenza through which 2 men were admitted to hospital. Casualties: Nil. Reinforcements received: Nil. Owing to the transfer of Sgt. Polworth, the unit is now two short of war establishment. The various duties allotted to members of the unit were not altered, &amp; creditable reports have been received on the conduct &amp; good work of all ranks.</p>	

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Catbriau	1.6.18			
	13.6.18		Nothing to report	
	14.6.18		No 8665 Pte J.H. Dubble granted leave of absence 14 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> June proceeded to England	
	15.6.18			
	28.6.18		Nothing to report	
	29.6.18		No 8665 Pte J.H. Dubble rejoined unit from leave of absence	
	30.6.18	P.M. 10.40	Air raid warning was fired & within twenty minutes enemy aircraft could be heard approaching the locality. A number of bombs were dropped, two or three being fairly close to the camp. All clear given about 1.35 AM. The weather throughout the month has been warm & oppressive, but somewhat unsettled. Little rain fell. The general health of all ranks has continued good, & no casualties from sickness or any other cause has occurred. The present strength of unit is: 1 officer 11 ranks. The good discipline & conduct has been maintained, no censure having been recorded. No change has taken place in the various duties being carried out by the members of the unit, & creditable reports are still being received as to their efficiency & good conduct.	

J. V. Buttery. Lieut. Col.  
d. 5<sup>th</sup> A.D.O.S.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Carpicau	1.7.18 to 7.7.18		Nothing to report.	
	8.7.18		Under instructions the unit left Carpicau to report for duty at No 6. B. S. D.	
Vaudreux	9.7.18		Reported for duty No 6 B. S. D. The following is the detail of duties allocated:- Lieut. G. V. Bentley - assistant Ck Depot Depot. S. Sgt. Howse - Book Stores accounts Sgt. Pike - Detail Issue Store Calais. O/Ranks - Hangers, Issuing, Clerical duties, etc.	
	10.7.18 to 14.7.18		Nothing to report.	
	15.7.18		Pte P. E. Davis detailed for duty at office of A. D. of S.	
	16.7.18 to 18.7.18		Nothing to report.	
	19.7.18		8663 Pte J. C. Stables granted leave of absence to United Kingdom 19.7.18 to 2.8.18.	
	21.7.18		12413 Pte D. G. Thomas detailed for duty at School Depot.	
	22.7.18		8662 Pte G. A. Johnson granted leave of absence to United Kingdom 22.7.18 to 5.8.18.	
	23.7.18 to 24.7.18		Nothing to report.	
	25.7.18		Lieut. G. V. Bentley No 8669 Pte H. G. Cox proceeded to Beaumontville on detached duty.	
	26.7.18 to 28.7.18		Nothing to report.	
	29.7.18		8664 Pte P. E. Davis admitted No 3rd Gen Hospital.	
	30.7.18 to 31.7.18		Nothing to report.	

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O.C. 5th A. Div.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>The weather throughout the month was fair &amp; warm favourable for aerial activity. Three night raids were made by the enemy at our previous location between 1st &amp; 10th July. A number of bombs were dropped, the nearest about 75 yds from the camp. No casualties were occasioned, &amp; no damage done of a military nature.</p> <p>Strength of unit 1 officer 11 s/wankos 2 short of war establishment.</p> <p>No casualties have effected the strength during the month, &amp; no reinforcements have been received.</p> <p>Discipline was of the usual exemplary character, each member of the unit has a clear good conduct sheet.</p> <p>The unit transferred from No 3. A.S.D. to No 6 B.S.D.</p> <p>Accommodation &amp; rationing has been good.</p> <p>The general health of all ranks continues good. The soldier admitted to hospital is effected with eye trouble.</p> <p>Since the unit has been at No 6 B.S.D. the duties allotted has necessitated various members being detached. Those who remain at No 6 B.S.D. are under 06 a.s.c. details for pay etc.</p>	
		3/7/18		
			<p>J. V. Bentley, Lieut. Col.</p> <p>06. 5th a. out.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1. 8. 18			Lieut. G. V. Bentley & Pte H. S. Cox still at Beaurainville Petrol Depot on detachment. Remainder of unit at No 6 B. P. D. Vendroux.	
2. 8. 18			8663 Pte J. C. Stabel rejoined unit from furlough to U. K. 8664 Pte P. E. Davis discharged from hospital	
3. 8. 18			Nothing to report	
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5. 8. 18			do do do	
6. 8. 18			8662 Pte <del>W. H. Johnson</del> G. A. Johnson rejoined unit from furlough to U. K.	
7. 8. 18			Nothing to report	
13. 8. 18			Lieut. G. V. Bentley was a member of a F. G. C. M. assembled at P. O. W. camp Beaurainville. 8668 Sgt. Pike rejoined unit from furlough to U. K.	
14. 8. 18			Lieut. Stockdale a. I. F. left Beaurainville for Boulogne. Lieut. G. V. Bentley took over Petrol Depot.	
15. 8. 18			a visit was paid to the Petrol Depot by Col. Duvernelle C. M. G. Commandant G. H. O. Troop.	
16. 8. 18			Nothing to report.	
17. 8. 18			Wine sent to D. D. Supplies (Northern) Petrol T.R. 490.280 T. HIL aaaa. Petrol A.R. 250.000 L. HIL. aaaa.	
18. 8. 18			Capt Corbould A. C. Supply Officer called & enquired about transport etc	
19. 8. 18			No 14743 Pte Cummings J. T. joined unit as reinforcement from Havre. No 9411 Pte R. V. Morris granted leave of absence to U. K.	
20. 8. 18			Telephone message received to the effect that it is contemplated opening a Railhead Supply Depot at an early date.	
21. 8. 18				



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Beaumontville & Verdroux

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	21/8/18 to 31/8/18		Nothing to report from Verdroux	
Beaumontville	22.8.18		Area Commandant visited Pehol Depot.	
	23.8.18		Telephone message received asking for strength of guard	
	24.8.18		At about 6pm a fire broke out at Beaumont Chateau. Assistance was asked for & 20 men with buckets were turned out by Lieut. G. W. Bentley. O'Pehol Depot, at once proceeded by Motor Lorry to the scene of the fire which was quickly got under control & extinguished. Capt. Corbould A.S. Supply Officer G. H. D. came over to arrange about a Retail Issue Store being opened at Beaumontville	
	25.8.18		Supply Depot was commenced at Pehol Depot Beaumontville	
	26.8.18		Nothing to report	
	27.8.18		The D. D. Supplies (Northern) came & inspected Pehol Depot & gave instructions for Pehol to be issued to the Supply Officer, in bulk	
	28.8.18		Nothing to report	
	31.8.18			

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			<p>The weather throughout the month has been fine &amp; warm, towards the latter end, windy. Enemy aircraft were not very energetic in this area, only four raids throughout the month. No bombs were dropped in the near locality.</p> <p>The general health of all ranks has continued good. Casualties nil. As mentioned previously one reinforcement was taken on the strength of unit, the strength now being 1 officer 120/Ranks (1 short of war establishment)</p> <p>The various duties being performed by the members of the unit have not been altered, creditable reports have been received as to the good conduct &amp; efficiency.</p> <p>The discipline of the unit has been maintained, all ranks having a clean record.</p>	

*J. P. Tutley*  
LIEUT.  
C.O. 5TH. DEPOT, UNIT OF SUPPLY



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Withdraw

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1st to 3rd

Nothing to report

4.9.18

9411 Pte Hope Morris R.V. rejoined unit from furlough to UK.  
5770 Pte Stevie J. joined unit from Aust. Base Depot

5th to 6th

Nothing to report

7.9.18

8657 W.O. Bond G.L. departed on leave to Paris

8.9.18

Nothing to report.

9.9.18

No 8665 Pte J.C. Stabel transferred to 5th Battalion 2. A. F. A Badge struck off strength

10.9.18

News was received that No 8660 Sgt. G. Polwarth who transferred from this unit to 59th Battalion A. I. F. last May was killed in action on August 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The following notice appears in unit orders as a mark of the esteem of the O.C. & other ranks for the deceased soldier.

The O.C. has heard with sincere regret, the sad news of the death of No 8660 Sgt. G. Polwarth (late 5th A. & U.S.) who was killed in action on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1918, whilst serving in the 59th Battalion A. I. F. The O.C. feels certain that every member of the unit will share with him the grief, that is felt for the loss of one who was so greatly respected & admired by all who came in contact with him.

11th to 20th

Nothing to report

21.9.18

8657 W.O. Bond G.L. rejoined unit from furlough.

22nd to 30th

Nothing to report.

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	1st to 30 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Lieut G. V. Bentley still on detached duty at Beaumontville</p> <p>The weather throughout the month has been very unsettled &amp; showery especially during the last week. The change in the temperature is now noticeable the last three mornings being much colder.</p> <p>Strength of unit 1 Officer 12 of Ranks 1 of rank short of war establishment.</p> <p>Casualties - nil. Reinforcement: One reinforcement taken on strength during the month, but owing to the transfer of Pte Labell the unit is still under strength. A reinforcement has been asked for. Discipline has been maintained up to the high standard of previous months, no crimes having been recorded. Rationing &amp; accommodation. Good</p> <p>No alteration has taken place in the duties upon which the unit is engaged, but the departure of the 1914 men for Australia has for the time being involved extra duty in various departments. This will be rectified when reinforcements arrive to replace those who have gone.</p> <p>The general health of all ranks has continued good.</p>	
			<p>G. V. Bentley, Lieut AASC O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> A.D.S.</p>	



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*J. Bentley. Lieut  
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Tandour	1.10.18 to 3.10.18		Nothing to report	
	4.10.18		Lieut. G.V. Bentley returned from Beaurainville was posted for duty at Northern Petrol Depot	
			8669 Plt H.T. Cox granted leave of absence to Paris 3.10.18 to 13.10.18.	
			2319 Plt Messersy G.S. taken on strength from Aust Base Depot.	
	5.10.18 to 7.10.18		Nothing to report	
	10.10.18		8668 2/sgt Pike F. to be Sergeant to date from 1.10.18	
			8666 2/sgt Press A.W.D. to be Corporal to date from 1.10.18	
	11.10.18 } 12.10.18 }		Nothing to report	
	13.10.18		8669 Plt H.T. Cox returned to Beaurainville from Jurloughs to Paris	
	14.10.18		8669 Plt H.T. Cox reported for duty at Northern Petrol Depot.	
	15.10.18		Nothing to report	
	16.10.18		Lieut. Bentley inspected base Goods Stores at No 6 B.S.D for instructional purposes.	
	17.10.18		708664 Plt P.C. Davis } granted leave of absence 18.10.18 to 27.10.18. Paris office. 7012413 Plt D.G. Thomas }	
	18.10.18 to 24.10.18		Nothing to report.	
	25.10.18		The following men taken on strength from Aust. Base Depot. pending the transfer of category A men to 1st Divisional Depot.	
			3324 Plt W. Bauwiel posted for duty with S.R.T.O no 6 B.S.D	
			1416 " J. Parkhurst Camp Butler	
			685 " " " " " "	
			2699 " W.S. Newman " " " " " "	
			4864 " J.J. Oldfield " " " " " "	
	26.10.18 } 16 31.10.18 }		Nothing to report.	



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			<p>The weather throughout the month has been generally fine with a few days rain, &amp; although threatening often, the months weather has been much better to the corresponding months of last year.</p> <p>The strength of unit now is 1 officer 180/Ranks being five of Ranks in excess of war establishment. 5 Category A men have been earmarked for transfer to 1st Div Train. During the month all other ranks (excluding W/Os) were medically examined. Of 110 ranks examined 7 were marked 'A' &amp; few B.1. Casualties nil.</p> <p>The general health of all ranks continues good, every precaution is being taken against influenza. Calais and the adjacent villages have been placed out of bounds. A camp order instructs all ranks to gargle night &amp; morning with a solution of Perm of Potash.</p> <p>Rationing &amp; accommodation good. Winter clothing has been issued each man receiving 1 pair woollen 1. Gloves woollen pairs one. Socks inner pairs 4.</p> <p>No alteration has taken place in the duties upon which the unit has been engaged.</p>	

J. P. Bentley  
Lieut Col  
of 5th AD. Wb.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No 6. B.S.D. Tandroux.	1. 11. 18.		Nie	
	2. 11. 18.		8665 Pte Bebble J.H.	} departed on transport to 1st Australian Divisional Train (Category A. men).
		14743 " Cumming J.J.		
		5770 " Shevlin J.		
	2-11-18		Nothing to report	
	13-11-18.		Nothing to report	
	14-11-18.		8657 W/O. Bond G.L. admitted hospital (sick).	
	15-11-18		Nothing to report	
	19-11-18.		Nothing to report	
	20-11-18.		8662 Pte Johnston G.A. admitted hospital (sick).	
	21-11-18.		Nothing to report.	
	22-11-18.		8657 W.O. Bond evacuated to England from hospital (sick).	
	23-11-18.		Lieut G.V. Bentley granted leave of absence to United Kingdom 23. 11. 18 to 7. 12. 18.	
	24. 11. 18	} 16	Nothing to report.	
	30. 11. 18.			

Lieut. Asst. Supply  
G.V. Bentley



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			<p>The weather throughout the month has been very unsettled, with a period of cold fine weather during the third week.</p> <p>Strength. The strength of unit on 30<sup>th</sup> November was 1 officer 15 of ranks. 2 of ranks over strength.</p> <p>Casualties: One as stated on sheet 1. The general health of all ranks has continued, despite the prevalence of influenza, good, only two admissions to hospital, one of which will be returning to duty shortly.</p> <p>Rationing + accommodation has been maintained at the standard of the previous month.</p> <p>The various duties being performed by the members of the unit have remained the same as last month. Owing to the cessation of hostilities extra work has been thrown upon the B.S.D., as the released civilian population have had to feed, and our troops have moved forward various railheads &amp; troops have been returning their stocks to the Base.</p> <p>Special effort was made to celebrate the signing of the armistice, &amp; work was carried out as usual despite the suppressed excitement of all ranks.</p>	

J. G. Buckley, Lieut. Col. of 5<sup>th</sup> A. D. U.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices							
Vindroux No 6 B.S.D.	1.12.18		Lieut J. W. Bentley returned off leave to U.K.								
	10.12.18		Nothing to report								
	11.12.18		Lieut G. V. Bentley to take command of No 1. A. Bus. as from 11.12.18 to be held on command. (Detachment order No 1377).								
	12.12.18		Nothing to report.								
	18.12.18		Nothing to report.								
	19.12.18		Detachment order No 1377 relating to the transfer of Lieut G. V. Bentley A. I. F. is cancelled.								
	20.12.18		Nothing to report.								
	26.12.18		Nothing to report.								
	27.12.18		<table border="0"> <tr> <td>2319</td> <td>Pte G. J. Kennerly</td> <td rowspan="3">} 'B' category men proceeded to have struck off strength</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3324</td> <td>. J. Barwise</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1416</td> <td>. Pankhurst J.</td> </tr> </table>	2319	Pte G. J. Kennerly	} 'B' category men proceeded to have struck off strength	3324	. J. Barwise	1416	. Pankhurst J.	
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	1416	. Pankhurst J.									
28.12.18		Nothing to report.									
31.12.18		Nothing to report.									

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Tendron, No 6 B.S.D.			<p>The weather throughout the month has been exceptionally wet and unsettled, hardly a day passing without a fall of rain. Snow fell on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec, but did not last. The continuous rain has made the locality very soft &amp; muddy.</p> <p>The strength of unit now is 1 officer 11 privates being three of ranks under war establishment.</p> <p>Casualties during present month nil.</p> <p>Leave granted Nil.</p> <p>The general health of all ranks has continued good. The influenza epidemic referred to in September diary has now abated, and the restrictions imposed on that account cancelled.</p> <p>Rationing &amp; accommodation continues good. As the daily scale operations on lines of communication has been increased to five nations, the rationing has improved.</p> <p>Christmas was spent under unfavourable weather conditions. This however did not interfere with the pleasure of the first peace Christmas. Each Australian in the Base Supply Depot received a gift from the Australian Comforts Fund. Every effort was made to give all ranks as much time off as possible.</p> <p>No alteration of the work being carried out by the members of the unit has taken place. This month has been an exceptionally heavy month for No 6 B.S.D both in receipt issues of rations &amp; supplies. Efforts are being made to procure additional personnel to relieve the strain which all ranks have experienced.</p>	

J. V. Pentecost  
 06. 5<sup>th</sup> B.S.D.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No. 6 B.S.D Tendronx.	1.1.19		Nothing to report	
	2.1.19		8658 Staff Sgt. Prowse R.N. } Transferred to U.K. 2nd to 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 685 Private Leach B }	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>		Nothing to report.	
	9.1.19		8666 Pte Auv. Press transferred to Paris 9 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	
	10.1.19		685 Private Leach B. to hospital whilst on leave. Struck off strength as from 5.1.19. Lieut. S.V. Bentley proceeded to Rang. du Fleuve to take over No. 1. A.D.V. & struck off strength. Lieut. Pemberton to be Acting O.C.	
	11 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>		Nothing to report	
	22.1.19.		12413 Pte Thomas D.G. transferred to U.K. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan to 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>		Nothing to report	
	26.1.19.		54426 Pte Griene W.C. } Taken on strength from A. B. W. Home. 'A' class men 60506 " Ormsby S.S. } to replace 'B' class men who are for demobilisation. 60511 " Fenott J.B. 60489 " McAdam L.W. 59297 " Carnes R.H.	
	27.1.19		Nothing to report	
	28.1.19.		8658 Staff Sgt. Prowse R.N. to be 3 <sup>rd</sup> w.o class 1 vice Bard. (A.S. & List No 439) d/ 28.1.19.	
	29.1.19		3454 Pte McLean C } to Home. Demobilisation 2699 " Newman W.S. } 8666 Cpl Press Auv. } 'B' category men.	
	30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>		Nothing to report.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>The weather throughout the month has been wet unsettled heavy frosts during the last week &amp; a little snow.</p> <p>The strength of unit has fluctuated considerably, owing to arrivals &amp; departures, &amp; the strength on the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan was 12 OIRankes. Lieut Bentley who has been O.C. of the unit since its formation October 1915 has been transferred to No 1. A. Coy. The unit is now under the charge of Lieut Pemberton as acting O.C.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil. Reinforcements taken on strength 5. Discipline has been maintained at a high standard. No crimes were recorded. Rationing good. Accommodation has been somewhat crowded temporarily owing to the arrival of reinforcements from Stave elsewhere for the B. S. D.</p> <p>The work of the Supply Depot has been carried out through a crisis, &amp; great credit is due to all ranks for their loyalty &amp; perseverance. The A. O. D. refused to work for few days, but the A. S. C. continued to carry out their duties &amp; maintained the unit in the field as far as food &amp; storage supplies are concerned.</p> <p>Influenza has once again broken out in a serious form, &amp; it is with deep regret we learn that Sgt. Spenceley A. 95 succumbed to this epidemic. Every effort is being made to cope with the outbreak. The unit up to the present has escaped all ranks enjoying good health.</p>	



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			<p>Demobilization is proceeding satisfactorily. All "B" category men have departed, it is hoped that very early next month "C" category men will be included in the demobilization drafts being sent to France.</p> <p>The pressure of work still continues at the Base Supply Depot, owing to the continual arrivals &amp; departures increased work has been thrown on those who have remained. In addition the influenza has laid a number of men in hospital leaving some departments understaffed. Nevertheless, the work has been carried out despite the difficulties enumerated trouble with the congestion of railway transport.</p>	

~~Reubens~~ Lieut Base

act/oc 5<sup>th</sup> a. Div



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OF

5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Depot Unit of Supply

FOR

February 1919

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tendron No. 6. B. S. D.	1. 2. 1919		<p>The following men were taken on strength from A. G. B. W. Have.</p> <p>6607 Private S. Hart                      3023 " G. Auster                      17455 " A. W. Duncan                      7801 " S. R. Cully                      7359 " H. J. Sully                      54226 " W. E. Grieve                      54695 " J. C. King                      16009 " R. Hickman                      59250 " R. C. Gleeson</p>	
	2nd to 7 <sup>th</sup>		Nothing to report.	
	8. 2. 19		<p>8668 Sgt J. Pike granted leave to Paris 8. 2. 19 to 17. 2. 19.                      6607 Pte S Hart admitted hospital rejoined unit 13. 2. 19.                      8397 Pte A. J. Stewart taken on strength from 4<sup>th</sup> A. S. &amp; promoted T. Sgt vice Morris                      9411 T. Sgt R. A. Morris to be I. Sergeant vice Prowse to warrant rank from 25. 1. 19.                      8664 Pte P. E. Davis transferred to Aust. Hdqrs London off strength.</p>	
	9 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>		Nothing to report.	
	17. 2. 19		8668 Sgt J. Pike admitted hospital Rouen while on leave.	
	18 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup>		Nothing to report.	
	25. 2. 19		8668 Sgt Pike rejoined unit from hospital Rouen.	
	26. 2. 19		Nothing to report.	
	27. 2. 19		54695 Pte J. C. King admitted hospital	
	28. 2. 19.		Nothing to report.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tendrar No. 6. B.S.D.			<p>The weather throughout the month has been wet sunned with not more than 12 hours sunshine. The strength of the unit has increased owing to the arrival of reinforcements to replace men due for repatriation, and on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb was 18 O/Ranks 3 O/Ranks being earmarked for departure. Casualties - 2 O/Ranks admitted hospital, &amp; again rejoined unit. Reinforcements taken on strength 9 O/Ranks.</p> <p>Discipline has been maintained at a high standard. Rationing and accommodation has been maintained efficiently.</p> <p>The working of the Base Supply Depot has been carried out efficiently despite difficulties encountered through demobilisation, the feeding strength has fallen to about 25 sections not including special loadings to other bases. The nine reinforcements were posted to Petrol Depot &amp; sentinels for duty, and as far as is known are carrying out their duties in an efficient manner.</p> <p>The epidemic of influenza shows signs of abating, and although the unit has escaped the malady, Lieut. Tedder &amp; Pte Duncan both of A.I. &amp; attached to this base have died. The funerals were attended by a number of Australians attached to the B.S.D. &amp; wreaths placed on the graves.</p>	

*[Signature]* Lieut  
a/c. 5<sup>th</sup> a. sub.



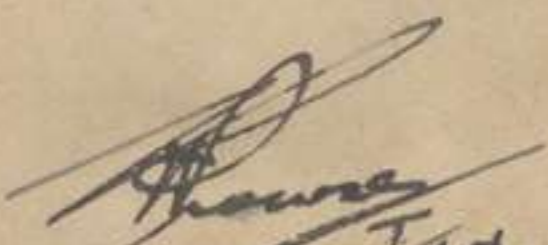
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5<sup>th</sup> Australian Depot Unit of Supply

for month of March 1919.

  
J. W. C. Shaw  
Sergeant of the 5<sup>th</sup> Depot Unit

a/c O.C. 5<sup>th</sup> A. D. U.

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March 1919

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No 6 B.S.C.	1. 3. 19	16	Nothing to report.	
Vendrons	5. 3. 19		no 7359 Pte J. J. evacuated to England off strength.	
Drame	6. 3. 19		Nothing to report	
	7. 3. 19		Nothing to report	
	9. 3. 19		8668 Sgt J. Pike } Do a. B. D. have 8667 Pte G. Johnson } for demobilisation, off strength 8669 Pte H. J. Cox }	
	10. 3. 19		8397 Pte a. S. S. to be I Sgt. Pte Pike demobilised.	
	11. 3. 19		54695 Pte King J. B. rejoined unit from hospital	
	11. 3. 19		Lieut Stockdale from 4th a. B. D. attached as from 11. 3. 19	
	19. 3. 19		Lieut G. Bentley from 1st a. B. D. attached as from 19. 3. 19	
			Strength of unit 31. 3. 19.	
			Officers. 2 attached	
			Ranks 14	
			Total <u>16</u>	

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Summary of Events and Information

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Place	Date	Hour
No 6. B.S.L. Vendrons France		

The weather throughout the month has been very wet and unsettled. The 13<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup> of the month were the only fine days.

Strength of unit 2 officers (attached as unit disbanded) 14 O/Ranks.  
Casualties 1 O/Rank evacuated to England Sick (see sheet 1.)

Reinforcements - nil

Discipline has been maintained at a high standard  
 Rationing + accommodation has been efficiently maintained

The working of the Base Supply Depot has been carried on despite the difficulties encountered through demobilisation  
 as the feeding strength is diminishing the receipts have also decreased and loading & offloading for the day is usually finished before noon.

Demobilisation all 1918 men, with the exception of 2 w/o horses + 1 Sgt. Morris, have left on draft, the unit is now composed of 1918 enlisted men.

The general health of all ranks has been splendid, and the epidemic of influenza referred to in previous diaries has abated.

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 Lieut  
 Waase  
 a/c. 5th depot



5<sup>th</sup> Anzac Base Supply.

May 1919

at No 6. Base Supply Depot  
Vendroux.

balais.

Unverified Statement accepted as substitute for diary  
changes in Personnel. nil. W.F.H. 2nd B. 4/6/19

14<sup>th</sup> Unit with the exception of the 2nd marched  
out to proceed to Havre for demobilisation  
and Havre 15<sup>th</sup> Left Havre 19<sup>th</sup> (except 95).  
Disembarked Southampton 20<sup>th</sup> + proceeded to  
Sutton Veng. camp (Wilt.)

Up to date of leaving No 6. B. S.D. the  
members of the unit were carrying out  
the various duties referred to in previous  
diary.

Records handed over to A.W.R.S. on 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

Strength 1 officer 13 ranks





Disposal of Equipment & Rifles  
of 5th Austral. Depot Unit of Supply.

All rifles & equipment etc were handed  
in to ordnance by the Officer in Charge  
A.S.C. unit No 6 B.S.W. Calais, who holds  
receipts for same.

23rd May 1919  
London

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5th A.S.C.