

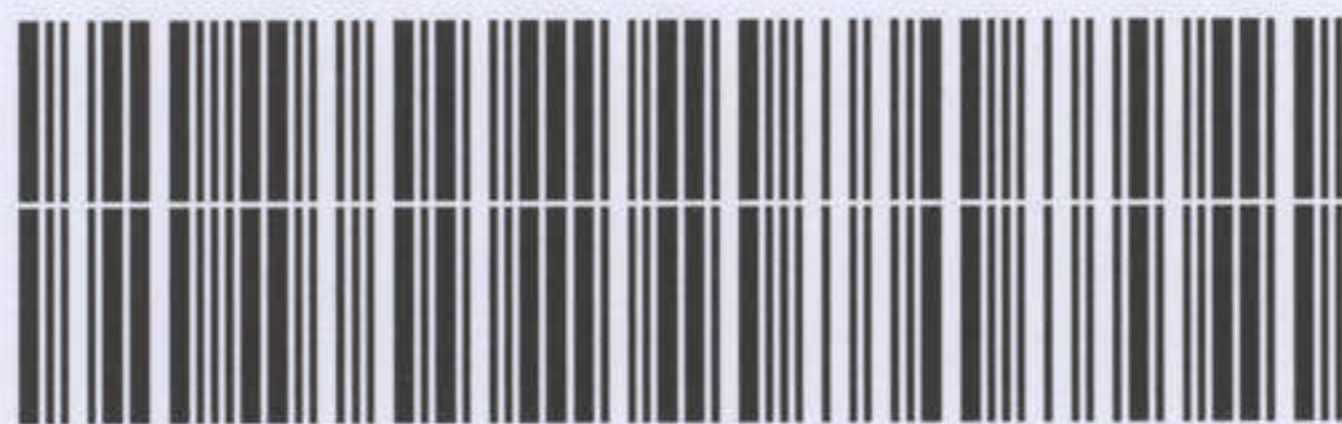
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 WAR DIARY OF
 5TH. AUSTRALIAN BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY OPERATING COMPANY.
 FOR
JANUARY 1919.

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Conchil-le Temple	31st Jany.		<p><u>Weather.</u> The weather during the past month has been very cold Little rain fell but heavy frosts were very prevalent, the first snow storm experienced by this Company this winter fell on the night of the 27th. January.</p> <p><u>Health.</u> The health of the Company during the past month has been fairly good. The average daily sick parade was 1.7 while 13 men were admitted to Hospital. The A.A.M.C. Orderly reports that 859 men cases have been treated. <i>Treatments have been given.</i></p> <p><u>Strength.</u> The Company's strength as per Army Form B213 is shown on the enclosed graph.</p> <p><u>Demobilisation.</u> With regard to this scheme all N.C.Os and men over 45 years of age have left this Company. The particulars are as follows, - 1-W.O., 3-C.S.Ms., 4-Sergeants, 1-Corporal, 1-2/Cpl, and 5 Sappers making a total of 15 in all.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements.</u> Five reinforcements have arrived from the United Kingdom during the past month their occupations are as follows, - 1 Station Master, 1 Driver, 2 Firemen, 1 Guard.</p> <p><u>Promotions.</u> Officers- Captain Morgan to be Temp. Major from 12.1.19. (Authority No. 433 A.I.F. Orders) Other Ranks- No. 953 Sergt. Roberts A.J. to be Temp. C.S.M. as from 24.12.18. 871 " Stormon, E.W. to be Temp. C.S.M. as from 8.1.19. 977 2/Cpl. Buttfield, A. to be Temp. Sergeant as from 29.1.19. 5724 Sapr. Hardie, R. to be Temp. 2/Cpl. as from 29.1.19.</p> <p><u>Leave.</u> United Kingdom was granted to 13 men, Paris to 36 and Nice to 2.</p> <p><u>Transfers.</u> Lieut. Maher who has been with this Company recently was transferred to the 3rd. Light Railway Company on 25.1.19.</p> <p><u>Censorship.</u> On January the 4th. a relaxation in censorship occurred in as much as, that the sender is allowed to close the envelope providing he puts his name or number on the bottom left hand corner. The issue of "Green Envelopes" is also to be discontinued. Registered letters and parcels must still be censored in the ordinary way.</p>	

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Conchille Temple	31st.	Jan.	<p><u>Engine Tyres Shifted.</u> A coincidence rare experienced happened to Cpl. (Driver) Brown whilst Driver of Engine No. 1398. On December the 29th, 1918 he departed from Forquereuil from Abbeville with a load of 906 tons of coal assisted by a Banking Engine. On arriving at Canaples he got down to make an examination of his engine whilst waiting for right-away from the Guard and discovered that four of the tyres on the engine wheels were loose and had shifted. So bad were the tyres on the trailing wheels that he decided that it was unsafe to proceed and obtained permission to cut off his engine and run into the siding. Well for him that he did for had he proceeded the tyres would have over-ridden the rails and disaster would have followed as it was as soon as he reversed his engine and these wheels had to make the road themselves his engine immediately derailed. After a R.E. Company had made several attempts to sprag up the trailing wheels Cpl. Brown decided to wire to this Company for assistance. A party under W.O. Campbell set off immediately and arrived at Canaples at 11 a.m. on the 1st. of Feb. The wheels were quickly spragged up and the engine towed back the party to this depot at 3.30 p.m. on the following day. Cpl. Brown contributes the cause to the fact that the trains in France not being fitted with a continuous brake the majority of the braking falls to the engine and the tyres perhaps not being fitted so tightly as usual the continuous braking on the 9 Kilometer bank through which Canaples is approached being exceptionally heavy, the tyres became sufficiently warm to expand enough to cause the slip. The speed restriction on this bank is 10 Kilometers per hour and Canaples being a junction Station great care must be taken in entering same especially with a load of 900 tons on.</p> <p><u>Engines and Crews proceeding to Calais Depot.</u> On January the 13th, 16 men proceeded to Calais Depot. Four crews were taken from the above number for the purpose of working engines No. 1481, 1483, 1402 and 1396 which are also required at the same depot. The departure was made at 12.00 hours on the above date.</p> <p><u>Waggons hauled and Kilometers run.</u> During the past month this Company has hauled 5,387 waggons over the various railroads of France while the kilometers run by our engines reached 25,474.</p> <p><u>Overhead Railway.</u> The Overhead Railway which runs from Crecy Forest to Wadicourt Siding which has been in course of construction for some time is now completed and timber is being brought through to the above siding.</p> <p><u>Repair to Permanent Way.</u> The heavy rains which fell in December have caused the newly laid ballast to settle down in many places causing the permanent way to be in a bad condition ballast trains are being run to these places where the Portuguese Railway Construction Company are busily engaged lifting the line.</p>	

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Conchil le Temple	31st.	Jan.	<p><u>German Aeroplane Material.</u> A great quantity of German Aeroplane material passes through this depot on its way to the 2nd. R.A.F. Depot Vron. Amongst which can be often seen the centre of the plane containing the two engines and fusilage of the famous German Gotha.</p> <p><u>Discipline.</u> During the past month 13 cases of reporting late at Victoria Station and 8 cases of A.W.L. have been dealt with. In addition 3 cases of "Conduct prejudice to good order and military discipline" and four cases of "neglect of duty" have been dealt with. The "Bad Conduct cases" were reprimanded in two cases and fined one day and two days No2 P.P. in the other. The "Neglect of Duty" men were in two cases reprimanded and in the other two fined two and three days pay respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. J. Morgan</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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5th. Australian, B.G.R.O. Company.

for

January 1919.

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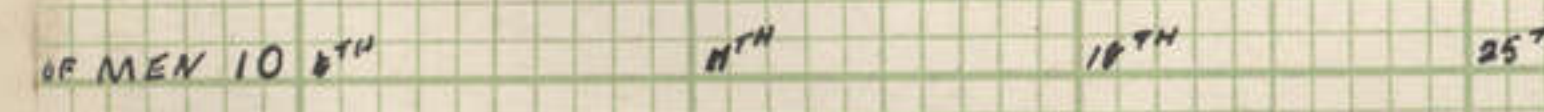
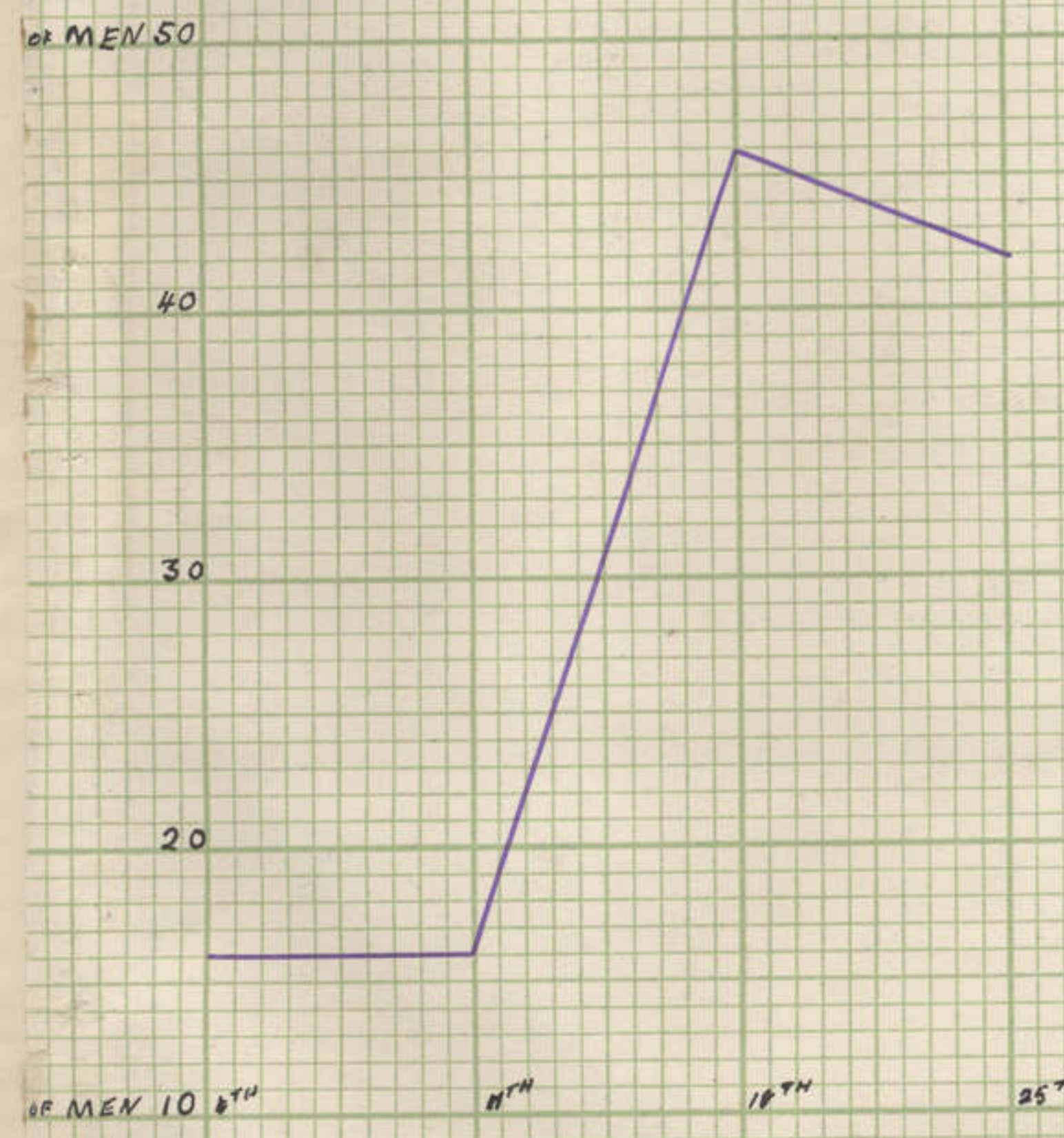
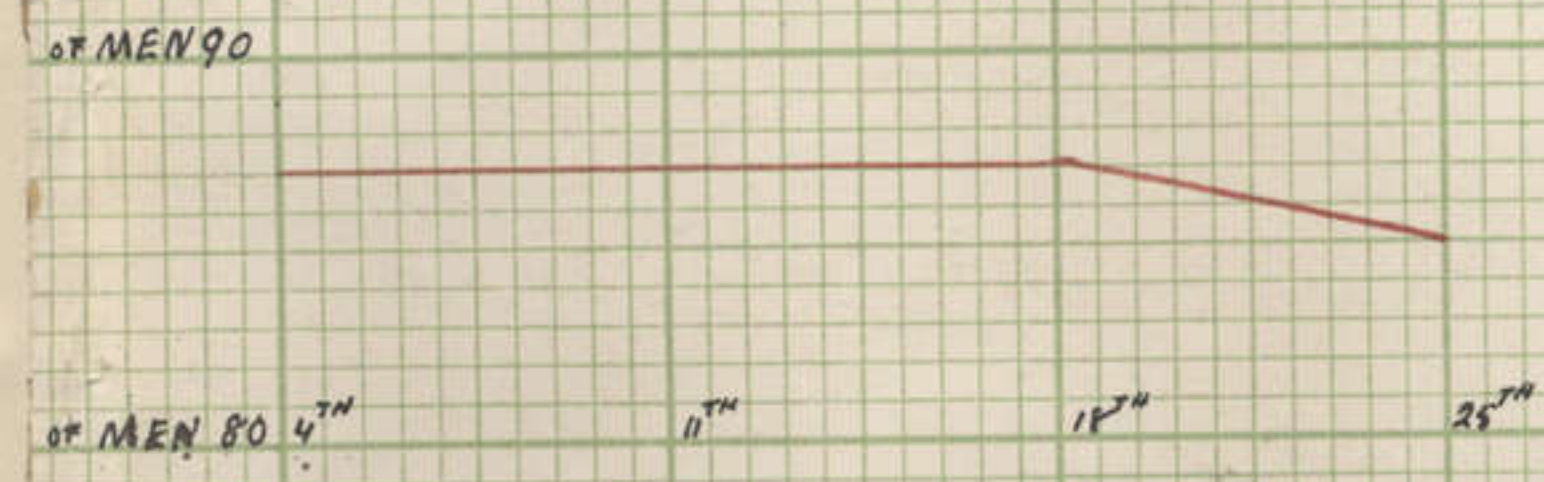
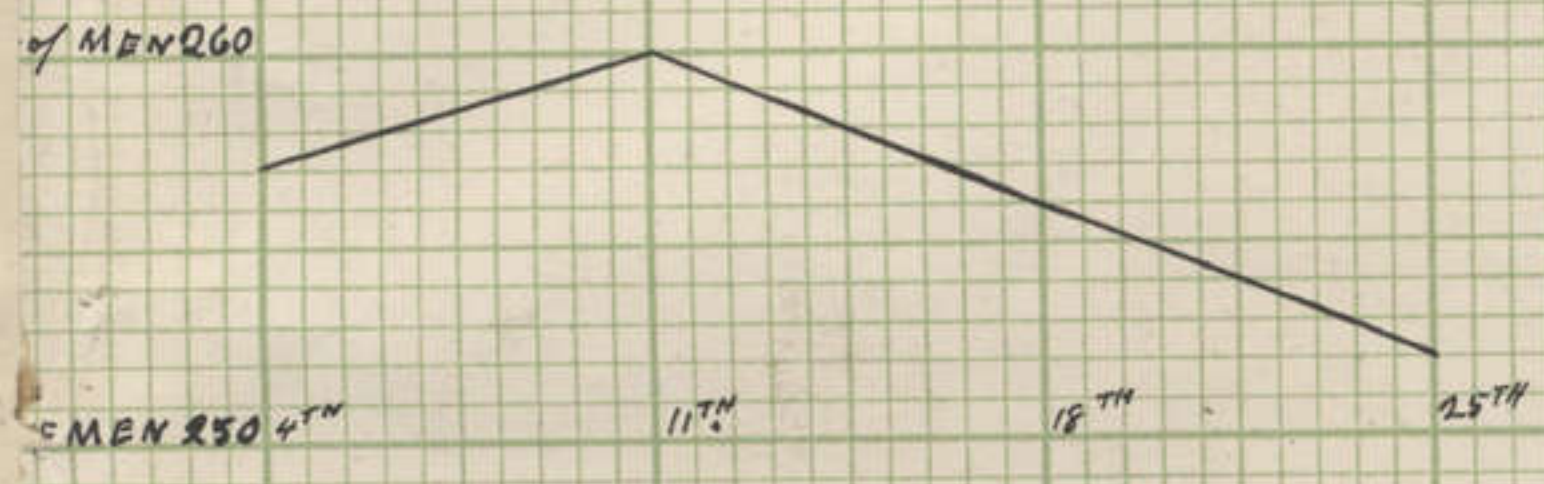
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