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**1914-18 War**

Salvage

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Company

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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*1st Aust. Divl. Salvage Coy.*

FOR

*FEBRUARY. 1918*

Signature of Officer compiling

*A. J. Quinn, Lieut.*

1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVL. SALVAGE  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 28. Dranoutre M. 36. C. Central Catteau O. 8. D. Irish House N. 23. C. 8. 5.	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{18}$		Parties at Onraet & Catteau collecting 4.5 shell cases. Parties of 5 ORanks rejoined Company from Right & Left. Line Bdes. when the line was taken over by 5th Division. Dranoutre salvage dump handed over to 5th Div Salvage Coy. Dump Party rejoined. Coy. at Irish House see OR. ranks remaining at Dranoutre with Coy Headquarters. Two ORanks detached, attached to 1st Australian Corps Salvage Section on <u>salvage dump at Connaught</u> . Foggy weather. <i>A. J. Quinn Lt</i>	
Damm Wood. O. 9. C. 8. 3.	$\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{1}{18}$		Company working at Onraet collecting and despatched 2 trucks of mixed ammunition to <u>Connaught</u> . Fine weather. <i>A. J. Quinn Lt</i>	
	$\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{2}{18}$		Company collecting 18 Par shells at Damm wood. Fine weather. <i>A. J. Quinn Lt</i>	
	$\frac{4}{2}$ $\frac{3}{18}$		Parties collecting at <u>Onraet and Catteau farm</u> . Fine weather. <i>A. J. Quinn Lt</i>	
	$\frac{5}{2}$ $\frac{4}{18}$		Company collecting 18 Par at <u>Damm wood</u> . <i>A. J. Quinn Lt</i>	
Dammstrasse O. 9. 13.	$\frac{6}{2}$ $\frac{5}{18}$		Company collecting 6" Howt shells at <u>Dammstrasse</u> . <i>A. J. Quinn Lt</i>	

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	7/2/18		Party bagging shell cases at Daminstrasse. 4812 4.5 shell cases despatched to Connaught dump. 700 Rds German 77 shells despatched to same dump. Showery.	A. J. Quinn Lt
	8/2/18		Company collecting shells and shell cases at Daminstrasse. Weather Dull & showery.	A. J. Quinn Lt
	9/2/18		of working parties out. Bathing parade and pay.	A. J. Quinn Lt
Berghe farm N. 17. D.	10/2/18		Party collecting 18 Pz shells at Daminstrasse. Party working on bombs and S.A.A. at Berghe farm	A. J. Quinn Lt
	11/2/18		Party collecting 4.5 shells at Onraet and Catheau farm. Party collecting S.A.A. at Berghe farm. weather dull.	A. J. Quinn Lt
	12/2/18		Party collecting Ammn at Daminstrasse Party collecting 4.5 Ammn at Catheau farm. Weather Dull.	A. J. Quinn Lt
	13/2/18		Party collecting S.A.A. at Berghe farm. Party setting 18 Pz fuses at safety at Daminstrasse. Raining.	A. J. Quinn Lt
Huron loop O. 9. C. 3. 7.	14/2/18		Party working on Ammn at Huron loop Party collecting 4.5 shells at Catheau farm. Weather Dull.	A. J. Quinn Lt

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	16/2/18.		Party working at Huron loop. Party collecting 4.5 shells at. Catteau farm. Two trucks loaded at Orval loop. with 925 4.5 shells and boxes of 4.5 Charge. Dull weather. <u>A. J. Quinn</u>	
	16/2/18		Party collecting 4.5 shells at <u>Catteau farm</u> . Baths in afternoon. Fine <u>A. J. Quinn</u>	
	17/2/18.		Company collecting at <u>Dammstrasse</u> . Fine weather. <u>A. J. Quinn</u>	
	18/2/18.		Six trucks loaded at Huron loop with 2700 18 <sup>90</sup> shells. 561 6" shells. 39 4.5" in morning Company collecting in <u>afternoon</u> . <u>A. J. Quinn</u>	
	19/2/18.		Party collecting in <u>Dammstrasse</u> area. Party working at <u>Berghe Farm</u> . 133 boxes of S.A. desp. on lorry to <u>De Kennebak</u> . 54 boxes Mills Bouts to <u>De Kennebak</u> . Fine weather. <u>A. J. Quinn</u>	
	20/2/18.		Party collecting at <u>Dammstrasse</u> . 10800 18 <sup>90</sup> shells cases & 1448 4.5" desp. to <u>De Kennebak</u> . Dull weather. <u>A. J. Quinn</u>	
Pheasant Wood. O.C. B. Cont.	21/2/18		Party collecting at <u>Pheasant wood</u> . Three trucks of amm. and shell cases desp. from <u>Bruce siding</u> to <u>Connaught</u> . Two motor loads of mixed amm. desp to <u>De Kennebak</u> . Weather fine. <u>A. J. Quinn</u>	

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	22 2 18		Party collecting salvage at Pheasant wood. Party collecting R.E. material at Demustrasse Weather. fine. A. J. Quinn L	
	23 2 18		Improvements to camp in morning. Bathing parade and Pay up afternoon. Fine weather A. J. Quinn L	
	24 2 18		Collecting R.E. material. Oasis Drive. Showery weather. A. J. Quinn L	
	25 2 18		Collecting R.E. material at Demustrasse. Dull weather. A. J. Quinn L	
Voormezelle. I. 31. C. Cent.	26 2 18		Company moved from Irish House at 8 am. arrived at Voormezelle 10.30 am Dugouts at Irish House handed over to 54th Div Salvage Coy. All material on dumps handed over to 54th Salvage Coy. Fine weather. A. J. Quinn L	
	27 2 18		Company working on camp erecting stables, cook house etc. and building bomb proof walls around tents. O.C. and A.C. inspected new area. Weather dull & cold. A. J. Quinn L	
	28 2 18		Party still working on camp, remainder collecting in White Chateau area. Weather cold & dull. A. J. Quinn L	

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Savage Beach

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1st Aust Div Savage Bay

Month of February 1918

Article	Quantity	Disposition	Article	Quantity	Disposition
Ammunition		3000 Kummatk.	Empty Drums	20	Kummatk
SRP Limpets	143000	140000 brought	Pink Mass Shells	90	
Tray cases	19 St Bags	Kummatk.	Empty Drums	397	brought
Boats Mules	5 1/2 c/s	"	Charges	110 c/s	
4.5" 1.17	320	"	Misc Cases	18 Pk	13796
6" 1.17	10	"	"	115	11244
Tails	9	"	Engines		
Pink Grenades	5 c/s	"	Crucible Iron	9 ton	Kummatk & B.C.
Live Shells	18 Pk 3000	brought	Pink Shells	175	
4.5"	1042	"	Bar Wire	320 coils	
6"	561	"	Engines	150	

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