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1914-18 War

Salvage

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Title: 5th Australian Division Salvage
Company

October 1917



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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Den Groesen Jager Cabt. Theut 28 H 16 Dt. 1.	Oct 1 st		Capt Viner inspected new Divisional Area, Warrington Road to 500 yds north, and interviewed Major Riddell of 12 th Field Coy, ^{who agreed} to give assistance with salvaging 18pdr ammunition in vicinity of their camp. I 15. C.	
"	2 nd		Capt Viner inspected area I 15 c+d and across Menin Rd to I 11 b. Reported to C. G. 2 nd Div. Salvage Coy 25,000 S. F. F. at I 10 d 9. 6.	
"	3		Capt Viner drew 4,000 Francs and paid Unit. Col. Bruche at D. H. Q refused permission to attach Ples Hickey & Jarvis unconditionally to their old battalion units, but suggested their attachment for Salvage work in the front line, when their Unit were in the front line.	
"	5-4pm		Conference with Corps Salvage Officer, and with him, the conference inspected sites for new dumps. Position west of Infantry Barracks, Ypres selected pro. tem. Corps Salvage Officer to secure approval of Corps.	
"	6 th		Notification of approval of new dump.	
"	7 th		Capt Viner at new dump, which is in course of preparation	



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Den Grosen Jager Capt.	Oct 8 th	12 noon	Corps Salvage Officer called & instructed Capt Viner to send a raiding party forward to Westhoek Ridge for salvage of Rifles, Equipment, S.A.M. and Machine gun parts; Party to comprise 23 other ranks.	
	9 th	9.30 am	Capt Viner inspected rifles of 30 men on leave. OK.	
	10 th		Capt Viner all day with working party at Westhoek Ridge to Sans Louci: called at 6 th Bde H.Q. (Capt R. H. Norman) at Sans Louci (J2 a 3.7) and 8 th Bde at J1, d 8.2. (Major basey and General Tivey.) Right portion of Divnl. Area too heavily shelled to reach Large quantity of Salvage in Area.	
	11 th	am.	Capt Viner inspected Hooge Area, large quantity of Salvage.	
	12 th	am.	Capt Viner visited working parties at Warrington Road & Area.	
		pm.	Called at Corps Salvage Officer. Major Mastid not in. Left word asking for instructions re 10 truck loads of Ammunition at Bridge 18, & only 3 lorries required daily for this salvage group.	
	17 th		Corps Salvage Officer gave verbal instructions not to send any more ammunition to Ypres dump.	
	18 th		Capt Viner visited working parties at Bix & Roads	
	19 th	am.	Capt Viner visited working parties at Bridge 18	
		1 pm	C. E. W. Bean called re Aust. War Museum Trophies.	

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Place	Date	Hour				
Den Grosen Jager Cabt.	Oct. 21 st	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Warrington Rd & Bridge 18 Capt Smith at D.H.Q. instructed Capt Viner to put one man at each of 3 dressing stations, 8 th , 14 th & 15 th to take charge of Salvage.			
	22 nd	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Warrington Rd & Bridge 18			
	23 rd	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Warrington Road & Bridge 18			
	24 th	am	Capt Viner visited the Salvage tent 14 th Field Ambulance at Dickebusch			
	26 th	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Bridge 18 & Ypres.			
	27 th	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Bridge 18 & Ypres, C.O. instructed me to withdraw man from 8 th Field Amb. (see 21.10.17)			
	28 th	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Bridge 18 & Ypres.			
	29 th	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Bus X Roads.			
	30 th	12 noon	3 men evacuated wounded at Bridge 18 (shell-fire).			
	31 st	am	Capt Viner visited working parties at Warrington Rd & Bridge 18			
		pm	Drew 1800 Francs and paid unit.			
	Transport Return for month of Oct 1917					A.
	Return of trucks dispatched during October 1917					B.
	Return of Salvage finally disposed of Oct 1917					C.
	Return of Salvage Collected in Forward area Oct 1917					D.
	Return of Working parties Oct 1917					E.
Chas. B. Viner Capt. Salvage Officer 5 th Arch Div.						

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5th Australian Salvage Company.
Transport Return of above Coy during Month of October 1917



App A.

Date	Motor Lorries		To	From	G. V. Waggon			
	Number of Lorries	Total Loads			No. of Waggon	Total Loads	To	From
1-10-17	Nil				6	24	Transport Farm	Zillebeke
2-10-17					7	18	Brisbane Dump	Warrington Rd.
3-10-17					7	21	Brisbane Dump	do.
4-10-17					6	14	do.	do.
5-10-17					4	12	do.	do.
6-10-17					5	16	do.	do.
7-10-17					6	21	do.	do.
8-10-17					2	7	do.	do.
9-10-17					1	3	Bridge 18	do.
10-10-17					1	3	do	do
					2	4	Cafe Belge	do.
11-10-17					3	9	Bridge 18	do.
12-10-17	3	6	Cafe Belge	Menin Road.	3	9	do.	do.
13-10-17	1				3	8	do.	do.
Total	3	6			50	149		

APPENDIX A

5th Australian Salvage Coy

Transport Return of above Coy for Month of October 1917

5TH
AUSTRALIAN
SALVAGE COMPANY.

A

Date	Motor Lorries				G. I. Waggon.			
	Number of Lorries	No. of Loads	To	From	Number of Waggon	Total Loads	To	From.
Forward	3	6			50	149		
14-10-17	2	6	Cafe Belge	Bivx Rds.	1	4	Shrapnel Cr.	Warrington Rd.
15-10-17					1.	4	Cafe Belge	Bivx Rds.
					2.	9	Shrapnel Cr.	Warrington Rd.
16-10-17					2	9	Shrapnel Cr.	do
					1.	3	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr.
17-10-17.					3	14	Bridge 18	Howe Dump
18-10-17.						Nil		
19-10-17					1	4	Bridge 18	Howe Dump
					1	2	Shrapnel Cr.	Warrington Rd.
20-10-17	1	2	Cafe Belge	Bivx Rds	1	4	Bridge 18	Howe Dump
					1	1	Cafe Belge	Bivx Rds
21-10-17	2	5	Cafe Belge	Bivx Rds.	1	3	Bridge 18	Howe Dump.
22-10-17	2	4	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel corner	2	8	Shrapnel Cr.	Warrington Rd.
		1.	Cafe Belge	Bivx Rds.				
23-10-17	2	4	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr.	2	2	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr.
		3	Bridge 18	Warrington Rd.		6	Shrapnel Cr.	Warrington Rd.
	12	31			69	212		

APPENDIX A

5th Aust Salvage Coy

Monthly Transport return of Above Coy for Month of October 1917



Date	Motor Lorries				G. V. Waggon			
	No of Lorries	Total Loads	To	From	No of Waggon	Total Loads	To	From
Forward.	12	31			69	212		
24-10-17	1	5	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr.	2	10	Shrapnel Cr	Warrington Rd.
25-10-17	1	4	Cafe Belge	Warrington Rd	2	8	Shrapnel Cr	do
						2	Cafe Belge	Derby Road.
26-10-17					2	10	Shrapnel Cr.	Warrington Rd
27-10-17	1	4	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr.	2	7	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr.
28-10-17	1	2	Cafe Belge	Warrington Rd	2	3	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr
						8	Shrapnel Cr	Warrington Rd
29-10-17	1	2	Cafe Belge	Brix Rd.				
30-10-17	1	2	Cafe Belge	Brix Rd.	2	10	Shrapnel Cr	Warrington Rd
31-10-17	1	2	Cafe Belge	Brix Rd.	2	8	Shrapnel Cr	Warrington Rd
						2	Cafe Belge	Shrapnel Cr.
Grand Total.	19.	52.			93	280		

APPENDIX A

5th Australian Salvage Company
 Return of Trucks despatched by Above Coy during Month of Oct 1917

5th AUSTRALIAN
 SALVAGE COMPANY.

Appt B

Date	No of Truck	No of bags or boxes	Contents	From	Consigned to
23-10-17	E.L.R. 17204	186 boxes	4 rds 18 pdr Ammunition	Castle Loop	Pacific
	D.L.R. 3269	165 "	do.	do.	do.
	L.R. 2669	166 "	do.	do.	do.
	R.L.R. 3930	142 "	do.	do.	do.
	D.L.R. 1665	190	2 rds 4.5 howitzer Ammunition	do.	do.
	E 727	400 bags	18 pdr shell Cases	do.	do.
28-10-17	F.L.R. 4128	170 boxes	4 rds 18 pdr Ammunition	"	"
	D.L.R. 2366	140 "	do.	"	"
	D.L.R. 733	150 "	do.	"	"
	V.L.R. 3593	171 "	do.	"	"
	F.L.R. 1646	370 bags	18 pdr shell Cases.	"	"
	V.L.R. 695.	200 boxes	2 rds 4.5 how. Amm.	"	"
		{ 73 bags	False Plugs	"	"
		{ 6 "	Brass 9.2 Cannisters	"	"
	L.R. 2955	{ 200 "	Empty 18 pdr shell Cases.	"	"
		{ 94 boxes	2 rds 4.5. Shells.	"	"
29-10-17	E.V.L.R. 7229.	{ 42	Cannisters filled with fuze tins. false plugs.	"	"
		{ 30 boxes	filled with fuze tins. false plugs	"	"
	D.L.R. 1689	{ 134 boxes	2 rds 4.5 how. Amm.		
		{ 42 "	3 rds 4.5 how. Amm.		
30-10-17	V.L.R. 7277	152 "	4 rds 18 pdr Amm.		
	D.L.R. 2311	148 boxes	4 rds 18 pdr. Ammunition		
		{ 135 "	4 rds 18 pdr Amm.		
	D.L.R. 2365.	{ 10 "	6 rds 18 pdr envelopes		
		{ 17 "	2 rds 4.5. howitzer Amm.		

APPENDIX B

5th Australian Salvage Company. App^x C.

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Return showing Articles & Stores Finally Disposed of, by
Above Company During month of October 1917

Nature of Store	Quantity	From.	Disposal
<u>I Ammunition</u>			
Live Shells, 18pdr	6,900 rds.	Castle Loop.	Pacific
Live Shells 4.5 how.	778 rds	do.	do.
Canisters, q.2 brass	46	do	do.
False Plugs	143 bags	do	do.
18pdr Envelopes	60	do	do
<u>II Clothing</u>			
Greatcoats	8	14 th Field Amb	5 th Aust D.A.D.O.S.
Breeches D.S.	17	"	"
Breeches M.S.	11	"	"
Tunics	12	"	"
Cardigans	4	"	"
Sox pro	18	"	"
Puttees pro	23	"	"
Boots pro	23	"	"
Shirts flannel	38	"	"
Underclothing, sacks	4	"	"
<u>III Various</u>			
Rifles	14	14 th Field Amb	5 th D.A.D.O.S.
Equipment	3 sacks	"	"
Rubber	2 sacks	"	"
Steel Helmets	20	"	"
S.B Respirators	13	"	"
Valises Webb	3	"	"
<u>IV Shell Cases</u>			
Shell Cases.	7960	Castle Loop	Pacific
18pdr Brass.			



5th Australian Salvage Company. App. D. 9
 Return Showing Articles & Stores collected by Above Coy
 in Forward Area, & delivered to base Belge from Oct 20th to Oct 31st
 During Month of October 1917.

Nature of Article	Quantity	Condition
<u>I Ammunition</u>		
Live Shells, 18 pdr.	223	Serviceable
Live Shells, 4.5 howitzer	141	do.
Live Shells 60 pdr.	28	do.
Live Shells 6 pdr.	21	do.
Small Arm Ammunition	5 bags	Unserviceable
Rifle Grenades	3 bags	do.
<u>II Rifles</u>		
Rifles - British	722	Reparable
<u>III Guns & Parts</u>		
Lewis Machine Gun	1	Damaged
Vickers Machine Gun	1	do.
Vickers M.G. Belts	3	do.
Vickers M.G. Belts in Boxes	5	Reparable
Lewis M.G. Magazines	174	do.
<u>IV Equipment</u>		
Equipment, Webb, sets	211	Unserviceable
Bayonets	11	do.
Bandoliers, leather	13	do.
Water - Bottles	32	do.
<u>V Clothing -</u>		
Greatcoats	33	Unserviceable
Boots sacks	7	do.
Underclothing - sacks	3	do.
<u>VI Various</u>		
Box Respirators	104	Unserviceable
Belt Filler	1	do.
Food Containers	5	do.
P.H. Helmets	19	do.
Steel Helmets	80	do.
Signallers Flags	10	Serviceable
Wire - cutters	4	do.
<u>VII Shell Cases</u>		
Shell Cases 18 pdr Brass	5,240	Serviceable & Unserviceable.



5th Australian Salvage Company Appendix E10
Monthly Working Diary of Above Coy for Month of Oct 1917.

Date	Area in which working	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks.
1-10-17	Warrington Rd Ypres Village Brisbane Dump	22 11 19	66	2 OR duty 5 th DADOS. 4 OR leave 6 OR duty camp 2 OR sick
2-10-17	Warrington Rd Ypres Village Brisbane Dump	18 14 22	66	
3-10-17	Warrington Rd Ypres Brisbane Dump	22 13 20	66	
4-10-17	Warrington Rd Brisbane Dump Leave to Baths	14 20 20	66	3 OR leave.
5-10-17	Warrington Rd Brisbane Dump Hoage	10 15 30	66	
6-10-17	Brisbane Dump Ypres Warrington Rd	19 21 12	66	
7-10-17	Ypres Brisbane Dump Warrington Rd	14 22 18	66	
8-10-17	Shrapnel Corner Ypres (New Dump) Brisbane Dump	22 13 20	66	
9-10-17	Bridge 18 Brisbane Dump Baths Dickbusch	14 10 30	66	
10-10-17	Biv x Rds Warrington Rd Hoage Area	8 22 20	65	1 OR Hosp.
11-10-17	Warrington Rd Brisbane Dump Hoage	10 10 30	65	
12-10-17	Warrington Rd Brisbane Dump Biv x Rds.	11 18 19	65	

Monthly Working Diary for Month of October 1917

Date	Area in which working	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
13-10-17	Warrington Road Brisbane Dump Loop at Warrington Rd	13 21 13	65	5TH AUSTRALIAN SALVAGE COMPANY. No. Date
14-10-17	Warrington Rd Bin x Rds	37 12	65	
15-10-17	Brisbane Dump Bridge 18 Oxford Circus	11 7 31	65	Bath 11 men
16-10-17	Oxford Circus Bridge 18 Warrington Rd.	9 14 14	65	
17-10-17	Oxford Circus Bridge 18 Westhock Ridge Warrington Rd	13 11 10 14	65	
18-10-17	Warrington Rd Westhock Ridge Bridge 18 Bin x Rds	13 9 9 14	65	
19-10-17	Warrington Rd. Bridge 18 Bin x Rds	20 8 15	65	
20-10-17	Bin x Rds Bridge 18 Oxford Circus	21 8 15	65	
21-10-17	Bin x Rds Bridge 18 Oxford Circus	19 9 11	65	
22-10-17	Warrington Rd Bridge 18 Shrapnel Corner	20 7 13	65	
23-10-17	Warrington Rd Castle Loop Bridge 18	12 17 10	64	i. or hospices
24-10-17	Warrington Rd Bridge 18 Shrapnel Corner	13 15 10	64	

Monthly Working Diary for Month of Oct. 1917

Date	Area in which working	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
25.10.17	1st Div. Salvage Coy Warrington Rd Bridge 18 Shrapnel corner	1. 14 14 11	64.	
26.10.17	Warrington Rd Bridge 18	22 16	64	
27.10.17	Bridge 18 Warrington Rd Shrapnel corner	14 13 12	64	
28.10.17	Castle Loop Warrington Rd. Shrapnel corner	21 11 11	64	
29.10.17	Castle Loop Brix & Rds & Westhoek }	13 27	64	
30.10.17	Warrington Rd Westhoek & Forward	15 29	64	
31.10.17	Bridge 18 Warrington Rd Baths	7 22 6	64	





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