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**WAR DIARY**

OF  
2ND  
AUSTRALIAN DIVL.  
SALVAGE COMPANY.

FOR

*August* - 1918

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Signature of Officer Commanding

*G. Courtenay Lieut*

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	1.		Camped CANON. - Salvaging as usual. - Lorry ordered for CANON. did not arrive. Salvage dispatched 4. Lorry from ARP. Blisy. - 12. 95. Wagon reported for duty. -	
	2.		Camped CANON. - Salvaging as usual. Party working in CANON stopped to-day by the Gendarmes. cannot enquiry to be made as to reason of work. - 3. Salvage dispatched to-day, 15 Lorry loads. - 13. Wagon reported for duty.	
	3.		Camped CANON. - Salvaging as usual. All Return sent in - 16 Lorry loads. dispatched to-day. -	
	4.		Camped CANON. - Salvaging as usual in Rear Area. - No transport forward. no work forward. on account of operations being carried out. Salvage dispatched to-day, 10 Lorry loads. 2 Wagon only reported for duty. -	
	5.		Camped CANON. - Coy salvaging in BLANCOY. - Two wagon reported BLANCOY today. two wagon reported CANON. - No work forward to-day on account of operations. - dispatched from ARP. 28 Lorry Lorry salvage. -	

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	6.		Camped CANYON. No work forward to-day in account of operations. Two wagons reported to party working in GLISY and then for CANYON. - 15 Lorries salvage dispatched.	
	7.		Camped CANYON. No work forward to-day. No lorry dispatched to-day. No work forward. Work as usual in the Back Area.	
	8.		Camped CANYON. Advance started to-day. Late instructions forwarded for parties to clear up Trench System between VILLERS BRETONNEUX and GLISY. Great quantities of Salvage to be dealt with owing to rapidity of advance. Forward Dump to be started in VILLERS BRETONNEUX. - Salvage dispatched to day. 31 Lorries loads. Parties sent forward to Brigade to assist in Salvage & direct work in accordance with Memo from D H Q.	

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9.				<p>Camped. CANYON. Instructions issued to close down the DUMP          CANYON. notify all concerned. BLANGY DUMP to be temporarily          MAIN DUMP. VILLERS. BRETONNEUX DUMP established.          Forward DUMP. WAFUSEE ABAN COURT. ARP. Glisy          closed down. Company in future independent of the ARP          work &amp; to form salvage. Ammunition <del>dump</del> DUMP at          WAFUSEE. ABAN COURT. all concerned notified as to new Dump.          No transport reporting.</p>	
10.				<p>Camped Camm. Fair quantity salvage received at BLANGY.          No transport available. Party at CANYON to move in the          morning to assist party at VILLERS. BRETONNEUX.</p>	
11.				<p>Camped Camm. <sup>Party</sup> moved off to VILLERS. BRETONNEUX.</p>	
12.				<p>Camped Camm. <sup>Party</sup> moved to VILLERS. BRETONNEUX          In accordance with memo. Capt. received. Party sent to report          to Lieut. Galtier for War. Recd. Warr. (N<sup>o</sup> 223. 10-8-18).</p>	

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	14 <sup>th</sup>		The Section to be cleared according to Map Bureau and report made daily thrown in accordance with same. The Coy now being out of its area at VILLERS. BRETONNEUX. instructions were issued for Coy to move to WAFUSÉE. ABANCOURT. in the morning.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Camped VILLERS. BRETONNEUX. - HQ moved to WAFUSÉE. ABANCOURT. S.H. 62. SE. P. 29. 28.3. Office established in Cellar d. 8.3. owing to enemy shell fire the same being very active. Col went over the area with a view to establishing a Dump on AREA for collection. No transport reporting today. -	
62 <sup>nd</sup> SE. P. 29. 28.3.	16 <sup>th</sup>		Camped. WAFUSÉE. - ABANCOURT. Col established a Dump at 62 D. P. 16. C. 3. 9. attacking I. NCO & 40R to the 1 <sup>st</sup> AASC for working of same. Later Coy was paid. Col informed the Coy that he was leaving the Coy.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Camped WAFUSÉE. - ABANCOURT. Col making all arrangements to leave Company. formally handed same over to Lieut F. Courtney 17 <sup>th</sup> Bats. who is to take over the Company. temporarily. Today shelling active. Lt Courtney Lieut	

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	18 <sup>th</sup>		Camped. WAFUSEE. ABANCOURT. Capt. Grant today left the Coy. Taking the Payroll running to the Pay Mart. Salvaging as usual.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Camped. WAFUSEE. ABANCOURT. Coy clearing Area. Owing to general bad smell in cellar and slight presence of gas. also that about 8 dead Huns were down an earthen pit close by. it was found necessary to move the Office to other quarters. to the top end of the village. Area cleared. T <sup>27</sup> B. T <sup>28</sup> A. T <sup>27</sup> D. T <sup>28</sup> C 16 Bridge (S. 62.D. T).	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Camped WAFUSEE. ABANCOURT. Salvaging as usual. no transport. Area cleared. 62.D. T. 28A 28C. from Ridge 28 B. T <sup>28</sup> D	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Camped. WAFUSEE. ABANCOURT. Salvaging as usual. Transport reporting 2. 9S. Wagon. Salvage dispatched 2. Lomin. & 12. 9S. Wagon. Area cleared. 62.D. T. 22A 22C. 29C.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Camped WAFUSEE. ABANCOURT. Salvaging as usual. 119S. Wagon dispatched with salvage. Return made up - 62.D. T <sup>22</sup> B 4 D. T. 16. C. D. Area cleared.	

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	23.		Camped. WAFUSEE. ABAN COURT. - Salvaging as usual - 13 Wagons reported for duty. Area cleared 62.D. T. 23. Part A. Part C to road. T. 29. A.	
	24		Camped WAFUSEE. ABAN COURT. - Salvaging as usual. 18 Wagons reported. GC went to TDHQ in various Company matters. on return reported that the starting of the Canteen was satisfactory. Enemy Bombing heavily at night. AREA cleared. 17.C P. 23A 23.B.	
	25		Camped. WAFUSEE. ABAN COURT. - Salvaging as usual - 4 Wagons reported only. - No salvage despatches. Owing to constant movement the difficulty of obtaining sufficient transport for salvage work. <del>is</del> very great. Motor Lorry responsibility.	
	26		Camped. WAFUSEE ABAN COURT. - Salvaging as usual. Area cleared par. 23 d. in the portion of the area great quantity of German Ammunition.	

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	27.		Camped WAPUSEE. ABANCOURT. Salvaging as usual. No Salvage dispatched	
	28		Camped the same. nothing to report.	
	29.		Camped the same. Log as usual. ARs cleared. 17. A. 24A PT. 24. C. Forwarded to Capt location of Ammunition Dump. 62 D T. 21. A 9.4. Q 30. C. 2.4.	
	30.		Camped the same. Salvage dispatched 3 Long loads. Received instruction from Capt to place all salvage on Roadside for collection by Motor down. ARs Report Part 24A 29d. 29. B. 30A. Clear.	
	31.		Camped as <del>usual</del> . usual. Nothing to report. -	

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