

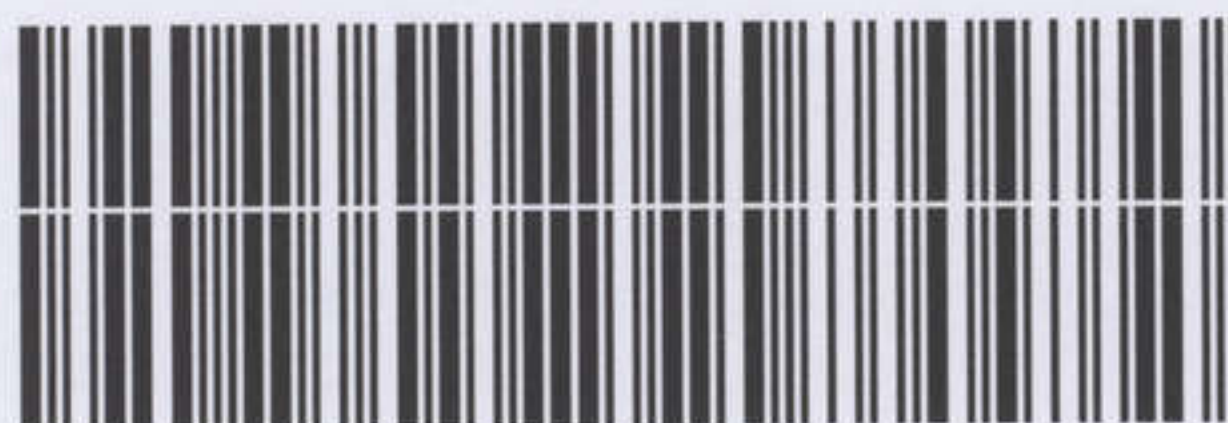
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WAR DIARY

OF

15th Aust Light Bty Opns Coy

FOR

February 191*8*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 57	1-2-18		Strength 6 Officers 197 O'Ranks	
Sheet 58	4-2-18		" 6 Officers 198 O'Ranks	
	8-2-18		" 7 Officers 198 O'Ranks. Owing to the shortage of men Paris leave to men of this Coy. has been suspended.	
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	11-2-18		Strength 7 Officers 201 O'Ranks. Australian Mail received with letters dated December 17 th 1917. Orders received from S.L.P. 4 th Army to recall all men of the 15 th Coy on detachment to other Coys in this Area. All men to be at Headquarters of the 15 th Coy. by 6pm 13-2-18 and be ready to move to another Area.	
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Sheet 27 N.E. D.S.	17-2-18		Strength 7 Officers 198 O'hauls. Instructions from G.I. R. 4 th Army at 11 pm that 3 Officers and 50 men were to move to Sheet 57 th N.E. D.S. and d. men to be in readiness by 2 pm 18-2-18 and also to remove 5 (Armstrong) Huts for their accommodation.	
	18-2-18		Work commenced 8 am. By 2 pm huts taken down and loaded into Broad Gauge train which was to convey us to our destination. At 3.50 pm the party moved off for their new area with hearty cheers and good wishes from the remainder of the Coy. After travelling for 27 hours in trucks we arrived at our destination and spent the night in an P.E. camp. The remainder of the Coy being detached to 4 th Army.	
Sheet 57 th N.E. D.S. C and d.	19-2-18		Work commenced 8 am by unloading the trucks and we arrived at our new site shortly afterwards, which was a ploughed field and started to erect our camp and build a new depot.	
	20-2-18		Strength 7 Officers 198 O'hauls. All huts erected and Officers and men preparing to take over rolling stock.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 57 ^c R.S. D.S. C and d.	24/2/18		Strength of officers 199 of hands. Received Umar Boxes from Victorian Railway Commissioners.	
	25/2/18		Strength of officers 215 of hands. 13 reinforcements arrived from R.S. R.D. ex Bordon, England direct from Australia.	
	25/2/18		Strength of officers and 215 of hands Australian Mail received Umar dated January 5 th 1918. The remainder of the company an detachment No 4 th from employed on various works for other companies. Rolling stock taken over in new area and is being prepared for running.	

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