

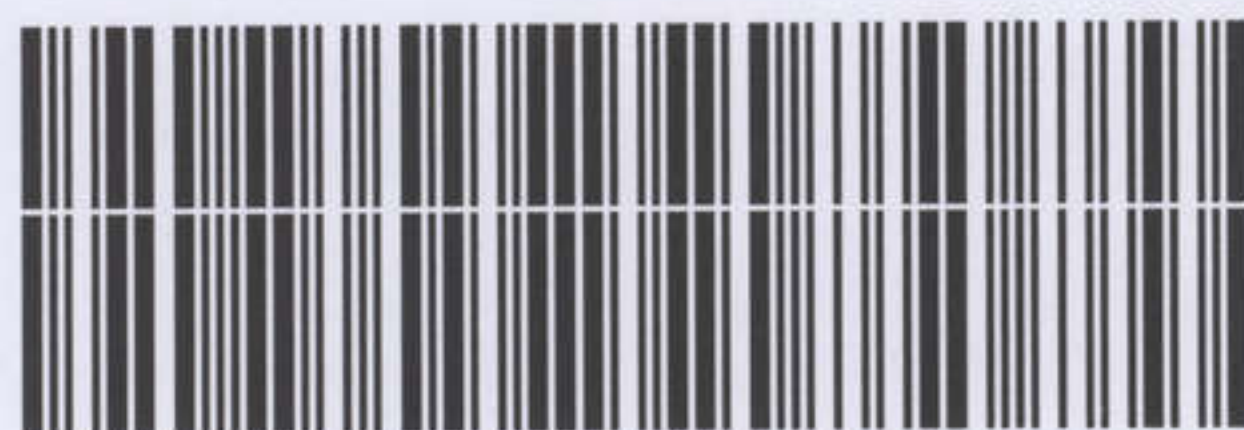
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Formation of Company.</u></p> <p>This Company was formed in Australia as No. 5. Section Railway Unit A.F. 3. Members were concentrated in Royal Park Camp up till 23. 3. 1917 - on closing of Camp were transferred to Broadmeadows. Concentration from all states was completed on 9-5-1917. and the Unit embarked from Port Melbourne per Am. 9. Ascarius on 11/5/1917. Nominal roll of Officers (3) and other ranks (266) who embarked attached.</p> <p>Proceeded to England via Fremantle, Mauritius Durban Capetown Sierra Leone to Devonport. Arrived on 19/7/1917 after a voyage of 70 days. Disembarked on 20/7/17 and proceeded by special train to Bordon. Ranks + quartered in St Luna Barracks.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Lucia Barracks	21		For the most of the period under review. The company was isolated owing to contagious diseases on board transport. Training carried out consisted of Gas Drill Company + Musketry Drill. Instructions given or supervised by Royal Engineers Officers + NCOs. on 28/7/1917. The company, along with others in camp were inspected by Their Majesty the King + Queen + Her Royal Highness Princess Mary. The name of the company changed to 16th (Aus) Light. Railway Operating Company. Final mobilization stores issued and all of company who were dentally fit proceeded on their disembarkation leave. English + Welsh leave till 7pm 3/9/17. Scottish till 7pm on 4/9/17 + Irish till 7pm 5/9/1917.	
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Bordon England	4/9/17	6am	Received instructions to prepare for embarkation to France. $\frac{1}{3}$ of Company on leave.	
	5/9/17	8am	Left Bordon Camp + travelled by special to Southampton. Embarked proceeded to Le Harve. Nominal Roll attached.	marked (X)
	6/9/17 to 11/9/17	6am	Arrived Le Harve. Disembarked and encamped at No 1 Camp Section B - Le Harve. Obtaining full mobilization stores etc. Received orders to embark for final destination. Left Gare Des Marchandise Harve at 3pm on 11-9-17 and after 20 hours journey arrived at Papeninghe Belgium on 12-9-17. Encamped at Light Rly Depot Ellaryde. Company employed almost immediately on arrival as engine men + guards running light railways right into forward areas. Many hundreds of tons of ammunition + material sent up forward.	

April 1918.

2nd Australian Light Railway Operating Company.

VOORMEEZELE. 1st. Work in Depot very slack. General improvements and Gardening etc.

Officers employed as follows:-

Captain Gahan A.L.S. 2nd Army.

Lieut. Leslie, O.C. Vauxhall District.

Lieut. Anderson. O.C. Workshop, 2nd Army.

Lieut. Patterson D.L.S. Mirmeco District, 3rd
L.R.O.C.

Lieut. Beattie, District Controller Vauxhall District.

Other Ranks employed as under:-

Vauxhall District 187. With 33rd L.R.O.C., R.E.
5 (Loco) and 2 (I.C.E.) men.

With 14 L.R.O.C., R.E.6.

With C.R.T.5.

With 12th L.R.O.C., R.E.1.

Army Workshops 33.

Rationed by 22nd Corps Troops.

61 other ranks attached from various Companies
(R.E. South African & R.G.A., R.F.A. for duty).

" 3rd. Major HANCOX, C.O. Australian Railway Companies visited this Company and a conference was held regarding establishment etc.

4th. Information was supplied to C.O., Australian Railway Companies re Crewe Tractors (then follow particulars). Work generally very slack, more attention paid to camp details, gas inspections and Musketry instruction.

5th. 6 Reinforcements arrived from Base.

6th. Big consignment of Y.M.C.A. gifts received from Australian Headquarters. Work very slack.

7th. Work very slack.

8th. do do

9th. do do.

10th. Depot and Coal Dumps heavily shelled. Several Dugouts were pierced with shell fragments. Packed all spare kits and Q.M. Store material and returned same to Ellarsyde.

11th. Early commencement made to pack up all materials, stores etc, and load same for removal. Begun work of pulling down buildings etc. During this time close communication was kept with the forward batteries which were kept supplied with ammunition and new guns were run up and others removed as necessity arose.

Trial "stand to" at 2 p.m. Men were dispersed and carried on with dismantling of huts etc. In afternoon a party consisting of 1 officer, W.O. Q.M.S. and 5 other ranks conveyed a push truck of water and tea and all spare food together with 3,500 packets of cigarettes donated from Company to the troops (Seaforths) who were holding the line immediately in front of our position. About 7.p.m. orders came through from A.D.L.R. to evacuate leaving only control and running staff to carry on.

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VOORMEEZELE. 11th (contd)

Most of the men retained to dismantle huts and salvage coal etc. Trains despatched with as much material as possible. Company details on one train ran back on to back area lines.

12th. All tractors engaged running up ammunition and withdrawing materials etc. Shifted Company H.Q's and details to HITCHEN D.6. line about one mile north of DICKEBUSH LAKE. Men camping in old ruins dugout among railway material etc. Locomotives being withdrawn for back area work leaving F.C.E. tractor to carry on.

HITCHEN
D.6.

13th. Concentrating all spare men at Hitchen D.6. and making themselves secure from bombs etc in old dugouts. 4 engines, double crews transferred to back area, 4 kept for running trains to back area. Vauxhall reorganised as subcontrolled.

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14th. 4 tractors busy kept all supplies to forward area. Many men removing materials etc from Vauxhall Depot. Orders were received that 5th N.Z.L.R.O.C. were to take over the district and we were to leave the forward area and proceed to the vicinity of SWISS COTTAGE leaving behind at YALE all tractors and crews to work under the 5th N.Z.L.R.O.C. Unit left HITCHEN D.6. by three trains and proceeded to PRETORIA (Swiss Cottage) Camping in huts for Unit. W.O. DAVIS and 20 men detailed for demolition work at VAUXHALL.

PRETORIA.

15th. Proceeded from PRETORIA to HEIDEBEECK, Map reference, Sheet 19 X28.B.8.8. camped in a paddock. Materials unloaded from trains and started camp. Supplying parties for Guards Controls and 2 or 3 running Crews, also unloading sand, etc.

HEIDEBEECK.

16th. About 160 men here. Half Company called out at 5-30 for unloading sand, remainder arranging camp.

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17th. Gangs detailed for guard maintenance and unloading etc. Few men erecting huts etc.

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18th. Detached men returning to Unit. Huts being erected as fast as labour will permit.

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19th. Gangs employed as maintenance and unloading parties.

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20th. Control Staff relieved by 29th L.R.O.C., R.E.

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21st. Men working extra long hours unloading Railway materials.

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24th. Much sickness in camp, mainly influenza.

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25th. Most of huts erected and men moved in from tents.

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26th. Men employed as usual and are maintaining line between HEIDEBEECKE and SWISS COTTAGE.

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29th. Major HANCOX visited the unit. Most of rolling stock concentrated here. Difficulty in ~~not~~ obtaining water.

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HEIDEBEECKE. 30th.

A serious accident at CROMBEKE A.R.P. one mile from camp caused by one truck loaded with ammunition catching alight. Ammunition exploded, blowing up the other truck and hurling the engine 150 yards also destroyed 200 yards of track. Company turned out and ran a deviation around the work.

CCC

Reinforcements taken on strength during the month
25

Rejoined unit ex hospital	25
Sick to hospital(including gas and accidents)	15
Accidents	37
Gassed.	6
Wounded (remaining on duty)	3
Transferred	1
	1.

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Reveille 4.30 am Breakfast 5.30 am Fallin 6.30 am
Dress marching order Marched out 7 am. Entrained Broadmeadows
Station 7.45 am. A delay at Flinders Station for 10 minutes.
Here the men had an opportunity of saying farewell to relatives
and friends, thence Port Melbourne arriving 10 am.
The whole of the troops for the transport were marshalled on
the pier, in companys or Units as the case may be pending the
Embarkation Officer allotting troop decks. During this period
rolls were called and embarkation^{cards} issued, Each unit or reinforce
ment was then marched to thier respective decks, and when all
were aboard the men were permitted on deck for a final farewell.
The pier was packed, and when streamers passed between the pier
and steamers the sight was a never-to-be-forgotten one.
At noon the transport let go her lines and moved out to start
her long journey with 49 Officers and 1619 other ranks plus
her crew. An anchorage was made off Sorento at 5 30 pm.
for the congregation of the convoy.

- 12th The day was spent in allotting troops lifeboats; issue and ins
inspection of lifebelts. At seven lifted anchor and proceeded to
to sea. A rough sea was running outside and sea sick^{ness} soon
prevelant. All lights had to be shaded. After tea hammocks were
issued and much discussion took place as to the correct
method of swinging them, and as to whether it was more comfor-
table to sleep with the head pointing aft or Vice versa.
- 13th The sea very rough. Church and all parades cancelled.
- 14th 11 ships in convoy with H.M.A.S. Encounter in charge.
- 15th Slight improvement in weather. Strong head wind blowing
All parades cancelled on account of sea sickness and weather.
Quite a number of men feeling a bit brighter.
- 16th Sea rough. Long heavy swell. Parades Cancelled.
- 17th Reallotment of boat stations to position s adjacent to troop-
decks, and occupied by the particular Unit. Previous to this
troops were allotted boat stations in some cases at the opposite
end or side of ship to thier troop decks. It was also noticable
troops were often congregated for parades, lectures etc, on
some position on the ship quite distant from their boat station
and in the event of an alarm being blown much conjection took
place in alley ways in the men getting to their stations.
- 18th. Rough weather, long heavy swell. Route march round ship.
Owing to rough weather strict discipline not in force,
All hands looking to a change in the weather.
- 19th Sea improving.
- 20th. ~~Mail here and~~ Volantry church parade at 10 am. Outward
mail cleared at 10am. Speed reduced, arranging to make Fremantle
by dawn on the morrow.
- 21st. 7 am just outside Fremantle. Dull with light rain. Anchored in
Fremantle Harbour at 10 am. £43 worth of telegrams sent off by
Y.M.C.A. representative. Mals taken ashore. Numerous ~~launches~~
launches round the ship with relatives of the W.A. men.
Many applications by W.A. men for leave, but not granted.
A number of vessels of the convoy went up to the wharves.
- 22nd. Still at anchor in Fremantle. L/Cpl Coleman of this Unit granted
leave to go ashore to see his sick child, Kit inspection
very few shortages. Lifted anchor at 4 pm. Anchored off Rotnest
Island till 11pm, then with 9 other vessels weighed anchor
and made a North west course.
- 23rd. Sea calm. Convoy 9 vessels H.M.S. Doris in charge. First
concert held at 2 pm on forward well deck. Plenty of good talent.
Conducted by Lieut AFita of the Imperial Army.

- 24th. Sea very calm. Making fair pace. The day spent in general parades such as physical drill, railway lectures and boat drill. At midday the convoy stopped, The S.S. Marathon went about, ~~and~~ steamed back and lowered a couple of boats. This Manoeuvre took up about an hour. Much discussion among the men as to the cause, in fact it was the first unusual occurrence and was appreciated after the monotonous stormy trip across the Great "AUSSIE" Bight. Orders were issued early in the evening for all lights out and smoking not permitted on deck after dark.
- 25th. Weather good. Company washing day. Forward and after well decks allotted for the purpose. Lights out at 7 pm.
- 26th. The day was occupied in various parades.
- 27th. Church parade. Church of England on Forward well deck. R.Cs. on "E" deck. Concert at 2 pm. Forward. Plenty of good talent and greatly appreciated.
- 28th. Weather a bit unsettled. Arrangements being made for Company sports. Drew £129 for pay, each man being allowed 10/4
- 29th. Company bathing parade in afternoon. Company detailed for Guard duties.
- 30th. The first alarm of the trip today. All hands on boat stations in good time.
- 31st. Weather good. Long heavy roll. Boat deck allotted for Company sports. The sports consisted of "Tug-of-war", boxing, scratch pulling, skipping carried out all day. Some very good contests took place. Good feeling ~~xxxxxx~~ prevailed through out. The programme to be continued on Saturday 2-6-17. The days sport was thoroughly enjoyed by all hands.

JUNE

- 1st. Heavy sea running. Parade on after and forward well decks. We borrowed some rifles from the Infantry and did a little rifle exercises.
- 2nd. Sports resumed on boat deck. Some very exciting cock fighting took place. Blind boxing caused a good deal of fun and none of the contestants suffered injury; although blind folded their sense of touch increased.
- 3rd. General church parade at 9 30 am. At 2 30 pm. the 3rd concert took place. These concerts were greatly appreciated and much looked for by the men. Good weather light sea running. Steering W.N.W.
- 4th. Hot and sultry weather. Ships sports commence today. Captain Gahan to be referee of the boxing contests. Mumps broke out in the ship ~~xxxxxx~~ "A" troop deck used as isolation deck for mumps patients. Our Unit contributes 4 to the quota. Lights out at 6 30pm. No - one allowed on deck after 9 30pm when retire sounds.
- 5th. Land sighted off starboard bow this morning. Steaming down the coast of MAURITIUS. Lam. reached N.W. point of the island at 1 30 am. H.M.S. DORIS drew off and two JAPANESE cruisers took over the convoy. As one of the Japanese cruisers passed ^{our ship} to take up her position at the head of the line all hands stood to attention and the buglers sounded the salute. Lights out through ^{out} the ship at 6 pm. and no lights or smoking allowed after that hour. Clear moonlight night. Lieut Affata of the Imperial Army gave a lecture on his experiences at the War to the Sergeants in their Mess. Captain Gahan presided.
- 6th. Passed Reunion Island on Starboard bow at 7 am. Weather very hot. Heavy ground swell. Full marching order parade at 2pm.
- 7th. Fairly rough. Usual parades.
- 8th. Company washing day. Head wind and heavy sea running. Fire alarm blew in ~~xxxxxx~~ the middle of tea hour. All hands to stations in good time.

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- 9th Sea fairly rough. Light showers. Outward mail closed at 6 pm. Paybooks and acquittance rolls prepared to pay on Monday. In the After noon a concert was held on the forward deck. The Whole of the programme provided by members of this Unit.
- 10th Sea rough. Showery. Church parade at 9 30am.
- 11th. Expect to make Durban ~~at~~ tomorrow. Pay day. Each man paid 10/- Boxing competitions continued. J. Gorman of this Unit wins in his division.
- 12th Land sighted at day break. Arrived off Durban 9 am. Steamed into harbour and made fast at coaling station on the Bluff side. The remainder of the convoy made fast at the town wharves and at anchorages in the harbour. The harbour is full of shipping mostly transports. Some are from and going to India and Daralaam. Proceed to take coal. Company fell in on wharf for a route march. Marched up the "BLUFF", down the other side had a look at the whaling station and back round the lighthouse. Got aboard at 5 pm. Most other Units on board slipped off on leave. Only 4 Officers remained on board. Our chaps made the best of bad luck by creating scrambles for food, coins etc. among the natives. Great fun was obtained by heating the coins, for immediately the coin was picked up it had to be dropped, the result, another scramble. Much enjoyment was derived by throwing over scraps of food and when the crowd of old and young fought for the food a bucket of water thrown over them caused great howling. These niggers greatly object to water. We gained the opinion that they never used water for washing purposes.
- 13th Route march again this morning over the sand hills. During lunch we were informed we were to be granted leave in the afternoon. Fell in after lunch, but had a long wait to take us across the harbour. We marched to the Town Hall and were dismissed till 9 pm. The Rickshaws were soon very busy but the crowds of troops made things a bit uncomfortable for the runners and in consequence collisions were the order of the day. There were about 7000 troops Camped in Durban added to them are 10 Australian transports with all hands ashore. As you can imagine the appearance of the street. The prices of commodities soon rose in cafes postcard shops etc. The "Hut" was exceptionally busy and well patronised. The weather is quite warm and many felt the effects of the march to the Town Hall. Trains were packed and were free except between the hours of 8 and 9 am and 4 and 6 pm. All hotels were closed and consequently only one arrived on board with a complaint many wished to share. All hands were aboard again by 12 pm. Only small ferry boats were available to bring the men aboard again. Roll call was impossible.
- 14th. Moved out from coal wharf and anchored in the stream opposite the town wharves. Usual parades in the morning Physical and lectures. Orders were issued that 50% of the ships compliment would be allowed shore and the remainder to go ashore for a route march. The different parties to be decided by ballot. Every one was ready at 1 15 pm. The ferry fares were collected and all arrangements made. After standing to until 4 pm. they were dismissed owing to no arrangements being made for ferries. Much dissatisfaction among the men over the bad management.
- 15th Usual parades. Fine day. Weighed anchor at noon and with one Japanese cruiser and the S.S. Marathon we made out to sea and headed for Cape Town. All port holes to be kept closed day and night. Passed several light houses during the night.
- 16th Sea calm With a ground swell. Usual parades. Concert at 2 pm. Fire alarm at 4 pm, Ship beginning to get a little cleaner after
- 17th coaling Very heavy sea running. Too dark for early morning parades too rough for church parade. Mail closed at noon. Standing well out to sea.
- 18th Sea very rough all night and day and no parades in consequence

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Land in sight at 7 am this morning. We formed single line and entered Table Bay at 9 30 am. Fell in at 2 pm on wharf and marched to Town Hall and dismissed till 9 30 pm. Motor Cars Cab and trains were soon at a premium. The most popular trip was to Camps Bay a run of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and at one point of the trip 800 feet above sea level. Camps Bay is a very pretty and an additional attraction is a hot sea water bathing pool which is free to soldiers. The public buildings and parks were well patronised also the very fine pier and promenade. Picquets were posted to prevent men from visiting the native quarter. All hotels were closed, but one or two managed to return under the influence.

20th

Dinner at 11 30 am. Parade on the pier at 1 pm for march to the town. Dismissed at the Town Hall. Cafes conveyances theatres of all descriptions in great demand. One of the finest trips is to Houts Bay and back through the mountains to Groote Schar (the late Cecil Rhodes home) thence Cape Town. From Groote Schar a fine view obtained. The mountains all studded with Pines in the background and the Bay and town in front. The run is about 40 miles and a motor car costs £2-10-0 for 5 persons. There are one or two nice Silver tree forests en route, but they are guarded now which makes it hard to obtain a few. From one point of the trip a fine view obtained of Muizenberg. There are some fine residences and a magnificent ^{Hospital} near Woodlands. A camp of English troops is situated there.

21st

Orders were issued for dinner to be carried for a route march along the coast. Fall in on pier at 9 am. Route march from pier to sea point and into Cape Town. Dismissed at 1 pm in town. The Engine ^{slugs} although out of bounds were visited by a number of our men and much interest was taken in a large 148 ton engine on the 3 feet 6 inch gauge, 4 wheels coupled driving wheels 4ft 6ins. Informed of the intended departure at 6 am on being dismissed. Our ship was fitted with a 4 point 7 gun here. During our stay we were laying alongside the S.S. Pyndareus which was mined near Cape Town and was towed in, in a sinking condition. She had been repaired and loaded and is ready to put to sea again.

22nd.

One by one the various transports pull out and form up in the bay preparatory to moving out to sea. H.M.S. auxiliary cruiser Orama in charge. Towards evening we stood out to sea. We have 5 Imperial Officers being invalided home and a naval Lieut., and guns crew.

23rd.

Sea very rough; Not much sleep although every one is tired out after Cape Town. Announced at 5 pm, that a case of Meningitis had broken out on board. All hands subject to nasal douche as a precautionary measure. The patient has been isolated aft.

24th

Sea still rough. heavy swell running.

25th

Orders issued for nasal douche daily. Third pay authorised. applied for £151. Sea Calm.

26th

Sea calm. Making 300 miles per day. The magazine "Ascanius" Issued today. Received with various remarks.

27th

Pay day. Smoke seen on horizon at 6 am, The Orama set off in pursuit, but we cannot get any particulars. The Orama took up her position again about noon. Very Hot.

28th.

Washing parade. ~~Moustache~~ ^{Moustache} growing competition closed at 12.45 pm today. It caused a great deal of amusement on the troop deck. C.S.M. Pike won. Medical inspection on troop deck at 2 30 pm. All hands O.K. Sea calm. Hot day. 4 shots fired by submarine gun.

- 29th. Very hot .Sea calm .Company detailed for ships guard tonight
Fair number of Influenza and mumps cases reported .
- 30th. Very hot .Concert at 3 30 pm ,Alarm sounded during concert .
Although hands were congratulated on the forward well deck ,they
got to their boat stations in satisfactory time .Light rain
during the evening .
- JULY .
- 1st. Very hot day .Church parade .Private Sharp of the 19th reinforce-
ments 22nd Battalion died from injuries received at Cape
Town .Light rain during the afternoon .Crossed the Equator
10 10 am .
- 2nd. Very hot .The whole ships compliment felling facing aft
preparatory to Pte . Sharps burial .Pte Sharpes body passed over
board at 9 am .Copl Tingay of the same company was charged with
causing his death ,he also charged with using threatening
language to another soldier .Was reduced to the ranks and 2
days detention .There are about 100 sick in hospital from heat
and influenza .Heavy rain during the night .
- 3rd. Hot and sultry this morning .Heavy rain set in this morning
Increase in influenza and mumps .,Also cases of heat prostration
on board .
- 4th. At 7 am this morning we formed single line and with the Orama
we steamed into the entrance of Freetown harbour (Serria Leone)
and dropped anchor at 10 am .Light rain falling .The decks are
being holystoned .Water and coal barges came along side ,we
took coal inside bunkers loaded by niggers to the accompaniment
of the usual weird tunes .No one allowed ashore .Lights out ex-
tended to 10 pm while in port .
- 5th. At anchor .An auxillary cruiser ^{Orantes} arrived today .The 'Orama' passed
out to sea at 5 pm .All hands called to attention as she
steamed past .Natives alongside all day trading in tropical
fruits .
- 6th. At anchor .Heavy rain falling .All parades cancelled .
Meningitis case put ashore .Few Officers allowed ashore in the
afternoon .Every one anxious for leave .The small town is
situated on the beach of the harbour .~~xxxxxxkikikixxxxxxxxx~~
A very high hill rises up immediately behind .Plenty of foliage
decks the hillside .A large wireless station is situated here .
A steamer wrecked 3 years ago at the entrance still remains
high and dry .
- 7th. Pulled out to sea again at 8 am .All bugle calls to be dis-
continued and whistles substituted .Bugle and Ships siren to be
used in case of actual alarm only .Company washing day .
Company warned for ships guard tonight .During the afternoon
a tramp was sighted on our starboard bow .At 6 pm she altered
her course bearing straight down on us ,the cruiser ^{Orantes} immediately
increased to full speed and very quickly put 3 shots across
her bows .The cruiser came up along side her and shortly after
the tramp steamed away .It caused great excitement among the
boys .
- 9th. Preparing disembarkation records .Weather much cooler and
calmer .Boats lowered to level of promenade decks .
- 10th. Very strict attention being paid to wearing life belts .
Boat station parade .
- 11th. Sea calm .Weather milder .
- 12th. Sea calm .Weather O.K . Making a zig zag course .
- 13th. Washing parade .Nothing much to report .Mock election on troop
deck .Bill Fraser elected as member for "Ascanius" .J.J.J.
Smith Won the competition for number of peas in bottle .

- 14th Sea calm. Very pleasant afternoon spent on our troop deck
Lieut. A Friat presided. Corporal Susans won the competition for
the biggest liar. Corpl Boswell won the contest for the funny story.
- 15th. Church parade cancelled to prevent men congregating in large
bodies.
- 16th. Nothing much doing. Sea calm.
- 17th. Kits taken up from hold at 2 pm. £159 paid to men. Stoppage of
4 pence per man to cover ships deficiencies. Greatly resented
by the men, as nothing definite can be shown them of any kind.
Seven destroyers picked us up about 3 pm and took up positions
round the convoy. Their arrival caused much excitement aboard
every one was pleased to see a bit of the great British Navy.
The Auxillary cruiser left us and appeared to proceed ahead.
We passed a lot of wreckage to day.
- 18th. Right hand line of ships pulled ahead at noon today. Bathing
parade in the morning. Packing up in the after noon. About 3 pm
one of the destroyers fired 4 shots. In the evening we were in-
formed by a ships officer that she sank a submarine. All lights
extinguished and destroyers dashing to and fro and around
about the convoy. The handling of them is admired by everyone.
- 19th. Lights of Devonport visible in early morning. Passed Eddy Stone
lighthouse, and at 6 30 am all ships in Devonport harbour.
Disembarkation commenced on some of the otherships.
At 12 30 pm we steamed up the harbour to wharves, passing some
of the early ships of the British Navy, now being used as train-
ing ships. The harbour was full of shipping of all nationalities.
Acquittance rolls for 9 pence ahead prepared for shortage of
Government stores, and disembarkation orders cancelled as we are
not to embark until tomorrow.
- 20th. Reveille at 4 30 am. First train load at 8 am next 9 am. We were
timed to go at 9 am but did not get away until 1 pm. Delay
unknown. Ten men allotted to a compartment with full kit. Passed
through Plymouth thence Exeter, Salisbury, Handover Junction
Aldershot to Bordon arriving at 10 30 pm. Loaded baggage waggons
and headed by R.E. Band marched about one and a half miles to
St. Lucia Barracks. Issued with a rough meal and got ~~xxxxxxx~~
to bed at 1 am. We had iron rations on the train. We recieved
the usual cup of tea at Exeter. The train journey through
the country was magnificent and appealed to all new arrivals
while the sight of many old familiar places was equally plea-
sing to old hands. The people all the way gave us a great
reception. We passed the Asturias on the way up from the pier
she had part of her stern blown away. Reveille at 7 am tomorrow.
Strength on arrival at Bordon 3 Officers and 260 other ranks.
The deficiencies were left in hospital at Devonport.
- 21st. Every one up early and looking round. Rough breakfast, very little
in the way of definite instructions. No barrack standing orders
and everything generally mismanaged. This depot is known as the
Australian Railway Operating Depot, St Lucia Barracks Bordon.
Lieut Plane A.I.F. is in charge of the depot and we are under
the Aldershot R.E. branch. Kits issued after breakfast. In the
afternoon the Unit was inspected by the Colonel in charge of
the R.E. depot, followed by a rpute march. The Canteen, a new
feature after 10 weeks at sea was well patronised and a few of
the lads got merry. Have 7 huts for accomadation of the Compy.
Each hut holds 40 men. Two C.S.M. sleep in cubicle at end of
each hut. Sergeants sleep and mess in one hut.
Daily routine :) Reveille 5 30 am. Parade 6 30 am. Breakfast 7 15
Sick Parade 8 30 am. Fall in 8 45 am. Retire 12 30 pm.
Dinner 12 45 pm. Fall in 2 pm. Dismiss 4 30 pm. Tea 4 45 pm.
Lights out 10 15 pm. All men in isolation. Picquet provided by
company. Paybooks collected for transmission to **LONDON**

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21 st July.

as new paybooks are to be issued

- 22nd. Were to have been inspected by General Manse but parade cancelled .
- 23rd. Collected all Australian money as it is not negotiable in this district .Capt Gahan took same and paybooks to London. Kit inspection and route march in the afternoon .
- 24th Men fairly settled .Food rather short .All malaria ^{Cases} to report daily .Captain Gahan returns with money .Unit inspected by A.D.M.S.
- 25th Captain Gahan with 10 men went to Aldershot to attend investure by the King .(1 V.C. 1 royal red cross beside other decorations .Unit taken over by Lieut Roland and Imperial Sergeants for training .Unit very tired after day on barrack square .Heavy rain during the night .Rations satisfactory now both in quantity and quality
- 26th. Paybooks returned from London .Few odd letters arrive from Australia .
- 27th. Distributed new paybooks in lieu of early morning parade .Dental parade after breakfast .Australian mail arrived today
- 28th. 4th and 5th Railway Units inspected by the His Majesty the King .The Queen also Princess Mary were present .No parade in the afternoon .
- 29th. Church parade .Innoculation of half the company in the afternoon .
- 30th. Medical inspection and examination .Gas drill and demonstration.
- 31st Rain all day .Party went through gas chamber .
- AUGUST .
- 1st. Raining all day .Gas lectures in huts .
- 2nd. Still raining .Gas instruction and lectures .
- 3rd. Numerous applications for leave .Cannot be granted owing to isolation embargo .Company doing squad drill .3rd Anniversary of War .Very wet and cold .Half day parade .Sapper F.Smiyh transferred for return to Australia .
- 4th.
- 5th. Church parade .Most of Company managed to evade the picquet and make themselves acquainted with the villagers about here.
- 6th. Half day off "August Bank Holiday" .Some of the American Railway troops camped near by left for France .
- 7th. Weather finer .Remainder of the company went through the gas chamber .Majority of the company innoculated .Much discontent, no leave and no money .
- 8th. Destination on leave supplied .Route march in the morning .Company drill in the afternoon .Finish of innoculation .
- 9th. Weather wet .Fined up during the day .Kits checked .Completed acquittance rolls for shortages .Corpl Boswell ,McLaren and Perrau transferred to Weymouth for return to Australia .
- 10th. Weather finer .Route March in the morning and company drill in the afternoon .

- August.
- 10th. 6.30
Weather finer. Route march in the morning and company drill in the afternoon .
- 11th. 3.30
Inspection of huts by the C.O. R.E depot. Our Company played a cricket match against the A.S.C. We won by 1 wicket and 10 runs
- 12th. Weather finer. Air raid on England .
- 13th. Weather fine. Prepared acquittance rolls £1, per man .
- 14th. Company drill . A sq uad picked out for musketry instruction.
- 15th. Pay to troops . Issue of web equipment to rifle squad also axes shovels bill hooks tomahawks tin trunks and iron ration bags. Large number of American troops arrive and are camped near by.
- 16th. Showery. Many applications for leave . Pay to the troops .
- 17th. Showery. General tightening up in regards to discipline . Sapper Ryan and Corpl., Cook granted 7 days disembarkation leave .
- 18th. Fine day. Half day parade . One hut put on pack drill for untidiness. Our company played against A.S.C. (cricket) We won by 16 runs.
- 19th. Fine and rather warm. Church parade . Each denomination on seperate parades. Isolation lifted and all hands enjoying the beautiful surroundings to the fullest. Training during the week has been mostly company drill , also the musketry squad doing well
- 20th. W.O. Patterson and 30 other ranks detached to Internal Combustion Engine School , Longmoor for instruction.
- 21st. Prepared acquittance rolls up to Thursday night . Men on less than 1/6 per day advanced to £3 overdrawn . Commenced paying after tea £1000 and squared up at 10 pm.
- 22nd. Commenced to collect payment for railway fares . Nothing definite about leave . Weather very changeable .
- 23rd. Returned acquittance rolls . No definite date about leave.
- 24th. Usual parades . Company has been devided , The old men drill apart from the youngsters. Some of the old chaps pretend they are young again .
- 25th. Leave passes made out as follows . England and Wales 6 days Scotland 7 days , Ireland '8 days . £90 paid into railway fares Half day parade . Large number of Americans arrive during the night .
- 26th. Church parade. Afternoon free to troops. Showery .
- 27th. Leave passes complete , and tickets for every man dentally fit to go on leave tomorrow.
- 28th. Reveille 3 30 am. Early breakfast for men going ~~xxxxxxx~~ on leave , and under Lieut Leslie proceed to railway . Left Bordon on special, 6 am arrive Waterloo 7 40 am ., and marched to Horseferry Road A.L.F. Headquarters.
- 29th to 2nd Sept. Company on leave with the exception of those dentally unfit and under treatment.

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- 3rd. All men granted leave returned at 11 30pm tonight
- 4th. Orders recieved to embark for France at 8 am on the 5th inst.
- 5th. As those men who were dentally unfit on the 27th of August were granted leave as they became fit they were not in camp when sailing orders were recieved and the shortage of clothing also some men still being dentally unfit it was hard work to get things in order for 8 am on the 5th Work was carried on right throught the night and at 8 am on the 5th 168 men were ready for embarkation. W.O. Patterson and party were left at Longmoor, and all others at Bordon under Lieut Leslie.
Embarked at Southampton at about 4 pm. We had a long trip across the Channel .
- 6th. Arrived off Le Havre , after waiting outside for a few hours we passed into the docks and commenced to disembark at 3 pm. The company marched with full packs from the wharves up a very long steep hill to No 1 rest camp section "B" Sanvic.

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5. TRAINING CARRIED OUT :-

(a) In Australia :-

Training carried out in squad drill and lectures
on Railway work

(b) In ~~England~~ in England :-

Squad drill, lectures on Gas and training with gas helmets
The compant had to go through a gas chamber at the depot at
Bordon.

4. ARMS, EQUIPMENT, COLOURS, &c.(a) Details of accommodation, rationing, arming, and equipping in Australia:-

The Unit was Camped at Royal Park 3 months in tents the remainder of the time at Broadmeadows in Huts, the equipment was mounted service (no arms) the system of issuing equipment & rationing was in every way similar to all other branches of the service

(b) Alterations in clothing, arms, accoutrements, badges, colours, or horse furniture, with date and authority for same :-

no alteration in clothing, No full sets of Infantry arms & accoutrements were issued on arrival England.
100% ^{well} fully armed including 1 Machine Gun (Lewis) for anti aircraft, the Colours were red square with purple diamond with brass numeral in centre (2)

(c) Had the unit any colours? If so, on what authority? Were they made or presented, and on what date? Where are they deposited? (A short narrative of their history is required):-

No Colours.

(d) Had the unit a band? Particulars :-

No

2. ANY UNUSUAL MEANS BY WHICH UNIT WAS RECRUITED OR ORGANISED.

The Unit was formed up in Melbourne
 as a result of recommendations of officers made by Chief Engineer
 Commonwealth Railways as we were known as the
 Commonwealth Company, all officers were selected
 from C.R. except Mr Anderson (Lieut) who came from
 (Viet Rlys) men were selected from all states &
 Fiji, we were 6 weeks in Camp before embarkation
 time being occupied in Military Training & Lectures
 in Army work.

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3. PARTICULARS OF ANY CONNECTION WITH AUSTRALIAN PERMANENT OR CITIZEN FORCE UNITS.

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2ND (AUST.) LIGHT RAILWAY OPERATING COMPANY.	
No.
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Lieut ANDERSON J.S.		ex Loco Foreman Victorian Railways
W.O. BEATTIE J.C.		ex Chief Clerk Transportation Dept Commonwealth Railways.
W.O. Patterson J.R.		ex Loco Inspector Commonwealth Rlys

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Tasmania 15. South Aust., 38.

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	40 & over	56

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Married or widowers with children	2	135
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Roman Catholics		49

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Other parts of Empire		67
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Establishment of a Railway Operating Company (Australia)

	Captain	Lieut.	W.O.	C.S.M.	Sergents	Corporals	² Corporals	⁴ Corporals	8/-per day	Sappers	Total	
											Officers	Other Parts
OFFICERS	1	32									3	
Controllers			2									2
Station Masters				12	4							16
Drivers				6	20	36	30					92
Firemen							35			55		92
Fitters							1	2	5			8
" Westinghouse Brake							1	2	5			8
" TUBE							1	1	5			7
Blacksmiths							1	2	5			8
" Strikers										8		8
Fitters Assistants										8		8
" " W.H.B.										7		7
Steamraisers & Washers out										8		8
Clerks							1	1		5		7
Timekeeper										1		1
Total	1	32	2	18	24	36	72	8	20	89	3	269

NOMINAL ROLL 16th COMPANY A L R O D

No. 16 (AUST.)
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No.
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Reg No	PayBook No	Rank	Name	etc
1830	272351	2nd Cpl	Aikman	A. J.
1776	272352	Sergt	Aldrich	R.
1900	272354	Sapper	Allen	R.
1901	272353	Sapper	Allen	W. E.
	272355	Lieut	Anderson	J. S.
1919	272356	Sapper	Anderson	S. T.
1800		Corpl	Andrews	J.
1801	272357	Corpl	Armstrong	A. A.
1920	272358	Sapper	Bailey	F. G.
1831	272359	2nd Cpl	Baldwinson	J.
1768	272360	C. S. M.	Baldwinson	H. S.
1921	272361	Sapper	Barron	W. <i>Bale G.E.</i>
1777	272363	C. S. M.	Barry	W. M.
1832	272364	2nd Cpl	Baxter	H. H.
1766	272365	W. O.	Beattie	J. C.
2026	272366	Sapper	Beavis	W. J.
1922	272367	Sapper	Beckman	W. H.
2022	272368	2nd Cpl	Bell	L. T.
2023	272369	2nd Cpl	Bennett	C. S.
1833	272370	2nd Cpl	Bentley	F. W.
1923	272371	Sapper	Berg	F. W.
1778	272372	C. S. M.	Bisset	P. R.
1802	272373	Corpl	Blair	W. D.
1924	272374	Sapper	Blanchard	P. H.
1803	272375	Corpl	Bligh	J. L.
1804	272376	Corpl	Blyth	F. L.
2016	272377	Corpl	Boswell	M. J.
1779	272378	Sergt	Bradwell	T. E.
1928	272379	Sapper	Braithwaite	J. A.
1929	272380	Sapper	Bridges	R. G.
1930	272381	Sapper	Bright	W.
1834	272382	2nd Cpl	Brinkworth	E. C.
1925	272383	Sapper	Brook	E. W.
1836	272384	2nd Cpl	Bugg	H. J.
1903	272385	L/Cpl	Bugg	J. H.
1926	272386	Sapper	Bunyan	J.
1835	272387	2nd Cpl	Burman	A. E.
1927	272388	Sapper	Burns	J.
2011	272389	C. S. M.	Cahill	M. V.
1932	272390	Sapper	Casey	J.
1805	272391	Corpl	Carlson	E.
1933	272402	Sapper	Casserly	P.
2027	272392	Sapper	Chambelain	J. L.
1837	272393	2nd Cpl	Chappell	W. C.
1934	272394	Sapper	Chatt	F. T.
1937	272395	Sapper	Churchward	S.
1838	272396	2nd Cpl	Clark	A. W.
1935	272397	Sapper	Coker	R. H.
1904	272398	Sapper	Coleman	E. D.
1806	272400	Corpl	Cole	T.
1905	272399	Sapper	Connolly	P.
1804	272401	2nd Cpl	Cook	C. J.
1807	272403	Corpl	Cooper	H. C. H.
1936	272404	Sapper	Coulcher	P. W.
1906	272407	Sapper	Craddock	W. J.
1907	272405	L/Cpl	Cruickshanks	H. R.
1799	272406	Sergt	Culmsee	C.
1938	272408	Sapper	Dalby	S. C.
2033	272409	Sapper	Dale	A. M.
1842	272410	2nd Cpl	Daly	J. P.
1841	272411	2nd Cpl	Dalton	M. J.
1939	272412	Sapper	Davies	L. B.
1769	272414	C. S. M.	Davis	J.
2041	272413	Sapper	Day	F.
1940	272415	Sapper	Day	M.
2017	272416	Corpl	Dight	R. R.
1808	272417	Corpl	Dingley	H. C.

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1941	272418	Sapper	Dinsdale	S.G.
1943	272419	Sapper	Donald	J.T.E.
1843	272420	2nd Cpl	Doran L.G.	
1848	272421	CQMS	Duke	J.S.
1809	272422	Corpl	Duncan	A.
2024	272423	2nd Cpl	Dutton	E.A.
2028	272424	Sapper	Edwards	H.V.
1810	272425	Corpl	Elliot	E.H.
2038	272426	Sapper	Enslie	E.J.
1945	272427	Sapper	Errington	C.N.
1946	272428	2nd Corpl	Fleming	R.W.
1947	272429	2nd Corpl	Forbes	E.W.
1946	272430	Sapper	Ford	A.E.
1781	272431	Sergt	Foster	J.C.
1908	272432	Sapper	Fraser	W.
1782	272433	Sergt	Fullarton	A.R.
	272434	Captain	Gahan	G.A.
2037	272436	Sapper	Ganderton	J.B.
1909	272435	Sapper	Garbett	E.C.
1950	272437	Sapper	Giddings	W.L.
1848	272438	2nd Cpl	Gilbert	R.E.
1783	272440	Sergt	Grace	R.
1850	272439	2nd Cpl	Gray	H.K.
1784	272441	Sergt	Green	J.G.
1948	2	Sapper	Grosser	S.C.D.
1849	272443	2nd Cpl	Goodwin	F.
1949	272442	Sapper	German	J.J.
1770	272444	C.S.M.	Guthrie	W.
1947	272445	Sapper	Guy	P.J.
1951	272446	Sapper	Hagan	W.
1952	272447	Sapper	Hall	S.O.
1953	272448	Sapper	Hammond	W.H.
1851	272449	2nd Corpl	Hannam	H.G.
1954	272450	Sapper	Hannon	J.P.T.
1852	272451	2nd Corpl	Harding	J.E.W.
1771	272452	C.S.M.	Harfield	L.H.
.1910	272453	Sapper	Harrigan	H.T.
1955	272454	Sapper	Harvey	C.R.
1956	272455	Sapper	Heath	E.E.
1957	272456	Sapper	Hefferman	F.
1960	272457	Sapper	Hemingway	G.
1958	272458	Sapper	Hemphill	J.
1811	272459	Corpl	Hensbergh	G.A.
1959	272460	Sapper	Hiatt	W.A.J.
1961	272461	Sapper	Hill	A.A.
1962		Sapper	Hitchens	W.
1785	272462	Sergt	Hoban	J.D.
1963	272463	Sapper	Holt	W.
1964	272464	Sapper	Homes	E.H.
1965	272465	Sapper	Honeyman	K.
1911	272466	Sapper	Horton	A.J.
1853	272467	2nd Cpl	Houghton	J.
1786	272468	Sergt	Hoy	H.O.
1854	272469	2nd Cpl	Hudson	W.T.
1855	272470	2nd Corpl	Hunter	J.
1966	272479	Sapper	Igo	W.W.
1856	272478	2nd Corpl	Iresen	E.
1912	272477	Sapper	Irving	G.
1967	272476	Sapper	Ivett	F.C.
1812	272475	Corpl	James	A.C.
1857	272473	2nd Cpl	Jeffers	J.C.
1858	272474	2nd Cpl	Jefferay	J.C.
1968	272472	Sapper	Jenetzky	O.M.
1969	272471	Sapper	Johannesen	H.C.
2013	272480	Sergt	Johnson	R.J.
1814	272481	Corpl	Johnston	C.R.W.
2025	272482	2nd Corpl	Jones	D.J.
1813	272483	Corpl	Jones	F.C.

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1860	272484	2nd Corp1	Jones	H.D.S.	✓
1859	272485	2nd Cpl	Jones	T.	✓
1815	272486	Corp1	Jupp	A.T.	✓
1787	272487	Sergt	Keddie	A.L.	✓
1970		Sapper	Kelly	R.	✓
1788		Sergt	Knight	A.E.	✓
1861	272488	2nd Corp1	Knight	C.G.	✓
1971	272489	2nd Corp1	Lamb	W.C.M.	✓
1972	272490	Sapper	Lambert	T.H.	✓
1973	272491	Sapper	Larsen	C.A.	✓
1862	272492	2nd Cpl	Lawrence	J.E.	✓
	272493	Lieut	Leslie	L/C.	✓
1863	272494	2nd Corp1	Lillie	H.T.	✓
1914	272279	Sapper	Mackie	A.C.	✓
2029	272495	Sapper	Martin C.L.		✓
1797	272496	Sergt	Mastees	J.	✓
1864	272497	2nd Corp1	Matchett	J.	✓
1816	272498	Corp1	Matthews	C.J.	✓
1915	272499	Sapper	Michael	W.	✓
1817	272	Corp1	Milford	H.C.	✓
1865	272500	2nd Cpl	Milkins	W.A.	✓
2010	272501	L/Cpl	Moylan	F.C.	✓
1974	272502	2nd Cpl	Mulcaister	J.F.	✓
1980	272503	Sapper	Mundie	J.	✓
1866	272504	2nd Cpl	Murray	J.G.	✓
1916	272505	Sapper	Murtagh	J.A.	✓
1818	272506	Corp1	Myers	F.	✓
1976	272505	2nd Cpl	McColl	H.	✓
1875	272508	Sapper	McDonald	S.J.	✓
1990	272509	Sergt	McElhone	J.A.J.M.	✓
1977	272510	2nd Cpl	McGarr	J.	✓
1819	272511	Corp1	McGiffin	J.	✓
1978	272512	Sapper	McGlynn	C.J.	✓
2012	272513	C.S.M.	McKenna	M.	✓
1820	272514	Corp1	McKerr	J.	✓
2018	272515	Corp1	McLaren	W.R.	✓
1895	272516	L/Cpl	Maclean	W.D.	✓
1867	272517	2nd Cpl	McMullen	W.F.	✓
1979		Sapper	MacPherson	K.W.	✓
1981	272518	Sapper	Nelson	O.E.	✓
2019	272519	Corp1	Nicholls	H.H.	✓
2030	272520	Sapper	Nolan	J.	✓
1982	272521	Sapper	North	R.M.	✓
1983	272522	Sapper	Odlum	T.R.	✓
1868	272523	2nd Cpl	O'Donnell	C.A.	✓
1984	272524	Sapper	O'Drea	M.	✓
2035	272525	Sapper	Oliver	E.A.	✓
2036	272526	Sapper	Oliver	H.S.	✓
1821	272528	Corp1	O'Malley	J.F.	✓
1917	272527	Sapper	O'Malley	J.	✓
			Orvad		
1822	272529	Corp1	Page	G.J.	✓
1869	272530	2nd Cpl	Patterson	A.S.	✓
1767	272531	W.O.	Patterson	J.R.	✓
1896	272532	L/Cpl	Peick	W.H.	✓
1823	272533	Corp1	Perrau	W.R.	✓
1985		Sapper	Perram	J.H.	✓
2020	272534	Corp1	Perritt	J.	✓
1772	272535	C.S.M.	Pike	L.R.	✓
1870	272536	2nd Cpl	Pilton	S.G.	✓
2034	272537	2nd Cpl	Pope	E.H.	✓
1872	272538	2nd Cpl	Powell	G.B.	✓
1873	272539	2nd Cpl	Powell	J.	✓
1874	272540	2nd Cpl	Pratt	J.H.	✓
1875	272541	Sapper	Pratt	J.R.	✓
1876	272542	C.S.M.	Price	H.	✓
1791	272543	Sergt	Prince	T.P.	✓
1792	272544	Sergt	Probert	J.P.S.	✓
2031	272545	Sapper	Radin	J.E.	✓

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1987	272546	Sapper	Randell	G.E.	✓
1988	272457	Sapper	Rankin	J.W.	✓
1793	272549	Sergt	Redding	J.A.	✓
2039	272548	Sapper	Reeves	H.	✓
1989	272550	Sapper	Reid	J.B.	✓
1990	272551	Sapper	Richards	J.	✓
1774	272552	C.S.M.	Roberts	D.	✓
1991	272553	Sapper	Robertson	A.	✓
1877	272554	2nd Cpl	Ross	S.I.	✓
2021	272555	Corpl	Ryan	J.C.	✓
1992	272556	Sapper	Ryan	M.	✓
2014	272557	Sergt	Ryan	W.	✓
1773	272558	C.S.M.	Sanders	A.	✓
1878	272559	2nd Cpl	Sargent	J.H.	✓
1918	272560	Sapper	Scadre	W.	✓
2040	272561	Sapper	Seggie	E.A.	✓
1879	272562	2nd Cpl	Sharp	A.F.	✓
1880	272563	2nd Cpl	Shepherd	C.S.	✓
1881	272564	2nd Cpl	Sheridan	T.C.	✓
1897	272565	L/Cpl	Shipton	W.H.	✓
1904	272566	Sapper	Skelton	P.W.	✓
2015	272567	Sergt	Skinner	F.O.	✓
1995	272568	Sapper	Smith	F.	✓
1996	272569	Sapper	Smith	G.C.	✓
1775	272571	C.S.M.	Smith	H.H.	✓
1883	272570	2nd Corpl	Smith	H.H.	✓
1882	272572	2nd Cpl	Smith	J.J.J.	✓
1824	272573	Corpl	Smith	T.J.	✓
1898	272574	L/Cpl	Snow	J.J.J.	✓
2032	272575	Sapper	Solomon	G.S.	✓
1825	272576	Corpl	Spencer	W.	✓
1884	272577	2nd Cpl	Staples	A.	✓
1885	272578	2nd Cpl	Steffan	F.	✓
1793	272579	Sergt	Stephenson	G.	✓
1998	272580	Sapper	Stevenson	J.W.	✓
1997	272581	Sapper	Strachan	H.	✓
1886	272582	2nd Cpl	Stratten	W.J.	✓
1795	272583	Sergt	Summons	J.E.	✓
1887	272584	2nd Corpl	Susans	A.T.	✓
1999	272585	2nd Cpl	Taylor	B.J.	✓
1899	272586	L/Cpl	Taylor	E.	✓
2000	272587	Sapper	Thomas	D.A.	✓
1888	272588	2nd Corpl	Thomson	J.	✓
1826	272589	Corpl	Thornton	A.N.	✓
2001	272590	Sapper	Tomlin	W.P.	✓
1827	272591	Corpl	Tudor	T.C.	✓
2003	272592	Sapper	Turnbull	A.M.	✓
2002	272593	Sapper	Turner	E.J.	✓
2004	272594	Sapper	Vaughton	T.G.	✓
1828	272595	Corpl	Verdon	H.S.	✓
1889	272596	2nd Corpl	Vincent	C.	✓
2005	272597	Sapper	Volles	G.A.	✓
1890	272598	2nd Cpl	Wall	R.	✓
1893	272599	2nd Cpl	Weeks	A.W.	✓
1891	272600	2nd Cpl	Weller	S.S.M.	✓
2006	272601	Sapper	Wells	A.J.	✓
1892	272602	2nd Corpl	Westcott	F.T.	✓
1829	272603	Corpl	Willecock	F.	✓
1796	272604	Sergt	Williams	T.V.	✓
1797	272605	Sergt	Wilson	T.	✓
2007	272606	2nd Corpl	Wood	F.	✓
2009	272607	Sapper	Woolley	W.F.	✓
2008	272608	Sapper	Worley	W.R.	✓
1894	272609	2nd Cpl	Wyeth	C.	✓
1798	272610	Sergt	Young	A.J.	✓