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3RD  
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TUNNELLING COY.  
No  
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Australian Imperial Force.

**WAR DIARY**

OF

*3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. Tnlq. Coy.*

FOR

*February* 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling

*B. Shaw.*  
*Lieut.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

## WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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3RD  
AUSTRALIAN  
TUNNELLING COY.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Summary of Events and Information

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Appendices

Place

Date

Hour

The strength of the Company on 1/2/19 was A.I.F. 23 Officers 496 O.R.<sup>s</sup>

Feb. 1919.

The month of February 1919 was principally occupied in preparing for ~~repatriation and~~ demobilization and repatriation. Some few men were sent to Cops schools for various educational purposes, others were drafted to military work in the United Kingdom, while others again, obtained work in the United Kingdom while awaiting repatriation.

On 5/2/19. 2 Officers Captain Brown & Lt. H. P. Wallman, with 50 O.R. marched out to Le Havre en route to England for repatriation.

On 6/2/19 3 Officers Capt. A. J. Hillman, Lt. A. L. Kennedy & Lt. D. Wentworth with 48 O.R. marched out to Le Havre en route to England for repatriation.

During the whole month a Composite Section, <sup>of about 120 O.R.<sup>s</sup></sup> continued on the work of restoring the normal flow of the Escaut River in the Cops area. This work included the removal of the debris of a Bridge at (Sheet 37 Vgd. 0.7) of another bridge at (Sheet 37 D3a. 0.9.) & of still another at (Sheet 44 J. 3C. 9.7.). Also the work of Sheet Piling & filling in the Breach on the West Bank was continued.

By the end of the month the work on the Escaut was nearly completed so far as our Company was concerned.

Throughout the month education classes were continued, lectures given, concerts, & cinema shows were & other forms of amusement kept going.

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	1919		<p>By 12/2/19, 80 men were moved from Phalempin to Tournai to engage on the work of erecting the Pont de Fer Bridge over the <sup>Scheldt</sup> <del>treant</del>. The bridge to be erected was a Class "A," 85 ft. span. (Stat 37. 0 23 c. 8. 7.)</p> <p>At the close of the month 5% of the work had been completed.</p> <p><u>COMPANY ORDERS:-</u> 1473. 2/Lieut H. Taylor was taken on strength of Coy. as from 6/2/19 &amp; posted to "B" Section for duty.</p> <p>1474: 5016 C.Q.M.S. Stubbs attached to Hd. Qrs. for duty.</p> <p>1480: Notice re draft. for repatriation.</p> <p>1502: Announcement of death of <del>of</del> from pneumonia at 39<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital 4497 Sapper A. Tucker on 9/2/19.</p> <p>1544. Lieut J.K. Forrester, Seconded for duty to 251<sup>st</sup> Tunnelling Coy. R.E. reported back &amp; was taken on strength of Unit as from 25/2/19.</p> <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE R &amp; I:-</u></p>	
Feb.				<p>Attached Appendices 1 to 22. } " " " 23 to 42 }</p>

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COMPANY ROUTINE ORDERS.....FEBRUARY 1st, 1919.

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1453. (CONTINUED):- REGIMENTAL FUNDS:-

STATEMENT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

Barbers' Shop.

1918.	Fcs.	1918.	
Dec. 1/31. To receipts.	67.80.	Dec. 1/31	By expenditure Washing Towels. 2.40
			Bonus payable to Staff, 1/3rd Total receipts. 22.60
			By Balance Profit. .. 42.80
Francs 67.80.....		Francs 67.80.	

CANTEEN PROFIT & LOSS A/C QUARTER ENDING 31/12/18.

Date	Particulars.	Fcs.	Cts.	Date	Particulars	Fcs.	Cts.
1918				1918			
Oct. 1	To value of stock in Hand.	1040.45		Oct 1 to Dec 31	By Cash Sales	16419.70	
Oct 1 to Dec 31	V alue of Goods purchased.	17836.10		Dec 31	By Stock in Hand Canteen.	1998.55	
Dec 31	To Balance Prof.	705.60		31	" "Bruyelle.	770.55	
				31	"B" Section.	393.35	
				31	By Cash in Canteen.		
Francs 19582.15.....				Francs. 19582.15			

CANTEEN STATEMENT.....ASSETS & LIABILITIES.....31/12/18.

Liabilities.

Assets.

	1918.		Fcs.	Cts.
	Dec. 31.	Stock in Canteen.	1998.	55
	"	Cash in "	393.35	
<u>Nil.</u>	"	Stock "B" section.	770.55	
	"	Bruyelle. ....	200.00	
	"	Value empty Beer Casks (5).....		

...Francs 3362.45.

REGIMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET 31/12/18.

3rd AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COMPANY.

1918		1918.	a	s	d
Nov. 30.	To Blance, with Base Paymaster.	2543 19 8.	Dec 14.	To Reg. A7001 Xmas Comforts purchd.	115 6 8
			16	Reg. 7002 do.	38 6 8
			20	Req. 7003 sub. to "Anzac Bulletin".	2 12 .
			26	Req. 7004 Xmas Comforts purchd.	4 15 10
			31	By Balce, with Base Paymaster.	383 5 2

£ 543.19.8.

£ 543.19.8

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3rd Australian Tunnelling Company,  
February 6th, 1919.

C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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Hereunder, please,

REPORT ON NORTHERN SECTION OF QUANT-BOUCOURT MAIN DEFENSIVE LINE  
(From LENS-CARVIN ROAD to CITE ST. ELIE).

1. Sector Examined:-

- (a) Vendin-Haisnes Switch (44A.06B to H16A).
- (b) Vendin-Douvain-La Bassée Line (44AH16A to H29D).
- (c) Montigny-Harnes-Annay Switch (44AH29D to H36D).

2. Siting:-

- (a) The Vendin-Haisnes Switch is an almost straight system of trenches for the most part on ground slightly higher than the surrounding country, and having a good forward field of fire. This system at 44A.06b is about 1000 yards behind the old German Front Line, and going south eastwards recedes from it until at H16A, where it joins the Vendin-Douvain-La Bassée line, it is about 2700 yards east of the front line held by the Germans.
- (b) The Vendin-Douvain-La Bassée line and the Montigny-Harnes-Annay Switch are roughly parallel to the old front line held by the enemy. These lines run immediately in front of Cite St Leonard, Vendin-le-Vieil and Annay. Portions of the line in front of Vendin-le-Vieil are badly sited and would suffer from enfilade fire from the high ground to the west.

Outpost Line:-

Outpost defences consist of a few L.M.G. posts adjacent to the communications trenches leading to the Cite St August-Hulluch-La Bassée line. These mostly consist of roughly prepared fortified shell-holes in positions giving enfilade fire on forward communication trenches. They are from 400 to 800 yards forward of the front line and have been camouflaged but do not appear to have been occupied.

Front and Support Lines:-

These consist generally of traversed trenches about 7 feet deep and mostly in an incomplete state of construction except in H36. North of H36 the trenches are neither re-vetted nor duck-boarded and have not been in a condition of effective occupation. There are evidences of a commencement having been made shortly before the retirement, in October, 1918, to put the line in order, working from the south, northwards, but little progress was made north of H36a. In H36 the front line is duck-boarded and has re-vetted fire-steps. The support line has also been fire-stepped, but not having been re-vetted, the fire-steps have fallen in.

Communication Trenches:-

These are traversed trenches generally from 6 to 8 feet deep, but not duck-boarded. Very little maintenance has been done since construction, and in many places the sides have weathered and fallen in. Some more recent work has been done along the northern edge of the township of Annay which was evidently intended as a switch line from the Montigny-Harnes-Annay line to the Haute Deule Canal at Pont-a-Vendin.

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Wire:-

The lay-out is generally parallel to the system of trenches, in alignment and of a rough saw-tooth formation giving enfilade fire on the wire. It consists of three belts approximately parallel. The first belt is 15 to 40 yards from the trench and 3 to 5 panels wide, each panel being about 5 feet. The distance between the belts is from 6 to 15 yards, the front belts are from 3 to 6 panels wide. All the wire is low - from 2 to 2 feet 6 inches high. In a few places it is thick but generally it is very thin and not a serious obstacle. Communication trenches are wired on the north-western side, mostly with one belt only. The switch skirting the buildings on the north of Annay has two belts of wire. Where roads cross the system the belts of wire are joined up along each side of the road. The wire standards are mostly of the iron screw type or angle iron. In places a few wooden pickets have been used. Details of the location and quantity of wire are given in the list attached.

Observation:-

There are few O.Ps in the system of trenches; those found are noted in the details attached hereto. The whole system was commanded by the famous Wingles Towers, the chief being the Water Tower of the Societe Metallurgique Werke, the top of which has been destroyed by our artillery. Also the high building of Vendin-le-Vieil with numerous smoke stacks and the Water tower at Annay provided good O.Ps for the whole sector.

Camouflage:-

Little camouflaging has been attempted on this sector, and what did exist was not efficient as practically all the positions in the systems are noted on our maps, evidently from aerial observation.

General Remarks:-

The reconnaissance of this sector shows an incomplete system of secondary importance and of little use in withstanding a determined attack. North of H36, where the Montigny-Harnes-Annay switch ends, it presents no points of particular interest. A few re-inforced concrete structures are completed as noted in details attached, and there are signs of preparations for others in several places but the work had barely been started when the German retirement commenced. The system generally north-west of Annay appears to have been in a bad condition for a considerable period. The wire is very old, thin, low, and like the trenches has not been maintained. There are only two or three powerful M.G. concrete emplacements on the sector. These are very obvious and good targets for attacking artillery (See sketches). No well constructed T.M. emplacements were found. Those noted in detailed list attached are lightly camouflaged excavations, with covered ways leading to the adjacent trenches.



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(C o n t i n u e d).

Accommodation for troops:-

This consists for the most part of deep galleries with two inclined entrances. A few concrete dug-outs were found. (These are noted on list of details attached). There is little sign of enemy occupation of the system, but plenty of evidence of the dug-outs having been used by our troops during the advance in October, 1918. The villages immediately behind the line have many cellars strengthened with concrete and could accommodate a large number of troops.

In the Field.

(Sd) H. Wheeler Brown, Captain,  
3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

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C.O., 3rd. Aus. Tun. Coy.

Hereunder is REPORT on  
MONTIGNY-HARNES-ANNAY SWITCH LINE  
&  
MONTIGNY-DROCOURT-QUEANT LINE.

FROM SHEET 44A.N6B to SHEET 44A.U10B.

(I) MAIN DEFENSIVE LINE.

- CONSTITUTION:-
- (a). Outpost Line.
  - (b). Front and support lines.
  - (c). Reserve Lines.
  - (d). Communication Trenches.
  - (e). Wire.

SITING:-- The Line generally is well sited with a view to retaining all possible advantages of observation and natural Strong Points whilst at the same time having the maximum amount of open country immediately in front of the line.

Full advantage has been taken of the flooded area to the South of the Lens Canal, approximately one-fourth of the entire Sector examined having a water frontage.

TRENCHES:- OUTPOST LINE consisting of fortified shell holes, Concealed M.G. Positions, Railway Embankments, Brick Walls, etc, is from 1,000 to 1,500 Yards in advance of the Main Line.

(b) FRONT LINE & SUPPORT TRENCHES:-- These are revetted, fire stepped, duck bearded and box drained to sumps (see sketch) and contain a large number of reinforced concrete O.Ps. & M.G. dugouts (see sketches).

The Support Line and in a lesser degree the Front Line also, contain a great number of unfinished deep dugouts.

(c) COMMUNICATION TRENCHES:-- These are well traversed and completed for a distance of approximately 1500 yards from the Front Line, after which they become shallow traces, with the exceptions noted in General Remarks hereunder.

(d) RESERVE LINES:-- Two or more lines of trench, usually shallow, with O.Ps. (concrete) & dugouts and many unfinished inclines for dugouts or lines of dugouts with concrete O.Ps. at suitable points, connected by rifle pits.

(e) WIRE:-- The Front Line and the Support Line are each protected by a belt of wire 90 to 100 yards wide consisting of three minor belts of low picket wire 2'6" high and from 20 to 30 feet wide, arranged in rough saw-tooth alignment giving enfilade fire on the wire (see sketch herewith).

The Communication Trenches have a 30 ft. belt of wire on each side.

The wiring of the Reserve Lines is not complete, in most places there being only a 30 ft. belt of screw pickets in position ready for the wire to be fixed.

OBSERVATION. FORWARD EXRS:-- O.Ps. of reinforced concrete (as per sketch) have been constructed at frequent intervals along the Front and Support Lines, and at many points between the Lines commanding a good field of vision.

REAR:-- On all high slag dumps, in tall houses, smoke stacks and on high ground, O.Ps. have been established, usually of reinforced concrete.

CAMOUFLAGE:-- A great deal of care has been taken in endeavouring to camouflage all work. Spoil from dugouts and excavations for concrete structures has been carefully distributed and sowed over. O.Ps. & M.G. Exs. in slag dumps have been painted to imitate the natural surroundings, but with a few exceptions the results have been poor. The most notable exception is an O.P. at Sheet 44A.U4D.80.80., where a small group of fir trees has been concreted in, and Ivy which had previously been growing there, trained over the concrete.

GENERAL REMARKS.

SWITCH LINES:-- The Communication Trench starting from 44A.O16A.90.90. and running to Pont de Courrieres has been organised as a Switch Line facing West, to Northwest. It is strongly

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wired, fire stepped and revetted and has numerous dugouts and concrete structures. In the event of the country North of the Lens Canal being captured, this Switch would make a strong line to fall back on, based on the Haute Deule Canal and conforming to the general trend of the Drocourt-Quessant Line.

A similar line starting at 44A.OID.60.70. and running to Vendin had been commenced but not completed.

PERIODS OF CONSTRUCTION:- There appears to have been two distinct periods in the construction of the Line.

Firstly, the digging of the Trench System and the deep dugouts, the latter probably intended to be connected by a Tunnel system, of which there is evidence at 44A.OIO.C&D.

Secondly, the abandonment of deep dugouts (of which great numbers were left in all stages of ~~construction~~ construction) in favour of concrete dugouts with exits close to the surface. Work on these was continued until at least ~~10-9-18~~ 10-9-18 on which date a M.G. Dugout at 44A.OBA.20.05. was finished. Many others are partially completed and numerous excavations have been made in Front Line and support for still more concrete structures.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS:- There are very few enclosed M.G.E's., these noted being mostly in houses or slag dumps. The general practice being to have an open emplacement alongside or on top of a concrete dugout.

TRENCH MORTAR EMPLACEMENTS:- Only a few emplacements have been constructed and these mostly for H.T.M's., though many emplacements have been sited and indicated by notice boards.

ANTI-TANK GUN EMPLACEMENTS:- Only one emplacement was found (see sketch), this covering the only suitable piece of ground for tanks to operate on.

OBSERVATION:- Although the Defensive Zone and the country in Rear of it is lower than that to the West, numerous high slag dumps provide excellent O.P.s. from which an extensive and unobstructed view of the surrounding country is obtained.

ACCOMMODATION FOR TROOPS:- The finished work in the Front Line and Support has accommodation in Bunks for 2,090 men, 47% of which is in concrete structures. Under Battle conditions this could be very largely increased. There is also accommodation for a very large number of men in concrete cellars or deep dugouts sunk from cellars of houses in the villages, in front of which the line passes.

CONCRETE WORK:- The total amount of concrete used in the Sector examined, (excluding all concreted cellars in villages) amounts to:- In Front & Support Lines-----25,500 Tons.

In Rear Lines-----5,300 Tons.

Equal to 3.05 Tons per yard of Trench Front.

Map, pencil sketches, and detailed notes of each emplacement, dugout, O.P., etc. are herewith, please.

(Sd.) J.O.McARDLE,  
Captain,

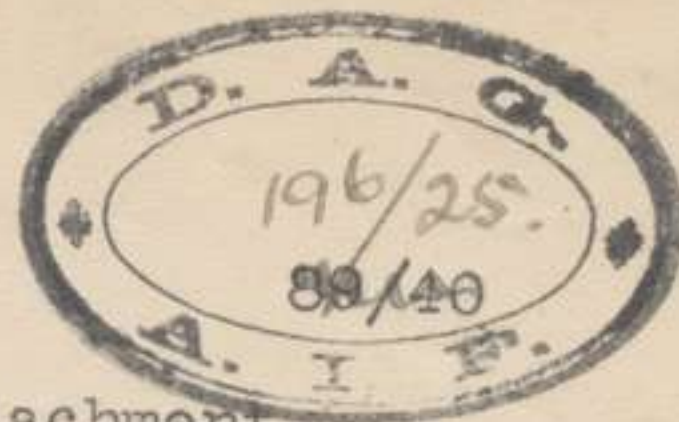
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In the Field.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.



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A.I.F. Headquarters Detachment,  
C/- H.Q., Australian Corps,  
5th February 1919.

O.C.,  
3rd AUST. TUNNELLING COY.

Reference attached,-

Application was made to G.H.Q. on 28.1.19 for the return to his unit of this officer.

*H. Dwyer*

Lieut.-Colonel,  
A.A.G., A.I.F.

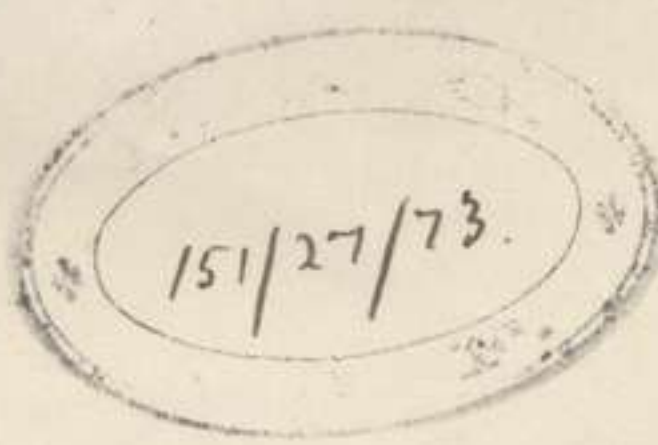
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*Major*

*8/2/19.*



3RD
AUSTRALIAN
TUNNELLING COY.
L.37
No. 10/1/19
Date.....

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A.A.G., A.I.F.,

① Herewith in duplicate, please, recommendation for the promotion of 2nd.Lieut.J.K.Forrester of this unit who is at present attached for duty to the 251st.Tunnelling Coy.(R.E.) A certificate from the C.O.of that unit as to his efficiency as an officer is attached.

② As I understand a large number of the personnel, of (except officers) of the 251st.Tunnelling Coy., R.E.has been demobilised, could it now be arranged for Lieut.Forrester to rejoin his unit, please.

*Wm. Anderson*

Major,  
C.O., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

10/1/19.

*Commdr + sec. 251st*

*AIF Aust Coy*

*13.8.18.*

*Promotion of 2/Lt Forrester to be Lieut has been approved dated 13/11/18. Referred for action as regards para 2 Robertson*

*22/1/19*

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To O.C.

CONFIDENTIAL

Yours N<sup>o</sup> 2822 d/d. 27-8-18

3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Tunnelling Coy

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Ref the above, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut J. K.

FORRESTER completed 3 months attachment to this Company on 27-11-18.

Lieut FORRESTER has proved himself a most efficient and capable officer in every respect; he has a thorough grasp of the theoretical & practical aspects of the work and an excellent command of his men.

I think so highly of him that he is on the short list for command of a section should a vacancy arise.



James H. Church  
MAJOR, R.E.  
O.C. 251<sup>ST</sup> (T) COY. R.E.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

3rd Aust. Tunnelling Coy (Unit)

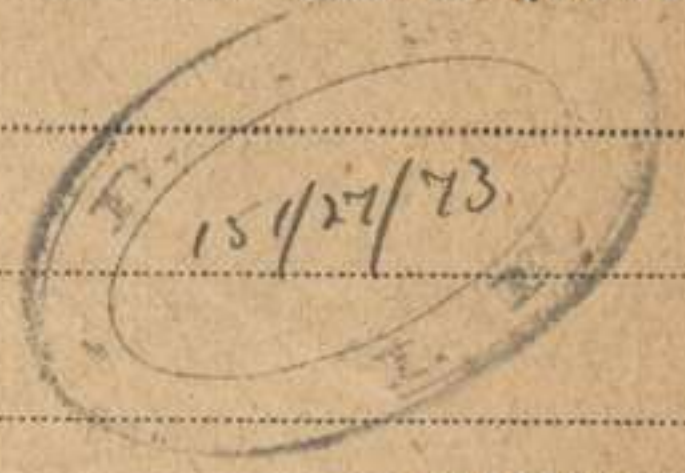
## RECOMMENDATION FOR PROMOTION OF

Rank 2nd Lieutenant

Surname (in Block Capitals) FORRESTER

Christian Names JAMES KING

to the Rank of Lieutenant



SUBSTANTIVE  
TEMPORARY

Date of first appointment to A.I.F.	<u>13/8/1918</u>	<u>Enlisted 19/9/16</u>
Date of appointment or promotion to present rank	<u>13/8/18</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Age and date of Birth.	<u>29 Years</u>	<u>2/11/89.</u>
Will any Officer of Unit be superseded if promotion now recommended is approved?	<u>No</u>	
If so, names of Officers and reasons for supercession to be briefly stated, and a statement added that the Officers concerned have been so informed	<u>—</u>	

## RECOMMENDATION OF O.C. UNIT.

I recommend the above-named Officer for ~~TEMPORARY~~ <sup>SUBSTANTIVE</sup> promotion as stated to fill the vacancy caused by as he has proved himself an efficient & capable officer and I recommend that the promotion be made from 13/11/18

The date on which the vacancy occurred was \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date 10/1/19 Alex. Anderson  
 Signature of O.C. Unit.

## RECOMMENDATION OF O.C. BRIGADE (Divisional Artillery, Engineers, or Train as the case may be, and A.D.M.S. in the case of A.A.M.C. Officers).

I concur in the above recommendation.  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of O.C. Brigade.

## RECOMMENDATION OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDER.

Recommended to date from \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major General,  
 Commanding Australian Division.

## DECISION OF G.O.C. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Done for orders dated 13/4

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In reply please quote

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3rd ECHELON. G.H.Q.

B. E. F.

8th February. 1919.

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Officer Commanding,  
3rd Aust. Tunnelling Company.  
C H E M Y. S.

It is desired to get in touch with you with a view to the withdrawal of the remaining members of 1914-1915 <sup>B class</sup> personnel of your Unit for Repatriation and Demobilisation.

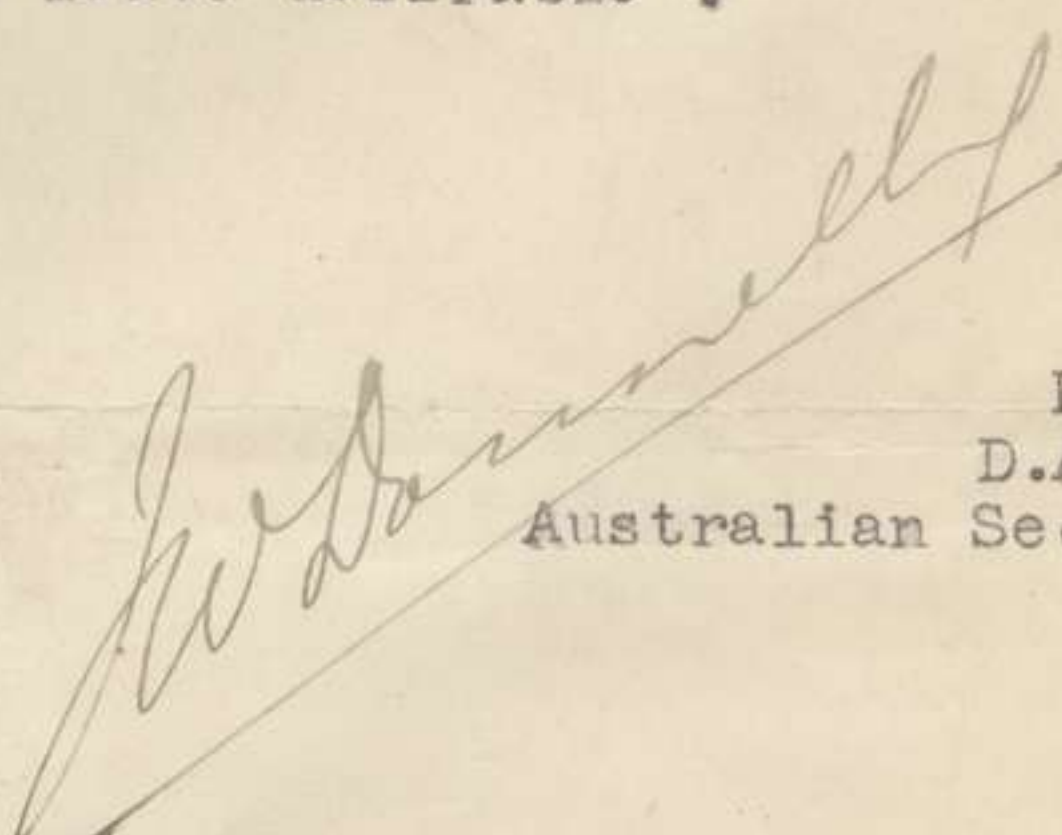
A Quota ( which it is thought will be numbered 15) will be allotted to the 3rd Echelon and Corps Groups; this quota will assemble at Havre about the end of February or the beginning of March, if ships become available to enable normal demobilisation arrangements to be given effect to. For this quota it is proposed to allot vacancies for the remaining members of your Unit of the above categories.

According to the figures available in this office, you have 70 officers and approximately 83 other ranks of 1914-1915 categories still with your Unit. Will you please verify this and wire this office by the 12th instant, giving the names of officers and the numbers by ranks of warrant, non-commissioned officers and men.

Orders for the move of personnel will be issued later when definite information is available regarding the normal resumption of train and shipping traffic, but in the meantime it is desired that such re-arrangement of duties as be necessary should be undertaken to enable officers, warrant and non-commissioned officers and men of 1914-1915 categories to get away when called for and in this connection it is considered that no member should be retained unless for most exceptional reasons or at his own request, and then only if his services are essential.

Will you please also furnish by memo particulars of each individual who will not proceed for demobilisation, and give the reason for his retention in each case.

May I add that no member who is due for inclusion in a quota should be granted leave of absence except for very special reasons which render leave desirable .

  
Major,  
D.A.A.G.  
Australian Section.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE



TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"ADMINAIST, LONDON."  
CABLE ADDRESS:  
"STPALIS, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE:  
VICTORIA 8820 (8 LINES)

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## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,

130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,

LONDON, S.W.

10th February 1919.

To  
A.M.S. A.I.F.

Copies to :-

Headquarters, 3rd Aust. Tunng. Company.  
Officers Records.  
Demobilisation (2)

Lieut. H. WARLOW-DAVIES - 3rd Tunng. Coy. A.I.F.

Under the authority of the Director-General of Repatriation and Demobilisation, permission has been granted to the above named Officer to proceed to AUSTRALIA via AMERICA on the following conditions :-

- (1) That he has leave of absence with pay and field allowance until 13th February 1919 :
- (2) That he has leave of absence without pay or allowances from 14th February 1919, until the date of his disembarkation in AUSTRALIA :
- (3) That he proceeds to Australia via America entirely at his own expense:
- (4) That he reports to Headquarters, 2nd Military District, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, not later than 13th May 1919:
- (5) That he pays to the Paymaster (Chief) a sum equivalent to his allotment at the rate of 12/- a day for the period from 14th February until 13th May 1919:
- (6) That he notifies this Office of the ship, date, and port of his embarkation both from ENGLAND and AMERICA.

*Adjt Please put in  
personnel (Officers) file  
As Major  
19/2/19.*

*Robt. E. Jackson Lt Col*

Brig. General.  
Commandant.



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URGENT.




O/C.,  
3rd Australian Tun: Coy.  
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For the information of the Chief Engineer, who is sitting as a Member of the Committee appointed to consider the revision of Mobilization Store Tables, will you please submit your views on the following :-

TUNNELLING COYS.

1. Should Lewis Guns be added to the authorised Establishment? If so, how many, and how much Ammunition should be carried.
2. Are any other alterations necessary?

14-2-19.

  
Capt. R.E.,  
S.O. for C.E., 1 Corps.

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No. L.124.

23-2--19.

CHIEF ENGINEER,  
I CORPS.

Ref. your 3535 of 14-2-19, please.  
MOBILISATION STORE TABLE OF A TUNNELLING COY.

I am strongly of opinion that Tunnelling Companies should be equipped and trained so as to be prepared for offensive or defensive action as Infantry when necessary.

Companies on the Higher Establishment (practically Battalion strength) should be provided with eight (8) Lewis Guns and those on the Lower Establishment with four (4) Lewis Guns. 500 rounds of ammunition should be carried per Gun.

I would also strongly recommend the provision of four (4) Cockers (1 per Section) for Companies on the Higher Establishment and two (2) Cockers for Companies on the Lower Establishment.

The List "A", attached, shows the Stores authorised on Army Form G 1098-129A, which I have found have not been required in connection with our work in France during the past three years.

The List "B", attached, shows Stores authorised but not required in the numbers authorised.

The List "C" shows stores, tools and equipment found necessary in connection with the work of this Unit in France but not Authorised on Army Form G 1098-129A.

LIST "A".

DESCRIPTION OF STORES NOT REQUIRED.

<u>SECTION No. 7.</u>	<u>SECTION No. 26.</u>
CASES, AUGER.	BOXES, VESUVIAN MATCHES, Mk. 3, EMPTY.
HOLDALLS, TOOL, R.E.	FUZES, ELECTRIC, No. 14.
RULES, MASONS, PLUMB	MATCHES, VESUVIAN.
SAWS, FOLDING, COMPLETE.	
VICES, HAND, 16ozs.	

LIST "B".

STORES NOT NEEDED IN NUMBERS AUTHORISED.

<u>SECTION No. 7</u>		
DESCRIPTION	No. AUTHORISED	No. REQUIRED.
COMPASSES, WING, 10", PAIRS	5	-----1.
KNIVES, DRAWING, CARPENTERS	5	-----1.
PINCERS	5	-----1.
SAWS, FRAME	4	-----1.
SETS, SAW, PIT	4	-----1.
<u>SECTION No. 28-B.</u>		
CASES, TESTING, FILLED	4	-----1.
<u>SECTION No. 29-B.</u>		
SEXTANTS, POCKET	4	-----1.
SEXTANTS, POCKET, CASES	4	-----1.

LIST "C".

STORES FOUND NECESSARY BUT NOT AUTHORISED.

WOMBAT BORING MACHINES COMPLETE	-----4.
ACME " " "	-----4.
ADZES, CLAY	-----48.
PUMPS, AIR, HOLMAN, WITH HOSE	-----8.
PUMPS WATER, L.& F., " "	-----8.
BELLOWS FORGE	-----1.
COMPASSES, PRISMATIC	-----8.
EARTH AUGERS, 10", WITH EXTENSION RODS	-----16.
JACKS, BOTTLE, 5 TONS	-----4.
JACKS, BOTTLE, 3 TONS	-----4.
LAMPS, C.E.A.G. or OLDHAM	-----64.
LAMPS, " " " ACCUMULATOR SPARES	-----64.
PICKS, HARDY'S PATENT	-----128.
" " " HELVES FOR	-----128.
TROWEL, BRICKLAYERS	-----4.

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SOUND DETECTORS, GEOPHONE	8.
THEODOLITES, 5", WITH TELESCOPIC LEGS	2.
TOOLS, GRAFTING, 2'6" & 3'0" <sup>9</sup>	24.
BAGS, GUNCOTTON	200.
TOOLS, SCREWCUTTING, WHITWORTH, UP TO 1"	4.
" " FOR PIPES (Gas threads)	4.
TONGS, PIPE	4.
CUTTERS, PIPE	4.
BRUSHES, WHITEWASH	8.
" PAINT	8.
TAPES, TRACING	20.
BARROWS, WHEEL	16. (16)
SENTINAL PIPE FORCING JACKS	1.
" " " " PUMP FOR )	1.
HAMMERS, SPALLING	16.
" STONEBREAKING	16.
BELLS ELECTRIC, AND CELLS FOR	4.
GLOVES, WIRE ENTANGLEMENT	100.
HAMMERS, LOADING	8.
" HAND	8.
PLIERS, SIDECUTTING	16.
LAMPS, HURRICANE	24.
SHEARS, TINMANS, PAIRS	2.
SPRAYERS, VERMORAL	4.
CALIPERS, INSIDE & OUTSIDE	4.
SQUARES, BLACKSMITHS	2.
BLOCKS, SWAGE	2.
STRETCHERS, AMBULANCE	8.
BLOWERS, KEITH-BLACKMAN	4.
KNIVES, FARRIERS	2.
PINCERS, "	2.
SPANNERS, FOOTPRINT	8.
STAFFS, LEVELLING, SOPWITH	2.
FUSE LIGHTERS	240.
<del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del>	
PROTO APPARATUS	8.

*Alex. Anderson*

In the Field.

Majer,  
C.O., 3rd? Australian Tunnelling Coy

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STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, James ROBERTSON, Lieutenant, of 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy. serving in FRANCE do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare

- 1. I enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force and attested on 18-9-15 at Moore Park Military Camp, New South Wales, Australia.
- 2. I reported to Engineers Officers' School at Moore Park aforesaid on 1-10-15.
- 3. I was transferred from Moore Park Military Camp to CASULA Military Camp, N.S.W., on 28-1-16 where I was informed my attestation papers had miscarried. I re-attested on 28-1-16 at Casula Camp.
- 4. I embarked from Australia on 20-2-16.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARED at

this                      day of                      1919.

before me

(Signature) . . . . .

(Description) . . . . .

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D.A.A.G., Aust. Section,  
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q.

B.  
No. L.III.

16-2--19.

Ref. your letter No. 3296 of 8-2-19, please.

Of the 1915 Enlistments still with this Unit there remains:-

Captain J.O.O. McARDELL, M.C.  
Captain R.Y. LANGDON, M.C.  
Lieut. J. ROBERTSON  
Lieut. W.W. GRAINGER, M.C.  
One Warrant Officer.  
One R.Q.M. Sergt.  
Two C.Q.M. Sergts.  
One S/sergt.  
Six Sergeants.  
Nine Corporals.  
Four Lance Corporals.  
Eleven Sappers

There are approximately 20 other Ranks of 1916/17 Enlistment in "B" Class Medical Category. The Medical Officer of this Unit is at present examining all ranks for the purpose of making up Forms 536. Only one hundred of these forms have so far, been received and I shall be glad if an additional supply of 300 can be forwarded.

Of the abovementioned I have earmarked, with his consent, Capt R.Y. Langdon, M.C. for the Unit Cadre and the three Q.M. Sergts. for duty until their store lists are completed. Until the Medical Classification is completed I cannot say, definitely, how many "B" Class Medical Category men there are in the Unit. Twenty men who are still here have been absent from the Unit on account of Sickness for over 100 days and are probably mostly "B" Class personnel.  
*Medical Classification will be completed before the end of this month*

*Wm. Sanderson*

In the Field, PHALEMPIN.

Major,  
C.O. 3rd. Australian Tunnelling Coy.

*A.O.*  
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FIRST ARMY  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

First Army No. 930/285.A.- 15th. February, 1919.

The following posting is approved:-

Captain A.J.HILLMAN, M.C. 3rd. Australian Tunnelling Coy., to command 2nd. Australian Tunnelling Coy., vice Major E.N.MULLIGAN, to ENGLAND.

Will you please order this Officer to proceed for duty forthwith.

( A.G. 55/3486 (9) ).

*H.F. Quinn*  
*Capd. C*

Headquarters,  
First Army.

A.A.G. FIRST ARMY.

CM 3967  
1st ARMY

Copy to:- Controller of Mines.

*3rd Aust T Coy. for information*  
*H.F.*

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NoL 126.  
24-2--19.

Director General,  
Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept.,  
A.I.F.

Herewith, please, applications for Non-Military Employment from :-

No. 6643	Sapper RYAN, T. of 3rd. Aust. Tunn. Coy.			
" 7719	" WILLIAMS, G. "	"	"	"
" 5960	" BUGDEN, J.W. "	"	"	"
" 7578	" MORRIS, C. "	"	"	"
" 7328	" KELLY, P.W. "	"	"	"
" 7787	" CROWNSHAW, T. "	"	"	"
" 4536	" PAYNE, L.S. "	"	"	"

In the Field.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd. Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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16.

No. L.143.  
26-2--19.

D.A.A.G., Aust. Section,  
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q.

Ref. your P.G.908 of 20/2/19, please.

I am holding in readiness to dispatch from the Rail-head, TOURNAI, on receipt of your instructions, Three (3) Officers and fiftytwo (52) Other Ranks--Total 55 for Quota 15.

Ref. your P.G.986 of 24/2/19, please.

Lt.K.B.MOORE at present is working with a party on the Scheldt where he is completing the erection of a steel Bridge. I am holding him for a few days and will then send him to report to the Commandant of the Aust. Base Depots, HAVRE, not later than the 10th. Proximo, with the necessary documents.

No.1208 Sapper WATTS, G.J. accompanied Quota "9" and No.4460 Sapper RIDGEWELL, R.T. reported to Demebaust, while on leave and has been given the non-military employment he applied for. No.1005 COMS.FORSYTH, L.M. will accompany the first available Quota. He is at present on Paris Leave, and due to return in a few days.

Will you please note that the Headquarters of this Unit will close at Phalempin, France and open at TOURNAI, BELGIUM, on 3/3/19.

Phalempin.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd. Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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Lt. J. B. Shaw, MC.  
for records 356

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REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION A.I.F.

3RD AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COMPANY.

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND N.C.O.s TO BE ON ESTABLISHMENT ACCORDING TO STRENGTH OF UNIT IN ALL RANKS.

(PROVISIONAL-- Subject to amendment when instructions as to the composition of "CADRES" are received from the Dept. of Rep. & Demob.)

(1). For strength (All ranks)  
OVER 500.

Capt. R.Y. LANGDON, MC.  
Lieut. E.P. HORN (Adjnt.)  
Lt. C.C. SHAW, MC.  
Lt. P.J. CAVANAGH, MC.  
Lt. E.P. MOORE.  
Lt. T. TAYLOR.  
Lt. O.J. STERNBERG.  
Lt. J. DOW.  
Lt. J.B. SHAW, MC.  
Lt. J.K. FORRESTER.  
Lt. H. TAYLOUR.

1 R.Q.M.S.  
1 R.Q.M.S.  
3 S/SERGETS.  
2 C.Q.M.Ss.  
11 SERGETS.  
9 CORPLS.  
9 2/CPLS.  
9 1/CPLS.

(2). For strength (All ranks)  
UNDER 500 & OVER 200.

Capt. R.Y. LANGDON, MC.  
Lt. E.P. HORN (Adjnt.)  
Lt. T. TAYLOR.  
Lt. O.J. STERNBERG.  
Lt. J. DOW.  
Lt. J.B. SHAW, MC.  
Lt. J.K. FORRESTER.  
Lt. H. TAYLOUR.

1 R.Q.M.S.  
2 S/SERGETS.  
2 C.Q.M.Ss.  
7 SERGETS.  
6 CORPLS.  
6 2/CPLS.  
6 1/CPLS.

(3). For strength (All ranks)  
UNDER 200 & OVER 100.

Capt. R.Y. LANGDON, MC.  
Lt. E.P. HORN, (Adjnt.)  
Lt. T. TAYLOR.  
Lt. J. DOW.  
Lt. O.J. STERNBERG.  
Lt. J.B. SHAW, MC. (With RECORDS)  
(A.I.F., HQ.)  
Lt. J.K. FORRESTER  
Lt. H. TAYLOUR.

1 R.Q.M.S.  
1 S/SERGT.  
1 C.Q.M.S.  
34 SERGETS.  
4 CORPLS.  
4 2/CPLS.  
4 1/CPLS.

(4). For strength (All ranks)  
UNDER 100 & OVER 50.

Capt. R.Y. LANGDON, MC.  
Lt. E.P. HORN, (Adjnt.)  
Lt. J. DOW.  
Lt. J.B. SHAW, MC. (With RECORDS)  
(A.I.F., HQS)  
Lt. J.K. FORRESTER.  
Lt. H. TAYLOUR.

1 R.Q.M.S.  
1 S/SERGT.  
1 C.Q.M.S.  
2 SERGETS.  
2 CORPLS.  
2 2/CPLS.  
2 1/CPLS.

(5). For strength (All ranks)  
UNDER 50.

Capt. R.Y. LANGDON, MC.  
Lt. E.P. HORN (Adjnt.)  
Lt. J. DOW.  
Lt. H. TAYLOUR.  
Lt. J.B. SHAW, MC. (With RECORDS)  
(A.I.F., HQS.)  
1 S/SERGT. & 1 C.Q.M.S.  
1 SERGT., 2 CPLS. & 1 1/CPL.

(6). Final CADRE "B"

Lt. E.P. HORN (Adjnt.)  
Lt. J.B. SHAW, MC. (RECORDS)  
1 S/SERGT.  
2 SERGETS OR CORPLS.  
10 SAPPERS.

26/2/19.

Mr. Sanderson



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3RD  
AUSTRALIAN  
TUNNELLING COY.  
No. L. 142.  
Date 27-2-19.

The Chief Paymaster,  
Headquarters, A.I.F.

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No acknowledgement has been received of the notification of the appointment of Lt. E.P. HORN, Adj. of this Unit, to be the IMPREST HOLDER of the 3rd. Aust. Tunn. Coy. I am therefore sending to you in Duplicate two copies of the notification of Appointment duly acknowledged by Lieut. HORN. Will you please acknowledge receipt.

TOURNAI, BELGIUM. Major,  
C.O., 3rd. Australian Tunnelling Coy.

APPOINTMENT OF IMPREST HOLDER  
-----  
3RD. AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COMPANY.  
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19.

*[Signature]*

Lieutenant.

*[Signature]*

Lieutenant.

BY AUTHORITY granted in A.I.F. ORDER No. 1509 dated 10/1/19 I HEREBY APPOINT Lieutenant EDWARD PALMER HORN, adjutant of 3RD. AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COY., whose signature appears in the margin hereof, to be the IMPREST HOLDER of the 3RD. AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COY.

SPECIFY IN SIGNATURE OF IMPREST HOLDER herein appointed.)

do. PHALEMPIN, FRANCE.  
17th JANUARY, 1919.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Commanding Officer,  
3RD. AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COY.

THE CHIEF PAYMASTER,  
HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F.

The above is forwarded for your information and records. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
C.O., 3RD. AUST. TUNN. COY.  
PHALEMPIN, 17/1/19.

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3RD  
AUSTRALIAN  
TUNNELLING COY.

20.

No. No. L. 139.  
Date 27-2-19.

A.D.O.S., (Demob.)  
Australian Corps,  
Charleroi, FRANCE, BELGIUM.

Reference, please, Dept. of Repat. & Demob., General Instructions No. 14, -Annexure "A", para. I and regulations-Section B-Stores, para. 5(b) & para. II.

Will you please instruct as to <sup>when</sup> ~~where~~ the process of returning and accounting for the Mobilisation Stores of this Unit may be commenced.

A large quantity of Mining Stores are being carried. When it is permissible to return them, may arrangements be made with the D.D.O.S., First Army, for them to be handed over to the D.A.D.O.S., 24th. Division, to whom the Unit is attached for Ordnance supplies.

Will you also please instruct as to what is to be done with a quantity of special equipment (instruments, etc) brought with the Unit from Australia and not included on the Mobilisation Store Table. Also the equipment referred to in the last paragraph on page 5 of the Instructions, Section B-Stores.

*Alex Sanderson*

TOURNAI, BELGIUM.

Major,  
C.O., 3RD Australian Tunnelling Coy.

3rd. Aust. Tunn. Coy.,  
Feb. 28th. 1919.



*Copy*

No. 1005 CQMSergt. L.M. FORSYTH,  
3rd. Aust. Tunn. Coy.

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Dear Sergt. Forsyth,

I have pleasure in notifying you that the Army Commander has, under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, awarded to you the MILITARY MEDAL for Gallantry and Devotion to Duty.

The Chief Engineer, Fifth Army; the C.E. I Corps and the C.R.E. I Corps Troops have instructed me to convey to you their congratulations, to which I most heartily add my own.

Yours sincerely,

*(sd) Alex Sanderson*

Major,  
C.O., 3rd. Australian Tunn. Coy.

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*Approved  
A. J. B. H.*

C. R. E.,  
I Corps Troops.

convey to him the Chief Engineer's congratulations.

For information and communication to the recipient. Please



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26-2-19.

Capt. R. E.,  
I Corps.

*R. J. Hoare*



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CHIEF  
ENGINEER,  
FIFTH ARMY.

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No. H/1/2/20

Date .....

A.M.S. Fifth Army No. 193

Chief Engineer,  
Fifth Army.  
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PEACE DESPATCH.

With reference to the recommendations submitted by you for the above, the Army Commander has, under authority delegated by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, awarded the MILITARY MEDAL to :-

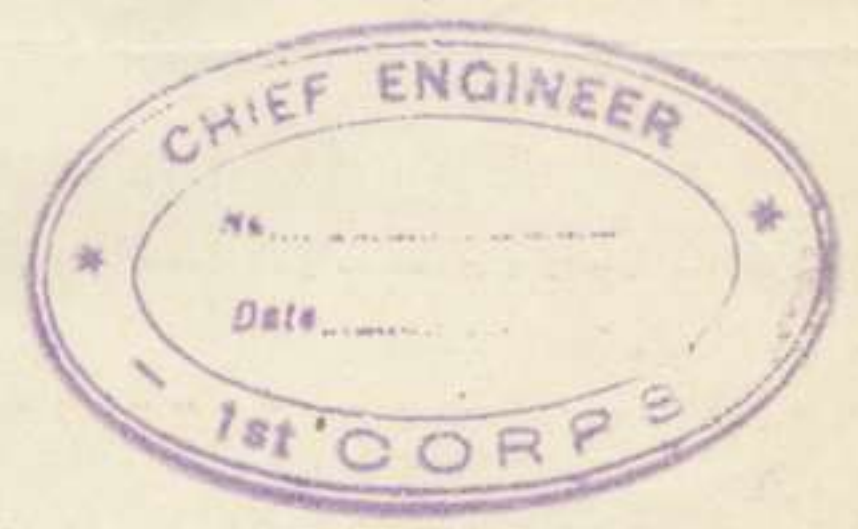
- No. 465725 Sergt. J.H. GAIR, R.E., No. 44 A.A. Searchlight Section, R.E.
- No. 165797 L/Cpl. A. THORNHILL, 2nd Fd. Survey Bn. R.E.
- No. 24553 L/Cpl. E. LLOYD. -do-
- No. 1005 COMS. L.M. FORSYTH 3rd Aus. Tunn. Coy.

The recipients should be informed. Their names will appear in the London Gazette in due course.

H.Q., Fifth Army.  
23rd February 1919.

(Sd) Major  
Assistant Military Secretary  
to G.O.C. Fifth Army.

Chief Engineer, I Corps. ✓  
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For information and communication to :-

No. 1005 C.Q.M.S. L.M. FORSYTH, 3rd Aus. Tunn. Coy.

Please convey the Chief Engineer's congratulations to the recipient.

*W. Bulkeley*

Headquarters,  
Fifth Army.  
24th February 1919.  
WL.

Major R.E.  
for Chief Engineer, Fifth Army.

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AUST.	
TUNNELLING	
No.	3750
Date	1/2/19.

The Area Commandant,  
 C a r v i n.  
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Please see report by Capt. LANGDON, M.C.,  
 attached. The building referred to is in a very much better  
 condition now than when the troops of this Unit entered it.

1/2/19.

*Merc Sanderson*  
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Major,  
 C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

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L. 82.

31/1/19.

C.O., 251st Tunnelling Coy.

Will you please inform Lieut. J.K. Forrester of this  
 Unit that he has been promoted to the rank of LIEUTENANT to  
 date from the 13th November 1918.

Authority A.I.F. List No. 437 dated 24th January, 1919.

In the Field (Phalempin).

Major,  
 C.O., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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L.83.

1/2/19

Officer i/c Records,  
Headquarters A.I.F.,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

Herewith, please, evidence taken and finding of a Court of Inquiry held at Headquarters of 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company on 24/26 January 1919 re LIEUT. NEIL CAMPBELL of 3rd Aust: Tun: Coy., Killed in Action on 10/4/18, previously reported "Missing" on 11/4/18.

In regard to your RBC/10209/15/1 of 6th December 1918, please see the 2nd evidence taken at the enquiry (that of Sergt. Barsby).

*Alex Sanderson*

In the Field.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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C.E.,  
I Corps.

3RD AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COY.
L.86.
No. ....
Date 31/1/19. ....

Reference reconnaissance of the Northern End of the QUEANT-DROCOURT LINE.

The whole of the Fieldwork will be completed on 2/2/19 and the report should be submitted to you on 7/2/19.

In the Field.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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3751.

O.C.,  
16th Divisional Train,  
R.A.S.C.  
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Reference your X466 of 31/1/19.

The only R.A.S.C. personnel attached to this Unit is  
No. D.M.2/075885, M.T.Dvr. LUKE, A.E., who is at present on leave,  
in United Kingdom.

2/2/19.

*E.P. Horn* Lieut. Adjnt.,  
for Major,  
C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

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3753.

Headquarters,  
4th Aust. Division.  
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STATIONERY.

Reference your No. R.D./32/3 of 28/1/19, herewith,  
please, list of forms required.

2/2/19.

*E.P. Horn* Lieut. Adjnt.,  
for Major,  
C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.



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3754.

Brigadier-General,  
Commandant,  
A.I.F. H.Q.,  
130 Horseferry Road,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

No. 7578, Sapper C. MORRIS.

Reference your A.C. 2427/3/26 of 28/1/19; letter of  
23/12/18 relating to abovenamed Sapper has not reached this Unit.

May a copy be transmitted, please.

2/2/19.

*E. J. Brown* Lieut. Adjt.,  
for Major,  
C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

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C o p y.

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Officer i/c Records,  
A.I.F.,  
130 Horseferry Rd.,  
LONDON.

Replying to your query 7 RA 83535. 27/1/19

Date of promotion omitted from A.F.B. 213 of 12/1/19

should read:-

1293 EVANS, T.D.	18/1/19
1271 HENRICKSON, H.	do
4459, REYNOLDS, W.J.	do
913 ATHERTON, T.R.	do
1172 SEARLE W.N.	do
947 BLANEY W.	do
1208 WATTS, G.J.	do

1032 HIGGINS, M.A. Resumed appointment as T/2Cpl on  
return from Hospital 6/12/18 and promoted 2/Cpl as from  
18/1/19

4332, FULLER, C. Resumed appointment as T/Cpl on  
return from Hospital 8/1/19 and promoted Cpl on  
18/1/19.

Lieut Adjt.,  
for Major,

2/2/19

C.O. 3rd A. T. C.

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3757.

C.R.E.  
Aust. Corps Troops.  
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Aust. Corps

Ref. D.A.A.G. Fifth Army C.M. 865 to 881  
inclusive, suspending sentences on the  
undermentioned sappers of this Unit,  
wherein it is directed that the sentences  
will be brought forward for reconsideration  
on 3/2/1919. :-

I recommend that the sentences be remitted in each case, as the soldiers mentioned have each shown a consistent devotion to duty since the date of their sentences.

Names of sappers referred to above:-

- 4319, Sapper EDMONDS, F.W.
- 6668, " BROWNHILL, F.H.
- 4493, " TERRELL, S.J.
- 4485, " THOMAS, R.G. (D.C.M.)
- 1077, " MARTIN, J.
- 1151, " SANDERCOTT, W.
- 7492, " BELL, W.H.
- 4759, " HANCOCK, E.K.
- 7381, " HARVEY, G.
- 7973, " MOORE, A.W.
- 4422, " MCLEAN, T.D.
- 4287, " BUCK, O.
- 2437, " ULPH, R.W.
- 3413, " CARLSSON, E.
- 2379, " FULLARTON, L.V.
- 2358, " PAPCHUCK, P.
- 5999, " JOHNSON, T.W. (Recommendation already forwarded separately).

*Alex Sanderson*

Major,

C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

5/2/19.

*CRB Corps Troop  
Aust. Corps*

*Ref. CRB. Aust Corps 216/537 which arrived as  
the above was about to be sent to CRB 4 Corps. A.G.W  
3104 attached. Thanks for list of the above named are  
returned herewith. Please see my recommendation above.  
Will you please ask for the A.G.W 3104 in  
ref. to the six other ranks whose names are underlined  
above. Please acknowledge.*

*By Alex Sanderson  
Major*

*5.2.19*

*CO.*

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Officer i/c Records,  
A. I. F.,  
Headquarters,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Re 1032, 2/Cpl. HIGGINS, M.A.

Replying your 85985, 1/2/19 - Para. 1 and 2 correct.  
Para. 3 - again promoted rank 2nd Corporal, 18/1/19.

6/2/19.

*E.P. How* Lieut. Adjnt.,  
for Major,  
C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

3759.

C.E.,  
1 Corps.

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Herewith, please, report and plans of reconnaissance of Northern End of Queant-Droccourt Line, by Capt. H.W. Brown, of this Unit. An additional copy of report on Droccourt-Montigny-Harnes-Annay switch by Capt. J.O.O. McARDILL, M.C., which was sent to you on 10/2/19, is also attached.

14/2/19.

*Alex Sanderson*  
Major,  
C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

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To Officer in Charge Records. A. I. F. London.

7. Ra/10559/11/7.

Re memo of 11th February. 1919.

No 4996 Sergeant Harris. J.

" 4307 Corporal. Curtis. H.

The above mentioned N.C.O's marched out to attend the R.E. Bridging Course at MONCHY CAYEUX on the 12th November. 1918.

*E. P. Horn Lt Col*  
for O.C. 3rd Aust Tunn Co

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Officer in Charge Aust. War Records Sect.,  
103, HORSEFERRY ROAD, LONDON, S.W.1.

No. 122 L.  
22-2-19.

Returned herewith, please, are proof-prints and keys of the Aust. Official Photos. mentioned hereunder. Descriptions have been entered on all except the Aust. Corps School Photos.

No. E 1689,	No. E 1681,	No. E 1683,	No. E 1682,	No. E 1679,
" E 1678,	" E 1680,	" E 1635,	" E 1636,	" E 1647,
" E 1634,	" E 1648,	" E 1688,	" E 1655.	

Please acknowledge receipt.

*C. H. Sanderson*

Major,

C.O., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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No. L.120.

22-2-19.

Brig. General,  
Commandant,  
Headquarters, A.I.F.

Reference your 84386, please.

Re No. 7787 Sapper CROWNSHAW, T.  
No. 4545 Sapper JONES, C.O.

The abovenamed soldiers were paraded before me on the 7th. Inst. On charges for which they were remanded by the O.C. Australian Troops in LONDON.

They were punished in each case by being ordered to forfeit ten (10) days pay in addition to the forfeiture under R.W.

(SD) *Alex Sanderson*

In the Field.

Major,  
C.O. 3rd. ~~xxx~~ Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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No. L.130.

22-2-19.

O.C., 3rd Aust: M.T. Coy.,

No. 1244 Lance Corpl. PHIPPS, L.N.,  
No. 11923 Driver SPRINZ, S.R.  
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Re Transfers of the abovenamed to this Unit.  
The attached papers are passed for your information,  
please.  
It will not be necessary to replace these Drivers.

(SD) *Alex Sanderson*

PHALEMPIN.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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D.A.G., A.I.F. 191/6/76.

12-2-19.

O.C., 3rd. Australian Tunnelling Coy.

Transfers approved. Please arrange direct with UMX  
Unit concerned.

A.I.F., H.Q. Detachment,  
C/O H.Q. Australian Corps.

(Sd) H.D. Wynter,  
Lieut. Colonel  
A.A.G., A.I.F.

Memo :-- The above refers to the transfer of  
No. 1244 Lance Corporal PHIPPS, L.N. and  
No. 11923 Driver Sprinz, S.R.  
from the 3rd Aust. M.T. Coy to the 3rd. Aust Tunn. Coy.  
to date from 12/2/19.

22/2/19.

(Sd) Alex. Sanderson,  
Major,  
C.O., 3rd. Aust. Tunn. Coy.

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No. L.131.  
22/2/19.

O.C., 3rd. Aust. M.T. Coy.

Ref your B/9 of 5-2-19, please.

Personnel of your Unit will be despatched direct to  
Aust. Base Depots, HAVRE, with all necessary papers as requested,  
on receipt of a wire from you giving Quota No. & Authority.

PHALEMPIN.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd. Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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25-2-19.

DIRECTOR GENERAL  
REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION DEPT.  
A. I. F.

Herewith, please, application for discharge in United Kingdom by No.4302 Sapper H.G.COOPER of this Unit.

Phalempin.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

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No.L.133.  
25-2-19.

DIRECTOR GENERAL  
REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION DEPT.  
A. I. F.

Herewith, please, applications for LEAVE by :-

No. 1428	Sapper F.M.MILES,	of 3rd Aust: Tunn: Coy.
" 2370	" H.ASTRUP,	" " " "
" 7117	" O.W.B.MALLING	" " " "

Phalempin.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd Aust: Tunn: Coy.

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25-2--19.

DIRECTOR GENERAL  
REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION,  
A. I. F.

Herewith, please, application for Non-Military Employment by No. 7803 Sapper H.G.SHAVE of 3rd Aust. Tunn. Coy.

PHALEMPIN.

Major,  
C.O., 3rd. Aust. Tunn Coy.