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Australian Imperial Forces.

War Diary

of

3rd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.

for

March 1919.

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			<p><u>March 1919.</u></p> <p>of</p> <p><u>3rd Aust. Tunneling Coy.</u></p> <p>of</p> <p><u>New Army</u></p> <p><u>Quartermaster's Stores</u></p>	

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			<p>The strength of the Company on 1/3/19 was A.I.F. 18 officers 374 O.R.^s.</p> <p>(Sheet 57. O. 22C. 8.7)</p> <p>Throughout March the working party on the Pont de fer over the Scheldt, continued in its construction, and completed the work on 28/3/19. A prize of 300 francs had been offered to the men, by the Tournai tramway Coy. if they finished the bridge before a certain date. The prize was won.</p> <p>During the month 85% of the work was finished on the Escant Canal, in sheet piling & filling in the beach on the West Bank.</p> <p>Education classes, ^{lectures &} sports & lectures were kept going, and preparations made for the demobilization & repatriation of drafts.</p> <p>On 3/3/19 the Hd. Quarters of 3rd Aust. Tuly. Coy. were moved from Phalempin to Tournai in Belgium. This By ^{brought} move the whole of the Company was substituted into Belgium.</p> <p>On 9/3/19 Capt. McDowell M.C., Lieut. Robertson & Lieut. Grainger M.C. with 58 O.R.^s marched out to join Quota 15 at Havre.</p> <p>On 27/3/19 Lt. Cavanagh M.C., Lt. Dow, Lt. De Passay, Lt. Honman & Lt. Skerberg with 102 O.R.^s marched out to join Quota 21 at Havre.</p>	

D. D. & L. London, E.C.
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Summary of Events and Information

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March 1919			<p><u>COMPANY ORDERS</u> :-</p> <p>1555 :- Announcement that 1005. C.P.M.S. Forey L.M. awarded the Military Medal. Authority A.M.S. Fifth Army No 193 of 23/2/19.</p> <p>1560 :- Court of Enquiry into escape of prisoner.</p> <p>1575 :- Capt. R.V. Langdon M.C. appointed to command the Company during absence of Major Sanderson D.S.O., M.C.</p> <p>1604 :- On 12/3/19. 4 O.R.^s marched out & were struck off strength, for transfer to England for non-military employment.</p> <p>1608 :- Capt. Le Souef M.O. marched out to Aust. Base Depot on 13/3/19 & is struck off strength.</p> <p>1609 :- Capt. D.A.A. Davis M.O. reported for duty on 9/3/19 & was taken on strength as from 13/3/19.</p> <p>1635 :- Chaplain } G.M. Baird reported for duty 20/3/19 Authority 39/3/63 Capt. } A.I.F. 5/3/19.</p> <p>1636 :- Chap. Capt. W.J. Gray. Struck off strength & proceeded to U.K. for educational purposes. Authority 39/3/63. A.I.F. 5/3/19.</p> <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE R+I</u> :-</p>	<p>Appendices 1 to 16.</p>

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TUNNELLING COY.
NO. 1. 147.
No. 1-3--19.
Date.....

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

Reference to General Instructions No. 3, Annexure "E".

- (a) Total strength 3rd Aust. Tunn. Coy. (on 7/1/19)
:- 617. (All Ranks)
- (b) Total of men under Command who state that employ-
ment is guaranteed for them upon their return to
Australia. :- 164. (on 7/1/19)

Alexander

TOURNAI, BELGIUM.

Majer,
C.O., 3RD. AUST. TUNN. COY.

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

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3RD AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COY.	
No.	L. 152.
Date	2/3/19.

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

Ref. your ID. 29241, 1841/3/29 and attached papers returned herewith, please.

Re No. 969 S/Serjt. F. E. CHAMBERS, 3RD. AUST. TUNN. COY.

Application for discharge in the United Kingdom.

I have been awaiting the return from leave of the above-named N.C.O. He has now been declared "illegally/ Absent" and I have asked that he be arrested and tried by D.C.M. vide, letter to Headquarters, A.I.F., copy of which is attached.

Allen Sanderson

TOURNAI, BELGIUM.

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

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 AUSTRALIAN
 TUNNELLING COY.
 No. L. 151.
 No. 2/3/19.
 Date.....

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OFFICER I/C RECORDS,
HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F.

Ref. your 7/Ra/94420, please.

Re No. 969 S/Sergt. F. E. CHAMBERS, 3rd Aust. Tunn. Coy.
 " 4216 S/Sergt. W. MACNAMARA, " " " "
 " 338 Sapper R. S. SMITH, " " " "

Herewith, please, Proceedings and Declarations of
Courts of Inquiry in regard to the illegal absence of the two
abovenamed N.C.Os.

No. 338 Sapper SMITH, R.S. was reported "Not returned
from leave" in error.

Min Sanderson

TOURNAI, BELGIUM.

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

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No. L. 150.
2/3/19.
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BRIG. GENERAL,
I/C ADMINISTRATION,
A. I. F.

Re No. 969 S/Sergt. F.E. CHAMBERS, 3rd Aust. Tunn. Coy.
" " 4216 S/Sergt. W. MACNAMARA, " " " "

A Court of Inquiry has Declared that the abovenamed N.C.Co. are Absent Without Leave. The proceedings and declarations have today been sent to the Officer i/c Records, Headquarters, A.I.F.

It has been unofficially reported that S/Sergt. F.E. CHAMBERS is at present being employed by Messrs. Steel, Peech & Tezer Ltd. at Sheffield, England. May arrangements be made for him to be placed under arrest and tried by D.C.M. on the charge of A.W.L. please.

S/Sergt. MACNAMARA is reported to have been detained by the Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept. (Industrial Employment Branch) for duty but no official notice has reached me to that effect. May inquiries be made and the result notified to me, please.

Alex Sanderson

Major,
C.O., 3RD AUSTRALIAN TUNN. COY.

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Controller of Mines,
FIRST ARMY.

3047
4-1-19

May special leave for 14 days be granted to No.7520 Sapper
W.C.WARREN of this unit whose Next-of-Kin (Father) died yesterday.
He last returned ~~xx~~ from U.K. on 20-11-18.

Alex Sanderson.

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

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D.A.A.G.
A.I.F.
3rd Echelon.

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Reference No.7973. Sapper A.W.MOORE, of this
Unit, now under suspended sentence. - may A.F.W. 3104 in reference
to above be forwarded please to First Corps for reconsideration
by Competent Military Authority. This sentence was due for
reconsideration on 3rd February.

6/3/19.

Reffington Captain,
Actg. C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

Brigadier-General,

3761.

i/c Administrative Headquarters,

A. I. F.

On the 18/10/18 the undermentioned sappers were tried by F.G.C.M., found guilty of "Joining in a mutiny" and sentenced to one years' I.H.L. in the case of four of the men and two years I.H.L. in the case of the remaining thirteen.

The sentences were afterwards suspended.

On account of their subsequent good conduct and devotion to duty, I have recommended that the sentences be remitted.

They were awaiting trial for a long period - 27 days, mainly owing to an informality in the constitution of the Court Martial necessitating the cases being re-tried by a reconstituted F.G.C.M.

I recommend that the forfeiture of pay for the days awaiting trial be remitted.

The particulars are as stated hereunder:-

Reg.No.	Name.	Paybook No.	No. of Entry in Pay Book.	No. of days.	Total forfeiture.	Date of Entry in Pay Book.
4319.	EDMONDS, F.W.	219448	65	27	£6 15 0	23/10/18
7381.	HARVEY, G.	610549	65	27	6 15 0	de.
4759.	HANCOCK, E.R.	156914	65	27	6 15 0	de.
7492.	BELL, W.H.	602684	65	27	6 15 0	de.
1077.	MARTIN, J.	219589	65	27	6 15 0	de.
4485.	THOMAS, R.G. (DCM)	219822	65	27	6 15 0	de.
4493.	TERRELL, S.J.	219812	65	27	6 15 0	de.
6668.	BROWNHILL, F.H.	210713	65	27	6 15 0	de.
2437.	ULPH, R.W.	A219843	A2	27	6 15 0	de.
4287.	BUCK, O.	21676	65	27	6 15 0	de.
4422.	McLEAN, T.D.	219649	65	27	6 15 0	de.
7963.	MOORE, A.W.	604284	65	27	6 15 0	de.
1151.	SANDERCOTT, W.	219760	65	27	6 15 0	de.
6999.	JOHNSON, T.W.	219908	65	27	6 15 0	de.
1379.	FULLERTON, L.V.	219474	65	27	6 15 0	de.
1358.	PAPCHUCK, D.	219692	65	27	6 15 0	de.
413.	CARLSSON, E.	96880.	65	27	6 15 0	de.

6/3/19.

Reaffordon Captain.
Actg. C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined No. 6780,

Sapper McENTEE, T. of 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company, and
found him fit to undergo Field General Court Martial.

8/3/19.

..... R. T. LeBonief Captain,
M.O.

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To the CO.
3rd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.

My Auditors are requiring a receipt for
my cheque No. 5033. for 3000 frs. £115.0.0 sent you
on the 20th Dec. 1918 on acc of your Regimental
Trust Funds. The original has apparently
been lost and I shall be obliged if you will kindly
send me a duplicate as early as you can.

Supplied
Sent 2³ 19
G.P.H.

James Leitch
Australian Paymaster
Boulogne

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3762.

C.E.,
1 Corps.

Reference C.E. First Army No. 4107/26, C.E. First Corps
No. 3466, attached.

Following are particulars required.

Bridge No. 2104:-

8 R.S.J. of length varying from 31' to 34'.
4 do. to 16' long.
Section 7½" x 3½" x ½"

Bridge No. 1931,

18 R.S.J. - length varying from 31' to 34'.
6 R.S.V. - length 24'.
Section 7½" x 3½" x ½".

10/3/19.

Reaffanow
Captain,
Actg. C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

3765.

D.A.P.M.,
Brussels.

Reference No. 6106, Sapper CRIPPS, A., and No. 7856,
Sapper RYAN, W.H. of this Unit.

These men have been remanded for F.G.C.M.

18/3/19.

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

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3764.

C.R.E.,
1 Corps Troops.

Herewith, please, charge sheet and summary of evidence in the case of No. 7856, Sapper W.H. RYAN, of 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company. It is desired that he should be tried by a F.G.C.M. His conduct sheet is attached.

Lieut. J.B. SHAW, M.C., of this Unit will prosecute.

18/3/19.

Reid Mangrove Captain,
Actg. C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

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3763.

C.R.E.,
1 Corps Troops.

Herewith please, charge sheet and summary of evidence in the case of No. 6106, Sapper A. CRIPPS, of 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company. It is desired that he should be tried by a F.G.C.M. His conduct sheet is attached.

Lieut. J.B. SHAW, M.C., of this unit, will prosecute.

18/3/19.

Reid Mangrove Captain,
Actg. C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy.

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C.R.E.,
I Corps Troops.

3rd AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COY.	
No.	3494
Date	5-11-18

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Summary of Evidence in the charge against No 5999 Sapper
JOHNSON T.W., herewith, please .

I regret that these papers were mislaid during the move from
Bracquement and it was thought that they had been forwarded until
receipt of your wire.

Sapper Johnson has been in detention under a sentence which
was suspended yesterday.

*Captain V. B. West will prosecute
Copy of accused's conduct sheet is attached.*

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

3rd Australian Tunnelling Company,

25th March 1919.

Brig: Genl:
Camp Commandt.,
H/Q A.I.F.
130 Horseferry Road,
LONDON, S.W.1.

No: 7578 Spr C. MORRIS.

Reference your A.C. 2427/3/26. The above-mentioned soldier has been again interrogated with reference to duplication of attached Cards, and states as follows:-

1. His Leave-Warrant No:H.349227 was never out of his possession, - nor did he lend it to anyone.
2. He applied for an extension of leave, but it was not granted.
3. He cannot explain the circumstances of the 2nd Card of 11/11/18, the signature on which is not his.

As Sapper Morris after the refusal of any extension of leave, duly reported back to this Unit on 15/11/18, it is obvious he could not have obtained an extension of leave by false pretences from the 11th- 25th November 1918; and as he points out, if he himself could not get any extension on his Leave-Warrant, it is difficult to understand how any other person could. Spr. Morris could not reach this Unit before 15th November, as it had moved its H/Q to another District than that from which he started on leave.

E. P. Harrow Lt.:. Adjt:
Actg:
for C.O. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Co.

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16.

Assistant Director of Education,
Australian Corps.

Reference your CS/10/1, re Sapper BENSON.

Sapper BENSON has left this Unit and no further action
need be taken in this matter.

W. B. Shaw
Captain, *Actg.*

Education Officer,
3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

2/4/1919.

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