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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Tunnelling & Survey

**Item number:** 16/4/7

**Title:** 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company

September - December 1916



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War Diary  
of  
3rd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.



Correspondence.

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3RD  
AUSTRALIAN  
TUNNELLING COY.  
No. ....  
Date. ....

Comforts



1916

On His Majesty's Service.

Comptrol.

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To be dealt with

AUSTRALIAN MINING CORPS COMFORTS FUND.

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"ROBSON'S" CANBERRA HOUSE,

ELIZABETH AND LIVERPOOL STREETS,

Sydney, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1916

To the B.C.

to 6 Tennants Company  
Australian Mining Corps

Dear Sir we are sending from this Dept  
through the War Chest 19 Cases of comforts for  
the above Corps - If you can hear of them  
will you try to get a share for your men -

I enclose a list of Cases & Comforts  
that you may know which we are sending.

We are also sending £325 to Mr A.S. Butler  
who is to purchase a Mas gift sack  
for our men & send it to the front -

If at any time you hear of or  
receive any of the Comforts we send I  
should be very grateful if you would spare  
a moment to let me know; with best &  
kindest wishes to you. I shall give you  
Eunice & Lillian Royce 10m Sec

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Mr B.C.

No 3 Tunnell's Cr

Aus. Mining Corps

Dear Sir we are sending through the law Agent  
within the next few days 19 Cases of  
supplies for the above Corps. 3 of them  
are filled with private parcels & enclosed  
is a list of names in your company for  
whom some are sent. If you can with you  
tell them to deliver to Capt. Standa for their  
parcels - I also enclose a list with their  
contents of all the cases that you may look  
out for them and try to get some for your  
men - we are also sending £325 to  
Mr Budden who is to purchase a Xmas  
gift for each man in the Corps send  
them over to the Arch. I should be much  
grateful if at any time you receive any of the

Crutch - you could spare a moment. With us  
with best & kindest wishes

Yours faithfully

Paul Bettina Ross

HRW Sec

Cases sent through War Chest on  
September 18<sup>th</sup> 1916

Case 1		3 tins Jam
137	prs Mittens	5 - Condensed Milk
60	- Socks	2 - Salmon
5	- flannel shorts	1 - Cheese
Case 2		1 - Sardines
12	Private Parcels	1 - Fullers Earth
		1 - Chocolate
		2 Powdered Alum
Case 3		1 tin Lozenges
50	Flannel Shirts	1 - Shampoo granules
		1 - Potted Pearls
Case 4		2 - Tooth Powder
160	Prs of Socks	5 - Tooth Brushes
		15 - Cakes Soap
Case 5		1 Box Sunlight Soap
15	Private Parcels	2 Pkts Playing Cards
		5 - Chewing Gum
Case 6		1 Box Dominoes
65	tins Tobacco Cigarettes	3 Washers - 2 Pipes
5	- Toffe	
1	- Preserved Ginger	Case 7
5	- Cadburys Chocolates	10 Plum Puddings
10	Tinned fruit	5 Tins Jam

Case 7 (Contd)

- 3 Tinned Pineapple
- 1 Tin Biscuits -
- 24 " Sweets
- 2 " Sardines
- 1 " Prunes
- 1 " Milk & Cocoa
- 6 Cakes Lifebuoy Soap
- 1 Box Wadding
- 8 Letter Pads
- 4 Pkts Envelopes
- 4 Pensils
- 7 Handkerchiefs
- 2 Blocks Tobacco
- 1 Pkt Cigarettes -

Case 8

- 61 Tins Cocoa - Milk
- 3 " Biscuits -

Case 9

- 45 Flannel Shirts

Case 10

- 20 Tins Cocoa - Milk
- 7 " Cigarettes (400 pkts)

Case 10 (Cont.)

- 1 Box Stationery
- 3 Magazines

Case 11

- 20 Private Parcels -

Case 12

- 160 Pns of Socks -

Case 13

- 65 pns Flannel Shorts

Case 14

- 98 Balaclavas
- 5 Waistcoat Mufflers
- 77 Handkerchiefs

Case 15

- 6 Private Parcels
- Warm Clothing
- (from Brisbane Dept)

Case 16

- 13 Private Parcels
- Warm Clothing
- from Brisbane Dept



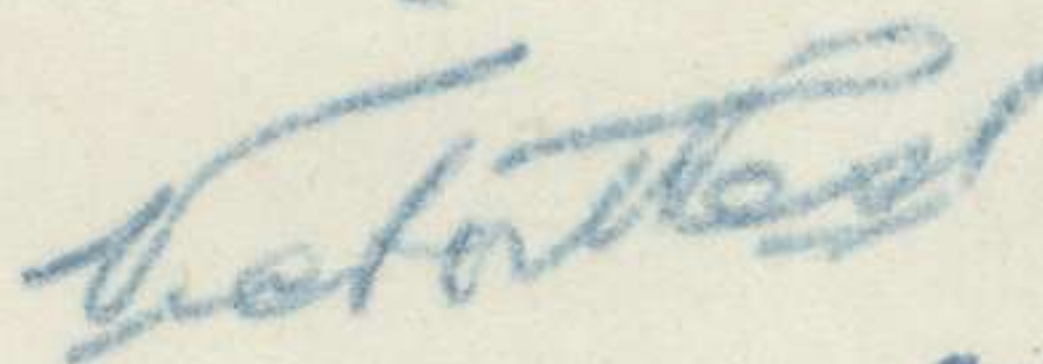
Mr. Budden,

A.I.F. Comforts Fund,

Palace Road,

LONDON/

We are advised from Australia that 55 cases of comforts have come forward for the three companies of the Australian Mining Corps. As some of the men of this Company are urgently in need of socks, we should esteem it if you would do your best to hasten on our proportion, please.



Captain Adjutant,

3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

17/9/16.

G.M.J.

Copy to Comdr. Budden.  
No. 1 Aust. Tunnelling Coy.  
No. 3 Aust. Tunnelling Coy.

Officer Commanding,  
Australian Electrical and Mechanical Company.

Reference yours of 3-12-16. I absolutely deny having received any comforts from Comdr. Budden on behalf of this Company.

I have written him and also had sent an Officer to discover the signatures alleged to be of No. 3 Company. The latter was unable to find any trace of the alleged signatures, and I have received no answer to my request from Mr. Budden.

I desire to know if No. 3 Company have received the 37 cases as stated, or if this also is a misstatement.

If the Company in question has received the 37 cases of comforts, I consider this should be adjusted in future distributions.

With regard to our state on account of Reinforcements received from 1st. Canadian Company our numbers amount to 630.

The total comforts received by us are as follows:

- 1. Distributed by Captain Shand: Small quantity of Confectionery.....
- 2. Distributed by Captain Wilson 16/11/16. 5 Boxes.

5/12/1916.....COMMANDING 3rd.

Major.....  
AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COMPANY..

A.M. 579.

Officer Commanding,  
Australian Electrical & Mechanical  
Mining and Boring Section.

With reference to yours of 21/10/16 the strength of this Company is 600 which includes 100 Tasmanians please. If you will advise when our proportion is ready we will collect. We may say that all the Tasmanians are with this Company except who may have come over with the late No. 6 Tunnelling Company.

23/10/16.

Captain Adjutant  
3rd. Australian Tunnelling Company R.E.

A.M.589.

Mr. Bidden,

A.I.F. Comforts Dept.,

Palace Road, LONDON/

We have been informed by Capt. Morse, late of H.Q. Australian Mining Corps, now of <sup>Electrical</sup> ~~Boring~~ & Mechanical Coy., that you say that you hold a receipt from us for this Coy's share of Mining Corps' Comforts. I, therefore, request that this receipt be shown to Lieut. R. Y. Langdon, the bearer of this letter.

I can inform you that we have received absolutely no comforts beyond privately sent parcels.

Major,

25/10/1916.

O.C. 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.

C O P Y

AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL, MINING & BORING COMPANY.  
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Headquarters,

29.10.16

Commissioner Budden,  
Australian Base,  
130, Horseferry Rd., LONDON.

It has been decided by the O.C's. of all present Australian Tunnelling Coys, that the Comforts will be forwarded to this Headquarters for Distribution.

A Representative of each Company will be present at the distribution, and Captain Chaplain Wilson will be the distributor.

This Company is formed out of the original Mining Corps Headquarters, and special men picked from all the Tunnelling Companies.

I will be glad if you will forward me a copy of all data you have concerning Comforts sent from Australia to the Aust. Mining Corps, or the Aust. Tunnelling Companies, as only 1 small lot has reached the Miners, and we are desirous of straightening this matter up.

Meanwhile please forward any Comforts in hand to the above address.

(Sgd) R. MORSE  
Captain.O.C.

Aus.Elec.& Mech.Company.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
BUDDEN STRALIS LONDON

TEL. : VICTORIA 7320

B/R.

A. I. F.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS.

AUSTRALIAN  
COMFORTS FUNDS

66 VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

LONDON... 1st November, 1916

INCLUDING

CITIZENS' "WAR CHEST"  
FUND, SYDNEY

LADY MAYORESS'  
PATRIOTIC LEAGUE,  
MELBOURNE

VICTORIAN STATE  
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THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

COMMISSIONER  
HENRY E. BUDDEN, J.P.,

AS APPOINTED BY  
THE HON. G. F. PEARCE,  
MINISTER OF DEFENCE, AUSTRALIA

REPRESENTATIVES ATTACHED TO  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS AT THE FRONT:

- 1ST.—WM. COPE
- 2ND.—T. S. WOODBURN
- 4TH.—JOHN S. FELL
- 5TH.—J. R. CAMPBELL

The O.C.,  
3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy,  
B.E.F. FRANCE.  
Major Coulter

Dear Sir,

We enclose copy of letter received to-day from Capt. R. Morse, O.C. Aust. Electrical & Mechanical Coy. We are pleased to adopt this scheme, making the one Unit responsible for the others, and have every reason to believe that Chaplain Wilson would give every attention to the distribution. You are of course aware that what gifts have come have been addressed to the Australian Mining Company, and we enclose statement of the distribution through us to date. We have cabled Australia advising them to mark their cases for the three Companies and until they come through so allotted we feel sure that the suggestion by Captain Morse is the best to adopt. If you agree please advise us at once and we will act accordingly.

Lieut. Langdon of the 3rd Tunnelling Company is in our office at the present moment. We have shown him these letters, in which he concurs.

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS,  
Yours faithfully,

*Henry E. Budden*  
Commissioner.

2 encls.

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AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS.

66 VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

LONDON 6th November, 1918

The O.C.,  
Austn. Electrical & Mechanical Coy.,

The O.C.,  
1st Australian Tunnelling Coy.,

The O.C.,  
2nd Australian Tunnelling Coy.,

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

B.E.F., FRANCE.

Dear Sirs,

We have received £40 from the League of Loyal Women, Adelaide, to be spent upon the Australian Mining Corps, and we propose to divide it, £10 to each unit - the Aus. Electrical & Mechanical Co., and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tunnelling Companies. We would be pleased to have from you any suggestion for the most use, comfort or pleasure of your men and from the General Funds we would add another £10 to each Unit towards this special purchase.

This is, remember, quite in addition to the Christmas Box we expect to have and to deliver for every man in the A.I.F. at Christmas.

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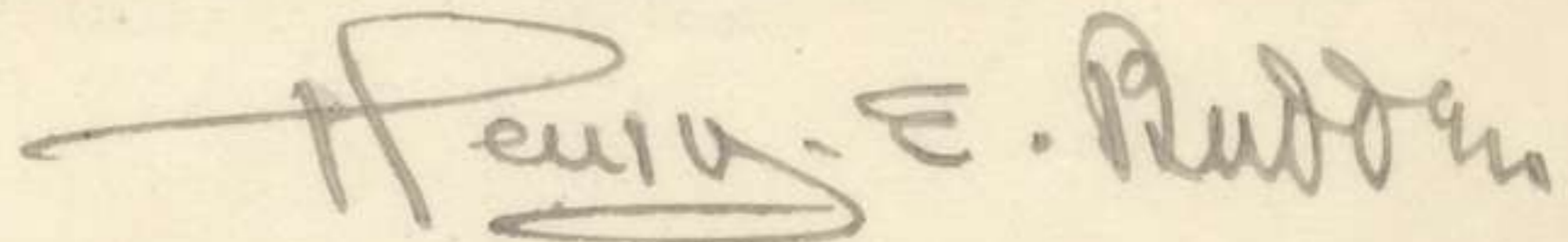
6.11.16

By the way, traffic will be awfully congested during the December month! Could you take delivery and store till Christmas your Christmas Boxes if we get them within a week or two and can you undertake to distribute them at the time.

If we may suggest something for your special gift from South Australia, what about a Gramophone for the men for £5 - we can purchase a good one - and 24 D.F. Records on our special arrangements with the Manufacturers. Make your suggestions please and answer our query re Christmas Boxes, from

THE AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Henry E. Rudden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H".

Commissioner.



Commissioner H.E. Budden,  
A.I.F. L O N D O N/

I have received yours of 1st & 6th inst and a copy of Capt. Morse's letter which I quite agree with, but the statement of distribution to date has not come to hand. I particularly desire this statement, please, also a list of signatures of those who have drawn comforts.

I must point out, however, in reference to the £40 from the "League of Loyal Women" Adelaide, that the suggested distribution is unequal, as the Australian Electrical & Mechanical Company consists of only 151 all ranks, whilst a Tunnelling Company consists of 569 all ranks.

The Australian Electrical & Mechanical Company was only established on 30th September 1916, whilst 363 of each of the original Tunnelling Companies have now served in France for over six months.

*W. H. Page*

Captain Adjutant *for O.C.*

13/11/1916.

3rd Australian Tunnelling Company.



ROBSON'S CANBERRA HOUSE,  
ELIZABETH & LIVERPOOL STS.,  
SYDNEY.

13. 11. 16.

To the O.C.

No 3 Tunnelling Coy.

Australian Mining Corps -  
France -

Dear Sir -

We are sending from here on Wednesday  
the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, 6 cases of Comforts, as per  
list here enclosed addressed to you.  
Will you distribute them amongst your Coy.  
I see that the men of No 6, who now are  
also added to your No 3 Coy: get an  
equal share with the original members  
of No 1, as we do not address comforts any  
more to No 6. as I have received information  
from the Defence Dept: that Coys: 4. 5. & 6  
have ceased to exist, & are allotted to  
the first three Companies. Some time

ago I also wrote you that we are sending  
£325 to Mr. Budden, War Chest Commissioner  
to send 2500 packets of Xmas gifts to  
our men, so will you look out for  
your share - We are also sending  
to Mr. Budden £250 in cash, your  
share will be exactly one third £83.6.8  
as it is to be equally divided among the  
Companies. I have written to him  
telling him to await a letter from you  
in which please tell him what your  
men most require, & he will purchase  
& send the goods to the amount of £83.6.8  
to you at the address you give him -  
I shall be most grateful for just a line  
of acknowledgment of this letter, & also  
when you receive any of the Comforts  
sent to you -

With sincere ~~thanks~~ wishes for your  
welfare, & wishes that we could do  
a thousand times more. Believe me

Yours most sincerely  
Paul & Bettie Roper  
10th Dec

Cases for No 3 Company

Case 7. 75 Flannel shirts -

Case 11. 45 Blauded w' coats -

Case 12. Boots & Majarines

Case 13 - 72 Flannel shirts -

Case 16 - 22 w' coats -  
8 jms shirts -  
27 Socks -  
55. Nivertus -

Sorry we could not give you  
consecutive numbers for your  
cases; but will next time



ROBSON'S CANBERRA HOUSE,  
ELIZABETH & LIVERPOOL STS.,  
SYDNEY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
BUDDEN STRALIS LONDON

TEL. : VICTORIA 7320

A. I. F.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS.

<sup>E/H.</sup>  
AUSTRALIAN  
COMFORTS FUNDS

66 VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

LONDON 30th November 1916

INCLUDING

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FUND, SYDNEY

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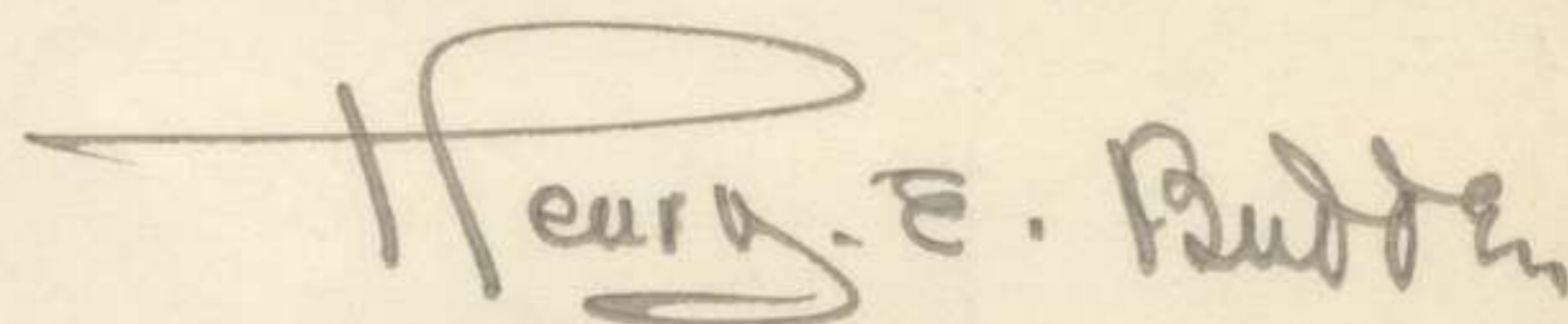
Enclosed please find Advice Note for 3 cases  
containing 200 Books sent forward recently.

We have written Sir George Doolette, thanking  
him for the presentation, and we have no doubt  
you will supplement this by a note of thanks your-  
self. If you care to do so, his address is -

Sir George Doolette, Kt.,  
Worcester House,  
Walbrook, London, E.C.

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS,

Yours faithfully,



Commissioner.

1 Enc.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL, MINING & BORING COMPANY.

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Headquarters.

3/12/16.

Commissioner Budden.  
130. Horseferry Rd.  
London.

Dear Sir.

The following are the numbers required for Christmas Presents for the Tunnellers.

No. 1. Coy.	620.
No. 2. Coy.	650.
No. 3. Coy.	600.
A. E&M Coy.	225.
Rein. (Etaples)	225.
Aus. Tun. (Att. to 1st. Can.)	130.

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Total Presents required. 2450.

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This number is in excess of the number given you previously by me in your office.

I will be glad if you will let me know how it is proposed to spend the amount (£325.) sent specially for the Tunnellers.

I have been advised of 38. cases of Comforts sent from Hobart on Aug. 29th. 1916. by the Tasmanian Branch of the Mining Corps Comforts Fund, addressed to you.

Also of 19. cases of Comforts sent from the Sydney Branch, shipped about sept. 20th. 1916.

We have not been able to obtain any information regarding Comforts left at Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth, by the 4th, 5th, <sup>and</sup> or 6th. Tunnelling Companies. We would be glad if you could assist us in tracing these cases.

Hoping that these and the 33 cases sent by you to France will eventually come to hand,

*R. Morse* Captain. O.C.

Aus, Elec. & Mech. Mining & Boring Coy.

O.C.

Headquarters.

3/12/12.

To

No 3 Coy.

Reports Re. Comforts.

Personal investigation of Mining Corps Comforts, was made at Commissioner Budden's Office, London, on the 22nd, and 29th. Ultimo. The following is a list of receipts supplied by Mr. Budden.

1. 3/9/16. 5. cases.
2. 30/9/16. 5. cases.
3. 8/10/16. 22. cases.
4. 5/10/16. 27. cases.
5. ? £40. from Adelaide Womens Guild.
6. ? £325. from Aus. Mining Corps Comforts Fund.

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- No's 1. & 2. were distributed by Capt. Shand to Companies. ✓
- No. 3. 22 cases were distributed to Companies on 16/11/16. The whereabouts of balance is being enquired into. ✓
- No. 4. 27. cases came to France with the above 22 cases, the whereabouts of same is being investigated.
- No. 5. Being distributed to Companies. ✓
- No. 6. This money is being expended on Christmas presents for the Tunnelling Companies. Detail of which is being asked for. ✓

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Cases of Comforts (not specially Mining Corps comforts) have been received by companies as shown below, from Comm. Budden.

No. 2. Coy. 37. cases.

No. 3. Coy. 11. cases.

Comforts brought over by the 4th, 5th, & 6th Tunnelling Companies have not yet come to hand, and are being investigated.

In addition to above, a total of 90 cases should reach us at an early date.

R. Moore Captain O.C.  
Aus. Elec. & Mech. Company.



ROBSON'S CANBERRA HOUSE,  
ELIZABETH & LIVERPOOL STS.,  
SYDNEY.

To the O.C.

No 3. Coy: Tunnelling Coy:

Dear Sir -

I posted to you to day,  
4 parcels each containing 30 (total 120)  
pairs rocks for your men -

Please oblige us by acknowledging  
receipt of same & encourage our workers.  
Kindest - Wishes

Yours sincerely  
Emily Seltzer Pope  
Mrs Sec





ROBSON'S CANBERRA HOUSE,  
ELIZABETH & LIVERPOOL STS.,  
SYDNEY.

8. 12. 16.

John B. C.

No 3 Australian Tunneling Coy.  
Naua -

Dear Sir,

I forwarded, addressed  
to you, and for your distribution  
through the Wedge men in  
your Company - yesterday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>  
4 packets - each containing 30  
(think -) pairs of socks - 120 in all -  
It is only a drop in the ocean  
we know but they will be a  
great help to a few of our miners  
at least. And we hope to send  
this quantity at least to the 3  
Companies in turn. As there were  
not quite so many socks in No 3 Coy.  
than of our last cases we have  
legged the "socks effort" with your Company.

Please give them the new book in lieu of them: Comforts Fund  
Write no less than 40 words by each of the men that you have  
received them: as we are still in need of them: John B. C. 11/12/16

AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL, MINING & BORING COMPANY.

*O. B. No. 3. Aust. Tunneling Coy*

Headquarters.

8/12/16.

Commissioner Budden.

66 Victoria St.

London.

Re my report of Comforts dated 3/12/16.

I regret to state that a clerical error exists in this report as follows.

No. 3. Coy. was shown as having received 11 cases.

This should read No. 1. Coy. 11 cases.

Correction as follows:-

"Cases of Comforts (not specially Mining Corps Comforts) have been  
"received by Coy's as shown below.

No. 2. Coy. 37 Cases.

No. 1. Coy. 11 cases.

*R. Morse*

Captain. O.C.

Aus. Elec. & Mech. Company.

Copies sent to:-

Hon. Sec's Aus. Comforts Fund.

No. 1. Aus. Tun. Coy.

No. 2. Aus. Tun. Coy.

~~No. 3. Aus. Tun. Coy.~~

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
WOODBURN STRALIS LONDON  
TEL.: VICTORIA 7320

A. I. F.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS.

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66, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

LONDON, 12th December 1916

INCLUDING

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3RD.—T. J. CLERKE.  
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5TH.—J. R. CAMPBELL

The O.C.,  
3rd Austn. Tunnelling Company,  
B.E.F., FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of yours of 5th instant  
and are sending forward a gramophone and 24 double-  
sided Records, also 2,000 extra Needles.

We enclose advice notes - will you please  
sign one and return to this office, as we have to  
keep records of all issues.

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS,

Yours faithfully,

J. Henley

Assistant Commissioner.

2 Encls.

A.I.F.

THIS FORM TO BE SIGNED BY O.C. OF UNIT AND RETURNED TO A.C.F. REP. WITH DIV. TRAIN.

THE AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS.

Appointed by the Hon. Minister of Defence to represent all organisations in Australia other than the Red Cross.

H. E. BUDDEN, J.P. Commissioner. Headquarters: 66, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Gifts issued by London Office on 12/12/1916

A.C.F. Representative attached to Austr. Div. Train

To (Unit) G.O. 3rd Aust. Tunneling Coy

Table with columns: No. of Packages, Cases or Bales, Contents, Quantity per Case (or), State of Origin, Case Numbers and Marks. Includes handwritten entries like '18000' and '2000'.

Total Cases at the Front: -

Received by 4th A Div. Train, Mr. J. Hall. 1st A Div. Train, Mr. W. Gore.

Rank Unit

Private Address in Australia (or)

No. A 558

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RETURNED TO A.C.F. REP.  
WITH DIV. TRAIN

A.I.F.

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Total Cases  
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**THIS FORM TO BE SENT  
A. C. F. HEADQUARTERS**

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Gifts issued by *London Office* on *12/12/1916*

A.C.F. Representative attached to *Austn. Div. Train*

To (Unit) *68. 3rd Aust. Tunneling Coy  
15. E. Force*

No. of Packages.	Cases or Bales.	Contents.	Quantity per Case (or)	State of Origin.	Case Numbers and Marks.
		<i>1 Gramophone</i>			
	<i>24</i>	<i>double sided Records</i>			
		<i>2,000 needles</i>			

Total Cases .....

Received by .....

Rank..... Unit.....

Private Address in Australia (or).....

**No. A  
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AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL, MINING & BORING COMPANY.

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Headquarters.

13/12/16.

To. OC No 3 Aust. Tunnng Coy.

30 Cases of Comforts have arrived here. Please arrange  
for your representative to be here on Saturday 16/12/16.  
at 2 p.m.

*Stanley Hunter* Captain.

Aus. Elec. & Mech. Mining & Boring Coy.

23 Casualty Clearing  
Station

B. S. I.

16.12.16

To The Officer Commanding  
No. 3. Tunnelling Coy.

Dear Sir

I am sending along to you, with  
this letter - a parcel that I received  
today - from Mr Edgar Wood of Kew  
Melbourne - Australia, containing  
cigarettes for some of the Australian  
boys for Xmas. As we have not  
any Aust. boys in the hospital  
at present - I am taking the liberty  
of sending the parcel to you - in  
the hope that you will have  
the cigarettes distributed among  
the boys in your company -



Thanking you in anticipation -  
Yours sincerely,  
Leah Rosenthal

P.S. Both my friend & I would like to  
know if you have any New Zealand  
boys in your company - as we  
get a good many N.Z. papers sent  
to us - also - & we would like to  
forward them on to some of the  
men.

D.



Cases sent through War Chest on  
September 18<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Case No 1.	3 tins Jam
13.7 pns Mittens	5 " Condensed Milk
60 " Socks	2 " Salmon
5 " Flannel Shirts	1 " Cheese
Case 2	1 " Sardines
12 Private Parcels	1 " Fuller's Earth
	1 " Chocolate
	2 " Powdered Alum
Case 3.	1 " Lozenges -
50 Flannel Shirts	1 Shampoo Granules
	1 Tin Potted Paste
Case 4	2 " Tooth Powder
160 pairs of Socks	5 " Tooth Brushes
	15 " Cakes Soap
Case 5	1 Box Sunlight Soap
15 Private Parcels	2 pkts Playing Cards
	5 " Chewing Gum
Case 6	1 Box Dominoes
65 tins Tobacco Cigarettes	3 Washers & 2 pipes
5 tins Toffee	
1 " Preserved Ginger	Case 7
5 " Cadbury's Chocolates	10 Plum Puddings
10 " Fruit	5 Tins Jam

Case 7 (Cont)

- 3 Tinned Pineapple
- 1 Tin Biscuits -
- 24 tins Sweets
- 2 " Sardines
- 1 " Prunes
- 1 Tin Milk & Cocoa
- 6 Cakes Lifebuoy Soap
- 1 Box Wadding
- 8 Letter Pads
- 4 Pkts Envelopes
- 4 Pencils
- 7 Handkerchiefs
- 2 Blocks Tobacco
- 1 Pkt Cigarettes

Case 8

- 61 Tins Cocoa & Milk
- 3 " Biscuits

Case 9

- 45 flannel shirts

Case 10

- 20 Tins Cocoa & Milk
- 7 " Cigarettes (400 pkts)

Case 10 (Cont)

- 1 Box Stationery
- 3 Magazines

Case 11

- 20 Private Parcels

Case 12

- 160 Pairs of Socks

Case 13

- 65 prs. flannel shorts

Case 14

- 98 Balacavas
- 5 Waistcoat Mufflers
- 77 Handkerchiefs

Case 15

- 6 Private Parcels
- Warm Clothing
- from Brisbane

Case 16

- 13 Private Parcels
- Warm Clothing
- (from Brisbane)
- over

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AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL, MINING & BORING COMPANY.

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Headquarters.

19/12/16.

O.C.

3 Aus. Tun. Coy.

Re. Private Packages.

Will you please forward to this Office, a list of Private Packages received with the last lot of Comforts and delivered to the men, also a list of any Private Packages not belonging to men in the Company holding such package.

*We wish to acknowledge the donation.*

As the cost of cabling re. Comforts is being at present paid by the Aus. Elec. & Mech. Mining & Boring Coy, a subscription of 20 Francs from each Coy. is requested. An account will be kept of all money expended and the account shown to Company Representative when visiting Headquarters of this Company.

*R. Moore* Captain. O.C.  
Aus. Elec. & Mech. Company.

Copies sent to:-

No. 1. Aus. Tun. Coy.  
No. 2. " " "  
No. 3. " " "  
Aus. Elec. & Mech. Coy.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL, MINING & BORING COMPANY.

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Headquarters.

20/12/16.

O.C.

3 Aus. Tun. Coy.

510 Xmas Puddings have been received from Commissioner Budden in reply to my letter dated 3/12/16. giving the number required (on 4 men to 1 pudding basis) as 612 Puddings.

Distribution is being made as follows:-

No. 1. Aus. Tun. Coy.	148 Puddings.
No. 2. " " "	150. "
No. 3. " " "	150. "
Aus. E & M Coy.	48. "
Rein. Etaples.	14. "

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Total. 510.

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R. Morse

Captain. O.C.

Aus. Elec. & Mech. Company.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL, & MECHANICAL, MINING & BORING COMPANY.

*Cops*

*O.C.*

*3<sup>d</sup> Aust T. Coy*

Headquarters.

18/12/16.

~~Commissioner Budden.~~

~~66 Victoria St.~~

~~London.~~

Dear Mr. Budden.

Yours of the 7th. Dec. to hand. I subsequently received a telegram from R.T.O. Poperinghe, saying that 30 cases *Mining Cops Comforts* were there for us. These were collected and Companies were notified, and Capt. Chaplain Wilson in the presence of a representative Officer from each Company, made the distribution in the proportion of 600 for each of No's 1, 2, & 3, Coys, and 200 for the Aus. Elec. & Mech. Mining & Boring Coy.

I note your remarks re. Xmas Puddings, and am sure they will be enjoyed.

Will you kindly inform us as early as possible, what balance of the £325. is available after purchase of Puddings.

*R. Morse*

Captain. O.C.

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To (Unit) 4th Australian Division

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Rank [Name] Unit [Name]

Private Address in Australia (or)

No. A 581



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
WOODBURN STRALIS LONDON

TEL.: VICTORIA 7320

A. I. F.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS.

66, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

LONDON, 27th December, 1916

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PATRIOTIC LEAGUE  
MELBOURNE

QUEENSLAND  
PATRIOTIC FUND,  
BRISBANE

THE LEAGUE OF LOYAL WOMEN  
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VICTORIAN LEAGUE OF  
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COMMISSIONER  
T. S. WOODBURN.  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS  
THOS. HENLEY, M.L.A.  
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AS APPOINTED BY  
THE HON. G. F. PEARCE,  
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REPRESENTATIVES ATTACHED TO  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS AT THE FRONT

1ST.—WM. COPE  
2ND.—T. S. WOODBURN  
3RD.—T. J. CLERKE.  
4TH.—JOHN S. FELL  
5TH.—J. R. CAMPBELL

Major Coulter,  
O.C., 3rd Australian Tunnelling Coy,  
B.E.F., FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find advice of despatch  
of the Decca gramophone and records and needles  
applied for in your letter of 5th instant.

We hope they have reached you safely, and  
have helped to make your Christmas enjoyable.

Will you please sign and return one of the  
enclosed.

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUNDS,

Yours faithfully,

*Thomas Henley*

Asst. Commissioner.