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

Salvage

**Item number:** 19/6/10

**Title:** 4th Australian Division Salvage  
Company

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>15th Australian Divisional Salvage Company</i>				
<i>1918 April 15 Kent Camp Houze Eglise</i>			<i>In the morning the Company went for a Bath at Palmer Baths. After returning from Baths, 12 OR went and work at Corps Salvage Dump remained 11 of men rested in Camp.</i>	
		<i>2nd</i>	<i>Twelve OR were detailed off to go to work at Corps Salvage Dump rest of men cleaned up the Camp. Weather bright.</i>	
<i>Morris</i>		<i>3rd</i>	<i>Moved by Motors to Morris, then marched. Five Ki's to Dets. Completed move by 2.30 PM. Received instructions to move to Castrea in AM, weather dull and raining.</i>	
		<i>4th</i>	<i>Moved off Morris at 3.30 PM arrived Costrea Station at 6 PM and entrained for Amiens at 8.45 PM.</i>	
<i>Amiens</i>		<i>5th</i>	<i>Arrived at Amiens at 9 AM, and marched to Sausc. and camped for the night. Weather dull &amp; cloudy.</i>	
<i>Beaucourt</i>		<i>6th</i>	<i>Moved off from Sausc at 9 am by Motor Lorries enroute for Beaucourt. Completed move by 12.30 PM. 1 OR was evacuated to Hospital. Two men report to Town Major at Montigny for Duty.</i>	

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<i>1st Australian Divisional Ammunition Company</i>				
Beaucourt	April 7 <sup>th</sup>		All men resting. Op visited D.H.Q. Enemy shelling the village. Weather Bright. <i>EB</i>	
" "	8 <sup>th</sup>		Weather very wet; men resting in Bellets. D.H.Q. moved to Allonville. <i>EB</i>	
" "	9 <sup>th</sup>		Received instructions from Hd Qtrs to move to Allonville. in the morning. <i>EB</i>	
Allonville	10 <sup>th</sup>		Moved to Allonville in the morning completed move by 12 noon. The Company rested the remainder the day. <i>EB</i>	
" "	11 <sup>th</sup>		Moved off at 9 AM enroute for Corbie, arrived at 2.30 PM weather very cloudy & dull. <i>EB</i>	
Corbie	12 <sup>th</sup>		All men salvaging Army stores from factory & shops in Corbie. Weather Cloudy. One man was evacuated to Hospital. <i>EB</i>	
" "	13 <sup>th</sup>		All men salvaging food stuffs & clothing. and dispatching same by motor to French Mission Villers Bocage. <i>EB</i>	
			Weather Bright. <i>EB</i>	

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Corbie	1918 April 14 <sup>th</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup> Australian Divisional Ammunition Coy Men in same work as previous day. Ten OR's went to Quervien on Ammunition dumps. Enemy shelling Corbie heavily. His main objective being the Church.	
"	15 <sup>th</sup>		All men saving woollen goods & flour from factories. Enemy still shelling town. Weather bright.	
"	16 <sup>th</sup>		Men in same work as previous day. Five lorries were loaded in the evening. w. woollen goods.	
"	17 <sup>th</sup>		Ope had an inspection of men & equipment in the morning. In the afternoon men were packing wool in cases. weather very bright.	
"	18 <sup>th</sup>		All men were on same work as previous day. Five Motor Lorries were loaded into lorry in the evening. and taken to Diers Bouage.	
"	19 <sup>th</sup>		Enemy shelling town. Men rested in the am. In the afternoon they were packing woollen goods in cases. weather bright.	

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Boobie Etunnel	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 PM	The Company were all work in the woollen Factory, packing bootles food & five motor Lorries & six IS Wagons, were loaded in the evening. Op & his working parties in the evening. &	
" "	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	The Company was on the same duties as previous day weather very cloudy & dull, &	
" "	22 <sup>nd</sup>	"	All men rested in the morning. In afternoon parties went to the Wine Cellars, and got out barrels of wine. Champagne & etc. ready to be loaded in the evening. Five lorries & 20 IS wagon were loaded in the evening. Enemy shelling town <del>heavily</del> heavily. Weather Satry,	
Quevieu	23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	"	Enemy started at 4 AM to bombard town with Gas & H.E shells. Received instructions for A.P.M. to evacuate town at 12 noon. We moved back to Quevieu. There were no casualties with limits though all men were slightly Gassed. &	
" "	25 <sup>th</sup>	"	All men resting in billets at Quevieu. Op visited D.H.Q. in the morning. One man was evacuated to Hospital, &	
" "	25 <sup>th</sup>	"	The Company had a holiday, as it being Anzac day. Op went to Monville to Weather Mill & Saltry &	



4<sup>th</sup> Australian Trench Mortar Battery Company

Return of Articles received from D. A. H. O. S. from 24-3-18 to Friday 12-4-18

Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Disposed	Remarks
			<u>Arms &amp; Ammunition</u>		
Rifles Sm Bk		156			
Stings		105			R.O.C. Stammers, in the Rd and Wynacourt
Lucas M. Pannier		20			do
Mojarans		63			do
Equipment Wks		125	54		do
do Leather		60			do
Baggage & Substances		84			do
Common Canvas			3		do
Stiff Buckets		2			do
Mo. Gun Pouches		2			do
Belt Box		1			do
Gun Connectors		6			do
Mortar & Case			1		do
		3			do
		1			do

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Articles	Summable	Repairable	Unrepairable	Reported	Remarks
Packs Mats		975		do	
Leather Bandoliers		20		do	
Cotton do		100		do	
		<u>Personal Equip</u>			
Containers B. Bags			26	do	
Wire Cutters		3 Pa		do	
Steel Helmets		140		do	
E. J. Heads		54		do	
Handles	24			do	
Water Bottles		132		do	
P. H. Helmets			80	do	
Tins Axes		40		do	
Gas Respirators		286		do	
Brush Combs		40		do	
Waldalls		50		do	
Telescopes			1	do	
Satchels P. H.			30	do	

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Articles	Servicable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Disposal	Remarks
			<u>Clothing</u>		
Smart Suits				do	
Tunics		218			
Great Coats		200		do	
do Fur		2		do	
Shapkin Coats		489		do	
Puttees			240 Pairs	do	
W. Pants		4 Bags		do	
Shirts		0		do	
Socks		0		do	
Hats A.P.		202		do	
Boots Ankle		326 Pairs		do	
F.S.		87 Pairs		do	
G. ones		10 Pairs		do	
Body Belts		50		do	
Gloves Fur		50 Pairs		do	
Cloth		52 Pairs		do	
Cardigans		137		do	
Cap Composites		570		do	

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Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Disposal	Remarks
Towels		40		do	
Blankets		178 Pcs		do	
Leather Coats		130		do	
Waterproof Coats		5		do	
do Capes			15	do	
Rugs			1 Bag	do	
			<u>Camp Equip</u>		
Bicycle Frames			1	do	
Cones			42	do	
Tubes			21	do	
Rims			2	do	
Packs			1 Bag	do	
Tanks F.S.		14		do	
Electric Sig.			8	do	
Siege		11		do	
Shovels		5		do	
Picks			24	do	
Ground Sheets		70		do	

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Articles	Expendable	Repairable	Unrepairable	Proposed	Remarks
Camp Kettles		25		do	
"    "    "    "    "		10		do	
"    "    "    "    "		20		do	
Bivouac Sheets		2		do	
Wash Basins		2		do	
Trays		1		do	
Blankets of 5		1136		do	
Brush			1 Bag	do	
Ties		1		do	
Grindstone		1		do	
Butcher Knife		1		do	
Stretchers		5		do	
Hand Barrow		1		do	
Chaff Cutter		1		do	
Rasps				do	
Stand Table Plane			4	do	
Generator Gas		1		do	
Stairs Sawyer			2	do	

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Articles	Seigniorable	Reparable	Unreparable	Proposed	Remarks
Pole Flay		1		do	
" Tent		2		do	
Pans Tying F.R.		5		do	
Tailboards G.S.		2	House Gear	do	
Swingle Trees		1		do	
Lumber Covers		29		do	
Rays Horse				do	
Shoes Horse			9	do	
Cross Bars			2 Curb:	do	
Poles G.S.		10	3	do	
" Pulch		5		do	
" Fittings		3		do	
Brake Blocks				do	
Strap Hooks		4	12	do	
Wheels G.S.		35		do	
Harness		7 Bays		do	
Rails G.S.		2		do	
Saddles Paddings		14		do	

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Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Disposition	Remarks
Branding Iron		16		do	
Horse Collar		1		do	
Wheel Tyres		1		do	
Centre		1		do	
Shaft Cart		1		do	
Saddle Wicket		1		do	
		<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Iron			1 Bag	do	
Wood P. Case		2		do	
Gun Case		1		do	
Nail Tins		5		do	
German Coats			2 Bales	do	
Leather Cases		3		do	
Rope Hemp			50 ft	do	
Brass & Iron			1 Bag	do	

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4<sup>th</sup> Australian Trench Mortar Salvo Company

Return of Articles Saved for war ending April 13- 1918

Articles	Amount	Quantity	Where Found	Disposition	Remarks
New trench mortar Rifles No 4	480		Mentioned	To Base Ordnance	
" do " " " No 4	30		" do "	To 4 <sup>th</sup> I.A.C.	
New trench mortar Rifles w/ telescopes No 113			" do "	To Base Ordnance	
" do " " " do	20		" do "	To 4 <sup>th</sup> I.A.C.	
S.M. L. L. Rifle	173		" do "	To Base Ordnance	
Telescope Sight's	115		" do "	" do "	
" do "	10		" do "	To 4 <sup>th</sup> I.A.C.	
Bayonet's scattered	<del>30</del>		" do "	" do "	
" do "	502		" do "	To Base Ordnance	
Periscopes No 25	25		" do "	" do "	
" do " No 25	14		" do "	To 4 <sup>th</sup> I.A.C.	
Periscopes No 24	5		" do "	" do "	
" do "	1		" do "	To Base Ordnance	

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Return of Articles Packed for War Expenditure April 3. 4. 1918

Articles	Quantity	Repair	Where Found	Disposal	Remarks
Dress Compasses	6		Montgomery	To Base Ordnance	
" do "	6		" do "	To 4 <sup>th</sup> I.A.D.C.	
Telescopes	37		" do "	To Base Ordnance	
Large Ladders	3		" do "	do	(Make Barricade)
Spare Barrels	5	MLG	" do "	do	
Box Periscopes	2		" do "	do	
Chest M.G. Parts	1		" do "	do	
Small M.G. Parts	1	Chest	" do "	do	
M.G. Magazines	143		" do "	do	
S.A.A. Ball (B3)	256,000	Rod	" do "	To 4 <sup>th</sup> I.A.D.C.	
3" I.M. Bombs	480	Rod	" do "	do	
Mills No 5 Grenade	2,988	"	" do "	do	
22MK No 1 Ammunition	10,000	Rod	" do "	do	

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Articles	Quantity	Remarks	Where Found	Disposition	Remarks
Washing Sub 3rd	51		Equipment etc	To Fore Ordnance	
Washing Sub 8th	3		" a "	" a "	
Landing Party Mats	2 boxes in 20 <sup>s</sup>		" a "	" a "	
" do "	2 bags in 10 <sup>s</sup>		" a "	" a "	
Hose Piping			" a "	" a "	
W/ water Pumps	4		" a "	" a "	
Lamps. P.S.	17		" a "	" a "	
Boiling Pans	5 Sets		" a "	" a "	
Ground Sheets	25		" a "	" a "	
Blankets P.S.	274		" a "	To 4 <sup>th</sup> D.A. 20 <sup>s</sup>	
Steel Helmets	50		" a "	To Fore Ordnance	
P.S. Chains	2		" a "	" a "	
Old Rubber	80 lbs		" a "	" a "	
Horse Rugs	3		" a "	" a "	

Article	Quantity	Price	Where Found	Description	Remarks
Boots	18 P		Montigny	in Gen Ord	
" "	7 S	11	"	do	
Breeches	m 542 P		"	do	
Trunks	33		"	do	
Jerkins	12		"	do	
Great Coats	2		"	do	
Overalls	2 P		"	do	
Padlocks	3		"	do	
			Supplies		
Rum	12 Gall		Montigny	in Gen Ord	
Biscuits	24 % on 50 lb.		"	do	
B. Beef	71 %		"	do	
M. v. Potatoes	3 %		"	do	

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Articles	Quantity	When Found	Disposal	Remarks
Lam 2 lb Lms	1/2 2 bags	Corbie	To 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div A.C. Signals	
Potatoes	3 Cwt	" " "	" " "	
Rice	56 lbs	" do "	" " "	
Petrol Lms	100	" do "	To 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn	
Petrol Lms	132	" do "	To Base Ordnance	
Drum Covers	1000	" do "	" " "	
Paint 2 lb Lms	12	" do "	To Engineers	
" " Brushes	8	" do "	" " "	
Flour	50 bags	" do "	Teller Barrage	
Wood	62 Cms	" do "	French Mission	
Wood	15 Bales	" do "	" " "	
Wood	13 Baskets	" do "	" " "	
Champagne	28 Cps	" do "	" " "	

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Article	Quantity	Unit	Where Found	Disposal	Remarks
Rice	6 bags		Larkhill	To French Mission	
Lobster	Tinned Fish	28 boxes	do		

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Return of Articles Received from 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. T. A. & S. Co. in week ending Friday 19<sup>th</sup> / 19

Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Miscellaneous	Where Found	Physical	Remarks
3 Ammunition Sub. Boxes			Arms & Ammunition	U. A. U. O. E.	R.O. Vignacourt	
1 Light Ammunition Sub.			3	do	do	
S.A. 2. 300		2 Bags	1	do	do	
Bayonets & Scabbards		72		do	do	
Woolen Caps	6			do	do	
Sawdust	5			do	do	
Rifles 5. 8		48		do	do	
" 5. 11		41		do	do	
Lewis Machine Guns		20		do	do	
Net for Gun Chests		4		do	do	
do Bays		11		do	do	
do Rifles		4		do	do	
Rifle Baskets		1		do	do	
do Gun Parts			1 Bay	do	do	
Radiators Lewis Gun			7	do	do	
Lewis Bay + Case		62		do	do	
Case empty		1		do	do	
German Rifles		4		do	do	
Rifle Cases		2		do	do	

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Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Defective	Remarks
Leather Tool Bags		2	Equip. <del>Plumage</del>	do	
Containers Bone Resps		2 Cases		do	OK Per Case
do		128		do	
Base Respirators		295		do	
Helmet P.H. Gas			30	do	
Sigs Tripod		1		do	
Web Tapes		420		do	
" Equipments		20 Sets		do	
Water Bottle Carriers M.S.		56		do	
Water Bottles		66		do	
Tool Box Wood		1		do	
Steel Helmets		47		do	
Leather Equipments		20 Sets		do	
Mois Equipments		1 Bag		do	
B. J. Heads		12		do	
Hammerheads M.S.		8		do	
Tom's Axes		54		do	
			Clothing		
Sheepskin Coats		236		do	
" do Gait.		23		do	
Yarkins leather		230		do	
Tunics		299		do	
Breeches M.S.		160		do	

Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Disposal	Remarks
Inf. Brushes.		129 <del>50</del> pairs		do	
Boots F.S.		150 pairs		do	
Boots Antide.		387 "		do	
Puttees		223 "		do	
Hats A.P. Felt.		375 "		do	
Coats Great		115 "		do	
Cardigans		238 "		do	
Caps. G.S. for Lins		273 "		do	
Gloves Woollen		150 pairs		do	
" Fur		145 "		do	
" Cloth		86 "		do	
Snow Suits		25 "		do	
Osby Belts		69 "		do	
Gum Boots		19 "		do	
Gloves N.P. Fur.		13 pairs		do	
Brushes N.P.		7 "		do	
Hats P. Capes		10 "		do	
Trousers		55 "		do	
Overalls Suits		2 "		do	
Trappings		4 pairs		do	
Holdalls		18 "		do	
Cotton Rags.				do	
Odd Boots			1 Bag.	do	
			1 Bag.	do	

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Articles	Summable	Repairable	Unrepairable	Hospital	Remarks
		Camp	Equip		
Blankets G.S.	2510			do	
Stretchers Amb		3		do	
do " Carriage		1		do	
Ground Sheets		100		do	
Stretchers Slings		100		do	
Fillers		1		do	
Camp Kettles F.K.		19		do	
do "		6		do	
Mincing Mach.		2		do	
Axes		2		do	
Saw Flaps		6		do	
Ladder Steps	1 Bay			do	
Tarpaulin		1		do	
Lamps F.S.		2		do	
" Bunkle Eyes		3		do	
Grindstone + Case		1		do	
Ropes		6 Bolls		do	
Spring Balances		2		do	
Pyajole Canvas Covers		20		do	
" Irons Tents		4		do	
" Frames		2		do	
" Rims		11		do	
" Parts		1 Bay		do	

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Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Repaired	Remarks
Hand Saws		1		do	
Stump Saws		1		do	
Bolt's Sawn Heli.	1 Bay.			do	
Brass Taps.		5		do	
Pick Heads		2		do	
Butcher Tool Box + Tools		1		do	
Shovels		6		do	
" Heads.			7	do	
Linen Sheet.	3			do	
Marquee Tent		3		do	
Operating Tent		1		do	
Circular Tent		1		do	
			<u>Horse Gear</u>		
Pack Saddles.		2		do	
Riding do		18		do	
Harness		6 Bays		do	
Wheels G.S.		20		do	
Horse Rugs		118		do	
Wool Lippings		3		do	
Pack Poles		3		do	
G.S. Poles		3		do	
Brass Horse Shoes.		5		do	
" do " Empty		7		do	

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Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Proposal	Remarks
Swinglo Trees		9.		do	
Cross Bars		4.		do	
House Clippers		6 prs.		do	
Hand Axes	1/2 each			do	
Lumber Axes			1	do	
House Shoes			1 each	do	
Saddle Wallah		5.		do	
Iron Bays			21	do	
Leading Chains	10			do	
Seat Springs		2.		do	
Lumber Fittings		1 Bay.		do	
Brake Blocks			2 Bays.	do	
Rails G.S.		2.		do	
Wire Collars		2		do	
Iron Bins			<u>Non-repairable</u>	do	
Wood P. Cases	1 2			do	
Brass		1 Bay 30 lbs		do	
Wire Cutters		3 prs.		do	
Canvas Wrapping		1 Bdl.		do	
Mois. Stores		1 Bay.		do	
Table Plane Top.		1		do	

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4<sup>th</sup> Australian Division  
Return of Salvage

Received and disposed of at Salvage Dump during week ending Saturday 20.11.18

Articles	Amt of Measure	Stock on hand Received		Amount disposed of		Stock on hand.	Remarks
		Total	On hand	Received	Evacuated to sea		
Shoes		—	—	—	123 Pairs	—	This were sent for factory in Cobles T
Wool					315 Cases		Sent to Yallahs River Francis P. J.
Wool					90 Pails		
Paper (Linn)					4 Cwt.		
Motorwine					121 Cans to 10 Gallons		
" "					10 Cases to 10 Gallons		

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1st Australian Division Salvage Company  
Salvage Returns

Receipts and disposed of at Salvage Company during week ending Saturday Noon 27.11.18

Date	Measure	Quantity Per week	Duration Week	Quantity Received	Location	Remarks
18.11.18			A.R.P.	262		
			5th M.P.C.	6		
			13th M.P.C.	156		
			24th M.P.C.	60		
			" do "	11 boxes 450 lbs		
			" do "	1 cut		
			" do "	2 cut		
			3rd M.P.C.	1 box 250 lbs		
			" do "	100 lbs		
			" do "	20 lbs		
			" do "	500		

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Article	Unit	Stock on hand	Receipts	Amounts Disposed of		Stock on hand	Remarks
				Re-issued Locally	Evacuated to Base		
Soap			5 <sup>th</sup> Box Soap	1500 PKts			
Shoes			Shoe to Soap	1-4 call Soap			
Smart Cotton			" do	1-4 Soap			
Total value sent to French Mission Hillier Avenue 70M Centre							
Shoes 2000 Pairs					50 Bags		
Cotton Goods					255 Cases		
" do "					42 Bales		
Wool					270 PKts		
Wool					20 Sacks		
Wine & Champagne					93 Cases		
Chausseigne					17 Baskets in 2 boxes		

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