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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

5th Australian Salvage Coy.

FOR

September 1918

Signature of Officer compiling ^{23rd}/₃₀ *A D Edgley*
Lieut.



Signature of Officer ⁷/_{Commanding} *A D Edgley*

Lieut.

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Kellers - Prettonneux 17th 62 ^d 029.094	1	-	<p>Five Day - Capt. Peters Corps Salvage Officer called. Wanted to know if Divisional Area could be cleared to road side Dumps in (5) Five Days. O.C. replied only with the assistance of a labour company. This is not available.</p> <p>O.C. Capt. Siner proceeded 1st Aust. Ammunition Dump at Saine where Unit is delivering salvaged ammunition. Routine.</p> <p>Later visited Longueau captured gun park</p>	
	2		Five Day - Routine work. ^{OC} Visited Area to Bayonvillers	
	3		Five - Routine	
		PM	O.C. visited N ^o 1 Ammunition Dump at Saine	
			Five night Keep distant bombing	
	4		Five. O.C. routine at Dumps. Capt. Peters. Corps S. O. fores hadawed move forward in two or three days.	
	5		Five & Staron. O.C. to Saine Ammunition Dump	
			Corps S. O. left message to be prepared to move forward on receipt of new scheme.	
		Night	Distant bombing heard.	
	6		Five & Staron. Received new Corps Salvage Scheme	

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Villers Bretonneux	6		O.C. proceeded to Lt Area. Visited Sauvillers etc. & finally arranged with Area Commandant to take Bulet No 26. Thameville.	
Thameville	7	Night	No enemy bombing planes heard. Fine & storm.	
		A.M.	O.C. Routine work at Durot. Clearing three lorry loads to Camp Durot Corbie.	
		3pm	Unit moved to Thameville.	
	8	4.15 PM	Planes flying high passed overhead. Cooler weather - showering. Men started on salving Harbonnier.	
		A.M.	O.C. visited parties at work in Area.	
		P.M.	O.C. to D.H.Q. at Fontaine-les-Cappes. Routine.	
	9		Cool & fine. Routine work.	
		Night	Very windy. No planes.	
	10		Showering & stormy.	

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Thamesville	10	PM	O.C. proceeded to railhead La Plaque. Saw R.S.O. re drawing reasons; Referred to Corps Dump Royant Signalled 5 th Div re reasons	
		6 PM	Received memo from Capt. Peters C.S.O. re living in Thamesville out of 4 th Area. Tone of same is resented.	
		Mid night	Enemy bombing planes in distance although a rough night.	
	11	AM	Shawery. Later Time O.C. proceeded D.H.Q. On routine matters and placed matters from C.S.O. before D.H. and G.M.G. who instructed I was not to act on it.	
		5 PM	Lieut. H. D. Edgeley 5 th Pioneer's reported to act for Capt. Siner during his absence on leave shortly.	
	12.		Raining. Routine work. Received Corps instructions to change over to C Area. Night no enemy bombing planes.	

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Thamesville	13		Shawery A.M. C.S.O. called and confirmed transfer to C Area for 14 th	
		P.M.	O.C. proceeded over Area to Rozieres	
		Night	Enemy bombing planes passed over.	
TO Morcaux	14		Hot day. Unit moved to C Area.	
Vallery		P.M.	O.C. with Lt. Edgley inspected Area to La Plaque	
Mas 62 ^o	15		Hot. O.C. inspected Area to Morcaux	
Q.29 B.H.H.		P.M.	O.C. proceeded Saint Ammunition Dump. Lieut. Edgley inspected Area to Royant.	
	16		Very Hot O.C. proceeded to D.H.Q. Fontaine-les-Cappy. Various. Drew 1000 fms and later paid Unit. Made application for leave of absence which was approved on the spot.	
			Duanantue baggage stored at Beauregheux 17 June 1918 arrives at D.H.Q.	
		Night	Distant bombing heard	

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Morcaunt Valley	17	all day	Sultry after severe thunderstorm at 2 A.M. O.C. proceeded with Lieut. Ridgely via Peronne to Turcaunt	
		night	NO bombing planes heard	
	18	Time	Fine and Humid.	
		A.M.	Lieut. Ridgely proceeded to Chaignes Area and selected dump & shelters at R 16 d 64. for removal hereto next day.	
		P.M.	O.C. proceeded R.T.C. La Plaque and learnt that no goods can be drawn this week for Salvage Coy	
		night	NO planes over.	
To 1704 62 D R 16 d 64.	19	Time	Fine day	
		A.M.	Unit moved to near big gun 38 cm captured by the Australians near Chaignes	
		A.M.	O.C. proceeded Assevillers and arranged with Major Hught O.C. ^{18th} Flurry Bus Horse Coy for him to salvage a sub area in his vicinity.	

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Mat 620	19	P.M.	O.C. to D.H.Q. various matters.	
R16 d 64		Night	No bombing planes heard	
	20		Fine, cooler, Routine work	
		P.M.	O.C. to D.H.Q. various	
		Night	Distinct bombing heard	
	21		Fine showering, cool	
		P.M.	Routine work	
		P.M.	O.C. to D.H.Q. Routine matters. Lieut Edgley visited area to Toucoucourt ^{Chugnyelles} inspecting working direction.	
		Night	Full Harvest Moon Windy and showering No enemy planes heard	
	22	P.M.	O.C. to D.H.Q. Routine matters Lieut Edgley visited area to Toucoucourt inspecting working tanks	
	23		Fine Day - O.C. proceeded on leave	
		P.M.	No bombing planes heard	
	24		Fine - Routine work Lieut Edgley to D.H.Q. various matters	

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Mat 62 ^D	24	P.M.	Lieut Ridgley over area towards Toucancourt	
R 16 d. 6.4		Night	No enemy bombing planes heard	
	25	P.M.	Fine - Routine work. Lieut Ridgley into north of Toucancourt Staggon G.S. returns from Le Mesnil with comforts	
	26	Night	Distant enemy bombing planes heard towards Peronne Fine - Routine until 2 pm then recall Co. and move to Le Mesnil in accordance with Corps order delivered late. Men arrived by motor lorry about 6 pm. The last waggon at 8 pm. Company spends wet night in leaky hut. Distant enemy bombing planes heard forward.	
LE MESNIL O. 17 a 6.0 Mat 62 ^C	27	A.M.	Company cleaning and arranging billets. Fixed drunk at Mat 62 ^B O. 17. a 5.0.	
	28	P.M.	Company bathe and get clean underclothes. Lieut Ridgley to TIRCOURT and to see C.S.O. but failed. Arranged to draw nations from 6 th Aust. Motor Transport at CARTIGNY Shower before noon otherwise fine.	

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LE MESNIL	28		Company at work east of canal. Lieut Ridgley on area. Commenced to ration 60 R. 5 th Div. Batts	
		Night	Enemy bombing planes heard forward.	
	29		Showery. Cold fog early. Routine work. Lieut Ridgley on area AM towards CARTIGNY PM towards	
		PM	MONS-en-CHAUSSEE. Lieut Anderson (War Records) called & arranged to lift trophies we left at 62 nd R 16 d 6 4.	
		Night	Windy and showery.	
	30		Windy and Showery. Routine work. Lieut. Ridgley to DHQ. Could not draw pay & also	
		PM	could not get canteen stores. No enemy bombing planes	

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Date	Area in which working	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
1. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps Lamotte Villers-Bretonneux Aerodrome - Villers- Bretonneux Area Leave Billet	2 3 4 6 15 16 6	52	
2. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps Lamotte Villers Bretonneux Aerodrome - Villers Bretonneux Area Leave Billet	2 3 4 5 14 18 6	52	1 O.R. admitted to hospital while on leave.
3. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps Lamotte Aerodrome, Villers Bretonneux Area Leave Billet Villers Bretonneux	2 3 4 18 19 6 5	51	
4. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps Lamotte Aerodrome - Villers Bretonneux Area Leave Billet Villers Bretonneux	2 3 3 17 13 7 5	50	1 O.R. transferred to Aust. War Records Section Photographic Sub Section
5. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Meaque Villers Bretonneux Aerodrome - Villers Bretonneux Area Leave Billet	2 3 4 4 17 14 6	50	
6. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Meaque Villers Bretonneux Aerodrome - Villers Bretonneux Area Leave Billet	2 3 4 4 17 14 6	50	1 O.R. regained from Hospital.
7. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Meaque Aerodrome - Villers Bretonneux Area Collecting Ammunition Villers Bretonneux Leave Billet	2 3 4 17 6 12 6	50	Unit moved to Phamerville

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Date	Area in which working	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
8. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Plaque Harbourniers Area Billet Leave	2 3 4 23 5 13	50	
9. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. La Plaque Supply Dumps Harbourniers Area Leave Billet	2 4 3 24 13 4	50	
10. 9. 18	do.	do.	do.	
11. 9. 18	do.	do.	do.	
12. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Plaque Harbourniers Area Phanewille (Day off) Leave Billet	2 3 4 2 22 13 4	50	
13. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Plaque Harbourniers Area Leave Billet Sick Parade	2 3 4 23 12 5 1	50	
14. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Plaque Harbourniers Area Leave Billet Sick Hospital	2 2 4 23 12 5 1 1	50	1 OR from Supply Dumps to Hospital Mat moved from Phanewille to La Plaque
15. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Plaque (War Records) Dump La Plaque Area - La Plaque Leave Hospital Billet	2 2 4 3 26 10 12	50	
16. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps La Plaque (War Records) Area. La Plaque Leave Hospital Billet	2 2 4 28 11 1 2	50	

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Date	Area in which working	Starting Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
17. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Area - La Plaque Leave Hospital Billet	2 2 4 32 8 1 3	52	
18. 9. 18	do.	do	do	
19. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Area - La Plaque Leave Hospital Billet	2 2 3 31 10 1 3	52	Unit moved to Proyant
20. 9. 18	do. Area Proyant	do	do	
21. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Area - Proyant Leave Billet	2 2 3 35 6 3	51	
22. 9. 18	do.	do	do	
23. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Area - Proyant Leave Billet	2 2 3 33 8 3	51	
24. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Area - Proyant - Chignolle Leave Billet	2 2 3 34 6 4	51	
25. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Area - Proyant - Chignolle Leave Billet	2 2 3 35 6 4	52	

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26. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Area - Proyart chungollen Leave Billet	2 2 3 35 6 4	52	Unit moved to Le Merneil
27. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records (La Plaque) Billet Le Merneil Day off working Parade Leave	2 2 3 39 6	52	
28. 9. 18	D.A.D.O.S. Supply Dumps War Records Area - Le Merneil Leave Billet	2 2 3 34 6 5	52	
29. 9. 18	do.	do	do	
30. 9. 18	do	do	do	



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