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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*5th Australian Salvage Coy.*

FOR

*October*

*1918*

Signature of Officer compiling.....

*Capt.*



Signature of Officer Commanding.....

*Chas. E. Jones.*

*Capt.*



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LEMESNIL SOMME	Oct 1918 1		O/c Capt. Viner, is on leave, Lieut A.D. Edgley, 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers, acting Salvage officer. Season's first frost. Routine work. Capt. Peters, C.S.O. called & requisitioned dump to be sorted.	
		NIGHT	Bombing Planes over.	
	Oct 2.		Fine day. Routine work. Company paid at new rate of exchange 5:7res = 3/10 (night) No Enemy Bombing Planes over.	
	3.		Fine day. Routine work, Capt. Peters, C.S.O. called & orders move on 5:10-18, to VILLERS FAUCON (night) Enemy Bombing Planes in vicinity.	
	4	night	Fine day. Routine, Lieut. Edgley, to Villers Faucon to arrange billets re Capt. Pelis called & ordered use of M.T. to move Le Mesnil Dump to CARTIGNY and at 6 P.M. we ceased to be under his orders, attached G.S. wagon, to report to Army Aux. Horse transport Coy.	
	5		Fine day. Unit works half day.	
	6 P.M.		Unit comes under order of Division (night) no Enemy Planes over	
	6		Strong wind, unit not working preparing to move. Lieut Edgley	



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LEMESNIL SOMME	Oct. 1918 6		Proceeded to D.H.Q for move orders, then arranged rations at 6 <sup>th</sup> Aust. M.T. Coy.	
	7	6 P.M.	March out, 7-30 P.M. arrived at PERONNE Station, dark, cold & showery.	
		9.30 P.M.	Entrained	
CANNESSIERES	8	9.30 A.M.	Arrived OISEMONT, unit marches 2 Kilometre to CANNESSIERES, where unit is billeted	
	9		Unit settling down. Lieut. Edgley, inquires for baths for men, but nearest are at HUPPY, 10 Kilometres distant.	
	10	9.30 A.M.	Route march for about 8 Kilometres, D.H.Q. places Coy. at the disposal of the Town Major, OISEMONT, who requires now, 1 Cpl & 1 man.	
	11	9.30 A.M.	Inspection	
	12		Showery. Capt. Viner reported back from h.K. leave	
	13		Fine day, Lieut. Edgley instructed to report back to his unit, 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers.	
	14		Fine day, Showery at night.	
	"	9.30 A.M.	Route March 7 Kilometres	



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CANNESSIERES	Oct 15 1918		Fine Showry	241
		9.30 AM	Anti-Gas Equip <sup>t</sup> by Cpl McMillan, W.	
	16		Fine Showry, 13 men Commence work, as loading Party for the A.A.S.C. at Pont Remy.	
	17		Fine Showry. All available men are now working on various details for D.H.Q.	
	18	A.M.	Foggy morning, later Fine, Capt. Miner is shown some poor billets in Oisemont by town major.	
	19	A.M.	Foggy, later Fine, Secured permission from D.H.Q. to move to Oisemont next day	
OISEMONT	20	A.M.	Foggy, Showry all day.	
		9 AM	Unit moved out to OISEMONT. Advised D.H.Q. of move	
	21		Foggy Routine	
	22		Fine Pk. HICKEY J.F. arrested by D.A.P.M. for Abusing Civilians.	
	23		Fine Sunny Routine	
	24		Fine Routine work.	



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Oisemont	1918 Nov. 25		Fine Routine work.	
	26		Foggy later. Fine Summary of Evidence taken for F.G.C. No. 3573 Pts. Hickey	
	27		Fine, Supplied 8 men to Distillery, unloading beet trucks	
	28		Fine, Crew 1800 francs paid men,	
	29		Fine	
	30		Fine, 10 men commenced digging beet for Civilians under instructions of "Q"	
	31		Fine Routine.	

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TRAILLON  
SALVAGE COMPANY.  
No. ....  
Date .....



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5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Salvage Coy.

Monthly Working Diary APPENDIX 1918.

Date	At which Working	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
10.10.18	D.F.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Area	2 2 3 6 38	51	Bob. Loughrey proceed joined his unit.
2.10.18	D.F.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Area Billet	2 2 3 6 32 6	51	
3.10.18	D.F.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Area Billet	2 2 3 6 32 6	51	
4.10.18	D.F.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Area Billet	2 2 3 6 32 6	51	
5.10.18	D.F.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Area Billet	2 2 3 6 32 6	51	Sgt Roach rejoined his unit.
6.10.18	D.F.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Area Billet	2 2 3 5 1 39	51	Pte. Maxwell rejoined from leave.
7.10.18	D.F.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Billet	2 2 3 5 39	51	P.M. from Pleasant to Ossington.



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Date	Duties which working	Working length	annual strength	Remarks
28.10.18	D.A.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Coy Marching in strength }	2 2 3 5 39	51	Detained Disment A.M. Marching to Bannessiers
9.10.18	D.A.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Company	2 2 3 5 39	51	no work or Parade.
10.10.18	D.A.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Company.	2 2 3 5 39	51	A.M. Parade. Drill Order
11.10.18	D.A.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Town Major (Disment) Sanitary Section Billet	2 2 3 5 2 10 29	51	A.M. Parade Drill order 4. O.R. rejoined from S.A.D.R.W
12.10.18	D.A.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Town Major (Disment) Sanitary Section Billet	2 2 3 5 2 10 31	55	A.M. Parade Drill Order Capt Vines and Bdr Barclay rejoined from leave.
13.10.18	D.A.D.O.S Supply War Records Leave Billet	2 2 3 5 45	55	A.M. Parade Capt Vines inspects Men and Rifles Lieut Edgley rejoins his unit.
14.10.18	D.A.D.O.S War Records Leave Supply Billet	2 3 3 2 44	54	A.M. Rouse March Pte Matthews to Hospital



Date	Area in which working	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
15. 10. 18	DADOS. War Records Hospital Leave Aero Guard Supply with Company	2 3 13 4 2 39	54	
16. 10. 18	WADOS War Records Leave Aero Plane Guard Sanitary Sect. A.S.B. Hospital Town Major Supply Company	2 3 3 4 6 13 1 2 18	54	Pte Kenny transferred from 5-5 Bn, Pte Matthews re-joins unit from hospital
17. 10. 18	WADOS War Record Leave Aero Plane Guard Sanitary Sect. A.S.B. Town Major Supply Billet	2 3 3 4 6 14 2 2 19	55	Pte O'Leary re-joins unit from leave
18. 10. 18	WADOS War records leave Aero Guard Sanitary Sect. A.S.B. Town Major Supply Billet	2 3 2 4 6 14 2 2 20	55	Pte Peel re-joins unit from leave
19. 10. 18	WADOS War records leave Aero Guard Sanitary Sect. A.S.B. Town Major Supply Billet	4 3 1 4 6 14 2 2 19	55	Pte Powell proceeds on leave
20. 10. 18	WADOS War records leave Town Major Aero Guard Supply A.S.B. Billet	4 3 2 2 4 1 17 22	55	A.M. Moved from Commissaries to Billets in Oisemont
21. 10. 18.	WADOS A.S.C Town Major Aero Guard Supply leave War records Sanitary Sect. Billet	4 14 2 4 1 2 3 6 19	55	Pte Hickey under arrest at A.P.M. Guard Room



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Date	Area Working in	Working Strength	Actual Strength	Remarks
22.10.18	D.A.D.O.S A.S.G. Fatigue Down Major Aero Guard Sanitary Section Leave Beaters for Shoot Billet Supply War Records	4 14 2 4 6 2 7 12 1 3	<u>55</u>	
23.10.18	D.A.D.O.S A.S.G. Fatigue Down Major Aero Guard Sanitary Section Supply Dump Leave War Records Compound Billet	4 14 2 4 6 1 2 3 1 18	<u>55</u>	Bathing Parade 2.30 P.M.
24.10.18	D.A.D.O.S A.S.G. Fatigue Down Major Aero Guard Sanitary Section Supply Dump Leave War Records Compound Billet	4 14 2 4 6 1 4 3 1 15	<u>54</u>	Lieut Moffatt Pte Hogan Leave Pte Delan transferred to postal corp.
25.10.18	D.A.D.O.S A.S.G. Fatigue Down Major Aero Guard Sanitary Section Supply Dump Leave War Records Compound Billet	4 14 2 4 6 1 4 3 1 15	<u>54</u>	
26.10.18	D.A.D.O.S A.S.G. Fatigue Down Major Aero Guard Sanitary Section Supply Dump Leave War Records Compound Billet	4 14 2 4 6 1 4 3 1 15	<u>54</u>	
27.10.18	D.A.D.O.S A.S.G. Fatigue Down Major Aero Guard Distillery Supply Dump Leave War Records Compound Billet	4 14 2 4 8 1 5 3 1 12	<u>54</u>	Pte Bowman Hospital Pte Daniels Leave.
28.10.18	D.A.D.O.S A.S.G. Fatigue Down Major Aero Guard Supply Dump Sanitary Section War Records Compound Leave Billet Hospital	4 14 2 4 1 6 3 5 1 1 1	<u>54</u>	



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Date	Area in which working	Working Str.	Actual Strength	Remarks
29. 10. 18	DADOS ASB Town Major Aeroguard Supply Sanitary leave War Record Compound Billet Hospital	4 14 2 4 1 6 7 3 1 11 1	54	Capt. Stevenson + Plt Cook proceed on leave.
30. 10. 18	DADOS ASB Town Major Sugar Beet Fatigue Supply Sanitary leave War record Compound Billet Hospital	4 3 2 11 1 6 7 3 1 1 15	54	
31. 10. 18.	DADOS Sugar Beet Fatigue ASB Town Major Supply Sanitary leave War record Compound Hospital Billet	4 11 3 2 1 6 8 3 1 1 14	54	Plt Kenney proceed on leave.

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