

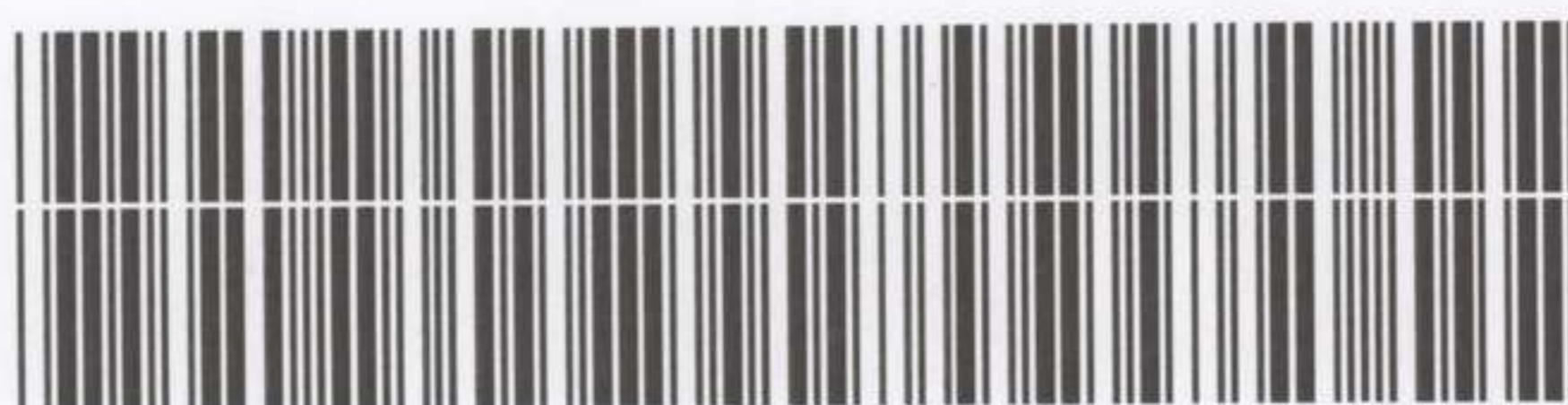
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WAR DIARY

OF

Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

FOR

MARCH 1919

Signature of Officer compiling *S.M. Brown* Lieut. & A/Adjt.

Signature of Officer Commanding *[Signature]* Major. A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices									
SOLRE- le-CHATEAU	1st.		Strength of Field Companies 5th. Divisional Engineers as follows:- <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <table style="border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">8th. Field Coy. A.E.</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">3 Officers</td> <td>114 Other Ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14th. Field Coy. A.E.</td> <td>3 "</td> <td>121 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th. Field Coy. A.E.</td> <td>2 "</td> <td>106 " "</td> </tr> </table> </div>	8th. Field Coy. A.E.	3 Officers	114 Other Ranks.	14th. Field Coy. A.E.	3 "	121 " "	15th. Field Coy. A.E.	2 "	106 " "	
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	14th. Field Coy. A.E.	3 "	121 " "										
	15th. Field Coy. A.E.	2 "	106 " "										
	2nd.		<p>Instructions were received from Corps Headquarters regarding despatch of horses and personnel to BASE.*</p> <p>"Movement Orders" were issued to the 8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E. for move to new Area.*</p> <p>"Works Report" for previous week sent to Corps Headquarters.*</p> <p>8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E. moved off at 0900h. for SOLRE St. GERY.</p> <p>Personnel of No. 14 Quota and 30 horses for despatch to BASE were left at LES FONTAINES, in charge of Capt. R.A. HOLMES. M.C.</p> <p>Permission to billet 8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E. at PRY was obtained owing to proximity of Quarries and of roads requiring repairs.</p> <p>Orders were issued to 8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E. to move from SOLRE St. GERY to PRY.*</p> <p>Orders were issued to Field Coys. and 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. to move their allotment of 'X' and 'Y' Class horses to 5th. Divisional Staging Camp at REUGNIES.*</p>	*App. 1. *App. 2. *App. 3.									
	3rd.		<p>Lieut. V.C. SECOMBE, 15th. Field Coy. A.E., attached to Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers was posted to Adjutant C.R.E. dating from 8/1/19.</p> <p>50 - 'X' and 'Y' Class horses were despatched to BASE by 8th./15th. - 14th. Field Coys. and 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.</p> <p>8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E. arrived at PRY. Owing to civilians returning, difficulty was met in finding accomodation.</p>	*App. 4. *App. 5.									
	4th.		<p>Work on Rifle Range at SIVRY not progressing favourably owing to Working Parties supplied by 14th. A.I. Brigade being under-strength and not reporting on work at stipulated time.</p> <p>50 'X' and 'Y' Class horses despatched to Base by Field Coys. A.E. and 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.*</p>	*App. 6.									
5th.		<p>Orders issued for the Amalgamation of 14th. Field Coy. A.E. and 1st. Army Troops A.E.</p>											
6th.		<p>Difficulty was found in supplementing fuel supply of the Company at PRY. Division were asked to grant authority to the Field Companies to draw coal at WALCOURT Railway Station.*</p> <p>The question of Transport for road repairs was taken ^{up} with 5th. Aust. Divl. Headquarters.*</p> <p>The Rifle Range at SIVRY was completed.</p>	*App. 7. *App. 8.										
7th.		<p>Orders were issued to the Field Companies and the 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. to have explosives and S.A. Ammunition collected by Motor Lorry on the 8th. instant, and handed in to Corps Ammunition Dump at REQUIGNIES.*</p>	*App. 9.										

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SOLRE-le-CHATEAU.	7th.		Demobilisation Instructions No. 6 relating to Amalgamation of 14th. Field Coy. A.E. and 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. at RANCE were issued.*	*App. 10.
	8th.		Demobilisation Progress Report for week ending 7/3/19.* The C.R.E. moved into WALCOURT	*App. 11.
	10th.		Roads in the new Area are being repaired by civilian labour. The Office of the C.R.E. at SOLRE-le-CHATEAU closed at 0900h. and reopened at WALCOURT at the same hour.	
WALCOURT.			The 8th.-/15th. Field Coy. A.E. commenced repairs to roads in the neighbourhood of WALCOURT and PRY.	
	11th.		Demobilisation Forecast for the forthcoming week issued.*	*App. 12.
	12th.		Instructions were issued to the Field Companies for the sale of 'Z' Class horses at SIVRY on the 17/3/19 and at CHIMAY on the 20/3/19, distributed as shown in App. 13.*	*App. 13.
	13th.		Demobilisation Instructions No. 7. relating to the Amalgamation of the 14th. Field Coy. A.E./1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. with the 8th/15th Field Coy. A.E. were issued.*	*App. 14.
	15th.		The 8th/15th Field Coy. A.E. are repairing the road FONTENELLE to WALCOURT and WALCOURT-PRY. Arrangements for the sale of 'Z' Class horses at SIVRY on 17/3/19 were altered to take place at JEUMONT on 18/3/19.	
	17th.		Repairs to road FONTENELLE-WALCOURT are being carried out by the 8th/15th Field Coy. A.E. Instructions were issued for a consignment of 'X' and 'Y' Class horses to be sent to BASE for Demobilisation on 22nd. inst.*	*App. 15.
			Instructions were issued for the sale of 10 'Z' Class animals at CLERMONT by 8th/15th Field Coy. A.E.*	*App. 16.
	18th.		The 14th Field/1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. sold 7 'Z' Class Horses at JEUMONT for 7575 francs. 5 complete sets of Officers' Saddlery were stolen from C.R.E.'s Stables at WALCOURT. A Board of Inquiry was convened to inquire into the loss.	
			The 8th/15th Field Coy. A.E. sold 39 'Z' Class horses at CHIMAY. The amount realized at the Sale was 47450 francs. Competition was very keen.	
	19th.		The Amalgamation of 14th Field/1st Army Troops Coy. A.E. and 8th/15th Field Coy. A.E. was completed at PRY.	
	20th.		An allotment of Engineers for Quota No. 26 of 1 Officer, 1 Sergt, and 121 Other Ranks was received.* The Field Company has carried out considerable work in re-metalling FONTENELLE-WALCOURT road, and on roads leading out of WALCOURT roads. Civilian labour is engaged on repairs to other roads not under repair by the Engineers.	*App. 17.

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WALCOURT.	21st.		Demobilisation Progress Report up to noon 21/3/19 and Demobilisation Forecast was issued.* The four Engineer Units combined into one Engineer Company known as the 5th Divisional Field Company A.E. as per Appendix 19* showing organisation of the combined Company. (see sheet above)* Demobilisation Instructions No.8 were issued dealing with the organisation of the Establishment and future procedure to be adopted.*	*App. 18. *App. 19.	
	22nd.		Notification was received of the promotions of Lieut. J.D. CRAWFORD and Lieut. L.R. HARDINGE to the rank of Temporary Captain for the purpose of Command. (Published in A.I.F. List No.458 of 21/3/19. Appointments to date from 6/3/19.) T/Capt. J.D. CRAWFORD assumed Command of the 5th Div. Field Coy. A.E, with T/Capt. L.R. HARDINGE as Second in Command. The 14th Section 5th Div. Field Coy. A.E. are working on the road STREE-WALCOURT re-metalling and cleaning side drains.	*App. 20.	
	23rd.		T/Capt. L.R. HARDINGE proceeded to MARCINELLE-les-HAIES to confer with 2nd Div. Field Coy, A.E. as to the possibility of billeting the 5th Div. Field Coy. A.E. at that place. He returned with a favourable report on prospective accommodation.		
	24th.		The 14th Section 5th Div. Field Coy. A.E, are working on STREE-WALCOURT Road. Lieut. V.C. SECOMBE, Adjutant C.R.E. proceeded on U.K. Leave. Lieut. S.M. BROWN, 14th Section 5th Div. Field Coy, A.E. assumed duties of Adjutant C.R.E. The 14th Section, 5th Div. Field Coy, A.E. repairing STREE-WALCOURT Road. Lieut. G. BURROWS. MC, attached to Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery was recalled by wire to proceed on draft as "Officer in Charge" of Quota No.26.		
	25th.		The 8th Section, 5th Div. Field Coy. A.E. returned Mobilisation Stores and Equipment to D.A.D.O.S. at THUILLIES. Authority was received from 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade to alter the allotment of Quota No.26 by the substitution of an Officer in the place of 1 Other Rank. Lieut. T.B. MIDELTON. MC. 15th Section was instructed to fill the allotment.		
	27th.		A Dump of R.E. Materials was established at 2nd Divisional Engineers Waggon Park at MARCINELLE-les-HAIES. Demobilisation Instruction No.9 was issued for the despatch of to BASE of 10 'X' and 'Y' Class horses on the 30th inst.*		
	28th.		19 'Z' Class Mules sold at WALCOURT realized the sum of 15100 francs. As at previous Sales, bidding was very brisk.	*App. 21.	
	29th.		Demobilisation Instruction No.10 was issued relating to handing in of 1st A.T. Section Stores and Equipment.*	*App. 22	

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WALCOURT.	30th. 31st.		<p>Lieuts. E.O.K.GREEN, W.C.W.PATON and E.G.LINDSAY proceeded to U.K, in answer ^{to} a wire received from A.I.F. Depots. *that"Supply of Officers available for Duty on Transports running low, Ten Captains and forty Subalterns from each Division required for this Service".</p> <p>Inspection of Quota No.26 was held by the C.R.E. at PRY .</p> <p>The weather during the month has been cool and showery. The last week of the month began with a heavy fall of snow, and the remainder of the week was marked by intermittent falls of snow and hail.</p>	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Instructions re Despatch of 'X' and 'Y' Class Horses to BASE.
2.	Movement Orders 8th/15th. Field Coy. A.E.
3.	Works Report for week ending 1/3/19.
4.	Movement Order No. 2. 8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E.
5.	Movement Order for Despatch of 'X' 'Y' Class Horses to BASE.
6.	Allotment of 'X' & 'Y' Class Horses for Despatch BASE.
7.	Coal Supplies.
8.	Motor Transport.
9.	Engineer Demobilisation Instruction No. 5.
10.	Engineer Demobilisation Instruction No. 6.
11.	Demobilisation Progress Report for week ending 7/3/19.
12.	Engineer Demobilisation Forecast.
13.	Instructions for Sale of 'Z' Class Horses.
14.	Engineer Demobilisation Instruction No. 7.
15.	Allotment of 'X' & 'Y' Class Horses for Despatch to BASE.
16.	Allotment 'Z' Class Animals for Sale at CLERMONT.
17.	Allotment and Distribution for Quota No. 26.
18.	Demobilisation Progress Report and Forecast 21/3/19.
19.	Organisation of 5th. Divisional Field Coy. A.E.
20.	Engineer Demobilisation Instruction No. 8.
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22.	Engineer Demobilisation Instruction No. 10.

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APP. I

Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

- O.S.C.
- 8th. - 15th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 14th. Field Coy. A.E.
- Army Troops Coy. A.E.

Attached please find instructions re despatch of 'Y' Class horses to BASE.

The following personnel will be provided to conduct horses on train to BASE:-

8th. - 15th. Field Coy. A.E.	-	4. Drivers.
14th. Field Coy. A.E.	-	2. Drivers 1. Sergt.
A.T. Coy. A.E.	-	1. Driver.
	Total.	<u>7. Drivers. 1. Sergt.</u>

In addition to the horses being despatched to BASE the following transport personnel will accompany Horses as far as CHARLEROI:-

- 1. Driver per 2 Horses and
- 8th. - 15th. Field Coy. A.E. 1. G.S. Wagon 2. Horses, 1. Driver.
- 14th. Field Coy. A.E. 1. " " 2. " 1. " .

These wagons will carry rations and fodder and on the return journey will return the Drivers not proceeding to BASE to their Units.

O.C., A.T. Coy. A.E. will mutually arrange with O.C., 14th. Fd. Coy. A.E. re rendezvous of parties, rations etc..

Further orders re rendezvous and rations will be issued on 2nd. inst. 14th. Fd. Coy. A.E. will carry 50 yards of rope which will be drawn from C.R.E. on 2nd. instant.

C. R. E.	
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No. 1/5/18	7/2/18
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J. Kelly Major. A.E.
C.R.E.
5th. Australian Division.

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DESPATCH OF "X" and "Y" CLASS HORSES TO BASE BY RAIL.

1. Arrangements are now being made for the despatch to Base from CHARLEROI by rail of "X" and "Y" Class Horses, the capacity of each train being 350 animals.
2. Conducting parties will be detailed as follows:-
 - One man per 4 horses.
 - One Corpl. per 12 men.
 - One Sergt. per 25 men.
 - One Officer per 50 men.
 In addition, an Officer not below the rank of Captain, will be detailed as O.C. Train. The wire from Aust. Corps "Q" giving the allotment of horses for each train will state by which Division the O.C. Train will be detailed.
3. Animals will be inspected by a Vet. Officer prior to leaving their Units for the Entraining Station, to ensure that they are sound, and free from contagious or infectious diseases, eye troubles etc.. The Officer i/c. each Divisional Conducting Party will have a certificate to this effect in his possession for the whole Divisional Quota.
4. Animals from 1st. and 2nd. Divisions. will be concentrated prior to entrainment under Divisional Arrangements. Animals from 4th. & 25th. Division. and 3rd. Aust. Divl. Artillery will be concentrated under Divisional arrangements, and will stage the night prior to the day of entrainment at Corps Remount Staging Camp, MARCIENNE zone. A hot evening meal and breakfast for the conducting parties, and forage for animals will be provided at the Remount Staging Camp under arrangements to be made by the 2nd. Aust. Division.
5. Four days rations and forage will be taken on the Train with the conducting party. These rations will be provided under Divisional arrangements.
6. Haynets, nose-bags, horse-rugs, head-collars and neck-chains at the rate of one per horse, and water buckets at the rate of one per four horses will be taken to the BASE.
Haynets, nose-bags, and Horse-rugs will be handed over with the animals at Base Remount Depot, and receipts will be obtained. All other equipment will be brought ^{back} to Units.
7. A consolidated Army Form O. 1640 A. (in triplicate) for all animals from his Division, and a schedule similar to attached pro-forma will be in the possession of the Officer in charge of each Divisional Conducting Party. These will be receipted by the Remount Depot at the Base, where one Copy will be retained. The remaining two copies will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters, one for transmission to Corps "Q" and one for Divisional Records.
Divisions will arrange that Units are given individual A.F.s. O. 1640 A. to attach as supporting vouchers to A.F.W. 3852.
8. The Officer i/c of the train will wire the numbers of classes of horses entrained as well as the time of departure of the train to the Base Remount Depot to which the Horses are consigned, repeating the wire to the D.D. Remounts 4th. ARMY and Aust. Corps "Q".
Upon rejoining his Unit, the Officer i/c. each Divisional Conducting Party will render through the usual channels to Aust. Corps "Q" a report of the railway Journey, giving particulars of the railway arrangements; stating whether the train ran to time, and whether the stoppages were according to schedule.
9. After handing over the Horses at the Remount Depot, the Conducting Parties will proceed to Aust. Gen. Base Depot, HAVRE for return to Unit.
10. The Officer i/c. each Divl. Conducting Party will be given written instructions regarding his duties, by D.H.Q..
11. Breast Ropes for horses will be provided by Divisions concerned.

(Sgd) H.G. VINEY, Lt-Col.
A.C.M.C., Australian Corps.

Schedule of horses despatched by Aust. Division.
 Australian Corps, to Base Remount Depot.....
 on1919.

Category	H. O R S E S.				TOTAL.
	R.1.	R.2.	L.D.	H.D.	
A/X					
B/X					
C/X					
A/Y					
B/Y					
C/Y					
TOTAL.					

The above animals have been inspected by a Veterinary Officer and certified sound and free from contagious and infectious diseases, and eye troubles.

.....Signature.

.....Rank.

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N.B.

No mules will be despatched to Base Remount Depots.

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Headquarters 8th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

MOVEMENT ORDER.

8th.- 15th. Field Coy. A.E.

1. The 8th.- 15th. Field Coy. A.E. will move by Route March at 0800 h (Summer Time) to SOLMS-ST. GUY on 2nd. inst., via SOLMS-LE-CHATEAU - RIVER (by 3rd. Class Road mid-way between BRANMONT and CLAIRVAUX) - RIVER Station - SOLMS-ST. GUY Road.
Two motor lorries will report at 0730 h. to carry packs and blankets etc., and will proceed via SOLMS-LE-CHATEAU - CLAIRVAUX - RIVER - RIVER Railway Station - along BRANMONT Road to SOLMS-ST. GUY and remain with Unit.
Further orders will be issued on 2nd. inst. for move on 3rd. inst. into New Area.
2. Personnel and Horses to be left at LES MONTAINES :-
1st. S.C. and 2nd. S.C. to supervise erection of P.O.W. Camp.
1. Capt. A.A. HOLLIS, MC. and all other ranks proceeding on QUOTA No. 14. on 5th. inst.
2. S.C. to act as pigst over P.O.W. Stores, latrine seats etc.
13 Drivers including 1. S.C. to conduct horses on 3rd. inst. to training station for 2nd. inst.
50 "Y" Class Horses as selected by the D.A.D.V.C. for despatch to GASS.
1-Driver and 2 Horses and 2. S. Wagon to draw Rations at RIVER Railway Station and proceed to CLAIRVAUX with draft of Horses.
1-Driver, 2 Horses and double Limber to draw Rations at RIVER Railway Station and proceed with QUOTA No. 14. to BRANMONT on 5th. inst.
These last two detachments will report back to their Unit in the New Area on 5th. inst.
3. RECORDS OFFICER Capt. R.B. HOLMES, MC. will furnish a certificate that all billets in LES MONTAINES have been left in a clean condition and obtain clearance certificates from all owners of billets. He will make a thorough investigation of any claims, and if unable to settle, will submit reports re same to reach this office not later than 5th. inst.
The 8th.- 15th. Field Coy. A.E. will leave an Officer at SOLMS-ST. GUY and party to clean up, and carry out same procedure when moving forward.
4. EDUCATIONAL STORES OFFICER On 5th. inst. a Lorry will be sent to FOULMAY and another to LES MONTAINES to collect all remaining detriments, Educational Stores, latrine seats etc. and transport them to the New Area.
5. RATIONS Rations will be drawn at RIVER Railway Station on and after the 2nd. inst. until further orders.
A motor lorry will be attached to the 8th.- 15th. Field Coy. A.E. for drawing same from 3rd. to 5th. insts. Supplies will be divided up in accordance with paras. 2. and 4. and incidents will be submitted in accordance with same.

C. R. E.,
8TH AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
No. 7/4/11
Date. 1st MARCH 1919.

W. Jolly Major. A.E.
C.R.E.
8th. Australian Division.

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6. - 15th. A.I. S.O.
7. - 15th. A.I. S.O.
8. - Car Store

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8th. Field Co. A.E.

6 Boxes being made for technical equipment completed.
18 Targets completed for Division.
Bridge being constucted at LES FONTAINES, NAMUR 4.A.80.19. 80% complete.
P.O.W. Cage being constructed at SOLRE-le-CHATEAU.
Personnel engaged on Regimental duties and Educational Courses.

14th. Field Co. A.E.

18 Targets completed.
Repairs to Stables and Billets - 3 doors 59% renovated and 1 Manger 30% renovated.
1 Wall 18"x 8'x 7' high, brickwork relaid. 100% complete.
Rifle Range at NAMUR 4.C.15.30 - Firing mounds (5) 80'x 6'x 6" 100% compld, Fence dismantled 200 yds. 100% completed, Butts - Trees felled (12 average 6") 100% completed, 100 yds sq. undergrowth cleared.
Revetting 60 yds) 1yd 80% completed and Excavating 28yds. x 3 feet x 3'5" 75% Completed.
Educational Courses carried out during the week.

15th. Field Co. A.E.

1 notice board 18"x 14" with hood completed.
6 notice boards painted and made for roads completed.
6 targets 6'x 2' for 15th. Bde Range completed.
Cleaning of equipment and oiling tools for handing in to D.A.D.O.S.
Educational Courses carried out.

5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

LIESSIES ROAD - Loaded abd carted 36 tons of metal to Liessies Road.
10 yards Plank Road complete at entrance to A.A.S.C.
SIVRY ROAD - Repairs to road and breaking stone.
THUILLIES - Work on Cotduroy Road and various small jobs.

Educational Courses carried out during the week.



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Headquarters 8th Australian Division Engineers.

MOVEMENT ORDER No. 3.
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8th - 15th Field Coy. A.E.

1. In continuation of this office No. 7/8/11 of 1st instant.
The 8th - 15th Field Coy. A.E. will move by Route March at 0900 h. to PHE on 3rd instant, via BARDINCOB - SILVERHURST - WALCOTT - PHE Road. Lorries No. 53 and No. 54 will remain with Company for transporting equipment etc., to PHE. Lorry No. 53 will remain with Company at PHE for drawing rations etc., and Lorry No. 54 will be given orders to return to G.R.S.
2. BILLING: Co. C. are to ensure that they ~~confine~~ ^{confine} their billeting strictly to PHE itself, and do not spread to the WALCOTT side of that town.
3. RATIONS: Rations will be drawn from SILVER Railway Station until further orders are given.
4. SICK: Any sick, who are unfit to travel will be left at COLLEGE-ST. JOHN where the 15th Field Ambulance will call during the morning to evacuate same.
5. This order must be read in conjunction with this office 7/8/11 of 1st instant.

C. R. E.,
3TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
7/8/13
7th MARCH 1918.

W. C. Combe

Lieut. & Adj.,
for Major.

C. R. E., 8th Australian Division.

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 3. - S. S. C., 8th Aust. Division.
 4. - 8th A.I. Brigade.
 5. - 15th A.I. Brigade.
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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

5th.- 15th. Field Coy. A.E. (Les FONTAINES).
14th. Field Coy. A.E.
1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.

In continuation of this office No. 7/8/13 of 1st. instant, re
Despatch of "Y" Class Horses.

The 5th.- 15th. Field Coy. A.E. will move off with personnel, horses
and wagons previously detailed, at 0900 h. on 3rd. instant, to 5th. Aust.
Divl. Staging Camp, REUGHIES.

The 1st. A.T. Coy. A.E. will arrange to report to 14th. Field Coy. A.E.
at DIVIN at 0930 h. on 3rd. instant with horses, rations and fodder.
Horses and personnel from these two Companies will move together
to REUGHIES.

Immediately on arrival at Staging Camp, each party will report to
14th. Field Coy. A.E. Sergeant, who will be in charge of party from 5th.
Aust. Divl. Engineers Group. This Sergeant will then report to Officer
from 5th. Aust. Divl. Artillery who will be Conducting Officer for 5th.
Aust. Divisional Consignment of Horses.

34 hours rations and fodder to be carried in addition to unexpired
portion for men and horses proceeding to BASS.

Men and Horses proceeding to and returning from CHARLEVOIX only, will
be issued with 78 hours rations and fodder in addition to unexpired
portion.

Companies will issue written instructions to N.C.O. or Driver in
Charge of each Party.

C. R. E.,
5TH AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
No. <i>7/8/14</i>
Date <i>14 February 1919.</i>

March.

V. Secombe

Lieut. & Adjt.
For Major,

C. R. E., 5th. Australian Division.

Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

8th/15th. Field Coy. A.E.
 14th. Field Coy. A.E.
1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.

C.R.E. 7/2/15.

A further draft of 50, 'X' & 'Y' (preferably Y) Class horses are to be despatched to BASE on 8th. inst.

At 0900 h. on 6th. inst you will despatch the following animals and personnel to 5th. Aust. Divn. Staging Camp REUGNIES.

8th./15th. Fld. Coy.	30 'Y' Class Horses*	16. OR. 1. G.S. Wagon, 2 Horses & Driver
14th. Fld. Coy.	15 'Y' Class Horses	8. OR. 1 Limber, 2 Horses & 1 Driver.
1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.	5 'Y' Class Horses	3. OR.
Totals.	50 'Y' Class Horses.	27. O.R. 2 ^{2/15} Vehicles. 4 Horses & 2 Drivers.

*1. Sergeant.

Os.C. must be careful to select sound animals, as they will be examined by a Veterinary Officer at REUGNIES, and should any be unsound, we shall lose that number out of the draft.

The following personnel will proceed to BASE with the animals:-

8th./15th. Fld. Coy. A.E.	1. Sgt.	4. O.R.
14th. Fld. Coy. A.E.	-	2. O.R.
1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.	-	1. O.R.
Total	1. Sgt.	7. O.R.

The 14th. Field Coy. A.E. will draw 50 yards of rope from the C.R.E. on 5th. instant.

In all other respects the orders for the previous draft hold good.

4/3/19.

(Sgd) *W. J. Talley* Major. A.E.
 C.R.E.
 5th. Australian Division.

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

Headquarters,
5th. Aust. Division.

COAL SUPPLIES.

There is an immense dump of coal at WALCOURT Railway Station, reported to be Butin de Guerre. The 2nd. Division by arrangement with Corps, supplemented their fuel supply from this Dump. It is now being taken away by civilian Railway Authorities, who object to troops taking same. Will you please enquire as to the present situation, and if possible issue the 8th.- 15th. Field Coy. A.E. with authority to draw coal to supplement the issue and supply sufficient for the eight forges in the technical school which it is running. There are no forests in the vicinity, where timber felled by the enemy can be obtained.

O. R. E.,
5TH AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.
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5/3/19
Date.....

W. Jolly

Major. A.E.
C.R.E.
5th. Aust. Division.

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Headquarters,
5th. Aust. Division.

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

Will you please ask Corps to make four motor lorries available for road work in the New Area, to park at PRY under orders of the 8th. - 15th. Field Coy. A.E.. They are urgently wanted immediately. With the approaching handing in of all Field Company transport, it is impossible to supply sufficient vehicles to cope with the work of road repair.

We have abundant civilian labour in addition to our own for draining the roads and spreading broken stone.

C. I. No.
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
44/163/39
5/3/19.
Date

A. E. Jolly

Major. A.E.
C.R.E.
5th. Aust. Division.

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HANDING IN EXPLOSIVES and S.A.A. to REQUISITION
ON 8/12/18.

The 5th Field Coy. A.E. will deliver their explosives and S.A.A. by their supply lorry at the Q.S. Store of 14th Field Coy. A.E. by 0900 hrs on 8th instant accompanied by N.C.O. and inventory sheets.

The 1st A.T. Coy. A.E. will do likewise.

A lorry will collect the explosives and S.A.A. of the 5th & 14th Field Coys. A.E. and 1st A.T. Coy. A.E. and then proceed to the 15th Aust. Infantry Bde. Ammunition Dump and collect the explosives and S.A.A. belonging to the 15th Field Coy. A.E. and deliver same to Corps Ammunition Dump, REQUISITION.

Each Unit will send an experienced N.C.O. with 2 inventory sheets to hand in the stores and obtain receipts for same.

The N.C.O. will carry 24 hours rations in addition to their unexpired days rations and blankets. They will be billeted in Q.S. 10-CHAMBER on the 8th/9th and returned to their Units on 9th instant.

W. Kelly Major A.E.
C.B.E.
5th Australian Division

5th JAN 1919

DISTRIBUTION:-

- Copy No. 1. 2 6. - 5th/14th Field Coy. A.E.
- 3. - 14th Field Coy. A.E.
- 4. - 1st Army Troops Coy. A.E.
- 5. - 5th Aust. Division
- 6. - C.O., Corps Ammunition Dump
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DEMOBILISATION INSTRUCTION No. 6.

1. AMALGAMATION. On 8th. instant the 14th. Field Coy. A.E. will amalgamate with the 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. moving from SIVRY to RANGE. The O.C. 14th. Field Coy. A.E. will mutually arrange with C.O., 55th. Infantry Bn. and O.C. 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. for Billets and Stabling and complete move by mid-night 8th/9th. instant.

The Officers and N.C.O. Messes, Orderly rooms and Q.M. Ration stores will be combined, but all records and returns will be made separately.

O.C. Units will mutually arrange for the carrying out of any necessary work.

2. DEMOBILISATION OF EQUIPMENT. On 11th. instant the 14th. Field Coy. A.E. will hand in all their equipment, with the exception of articles enumerated below, to D.A.D.O.S. at THUILLIES. The following stores will be retained. Horse-rugs, headstalls, neck-chains, feed-bags, and grooming materials, explosives, S.A.A., orderly room stationery, water-proof sheets, and enough dixies to carry on with, unless 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. can supply same.

The 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. will supply motor transport and harness to assist in the handing in of equipment. If the 14th. Field Coy. A.E. is unable to secure sufficient harness on loan for their transport, it will have to use some of its own, and strip and pack same at THUILLIES. In addition to the 6 copies of mobilisation stores, a certificate will be rendered to D.A.D.O.S. that the harness has been disinfected.

An Officer and Q.M.S. will accompany stores to THUILLIES.

3. RATIONS. On and after 9th. instant the 14th. Field Coy. A.E. and 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. will combine their ration indents, and draw on SIVRY RAILWAY STATION Dump. O.C. of latter Unit will arrange immediately to notify S.S.Os. of Corps Troops and 5th. Aust. Division.

Statements will be forwarded to C.R.E. when amalgamation has been completed; also when stores have been handed in.

M. Kelly

Major. A.E.
C.R.E.

5th. Australian Division.

6th. MARCH 1918.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- Copy No. 1. - 14th. Field Coy. A.E.
- 2. - 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.
- 3. - 5th. Aust. Division.
- 4. - D.A.D.O.S., 5th. Aust. Divn.
- 5. - S.S.O., 5th. Aust. Division.
- 6. - 8th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 7. - 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

Headquarters,
5th Aust. Division.

Demobilisation Progress Report for week ending 7/3/19.

Despatched for repatriation in Quota No. 14.	-	1. Off.	2. Sgts.	80.	O. Rs.
" " Early repatriation in Draft.	-			2.	O. Rs.
" " Non Military Employment."	-			6.	O. Rs.
		<hr/>		1. Off.	2. Sgts.
				88.	O. Rs.
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Despatched to Le HAVRE, BASE. "Y" Class Horses - 100.

FORECAST FOR FUTURE.

8/3/19. Amalgamation of 14th Field Coy. A.E. with 1st Army Troops Coy. A.E. at RANCE.

Handing in of all explosives and S.A.A. of all Engineer Units to Corps AMMUNITION PARK, REQUIGNIES.

11/3/19. Handing in of all Stores and Equipment of 14th Field Coy. A.E. to D.A.D.O.S. at THULLIES.

15/3/19. Handing in of all Stores and Equipment of 8th Field Coy. A.E. less stores necessary to carry on with (pending approval of 'Q').

22/3/19. Handing in of all Stores and Equipment of 1st A.T. Coy. A.E. less Motor Equipment and stores necessary to carry on with (pending approval of 'Q').

C. R. E.
5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. <i>7/3/19</i>
Date 7/3/19.

W. Jolly
5th Australian

Major. A.E.
C.R.E.
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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

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The following proposals are subject to alteration:-

On 17th. inst. the 14th. Fd./1st. A.T. Coy. A.E. will send seven 'Z' Class horses to SIVRY for sale.

On 19th. inst. the 8th/15th. Field Coy. A.E. will have 39 'Z' Class horses at CHIMAY by noon for sale on 20th. inst..

The 14th. Fd./1st. A.T. Coy. A.E. will move from RANCE and amalgamate with the 8th/15th. Field Coy. A.E. at PRY.

On 21st. inst. the 8th. Field Coy. A.E. will hand in all its equipment as outlined in previous orders to D.A.D.O.S. at THUILLIES. The only stores to be retained will be neck-chains, headstalls, rugs and brushes. The 8th/15th. Field Coy. A.E. will arrange to make sufficient cooking utensils to carry on with.

W. Molley

Major. A.E.
C.R.E.
Division..

11/3/19.

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Copies to:-

5th. Aust. Division.
8th. Field Coy. A.E.
14th. Field Coy. A.E.
15th. Field Coy. A.E.
1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.
8th. A.I. Brigade.
14th. A.I. Brigade.
S.S.O., 5th. Aust. Division.
D.A.D.O.S., 5th. Aust. Divn.
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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers,

8th/15th. Field Coy. A.E.,
14th/1st. A.T. Coy. A.E.

Attached find instructions for sale of "Z" Class Horses.
Distribution is as follows :-

17/3/19.	-	Sale at Sivry.	14th. Fd. Coy. A.E.	4.	
			1st. A.T. Coy. A.E.	3.	Total 7.
20/3/19.	-	Sale at Chimay.	8th. Fd. Coy. A.E.	20.	
			15th. Fd. Coy. AE.	19.	Total 39.

Immediately on completion of sale, please forward to this office a statement shewing number of horses sold.

Sgd. V.C. Secombe, Lieut & Adjt.
for Major. A.E.
CRE, 5th. Australian Division.

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

DEMOBILISATION INSTRUCTION No. 7.

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- MOVEMENT ORDER.** The 14th. Fd./1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. will move to PRY on 19th. instant.
Two men will be left to guard the old enemy Dump until further orders. Arrangements should be made to have them rationed by the 55th. Battalion.
Clearance certificates will be obtained from all Billets occupied and any claims investigated and settled, or full particulars will be forwarded to Claims Officer 5th. Aust. Division.
Two Motor Lorries will report at 1000 h. on 19th. inst., to carry blankets kits etc..
The 8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E. will make arrangements for the Billeting of 3 Officers 130 Other Ranks and 39 Horses.
- AMALGAMATION.** The 14th. Fd./1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. will amalgamate with the 8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E. on 19th. inst.. The Officers and N.C.O. messes, Orderly Room and Q.M. Ration Stores will combine as far as accommodation will allow.
- HANDING IN OF STORES.** The 8th. Field Coy. A.E. will hand in all its equipment, and stores according to Mobilisation Tables to D.A.D.O.S. at THUILLIES on 23rd. MARCH 1919 with the exception of Horse-rugs, neckchains, headstalls and grooming material. The Field Coys. will immediately improvise sufficient cooking utensils to carry on with. It is expected that with the despatch of the next draft on demobilisation, the utensils of the 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. will be sufficient to supply all requirements.
- RETURNS ETC..** All returns and records will still be submitted by Coys.; Regimental Funds will be audited, and all books, receipts, cash etc., handed in to the Divisional Paymaster by 25th. inst.. All canteens but one should be wound up by the end of the month and Os.C. Units should arrange the financial basis on which one canteen should be conducted in conjunction with the recreational room.
- A.S.C. WAGONS.** The 15th. Field Coy. A.E. will arrange to return its A.S.C. wagon, horses, and Driver to the A.S.C. on 23/3/19.
- RELEASE OF CADRES.** Os.C. Units will release men from 'B' Cadres as their horses and equipment are reduced.
Os.C. Coys. will arrange to retain one Farrier Sergeant and ^{one}/Shoeing-Smith to carry out the necessary supervision and shoeing of the horses for the four Coys..
The men with the least service will be selected other things being equal.

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Molly Major. A.E.
C.R.E.
5th. Australian Division.

- DISTRIBUTION:
- 5th. Aust. Division.
 - 8th. Field Coy. A.E.
 - 14th. Field Coy. A.E.
 - 15th. Field Coy. A.E.
 - 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.
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14th. Fld. / 1st. A.T. Coy. A.E.

A consignment of 'X' & 'Y' Class horses are to be sent to BASE on 22nd. inst.

Allotment is as follows:-

14th. Fd. Coy.	-	11.	X or Y Class Horses.	*6.0. Rs.					
1st. A.T. Coy.	-	4.	do do	3.0. Rs.	1. Limber.	2. Horses.	1. Driver		
Total.		15.	do do	9. do	1. do	2. do	1. do		

* To include 1. Sgt.

Following personnel will proceed with horses to BASE:-

14th. Fd. Coy.	-	1. Sgt.	1. O.R.
1st. A.T. Coy.	-	-	1. O.R.

Remainder of personnel and vehicle and horses will return to Unit on 22nd. inst.

Party will move off from PRY at 0930h. on 21st. inst. & proceed direct to Corps Remount Staging Camp MARCIENNE ZONE, where they will stage the night of 21/22nd. inst.. Party on arrival at Staging Camp will report to Capt. from the 15th. Bde. who will be in charge of the consignment.

Trains will be placed ready for loading at 0900h. & leave at 1400h.

Breast Ropes will be provided on train on morning of entrainment.

24 hours rations & forage to be carried by party proceeding to BASE. 24 hours rations in addition to unexpended portion for personnel & horses proceeding to CHARLEROI only.

A Vet. Officer will visit PRY to inspect horses, time & place to be notified later. In all other respects orders for previous drafts hold good.

(Sgd). V.C. SECOMBE Lieut. & Adjt.,
for Major. A.E.,
CRE, 5th. Australian Division.

17/3/19.

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8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E.

A sale of 'Z' Class animals will be held at CLERMONT, Sheet NAMUR D.3., on 24th. instant.

The following 'Z' Class Horses will be provided by 5th. Aust. Divl. Engineers:-

8th. Field Coy. A.E.	-	3	Horses.
15th. Field Coy. A.E.	-	7	do
Total		10.	do.

O.C., 15th. Field Coy. A.E. will detail one Officer to take charge of the sale.

This Officer will report to 'Q' Branch, 5th. Aust. Division, immediately for instructions.

The night previous to the sale the horses will be stabled at FERME du BUVERNAIT, proprietor Mne. CARAMIN (a large farm on eastern side of CLERMONT).

Personnel are to be rationed up to morning of 25th. inst. and horses up to afternoon 24th. inst.

Report of numbers sold to be forwarded to this office by 1800h. on 25th. inst.

(Sgd). V.C. SECOMBE Lieut. & Adjt.,
for Major. A.E.,
CRE, 5th. Australian Division.

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Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

8th./15th. Field Coy. A.E.
14th. Fd. 1st. A.T. Coy. A.E.

Allotment for QUOTA No. 26 has been published. Distribution has been made as follows:-

Unit.	Officers.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O.Rs.	Total.	Waiting Men.
8th. Fd. Coy.	-	1.	24.	25.	3.
14th. Fd. Co.	1.	1.	37.	39.	6.
15th. Fd. Co.	-	-	43.	43.	7.
1st. A.T. Co.	-	-	15.	15.	6.
H.Q.D.E.	-	-	2.	2.	1.
Total.	1.	2.	121.	124.	23.

Os.O. are to complete their nominal rolls, prepare Medical Forms, No. 536 and Q.1. forms.

Nominal rolls will be called for at a later date.

Please arrange to have all detached men at Schools in FRANCE or BELGIUM recalled immediately.



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Lieut. & Adjt.
for Major. A.E.
CRE, 5th Australian Division.

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Headquarters,
5th. Aust. Division.

DEMOBILISATION PROGRESS REPORT to Noon 21/3/19.

The 14th. Fd/1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. moved from RANCE to PRY on 19/3/19.

The four Engineer Units combined into one Field Coy. A.E., known as the 5th. DIV. FIELD COY. A.E. on 21/3/19, as per attached order.

46 'Z' class horses were sold.

3 horses and 1 mule were evacuated to the Mobile Veterinary Section.

10 men were despatched on N.M.E. and Early Repatriation.

FORECAST.

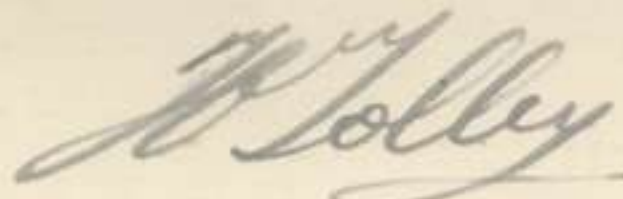
10 'Z' class horses to be offered for sale at CLERMONT on 24/3/19.

The 8th. Field Coy. A.E. (now known as 8th. Section) will hand in all its equipment and technical stores on 23/3/19.

It is recommended that the equipment of the Engineer H.Qrs. be handed in on the day that QUOTA No. 26 is despatched, and that the Office of C.R.E. ceases to function on that date.

It is further recommended that the equipment of the 1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E. (now known as Army Troops Section), be handed in immediately the Division moves to the New Area.

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Major. A.E.
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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

ORGANISATION OF 5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FIELD COY. AE.

<u>8th. Section.</u>		<u>14th. Section.</u>		<u>Lieut. J.D. CRAWFORD - O.C.</u>		<u>15th. Section.</u>		<u>A.T. Section.</u>		<u>Transport Officer.</u>	
(M.O.)	Lt. G.A. HOPTON.	Lt. S.M. BROWN.	No. 1256. F.S. BARNES. MSM.	2/Lt. G.K. FORBES. MM.	Lt. G.P. ROSS.	No. 21404. QMS. DERHAM B.E.		Lt. A. DUNN, MC.			
Capt.			Warrant Officer.								
L.B. COX.											
2.A.M.C.											
Details.											
				<u>Bootmaker.</u>	<u>Sect. Clerk.</u>	<u>Sect. Clerk.</u>	<u>Sect. Clerk.</u>	<u>S. Clerk.</u>	<u>F/Sgt.</u>	<u>W/Opt.</u>	<u>M/Sgt.</u>
				22120. Spr.	14877 Spr.	21590.	55248 Spr.	2708.	'20284.	18889	T/Cpl.
				McGARTHY.	ROSS.	T/QMS. KING.	YOUNG.	QMS.	T/Dvr.	18889	WILSON.
								SHARP.	RADCLIFFE.		16889.
<u>Pay Sgt.</u>	<u>Post. Ord.</u>	<u>HQ. NCO.</u>	<u>HQ. NCO.</u>	<u>HQ. NCO.</u>	<u>HQ. NCO.</u>	<u>2. RUNNERS.</u>		<u>N.C.O.</u>	<u>N.C.O.</u>	<u>N.C.O.</u>	<u>N.C.O.</u>
20861.	21874. Spr.	14692.	18935.	19889.	21855.	50910. Spr.		'18287. Dvr.	17613.	15254.	21817.
Sgt. RING.	TILLEY	Sgt. G.A.	T/Sgt.	T/Sgt.	T/Sgt.	MINEHAN.		PETCH.	L/Cpl.	<u>E/Opt.</u>	T/Dvr.
	C.V.	U'REN.	CORRIGAN.	GEDDES.	RIDER.	59313. Spr.			DOLAN.	COOMBS.	McKELLER.
					DOUGLAS.						

N.B. Lieut. W.C. PATON, will continue as O.C. 8th. Section until due for demobilisation.
 Lieut. E.O.K. GREEN, " " " 14th. Section " " " " " " " " " " " "

21/3/19.

W. Molley
 Major. A.E.
 C.R.E.
 5th. Australian Division.

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C. R. E., 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. 7/2/26.
Date.....

DEMOBILISATION INSTRUCTION No. 8.
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1. AMALGAMATION. Now that the 8th, 14th, 15th. & 1st. A.T. Coys are all quartered in PRY, they will form one Company as from 21/3/19 to be known as the 5th. Div. Field Coy. A.E..

The Company will consist of four Sections known as, 8th, 14th, 15th. & Army Troops Sections.

Lieut. J.D. CRAWFORD will assume command.

The following Officers will complete the Establishment.

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Lieut. W.C. PATON, | O.C., 8th. Section. |
| Lieut. S.M. BROWN. | O.C., 14th. Section. |
| Lieut. L.R. HARDINGE, | O.C., 15th. Section. |
| Lieut. G.P. ROSS. | O.C., Army Troops Section. |
| Lieut. A. DUNN, MC. | O.C., Transport Section. |
| Capt. L.B. COX. | R.M.O. |

As demobilisation proceeds, Lieut. G.A. HOPTON will replace Lieut. W.C. PATON, and will, on the complete demobilisation of the Sections proceed with the other Section Officers to LONDON with the Records. With the exception of the O.C. Company and the O.C. Sections, the remaining Officers will be available for demobilisation or Repatriation.

No. 21404. T/Q.M.S., DERHAM B.E. will be C.Q.M.S. and No. 1256. Warrant Officer F.S. BARNES, MSM. Company Sgt. Major.

2. RETURNS. Commencing on 22/3/19 all rations and Ordnance Supplies will be indented for by the 5th. Div. Field Coy. A.E.. All returns will be furnished by it, and all orders will be issued to it.

3. PRECEDENCE ROLLS. The precedence rolls will be consolidated in one roll excluding the personnel marked for the No. 26 QUOTA.

4. AUDIT BOARD. An audit board consisting of, Lieut. L.R. HARDINGE, C.Q.M.S. SHARPE K.W. and T/C.Q.M.S. KING C.C. will audit the accounts of the Canteens of the four ex Units, and arrange with the Section Commanders for all Canteens to be wound up, and the funds and papers handed into the Divisional Paymaster by the end of the month.

5. CANTEENS. C.R.E. will arrange with O.C. Divisional Canteen for the personnel of the 5th. Div. Field Coy. A.E. to buy goods from the Divisional Retail Canteen.

6. RECREATION. Lieut. E.G. LINDSAY assisted by a Committee of One N.C.O. and one Other Rank from each Section will organise Sports, Competitions, Games etc, and arrange with Section Commanders for Funds to provide QUOTAS with Sporting Materials and Comforts.

7. EDUCATION. Classes will be re-commenced in as many subjects as it is possible to find Instructors and Students for. All surplus Educational tools and gear will be delivered to O.C. JEUMONT Workshops by the end of the month and receipts obtained.

C.R.E. will arrange with CORPS TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL OFFICER for tours to factories and mines in the CHARLEROI AREA.

8. TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENTS. All personnel now acting as Temporary W.Os., Q.M.Ss., with the exception of T/Q.M.S., DERHAM B.E. will revert to their permanent ranks as from 21/3/19. All N.C.Os. carrying E.R. Rank and who have ceased to conduct Educational Classes, will also revert to their permanent ranks as from 21/3/19. No further appointments can be made in excess of the number specified for a Field Coy. A.E.

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Major. A.E.
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DEMOBILISATION INSTRUCTION No. 9.
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A further 10, 'X' & 'Y' Class horses will be despatched to BASE on 30th. instant.

Please arrange to ~~provide~~ parade them for Veterinary inspection at 1500 h. on 28th. instant at Divisional Baths in WALCOURT.

On 29th. instant the horses will be taken to Corps Remount Staging Camp MARCIENNE ZONE with 24 hours fodder. An N.C.O. & 2. O.Rs. will accompany horses to BASE.

Headstalls, neck-chains, hay-nets and feed-bags and horse-rugs (where necessary) to be sent and a receipt obtained for same from T.C.O. Personnel over and above those proceeding to BASE should return by train to PRY on 30th. instant.

N.C.O. in charge of party to hand in Veterinary certificate to TCO.

(Sgd) H.G. TOLLEY, Major. A.E.

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DEMOBILISATION INSTRUCTION No. 10.

1. The Army Troops Section will immediately submit a list of cooking utensils and bootmaking kit which will be required for the 5th. Divl. Field Coy. A.E. which are on mobilisation charge to the Unit.
2. On 31/3/19 the Q.M.S. of the A.T. Section will proceed to THULLIES with six (6) copies of the mobilisation stores, receipts for ammunition and explosives handed in at RECOIGNIES, copies of indents which have been submitted for Stores and equipment which have not been drawn, and particulars of any Boards of Inquiry which may have been held to cover shortages, and receipts for Lewis Guns and parts which have already been handed in.
3. Should the papers submitted by the Q.M.S. be considered satisfactory, the A.T. Section will hand in all its equipment on 2/4/19 to D.A.D.O.S. less Stores mentioned in paras. 1. & 2., and its Motor Transport Vehicles and equipment thereof. A certificate will be rendered to D.S.D.O.S. that all the harness has been disinfected. All harness will be stripped, cleaned, oiled, and tied in bundles containing 10 (ten) pieces each. Saddles will be tied in bundles of 5 (five).
4. The 5th. Div. Field Coy. A.E. will hand in all its surplus equipment, with the A.T. Section, with the exception of Cooking utensils, neck-chains, headstalls, horse-rugs for horses which have been clipped, haynets, feed-bags and brushes, which will be sent to BASE when the horses are despatched.
5. Orders re the handing in of the motor transport to the M.T. Vehicle Reception Park at the FOUNDRY of SOCIETE ANONYME MINIERE et METALLURGIQUE de MONCEAU, St. FIACRE., will be issued later.
6. Educational Stores will not be handed in.
7. A statement will be forwarded to C.R.E. when these orders have been complied with.

W. Kelly

Major. A.E.
C.R.E.

5th. Australian Division.

28/3/19.

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The following papers and documents are forwarded for Safe Custody, please :-

- Report on "Test on Bursters" by Capt. J.C.PATERSON at BAC-St-MAUR.
- C.R.E. No. 18/55/30, adted 25/9/18.
- C.E.Aust.Corps 83/37/5, "Effect of Steel Helmets on Compass Bearing. E in C Fieldwork Notes No.28.
- Road Report dated 2/9/18.
- 5th.Aust.Division "Trench Standing Orders" November 1916.
- C.E.4th.Army/E.W.41 "Notes on Water conditions in Advance Areas".
- C.E.Aust.Corps 330/2332 of 15/9/18 re Wells in Aust.Corps Area.
- C.R.E. No.12/189/30 and correspondence.
- C.R.E's Well report dated 9/9/18. (1/264).
- 14th.Field Co. report on the BELLICOURT TUNNEL.
- C.R.E. No. 12/190/6 dated 16/190/6
- C.R.E. No. 12/190/9 dated 6/11/18 and correspondence.
- Receipts for War Diaries.
- Correspondence re Selection of Education personnel for Units.
- Letter by Lt-Col.Mather to Capt.Montimer giving his past experience.
- Correspondence re motor lorry salved by 15th.Field Co.

Please acknowledge.

C.R.E.
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V.B. Secombe Lieut. & Adjt.,
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