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1914-18 War

Engineers

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Title: 4th Australian Pioneer Battalion

December 1916



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WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	VOLUME VIII	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/12/16		All Companies with attached Indian Cavalry Pioneer party and attached Aus. Infantry working on Decauville Tramway. dressing formation, platelaying, getting ballast etc. Parties working at Longueval, Waterlot Farm and quarries near Quarry		
	2/12/16		All Companies employed Decauville Tramway, making cutting, dressing formation, fencing off track, plate-laying etc.		
	3/12/16		All Companies employed on works as for the 2nd. Half personnel of "D" and "A" Coys. bathing.		
	4/12/16		All Companies employed Decauville Tramways, plate-laying and ballasting, regrading, dressing of formation etc. Party engaged on building Huts.		
	5/12/16		All personnel of Companies, with attached Infantry parties, continued work Decauville Tramway ballasting, regrading, plate-laying, forming, trimming and dressing. Party engaged on building huts.		
	6/12/16		Works continued as for the 6th inst.		
	7/12/16		All Coys., with attached Infantry parties, continued work on Decauville Tramway.		
	8/12/16		3 Coys. employed on ballasting, loading rails, cleaning rails and level crossing, regrading etc "A" Coy moved to new camp near Trones Wood. Party engaged on building Huts.		
	9/12/16		All Coys. employed ballasting, loading rails, plate-laying etc. Party engaged building huts.		
	10/12/16		All Coys. employed ballasting, loading rails, plate-laying etc. Party engaged building huts.		
	11/12/16		All Coys. employed ballasting, getting ballast, unloading trucks etc.,		
	12/12/16		All Coys. employed ballasting, getting ballast, platelaying etc., Decauville Tramway.		
	13/12/16		All Coys. employed Decauville Tramway ballasting, fettling, plate-laying, etc.		
	14/12/16		All Coys. employed as on the 13th inst.		
	15/12/16		All Coys. employed Lifting, and ballasting getting ballast, plate-laying forming, etc.		
	16/12/16		Companies employed fettling, lifting and packing, ballasting, getting ballast, plate-laying etc.		
	17/12/16		Coys. employed on Decauville works as on 16th inst.		
	18/12/16		Coys. employed on Decauville works plate-laying, ballasting, fettling, etc.		
	19/12/16		Companies employed Decauville works plate-laying, Lifting and packing, ballasting, getting ballast etc.		
	20/12/16		All Companies employed on Decauville Works as on 19th inst.		
	21/12/16		Companies continued with works on Decauville.		
	22/12/16		Companies employed ballasting, fettling, plate-laying etc., Decauville Tramway.		
	23/12/16		Companies employed ballasting, fettling, plate-laying, etc., Decauville Tramway.		
	24/12/16		Companies employed on Decauville works as on 23rd inst.		
	25/12/16		All Coys. with the exception of small patrol parties, resting.		
	26/12/16		All Coys employed Decauville works, fettling, ballasting, forming etc.		
	27/12/16		Companies employed fettling, ballasting, plate-laying, etc., Decauville line.		

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	28/12/16		Companies employed lifting and packing line, ballasting track, getting ballast, fettling, platelaying, forming etc. 10 O.R. taken on strength.	
	29/12/16		Works same as for the 28th inst.	
	30/12/16		All Companies engaged Decauville Works getting and running ballast, fencing, lifting and ballasting making platform etc.	
	31/12/16		Companies resting in Camp. one person still supervising party.	

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			<p><u>APPENDIX I</u></p> <p><u>CASUALTIES.</u></p> <p>12/12/16. 4920 Pte McGarry E.J. Wounded (Advised died on 12/12/16). 1916 " Plowman G.E. Wounded (Advised died on 17/12/16). 1/12/16 Capt. R.W. Tovell Shell Shock 5/12/16 1852 Pte Ingleson E. Accidentally Wounded with pick. 23/12/16 1945 " Thompson H.R. Killed. H.E.Shell 23/12/16 4492 " Davidson W. Wounded H.E.Shell. 26/12/16 2062 " Fahey V. Wounded, Arm, H.E.Shell. 31/12/16 Lieut. Harper, A.E. Killed.</p> <p><i>B. Cook C.</i></p>	

Appendix No. 1

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APPENDIX No.2 to War Diary December 1916.

Date.	Effective strength.		On Roll.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Dec. 1.	26.	808.	38.	1121.
2.	26.	808.	38.	1121.
3.	26.	808.	38.	1121.
4.	26.	808.	38.	1120.
5.	28.	804.	38.	1120.
6.	28.	802.	38.	1120.
7.	28.	813.	38.	1120.
8.	28.	815.	38.	1120.
9.	26.	801.	38.	1120.
10.	26.	798.	38.	1120.
11.	26.	794.	38.	1120.
12.	26.	785.	38.	1127.
13.	27.	787.	38.	1127.
14.	27.	783.	38.	1127.
15.	27.	783.	38.	1127.
16.	27.	782.	38.	1129.
17.	27.	778.	38.	1128.
18.	27.	778.	38.	1127.
19.	27.	777.	38.	1127.
20.	27.	774.	38.	1127.
21.	27.	774.	38.	1086.
22.	27.	771.	38.	1084.
23.	27.	768.	38.	1080.
24.	27.	764.	39.	1080.
25.	27.	766.	39.	1080.
26.	27.	766.	39.	1080.
27.	27.	764.	39.	1080.
28.	27.	764.	39.	1091.
29.	27.	764.	39.	1091.
30.	28.	762.	39.	1092.
31.	27.	762.	38.	1092.



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