

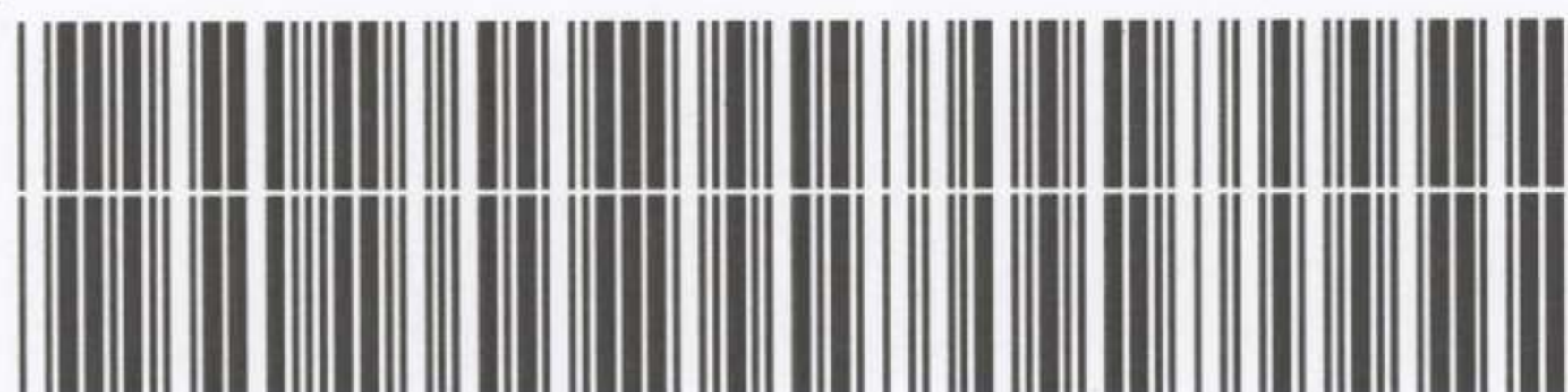
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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
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Engineers

**Item number:** 14/20/17

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Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Snapeum. 1/3/16	Keast and No 1 section at Rail head. Taylor and No 2 section working on water supply for 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. BDE at West Snapeum. Herbertson supervising pipe line. Mc Bryde and No 4 section burying pipe line between Railhead and Canal to minimise risk of breakages through expansion and contraction. No 3 & 4 at R.E. yard, Snapeum.	
Snapeum 2/3/16	do. do. do.	
Snapeum 3/3/16	do. do. do.	
Snapeum 4/3/16	do. do. do.	
Snapeum 5/3/16	Holiday for men not employed on urgent work.	
Snapeum. 6/3/16	Keast and No 1 section at Railhead. Taylor and No 2 section working on water supply for 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. BDE at West Snapeum. Herbertson supervising pipe line. (CONT.)	R John Dyer Lt 18 <sup>th</sup> Coy.

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Snaprun. 6/3/16 (cont.)	Lt C Bryde and No 4 section burying pipe line. No 3 section at R.E. yard.	
Snaprun 7/3/16	do. do. do.	
Snaprun 8/3/16	Lt C Bryde and No 4 section returned to camp for duty.	
Snaprun 9/3/16.	Keast and No 1 section at Railhead. Taylor and No 2 section filling in old trenches on W. bank of canal. Hubertson supervising pipe line and water supply. Lt C Bryde and No 4 section making level crossings over petrol line No 3 section at R.E. yard Snaprun.	
Snaprun 10/3/16	do. do. do.	
Snaprun. 11/3/16	do. do. do.	
Snaprun. 12/3/16	Holiday for men not employed on urgent work.	

R John Dyer Major  
R. No 7 Coy.

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Srapenum 13/3/16	Keast and No 1 section at Railhead. Taylor and No 2 section filling in old trenches on W. bank of canal. Herbertson supervising pipe line and water supply. Lt C Bryde assisting Herbertson on water supply. Nos 3 and 4 sections at R.E. yard, Srapenum.	
Srapenum 14/3/16	Keast and No 1 section at Railhead. Taylor and No 2 section filling in trenches. Herbertson supervising pipe line and water supply. Nos 3 and 4 sections at R.E. yard, Srapenum. Lt C Bryde proceeded to Cairo with 4 men from each company to sort out, and bring back to camp, base kits.	
Srapenum 15/3/16	Keast with No 1 section at Railhead. Taylor with No 2 section filling in trenches. Herbertson supervising pipe line and water supply.	R John Dyer Lt. 1st F. Coy.

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Snapeum. 15/3/16 (Cont.)	Nos 3 + 4 sections at R.E. Yard. McCoyde at Cairo.	
Snapeum. 15/3/16. 1100.	Received orders from D.E. HQ. to pack all technical equipment in cases preparatory to moving away. Vehicles and bicycles not to be taken.	
Snapeum 16/3/16	Keast with No 1 section at Railhead. Taylor with No 2 section filling in trenches. Herbertson supervising pipe line and water supply. Nos 3 + 4 sections at R.E. Yard, Snapeum. McCoyde at Cairo. making cases for technical equipment and unpacking tool carts. Received orders to hand over R.E. Yard at Railhead to 14th Army Corps Fortress Coy R.E. Arranged with Major Cooks to hand over tomorrow morning. Majority of Company inoculated against typhoid.	<p>R. John Herbertson Sgt. Coy</p> <p>4</p>



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Snapeum. 17/3/16.	<p>Portion of No 1 section returned to camp from Railhead. Handed over R.E. yard, Railhead, to Major Cooke this morning. Keast remaining behind till tomorrow to complete handing over. Taylor with No 2 section filling in trenches. Herberson supervising pipe line and water supply. Nos 3 &amp; 4 sections at R.E. yard, Snapeum. McBryde at Cairo Proceeding with packing of technical equipment.</p>	
Snapeum 18/3/16	<p>Remainder of company started at camp from <del>Snapeum</del> Railhead. 1/c Keast. McBryde returned from Cairo with base kits. Received instructions from S.E. HQ. to hand over all works to 14th A.C. Fortress Coy. to-morrow. Proceeding with packing of technical equipment. Returned vehicles and bicycles to Ordnance.</p>	<p>R. John Dyckman 1st of Coy.</p>

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Srapum. 19/3/16.	Remainder of company inoculated. Company reviewed by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. Handed over all works to 14th A.C. Fortress Coy R.E.	
Srapum. 20/3/16	1 officer (the Coyde) 40 O.R. 75 horses entrained at 0645 for Alexandria. To embark on Am. A.T. "Knight Templar". Company inspected by O.C. D.C. at 0930.	
Srapum. 21/3/16	Striking camp. Remainder of company entrained at <sup>1500</sup> 1500 for Alexandria. 5 off. 155 O.R. including 1 off. 42 O.R. 2nd Field Coy. attached. 1st F. Coy. - Major G. G., Lt's Herbertson, Keast, Taylor, 2nd F. Coy. - Lt Stenson.	R. John Doyle 9 11 6



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Alexandria. 23/3/16.	Arrived Alexandria 1200. Embarked on H.M.S. "Jernia". Sailed 1700.	
H.M.S. "Jernia". 23 } 24 } 3/16. 25 } 26 }	At Sea.	
H.M.S. "Jernia". 27/3/16	Arrived Toulon 1100.	
Marseilles. 28/3/16	Sailed Toulon 0630. Arrived Marseilles 1130. O.C., 1 officer (head) 69 O.R. ("A" detachment) disembarked 1500. Entrained 1800. ("B" detachment) Lieut. Herbertson, Taylor, Stenson, 143 O.R. remained on H.M.S. "Jernia".	R John Herbertson 1st Coy Engrs



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<i>France. 29/3/16</i>	<i>"A" Detachment. - In train. "B" " " " - Entrained Marsilles 0100.</i>	
<i>France 30/3/16. 30.3.16</i>	<i>"A" Detachment. - In train. "B" " " " - " "</i>	
<i>Ebbwingham 31/3/16 31.3.16</i>	<i>"A" Detachment. - Detrained 0530 and proceeded to billets at Abbé de Morstine (about 4 kilos.) "B" Detachment. - Arrived at Billets at 1900.</i>	

*R. John Dyer  
Lt. Col. of Coy.*