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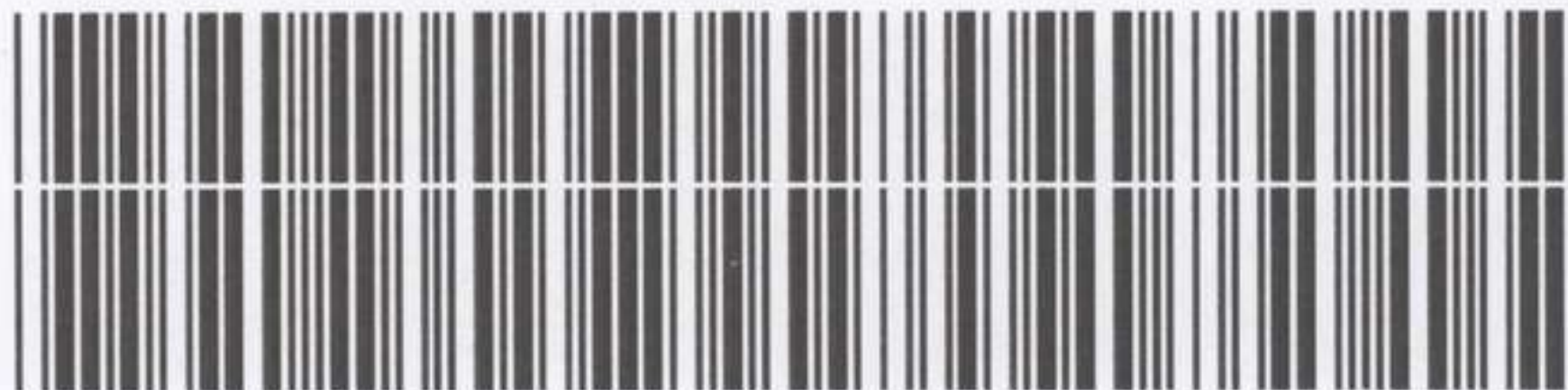
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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

4th. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

FOR

Month of February 1918.

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| WEILLEN. | 1919 | | | |
| | Feb. 1st. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Amalgamation of 'A' with 'D' and 'B' with 'G' Coy. Dance in Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | Appendix. 1. " 2. |
| | 2nd. | | Sunday. | |
| | 3rd. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. | |
| | 4th. | | Lecture "Australia's part in the war" by Gunner JAMISON in Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. Moving pictures in the evening. Educational classes as per syllabus. | |
| | 5th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Moving pictures Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. Reconnaissance made of ROSEE Sub-area reference factories, quarries, Private Tram lines, timber, water supply facilities, (see appendix 3). | Appendix. 3. |
| | 6th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Moving pictures Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |
| | 7th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Moving pictures Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |
| | 8th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Moving pictures Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |
| | 9th. | | Sunday. | |
| | 10th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Moving pictures Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. 21. Other Ranks moved out to join loading party at CHATLINEAU | APPENDIX. |
| | 11th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Moving pictures Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |

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| | 11th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Moving pictures Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |
| | 12th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Dance held in Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |
| | 13th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. | |
| | 14th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. | |
| | 15th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Dance held in Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |
| | 16th. | | Sunday. | |
| | 17th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. All Company Stores returned to R.Q.M. | |
| | 18th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. | |
| | 19th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Reconnaissance of ROSEE Sub-Area made for all workshop machinery Dance held in Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | Appendix 4. |
| | 20th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. 60. Other Ranks moved out to join loading party at CHATLINEAU. | APPENDIX 5 |
| | 21st. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Lecture by Gunner JAMISON on " League of Nations " in Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. | |
| | 22nd. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. Dance in Y.M.C.A. WEILLEN. Reunion of all Officers and N.C.O's in the Battalion who were together in 1916 on the SOMME was held in the Chateau WEILLEN. | Appendix 5 |

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| | 23rd. | | Sunday. | |
| | 24th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. 1. Officer and 60. Other Ranks on road work at ONHAYE. | APPENDIX 6. |
| | 25th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. 2. Officers and 74 Other Ranks on road work at ONHAYE. 1. Officer and 7. Other Ranks commenced salvaging WEILLEN, GERIN, SOMMIERE , ONHAYE area. | Appendix 6 " 7 |
| | 26th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. 1. Officer, 7. other ranks on salvage work. 1. Officer, 13. other ranks on road work at ONHAYE. Major J.B. CALDER. M.C. assumed Command of the Battalion on Lieut-Colonel McCLEAN. D.S.O. proceeding on duty to United Kingdom. | Appendix 7 " 6 |
| | 27th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. 1. Officer 11. Other ranks on road work at ONHAYE. 1. Officer, 15 other ranks on salvage work. | Appendix 6 Appendix 7 |
| | 28th. | | Educational classes as per syllabus. 1. Officer, 11 other ranks on road work at ONHAYE.. | " 6. |

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MONTH of February. 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

| No. | Subject. |
|-----|--|
| 1. | Educational Syllabus for February 1919. |
| 2. | Special Order No.48. |
| 3. | Reconnaissance ROSEE Sub-area reference. Factories, Quarries, Private Tramlines, Timber Water Supply Facilities. |
| 4. | Reconnaissance of ROSEE Sub-area reference Workshop Machinery |
| 5. | Smoke Social Programme. |
| 6. | Workshops Report. |
| 7. | " " |
| 8. | C.O's Appreciation. |
| 9. | R.Q.M's Report. |
| 10. | Transport Officer's Report. |
| 11. | Medical Officer's Report. |

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APPENDIX No. 1

EDUCATIONAL SYLLABUS for February 1919.

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Statics and Dynamics.

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4th AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

HEADQUARTERS,
31st January 1919.

Special Order No. 48.

MAP. REF. NAMUR. ¹100,000.

INTENTION. 'B' Coy will move to SOMMIERE and 'D' Coy. to WEILLEN to form the Battalion into two (2) Companies and Headquarters, to be known as A/D and B/C. Coys.

MOVE. O's.C. 'B' and 'D' Coys will make their own arrangements to move to their respective villages and to complete the move by 1000 on the 1st February 1919.

TRANSPORT. Transport Officer will detail the necessary Transport to report to 'B' and 'D' Companies by 1700 today.

CERTIFICATE. Certificates as to the cleanliness of BILLETS and completion of move will be forwarded to reach this Office by 1030 1st February 1919.

COMMAND. The command of 'B' to O.C. 'C' Coy and of 'D' to O.C. 'A' Coy will pass ~~by~~ at 1000 tomorrow.

(Sgd). G.K. FREEMAN:
Lieut. &. Actg. Adjutant.
For. C.O. 4th Australian Pioneer Battalion.

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APPENDIX. No. 2.....

4th AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

Battalion Administrative Instructions.

- (1). The Battalion will be formed into HEADQUARTERS and 2. Companies.
The Coys amalgamating will be 'A' and 'D', 'B' and 'C' and in future will be known as A/D., B/C.
- (2). A Cadre will be formed as under of 'C' and 'D' Coys.:-
1. Officer.
1. C.Q.M.S. or Sergeant.
1. Corporal.
4. Other Ranks.
- All Mob. Tab. Stores other than Arms and Equipment will be handed over to O.C. Cadre who will be held responsible for same, and certificates passed, duplicates of which to be forwarded to B.O.R. on completion.
- (3). Coys. Records of 'C' and 'D' Coys will be handed over to O's. C. A/D and B/C. Companies respectively.
- (4). COY. STRENGTHS. O's. C. A/D and B/C. Coys will absorb 'C' and 'D' Coys respectively.
- (5). COYS. ORGANISATION. 'A' Coy will consist of 2 Platoons. 'A' Coy.
'D' " will consist of 2 Platoons. 'D' "

'B'.Coy will consist of 2 Platoons. 'B' Coy.
'C' Coy will consist of 2 Platoons. 'C' "
- (6). 'C' and 'D' Coys Cookers will be thoroughly cleaned and handed over complete to O.C. CADRES.
- (7). G.S. Waggon of 'C' and 'D' Coys will be returned to Transport Officer after completion of move.

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APPENDIX No.3.

HEADQUARTERS,
4th Aust.Div.Engrs.
11th January, 1919.

C.O. 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
O.'s.C. 4th. 12th & 13th Field Coy's A.E.

Now that we are in occupation of country previously held by the enemy, the C.E. Fourth Army has issued orders for us to collect detailed information regarding the country.

Please submit a report, with map, describing -

- (1) Water supply facilities and what steps have been found necessary to supplement the water supply. (The usual pro-forma for wells, etc, to be used).
- (2) Factories, quarries, private tramlines, and timber. Forests which are likely to supply good timber should be distinguished from areas merely covered in undergrowth.

Reports to be submitted by 28th instant.
Units will be responsible for areas as follows;↓

4th Aust. Pion. Bn.
4th Field Coy. A.E.
12th Field Coy. A.E.
13th Field Coy. A.E.

ROSEE Sub-area.
FLORENNES Sub-area.
WAULSORT. Sub-area.
DINANT. Sub-area.

N.B. A full description of all Bridges in the area has already been submitted.

(signed) W. TOLLEY. Major.
Acting C.R.E. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4th AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

The ROSEE Sub-Area is about 75½ square miles.

The following villages and woods comprise the Area.

FALAEN.
EMMETON-SUR-BIERT.
FUMAN
BIESMEREE.
STAVE.
CORENNE.
FLAVION.

SERVILLE.
ANTHEE.
MORVILLE.
ROSEE.
OMEZEE.
SURICE.
SOULINE.

GOCHENEE.
AGIMONT.

WOODS.

B. DE VAUX.
" " CORENNE.
SAYETTE.
ROSEE.
LORAINNE.

B. DE CUTEES.
B. DE ROI.
De BAUROTTE.
Des. ONGHES.
B. WAGNE part of

part of B de FLORENNE.

B. de DAVE also a number of smaller woods which are shown on the Map but not named.

The following particulars mentioned below, give the details as asked for.:-

Bois de DAVE.

Area Water. 850 Acres Approx. watered by the river D'OMERIS running continually and fed by many natural springs.

Timber. For the most part consists of high undergrowth less than 6" Diam., a great quantity of which appears to be dead.
About 400 Acres of this wood in the vicinity of the ROSEE - GOCHENEE road has approx. 70 trees to the Acre fit for milling purposes 6" to 11" Diam. and average height 20'. Timber consists of Oak, Birch, Ash and Elm mixed,
The immature timber is fit for Pit Props.

Bois du ROI.

Area. 1200 Acres.

Water. Watered by the river de Freon a small stream of average width 3'.

Timber. For a great part consists of high undergrowth less than 6" Diam. About 300 Acres North of the river and about 600 Acres South of the River have 100 trees to the Acre fit for milling, Diam. 6" - 12" average height 20'. In the vicinity of the MORVILLE SOULINE about 30 Acres have been cleared of all timber but Birch. This wood is not so extensive as shown by Green on the Map NAMUR '8'.
The unmaturred timber is suitable for Pit Props.

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BOIS BAURUTTE.

Area . 200 Acres.

Water. Watered at its southern extremity by river d'Feron which is never dry and forms an abundant supply to the village of MAURENNE through which it flows.

Timber. Oak, Birch, Ash, and Elm for the most part consists of high undergrowth less than 6" in Diam. About 100 Acres with 50 trees per Acre fit for milling purposes. Diam's 6" - 12" height 30 Ft. The unmatured timber is suitable for Pit Props.

BOIS DES ONCHES and part of Bois WAGNE.

Area. 750 Acres.

Water. Watered by river SOMIE and tributaries.

Timber. Elm, Beach and few Pines. Approx. 4,000 Cub. Ft per Acre in trees over 8" Diam. high undergrowth under 6" Diam.

Woods. Around SOULMIE, SURICE and OZMEE are practically of no milling value, they consist of scattered patches of unmatured timber of various kinds with thick undergrowth, Approx 300 Acres.

BOIS de LORAINNE.

This wood is not nearly so extensive as shown on NAMUR Map '8' it has an approx. area of 600 Acres. Patches exist generally and consist of varying density of undergrowth. About 60% of the Area consist of unmatured timbers with high undergrowth and 40% would be available for milling purposes at about 70 - 80 trees ~~per acre~~ per Acre. Average Diam. of timber about 6", height about 20 ft.

Ash, Birch, Elm and Pine trees.

BOIS de FLORENNES (part of).

Area. Approx. 200 Acres. Consists largely of high undergrowth ~~and~~ under 6" Diam. 100 Acres of which would yield 70 - 80 trees per acre over 8" diam. suitable for milling purposes. Birch, Elm and Ash.

BOIS de ROSEE.

Area. Approx. 400 Acres. Consists largely of high undergrowth and small timber up to 6" diam. on the average 30 trees to the acre are suitable for milling purposes diam. 10" to 12". Elm, Ash, Oak and Birch.

BOIS de DAMES.

Area. Approx. 350 Acres. Similar to Bois de ROSEE.

BOIS de SAYETTE.

Area. Approx. 250 Acres. Elm, Fir and Ash. High undergrowth of no milling value. 35 trees to the Acre average diam. 14" and height 30ft.

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BOIS de CORENNE.

Area. Approx. 180 Acres.
Half of the timber would be suitable for Pit Props.
40 trees to the acre for milling purposes, Average
diam. 15", height 30 ft. Elm, Ash and Fir.

WOODS around about SURVILLE.

Area. Approx. 200 Acres .
Fir trees and Elms.
50 Acres of timber available for milling purposes
12 " - 15 " diam. , height 25 ft. About 30 trees to
the acre.

BOIS de VAUX.

Area. Approx. 100 acres.
Elm and Light Pine.
3,000 Cub. Ft. milling timber per acre. Average diam.
8", height 20 feet.

WOODS around ERMETON and FURNAUX.

Area. 250 Acres Approx. with 20 trees of Elm, Ash and Pine
to the acre fit for milling purposes , average diam.
9" , height 20 ft.

FACTORIES.

1. Flour mill at 4.1.67.96.
 1. Store.
Power generated by water.
Floor space 80 Sq. Metres.
 1. Chicorie Factory in the village of SURICE 4.1.40.19.
- Machinery destroyed or removed.
Floor space 90' x 90'.
2 Storey Building.

QUARRIES.

- 1 Stone quarry at 3.1.04.55.
Face 80' x 70'.
No power or Drills used.
Stone fit for building purposes
1. Marble quarry at 4.J.23. Cl.
Quarry is above road surface.
3 Faces 40' to 50' square.
No water difficulty.
Marble (Red) used for Decorative purposes.
Machinery dismantled and quarry has not been worked
recently.

There are not private Tramway Lines in the area.

(Sgd). F.S. McCLEAN. D.S.O.
Lieut-Colonel.

C.O. 4th Australian Pioneer Battalion.

W.C.C.

4th. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.
WATER RECONNAISSANCE.

APPENDIX No. 3

| Source of Supply. | Location. | Description. | Existing facilities for drawing water. | Use Recommended. | REMARKS. |
|---|--|---|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Natural Spring and Reservoir. FAIAEN. DAM:-- FAIAEN. | 3.J.54.34. In Chateau. Yard. | In use for human consumption. In use for Horses. | Stand Pipe from 3" Main. G.S. Pump to Troughs. | Human Consumption. | Permt' Supply. 216 |
| Natural Spring and Reservoir ERMETON-Sur-BIERT. | 3.L.65.58. | Used for human consumption. | 6 - Stand Pipes from 3" Main. | Human Consumption. | Permt' Supply. |
| Stream. " " | Opposite Chateau and X Rds. 3.I.70.62. | Used for Horses. | G.S. Pumps to Troughs. | | |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir FURNAUX. | 3.I.47.70. | Human Consumption. | 10. Stand Pipes from 3" Main. | Human Consumption. | Permt' Supply. |
| " " " " | Grand Farm. | Used for Horses. | Stand Pipes to Troughs. | | |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir BIESMEREE. | 3.I.20.58, | Human Consumption. | 12. Stand Pipes from 3" Main. | Human Consumption. | Permt' Supply. |
| Stream. " " | Both sides of BIESMEREE & FURNAUX Rd. | Used for Horses. | | | |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir STAVE. | 3.H.92.39. | Human Consumption | 8. Stand Pipes from 3" Main. | Human Consumption. | Permt' Supply. |
| Stream. " " | Opposite Chateau. | Used for Horses. | No Troughs. | | |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir in B. de CORENNE. SAYETTE. CORENNE. 3.H.93.10. | 3.I.14.03. | Human Consumption. | 12. Stand Pipes from 3" Main. | Human Consumption. | " " |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir. in Wood N.E. of FLAVION. 3.L.65.13. FLAVION. | 3.L.57.02. | " | 12. Stand Pipes for 3" Main. | " | " " |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir S.E. Corner of SERVILE. | 3.J.39.01. | " | Stand Pipes from 3" Main. | " | Never Dry. |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir ANTHEE. | 4.J.17.87. | " | " " " | " | " " |
| Sub-Artesian Bore. 4.I.84.68. MORVILLE. | 4.I.95.81. | " | " " " | " | " " |
| 6 Concrete Troughs 8' x 15" x 15" | " | Used for Horses. | Stand pipes to fill troughs. | | |



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| Source of Supply. | Location. | Description. | Existing Facilities for drawing Water. | Use Recommended. | REMARKS |
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| Artesian Bore at rear of Chateau.N.W.of ANTHER. | 3.J.20.00. | Human Consumption. | | Human Consumption. | 2000 Galls.Hour. |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir 4.I.03.83.ROSEE. | 4.I.27.79. | " | Stand Pipes from 3" Main. | " | Never Dry. |
| 6.Concrete Troughs.8'x15"x15" | " | Used for Horses. | " " " | " | |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir OMEZEE. | 4.I.40.33. | Human Consumption. | Shallow emplacement in stream. | " | Permt' Supply. |
| In the river running through the Village. | | | 2.Concrete troughs supplied by hand pumps.Hand pumps supplies this Village water. | | |
| Natural Spring in the River running through Village.SURICE. | 4.I.40.19. | " | Pump - Natural Access to stream where it has been deepened for watering purposes. | " | " " |
| Natural Spring & Reservoir 4.I.67.67. SOULME. | 4.I.85.26. | " | Stand pipes from 3" Main | " | |
| River Meuse. AGIMONT. | 5.J.52.98. | " | " " " " | " | Water pumped from river. |
| " " " | 5.J.53.92. | | | | |
| | 55.96. | | | | |
| | 52.99. | Used for | Stand Pipes and troughs | Horses. | |
| | 50.90. | Horses. | | | |
| | 54.95. | | | | |
| Stream running N.of GOCHENEE. | 4.J.13.20. | Human consumption. | " " From 3" Mains in each Street. | Human Consumption. | Water machine pumped from river. |
| GOCHENEE (Grand Eau) Stream. | " " | Used for Horses. | | Horses. | |
| and stand pipe from trough. | | | | | |
| Well and Spring. | 200 X S.W.of 'G' in GOCHENEE. | Human Consumption. | Bucket and Rope. | | 15' x 20 Sq. |
| Well and Trough on road to VODELEE. | W.S.W of 'G' in GOCHENEE. | Human & Horse Consumption. | " " " | Human consumption. | Stone lined 16' Sq. |
| Well & Spring. | S.of letter 'G' in GOCHENEE. | Human Consumption. | " " " | " | Dept unknown. 5' Sq.Stone Lined |
| Well & Spring. | 50 X S.of O in Gochenee. | Human Consumption. | " " " | " | Dept.unknown 6'Dia |
| " " | 100 X E.of G. in GOCHENEE. | " | " " " | " | " " " |

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4th Aust.Div. Engrs.
11th February 1919.

O.C's 4th, 12th, and 13th Field Coys. A.E.
C.O. 4th Australian Pioneer Battalion.

Please submit a return on Pro Formas attached of all
Workshop Machinery in the following Areas:-

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 4th Field Coy A.E. | ... | FLORENNES Area. |
| 12th " " " | ... | WAULSORT. " |
| 13th " " " | ... | DINANT. " |
| 4th. Pioneer Battalion.... | | ROSEE. " |

Returns to reach this Office by 18th instant.

(Signed) F.S.DONALDSON.
Lieut. & Adjutant.
For C.R.E. 4th Aust. Division.

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For details showing the Letter under which stores are to be classed, see overleaf.

| +++----- | | LOCATION - Reference should be made 1/40,000 map. For areas not covered by 1/40,000 map refer to the 1/80,000 Map. | | Particulars of exact Location. | Remarks. |
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| Class. | Description and origin. | | | | |
| | Dynamo - Not in working order 8.H.P. Gas Engine with Producer Gas Plant. | 3. I.15.01. | Namur. 8. | 1/100,000. On main road S. of E in Corenne. | Used for lighting Village of Corenne. |
| | Dynamo - Driven by 8.H.P. Gas Engine using producer Gas. | 3.I.5.0.1. | | On main road 200x E. of Church. | Used for lighting Village of Flavion. |
| | Dynamo - Driven by Petrol Engine. | 3.I.61.59. | | Chateau. | Used for lighting Chateau at Ermeton-sur-Biert. |
| | Dynamo - By Gas Engine using producer Gas. | 3.L.82.62. | | Sawmill on main road. | Used for driving Circular Saw. (20" DIA) |
| | Dynamo - (Gleichstran) driven by Gas Engine using producer gas. 8.H.P. | 4.L.38.31. | | Main road 200x South of Church. | Used for lighting Village at OMELEE. |
| | Dynamo - Driven by water and Turbine. | | | | |
| | Dynamo - Driven water Turbine. | | | | Used for lighting Villages of ANTHER and MORVILLE. |
| | Dynamo - Driven by Steam Engine. | | | | |
| | Dynamo - Driven by Petrol Engine. | 4.J.20.72. | | Chateau. | Used for lighting the Villages of SERVILE and ROSEE, also Chateau |

N.B. The following Villages have no machinery in working order.:- FALAEN, FURNAUX, BIESMEREE, STAVE, SOULME, SURICE, GOCHENEE and AGIMONT.

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"A" Government Property .

Fixed Machinery.

"B" " "

Mobile Machinery. (Steam Rollers, Road Brushes, Etc.)

"C" Hired Machinery.

"D" Government Property.

Water Supply Systems.

"E" " "

Tramway Systems.

"F" " "

Hutting and Buildings generally.

"G" " "

Position of all dumps; Parks and Stores.

"H" " "

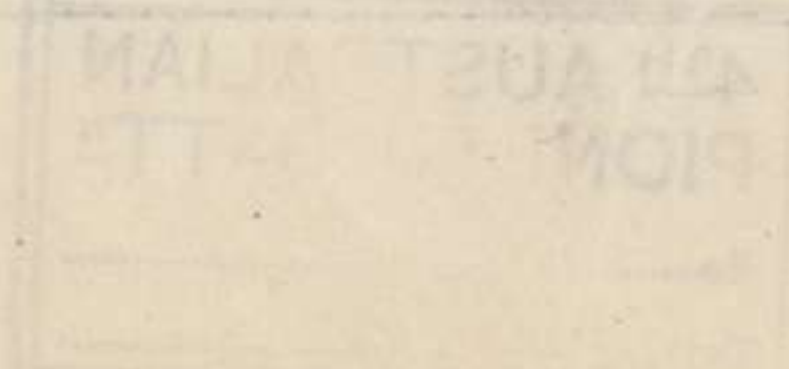
Any Government Property not included in above.

NOTE. For each separate numbered square such as

H.26, Q.16, B.5, etc. :- in which machinery is situated there should be a separate return.

NOTE.

In the event of machinery, Property, etc being handed over from one formation to another a distribution return in duplicate showing the articles should be delivered to the Chief Engineer of the Corps concerned.





THE N.C.O'S OF
"D" COY.

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SUMMON



R.W. LODDER.

War Records

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"DIGGERS" WHO WERE
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OVERTURE ----- SPTS MORELL AND OGILVIE
TOAST ----- THE KING ----- MAJOR CALDER
BALLAD ----- COAL-L-L!! ----- LT BUTCHER.
TRIO ----- THE INDISPENSABLE } GIBSON } C.Q.M.S.
SPTS } RAWNSLEY }
O'LOUGHLIN }
SONG ----- THE DIVVY BOTTLE-O' ----- LT WHITEHILL
RECITATION ----- YES, NO, ----- CAPT COOK
MONOLOGUE ----- HOW TO OVERSTAY } LT REID
LEAVE }
SKETCH ----- JOHNNY WOMBA ----- LT FREEMAN AND
R.S.M. SHERATON
SONG ----- THE STAINED UNDER } LT MASON
PANTS }

INTERVAL

EXHIBITION OF PHYSICAL CULTURE LT HOWARD.
SONG ----- MY FRIEND THE A.P.M. ----- LT M^C REA
STUMP SPEECH ----- REMINISCENCES OF } MAJ CALDER.
CANAPLES }
D.T. DANCE ----- LT WOODS
SONG ----- WHERE, OH WHERE IS MY... S.M. MUIR.
COMPANY GONE
SONG ----- THE SHARPSHOOTER... R.Q.M.S SCOTT
SONG ----- THE LAST KNOT ----- LT ARCHER.
RECITATION -- THE JUMBLED GUARD ----- SGT POLLOCK
BALLAD ----- THE MISSING BIKE ----- CAPT DUNN
SONG ----- THE LANYARD AND COMPASS LT BALLARD

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Lighter
H. Scott
H. J. Langhlin
H. J. Rawnsley
H. Pullock

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APPENDIX No. 6

WORKS REPORT on road East of ONHAYE from 24.2.1919 to 28.2.1919.

| Date | Employed. Off. O/R's. | Hours worked. | N a t u r e o f W o r k. |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|
| Feb. 24th. | 1. 60. | 5. | 8. Double Limber Loads of Metal carted from Tram Line .90 Yds Road Metalled |
| 25th. | 2. 74. | 5. | 55. " " " " " " " " 150 " " " |
| 26th. | 1. 13. | 4. | 8. " " " " " " " " (and dumped on side of Road. 4. " " " " " " " " and used for maintenance and repairs. |
| 27th. | 1. 11. | 4. | 5. " " " " " " " " and used for and repairs. |
| 28th. | | | No Transport available. |

SUMMARY.

80. Double Limber Loads of Metal carted from Tram Line.
240. Yards of road Metalled and repairs maintained.

R. Freeman

Lieut. & Act. Adjutant.

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APPENDIX No. 7

HEADQUARTERS,
21st February 1919.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No.102.

SALVAGE.

In view of the early demobilisation of Troops and Transport in in Corps the concentration of all Salvage in the Division into two definite Dumps must be carried on with all haste. Salvage in the area will be concentrated as follows:-

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4th A.I.Bde.) | |
| 4th Aust.Div.Artillery,) | SIDING East FLORENNES |
| less 11th A.F.A.Bde.) | 4.H. 41 - 96. |
| 12th A.I.Bde.) | |
| 4th Aust.Div.Pnr.Bn.) | NEFFE Siding. |
| 11th A.F.A.Bde.) | 3.K. 98. - 100. |

All Salvage, except ammunition, Rolling Stock, and Aeroplane material will be concentrated at the above places. Units will make a thorough inspection of Areas to ensure that all Salvage is located and a statement will be rendered to this Office on completion of the concentration certifying that the areas are clean.

10 Motor Lorries are available for the transport of Salvage and the concentration of Salvage in the area of 12th A.I.Bde. will commence at once.

Further instructions will be issued to 4th A.I.Bde. 4th Aust Div. Artillery, 4th Pioneer Battalion, and 11th Bde. A.F.A. later 12th A.I.Bde. will arrange to leave behind the Brigade Salvage Officer and party of 20 men to supervise and despatch their Salvage from HASTIERE by means of above Lorries. 4th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion will arrange to ration this party while it remains at HASTIERE. This party will report to 12th A.I. Bde in the new area when all Salvage is concentrated.

The 10 Motor Lorries will report to 12th Bde. Salvage Officer at Chateau at HASTIERE 4.J.85.54. at 0930. hours on 23rd inst. As many Salvage vehicles and as much material as possible will be attached and loaded on them and they will return without delay to NEFFE SIDING. Lorries will report again to same place at 1500 Hours on same day and will return from to NEFFE with another load.

This will be repeated daily until all Salvage in HASTIERE area is cleared.

4th Aust.Div.Salvage Coy will arrange dumping of material at NEFFE SIDING.

4th Aust.M.G.Battalion will detail five teams of Animals with necessary Harness and Drivers to report to 4th Div.Salvage Coy at NEFFE SIDING at 0900 Hours daily, commencing 24th instant to Transport Salvage Vehicles. from main road into Siding. Duty complete 1200 Hours daily. The entrance to NEFFE SIDING is need of repair. 13th A.I.Bde. will detail a party of 1. Officer and 50 O/Rs with Shovels to report to 4th Div.Salvage Coy at the Siding at 0900 Hours 22nd instant for this purpose, duty completed at 1200 Hours.

4th Aust.M.G.Battalion will arrange to draw 20 Limbered G.S.Waggon loads of Road Metal from Dump at River Bank at 4.L.09.92. and deliver same to NEFFE SIDING by 1100 HOURS on 22nd inst. This metal has been requisitioned for this purpose.

(Signed) R.DOWSE. Colonel.
Lieut. A.A.&.Q.M.G.
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4th Aust.Pnr.Bn.
For information.

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APPENDIX NO. 7

WORKS REPORT of Salvage Party from 25.2.19 to 28.2.19.

SALVAGE AREA - WEILLEN, GERIN, SOMMIERE, ONHAYE.

| Date | Employed | | | Hours worked. | Nature of Work. |
|---------------|----------|--------|---------|------------------|--|
| | Off. | O/R's. | Horses. | | |
| Feb. 25th. | 1. | 7. | 6. | 5. | 2. Complete Ammunition Limbers. 5. Ammunition Limbers without Poles, carted to 4th Division Salvage Dump. |
| 26th. | 1. | 7. | 6. | 5. | 2. Complete Ammunition Limbers. 6. Ammunition Limbers without Poles or wheels carted to 4th Division Salvage Dump. |
| 27th. | 1. | 15. | 6. | 5. | 6. Ammunition Limbers without Poles or wheels carted to 4th Division Salvage Dump. |
| 28th. | | | | | No Transport available. |

TOTAL Salvage delivered to 4th Divisional Salvage Dump at NEFF SIDING.:-

4. Ammunition Limbers with Wheels and Poles.
11. " " " " and without Poles.
6. " " without wheels or Poles.

R. Freeman

Lieut & Act. Adjutant.

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APPENDIX No.8.

4th.AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.Commanding Officer's appreciation for MONTH of February 1919.

Owing to the departure of a large number of men to Australia it was decided to amalgamate A/D and B/C Companies. This was carried out on the 1st of the month. Captain DUNN. M.C. taking charge of B/C Company and Lieut.SELIARS of A/D.Coy.

The frost and snow has made it almost impossible to carry out any sports during the month.

A certain amount of amusement has been provided for the men in the way of dances and moving pictures.

Over 100 Other Ranks under Lieut.STRANGER have been employed at CHATLINEAU as a loading party for the Mob.Tab.Stores, returned by the 4th Aust.Division. A small party were also engaged on the repair of the main road through ONHAYE. Reconnaissance was made of the ROSEE Sub-area, to obtain information as regards Water Supply, Tramlines, Timber, Workshop Machinery etc.

The majority of the old German material in the area was salvaged during the month, and returned to Divisional Salvage Park.

Several lectures were given by Gunner JAMIESON .

On the 22nd of the month, the N.C.O's of the late 'D' Coy invited the Officers and N.C.O's who were with the Battalion on the SOMME 1916/17 to a Smoke Social in the Chateau. It was an evening that will never be forgotten by most of those present.

Lieut-Colonel McLEAN D.S.O left the Battalion on the 26th Instant to take up a position as Camp Commandant in England.

J. Balder
Major.
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WAR DIARY

Regimental Quartermaster's Report for month ending 28.2.19.

RATIONS.

These were normal for the new ration scale.

D.A.D.O.S.

Demands and Supplies are consequently light because of reduction in strength and no work or marching being done.

BOOT REPAIRS.

Light as might be expected under present conditions.

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Signed . Capt. B. COOK.
Regimental Quartermaster.

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APPENDIX No. 104th, AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.Transport Officers report for the month ending 28.2.1919.

The amount of work carried out during the month has been kept well above the average in spite of several difficulties caused chiefly by the bad condition of the roads and the shortage of animals.

In addition to the usual requirement much Transport has been needed for the purposes of Salvaging and Carting Road Metal, and towards the end of the month 18 Animals were despatched to England for disposal of by sale.

28.2.1919;

(Signed) O.R.CHARLTON. Lieut.
TRANSPORT OFFICER.

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APPENDIX. No. 11

4th. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

MONTHLY SICK REPORT.

For Month ending 28.2.1919.

| Number of men reporting Sick. | Number of men evacuated Sick. | Number of Officers evacuated sick. | Number of men evacuated wounded. | Number of men Officers evacuated wounded. | Number of men killed. | Number of men died of wounds. | Number of men missing. | Diarrhoea | Trench Fever. | Trench Feet. | V.D. CASES. | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|----|
| 179 | 13 | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL. | 21 | NIL | NIL | 4. | NIL | 4. |

(Signed) A.E.MORTON. Captain.
R.M.O.