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WAR DIARY

OF

4th. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

FOR

Month of April 1919.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1919.			
BIESME.	April.			
	1st		Education training as per Syllabus.	APPENDIX No 1.
	2nd		" " " " "	
	3rd		" " " " "	
	4th		" " " " "	
	5th		" " " " "	
	6th		Voluntary Church parade - A good attendance.	
	7th		Educational Training as per Syllabus.	
	8th		" " " " "	
	9th		" " " " "	
	10th		Educational Training as per Syllabus 2 O/RS proceeded to U.K. for Non-Mil. Employment. 10. O/RS proceeded to Boulogne with Horses for despatch to England.	
	11th		Educational Training as per Syllabus.	
	12th		" " " " "	
	13th		Voluntary Church parade - A good attendance. 3 Off. and 110 O/RS proceeded to Australia. Quota No. 35.	
	14th		Educational Training as per Syllabus. 3 O/RS proceeded to U.K. for Non-Mil. Employment.	
	15th		Educational Training as per syllabus.	

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	1919			
	April			
BIESME	16th		Battalion moved by Route March to CHATELINEAU. See Appendix No. <u>2</u>	
CHATELINEAU	17th		Battalion resting.	
	18th		Educational Training as per Syllabus.	
	19th		" " " " "	
	20th		Sunday. " " " "	
	21st		2. Off. and 69 O/RS proceeded to Australia. quota 40.	
	22nd		Educational Training as per Syllabus.	
	23rd		" " " " "	
	24th		" " " " "	
	25th		" " " " "	
	26th		" " " " "	
	27th		Sunday. " " " "	
	28th		Educational Training as per Syllabus.	
	29th		" " " " "	
	30th		" " " " "	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Educational Syllabus for month of April 1919.
2.	Battalion Order No.50.
3.	A/C.O's Appreciation.

4th AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.EDUCATIONAL SYLLABUS for April 1919.

Statics and Dynamics.

Elect. magnetism.

Geology.

Motor mechanics.

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4th AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

SPECIAL ORDER No. 50.

Map Reference. 1.
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INTENTION. The Battalion will move by Route march to CHATELET, via GOUGHNIES to tomorrow 16.4.19.

STARTING POINT.

Y.M.C.A. BIESME 0930 , 16.4.19.

DRESS.

Fighting Order, Ground Sheet, less steel helmet and Box Respirator. Unexpended portion of days ration will be carried on the man.

TRANSPORT.

A Motor Lorry will report at BIESME at 0930 for Packs and Blankets, Steel helmet and Box Respirator. Blankets to be rolled horse shoe fashion on pack will steel helmet attached.

This Lorry will return at once for Orderly Room gear and whatever necessary gear may have to be moved.

GUARD ON COOKER.

'A' Coys. Cooker will not be moved tomorrow, A Guard of 1. L/Cpl. and 3 men will be supplied by 'A' Coy. Sufficient rations to be left for them.

RATIONS.

The R.Q.M.S. will arrange for rations to be issued at CHATELET tomorrow on arrival of Battalion.

(Sgd). G.E. WHITEHILL.
Lieut. & Adjutant.

For. C.O. 4th Australian Pioneer Battalion.

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A/Commanding Officer's appreciation for Month of APRIL 1919.

During the first half of the Month the Battalion cleared the BIESME, FROMIE, GOUGNIES Area of all German Explosives.

Dances were held and a final concert was given in honor of Major J.B.CALDER'S M.C. departure for Australia.

The Battalion moved to CHATLINEAU on the 16th April 1919 and has been engaged in loading Ordnance Stores for the 4th Australian Division. Guards and Picquets have been supplied for the Division's Waggon Park.

The Billets in CHATLINEAU are very good, and the majority are comfortably housed with beds.

10 Officers and 180 Other Ranks left the Battalion during the Month.

R. Freeman

Lieutenant.

A/C.O. 4th. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.