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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAINGHEM	Feb. 1st		Transport moved from RENESCURE to LOMBRES and were billeted; dismounted personnel on training.	
	2nd		Transport moved from LOMBRES to BAINGHEM-le-Comte - arriving at 2.30 p.m. BAINGHEM-le-Comte is a small French village some thirteen miles east of BOULOGNE. Dismounted personnel on training and sports.	
"	3rd		Sunday - Company resting.	
	4th to 28th		Training and sports carried out as per programmes attached.	
"	5th		4 reinforcements arrived from Base - three of which are returning to unit from Seconded.	
	8th		Lieut. C.R.Carleton, M.C. taken on strength and to be borne supernumerary to Establishment (late 6th F.C., A.E.)	
	9th		1 Sapper arrived as reinforcement from Base.	
	10th		2/Lieut. E.C.Delohery taken on strength from Reinforcements and to be supernumerary to establishment.	
	14th		Major R.S.Reid returned from English Leave and took the Command from Captain J.G.Burnell, M.C.	
	16th		Major R.S.Reid detached as Acting-C.R.E. at 2nd Australian Division. Captain J.G.Burnell, M.C. in command.	
	18th		Captain J.G.Burnell, M.C. Seconded as Engineer Staff Trainee to Chief Engineer, Australian Corps Headquarters.	
			Lieut. C.R.Carleton, M.C. now in Command. 4 Drivers and 1 Sapper arrived from Base as reinforcements; these Drivers to be used as Sappers, having been trained as Sappers at Brightlingsea Engineer Training Depot under orders issued by A.I.F.Headquarters, Tidworth.	
	23rd		Lieut. R.J.Dumas returned from Seconded (wounded) and was taken on strength; to be borne supernumerary to Establishment	
			2 Sappers returned to unit from Base Details.	

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February -	1st to			
	28th		<p>Throughout the month Specialist Training was carried out in preparation for Inter-Company Competitions, covering Section efficiency, Guards & Sentries, Rifle shooting and general athletics. In addition, the ordinary programme of Engineer Training was persevered with as far as possible and a Class for N.C.O's has been established, to continue throughout the period of rest.</p> <p>Leave to BOULOGNE has been granted on a liberal basis; over 30 men being conveyed every third day to and from that City. The leave (English) allotment has been higher than the previous month, - 2 Officers and 23 other ranks having proceeded to England during the month. 2 Officers 25 other ranks visited Paris during month.</p> <p>Owing to the energy displayed by Mr Mauldon of the 7th A.I. Brigade Y.M.C.A. the use of the village school-room was obtained as a writing and recreation room for the Company for four hours every evening. Addresses on the early history of BOULOGNE and another entitled "Some interesting Mathematical Fallacies" were delivered under the Auspices of the Y.M.C.A.; also an excellent Camp Concert was held with the assistance of the Y.M.C.A. piano, kindly loaned for the occasion. Two members of this Company helped, in return, at a Concert at HENNEVEUX.</p> <p>The strength of the Company on the 1st of the month was - 8 Officers 229 Other Ranks and at the conclusion 10 Officers and 241 Other Ranks. The arrivals during the month being 3 Officers and 16 O.R's - Departures being 1 Officer and 4 O.R's.</p> <p>Inter-Company Sports were held during the week 17/23rd and the wins secured by this Company are shown on attached list. The weather during the month has been generally fine and mild but in the last few days it turned bitterly cold and snow and hail being in evidence.</p>	

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at Carlton Hunt.
of 1.6. 5th Engrs.
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WAR DIARY

OF

5th FIELD COMPANY
AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

FOR

February 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	4 Weekly programmes of training.
2	2 Company Orders covering the movement of the Company from Bainghem-le-Comte to "Weka Lines" Le Romarin.

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Programme of training for week commencing 3rd February 1918.

Date	9 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday 3rd	R.C. Church parade	
Monday 4th	Squad Drill & Musketry	Route March
Tuesday 5th	Squad drill then No 1 to Boulogne. No 2 Musketry. No 3 Demolitions. No 4 Map Reading.& Compass.	No 2 Guard & Sentries. No 3 Map Reading & Compass. No 4 Demolitions.
Wednesday 6th	Nos 3 & 4 ou for the day, complete with transport, exercises. No 1 Bayonet Fighting & Musketry. No 2 Bayonet Fighting & Demolitions.	No 1 Bayonet Fighting & Demolitions. No 2 Musketry.
Thursday 7th	Nos 1 & 2 out for the day, complete with transport; exercises. No 3 Bayonet Fighting & Musketry. No 4 Guards & Sentries & Bayonet Fighting.	No 3 Guards & Sentries & Bayonet Fighting. No 4 Musketry.
Friday 8th	No 1 Map Reading & Compass. No 2 Bayonet Fighting & Guards & Sentries. Nos 3 & 4 Musketry.	No 3 Guards & Sentries & Bayonet Fighting. No 1 Bayonet Fighting. No 2 Map Reading & Compass. No 4 Guards & Sentries & Bayonet Fighting.
Saturday 9th	Nos 1 & 2 Musketry & Guards and sentries. No 3 Road Reconnaissance. No 4 Bayonet Fighting & Musketry.	Football Matches.

Appendix 1.

5th Field Company, A.E.

APPENDIX /

- PROGRAMME OF TRAINING -

For week commencing 10th March 1918

February

Day	9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Location
Sunday - 10/2/1918	Church Parade - 9.30		
Monday - 11th	Musketry-Range practice	Musketry-Range practice	COMBOMBERT
Tuesday - 12th	" "	" "	"
Wednesday - 13th	3 & 4 Sections out for 1- Squad drill & Lewis Gun. 2- Guards & Sentries & Bayonet fighting	day with transport - exercises 1- Guards & Sentries and Bayonet fighting 2 - Squad drill & Lewis gun.	BAINGHEM "
Thursday - 14th	1- Bayonet fighting & Lewis gun 2- Guards & Sentries 3- Open Order drill 4- Bayonet fighting & Semaphore One hour gas drill	1- Squad drill & Semaphore 2- To Boulogne 3- Semaphore & Lewis Gun 4- Open Order drill	BAINGHEM " "
Friday - 15th	Nos 1 & 2 Sections out 3 - Squad drill & Lewis Gun. 4 - Guards & Sentries	for day with transport - Exercises 3.-Guards & Sentries & Bayonet fighting 4 -Squad drill & Lewis Gun.	BAINGHEM "
Saturday - 16th	Gas drill; Guards & Sentries.	Football & hockey.	BAINGHEM

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Lieut

a/ O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.

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- PROGRAMME OF TRAINING -

For week ending Commencing 17th February 1918

Day	9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Location
Sunday - 17/2/18	Church Parade 9.30 a.m.	No 3 Section to BOULOGNE	
Monday - 18/	1 & 2 Sections out for day, with transport - Exercises. 3 - Gas Drill & Rapid Load- ing. 4 - same as 3.	Map Reading and Compass Work Same as 3.	BAINGHEM
Tuesday - 19th	3 & 4 Sections out for day with transport - Exercises. 1 - Gas-drill and Rapid loading. 2 - same as 1.	Company Bath Parade.	"
Wednesday - 20th	INTER-COMPANY RIFLE COMPETITION No 4 Section to BOULOGNE		COLOMBERT
Thursday - 21st	Guards & Sentries Map Reading & Compass Work	Semaphore and 1 hr Gas drill	BAINGHEM
Friday - 22nd	INTER-COMPANY SECTION COMPETITIONS		
Saturday - 23rd	INTER-COMPANY SPORTS.		

Lieut

a/ O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.

PROGRAMME OF TRAININGFor week ending 2nd March 1918

Day	9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Location
Sunday - 24th	Church parade		
Monday - 25th	Squad drill; semaphore	No 1, 3 & 4 Musketry No 2 Range practice	BAINGHEN
Tuesday - 26th	Gas drill. No 1 Section- Map reading and semaphore. Nos 3 & 4 Demolitions	No 2 Section to BOULOGNE No 3 - Section drill No 4 - Musketry No 1 - Range practice.	
Wednesday - 27th	Route march		
Thursday 28th	Gas drill & Semaphore	No 1 - Section drill; Nos 2 & 3 - Demolitions No 4 - Map reading	
Friday 1st	Open order drill & Semaphore	Drivers (No 1 party) to BOULOGNE No 3 Map reading No 1 musketry No 2-Section drill No 4 range practice	
Saturday - 2nd	No 3 Range practice Nos 1, 2 & 4 Squad drill and gas	Football	

Lieut

a/ O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.

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Company Order No b9dated 1st March 1918 -

Orderly Officer - 2/Lieut. F.J. DEACON

Orderly Corporal -

General - (a) Seven motor lorries will report to Headquarters 5th Field Company, A.E., on March 3rd 1918 for transport of baggage and personnel.

(b) Troops will embuss at 5.30 a.m. at BAINGHEM-le-comte on 4th instant and will arrive at LOMBRES entraining station before 8 a.m. Company Orderly Officer will report with entraining state to Brigade entrainment Officer at 8 a.m. sharp.

(c) Major Fussell, M.C. 17th Infantry Battalion will be the Brigade entrainment Officer at LUMBRES

(d) Captain Wallach, M.C. 19th Infantry Battalion will be the Brigade entrainment officer at WIZERNES for transport.

(e) Major Robertson, M.C. 18th Infantry Battalion will be the Brigade de-training officer at STEENWERCK.

(f) Troops will not enter the entraining stations until authorised by R.T.O's.

(g) De-training Station yards will be cleared as soon as possible after arrival.

(h) On de-trainment Company will be met by Company guide and marched to WEKA Lines.

Advance Party - Advance party of Lieut DUMAS and one O.R. will report to 5th A.I. Brigade Headquarters at 7.30 a.m. 3rd instant with three days rations.

Transport (a) Transport less mess-cart and water-cart and mounted N.C.O. will proceed by road under Lieut. PLANT in charge, and Lieut. DELOHERY.

(b) Move off from BAINGHEM-LeComte at 10.30 a.m. on 1st March 1918, reporting to 5th A.I. Brigade Transport Officer at LOMBRES.

The remainder of March will then be carried out under his supervision.

(c) Night of 2nd-third inst. will be staged in RENESCURE Area; night of 3rd-4th in STRAZELLE ; Destination - WEKA Lines ROMARIN on 4th March 1918.

(d) Horse Lines to be taken over from 11th Field Company, A.E.

(e) Head of Brigade Column will pass road junction at HAZEBROUCH (4.B.51.60.) at 10 a.m. 2nd inst.

(f) Transport staging through-out areas will be clear of billets at 10 a.m. daily.

(g) Instructions contained in 4th Army Standing Order No 100 g. as to distances to be observed on March, etc. will be strictly adhered to.

Mess-cart and water-cart with accompanying personnel, under Cpl. Sutherland will move by road on 3rd March '18 to WIZERNES. Move out from BAINGHEM-Le-Comte at 10 a.m., report to Brigade entraining Officer at WIZERNES at 7 a.m. on 4th March '18.

Entrain on Omnibus train before 11 a.m., detrain at BAULLEUL West by 12.45 p.m. and proceed under 5th Field Company Guide to WEKA Lines.

Baggage - Blankets and Cooks gear and all surplus baggage to be placed on No 1 Motor lorry before 4 a.m. which will proceed to WIZERNES by road at 4.30 a.m. Leading party of Cpl. Worland and 4 sappers will accompany lorry and entrain these stores at WIZERNES on Omnibus train and detrain at BAILLEUL West.

- 9 A motor lorry will be in waiting at detraining point and convey personnel and stores to WEKA Lines.

Dress - Full Marching Order ; one blanket in W.P. Sheet rolled horse-si fashion around pack and un-expired portion of days ration will be carried on the March.

Rations - Twenty-four hours rations in bulk will accompany personnel on train.

Guides - Advance party will provide guides to meet trains at BAILLEUL West at 12.30 p.m. and STEENWERCK at 11.30 p.m. railway stations, to conduct Company to WEKA Lines.

A. P. Reach
a/ O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.

Lieut

Orderly Officer - Lieut. Croker

Orderly Corporal - Cpl. Rankin

Orders - Reveille 2.45 a.m.
Breakfast - 3.15 a.m.
Parade - 5 a.m.

1. Water - Water "petrol" tins are constantly being taken from the water cart; this practice must cease. In future no petrol tins of any kind will be destroyed or cut open for washing or any other purposes but must be returned to salvage.
2. Billets - Section Officers will be responsible that the billets of their respective Sections are left clean and tidy and will inspect same personally.
3. Latrines - Present screens, etc. around latrines will be left standing but trenches must be properly filled in with earth before leaving.
4. Blankets. - Extra blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten marked with section number and delivered at Q.M.Store before 4 a.m. ready for transport.
5. Cooks Gear, etc. - Cooks Gear and all Officers Kits and surplus baggage to be at Q.M.Store before 4 a.m.

A.R. Rankin
Lieut

a/ O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.

2nd Divisional Engineers' Sports

*Appendix*Names of Winning Men and Teams of -5th Field Company, A.E.1. Relay Race - Prize - Second
Personnel

No 3789	Dvr.	THOMAS	S.G.	No 16808	Dvr.	AITCHISON	R.S.
No 3121	"	STANT	W.J.	No 2816	Sap.	ADAMSON	D.F.
No 14860	Sap.	HUGHES	D.J.	No 2876	"	HEARNDEN	W.H.
No 2968	"	BERRY	L.H.	No 2354	L/Cpl.	CURLING	C.

2. Eight Oar Race. Prize - First.Personnel

No 3787	L/Cpl.	TUCKER	H.	No 2354	L/Cpl.	CURLING	C.
No 2127	Cpl.	COULTHART	J.	No 2816	Sap.	ADAMSON	D.F.
No 3108	Sap.	REA	A.	No 2493	E/Cpl.	MURRAY	H.
No 3166	"	STUART	A.J.	No 16808	Dvr.	AITCHISON	R.S.
No 3120	"	SALMON	R.H.				

3. Tug-of-War Prize - FirstPersonnel

No. 3024	Cpl.	GAUNTLETT	J. - (Captain)				
No 7054	Sap.	RAMAGE	C.E.	No 463n	Sap.	CARLSON	E.H.
No 6535	"	LORD	A.	No 2883	"	HOARE	E.
No 2194	L/Cpl.	RAND	F.	No 2949	"	THOMAS	R.W.
No 6713	Sap.	CLEMENTS	J.J.	No 15327	"	WAITE	H.
No 2493	L/Cpl.	MURRAY	H.	No 16235	"	SMITH	C.
No 16222	Sap.	NORTON	J.S.	No 2127	Cpl.	COULTHART	J.

4. Kicking Football -Prize - First

No 6713 Sapper CLEMENTS J.J.

5. Long Jump Prize - First

No 2264 Driver LAVELL A.H.

2nd Divisional Engineers' Sports -
5th Field Company, A.E. - Results continued (2)

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6. Throwing Hammer. Prize - Second

No 2127 Cpl. COULTHART J.

7. Wheelbarrow Race. Prize - Second

Personnel -

No 2354 L/Cpl. CURLING C.
 No 6713 Sapper CLEMENTS J.J.

Hon. Secty.

5th Field Company, A.E.

SPORTS COMMITTEE.

