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WAR DIARY

OF

2nd AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BN

FOR

FEBRUARY 1917

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN

PIONEER BATTALION.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CHARLEROI - AREA.	1919 FEBRUARY.			
	1.		Work on Corps Rft. Camp. To Hospital, 1 O.R.	
MARCINELLE LA VILLETTE	2.		2nd/Lt. A.G. THYNNE and 80 Other Ranks marched out, enroute to Australia. To Hospital, 4 O.R. From Hospital, 3 O.R.	
	3.		C.O. reported from U.K. Leave. Lieut. J.H. OLFEN to MONTIGNY-le-TILLEUL, as Town Major. Work, in addition to Corps Rft. Camp, at Div. Race-course. From P.T.B. 2 O.R. marched in. From Hospital, 1 O.R.	
	4.		Works at Corps Rft. Camp and Div. Race-course. To Hospital, 4 O.R.	
	5.		Works at Corps Rft. Camp and Div. Race-course. To Hospital, 2 O.R. From Hospital, 1 O.R.	
	6.		CAPT. A.C. AHLSTON to Leave, U.K.. LIEUT. C.J. BRUCE, to Leave, Paris. LIEUT. J.H. OLFEN reported back from MONTIGNY-le-TILLEUL. Work as on 4/5th inst. To Hospital, 2 O.R. From Hospital, 2 O.R.	
	7.		Work at Corps Rft. Camp and Div. Race-course, and preparing Brigade Sports Ground. To Hospital, 2 O.R. From Hospital, 3 O.R.	
	8.		Work as on 7th inst. CAPT. A.D. NEVEIN, M.C. and LIEUT. F.A. DEWEY to CAP MARTIN. From Hospital, 1 O.R. To Hospital, 2 O.R. Transferred to 2nd. A.M.T. Coy. 2 O.R.	
	9.		Work as above. From Hospital, 5 O.R. Transferred to A.I.F.H'Qrs. 2 O.R.	
	10.		Church Parade. Div. Race Meeting. Small party on work at CATELION. From Hospital, 2 O.R. To Hospital, 3 O.R.	
	11.		Work on Corps Rft. Camp. To Hospital, 3 O.R.	
	12.		Do. Do. To Hospital, 3 O.R. Transferred to Aust. Corps School, 3 O.R.	
	13.		Do. Do. and Engineers Store, MARCINELLE. From Hosp. 1 O.R. To Hosp. 5 O.R.	
	14.		MAJOR E.E. KING, to Leave, U.K. LIEUT. J. RIDE, M.C., Leave to U.K. for Investiture. Work as on 13th. Brigadier of 7th Brigade and Staff visited Dance at Officers' Club. Transferred to A.I.F.H'Qrs. 1 O.R. From Hospital, 3 O.R.	
	15.		Work at Corps Rft. Camp and Railway Station Yard at Marchienne-au-Pont. LIEUT. F.A. JENKINS, to Leave, U.K. Trans. to A.A.P.C. 1 O.R. To Hospital, 3 O.R.	
	16.		Church Parade. MAJOR R.H. HUDSON, M.C. (R.M.O) trans. to 7th Field Amb. To Hospital, 2 O.R. From Hospital, 1 O.R. CAPT. A.N. LAWRENCE, M.C. from 6th Field Amb. to be R.M.O.	

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MARCINELLE	17.		LIEUT. R.H.MARSHALL reported from Cadet School. From Hosp. 4 O.R. To Hosp. 5 O.R.	
LA VILLETTE	18.		Work at MARCHIENNE-au-PONT Railway Station. To Hospital, 1 O.R.	
	19.		No works on hand. LIEUT.C.J.BRUCE returned from Paris Leave. Trans. to A.I.F.H'Qrs, 1 O.R.	
	20.		No works on hand. 2nd/LT.H.C.THOMAS on Leave to U.K. Marched out for Early Repat'n. 1 O.R. To Hospital, 1 O.R.	
	21.		Small job at Corps Camp. Brigade Sports Meeting. Trans. to A.I.F.H'Qrs, 1 O.R. To Hospital, 1 O.R. From Hospital, 2 O.R.	
	22.		C.O'S Parade at 1100. Inspection by Mr. W.M.HUGHES, at 1400. Work on Railway crossing at CHARLEROI-VILLE-HAUTE. To Hosp. 1 O.R. From Hosp. 4 O.R. Discharged in U.K. 1 O.R. Proceeded on Educational Leave to U.K., 4 O.R.	
	23.		CHURCH PARADE. Work as on 22nd. C.O. proceeded on Leave to tour Rhine Country. To Hosp. 1 O.R.	
	24.		Work for 2nd. DIV. Race-course. Commencement of daily conducted tours to Waterloo (25 men from Battalion) Paid from Regimental Funds. To Hospital, 1 O.R.	
	25.		Work as on 24th. Transferred to A.I.F.H'Qrs, 2 O.R.	
	26.		To Hospital, 1 O.R. From Hospital, 1 O.R. From Hospital to Leave, 1 O.R.	
	27.		To Hospital, 1 O.R. From Hospital, 2 O.R.	
	28.		To Educational Leave, U.K. 1 O.R. Marched out for Early Repat'n. 1 O.R. Trans. to A.I.F.H'Qrs, London, 1 O.R. From Hospital to Leave U.K., 1 O.R.	

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OF

2ND. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

FOR

F E B R U A R Y, 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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8.	Sports Report.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

WORK REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY. 1919.

AUST. CORPS. REINF'T. CAMP.

- 118 Bunks erected,
- Hut selected for the Race-course.
- Incinerator constructed.
- Walls of all huts covered with Malthoid.
- 7 Loads of Bunking carted and stacked.

(SIGNED) JOHN RIDE, M.C. Lieut.
For O.C. "AD" Coy.

CORPS REINF'T. CAMP.

Erection of Huts completed at Corps Rft. Camp.

DIV. RACE-COURSE.

- 3 Huts erected at Div. Race-course.
- 200 feet of Hurdles constructed and put up at Div. Race-course.

(SIGNED) A.H. TRAVES, M.C. Lieut.
O.C. "BC" Coy.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

EDUCATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1919.

Classes in operation.	Enrolt.	Average Attend'ce.	No. of Students in :-
SHORTHAND.	8	7	1 Class. 40
Book-keeping.	15	10	2 Do. 5
French.	22	15	

Weekly Average. No. of men visiting Works etc, Charleroi.	16
Men attending Universite-du-Travail	9
I.C.S. Students in Unit.	-
At Cprps Central School.	2

At Army Schools etc. :- Name of School or Unit.	Instruction being given in.	No. of Students attending.
ROUEN.	BAKING.	2.
BONN.	CHEMISTRY.	1.
NAMUR.	ELECTRICAL SSSHOOL.	1.
ENGLAND.	SURVEYING.	3.

E.O's. personnel report, - Increase or decrease, factors assisting or retarding work etc.

Decrease in enrolment and attendance due to :-

- (1) Gradual Demobilisation of Battalion. Draft of 80 men left on 2nd. inst.
- (2) Gradual loss of interest in Educational Classes.
During third week in February, Shorthand and Book-keeping Classes were suspended, owing to instructors being absent on English Leave.

WATERLOO. During last week in February, an officer and 25 men made daily visits to Waterloo, expenses being borne by Batt. funds

TEXT BOOKS. 169 were obtained and distributed during the month.

LIBRARY BOOKS. All Library books on hand, were passed out, to :-

- (1) Men leaving for Australia.
- (2) Remainder to men in Unit.

(SIGNED) C.L.HENRY, /LPEUT, D.C.M.
E.O./2nd. PIONEER BATTALION.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

LIST of Articles received from, and returned to, ORDNANCE, during month ending 28th FEBRUARY, 1919.

<u>ARTICLES.</u>	<u>RECEIVED.</u>	<u>RETURNED, U.S.</u>
Tunics.	51	23
Breeches, D.S.	24	10
Do M.S.	1	14
Putties, Prs.	102	14
Boots, Ankle. Prs.	15	76
Soles, Half.	155	-
Lifts, Heel.	50	-
Shoes, Mule.	85	-
Grease, Lub.	46	-
Soda Crystals.	60	-
Soft Soap.	74	-
Soap, Yellow.	67	-
Frost Cogs.	10	-
Last, Bootmakers.	1	-
Dubbin.	40	-
Water Buckets.	28	-
Paint, P.F.U.	112	-
Axes, Felling.	14	-
Cordage.	41	-
Braces.	-	5
Nose Bags.	-	36
Reins, Bit. Prs.	-	4
Boilers, T.K.	-	2
Kettles, Camp.	-	1

(SIGNED) HUGH MILLER, R.Q.M.S.

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FOR QUARTERMASTER.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

OFFENCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.1919.

ORDERLY ROOM CASES.

A.W.L. in U.K.(mainly 1 day absent) 6 Cases.

F.G.C.M.

Nil.

(SIGNED) J.R.HYLTON,
..... Lieut. & Adjt.
2nd. Australian Pioneer Battalion.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

WAR DIARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1919.

During the month of February, this Unit was in comfortable billets in Marcinelle.

Health of all ranks satisfactory. The evacuations due to V.D. were low.

Evacuations to Field Ambulance were as under :-

P.U.O.	43
Venereal.	5
Accidental.	nil.
Other Causes.	20
Diarrhoea.	nil.
Total.	<u>68</u>
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During the month, Educational parties ~~XXXXXXXX~~ from other Units, were attached to this Unit, and any sick paraded to 2nd. Pioneer Batt. R.A.P.

(SIGNED) A.N.KAWRENCE, M.C.
..... CAPT.
R.M.O.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

TRANSPORT RETURN FOR MONTH ENDING 28TH. FEBRUARY, 1919.

HEALTH OF HORSES.	NATURE OF WORK.	APPROX. WEIGHT.	APPROX. MILES.
<u>EVACUATIONS.</u>	BATT. Q.M. STORES.	50 Tons.	120 Miles.
<u>Nil.</u>	BATT. R.E. MATERIAL.	40 "	50 "
<u>CONDITION OF HORSES.</u>	CANTEEN.	10 "	20 "
<u>Good.</u>	BATT. MESS CART.	6 "	90 "
	BATT. A.A.M.C. CART.	-----	60 "

(SIGNED) C.E. DONNELLY, Lieut.

O.C. TRANSPORT.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

The following were returned to A.S.C. for month ending 28th FEBRUARY, 1919

Bread Bags.	237
Oat Bags.	169
Sugar Bags.	42
Butter Cases.	18
Jam Cases.	71
Rum Kegs.	5
Pickle XXXX Jars.	2
Jam Cartons.	155
Rum Cases.	19
Rum Jars.	36
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Cardboard, lbs.	70

(SIGNED) HUGH MILLER R.Q.M.S.
FOR QUARTERMASTER.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

SPORTS REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING 28TH. FEBRUARY, 1919

During the greater part of the month, the weather conditions were too bad to allow of much sport being played. One Australian Rules Football Match was played against 2nd. Tunneling Coy., and lost by 7 goals to 3. The Battalion also had two representatives in the Group Team, (L/C. Finemore and Pte. Garry) . This Team won the Group Competition.

No Socker Matches were played, but seven men were included in the Group Team, which won the Group Competition. There names were:-

- Sgt. Wakely, W.
- Pte. Overson, W.
- " Glass, F.
- Sgt. Hood, A.W.
- Dvr. Barnes, G.H.
- Pte. Smith, J.
- " Mills, H.

No Rubgy Matches were played.

(SIGNED) A.F.COULTON, 2nd. Lieut.
Sports Officer.