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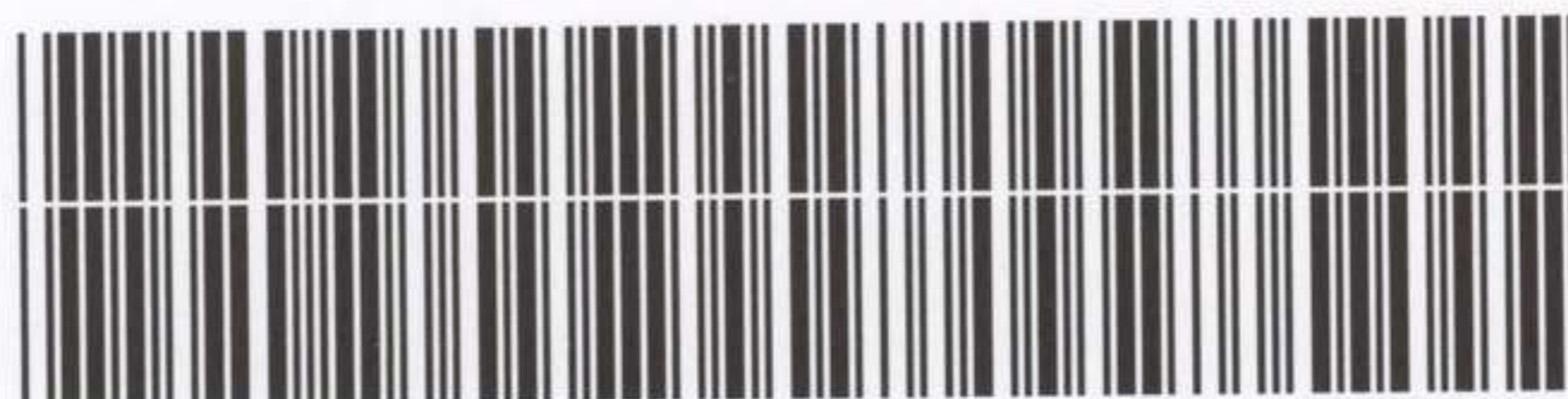
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Engineers

Item number: 14/27/42

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WAR DIARY

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Australian Imperial Force

War Diary

8th Field Coy A. C.

1st to 28th February 1919.

8TH
AUSTRALIAN
FIELD COMPANY.

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Date

Signature of Officer Compiling

Compiled in part by
Capt. R. A. Holmes
Lieut. W. C. Paton

Signature of Officer Commanding

W. C. Paton, Lieut.

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8th Field Coy. A.E.

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les FONTAINE 4A.75.15.	1. 2. 19.		Strength of Company on 1 / 2 / 1919														
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	1. 2. 19.		Company still located in les Fontaine. The weather during past week has been fine and frosty with snow lying on ground since last fall. No works of importance in hand. Personnel of Unit available for work other than regimental duties gradually being reduced to small figures through Repatriation & Demobilization also Educational concessions granted in France and U.K. No C.R.E. yet appointed vice Col late Col Mather, deceased.														
	2-2-19		At 9 am ³⁻²⁻¹⁹ Eight OR. marched out (forming part of N ^o 8 Quota) en route to Australia in connection with arrangements for repatriation of 1915 men.														
	3-2-19		Lieut. A. Dunn returned to unit from Paris "Leave".														
			Reconnaissance of the 8 th A.I. Bde and D.H. G. Areas was carried out for the purpose of ascertaining - Water Supply facilities, Resources of the country, Timber, Factories etc. and report furnished (Appendix N ^o 1).														
	5-2-19		One Officer inspected & reported on all Electric Lighting plants within the 8 th Bde Group area with a view to improvements or extensions being made.														

*: appendix N^o 1.

R.H.

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les FONTAINE.	6-2-19.		In connection with education a class on elementary english and arithmetic was started on 3/2/19 with an attendance of ten -		
4A.75.15.			A derelict German Motor Lorry was hauled by horse team from Sars-Poteries for demonstration purposes in connection with Motor Mechanics class. The Carpentry class was also continued but the attendance at these classes has fallen off owing to repatriation of personnel -		
			On 5/2/19 snow again fell all day and heavily during evening -		
			to On 7/2/19. Capt. R.A. Holmes proceeded on 14 days leave to Paris and Nice - France. Lieut. W. Paton taking over temp's command of Coy.		
			On same day Lieut. E.C. Browne proceeded on 75 days leave to U.K.		
			granted in lieu of ^{furlough} leave to Australia - Lieut. Hopton proceeded to Corp's Workshops being attached for a few days. The Officer on leave		
			14-2-19 Reconnaissance of 8 th A.I. Bde and Divisional Headquarters areas was carried out for the purpose of ascertaining what workshops in this area were in working order.		
			The weather during the past week has been cold the night of the 14/15 209 of frost was registered at les Fontaines		
			15-2-19 One Officer inspected and reported on what damage had been caused by our troops to Factory at SARS. POTERIE STATION		

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8th Field Coy A.F.

Summary of Events and Information

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Place	Date	Hour
LES-FORNAINE 4A.75-15.	15-2-19	
	16-2-19	
	17-2-19	
	22-2-19	
	23-2-19	

Strength of Company
on 15/2/19.

DISPOSITION	OFFICERS	O.R.
ACTUALLY WITH UNIT	2	116
AN. COMMAND.	4	23
IN HOSPITAL		4
TOTAL STRENGTH.	6	143

The weather today is much warmer. Those precautions adopted at 09.00. 16/2/19
Interpreter Von Cleven "attached to this unit" proceeded on 12 days leave
to Brussels.

Maj. K. Tolley appointed C.R.F. 5th Aust Division
Pontons, Beldin Trucks and their wagons together with all Bridging equipment
returned to DADOS. Railroad THUILLES. This being the first portion of our
equipment to be returned * (Appendix N-2)

Sunday. Chopping and Sawing contest was held this afternoon on sports ground
opening 11.15. minus chopping 14' by Cpl. Robinson time 45 mins. sawing 15"

* Appendix
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LECIFONTAINE 4A.75.15.	23-2	19	log winner Dimes Powell + McDonald time 60 seconds	
	24-2	19	Capt R.H. Holmes returned from Paris leave and took over command of Coy. Commenced work on working Bridge at A. 4. 80. 19. Movement order from C.R.E for Coy to move to DAKRERS area and amalgamate with the 15th Field Coy. * (Appendix No 3.)	* Appendix No 3.
	25-2	19	C.R.E's movement order of 24th cancelled.	
	27-2	19	15th Field Coy (w/ equipment and transport) moved from DAKRERS to Lecifontaine the C.R.E. intention being to amalgamate the 3rd 15th Coys with the reception of supply stores and Q.M.S. stores * (Appendix No 4.)	* Appendix No 4.
			Education class on elementary English and arithmetic has been closed on account of all sappers being required for work on Bridge 1 N.C.O 5 Sappers have been attached to the 34th Labour Batt to supervise the erection of P.O.W. Cage at SOLRELS CHATEAU	
	28-2	19	Progress of work on Bridge at A. 4. 80. 19. 80% complete.	
Do			Jewis Gun Equipment returned to D.A.D.O.S at THULLIES * P. taken here	* Appendix No 5.

Reference map.

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LEZ FONTAINE	1-2-19 to 28-2-19		<p>Report on "Q" Branch</p> <p>Rations throughout the month maintained a fair standard. Three or four issues of rum were received. During the month Pontoon & Tristler wagons and bridging equipment were returned to D.A.D.O.S. The following were received from D.A.D.O.S. and issued to troops during the month.</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Jackets, S.D.</td><td>-</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>Breeches M.S.&D.S</td><td>pairs</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Puttees</td><td>"</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>Boots ankle</td><td>"</td><td>22</td></tr> </table> <p>Various articles of stores and tools were received.</p> <p>The following were received from the Australian Comforts Fund -</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Cocoa and milk</td><td>-</td><td>Cases</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Oxo</td><td></td><td>"</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Cigarettes</td><td></td><td>"</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Cakes</td><td></td><td>"</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Soup Powder</td><td></td><td>"</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Oddments</td><td></td><td>"</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Sugar</td><td></td><td>"</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Socks</td><td></td><td>"</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> <p>Two (2) bundles of socks from Engineers Comfort Fund Melbourne.</p>	Jackets, S.D.	-	22	Breeches M.S.&D.S	pairs	3	Puttees	"	10	Boots ankle	"	22	Cocoa and milk	-	Cases	8	Oxo		"	1	Cigarettes		"	1	Cakes		"	1	Soup Powder		"	1	Oddments		"	6	Sugar		"	2	Socks		"	1	
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1.	Reconnaissance Report 8 TH A.I. B'DE and 5 TH Div. H.Q. Areas.
2.	Demobilisation Instructions (Contorn Equipment).
3.	Movement Orders.
4.	Movement and Amalgamation Orders.
5.	Demobilisation Instructions (Lewis Gun Equipment)
6.	<u>Graph showing disposition of Coy</u>

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