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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHEET 36. Bl. C. 3. 6.	1/7/18.		The Battalion in PALLISER CAMP. Strength Officers 18. Other ranks 305. Attached. 2. A.S.C. Drivers. 7. A.M.C. Orderlies. 1 Armourer and 212 Cyclist Details. Details Camped at ALDERSEY CAMP. Sheet 36. B. 9. C. 8. 1. Transport Lines at NOWGONG LINES. Sheet 36. B. 9. C. 8. 1. Distribution of Battalion as follows on detachment, such as Corps, and Divisional Signal Corp. and A.P.M.S. Cable Route and Water Patrol 164 other ranks on English and Pans Leave. 2 officers and 15 other ranks. In Hospital 2 officers. 9 other ranks. 150 other ranks Employed at R.E. Dump STEENWERCK under supervision of Lieut. O.S. Symon. 1 other rank transferred to "K" Supply Column. 2nd Lieut. White J.G.W. reported from G.H.Q. Branch Lewis Gun School. Weather report. Fine and clear. JH	
"	2/7/18.		Aerial activity. Church service held in Evening. Weather report. Fine. Good for observation. JH	
"	4/7/18		Major General White paid a visit of inspection to camp. Lieut MacLennan H.G. reported for duty from 2nd Corps Cyclist Battalion. JH	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHEET 36 B.I.C. 3.6.	5-2-18		Lieut. P.R. Weedon placed on Supernumerary List dated 31.10.17. Weather Report. Fine and clear. <i>TH</i>	
"	7-2-18		Capt. C.H. Perkins and Lieut. L.G. Trout proceeded on leave to Italy. Weather Report. Strong winds, and showers at frequent intervals. <i>TH</i>	
"	8-2-18		2nd Lieut. White J.C. W. promoted to Lieutenant dated 3.11.17. <i>TH</i>	
"	10-2-18		D.A.G. A.I.C. advises that applications for transfers to other A.I.C. units following reorganisation of Battalion, have been approved. Necessary action taken for relief of men on detachments, who are being transferred. <i>TH</i>	
"	11-2-18		General Birdwood visited camp and decorated No 2110 Sergeant Anderson A.C. with the Military Medal, and No 1097 Corporal Lincoln W.G. with the Meritorious Service Medal. The General expressed pleasure at the condition of camp. 1 O.R. sent to 4th Army School of Cookery. 11 O.Rs. reported from Base, and posted to Company. Weather Report. Dull and windy. <i>TH</i>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHEET 36. B1-C.3.6.	12-2-18		31 other ranks transferred to other A.I.T. units by authority of D.A.G. A.I.T. These men were sent to the Corps Reinforcement, and from there despatched to units concerned. Weather Report. Dull and Cloudy.	
"	13-2-18		3 other ranks sent to C.R.T. 2nd Aust Division, with a view to transfer Lecture by Padre Major Finigan late of the 9th Light Horse Regiment on the Palestine Campaign. Weather Report. Raining practically all day.	
"	14-2-18		1 other rank sent to a Base Hospital for duty being under age. Occasional artillery activity during day. Weather Report. Dull.	
"	15-2-18		20 other ranks transferred to other A.I.T. units by authority of D.A.G. A.I.T. These men were sent to the Corps Reinforcement Camp, and from there despatched to units concerned. Nominal Roll of 24 N.C.O.s who are supernumerary to establishment forwarded to D.A.G. A.I.T. Details at AIDERSEY CAMP moved into PALLISER CAMP during day. Artillery active during day and night. Hostile aerial activity at night. Weather Report. Fine and Clear.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHEET 36. B.I. C36	17.2.18		Weather Report. Beautiful day, fine and clear. Hostile aerial activity at night, no bombs dropped in vicinity of camp. Fine moonlight night.	
"	18.2.18		1 other rank sent to a Base Hospital for duty, being under age. 1 other rank transferred to 22nd Battalion.	
"	19.2.18		77 other ranks taken on strength from supernumerary list to complete Establishment. 1 other rank sent to Corps Anti-Aircraft Lewis Gun School. Weather Report. Dull and foggy.	
"	24.2.18		"G" Corps advises that a School of Instruction course had been arranged for the 24 N.C.O.s home supernumerary to Establishment on the reorganisation of Battalion. After training they will be allotted to Infantry units.	
"	27.2.18		Capt. C.H. Perkins and Lieut. L.G. Hunt reported for duty from Italian leave. Weather Report. Dull and cloudy. Light showers.	
"	28.2.18		Strength as at 28.2.18. Officers 18. Other ranks 305. Attached 2 A.S.C. Drivers. 3 AMC Orderlies. 1 Announcer. 134 other ranks. Supernumerary to Establishment. Distribution of personnel as follows. 1 Officer 70 other ranks on English and Paris leave.	

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SHEET. 36. Bl. C 3. b.	28-2-18		<p>In Hospital. 1 officer and 6 other ranks. 162 other ranks on detachment.</p> <p>150 other ranks Employed at R.E. Dump STEENWERCK</p> <p>As all available men are Employed on duties, no training was possible during month.</p> <p>Camp was further improved, and plots of ground surrounding camp dug for vegetable planting.</p> <p>The health of the men, has on the whole been good. 26 being Evacuated to Hospital during month, and 8 returning from Hospital.</p> <p>No English leave was granted to unit during month, but men were sent to Paris on leave.</p> <p>The Battalion competed in Corps Sports meeting, and was successful in winning the welter weight Boxing Championship, 100 yards hurdle race, and relay race of 2 miles. The Battalion football team has also done well, and vice play off in the finals of the Corps Competition.</p> <p>Attached are 2 Summaries.</p>	

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APPENDIX

AUSTRALIAN CORPS CYCLIST BATTALION.

FOR

FEBRUARY, 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
(1)	REPORT BY LIEUT. O.S. SYMON OFFICER I/C WORKING PARTY AT R. E. DUMP STEENWERCK.
(2)	QUARTER MASTERS REPORT.
(3)	TRANSPORT OFFICERS REPORT.

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APPENDIX I

AUSTRALIAN CORPS CYCLIST BATTALION.REPORT ON PERSONNEL WORKING AT R. E. DUMP DURING FEBRUARY 1918.

During the month of February we have been supplying 150 to 160 men for work on the Dump, and of these the number of men working on the various trades has increased, leaving a smaller fatigue party for the loading, unloading. etc.,

The work has been practically the same as that which was done in January, and the light tramways have been completed.

The 2 night shifts have been working on the saw benches continuously and we have been supplying parties for loading the logs cut near NEUVE EGLISE on to trailers and unloading on to the slips at the Saw Mill.

The enemy has registered on the dump with one gun, but work has not been interfered with by shells or bombs.

The health of the men throughout the period has been very good indeed, due no doubt to regular bathing and the well cooked and varied meals they have been getting.

It is interesting to note that I have not had a single complaint from the party this month.

(Sgd) O. S. Symon. Lieut.

OFFICER I/C CYCLIST WORKING PARTY, R. E. DUMP.

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APPENDIX 2

AUSTRALIAN CORPS CYCLIST BATTALION.QUARTER MASTERS REPORT FOR February 1918.

RATIONS. Rations have been uniformly good, fresh meat averaging about 55%, and bread enabling rations of 1 loaf to 3 men to be made.

Fuel has been obtained in adequate quantities.

RETURNS. FAT. 104 lbs of fat were returned to Supply.

PAPER. 46 lbs cardboard and 62 lbs paper were returned.

UNSERVICEABLE CLOTHING. These returns were most satisfactory, 100% of articles being returned to Ordnance, save in the case of Boots, Ankle when in this case 73 pairs were received from Ordnance on Feby. 27th, and the issue and recovery of U/S in exchange was not completed for this months returns. 88% of Boots, Ankle were returned.

.....*F. H. Duggan*.....Capt.
QUARTERMASTER.

APPENDIX 3

AUSTRALIAN CORPS CYCLIST BATTALION.TRANSPORT OFFICERS REPORT FOR February, 1918.

PERSONNEL. 1 Corporal 10 men.

HORSES. 18.

VEHICLES. 10 :- 2 G.S.Wagons, 6 Limbers, 1 Officers Mess Cart,
1 Water Cart.

CONDITION OF TRANSPORT:-

VEHICLES. Good, at present being coated with wood oil,
equipment renewed.

REPAIRS. Connection between G.S.Limbered broken, repaired
at Army Workshop.

HORSES. Very good, no sickness, horses being re-shod.

HARNESS. Very good, clean, well dubbined and chains polish-
-ed, one breast collar being renewed.

FODDER. Sufficient, hay ration being very good making^{up} for shortage
in oats.

STANDINGS. Very good, well revetted, will shortly have roof tarred
and sanded for preservation and also against observation
by hostile aircraft.

Still occupying same standings.

.....P. G. Bayliss.....Lieut.
TRANSPORT OFFICER.