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WAR DIARY

OF

5th Aust. Div. Train

FOR

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- LEUGNIES 2.2.19 10 Rpts from Div Rpt Camp allotted to 10th Co JMS
- 3.2.19 L^T GIBSON + 30 OR^{ns} Embarkation Quota No 4 marched into Div Rpt Camp. Snow precautions reversed JMS
- 4.2.19 Cap^t LUKEY V.O TD to 1st Division Cap^t DAVID G. ENGLAND on leave. Advised of Quota No 4 would include 1 Officer, 3 Sq^{rs}, 60 OR^{ns}. JMS
- 5.2.19 Heavy snow storm, slight thaw JMS
- 8.2.19 Inspected coal dumps at HAUTMONT JMS
- 9.2.19 Corps tried to cut 2 lbs hay off from the 8th & add to the oats to Horse Ration owing to shortage and dislocation of Railways in England JMS
- 10.2.19 L^T MACNAMARA ret^d from leave JMS
- 11.2.19 L^T MACNAMARA to Corps as Claims Officer JMS
- 12.2.19 Inspected salt dumps at MAUBERGE, reported that it was unsuitable JMS
- 13.2.19 L^T MILLER reported from 30th B^{ty} posted him to 28th Co JMS
- 15.2.19 Outbreak of measles in 18th Co amongst Rpts that arrived on Jan 31st. Adopt Snow precautions to commence at 9am on 16th JMS
- 16.2.19 Thawing but not rapid. A section from 10th + 29th Co brought to LEUGNIES to draw from R. Head & deliver to transport of Artillery, + 15th B^{ty} at SOLRE then to Refilling points at RAMOUSIES & DOULENS JMS
- 19.2.19 Snow precautions ceased at midnight. Damage to Roads this Thaw very slight JMS
- 25.2.19 Conference 2.30pm JMS to move into WALCOURT Area commencing on the 9th Mar. Commenced drawing 3 days Snow ration JMS
- 26.2.19 L^T BULL reported from 29th B^{ty} posted him to 29th Co. Discussed with AATQM S. The handing in of vehicles & equipment of the 29th Co. JMS

WAR DIARY

General Remarks

29.2.19 L^T ADAMS notified train that the 29th Co would hand over vehicles & equipment at THUILLES on 4th March

Strength on 28/2/19 - 19 Officers 467 ORs 44 Reg 257 HP 30 LD. 7 mules -

Reinforcement Recd - 2 Officers 60 ORs

Sick, quarantined = 10 ORs.

Roses - Reward = 6 m. ms. see attached records on A740121

Health - Both men & animals very satisfactory

Quota - Practically nil -

Weather - wet usually

Repatriated to Aust = 20 ORs 47 ORs

Mms awarded:-

Sgt BEST - 10th base

Mr SPITTLE - 18

Mr BAIGES - 28

S/Sgt. JONES J. 29

Corp McPHEE RM - 10th base

Cpl LUDBROOK JJ - 18 base

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Recitation of services for which
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5th AUS. DIV. TRAIN

Brigade.

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	10 th COMPANY AUS. ARMY SERVICE CORPS	6077	SERG. ROLLO WILFRED BEST	<p>For meritorious services & devotion to duty. During the period Mar 23 to Sep 15/16 1918 he has on many occasions shown great gallantry & resource. Whilst acting as Transport N.C.O. with a column on the night Aug 30/31st at BRIE he displayed great coolness, the Convoy was bombed by hostile aircraft & many casualties were caused & although under shell fire as well this N.C.O. was mainly responsible for the clearance of the road of broken transport & the safe delivery of the supplies he was in charge of. Again during the period Sep 16/19 to Dec 31st 1918 he was of great assistance on many occasions to his Officers. Whilst in the vicinity of TINCOURT Rail Head was being shelled on the 29th Sep^r he rendered valuable assistance in clearing the approaches to the Yard which had become blocked by horse casualties.</p>	<p>J. H. Dwyer Major A.C.S. 5th A.D.</p>	<p>M.S.M.</p>	
	18 th COMPANY AUS. ARMY SERVICE CORPS	8005	DRIVER SAMUEL GORDON SPITTLE.	<p>For meritorious services and devotion to duty. During the period April 23rd to Sep 15/16 1918 his spirit and endurance had an excellent effect on the men of his Company. On the night April 23rd whilst the village of AUBIGNY was being heavily gas shelled, he showed the greatest determination in releasing horses from the stables, he repeatedly entered the village to rescue animals and his coolness set a fine example to those with him. During the period Sep 16/19 to Dec 31 1918 he rendered valuable services on many occasions. On the 28th Sep^r whilst the proximity of the Railway yard at ROISEL was being shelled, a dangerous block in the traffic occurred, with great promptitude he organized a party of men to clear the road of debris caused by the shelling which allowed the traffic to proceed.</p>	<p>J. H. Dwyer Major A.C.S. 5th A.D.</p>	<p>M.S.M.</p>	

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	28 th COMPANY AUS. ARMY SERVICE CORPS	8051	DRIVER CHARLES JOHN WALTER BRIGGS.	For meritorious services and devotion to duty. At BONNAY on the 24 th April 1918 whilst the village was being heavily gas shelled, at great risk he went to the assistance of a supply convoy passing through the town. When casualties to men & horses occurred he secured volunteers & teams & eventually delivered the supplies under difficult and adverse conditions. During the period Sep. 16/17 to Dec 31 1918 his excellent work in the transport of his Company set a fine example which went far & enabled the supplies of the brigade to be delivered at times under conditions that were extremely hazardous.	J. H. Rogers Major of Co 5702	M. X. M.	
	29 th COMPANY AUS. ARMY SERVICE CORPS	7945	STAFF SERGT. JOHN JONES	For meritorious services and devotion to duty. During the period Mar 23 to Sep 15/16 1918 he showed on many occasions a very fine spirit and great endurance under trying circumstances with the supply section of his brigade. At DAOURS on the 20 th May hostile shelling commenced whilst the transport were loading at the Refilling point. Casualties to men & horses occurred & with great promptitude he organized a party, cleared the broken transport & was largely responsible for the moving of the supplies out of the village & to the Battalion. During the period Sep 16/17 to Dec 31 1918 he also rendered excellent services during the latter part of August, the difficulties of supplying the brigade were many, but his great spirit & energy was largely responsible of overcoming the trying conditions.	J. H. Rogers Major of Co 5702	M. X. M.	

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	10 th ATSC	138	Serjeant Reginald Michael Wether	For meritorious services & being devoted to duty during the period 20.11.18 to 16.1.1918 he has on many occasions shown great fortitude & endurance. On the night 30/31 st whilst in a convoy taking bridging material to the line he took part in the highest order. The col. was bombed by hostile aircraft which caused casualties to horses & transport & although under shell fire as well the NCO was of the greatest assistance to his Officer in removing animals broken transport which was causing a serious block in the traffic & eventually of the delivery of all the material to the line. During the period 16/17 to 20/31 1918 he took part in being excellent while as a supply transport driver. During the months of Sep & Nov he has always amongst the first to volunteer for any extra & arduous work thrust upon the transport at the front. For meritorious services & being devoted to duty during the period 20.11.18 to 16.1.1918 he showed great gallantry & resource. On the night 30/31 st whilst in the village of Aubigny he was severely wounded but he was one of the leaders in securing horses from the village & returning to the line. He rendered valuable assistance as a supply transport driver & was one of the first to volunteer for any extra & arduous work thrust upon the transport at the front.			
	15 th ATSC	7985	L/Corp Jos. George Hudbrook	For meritorious services & being devoted to duty during the period 20.11.18 to 16.1.1918 he showed great gallantry & resource. On the night 30/31 st whilst in the village of Aubigny he was severely wounded but he was one of the leaders in securing horses from the village & returning to the line. He rendered valuable assistance as a supply transport driver & was one of the first to volunteer for any extra & arduous work thrust upon the transport at the front.			

M. S. M.

No previous honours been awarded from N.C.C.

Whilst in col. service he rendered shell fire & a fine example to other drivers with him & enabled Gallatin to be delivered at the front under conditions that were very hard & dangerous.

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- TRAIN ORDERS -

by

Major J.A. BRAZENOR D.S.O. Commanding 5th Aust.Div.Train. 5-2-19

544. HONOURS & AWARDS.

Awarded the ORDER OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Major C.W. Robinson A.I.F. List 427 I-I-19

The following were awarded the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL vide A.I.F. List No 438 dated 24-I-19.

- No 7613 Driver H.P. COOK 10th A.A.S.C.
- 2461 S/Sgt E.F. SHEPHERDSON 28th A.A.S.C.
- 8028 Sgt. F.A. TRIPLET 29th A.A.S.C.
- 7002 Sgt. C.W. BELLINGHAM 29th A.A.S.C.
- 6066 Cpl. L. HOLGATE Train H.Q.

Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haigs despatches A.I.F. List 427 I-I-19.

Lieut-Col. F.H. FRANCIS D.S.O.

Major C.W. ROBINSON O.B.E.

No 2486 C.S.M. H.A. WATERS 10th A.A.S.C.

145 Cpl. G. WATSON 28th A.A.S.C.

545. PROMOTIONS The C.O. Train desires to heartily congratulate the recipients of the above awards.

Lieut H.P. CHAMBERLAIN M.C. to be Temp. Captain II-I-19

Lieut G.M. GIBSON " " " " " " 12-I-19

No 7942 C.S.M. CLOUGH 18th A.A.S.C. to be Temp. W.O. Class I 6-I-19

7952 C.S.M. CLARK J.E. 28th A.A.S.C. Temp. W.O. Class I. 6-I-19

7939 C.S.M. HAZEL J. 29th A.A.S.C. " " " " 6-I-19.

8009 Sgt. R.W. VICKERY 18th A.A.S.C. to be Temp S.Q.M.S. 14-I-19.

10th A.A.S.C.

No 8431 L/Cpl LITTLE K. to be Temp Cpl vice Holman sick 22-12-18

8450 T/Cpl GUY F.A. to be Temp. C.Q.M.S. vice McClungprom. 28-12-18

7903 L/Cpl ELLIS J.W. " " " Cpl vice Guy prom 28-12-18

8337 Dvr. AHRENFIELD N. to be Temp.Cpl vice McPhee ~~pro~~A.F.C. 30-12-18

4006 Whl. HAYES J.C. to be TempWhl Cpl vice Mead sick 30-12-18

8068 ~~xxxx~~ THOMPSON H.C. to be Temp Cpl. vice Triplett prom 14-I-19

8073 T/Cpl DAUNT W. to be Temp. Sgt vice Lowell prom 14-I-19

8386 Pte. FALVEY T.J. to be Temp Cpl vice Daunt prom 14-I-19

8436 Whl.Cpl MEAD J.W. to be Temp S/Sgt vice Tarrant Aust. 22-I-19

7903 T /Cpl ELLIS J.W. to be Temp. Sgt vice Best Aust. 22-I-19

7904 T/Cpl ELLIS C.H. to be Temp. Sgt vice Harrison Cadre 22-I-19

2433 Dvr. ANDERSON G.R. to be Temp Dpl vice McPhee Aust. 22-I-19

8474 Dvr. SQUIRE J.E. to be Temp Cpl vice Peel Aust. 22-I-19.

18th A.A.S.C.

8065 Cpl JEFFREY W. to be Temp Sgt 14-I-19

7974 L/Cpl BRYANT J.A. to be Temp Cpl vice Jeffrey prom. 14-I-19

8056 Pte. BOSTOCK J.W. to be Temp Cpl 14-I-19

TRAIN HEADQUARTERS

No 8349 Pte BROWN S.O. to be E.R. Cpl I-I-19



PROMOTIONS Continued:-28th A.A.S.C.

- No 8022 Sgt LOWELL R.L. to be Temp S/Sgt vice Tardrew Aust. 6-I-19
 8069 Sgt MANLEY C.G. to be Temp S/Sgt vice Vale to Cadre 6-I-19
 7959 Cpl EMERY W.H. to be Temp Sgt vice Manley prom 6-I-19
 9452 Dvr. ROBERTS E.T. to be Temp Whl/Cpl vice Young Aust. 16-I-19
 11861 Dvr. JENKINS J.G. to be L/Cpl 16-I-19
 8288 Pte. GREY-SMITH to be L/Cpl 17-I-19

29th A.A.S.C.

- 7969 A/Sgt CLARK J.R. to be Temp Far S/Sgt vice Roberts to Aust 8-I-19
 8041 A/Sgt PUXLEY J.W. to be Temp Sgt vice Findley sick 8-I-19
 12457 Farrier CARRUTHERS C.T. to be Temp Far/Cpl vice Clark 13-I-19
 8064 L/Cpl ALDRED H. to be Temp Cpl vice Emery 14-I-19
 8028 Cpl. TRIPLETT F.A. to be Temp Sgt vice Bee Aust. 14-I-19
 9350 Cpl. McLENNAN S.L. to be Temp Sgt vice Bellingham 20-I-19
 7002 Sgt Bellingham C.W. to be Temp C.S.M. vice Hazel prom 16-I-19
 9804 L/Cpl SANDERSON R.A. to be Temp Cpl vice Puxley prom 16-I-19

TRANSFERS.

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- Lieut V. LEVITT from 30th Battalion to 10th A.A.S.C. 24-I-19.
 Lieut H. WALKER from 58th Battalion to 10th A.A.S.C. 6-I-19.
 Lieut C. HALL from 30th Battalion to 18th A.A.S.C. 11-I-19.
 Lieut R.D. HOLLINS from 58th Battalion to 29th A.A.S.C. 21-I-19.

547. TO AUSTRALIA.

- Captain C.B. GRIEVE M.C. to Australia 28-I-18
 Lieut T.R. LYON to Australia 14-I-19
 Capt. H.M. LAITY M.C. to Australia 11-I-19
 Lieut. T.S. JONES to Australia 10-I-19
 Captain F.W. SPENCER to Australia 12-I-19
 Major C.W. ROBINSON O.B.E. to Australia 25-I-19.

Chadwick
 Captain & Adjutant.
 5th Aust.Div.Train.

