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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Solennes	1918 December		Work Done 8 G. S. Wagons conveying Jan + Feb. 1915 men from 1st + 2nd F.A.B. Co., D.T.M. Co + D.A.C. to Solre le Chateau	
			Strength 19 Officers 505 OfRanks 659 Animals	
			Personnel 10 OfRanks furlough to Australia	Weather Dull
		2	Work Done Stable Fatigues	
			Officers Capt. W.H.G. Segraves m.c. furlough to Australia, Capt. O.G. Rowlands off leave to U.K.	
			Strength 18 Officers 495 OfRanks 659 Animals	Weather Dull
		3	Work Done 4 G. S. Wagons carting comforts for troops.	
			Personnel 50 OfRanks to R.B.A.A. 20 OfRanks from 9th Infantry Batten.	
			Officers 2/Lieut. H.G. Mc Master reported from R.A.C.S.	
			Inspection The C.R.A. + Brig. Gen. Lloyd inspected 1st D.A.C. The C.R.A. made a few remarks expressing his appreciation + gratitude to all Ranks for the work accomplished while under his command.	Weather Dull
		4	Work Done. 1 G. S. Wagon carting wood. 2 G. S. Wagons conveying Reinforcements	
			Officers 2/Lieuts. G.L. Lacey + H.P. Bradford reported from R.A.C.S.	
			Personnel 2 OfRanks evacuated 1 OfRank from A.C.B.D.	
			Strength 19 Officers 491 OfRanks 659 Animals.	Weather Dull
		5	Work Done 2 G. S. Wagons for Ordnance Stores 3 G. S. Wagons for 1st F.A.B.	
			Officers Lieut. J.P. Capper evacuated whilst on leave in U.K.	
			Personnel 36 OfRanks from A.C.B.D. 1 OfRank from V/Asst. H.T.M.B.	
			Strength 21 Officers 528 OfRanks 659 Animals	Weather Raining
		6	Work Done 1 G. S. Wagon for Ordnance Stores. 1 G. S. Wagon 2nd F.A.B.	
			Officers 2/Lieuts H.G. McMaster + G.L. Lacey to 2nd F.A.B. 2/Lieut. H.P. Bradford to 1st F.A.B.	
			Capt. C.W. Hicks from 1st F.A.B.	
			Strength 18 Officers 526 OfRanks 656 Animals	Weather Dull, Raining

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Solennes	18 December		Work Done. Stable & General Fatigues	
	7		Strength. 18 Officers 526 OfRanks & 656 Animals	Weather Dull
	8		Work Done. 2 G.S. Waggons carting timber for Bridges	
			Personnel 1 OfR evacuated	
			Strength. 18 Officers 525 OfRanks 656 Animals	Weather Fine
	9		Work Done 2 G.S. Wagon carting Stores & 2 G.S. Wagons for timber	
			Personnel 1 OfRank evacuated	
			Strength 18 Officers 524 OfRanks 656 Animals	Weather Dull
	10		Work Done 9 G.S. Wagons conveying personnel to 1st Div. Arty. Sports.	
			Personnel 1 OfRank from 2nd P.A.B. 1 OfRank evacuated.	
			Strength 18 Officers 524 OfRanks 656 Animals	Weather Dull & Wet
			Recreation 1st Aust Div Arty Sports at Dimechaux. G.O.C. & C.P.A. present & expressed their appreciation of Turn Out of D.S.C. teams & character sketches.	
	11		Work Done. 4 G.S. Wagons for Bridging material 2 for Band & 1 for French civilian supplies	
		Personnel 1 OfRank from A.C.B.D. 1 OfRank evacuated.		
		Strength 18 Officers 524 OfRanks 656 Animals	Weather Raining	
12		Work Done. Stable Fatigues 1 G.S. Wagon Carting Stores		
		Personnel 19 OfRanks from A.C.B.D.		
		Officers Lieut R.H. Broome posted to No. 1 Section from Div Arty Gas Officer		
13		Work Done Stable Fatigues		
		Personnel 2 OfRanks evacuated	Weather Raining	
		Strength 19 Officers 542 OfRanks 656 Animals.		

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Solrinnies	14		Work Done. Stable & General Fatigues Strength. 19 Officers 542 O/Ranks 656 Animals <u>Weather Raining</u>	
	15		Work Done. The D.A.C. moved from SOLRINNIES to ROBNEE. Personnel. 2 O/Ranks from 1st Hld. Ambler. 2 O/Ranks to 1st F.A.B. Strength. 19 Officers 542 O/Ranks 656 Animals. <u>Weather Dull</u>	
ROBNEE	16		Work Done. The D.A.C. moved from ROBNEE to BIESME. Inspected by C.R.A. en route, he expressed entire satisfaction with Turn Out & March Discipline Strength. 19 Officers 542 O/Ranks 656 Animals <u>Weather Raining</u>	
	17		Work Done. Stable & General Fatigues 2 G.Wagons for Y.M.C.A. Strength. 19 Officers 542 O/Ranks 656 Animals <u>Weather Dull</u>	
BIESME	18		Work Done. 2 G.Wagons Canteens & Coal Supplies Personnel. 11 O/Ranks detached for Training for Royal Guard & Escort for H.R.H. Prince of Wales. Strength. 19 Officers 542 O/Ranks 656 Animals	
"	19		Work Done. 1 G.Wagon Canteen, 1 for Ordnance. Personnel. 1 O/R from Hospital 1 O/R evacuated Strength. 19 Officers 542 O/Ranks 656 Animals. <u>Weather Wet.</u>	
	20		Work Done. 4 G.Wagons for Rations, Stable & General Fatigues Personnel. 25 O/Ranks evacuated, 1 O/R to D.A.H.Q. 10 O/R to R.B.M.A. 4 O/Ranks furlough to Australia, 22 O/Rs. from A.C.B.D. Animals. 3 Mules evacuated 1 Mule destroyed. Strength. 19 Officers 533 O/Ranks 652 Animals. <u>Weather Dull</u>	

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BIESME	December 21		Work Done. 24 G S Wajons carting Rations 1 G S Wajon for Oranauer Stores Personnel. 2 O/R from Hospital Strength 19 Officers 534 O/Ranks 652 Animals <u>Weather Dull.</u>	
"	22		Work Done 4 G S Wajons carting Rations Personnel 2 O/R to A.A. Postal Corps 2 O/Rs evacuated 1 O/R from Hospital Strength 19 Officers 531 O/Ranks 652 Animals <u>Weather Dull</u>	
"	23		Work Done 4 G S Wajon carting Rations 1 Canteen Supplies 2 Y.M.C.A. comforts Personnel 5 O/Rs from A.C.B.D. 1 O/R evacuated Strength 19 Officers 535 O/Rs. 652 Animals <u>Weather Dull</u>	
	24		Work Done 4 G S Wajons carting Rations 1 Carting Comforts. Personnel 2 O/Rs evacuated. 10/R to 5th F.A. Bde. Strength 19 Officers 532 O/Rs 652 Animals <u>Weather Raining</u>	
	25		Work Done Holiday. 4 G S Wajons for Rations Personnel 4 O/Rs. Furloughs to Australia Strength 19 Officers 528 O/Rs. 652 Animals <u>Weather Dull</u>	
	26		Work Done Holiday. D.A.C. Sports Meeting. 4 G S Wajons for Rations Strength 19 Officers 528 O/Rs. 652 Animals <u>Weather Dull</u>	
	27		Work Done 4 G S Wajons for Rations 10 G S Wajons conveying personnel to Review Review. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales reviewed 1st Aust. Div Arty also made presentation of medals. 1 Mule for H.R.H to ride & 8 m hand mule team supplied for the occasion.	
	28		Strength 19 Officers 528 O/Rs. 652 Animals <u>Weather Dull &amp; Cold</u> Work Done 4 G S Wajons for Rations 1 G S Wajon to convey footballers to 1st Bde. Officers Major C. Sheppard to 75 days furlough A.R. Strength 18 Officers, 528 O/Rs. 652 Animals <u>Weather Raining</u>	

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Bielmes	1918 December 29		Work Done. 4 G. S. Wagons for Rations. 2 G. S. Wagons for Ordnance Personnel 1 O/R from 3rd Army. F.A. Bde	
			Strength 18 Officers. 529 O/Rs. 650 Animals <u>Weather</u> Raining	
	30		Work Done. 6 G. S. Wagons for Rations 4 G. S. Wagons to 4th Bty, conveying personnel Royal Guard. Personnel 1 O/R. from Hospital	
			Inspection C. R. A. visited D.A.C. & addressed troops on Repatriation & Demobilisation	
			Strength 18 Officers 531 O/Rs. 650 Animals <u>Weather</u> Dull	
	31		Work Done 4 G. S. Wagons for Rations	
			Inspection The S.O.C. & C.R.A. inspected all sections of D.A.C.	
			Personnel 1 O/R evacuated	
			Strength 18 Officers 530 O/Rs. 650 Animals <u>Weather</u> Dull	

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