

Australian Mining Corps – Casula Camp – November 1915



AWM A05272 - Liverpool, Sydney, NSW. November 1915. Group portrait of officers, Non-commissioned Officers and sappers of No. 1 Company of the 1st Australian Mining Corps, a New South Wales unit, prior to their embarkation on HMAT (A38) Ulysses, 20 February 1916.

Back row, left to right: 5114 or 3503 Pte W. J. Johnston; Pte A. Edwards (DNE); 321 Pte W. West; 813 Pte E. E. Davis (holding the Mining Corps flag).

Ninth row: Pte R. Dewar, Senior (DNE); Pte W. ? Coppin (DNE); 152 Pte William George Judd; Pte A. P. Judd (DNE); 153 Pte Daniel Sidney Judd; Pte E. Walters (DNE); 2354 Pte T. H. Miller; 144 Pte H. B. Hutchinson; 111 Pte A. R. French; 284 Pte S. A. Spicer; [206 Pte C. C. McConnell DOD](#); 207 Pte D. McConnell (brother of 206); Pte F. Stevens (DNE); 116 Pte H. Gordon; Pte A. W. Welsh (DNE).

Eighth row: 141 or 1253 Pte Hudson; Pte H. Faulks (DNE); 66 Pte G. Coyle (on Nominal Roll); 113 Pte R. U. Fullerton; Pte L. McKenna (DNE); 280 Pte G. R. Smith; 140 Pte B. A. Hughes; 278 Pte A. J. Smith; 134 Pte T. Hincks; Pte G. E. Adams (DNE); Pte J. Holland (DNE); 1373 Pte C. Miller; 105 Pte W. R. Field; 161 Pte F. Lancaster; Pte T. Darcey (DNE); 132 Pte D. J. Hibbard; 260 Pte J. Ryan; Pte C. Tibbetts (DNE - could be 303 [G. Tibbetts DOW](#)); 313 Pte B. Watkins.

Seventh row: Pte F. Platt (DNE); Pte B. J. Davidson (DNE); 1427 Pte W. McMurray; 82 Pte J. M. Curran; 381 Pte Cecil Thomas Freeman; 201 Pte R. S. Murphy; Pte H. M. ? Bryant (DNE); 191 Pte J. A. Mitchell; Pte E. Armour (DNE); Pte J. Morrison (DNE could be 4776 M.J. Morrison); 263 Pte Charles Frederick Saalfeld; 325 Pte H. Witton; 239 Pte G. F. Power; 172 Pte O. J. Malone; Pte J. McCracken (DNE); 72 Pte Edgar Walter Chambers (on Nominal Roll); Pte N. Green (DNE); 238 Pte Theodore Silvester Poulson; 125 Pte G. W. Hammond; 2354 Pte T. Miller.

Sixth row: 164 Pte O. Lewis; 242 Pte A. N. Peirson; 241 Pte J. T. Peirson; Pte M. Balken (DNE); 89 & 5191 Pte M. Conway; 42 Pte J. Baker; Pte R. Dewar Junior (DNE) ; 5832 Pte W. S. Skues; Pte P. Murphy (DNE); 99 Pte C. Duke; 316 Pte A. R. Wells; 369 Pte W. H. Waters; 154 Pte J. Kay; Pte H. P. Sheppard (DNE); Pte C. Gates (DNE); Pte O. Parmer (could be [233 O. Palmer DOS](#)); Pte J. Kelly (could be 158 J.H. Kelly); Pte S. Munn (could be [198 T. Munn DOW](#)); Pte G. Halloran (DNE).

Fifth row: Pte W. Cunningham (DNE); 296 Pte Alexander Simpson Taylor; Pte R. McLean (DNE); Pte H. Allen (DNE); 138 Pte J. Hogan; 46 Pte James Berriman; Pte J. D. Parker (could be 229 J.G. Parker); Pte M. J. Stores (DNE); 232 Pte C. H. Parmeter; Pte P. Chambers (DNE); 127 Pte W. A. Harvey; 350 Pte J. C. Harris; 58 Pte D. J. Byrne; 1372 Pte H. C. Melville; Pte Selwin (? 270 Pte Robert Harold Selwyn).

Fourth row: 265 Pte Hartley Rennolds Sandow; Pte F. A. Weekes (DNE); Pte H. Bowan (DNE); Pte ? W. B. Cassidey (DNE); 86 Pte J. Carns; 76 Pte H. Chapman; 246 Pte J. L. Quinlan; Pte George A. B. Clements (DNE); 162 Pte J. D. Law; 281 Pte J. P. Smith; 256 Pte Henry Ruddy; unidentified; 323 or 1205 Pte H. Wilson; [163 Pte J. C. Lenehan DOW](#); 302 Pte J. Tindall; 293 Pte C. Sutherland (DNE); 70 Pte Robert John Cawthorn.

Third row: 283 Pte A. Souter; 264 Pte J. Savage; 177 Pte C. A. Marshall; 300 Pte J. Thorne; Pte J. McMasters (DNE); Pte J. M. Saxton (could be [261 J.W. Saxton, KIA](#)); Pte H. Graham (DNE); 69 Pte R. Craig; 311 Pte A. J. Walter; 250 Pte Albert Alfred Robinson; Pte J. Shea (DNE); Pte W. Dewhurst (DNE); Pte D. Humphries (DNE); 78 Pte Frederick Ernest Christianson; Pte H. Dooley (DNE); Pte J. A. ? Transey (DNE); Pte J. McAndrews (DNE).

Second row: Lance Corporal (L Cpl) Widgey (DNE); Corporal (Cpl) ? McClure (could be 637 J. McClure); ?Corp ?Clisby (DNE); Sergeant (Sgt) Ryan (could be 260 J. Ryan or 690 P. Ryan); Sgt Davies (could be 92 A.C.W. Davies or 8 H.N. Davies); [476 Sgt Anderson KIA](#); Lieutenant (Lt) Frederick George Phippard; [Lt L. J. Coulter KIA](#); Lt E. N. Mulligan, Officer Commanding; [Lt W. P. Avery KIA](#); 160 Sgt W. E. King; [197 Sgt Mundy Drowned](#) (?386 Sgt Arnott Victor Moody); 213 Sgt McKenna; 53 Sgt George Breakwell; 332 Cpl Young; 196 L Cpl Mulchinaugh.

Front row: 55 Pte J. Brown; 130 Cpl William Harding; C. J. Grant, cook (DNE); 188 Sgt Mitchell; 106 L Cpl Fitzpatrick; 1059 Sgt Kemp (beside drum); Cpl Adams (with bagpipes) (could be 36 F.G. Adams or 472 J. McP. Adams); Cpl Crossby (?79 Cpl Daniel James Crosby); Cpl Porter (could be 240 E.J. Porter or 1129 H. Porter); Cpl Strange (DNE); 251 (254?) Cpl John William Rodgers.

Note there is a crack in the glass plate making it difficult to identify the names.

Information added by us: some Service numbers / (DNE) = Did Not Embark with Mining Corps / [Blue](#) = died in service

**PARADE IN THE DOMAIN
INSPIRING SCENE**



THE AUSTRALIAN MINING CORPS.

The inspection of troops held by the District Commandant in the Outer Domain on Saturday afternoon was of more than usual interest, for it was Sydney's public and official farewell to the Miners' Battalion, of which so much has been heard. Added interest was lent to the event in fact that the originator of the corps, Lieutenant J. Thomson, of Western Australia, was present at that saluting base to see the realization of his suggestions.

Long before the advertised hour of the inspection - 4.15 - a large crowd of relations and friends of the departing battalion lined the four sides of the parade ground, the saluting base being at the harbour end. Inspectors Nolan and Barry had a force of 60 police : while Sergeant-Major Harber, of the Garrison Military Police, was present with a hundred of his men to keep the crowds within bounds.

The scene was an inspiring one. On the extreme right flank, facing the saluting base, were companies of the Rifle Club School; next came a detachment of the 4th King's Shropshire Light Infantry, then the bands of the Light Horse, Liverpool Depot, and the Miners', and on the left rank upon rank, the Miners' Battalion. The dull khaki of the hundreds of men exactly matched the stone columns of the Art Gallery, showing through the dull green of the shade trees lining the eastern side of the ground; while the solid tower of St Mary's Cathedral and the graceful outlines of the building were the Registrar-General's Department is now housed made a background only a shade lighter.

On his arrival at the saluting base Colonel Ramaciotti, accompanied by his orderly officer, Lieutenant Brodziak, Major Sadler, general staff officer, Major Warden, of the Engineers, and Lieutenant Donald, of the staff, proceeded to inspect the various units, while the bands played martial airs. At the conclusion of the inspection the Commandant returned to the saluting base, and was joined by a number of distinguished guests. These included M. Chayet, Consul-General for France, Colonel J.A.K. Mackay, C.B., Colonel J.H.A. Lee and Mrs Lee, Colonel Kyndon, Colonel Ahearne, Colonel Spain, Major Warden, Captain Lowther-Crofton, Captain Spain, and Lieutenants F. Smith, of the 13th Battalion, recently wounded, Calder, Withall, Cottee, Woodhouse, and Payne, Mr J.W. Holman (Taxation Commissioner), Mrs and Miss Caro, and many other ladies.

In the march past the Miners' Battalion held pride of place, moving as men whose physique was perfect, whose limbs were supple, and who had a just pride in their regiment. It was remarked on all sides that their faces and arms were as brown as their uniforms; and as they swung past in long lines of easy quick step round after round of applause greeted them. Their commanding officer Colonel Fewtrell, having passed the saluting base, wheeled and joined the group at the saluting base, but when the crowd caught sight of Major (Professor) T. Edgeworth David, marching just behind the last company, a special round of cheering was accorded him.

In their lighter khaki and tropical helmets and those shorts which make so much for freedom of movement came the Shropshires, their bayonets flinging sparks of light and adding a touch of realism which means so much in a military inspection. They moved past as one man, their lines perfect, and their bearing as such delighted the onlookers, and also drew hearty applause.

The Miners' Battalion Band had the regimental mascot, Puncher, a fine bulldog, with them. Puncher took up his stand in front of the band while it played, and a huge mastiff of another unit, took up its position at the head of the next band during the march past. At the conclusion of the inspection the troops on parade marched to the Agricultural Show Grounds, via College, Oxford, Bourke and Fitzroy streets.

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1st Australian Mining Corps Band – France – 1917



from 'Parade in the Domain' article:

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from 'MILITARY TATTOO ...' article:

.... the Institute of Mining Engineers of Melbourne had equipped the battalion with a brass band. ...

The brass band opened the tattoo with an overture, ...
(Sydney Morning Herald - Mon Jan 31, 1916)



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