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H.Q. 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1916.

5th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

RIBEMONT.

Saw General WHITE B.C.G.S. at Corps HEILLY
re work for Company. Sections to work on Billeting
and to increase accommodation. 1 Section DERNACOURT,
1 BUIRE and 2 RIBEMONT.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

LONGVEVAL

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Thursday, 23rd November, 1916.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Friday, 24th November, 1916.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Saturday, 25th November, 1916.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Sunday, 26th November, 1916.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Monday, 27th November, 1916.

5th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

IBEMONT.

Lieut. BASSETT left Company to report to A.I.F.
H.Qrs. London, selected for Flying Corps.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Monday, 27th November, 1916.

7th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

BAZENTIN-LE-
GRAND.

Capt. Webb proceeded on leave Great Britain.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Tuesday, 28th November, 1916.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Tuesday, 28th November, 1916.

7th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

AZENTIN-LE-
GRAND.

Lt. Close, (wounded at POZIERES) returned to
unit.

SAM/EF.

Confidential.

Wednesday, 29th November, 1916.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

See 30th November, 1916.

SAM/EP

Confidential.

Thursday, 30th November, 1916.

6th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

LONGUEVAL.

Construction remainder of Company on drainage
of QUARRY SIDING Locality.

Confidential.

Thursday, 30th November, 1916.

7th Field Coy. Australian Engineers.

The following will be found as appendices to War Diary.

1. Maps of area around BAYONET TRENCH.
2. Operation Order 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. No.57 13th November, 1916 with appendix B showing "Line of evacuation of wounded".
3. 12th Aust. Div. Artillery Group Operation orders No.79 13th November, 1916.
4. Works reports for month.

BATTLE OF THE SOMME.

Coy. Arrived at MONTAUBAN Oct. 30th 1916.
 No.4 Section arrived at BAZENTIN-LE-GRAND. Nov. 5th 1916.
 Coy. less No.4 section arrived at BAZENTIN-LE-GRAND. Nov. 7th 1916.

Sections from BAZENTIN-LE-GRAND camp to Front line.

No.1 Section	departed	Nov. 6th	returned	Nov. 10th.
" 3	"	"	" 10th	" 14th.
" 4	"	"	" 13th	" 17th.
" 2	"	"	" 17th	" 21st.

WORK DONE AT MONTAUBAN CAMP. - S. 26. d. 5. 7. (Longueval)

HUTS. 16 huts retrieved and erected (NissenBow)
BRIDGES. 5 crossings made across trenches for transport.
RAILWAY. 1 Officer 3 sappers supervising railway formation.

DISPOSITION OF COMPANY.

Work in the trenches on the BAUCOURT - L'ABBE-GEUDECOURT front was carried on during the period that 2nd Division were in the line by one section of sappers. Reliefs were arranged to take place about every fourth day.

Surplus transport wagons were parked under Divisional arrangements. Bicycles and Pontoons were parked at No. 3 R.E. Park.

Drivers and sections not in the line were billeted at BAZENTIN-LE-GRAND camp.

Rations were delivered to Company headquarters in above camp, and transported from there to forward billet in TURK LAKE by Pack-horses.

S.O.E. Brigade.....Major Evans D.E.
 O.C. Company to 7th Nov.....Major (Temp.) Webb E.N.
 Officers in charge sections:-

No.1 Section	Lieut Fewtrell,
		F.P.H.
" 2	"2nd/Lieut Christian,
		F.H.
" 3	"2nd/Lieut Harris H.E.
" 4	"2nd/Lieut Fidler J.R.

Major Evans rejoined unit from England on Nov. 6th
 Lieut. Polson was in charge of transport until Nov. 15th when he was detailed for duty as Decauville Tramway Officer at LONGUEVAL.

SAM/L.

Confidential.

Thursday, 30th November 1916.

2nd Australian Divisional Signal Company.

Early in the Month marched to FLERS via AVELOY. Relieved 8th Bde. Headquarters near FLERS.

SAM/CMS.

Confidential,

Friday 1st December 1916.

6th Field Company Australian Engineers.

Circuit Area
SOMME.

Company employed in CIRCUIT AREA. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sections working on DECAUVILLE Railway from QUARRY SIDING to LONGUEVAL CIRCUS, remainder on drainage of QUARRY SIDING, locality and erection of huts.

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

BAZENTIN
S.15.d.2.0.Diary.

See works report as appendix to War

SAM/OMS.

Confidential,

Saturday 2nd December 1916.

6th Field Company Australian Engineers.

CIRCUIT AREA
SOMME.

Company employed in CIRCUIT AREA. 3½ Sections working on DECAUVILLE Railway from QUARRY SIDING to LONGUEVILLE CIRCUS, remainder on drainage of QUARRY SIDING, locality and erection of huts.

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

BAZENTIN.
S.15.d.2.0.

See Works Report as appendix to War Diary.

2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion.

LONGUEVAL.

"B" Company finished Quarry Siding.

Confidential,

Sunday 3rd December 1926.

6th Field Company Australian Engineers.

CIRCUIT AREA.
SOMME.

Company employed in CIRCUIT AREA. $3\frac{1}{2}$
Sections working on DECAUVILLE Railway from
QUARRY SIDING to LONGUEVAL CIRCUIS., remainder
on drainage of QUARRY SIDING locality and
erection of huts.

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

BAZENTING
S.15.d.2.0.

See Works Report as appendix to War
Diary.

SAM/CMS.

Confidential,

Monday 4th December 1916.

6th Field Company Australian Engineers.

CIRCUIT AREA
SOMME.

Company employed in CIRCUIT Area.
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ sections working on DECAUVILLE Railway from
QUARRY SIDING to LONGUEVAL CIRCUS., remainder
of QUARRY SIDING locality and erection of huts.

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

BAZENTIN.
S.L.S.D.S.O. Diary.

See Works Report as appendix to War

SAM/GHS.

Confidential,

Tuesday 5th December 1916.

6th Field Company Australian Engineers.

CIRCUIT AREA
SOMME.

Company employed in CIRCUIT Area. 3½
Sections working on DECAUVILLE Railway from
QUARRY SIDING to LONGUEVAL CIRCUS, remainder on
drainage of QUARRY SIDING locality and erection of
huts.

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

BAZENTIN.

S.15.d.2.O. Diary.

See Works Report as appendix to War

Confidential,

Wednesday 6th December 1916.

6th Field Company Australian Engineers.

CIRCUIT AREA. Company employed in CIRCUIT Area. 3½ sections
SOMME. working on DECAUVILLE Railway from QUARRY SIDING
to LONGUEVAL CIRCUS, remainder on drainage of
QUARRY SIDING locality and erection of huts.

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

BAZENTIN. See Works Report as appendix to War
S.15.d.2.0. Diary.

2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion.

LONGUEVAL. From the beginning of the month "A"
Company have been engaged in tunnelling and
driving shafts (nine in all) north of LONGUEVAL
to FLERS ROAD, loading and carting pit props from
railhead to works, building three strong points,
and 8 strong dugouts in same area. "B" Company
having finished Quarry Siding have been employed
on maintenance of road from BERNAFAY Wood to
Longueval. "C" and "D" Companies repairing
roads to BERNAFAY WOOD to LONGUEVAL CIRCUS,
scraping same, filling shell holes and laying
sleepers.

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

CHIEF
ENGINEER,
1st ANZAC.

DAILY CASUALTY RETURN

17/11

Date 2-12-16

UNIT	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING		SHELL SHOCK		TOTAL
	OFFICERS	O/R	OFFICERS	O/R	OFFICERS	O/R	OFFICERS	O/R	
H Q D E.			nil						
5 th Field Co			nil						
6 th Field Co	—	3	—	8	—		—		11
4 th Field Co			nil						
2 nd Div Signaller			nil						
Total		3		8					11

J. Coghill CAPT & ADJT
for CRE 2nd Aust Div

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CHIEF
ENGINEER,
1st ANZAC.

235/96

2085
3313

7 feet
high
V.C.E. Anzac

Design for culvert using
elephant cups. Here with
path designed portrait by L. Christian
7th Feb 17.



Shewcombe
Holk

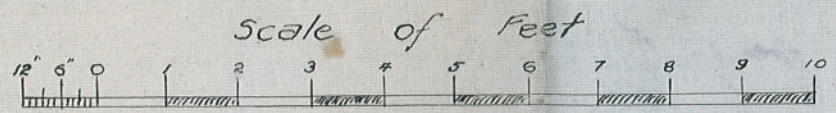
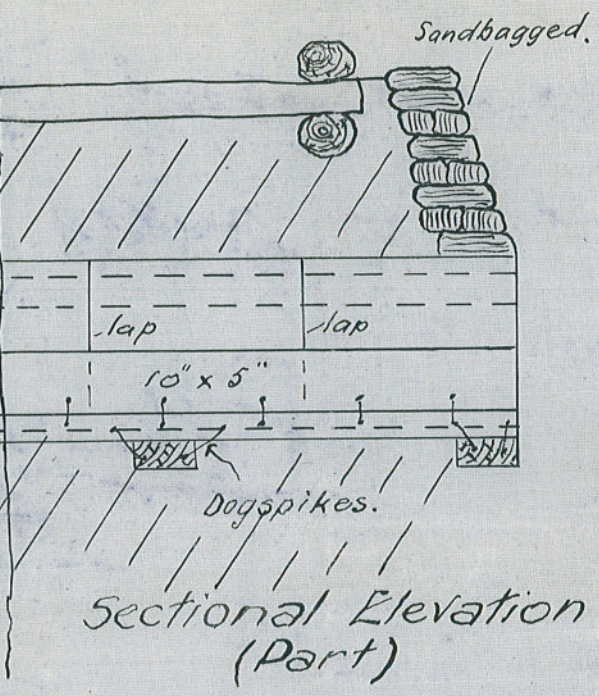
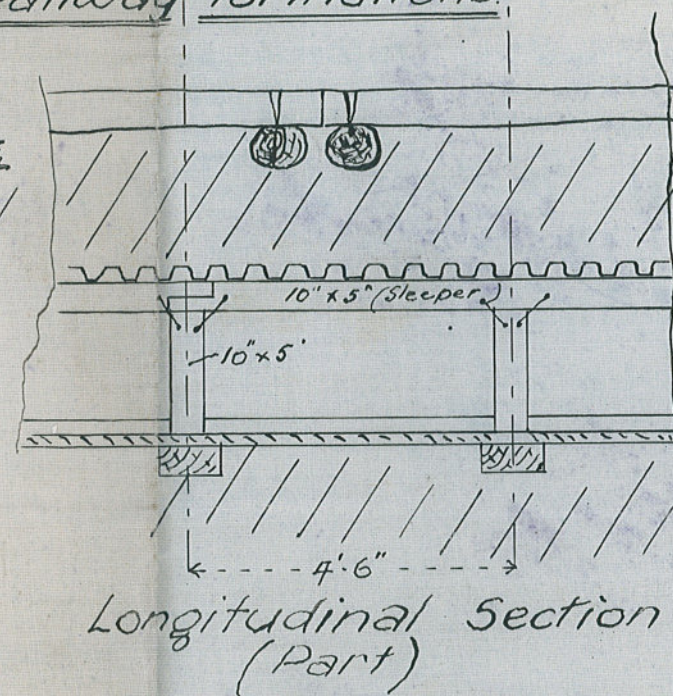
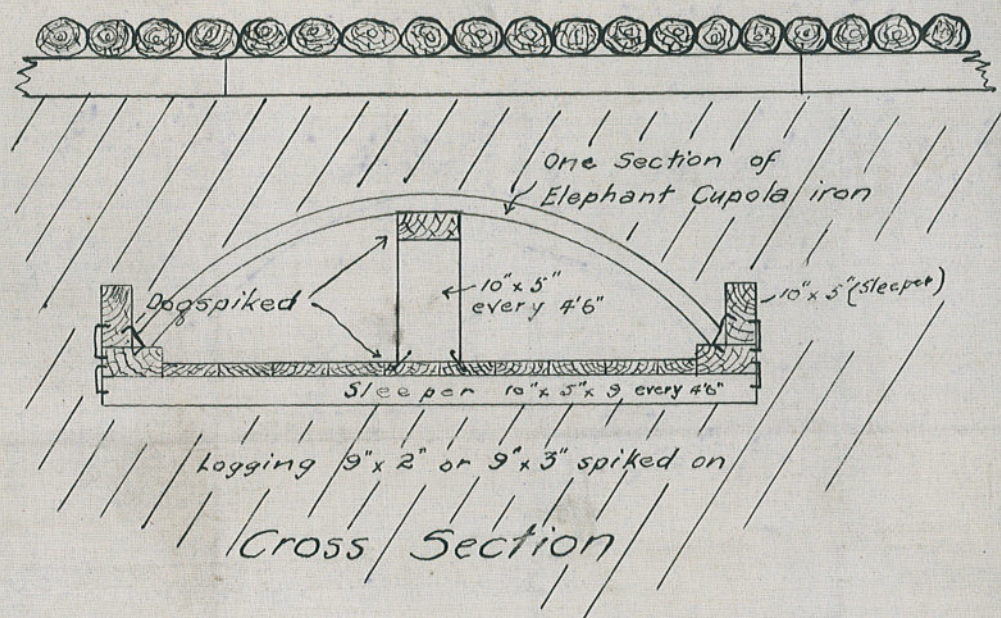
C. & R. Circuit
Design approved, but I noticed
that the culvert being built
N of Quarry siding has not
more than 3" x 4" of metal over
the crown. The plan shows
2'

Agley
30/11/16

82-4121



Design for utilising Elephant Cupola
Sections as Culverts under Roads
and New Railway Formations.



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C.R.E. Circuit,

C.R.E. R.Q.T.

APPENDIX. ~~X~~ 8

C.R.E. Corps Troops.

1st Anzac.

Chief Engineer having directed me to keep the "Property Register" of all new hutting in the Corps Area will you be good enough to furnish me with ^{list} all Nissen and Abancourt huts erected in your area to date 30th November 1916. and weekly afterwards.

The information required is ;

Type of Hut.

Source of supply

Unit (or Camp) for whom erected.

Location Map reference (1/40,000 map)

Location Descriptive

Any hut taken down and reerected elsewhere to be included in the weekly return.

4-12-16.

C. J. Dobbs
Lieut ~~R.Q.T.~~ Col.
C.R.E. Corps Troops.

To 7th Field Co.

Please let me have this list. This will include huts in Compound & in Quarry stone land & ammunition ~~land~~ siding, Demolition & other.

6.12.16.

J. Newcombe
W. H. H. H.
C.R.E. 2nd Aust Div.

H.Q. 5th FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

1st Aust Field Coy. A.E.

RIBEMONT.

22/11/16	11 AM.	Saw Gen White B.G.G.S. at corps. Kelly. re work for company. Sections to work on Billeting & to increase accommodation. 1 section Dernacourt, 1 Buire & 2 Ribemont.
21/11/16	9 AM.	Lt Wilks detailed to 4th Army School Herecourt.
27/11/16	3 AM.	Lt Bassett left company to report to A.I.F. H.Q. London, selected for flying corps.

23-12-16

W.A. Henderson Major.
Staff Engrs.

H.Q. 6th FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

In the field

1st Lt. Fred Lee Coy
A. E.

22.11.16
15
30.11.16

Company transferred to CIRCUIT Area. 3½ Sections employed on DECAUVILLE Railway
Construction. Remainder of Coy. on drainage off QUARRY SIDING Locality.

McHarris Major.
O.C. 6TH FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS A.I.F.

6th. FIELD. COY. ENGINEERS.

CIRCUIT AREA
SOMME

1/12/16
TO
6/12/16

Company employed in CIRCUIT AREA. 3½ Sections working on
DECAUVILLE RAILWAY from QUARRY SIDING to LONGUEVAL CIRCUS
remainder on drainage of QUARRY SIDING. locality & erection
of Huts.

H.Q. 7th FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

1st Aust Field Coy, Engrs

BAZENTIN -
LE-CRAID 15/30/11/16

" 27/11/16
" 28/11/16

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For works etc see appendices.

Capt Webb proceeded on leave Great Britain
Lt Close, (wounded at Pozieres), returned to unit.

The following will be formed as appendices to war diary

1. Maps of area around BAYONET TRENCH
2. Operational Order S. An. Inf Bde No 5, 13 Nov 1916
with appendix B showing "Line of evacuation of wounded".
3. 12 And 1st Artillery Group instruction order 1479 15/11/16
4. Works Reports for 1st and 2nd Majors

Wm. P. Smith

7th Field Coy. Engs.

7th Field Coy. Engs.

Report in Connection with "List of Corps Works under
C.P.E. CIRCUIT.

1. Corps Cage Bernafray.

Interviewed officer in charge Cage in accordance with
IG 150/2/32 1st Anzac Corps.
Barbed wire enclosure has been strengthened to satisfaction of
officer in charge.

2&3. Erection of accommodation for officer in charge cage
and for interrogation of prisoners.

REQUIRED. One Nissen Bow Hut and coal store.

REMARKS. Accommodation for prisoners both officers and men
is to the satisfaction of C.C. Cage.

No 55. Hutting at Quarry Ammunition Siding. Quarry
Ammunition Siding Loading part.

Interviewed Major Waters "Q" representative site selected
selected and Sapper Party started on job, laying out cam-----
No Nissen Bow Huts available.

Native Labor Corps. 2 huts have been completed one hut
partially completed--- hung up due to no C. I being available.

No 7. Sleeper platforms for offloading ammunition
along Longueval Bazentin Road.

Interviewed officer at Artillery H.Q. and the following
map references were given:-

S.10.c.14.40
S.10.c.90.29
S.11.c.15.10
S.17.a.99.92
S.11.d.85.70
S.11.d.50.36
S.11.d.29.85
S.11.d.17.03
S.17.a.69.5
S.10.d.65.13
S.17.a.50.70
S.17.b.94.6
S.17.d.13.71.

These sites will be inspected and report furnished.
It would appear that the number of sites mentioned are more
than intended by ANZAC.

W. H. ...
..... Major A.E.
Commanding 2nd Fld Coy Aust Engrs

AW M 26