

C.R.E.3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

25th February 1917.

NOMINAL ROLL as per Casualty Wire of 25th inst.

UNIT	NO	RANK	NAME	NATURE OF CASUALTY
11th Fld. Coy.	9514	Sapper	COLLINSON, F. G.	Wounded 24.2.17.

G. H. Brooker

Capt. & Adj. for C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.

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NOMINAL ROLL as per Casualty Wire of today

UNIT	NO	RANK	NAME	NATURE OF CASUALTY
10th Field Coy.	10369	Sapper	THOMAS, Ernest Louis Albert	Wounded 27.2.1917.
"	10395	"	LYON, Thomas	Wounded 27.2.1917.

G. H. Brooker

Capt. & Adj. for C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.

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7th March 1917.

NOMINAL ROLL as per Casualty Wire 7.3.1917.

UNIT	NO.	RANK	NAME	NATURE OF CASUALTY
9th Field Coy.	9919	Sap.	McDONALD, Hector Ross,	Wounded 7.3.1917.
"	9965	Sap.	SHANNON, Rowland Maurice	Wounded 6.3.1917.
11th Field Coy.	1596	Sap.	SHARP, A. F.	Wounded 6.3.1917.

J. J. Broken

Capt. & Adj. for C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.

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Q.A. Engineers
9th March 1917.

From C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.
To H.Q.
3rd Australian Division

I have to report that the relief of the 10th Field Coy. by the 505th Field Coy. R.E. was completed at 8 a.m. today.

J. J. Broken

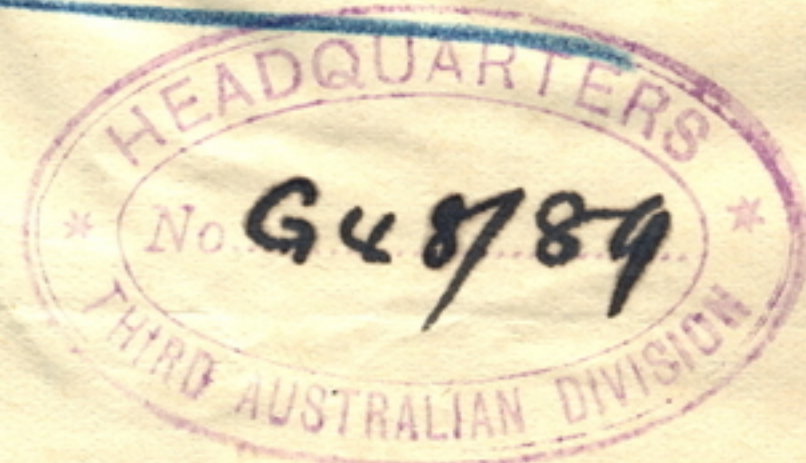
Capt. & Adj. for C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.

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12th. March 1917.

From C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.
To H.Q. (.G.)
3rd Australian Division.



9th Field Coy. have taken over Engineers supervision in
Epinette Section 12.3.1917. from 11th Field Company.

Y. J. Brooker

Capt. & Adj. for C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.

Engineers

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION



14th March

From C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.
To H.Q. (G.)
3rd Australian Division.

in Section from Lue R. N to Sry ves Ar

O.C. 11th. Field Coy has reported that takeover was completed
at 4 p.m. this afternoon.
For your information, please.

Y. J. Brooker

Capt. & Adj. for C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.

gp

Engineers

H.Q. 9th AUST FIELD COMPANY .A.E.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NO. 2.

----- 9th Field Company. -----
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RETURN OF CASUALTIES for 24 hours ended noon, 7th March, 1917.

2 O.R. Wounded.

(Nominal roll attached).

7.3.1917 -
Mc.

Spb
Capt.,
for O. C. 9th Field Coy.,
3rd Austn. Divn.

9th FIELD COMPANY.

BRIDGE DEMOLITION.

GENERAL
NOTES.

Charges for all bridges have been made up and with exception of charges of Bridge K are all suitable for immediate fitting in position.

--Dry primers and detonators are kept in main magazine and detonator house respectively.

Leads fitted with electric detonators have been prepared for all bridges except floating bridges and bridges J, K, and N.

Owing to the large number of charges on most of the bridges, 2 or 3 circuits have to be run necessitating 2 or 3 exploders if the charges are to be exploded simultaneously. If the demolition of the bridges had to be done very quickly there would be great difficulty owing to lack of exploders, only 4 of which are carried by a Field Company.

I would recommend that more exploders be allotted to the Company attending to bridges: these exploders to be kept either in the main magazine or the Company's Billets.

I would also recommend that as soon as the remainder of the bridges have electric leads prepared, preparations be made whereby each bridge could be exploded by means of a safety and instantaneous fuse used in conjunction with junction boxes.

T. Williams

Major.

O. C. 9th Field Company,

3rd Austn. Divn.

27/2/1917.

HMc.

BRIDGE DEMOLITIONS.

DETAIL OF CHARGES.

Bridge B. B.29.b.3.3.

Charge I	6 lb.	VII	6 lb.	Charges placed as per attached tracing.
II	1 lb.	VIII	1 lb.	
III	6 lb.	IX	6 lb.	
IV	6 lb.	X	6 lb.	
V	1 lb.	XI	1 lb.	
VI	6 lb.	XII	6 lb.	

Guncotton 1915 manufacture : Will soon require wetting down.

Leads fitted with electric detonators have been prepared and are kept in detonator house. Charges would be fixed in two circuits, charges I-VI in series on one circuit and charges VII-XII in series on second circuit.

Bridge D. Pont de Nieppe - B.24.c.0.8.

14 charges each 100 lb. guncotton placed in recesses in piers as per attached tracing.

Leads fitted with electric detonators have been prepared and are kept in detonator house. Charges would be fired in two circuits, charges I-VII in series on one circuit and charges VIII-XIV in series on other circuit.

Charges are kept permanently in position.

Bridge G. C.19.c.7.7.

11 charges, at present to be kept in magazine on E side of N end of bridge, but to be fitted as per attached tracing.

Charge I	6 lb.	VII	6 lb.	Guncotton 1915 manu- facture, in good order.
II	6 lb.	VIII	3 lb.	
III	3½ lb.	IX	4 lb.	
IV	4 lb.	X	4 lb.	
V	6 lb.	XI	6 lb.	
VI	2 lb.			

Leads fitted with electric detonators have been prepared and are kept in detonator house. Charges are all connected in series.

Bridge H. Pont Nationale - C.25.a.6.1.

16 charges to be fitted as per attached tracing. All charges kept in magazine on S side of W end of bridge except charges 3 and 14 which are kept in main magazine. Guncotton is 1915 manufacture in good condition.

Charge I	6 lb.	Charge IX	7 lb.
Charge II	8 lb.	Charge X	7 lb.
Charge III	48 lb.	Charge XI	7 lb.
Charge IV	8 lb.	Charge XII	6 lb.
Charge V	6 lb.	Charge XIII	8 lb.
Charge VI	7 lb.	Charge XIV	48 lb.
Charge VII	7 lb.	Charge XV	8 lb.
Charge VIII	7 lb.	Charge XVI	6 lb.

Leads

Leads have been cut for this bridge and electric detonators fitted. Charges will be connected in 3 series, charges I-VIII in one series and charges IX-XVI in other. Leads are kept in detonator house.

Bridge I. Pont de Flandre - C.25.e.9.9.

22 charges, at present in magazine on N side of W end of bridge, to be fitted in as per attached tracing.

All guncotton in good condition, 1915 manufacture. All charges except IV, V, VII, VIII, XV, XVI, XVIII, XIX being in boxes. The charges mentioned are slabs to be stacked together in recesses cut in piers. There is one spare charge of 20 lb. in box in magazine.

Charge I	7 lb.	VII	118 lb.	XIII	7 lb.	XIX	118 lb.
II	9 lb.	VIII	118 lb.	XIV	21 lb.	XX	30 lb.
III	30 lb.	IX	30 lb.	XV	118 lb.	XXI	9 lb.
IV	118 lb.	X	7 lb.	XVI	118 lb.	XXII	7 lb.
V	118 lb.	XI	8 lb.	XVII	24 lb.		
VI	30 lb.	XII	10 lb.	XVIII	118 lb.		

Leads fitted with electric detonators have been prepared and are kept in detonator house. Charges are to be connected in 2 circuits, charges I-XI on one circuit and charges XII-XXII on other circuit.

Bridge J. C.25.d.2.9.

10 charges, at present kept in magazine on W side of N end of bridge, to be fitted as per attached tracing. Guncotton is of 1915 manufacture but is dry and needs wetting down.

Charge I	4 lb.	Charge VI	4 lb.
II	5 lb.	VII	4 lb.
III	12 lb.	VIII	12 lb.
IV	2 lb.	IX	3 lb.
V	5 lb.	X	4 lb.

No leads have yet been prepared for this bridge. Would propose connecting all charges in series.

Bridge K. Pont de l'Abattoir - C.26.a.2.2.

28 charges, at present in magazine S E of bridge, to be fitted as per attached tracing. Guncotton 1914-5-6 manufacture is very dry and nibbled by rats. On this account and as all charges need refitting it is proposed to renew the charges entirely.

Charge I	9 lb.	VIII	1 lb.	XV	3 lb.	XXII	13 lb.
II	2 lb.	IX	3 lb.	XVI	8½ lb.	XXIII	5 lb.
III	3 lb.	X	10 lb.	XVII	2 lb.	XXIV	5 lb.
IV	14 lb.	XI	1½ lb.	XVIII	3 lb.	XXV	22 lb.
V	1½ lb.	XII	3 lb.	XIX	5 lb.	XXVI	5 lb.
VI	3 lb.	XIII	13 lb.	XX	19 lb.	XXVII	13 lb.
VII	11 lb.	XIV	2 lb.	XXI	5 lb.	XXVIII	5 lb.

No leads have yet been prepared for this bridge. Would suggest connecting charges in 3 circuits.
 No. 1 Circuit. Charges 1-9 inclusive.
 No. 2 Circuit. Charges 10-18 inclusive.
 No. 3 Circuit.

Bridge L.

Railway Bridge - C.21.c.1.2.

32 charges fastened permanently in position on bridge and bedded in clay. Some spare 1914 and 1916 guncotton is kept in magazine N of bridge.

Charge I	16 lbs.	IX	4 lb.	XV	32 lb.	XXI	32 lb.
II	32 lbs.	X	4 lb.	XVa	48 lb.	XXII	32 lb.
III	32 lbs.	XI	32 lb.	XVI	32 lb.	XXIII	16 lb.
IV	16 lbs.	XIa	48 lb.	XVII	32 lb.	XXIV	32 lb.
V	32 lbs.	XII	32 lb.	XVIIa	48 lb.	XXV	4 lb.
VI	32 lbs.	XIII	32 lb.	XVIII	32 lb.	XXVI	4 lb.
VII	4 lbs.	XIIIa	48 lb.	XIX	32 lb.	XXVII	4 lb.
VIII	4 lbs.	XIV	32 lb.	XX	16 lb.	XXVIII	4 lb.

Leads fitted with electric detonators have been prepared for the bridge and are kept in detonator house. Charges are connected in 3 circuits, charges I, II, III, IV, V, VI, XI, XIa, XII, XIII, XIIIa, and XIV on one circuit, charges XV, XVa, XVI, XVII, XVIIa, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV on second circuit, and charges VII, VIII, IX, X, XXV, XXVI, XXVII, and XXVIII, on third circuit.

Bridge N.

Houplines Bridge - C.21.d.4.4.

26 charges, at present kept in magazine S W of bridge, fitted as per attached tracing. Guncotton is 1916 manufacture but is dry and needs wetting down.

Charge II	21 lb.	VIII	21 lb.	XV	20 lb.	XXII	20 lb.
III	21 lb.	IX	21 lb.	XVI	6 lb.	XXIII	6 lb.
IV	21 lb.	X	21 lb.	XVII	6 lb.	XXIV	6 lb.
V	21 lb.	XI	21 lb.	XVIII	20 lb.	XXV	20 lb.
VI	21 lb.	XII	21 lb.	XIX	6 lb.	XXVI	6 lb.
VII	21 lb.	XIII	21 lb.	XX	6 lb.	XXVII	6 lb.
				XXI	20 lb.	XXVIII	20 lb.

No leads have yet been prepared for this bridge. Would propose connecting up in 3 circuits.
 No. 1 Circuit : Charges 2, 3, 12, 13, 16, 17, 26, 27, 15, 28.
 No. 2 Circuit : Charges 4, 5, 10, 11, 18, 25.
 No. 3 Circuit : Charges 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Bridge P.

C.19.c.8.4.

6 charges, at present kept in magazine on E side of N end of bridge. Charges in good order and to be fitted as per attached tracing.

Charge 1	8 lb.
II	8 lb.
III	15 lb.
IV	15 lb.
V	8 lb.
VI	8 lb.

BARREL-PIER BRIDGES.

Bridge C.

B.23.d.6.0.

This is composed of 6 piers spaced 16' centres : each pier has 30 barrels of approximately 400 lbs. safe buoyancy each.

The baulks are 9" x 3" and the decking 9" x 2".

The bridge is short of 1 baulk 14' long; also 30 chesses are required for decking of shore bays.

Bridge is moored along E bank of river.

Bridge E.

B.18.c.7.3.

This is composed of 6 piers spaced 16' centres : each pier has 27 baulks of approximately 500 lbs. safe buoyancy each. The baulks are 9" x 3" and decking 9" x 2".

The bridge is short of 2 baulks 19' long; also 44 chesses are required for decking of shore bays.

Bridge is moored along W. bank of river.

Bridge F.

B.18.c.9.8.

This is composed of 4 piers spaced 16' centres : each pier has 27 baulks, each approximately 500 lbs. safe buoyancy. The baulks are 9" x 3" and decking 9" x 2".

12 chesses are required to complete shore bays.

Bridge is moored along W bank of river.

PONTOON BRIDGES.

Bridge M.

C.21.c.8.1.

Consists of 4 pontoons bipartite, i.e. 5 bays.

Bridge is complete and is used for traffic.

Anchor ropes are in fair condition.

Bridge Q.

C.26.a.3.4.

Consists of 4 pontoons bipartite, i.e. 5 bays.

Bridge is complete and is used for traffic.

Anchor ropes have just been renewed and are in good condition.

MAGAZINES FOR BRIDGE CHARGES.

MAIN MAGAZINE - C.19.c.85.15.

This is built of small English cupolas inside Large Elephant Cupolas and sandbagged over with a burster layer of bricks. Explosives are on wooden floor.

Magazine contains:-

Charges 3 and 14 of H bridge, Pont Nationale.
360 Primers dry, 1 oz. Mark I.
7 boxes wet guncotton, each containing 16 slabs.
1 box " " containing 91 slabs.
1 box " " " 30 "

Fuse instantaneous 800 yards.

Fuse safety 72 fathoms.

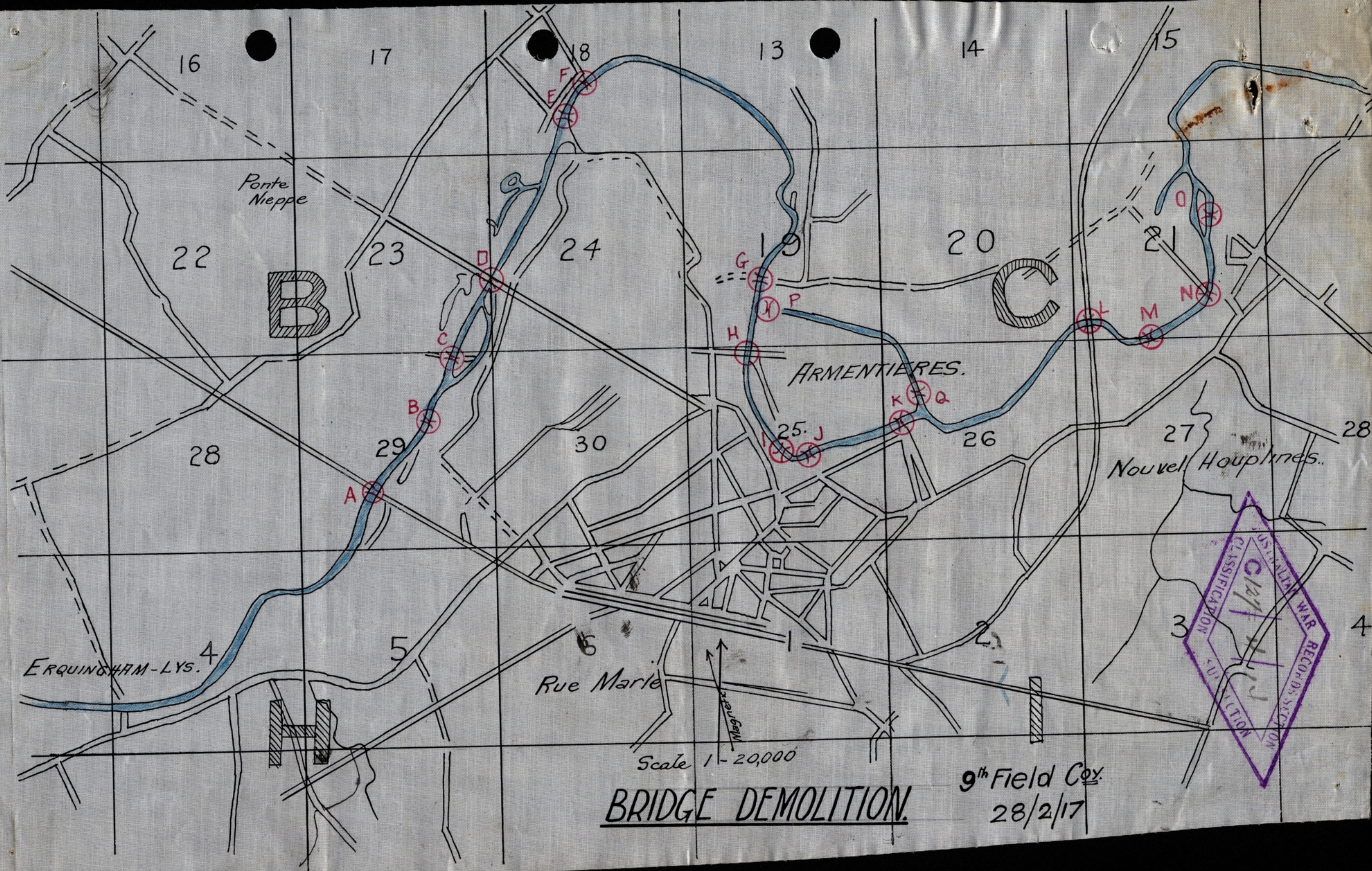
DETONATOR HOUSE - C.19.c.87.12.

This is built of small English Cupolas, sandbagged over and is provided with wooden floor.

Magazine contains:-

Boxes of leads for bridges B,D,G,H,I,L,P,
Detonators electric Mark III and IV (not including those attached to leads) 112.
Detonators No.8, Mark VII 225.
Detonators No.8, Commercial 60.
Grenade detonators with fuse 156.

Magazines situated at individual bridges consist of dug-outs with small English Cupola, roof well sandbagged over. Explosives rest on wooden floor. Charges in these magazines are all made up in wooden frames ready to be fastened to bridge. Charge is numbered with same number as is portion of bridge to which it is to be attached.



BRIDGE DEMOLITION.

9th Field Coy.
28/2/17

Scale 1 - 20,000

Magnetic

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SUBJECT

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

----- 9th Field Company -----
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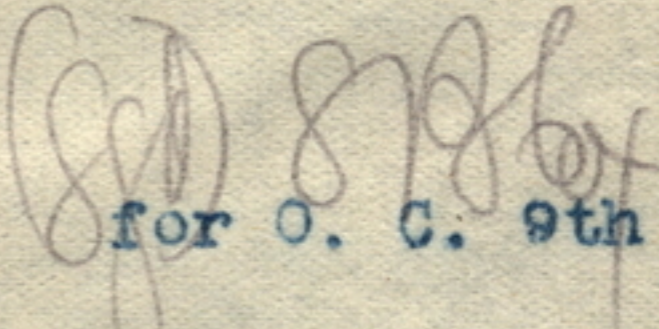
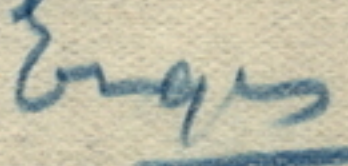
9th
 FIELD COMPANY.
 No. 7/7/17
 Date 7/7/17

Water Supply.

Wells.

<u>Well No.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Supply.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	C.16.d.9.6	-	Partly constructed but now abandoned.
2.	C.22.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.5	1,800 gallons per day	
3.	C.22.a.5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$		
4.	C.23.a.8.7		Not suitable for drinking purposes.
5.	C.28.b.7. $\frac{1}{2}$	1,200 gallons per day.	
6.	C.28.d.9.1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,400 -do-	
7.	C.22.d.8 $\frac{3}{4}$.2	400 -do-	
8.	C.23.a.12.65		

27.2.1917.


 Capt.,
 for O. C. 9th Field Co.,
3rd Austn. Divn. 

2/3/17

To OC
9th F.C. Coy
Well Reports.

(1) C 28d 70, 90. This well is in good repair provided with pump & 2 tanks each for drinking & washing water. No. of scoops required not stated.

(2) C 28d 90, 65 - cannot trace

(3) C 28d 85, 15. Well in good repair provided with pump. Washing & cooking water only, no drinking water. No tanks provided. Approach to well exposed

(A) I 5a 40, 80. - No trace of this well to be seen in Gap H - probably well is in 11th Bde area.

L. J. Burgess
Lieut

3 SW bags

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. *Engineers*

----- 9th Field Company. -----

9TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY.
No. *9E42/26*
Date.....

SUMMARY OF INFANTRY WORKING PARTIES FOR WEEK ENDED 2.3.1917.

Date. 1917.	Batt.	Requisitioned.		Reported.		Pioneers.		Total.		Remarks.
		a.m.	p.m.	Engrs. a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Feb. 24	C	155	X	69	X	99	X	168	X	Change over.
	D	150	X	108	X	10	X	118	X	
25	C	X	55	X	26	X	35	X	61	Night of enterprise
	D	X	60	X	54	X	X	X	54	
26	C	155	55	60	0	83	0	143	0	Night of enterprise
	D	150	60	138	0	10	0	148	0	
27	C	155	55	60	10	89	Nil	149	10	Night of enterprise
	D	150	60	131	61	10	-	141	61	
28	C	155	55	60	15	80	36	140	51	Night of enterprise
	D	150	60	136	44	10	-	146	44	
Mar 1	C	310	110	111	19	184	32	295	51	Night of enterprise
	D	300	120	219	106	17	-	236	106	
2	C	155	55	60	Nil	95	15	155	15	Night of enterprise
	D	150	60	70	50	17	-	87	50	
		2135	805	1222	385	704	118	1916	503	

3.3.1917.
Mc.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

3rd March, 1917.



From O. C. 9th Field Coy.,

To Lieut. Harding.

With reference to the Working Party of 1 Serjeant and 20 men to be provided from "D" Battalion for Erquinghem Dump, please note that the motor bus can pick up these men on the 5th instant at the Five Ways, Rue Nationale, C.25.c0.9 at 7.45 a.m.

3.3.17 -

(S) L. J. Burgess.
O. C. 9th Field Coy.

3rd Australian Division

TO C.E. II ANZAC

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SECRET

NO. OF REPORT

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 9/3/1917.

LEFT SECTOR.

OBSERVATION STATIONS.

C. J. W.

NO	NAME	LOCATIONS	NATURE OF WORK	% COMPLETE	PROGRESS
1	Chimney	C 21 b 45 20	Does not appear to be used. In destroyed houses and cannot be used.		
2		C 21 d 65 20			
3	Nectarine	C 27 b 45 65		Complete	Alternative O.P.
4	Cherry House	C 27 a 3 7		"	
5	Strawberry Studio	C 26 b 35 25			
6	Brighton	I 9 a 95 50			
7	Brentwood	C 26 d 35 95			
8	London Tower	I 2 b 05 85			Alternative O.P.
9	Taihape	C 27 a 4 7		Complete	
10	Paikakariki	C 21 b 65 20		"	
11	Erewhon	C 27 b 55 95		"	
12	Otaki	C 27 a 95 90		"	
13	Pansey Dell	C 21 d 95 55		"	
14	Hobby Bank	C 27 b 75 50		"	
15	Lellant	I 8 b 3 6			
16		C 23 a 0 6			
17		C 19 d 1 2	Chimney - not used as an O.P. at present		
18	The Bluff	C 26 a 30 ²⁵ 15 ¹⁰			
19	Edinburgh Castle	C 26 d 4 5			
20	Cherry Blossom	C 27 c 05 45			

F. W. Evans

Capt. & Adj. for C.R.E.
LEFT SECTOR.

H.Q. 10th AUST FIELD COMPANY. A. E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">1/2 Chapelle-de-Armentieres</p>	<p>24.2.17 16</p>		<p><u>Cowgate Locality</u> Filling sandbags in preparation for repairs to parapet.</p>	
	<p>28.2-17</p>		<p>Repairs to revetting wiring behind Winedale Gap. <u>Lille Rd Locality</u> Necessary repairs effected to firebags. The parapet blown in by shell fire has been restored. Erecting a new sand-bag wall as a blind to Salient Avenue. A drain under duckboard, regraded & duckwalks rebedded when necessary. <u>Chards Farm Locality</u> Parties employed on general maintenance & repair work. <u>1st SUPPORT.</u> Revetting work carried on in Army lane. Ration dump at junction of Wellington Av and Stout Trench completed. Party employed wiring in front of this line between Rue de Bois and Salop Av. Revetting & repairing Paradise Paradise Alley between Wine Avenue & Wondale Rd. Repairing duckwalks to the same locality. Erection of Grenade store in Paradise Alley at I 15 d 19. Completed. Placing A-frames in communication trench between Paradise Alley & Orchard front. Revetting near dugout No 47.</p>	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">La Chapelle-de-Brionne</p>	24-2-17		<p><u>1st SUPPORT</u> <u>Lille Post Line</u> Repairs to duckwalks & revetting in Unley Road. Repairs effected to RAP Unley Rd.</p>	
	38-2-17		<p><u>SUBSIDIARY LINE</u> Good progress made with Battalion HQ near Wellington Avenue, should be completed by 17-3-17. 36 feet of tram line repaired. Fair progress made with revetting dugout on right of line. Extension of RAP near Railway line commenced. Revetting Officers mess between Haipstack Av & Railway line complete. Repairs to dugouts & duck walking on the left.</p> <p><u>AVENUES</u> <u>Park Row</u> Repairs to duckwalks & revetment commenced.</p> <p><u>Willow Avenue</u> Repairs to revetting.</p> <p><u>Cowgate Av.</u> Renewing & rebedding duckwalks between front line & 1st Support. Establishing communications to Strong Point & Avenue near front line. Fair progress made with connecting CHQ dugout N° 54. Effecting communication to VGP N° 7.</p> <p>Constructing Officers latrine at CHQ dugout N° 38.</p> <p><u>Arondale Rd</u> General repairs carried out near front line.</p>	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">La Chapelle-de-Amontieres</p>	24 2 17		<p><u>MAIN COMMUNICATIONS</u> Two platoons C Company Pioneers have been employed in maintaining avenue between SS & switch here.</p>	
	<p>to 25 3 17</p>		<p><u>MAIN DRAIN</u> One platoon Pioneers commenced work on main drain</p> <p><u>TRENCHES FRONTLINE Park Locality</u> One cupola now dugout completed one 80% complete. Felling sandbags for use of maintenance parties at night.</p> <p><u>Willow Locality</u> Repairs to duckwalks & re-establishing communication. Re-entrenching at junction of front line & Willow sw. Two sappers & Infantry party employed on drainage in this locality.</p> <p><u>Rue-de-Bois</u> Renewing & raising duck roads where necessary. Re-establishing communication between firebays.</p> <p><u>Salop Locality</u> Wiring behind Salop gap. Repairs are being effected to trenches covering Salop Gap. Firebays are being made defensible and drainage attended to.</p> <p><u>Wincdale Locality</u> Construction of MG emplacement commenced at I 21 a 2.9. Repairs to parapet. Wiring behind front line.</p> <p><u>Cowgate Locality</u> Construction of parados at dugout N°55. Completed.</p>	

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<p>La chapelle de - Armentieres</p>	<p>24-2-17 to 28-2-17</p>		<p>Leith Walk Re establishing communications & effecting repairs after enemy bombardment</p> <p><u>WATER SUPPLY</u> Pumps & wells have been repaired & kept in good order throughout the area. New pump installed at Well N°13 off Cowgate Avenue. Stand for a 100 gallon tank is being erected. Water is being tested by AMC detail to ascertain the number of scoops of chlorine required to purify same. Notice boards are being prepared with the following particulars:</p> <p>Well No local name, Drinking or Washing, No of Scoops, These will be erected next week.</p> <p><u>GUN PITS.</u> A Battery 175th Allocation to gun pit 90% complete</p> <p>I Battery RHA Construction of gun pit - work near completion</p> <p><u>BACK AREA</u> Ervinghem Bridge Repairs effected to magazine & preparations made for demolition of bridge. Pontoon bridge formed at Laundries H5a & 75 & stores found to be missing. A special list showing list of stores missing was forwarded on the 26th ult.</p>	

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<i>1/8 Chapelle de Armentieres</i> <i>Poe. Marle</i> <i>" "</i>	24-2-17		<p><u>TRANSPORT</u> The Company Transport assisted by Brigade Transport and 3 SS Waggon from the D.A.C. have been employed transporting stores & materials to the forward dumps. In addition material is being carted to the forward area for the use of 2nd Dunnellings.</p>	
	28-2-17		<p><u>GENERAL</u> Small parties are being employed at Brigade Dump making concertina wire entanglements & are also being used as trucking parties conveying material to the forward area.</p> <p>A complete survey of the front line has been made & a plan is being prepared to a scale of 50' to 1" 1/2 Chapelle Section.</p> <p><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> Probers have been employed on mainline & maintenance work between SS & Switch line. Satisfactory progress has been made.</p> <p>20 Periscopes (cylinder shape) were made for special Enterprise.</p> <p>2nd in Command returned from School of Instruction Le Poreq.</p> <p><u>A.O.R.</u> with ^{with 4 support} Infantry Party made a raid on the enemy trenches. Good results obtained. Casualties: 1 O.R. wounded.</p>	
	27-2-17			

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RUE MARLE	1-3-17	To 3-17	<p><u>FRONT LINE</u> In Park locality two Minenwerfer holes bridged. One cupola non. dugout completed. Other cupola dugouts repaired. Working parties have been employed at night in the erection of a single Apron fence behind A+B Gaps & knife rests placed in position behind Apron fence. Owing to such small working parties being made available on account of change over only work of important nature was carried out on the remainder of the Front line.</p> <p><u>1st SUPPORT LINE</u> Parado erected behind two concrete dugout right of Knight's Bridge and Burnt Farm. Repairs effected to dugouts nos 4 & 5 between Knight's Bridge & Burnt Farm. Concreting dugout no 21 80% complete. Repairs effected to dugouts between Rue de Bois & Salop Avenue.</p> <p><u>2nd SUPPORT LINE</u> Placing A frames in position in communication trench between Paradise Alley & behind Front. Revetting & laying new duckwalks in Paradise Alley</p>	
1 st Chapelle de Armentieres Section				
Bois - Grenier Sector.				

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La Chapelle de Armentieres Bois Grenier Sector	3-17		<p><u>WATER SUPPLY</u> Pumps & wells have been kept in good order throughout the area. Stand for 100 gallon tank completed. A pump has been erected at junction of runnery lane & Leith Walk with a 1" suction pipe leading from Charles Farm Well, which is in view of the enemy.</p>	
Rue Marle Bois Grenier Sector	3-17		<p><u>BACK AREA</u> Preparations made for the demolition of the following: Bridge at Erquinghem H 4 c 15. Bridge at Armentieres Rd at Erquinghem H 4 d 3. 85. A special repair platoon Company vacated billets at Rue Marle. Moved off at 9 am for billets previously occupied by Unit at Nos H 4, H 6, & 5, Rue de Flandre. 27 Drivers & 49 animals remain billeted at B 29 b 15 55. Pont de Nieppe. The remainder with transport are billeted with main body.</p>	
L'Epinetelle Sector	3-17		<p>Sappers from Sections 1 & 3 commenced night working in front of subsidiary line L'Epinetelle Section. Working parties were arranged by OC 9th S/L Engineers from 9th Brigade. The work was carried out by two reliefs.</p>	

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<p>la Chapelle de Armentieres BOIS GRENIER SECTOR</p>	<p>3 17 to 8 3 17</p>		<p><u>2nd SUPPORT LINE</u> New concrete dugouts commenced at I 16 a 7.6. & I 16 c 0.85 Mining in front of line behind Chard's Farm locality 75% complete <u>SUBSIDIARY LINE</u> Constructing Battalion H.Q. at I 9 c 2.2. Mining between Cowgate Avenue & Rue Avenue up to time of change over. Good progress made with additions to RAP between Wellington Avenue & Railway line. Working parties averaging 40 men per day have been employed in sandbagging-existing dugouts, relaying duckwalks & repairing same. A commencement was made on small English shells. Extension to advanced Brigade H.Q. now complete. <u>AVENUES</u> Rue de Bois 350 yards of apron fence erected between Queen Street & 1st Support line 70% complete. 300 yards of trench mine placed in position 90% complete. <u>Cowgate Av</u> Renew duckwalk in Stone Point off Cowgate Av near front line. Establishing communication to V.G.P. I 15 B. 4.5 Parties employed mining <u>Arondale Rd</u> Mining <u>Leith Walk</u> Reestablishing communication & drainage</p>	

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RUEMARLE	6-3-17		RR Admitted to Hospital sick.	
Bois-Grenier Sector	7-3-17		<p><u>BRIDGES & DEMOLITIONS</u> Reference map - Junction map sheet 36, N.VV. <u>Temporary Bridges.</u> Provision is made for Pontoon bridges being floated at H.4.c.2.4. and H.5.a.3.8, Nos 2 & 5. A special report has been made as to the Equipment for Superstructure of 2 bays having been removed from pontoon stores at H.4.c.2.4. The Superstructure for the remaining 3 bays & 2 pontoons have been supplied by the 10th Field Company. There are certain stores missing from pontoon stores at H.5.a.3.8 but they are not indispensable to the making of a bridge. These stores have been set out in detail in special report above referred to.</p>	
Bois-Grenier Sector.			<p><u>DEMOLITIONS</u> Erquinghem Bridge H.4.c.1.5. This bridge has been prepared for demolition by cutting it in two places as shown in sketch, A. There are 12 charges altogether totally 292 slabs of gun cotton and provision is made for both electric & fuse Detonation. <i>BN</i></p>	

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BOIS-GRENIER IER SECTOR	3-17		<p><u>CULVERT on road between ARMENTIERES & ERQUINGHEM</u> at H.S.C. 0.75 Two charges of 57 slab G.C. each are prepared and would be placed as shown in sketch B.</p> <p>There are 20 boxes of gun cotton kept in magazine close by - the primers, detonators, electric safety, & instantaneous fuse, being kept at Erquinghem Bridge.</p>	
RUEMARIE	3-17		<p><u>ERQUINGHEM CHURCH</u> at H^{td} 3.9. Provision is made to demolish the tower of this church 36 feet from the ground level. 800 slabs of gun cotton are kept in bins in the tower and it is proposed to lay the charge in one continuous layer with four detonators as shown in sketch C.</p>	
La Chapelle de Armentieres Bois-Grenier Sector	3-17		<p>Officers of the 505th Field Coy RE in company with Section officers of 10th F.C.E. inspected La Chapelle d'Armentieres section Bois Grenier sector. Paper handed over to 505th Field Coy RE.</p> <p>Change over with incoming unit (505th F.C. RE) complete at 8 am</p>	

H.Q. 10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY .A.E.

Armentieres 11-3-17

N^o 9 Section Gun Pits . N^o 21 Section Bridges (taken over on 11-3-17)
1. NCO from each section was detailed to assist 505th Field Coy RE
in La Chapelle d'Armentieres section.

Armentieres 14-3-17

Instructions received from CRE to prepare for hasty demolition,
Chimneys likely to be used as OP's. Rail head, Corps
Dump and Divisional Sawmills in the Armentieres area.

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| " | 25 th | B All transport except fuel & water carts removed from Armentieres to
standings at G 6 a 10.98
10R wounded and to hospital | and being
then brought |
| " | 26 th | B 10R from Hospital | |
| " | 27 th | B Dugouts in WILLOW WALK damaged by enemy artillery 20R to hospital | |
| " | 28 th | B Battalions in line relieved. | |

D. Donaldson Taylor
cc/1 for Dudley Engro
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ARMENTIERES	March 1917			
"	1 st B		2 OR from Hospital	
"	2 nd B		2 OR transferred from 41 st Battalion 10R to Hospital	
"	3 rd B		1 OR from Hospital	
"	4 th B		Started work on position for Machine Gun (N°6) and shelter for crew at I 4 a 3.3.	Weekly Report
"	5 th B		2 Officers (Lieut Matters SW and 2 nd Lieut Thomas WH) ^{visit to Heavy Bridging School at Aire} 10R from Hospital 1 OR to hospital	in diary for this month
"	6 th B		Battalions in line relieved. Laid out positions for a total of 16,000 yards ^(apron fence pattern) wire entanglement between Support and Subsidiary Lines Commenced wiring on Right Battalion area. 10R from hospital	Sketch of entanglement
"	7 th B		1 OR wounded and to hospital Wiring commenced on Left Battalion area. 10R to hospital.	in diary for this month
"	8 th B		2 Officers returned to duty. (Lieut Matters SW and 2 nd Lieut Thomas WH.) Major Donaldson visited 1 st New Zealand Field Company at Doudou Farm & Lieut Norton inspected trenches north of River LYS preparatory to taking over from 1 st N.Z. Field Coy.	

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ARMENTIERES	March 1917			
"	9 th	B	Two officers + 2 N.C.O's inspected trenches North of River LYS	
"	10 th	B	Handed over Engineer Work of L'EPINETTE SECTION, Control of dumps, plans etc to 9 th Field Coy. IOR to Hospital	Weekly Report in diary for this month
"	11 th	B		
"	12 th	B	IOR to Hospital	
"	13 th	B	1 man sent to each of MOTOR CAR CORNER, GUNNERS FARM, INVERNESS and DUFOR'S DUMPS as storeman to take over from N.Z. Division	
PONT DE NIEPPE	14 th	B	Company vacated billets in ARMENTIERES and CROIX DE BAC ^(Transport Billet) and removed to STUFF CAMP - PONT DE NIEPPE 36.B.23.a. Central. Took over Field	Company Operation Orders No 3.
"	15 th	B	Company work of LE TOUQUET Section from New Zealand R.E (from River LYS & ST YVES) IOR to Hospital	

Donaldson
Major

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
11th Field Company, Engineers.

CASUALTY REPORT: To noon 25th February, 1917.

Wounded: 1 O.R.

<u>Reg.No.</u>	<u>Rank and Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars:</u>
9514,	Sapper F.G. COLLINSON	24/2/17	Penetrating bullet wounds in buttock.

25/2/17

Captn.
for O.C. 11th Field Co. Engineers.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
11th Field Company, Engineers.

CASUALTY RETURN.
Noon 6/3/17 to Noon 7/3/17.

WOUNDED: 1 O.R.

1596,	Sapper SHARP A. F.	G.S.W. right arm, 6/3/17.
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Captn.
for O.C. 11th Field Co., Engineers.

PRECIS OF ENGINEERING REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING 25/2/17.

1. GENERAL. Conditions due to the thaw have caused parapets to subside in several places.
2. FRONT LINE. Wiring in front of Parapet has been resumed and wiring in rear continued. Localities have been maintained in repair. Supervision trench No. 7 Locality 75% complete.
3. COMMUNICATIONS. (F.L. to S.L.). All have been maintained except AUCKLAND AVENUE which has been badly damaged by enemy fire and weather conditions.
4. SUPPORT LINE. Trench to M.G. position near PETIT PORTE EGAL FARM complete. Reclamation of fire bays continued.
5. COMMUNICATIONS (S.L. to Sub. Line). Have needed careful attention by Pioneer gang. Westralia Walk 95% complete and now passable.
6. SUB LINE. Sixty-two steel shelters (3 man) now complete. Thirty under construction. Revetting of traffic trenches near BYRNES BOULEVARD 75% complete.
7. DRAINAGE. All main drains have been maintained.
8. DUG OUTS etc. Ammunition store at Square Farm completed and in use. Company Headquarters of Right Battalion fitted with gas proof curtains. Five bomb proof shelters for M.G. crews commenced inside XIX in Sub. Line.
9. BATTERIES. A great amount of concrete work has been carried out in connection with all Batteries.
10. TRENCH MORTARS. Two positions for M.T.M.'s under repair. Two emplacements for Stokes Guns under way. Ammunition Store for L.T.M.'s in JAPAN ROAD is 95% complete.
11. CAMOUFLAGE. Several camouflage screens have been erected on new gun positions. Trench screen at I 4 b 43 is complete.

(Sgd) R.J. Donaldson,
Major.

Type under date 25/26 Feb

WATER SUPPLY - CENTRE SECTOR.

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Well No.	Location	Drinking or Washing.	Scoops re-quired	Pump in-stld.	No. of tanks	Approx. No. of gallons used per day	Remarks.
✓ 12	I 5, c.00.45	D	3	Yes	2 100	100	1 tank to be replaced. ✓
✓ 13	N - - N O T - - - - -						KNOWN - - - - -
✓ 14	I 10 b.60.40	✓ D	1	Yes	2 100	200	{ Pump repaired tank repaired
X 15	I 11 c. 1. 9	-					WATER - - - CONDEMNED - - -
✓ 16	I 10 d.48.53	D	1	Yes	1 100	50	Pump under repair.
✓ 17	I 10, d.40.50	D	1	Yes	No tank	50	✓ Tank Pump to be installed ✓
X G	I 10, d.25.35	D	1	Yes	2 100	50	X Pump " " "
✓ 17A	I 10 d.20.30	DxW.	1	Yes	1 200	100	Pump repaired
✓ 18	I 16 a.98.80	D	1	Yes	2 100	200	Good supply
✓ 23	(BUTERNE FARM) (C 28, c.6. 2)	D?	2	Yes	2 100	200	No Pump repaired Some Damaged.
✓ 24	(DISTILLERY) (C 28 c 40.00)	D	2	Yes	2 100	200	Pump under repair
✓ 25	I 4, b.2.9.	D	2	Yes	2 100	200	Limited supply
✓ 26	I 4, b.3.4.	D?	2	Yes	2 100	200	Supply limited
✓ 27	I 4, c.8.5.	Doubt-ful	3	Yes	1 200	-	Good supply ✓
✓ 28	I 9, a.95.45	D	1	Yes	Under-ground	200	Pump repaired
	I 3, d.8.8.	D	2	Yes		30	no pump Tank & Supp no Tanks
	I 3, d.5.5.	Cooking	2	Yes		50	{ Good supply Pump repaired
	I 3, d.4.0.	D.	1	Yes		100	Pump installed Tank to be "
	I 4, b.9.6.	W.	-	-	Under-ground	-	Supply limited. ✓

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(Sgd.) S. W. MATTERS: Lieut.
11th Field Company, Engineers.

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3 DW Tanks

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LEFT SECTOR.11th Infantry Brigade:3rd March, 1917.Weekly Report by 11th Field Coy.1. GENERAL.

Thaw conditions continued causing settlement of parapets, etc. Enemy artillery fire damaged several points during minor enterprise of 26/2/17.

2. FRONT LINE:

Right Battalion: Wiring in front vigorously proceeded. Localities maintained, and repairs to gaps commenced.

Left Battalion: Wiring in front and behind has been proceeded with. New supervision trench behind No.7 Locality 90% complete, and open for traffic. Gaps in fair order, work on these parts of line now in hand.

3. COMMUNICATIONS: (Firing Line to Supports).

All have been maintained. AUCKLAND AVENUE, which has been badly damaged has now been drained and repairs put in hand. Shingle traverse in PLANK AVENUE damaged by enemy fire. Repairs put in hand immediately.

4. SUPPORT LINE:

Right Battalion: Communication has been maintained. Enemy's artillery fire caused some damage. Repairs being carried out.

Left Battalion: Provision of lateral communication being pushed on, and good progress made. Repairs to fire bays south of PLANK AVENUE carried out, and work behind Right Company Headquarters. Repair work in S.P.Y. BEING VIGOROUSLY CARRIED OUT.

5. COMMUNICATIONS: (Supports to Subsidiary Line).

Still need careful attention of Pioneer gang: work still proceeding on WESTRALIA WALK which is passable throughout.

6. SUBSIDIARY LINE:

Three-men shelters: 79 complete, 32 under construction. Revetting deep traffic trenches near BYRNES BOULEVARDE, 90% complete.

7. REAR AVENUES.

Maintained in good order.

8. DRAINAGE:

Unrevetted drains have suffered severely from the thaw. All main drains have been maintained: deepening and revetting drain at PORTE EGAL MOAT carried on. Connection with MOAT now through. Still requires deepening, 75% complete. Work on ORCHARD SAP progressing. Drainage down AUCKLAND AVENUE opened.

9. DUGOUTS AND SHELTERS.

Right Battalion Area: Provision of gas proof doors to COMPANY HEADQUARTERS proceeded with. Work on bombproof shelters for machine gun crews in SUBSIDIARY LINE at I 9. c. 9. 8., I 9. b. 20. 05, and I 9, b. 4. 7., progressing satisfactorily, and 10% complete.

Left Battalion Area: Centre Company Headquarters, I 5, a. 5. 1. Work in progress, 70%. Temporary Headquarters shelter, frames in position, 10% complete. Temporary Aid Post at WILLOW WALK damaged by shell fire during minor operations of 26/2/17, repaired.

BUTERNE FARM: Old shelter for Machine Gun C 28, c 9. 2. proceeded with, 80% complete (splinter proof). Bombproof in Farm for Lewis Gun crew C 28. c. 8. 2., commenced. Bombproof shelters for machine gun crews in SUBSIDIARY LINE I 3, d. 5. 0., I 3, d. 7. 6., and I 4, a 6. 5. being pushed on, all about 10%.

10. WELLS:

Continue satisfactory. A report on all wells in Section has been forwarded to C. R. E. at the beginning of the week.

11. MATERIALS:

Supplies, other than wire netting, satisfactory.

12. PLANS:

Survey of details still being carried out.

13. BATTERIES:

25th Battery: The control dugout is well in hand, and is now 30% complete. The ammunition dump is completed. Two gun positions prepared for 27th Battery have been altered and are now occupied by Nos. 5 & 6 guns at I 2, a.9.6. A control station and Officers' dugout is being constructed at the same place and is 20% complete.

26th Battery: New pit for No.6 gun is now complete and occupied. Nos. 1 & 2 pits are being rebuilt as they were almost in a state of collapse. Speaking tubes are being installed in Nos. 3 & 4 pits. Preliminary work for the "ATHENE" O.P. has been completed.

27th Battery: Has moved to the right sector.

107th Howitzer Battery: Work has been concentrated on No. 4 pit and it is now in use, and is 75% complete. Lack of bursters has prevented the completion of the control station.

14. TRENCH MORTARS:Right Battalion Area:

Light T.Ms. Work still proceeding on emplacement for two Stokes guns, I 10, d.6.4., and shelter for crew old ROADTREE AVENUE. Emplacements in Support Line North of CENTRAL AVENUE, one complete, one 60%.

Medium T.Ms. Repairs being continued on two gun positions for 2-in. trench mortars in Front Line. No.1 position, I 10, d.0.2. 40% complete: No.6 position, I 10, b.25.45, 95% complete.

Left Battalion Area:

Light T.Ms. Stokes Ammunition store off JAPAN ROAD, I 5, a.05.85, complete.

Medium T.Ms.: No.10 position, at I 4, d.95.05, shelter begun. No.13, I 5, a.0.8., emplacement complete: shelter 80% complete.

15. CAMOUFLAGE:

Attached is report of Lieut. LAHEY dealing with work carried out under this heading for the period under review.

(Sgd). R. J. Donaldson.

Major,
O.C. 11th Field Co., Engineers.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

REPORT OF "KIDSTAKES" PLATOON FOR WEEK ENDING 2/3/17.

The screen at C 27, b.8.5. was completed.

A screen was erected from C 27, b.7.5. to C 27, b.4.4.

Flash screens were erected at C 19, d.1.9., C 19, b.2.0.,
C 19, b.3.1., C 19, b.4.4., C 19, b.4.6., to hide the
flash from two 60-pounders.

A screen was made and erected at C 27, c.1.6. to hide the
approach to an O.P.

A large camouflage was made and erected over two 60-pounders
in C 19.

In addition a patrol went round repairing screens on the Divisional
front.

(Sgd). R.W.LAHEY.

Lieut.
11th Field Coy., Engineers.

3/3/17.

9. DUGOUTS AND SHELTERS:(Right Battalion Area):

All Company Headquarters except No.1. have had all doors fitted with frames for gas doors.

R.A.P. in HEADQUARTERS WALK has been restarted,

(Left Battalion Area):

CENTRE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS, I 5, a.5.1.

80%. Temporary shelter, 70%. Gas proof doors fitted on all doors to RIGHT and LEFT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS, and BATTALION HEADQUARTERS in FLANK AVENUE. In BUTERNE FARM, splinter proof M.G. shelter, C 26, c.9.2., completed. Bombproof in Farm, C 28, c.8.2., 30%.

Bombproof shelters for M.G. crews in Subsidiary Line, I 3, d.5.0. 50%: I 3, d.7.6., 50%: I 4, a.6.5., 40%: R.A.P. at I 4, a.5.8., 50%

10. WELLS:

Satisfactory, except 17a, the water from which has been condemned.

11. MATERIAL:

Supplies satisfactory, except wire netting.

12. PLANS:

6 copies of new plan of area, 1/2500 have been supplied to Brigade, and 3 copies to C.R.E.

13. TRENCH MORTARS:(Right Battalion Area):

Light T.Ms. Work still proceeding on emplacement for two Stokes Guns, I 10, d.6.4., and shelters for crew OLD ROAD TREE AVENUE Emplacements in Support Line north of CENTRAL AVENUE complete. Shelter for crew started.

Medium T.Ms.

Two Medium Trench Mortar emplacements in Front Line have been repaired.

(Left Battalion).Light T.Ms.Medium Trench Mortars:

No. 10, I 4, d.95.05, 50% complete.
" 13, I 5, a.0.8. 95% "

14. ARTILLERY WORK:

25th Battery: The control dugout is now 50% complete. No. 6 Gun Pit in the detached section is now complete except for the burster roof. The windows in the control dugout have all been sand-bagged up and the windows in the outside wall filled up with the bursters.

26th Battery: No.1 Pit is being rebuilt and is now 70% complete. No.2 Pit is being rebuilt and is 80% complete. The burster roof of No.3 pit has been dismantled and rebuilt.

107th Howitzer Battery: No.5 Pit is now complete except for the side bursters. No.4 Pit has been dismantled and ~~re-erected~~ re-erected on a new line: it is now 70% complete. The window in Brigade O.P. has been filled with bursters.

15. CAMOUFLAGE:

Camouflage Platoon was disbanded on 6/3/17.

(Sgd). R.J. Donaldson.

Major.
O.C., 11th Field Co. Engineers.

11th Infantry Brigade:
10th March, 1917.

Weekly Report by 11th Field Co. Engineers.

1. GENERAL:

Work has been adversely affected by falling-off in numbers of working parties, due to 11th Brigade handing over the line to the 9th Brigade on 8th, 9th, and 10th instant: and to training. Of labour available a proportion has been diverted to wiring in front of Subsidiary Line.

Work by parties from 11th Brigade ceased in area on morning of 10th inst., and control was handed over to 9th Field Company. Work by 11th Field Co., Sappers continues.

Five Officers and a number of N.C.Os. have made preliminary examination of line held by N.Z. Division.

2. FRONT LINE:

(Right Battalion).

Gaps have ^{been} considerably improved and localities maintained.

(Left Battalion):

Very good work has been done during the week on the gaps, which have been placed in a good state of repair.

No. 5 locality has been improved by the construction of new traverses to minimise danger from enfilade. Fire bays have been repaired in No. 6 locality. Generally the front line has been considerably improved during the period.

3. COMMUNICATIONS: (Firing Line to Supports):

Considerable improvement has been effected in AUCKLAND AVENUE and in SECOND HOUSE AVENUE. Remainder maintained in good order.

4. SUPPORT LINE:

(Right Battalion):

Repairs to firebays damaged by enemy artillery have been carried out.

(Left Battalion):

Firebays behind No. 5 locality now in very good order. Good progress has been made on repair work generally. Firebays have been cleaned out behind No. 6 locality and supervision track completed. S.P.Y. has been improved.

5. COMMUNICATIONS: (Supports to Subsidiary Line):

Have been maintained in good order by permanent Pioneer Gangs. WESTRALIA WALK trafficable, and revetting 90% complete. Deepening east end of QUALITY STREET 90% complete. Four overhead traverses in QUALITY ST. under construction.

6. SUBSIDIARY LINE:

Three-men steel shelters, 83 complete, 28 under construction. Improvements near BYRNES BOULEVARDE to Traffic trench complete. Firebays show good progress.

Wiring scheme for M.Gs. started. Of total of 8000 yards of entanglement (two parallel apron fences equal to 16,000 yards apron fence) 40% is complete, except for loose wires: 10% has pickets driven, and material is distributed on the ground for further 35%.

7. REAR AVENUES:

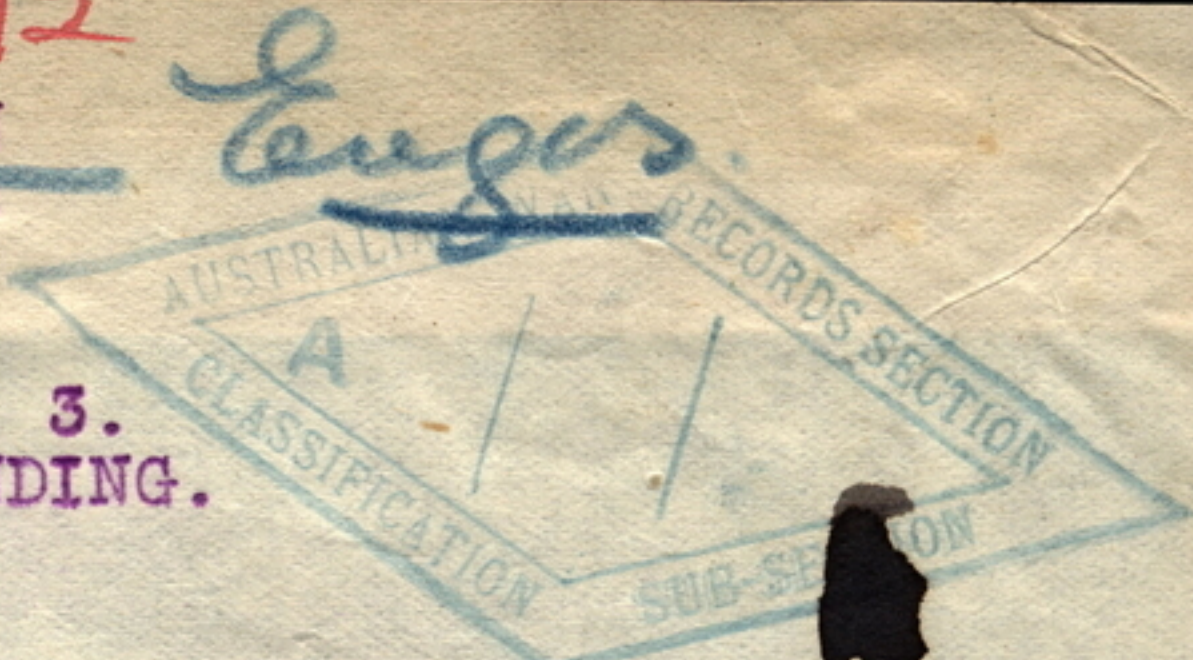
Have been maintained in good order.

8. DRAINAGE:

Drains have been maintained in good order and good progress made with revetting where necessitated by bad ground. PORTE EGAL MAIN DRAIN has already lowered water level in moats at GRANDE PORTE EGAL FARM and can be deepened a further 18 inches.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
11th Field Company, Engineers

COMPANY OPERATION ORDERS, No. 3.
By MAJOR R.J.DONALDSON, COMMANDING.



Sheet 36:

Company Headquarters,
13th March, 1917.

1. The Company will move from billets at C 19, d.O.2. to billets at B 23, a.4.4. as per time table below, on 14th march, 1917:-

2. DRESS:

Full marching order with exception of blankets and gum boots which will be carried on transport.

3. TRANSPORT:

The following transport will be available, and will report as under :-

Nos. 1 & 2 billets, Rue de Flandre, :- Nos. 1 & 2 g.s.limbered wagons for cooks gears and Officers' kits. No. 1 Pontoon wagon for mens blankets, gum boots, etc.

Nos. 3 & 4 billets: No. 3, 4, and H.Q. g.s. limbers for cooks' gear and Officers' kit: trestle wagon for mens' blankets, gum boots, etc. g.s. wagon for headquarters stores, water cart and maltese cart. No. 2 Pontoon wagon will be at disposal of drivers for blankets, cooking gear and forage.

4. FATIGUES:

are detailed as
The following N.C.Os. and men ~~wikxxxxxxx~~ fatigue parties for loading and unloading transport.

Nos. 1 & 2 billets.

L/Cpl. CRAWFORD F.S.	L/Cpl. Hammond A.J.
Sapper Hansen H.B.	Sapper Paine G.T.
" Myhill G.P.	" Stark W.
" Porteous A.M.	" Rogers P.C.
" xxxxxxx Penrose R,	" Krollig H.A.
" Flanagan M.J.	" Stanley M.J.
" East H.B.	" Coker S.H.

Nos. 3 & 4 section billets:

L/Cpl. Graham W.J.	L/Cpl. Stewart A.M.
Sapper Barrie P.H.	Sapper xxx Horne A.
" Lenham H.	" Auld A.L.
" Harrip E.	" L'Estrange T.
" Denton E.K.	" West B.
" McSweeney B.	" King A.G.
" Wegman J.	" Rooke R.J.

Drivers:

Fatigue to be detailed by Sergt. Russel.

2/Cpl. Atkins and Pioneers Rushforth J.H. and Semmler J.A. will remain behind and see that Nos. 1 & 2 billets are cleaned up.

2/Cpl. Gray and Pioneers Doyle J.L. and Doyle D.J. will do the same at Nos. 3 & 4 billets.

~~xxxxxx~~ Blankets, gum boots etc. of these two pioneer fatigues will be carried on the tool carts of their sections, and will be in charge of the tool cart Corporal.

5. TRAFFIC:

In order to avoid blockage of traffic and yard space in billets, transport, when loaded, will take up the following positions :--

Nos. 1 & 2 Billets, in the RUE de MESSINE PROLONGUE facing PONTE NATIONALE in the following order.

No. 1 tool cart	} N. C. O. in charge : Cpl. McGRATH A.A.
" 1 g.s. limber	
" 2 tool cart	
" 2 g.s. limber	
" 1 pontoon	

Nos. 3 & 4 billets, on QUAY de la DERIVATION facing RUE de FLANDRE, in the following order.

No. 3 tool cart	} N.C.O. in charge 2/Cpl. DARNELL T. E.
" 3 g.s. limber	
" 4 tool cart	
" 4 g.s. limber	
H.Q. g.s. limber	
Trestle wagon	
No. 2 pontoon	
Water cart	
Maltese cart	

6. OCCUPATION OF BILLETS:

On arrival at camp men will march to quarters as allotted on accompanying sketch. The fatigue parties will unload wagons which will then be parked. Men will pick up kits, blankets, etc. and occupy huts. N.C.Os. in charge reporting to section sergeants when complete and sergeants reporting to the Orderly Room.

G.S. limbers carrying officers' gear will go round to Officers' billets, rue NATIONALE accompanied by Officers' batmen, before going to camp with cooks' gear.

Squad commanders to detail one orderly per squad as mess orderly for the day. This is to be done previously to marching out.

7. TIME TABLE:

12 noon:	Dinner.
.1 p.m.	Transport will report to various billets.
2 p.m.	Nos. 1 & 2 sections under Lieut. NORTON will move out of billets.
2.30 p.m.	Nos. 3 & 4 sections under Lieut. LAHEY will move out of billets.
2.30 p.m.	Nos. 1 & 2 sections arrive at new billets.
3 p.m.	Nos. 3 & 4 sections arrive at new billets.

8. BICYCLES:

Cyclists of each section will fall in, with their bicycles, with their sections.

John R. Williams

Captain.
for O.C. 11th Field Co. Engineers.

H.Q. 3rd AUST DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY .A.E.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROIX DU BAC	Feb	Sun 25 th	<p>Nothing to record.</p> <p>Result of Linemen's Course at Linesman's School:- Spr Wardrop J.J. Very good; Spr. Ford V.R. Very Good; Spr. Ross T.A. Very Fair.</p>	
		Mon 26	Two 1916 and one 1914 Triumph motor cycle received.	
		Tue 27 th	Raid on enemy by composite Battn. of 10th Bde. in HOUPLINES sector. Extensive scheme of communications prepared. Maintained successfully throughout. Lieut. L.G. Simpson returned from Wireless School.	
		Wed 28 th	Nothing to record.	

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3rd Div Sig Coy

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GRSIX DU SAC	1917 March	1 st Thurs	<u>Nothing to record.</u>	
		2 nd Fri.	<u>Nothing to record.</u>	
		3 rd Sat	<u>Nothing to record.</u>	
		4 th Sun.	7 Triumph 1916 motor cycles received from Y Corps store ^{Supply Co} . Establishment now complete with these machines.	
		5 th Mon	<u>Nothing to record.</u>	
		6 th Tues	<u>Nothing to record.</u>	
		7 th Wed.	<u>Nothing to record.</u>	
		8 th Thurs.	<u>Cold wind with snow. O.C. visited H.O.3 and discussed schemes with Genl. Jobson. Saw Lieuts. Parker, Bowen, Miller. Arranged with latter to discuss scheme as placed before Brigadier. 2nd in Command of 57th Division visited H.C.1 and shown office lines and billets by Lieut. L.G. Simpson.</u>	
		9 th Fri.	<u>Snow. Enemy aeroplane flies low over Signal office. O.C. attends inspection of representatives of units of 3rd Divn. by Secretary of State for Colonies (Sir Walker Long) and introduced at Saluting base. Promotions in A.F.B. 213 (Casualty Report) dated from 2/3/17, as follows:- To be C.O.M.S. - Cpl. J.W. Allan; to be Farrier Sgt. - Cpl. A.D. Harris; To be Sgt. - 2nd Cpl. Prentice J.T.; To be Cpl. - L/Cpl. Milliken; to be 2nd Cpl. - Spr. Sims J.F. Cable wagons carrying out training. One cable laying, 3 exercising teams. Spr. Howie L.H. returned from Wireless School as unlikely to become an efficient operator. Substitute asked for. Infantry linemen and orderlies returned to units. A.D. Signals called - discussed future moves. All lines tested and in working order as ordered in Div. Operation Order No. 19.</u>	

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CROIX DU BAC	MARCH	10 th	Sat	
			<p>Mild and calm. Thaw. 10th Bde. disconnecting morse set 7.45 a.m. still through by magneto-'phone as per message 7.45 a.m. 12 noon 'phone disconnected. 172nd Brigade relieved. 11.55 a.m. 10th Bde. through on 'phone to their new H.Q. at STEENT-JE near BAILLEUL. At 12.50 p.m. 11th Bde. reports relief completed. 9th Bde. taken over area. Both areas will now be worked from 9th Bde. H.Q. (G.O.3). Spr. James W. No. 4 Section, returned from Cable Jointing School. Spr. Longwood L. left for Wireless School vice Spr. Howie L. B. returned. Spr. Jameson W. returned to No. 3 Section from Hospital. 10th Inf. Bde. at rest 2 miles distant from BAILLEUL. Position in-line taken over by 172nd Bde.</p>	
			11 th Sun.	
			<p>Mild day with fogs. At 11.50 p.m. Zeppelin reported by 73rd Bty. approximately S.E. from AIXOULETTE at 9.55 p.m. going E. All concerned advised. 1914 Triumph evacuated and 1916 model demanded in lieu.</p>	
			12 th Mon.	
			<p>Dvr. Dewar J. returned from Hospital. Spr. Jameson readmitted to Hospital. All lines and points manned for intended discharge of gas. Move cancelled in view of wind changing.</p>	
			13 th Tues	
			<p>Mild, bright day. Rain at night. Electric lighting set on Larry B. 18 reported 1/2 English mechanics and two English drivers (second hand plant, having for nine months been used on the SOMME). Connections made by Cpl. Johansen and light proved satisfactory. Regarding position of R.E. men matter of their retention referred to D.H.Q. and XXXXX II Army. O.C. inspected and decided on routes with 2nd in Command and Arty. Signal Officer for connection of H.C.1 to new Bde. and Arty. H.Q. at PONT NIEPPE. Special points and stations were manned in view of gas attack. Cancelled later. At 12.40 a.m. GS 3 reported GS 5 and GS 6 dis. At 1.40 a.m. reported through to GS 6 laterally but GS 6 still isolated. 3.30 a.m. both O.K.</p>	

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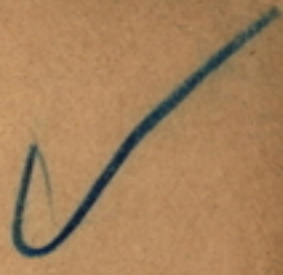
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CABIX DU BAC	MARCH	14 th	<p>Wed.</p> <p>Dull. Lecture by D.D.Sigs. at CASSELL on Forward communications attended by Major Wilson and Lieuts. F.J. Tuckett & V.D. Bowen. No. 2 Cable Det. laid lines (12 prs. GD twin) between bridge (NIEPPE) over River WARNAVE to G.I. 1 approx. distance of 900 yards. Line to be subsequently buried except at trench tramway where tunnel was constructed. Centre Group Artillery (GO 9) burnt out about 2.30 a.m. Most of Signal equipment saved. Temporary communications established 2.45 a.m. Complete connection with all concerned at 3.45 a.m. 10th Bde. H.Q. moves from STINGE to BAILLEUL and connected through 9th Corps Exchange.</p>	

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