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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY	1 st		Conference of CRE ⁵ at Corps H.Q. in morning re Engineer matters. In afternoon inspected new work on extension of V.C. Avenue, and Reserve Line.	
	2 nd		Visited H.Q. 1 st Pioneer Bn re work on V.C. Av. York Av. & Mine Av. Also visited 2 nd F. Co at Fleurbaix. Inspected CROIX BLANCHE & V.C. Avenue.	
	3 rd		Inspection of new work at V.C. Avenue also ^{also} CELLAR FARM avenue, Cordonneris Post & Reserve Line. Good progress being made on all work.	
	4 th		Inspection of CROIX MARECHAL POST, Watling St, Sworn Avenue, Dead Dog Avenue, Tin Barn Avenue, Reserve Line, City Post and City Avenue all works progressing satisfactorily.	
	5 th		Office Routine.	
	6 th		Making out weekly progress reports. Conference at S.H.Q. of Brigade Commander 2 nd Bde & OT. S. F. Co re strag points, wire etc.	
	7 th		Office Routine.	
	8 th		Inspection of V.C. Avenue extension, good progress being made. Reserve Trench from there towards BOND ST. also TROU & LAYES POST. also inspection of TROU FARM	

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SAILLY	8 th (contd.)		where B ⁿ H.Q. is being made.	
	9 th		Accompanied Major Dyer of 1 st P.Co to front line trench near CELLAR Farm Avenue and aided in work to be done in regard to thickening of parapet.	
	10 th		Office Routine. Visited by C.E. in morning re work etc.	
	11 th		Inspection of Fleurbaix section with Major Mathes via Dead Dog Av. Down Avenue to Mill Road Post along new trench to Convent Wall. Along Reserve Line to JAY POST & inspected the PIMPLE with a view to joining up to Reserve Line. Followed old line across to CITY Av. to find fresh track for Reserve Line. Returned via City Post, Wye Post & Tin Barn Avenue	
	12 th		To Y.C. Avenue thence along to CELLAR Farm Av. thence to B ⁿ H.Q. (4 th B ⁿ) then with O.C. 4 th B ⁿ to MINE Av. to find line & returned via Cellar Farm. All work proceeding satisfactorily. Work started on support line between CELLAR Farm Av. and tramline.	
	13 th		Office Routine. Making out weekly reports. Wet Day.	

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SAILLY	14 th		Office Routine.	
	15 th		Inspected Y.C Avenue, Cella Farm ar. & Trou Post via Pinney Avenue to pin line. Very muddy.	
	16 th		Office Routine.	
	17 th		Inspection of Cella Farm Avenue & front line trenches in the vicinity. Question extension of trenches along the front considered.	
	18 th		Office Routine.	
	19 th		Office Routine. Conference at D.H.Q. with O.C. 1 st Pioneer Bn. re defence of Fleurbais Section.	
	20 th		making out weekly reports. Inspection work at ELBOW FARM.	
	21 st		Office Routine.	
	22 nd		Inspection of trenches via Y.C Avenue also to Cella Farm ar. to Trou Farm & along to YORK Ar & met O.C. Pioneer then & discussed the question of extending YORK Avenue to the rear. Consider it quite feasible & necessary.	
			went along Mine Avenue to front line & along front line to Pinney Avenue.	

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SAILLY	23 rd		Inspected work being done at ELBOW FARM. Good progress being made as an officer & section of 3 rd F. Co. are doing there.	
	24 th		Office Routine.	
	25 th			
	26 th		Met Major Mather & Dyer at CROIX BLANCHE & went along Celles Farm Avenue to Bn HQ then along Reserve Line to York Avenue, back to Celles Farm Av. & then to firing line & along to Tramway, along tramway to mine Avenue down the Avenue to Reserve line back to Celles Farm Av & Bn HQ. Then via mine Avenue to Reserve line along to Throw Post to Bee Post & along the Reserve line to end of new work almost to Bond St.	
	27 th		Making out weekly reports. Office Routine.	
	28 th		Office Routine	
	29 th		Handing over duties to Major Mather.	
	30 th		Lt. Col. Martin left for Boulogne on leave & Major Mather 2 nd F. Co. took over duties	

Summary of all CRs