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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Baisieux	1/6/17		Companies employed during the morning on training in machine gunnery, Bayonet drill and the use of explosives. In the afternoon Recreational training was carried out in the form of football & cricket matches, relay races, medicine ball etc.	R. John [Signature]
Baisieux	2/6/17		Technical & recreational training as yesterday.	R. John [Signature]
Baisieux	3/6/17		Technical & combined recreations as yesterday.	R. John [Signature]
Baisieux	4/6/17		Received instructions from C.E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Augas to move the three field companies to Bray. Saw. Somme for pontooning drill on 6 <sup>th</sup> inst. and arrange to take over billets from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Divisional Engineers who are now quartered there. Technical & recreational training as on previous days.	R. John [Signature]

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Baisieux	5/6/17		<p>Pontoon and trestle waggons of the three companies sent to Bapaume to collect the pontoons and trestles from Hun bunk, with instructions to rejoin their respective companies at Bray on 6<sup>th</sup> inst.</p> <p>During the morning the transport of the three companies was inspected by the Divisional Commander. Major L. J. Walker B.S.O. returned yesterday from Furlough in Paris.</p>	R. John <i>B. Walker</i>
Baisieux	6/6/17		<p>1<sup>st</sup> Field Company from Laviéville and 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Companies from Humercourt moved to Bray-sur-Somme &amp; took over billets from 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Engineers.</p> <p>Lt. Col. A. M. Martin B.S.O. returned from Furlough in England and resumed the duties of C.E.</p>	R. John <i>B. Walker</i>

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Bray	7 <sup>th</sup>		Proceeded to Bray to supervise training of field Companies in Pontoon Bridging.	<u>all</u>
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Training of field Coys in Pontoon Bridging.	<u>all</u>
	9		do	<u>all</u>
	10 <sup>th</sup>		do	<u>all</u>
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Aquatic Sports and Bridge Building Competitions.	<u>all</u>
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection by GOC 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div. C.E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Army, C.E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Army of pontoon bridging.	<u>all</u>
			Bridge of 16 bays built <sup>by 3<sup>rd</sup> Co</sup> in 25 1/2 min and dismantled by 1 <sup>st</sup> Co. in 17 min. 45 Secs.	<u>all</u>
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Pontoon Bridging	<u>all</u>
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Pontoon Bridging Formy Rafts & Bridge from rafts.	<u>all</u>
	15 <sup>th</sup>		do.	<u>all</u>
	16 <sup>th</sup>		do.	<u>all</u>

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Bury	17 <sup>th</sup>		Church Parade	<u>sum.</u>
"	18 <sup>th</sup>		Pontoon Bridging	<u>sum.</u>
"	19 <sup>th</sup>		do.	<u>sum.</u>
"	20 <sup>th</sup>		do.	<u>sum.</u>
"	21 <sup>st</sup>		do.	<u>sum.</u>
"	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Pontoon Bridging Inspected 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Coy.	<u>sum.</u>
"	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Pontoon Bridging Inter company competition, Inspected 1 <sup>st</sup> F. Co.	<u>sum.</u>
"	24 <sup>th</sup>		Church Parade	<u>sum.</u>
"	25 <sup>th</sup>		Pontoon Bridging Inter company speed trials for complete bridge of 5 bays (4 pontons) + two shore ends. Best time for making 7 min. 42 sec & dismantling 3 min 48 Secs, beat by 2 <sup>nd</sup> F. Co. Others very close. Inspected 3 <sup>rd</sup> F. Co.	<u>sum.</u>

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Bray.	26 <sup>th</sup>		Lectures by Lt. Col. Butler came & Archdeacon Ward on Venereal Diseases to all three companies. A very fine lecture	<u>sum</u>
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Rowing instruction in pontoons	<u>sum</u>
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Rowing Races aquatic sports	<u>sum</u>
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Pontoons Budget	<u>sum</u>
	30 <sup>th</sup>		do.	<u>sum</u>
			<p><i>Summary Lt. Col.</i></p> <p><i>C.R.E. 1st Aust Div</i></p>	