

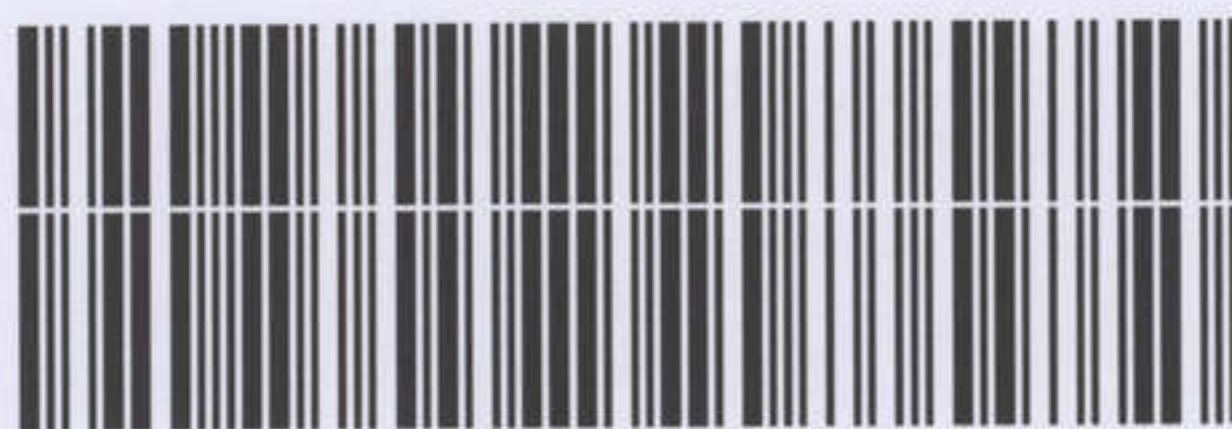
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Operating Company

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Field	9.8.17		<p>A further division of staff occurred, and a section of 50 Other Ranks under Lieut Webb proceeded to La Mailleraie on the Seine River between Rouen and Le Havre.</p> <p>A metre gauge line of 2 1/2 miles from a jetty on the River to Brotonne Forest was under construction, and rolling stock including 6 Baldwin Locomotives arriving by barges.</p> <p>Unloading of Rolling Stock and erection carried out, necessary loco accommodation built, and traffic commenced as stock available.</p> <p>Traffic consisted wholly of Timber, loaded at Brotonne Forest and off loaded at jetty into River Barges by P. O. War.</p>	
	27.8.17		<p>The final division of the Company took place and a further section of 58 other ranks proceeded to Inceville Hospital centre to prepare for the opening of a metre gauge line for timber carrying at that centre. Headquarters of Coy. moved to</p>	<p>Aug 9</p>

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	27.8.17		<p>Brotonne and Lieut Webb. proceeded to Trowville in charge of operations there, in the way of construction of buildings etc, erection of rolling stock and transport of material for construction of lines.</p> <p>The disposal of Company at the end of month was thus:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="932 826 2020 1270"> <tr> <td>No 1 Section - (motor)</td> <td>IV Army</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 " Locos</td> <td>Rouwrap</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 " "</td> <td>Brotonne</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 " "</td> <td>Le Havre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 " "</td> <td>Trowville.</td> </tr> </table>	No 1 Section - (motor)	IV Army	2 " Locos	Rouwrap	3 " "	Brotonne	4 " "	Le Havre	5 " "	Trowville.	
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	30/8/17		<p>Excluding the tonnage handled by the No 1 Section, the tonnage at end of the month was averaging 1,000 tons per day but this was not the maximum of ability as work was much curtailed by the output of sawmills and transshipping facilities.</p> <p>Lieut Walker R.E. 28th Battalion joined unit to complete establishment of Officers.</p>											

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Field	13/8/17		<p>The first casualties⁽²⁾ of the unit occurred, with Coxysde Section One a very serious, and other severe but not serious. Gas casualties, of only a slight nature, and not involving evacuations also occurred. These were due to Gas shells. It was was noticed in the IV Army area that casualties from gas are very likely to occur to train crews of light Railways. Owing to the isolated nature of their work, and constantly changing of location and noise of working tractors, the presence of shell gas is not at all times easily detected.</p>	

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