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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY.	August.			
	1st	}	Building new pairs for direct circuits G.O.C., R.A. to B.G.H.A. and C.R.A. at ALBERT, running new routes to Corps and Division units in ALBERT, and making some attempt to clean up ALBERT where there were scores of miles of 'dead' cable and of cable circuits in use but unlabelled.	
	2nd			
	3rd			
	4th			
	5th		Circular route round ALBERT to carry lines of all adjacent Corps begun by L Signal Coy.	
	6th		Building of circular route continued. Bronze wire on Corps Trestle route along ALBERT BAPAUME road replaced by slung twisted cable owing to continual destruction of lines by shell concussion.	
	7th	9.0am.	4th Australian Divisional Headquarters established at TARA HILL (w. 24 d central). Circuits transferred to circular route and 2nd Australian Division Signal Office closed at same time.	
	8th	10.0am.	1st Australian Divisional Headquarters opened at RUBEMPRE and 2nd Australian Divisional Headquarters at CANAPLES. Heavy Artillery forward exchange opened at FRICOURT.	
	9th		Circular route round ALBERT broken down by shell fire.	
	10th		Main route to ALBERT broken down by shell fire near BOUZINCOURT about 5.0pm; through at 7.0pm.	
	11th		4 wires on main route to ALBERT broken by shell fire near BOUZINCOURT about 10 a.m. Main route to ALBERT broken down in two places (about 4 spans each) by shell fire near BOUZINCOURT about 9.0 p.m. repairs completed by 3.0 a.m.	
	12th		Diversion built round BOUZINCOURT and main route put through on diversion by 7.0 pm.	
	13th		No change.	
	14th		No change.	
	15th		Sub exchange opened by Corps at ALBERT.	
	16th	5.0pm.	1st Australian Divisional Headquarters opened at TARA HILL and 4th Australian Divn. at RUBEMPRE.	

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CONTAY.	August. 17th		No change.	
	18th	noon.	4th Australian Divisional Headquarters closed at RUBEMPRE and opened same hour at CANAPLES. 2nd Australian Divisional Headquarters closed at CANAPLES and opened same hour at RUBEMPRE.	
	19th		No change.	
	20th		No change.	
	21st		No change.	
	22nd		A.D.A.S. visited 2nd Army and Canadian Corps with reference to taking over new area.	
	23rd		1st Australian Division closed at TARA HILL and opened at RUBEMPRE at 9.0 am. 2nd Australian Division closed at RUBEMPRE and opened at TARA HILL at 9.0 am. A.D.A.S. returned from 2nd Army.	
	24th		New pigeon loft at LAVIEVILLE allotted to Corps and direct circuit from loft to Division in line put in. Arrangements made to put in a new buried route from Brigade Battle Hdqrs. N.W. of POZIERES to Brigade Headquarters in SAUSAGE VALLEY.	
	25th		Buried route from Brigade Headquarters in SAUSAGE VALLEY to POZIERES Cemetery begun. 1st Australian Division closed Office at RUBEMPRE midnight 25-26th.	
	26th		4th Australian Division opened office at RUBEMPRE 2.30 pm. buried route to POZIERES completed as far as ALBERT - BAPAUME Road at X 8 d 0.7 (Sheet 57 D. S.E.)	
	27th		Buried route to POZIERES <del>KOMPLETE</del> completed along "3rd STREET" and 100 yards up "1st AVENUE"	
	28th	noon	4th Australian Division opened office TARA HILL and 2nd Australian Division opened office at RUBEMPRE. Buried route continued towards POZIERES.	
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CONTAY.	August.			
	30th		Canadian Corps Signals began to arrive and take over. 1st Canadian Division opened office at CANAPLES.	
	31st		3 pairs of buried route completed to Cemetery N.W. of POZIERES.	