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**WAR DIARY**

OF

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FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENWERCK	1/1/18		C.R.E. office situated at STEENWERCK 1 <sup>st</sup> A.N.Z.A. Corps to be known as 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Army Corps	Q10
MERRIS	3/1/18		3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div relieved by 57 <sup>th</sup> Division on front from R. LYS on north to PARK ROW AV on south. C.R.E. office moved from STEENWERCK to MERRIS	Q10
	6/1/18		10R returned from indulgence leave PARIS	Q10
	17/1/18		M.O. Capt J. W. YOUNG evacuated to Hospital. Capt MONTGOMERY appointed locum tenens	Q10
	18/1/18		10R proceeded to ENGLAND on leave	Q10
	26/1/18		10R proceeded to PARIS on leave	Q10
RAVELSBERG	29/1/18		C.R.E. office moved from MERRIS to RAVELSBERG 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus Div relieved 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Div on sector from R. DOUVE on north to R. LYS on South	Q10
	31/1/18		C.R.E. office situated at RAVELSBERG	Q10

Q10  
for C.R.E. 3 AUST. DIV:  
Date



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# DIAGRAM SHEWING PERIODS OF DUTY

APPENDIX No. 1

(1) IN FRONT LINE (2) IN FORWARD AREA BUT NOT FRONT LINE (3) IN TRAINING & REST IN BACK AREAS  
FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1917 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 1917

3<sup>RD</sup> AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

COMPANY	HOW EMPLOYED	JAN.				FEB.				MAR.				APRIL				MAY				JUNE				JULY				AUG.				SEPT.				OCT.				NOV.				DEC.				TOTAL NUMBER IN DAYS	
		WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS				WEEKS									
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4										
9 <sup>TH</sup> FIELD COY. A.E.	Front Line				4	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	7			5	7	7	7	10	7	7	7	9	7	7	7	9						7	7	6			5	9	7	7	1	10	237					
	Forward Area but not Front Line	7	7	3										7	7	4																										9			40						
	Training or Rest in Back Areas																										1	7	7	7	10	7	7	7	8			1	10	7	7	2				88					
10 <sup>TH</sup> FIELD COY. A.E.	Front Line	7	7	5		5	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	7	7	7	9	7	7	7	10	7	2	6			4	7	10	2						7	7	7			7	9	7	7			236				
	Forward Area but not Front Line				2	3																	5		9	7	5		3	6												6	10			57					
	Training or Rest in Back Areas																													1	7	10	7	7	7	9			1	10	7	7				72					
11 <sup>TH</sup> FIELD COY. A.E.	Front Line	7	7	7	10		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	7	7	7	9	7	7	7	10	6	3	6	6	7	4		3	6					7	7	7						1	10			224			
	Forward Area but not Front Line																							1	5	4		3	7	7		1	7	7					5				2	7	9	7	7	6			84
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LEGEND: (1) Front Line - RED : (2) Forward Areas - BLUE : (3) Training & Rest - YELLOW



Appendix 2

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS ORDER NO. 3.

COPY NO. 8

26th. January 1918.

DIVISIONAL AREA - This extends from the LYS on the South to the DOUVE River on the North.

Right Brigade - 11th. Infantry Brigade.  
Left " - 10th. "

Area	Brigade	Field Company	Field Co. to be relieved.	Billets	Date of change over	Remarks.
Right	11th. A. I. Bde.	11th.	5th.	WEKA LINES Romarin.	29.1.18.	These dates
Left	10th. A. I. Bde.	10th.	7th.	T.16.a.9.9. Sheet 28	28.1.18.	signify when
Corps Line.	9th. A. I. Bde.	9th.	6th.	T.4.c.5 <sup>0</sup> .90	30.1.18.	responsibility commences

9th. & 10th. FIELD COYS.- From the 26th. inst. all parties on Corps Works will leave 1/3rd. of their number on each work until relieved by the Field Companies of the 1st. Australian Division.

All Companies will send about 1/4rd of their usual party to work with the Companies of the 2nd. Australian Division to ensure a continuity of work and policy. This should be done at least three days before the relief.

WORKS.- 10th. & 11th. FIELD COYS.

- (a) Technical assistance to repair of trenches.
- (b) Drainage back to Subsidiary Line.
- (c) Shelters.
- (d) Salvage of R.E. Material in their Area.
- (e) Forward Dumps.
- (f) Survey and Maps of Area.

9th. FIELD COMPANY.

This Company works under directions of Lt-Col. CLOGSTOUN R.E. on Corps Line.

3rd. PIONEER BATTALION. - Billets: NIEPPE.

1 Company with each Front Line Brigade on Communications and immediate drainage of these.

1 Company - Tramways.

1 Company - Roads and Back Area Drainage (behind Subsidiary Line)

Accurate plans of all works should be kept.

NOTES:- As it is to be expected that during the month of February, wet weather may be experienced, it is essential that revetting of all permanent elements should be pushed forward as fast as possible, and the maintenance of drains maintained. In the case of C.Ts. ULTIMO AVENUE will require a superhuman effort to put in a trafficable state as the recent thaws have made it practically impassable, and the bottom is a sea of mud.

MAPS.- Field Companies and Pioneers are requested to send to this office as soon as possible, a map showing in detail the state of the trenches and C.Ts. taken over, so that at the end of their period in the line when the final map is made out, the result of the work of the Division may be very clearly demonstrated.

Brigade Area Maps showing all details should be got out as soon as can be done, maps should show old lines (in different coloured ink) as these may have some tactical value for defence purposes.

DUMPS.-

HYDE PARK CORNER (TOR DUMP)  
DEAD HORSE CORNER (RACINE)  
INGERSOLL (PLOEGSTEERT)  
DELENELLE FARM & MOTOR CAR CORNER.

Field Companies will take over these from the Field Companies of the relieved Division and two sappers placed in charge of each.

Also 2 O.R. per Company will be sent to Corps Dump, STEENWERCK. to take charge of loading and unloading material required by the Companies.

SALVAGE.- Owing to shortage on this front of R.E. Material, it is essential that this work should be pushed on, as there is a great deal to salve from old disused trenches, now beyond repair. Also in Corps Line work certain C.Ts. are being filled in and the material from these should be utilised in more forward works.

TRAMWAYS.- Upkeep of present system and the connection of the CALEDONIAN Line and the BOYD Line.

ROADS.- All roads forward of D.G.T. line as directed before when the Division was in this area.

REPORTS.- Weekly Reports with maps showing where work is being done and progress of work should reach C.R.E's office by 6 p.m. on each Friday.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

sd/ G. E. TEAGUE. Lieut. for  
Major.  
C.R.E. Third Australian Division.

DISTRIBUTION:

No. 1	H.Q. "G".
2	9th. Field Co.
3	10th. Field Co.
4	11th. Field Co.
5	3rd. Pioneer Battalion.
6	Lt-Col. H.O. CLOGSTOUN.
7	C.R.E. 2nd. Australian Division.
8 -10	War Diary.
11	Spare
12	9th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
13	10th. " " "
14	11th. " " "