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1 st	-	-	Camped at RABOT Shur 36 137. d 7.3. Coy awaiting more orders. Oc went to see Coy Officer	
2 nd	-	-	Camped at RABOT - Coy in parade inspection. received more orders. Later.	
3 rd	-	-	Camped at RABOT. - Coy left RABOT 7-0 am. proceeded to detached meeting place N ^e NEUVE EGLISE arriving 7-50 am. from there proceeded by lorry to METEREN arriving there 11-15 am. on arrival was informed that it was necessary for the Coy to proceed to MERRIS. To Billeux. arrived there 2-10 pm. 5 Kilo. march. Location of Coy sent to DHQ. Shur 27. E13. a 2-7. FARM. LYNDE. M. DESIRE PETIT PIER. Later in the evening recd orders to proceed to CAESTRE. To entrain on the morrow 9-25 pm. Coy to report 1/2 hour before entraining. Transport. 3 km. met. parade Place 16 6 Ave Inf Brigade.	
4 th	-	-	Camped at MERRIS E13. a 2-7. - Rations drawn at METEREN 9-0 am. - Transport moved off for CAESTRE 3-30 pm. Coy moved off 4-0 pm. entrained. 8-0 pm. - leaving CAESTRE 9-15 pm. -	
5 th	-	-	Arriving P ^t ROCH AMIENS. 9-30 am. - detrained and marched to VAUX. arrived there 3-0 pm. - Billed in theatre.	G Courtney Lieut

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6 th Sat.	-	-	Camped at VAUX. Coy marched out 9-0 am for QUERRIEU. 16 Kilo arrived. Then 3-0 pm. Took up Bitter in FINSBORY CIRCUS. NEAR CANAL BRIDGE. Weather Wet.	
7 th	-	-	Camped at QUERRIEU. Coy settled in Bitter. all locations sent in. Salvage reported in village.	
8 th	-	-	Camped at QUERRIEU. Coy engaged in Salvage Work. Weather very Wet. Late order received to move in the morning. 26 MOTOR Tys. S. + U.S. brought in.	
9 th	-	-	Camped at QUERRIEU. Coy moved to BAIZIEUX left 10-0 am. arrived at 1-30 pm. 10 Kilo. Took over Bitter at FARM of DUBOIS. FERNAND. On entry found that the Farm had been ransacked and the safe broken open. prepared a report for Division. artillery very active.	
10 th	-	-	Camped at BAIZIEUX. Coy started work on the previous Companies salvaging the wire + pickets.	G. Courtney Lieut

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11 th	-	-	Camped at BAIZIEUX - Coy at work taking down Corporals. QM with with party fetched Salvage from WARLOY. 2 g.s. loads. also 1 load from VADENCOURT.	
12 th	-	-	Camped at BAIZIEUX. - Coy at work taking down Corporals. QM Collecting from WARLOY. - Capt. J. A. Grant. returned to Unit.	
13 th	-	-	Camped at BAISIEUX. - Coy at work taking down Corporals. - QM collecting Salvage from WARLOY. Party sent forward to 620/D17. a 8.4 for salvage also 620/D17. c 7.4. - 620/D9 d central. 6" How shells. 1000 lbs. found. 620/D16 d 5.3. 18pts. Shells com. 2000. Party 1/2 Sergeant 6C went to MONTIGNY to arrange for Salvage there. Lt. Amwell. VHC & party loading same on 3 g.s. Wagon. reporting 10-0 on this morning & moving same to 2 nd Aust Div Clothing Store. - 6C returns 2-0 pm. and reports that a Dump & HQ would be established at BEHENCOURT. and that the same would move in the morning. Later 6C went to BEHENC to arrange Belts.	

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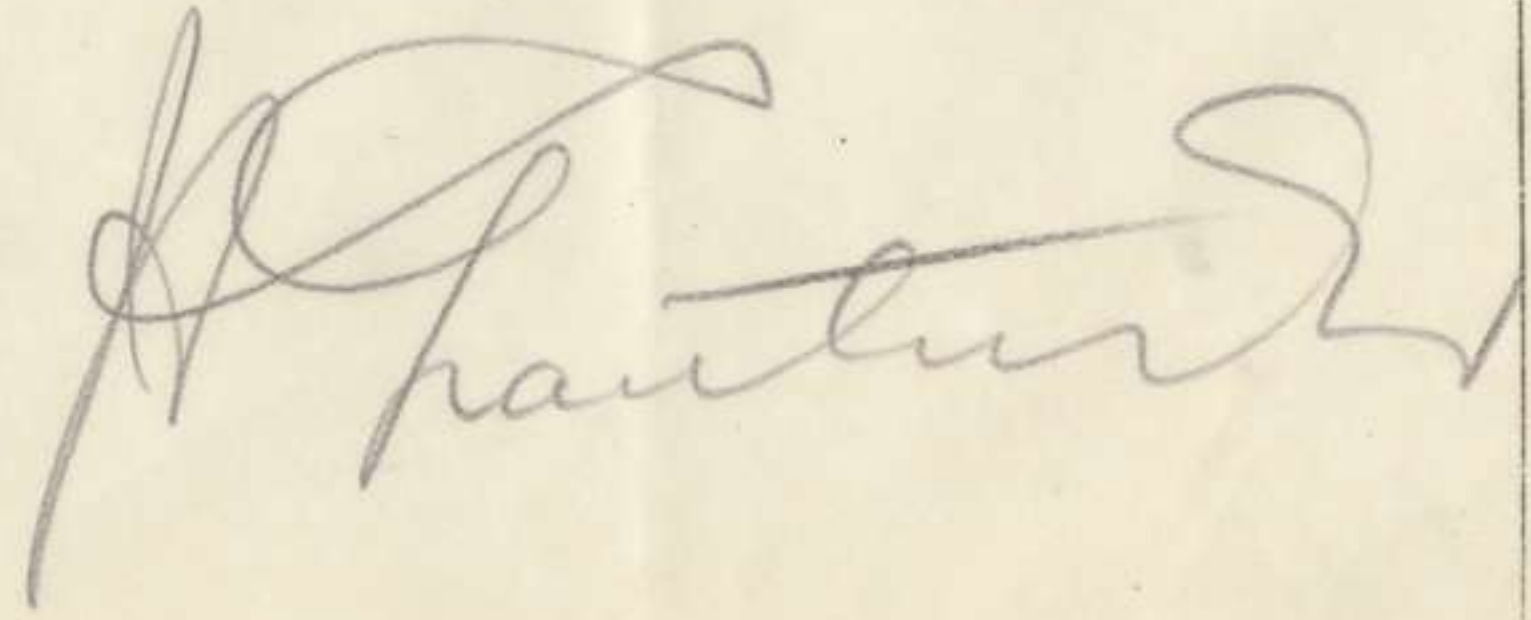
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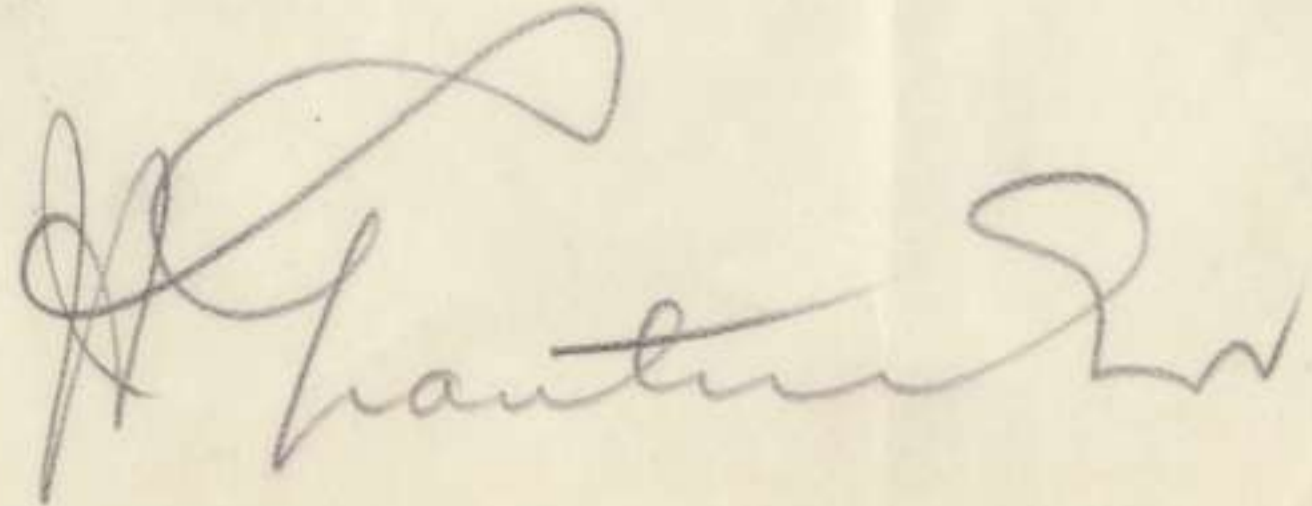
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14 th	-	-	<p>Camped at BAIZIEUX. - Coy salvaging forward. also part engaged. Working at Compans. Coy HQ moved to BEHENCOURT and established a dump opposite Mardas Place. OC went to DHQ & drew money 2300 francs also arranged for 9S. Wagon to bring salvage to BEHENCOURT. also for supply. Lorry to transport same to RAILHEAD VIGNACOURT. later OC returned to BAIZIEUX. to pay Company. - 62D/BI9 a. 8. 3.</p>	
15 th	-	-	<p>Coy HQ. Camped BEHENCOURT. - A Coy camped BAIZIEUX as formerly. Salvaging in area. D.G. - Three men detailed for work at EBART. FARM. 62D/CI. C. 3. 4. to load Supply Lorry returning. Take salvage from 9S. Wagon. Some Wagon going forward with loads. to bring back salvage from BAIZIEUX WOOD. 6 9S. loads. was brought. but one wagon not reporting. Lt. Courtney F. came to BEHENCOURT to see OC.</p>	
16 th	-	-	<p>Camped at BEHENCOURT. Part Company at BAIZIEUX. Coy carrying on Salvage work at D.G. - 3 Lorry of Salvage sent to DUMP at VIGNACOURT. OC made arrangements for off loading Dore at VIGNACOURT. RAILHEAD. for salvage. sent from BEHENCOURT. also arranged for Lorry. to make daily collection at 5th & 6th Fils Audulain VADENCOURT & NARLOY respectively. Company salvaging in BAIZIEUX VILLAGE -</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">  J. Pantun </p>

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17 th	-	-	<p>Camped. HQ at BEHENCOURT. Part Coy at BAIZIEUX. Coy carrying on Salvage work at 62 D/DG. Forward information sent to Brigade and Division as to arrangements for disposal of Salvage. - OC went to BAIZIEUX to inspect work being done and to give instructions of the discontinuance of Compound work. the same being taken over by the 22nd M/G Coy. Nucleus permitted. - 1. QS wagon on duty collecting from 5th & 6th Field Ambulance. -</p>	
18 th	-	-	<p>Camped at BEHENCOURT. - Part Coy at BAIZIEUX. - Coy salvaging at HENNENCOURT. - 4 QS Wagon reporting. - Then sent forward to BAIZIEUX. - Compound handed over to M/G Coy. - No QS Wagon reported. -</p>	
19 th	-	-	<p>Camped at BEHENCOURT. Part Coy at BAIZIEUX. Salvaging at HENNENCOURT. 4 QS Wagon reported sent three forward to BAIZIEUX. - 1 QS sent to QUERRIEU & Bussy for salvage collected by Capt Harnett 17th Batt. on arrival informed same had been collected by the 4th Div Salvage Coy.</p>	
20 th	-	-	<p>Camped at BEHENCOURT. Part Coy at BAIZIEUX. Salvaging at HENNENCOURT. 4 Wagon AASC. 20th & 3 Wagon. 2nd DAC. M^{rs} Courtney came to BEHENCOURT to see OC - sent forward 30 Bag to bag up wheat left at CHATEAU HENNENCOURT. Coy went forward at night to remove Salvage from Trenches. Shell Fire too heavy had to return.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">  J. H. Panting </p>

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21 st	-	-	Camped at BEHENCOURT. Part Coy at BAIZIEUX. Salvaging at HENNENCOURT. 13 Gs Wagon (4 from AASC. 9 from 2 nd DAC) reported 2 Wm sent to Lt. P. Rankin at EBART FARM. 11 sent to BAIZIEUX. 1 with a load of wheat, which was temporarily dumped on the AASC ground. - also brought to dump many electrical fittings from Chateau HENNENCOURT.	
22.	-	-	Camped at BEHENCOURT. Part Coy at BAIZIEUX. Salvaging HENNENCOURT. - Lt. Country came to see Col and arranged for 3 Wagon to start at 6.0 pm. - in order to carry out a night working party on the HENNENCOURT. LAIEVILLE ROAD - this road being too much under enemy observation for day work	
23.	-	-	Camped at BEHENCOURT. Part Coy at BAIZIEUX. Salvaging HENNENCOURT. 13 Wagon reported. all sent forward to BAIZIEUX. Corp Salvage Officer called to see Col who was forward at BAIZIEUX at this time.	
24 th	-	-	Camped at Behencourt. Part Coy at Baizieux. Salvaging at Henencourt. O.C. went forward to go over French salvage with interpreter. Same did not go but called at H.Q., stating he would remove the remainder of the wheat, and Dynamos. Coy called out at 11.0 p.m. to load lorries. Rations drawn at 2.0 A.M.	

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25 th	-	-	Camped at Behencourt. Part Coy at Baijeux. Salvaging at Hennencourt. 12 Wagons reporting. Interpreter called in afternoon and it was arranged that all receipts be given for Chateau salvage.	
26 th	-	-	Camped at Behencourt. Part Coy at Baijeux. Salvaging at Hennencourt. 12 Wagons reporting. Also Salvaging at Leulis. O.C. went forward with interpreter . Much salvage being sent in. Mr Irwan, D.H.Q. interpreter called. All returns made up. Tonnage salvage dealt with 259 tons = 37 tons per day for week.	
27 th	-	-	Camped at Behencourt. Part Coy at Baijeux. Salvaging at Leulis. O.C. went forward with Corps Salvage Officer + Officer from 4 th Army salvage + Mr Irwan. All returns sent in. No. of wagons reporting 12.	
28 th	-	-	Camped at Behencourt. Part Coy at Baijeux. Salvaging at Hennencourt. Mr Courtenay came to see O.C. re arranging Bath etc for Company. 12 wagons reporting. No supply lorries available for salvage.	
29 th	-	-	Camped at Behencourt. Part Coy at Baijeux. No. wagons reported. Coy bath day. No supply lorries available for salvage.	
30 th	-	-	Camped at Behencourt - Part Coy at Baijeux - Owing to there being no supply lorries yesterday, it was found necessary that all salvage collected today should be dumped at Baijeux instead of Behencourt. Motor car brought in to salvage today. All returns made up for the month. The Maire of Bresle library brought in. Indexed same. 9 lorries despatched to railhead	

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