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December.				
SAMER	1st.		Recreational games continued and route march carried out in morning.	
	2nd.		" " " "	
	3rd.		Permanent Air Line to 1st, 2nd And 3rd Brigades Completed.	
			The line to 2nd. Brigade at Desvres followed the main road from Samer.	
			The line to 1st. and 3rd. Bdes. Followed the main road to Dalle. At this place the route divided, one route running straight to Parenty along the main road, to 3rd. Bde Hqs.	
			The line to 1st. Brigade ran overland to main road two thirds between Sequeires and Rotel and from there followed the main road through Bout de Haut to Frencq.	
	4th.		All steel helmets and Anti-Gas apparatus inspected in preparation for move towards line.	
	5th.		Training and recreational Games.	
	6th.		do.	
	7th.		do.	
	8th.		do.	
	9th.		do.	
	10th.		do.	
	11th.		Advance party of two men from each Brigade Section and one N.C.O. and 7 men from No. 1 Section left Desvres with No. 4 Section and proceeded to forward area with 2nd. Brigade Group.	
			No. 4 Section closed Signal Office at Desvres at 0800, opened Compaigne same hour.	
	12th.		No. 4 Section moved to Elmes. Communication by D.R.L.S.	
	13th.		No 3 Section closed Signal Office at Parenty opened at Compaigne Same hour.	
			No. 4 Section closed Signal Office at Elmes 0330. Proceeded by train to Kemmel with 2nd. Bde.	
			Group wagons and transport moved by road to Dranoutre. The journey lasting four days.	
	14th.		Samer to Elmes 14th. inst.	
	15th.		Elmes to Renescure	
	16th.		Renescure to Strazeele	
	17th.		Transport arrived Dranoutre.	
	16/17 Night.		No. 3 Section took over communications of left Bde in line. Headquarters at T 6 c 66 (Midland Farm). In communication with Division by sounder and phone, Telephone lines to all Bns.	
Branoutre.	17th.		Headquarters Signal Office closed at Samer at 1000, opened at Dr-anoutre same hour.	
			At this hour responsibility of communications in Divisional area passed to OeC. 1st. Aust. Div. Signal Company.	

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Dranoutre	17th.	1000	<p>Divisional Headquarters at Ulster Camp, Dranoutre. Communication by sounder and phone to left and right Brigades in line and to reserve Brigade at Chateau Kemmel. Sounder and phone to lateral Divisions. Telephone exchange serving 40 subscribers. Communication to Corps by Sounder and phone. Area party of one Officer and 50 O.R.'s attached from Corps situated at Kemmel Area Party of one Officer and 24 O.R.'s situated at P.Q. 12 linesmen at W.H. (Wytschaete). 1 D.R. Clerk and orderly stationed at D.R. Post at Neuve Eglise, used as distributing centre for despatches to units in that locality.</p> <p>Visual Station located at Mont Kemmel N 25 b 26. Divisional Receiving Station.</p> <p>Forward visual Stations located at Left Bn. H.Q. N29 c 55. Left Bn. Advance H.Q. O 19 d 9.3. Right Bn. H.Q. T 6 c 77. Right Bn. Advance H.Q. Q 32 d 4.9. Bn. of left Bde. O 27 a 3.6.</p> <p>Pigeon Loft situated at Dranoutre and connected by phone to D.H.Q. Motor D.R. carries birds forward each afternoon to meet Bde Pigeoneers who distribute to Bns. in line. (2 birds per Bn.) In this Divisional Area an extensive buried cable has already been be-en laid down. Linesmen from Corps Signal Section assisting Personnel of No. 1 Section to maintain route.</p> <p>Wireless Section and Power Buzzer squads took over Wireless Stations and P.B. and Amplifier Stations situated as follows.</p> <p>Right Brigade Sector. Wireless Station at Right Bn. Hqrs. at U 10 a 9.7. working to directing Station at D.H.Q.</p> <p>Amplifier and Power Buzzer Station at this Bn. Hqrs working forward to another Amplifier and Power Buzzer Station at Left Company Hqrs. at U 5 b 8.2.</p> <p>Charging Station in this area at South Midland Farm. Light from this set provides illumination for surrounding dug-outs. A carrying party from the Infantry established at this place for purpose of carrying stores forward.</p> <p><u>Left Brigade Sector.</u></p> <p>Wireless Stations are established at the following places.</p> <p>Left Bde Hqrs. at N 29 c 55.</p> <p>Left Bn. Hqrs. at O 27 a 77.</p> <p>Bde. forward station at O 27 a 77.</p> <p>Company Hqrs. Right Bn. at O 23 b 49.</p> <p>On the Left Bn. Front the following Stations are established.</p> <p>Advanced Bn. H.Q. (Ravine Wood). at O 10 a 30.</p> <p>Company Hqrs. at Delbeske Farm.</p>	

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Dranoutre	17th.		Power Buzzer Station only at Forward Post at FORET HOUSE. Charging Station in this area situated at Clarks Dump. Carrying party works forward from this position. Directing Station controlled by personnel of Corps Wireless Section.	
	18th.		Reserve Bde. lines patrolled, found to be in bad repair. Other lines patrolled during day.	
	19th.		Lieut. Neal Proceeded forward to reconnoitre ground over which proposed new buried system is to be laid.	
	20th.		All lines patrolled throughout the day,	
	21st.	do.	Temporary faults repaired.	
	22nd.	do.	do.	Visual stations tested at intervals.
	23rd.	do.	do.	do.
	24th.	do.	do.	do.
	25th.	do.	do.	do.
	26th.	do.	do.	do.
	27th.	do.	do.	do.
	28th.	do.	do.	do.
	29th.	do.	do.	do.
			Linemen and runners from No 2 Section went forward to r-econnoitre forward lines and positions of Right Bde. in preparation of inter- Divisional relief.	
	30th.		Lines patrolled, communication maintained.	
	30/31st.			
	Night.		Reserve Bde Hqrs At Chateau Kemmel burnt out. Signal Office transferred to open temporarily, afterwards to Ramilles Camp at N 27 b 15.	
	31/1st.		No. 2 Section relieved No. 4 Section on right and took over forward communications at Hqrs. vacated by No. 4 Section.	
			No. 4 Section proceeded to Ramilles Camp remaining at 3rd. Bde Hqrs. in reserve.	

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