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Engineers

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Title: 3rd Field Company, Australian
Engineers

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SAILLY	1 st		<p>Strength:- 6 Officers 237 ORanks</p> <p>N^o1 Section:- Thickening parapet at Strong Points</p> <p>N^o2 Section - At ELBOW FARM + CROIX MARECHALL Building dugouts + thickening Parapet.</p> <p>N^o3 Section - Constructing heavy trench Mortar Emplacements, Howitzer Emplacements, Huts & Observation Posts.</p> <p>N^o4 Section - Constructing dugouts at EATON HALL Building ASC. & Ammunition Bumps + Preparing for Demolition of Bridges.</p>	
	2 nd	1300	<p>Work continued as above</p> <p>Received instructions to prepare to move. No 2 Section recalled.</p>	
	3 rd		<p>Prepared and waiting for orders to move off.</p>	
	4 th			
	5 th			
	6 th		<p>— do —</p>	
	7 th			
	8 th	1530	<p>Moved out of billets at SAILLY</p>	
OUTERSTEENE		1830	<p>Arrived at billets near OUTERSTEENE</p>	
	9 th	1400	<p>Moved out of billets near OUTERSTEENE</p>	
BERTHEN		1800	<p>Reached billets near BERTHEN</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
	10 th		<p>The Company rested pending instructions</p>	
	11 th	1200	<p>Transport & N^o3 Section left to entrain at GODAWAERSVELD</p>	
		1400	<p>The remainder of the Comp^y</p>	
		1600	<p>The Train moved off.</p>	
DOULLENS		2230	<p>Arrived at DOULLENS</p>	
		2300	<p>The Company dentrained & moved off.</p>	

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CANAPLES	12 th	0700	Reached CANAPLES	
		1000	Left	
		1200	Arrived at Billets in NAOURS	
NAOURS	13 th		The Company rested pending the receipt of further Orders	
	14 th		do	
	15 th		do	
	16 th	1300	Left NAOURS	
REBEMPRE		1530	Reached Billets in REBEMPRE	
	17 th		The Company rested pending further instructions	
	18 th	0930	Left REBEMPRE	
FORCEVILLE		1400	Arrived at Billets in FORCEVILLE	
	19 th	1700	Left FORCEVILLE	
ALBERT		1930	Reached Lines near ALBERT	
	20 th		Strength:- 6 Officers 234 ORanks	
	21 st	1800	Dismounted Head Quarters occupied Billets in the town	
	23 rd		Strength 6 Officers 229 ORanks	
	24 th		" 5 " 207 "	
	25 th		" 4 " 205 "	
	26 th		" 4 " 205 "	
	27 th		" 4 " 203 "	

For work done by 3rd Fld Coy see App I

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HARPONVILLE	28 th	1500 1800	Left ALBERT Strength 4 Officers 195 Other Ranks Reached billets in HARPONVILLE	
LA VICOGNE	29 th	0500 1200	Left HARPONVILLE Reached Lines near LA VICOGNE	
CANAPLES	30 th	0930 1300	Left LA, VICOGNE Arrived at Lines near CANAPLES	
	31 st	1000	Strength 4 Officers + 194 Other Ranks The Company was inspected by GENERAL WALKER Parties constructing huts for Orderly Room + Accomodation	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>Work done by 3rd Field Co^y A.E. during the operations in ground POZIERS</u>	
			In the morning & afternoon of the 20 th July 1916 the officers of this Company with some of the senior NCOs reconnoitered the area in which we had to work.	2 OR Killed
			On the night of the 20 th the following work was commenced	
			(1) Communication Trench	
			(2) Improvement of Firing Line	
			(1) The C.T. was started about 2200 on the night of the 20 th and it was started at Blackwatch Alley, Square XIIC66 and connected up to our firing line near sunken road square XI1a14 a distance of about 400 yards. This trench was about 4' below ground level by daylight and the sappers continued to work on this during the morning deepening and widening until 1200 o'clock.	
			About 1400 the sappers commenced work on BLACKWATCH ALLEY (Between Square XIIC66 and XI6b23) which in a lot of places had been filled in by shell fire. This trench was well cleaned up by 1900 on the 21 st .	
			(2) Improvement of Firing Line. The firing line was roughly parallel to the sunken road and the portion we worked on extended from XI0b96 to XI1a69. This trench was deepened to 6'6" below ground level and firing recesses were dug in each bay and the parapet and traverses were thickened and improved. The sappers commenced work at 2200 on the night of the 20 th and worked until 0800 on the morning of the 21 st when they were withdrawn and started on the Communication Trench mentioned above.	

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			At 2200 on the night of the 21 st another CT was dug between BLACKWATCH ALLEY at XIIb11 to our firing line at XIIa77. An Infantry party assisted in this trench which was about 300 yds long and it was through to a depth of 5 feet below ground level by daylight.	
			On the night of the 21 st a party of sappers went up to 9 th Bn. to take part in an assault and establish a Bin HQ but the assault was a failure and the sappers returned at 0500 on the 22 nd . Another party of sappers built overhead cover at the entrance to the fighting HQ of the 3 rd Inf Bde and also improved the interior of the dugout.	
			On the night of the 22 nd the Coy. assembled under cover of road at X16b23 where we had made a dump and waited there until about 2300 when two sections went up to the sunken road near our firing line about XIIa66 and waited there until the Infantry had taken their first objective when they commenced work on a C.T. from XIIa69 to X5C54.	
			This was about 0200 on the morning of the 23 rd . About this time the remainder of the company less a few sappers moved up and as they could not start work on their particular job at this time they assisted in digging the C.T.	
			Work on this job went on all day on the 23 rd until about 1700.	
			On the morning of the 23 rd some of the sappers were withdrawn from this C.T. and put on the captured line between X5C54 and X5C24 to consolidate it and another lot of sappers were put on a C.T. from X5C24 to X5C27.	1 Killed 1 Off 7 CR
			About 1600 on the 23 rd two sections were withdrawn and went back to Albert and about 1800 the remainder of the Company were withdrawn to Albert.	Wounded 15 OK Shell Shock
			At 0900 on the 25 th MAJOR SAVAGE & LT SINCLAIR went up to the 1 st Bde HQ near CHALK PITS to take over from the 1 st Field Coy and at 1800 on the 25 th the Company went up to GORDON DUMP in SAUSAGE VALLEY. At 2100 on the 25 th the Company went up to the trenches in the ORCHARD square and built sand bag traverses, deepened trench & cut firesteps. They knocked off work at 0430 on the 26 th and went back to	13 CR P/S 5

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