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1st to 2nd March

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
<i>1st March - Bagentin.</i>	Company attached to Augac Right Railways, for work on Occanville light Railways. Sections distributed as follows:- No 1 Section under Lt LYDDON and No 2 Section under Lieut McCONNEL employed on extension of line from FACTORY CORNER to LUISENHOFF FARM, working in 6 hours shifts; 40 lb. rails being laid. No 3 Section under Lt FITZGERALD relaying Occanville track with 40 lb. rails from MARTINPUICH STATION onwards. No 4 Section under Sgt. ROCHESTER on maintenance of track from CLARKES DUMP to TURK DUMP. A small party is also employed supervising a getting party on the CATERPILLAR VALLEY LINE.	
<i>2nd March do.</i>	<i>Work being carried on as yesterday.</i>	
<i>3rd March do.</i>	<i>Works as yesterday. The sections on the LUISENHOFF FARM line are now working night shifts instead of day shifts on account of being under observation from the enemy lines.</i>	
<i>4th March do.</i>	<i>Works as yesterday.</i>	
<i>5th March do.</i>	<i>Work as yesterday.</i>	

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6 th March. do.	Sections on LUISENHOFF FARM extension shelled heavily, which necessitated their retiring for an hour or two. No casualties. Other work as usual. - 2/Lt. NOLAN to hospital sick	
7 th March do.	Work being carried on as yesterday.	
8 th March do.	No alteration in work. Nothing to report.	
9 th March do.	Sections employed on the same work as yesterday.	
10 th March do.	Work as yesterday.	
11 th March do.	Work as yesterday. Major DYER returned to duty from E. School at LE PARCQ.	
12 th March do.	Work being carried out as yesterday.	
13 th March do.	Work as yesterday.	
14 th March do.	Nos. 1 and 2 Sections taken off work on LUISENHOFF FARM extension and put on to relaying Decauville tracks with 40 lb. rails from MARTINPUICH towards WARLENCOURT. Other work as usual.	
15 th March do.	Work being carried on as yesterday.	

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16 th March do.	No. 4 Section employed on LUISENHOFF FARM extension and salvaging of rails at SIEGE LOOP. Other work as usual.	
17 th March do.	No. 4 Section additionally employed on supervising construction of formation from FACTORY CORNER towards GUEDECOURT. Other work as usual.	
18 th March do.	Works as yesterday.	
19 th March do.	Nos. 1 & 4 Sections under Lt. HIGGINS & THOMPSON engaged shifting camp to FACTORY CORNER. Nos. 2 & 3 Sections employed relaying track from MARTINPUICH STATION towards WARLENCOURT, and setting.	
20 th March do.	No. 1 Section employed putting in siding at FACTORY CORNER. No. 4 Section salvaging old German Decauville track between LUISENHOFF FARM and BEAULENCOURT. Nos. 2 & 3 Sections employed as yesterday.	
21 st March do.	No. 2 Section shifted camp to FACTORY CORNER. Nos. 1, 2 & 4 Sections laying narrow gauge track on old German broad gauge formation along ALBERT - BAPAUME Road, in the direction of BAPAUME. No. 3 Section working as usual.	

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22 nd March do.	Work as yesterday.	
23 rd March do.	Work being carried on as yesterday.	
24 th March do.	Work on ALBERT-BAPAUME ROAD line and MARTINPUICH-BUTTE line being carried on as usual.	
25 th March do.	Work being carried on as yesterday.	
26 th March do.	The three sections on the ALBERT-BAPAUME ROAD line completed their portion of the job and commenced work today on a narrow gauge line from a point about NIA on the BAPAUME-ALBERT ROAD, through THILLOY and thence to BEAULENCOURT. A party of 100 Infantry was supplied to assist in this work. Other work as usual.	
27 th March do.	Work as yesterday.	
28 th March do.	Work being carried on as usual. Nothing to report.	
29 th March do.	Work as yesterday.	
30 th March do.	Work as yesterday.	

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3rd March do.	Work being carried on as yesterday. Nothing to report.	
	— <u>Appendix A: shewing Casualties. Promotions. Awards etc. below.</u> <u>Casualties.</u> 2/Lt NOLAN to Hospital sick. 6. 3. 17. 1 O/R Died of Wounds 1. 3. 17 1 O/R " " " 5. 3. 17 1 O/R " " " 6. 3. 17 <u>Promotions & Awards.</u> 2/Lt LYDDON to be Lieutenant dated 22. 3. 17. No. 233. Corp. ARKINSTALL T.F. awarded Military Medal (A.I.F. Routine Order 139. dated 28. 3. 17.)	

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