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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mess. (Somme)	1.4.17		<p>No 1, 2 &amp; sections under Lt. Higgins, Lawrence and Thompson respectively working on lateral Light Railway line from a point about a mile from Bapaume, along the Albert. Bapaume Road, through Shilloz to Beaulencourt.</p> <p>No 3 Section under Lt Fitzgibbon felling track from Martinprich Station towards the Butte de Warlencourt.</p> <p>Capt Stevenson in charge of mounted section at ENCOURT, assisted by Lt MCCONNELL.</p> <p>Lieut HYDDON detached at C.R.E. as office i/c dumps. R. J. H. [Signature]</p>	
do.	do.	2.4.17	No alteration in work. Nothing to Report.	R. J. H. [Signature]
"	"	3.4.17		
"	"	4.4.17		
"	"	5.4.17		
"	"	6.4.17	<p>No 3 section shifted camp from Bazentin to Shilloz. It picked gang from Nos 1, 2 &amp; sections laid 1000' double track (Heavy Rail), felled 2500' and replaced 90' of 16 lb Decauville with heavy rail in an 8 hour shift, including three curves. This is considered very fast work under the circumstances &amp; primitive conditions.</p>	R. J. H. [Signature]

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Hers. (Somme)	7.4.17		Nos 1, 2 + 4 sections resting. No 3 section filling lateral track from Albert - Bapaume Road to Thilloz.	R. John Dyer
Bapaume.	8.4.17		Dismounted sections shifted camp to Bapaume & billeted in No 2 Rue D'ARRAS, facing the Railway Station.	R. John Dyer
do. do.	9.4.17		Commenced work on maintenance of BAPAUME - FREMICOURT line, also put in two sets of points and crossings and 150' siding.	R. John Dyer
do. do.	10.4.17		No 1 section moved to FREMICOURT to build a camp for the company. Remainder of company working in two shifts - 5 am to 1 pm & 1 pm to 9 pm. on same work as yesterday. A certain amount of relaying was also done.	R. John Dyer
do. do.	11.4.17		Lieut FITZGERALD attached to 1st ANZAC for work in connection with heavy bridging. Lieut HYDDON returned from attached duty at CRE. & posted temporarily to No 3 section vice FITZGERALD. Work being carried on as yesterday.	R. John Dyer

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Bapaume.	12.4.17		2/Lt LAWRENCE detached at CRE. as Field Engineer. Company working on section of line between BAPAUME STATION and FRENICOURT ROAD, felling. Working hours 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.	R. John Dyer
do.	do.	13.4.17	Lieut. MCCONNELL rejoined No 2 section from Fricourt. Work being carried on as yesterday.	R. John Dyer
do.	do.	14.4.17	Work as usual. Nothing to report.	R. John Dyer
do.	do.	15.4.17		
do.	do.	16.4.17		
do.	do.	17.4.17		
do.	do.	18.4.17		
do.	do.	19.4.17	Mounted section moved from Fricourt to FRENICOURT. Work as usual.	R. John Dyer
do.	do.	20.4.17	Company employed on same work. Nothing to report.	R. John Dyer
do.	do.	21.4.17		
do.	do.	22.4.17		
do.	do.	23.4.17		
do.	do.	24.4.17		

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Bapanne	25.4.17		Maintenance of line from Bapanne - Beignate Road to Bapanne - Lemicourt Road.	R. John Dyer Major
do do	26.4.17		Section of line to be maintained extended to Harvey siding (half way between Bapanne & Lemicourt).	R. John Dyer Major
do do	27.4.17		Relaying becaulide line with heavy rail.	R. John Dyer Major
do do	28.4.17		Work proceeding as yesterday. Nos 2 + 3 sections moved from Bapanne to camp at Lemicourt.	R. John Dyer Major
do do	29.4.17		Work as yesterday. No. 4 section moved to camp at Lemicourt from Bapanne.	R. John Dyer Major
do do	30.4.17		No alteration in work.	R. John Dyer Major