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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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BAVINCHOVE	1.8.17		Company employed training, gas drill & rifle exercises.	R.W.
do.	2.8.17		Training, gas drill, section drill and rifle exercises. Lieut THOMPSON, LYDDON and WRIGHT returned from 4 days furlough to PARIS	R.W.
do.	3.8.17		Training. Lecture by Section Officers on Engineer subjects. No 3 Section under Lieut FITZGERALD still employed on construction of baths at STAPLES & OXELARE. These jobs were commenced on 28 th July.	R.W.
do.	4.8.17		Training. Gas Drill and rifle exercises. Party under Lt McCONNEL employed sinking well at BAVINCHOVE STATION. Water struck at about 15' - sufficient to water at least 1 Brigade transport.	R.W.
do.	5.8.17		Parties under Lieut THOMPSON, LYDDON and LAWRENCE employed erecting troughs for Brigade Group transport. Remainder of company training.	R.W.
do.	6.8.17		Training going on as usual.	R.W.
do.	7.8.17		Training as yesterday.	R.W.
do.	8.8.17		Packing waggons and making general arrangements preparatory to an early move tomorrow.	R.W.

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The GARAGE at HAZEBROUCK	9.8.17		Company (less No. 3 Section under Lieut. FITZGERALD, left behind to complete baths at STAPLE) moved out from BAVINCHOVE to billets at The GARAGE 1 kilometre east of HAZEBROUCK (map location D 60 95 sheet 36 A). Company inspected by Corps commander on march near HAZEBROUCK. Route altered from via HAZEBROUCK to via southern outskirts of HAZEBROUCK on account of hostile shelling.	R.W.
do.	10.8.17		Company employed overhauling and washing wagons, fixing horse lines & general camp arrangements.	R.W.
do.	11.8.17		Company employed training.	R.W.
do.	12.8.17		Training as yesterday and packing up for move tomorrow in accordance with instructions from C.R.E.	R.W.
L 2 central (36a) near VIEUX-BERQUIN	13.8.17		Company moved from GARAGE to L 2 central at 9 a.m.	R.W.
do.	14.8.17		Nothing to report.	R.W.
do.	15.8.17		Company employed training and assisting farmers to bring in crops.	R.W.
do.	16.8.17		Training as usual & farm work.	R.W.

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L 2 Central (3ba) near VIEUX-BERQUIN	17.8.17		Training & farm work.	R.W.
do.	18.8.17		Training & farm work.	R.W.
do.	19.8.17		Training & farm work. Lieut. HIGGINS proceeded to STAPLE to take over duty from Lieut FITZGERALD.	R.W.
do.	20.8.17		Company employed as on previous days. Lieut FITZGERALD returned to Company from detached duty.	R.W.
do.	21.8.17		No 3. Section under Lt HIGGINS returned to Company. Lieut FITZGERALD proceeded to ENGLAND to take over duties of Adjutant at Engineers Training Depot BRIGHTLINGSEA.	R.W.
do.	22.8.17		No 3. Section under Lt HIGGINS represented Company in inspection by Corps Commander. Remainder of Company on Gathing Parade.	R.W.
do.	23.8.17		Company training & farming as usual. Gathing parade in afternoon	R.W.
do.	24.8.17		Nos 2, 3 & 4 Sections under Lieuts LAWRENCE, HIGGINS & THOMPSON, ^{respectively} doing musketry training under instructors from 1st Infy Brigade. Remainder on Farm Work.	R.W.
do.	25.8.17		Company inspected by C.E. 1st Arzac.	R.W.

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L 2 Central (36a) near VIEUX-BERQUIN	26.8.17		Musketry instruction in morning; bathing parade in afternoon. Explosives inspected by A.D.O.S.	R.W.
do	27.8.17		Musketry instruction all day. Remainder of company out farm work.	R.W.
do	28.8.17		Nos 1-4 sections represented company in inspection by Army Commander.	R.W.
do	29.8.17		Musketry training all day. Remainder out farm work.	R.W.
do	30.8.17		No 1 section of party under Lt. McCONNEL employed all day out musketry instruction. Remainder of company doing farm work.	R.W.
do	31.8.17		No 1 section of party under Lt. McCONNEL out Musketry - remainder of company out Route March training.	R.W.

Appendix A

Lieut FITZGERALD W.E. to Engineers Training Depot.
BRIGHTLINGSEA. ENGLAND as Adjutant 21.8.17.

R. J. ...
Major, A.E.
O.C. 1st Field Coy. Engineers.