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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MONTAUBAN	1st.	Jan.	Col. Carey is doing duty as C.R.E. 2nd. Aus. Div. at BERNAFAY. Strength Div. Engrs. 21. Off. 607. O.R. Dismounted portion 8th. Field Co. at S28. b 6.9. Transport and Drivers at S23. c.	
	10th	"	Col. Carey proceeded on leave to U.K. C.R.E. staff at MONTAUBAN.	
	11th	"	C.R.E. Staff proceeded to RIBEMONT. 8th. Field Co. erecting Nissen Bow Huts B, & E. Camps, work hampered owing to shortage material.	
	16th	"	8th. Field Co. commence work on Shrapnel Proof shelters SUNKEN ROAD. 15th. Field Co. engaged on work in billets at RIBEMONT, BUIRE, DERNANCOURT, CARDONETTE and RAINEVILLE; 903 bunks were erected at foregoing places, 180' Horsestandings A.S.C. distribution hut, general repairs 328' latrines, stables etc.	
	17th	"	H.Q.D.E. moved from RIBEMONT to COSEY CORNER, MONTAUBAN. 8th. Field Co. getting in touch with work in Right Sector, to be taken over from 2nd. Aus. Div. Engrs. 15th. Field Co. marched to FRICOURT.	
	18th	"	H.Q.D.E. moved from MONTAUBAN to BERNAFAY WOOD. Major Henderson 5th. Field Co. @/C.R.E. 2. Sections 14th. Field Co. employed under C.R.E. Circuit on Roads, railway work, hut erection, stables and platforms at MONTAUBAN Supply Depot. 2. Sections erecting huts and stables at S21 b 7.2. 15th. Field Co. marched to WATERLOT FARM and took over Left Brigade Sector. 14th. Field Co. took over GINCHY Defences from 8th. Field Co.	
	19th	"	8th. Field Co. relieved 7th. Field Co. in Forward Area Right Sector. One section 8th. Field Co. returned to Unit from C.R.E. Defences.	
	19th. to 31st.		8th. Field Co. principally employed on Deep dugouts & work for A.M.C. shelters. (See appendix Census of Dugouts.)	
	19th.		15th. Field Co. No. 1. Section- Front Line & ROSE TRENCH. No. 2. " NEEDLE TRENCH. No. 3. " SWITCH TRENCH. No. 4. " General duckwalks, Artillery Deep Dugouts, Drying sheds etc.	
	23rd.		Major Bachtold 14th. Field Co. took over A/C.R.E. 5th. Aus. Div. from Major Henderson.	
		10.30	Col. Carey. returned from leave.	

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	24th	Jan.	Col. Carey. resumed duties of C.R.E.. Major. Bachtold returned to Company. 8th. Field Co. SWITCH TRENCH 1200 yds. defensive wiring double apron. 350 " Tactical wiring double apron. Intermediate Line. 300 yds. Tactical wiring apron.	
	25th	"	14th. Field Co. took over in GINCHY Defenses, Intermediate Line from 3rd. Field Co. One Section in GINCHY Defenses - Intermediate Line. " " " " " 2nd. & Ginchy Defenses. " " Splinter proofs S17. d. 9.5. & maintenance duckwalk tracks. " " Work reserve area.	
	30th	"	Stables commenced at MAMETZ for 49th. & 50th. Battery. 30 yds. Corduroy Road laid at ADELAIDE Camp.	
	31st	"	Strength of Divisional Engineers: 18. Off. 547. O.R.	

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