

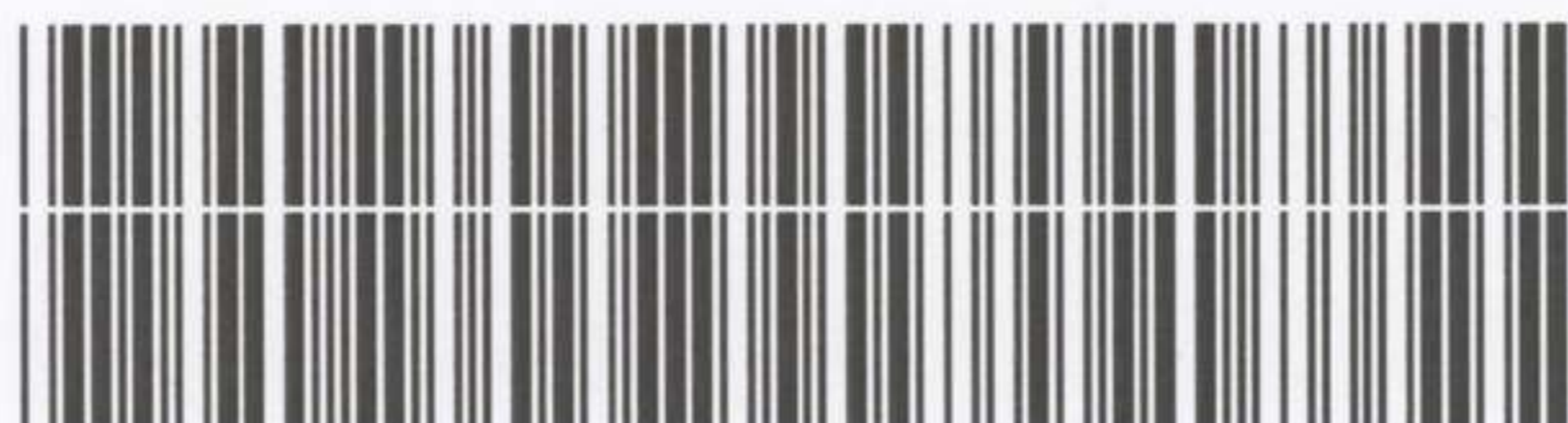
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4th Aus Pioneer Battalion

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	VOLUME V	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1916				
	31 st Aug	1 st Sept	200 men from A B & C boys constructing Trench Farm de Bouquet		
	1 st Sept		A & C boys one platoon each engaged detuning and clearing out trenches. B boy one platoon & prisoners continued drive on road & maintenance of Antway. D boy continued work on Decauville Tramline.		
	1/2 Sept		Parties from A, B & C boys with parties attached from 15 th Bn digging communication trench.		
	2 nd Sept		Working parties from A B & C boys & prisoners continued work on cleaning out & deepening trenches. D boys maintenance of Tramline & Platelaying.		
	3 rd Sept		A B & C boys 1 platoon each ballasting Decauville Tramline 1 Platoon each clearing up trenches. Remainder of platoons resting in bivouacs. D boys maintenance of Tramline		
	3/4 Sept		Party of 100 men from B & C boys carrying Bombs rations etc to front line trenches		
	4 th		10.30 am Battalion moved out of Avoca Valley to Vadencourt		
	5 th		Men resting at Vadencourt Wood		
	6 th		7am moved out of Vadencourt wood & proceeded to Beauval.		
	7 th		Morning devoted to paying of men & lectures on care forms & discipline afternoon short route march by companies independently.		
	8 th		No parade in morning men resting & washing clothes. At 5 pm moved out of Beauval at 5 pm & entrained at 10.30 pm.		
	9 th		Moved out Proven Railway Station about 8.30 am & proceeded to Chippewa Camp.		

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	1916			
	Sept 10		Rifle Gas Helmet etc inspection & balance of morning devoted to compulsory washing of underclothes. Afternoon devoted to bathing at Chippawa Baths.	
	Sept 11		2 boys at work lifting & ballasting Decauville Tramline.	
	Sept 12		All boys engaged on work Decauville Tramline. C, D boys moved to Vancouver camp after finish of day's work.	
	Sept 13		All boys engaged on work Decauville Tramline.	
	Sept 14		All boys engaged on work Decauville Tramline.	
	Sept 15		All boys work on Decauville Tramline as usual.	
	Sept 16		All boys work on Tramline as usual.	
	Sept 17		Morning devoted to washing of clothes & bathing. Afternoon church parade & Gas Demonstration by Div Gas Officer.	
	Sept 18		Work for all Companies on Tramline as usual. A & B boys going to work in full marching order preparatory to marching to Mc Mac Camp. Battalion Hdqrs Transport etc moved to Mc Mac Camp at 4.30 pm.	
	Sept 19		Work as usual all boys on Decauville Tramline. 1 Party from D boy with detached. Inf work on construction of Barbwire enclosure.	
	Sept 20		Work as usual all boys on Decauville Tramline. 1 Party from D boy with detached. Infantry continued work on Barbwire enclosure.	
	Sept 21		A & B boys 2 platoons each work on Communication Trench, wetting etc. 2 platoons B Coy resting preparatory to working in trenches at night. C & D Coy & 1 platoon A Coy boy continued work on Decauville Tramline. Party from D boy & detached Inf continued on Barb wire enclosure.	
	Sept 21/22		B Coy 2 platoons digging deviation Trench & portion of Shelly Lane Trench	

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	1916 Sept 22		A+B boys sequence of shifts improving benches & drainage of Bde area (shelly here, bonvent Lane Queen Victoria St & Poppy Lane)	
	Sept 23		C+D boys continued with work on Decauville tramline. Party from D Coy with attached Inf continued work on Barbwire enclosure. 30 Reinforcements taken on strength.	
	Sept 24		A+B boys with platoons from C+D boys continued sequence of shifts working in drainage repairs to benches of 4 th Bde & 12 Bde area. Platelaying section from A Coy work at Pacific siding. C+D boys with attached Inf work on Decauville tramline repairs etc. Prisoners at work Pacific siding & drainage of Mui Mac camp. Party from D Coy with attached Inf continued work on wire entanglements.	
	Sept 25		Morning - men resting & washing underclothes etc. Afternoon - A+B boys men attended baths. C+D boys Gas lecture by Bro. Gas Officer & washing. Party working on barbwire entanglement completed same. Prisoners worked at Pacific siding unloading & loading metal.	
	Sept 26		A+B boys sequence of shifts maintenance of benches drainage & drainage. C+D boys with attached Inf at work on ^{on} tramline. Prisoners work.	
	Sept 26		A+B boys continued sequence of shifts maintenance of benches tramlines & drainage. C+D boys & attached Infantry work lifting 60 cwt tramline. Prisoners work at Busseboom siding boiling site for Corps Dump.	

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	1916			
	Sept 27		A+B Coy continued sequence of shifts maintenance of trenches, tramline, & drainage C+D Coy & attached Inf. continued tramline work. C Coy starting on section Brandhoek to Olanerkinghe. Prisoners at work drainage of Muc Mac Camp.	
	Sept 28		A+B Coys sequence of shifts maintenance of trenches tramline & drainage C Coy work Bassutoone constructing siding for Lorus Dumps. D Coy continued work on tramline. Prisoners at work on Corps Outpost. 3 Reinforcements taken on strength.	
	Sept 29		Work detailed as for yesterday continued	
	Sept 30		A Coy continued work on communication trench & drainage B Coy started work on tramline in 12 Bde area. 6 C+D Coy shifting & ballasting Deauville tramline. Prisoners at work at Bassutoom siding	

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			<i>Appendix I</i>	
			<i>Casualties</i>	
	<i>1/9/16</i>		<i>No 3381 Corp Kneale B N.</i>	<i>Killed</i>
	<i>31/8/16</i>		<i>2566 Pte Rycroft W.</i>	<i>wounded (shell shock)</i>
	"		<i>4914 " Parsonage H.</i>	"
	"		<i>1819 " Best. Av.</i>	<i>Missing</i>
	<i>30/9/16</i>		<i>2737 " Glendenning H.</i>	<i>wounded (shrapnel) continuing on duty.</i>
	<i>2/9/16</i>		<i>1512 " Beaton A J.</i>	<i>Killed (shell)</i>
	"		<i>2915 " Townsend J.</i>	"
	"		<i>3346 " Hoare E.</i>	"
	<i>4/9/16</i>		<i>3279 " Daniels A E.</i>	<i>wounded. (H.E.) side.</i>
	"		<i>1460 " Colquhoun J M.</i>	<i>Killed (HE)</i>
	"		<i>129 Sgt Brown W.</i>	<i>wounded (bullet) buttock.</i>
	"		<i>4529 " Muir A M E D.</i>	<i>" (shell) side</i>
	"		<i>3388 Corp Kelly H. O'K.</i>	<i>" " " " " " " "</i>
	"		<i>1708 Pte Bennett R O.</i>	<i>" " " " " " " "</i>
	"		<i>3044 " Lee S.</i>	<i>" " " " " " " "</i>
	"		<i>2740 " Neam S. I.</i>	<i>" " " " " " " "</i>
	"		<i>3331 " Gray P. A.</i>	<i>" " " " " " " "</i>
	<i>26/9/16</i>		<i>613 Pte Morgan J R.</i>	<i>Killed</i>
	<i>28/9/16</i>		<i>2572 " Davis J.</i>	<i>wounded (HE) in leg</i>
	<i>30/9/16</i>		<i>3329 " Geo L W.</i>	<i>" " " " " " " "</i>
	<i>2/9/16</i>		<i>1737 Lt Col Childs A.</i>	<i>Killed (HE) " " " " " " " "</i>
	"		<i>2902 Pte Sherwood A E.</i>	<i>" " " " " " " "</i>

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			<i>Appendix I (contd)</i>	
			<i>Casualties</i>	
	<i>2/9/16</i>		<i>3008 Pa Bourke W.P. wounded (HE) head</i>	
	<i>"</i>		<i>1831 - Currie W.O. " "</i>	
	<i>"</i>		<i>2889 - Johnston G.S. " hand</i>	
	<i>"</i>		<i>3600 - Mcclands S.B. " "</i>	
	<i>"</i>		<i>2667 - Simpson R. " "</i>	
	<i>"</i>		<i>1955 - Wimpfield J. " (side)</i>	
			<i>Brook L. Camp</i>	
			<i>for C.O. 4th Pioneer Battalion</i>	

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		OPR	OR	OPR	OR
Sept	1	29	862	29	1043
	2	29	850	29	1039
	3	29	838	29	1039
	4	29	831	29	1039
	5	29	831	29	1045
	6	29	830	29	1045
	7	29	828	31	1034
	8	29	820	30	1034
	9	29	820	30	1034
	10	29	822	32	1031
	11	30	824	32	1031
	12	30	826	32	1021
	13	30	826	32	1031
	14	30	824	32	1011
	15	30	821	32	1011
	16	30	821	32	1008
	17	30	820	32	1008
	18	28	820	32	1008
	19	28	820	32	1007
	20	28	821	32	1007
	21	28	820	32	1007
	22	28	848	32	1038
	23	28	845	32	1038
	24	29	847	32	1038
	25	29	848	32	1038
	26	29	848	32	1040
	27	30	848	32	1037
	28	30	846	32	1040
	29	30	847	32	1031
	30	29	847	32	1031

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Remarks and references to Appendices

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