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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	Oct 1		A+B boys maintenance of trenches and drainage of same. Trambline patrolled & repaired. C+D boys. Batta Prisoners and attached Infantry Maintenance etc of Trambline.
	Oct 2		A+B boys. Repairs to settlement & sandbag parapet. Trambline straightened, lifted & patrolled. C+D boys. & attached party. Repairs etc Decauville Trambline.
	Oct 3		A+B boys sequence of shifts general repairs to trenches & drainage. Trambline Ballista straightened lifted & formed & patrolled. 12 O.R. taken on strength. C+D boys with attached party Repairs etc Decauville Trambline.
	Oct 4		A+B boys sequence of shifts general repairs to trenches & drainage. General repairs & ballasting Trambline patrolling same. C+D boys & party. Repairs etc Decauville Trambline.
	Oct 5		A+B boys sequence of shifts general repairs to trenches & drainage. Lifting ballasting & straightening Trambline, also patrolling same. C+D boys & party. Repairs etc Decauville Trambline.
	Oct 6		A+B boys. General repairs to trenches and drainage. Repairs & patrolling Trambline. C+D boys & party Repairs etc Decauville Trambline.
	Oct 7		A+B boys sequence of shifts general repairs to trenches & drainage. Patrolling Trambline. all Inf party carrying bricks for ballast work. C+D boys & party. Repairs etc Decauville Trambline
	Oct 8		A boy resting in Billets & mashing clothes B boy. party repairing trenches where blown in, balance of boy resting. C boy. moved from War cover to Mic Mac camp to take over work in trenches from A boy. D boy Resting in Billets.



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	Oct 9		B & C Coys General repairs to benches and drainage. Patrolling tramlines A boy moved from Mic Mac to Vancouver Camp. D Boy Repairs etc Decanville Tramline	
	Oct 10		B & C Coys General repairs to benches and drainage. Propelling trucks to Camps. & lifting ballasting etc. Tramline. A & D boys party Repairs etc Decanville Tramline.	
	Oct 11		B & C Coys General repairs to benches and drainage. Repairing & patrolling tramlines. A & D boys & Inf party Repairs etc Decanville Tramline.	
	Oct 12		B & C boys General repairs to benches and drainage. Repairing & patrolling tramlines. A & D boys & party Repairs etc Decanville Tramlines.	
	Oct 13		B & C boys General repairs to benches and drainage. Repairing & patrolling tramlines. A & D boys & party Repairs etc Decanville Tramline.	
	Oct 14		B & C boys General Repairs to benches and drainage. Repairing & patrolling tramlines & Raising forming & ballasting of same. 1 Off. 1.0R. taken on strength. A & D boys Repairs etc Decanville Tramline.	
	Oct 15		B & C Coys Parties repairing benches, balance of boys resting. A & D boys resting in Billeto.	
	Oct 16		B & C boys general repairs to benches. Lifting, ballasting, repairing etc tramline. A & D boy Repairs etc Decanville Tramline.	
	Oct 17		B & C boys general repairs to benches & drainage. Lifting ballasting etc of tramline A & D boys Repairs etc Decanville Tramline.	

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	1916 Oct 18		B & C Coys. General repairs to trenches & drainage. Lifting, forming, ballasting etc of Trampoline. A & D boys Repairs etc Decauville Trampoline.	
	Oct 19		B & C Coys General repairs to trenches & drainage. Lifting forming ballasting etc of Trampoline. A & D boys Repairs etc Decauville Trampoline.	
	Oct 20		B & C boys General repairs to trenches & drainage. Lifting forming ballasting etc of Trampoline. A & D boys Repairs etc Decauville Trampoline.	
	Oct 21 st		B & C boys General repairs to trenches & drainage. Lifting forming ballasting etc of Trampoline. A & D boys Repairs etc Decauville Trampoline.	
	Oct 22 nd		Parties engaged repairing trenches, balance of boys resting.	
	Oct 23		B & C companies with guard & platoon from D boy moved out of Mic Mac bank at 10.30 am. arrived at new camp at 3.30 pm. A boy less 1 Off & section under him moved out from Vancouver Camp at 10.30 am, arrived at new camp at 3.30 pm. D boy continued with work on Decauville Trampoline.	
	Oct 24 th		B boys morning parade inspections of arms & ammunition etc & Rifle drill. Afternoon Parade. Lecture & demonstration of guard & sentry duties. D boy continued with work on Decauville Trampoline.	

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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Oct 25		3 Boys washing clothes and attending baths. D Coy moved from Vancouver Camp to new camp, leaving camp at 8 am.	
	Oct 26		Battalion left camp at 8 am for entraining station, arrived at debraining station 9.30 pm.	
	Oct 27		Battalion resting & fixing up in new billets.	
	Oct 28		Morning - Lectures on ^{march} Discipline & care of Arms. Rifle Inspection. Afternoon - Lecture on Discipline, Resume of work carried out at Ypres salient pointing out mistakes & defects. 100 & 100 taken on strength.	
	Oct 29		Church Parade arranged but owing to rain was not held. Afternoon Football matches were played between companies.	
	Oct 30		Morning Parade - Rifle Inspection short route march & Company drills. Afternoon Parade - Battalion drill & final of Football match arranged but not held owing to rain.	
	Oct 31		Morning - Company & Battalion parade & final of football match. Afternoon - Company parade 2.30 to 3.30 rest of pm Battalion Parade.	

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Appendix No. 1 to War Diary Oct. 1916

Effective Strength on Roll

Date	off	OR	off	OR
Oct: 1	29	847	32	1031
2	29	845	32	1032
3	29	854	32	1044
4	29	853	32	1044
5	29	853	32	1049
6	29	850	32	1040
7	29	849	32	1040
8	29	845	32	1040
9	29	844	32	1040
10	28	841	32	1040
11	28	839	32	1040
12	28	839	32	1040
13	28	839	32	1040
14	28	837	33	1041
15	29	835	33	1041
16	29	835	33	1041
17	29	841	33	1048
18	29	841	33	1048
19	29	841	33	1048
20	29	840	33	1048
21	29	839	33	1048
22	29	839	33	1048
23	29	839	33	1048
24	29	839	33	1048
25	28	836	33	1048
26	28	836	33	1048
27	28	830	33	1048
28	28	830	34	1051
29	28	824	34	1051
30	28	824	34	1051
31	28	824	34	1051

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