

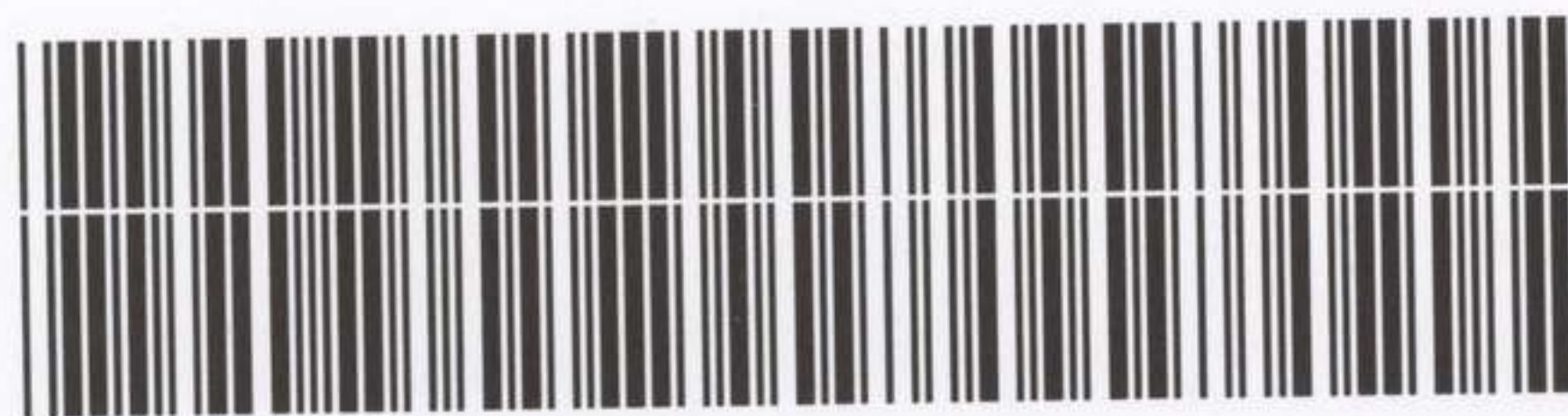
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OF

5th FIELD COMPANY
AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Map References from Sheet 36 - 1/40,000 Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROMARIN	April 1st & 2nd		<p>Weather fine and bright. Company billeted at WEKA Lines le Romarin (B.4.a.4.2.). The Company in the line with 7th Australian Infantry Brigade and the work consisted of general maintenance and drainage and construction of shelters. The work was allotted to sections as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 1 section - Right Battalion Sector - repairing, revetting and draining trenches. No 2 section - Brigade sector - general drainage, patrolling Rivers Rabeques & Warnave. No 3 section - Left Battalion Sector - repairing, revetting and draining trenches. No 4 section - Brigade Sector - Loading and transport- R.E. material forward to Motor Car Corner and Ploegsteert. 	
"	"	3rd.	<p>Early morning fine, showery later in day. The Company was relieved in the line by the 106th Field Company, R.E. of 25th Division.</p> <p>The Company moved out with 7th Australian Infantry Brigade Group. The dis-mounted personnel moved from Le Romarin at 6.30 a.m. and marched to Neuve Eglise where they em-bussed and arrived at Meteren at 9.30 a.m. and proceeded by route march to E.15.b.5.9. - about a kilometre south of the Strazeele Station -arriving at 5.30 p.m.</p> <p>The Transport Section moved from le Romarin by road and arrived at E.17.b.4.5. at 3 p.m.</p> <p>In addition to mobilization Stores, extra picks, shovels, S.A.A. and gun cotton were carried on the transport.</p>	
VIEUX BERQUIN		4th	<p>Weather fine but dull. The transport moved from E.17.b.4.5. at 7.30 p.m. for CAESTRE station, arriving at 10 p.m. and entrained. The dis-mounted personnel moved at 8.30 p.m. from E.15.b.5.9. and arrived at CAESTRE Station at 11.5 p.m.</p>	

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VIEUX BERQUIN	April 4th		On arrival the troops were supplied with hot cocoa by the Australian Y.M.C.A. All ranks were entrained by 11.30 p.m. Iron rations and rations for following 24 hours were carried on-the-man and 24 hours rations were carried on the first-line transport. Lieut. Parkinson and party of six Sappers moved by the 3.25 p.m. train for new area to act as Advance billeting party. C.S.M. Flood moved to new area by motor lorry with Brigade representatives and on arrival proceeded to arrange the billets for the Company.	
CARDONNETTE	"	5th	The train moved from Caestre Station at 12.15 a.m. for ST. ROCH, AMIENS and arrived at 1.15 p.m. The Company detrained at 1.30 p.m. and marched to Cardonnette, arriving at 5.25 p.m. and were billeted in the village. The Company is under orders to move at 7 a.m. on the 6th instant or at 6 hours notice and are to relieve the 11th Australian Field Company, billeted at DAOURS, who were working with the 35th Division, which was to be relieved by the 2nd Australian Division. Weather, dull, with fine rain at intervals.	
"	"	6th	Weather, still dull but fine. Move orders cancelled. Company standing by to move at short notice. Rain set in at 8 p.m. and continued throughout the night.	
"	"	7th	Weather fine. Orders were received for the 2nd Aust. Division to relieve the 4th Aust. Division. The Company moved at 1.30 p.m. for BAIZIEUX and took over from the 13th Field Company, A.E. Headquarters, Nos. 1 & 2 sections moved to trenches at C.12.b.8.7. (Sheet 57D) and were billeted in shelters. The Transport moved to VADENCOURT. Move completed by 5.30 p.m. Weather changed and set in wet.	

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BAIZIEUX	April 8th 9th to 29th		<p>Weather, raining and cold. The Sappers and Infantry parties are on excavating and wiring support Trench in the 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade Area -north of BUIRE.</p> <p>The Sappers and Infantry parties are excavating and wiring trenches, constructing shelters, surveying trenches and wire, patrolling forward roads and salvaging R.E. material, re-claiming old dugouts, constructing deep dugouts for Battalion Headquarters, constructing strong points and wire concertinas, gas-proofing Artillery dugouts, wiring and connecting strong points and preparing timber and making mining sets.</p>	
BEHENCOURT	30th		<p>Raining. Company moved from BAIZIEUX at 2 p.m., being relieved by the 92nd Field Company, R.E., and proceeded to by route march to Behencourt, arriving at 4.10. p.m. and were billeted in the village.</p> <p>Reconnaissance was made for proposed defensive defenses in front of FRECHENCOURT and BEHENCOURT.</p>	

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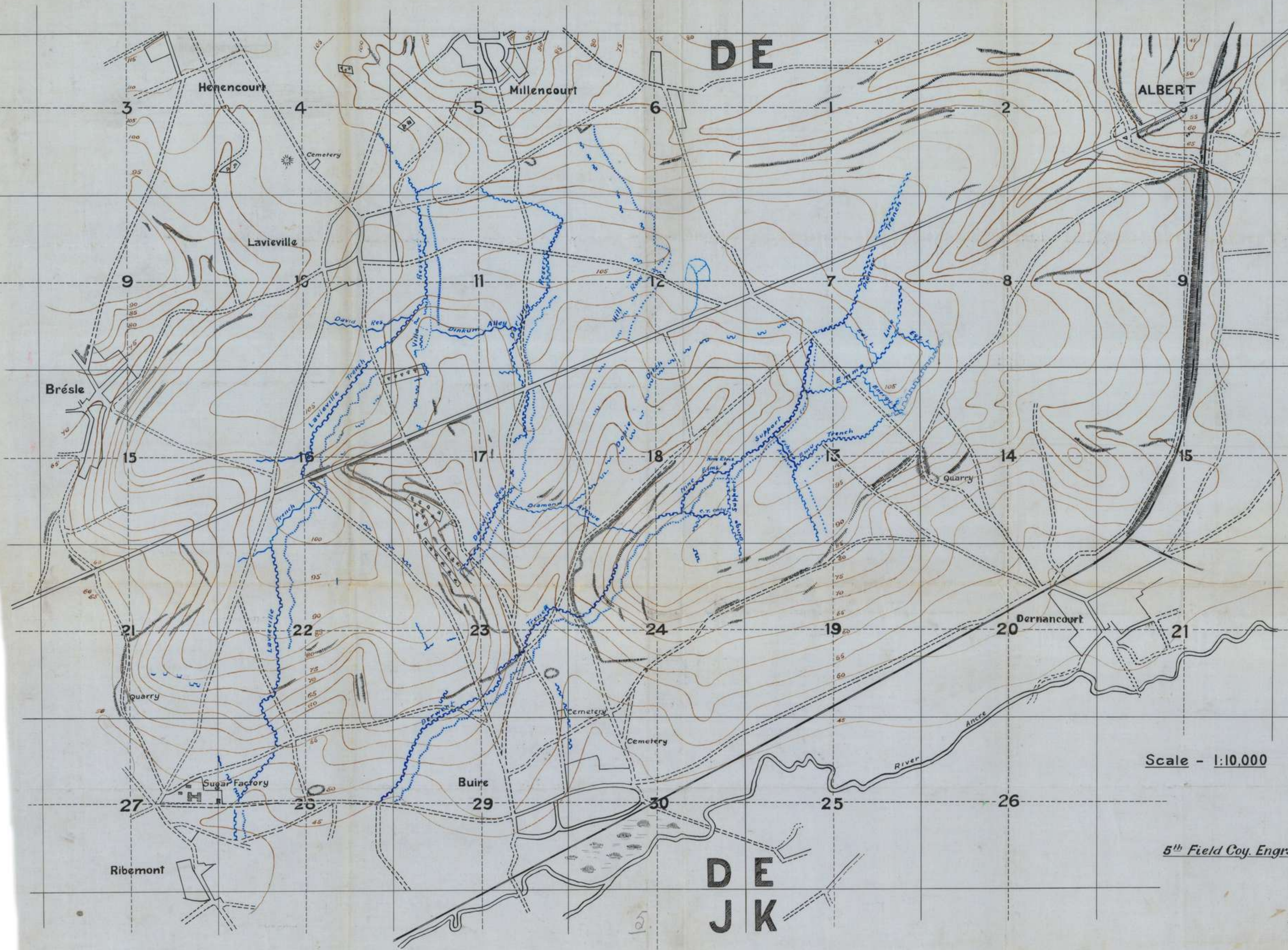
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1. TRACING, showing work done on Brigade Area during APRIL. (With original Diary only)
2. Company Order No bl6

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5th Field Coy. Engrs.

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5th Field Company, A.E.

COMPANY ORDER b16 (MOVEMENT)

Appendix, 2, 6

dated 4th April 1918

1. The 5th Field Company will move with the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade and will entrain at CAESTRE
2. The 5th Field Company will entrain on No 4 Train, which leaves CAESTRE 12.30 a.m., 5th instant.
3. Transport will entrain with unit and will arrive at station three hours before scheduled time of departure of train.
- 4a. Captain STEELE will act as Company Entraining Officer and will report to Brigade Entraining Officer, CAESTRE (Capt. J. ROYDHOUSE, M.C.) two hours before departure of train.
- 4b. Personnel will report one and one-half hours before scheduled time of departure of train
5. Loading parties will be provided by 7th A.I. Brigade.
6. Lieut. A. R. PARKINSON will act as billeting officer and will report to Staff Captain, 7th Australian Infantry Brigade, at ST. ROCH (AMIENS) on arrival. He will proceed by No 1 Train at 3.25 p.m., 4th inst.
7. Y.M.C.A. will provide tea for men at entraining station.
8. No troops to entrain or detrain without orders.

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O.C. 5th Field Company, A.E.