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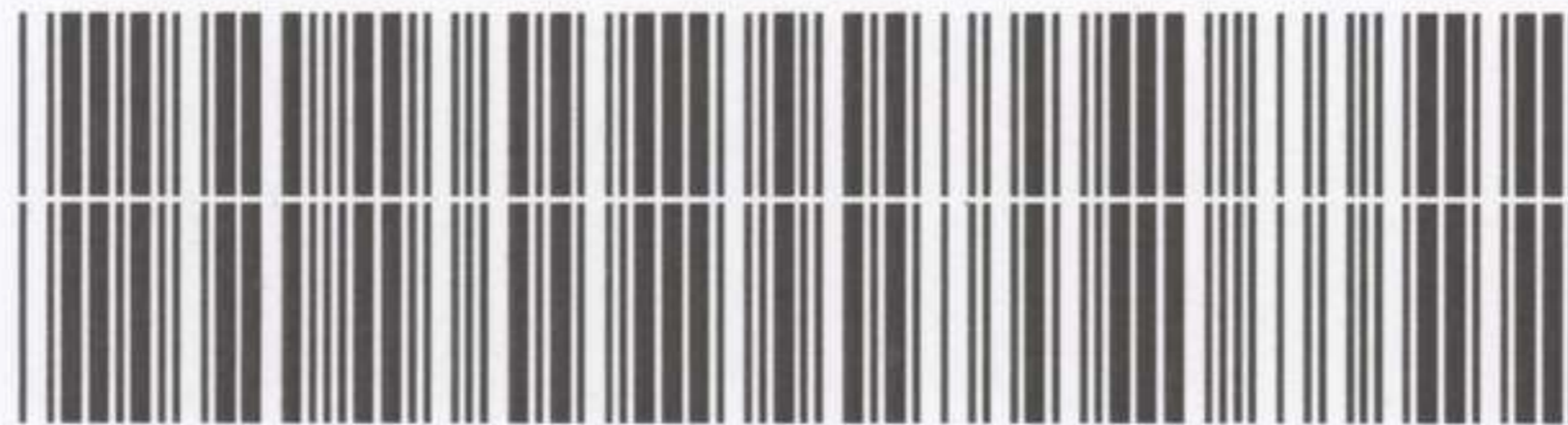
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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Engineers

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DOMINION HUTS. YPRES BARRACKS	September 1 st 1916		Infantry training by companies. Engineering lectures and demonstrations 6:30 pm A Company and 2 platoons from B proceed to YPRES Barracks, Captain Anderson in charge. 10 pm proceed to trenches and proceeded on work. as follows = Lieut White (Davidson St.) Lieut Hulke (ZILLEBEKE SWITCH) Lieut Evans (Metropolitan right) Lieut Ohern (Metropolitan left) Party under Lieut Evans on dugouts in rear of trench #1.	
DOMINION HUTS.	September 2 nd 1916		Infantry training by companies. Engineering lectures and demonstrations. machine gun section proceeded to trenches. and are now attached to 1 st Inf Bde 2 Platoons under Captain Speckman leave for YPRES Barracks. Colonel Nicholson visits trenches	
DOMINION HUTS. YPRES BARRACKS	September 3 rd 1916		Colonel Nicholson visits trenches. Battalion Church Parade 10am 11am Head Q.martens. C.D. and details marched to YPRES BARRACKS arriving 9pm. Trench parties and dugout parties leave for trenches	
YPRES INFANTRY BARRACKS	September 4 th 1916		Trench work	
	September 5 th 1916		Trench work. Major James & Company Officers and 8 N.C.O.s at gas school of instruction.	

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YPIRES BARRACKS	6 th September	1916	Battalion on trench work and deep dugouts at MARTIAL WALK.	
YPIRES BARRACKS	7 th September	1916	Revetting and deep dugouts. 15 ORs repair 15 reinforcements arrive.	
YPIRES BARRACKS	8 th September	1916	Revetting and deep dugouts. Bn Hqs move at 2100 to PIONEER CAMP.	
PIONEER CAMP	9 th September	1916	Working mainly on deep dugouts and Revetting 56 A Company move into PIONEER CAMP.	
PIONEER CAMP	10 th September	1916	Working on Deep dugouts 5 ORs + 1 officer attend 2 day gas school Captains Speckman and Harris leave for ENGLAND	
PIONEER CAMP	11 th September	1916	Working on Deep Dugouts at THE BLUFF + RAILWAY DUGOUTS	
PIONEER CAMP	12 th September	1916	Working on Deep Dugouts at " " ~ Captain TURNER MO leaves for ENGLAND	
PIONEER CAMP	13 September	1916	Working on Deep Dugouts	
PIONEER CAMP	14 th September	1916	Working on Deep Dugouts. Col Nicholson visits C.R.G. Captain TURNER. 10 day leave to SCOTLAND. FINDLAY + KILROY leave for Australia	
PIONEER CAMP	15 th September	1916	Working on Deep Dugouts	
PIONEER CAMP	16 th September	1916	Working on Deep Dugouts	
PIONEER CAMP	17 th September	1916	Working on Deep Dugouts. Lieut. Miller rejoins from Hospital	
PIONEER CAMP	18 th September		Working on Deep Dugouts	
PIONEER CAMP	19 th September		Working on Deep Dugouts	

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PIONEER CAMP.	1916 Sept 20.		General BIRDWOOD, General WALKER, Sir NEWTON MOORE, Col. Cook, arrived at 1000 at Battalion Headquarters. Medals & ribbons presented to officers & men of the Battalion who were awarded medals & crosses. Guard of honor composed of 50 men, all companies.	
do.	Sept 21.		Deep-dugouts & trench improvements.	
do.	Sept 22.		Continued work on deep-dugouts & trench improvements. Lt. TITFORD MC. rejoined Battalion. 52 reinforcements joined.	
do.	Sept 23 rd		Continued work on deep dugouts & trench improvements.	
	Sept 28 th	1/2	Excellent progress being made. 100 men from 2 nd & 3 rd Inf Brigade took attached to Battalion for duty.	
do.	Sept 29 th Sept 30 th		Continued work on deep dug-outs & trench improvements	

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