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5th Pioneer Battalion, A. I. F.

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FAUQUISSART. and CORDONNERIE Sectors.	1916.			
	2/9.		Most of Strong points on Subsidiary line are now completed and we are starting on more intermediate work.	
	5/9.		"D" Coy - less two platoons started work on subsidiary line working on intermediate posts other two platoons are doing cable burying and general work.	
	10/9.		6 of our worst men were moved to Divnl. Detention Camp during the day - this makes a big difference as their influence on many men was distinctly bad. Started on xxxx another D drain (D & E) today.	
	12/9.		Started system of lectures to N. C. O's and Officers on the new box respirator - the 4 officers who attended 3 day course at Div. Gas School are conducting these.	
<p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for previous month and will be found with the diary for that month).</p>				

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FAUQUISSART & CORDONNERIE AREAS	19/16		Special leave commenced today - officers & men alternately - am allowed 5 nominations per week.	
	15/9		Got orders to take over the garrison of all posts in the subsidiary line - this means a great many of the men will actually be living on their work.	
	20/9.		B' Coy took over WINDY, CHARRED & WINTER'S NIGHT. Posts from 15 th Bde	
	21/9		D' Coy took over JUNCTION POOL & CROIX BLANCHE from 8 th Bde.	
	22/9		A' Coy took over COMMAND POST, ELBOW FARM and CROIX MARECHAL early in morning - 'C' Coy moved out to ARMENTIERES to join 8 th Bde there.	
	23/9		Started to make subsidiary line continuous right thro' - leaving the completion of strong points till afterwards.	
	24/9		'C' Coy took over working of a Timber Mill at ARMENTIERES, also a concrete bunker factory; the control of trench tramways & general clearing work in the town.	
	25/9		'C' Coy's Timber Mill received a direct hit from large shell - 16 casualties 5 being killed outright & 5 subsequently dying of wounds - remainder all seriously wounded.	
	30/9		Subsidiary line work progressing well - there are very few gaps now.	
	2/10		Drains D & E of drainage system completed.	