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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>No Diary 1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of the period</p> <p>See 1<sup>st</sup> para marked 'x', covering the period</p>	
QUARRY SIDING	24-12-16	1800	<p>The work carried out by the C<sup>O</sup> since the beginning of the beginning of the month in LEFT BDE AREA is as follows</p> <p>120<sup>x</sup> duckwalks laid on trestles</p> <p>The entrance to a deep dugout at N27.d 2.5. has been reconstructed to admit the passage of a stretcher.</p> <p>At N 27 &amp; 10.4. a deep dugout to accommodate 300 men. R.A.P.<sup>s</sup> etc. has been commenced the work done is as per sketch.</p>	
			FRONT LINE SYSTEM.	



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"	24/12/16	1800	<p>FRONT LINE System ROSE TRENCH</p> <p>220<sup>x</sup> duckwalks have been laid on trestles 3 splinterproof dugouts 12'x5' to accommodate 6 men each, and one cookhouse 10'x6' have been built</p> <p>Two deep dugouts have been advanced 4' each and a gallery commenced to connect the two, one side has been adv. driven 8' and the other 4'.</p> <p>NEEDLE ROSE TRENCH Front Line System.</p> <p>370<sup>x</sup> duckwalks have been laid, 25<sup>x</sup> were netted</p> <p>Three splinterproof dugouts 12'x5' to accommodate 6 men, 2 R.A.P.s 12'x5' completed</p> <p>Two cookhouses 10'x6' commenced</p> <p>Deep dugouts: - N<sup>o</sup>1. gallery driven 12' and timbered throughout, N<sup>o</sup>2. gallery driven 16' timbered throughout &amp; 26 bunks erected N<sup>o</sup>3. Nine bunks have been erected.</p>	



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"	24.12.16	1800	<p>SWITCH TRENCH SYSTEM.</p> <p>A new <del>co</del> accommodation trench 287' long has been dug, duckboarded, drained and revetted for a distance of 175' at the rear of SWITCH TRENCH</p> <p>The following splinterproof shelters have been built, and revetted</p> <p>22 dugouts 6' x 6' to accommodate 4 men each, 2, R.A.P.<sup>s</sup> 15' x 5'6", 1, gumboot store, 22' x 5'6", 1 drying shed 18' x 5'6" completed.</p> <p>One deep dugout in the old trench has been repaired, &amp; cleaned out, and is being used as a Coy. H.Q.</p> <p>Repair work is being done on 5 other deep dugouts.</p>	



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"	24/12/16	1800	<p>18" DUCKWALK TRACKS.</p> <p>Track continued towards ROSE TRENCH, 2,000<sup>+</sup> laid 300<sup>+</sup> raised on trestles 200<sup>+</sup> wirenetted, and track maintained.</p> <p>A new track has been laid from BOE H.Q. S.12 b.5.7. connecting with the above tracks near SWITCH TRENCH, the length being 280<sup>+</sup> of which 138<sup>+</sup> have been trestled.</p> <p>The duckwalk track from S.12 d.3.4 to BOE H.Q. has been kept in repair, and has been wirenetted the whole of its length 580<sup>+</sup>.</p> <p>The track from WATERLOT FARM has been continued to T.2 b.3.4. a distance of 3,300<sup>+</sup>, 1885<sup>+</sup> have been trestled, &amp; 795<sup>+</sup> wirenetted.</p>	
QUARRY SIDING	24/12/16	1800	<p>The sections moved from WATERLOT FARM to QUARRY SIDING today the remainder of the day was spent preparing camp.</p>	



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QUARRY SIDING	26.12.16	1800	<p>Yesterday the sections remained in camp, and today the following work was commenced.</p> <p>2 N.C.O.'s &amp; 13 Sappers were detailed to work in charge of infantry working parties on roads in sectors 1, 2, 3, 4, &amp; 5.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. on roads QUARRY SIDING</p> <p>1 N.C.O. on STONE DUMP QUARRY SIDING</p> <p>2 Sappers in charge of the issuing of hutting material etc, at railway siding</p> <p>2 sections commenced the erection of a new camp <del>at</del> for the Coy at S 21 D 86.</p> <p>1 section constructing platforms for MONTAUBAN SUPPLY DUMP,</p> <p>The remainder commenced the erection of cookhouses at our present camp</p>	
DEVONS CAMP S 27 b. 8.8.	27.12.16	1800	<p>The sections moved from QUARRY SIDING to DEVONS CAMP.</p>	



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DEVONS CAMP	"	"	527.68.8. today.	
"	31.12.16	1800	<p>Work completed during past four days.</p> <p>3 huts erected, 2 superstructures, &amp; 4 foundations erected, at new Camp</p> <p>4 cookhouses erected at present camp</p> <p>Road party, spreading metal, erecting pitprops on side of road, cleaning drains and sweeping road</p> <p>Platforms for MONTAUBAN SUPPLY DUMP, 36 constructed 6 erected in position.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R. Barr Capt 14th F Co</p>	

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