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BAILLEUL	APRIL 1917.		<p>Attended Army Commander's Conference at Corps Headquarters, when the Corps Scheme for an offensive was discussed.</p> <p>Three Officers from Special Works Park joined to assist in Camouflage work on the Corps Front.</p> <p>6th C.E. II Army inspected area and discussed arrangements for new tramlines.</p> <p>8th C.E. II Army inspected area, also damage caused by enemy's artillery fire to the bridge at PONT DE NIEPPE on the 27th April. Repairs to this bridge were commenced by 3rd Australian Divisional Engineers on 28/4/17.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Very good progress was made with the various works on hand. The following new works were commenced during the month.- A Dump for 8,000 tons of Ammunition at LA CRECHE; Brigade Battle Headquarters for one Brigade in Left Sector and for three Brigades in Centre Sector; Tramline for R.E. Stores from NEUVE EGLISE to ST QUINTIN CABARET; accommodation for an Ordnance Mobile Workshop; additional dug-outs for Centre Division on Hill 63 for accommodation of men; Preparation of Tankdrome; a large cage for Prisoners of War. Work on the widening of NEUVE EGLISE - WULVERGHEM Road had to be suspended for want of materials.</p> <p>The supply of materials and R.E. Stores was a little better during the month. To supplement the supply of sawn timber, which is quite inadequate, a large number of trees were purchased and cut up in R.E. workshops.</p> <p>C.E. inspected works in progress daily and accompanied C.R.Es. to Front Line Defences on various occasions.</p>	

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BAILLEUL	MAY 1917.			
	6th		Attended "Q" Conference Second Army, and discussed questions of roads, tramlines etc. in connection with operations.	
	9th		Attended Corps Commander's Conference.	
	10th		C.E. II Army inspected various works in the area.	
	22nd		Capt. H.A.L.Hall, R.E., arrived and took over duties as Staff Officer to C.E.	
	23rd		Held meeting with C.E. II Army at II Anzac R.E. Headquarters.	
	24th		Major C.V.Bellamy R.E. appointed C.R.E. Corps Troops & Lieut. L.W.Peach, R.E. appointed Adjutant to C.R.E. Corps Troops, to date from 7/4/17.	

<p>Progress on the various works in connection with operations was very satisfactory during the month. The following new works were commenced. - C.C.S. for lightly wounded cases at the Ambulance Siding, BAILLEUL; "Special" tracks involving construction of heavy bridges were completed up to the front line; Installation of electric lighting in all deep dug-outs on the Corps Front was completed; A timber road from ST QUENTIN CABARET - LA PLUS DOUVE FARM - STINKING FARM was commenced and completed; Corps Dumps of road material and R.E. Stores were established at the following places - HYDE PARK CORNER, NEUVE EGLISE, WULVERGHEM, DE KENNEBAK; A model of the enemy's position opposite the Corps front on a scale horizontal 1/50 vertical 1/25 was started and completed during the month.</p> <p>A large supply of materials and R.E. Stores has been received. All R.E. Parks in the Corps are now well stocked.</p> <p>C.E. inspected works in progress daily and accompanied C.R.E's. to Front Line Defences as occasion demanded.</p>				

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	5th		Attended Corps Commander's Conference.							
	7th		Battle of MESSINES.							
	14th		Lt. Col. Bellamy, C.R.E. Corps Troops, proceeded on leave.							
	16th		Attended Divisional Commanders Conference.							
	24th		Brig. Genl. Panet, Chief Engineer, proceeded on leave.							

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