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1914-18 War**

Engineers

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
I. 21. 6. 05 SHEET, 28	OCT. 1 st	9 PM	Company rested today. Stock was taken of all technical equipment and indents made out accordingly	Original
1/40,000			Total strength of Coy 6 Officers 176 other Ranks 1 OR to hospital	
G 22 d 2.4 Reference map Sheet 28	" 2 nd		Lieutenant H. J. NANGLE 8 th Field Coy came over today to be second in command. Company today moved back about 7 miles for a rest. Transport moved independently, Lieut. G BURROWS went on ahead, to arrange with Area Commandant OUDERDOM for billets, company is now comfortably camped in huts total strength of Coy 7 Offs 176 ORs	
1/40,000			Company rested all day nothing of importance happened Total strength of Company 7 off 179 ORs	
do	" 3 rd		1 OR from 8 th Field Coy 2 ORs from hospital	
do	" 4 th		Major. H. BACHTOLD attended Conference of all C.Os at D.H.Q. at 10 am, to discuss lessons to be learnt from the recent operation, ^{which} the Division has	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<i>Original</i>	
GRD 2.4 REFERENCE MAP Sheet 28 1/40,000	Oct. 4 th	9 Pm	Taken part in. Lieut K.M. BRYDON returned from leave to England. Total strength of company 70 off 180, ORs 3 ORs from hospital. 2 ORs to hospital	
do	" 5 th	do	Programme of Training for week ending Oct 15 th was submitted to CRE Today (APPENDIX "A") Total strength of Company 70 off 185 ORs. 1 OR from hospital, 2 ORs to hospital, 6 ORs from Engineer Details	APPENDIX "A"
do	" 6 th	do	Company this morning marched to Corps Baths at RENINGHELST and had a bath and a clean change. Total strength of Company 70 off 182 ORs 3 ORs to hospital	
	" 7 th	do	Wire C 257 was received from C.R.E this morning (SEE APPENDIX "B") and accordingly Lieut K.M. BRYDON with 4 ORs went on ahead This afternoon at 2 P.M. company received verbal orders that it would move tomorrow with 15 th INF. BDE;	APPENDIX "B"

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G.22.C.2.4 Reference Map Sheet 28' 1/40,000	Oct. 7 th	9 PM	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Original</i></p> <p>So arrangements have been made accordingly, sections route marched this morning in marching order and had section training in the afternoon. Total strength of company 7 officers 180 other Ranks 2 other Ranks to hospital</p>	
G.24.C.5.4 Reference Map Sheet 28 1/40,000	11 8 th	do	<p>In message, B.M.555 from 14th INF. BDE was received at 7 am (SEE APPENDIX C) LIEUT E.O.K. GREEN went west on ahead to arrange for billets. Company marched out of old camp at 10.15 AM and got settled down in corrugated iron huts etc, by 11.30 am at G.24.C.5.4. CRE'S order 3/170/26 was received at 2 pm. CRE'S message C.273 was received at 6.30 pm (SEE APPENDIX D) LIEUT. A.B. LITTLE went to hospital sick today. Total strength of Coy 6 officers 183 Other Ranks, 1 OR from Hospital 1 officer to Hospital, 2 OR from Engineer details</p>	Appendix C
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>G 24 C. 5.4 Reference map sheet 28. 1/40,000</p>	<p>Oct 9</p>	<p>9pm</p>	<p>CRE^s Message HF 1,308 was received at 7 Am (See APPENDIX E) Boy left G 24 C 5.4 at 9.20 Am and arrived at YPRES at noon Lieuts N.J. NANGLE & G. BURROWS went on ahead to arrange for bullets. The four sections are living in the MICHA TUNNEL, and boy headquarters in splinter proof dugouts. Transport Lines are at H 23 b 0.8 Major H Bachold, Lieuts N.J. NANGLE, EOK, GREEN and K.M. Brydon, in afternoon, reconnoitred area allotted to 14th FIELD COY. Total strength of company 6 off's 188 OR^s 5 OR^s from Hospital</p>	<p>Original Appendix E</p>
<p>I 18 a 8.3 Reference map sheet 28. 1/40,000</p>	<p>10th</p>	<p>do</p>	<p>The boy today laid 770/18" duckboards between I 17. b 2.6 & I 18 b 1.8. Splinter proof dugouts for Infantry were commenced, on the reverse slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE, 57th Btn supplied a carrying party, 250 strong, for bringing up the duckboards. 1 officer 50 OR^s 54th Btn & 1 officer 50 OR^s 55th Btn reported today to be attached to the boy as a</p>	<p>4</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
I 18 a 8.3 Reference map sheet 28 1/40,000	Oct 10	9pm	Permanent working party. The men were organized into 4 Platoons, a platoon being attached to each section. Lieut G Burrows proceeded to England on leave. Total strength of Coy 6 Officers 188 ORs	Original
I 18 a 8.3 Reference map sheet 28 1/40,000	Oct 11	do	1 Section with a carrying party of 110 men from 57 Btn laid 25 9/18" duckboards on the HELLES TRACK from I 18 a 8.8 forward. A dump of 200 18" duckboards was formed close to the track for use tomorrow. 2 Sections worked on dugout accommodation in WESTHOEK RIDGE, being assisted by small parties from the garrison 58" + 59" Btn. 1 Section commenced building a splinter proof RAP 20' x 6' at GARTER POINT T3. a 5.4. 53" Btn supplied a carrying party 330 strong which made 2 trips with RE stores from BIRR X ROADS to WESTHOEK RIDGE. Total strength of Coy 6 Officers 193 ORs 1 OR killed in action. 6 ORs from Engrs Details	

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I 19. a 8.3 Reference map. Sheet 28 1/40,000	Oct 12	9 PM	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Original</i></p> <p>1 Section with a carrying party of 100 men 57th Btn laid 265 duckboards on the HELLES TRACK from BELLEWAARDE RIDGE to J 7 b 5.0. 1 Section worked on dugout accommodation in WESTHOEK RIDGE being assisted by small parties from the garrison 58th & 59 Btn. 1 Section commenced the sinking of two wells on the reverse slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE No. 1 well at J. 7. b. 6. 3 & No 2 well at J. 7. b. 7. 1. 1 Section Completed splinter proof R.A.P. at GARTER POINT, commenced yesterday, and also formed and organized a Divisional Dump R.E. at BIRR X ROADS I 17. b. 1. 9.. 57th Btn supplied 100 men; 53rd Btn 190 men; & 60th Btn 200 men for carrying R.E Stores. 2 Trips were made from BIRR X ROADS TO WESTHOEK RIDGE, 4 Pack Mules, 2 R.E Limbers 14th Field Coy, 4 Pack Mules 15 Field Coy, & 10 G.S. Wagons 5th Div TRAIN also made 1 trip with stores to WESTHOEK</p>	
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I18. a. 8.3 Reference map sheet 28 140,000	Oct 12 th	9 Pm	RIDGE. Lieut. K.M. BRYDON ^{was} killed about 4 P.M. by a shell at I7.a. 2.1. He was buried there. Total strength of company 5 officers 193 Other Ranks 1 officer killed in action	Original
I18. a. 8.3	" B th	do	1 section with a carrying party (for 2 Lewis) of 90 men 57 th Btn. laid 160/18" duckboards on HELLES TRACK from J.7. b.5.0 forward. 1 section on dugout accommodation in WESTHOEK RIDGE. 1 section on nos 1 & 2 wells. 1 section commenced building on reverse slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE, splinter proof dugouts for 2 soup kitchens and accommodation for personnel. Transport, similar to yesterday, carried up R.E stores. Two Brigade was dumps were formed; HANEBEEK DUMP at J.8. b.4.9. and CABLE HEAD DUMP J.3. d.2.9. 15 th Bde relieved the 8 th BDE in the line, which explains absence of carrying parties. Total strength of company 5 officers 193 other Ranks	

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Iris. a. 8.3 Reference Map Sheet 28 1/40,000	14 th	9 Pm	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>original</i></p> <p>1 Section with a carrying party of 150 men 53rd Btn laid 3 1/8" duckboards on HELLES TRACK. 1 Section worked on dugout accommodation in WESTHOEK RIDGE assisted by small parties from the Garrison, 54th & 56th Btns. 1 Section on No 1 & 2 wells. 1 Section on soup kitchens etc WESTHOEK RIDGE, 180 men 29th Btn, 78 men 53 Btn, & 96 men 55th Btn, made 1 trip from BIRRX ROADS to HANE BEEK DUMP with R.E. stores transport similar to yesterday, also made 1 trip to HANE BEEK DUMP. C.R.E.'s ROUTINE ORDER No 103 was received at 7pm. Total strength of company: 5 officers</p>	
do	15 th	9 Pm	<p>193 other Rank</p> <p>1 Section with a carrying party of 148 men 53rd Btn laid 2 6/8" duckboards on HELLES TRACK. 1 Section on dugout accommodation in WESTHOEK RIDGE assisted by small parties from the garrison 54th & 56th Btns. 1 Section on No 1 & 2 wells</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
I 18. a. 8. 3 Reference map sheet 28 1/40,000	Oct. 15 th	9 PM	<p>1 Section on Soup kitchens etc WESTHOEK RIDGE. 160 men 29th Btn, 135 men 53rd Btn, made 1 Trip from BIRR X ROADS DUMP to HANEBEEK DUMP with RE Stores. Transport, similar to yesterday, made 1 Trip also. 54th 56th Btns Carried forward from HANEBEEK DUMP to CABLE HEAD DUMP 170 man loads of RE Stores. Total strength of Company, 5 officers + 190 other Ranks, 30 Rs to hospital</p>	Original
do	" 16 th	do	<p>1 Section Rested at Coy Headquarters, 1 Section laid 3 1/8" duckboards on HELLES TRACK. This making a double. duckboard track from I 17. b. 2. 6 - J 2. b. 5. 15. 1 Section commenced the ditching of the WESTHOEK ZONNEBEKE ROAD with 200 men 53rd Btn; dug 100 yards from J 2. d. 5. 0, 15, to J 2. d. 4. 3, and 500 yards from J 2. d. 6. 2 to J. 8. a. 7. 7; this section also completed required splinter proof dugouts accommodation in WESTHOEK RIDGE with the assistance</p>	B

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I18. a 8.3 Reference map Sheet 28	Oct 16	9 Pm	<p>Of small parties from the garrison 54th & 56th Btms. 1 Section completed the Soup kitchen etc WESTHOEK RIDGE, and commenced there also a R.A.P. 10x8, 8 pack animals 5 G.S. wagons and 1 RE Limber Made 1 Trip from from BIRR X ROADS to HANEBEEK with R.E. Stores, 54th & 56th Btms Carried forward from HANEBEEK DUMP to CABLE HEAD. DUMP 210 man loads of R.E. Stores. Total strength of Coy 5 Offs 189 ORs 1 OR to hospital</p>	Original
do	Oct 17	9 Pm	<p>1 Section worked on nos "C & D" wells and also on R.A.P on WESTHOEK RIDGE. 1 section rested at Coy H.Q. 1 section commenced opening up a smashed in well at HOOGE CHATEAU and also made preparations for getting away a pack train of 30 mules, with forest planking for CABLE HEAD. DUMP. 1 section dug 70 yards</p>	<p>10</p>

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I 18.2.8.30 Reference Map Sheet 28 1/40,000	17 th	9PM	<p>of ditching from J.8.a 7.7. to J.8.a 6.7 and maintained HELLES TRACK. No working parties were available owing to the 14th BDE relieving the 15th BDE in the line. 8 packs animals only proceeded from BIRR X ROADS to HANEBEEK DUMP with RE stores. Progress of works report for week ending today was forwarded to CRE at 6pm (SEE APPENDIX F.) Total strength of Company 5 officers 190 other Ranks 1 other Rank from Hospital 1 section worked on "C & D" wells. 1 section on an R.A.P. WESTHOEK RIDGE, and on HOOGE CHATEAU WELL. 1 section with 110 men 32nd Btn worked on the drainage of the WESTHOEK-ZONNEBEKE Road and dug 220 yards of ditch from J.8.a.6.7. to J.8.a.2.5. 1 section rested. Garrison in WESTHOEK RIDGE Carried forward to CABLE HEAD DUMP from HANEBEEK DUMP.</p>	<p>Original Appendix F</p>
do	" 18 th	do		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
I 18. a. 8.3. Reference map Sheet 28 1/40,000	Oct 18 th	9 PM	210 Train loads of R.E. Stores. 210 men 30 th Btn, 8 pack animals, 5 G.S. Wagons made 1 trip from BIRRX ROADS DUMP to HANEBEEK DUMP, 30 pack animals went forward to CABLE HEAD DUMP with forest planking. Total strength of Coy 5 officers 187 ORs 3 ORs to hospital	Original
do	" 19 th	do	1 Section with 130 men 30 th Btn on drainage of WESTHOEK ROAD, dug 270 yards ditch from J 8. a. 2. 5 to J 4 b 9. 4. 1 Section with carrying party of 60 men 30 th Btn on improvements and maintenance of HELLESTRACK 1 Section on C & D CHATEAU WELLS. 1 Section rested today; 200 men 32 nd Btn 8 pack animals, 5 G.S. Wagon made 1 trip with R.E. Stores from BIRRX ROADS DUMP to HANEBEEK DUMP, 30 pack animals with forest planking went forward to CABLE HEAD DUMP. Total strength of company 5 officers 184 Other Ranks 2 ORs killed 1 OR wounded	12

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
I.R.A. 83 Reference Map Sheet 28 440.000	OCT 20 th	9 PM	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Original</i></p> <p>1 section with 150 men 30th Btn on drainage of WESTHOEK ROAD, 300 yards of ditch dug from T.R.D. 55.05 to T860.7 1 section on "C" & "D" & HOOGE CHATEAU WELLS. 1 section on HELLES TRACK. 1 section on 2 augouts for No 2 sound ranging section at MORTED GRANCE I16.C.6.7 180 men 32nd Btn, 4 pack animals & 5 G.S. wagons made 1 trip with RE stores from BIRR X ROADS DUMP to HANEBEEK DUMP. 30 pack animals went forward with forest planking to CABLE HEAD DUMP. Total strength of Coy 5 Officers 183 Other Ranks. 1 OR transferred to 15th Field Coy AE</p>	
do	" 21	do	<p>Owing to the 8th BDE relieving the 14th BDE in the line, no engineering parties were available today for work. 1 section on "C" & "D" & HOOGE CHATEAU WELLS. 1 section on HELLES TRACK. 1 section finished 2 augouts for No 2 sound ranging section at -</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>

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I 18, a. 8. 30 Oct 21 Reference Map Sheet 28 1/40,000			MOATED GRANGE. 1 Section rested. 4 Pack animals & 5 G.S wagon went forward to HANEBEEK DUMP with RE stores, and 30 pack animals to CABLE HEAD DUMP with forest planking. CRE'S memo 4/118/13 received tonight stating that MAJOR. H. BACHTOLD, M.C had been awarded The D.S.O and LIEUT. G. BURROWS the M.C. Total strength of Coy 5 officers 182 other Ranks 1 OR transferred to 5 th Div sig Coy	Original
do	Oct 22	do	CRE'S message C. 311 was received last night, consequently the Coy rested today (see Appendix G) LIEUT G BURROWS, M.C returned today from leave to England. Total strength of company 5 officers 180 other Ranks 2 ORS wounded	Appendix G
do	Oct 23	do	1 section working on fixing 16 gas proof doors at entrance to keep dugouts at HALF WAY HOUSE I 17. C. 4. 7. 1 Section on WELLS and salvaging.	↓

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I 18. a. 83 Reference map sheet 28	Oct 23	9 PM	<p>camouflaging from old Gun positions. 2 Section on duplicating corduroy loop road at BIRR X ROADS DUMP. 135 men 59" Btn, 4 Pack animals, 5 G.S. wagons, 3 pontoon wagons went forward to HANE BEEK DUMP with RE stores and 30 pack animals with forest planking to CABLE HEAD DUMP. Total strength of company 5 officers 180 other ranks</p>	Original
do	" 24	do	<p>1 Section on Gas proof doris HALFWAY HOUSE 2 Section on duplicating Corduroy loop road at BIRR X ROADS DUMP, 1 Section on HELLE TRACK. 178 men 59" + 60" Btns, 5 G.S. wagons, 4 Pack animals went forward BIRR X ROADS DUMP to HANE BEEK DUMP, and 30 pack animals with forest planking to CABLE HEAD DUMP. 3 pontoon wagons carried RE stores from KRUISSTRAAT to BIRR X ROADS DUMP in accordance with CRE'S message HFI 439 (SEE APPENDIX H)</p>	APPENDIX H

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I 18 a 9.3.	Oct 24 th	9 Pm	Handing over report and map were sent to the 5 th Field Coy AE this evening (APPENDIX I-J). Weekly progress report was sent to CRE tonight (APPENDIX K). Total strength of company 5 Officers 181 Other Ranks 1, OR from Engineer Details	Original APPENDIX I " " J " " K
Reference map Sheet 28				
do	Oct 25 th	9 Pm	1 Section on HELLES TRACK, 1 Section on Gas proof doors HALFWAY HOUSE, 2 Section on duplicating Corduroy loop Road at BIRRX ROADS DUMP. Officers from 14 th Field Company took round with them this morning. Officers of 5 th Field Company AE preparatory to handing over. 30 pack animals went forward to CABLE HEAD DUMP with hoist planking and 4 to HANE BEEKE DUMP with sandbags. Total strength of company 5 Officers 182 other ranks 1, OR from Hospital	
do	do 26 th	do	1 Section on Gas proof doors HALFWAY HOUSE -	

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I 18. a 8.3. 26 Reference map Sheet 28	26	9 Pm	<p>2 sections finished duplication of Corduroy loop at BIRR X ROADS. 1 section worked on duckboard tracks about Company HQ. 3 pontoon wagons went forward with RE Stores to HANEBEEK DUMP, and 100 Duckboards were carried forward by the company to CABLE HEAD DUMP. Total strength of company 5 officers 181 other ranks 1 OR killed in action.</p>	Original
do	27	9 Pm	<p>1 section today worked on drainage of entrance to deep dugouts at HALFWAY HOUSE. 2 sections repaired the HELLES TRACK between BIRR X ROADS and HANEBEEK RIVER. 1 section rested. 4 G.S wagons went forward to HANEBEEK DUMP from BIRR CROSS ROADS DUMP & 30 pack animals to CABLE HEAD DUMP with RE Stores. All work & dumps were handed over today to the 5th Field Coy. A.E. in accordance with CRE's "Engis"</p>	<p>17</p>

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I 18. a 8.3 Reference Map Sheet 28	Oct 27 th	9 Pm	Instructions 3/170/27. Total strength of Company, 5 Officers 177 other Ranks 2 OR ^s Killed in action 1. OR. died of wounds 1. OR wounded	Original
do	" 28 th	do	The 7 th Field Coy, this morning handed over work in connection with Heavy Artillery Groups. Enough work for 1 section was taken over. Section worked at 28 th HAG. H.Q. H. 24. a. 3.7 and completed a hut for Orderlies, and worked on a shell proof dugout. The remainder of the Company salvaged timber and steel rails, preparatory to making their quarters more splinter proof. Total strength of Company 5 Officers 175 other Ranks, 2 other Ranks Killed in action	
do	" 29 th	do	One section worked today on the dugout at 28 th HAG H.Q. H. 24. a. 3.7, and on repairing and strengthening a pill box at J. 8. b. 05. 10 for 329 Battery (6" Howitzers) Remainder of Company on improvements	18

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I 18 a 8.3 Reference MOP Sheet 28	Oct 29	9 PM	to their dugouts. The Company Interpreter, Monsieur Boivin, who has been with the company since 21 st July 1916, was transferred today to 1 st ANZAC CORPS H.Q. Total strength of company, 5 Officers 178 other Ranks 40 other Ranks from Engis Detache. Interpreter transferred	Original
do	.30 th	do	2 sections worked today on improvements to their dugouts; 1 section on dugouts for 28 th H.A.G. HQ at H.24 a.3.7 and on improvements and strengthening of a pill box at J.8.b.05.70 for 329 th Battery 6" Howitzers; One section on buffers for gun trails at J.8.b.0.9 for 170 th Battery 6" Howitzers. Total strength of company 5 officers 167 other Ranks. 7 other Ranks killed in action, 4 other Ranks wounded.	
do	.31 st	do	1. Section worked on a splinter proof dugout for 28 th H.A.G. HQ. H.24. a.3.7, and laid 70' of mule track for experimental purposes at H.23. b. 0.8	19

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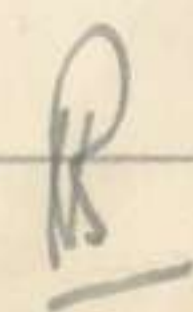
— 14th FIELD : COY. AUST. ENGRS. —

APPENDIX A

: Reference Map: Sheet 28 1/40,000 :

Date	Time	Locality	Training	Remarks.
Oct 8 th	Leave G22d24 at 9 a.m.	—	12 Miles Route march without transport Dress - fighting order.	Route will be given when information as to what roads we can use is supplied
9 th	9 a.m. — 12 noon 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.	G.22.d.24.	Section training including Kit Inspection. SBR Drill, etc. Section drill & Rifle exercises including lecturettes by Section Offs.	
10 th	Leave G.22.d.24. at 9. a.m.	Route supplied later.	12 Miles route march with 1st. line Transport. Dress - fighting order.	do.
11 th	9 a.m. — 12 noon 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.	G.22. d. 24.	Section training including Kit Inspection S. B. R. drill, etc. Section drill and Rifle Exercises including lecturettes by Section Officers	
12 th	Leave G. 22. d. 24 at 9 a.m.	Route supplied later.	15 Miles Route March without transport. Dress - fighting Order	do.
13 th	10 a.m. 4 p.m.	G22. d. 24. —	Inspection of Coy in Fighting Order and first line Transport. Bathing parade if it can be arranged.	

APPENDIX. A

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"C" FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123.
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....


Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From.....	At.....m.	<i>Copy</i>
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions			By.....		

APPENDIX B

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO 14th FIELD COY *Original*

* Sender's Number. <u>G. 257</u>	Day of Month. <u>7</u>	In reply to Number. <u>14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS</u> <u>5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</u>
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<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Take steps to select Camp Site convenient for work forward of BELLEVAARDE Ridge.</p>		
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FROM GRE 8 AM

PLACE & TIME

Army Form C, 2123.
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"O" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
			From <i>AYE</i>	At.....m.	<i>AYE</i>
			By.....	To.....	
Charges to Collect			Service Instructions		By.....
			<i>APPENDIX C</i>		
Handed in at <i>AGF</i>			Office.....m.	Received.....m.	
<i>original</i>					
TO <i>14th AUST FIELD COY</i>					
* Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
<i>BM.555</i>		<i>8th</i>		<i>14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.</i> <i>6th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</i>	
<p><i>Move independen tly and join Bde at OUDERDOM Camp today aaa Move to be complete before 12 Noon aaa Advance party Bde Hqrs 830 Am aaa Route via OUDERDOM to ST. HUBERTS - HOEK Road</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><i>BR</i></p>					
FROM		<i>14th INF BDE</i>			
PLACE & TIME		<i>12.15 AM.</i>			

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"O" FORM.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2133.
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Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	<i>copy</i>
Service Instructions <i>APPENDIX D</i>	By.....	To.....	
Handed in at..... Office.....m.		Received.....m.	

TO 14th FIELD COY AE Original

* Sender's Number. <i>C273</i>	Day of Month. <i>8</i>	In reply to Number. <i>14th FIELD COY ENGINEERS 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</i>
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*100 Men from 14th Inf Bde
are Allotted to you for work,
aaa Arrange with Brigade
to take over these men at
8 Am tomorrow 9th inst aaa*

J

FROM	<i>CRE</i>	<i>J Caddy</i>
PLACE & TIME	<i>1430 Pm</i>	<i>Captain</i>

"O" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C, 2123. (In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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Charges to Collect	From.....	At.....m.	Copy
Service Instructions	By.....	To.....	
APPENDIX "F"			

Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.

TO 14th Field Coy A.E. Original

* Sender's Number. H.F. 308	Day of Month. 8	In reply to Number. 14th FIELD COY ENGINEERS. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
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14th Field Coy will march tomorrow to YPRES reporting to 15th Brigade for accommodation. AA.A. 15th Field Coy now at old Post Office YPRES can help with information re cellars AAA. Two battalions working party probably available on morning of tenth for Duckwalks, and getting C.G.I. shelters forward AA.A. Addressed 14th Field Coy 67 Repeated 15th 15th Field Coy

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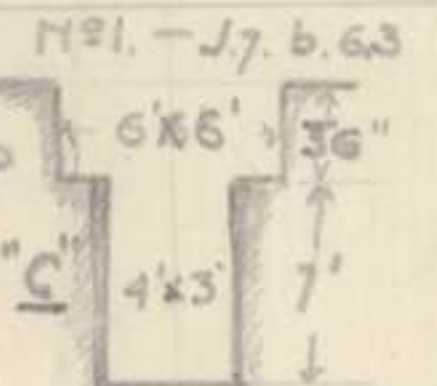
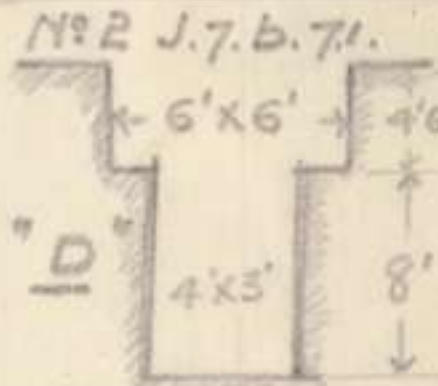
FROM CRE 5th Aust Div.
PLACE & TIME 8 p.m.

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(10620) W:528/M1970. 300,000 Pads. 4/17. M.C. & Co., Ltd. (E1213)

A.B. CAREY

APPENDIX F

Subject	Particulars	PROGRESS of WORK		Time req. to Complete	REMARKS and DETAILS APPENDIX F
		Total Work	State of Completion		
Roads	Ditching 100 yds. 570 "				WESTHOEK-ZONNEBEKE ROAD. J. 2. d. 50.15. - J. 2. d. 4.3 J. 2. d. 62. - J. 8. d. 6.7 
Tracks	Duckwalk	Completed double duckboards.	Maintenance only required.		HELLES TRACK I. 17. b. 2. 6. - J. 2. b. 5. 15. 2330/18" duckboards laid.
Water Supply	No. 1. Well No. 2. "			2 days.	Water requires 1 scoop of Bleaching Powder. "C"  No. 1 - J. 7. b. 6. 3  No. 2 J. 7. b. 7. 1
R.E. Dumps	Divisional. Brigade Brigade	Locoted, and material being deposited.			BIRR X ROADS. I. 17. b. 1. 9. HANEBECK. J. 8. b. 4. 9. CABLE HEAD. J. 3. d. 2. 9.
Accommodation	Splinterproof Dugouts do do do Pill-boxes Splinterproof Dugouts. do.	Completed.			WESTHOEK RIDGE. 118 Accomodating 404 men, 2 Soup Kitchens 1 dugout for personnel 1 R.A.P. GARTER POINT J. 3. a. 5. 4 5 drained R.A.P. WESTHOEK RIDGE Field Company I. 14. a. 8. 3.
Sign Posts					Erected. 10/ KEEP TO THE RIGHT. 6/ HELLES TRACK 1/ 5th Aus. Div. DUMP. 1/ BIRR X ROADS RE DUMP. 1/ IN 1/ OUT.
Misc.	Foot baths.				10 Made for 15th Inf. Brigade.

APPENDIX F

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"O" FORM. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Service Instructions <i>APPENDIX "G"</i>	By.....	To.....	
		By.....	

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TO *14th Field Coy A.E. Original*

* Sender's Number. <i>C 311</i>	Day of Month. <i>21</i>	In reply to Number. <i>14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS. 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</i>
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*No Engineer Work east of
GORDON ROAD tomorrow
22nd inst AAA Carrying battalion
is cancelled AAA. Any parties
working in forward area tonight
should be withdrawn before
4.30am tomorrow AAA
Acknowledge.*

JR

FROM PLACE & TIME	<i>CRF</i>	<i>J.P. Caddy Capt.</i>
	<i>7.10 pm.</i>	

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APPENDIX. H.

"O" FORM. (In books of 100.)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code..... Words..... <small>h s d</small>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From..... 14th. F	At..... ELD COY ENGINEERS.	AUSTRALIAN DIVISION <i>Copy</i>
Service Instructions <i>APPENDIX "H"</i>	By..... 14th. F	To.....	
Handed in at..... Office.....m. Received.....m.			
TO	<i>14th Field Coy AF. Original</i>		
* Sender's Number. <i>H.F.I. 439</i>	Day of Month. <i>22nd</i>	In reply to Number. <i>5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</i>	COY ENGINEERS. <i>AAA</i>
<i>Please</i>	<i>take</i>	<i>steps</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>see</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>relieving</i>	<i>Coys.</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Div.</i>	<i>all</i>
<i>fully</i>	<i>understand</i>	<i>work</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>respective</i>	<i>areas</i>	<i>prior</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>noon</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>have</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>necessary</i>	<i>handing</i>
<i>over</i>	<i>plans -</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>then AAA.</i>
<i>J</i>			
FROM	<i>CRE J.P. Caddy</i>		
PLACE & TIME	<i>5th Aus Div. 9.40 pm Capt.</i>		

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HANDING OVER REPORT 14th. FIELD COMPANY, A.E.

27/10/17.

14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.

5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Appendix "I"

The 14th. Field Coy. has been responsible for all work in the Divisional Sector between LEINSTER Rd. and the HANEBEEK River, and for providing the forward Area with R.E. Stores.

DUMPS. The Main Divl. Dump is at BIRR CROSS Rds. R.E. Stores are brought to here by lorries.

The permanent staff of two N.C.Os. 3 Sappers & 6 privates are on the Dump.

There are two forward Dumps, HANEBEEK & CABLEHEAD.

Infantry N.C.Os. are in charge of these. Stores are taken to HANEBEEK Dump by waggons, and to CABLEHEAD by men or Pack animals.

TRACKS. HELLES Track is the only Duckboard track. It consists of double Duckboards throughout. In places it requires lifting on trestles to provide against the coming rise in water level.

WELLS. The following wells have just been completed on the WESTHOEK Ridge:-

"C" Well. Yield 100 Galls. per hour; one measure of bleaching powder.

"D" WELL. do. do. do.

HOOGE CHATEAU. WELL. Has been cleaned out, yield 80 galls. per hour, one measure of bleaching powder.

Tanks and pumps are in position at "C" & "D" wells and windlass, and bucket at HOOGE CHATEAU.

The supplying of water from these wells requires organising.

DITCHING. The WESTHOEK-ZONNEBEKE Rd. has been side ditched as per attached plan. This work requires being carried on with.

ACCOMMODATION. With the present strength of Battalions there is sufficient splinter proof dugout and Pill-Box accommodation in WESTHOEK Ridge for two Battalions, two Soup Kitchens and dugout for personnel have been built on the WESTHOEK Ridge but have not yet been taken into use. Five Pill-Boxes have had sump holes cut in their floors, and trench pumps installed, and it is likely that more will have to be done when the rain comes.

MISCELLANEOUS. Sixteen gas proof doors at HALF WAY HOUSE I.17.c.4.7. are being fitted 50% completed. Loop at BIRR Xroads Dump is being duplicated; 50% completed.

Duckboard Track from J.8.b.3.7. to R.A.P. J.8.b.2.5. has been relaid, 50% completed.

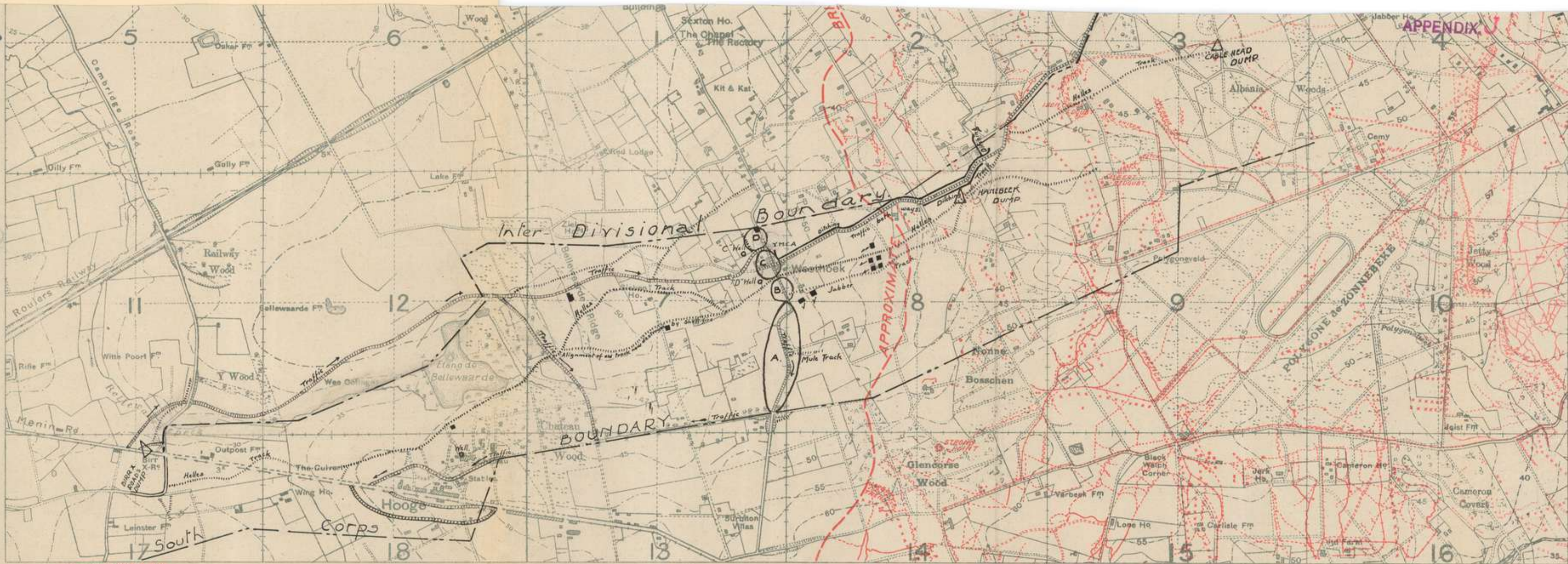
A 50 gall. tank at each "C" & "D" are being installed, these are in addition to the 100 gall. tank already there.

GENERAL. Work to keep 2 sections employed is only being handed over, and the incoming Field Coy. will have to start on a new works policy.

Major A.E.

O.C. 14th. Field Company..

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F.S.O. 1013.3-9-17

Scale 1:10,000

Minor corrections to outline made 7.8.17

Nº2 Advanced Section, A.P. & S.S.

GA

Pill-boxes Marked thus \blacksquare have a sump dug in the floor. Also pump suction, and delivery hoses installed.

DEFINITION OF AREAS MARKED O in 7 and 8	
A	Accommodation for 85 Men
B	" " " 88 "
C	" " " 32 "
D	" " " 109 "
Splinter-proof Dugouts with Cupola or Corrugated Iron Roofs, and sides revetted with Sandbags.	

APPENDIX J Original
 14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS
 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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14th FIELD COY: AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

Roads	Ditching	490* 300*			J.8.a.60.65. — J.7.b.9.4 J.2.d.55.05 — J.8.b.0.7. 4 Mule Crossings put in.
Water Supply.	"C" Well.	Completed	} Tracks have been laid to these wells from adjacent tracks, Notice boards erected. Splinter proof protection to tops of wells. Lift + Force pump + 100 Gall. tank in position at each well. Splinter proof protection.		Finished depth - 11' Yield 100 Gallons per hour.
	"D" Well.	do.			Finished depth - 14' Yield 100 Gallons per hour.
	<u>WELL - HOOGE-CHATEAU</u>	do.		Cleaned out. Yield 80. Galls. per hour. Roof over it, and sides strengthened. Drainage arranged for, steps cut, and track from it laid to HELLES-TRACK.	
R.F. Dump.	Divisional. Brigade. Brigade.	} Material being deposited.			BIRR X ROADS I.17.b.1.9. HANE BEEK J. 8.b.4.9. CABLE HEAD J. 3.d.2.9. Plank road at BIRR X ROADS Dump is being duplicated - 50% Completed.
TRACKS.	Duckboards. HELLES.		Completed. Being maintained All blowouts repaired. 250" relaid on trestles. Relaying of Track from J.8.b.37. to R.A.P. J.8.b.25. 50% Completed.		
Accommodation	Elephant Cupola Splinter proof Dugouts.	Completed.			2/15'x10'6 for No 2 Sound ranging Section at MOATED GRANGE-I16.c.67
Sign posts.	} Erected.	1/ HANE BEEK DUMP 1/ No 1. WELL 1/ No 2. WELL 2/ DRINKING WATER 1/ MEASURE 3/ MULE CROSSING 2/ N.C.O. 1/2 of DUMP. 2/ 5 th AUST. DIV. DUMP. 1/ TO WELL 1/ WELL 1 MEASURE of BLEACHING POWDER.			
Miscellaneous		Gas-proof Doors. Foot baths.	16/50% Completed 8 do.		
	Salving.				45 pcs. Camouflage handed in to BIRR X ROADS.

14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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APPENDIX M.

31-10-17

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Sections Nos	Sergeants	Corporals	4 Corporals	4 Corporals	11 untrained WCs	4 Drivers	Cooks	Runners	Detached from Unit	Detached with HQ	Special Duty	Field Compound	Absentees	Tool Cart	Storeman	Batman	Sick	On leave Available for duty	Strength of Sections	
1	1	1	-	2	5	1	1	3	-	1			1	1				22	35	
2	1	-	1	2	5	1	1	1	3				1	1	1			1	9	23
3	1	-	2	2	5	1	1		1		1		1					21	31	
4		1	2	1	5	1	1	2					1	1	1			1	18	31
HQ	As per War Establishment of 40. Plus 7 Surplus Drivers + 2 Batmen 1 shoemaker 1. Cook																3		47	
																			167	

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14th Field Coy AE

Casualty Report APPENDIX N

14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

From 16-9-17 to 31/10/17

Original

KILLED	DIED OF WOUNDS	WOUNDED	GASSED	ACCIDENT. INJURIES	SICK	RETURN TO UNIT	TOTAL LOSSES
18	2	31	1	2	18	4	68

RB