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WAR DIARY

9TH FIELD COY. ENGINEERS

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAPPE	1/9/17 to 22/9/1917.		Training as per Syllabus attached	(1)
"	22/9/17		Review of the Divisions by Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., Field Marshal, Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France.	
"	23/9/17		Inspection & Divine Service.	
"	24/9/17		Training: - Information received that Divisions will move to forward area on 26 th instant.	
"	25/9/17		4 officers & 115 OR. from 9 th Aust. Inf. Bde. reported for duty in accordance with Section 9, Para 6 (Divisions for offensive action)	
"	26/9/17	6am	Company with attached Infantry & transport marched out at 6am. en route for forward area. Rendezvous for first night Wardrecques (Revescure Area) which place was reached at 5.50 pm. Route: Lumbres, Setques, Esquerde, Wizerges, Arques. The men were all settled	

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Happe	26/9/17.		in Billets by 6.30 pm. arrangements having been made by Coy. Billeting Officers who was sent forward by motor ahead of column	
Wardrecques	27/9/17	7am	Marched out at 7 am for Eecke - route - Renaissance, Ebblinghem, St Marie Cappel, St Sylvestre Cappel. Arrived at destination at 6 pm. Men settled in billets & huts by 6.30 pm. Much delay was caused owing to other columns being on the march & crossing routes.	
Eecke	28/9/17	9.45a	Left for Winnigele at 9.45 am. Route via Steenvoorde. Arrived destination 12.30 pm. Men were billeted at No 1 R.E. Camp in barns.	
Winnigele	29/9/17		Rest. O.C. and 3 Officers visited 2 prios for preliminary inspections of sector & arranged relief to take over from 56th Field Coy. R.E.	
	30/9/17		Transport under command of Transport Officers left Winnigele at 1 pm, arrived at Brantelock at 6 pm. Took over standings from 56th Field Coy. R.E.	for O.C. 9th FIELD COY., ENGINEERS, A.I.F.

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NINTH FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS, A.I.F.

1st September, 1917.

Syllabus of Training for Week ending 8th September, 1917.

Monday,	3/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. :	Section Drill, Rifle Exercises, Combined Coy. Drill with Mounted Section: drill order.
		1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. :	Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Visual Training, Reconnaissance and Topography. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections Signalling, and Gas Drill, Knotting and Lashing, Lecture on Demolitions : Drill order.
Tuesday,	4/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. :	Route March with Section Transport, and Tactical Scheme: marching order.
Wednesday,	5/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12 noon. :	Squad and Section Drill, Rifle Exercises and Smartening up drill: drill order.
		9.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. :	Night Marching - box respirators to be worn fully adjusted: marching order.
Thursday,	6/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. :	Section Drill, Rifle Exercises, Combined Coy. Drill with Mounted Section: drill order.
		1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. :	Nos. 3 and 4 Sections Visual Training, Reconnaissance and Topography. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Signalling, Gas Drill, Lecture on Demolition drill order.
Friday,	7/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. :	Route March with Section Transport: marching order.
		9.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. :	Marking out trenches, etc: marching order.
Saturday,	8/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12 noon. :	Kit inspection, Smartening-up Drill, Signalling, etc: drill order.

Captain.

Act. O.C. 9th Field Coy.
Engineers, A. I. F.1/9/1917.
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NINTH FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS, A. I. F.

9TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY.
Date: 7th. September 1917.

Appendix No. 1

Syllabus of Training for week ending Saturday, 15/9/1917.

Monday,	10/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Physical Training, Signalling, Demolitions (Lecture).
		1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Siting of Strong Points.
		9.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.	Marching on to these points and marking out with Tapes.
Tuesday,	11/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Route March.
Wednesday,	12/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Bridging Schemes.
		1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Company Drill with Mounted Section.
Thursday,	13/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Lecture on Road Making with reference to experience in recent operations,
		1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Water Supply, Message writing. Topography, Selection of points to be marched on in evening.
		9.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.	Marching on to reconnoitred points.
Friday,	14/9/17.	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Packing of Mules with R. E. Stores. Inspection of Tool Carts.
Saturday,	15/9/17.	1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Company Drill (combined).
		9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Kit Inspection, Signalling, Smartening-up Drill.

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Major.

O. C. 9th. Field Coy.
Engineers, A. I. F.

7/9/1917.

NINTH FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS, A. I. F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 22nd. September 1917.

Sunday, 16/9/17.	9.0 a.m.	Inspection.
"	10.0 a.m.	Divine Service.
Monday, 17/9/17.	9 a.m.-12.30p.m.	Pontoon and Trestle Drill.
"	1.30.p.m.-4.30p.m.	Anti-Gas instruction by Div'l. Gas Officer.
Tuesday, 18/9/17.	9.a.m.-12.30.p.m.)	Pontoon and Trestle Bridging.
	1.30p.m.-4.30.p.m)	
Wednesday 19/9/17.	9.a.m.-12.30.p.m.	Combined Company Drill.
	8.p.m.-12.m.n.	Night Bridging.
Thursday, 20/9/17.	9.a.m.-4.30.p.m.	Construction of Strong Points &c., for Brigade Operation.
Friday, 21/9/17.	}	Brigade Operation.(in attack).
Saturday, 22/9/17		

Sgd. S. B. COX, Captain.
for O. C. 9th. Field Coy.
Engineers, A.I.F..

15/9/1917.



Sunday, 11/11/17
 Monday, 12/11/17
 Tuesday, 13/11/17
 Wednesday, 14/11/17
 Thursday, 15/11/17
 Friday, 16/11/17
 Saturday, 17/11/17

Inspection
 Divine services
 8.0 a.m. - 10.0 a.m. (Parade and Dressing Drill)
 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (General instruction by Div. I)
 8.0 a.m. - 10.0 a.m. (Parade and Dressing Drill)
 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (Night marching)
 8.0 a.m. - 10.0 a.m. (Construction of Strong Points)
 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (Brigade operation (in attack))

Capt. E. B. COX, Captain
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