

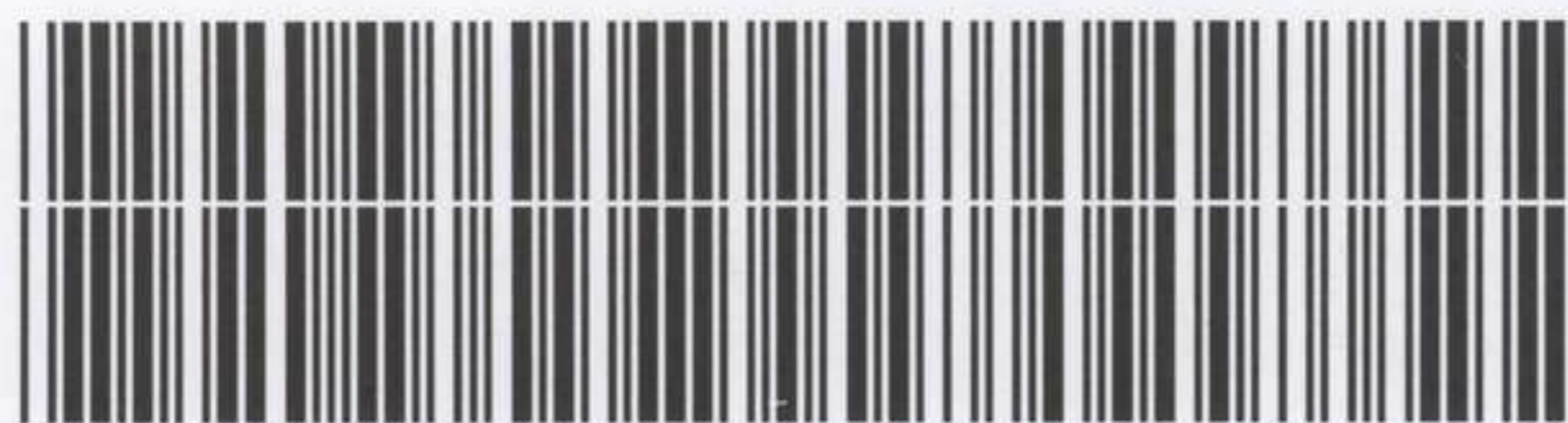
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May 1917



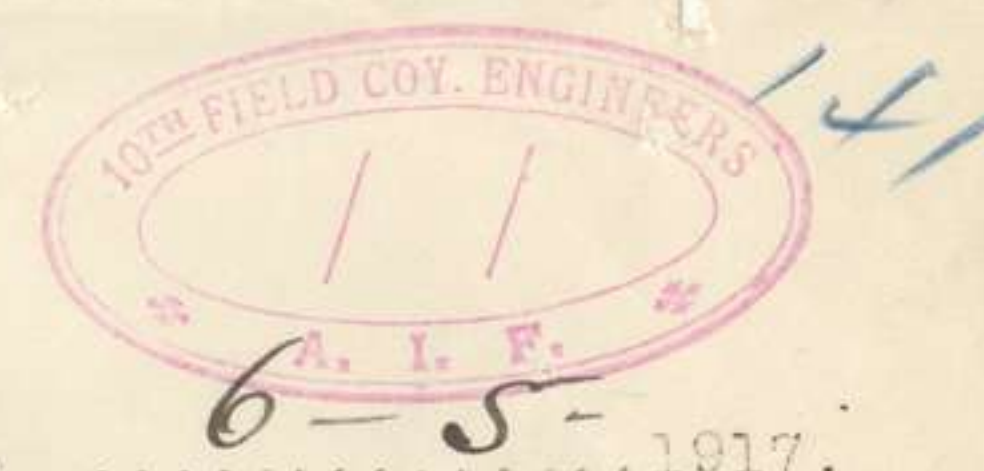
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PROGRESS REPORT.

Week ending 6-5-1917.



SERVICES		Formation Responsible	PROGRESS OF WORK			REMARKS.
Subject	Particulars		Total work	State of completion	Time required for completion	
Trenches	Cut from Ash trench to Messines Rd	10 th F. Engrs	200 yards	0%	21-5-17	Two reliefs reliefs per 24 hours 2 platoons each relief
"	Trench from cut (above) along Messines Rd to Support line	"	175 yards	0%	21-5-17	Two reliefs per 24 hours 2 platoons each relief (an old trench already exists)
Trenches	Support line from Ash trench to Regina Avenue	"	-	0%	21-5-17	1 platoon each relief.
"	Connection between Meath & Ash trench 28 U.13 d. Central to 28 U.13 d. 4.6.	"	-	10%	21-5-17	2 platoons each relief. 8 shifts
Trenches	De-moning Only way from R.A.P. to Support line	"	-	5%	21-5-17	1 relief per 24 hours 1 relief platoon per relief.
"	Ash trench from Meath trench to Subsidary line	"	The trench is duckwalked right through. In places the duckwalks will need to be lowered & the parapet built up.	95%	10-5-17.	3 reliefs per 24 hours 1 platoon each relief.



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SERVICES		Formation Responsible	PROGRESS OF WORK			REMARKS.
Subject	Particulars		Total work	State of completion	Time required for completion	
Trenches	Link between junction of Ash trench & Subsid. line & Ash trench from Subsid line to support line.	10 th Fd Engrs	About 100 yds	5%	11-5-17.	2 Reliefs per 24 hours, 1 platoon each relief. (This link was commenced on 6 th inst.)
"	Ash trench from Road above to support line	"	500	25%	21-5-17	2 Reliefs per 24 hours, 3 platoons each relief.

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SERVICES		Formation Responsible	PROGRESS OF WORK			REMARKS.
Subject	Particulars		Total work	State of completion	Time required for completion	
Dugouts	Battalion HQ (1)	10 I.C. Engrs	8000 Man hours	20%	21-5-17.	Three reliefs daily. 25 men per relief. " " " 30 men per relief. 3 Sappers & 3 M. Gunners 1 relief daily
"	" HQ (2)	"	10,000 " "	10%	21-5-17.	
"	Completing deep mined dugout & M.G. Emplacement	"	100 Man hours	90%	11-5-17.	
Dugouts.	Brigade H.Q. (Blanks Tables Latines etc)	"	1000 Man hours	0%	21-5-17.	1 Relief per day 2 Sappers & 5 Infantry
"	Battalion HQ (Concrete blocks)	"	600 Man hours	Earthworks 70% Dugout 5%	20-5-17	
"	Battalion HQ (Concrete Block)	"	600 Man hours	Earthworks 50% Dugout 10%	20-5-17	
Ammunition Dumps	Dumps for Bombs and S.A.A.	"				Three reliefs daily 30 men per relief.
	1	"	200 0% Man hours	0%	21-5-17.	
	2	"	200 0% " "	0%	21-5-17	
	3	"	200 0% " "	0%	21-5-17	
	4	"	200 0% " "	0%	21-5-17	
	5	"	200 0% " "	0%	21-5-17.	

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SERVICES		Formation Responsible	PROGRESS OF WORK			REMARKS.
Subject	Particulars		Total work	State of completion	Time required for completion	
Gun Pit N ^o 1	6" Howitzer	10 th FC Engps	500 Man hours	60%	11-5-17	10 men per relief
Gun Pit N ^o 2	6" "	"	500 " "	30%	13-5-17	"
Gun Pit N ^o 3	6" "	"	500 " "	10%	15-5-17.	"
Gun Pit N ^o 2	60 Pounder	"	500 " "	2½%	15-5-17	"
Gun Pit N ^o 3	6" Howitzer	"	500 " "	5%	15-5-17.	10 men per relief
Gun Pit N ^o 4	6" "	"	500 " "	5%	15-5-17.	10 " " "
Gun Pit N ^o 1	60 Pounder	"	500 " "	2½%	15-5-17.	10 " " "

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SERVICES		Formation Responsible	PROGRESS OF WORK			REMARKS.
Subject	Particulars		Total work	State of completion	Time required for completion	
Annscroft Av. Front & Support line including Dravell trench & Firebags	Repairs etc.	10 DC Engis	25000 man hours	25%	21-5-17.	Three reliefs daily 75 men per relief.
New Assembly trench or close support line between Only way & Annscroft av	Repairs etc	"	7000 man hours	15%	21-5-17	Three reliefs daily 22 men per relief

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SERVICES		Formation Responsible	PROGRESS OF WORK			REMARKS.
Subject	Particulars		Total work	State of completion	Time required for completion	
Summer Trench Front line from Douve River to Wellington Avenue	Laying duckwalks & widening preparatory to jumping off	10 th Engrs	1000 man hours	20%	9-5-17.	3 Sappers & 40 Infantry 1 shift.
Continuation of Ration Trench from Winter front line to Summer front line	Deepening & laying Duckwalks	"	17,000 man hours	0%	13-5-17.	2 Sappers & 40 Infantry 1 shift
Carrying Party	Carrying store to concrete dugouts & removing sand- bags from dugouts during the night	"	2,700 man hours	0%	19-5-17.	6 Sappers & 25 Infantry 1 shift.
Communication Trenches from 2 nd Support line to front line between the only way. An aircraft or three or number	Repairs etc.	"	8,000 man hours	15%	21-5-17.	Three reliefs daily 25 men per relief.
Westminster Av to Fort Boyd	Draining, re- setting & completion	"	1,000 man hours	50%	17-5-17.	-
Front line from only way to Messines Rd	Widening & fixing firesteps	"	1,400 "	50%	15-5-17	7

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WORK	INFANTRY IN PLATOONS AVERAGE DAILY	PERCENTAGE COMPLETED	ESTIMATED TIME OF COMPLETION	REMARKS.
(1) <u>ROADS</u> <i>At Rosignol to Antwerp</i> <i>to Schilt to Roser Point</i>	-	0%	29-5-17	(Pioneers)
	-	0%	29-5-17	(Pioneers)
(3) <u>AMMUNITION DUMPS and REFILLING POINTS</u> <i>Five in number</i> <i>3 at U 146 40 55</i> <i>2 at U 146 95 98</i> <i>Brigade Reserve</i> <i>Action Dump</i>	2 platoons 7 platoons	50% 97½%	2-6-17 27-5-17	1 platoon additional commenced 25 inst. Parties shaped out daily
(8) <u>MEDICAL</u> <i>RAP in Only Way</i>	✓	Elephant shelter almost complete other work in progress	28-5-17	
<i>RAP in Cooks Way</i>		95%	28-5-17	
<i>3 Small English shelters. Charing Cross Dressing Station</i>	✓	20%	31-5-17	

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Work	Infantry in Platoons Average Daily	Portion Completed	Estimated Time of Completion	Remarks
(11) <u>TRENCHES CONTD.</u>				
Support line from Ash trench to Only Way ✓	1 platoon	50%	29. 5. 17	
Scarfath trench from Support line to Messines Rd ✓	1/2 platoon	70%	29. 5. 17	
Communication trench along side Messines Rd from Support line to Assembly trench ✓	1 platoon	60%	29. 5. 17	
Assembly trench from Ash line to Scarfath Farm ✓	1/2 platoon	90%	29. 5. 17	
Communication trench from Support line to Assembly trench near Scarfath Farm ✓	1/2 platoon	40%	29. 5. 17	
Repairs to Anzac Avenue to front line to 2nd support line & between Anzac Ave and the Only Way ✓	4 platoons	70% 90%	2. 6. 17	1/2 Additional platoons made available on 25th inst.
Assembly trench - two communicating trenches between Anzac Ave & the Only Way ✓	2 1/2 platoons	80% 90%	31. 5. 17	Decided on 25th inst. to abandon Assembly trench as a place as a place for assembly of but to prepare a variation means of communication between Anzac Ave & the Only Way ✓
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Week ending 26 MAY 1917

WORK	INFANTRY IN PLATOONS AVERAGE DAILY	PORTION COMPLETED	ESTIMATED TIME OF COMPLETION	Remarks
(11) <u>TRENCHES</u>				
Ask Trench from Subsid line to Heath Trench Repairing & lowering Auck. boards	20 men	100%		
Opening up old trench along Messines Rd between 2nd Support & subsidiary line	1 platoon	55%	1-6-17	
De ironing Only Way from RAP to 2nd Support line	10 men	60%	1-6-17	
Ask Trench from 2nd Support to Subsid line	2 platoons	80%	31-5-17	
Connection between Heath Trench & Ask Trench	20 men	80%	30-5-17	
New Cut from Ask Trench to old trench along Messines Rd	1 platoon	70%	1-6-17	
Clearing out 2nd Support line	-	10%	1-6-17 with 1 platoon	
De ironing Heath Trench between junction of Ask Trench & C.P.	10 men	60%	31-5-17	

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(12) DUGOUTS.

Battalion HQ dugout at U8d 10.00	3 platoons	60%	2. 6. 17.	Concrete blocks not available.
Battalion HQ at U8c 30 40 in front line left of Messines Rd.	1/4 platoon	Earthworks 70% Dugout 40%	2. 6. 17.	Delayed on account of concrete blocks not forthcoming.
Battalion HQ at U8c 70 50 near corner of Ash Lane & support line	1/4 platoon	Earthworks 70% Dugout 35%	2. 6. 17.	Delayed on account of blocks not forth- coming.
Brigade HQ Dugout	3/4 platoon	97 1/2%	28. 5. 17.	

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Week ending 6 MAY 1917

Work	Infantry in Platoons Average Daily	Portion Completed	Estimated time of Completion	Remarks
<u>(11) TRENCHES CONTD.</u>				
Annscroft Avenue to Cooks Way Approx length 700 yards		about 690 yards	26-5-17	
Only way to R.A.P. approx length 1200 yards		about 600 yards 750	29-5-17	
Catacombs Trench to Heath Trench - approx 600 yards		Completed with exception of sand bagging on inner side		
Carrying party for dugouts 7 duckwalks	2 platoons			
<u>(13) OBSERVATION POSTS</u>				
Excavation of Sap leading to OP at U13 A 1095	25 men	50%	28-5-17	
Excavation & erection of Splinter proof OP at U13 B 2500	5 men	60%	27-5-17	
Splinter proofing dugout OP at Somerset House ✓	4 men	30%	29-5-17	

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