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	6-8-16		<p>Accompanied C.R.E. 1st Div. to front line. - C.E. 2 Army & Controller Mines visited Corps Hdqrs. and discussed proposals to construct trench deep dugout in 5th Div. Area. - Personnel from 2nd Aust. Tunneling Coy. will assist C.R.E. 5th Aust Div. to CE 2 Army. - Arranged with Engineer officers with 2nd Army, week ending 5-8-16. - also Stone Report week ending 5-8-16. Called on C.R.E.s & Lt. 1/11 Dundee AT Coy. for details Corliesen status receiving wages in excess of rates authorized.</p>	
	7-8-16		<p>Arranged with "Q" to place 4 lorries at disposal C.R.E. 18th Division. - Informed G.S. re. change of site of pontoon bridge NOUVEAU MONDE. - Instructions from Controller of Mines to 2nd Aust. Tunneling Coy. re. work on experimental deep dugout. - Consulted "Q" re. instructions from 2nd Army to investigate desirability of further extension of use of railways in Corps Area.</p>	
	8-8-16		<p>Visited C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div. and Corps Camp at SHILLY BRICKFIELDS. - Arranged with Lt. Water Supply 2nd Army for issue to C.R.E. 18th Division engine & pump. to replace those at BOIS GRENIER reported unserviceable. - Remains from 5th Aust. Div. 18th Div. & 5th Aust. Div. Supply Column for water tanks, 100 gals & 200 gals. - Arranged supply of cooks from No. 3 R.R. Park. - From G.S. "Expenses gained from Sigs. Operations, on the fronts of Sixth & Third armies. (Translation from German Document).</p>	
	9-8-16		<p>attended C.E. 3 Conference at 2nd Army Hdqrs. - main points discussed were - water supply, retarded use of light railways, halting, unloading of trucks, requirements trucks for standbys - and the necessity of impressing upon C.R.E.s. that machinery must not be moved from the Corps Area. - Arranged for issue of tanks to 5th Aust. Div., 18th Div. & 5th Aust. Div. Supply Column. - From CE 2 Army. distribution of road metal period 16 to 31-8-16. - Arranged with "Q" possible retarded use of light railways.</p>	

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LA MOTTE	10-8-16		<p>Inspected at Camp Conference. New Zealand Division will be relieved by 51st Division before 18-8-16. and 18th Division by 34th Division before 23-8-16. Visited CRE. N.Z. Div. & discussed questions connected with handing over. Visited 403rd Coy. A.S.C. re. long standings and huts required. From G. 2nd Army cannot afford use of motor cycle to Unit Engr. Hdqrs. From Lt. 2 Army. Concrete dugout used in 2nd. Corps Area. From G.S. Army instructions re. erection of screens. To ST. Coy. & Division statement distribution table received from No. 2 Rb. Park. - Informed G.S. that CRE 18th Div. had been given all available information regarding drainage estate sector. Received Army Camp Order No. 24 dated 10-8-16. moves of Division as above.</p>	
	11-8-16		<p>Visited ESTAIRES and inspected work on METELEN BECQUE scheme - water supply for animals. Interviewed CRE 5th Aust. Div. & G.C. 1/2. Considered H.T. Coy. Rb. re. monthly estimate stores required & deep dugout 5th Aust. Div. Area. - Issued instructions for Detachment N.Z. Division now employed with ST. Coy. on unloading work. To 19th Division forthwith. Headquarters 51st Div. arrived RENESCURE. CRE. arranging to take over work left sector from CRE, N.Z. Division</p>	
	12-8-16		<p>Inspected Camp & Workshops, 18th Division, at ERQUINGHAM. Discussed with CRE policy as regards work in Special Areas as decided at Camp Commanders Conference on 1-8-16. To CE 2 Army. requirements Camp 18th Div. & 19th Div. & 18th Div. Workshop. From A. re. office & CO's to train reinforcements. To No. 2 Rb. Park. estimate requirements with steel and wrought iron for months Sept. Oct. & Nov. From G. 18 Corps detailed for Camp Rb. Park in event of active operations. Instructions to AC Roads & G.C. Water Supply & Drainage re. Submission weekly progress reports.</p>	
	13-8-16		<p>Visited experimental deep dugout work 5th Aust. Div. progress very satisfactory & promise well. Visited STEENWERCK and inspected work on water supply for animals being carried out under orders from 2nd Army. From CE 2 Army. advised for Part II. memo on construction and repair of road bridges. To CE 2 Army. weekly report of State received. also nominal roll of Engineer officers serving with 2nd Army. From G. memo from 2nd Army re. excessive demands and probable reduced supply. timber Second Army.</p>	
	14-8-16		<p>Accompanied Camp Commander to STEENWERCK. Thence to FORT ROMPU. - Camp for experimental deep dugout. geological reports 5th Aust. Div. 300' line. Eastern end 49' of clay, western end 29' of clay - this allows considerable margin of safety for roof and floor of dugout. - From CE 2 Army. plans "Typical German dugouts", "German dugouts in Belgium", "Emplacement for medium machine-guns". - To CE 2 Army. statement thickness gravel & sand received 1-8-16 to 16-8-16. Consulted G. re. long standings.</p>	

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	16-8-16		Inspected work at HOUPLINES NORTH locality. - Visited No 30 Mobile Workshop and Corps Depot Advance Camp, both at BAC ST. MAUR. - From CE 2 Army. - minutes of CE's Conference held on 9-8-16. - I.B. asked that guards in defence GHQ 2nd Div be relieved. - agreed provided reliable caretakers are placed in charge. - Visited CREB N.2. and 51st Divisions at ARMENTIERES. Instructions from Corps Commander to consult ADAT and R.C.E. re. Corps Railway Scheme. also to arrange for construction of diversion road at NIEPPE. - Orders to A.T. Coy. re. distribution granite chippings to Divisions.	26
	17-8-16		M.G. G.S., CE & Controller Works - all 2nd Army visited Corps Commander and discussed the objections, tactical and technical, to the construction of deep dugouts. - the main objections were the difficulty of egress, and the large amount of cutting and timber required. both of which have been fully appreciated and duly considered. - As a result of the discussion it was decided to construct one dugout as an experiment - if satisfactory others will be proceeded with. Accompanied CE to interview CREB, 5th Aust. Div. and 51st Divisions. - Ordered Field Engr. to make a reconnaissance of proposed diversion road at NIEPPE. - CE called for revised Appendix "C" in view of acceptance of NISSAN BOW HUT as standard hut for winter accommodation. - From CE 2 Army. Statement of existing & proposed railway systems in Second Army Area. also a memo. of principles governing the use & operation of railways especially with reference to those near the front. - From Controller of Works. suggestions re. deep dugout. - From G.S. R.A. list of Observation Stations required. - passed to CBE for action.	27

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LA MOTTE	18-8-16		<p>Accompanied CRE 5th Aust. Div. and HQ No 2 Aust. Demolition Coy. to Civil Workshops. Consulted DIMS. re building of premises to take up at SALLY for Hospital, & pointed out that much less building work would be necessary if rooms near Workshops at BAC ST MAUR were adopted. Visited CRE 5th Aust, 18th + 51st Divisions with reference to requirements of divisions in trench drainways. also estimate of trench Huts required in Segr. In CRE + HQ 1/2 Lumber Coy. Specification & detailed drawing of woodwork of trench Hut - chosen as standard hut for winter accommodation. From G.S. Second Army ruling that of mining policy will be defensive. tunnelling Coy. to assist with deep dugouts as far as possible. From Q. Water Transport of Cops for operations. Ruling that no Heavy Gun Positions to be placed within 500 yards of Railway Station premises, advanced Railheads for Ammunition or Supplies. Siding for RB Materials + Stone, without previous approval of Army Headquarters.</p>	
	19-8-16		<p>Consulted CE 2nd Army re proposed diversion road at NIEPPE. Visited CRE 5th Aust, 18th + 51st Divisions - ascertained their requirements in trench drainways. Sent to Joint Control estimate of requirements for Segr. - Instructions to CRE + HQ Det. No 2 Pontoon Park re bridging stones at bridge sites on RIVER LYS.</p>	
	20-8-16		<p>attended Conference ADRT and C.R.C.E. HAZEBROUCK. to consider requirements the Cops front in light railroads. decided to im. Cops line from bridge STEENWERCK to CROIX DU BAC. thence 60 c m. light line along ESTAIRES. NIEPPE road to D.C. dumps North of RIVER LYS. with loops to RE dumps at SALLY BRICKFIELDS. BAC ST MAUR. and ERQUINGHEM - (about bank of RIVER LYS) to north bank of RIVER LYS at BAC ST MAUR to consider necessity for constructing road to avoid sheds now used for making concrete bastions. From G.S. correspondence with Second Army re deep dugouts.</p>	
	21-8-16		<p>Visited SALLY BRICKFIELDS and CROIX DU BAC. interviewed CRE 24th Division, who is taking over Engineer work to SALLY. Sister from CRE 18th Division. Prepared for G. plan showing proposed standard gauge line STEENWERCK to CROIX DU BAC. - proposed 60 c m. line along ESTAIRES. NIEPPE road and trench tramways, starting & proposed. Refused Q taking no action on standings for loops pending decision as to locations. Instructions to CRE 1/2 Lumber AT Coy. re construction sleeper road No 30 North Workshop, CROIX DU BAC.</p>	

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LA MOTTE.	22-8-16		<p>Visited Adm. Com. in 2nd Aust. Div. at HAZEBROUCK - saw electrical plant for ventilation and pumping & consulted Geologist (Major David) re proposed ferro concrete & left sections. Controller of Works visited Corps Commander re mining operations 2nd Aust. Corps front - decided CE of Corps will be given detailed plans of all mining work, and will receive practical progress reports from 2nd Aust. Div. at HAZEBROUCK - visited CC. 2nd Aust. Div. at HAZEBROUCK and made arrangements accordingly - Visited CRE 51st Division - viewed sites for proposed division road at NIEPPE and proposed work Camps at Bois de la Chapelle and 21 Avenue de la Gare at CHAUX DU BAC - Intervened CC. 4th Aust. Div. at CHAUX DU BAC - obtained approval 2nd Army to move pumping plant now at FLEURBAIX to BAC ST MAUR Workshops - also to mine 4 four 1600 gal. tanks and ten 60 CM. tanks required by 5th Aust. Div. - Arranged with Forest Control for large supply fascines and poles required by 5th Aust. Div. - From 2nd Army "Huts on Mining Operations" - Plates 12, 13, 14 General Field Works - Arranged with G. to place 4 lorries at disposal CREs of Divisions.</p>	<u>Me</u>
	23-8-16		<p>Visited Suro Commission with reference to proposed division road at NIEPPE, and reports to roads ESTAIRES, NIEPPE and ESTAIRES, ARMENTIERES - Intervened CREs, 5th Aust. Div. & 24th Div. - Instructed Field Engr. to prepare site plan proposed Camp Schools at MORBECQUE and discussed requirements with Major Sir H. McAlister - Mine arrangements at STENBECQUE completed. CE 2 Army notified Supply trucks and bolting for horse standings.</p>	<u>Me</u>
	24-8-16		<p>Visited CRE 5th Aust. Div. and CRE 51st (Highland) Div. - Intervened Suro Commission re proposed division road at NIEPPE, and arranged for work to start as soon as possible. From 2nd Army. Hat design by Capt Stratford Lt. - From G.S. proposal from Highland Div. to construct deep dugouts in Subsidiary Lines. - CE 2nd Army informed east turn out woodwork for 14 Avenue de la Gare for work. - From G.S. proposal to improve advanced works right flank, Right Brest.</p>	<u>Me</u>
	25-8-16		<p>Visited No 2 Platoon and arranged for Suro required by A.T. Coy. - Called on CREs for reports as to number & location of electric light sets required for lighting dugouts. - From 2nd Army. Appx. A stores to be stored in Suro - Do 2nd Army - received Appx. C stores for Suro. - Informed 2nd Army requirements in trucks, bolting and top dressing for horse standings. - Informed CREs of proposals regarding construction of Camps. - to be on road sides and not in berths.</p>	<u>Me</u>

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LA MOTTE	26.8.16		Visited SAILLY, BAC STMAUR, and CROIX DU BAC. Arranged with Second Army for supply trucks from HAZEBROUCK. Issued instructions to Art. Coy. to dump at CROIX DU BAC for Corps Supply Column. Instructions from 2nd Army all Decours to be cleared. Sundry Company to have first call on 9x3" timber. 5th Asst Div. asked various supply materials for concrete dugouts. 2nd Army asking names of Works and Mechanics not to leave 2nd Army Area. From CE 2 Army, distribution Areas Base Huts. From A.M.S. list huts at various places near STEENBECQUE and SERCUS.	No
	27.8.16		Visited BAILLEUL and inspected work on new Corps Headquarters. From CE 2 Army designs for "Project Haults", "Typical Dugout 3rd Army Area", "Lookout Post for O.P.". From 51st Div. sites proposed for deep dugouts. Asked CE 2 Army if any action required re huts at near STEENBECQUE and SERCUS. From CE 2 Army, statement stone received week ending 26.8.16. - Pointed out to CE 2 Army necessity of pressing on work for concrete dugout accommodation and gave estimate of daily requirements materials to complete work in one month.	No
	28.8.16		Visited pumping plant METELEN BECQUE, Corps dump & temporary road to No 30 Mobile Workshop. Interviewed CRE with Division. Accompanied B.G.S. to 2nd Army demonstration of consolidation work. - Arranged for 200' horse troughs from 2nd Army Shops, BAILLEUL. - Accompanied with B.G.S. proposed sites for deep dugouts 51st Division - agreed these should be further forward.	No
	29.8.16		Visited Workshops, 24th Division - Interviewed C.C. Roads at SAILLY. - Arranged with R.P. for supply tools and tanks to C.C. 24th Div. - Do Q. monthly returns unsupplied labour - civilian - employed on engineer works. From 2nd Army - description of light compressed air pumping plant - From Q. letter to 2nd Army asking following roads to be installed. NEUF BERQUIN - ESTAIRES. South side only. - ESTAIRES - PONT DE NIEPPE, and ESTAIRES - ARMANTIÈRES. Both sides existing installing or part. - From 2nd Army. Transport for Field Engineers to be arranged with Q. - I will responsibility for huts and Standings as between Corps and Division - Corps takes huts, other than Civil Huts North of River LYS, Division take all Huts South of River LYS, and, in addition, Civil Huts North of River LYS.	No

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	31-8-16.		<p>Visited Sully Buckfields - and Standings of No 403 Coy ASC - interviewed O/C Drainage and discussed progress on drainage work between RIVER LAIES and RIVER LYS. To CE 2nd Army. gravel + sand received from 14-8-16 to 31-8-16. From 2nd Army. memo from QMG, G.S. re requisitioning machinery for Rk works - Issued statement distribution first allotment of 150 Messen Huts. - Arranged with 7th Labour Battalion to start work on NIEPPE diversion road. Reported to CE 2nd Army. cutting materials August evident not yet received.</p>	

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LA MOTTE	5-8-16		<p>Inspected water supply at DOULIEU and visited No. 2 R.R. Park, STRAZELLE. to obtain tools required for Divisional Workshops. - Meeting of C.R.E.s. at CROIX DU BAC. with a view to co-ordination of work on defensive lines and on dugout accounts. - Called on C.R.E.s. at 1/11 Queden AT Coy. for estimate requirements mild steel & wrought iron for Sept. Oct. & Nov. Orders to C.R.E.s. 5th Aust. Div & 1st Div. re. erection O.P.s. in Divisional Areas. From CE 2 Army. Specification "Iron Box Plat." - Plates of "German Field Marks." - "Jimmelled Dugouts, MAMETZ." - "Shelter for H.B.A.C.H.T. Mater." - Instructions to C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div. re. disturbing Part in Civil Area. - Arranged with Controller Mines for issue of two bang sets to C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div. - From Q. order of importance of roads South of River LYS - From CE 2 Army. circular re. road construction. - Arranged with 2nd Army Staff, HAZEBROUCK. to issue to No. 2 Div. - 6 rifle vests, 52 flash helmets, Lewis guns, 40 trench coats.</p>	
	6-8-16		<p>Accompanied C.R.E. No. 2 Div. to front line. - C.E. 2 Army & Controller Mines visited Corps Hdqrs. and discussed proposals to construct trench deep dugout in 5th Div. Area. - Personnel from 2nd Aust. Immellung Coy. will assist C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div. - Arrived with Engineer officers with 2 Amxal, week ending 5-8-16. - also Stone Report week ending 5-8-16. Called on C.R.E.s. at 1/11 Queden AT Coy. for details Civilian labour receiving wages in excess of rates authorized.</p>	
	7-8-16		<p>Arranged with "Q" to place 4 lorries at disposal C.R.E. 18th Division. - Informed G.S. re. change of site of pontoon bridge NOUVEAU MONDE. - Instructions from Controller of Mines to C.E. 2nd Aust. Immellung Coy. re. work on experimental deep dugout. - Consulted "Q" re. instructions from 2nd Army to investigate desirability of further extension of use of railways in Corps Area.</p>	
	8-8-16		<p>Visited C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div. and Corps Camp at SALLY BRICKFIELDS. - Arranged with C.E. Water Supply 2nd Army for issue to C.R.E. 18th Division engine & pump. to replace those at BOIS GRENIER reported unserviceable. - Demands from 5th Aust. Div. 18th Div. & 5th Aust. Div. Supply Column for water tanks, 100 gals & 200 gals. - Arranged supply of carts from No. 3 R.R. Park. - From G.S. "Expenses gained from Sept. Officers, on the fronts of South & third armies - (Translation from German Document).</p>	
	9-8-16		<p>Attended C.E. 2 Army Conference at 2nd Army Hdqrs. - main points discussed were - water supply, extended use of light railways, handling, unloading of trucks, requirements trucks for standways - and the necessity of impressing upon C.R.E.s. that machinery must not be moved from the Corps Area. - Arranged for issue of tanks to 5th Aust. Div, 18th Div & 5th Aust. Div. Supply Column. - From CE 2 Army. distribution of war metal period 16 to 31-8-16. - Arranged with "Q" possible extended use of light railways.</p>	

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LA MOTTE	10-8-16		<p>Informal at Camp Conference. New Zealand Division will be relieved by 51st Division before 18-8-16. and 18th Division by 54th Division before 23-8-16. Visited CRE NZ Div. & discussed questions connected with handing over. Visited 403rd Coy A.S.C. re. long standings and huts required. From G. 2nd Army cannot afford issue of motor cycle to Div. Engr. Hdqrs. From CE 2 Army. Concrete dugout used in 2nd Corps Area. From G.S. Army instructions re erection of screens. To B.T. Coy. & Divisional Statement distribution table received from No. 2 R.B. Park. - Informal G.S. that CRE 18th Div. had been given all available information regarding drainage estate sector. Received Army Camp Order No. 244 dated 10-8-16. moves of Division as above.</p>	116
	11-8-16		<p>Visited ESTAIRES and inspected work on METEREN BECQUE scheme - water supply for animals. Interviewed CRE 5th Aust. Div. & P.C. 1/1, Quindell S.T. Coy. R.B. re. monthly estimate stores required & deep dugout 5th Aust. Div. Area. - Issued instructions for Detachment N.Z. Division now employed with S.T. Coy. on unloading work, to return Division forthwith. Headquarters 51st Div. arrived RENESCURE. CRE arranging to take over works left sector from CRE NZ Division.</p>	116
	12-8-16		<p>Inspected Camp & Workshops, 18th Division, at ERQUINGHAM. Discussed with CRE policy as regards work in general terms as decided at Camp Commanders Conference on 1-8-16. To CE 2 Army - requirements Camp 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th Div. re. work units. From A. re. Officer & S.C.O.s to train reinforcements. To No 2 R.B. Park. estimate requirements with stand and wrought iron for months Sept. Oct. & Nov. - From G. 12 Corps detailed for Camp R.B. Park in event of active operations. Instructions to CC Roads & CC Water Supply & Drainage re. Submission weekly progress reports.</p>	116
	13-8-16		<p>Visited experimental deep dugout work 5th Aust. Div. - progress very satisfactory & promise well. Visited STEENWERCK and inspected work on water supply for animals being carried out under orders from 2nd Army. - From CE 2 Army. advanced first Part II. memo. on construction and repair of road bridges. - To CE 2 Army. weekly report of state received - also concerned with Engineer officers serving with 2nd Aussie. - From G. memo. from 2nd Army re. excessive demands and probable reduced supply. Timber Second Army.</p>	116
	14-8-16		<p>Accompanied Camp Commander to STEENWERCK. Thence to FORT ROMPU. - Bumps for experimental deep dugout. - geologist reports 5th Aust. Div. 300' level. eastern end 49' of clay, western end 29' of clay - this allows considerable margin of safety for roof and floor of dugout. - From CE 2 Army. plans "Typical German Dugouts", "German Dugouts in Belgium", "Emplacement for medium machine-guns". - To CE 2 Army. Statement timber gravel & sand received 1-8-16 to 16-8-16. - Consulted G. re. long standings.</p>	116

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LA MOTTE	15-8-16		<p>Discussed at Conference the question of long Standings & suggested I consider the possibility of placing boulders on roads where little work on standings will be necessary. instead of attempting to widen roads at present long sites - pointed out the objections to the latter. - From CE 2 Army. notes on winter accommodation. Sent to Controller of Works report & recommendations from C&E 5th Aust. Div. re. deep dugouts. Suggested work to be pressed on and asked that tubing, cutting edges and jacks to be provided for cutting shafts. Called attention of C&E & 5th. 1/2 Squadron Coy. To Corps Routine Order No 707 dated 11-8-16 re. precautions to be taken to guard against fire in huts. Discussed responsibility as between C&E and Field Engineer for maintenance of roads in Corps Area, South of River LYS. Arranged with Bom Commission for granite chippings from Stone depot, ARMENTIERES. Called on C&E & 5th. 1/2 Squadron Coy. for plan on scale 1/40,000 of deep bays, pipe lines etc in respective areas.</p>	
	16-8-16		<p>Inspected work at HOUPLINES NORTH locality. - Visited No 30 Mobile Workshop and Corps Troops Aid Society Camp, both at BAC ST. MAUR. - From CE 2 Army. minutes of CES Conference held on 9-8-16. - G.S. asked that guards on defences of HQ 2nd Div be relaxed. - agreed provided reliable caretakers are placed in charge. - Visited CRES. N.Z. and 51st Divisions at ARMENTIERES. Instructions from Corps Commander to consult A.D.A.T. and R.C.E. re. Corps Railway Scheme. also to arrange for construction of division road at NIEPPE. - Orders to A.T. Coy. re. distribution granite chippings to Divisions.</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>
	17-8-16		<p>M.G. G.S., CE & Controller Works - all 2nd Army meted Corps Commander and discussed the objections, tactical and technical, to the construction of deep dugouts. - the main objections were the difficulty of egress, and the large amount of tubing and timber required. both of which have been fully appreciated and duly considered. - As a result of the discussion it was decided to construct one dugout as an experiment - if satisfactory others will be proceeded with. - accompanied CE to interview CRES. 5th. Aust, NZ and 51st Divisions - Ordered Field Engr. to make a reconnaissance of proposed division road at NIEPPE. - CE called for revised Appendix "C" in view of acceptance of NISSAN BOW HUT. as standard hut for winter accommodation. - From CE 2 Army. Statement of existing & proposed railway systems in Second Army Area. - also a memo. re. principles governing the use & operation of railways especially with reference to those near the front. - From Controller of Works. suggestions re. deep dugout. - From G.S. R.A. list of Observation Stations required. passed to C&E for action.</p>	<p><u>17</u></p>

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LA MOTTE.	18-8-16		<p>Accompanied C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div. and S.C. No 2 Aust. Demolition Coy. to visit Workshops. Consulted ADMS. re building of prefabs to take up at SALLY for Hospital, + pointed out that much less building work would be necessary if rooms near Workshops at ST. MAUR were adopted. Visited CRE 5th Aust. 18th + 51st Divisions with reference to requirements of Divisions in trench tramways. Also estimate of trench Huts required in Segr. - Is CRE + R. 1/2 Lumber Coy. Specification + detailed drawings of woodwork of trench Hut - chosen as standard hut for winter accommodation. From G.S. Second Army ruling that mining policy will be defensive. tunnelling Coy. to assist with deep dugouts as far as possible. From G. - Water Transport of Cops for operations. Ruling that no heavy gun positions to be placed within 500 yards of Railway Station premises, advanced Railheads for Ammunition or Supplies. Siding for R.R. materials Stone, without previous approval of Army Headquarters.</p>	
	19-8-16		<p>Consulted CE. 2nd Army re proposed diversion road at NIEPPE. Visited CREs. 5th Aust. 18th + 51st Divisions + ascertained their requirements in trench tramways. Sent to Joint Control estimate of requirements for Segr. - Instructions to CREs + S.C. Met. No 2 Pontoon Park re building stores at bridge sites on River LYS.</p>	
	20-8-16		<p>attended Conference ADRT and C.R.E. HAZEBROUCK. to consider requirements this Corp front in light railroads. decided to im. Corp line road gauge STEENWERCK to CROIX DU SAC. thence 60 c.m. light line along ESTAIRES - NIEPPE road to D.C. dumps North of RIVER LYS. with loops to R.R. dumps at SALLY BRICKFIELDS. D.C. STMAUR, and ERQUINGHEM. (North bank of RIVER LYS) no lines South of RIVER LYS except trench teams. Visited 1/2 Lumber Coy. + CRE. 5th Aust. Div. + accompanied latter to north bank RIVER LYS at SAC STMAUR to consider necessity for constructing road to avoid sheds now used for making concrete busters. - From G.S. correspondence with Second Army re deep dugouts.</p>	
	21-8-16		<p>Visited SALLY BRICKFIELDS and CROIX DU SAC. interviewed CRE. 24th Division. who is taking over Engineer work. Centre Sector from CRE 18th Division. Prepared for G. plan showing proposed standard gauge line STEENWERCK to CROIX DU SAC. - proposed 60 c.m. line along ESTAIRES - NIEPPE road and trench tramways, existing + proposed. performed R. taking no action on standings for houses pending decision as to locations. Instructions to S.C. 1/2 Lumber AT Coy. re construction sleepers road No 30 Hotel Workshop, CROIX DU SAC.</p>	

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LA MOTTE.	22-8-16		<p>Visited Hdqrs. Australian Tunneling Co. HAZEBROUCK - saw electrical plant for ventilation and pumping, & consulted Geologist (Major David) re proposed Tiers Centre & Left Bectors - Controller of Mines visited Corps Commander re mining operations & ad ahead Capt front. - decided CE. of Corps will be given detailed plans of all mining work, and will receive periodical progress reports from 2nd Aust. Tunneling Coy. - visited O.C. 2nd. Aust. Tunneling Coy. and made arrangements accordingly. - Visited CRE 51st. Division - viewed sites for proposed diversion road at NIEPPE, and proposed work Capt Troops Cadman's Camp and 31 Arline Sec. 1st at CROIX DU BAC. - Intervened O.C. 4th. Aust. Div. to move pumping plant now at FLEURBAIX to BAC ST MAUR Workshops. - also to move 4 four 1600 gal. tanks and two 60. C.M. trucks required by 5th Aust. Div. - Arranged with Forest Control for large supply fascines and poles required by 5th Aust. Div. - From 2nd Army "Hits on French Digouts" - Plates 12, 13, 14 German Field Works - Arranged with G. to place 4 lorries at disposal CREs of Divisions.</p>	<u>M</u>
	23-8-16		<p>Visited Sino Commission with reference to proposed diversion road at NIEPPE, and repairs to roads ESTAIRES. NIEPPE, and ESTAIRES. ARMENTIERES. - Intervened CREs, 5th. Aust. Div. & 34th. Div. - Instructed Field Engr. to prepare site plan proposed Capt Schools at MORBECQUE, and discussed requirements with Major Sir H. McIlhannan - Make arrangements at STEINBECQUE completed. - CE 2 Army notified supply trucks and solving for horse standings.</p>	<u>M</u>
	24-8-16		<p>Visited CRE 5th. Aust. Div. and CRE 51st (Highland) Div. - Intervened Sino Commission re proposed diversion road at NIEPPE, and arranged for work to start as soon as possible. - From 2nd Army. Hat design by Capt Stratfield Lt. - From G.S. proposal from Highland Div. to construct deep dugouts in Subsidiary ditches. - CE 2nd Army examined east tunnel with woodwork for 14 German Dem Hits per week. - From G.S. proposal to improve advanced works right flank, Right Bector.</p>	<u>M</u>
	25-8-16		<p>Visited No 2. R.P. site, and arranged for tools required by A.T. Coy. - Called on CREs for reports as to number & location of electric light sites required for lighting dugouts. - From 2nd Army. - Appx. A stores to be used in Sigs. - Do 2nd Army - received appx. C stores for Sigs. - Informed 2nd Army. requirements in trucks, solving and top dressing for horse standings. - Informed CREs of proposals regarding construction of dumps. - to be on road sides and not in fields. -</p>	<u>M</u>

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LA MOTTE	26-8-16		Visited SAILLY, BAC STMAUR, and CROIX DU SAC. - Arranged with Second Army for supply trucks from HAZEBROUCK. - Issued instructions to AT. Coy. re. dump at CROIX DU SAC for Corps Supply Column. - Instructions from 2nd Army, all Becques to be cleared. - Tunneling Company to have first call on 9x3' timber. - 5th Aust Div. asked various supply materials for concrete dugouts. - 2nd Army asking Garrison of Works and Mechanics not to leave 2nd Army Area. - From CE. 2 Army, distribution Mission Bow Haris. - From A.G.M.G. list huts re various places near STEENBECQUE and SERCUS.	
	27-8-16		Visited BAILLEUL and inspected works on new Corps Headquarters. - From CE. 2 Army designs for "Project Huddle". - Typical Dugout 3rd Army Area. - Lookout Box for O.P. - From 51st Div. sites proposed for deep dugouts. - Asked CE. 2 Army if any action required re huts re near STEENBECQUE and SERCUS. - To CE. 2 Army, statement stone received week ending 26-8-16. - Pointed out to CE. 2 Army necessity of pressing on work for concrete dugout accommodations and gave estimate of daily requirements materials to complete work in one month.	No
	28-8-16		Visited pumping plant METELEN BECQUE, Corps Dump + temporary road to No 30 Mobile Workshop. - Interviewed CRE 24th Division. - Accompanied B.G.S. to 2nd Army demonstration of consolidation works. - Arranged for 200' horse troughs from 2nd Army Shops, BAILLEUL. - Discussed with B.G.S. proposed sites for deep dugouts 51st Division. - agreed these should be further forward.	No
	29-8-16		Visited Workshops, 24th Division - Interviewed C.C. Roads at SAILLY. - Arranged with R.E.Pont for supply tools and tanks to 4th South Div. - To Q. - monthly return unskilled labour - cochain - employed on engineer works. - From 2nd Army - description of light compressed air pumping plant - From Q. - letter to 2nd Army asking following roads to be installed, NEUFBERQUIN - ESTAIRES, South side only. - ESTAIRES - PONT DE NIEPPE, and ESTAIRES - ARMENTIERES. Both sides existing installing or fab. - From 2nd Army, transport for Field Engineers to be arranged with Q. - Final responsibility for Huts and Standings as between Corps and Divisions - Corps takes Huts, other than Div. Huts North of River LYS. Divisions take all Huts South of River LYS, and, in addition, Div. Huts North of River LYS.	No

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LA MOTTE	30-8-16.		<p>Visited Sais Commission and arranged details diversion road at NIEPPE - width 18', gravel and macadam from French Store depot at STEENWERCK - labour from 7th Labour Batta at BAILLEUL - work to commence forthwith. - Visited new sleeper road being made by Sais Commission North West of HAZEBROUCK - Sent Field Engr to BAILLEUL to ascertain requirements new Corps office. - From 2nd Army, distribution road material period 1-15 Sept. 2 Assoc gets 50 tons gravel and 50 tons macadam per day. - arrangements in hand to supply, consisting materials as follows: gravel 150 tons. Sand 75 tons - Cement 200 barrels daily. - supply for now limited - not likely to exceed 1/2 ton daily. - Order to A.T. Coy. re putting 14th S.A. Bn. STEENWERCK. - From 2nd Army. Latent claims Commission regarding "Fait de Guerre" with reference to proposal to take old trucks for home standings - Requesting from 2nd Army. Field Engineer and Military Engineer of Works to remain behind when exchange of Army Corps Hdqrs. takes place. - To G.S. - progress report defence works. Corps area work ending 25-8-16. From G.S. re SUSSES ESTAIRES-ARMENTIERES road.</p>	
	31-8-16.		<p>Visited Sully Buckfields and Standings of No 403 Coy ASC. - Intervened O/B Drainage and discussed program on drainage work between RIVER LAIES and RIVER LYS. - To CE 2nd Army. gravel + sand received from 14-8-16 to 31-8-16. From D. memo from QMG, G.F.G re requisitioning machinery for R/Ws - Issued statement distribution first allotment of 150 Messen Herts. - Arranged with 7th Labour Battalion to start work on NIEPPE diversion road. - Reported to CE 2nd Army. putting materials August contract not yet received.</p>	<p><u>12</u></p> <p><u>16</u></p>