

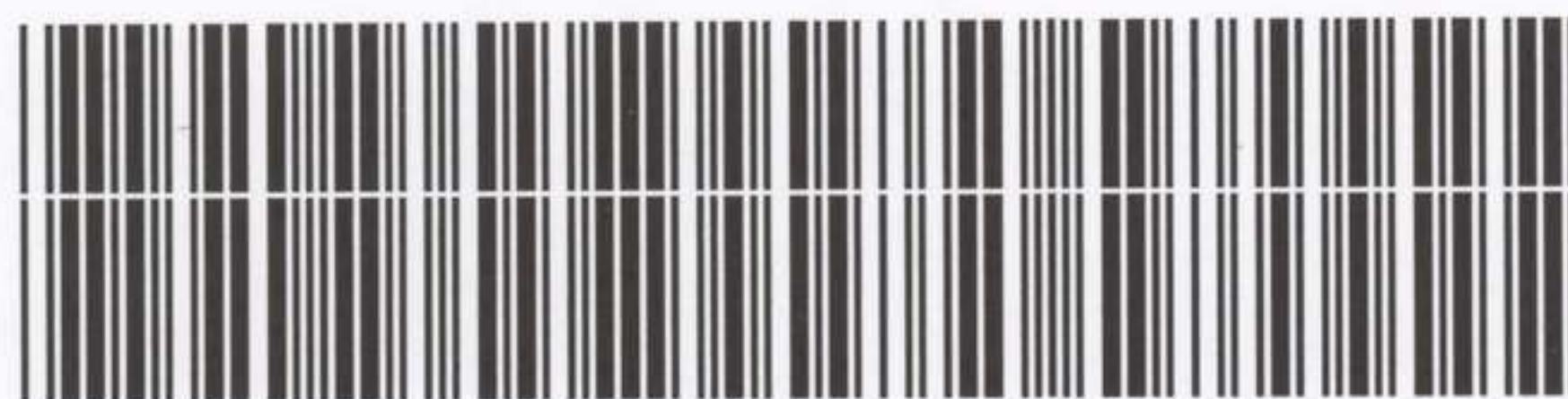
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OF

11TH FIELD COY. ENGINEERS A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAMP	December			
28 T 10 a. 59	1 st		Company continued Work allotted as Reserve Field Coy.	D
"	2 nd		Sappers of No 1 Section withdrawn from work on Screens to provide extra Supervisors on pipe burying	D
"	3 rd		1 OR Detached to 2 nd Army Bridging School at "AIRE" 1 OR from Hospital	D
"	4 th		Lieut J. M. Horton & 20 OR represented this Coy. at Presentation of Ribbons to 3 rd Aus. Division by Lieut General Sir William Birdwood at 28 T 15 d 3.1 Authority, Divisional Circular Memorandum No 75, & Administration Order No 20. 1 OR to Hospital.	Divisional Circular Mem No 75 Administration Order No 20. D
"	5 th			
"	6 th		Weekly report to C.R.E. Two Surveyors start reconnaissance of Roads & drains in Divisional Area. 1 OR to Hospital. 1 OR from Hospital	HE 69/13 D
"	7 th		1 OR Transferred from 1 st Pioneer Battalion A.I.F. taken on strength	D
"	8 th		2 OR to Hospital. 3 OR rejoined Coy (ex AGBD). 1 OR from Hospital	D

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CAMP 28T10a5.9	December 1917 9 th		Reconnaissance of Roads & drains in Divisional Area completed, & information put on plan - 1 OR reinforcement taken on Strength.	
"	10 th			
"	11 th			
"	12 th		2 OR to Hospital (Wounded) 1 OR to Hospital (Wounded, but since reported died of Wounds) 1 OR from Hospital.	
"	13 th		6 Surveyors start work on Corps 2 nd Line Defence according to instructions from C.R.E. 1 OR to Hospital.	
"	14 th		Works in hand, handed over to 6 th Field Coy. 2 nd Aus. Division. 3 OR rejoined Coy. (ex AGBD). 7 OR reinforcements taken on Strength.	
"	15 th		Company moved from Camp 28T10a5.9 to "MAHUTONGA CAMP" 28T19b8.5 in accordance with C.R.E. Movement Order N°3. 1 OR reinforcement taken on Strength. 1 OR transferred to AGBD.	C.R.E. Movement Order N°3
MAHUTONGA CAMP. 28T19b8.5.	16 th		Lieut W.H. Thomas & batman returned from 2 nd Army School "WISQUES" Coy. Started Training 1 OR to Hospital.	
"	17 th		1 OR returned from 2 nd Army Bridging School "AIRE". 1 OR from Hospital.	

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MAHUTONGA CAMP 28T1968.5	December 1917 18 th		2.0R to Hospital	
"	19 th		Commence taking over from 123 rd Field Coy R.E. 38 th (WELSH) Div. in Sector CHAPELLE D' ARMENTIERES from Park Row Avenue 36I20d5.2 to Pear Tree Trm. 36I16b15.70 being Right Brigade Area of New Divisional Area. 5.0R to Hospital. 3.0R from Hospital.	
"	20 th		Two Sections (1x3) move to Billets in DANSETTE FACTORY 36B29b70.15. Maps plans etc. taken over from 123 rd Field Coy R.E. (38 th WELSH Div.) in accordance with Bde Order N°106. 1.0R taken on Strength (ex AGBO).	11 th Bde Order N°106.
"	21 st		Remainder of Coy moved to Billets in DANSETTE FACTY 36B29b70.15 in accordance with Bde Order N°106. Transport moved to Horse Standings at 36B28b2.5. Three Surveyors attached C.R.E. 2 nd Aus. Division remain at MAHUTONGA CAMP.	11 th Bde Order N°106.
DANSETTE FACTY 36B29b70.15	22 nd		28T1968.5 x carry on Survey of Corps 2 nd Line of defence. L ^t W.H. Thomas x 80 R. also remain. Capt. O.B. Williams returned from leave. 3.0R from Hospital. Five Surveyors commence Survey of New Sector CHAPELLE D' ARMENTIERES. Two Sections (1x3) carry on work in forward area. No 2 Section take over Bridges x No 4 Section take over Screens x rear area work from 123 rd Field Coy. R.E. 29.0R 41 st Bat ^l A.I.F. attached to Coy for Duty. L ^t Lahay R.W. proceeds on leave.	

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DANSETTE 1917 FACTY 36 B 296 70.15 23	December		Capl Thirkell posted 11 th Field Coy AIF from 17 th Field Coy AIF & carried Supernumary to Strength. 1 OR to Hospital. <i>D</i>	
"	24 th		1 OR from Hospital. <i>D</i>	
"	25 th		No Working Parties. <i>D</i>	
"	26 th		Boy continued Work as usual. 2 OR from Hospital. <i>D</i>	
"	27 th		Boy Dump established in "Jute Factory" at 36 B 296 50.25. 1 OR transferred to 7 th Field Coy AIF. <i>D</i>	
"	28 th		Weekly report to C.R.E. 1 OR Detached to 2 nd Army Cookery School. <i>D</i>	11 E 62/41.
"	29 th		1 NCO & 10 Sappers reported to 871 st Artisan Coy RE at "OULTERSTEEN" ref. (HAZEBROUCK 5A I.4.2.6) for the purpose of erecting Horse Standings. 1 OR (Attached A.F.M.C) returned to 11 th Aus Field Amb for duty. Lieut Murray & 1 OR Detached to Engineer Training Depot A.I.F & proceeded to U.K. Lieut Murray placed on Seconded list. Notification from C.R.E. 3 rd Aus. Div. giving particulars of Relief of 11 th Aus. Field Coy. by 502 nd Field Coy RE 57 th (Wessex) Div. 1 OR To Hospital. 1 OR Rejoined Coy (ex A.G.B.D). <i>D</i>	C.R.E. 012/245

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C O P Y.

Divisional Headquarters.

December 1st 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No 20.

(1) General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding 1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps will present decorations which have been awarded to members of THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, at a representative parade of the Division.

(2) Definite time and date to be notified later, but it is expected to be on the 3rd or 4th December 1917.

(3) The parade will be on a field at Sheet 28.S.W. T.15.d.3.1.

(4) COMPOSITION. Representatives of all Units of the Division will parade, and form three sides of a square, central side facing North, units in line.

The recipients will parade in line facing North in front of the centre line of the square, in gradation, senior on the Left.

The Commander of the parade will be six paces in front of the centre of the recipients.

The following is the allotment (pro rata) of troops who will parade, and personnel will be drawn up in the following order:-

	Off:.	O. R.	Frontage on parade.
Divisional Artillery.	4	200	17 yards.
" Engineers.	2	50	8 "
" Signal Coy.	1	10	4 "
9th Aust. Inf. Brigade.	4	200	17 "
10th " " "	4	200	17 "
11th " " "	4	200	17 "
3rd Aust. Pioneer Batt:	2	50	8 "
3rd Aust. Divl. Train.	2	50	8 "
A. A. M. C.	2	50	8 "
Mobile Vet. Section.	-	4	2 "
Divl Salvage Company.	-	4	2 "

TOTAL. 25 1018.

In addition to the above allotment the two raiding parties of 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will parade.

(5) COMMAND. The parade will be under the command of Lieut-Col C. H. DAVIS, D.S.O., 38th Batt:

(6) BAND. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will provide a strong band, reinforced in necessary, by members of other bands, Band will report to D.A.A.G., on ground half an hour before the parade.

(7) DRESS. Marching order. Officers to be dressed like the men Australian Head Dress to be worn, Steel helmets on the back of pack No Officer or man will be mounted. All personnel will be fully equipped, special care to be taken that all ranks have color patches. Mess-tin to be worn on top of pack.

(8) STARTING POINT. To be notified later.

(9) PROCEDURE ON PARADE. On arrival of the Corps Commander, the parade will PRESENT ARMS and the band will play the GENERAL SALUTE, the parade will SLOPE ARMS and come to ATTENTION on the order of the C.O. Parade, and await the order of STAND AT EASE by the Corps Commander.

Should the Corps Commander decide to inspect the troops the Parade Commander will OPEN RANKS, whereupon the Corps Commander accompanied by the Divisional Commander, will inspect. Officers commanding a detachment will accompany them to the limit of their respective commands. On completion of inspection the Parade Commander will CLOSE RANKS and take post four yards in rear of the recipients.

The decorations will then be distributed.

The parade will then move to the right in fours, and wheeling to the left will MARCH PAST the Corps Commander.

Each Officer Commanding a detachment on reaching the first flag marking the Saluting Base, will give the command EYES RIGHT.

(10) GENERAL. Brigadiers and Staffs, Unit Commanders, Heads of Administrative Services, and C.O.'s of Divisional Units are invited to be present. They will take post in the enclosure in rear of Flag Staff.

(11) RECIPIENTS. will report to D.A.A.G., on the ground one hour before the parade.

(12) MARKERS: will report to D.A.A.G., on the ground half an hour before the parade.

Brigades etc., will forward a return to reach Divisional Headquarters by wire before Noon, 2nd instant, showing number of recipients of each decoration. This information is required so that the various ribbons ~~xxx~~ may be procured and arranged.

(R.M.)

Sgd/ C. A. PYKE. Capt.
for A.A. & Q.M.G., 3rd Australian Division

Divisional Headquarters.
2nd December /17.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No 75.

Reference Administrative Order No 20, dated 1st inst.:

Subject to confirmation, the presentation parade will be formed up at 10-30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4th /17.

Confirming Order will be sent by wire.

STARTING POINT. Road Junction at Sheet 28 S.W., T.28.c.2.4 facing East.

Detachments will report to the Divisional Representative at this point, in the following Order at 9-30 a.m.

10th Australian Infantry Brigade.
11th " " "
3rd " Pioneer Batt.
3rd " Divl. Train.
A. A. M. C.
Mobile Veterinary Section
3rd Australian Divl. Salvage Coy.
Raiding Parties.
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.
3rd " Divl. Signal Coy.
Divisional Engineers.
" Artillery.

MARKERS. Markers will report on the ground three-quarters of an hour before parade, instead of half-an-hour, as stated in Administrative Order No 20.

Recipients. Recipients will parade with side arms only.

GREAT COATS. The wearing of Greatcoats will be determined by the weather conditions on the morning of the parade.

In order to obtain uniformity of dress, the order to wear greatcoats or not, will be wired from Divisional Headquarters before 8 a.m. on the morning of Parade.

PLAN. A Plan of the ground is issued herewith.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Cap/DD)

Sgd/ C. A. PYKE. Capt.
for A.A. & Q.M.G., Third Australian Div.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

13/12/17.

MOVEMENT ORDER No 3.

- 1 The three Field Coys. of the 3rd Australian Division will be relieved by the three Field Coys. of the 2nd Australian Div., reliefs to be complete by 10 a.m. on the 16th December.
- 2 The 9th Field Coy. will be relieved by the 5th Field Coy. in the Right Brigade Sector.
- 3 The 10th Field Coy. will be relieved by the 7th Field Coy. in the Left Brigade Sector.
- 4 The 11th Field Coy. will be relieved by the 6th Field Coy.
5. Field Coy. Commanders will arrange their moves with their opposite numbers and report completion, stating location.
- 6 ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd/ G.E. TEAGUE.
Lt. & A/Adjt for C.R.E.
3rd Australian Division.

Distribution.

O.C. 9th Field Coy.
O.C. 10th Field Coy.
O.C. 11th Field Coy.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO 106.

REFERENCE MAPS.

Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20.000

Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20.000

- 1 (a) The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade, less 11th Machine Gun Coy, and 11th Trench Mortar Battery plus 10th Machine Gun Coy. and 10th Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the 113th Brigade in the area between ~~2~~ I 20.d.50.30 during the period 19th/21st December /17

(b) Moves and reliefs will be in accordance with the attached March and Relief table.
- 2 The right Brigade boundary is Park Row Avenue (exclusive) I.20.a.0.5. the road running ~~xxxxxxx~~ through I.10.b.32.15. I.13.c.0.4.H.24.a.80. 70., H.17.d.55.35., a straight line to H.16 b.00.53. RUE DU MOULIN. The Left Brigade boundary is I.16.b.20.52 in the front line to I.2.c.8.3. thence to LYS at H.4.b.45.35.
3. (a) The Defence of the Area will be governed by the principles laid down in existing Defence Schemes, except as modified by instructions issued by this Office.

(b) Defence Schemes" Maps, Aeroplane photos, Intelligence summaries Log books etc will be taken over.
- 4 (a) Until completion of relief all troops crossing to the South bank of the River LYS will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 113th Brigade.
(b) Command of the Area will pass to the G.O.C. 11th Australian Inf Brigade on completion of relief.
- 5 The 11th Machine Gun Coy. will relieve A.A. Vickers Machine Guns mounted by the ?th and ?th Machine Gun Coys. as from 19th Decr.
- 6 Subject to the provisions of this order details of relief will be mutually arranged between C.O's concerned.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at Fairy House M.18.d.5.1. at noon 19th inst: and open at BLUE BALL VILLA A.17.a.0.1. at the same hour. Brigade Headquarters will close at BLUE BALL VILLA at 3p.m. 20th inst and open at H.11.a.40.35. at the same hour.
8. Completion of reliefs will be notified by wire in Code to Bgde. H.Q.
9. Administrative instructions are issued herewith.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd/ G.A. VASEY.. Major.
Brigade Major. 11th Aust: Inf: Brigade.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. **APPENDIX.**BRIGADE ORDER NO 108.MAP REFERENCE. 1/20.000.SHEETS 36. N. W. & 28. S.W.

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1. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 170th Brigade in the present front between 31st December 1917 and 4th January 1918.
 2. On relief the Brigade will be accommodated in the LOCRE area.
 3. The 170th Brigade will detrain at BAILLEUL WEST and will stage through the STEENWERCK Area.
 4.
 - (a) Reliefs will be carried out in accordance with the attached table.
 - (b) On completion of the relief of the Front Line Infantry, the command will pass to the G.O.C. 170th Brigade.
 - (c) Subject to the terms of this order Battalion Commanders concerned will make mutual arrangements as to details of relief.
 - (d) Defence schemes, Works policy, Aeroplane photos, Special maps relating to the Area etc. will be handed over on relief.
 5. Administrative Orders will be issued separately.
 7. Brigade Headquarters will close at ERQUINGHEM H.11.a.4.4. at 12 noon on 4th January 1918, and will reopen at LOCRE. M.18.d.4.1. at the same hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd/ M.H. CRUIKSHANK. Capt.
Asst. Brigade Major 11th Aust: Inf: Bgde.

11th FIELD COMPANY
ENGINEERS,
3RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.
No. 115 69/19
Date 31st December, 1917.

C. R. E.,
3rd Australian Division.

REPORT ON WORK CARRIED OUT FROM 1/12/17 to 15/12/17.

Reference your G 1579/1 of 19/12/17: during the period referred to from 1st to 15th December 1917, this Company was engaged on various works on Artillery positions, Camps, Drainage, Screens, Supervision of pipe burying by detail from 11th Infantry Brigade, and other works behind the lines. Reference to weekly reports will show that over 43 separate jobs were undertaken by men of the Company during the period. It is therefore quite impossible to give a tabulated statement showing number of men and nature of work for each separate day.

The following is therefore a condensed summary of daily distribution :--

Date:	Strength		Location	Artillery	Drains	Pipe	Reconnaissance & various
1917.	O.	O.R.		Sectns.	Sectns.	Bury Sectns	Sections
Dec. 1	5	205	T.10.a.5.9.	2	1	1	(1 on screens).
2	5	205	"	2	1	1	1
3	5	204	"	2	1	1	1
4	5	207	"	2	1	1	1
5	5	206	"	2	1	1	1
6	5	206	"	2	1	1	1
7	5	206	"	2	1	1	1
8	5	201	"	2	1	1	1
9	5	206	"	2	1	1	1
10	5	208	"	2	1	1	1
11	5	209	"	2	1	1	1
12	5	209	"	2	1	1	1
13	5	206	"	2	1	1	1
14	5	211	"	2	1	-	(1 Area Commandants. Dugout). (1 sec. changing camp).
15	C h a n g e		O v e r.				

The average number per section in works during the period would be 26

R. J. Brumack
Major.
O.C. 11th Field Company.
Australian Engineers.

11th FIELD COMPANY
ENGINEERS,
3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
11E 69/13
No.
6th December, 1917
Date.

C. R. E.,
3rd Australian Division.

WEEKLY REPORT TO NOON ENDING WEDNESDAY, 5/12/17.

1. GENERAL:

Same remarks as last week's on distribution of sappers apply again; and it has not been possible to find enough men to cope with demands of screening and of drainage.

Horse standings near NIEPPE are still unsatisfactory, but improvements are being effected as fast as material becomes available.

2. ARTILLERY WORK.

Two sections have continued assisting artillery on Divisional front. Following is a list of works in hand :--

25th Battery

Camouflaging O.P. Cleaning out and repairing dugout. Fixing up new gun pit.

26th Battery

Completing two pits and shelters at MAISON '75. Preparing two new positions at C.I.d.

107th Howitzer Battery

Fixing up two new gun pits. Erecting shelter. Erecting Headquarters shelter. Fixing screen at left section.

30th Battery

Building dugout for Officers' quarters. Strengthening Cookhouse. Building control post and concreting same.

31st Battery

Building Officers' Mess and flooring same.

27th Battery

Cleaning out dugout. Repairing and flooring concrete dugout. Repairing, renovating and draining large dugout.

103th Howitzer Battery

Building ammunition shelters. Excavating for new pit. Salvaging materials for new pit and carrying same to job.

29th Battery

Rebuilding gun pit and sandbagging. Laying duckboards. Fixing screens.

3. DRAINAGE:

Work has continued on drains south of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, and the road from PLOEGSTEERT Village to LE GHEER has been freed of an accumulation of surface water.

4. SCREENS:

Owing to shortage of man power very little has been effected.

5. RECONNAISSANCE of camps within the Divisional area is complete. Also reconnaissance of dugouts and gun positions. Roads and drains now being examined, also inventory of scattered stores for salvage.

6. PIPE BURYING:

Parties from 11th Inf. Bde. have continued on this work, supervised by this Company, 5,300 yards completed, from 36, B.14.d.4.5. to 22, T.24.c.0.8. In progress.

7. VARIOUS:

Sappers are engaged on following jobs :--

Hospital (9th Qld. Ambulance) - B.8.b.1.4. Drying shed, 80%.

Hospital (11th " ") - B.16.a.5.0. Drying shed, 70%.
Hindered by lack of material.

Horse Standings - Repairs to company standings at B.15.a.3.6.

Camp Repairs: - 43rd Battalion, CANTEEN CORNER.

Repairs to Wagons - 1 N.C.O. and two sappers working at ANZAC Workshops, CROIX DU BAC.

D. A. D. O. S. - Installing fittings.

Bomb protection - round huts in Company camp, T.10.a.5.9.

Huts - 25th Battery, A.F.A. Horse lines, B.14.a.3.6.

W. J. Malder

Major.

O.C. 11th Field Coy., Engineers.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
11th Field Company, Engineers

APPENDIX.

11TH FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS.

3RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.

11th Dec 17/17

28th December, 1917.

Date.....

WEEKLY REPORT TO 6 p.m. THURSDAY, 27/12/17.

1. GENERAL:

Relieved the 123rd Field Coy. R.E., 38th Division. in the sector from PARK ROW AVENUE, 36 I.20.d.5.2., inclusive, to PEAR TREE FARM, 36 I.16.b.15.75, by 10 a.m. 21/12/17, and in billets in JUTE FACTORY at ARMENTIERES, 36 B.29.b.70.15. Horse lines at 36 B.28.b.1.5.

2. INFANTRY DISPOSITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF WORK:

11th Aus. Infantry Brigade holds the line with A battalion in garrison; B battalion in close support, having two Companies under A in the Subsidiary Line, one company in RUE FLEURIE SWITCH, and one in billets; C battalion in ERQUINGHEM, and D battalion west of river LYS.

A battalion with two companies of B is responsible for work in area forward of second Support Line; B battalion allots five platoons to maintenance and improvement of the five main Communication Trenches from Subsidiary Line to second Support Line, and one platoon to the improvement of the RUE FLEURIE SWITCH. (There are only three platoons per Company).

C battalion supplies three platoons by night and one by day to assist Field Company; allots two Companies to the improvement of the second Support Line, and remainder of battalion works on Subsidiary Line.

D battalion supplies one platoon permanently attached to Field Company.

Brigade appoints a Field Officer for Works to supervise working parties.

3. INFANTRY WORK:

Work carried out by Infantry units under above allotment consists of Wiring, special attention being paid to hedges and among trees; the provision of fire steps in C.Ts. to facilitate flanking fire; drainage, many of the existing drains having very steep sides requiring battering; thickening the second Support Line parapet, special attention being paid to Fire bays commanding the various C.Ts.; and ordinary repairs. It is intended to extend the second Support Line west of BURNT FARM to connect to PARK ROW AVENUE.

4. ACCOMMODATION:

Frost has greatly interfered with concrete work.

(a) R.A.P. at I.14.b.7.2. (sappers are assisted by A.A.M.C. detail on this work). Construction of forming, concrete started, materials carried.

(b) Company Headquarters, Orchard, I.15.c.7.6. Elephant shelter to have 3 ft. concrete. Shelter in place, material carried, some concreting done.

(c) Company Headquarters Subsidiary Line I.9.c.2.4. (Temporary work, 77mm. proof.) Screening fixed, excavation in progress.

(d) Cookhouse near Company Headquarters, STURT TRENCH, 50%. 1000 bricks carried, 700 laid, sand and cement carried, five yards revetting frames erected, 2 c.yds. earth filling.

(e) Cookhouse, Subsidiary Line (Right Company) 30%. Excavation complete, 2 c.yds. concrete laid in floor; sand, cement, and 800 bricks carried, 300 laid.

(f) At Gum Boot Store (36 I.14.d.40.95). Dugout (large elephant shelter) 50% complete. Material salvaged and carried.

5. TRAMLINES:

Breastwork Tramline repaired to second Support Line, and extension or switch in progress to Orchard at I.15.e.7.6.

Broad gauge railway put in order to second Support Line at 36 I.21.a.15.65).

6. TRENCH MORTAR EMPLACEMENTS:

6" Stokes at I.16.a.3.8. Almost complete. Cover for bomb store in hand.

7. SCREENS:

About 35% of screens in area requiring repairs have been put in order.

8. ROADS:

Shell holes in roads have been filled, and roads kept in good order.

9. REAR DRAINAGE: (West of Subsidiary Line).

Has required very little attention.

10. SURVEYS:

Surveys of area are in hand for new maps. ~~Weekly reconnaissance of trenches as per attached plan.~~ Three surveyors are working under Lt-Col. Clogstoun on Corps Defence North of the LYS.

11. LYS RIVER BRIDGES:

Erquinghem Bridge (H.4.c.1.4.). Fitting and checking the charges and instructing sappers in method adopted for the demolition. Repairing leads. Charges complete and in good order: exploder missing.

Erquinghem Pontoon Bridge (H.4.c.2.4.) Checking of materials. Building bridge repairs to shore bay, and building up approach to bridge. Complete and can be used.

Laundry Pontoon Bridge (H.5.a.3.8.) Checking of materials and bridging. Repairs to bridge and improving exit. Complete and usable.

Erquinghem Church Tower (H.4.d.3.9.) Overhauling demolition charges. Charges good order.

Erquinghem Culvert: (H.5.c.00.75) Overhauling and checking charges. Good order.

"B" Bridge (B.29.b.2.2.) Overhauling charges and placing suitable staging under bridge. Charges in good order. NO alternative method.

"C" Bridge (B.23.d.6.0.) Barrel pier. Swinging bridge into position and fixing up generally. Fair order. Indenting for shortages.

"D" Bridge (B.24.c.0.8.) Fitting charges - a great shortage of material. Indenting for material required to complete.

"E" Bridge (Barrel Pier) (B.18.d.2.7.) Overhauling bridge and checking shortages. Both shore bays have been practically destroyed and repairs are now in hand. Material borrowed from "E" Bridge.

"E" Bridge (Barrel Pier) (B.18.c.9.3.) Overhauling bridge and checking shortages. This bridge is in such shallow water that it cannot be swung at present.

"G" Foot bridge (C.19.c.7.7.) Overhauling charges and fitting same into positions. Good order.

General patrol of bridges etc. each day. Making check of chimneys and towers in ARMENTIERES Area.

12. TRANSPORT:

Company transport has been engaged carrying material to forward dumps. One waggon is carrying for Corps defences north of LYS.

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