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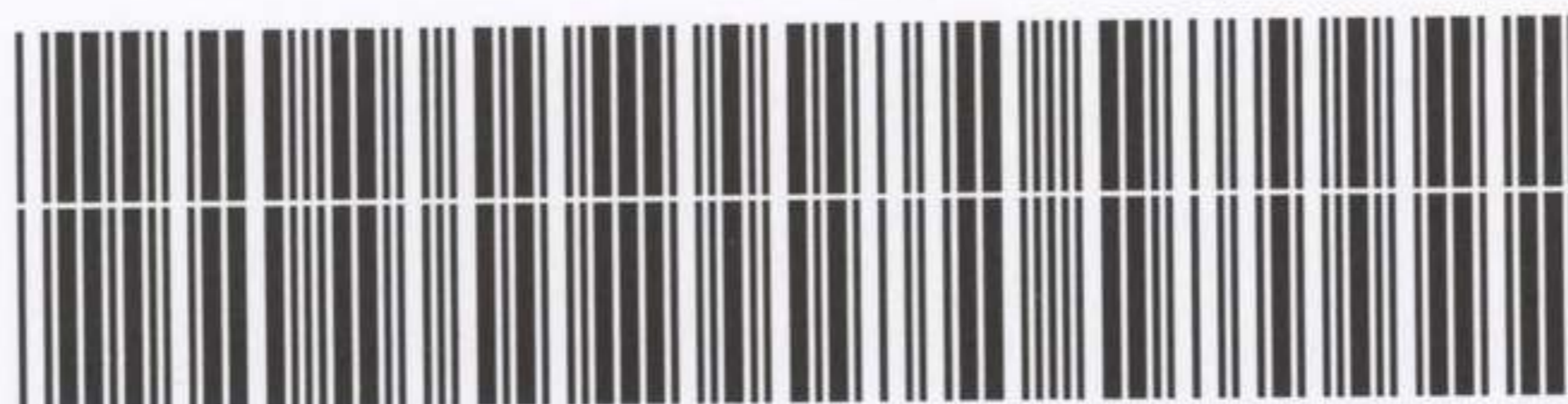
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WAR DIARY

OF

11TH FIELD COY. ENGINEERS

FOR

MARCH 1918.

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H. Donaldson

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WEKA CAMP	March 1918		Daily Parade State of Coy forwarded with Appendices Coy continue work in line - LETOUQUET - PONT ROUGE Sector	11E 71
36 B 4 a 5.2	1 st		Distribution of Coy as in Weekly Report 11E 62/49. 1 OR Detached to Aus Corps Lewis Gun School BAILLEUL - Major R J Donaldson returned from leave. Received 3 rd Aus Divisional Engrs Order N°5 giving particulars of relief of 3 rd Aus Divl. Engrs by 2 nd Aus. Divl Engrs, also of move - Weekly report to C.R.E.	11E 62/49 Div. Eng. Order N°5. 11E 62/69.
	2 nd		Received 10 th Aus. Inf. Bde Order N°93 giving particulars of move etc; 2 OR from Hospital.	Bde Order N°93
	3 rd	9 15 AM	Coy Transport less N° 2 x 3 Lumber Wagons x Water cart, Capt. O.B. Williams in charge, moved from WEKA CAMP joined 10 th Aus. Inf Bde Transport group in accordance with Bde Order N°93 x billeted at STRAZEELE. A/C.R.E 2 nd Aus Division (x Lieut Dumas of 5 th Field Coy AE) arrived at WEKA CAMP x arranged details of relief of 11 th Field Coy AE by 5 th Field Coy AE with Major R J Donaldson. Maps plans etc; handed over to Lieut Dumas of 5 th Field Coy AE	AE)

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WEKFCAMP	March 1918			
36B4a.5.2	3 rd		1 OR Detached to Aus Corps. Gas School. 1 OR from Hospital. $\text{\textcircled{D}}$	
STRAZEELE	4 th	7.15 AM	by transport Capt OB Williams in charge, left STRAZEELE with 10 th Aus. Inf. Bde transport group & billeted at RENESCURE $\text{\textcircled{D}}$	
WEKFCAMP		10.30 AM	N ^o 2 & 3 Limber Wagons & Water cart, Lieut WH Thomas in charge, moved out of WEKFCAMP & entrained at BAILLEUL for WIZERNES. Lieut SW Matters & 3 NCO ^s remain at WEKFCAMP to hand over particulars of work in Line, dumps, & WEKFCAMP to 5 th Field Coy. AE. Copy of handing over Notes on LE TOUQUET-PONT ROUGE Sector to C.R.E. & 11 th Aus Inf. Bde. 1 OR Returned from 2 nd Army Bridging School. FIRE	11E62/13.
"		11 AM	Remainder of Coy. Major R.J. Donaldson in charge, moved from WEKFCAMP, joined 10 th Aus. Inf. Bde. group in accordance with Bde Order N ^o 93 & entrained at STEENWERCK for LUMBRES. $\text{\textcircled{D}}$	
LUMBRES		4.20 PM	Coy detrained, marched to LART & billeted $\text{\textcircled{D}}$	
WIZERNES		8.30 PM	Transport Lieut WH Thomas in charge, detrained at WIZERNES, moved to LART & billeted $\text{\textcircled{D}}$	

R. Donaldson Major

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	March 1918			
RENESECURE	5 th	7.45AM	boy transport left RENESCURE for BAINGHEM-le-COMTE. 1 OR to Hospital	
LART	"	9.30AM	Remainder of boy with N ^{os} 2 x 3 Lumber Wagons x Water cart, Lieut R. Lahey in charge, left LART, marched to BAINGHEM-le-COMTE x billeted.	
BAINGHEM-le-COMTE	"	6.30PM	boy transport arrived.	
Ref Hozebrouck 5A.	6 th		boy resting in billets.	
"	7 th		boy improving billets etc; Lieut SW Matters x Batman left WEKEF CAMP x proceeded to 4 th Army Modelling School CASSELL.	
			3 NCO ^s rejoined boy from WEKEF CAMP.	
	8 th	9.30AM	boy parade morning x afternoon by Major R.J. Donaldson.	
		2.PM	1 OR from Hospital.	
	9 th	9.30AM	boy paraded for Inspection by C.R.E. 3 rd Aus. Division.	
	10 th		Training Syllabus drawn up x submitted to C.R.E. 1 OR from Hospital	11E2/22
	11 th		boy parade in accordance with Training Syllabus. 1 OR from Aus.	11E2/22
			Corps Gas School. 3 OR Returned from RE Dump STEENWERCK.	
	12 th		6 OR Proceeded to RE Dump STEENWERCK. 1 OR Proceeded to Aus Corps Workshops. 2 OR Rejoined Unit (ex AGBD)	

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	March 1918			
BAINGHEM-le-COMTE	13 th		Lieut R Rutledge returned from leave. 1 OR from Hospital D	
	14 th		2 OR to Hospital D	
	15 th		Lieut R.W. Lacey proceeded to 2 nd Army School of Concealment. Major R. J. Donaldson to CRE ^s HQ at COLEMBERT as Acting CRE. 1 OR proceeded to R.E. Dump STEENWERCK. D	
	16 th		1 OR from Hospital D	
	17 th		1 OR to Hospital. D	
	18 th		1 OR from 2 nd Army School of Instruction WISQUES D	
	19 th		Capt O.B. Williams x 1 OR proceeded to 3 rd Echelon Base Records ROUEN 2 OR Reinforcements taken on Strength. 2 OR to Hospital. D	
	20 th		1 OR Reinforcement taken on Strength D	
	21 st		1 OR Transferred to 11 th Aus Field Ambulance D	
	22 nd	9.30 AM	Coy. less transport, Capt. Thirkell in charge, left BAINGHEM-le-COMTE, marched to LOTTINGHEM, x entrained for CHESTRE in accordance with 11 th Aus Inf Bde Order. N ^o 115. Limber Wagon, Water cart x cyclists moved to DESVRES x entrained for CHESTRE, Sgt Staples in charge D	Bde Order N ^o 115

R. J. Donaldson Major

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BRINGHEM-le-COMTE Ref. Hazebrouck 5A.	22 nd	11AM	Boy Transport, Lieut R Rutledge in charge, left BRINGHEM-le-COMTE & joined 11 th Aus Inf. Bde. Transport group in accordance with instructions from Bde & billeted at ESQUERDES. <i>JD</i>	
CHESTRE	23 rd	8.45PM	Boy detained at CHESTRE marched to ECKE & billeted. Lieut S.W. Matters & Batman returned from 4 th Army Modelling School CASSELL. <i>JD</i>	
ECKE	23 rd		Boy resting in billets. Capt O.B. Williams returned from 3 rd Echelon Base Records ROUEN 1 OR from Hospital. <i>JD</i>	
ESQUERDES	"	10AM	Boy Transport left ESQUERDES moved to RENESCURE & billeted.	
ECKE	24 th	6.30AM	Boy, Capt O.B. Williams in charge, left ECKE in accordance with instructions from 11 th Aus. Inf. Bde, marched to CHESTRE, thence by motor bus to EBBLINGHEM, debussed, marched to PONT-d'ASQUIN & billeted. Limber Wagon, Water cart, & Cyclists moved to same destination by road. <i>JD</i>	
RENESCURE	"	8AM	Boy Transport left RENESCURE in accordance with instructions from Bde. moved to PONT-d'ASQUIN & billeted. 2 OR Rejoined Unit from Aus. Corps Baths. <i>JD</i>	

J. J. Malden
Major

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	March 1918			
PONT-d'ASQUIN Ref Hazebrouck 5A.	25 th		Coq resting in billets, overhauling of equipment, Surplus Stores dumped in 11 th Aus. Inf Bde's Dump at RACQUINGHEM, 1 OR left in Charge. <i>D</i>	
"	26 th	6.30 AM	Coq; Capt O.B. Williams in charge, left PONT-d'ASQUIN in accordance with instructions from Bde; marched to ARQUES & entrained for DOULLENS (ref. LENS II). M. Henmaut (Interpreter attached to this Unit from Belgian Mission) returned to Belgian Mission. <i>D</i>	
DOULLENS Ref. Lens II.	27 th	12.30 PM	Coq detained at DOULLENS. Sappers marched to TRIEVES, thence by Motor bus to FRANVILLERS (Ref AMIENS 17) Capt O.B. Williams in charge. Transport, Lieut R. Rutledge in charge, moved by road to same destination & billeted. <i>D</i>	
FRANVILLERS (Ref AMIENS 17)		3.30 PM	N ^{os} 1.3 & 4 Sections, Capt. O.B. Williams in charge, left FRANVILLERS marched to HEILLY & billeted, N ^o 2 Section remain at Horse Lines. <i>D</i>	
HEILLY		7.45 PM	N ^{os} 1.3 & 4 Sections reported to 43 rd , 42 nd & 41 st Battalions respectively (11 th Aus. Inf. Bde). marked out a System of Trenches, & commenced digging in on 11 th Bde Line, East of road from SAILLY-le-Sec to MERICOURT between R. SOMME & main road to BRAY. <i>D</i>	

J. Amaldoss Major

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	March 1918.			
HEILLY	28 th		by Surveyors commence reconnaissance of Bgde area for Engineer material.	
(Ref FMIENSIT)				
FRANVILLERS.			N ^o 2 Section, Lieut S.W. Matters in charge, left FRANVILLERS, marched to BONNAY & billeted. Bridges over R ANCRE in BONNAY area taken over by N ^o 2 Section & overhauling of Demolition charges commenced.	
BONNAY	29 th		Reconnaissance of Bridges in CORBIE area commenced by N ^o 2 Section.	
HEILLY	"	6PM	N ^{os} 13 & 4 Sections, Capt O.B. Williams in charge, left HEILLY in accordance with instructions from 11 th Bgde; marched to BONNAY & billeted.	
BONNAY	30 th		N ^o 3 Section, Lieut W.H. Thomas in charge, left BONNAY, marched to CORBIE & billeted. Bridges in CORBIE area taken over by N ^o 3 Section from 173 rd Tunnelling Coy R.E., & those in la. NEUVILLE area taken over from 1 st Field Squadron R.E., & overhauling & replacing of charges commenced. Reconnaissance of Engineer material continued by Surveyors.	

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BONNAY	31 st	March 1918.	<p>N^o 4 Section commence construction of New H.Q. (working 3 Shifts of 8 hrs) for 11th Aus. Inf. Bde. advanced H.Q.^{trs} in Brickfield at 719.68.4 Sheet 162^o</p> <p>NE - Reconnaissance of Engineer Material continued. Mending & overhauling of charges in Bridges progressing favourably -</p> <p>Major R.J. Donaldson relinquished position of acting C.R.E. & resumed command of Coy.</p> <p>Distribution of Coy on this day thus: - N^o 1 Section assisting N^o 2, and various. N^o 2 Section, Overhauling charges on BONNAY Bridges. N^o 3 Section, Bridges at CORBIE & la NEUVILLE. N^o 4 Section, Advanced Bde H.Q.^{trs}. Surveyors on Reconnaissance. Daily parade. State of Coy. attached to Appendices - <i>RD</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>R Donaldson</i> Major</p>	

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OF

11th Field Company, Aust. Engineers.

FOR

MONTH OF MARCH - - - - - 1918.

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8	B.O. No. 115. 11th A.I. Bde. Order No. 115 re move to forward area.
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Third Australian Division - 11th Field Coy
 Parade State as at noon 1st March 1918

11TH FIELD COMPANY
 ENGINEERS,
 3RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.
 No.....
 Date.....

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Present			Absent with leave			Absent without leave			Sick			Detached			Total Strength			Establishment			Wanting to complete			Attached			Dvrs of str.			
O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men	O	NCO	Men		O	NCO	Men
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 for 11th Field Coy Engineers AIF

Third Australian Division - 11th Field Coy Engineers AIF
 Parade State as at noon 31st March 1918

11TH FIELD COMPANY
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WEEKLY REPORT TO 6 p.m. FRIDAY 1/2/1918. LE TOUQUET AND PONT ROUGE SECTOR.

1. GENERAL:

11th Inf. Bgde. took over defence of sector on night 28/29 Jan. from 5th A.I. Bgde. and 11th Field Coy. relieved 5th Field Co. A.E. "C" Co. 3rd Aus. Pioneer Battn, also allotted to area for work on C.Ts. For two days previously Officers, N.C.Os. and sappers worked with 5th Field Co.

On Jan. 31st. Company took over WEKA CAMP, Le ROMARIN (Sheet 36, B.4.a.5.2.) from 5th Field Co.

2. DISTRIBUTION OF LABOUR:

Field Co. has two sections in line (one in each battalion area) One section drainage, and also supervision of timber cutting in PLOEG-STEERT WOOD: and one section on transport and back area works.

Pioneer Co. has taken over all C.Ts. 11th Brigade have allotted a Works Co. consisting of 1 complete platoon from each battalion, for work under Field Co., one platoon with each line section and two platoons on drainage. The Engineer officer i/c drains thus has a section of sappers (less wood-cutting details) and two platoons of infantry.

Each line battalion is responsible for work in its own front line.

One reserve battalion (D) allots three companies for work in support line, each company having a definite area, one platoon for wiring of UMPIRE ROW SWITCH, and two platoons for building parapet along UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.

Engineer work in right battalion area consists of new Company H.Q. near BUTCHERS SHOP (36.C.10.c.6.8.); strong points on railway near old SUBSIDIARY LINE; gas proofing accommodation, surveys and general supervision. On the left, shelters in support line, gas-proofing, surveys and general supervision.

3. PLANS:

Good plans were taken over from the 5th Field Co. and surveyors have commenced amplifying them. Accompanying Works Map shows condition of defences in area to date, with improvements effected indicated by green wash.

4. FRONT LINE:

Right Battn: Maintenance and slight improvement to UNA TRENCH

Left Battn: Parapet is very low and good progress is being made in building up from borrow pit outside.

5. SUPPORT LINE:

Following works show progress:

WIDOWS SWITCH: New firebays (good progress).

Repairs to BARKENHAM AVENUE.

Repairs to HOREKAU AVENUE.

AMEN CORNER: Clearing (fair).

MONMOUTH T-HEADS: (slight).

SUFFOLK AVENUE: Firebays (6 new started).
NEW SUPPORT: 130 yds. parapet raised.
UNA SUPPORT: N.E. end - revetting, duckboarding: good work.
UMPIRE DRIVE: U.22.d.35.35. to 60.60.: parapet raised.
UMPIRE SUPPORT: Good progress raising parapet. One new shelter, 3 others completed.

6. COMMUNICATION TRENCHES:
 Pioneers have already considerably improved C.Ts. throughout area, and have started the big work of reconstructing UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.

7. DRAINAGE:
 Has been generally considerably improved. The river LYS is falling. System of patrolling has been organised.

8. ACCOMMODATION:
 Company Headquarters near BUTCHERS SHOP (C.10.c.55.65.): Screens, 100%: Excavation 60%: Walls 50%.
 Good progress made fixing gas doors on various dugouts: blanket or gas union is wanted to complete.

9. WIRING:
 About 700 yds. double apron fence along UMPIRE ROW completed.

10. MATERIALS:
 Supplies have been sufficient. Three wagon loads have been sent to MOTOR CAR CORNER Dump. Four wagon loads have been sent to LE GHEER Dump, chiefly trench frames, duckboards, hurdles, iron and sandbags.
 It is proposed to establish a railhead dump for tools and materials at INGERSOLL, on east side of PLOEGSTEERT VILLAGE.

ENC. Map to C.R.E. (Sgd.) R.J. DONALDSON: Major...
 3rd Aus. Div. O.C. 11th Field Coy., Aust. Engrs.

Accompanying Works Map shows con-
 dition of defenses in area to date, with improvements effected indicated by green wash.

FRONT LINE:
 Right Bn: Maintenance and slight improvement to UNA TRENCH
 Left Bn: Parapet is very low and good progress is being made in building up from borrow pit outside.

SUPPORT LINE:
 Following works show progress:

DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS ORDER No. 5.

1st March, 1918.

Reference Maps - HAZEBROUCK 5 A. 1/100,000
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1. The Third Australian Divisional Engineers will be relieved by the Second Australian Divisional Engineers between the 4th and 8th March, 1918.
2. The relief and move will be effected in accordance with Movement Order attached.
3. Marching portions of Companies will move by road and observe the following instructions :--
 - (i) Accommodation in staging areas will be obtained on application to Area Commandant concerned - 24 hours in advance. Companies will apply to Brigade Group for this information.
 - (ii) Transport staging through Army Areas will be clear of billets by 10 a.m. daily.
4. On arrival at train destination it may follow that Field Company attached to Groups will have to stage through to their billet area re allotted in Movement Order; they will arrange this direct with the Brigade concerned.
5. All maps and plans will be handed over to the relieving Field Company also any Defence Schemes which affect their area.
6. Advance parties of Second Australian Divisional Engineers will be sent forward and these will be accommodated by the Company whom they will relieve.
7. The 1st Australian Pioneer Party attached to 11th Field Coy. for rations will continue to billet in WEKA Lines, and arrangements to be made with 5th Field Company for continuance.
8. C. R. E's Office at RAVELSBERG will close at 11 a.m. 8.3.1918, and re-open at COLEMBERT at 2 p.m. on same day.
9. Advance billeting parties will be sent to the areas mentioned in Movement Order, arrange direct with Brigade Group.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) T.R. WILLIAMS: Major.
C. R. E., 3rd Aust. Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
11th Field Company, Engineers

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ENGINEERS,
8RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.

No. 62/60
Date 1st March, 1918.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 1st MARCH, 1918.
LE TOUQUET AND PONT ROUGE SECTOR.

1. 1. GENERAL:

Battalions in the line changed over on night of 22/23rd ulto and there has been no change for the period.

Conditions have been favourable on the whole both for night and early morning work. Enemy artillery activity has been increased but has caused little or no interference with works.

2. DISTRIBUTION:

Owing to increased patrol activity the "B" echelon of Battalions have been unable to carry on work for the period under review. The works Battalion has carried on the usual programme of works.

3. PLANS:

Weekly copy of works map accompanies this report.

4. FRONT LINE:

Right Battalion: Work has been carried out in UNA TRENCH on the north end it has been cleaned up and drained to approximately C.4.b.4.5; on the south end revetting and general repairs have been carried out.

BARKENHAM AVENUE: Slight repairs have been carried out.

GEDILLA RESERVE: Needs attention. Duckwalks are being repaired.

Left Battalion: Work on northern post carried on, but apart from this and a little repair work nothing has been done for period under review.

5. SUPPORT LINE:

Strong point at C.15.c.8.8., 100%.

Strong point at C.15.b.1.4., 100%.

WIDOWS SWITCH: No progress for week owing to lack of working parties. Firesteps in four bays.

LONG AVENUE: (HORNKAU TO AMEN). Revetting.
(MILK RUIN) Repairs.

SUFFOLK AVENUE: Considerable work done and general improvements.

NEW SUPPORT: ----

FLAX ALLEY: ----

SMYTHE AVENUE: Repairs.

UNA SUPPORT: Work on firebays continued.

UNA SUPPORT: Wiring back revetting. 10 firebays on north end fire stepped, two on south end 40%. Firebay at U.28.a.80.35. excavation complete and half revetted. New gap from NEW SUPPORT to U.28.a.75.80. excavation 100% revetting 10%.

EMPIRE SUPPORT: Extension of this line northwards has been continued. Parapet raised and duckwalk and revetments carried to approximately 30 yds. north of road. Firebays: two wired back and fire stepped at the south end. Northern end, two bays revetted. Two in centre duckwalked.

Work on gas proof doors not continued due to lack of Union cloth.

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6. COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.

Pioneers have carried out general maintenance and the improvements throughout the area.

- STATION AVENUE: Repairs being executed.
- NICHOLSON AVENUE: Repairs.
- UNA SUPPORT: (South end) General repairs.
- CECIL SUPPORT: Maintenance.
- HARNIANS AVENUE: (East) Revetting.
- KIWI: Lowering of A-frames; general work.
- CARELESS: Progress made in general repairs.
- UNA AVENUE: Maintenance work carried on.
- UMPIRE DRIVE ~~SOUTH~~: Considerable improvements here, but still bad in places.
- UMPIRE ROW: Repairs effected.

7. RESERVE LINE:

- RAILWAY SWITCH: Revetting and duckboarding.
- UMPIRE RESERVE: Drainage improved. Revetting of trench at end near UMPIRE ROW carried out. Parapets improved.

8. ACCOMMODATION:

- Coy. Hdqrs. near BUTCHERS SHOP (C.10.c.55.66). One complete. second 85%. A third shelter 50 yds. east is 60% complete.
- Gas Doors, SURREY FARM: complete.
- Right Battalion Hdqrs: Gas doors 95%.
- Gas Doors, DESPIERRE FARM, 100%. *Right Coy Hdqrs. Right Batta. Gas doors 100%.*
- Left Support Co.* Hdqrs: PRIDHAM AVENUE: Main dugout and signallers dugout, gas doors 100%, and signallers dugout complete.
- SUFFOLK SUPPORT: Three shelters begun. One 60%, two excavation complete.
- UMPIRE RESERVE: Three 3-men shelters completed. Three double shelter - 6-men - excavation complete, and erection of shelters begun. Timber shelter 12' x 8' behind concrete dugout, excavation complete and framework in position.

9. DRAINAGE:

Drainage has been improved. UMPIRE RESERVE being almost dry. A big cut has been put in at C.4.b.01.95 (CECIL LANE) which has improved the drainage of that area.

10. WIRING:

Wire has been placed from WHITE FARM to C.5.b.3.3. Wiring has been continued in front line of LEFT BATTALION. Second apron from south of TROIS TILLEUL FARM to PETIT HAIE FARM has been continued. Double apron has been erected from junction UMPIRE SPT. and UMPIRE DRIVE to join wire in front of UMPIRE ROW. Also a strip 250 yds. from U.22.b.5.6. to U.23.a.0.7.

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

A well has been located at approximately U.22.a.7.0. (UMPIRE RESERVE). Good supply; well 3' x 3' and 6' of clear water. Water has yet to be tested.

BATHS: (RED LODGE). This has been a big job entailing as it has a complete reconstruction of the baths without interfering with

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the bathing of the men. It is now almost complete, the new heater being in course of erection.

12. MATERIALS:

Union cloth for gas proofing has been obtainable.

During the week the following loads of engineer materials were sent to forward dumps :--

MOTOR CAR CORNER: 4 pontoon loads, 3 G.S. Limber loads.
LE GHEER: 7 G.S. Limber loads.

W. J. Williams

Captain,

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

DISTRIBUTION:

C. R. E.,	3 copies & plan.
11th Bgde.	1 copy.
War Diary,	1 "
File,	1 "
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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 93. APPENDIX 3

1st March, 1918.

Ref. Maps:-- 36 N.W. 1/10,000
28 S.W. 1/10,000

- MOVEMENT: 1. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will move to LUMBRES Area on 4th March according to attached tables. Surplus transport will move by road commencing on 3rd instant in accordance with attached Table "C". Personnel for trains Nos. 1 and 2 will entrain at STEENWERCK Railway Station (see Table "A"). Personnel and specified transport will entrain at BAILLEUL WEST (See Table "B").
- DRESS: 2. Dress will be Marching Order, less blankets.
- RATIONS: 3. Evening meal will be carried on the man. 1 day's rations in bulk on personnel train.
- DISTANCES: 4. Distances as laid down in 4th Army Standing Orders 358 will be observed.
- NUCLEUS GARRISONS: 5. Nucleus garrisons will be relieved on 3rd instant by 9th and 11th Australian Infantry Brigades under orders issued separately.
- BRIGADE GROUP. 6. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade Group for the purposes of the move will be :--
10th Aust. Inf. Brigade (less 10th A.M.G.Co., 10th A.L.T.M. Bty., 2 Offs. 117 O.R. attached (?)th Tunnelling Coy.)
11th Field Coy. Engineers.
10th Field Ambulance.
868th Coy. Div. Train.
3rd Aus. Div. Demonstration Platoon.
- ENTRAINING OFFICER. 7. Each Unit will detail an Entraining Officer to report to Brigade Major at STEENWERCK Rly. Station one and a half hours before train is due to leave. He will bring with him details of numbers of his Unit travelling and also baggage space required.
- LOADING PARTIES. 8. Each Battalion will provide 1 Officer, 2 N.C.Os. and 23 O.R. to act as Loading Party for Omnibus Train. They will report to a Divisional Staff Officer at BAILLEUL WEST Station at 2.30 p.m. on 4th instant.
- GUIDES: 9. Billeting Parties will be at Railway Station, LUMBRES, to meet incoming trains and guide Units to their destinations.
- DUMPS, DEFENCE SCHEMES ETC. 10. Each Unit must hand over to incoming units, dumps, Area Stores, Defence Schemes, etc. and obtain receipt. If necessary an Officer must be left behind for this purpose.
- ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS. 11. Administrative Details will be issued by the Staff Captain.
- REPORTS. 12. Reports of completion of move to be sent to Brigade Headquarters at SAMMETTE.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) R. LAMBER. Captain.
Brigade Major,
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
11th Field Company, Engineers

11TH FIELD COMPANY
ENGINEERS,
8RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.
M.I.E. 62/73
4th March, 1918.

NOTES ON WORKS IN LE TOUQUET - PONT ROUGE SECTOR ON HANDING
OVER TO 5th AUSTRALIAN FIELD CO. ENGRS.

1. Sector held by 11th Australian Infantry Brigade, two Battalions in line.

2. DISTRIBUTION:

A. Field Company: 1 section Right Battalion area.
1 section Left Battalion area.
1 section Drainage.
Supervision Divisional Firewood supply.
1 section Transport and various.

B. Pioneers: 1 Company on Communication Trenches throughout the area.

C. Infantry:
(i) Works Co., consisting of 1 platoon from each Battalion, permanently detailed, living in LE BIZET and working directly with sappers.
2 Platoons with Drainage section.
1 platoon with Right Battalion section
1 " with Left " "

(ii) Line Battalions responsible for all work in front of the Line, including wiring and posts.

(iii) One reserve Battalion for works, divided thus :--
1 company Support line from C.30b.95.60 to U.28.a.7.1
1 " " " " U.28.a.7.1. to U.22.d.35.335
1 " " " " U.22.d.35.335 to Brigade Northern Boundary.
2 platoons excavations for shelters, Support and Reserve Lines, under sapper supervision.
2 platoons Wiring switch lines on left flank.

3. MAPS AND INFORMATION:

Maps handed over as per attached list, including copy of map showing conditions of trenches up to 1/3/1918, handed to A/C. R. E., 2nd Aust. Division.

Also handed over :--
Note on Drainage, with drainage map.
List of German Pill boxes, with map.
Stock lists of MOTOR CAR CORNER Dump.
INGERSOLL TRANSIT Dump
LE GHEER Dump.
WEKA Transit Dump.

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4. POLICY:

A. Front Line:

A new trench is required to join Post 4.c.100. to VIEW LANE, and can be sapped in daylight from VIEW LANE, screened by old German wire; but VIEW LANE and CARELESS AVENUE should be made good first.

UNA TRENCH from G.4.b.5.5. to U.28.d.8.2. requires clearing out and repairing.

r In ~~LWS~~ BATTALION AREA Front parapet requires further raising, particularly north of GANGERS COT.

Lateral communication is bad to between POSTS 7.U.233. and 8.U.233. and to boundary.

B. Support Line:

This has been marked throughout with notice boards SUPPORT LINE 1918.

LONG AVENUE from Railway Switch to Coy. H.Q. is bad, and should be repaired.

WIDOW SWITCH, parapet and parados require raising; further firestepping and revetting required.

HOREKAU AVENUE, existing bays and accommodation should be cleaned out and utilised.

SUFFOLK SUPPORT, continue firebays (wiring back revetting frames). Also some arrangements is required for commanding broken ground near old GLASGOW REDOUBT; and shelters should be continued.

Re-entract at WARNAVE RIVER, from U.28.a.72.00 to U.28.a.65.25 and thence to UNA SUPPORT requires completion of started firebays and further bays, and also shelters.

UNA SUPPORT, wiring back revetment to be continued, and further shelters at Northern end.

UMPIRE SUPPORT, The Aim has been to develop the accommodation and the firebays in this trench, particularly the northern end, to permit of a garrison being maintained on this flank. The trench still needs about 40 yds. revetting to complete to boundary, and further shelters and latrines are advisable.

C. Reserve Line

Here again it is desirable to provide accommodation for garrison further north than at present possible, and it is suggested that work in progress in old German line, clearing old concrete dugouts and erecting shelters about U.22.c.60.70., should be pushed on with. UMPIRE RESERVE trench north of this has been drained, with a view of providing shelters. A concrete dugout in old German BARREL TRENCH at U.22.b.30.50. has been camouflaged with a view to clearing it out and using it for a post.

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D. Communication Trenches:

Works in progress by Pioneers will be handed over by them. The lowering of revetting in KIWI STREET is a useful work, and quite minor repairs would convert old UNA SUPPORT (suggested name PUMP AVE.) from C.4.b.40.27 to the Support line into a good C.T. which might be developed into a switch line.

The Warnave Valley provides a good sheltered overland route to front line, and might be marked out for the purpose.

UMPIRE DRIVE has been greatly improved, and grading operations should be continued.

E. Accommodation:

New Right Coy. H.Q. in BARKENHAM AVE. are ready for occupation, but require further head-cover. A kitchen is wanted.

A concrete dugout at C.15.a.95.35 would be worth baling out. Another at C.4.b.1.3. has been pumped and requires fitting up.

Gas proofing required at Coy. H.Q. C.4.a.7.8.: platoon H.Q. C.4.d.8.8.: the BREWERY C.7.b.3.5.

F. Wiring:

Suggested between Strong Point in C.15.c. and LYS FARM; at AMEN CORNER; and particularly the strengthening of the northern switch lines. These are designed to close the left flank of the Brigade area against a possible enemy eruption into LA BASSE VILLE AND REQUIRE EXTENSION and strengthening. A good band north of UMPIRE DRIVE and extending across the support line to the Dugout in U.22.b.30.50. would be valuable.

G. Drainage:

Separate report by Captain G.L. Thirkell attached.

H. Trench Names:

A map showing proposed system of names was forwarded to Corps for approval, but has not since been heard of. Copy of map handed over.

I. Salvage:

A large amount of material is lying about UMPIRE RESERVE at the northern boundary.

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

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11th Field Company, Engineers

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ENGINEERS,
3RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.
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No.
Date 3rd March, 1918.

REPORT ON LE TOUQUET - PONT ROUGE SECTOR.
FROM JAN. 28th, 1918 to MARCH 4th, 1918:

The Drainage of the sector is divided into three main systems, A, B, and C, being respectively the RIVERS LYS, RABEQUES, and WARNAVE. Subsidiary drains running into these are numbered and lettered showing which system they belong to. Then all small drains and cuts into these subsidiary drains are lettered with a small letter.

Thus a capital denotes the main drainage system, the number denotes a subsidiary drain running into a main system, and a small letter denotes a cut or small drain running into a subsidiary drain: Vide - attached map, - Arrow heads are put on drains denoting the directions of flow, and also on the main trench systems, showing the fall, thus showing at a glance where a trench should be cleaned to release any water that may be held up. The main drainage system is in splendid order and the subsidiary and smaller drains good. The main cause of wet trenches being that full advantage is not being taken of the drainage spaces in the A-frames in all cases; if this is done and the main drains kept clear the whole existing trench system should be dry.

Practically the whole support line has been under water during the early part of the month, this has been found almost entirely due to the trench floor being dirty. These floors have been cleaned from the top of UMPIRE SUPPORT on the left along UNA SPT. - SUFFOLK SPT., MONMOUTH AVENUE and LONG AVE. to the right is now dry. But it needs constant attention along the trench floor to keep the support line dry, because these trenches for long lengths are their own drains

Progress during period 28/1/1918 to 4/3/1918.

Party consists of 1 engineer officer, 1 sergeant, 3 corporals, and 10 sappers, and two platoons infantry. Average daily working strength, 56.

During period system handed over has been maintained and every effort made to improve same; in addition the following trench floors have been cleaned --

- STATION AVENUE,
- LONG AVENUE from C.15, a.3.0. to AMEN CORNER.
- VIEW LANE
- MONMOUTH AVENUE.
- CECIL LAKE.
- UNA SUPPORT. (With 50 yds. new cutting and revetting).
- SUFFOLK SUPPORT.
- CONVENT LANE.
- UMPIRE RESERVE.
- UMPIRE SUPPORT.
- UMPIRE DRIVE SOUTH.
- CHESHIRE AVENUE.
- Portion of NICHOLSON'S AVENUE.

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Also the following new drains have been opened up and added to the system for use.

A SYSTEM:

- A 1, A 1a, A 1b, A 1c.
- A 2.
- A 6.
- A 7.
- A 8.
- A 9d.
- A 12.
- A 13, A 13a, A 13b, A 13c, A 13d, A 13e, A 13f.
- A 15c.

B SYSTEM:

- B 1, B 1a, B 1b, B 1c.
- B 3.
- B 4.
- B 6.
- B 7, B 7a, B 7b, B 7c.

C SYSTEM:

- C 2, C 2a, C 2b, C 2c.
- C 5, C 6a, C 6b,
- C 8.
- C 9.
- C 10.
- C 7, C 7c.
- C 11, from top of BARREL TRENCH to RENDEZVOUS DUMP.

Work left incomplete:

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| Right corner CEDILLA RESERVE. | C.10.b.8.8. |
| KIWI STREET. A 13 d and c. | C. 4.d.8.6. |
| Extreme right of LONG AVENUE. | C.15.a.2.8. |

Geo. H. Shirkell.
 for O.C. 11th Field Coy., **Captain,**
Engineers.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
11th Field Company, Engineers.

11TH FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS, 8RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.
2/22
No.
Date 10/3/18.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

	<u>MONDAY</u> <u>11/3/18</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u> <u>12/3/18</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> <u>13/3/18</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>14/3/18.</u>
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Sections March	Coy. Parade & Sqd. Drill.	Coy. Parade and Coy. Drill.	COMPANY
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Medical Inspection	Section Lecture	Coy. Lecture: Defensive Works, By Major Donaldson.	INSPECTION BY
11 a.m. to 12 noon.	& Pay.	Tool Carts	No. 3: Lewis Gun Nos. 1, 2 & 4: Judging Distance.	C. R. E.
1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Coy. Lecture: Tanks, By Capt. Williams	Coy. Lecture: Drill and Discipline, Lt. Thomas.	HALF-	Co. Lecture: Fld. Works & Organisation Major Donaldson.
2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	P. T. & Games.	P. T. & Games.	HOLIDAY.	P. T. & Games.
	<u>FRIDAY</u> <u>15/3/18</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>16/3/18</u>	<u>MONDAY</u> <u>18/3/18</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u> <u>19/3/18</u>
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Coy. Parade & Co. Drill	Coy. Parade & Coy. Drill.	Coy. Parade & Drill.	Coy. Parade & Drill.
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Coy. Lecture: Organisation of a Division.	Section Lecture: Surveying, and Musketry (on range)	Gas March	Coy. Lecture: Trenches.
11 a.m. to 12 noon.	Surveying.		Section Discussions	Marking out Trenches.
1.30 pm to 2.30 p.m.	Musketry (on range) and	HALF-	Marching Order Parade: Route March.	Section Lectures & P.T. or L.G. Musketry (on range).
2.30 pm to 3.30 p.m.	Section Lecture. P.T. & Games.	HOLIDAY.		

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	<u>W E D N E S D A Y</u> <u>20/3/18.</u>	<u>T H U R S D A Y</u> <u>21/3/18.</u>	<u>F R I D A Y</u> <u>22/3/18.</u>	<u>S A T U R D A Y</u> <u>23/3/18.</u>
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Coy. Parade and Drill.	ALL	Coy. Parade & Drill.	Coy. Parade & Drill.
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Coy. Lecture: Camouflage & Screens, Lt. Lahey.	DAY MARCH AND	Section Lecture: . . .	Demolition Demonstration
11 a.m. to 12 noon.	Marking out Trenches in Respirators.	.	"Surveying"	(by sections).
1.30 pm to 2.30 p.m.	HALF-	TACTICAL	Musketry on Range.	HALF-
2.30 pm to 3.30 p.m.	HOLIDAY.	SCHEMES	Section Lecture & P.T. or L.G.	HOLIDAY

SUBJECTS FOR SECTION LECTURES:

- Gas
- Equipment of a Field Coy.
- Geography of Western Front.
- Demolitions.
- Map Reading etc.
- Bridging (Service equipment)
- Bridge calculations.
- Concrete work.

NOTE: "Surveying" includes:--

- Sketching (map).
- Sketching (dimensioned).
- Prismatic Compass.
- Clinometer.
- Tape.
- Paceing and other expedients.
- Map reading.

Sd/ R.J. DONALDSON: Major.
O.C. 11th Field Coy., Engineers.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 115.

APPENDIX

Brigade Headquarters,
22nd March, 1918.Reference Map - CALAIS 13.)
HAZEBROUCK 5 A) 1/100,000.

1. (a) The 11th Brigade Group will move from the LOTTINGHEM Area to EECKE Area on 22nd instant.
(b) For the purposes of the move the Brigade Group will consist of :--

11th Brigade Headquarters
41st Battalion.
42nd Battalion.
43rd Battalion.
44th Battalion.
11th L. T. M. Battery
11th Field Company.
11th Field Ambulance.
Headquarters, 3rd M. G. Battalion.
23rd Machine Gun Coy.
870th Coy., A. S. C.
11th M. G. Company.

2. (a) Units will entrain at LOTTINGHEM as follows :--

Brigade Headquarters	(less all transport)).
41st Battalion	(" " ")).
44th Battalion	(" " ")).
11th T. M. Battery	(" " ")).
11th Field Ambulance.	(" " ")).

by train leaving at 1.13 p.m.

Entraining Officer - Major A. T. FERGUSON, 41st Battalion.

- (b)
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| 42nd Battalion | (less all transport) |). | |
| 43rd Battalion | (" " ") |). | plus 4 O. 100 O.R. |
| 11th Field Company | (" " ") |). | |
| Hdqrs. M.G. Battalion | (" " ") |). | |
| 11th & 23rd M.G.Coys. | (" " ") |). | |

by train leaving at 2.13 p.m.

Entraining Officer - Major A.W. LOTT, 43rd Battalion.

All Units will arrive at LOTTINGHEM Station 1 hour before departure of train.

Detraining Station is CAESTRE.

Each Unit will detail an Officer to report to the Entraining Officer 1 hour before departure of train.

3. Billeting parties of
1 Officer 3 N.C.Os. per Battalion
1 N.C.O. " T.M. Battery
2 N.C.Os. " Field Coy. & Field Ambulance.
of the Brigade Group less Headquarters M.G. Battalion, 11th and 23rd M.G. Coy. and 870th Coy. will report to Brigade Headquarters with bike and two days' rations at 6 a.m. 22nd instant.

4. All transport except that set out in para 7 below will move by road under instructions to be issued later.
The following transport will leave DESVRES at 2.43 p.m. 22nd inst. to arrive at Station 3 hours before departure of train.

5. The following personnel will rejoin their Units at LOTTINGHEM Station :--

3 Platoons 42nd Battalion at BLEQUIN.

All personnel of Units at present at Brigade Signal and N.C.Os. Schools (less such as is necessary to assist in transportation of equipment to Units).

All others detached in Brigade Area will be returned to their Units

except from 42nd Battalion who will rejoin at LOTTINGHEM.

- 6. Blankets and rations will go on personnel train. All other baggage will go on transport train from DESVRES, - being carried by M. T. reporting to Unit Headquarters - details later.
- 7. The following transport will move by rail in accordance with para 4 above.

Each Battalion -	6 Riding Horses
(A)	4 Field Kitchens
	1 Cart, Officers' Mess.
	1 Cart, water.
(B)	1 Cart, Maltese.
	1 Wagon G.S. (Div. Train).
	7 Pack Animals.
11th Field Company -	1 Wagon, Limbered, G.S.
	1 Cart, water
	1 Wagon, G.S. (Div. Train).
M.G. Battn. H.Q. -	1 2-wheeled vehicle.
	4 Riding Horses.
11th & 23rd M.G. Co. -	1 Cart, water. (from one Coy. only)
(each)	1 Cart, cooks.
	3 Riding Horses.
Brigade H.Q. & -	1 Wagon, Limbered, G.S.
Signal section.	6 Riding Horses.
	1 Cart, Maltese.

Bicycles of 11th Field Coy. to go by this train.

43rd Battalion will detail loading party of 4 Officers and 100 O.R. who will report to Lieut. HARPER (Entraining Officer) at DESVRES Station at 12.30 p.m. 22nd instant.

NOTE: 41st and 42nd Battalions will not take Maltese Carts.
43rd and 44th Battalions will take only 3 Cookers each.

- 8. Brigade Headquarters will close at VELINGHEM at 11.30 a.m. 22nd instant and open at ECKE 6 p.m. 22nd instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) G. A. VASEY, Major.
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.