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SAILLY.	OCTOBER 1 <sup>st</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>		<p>For the first twelve days of the month the Coy continued their work on the CORDONNERIE SECTOR in part of SAILLY from DEVON AVENUE to BOND STREET, having taken over the section from MINE AVENUE to DEVON AVENUE. Concrete dugouts of SEALED PATTERN were erected in the 300' LINE. TRAMLINES were further laid along the 300' LINE to provide supplies for the building of these dugouts. Heavy steel dugouts were erected in the 300' LINE as well as concrete dugouts CALAIS PATTERN SHelters being embedded in reinforced concrete and the necessary eaves with an space obstructions being provided on top again. Remodelling of the 300' LINE to take these dugouts in the pre-bays, was also carried out and all pre-bays prestressed. A new branch of the CELLAR FARM TRAMLINE to the right of MINE AVENUE was constructed. The DEEP DUGOUT SYSTEM at V.C. AV was bunked and staircases put down shafts. The DEEP DUGOUT SYSTEM at DURHAM AV was taken over and the concreting of the shaft shafthead continued, this shaft was connected to the small timbered shaft. 5 SHALLOW WELLS were sunk for water supply these being at approx. 500' centres on rear or just in part of the 300' LINE. The BOX DRAIN was placed under the 300' LINE parapet at its intersection with M drain. In the FRONT LINE further DUGOUTS were constructed and much drainage work was carried out. The main system being to connect</p>	

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			<p>subachary drains to a main drain in each sector, between V.C. AV. and BOND STREET DRAIN I.A was the guiding feature, between V.C. &amp; PINNEY AVS. RUE DELVAS DRAIN, bet between PINNEY &amp; BROMPTON AV the R. LAIES, and to the left of BROMPTON AV. M DRAIN. The Forward Sap System known as the RHONDA SAP SYSTEM was completely deepened widened and duckboarded and a Box DRAIN to drain same was constructed underneath the FRONT LINE PARAPET. MAINTENANCE of AVENUES was carried out much repair work to duckboards being carried out all of which were fastened down to prevent floating in case of flooding. <sup>Avenues were firestepped</sup> SCREENING of Roads and Communications was further carried out. A heavy Trench Mortar position was constructed behind RUE PETILLON. - 4</p> <p>At WINDY POST and CROIX LES CORNEX dry mounds with boot rooms and change rooms were completed. Further BOMB STORES on the RUE DU BOIS were constructed and at the RE DUMP on the RUE DU QUESSNE the BLOCK CONCRETE DUGOUT was completed and WINTER QUARTERS for HALF COMPANY completed. On the RUE BASSIERES WINTER QUARTERS for the second HALF COMPANY were constructed. The DETENTION COMPOUND on the RUE BIRCHIE was further improved, drained, kitchens, dark rooms, etc being erected. On the RUE QUESNOY and RUE DES FIEFS stables for the BRIGADE were erected accommodation provided for personnel of the four battalions transport, and a new BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS was constructed. At the DIV, BOMB SCHOOL further improvements to accommodation were provided. In connection with the Campaign's work at SAILEY, the work of W EVANS &amp;</p>	

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			W/O. EWART was at all times to be highly commended though the former was attached for some considerable time to the TRAINING DEPOT at ETAPLES, the control of his section & the carrying out of the work that he had <sup>led</sup> was ably handled by his section sergeant SGT TURNER, L'OUVERA pond unit.	
	13.10.16		Sappers moved into RBYAAD SAILLY.	
	14.10.16		Co. moved out with 15 <sup>th</sup> INF BDE GROUP to billets in ESTAIRES.	
	15-17.10.16		ROUTE MAINTENANCE construction in ATTACK at ESTAIRES.	
	18.10.16		Company marched out of ESTAIRES and entrained at BAILLEUL WEST. Arrived at FONT ARMY marched to billets in MOUFLERS.	
	19.10.16		CONSCRIPTION REFERENDUM. L'EVANS & Co. R. returned from ETAPLES.	
	20.10.16		Transport marched out for BÉCORDEL-BECOURT 20/ 63 OR.	
	21.10.16		57/ 1138 OR left by motor bus for - -	
	22.10.16		Company marched into MONTAUBAN and relieved 200 <sup>th</sup> F.C. RE. at S21 D18 (ref map GUEUDECOURT 57 c. S.W.1. scale 1/20000)	
	23.10.16		Constructing ROAD LONGUEVAL - HIGHWOOD. and huts at MONTAUBAN, D.H.Q. at FRICOURT.	
	24.10.16		L'EVANS took over all dumps.	
	24-31.10.16		Constructing ROAD LONGUEVAL - HIGHWOOD, D.H.Q. at FRICOURT, D.H.Q. CARLTON TRENCH, MULE TRACK QUARRY SIDING MONTAUBAN to LONGUEVAL HIGHWOOD, locating RAILWAY LINE MONTAUBAN QUARRY SIDING to LONGUEVAL	

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			<p>Transported stores for attack from MAMETZ RE-DUMP to LONGUEVAL. Firmed RE-DUMP at LONGUEVAL. Constructed BOUNDARY BOARDS for BRIGADE FRONT, sledges for transporting material. L'ROWE acted as LIAISON OFFICER to BRIGADE. 100 OR 57 BN attached as permanent party for attack. ie 25 per section. L'ROWE transferred to 14 FC. -</p> <p>The following changes in personnel of officers took place during month.</p> <p>MAJOR GREENWAY on leave 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. rejoined unit on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.  <del>CAPT GREENWAY</del> rejoined from leave 10.10.16.            LT LADDY transferred from SFC 27.9.16 transferred to SFC 16.10.16            LT MALLARKY " " 27.9.16 transferred from SFC 13.10.16            LT M'CHUGHAN. Rejoined from acting as instructor at DIVL ENGRS SCHOOL SAILLY 12.10.16            LT EVANS. Rejoined from _____ ENGR TRAINING SCHOOL STAPLES 20.10.16            LT OLIVER joined unit from BASE DETAILS 13.10.16            LT ROWE. Transferred to 14 FC 31.10.16.</p>	

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Dugouts

Devon av to Cellar Farm Av. 300 yd line

Concrete 18 - 14 Complete  
 Timber 31 - 26 new Complete  
 5- old

Cellar Farm Av to Brompton Av.

Concrete 6 1 Complete 2-90% complete.  
 Timber 9 1 new Complete 2 new under way.  
 6 Small old - Fair Condition

180  
 48  
 80 1/2  
 140  
 120

Brompton Av to Pinnacles Av.

Concrete 14 Incomplete.  
 Timber 5 new Complete.

Pinnacles av to V.C. Avenue

Concrete 7  
 Timber 3

1.10.16  
 108

V.C. Av to Bond St.

Concrete 10 1 Complete.  
 Timber

FRONTLINE

BOND STREET TO MINE AVENUE. Timber 67 (new) 300  
 " 24 (old) 100  
 Cupola 5 20

Capacity



## Statement of DuPonts 300yd. Line 1.10.16.

## Devon Av. to Cellar Farm Av

No	Material	No. completed.	New or old	Total Capacity.	Remarks
18	Concrete	4	new.	72	
26	Timber	26	"	102	
5	"	5	Old	20	
				Total	196

## Cellar Farm Av. to Brompton Av.

6	Concrete	# 1	New	24	
3	Timber	1	New	12	2-90% Completed
6	"	6	Old	15	
				Total	51

## Brompton Av. to Pinney's Av.

4	Concrete	Nil	New	16	
5	Timber	5	New	20	
				Total	36

## Pinney Av to V.C. Av. (A15)

7	Concrete	2	New	28	
3	Timber	3	New	12	
				Total	40

## (A15) V.C. Av. to Bond St

10	Concrete	1	New	40	
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Total Capacity 363



1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.

APPENDIX

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No 1.

300yd line

Concrete Dugouts & Traverses  
Box Drains under Parapet.

Front line Dugouts - Widening & Bundling drains

Brompton & Penney Av. Duckboarding & Repairs.

No 2

300yd line Concrete Dugouts & new Traverses

400yds of Tram line laid along 300yd line

York & Heron Av. Duckboarding

2 Drying Sheds Completed

Winter Quarters Prepared.

No 3

Supports / V.C. & Exeter / 7 dugouts (Concrete) & 9 new  
Traverses Completed.

V.C. & Penney / 2 dugouts Completed

Exeter Av. Duckboards relaid.

# Bomb Stores Completed Rue de Bois.

HTM Emplacement Rue Petillon

Screening Impertinence Av. Rue de Bois & Rue Petillon

Block Cone Dugout and Winter Quarters in Rue de Quenne.

Next

Forward Saps <sup>700yds complete</sup> & Box Drain under parapet to drain same

Tramline Cellar from line to 300yd near Mure Av

Winter Quarters

~~Drain under Parapet to Drain forward saps~~

Deep Dugouts near V.C. Av. (Stamps & Stumps)

Repairing Pump

Sundry Work Rue Beache

Concrete Dugouts 300yd line

Wells

Yard

Stables - Bde H.Qs. - Bomb School