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SPY FARM REF. MAP WYTSCHAETE 28 SW. 2 1/10000 N. 28. C. 8. 5.	1918 Feb. 1 st		<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p>Work commenced in CENTRE SUBSECTOR, of DIVISIONAL SECTOR, with northern and southern boundaries as follows:</p> <p><u>NORTHERN BOUNDARY</u> From O. 23. a. 80. 95 due West to Cross Roads at OOSTTAVERNE (O. 21. b. 65. 75) thence a direct line to the Cross Roads at O. 20. a. 3. 8. - N. 23. central - N. 22. central - Cross Roads N. 21. d. 3. 3. - N. 20. d. 5. 0.</p> <p><u>SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.</u> The BLAUNEPORTEBEEK westwards to O. 23. a. 9. 9. thence to Cross Roads N. 36. b. 29 to DAYLIGHT CORNER at N. 33. d. 15.</p> <p>The two main R.E. dumps of the Subsector taken over from the 2nd F. C. A. E. are RAILWAY DUMP O. 20. c. 2. 3. VERNE DUMP O. 21. d. 0. 9.</p> <p>RAILWAY DUMP is supplied direct from the Divisional Dumps by light railway, Incos and two Sappers live on the site and are in charge. VERNE DUMP is at present supplied from RAILWAY DUMP by horse transport, a mule decauville is at present under construction from RAILWAY DUMP to VERNE DUMP.</p> <p>Company's forward area has been divided into two subsections - RIGHT and LEFT with the WAMBEEK as dividing boundary. N^o 4 Section to work in RIGHT Subsector and N^o 1 Section in the LEFT.</p> <p>N^o 4 Section had men at work on repairs to BOA STREET and DORSET STREET, NCO's were making a reconnaissance of the Subsector - their officer K. OLIVER being with</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL.</p>

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<p>SPY FARM REF. MAP WYTSCHARTÉ 28. SW. 2. 1/10000 N. 28. C. 8. 5.</p>	<p>Feb 2nd (cont^d)</p>	<p>3rd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p>mass excavating Communication Trench between S.P. 1.0.27 (O.27. d. 25.25) and S.P. 2.0.27 (O.27. d. 4.5).</p> <p>Infantry parties to be attached during the hour in the line reported this morning at 11 am. 1 off. 1 mco. and 12 men from 60th Battⁿ and 1 mco. and 12 men from each of 57th 58th and 59th Battns. These parties will be doubled as soon as accommodation for them is completed.</p> <p>Major GREENWAY left for one month's leave to England. Capt S.E. Evans in command of the company during his absence.</p> <p>Only very slight mist this morning which completely lifts by mid day. Heavy frost during the night, commenced to thaw at about noon.</p> <p>N^o1 SECTION. Drawing and repairing MANCHESTER STREET between VERNE RUMP and WAMPRE ROAD. SUPPORT LINE STRONG POINT 3.0.27. and RESERVE LINE S.P. 5.0.2.1. Excavation, drainage and revetment continued.</p> <p>N^o2 SECTION. C. OVERLAND TRACK 220 yards pulled up and relaid. 134495. New track laid.</p> <p>N^o3 SECTION. Completed extra accommodation at COMPANY HQ^{ts} SPY FARM.</p> <p>N^o4 SECTION. Drainage of S.P. 1.0.27 and continuation of Communication Trench between STRONG POINTS 1.0.27. and 2.0.27.</p> <p>MINDEN VILLA Pileboxes at O.26. a. 9.6 relained and drained for accommodation of N^o4 SECTION and 25 attached infantry.</p> <p>One blacksmith sent to O.C. R.F. WORKSHOPS BAINBRIDGE to be attached for duty.</p>	

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SPY FARM REF MAP WYTSCHAETE 28 SW 2 1/10 000 N. 29. c. 8. 5.	Feb. 4 th		<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p>NO 1 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 1.0.23. twenty yards drained and deepened. SUPPORT LINE S.P. 3.0.22 26 yards parapet revetted and thickened. RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21. 30 yards cleaned and drained 20 yards revetted. S.P. 5.0.21. 10 yards revetted. This post is now complete excepting for construction of M.G. Position. MANCHESTER STREET drains and revetted for 40 yds. on each side of WAMBERG ROAD. NO 2 SECTION. Continuation of work on "C" OVERLAND TRACK. NO 3 SECTION. Fixing box drain, repairing incinerator and opening drains at NORFOLK CAMP N. 32. b. 7.7. NO 4 SECTION. FRONT LINE S.P. 4.0.29. revetment and thickening parapet. Lewis gun post sited at 0.29. a. 1.4. SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28. Drain opened up and post cleaned out. RESERVE LINE CT. between 1.0.27. and 1.0.28. continued. NO 4 SECTION and 26 attached infantry from 60th Battⁿ moved to MINOAN VILLA Picc boxes.</p>	
	5 th		<p>NO 1 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 1.0.23. six yards revetted and sandbagged one bag Right. SUPPORT LINE S.P. 3.0.22 Parapet thickened and 26 yds revetted 2 bags high. RESERVE LINE S.P. 5.0.21. M.G. position 50% complete. MANCHESTER STREET forward of WAMBERG ROAD 40 yds drains and cleaned 30 yds revetted with hurdles 4 yds revetted with A frame corr iron and hurdles. GUN BOOT STORE 0.20. b. 8.0. 2 yds excavated and bottom planked for cupolas fixed. NO 2 SECTION Continuation of work on "C" OVERLAND TRACK 412 yds of old track</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S.H.</p>

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SPY FARM REF MAP WYTSCHAETE 28.S.W.2. 1/10,000 N.28.C.8.S.	1918 Feb. 5 th		<p style="text-align: center;">Original</p> <p>puces up and relais. 98 yds of new track laid.</p> <p>N^o 3 SECTION working at Coy HQ^s SPY FARM cleaning drains along road and fixing Box Culvert at entrance.</p> <p>OFFICERS Club KEMMER repairs to floor.</p> <p>N^o 4 SECTION and 10th - 26 men attached from 60th Bⁿ accommodated at MINDEN VILLA 0.26 a. 9.6.</p> <p>FRONT LINE S.P. 4.0.29. Thickening parapet and sandbag revetment continued 160 sandbags laid.</p> <p>LEWIS Gun Post 0.29. a. 14. Post traced and six rolls camouflaged carried to site.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28. Excavation for 3 shelters and further revetment of post.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE Excavation of C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27. and 2.0.27. continued.</p> <p>DORSET and BOB S^{ts} general maintenance.</p> <p>LUMM FARM (Batt^y HQ^s) 0.26. d. 1.8. repairs to entrance trench.</p> <p>N^o 1 SECTION. FRONT LINE S.P. 1.0.23 12 yds revetted and sandbagged 3 bags high and parapet thickened</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE S.P. 3.0.23. 7 yds revetted 3 bags high. S.P. 5.0.22 parapet thickened and camouflage refitted. S.P. 5.0.22</p> <p>RESERVE LINE S.P. 5.0.2.1. 6 yds trench revetted with A frame corr iron & hurdles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M.G. Position complete</p>	

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SPY FARM REF. MAP WYTSCHAETE 28. S.W. 2. 1/10 000 N. 28. C. 8. 5	Feb 6 th		<p>RESERVE LINE S.P. 4. 0. 21. 19 yds trench reverts 10 yds excavated.</p> <p>MANCHESTER STREET forward of WAMBERKE ROAD 20 yds reverts 20 yds drain cleared; between VERNE DUMP and WAMBERKE ROAD 15 yds reverts + 15 yds drains, trench cleared and repairs when blown in by shell.</p> <p>GUM BOOT STORE O. 20. b. 80. 12 ft cupolas erected and floored. 4 cuts firing</p> <p>N^o 2 SECTION. C OVERHUNG TRACK 250 yds old track pulled up and relaid total relaying completed 1450 yds. 76 yds new track laid total now completed 449 yds</p> <p>N^o 3 SECTION. Repairs to accommodation at Coy. Hdq^s SPY FARM, and clearing drains along road. OFFICERS CLUB KEMMER repairs to floor complete.</p> <p>N^o 4 SECTION. FRONT LINE S.P. 4. 0. 29 Thickening parapet and excavation for 3 man shelter.</p> <p>LEWIS GUN POST O. 20. a. 14. Excavation of post and camouflaging</p>	
			<p>LEWIS GUN POST O. 20. a. 14.</p>	

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SPY FARM REF MAP WYTSCHAETE 28. SW. 2. 1/10000 N. 28. C. 9. S.	Feb 6 th (Cont ^d)		<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE SP. 1.0.28. Construction of shelters and revetment of post. 1 trench now shelter complete. 3 under construction</p> <p>RESERVE LINE Excavation of CT between 1.0.27 and 2.0.27 and revetment of same.</p> <p>DOBERT and BOB STREETS General maintenance work.</p> <p>LUMM FARM (Battⁿ HQ^{rs}). 0.26-d.18 repairs to trench at entrance and duckboard track leading to road.</p> <p>Company transport carting material from RAILWAY DUMP to VERNE DUMP.</p> <p>MI SECTION FRONT LINE: SP. 1.0.23 Revetting of parapet continued 12 yds completed. SP. 4.0.23 Revetting of Parapet 3 yds completed 12 yds anchored. SP. 5.0.23 Revetting of Parapet 8 yds completed.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE: SP. 3.0.22 10 yds bank revetment anchored back to angle iron posts to SP. 5.0.22. 10 yds parapet revetted and thickened 8 yds revetting anchored.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE: SP. 4.0.21 Revetting of trench continued 15 yds completed. SP. 5.0.21 Revetting of trench continued.</p> <p>MANCHESTER STREET. 0.23.c.28. Southern side being prepared for firing bays. 15 yds revetted and anchored. Forward of WANSBEE ROAD 10 yds revetted with hurdles 20 yds. A frames fixed and anchored 12 yds. South facing. Between VERNE DUMP and WANSBEE ROAD. 10 yds revetted with hurdles 30 yds strained.</p> <p>GUN BOOT STORE 0.20. b. 9.0. Hut being revetted with sandbags and camouflaged.</p>	

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<p>SPY FARM REF MAP WYTSCHARTS 28 SW 2 1/20 000 N. 29. C 8.5</p>	<p>Feb 1918 7th (Cont'd)</p>	<p>ORIGINAL</p>	<p>N^o 2 SECTION "C" OVERLAND OVERBOARD TRENCH. 76 yds old trench pulled up and relaid 160 yds new trench laid. 266 yds double wire netting fence. 30 yds handrails erected where necessary.</p> <p>N^o 3 SECTION Repairs to accommodation at Coy HQ^{rs} SPY FARM.</p> <p>N^o 4 SECTION FRONT LINE - S.P. 4.0.29. Further excavation for shelters and carrying material for same from KILN FARM.</p> <p>LEWIS GUN POST O. 29. a. 14 Excavation of post completed.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE - S.P. 1.0.28 Two more shelters (3 man) completed.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE - Excavation and re-erecting of C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27 & S.P. 2.0.27.</p> <p>Overlapping and building up parapet on North side of BOB STREET from O. 29. c. 28. towards front line.</p> <p>BOB ST and DORSET ST. General maintenance of revetting and duckboards.</p> <p>Repairs to duckboards from road at O. 26. c. 7.7. to LUMM FARM.</p> <p>Repairs to trench at 31st BATT^{ry} HQ^{rs} LUMM FARM O. 26. d. 18</p> <p>Company Transport employed on carting R.E. material from Railway Dumps to VERRE and ANZAC DUMPS.</p> <p>N^o 1 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 1.0.23 Revetting of parapet continued byds completed 5 yds 50% complete. S.P. 4.0.23 4 yds parapet completed. S.P. 5.0.23 12 yds completed 5 yds 50% complete.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE 60 yds S.P. 3.0.22 60 yds anchored 2 cpts earth filling</p>	<p></p>

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SPY FARM REF MAP NYTSCHAETE 28. SW. 2. 1/10 000 N. 28. C. 8. 5.	Feb 8 th (Contd)		<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p> N^o 1 SECTION. RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21. 3 yds revetted with A frames corr iron and hanks. 10 yds duckboards laid. 3 yds sandbag revetment completed. Excavation for shelters commenced. S.P. 5.0.21 3 yds trench revetted. 40 yds sandbag revetment. 30 yds camouflage erected. </p> <p> MANCHESTER STREET O. 23. C 28 North side 4.5 yd parapet completed. South side 14 yds parapet completed. Forward of WAMBURKE ROAD 40 yds revetted with hanks byds with A frames and corr. iron. 8 yds drain cleared between VERNE DUMP and WAMBURKE ROAD 20 yds earth excavated where blown in by shell. 6 yds revetted 15 yds drains. </p> <p> GUN BOOT STORE EXTENSION 90% completed. </p> <p> N^o 2 SECTION "C" OVERLAND TRACK 189 yds. new duckboards laid 174 yds. ves track pulled up and relaid. 30 yds handrail erected where necessary. </p> <p> GUN POSITIONS O. 19. C. 55 drainags commenced 40 yds earth excavated. </p> <p> N^o 3 SECTION. Repairs to drain stg DONEGAN CAMP. Repairs to accommodation at Coy. HQ^s SPY FARM. </p> <p> N^o 4 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 4.0.20. Construction of shelter and BEEHIVE O.P. fitted. S.P. 3.0.20 BEEHIVE O.P. fitted. LEWIS GUN POST O. 29. a. 14 Revetment of post. S.P. 2.0.29 BEEHIVE O.P. fitted. </p> <p> SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28 Constructed one shelter, repairs to trench and formation of parapet. </p> <p> RESERVE LINE Excavation and revetment of C.T. between 1.0.27 and 2.0.27. </p> <p> BOB STREET firestepping and building up of parapet on North side from O. 28. C. 2. 8 towards front line </p>	

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SPY FARM. REF. MAP. WYTECHASTÉ. 28. SW. 2. /10000 N28c 9.5	Feb 1918 (Cont'd)	9 th	<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p>General maintenance work on BOE and DOREST STREETS.</p> <p>Repairs to duckboard track from road at O.26.C.77 to Humm Farm.</p> <p>Material carried forward from Rammer Dump to Kino Farm for use in front line.</p> <p>N^o1 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 1.0.23 Anchoring of A frames and revetting cont. 5 yds completed S.P. S.O.23. 15 yds revetment completed.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE S.P. 3.0.22 25 yds revetment anchored and parapet thickened.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21. 16 yds trench revetted with fuses 10 yds revetted with sandbags 12 yds duckboards laid, 1 trench shelter completed, 2 shelters 50% completed. 12 cyps earth excavated. S.P. S.O.21. 15 yds. sandbag revetment 2 bags high 12 yds duckboard laid.</p> <p>MANCHESTER STREET O.23.C.08. Revetment continued 35 yds on South side completed.</p> <p>FORWARD OF WAMBEKE ROAD 40 yds anchored 2 cyps earth excavated 12 yds drained.</p> <p>BETWEEN VETIVE DUMP AND WAMBEKE ROAD 30 yds sap revetted with fuses 15 yds drain revetted with Aprons and corr. iron 20 yds drain cleared.</p> <p>GUM BOOT STORE O.20b.90. Extension completed.</p> <p>N^o2 SECTION 82 yds. new track laid. Total track now completed including new work, and old work relaid 2630 yds. 100 yards track is wire. 75 yds. handrail tracks.</p> <p>Drainage of Gun Positions O.19.C.55. Continued 40 cyps. earth excavated.</p> <p>N^o3 SECTION. DONEGAL CAMP N.32.C.38. fixing work track around stables.</p> <p>A.S.C. DUMP N.31.C.96 Alterations to Dump ie. pulling down and re-erecting shed and platform. Repairs to accommodation at Coy HQ's SPY FARM.</p> <p>N^o4 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 4.0.29. Building up parapet and covering shelter. Lewis Gun Post filling sandbags and building parapet.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28. Revetting S.P. and forming parapet.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE Excavation and revetment of C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27. and 2.0.27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">S.P.</p>

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SPY FARM REF MAP. WYTSCHAETĒ 28. S.W. 2 /10,000 N. 28. c. 8. 5.	Feb 11 th (Cont'd)	12 th	<p>N^o 3 SECTION A.S.C. DUMP. N. 31 c 96. Erection of new dump continued. DOMEGAN CAMP N. 32. c. 38 Drawing and laying wheel tracks round stables. 57th Bⁿ HQ^s T.G. c. 6.4 additions to Officers Quarters. 60th Bⁿ HQ^s N. 27 b 28 Bomb. Proofing huts and draining camp. Coal Dump M. 29. d. 0.6. Repairs to dump. N^o 4 SECTION - RESERVE LINE Excavation and revetment of C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27 & 2.0.27 Maintenance of duckboards and revetment of BOB and CORSET STREETS. Construction of CURTAIN DEFENCE for gaps in RESERVE LINE wire. 3 completed Gas proofing door at 8th HQ^s LUMM FARM 4 frames completed. N^o 1 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 1.0.25 Revetment of trench continued 4 yds anchored and revetted with bundles and sandbags. S.P. 4.0.23. Revetment continued 4 yds completed. S.P. 5.0.23. 4 yds. revetment anchored 20 yds. sandbags 1 bag high. WALK FARM New trench between pile boxes 20 yds. Earth excavated. SUPPORT LINE S.P. 2.0.24 Revetment of parapet continued 3 yds anchored. RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21 4 yds. trench revetted with A frames corr. iron and bundles 8 yds Earth excavated. 10 yds Earth filling. MANCHESTER STREET 0.22. d. 88 South side 30 yds. parapet anchored & revetted. FORWARD OF WAMBERG ROAD 16 yds. revetted with hurdles 15 A frames anchored back 12 yds. Sap cleared where blown in. BETWEEN VERNE DUMP and WAMBERG ROAD 40 yds Sap cleared 12 yds revetted with A frames and corr. iron 40 yds. duckboards repaired and revised. N^o 2 SECTION "C" OVERLAND TRACK 80 yds new track laid, 40 yds landrail erected REGENTS DUGOUTS Repairs to Artillery Group Commanders Dugout completed. DRYING SHED 0.25. d. 70.95 Excavation commenced. 2/LT F.M. BEST transferred to 14th F. Co A.F.</p>	

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SPY. FARM REF. MAP. WYTSCHART 28 SW. 2. 1/10 000 N 28 c 8.5.	1918 Feb 12 th (Contd.)		<p>ORIGINAL</p> <p>Gas proofing of dugouts occupied by artillery. Work commenced on dugout at REGENTS DUGOUTS and at Bottom positions.</p> <p>NO 3 SECTION A3C DUMP N 31 c. 26 freeling shed and platform.</p> <p>DONEGAN CAMP N. 32. c. 38. Mule track around stables continued.</p> <p>57th Bⁿ HQ^{ty} T. 6. c. 6. 4 additions to Officers Quarters.</p> <p>60 " " N. 27. b. 2. 8. Bombproofing and drainage.</p> <p>CORR DUMP M. 29. d. 0. 6. Additions and repairs to dump.</p> <p>NO 4 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. H. 0. 29 Carrying material for new L.G. Post - revetting parapet</p> <p>LEWIS GUN POST O. 29. a. 14 OLS breastwork dismantled, sheet holes filled, material salvaged</p> <p>6 A frames 5 sheets corr. iron and used on job.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1. 0. 29. parapet repaired and A frames fixed in trench.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE CT. between S.P. 1. 0. 27 and 2. 0. 27 3 bays and 3 traverses revetted and duckboarded.</p> <p>Strengthening parapet on N. side of BOB ST. 250 bags 8 angle iron pickets and 4 Rundles fixed</p> <p>Intersection of BOB ST. and GUN ROAD O. 27. d. 6. 9. 4 Chenev de Frise placed alongside</p> <p>Gap in wire.</p> <p>General maintenance of BOB and DONEGAN STREETS.</p>	
	13 th		<p>NO 1 SECTION S.P. 1. 0. 23 Completed. S.P. 3. 0. 23 3 yds. earth excavated bays revetted with</p> <p>corr. iron. S.P. 4. 0. 23 7 yds. revetment completed 6 yds. trench drained. S.P. 5. 0. 23</p> <p>15 yds. sandbags. WALL FARM CT. to Pile Box O. 23. a. 3. 6. 12 yds revetted with corr. iron and Rundles.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE S.P. 3. 0. 22. 4 yds revetment completed 2 yds. earth excavated.</p> <p>Wire from O. 22. c 68 to O. 22 c 93. Thickened 36 coils wire used.</p>	

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	1918		ORIGINAL	
SPY FARM.	Feb.			
REF. MAP.	13 th			
WYTOCHAETE				
28. SW. 2.				
1/10000				
N. 28 c 85				
			<p>N^o 1 SECTION: RESERVE LINE S.P. H.O. 21 6 yds revetted with A frames corr. iron & hurdles. 8 yds. duckboards laid 10 yds earth filling. MANCHESTER STREET. Southern side of forward end being prepared with firing bays. Remainder of trench being repaired. N^o 2 SECTION. Work on 'C' OVERLAND TRACK nearing completion. Artillery dugouts in area being prepared for gas proofing, wooden frames being fitted pending the supply of plankets. Salvage of stores being carried on in the middle area. DRYING SHED Ø. 25 d. 70. 95. Excavation continued. Shed at DAYLIGHT CORNER pulled down and carted to site. Section of Dugouts for Divisional Topographical Section commenced at 025. a. 45. 95. Material being salvaged in the area and carried to site. N^o 3 SECTION. Work continued in back area. Improvements to A.S.C. dumps and Camp sites. N^o 4 SECTION + FRONT LINE S.P. H.O. 29 Thickening of parapet and parapet. LEWIS GUN POST Ø. 29. a. 1. 4 Revetting post and building parapet. 4 A frames 3 sheets corr. iron 70 sandbags used. LEWIS GUN POST Ø. 29 c. 05. 60 Revetment of post. 5 sheets corr. iron 3 A frames used. SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0. 28 Revetting S.P. anchoring frames and filling in. RESERVE LINE Excavation and revetment of C.T. between S.P. 1.0. 27 and S.P. 2.0 27 Forward end of BOB STREET parapet being thickened and trench finished 2nd Lt. EG LINDSAY and SP4 Wilson detached for duty as Supervisors with Div. Topographical Section. Light rain during the day.</p>	<p>App. 2.</p>
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			ORIGINAL	
SPY FARM.	Feb. 14 th .		N ^o 1 SECTION - FRONT LINE. Guide WIRE (Single strands of plain wire on corkscrew pickets 3' high). Erected from Northern Boundary South for 400 yards. Duckboard track from S.P. S.O. 23 to WASH FARM 84 yds completed.	
REF. MAP.			SUPPORT LINE S.P. 2.0.22 Gaps reworked completed 2 yds earth excavated. Wire from O.22 c.59.	
WYTSCHAERTÉ			to O.22 c.93 strengthened. 30 coils wire put out.	
28. S.W. 2.			RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21 3 yds reworked with A frames and corr. iron 16 yds. reworked	
1/10 000			anchored back 16 yds. sandbag rework completed 5 yds duckboards laid.	
N. 28. C. 8. 5.			RESERVE LINE WIRE All gaps where roads etc are crossed have chevron-de-frise placed alongside for use in case of emergency.	
			MANCHESTER STREET O.22. d. 85. 30 yds on South side have been reworked and anchored.	
			10 yds. trench drained and cleared. Forward of WAMBERG ROAD 40 yds reworked with	
			Rundles of 4 yds. with A frames and corr. iron 20 yds. Sap cleared and drained 2 yds	
			earth filling. Between VERRE DUMP and WAMBERG ROAD 10 yds. earth excavated	
			30 yds trench cleared.	
			N ^o 2 SECTION "C" OVERHEAD TRACK 160 yards new duckboards laid. Total work completed 3070 yds.	
			Drying SHED O.25. d. 70. 96 Erection of shed commenced. work 5% complete.	
			REGENTS DUGOUTS Fixing frames for gas doors. Work 50% complete.	
			Artillery Dugouts O.19. d. 41 Fixing frames for gas doors Work 50% complete.	
			N ^o 3 SECTION. Continuation of work in back area.	
			N ^o 4 SECTION Front Line S.P. 4.0.29 Thickening parapet + filling sandbags. Work considerable	
			hampered owing to it being a Company relief and trench consequently congested.	
			LEWIS GUN POST O.29. a. 14 Filling sandbags and building up parapet.	
			" " " O.29 c. 05.60 One shelter excavated 300 sandbags used	

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Place	Date 1919	Hour	Originator Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SPY FARM	Feb.	14 th (Contd)	SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28 filling in around shelter and building perasos.	
REF. MAP			RESERVE LINE Excavation and revetment of C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27 and S.P. 2.0.27.	
WYTSCHAETE			Firestepping and building up of parapet on N. side of BOB STREET. ROBERT and BOB STREETS General maintenance.	
28. SW 2. 1/10000	15 th		NO. 1 SECTION FRONT LINE S.P. 3.0.23 3 yds revetment completed 7 yds revetted with Corr. Iron & frames. S.P. 4.0.23. parapet raised 2 sandbags high 6 yds trench drained. S.P. 5.0.23. 6 yds trench repaired and revetted where blown in by shell fire. WALL FARM C.T. to Pill Box 80% complete. Duckboard track from S.P. 5.0.23 to WALL FARM 204 yds completed. SUPPORT LINE S.P. 2.0.22 12 yds trench revetted with Rundles 20 yds revetment anchored. Win from O.22. c. 5.9. to O.22. c. 9.3. thickening complete 26 coils used. RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21 13 yds trench revetted with A frames Corr Iron and Rundles 13 yds parapet sandbagged 10 cpts earth excavation.	
N 28. c. 8.5.			MANCHESTER STREET O.22. d 78 30 yds revetment completed on South side. Forward of WAMBEKE ROAD 40 yds revetted with Rundles 20 yds. Sap drained 3 yds earth filling. Between VERNE DUMP and WAMBEKE ROAD 100 yds. Sap cleaned 90 yds duckboard repairs and rewired. 10 yds. revetted with Rundles.	
			NO. 2 SECTION "C" OVERLAND TRACK 166 yds new track laid 200 yards track covered.	
			DRIVING SPEED Section of shed continued work 15% complete.	
			DIVISIONAL TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION REGENTS O.25 a. 45.95 Excavation nearly complete. Cupolas being salvaged.	
			NO. 3 SECTION Continuation of work in back areas.	
			NO. 2 SECTION. REGENTS REGENTS Gas proofing of Artillery Regiments 70% complete 2 doors complete 2 doors. 30% complete. Artillery regiments O.19. d. 44 2 doors complete Window complete 6 frames cut and fixed	

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SPY FARM. REF. MAP. WYTSCHAETE 28. S.W. 2. 1/10000 N. 28. c. 8.5.	Feb 15 th (Coy'd)		<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p>Anticomm dugouts O. 19. c. 55 3 frames fitted ready for blankets. " " O. 19. b. 23 doorway of signal dugout pieces down, rebuilt and fitted with gas door frame. NO. 4 SECTION S.P. 4.0.29 Thickening parapet and building paradoss 300 sandbags used. LEWIS Gun Post O. 29. a. 1.4. Filling in parapet and paradoss, draining trench and carrying material from kino fm. LEWIS Gun Post O. 29. 05. 60 filling sandbags and carrying material from Coy HQ. SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28 Revetment anchoring and drainages of S.P. RESERVE LINE Revetment of C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27 and 2.0.27. Gap cut in wire in front of S.P. 3.0.28 10 yds. wide. Double concertina and apron 24 yds. long erected to cover same.</p>	
	16 th		<p>BOB and ROBERT STS. General maintenance. WALL F. NO. 1 SECTION. FRONT LINE - WALL FARM. C.T. between per boxes completed. Duckboards track from S.P. 5.0.23 to WALL FARM completed. S.P. 5.0.23 12 yds revetment with bundles and sandbags. S.P. 3.0.23 10 yds " " " " S.P. 1.0.23 Incarceration for 1000 3 man shelters completed. RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21 20 yds revetment with bundles 25 yds. with A frames 35 yds duckboards 1 shelter completed MANCHESTER STREET building up parapet and firestepping on S. side near FRONT LINE 30 yds. anchoring revetment and filling in. FORWARD OF WAMBERG ROAD 20 yds. revetment with bundles, 20 yds with corr iron 20 yds drain drains 4 cys earth filling</p>	

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SPY FARM.	1918				
REF. MAP	Feb 16 th (Contd)			MANCHESTER St. between VERNE DUMP and WAMARKE ROAD. 28 yds. vermin with bundles 50 yds. duckboards repairs and re-wind. 70 yds. Sap drained.	
WYTSCHAETE				GAS PROOF DOORS WALK FARM 4 doors completed	App 2.
29. SW. 2				N ^o 2 SECTION "COVERLAND TRACK 142 yds. new track laid. Track is now complete less Landrails which are 70% complete.	
1/10000				DRYING SHELTER Camouflaging completed. framework completed. Total 20% complete.	
N. 28. c. 85				REGENTS DUGOUTS Gas proofing of dugouts occupied by Artillery. 1 door completed 1 frame fitted. Artillery dugouts O.19.c.55. 1 door frame fitted Timber salves for 4 doors.	
				Artillery dugouts O.19.d.44 2 doors completed. Artillery dugouts O.19.b.23 1 door completed 1 frame fitted	
				Div ^l TOPOGRAPHICAL SECT ⁿ DUGOUTS Cupolas for 1 shelter 24' x 10' completed Excavations complete and plating fixed for two more dugouts 10' x 12' and 10' x 9'.	
				N ^o 3 SECTION. Continuation of work in back area.	
				N ^o 4 SECTION From line S.P. 4.0.29 250 sandbags laid. work completed.	
				L.G. Post O.29.a.14 5 sheets corr iron, 6 duckboards 200 sandbags laid.	
				L.G. Post O.29.c.05.60 parapet thickened.	
				SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28 Parapet thickened Excavation for one 2 man shelter complete	
				RESERVE LINE Excavation of C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27 and S.P. 2.027 complete.	
				19 A frames and 13 vermin frames fixed.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SPY FARM	Feb		ORIGINAL.	
REF. MAP WYTSCHAETE	1 st to 16 th		<p><u>SUMMARY OF WORK.</u></p> <p><u>FRONT LINE</u> The extreme left hand post of the BOE is at WASH FARM and consists of two pile boxes twenty yards apart, the accommodation for the garrison - approx 30 men is good and did not need to have anything done to it, the posts that could be manned by sentries were too few to get over this a trench and breastwork was constructed between the pile boxes, the ground being very wet and swampy the trench could only be dug to a depth of 1'6" the remaining 3ft of cover being given by the breastwork. The front line of the left Battalion Sector and that portion worked on by N°1 Section 15th F. Co A.E. extends from WASH FARM on the left to the WAMBASSE on the right and this consists for the most part of a continuous trench, excepting for the extreme left and right. The post west to WASH FARM is S.P. 5.0.23 at 023.2.10.05 and from there on in a southerly direction S.P. 4.0.23 (0.23.C.18), S.P. 3.0.23 (0.23.C.1.7), S.P. 2.0.23 (0.23.C.2.4) and S.P. 1.0.23 (0.23.C.2.2). On being taken over by this company the whole of this trench was in a very bad condition, portions of it were one foot under water owing to the drainage not having been looked after, the greater portion of it was not more than 3 feet deep from top of breastwork to bottom of trench and in the portions which were 4'6" or more the parapet was only one foot thick. Very little revetment had been done, the S.P.'s were there in name only as they could not be distinguished from the remainder of the trench. Work was immediately commenced on draining the system the only method possible being to run all the water past S.P. 1.0.23 by continuing a drain towards the WAMBASSE. It is now in very fair condition excepting near S.P. 3.0.23 at which place the seepage from a large shale hole in front of the trench has caused trouble. At the same time work was commenced on S.P. 1.0.23 and 2.0.23, the existing revetment was repaired and securely anchored to pickets in the parapet.</p>	See App. III
29. S.W. 2.				
1/10000				
N. 28. C 85.				

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SPY FARM REF. MAP WYTSCHARETE 28. SW 2. 1/10000 N. 28 c 85.	Feb	1 st to 16 th	<p>SUMMARY (Continued).</p> <p>The parapet has been heightened to give 4'-6" of cover and two 3-man shelters are being constructed in the parapets of each S.P.</p> <p>S.P. 3.0.23, 4.0.23 and 5.0.23 are at present being worked on. 1 Troop 2 Sappers and approx. 50 infantry are working in this front line sector. The infantry working party being supplied by the 29th Bn A.I.F. which is the battⁿ holding the sector.</p> <p>Owing to the state of the ground the overland track between S.P. 5.0.23 and WARE F^m which was chiefly used by runners and ration parties, was getting almost impassible and in places 2 ft. deep in mud. A single duckboard track 304 yds long has now been laid connecting these two points, all the duckboards was being salvaged from the damaged portion of the trench extending N.E. from S.P. 5.0.23.</p> <p>Owing to the front line system being situated on a forward slope and the enemy having a commanding view from the right front, parties cannot be got up there by day. Consequently all work in this system is done at night.</p> <p>The front line of the LEFT CENTRE BATTⁿ front and that being worked on by N^o 4 Sect. 15th F. Co A.E. consisted of 4 STAFF POSTS when taken over at the beginning of the month, these were in a fair state of repair on being taken over with the exception of S.P. 4.0.22 which has required a considerable amount of work. This sector extended from the WARE F^m on the left to the BLAUWPOORT BARR on the right, the S.P.s being located as follows: S.P. 4.0.22 (0.22 a. 1.6), S.P. 3.0.22 (0.22 a. 15.50), S.P. 2.0.22 (0.22 a. 20.05) and S.P. 1.0.22 (0.22 c. 2.7). The retentment in S.P. 4.0.22 has not been anchored back and consequently was commencing to fall in, one sapper and a working party were at once put on this, the post has also been drained, parapet sandbagged and thickened, and shelters constructed for the garrison, this work has now been completed and handed over to the garrison to effect any minor repairs.</p>	<p>J.P.</p> <p>20</p>

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SPY FARM. REF. MAP WYTSCHAETE 28 SW. 2 1/10000 N. 28. C. 85	Feb 1 st to 16 th		<p>SUMMARY CONT'D.</p> <p>New Lewis Gun Post was sited by Capt FRANK and Lt OWEN at 0.29. a. 10.47 to protect the gap between SP. 2.0.29 and SP. 3.0.29. This is nearing completion and could now be used if necessary. A further S.P. for Lewis Gun was sited on the extreme right by Lt GINEERT at 0.29. c. 05.60. This is under construction and is intended to cover the WAMBRESE ROAD and right flank facing the BLAUWPOORTBEEK. 1 N.C.O. and 2 Sappers of Nth SECTION with approx 50 infantry from 31st Bⁿ A.I.F. have been working on this FRONT LINE SECTOR and for the same reasons as in the LEFT SECTOR all work has to be done at night.</p> <p>On 10th inst received CBE MEMO 24/32/17. re the erection of a GUARD WIRE in front of FRONT LINE, this on examination was found to exist in most places, having been knocked down in others this has now been repaired and exists right along this sector.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE. LEFT SECTOR, a series of Strong Posts approx. 1000 yards in rear of front line. S.P. 5.0.22 (0.22. a. 36), S.P. 4.0.22 (0.22. a. 4.1), S.P. 3.0.22 (0.22. c. 1.9), S.P. 2.0.22 (0.22. c. 5.7) and S.P. 1.0.22 (0.22. c. 1.5). These S.P.'s had all been dug to a depth of 3'6", revetted and partly duckboarded; the revetment - A frames & bundles - had not been anchored back at all and the trenches were consequently collapsing. This has been the chief work in this portion of the Support line for the past two weeks and they are now all in a very fair state of repair and occupied by the Support Companies of the 29th Battⁿ. The wire on this line from MANCHESTER ST. to the WAMBRESE consists of two rows of FRENCH WIRE with very little barbed wire with it, this portion has been thickened, 95 coils of barbed wire being used for this purpose.</p> <p>On the Right Sector between the WAMBRESE and BLAUWPOORTBEEK a line of S.P.'s exist approx 700 yards behind the front line located as follows: S.P. 4.0.28 (0.28 a. 6.8), S.P. 3.0.28 (0.28 a. 9.2), S.P. 2.0.28 (0.28 a. 90.04), S.P. 1.0.28 (0.28 c. 7.7), S.P. 5.0.34 (0.34 a. 6.9).</p>	<p>Sketch Page 6.</p> <p>Area</p>

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SPY FARM REF. MAP WYTSCHAETE 28. S.W. 2. 1/10,000 N. 28 c. 85.	1918 Feb 1 st to 16 th		<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY CONT'D</p> <p>These SP^s were all in very fair condition on being taken over with the exception of SP. 1.0.28, work on this having only been commenced. Parties have been working on this each night and it is now fair and practically completed. The support line wire is in very fair condition right through, consisting for the most part of 3 belts of french wire covered with a double apron fence.</p> <p><u>RESERVE LINE</u></p> <p>LEFT SECTOR: a chain of SP^s approx. 1000 yards behind the support line, with a thick belt of french and barbed wire in front. From left to right SP^s located as follows:- SP. 4.0.21 (O.21.a.6.b.), SP. 3.0.21 (O.21.a.4.), SP. 5.0.21 (O.21. central). These SP^s were in a fair state of repair and have not required very much work. SP. 5.0.21. is not occupied by the infantry and no further work has been done on it.</p> <p>In the LEFT CENTRE Bⁿ SECTOR a continuous trench has been excavated. The most southerly SP. was isolated. This has now been connected to the one on the left. The strong points are situated in the continuous trench line as follows:- SP. 2.0.21 (O.21.c.8.5.), SP. 1.0.21 (O.21.c.9.0.), SP. 5.0.27 (O.27.b.1.7) SP. 4.0.27 (O.27.b.2.2), SP. 3.0.27 (O.27.d.4.8), SP. 2.0.27 (O.27.d.4.6) SP. 1.0.27 (O.27.d.2.2). These were all in very fair state of repair and very little work has been done on them.</p> <p><u>COMMUNICATION TRENCHES</u>: MANCHESTER STREET, BOB STREET and DORSET STREET. These were in a fair state of repair, MANCHESTER ST being the worst, a considerable number of the drains had not been kept open, nor had the revetting material been anchored back, the trench consequently collapsing in a great many places particularly at the forward end EAST of WAMBERG ROAD. Working parties have been on this constantly both day and night chiefly draining and revetting the forward end. BOB ST and DORSET were in much better condition and have only required small daily maintenance parties, keeping the drains open and repairing duckboards.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SPY FARM	1919 Feb.		ORIGINAL SUMMARY CONT.	
REF. MAP.	1 st to 16 th		C/OVERLAND DOUBLE DUCKBOARD TRAIL. Laid from N.29. b. 2.2 due East to LUMM FARM 0.26. d. 17.	
WYTSCHARTER			over 4000 yards in length, the greater portion of this is on tracks owing to the broken nature of the ground. This enables parties from KAMMEL and HIRSHHOEK to reach BATT. HQS. BOB and DOCKET STREETS and the front line without having to go by road through WYTSCHARTER.	
28. SW. 2.			On the 12 th inst. a Divisional Topographical Section was formed, Digouts dugouts for this section were commenced at 0.25. a. 45. 95. on 13 th inst. all material used was salvaged from disused shelters in the vicinity.	
1/10000			All gaps in SUPPORT and RESERVE lines were caused by roads, tracks and CTS have had CHAUVIN-DE-FRANSE placed alongside, so that they can be quickly filled in case of an emergency.	
N.29. c. 8.5.			Very few dugouts, shelters or pill boxes in the area were properly fitted with gas proof doors, pill boxes in the forward area have been taken in hand by the forward sections, Regimental Air Post, Forward Company and Battalion HQS being gone on with first. All the Battery positions are being worked on by the section working in the missile area, all timber for the construction of these doors is being salvaged, the necessary blankets being obtained through Ordnance.	

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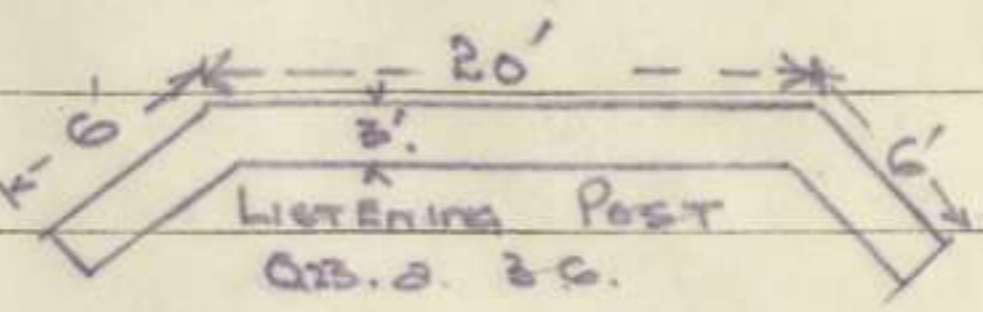
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SPY FARM	1918	Feb.	ORIGINAL	
WYTSCHARTS	17 th		<p>N^o1 SECTION New listening post commenced at 0.23 a 3.6. out in front of WART Farm 28^{ca} Earth excavated</p> <p>S.P. 5.0.23, 4.0.23 and 1.0.23. Revetment continued. One 3/4 man shelter completed in S.P. 1.0.23.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE WIRE from 0.22 a 53 to 0.22 a 77. 23 coils barbed wire used in thickening.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21. Revetment and filling of parapet continued.</p> <p>MARCHESTER STREET parapet being thickened and prepared for fire stepping on forward end. Remainder of trench being put in better state of repair.</p> <p>GAS PROOF DOORS at SUPPORT Coy HQ^s 0.22 c 27. 2 doors completed. MARIEU F^m 2 doors completed</p> <p>N^o4 SECTION: L.G. Post 0.29 a 1.4 parapet being thickened and 250 sandbags laid. L.G. Post 0.29 c 05.60 20 A frames 20 sheets corr. iron fixed 260 sandbags laid.</p> <p>SUPPORT LINE S.P. 1.0.28 1 shelter 50% complete 15 caps filling to parapet.</p> <p>" " WIRE. Gap cut between S.P. 1.0.28 and S.P. 2.0.28 and covering fence erected.</p> <p>LUNN FARM 5 gas proof doors completed.</p> <p>No work done during the day owing to holidays being granted by Div' Commander.</p>	
28 SW. 2				
Y10.000				
N. 28. C. 8.5.				
			<p>N^o1 SECTION. Guide wire in front of front line completed. RESERVE LINE S.P. 4.0.21 1 man shelter completed, revetment and thickening of parapet continued. Repairs to MARCHESTER STREET continued, trench repaired in 10 places where blown in by shell fire.</p> <p>FRONT LINE S.P. 1.0.23, 4.0.23 and 5.0.23 continued, revetment and filling to parapet</p> <p>N^o2 SECTION C. OVERLAND TRACK 120 yds. handrail erected, general maintenance being carried out. DRYING SHED. Sides and roof erected, rigging fixed. DIV. TOPO. SECTION Dugouts Cupolas erected for 1 shelter 10' x 9' end fixed in large shelter and bearers fixed to floor Gas proofing of Artillery dugouts continued.</p> <p>N^o3 SECTION. Work in back area continued.</p> <p>N^o4 SECTION. L.G. Posts at 0.29 a 1.4 and 0.29 c 05.60 continued.</p> <p>RESERVE LINE S.P. 1.0.27 to S.P. 2.0.27 Renting of C.T. and filling in behind frames</p>	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1919		ORIGINAL	
SPY FARM. REF. MAP.	Feb. 18 th		DEFENCE SCHEME in case of a general attack by the Enemy issued to SECTIONS & ATTACHED INFTRY.	APP. B A.
WYTSCHARTZ	19 th		4.30 pm. received telephone message from C.P.I. that no parties were to be sent to work in forward area between 6 pm. and midnight. Parties from RESERVE BRIGADE were cancelled, so the only work done during the night were those worked on by men from the battalions in line 29 th and 31 st .	
28. SW. 2 1/10 000			N ^o 1 SECTION LISTENING POST 0.23 a 36, SP ^s 5.0.23, 4.0.23 and 1.0.23 continued. Revetment and filling of parapet in SP. 4.0.21 (RESERVE LINE) continued. MANCHESTER STREET being repaired.	
N28. 8.5			N ^o 2 SECTION maintenance of 'C' OVERLAP TRACK. fitting gas doors to ARTILLERY DUGOUTS. Work on Dining Sheds and Divisional Topographical Dugouts continued.	
			N ^o 3 SECTION Continuation of work in back area, repairs to accommodation in Camps etc.	
			N ^o 4 SECTION. Continuation of work in front, SUPPORT LINES, also fitting of gas proof doors to pill boxes occupied by forward battalion.	
	20 th		15 th F.C. ORDER NO.1 issued, for the relief of N ^o 1 and 4 SECTIONS in the forward area N ^o 1 SECTION. FRONT LINE SP 5.0.23 byds revetment completed. SP 4.0.23 and SP 1.0.23 revetment and erecting of shelters continued. RESERVE LINE SP 4.0.21 completed. MANCHESTER STREET repaired and communication maintained.	APP. B.
			All work handed over to N ^o 2 SECTION. N ^o 2 SECTION taking over work in forward area from N ^o 1 SECTION. Work on gas proof doors for Artillery continued. N ^o 3 SECTION moved to MINOR VILLAGES 0.26. a 9.7. and took over dugouts vacated by N ^o 4 SECT.	
			N ^o 4 SECTION. Handed over all work in forward area to N ^o 3 SECTION and moved from MINOR VILLAGES to Company Camp at SPY FARM. Work continued in FRONT, SUPPORT and RESERVE lines during the day and last night. Work on gas proofing of dugouts continued.	
	21 st		15 th INF BDE relieving 8 th INF BDE in the line this evening. This Company will be working with the 60 th B ⁿ in the LEFT SECTOR and 59 th B ⁿ in the LEFT CENTRE SECTOR.	

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SPY FARM. REF. MAP. WYTSCHAETE 28 S.W. 2. 1/10 000 N. 28. c. 8. S.	Feb. 21 st (Cont ^d).		No parties available from 15 th Inf Bde today owing to all the battalions preparing for move to forward area. No 1 SECTION. Maintenance of YARRA TRACK, DRYING SHED hearing completion, Div: Topo. SECTION Dugouts require three days work to complete. Continuation of work on gas proofing of doors in ARTILLERY Dugouts in Centre area. No 2 SECTION. At work on front line and MANCHESTER ST, conditions of work not satisfactory owing to the BRIGADE relief and parties continuously moving along CT. and trenches. No 3 SECTION do do. No 4 SECTION. At work in back area repairs to accommodation etc in battalion camps.	
	22 nd		8 th Inf Bde not yet being settled in camps in back area, no working parties available from them to day. Work continues by sections and attached infantry the same as yesterday.	
	23 rd		Two hundred men available from 8 th BDE (RESERVE) for work in forward area. No 1 SECTION: general maintenance of YARRA TRACK, DRYING SHED, Boot racks erected. Furnace 26 th complete. Div: Topo. SECT: Dugouts Cupola hut 9' x 10' complete all but door, and Cupola hut 12' x 12' for drawing office complete all but windows and door. Gas proof doors in ARTILLERY Dugouts O 19c 55 1 door complete, O 25 b. 74 1 door complete, O 23c 23 1 door complete. No 2 SECTION. FRONT LINE 40 cpts. earth filling to parapets 100 sandbags fixed and 12 yds rivetment fixed. Material carried to front line from VERRE DUNE. MANCHESTER ST. 24 yds trench cleaned and drained, duckboards lifted and relaid. Gas proof doors. 1 door complete in dugout adjoining R.A.P. at VERRE DUNE. 1 door complete in bomb storeroom dugout at VERRE DUNE. No 3 SECTION L.G. Posts O 29c 0560 and O 29a 1.4 complete + garrisons	

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Place	Date 1919	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SPY. FARM. REF. MAP.	Feb. 23 rd (Capt ^d)		Support line repairs to revetment of SP. 1.0.28. Dummy trench laid out between SP. 1.0.29, 2.0.28, 3.0.28 and 4.0.28. Tapes out. Gas doors being fitted at Support and Reserve Coy HQs.	
WYTSCHAETE 28. S.W. 2 1/10000			M.G. Positions at O.33.6 17.50, O27d1.3 and O27d.25.03 completed. N4 SECTION continuation of work in back area.	
N28.c.8.5.	24 th		Holiday granted by Divisional Commander. MANCHESTER, DORSET and BOB STREETS patrolled.	
	25 th		N01 SECTION General maintenance of YARRA TRACK. DRYING SHED furnace 90% complete 20 ft piping erected. Dist ^l POPO. Sect ⁿ dugouts. 10 bunkers completed in large dugout. Cook house erected all material salv ^d . Gas proofing of doors in Artillery dugouts. N02 SECTION. Work in DUGOUT TRENCH and listening posts in front continued. Repairs to MANCHESTER ST. N03 SECTION Ct. between SP. 1.0.27 and 2.0.27 continued 25 yds. revetted. General maintenance of BOB and DORSET STREETS. Coy HQ O.27c.91. Two doors and one window made gas proof. N04 SECTION. Work in back area. LT. C. OLIVER MC. returned from leave to U.K.	
	26 th		N01 SECTION. Gas doors fitted to Artillery dugouts at O25.b.7.4, O25c.2.3, and O26a.30.05. DRYING SHED O.25. d. 70.95 completed. N02 SECTION Continuation of work on OLGA TRENCH and Listening Posts. Support line Trunking of wire and repairs to SP. 4.0.22 and 5.0.22. Work on Dummy Trenches connecting SP. in Support line continued. MANCHESTER STREET. drainages, revetment and duckboarding. N03 SECTION. SP. at O28. d. 7.4 located, marked out and partly excavated. Dummy trench in Support line continued. Duckboard track from O27. d. 0.2. to O27c.81. repairs and relaid. N04 SECTION General work in back area.	
	27 th		N01 SECTION continuation of work in Centre area, maintenance of YARRA TRACK, and gas proofing of doors to Artillery dugouts. N02 SECTION, Erection of wire in front of WALL F ^m , repairs to trench between pipe boxes at WARR FARM.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SPY FARM REF. MAP WYTSCHARTS 28. SW. 2. 1/10000	1918 Feb. 27 th Cont.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ORIGINAL</u></p> <p>Draining and lifting duckboards in ORGA TRENCH. SUPPORT LINE dummy trenches and repairs to SP² continues. Parties at work on repairing MANCHESTER STREET.</p> <p>NO 3 SECTION SP. 029. d. 7. 4. Excavation completed and movement commenced. Dummy trenches and construction of M.G. Posts in Support line. Duckboard track along the BRAUNSPROETZEN continues.</p> <p>NO 4 SECTION. Work in back area continues, repairs to accommodation, cables etc.</p>	
N. 28. C. 8. S.	28 th		<p>NO 1 SECTION. Work in Centre Area continues, maintenance of YARA TRENCH, gas proofing doors and burying Cupola dugouts at battery positions of 14th A.F.A Bde.</p> <p>NO 2 SECTION Wiring in front of WARE FM continues. SUPPORT LINE wiring in front of SP² and excavation of DUNNAN TRENCH between STONE POINTS. Repairs to MANCHESTER STREET continues.</p> <p>NO 3 SECTION Work in front line stopped owing to "STARRA TO" being ordered. Duckboard track along BRAUNSPROETZEN continues.</p> <p>NO 4 SECTION. Continuation of work in back area.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUMMARY</u></p>	
			<p>The policy laid down at the beginning of the month has been carried out with thoroughness, without any material alteration. — The improvement of the 3 existing lines of DEFENCE. — This has been carried out by improving existing trenches and STONE POSTS, and the construction of new Posts both in FRONT and SUPPORT LINES, also the thickening of existing wire and erecting of new Entanglements in FRONT, SUPPORT and RESERVE LINES. Extra accommodation has been added to all STONE POSTS, so that now every Garrisoned post has sufficient splinter proof and weather proof accommodation for all men who are not on duty. Communications towards the front line have been greatly improved, both by way of C.T.^s and overland duckboard tracks. The three existing C.T.^s, MANCHESTER, DOBERT and BOB STREETS, and the two duckboard tracks, have been KILLO</p>	
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SPY FARM. REF. MAP. WYTSCHARTS 26 SW. 2. 1:10000 N. 260 86.	1918 Feb		<p style="text-align: center;">ORIGINAL.</p> <p><u>SUMMARY. CONTD.</u></p> <p>and ZEGRA have been maintained and considerably improved. One double duckboard track over 4000 yds in length has been laid, giving good communication through the centre area to the LEFT CENTRE BATTⁿ Sector, this track (YARAS TRACK) connects to both BIRA and DOBEST STREETS thereby giving duckboard communication to the front line.</p> <p>On orders received from C.H. all Strong Points in the Support line have been connected by Dummy Trenches resembling the S.P. in trace, but only being dug to a depth of 2 ft. These have been put in with two objects in view ① to prevent as far as possible the actual S.P. from being recognised on an aeroplane photo or from an aeroplane itself ② In the event of a S.P. being shelled to give the garrison a better chance of getting clear of the actual area being shelled and also they have been sited with regard to a good field of fire so that in the case of necessity they can be deepened and turned into fire trenches.</p> <p>During the month over 100 gas doors have been fitted to substances of deep dugouts, shelters and pill boxes.</p>	

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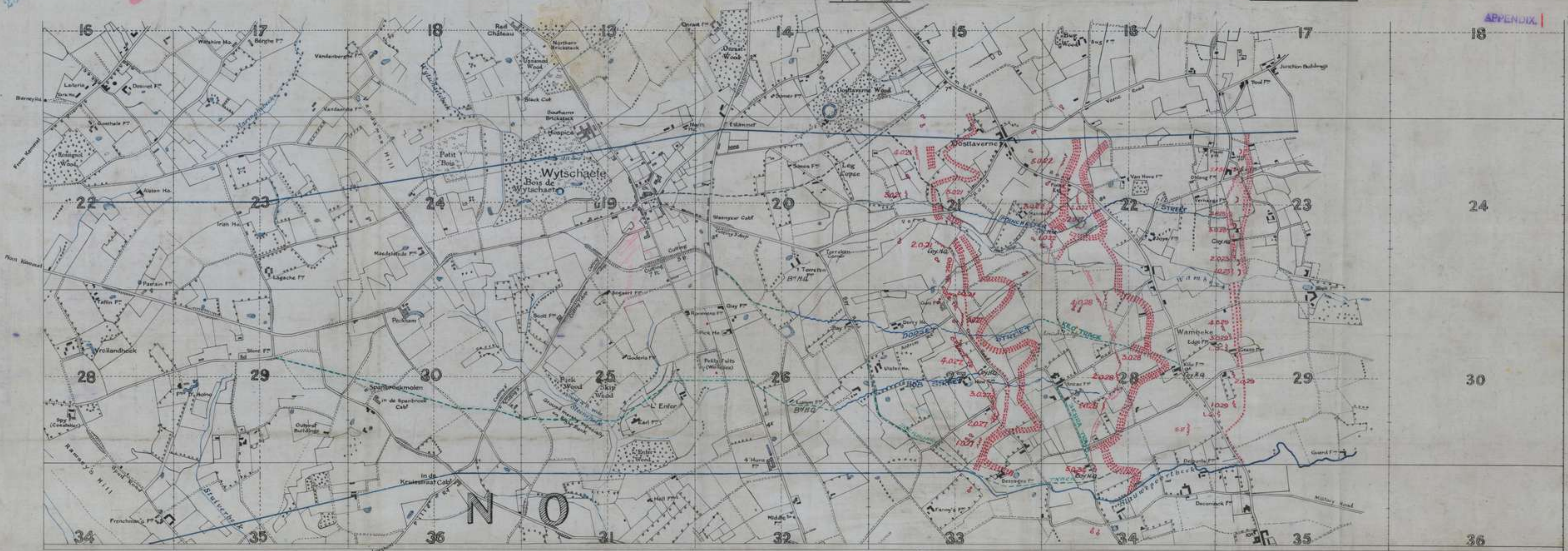
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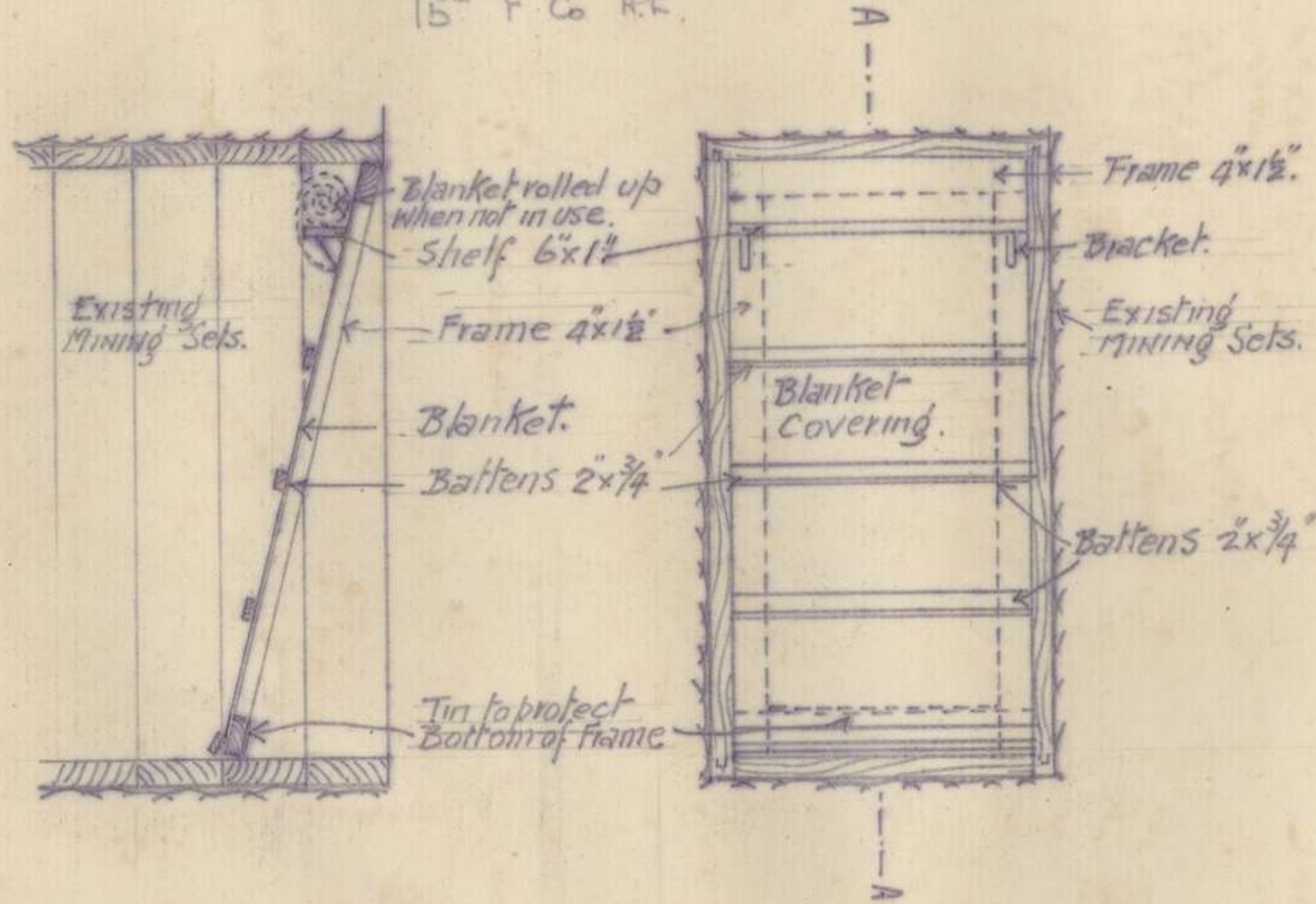
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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS
S.P. 4.0.23	O.23c 15.80	16 yds. revetted anchored and Sandbagged 12 yds. duckboards raised and repaired.	80% Complete	
S.P. 3.0.23	O.23c 2.5.	12 yds parapet revetted anchored & sandbagged	COMPLETE	
S.P. 1.0.23	O.23c 2.2.	14 yds " " "	80% Complete	
S.P. 4.0.29	O.29a 1.6.	Excavation for two 3 man shelters complete. Construction of shelter repairing and thickening of parapet. 3 sheets Cupola iron, 4 duckboards 3 revetting frames 900 sandbags 35 sheet Cor. iron used.	Complete.	
LEWIS GUN POST	O.29a 1.4.	Trench dug to depth of 2'0 partially revetted. 18 sheets Cor. iron 2 1/2" frames 600 Sandbags laid.	2/3 man shelters to fix. Revetment & duckboard being to be completed.	

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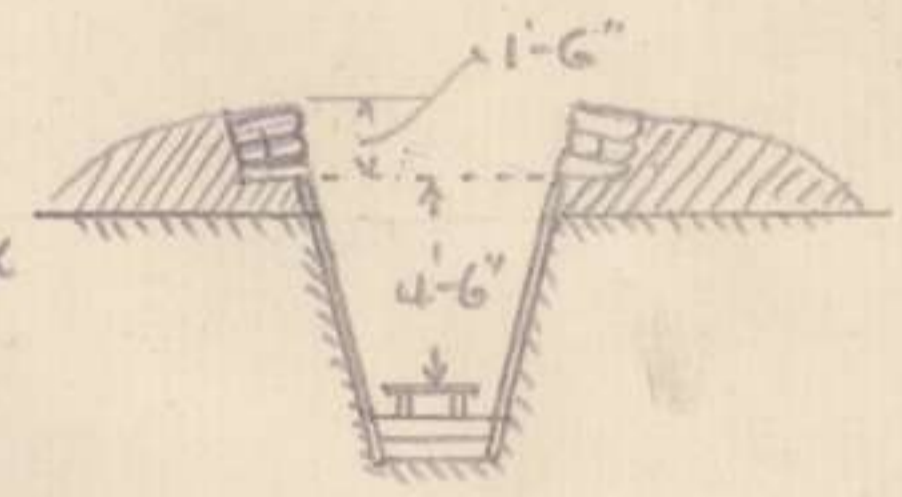
SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS
LEWIS GUN POST	O.29c 05.60	Trench dug to a depth of 2' & partially revetted with 21 "A" frames 650 sandbags 18 sheets corr iron fixed.	2/3 man shelters to fix. Revetment & duckboarding to complete.	
SUPPORT LINE S.P. 3.0.22	O.22c 1.9.	35 yds. revetment, anchored & parapet thickened	Complete.	
S.P. 2.0.22	O.22c 5.8.	15 yds. trench revetted with "A" frames corr iron and hurdles were caved in. 6 "A" frames 12 hurdles, 12 sheets corr. iron used.	60% complete.	
S.P. 1.0.28	O.28c 75.70.	One 3 man shelter completed. 16 duckboards 17 sheets corr. iron, 32 revetting frames 20 "A" frames 50 sandbags used.	Parados to be filled in. Firestep to be erected.	
WIRE	O.22c 6.8 to O.22c 9.2.	Wire thickened 92 coils wire used.	Complete.	
"	in front of S.P. 3.0.28	Gap 10 yds wire cut. French wire and double apron fence 24 yds. long erected in rear.	Complete.	

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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION
RESERVE LINE S.P. 5.0.21	0.21 Central	10yds. parapet revetted with frames & sandbags	Complete.
S.P. 4.0.21	0.21a 6.6.	12yds. duckboards laid. M.G. Position put in. 62yds. trench revetted with frames & sandbags	70% complete.
C.T. between S.P. 1.0.27 and S.P. 2.0.27.	0.27d 45 to 0.27d. 25. 25.	4 1/4 man shelters erected 62yds duckboards laid. Trench being revetted	A frame to be anchored, Parapet & parapets to be built up.
RESERVE LINE WIRE	0.21c 8.9.	4 Cheveux de frise placed alongside gap	Complete.
	0.21e 9.9.	30yds. double apron fence erected bringing wire to edges of road.	Complete.
	0.21a 7.2	10yds. double apron fence erected 2 cheveux de frise placed alongside gap.	Complete.
	0.27d 6.9.	2 cheveux de frise placed alongside gap.	Complete.
	0.27d 6.9.	Cheveux de frise placed alongside gap.	Complete.
MANCHESTER STREET	Q23c 15.85 15	Revetment and first stepping on South Side	—
do.	0.22d. 7.9.	210yds revetment completed.	—
do.	FORWARD OF WAMBEKE ROAD	Maintenance & general repairs 160 yds. revetted with hurdles, 20yds. revetted with Corr. Iron. 100yds. parapet anchored back	—
do.	BETWEEN VERNE DUMP & WAMBEKE ROAD.	80yds. drains cleared. 8 duckboards laid. 20yds. excavated where blown in by shell fire.	—
		100yds. revetted with hurdles, corr iron & A frames 200yds. drains cleared. 210yds. duckboards repaired & rewired. 120yds. earth excavated. where blown in by shell fire.	



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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK 15" F.C.P.R.	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS.
BOB STREET (NORTH SIDE)	O.28a 23 towards FRONT LINE.	19 Reeriting frames. 2 duckboards. 13 sheets CORR. Iron. 800 sandbags laid.	First step to be put in & parapet filled in.	
BOB STREET DORSET "		General Maintenance " "		
GUM BOOT STORE " OVERLAND TRACK	O.20b. 8.0. N.29b. 15.20 15 O.26d 6.6.	Store extended 12'. Stores installed 700 yds. track laid & bridged where necessary 1248 yds. wired. 105 yds handrail erected. Daily maintenance.	Complete. Track complete wiring Handrail 70% "	Total length of track 3370 yds.
GUN PITS	O.19e 5.5.	70 c. yds. excavation for drainage	Complete.	
DRYING SHED	O.25d 70.95.	Excavation completed. Camouflage and framework erected. Floor laid. Shed 30' x 15' pulled down & carted from DAYLIGHT CORNER to site. 200 bricks salvaged for building of furnace.	20% complete.	
REGENTS DUGOUTS	N.29c 5.3.	Repairs to C.T. to Artillery dugouts 50 yds bench repaired. Salvaged materials used.	Complete.	
DIV. TOPO. SEC. DUGOUTS.	O.25a 45.98.	Excavation for Cupolas shelters 24' x 10', 12' x 10'. And 9' x 10' completed. Cupolas erected & plates fixed for dugout 24' x 10'. Plates fixed for other two shelters all material salvaged and carried to site.	50% complete.	

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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS
GAS PROOF DOORS WALL FIRE PILL BOX	O.23a 2.6	4 doors complete with frames & blankets.	Complete.	
ARTILLERY DUGOUTS	N29c 5.3	Gasproofing of 2 dugouts complete. frames for 2 more doors fitted	85% complete.	
" "	O19c 5.5.	4 frames fitted ready for blankets.	50% "	
" "	O19d 4.4.	4 doors completed 1 window completed 6 frames fitted yet to have blankets fixed.	85% "	
" "	O19b 2.3.	1 door completed 1 frame fitted.	10% "	
A. S. C. Dump.	N31c 9.6	shed & platform taken down & erected at new site.	Complete.	
DONEGAL CAMP	N32c 3.8	mule track laid + stable drained.	do.	
57 th Bn. H.Q.	T6c 6.4.	additions to Officers Quarters	90% "	
RAMILLES CAMP	N27b 2.8	Draining camp and repairing approach road.	90% "	
COAL DUMP	M29d. 0.6	Extension and repairs to shed	75% "	
-	N32b 5.7.	Erection of 4 NISSEN HUTS	Complete.	

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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS
FRONT LINE	OLGA TRENCH O.23.C.	87 yds. Reretting of Trench 60 yds. Earth filling in front of same. 50 yds. Duckboards lifted, drained, and relaid. 3-4 man shelters erected. material carried forward & used:- 6 cupola sheets. 32 Reretting Panels. 600 sandbags. 74 Angle iron pickets. 12 coils Trench wire. 20 coils Barb wire.		
CONSTRUCTION OF LEWIS GUN POST.	O.29a. 1. 4.	Material used:- 750 sandbags. 30 duckboards. 5 sheets Cor. iron. Repairs to Post. 15 yds. Sandbagging Parapet.	70% Complete.	
Do. Do.	O.29c. 05. 60.	Material used:- 700 sandbags. 6 duckboards. 20 sheets Cor. iron. 20 "A" Frames. 10 Reretting Frames. Position drained. Shelters commenced.	80% "	
FRONT LINE WIRING.	EAST OF WALL FARM.	200 yds. single apron fence erected.		
GUIDE WIRE	FROM WAMBEEK NORTH- WARDS TO N th BOUNDARY OF B ^y SECTOR.	1000 yds. erected.	Complete.	

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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS.
SUPPORT LINE. S.P. 1.0.28.	O.28C. 7. 6.	Revetment of Strong Point. Material used:- 4 Revetting Panels. 6 angle iron pickets. 8 duckboards. 1 Cupola shelter completed. Repairs to Strong Point. 10 yds. revetment 5 yds. drain cut.	Complete.	
DUMMY TRENCHES	FROM WAMBEEK TO NORTHERN BOUNDARY. FROM S.P. 1.0.28 TO S.P. 5.0.34.	all trenches taped out. 300 yds. of trench		
WIRING	O.22b. 4. 8 to O.22a. 5. 3. S.P. 5.0.34 to S.P. 4.0.28	Thickening up existing wire. 30 coils barb wire used. making & bridging 5 gaps in Support wire at 200 yd. intervals. Material used:- 80 long corkscrew pickets. 120 medium corkscrew pickets 25 coils Barb wire. 50 coils trench wire.	Complete.	
RESERVE LINE.	S.P. 4.0.21	38 yds. Revetted with "A" Frames, Hurdles, and sandbags. 1-3 man shelter completed. 12 c. yds earth filling in front of Parapet. 12 yds. duckboards laid. Material used:- 4 sheets Cupola iron. 6 duckboards. 100 sandbags.	Complete.	JSS

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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS.
REVETMENT OF C.T.	FROM S.P. 1.0.27 TO S.P. 2.0.27.	Material used:- 19" frames. 61 Revetting frames. 24 sheets corr. iron. 27 Revetting Mats. 2 duckboards.	60% Complete.	
M.G. POSTS.	021.c. 3.5 021.c. 7. 3. 027.d. 1.25 027d. 2. 3 0.27a. 6. 8 o. 336. 15. 70	Excavation. Making frames. Cupola shelter. drainage. Material used:- 6 cupola sections. 24 sheets corr. iron. 250 sandbags. 400 ft. 5x2. 6 Rolls Camouflage.	Complete " " " "	
MANCHESTER STREET	FORWARD OF WAMBEKE ROAD.	150 yds. Revetment fixed. 25 yds. anchored back. Material used:- 66 Revetting Panels. 22 sheets corr. iron 25 duckboards. 50 angle iron pickets. 12 Pit props.		This Trench has been blown in several times during the week.
do. do.	VERNE DUMP TO WAMBEKE ROAD.	200 yds. drainage cleared. 390 yds. Duckboards lifted & relaid. Trench cleaned. 138 yds. Revetment fixed and anchored back.		S.S.

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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS
BOB STREET.		Building Parapet & freestepping C.T. Material used:- 300 Sandbags. 5 lbs 3" nails. 60 ft. 7x1" Timber. 1 Roll Camouflage.	Complete.	
GAS PROOFING DUGOUTS.	0.28.b. 6.1.	2 doors completed.	Complete.	
	0.26.d. 1.8.	1 double door, 8 single doors, 3 windows.	"	
	0.28b. 9.15.	1 single door complete.	"	
	0.22c. 1.7.	2 doors complete.	"	
	0.21d. 8.8.	2 " "	"	
	0.22-a. 3.2.	3 " "	"	
	0.21c 90.95.	3 " "	"	
	N29c. 5.8.	4 " "	" Complete.	
	0.19c. 5.5.	6 " "	70% Complete.	
	0.19b. 2.3.	2 " 1 window complete.	40% "	
	0.19d. 4.4.	4 " complete.	Complete.	
	0.25c. 2.3	2 " "	30% complete.	
0.25b. 7.4.	1 " "	10% "		
YARRA TRACK	N29b. 15.20 to 0.26d. 6.6.	300 yds. handrail erected. General maintenance	Complete.	Sff

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WORKS REPORT

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SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION	REMARKS.
DRYING SHED	O25d. 70. 95.	Shed erected. Inside lined with hessian. Boot racks erected. Foundation for Furnace laid. 14 yds. Duckboards laid from YARRA TRACK to entrance.	90% Complete.	Bricks & Concrete Bunsters salvaged & carried to site.
DIV. TOPO. SECTION.	O25a. 45. 98.	Cupola shelter 24' x 10' completed, all except door. shelter 10' x 9' completed, except door. Drawing office 12' x 12' completed except door & windows.	90% complete.	
ARTILLERY STABLES	N.286. 7. 2.	Stables for 45 horses, all material salvaged & carried to site.	Complete.	
SHELTER AT SOUP KITCHEN.	O27a. 0. 1.	Material used:- 670 sandbags. 1 shelter complete.	has proof door required to complete.	

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DEFENCE SCHEME

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REF. MAP

WYTSCHAETE 28 S.W.2. 1/10,000.

In the event of a general attack by the enemy the following will be the action of personnel including 100 Infantry permanently attached:-

Parties working in the FRONT, SUPPORT and RESERVE LINE will:-

- (a) If working in a post occupied by a Garrison immediately man that portion of the post in which they are working and come under the orders of the Officer in Charge of the POST.
 - (b) If working in a post which is not garrisoned, immediately man that post and report by runner to the Officer in Charge of the nearest garrisoned post notifying him of the strength and location of party.
 - (c) If not working in a post, immediately proceed to the nearest post and come under the orders of the Officer in Charge of that post for orders.
- 2) Parties working in MANCHESTER, BOB or DORSET STREETS will immediately man the nearest post, whether FRONT, SUPPORT or RESERVE LINE and come under the orders of the Officer in Charge of the Post for orders.
 3. Party stationed at VERNE DUMP will immediately man the nearest post in the RESERVE LINE, and report by runner to the nearest RESERVE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS notifying the Company Commander of their strength and location.
 4. Men in Camp at MINDEN VILLAS will man the nearest portion of the CORPS LINE and come under the orders of the Officer in Charge of the POST.
 5. Party at RAILWAY DUMP will act under the orders of the SECTION OFFICER at MINDEN VILLAS.
 6. Parties working WEST of the road running North and South through RAILWAY DUMP will return to COMPANY H.Q.^{RS}, SPY FARM after verifying that an attack is in progress.

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7. Working parties other than those permanently attached have their own instructions under BRIGADE DEFENSE SCHEME and in the case of an attack will be permitted to carry out those instructions immediately.
8. All dismounted personnel in Camp at SPY FARM and those returning from works west of Road running N. & S. through RAILWAY DUMP will immediately fall in on the parade ground and await orders.
- DRESS - FIGHTING ORDERS.
9. Mounted Personnel will:-
- (a) If out on Works return immediately to Transport Lines SPY FARM reporting to Coy H.Q.^{RS} on arrival.
 - (b) If in Camp immediately harness up and be prepared to move off at five minutes notice.
10. All parties in FORWARD AREA will notify Coy. H.Q.^{RS} SPY FARM of their action and location by phone if possible.

16/2/18

(Signed) SE. EVANS CAPT.
A/O.C. 15th F.C. A.B.

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15th FIELD COY. AVST. ENGNS.

APP. 5.

ORDER NO 1

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REF. MAP. SHEET 28. SW. 2.

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1. Nos 1 and 2 SECTIONS with attached Infantry will relieve Nos 3 and 4 SECTIONS in the forward area on the night 20th/21st February.
2. The handing over of all work in the forward area will be mutually arranged between SECTION OFFICERS concerned.
3. No 3 SECTION and attached Infantry will move to MINDEN VILLAS Q. 2.6. a 9.7. ~~with~~ by march route on the afternoon of 20th Feb. and take over duties vacated by No 4 SECTION and attached Infantry.
4. No 4 SECTION with attached Infantry will move to COMPANY CAMP SPY FARM N 28 C 85 by march route on the completion of day work on 20th Feb in forward area.
5. 1 NCO and 1 Sapper of No 1 SECTION will not be relieved and will remain in charge of RAILWAY DUMP.

7. No 1 SECTION will take over all work in the CENTRE AREA (between the MESSINES. WYTSCHATE ROAD and line North and South through SPY FARM) from No 2 SECTION.
8. No 4 SECTION will take over all work in BACK AREA (west of line North and South through SPY FARM) from No 3 SECTION.

J. J. Hancock
MOC. 15th F. 6. 1818

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Transport Notes.

Throughout the month the horses have been on good timber standings with an iron roof over them,essian curtains being provided on the sides of the structure which when let down form a good weather proof shelter.

The health of the horses has been good and the epidemic of mange which caused considerable trouble last month appears to have been effectively dealt with there have been 4 evacuations during the month. No remounts have been drawn to replace these.

Twenty sets of frog protecting plates have been fitted and on soft roads appear to serve a very useful purpose. on hard metal roads however, particularly where there are loose stones, these plates are apt to become dented and cause pressure on the frog. There have been 154 anti mange dippings during the month, the horses having been taken to STEENWERCK for the purpose.

The present strength of horses is 69 made up of 41 light draughts, 11 mules, 15 rides.

The pontoons and pontoon equipment has been parked at NO. 9 PONTOON PARK and tops have been constructed for two pontoon wagons for carriage of material.

With the exception of the limbers which have become damaged through continuous use in carting R.E. stores over rough roads and are being repaired or replaced, all the vehicles are in good order.

Alder H. Thwin Lt
28/2/18

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APPENDIX 7.

Supplies

For the month of February the rations received have been excellent. The meat has averaged 65% all through the month & has been of very good quality. The meat ration has been supplemented by M + V Rations & preserved meat. The bread has averaged 70% & very rarely received in a broken state, it has been supplemented by biscuits & rice. Fresh vegetables have been good issue and of good quality. It is pleasing to note that the Pork & Bean ration which was issued as part of a meat ration has practically been eliminated.

The Forage received has been of good quality but there is a difference between the average weight of hay issued & average weight actually received which is on the light side. Take for instance 100 bales of hay are received from Railhead averaging 190 lbs per bale. This unit at present is entitled to 90 lbs of hay per day and when the bales average 190 lbs we receive 4 bales on weighing these 4 bales we find that they only average from 150 lbs to 160 lbs, the next day we receive 5 bales supposed to average 150 lbs on weighing same they average 140 lbs. Taking the weights for the last month I find that it equalises & there is little difference one way or the other. The oat weight is correct.

Ordnance

no difficulty has been experienced in obtaining stores from this branch

Fat

100 lbs of First Class Fat has been returned to Base for the month of February.

Salvage

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The following Salvaged stores have been returned to Salvage Dept at Ordnance receipts obtained for same

Tunics 5	web equipment sets 2
Breeches Md. 12	Rifles 12
" " 2	Helmet PH 12
Coats Great 1	Box Respirators 7
Puttees prs 19	Helmet's steel 8
Boots prs 25	Spurs Jack prs 3
Socks " 35	Jerkins leather 8
Haversacks 10	Cardigans 2
Hats felt 2	Shocks ground 6
Cases horsehoe 3	Shirts 2
Shoes horse prs 90	

Boot Repairs

One bootmaker is constantly being kept busy repairing boots. Since October 1917 to present date 280 prs of boots have been repaired. Besides repairs the majority of new boots drawn from Ordnance have been clumped with the extra sale regimentally.

Harness Repairs

One saddler is constantly being kept busy repairing harness, nose bags & horse rugs. This repairing of harness saves a lot of expense as regards drawing new harness etc.

28th July 1918.

John P. Baxter
 Col
 S. M. Capt

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15th FIELD COMPANY AUST. ENGRS.

GRAPH SHOWING STRENGTH OF UNIT FOR FEBRUARY 1918

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