

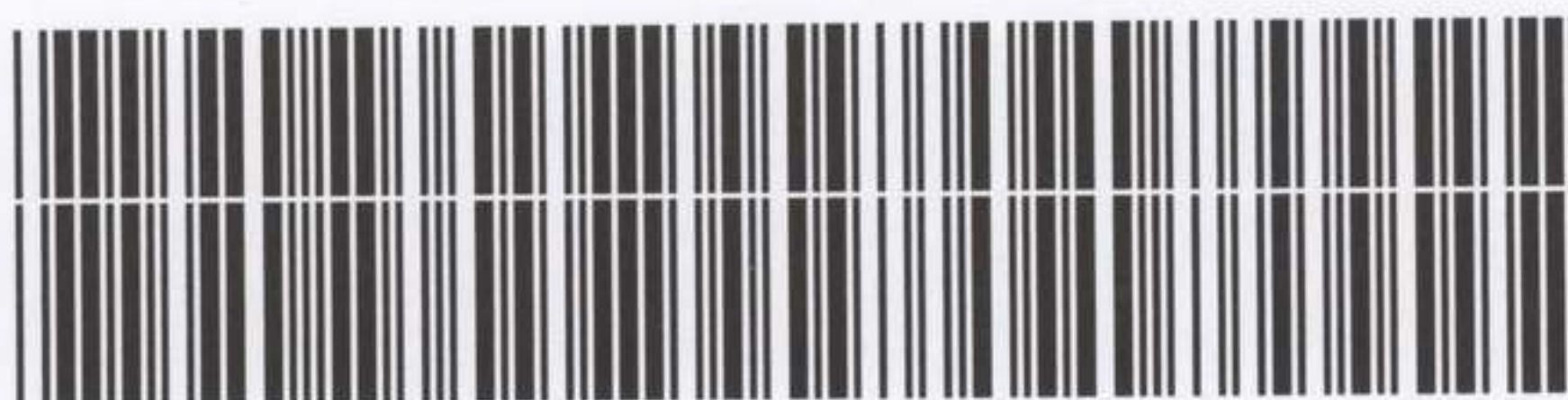
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Engineers

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Puire	30/1/17	10am	Company moved to MAMETZ Camp.	
MAMETZ	2/2/17	-	Nos 2 and 3 sections moved to MARTINPUICH, from 91st Field Coy R.E. and took over	
"	4/2/17	1pm	Unit moved out from camp. Transport, with exception of tool carts, water cart & 2 R.E. limbers. and 6 horses, to position near LA-BOISSELLE. Balance of sappers to camp of 91st Field Coy R.E. in MAMETZ WOOD off BEAVER ROAD.	
CAMP. BEAVER RD.	daily		No 1 section carried out training and lectures given by Captain Webb. on camouflage, Strong Points and Machine Gun Positions. Sections trained in moving as a complete unit. Other section engaged in camp duties and construction of drying room, work on Corps fine wire and on duckwalking.	
"	11/2/17		No 1 and 4 sections moved to Martinpuich to relieve No 2 & 3 sections.	
"	13/2/17	4pm	No 2 carried on with training similar to No 1.	
"	12/2/17		No 3 section completed drying room at Cortalmaison	
"	26/2/17	3pm	Major Evans. D.S.O. detailed to attend R.E. School at LEPARCE	
"	25/2/17	2.45 am.	Class Webb. No 6. evacuated suffering with shell shock	
"	27/2/17	2.30am	Orders received to prepare to move at an hour's notice, owing to enemy retirement	
			Transport parked ready to move, Pontoon & stretcher wagons at R.E. yard.	
			Unit stood to all day ready for a rush move.	
			Major Evans returned from R.E. School.	
			For work in Forward area, attached reports supply full details.	
			Lt Cartwright acted. S.O.E. Brigade.	
			Total casualties for month in rank and file. . 3.	

Major A.E. [Signature]
Commanding 9th Field Coy Engrs A.I.F.

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7th. FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

Progress of Work on Front Line Posts. Left Brigade Area.

9th/10th. Feby. 1917.

Material carried forward from Railhead to Forward Dump. (M.15. b.5.3)

87 "A" Frames.
 41 Sheets Iron.
 45' Battens (6" x 1")

Material dumped at Railhead. (M.21.c.2.6.)

82 "A" Frames.
 22 Revettment Frames.
 105 Sheets Iron.
 8 Pumps.
 16 lengths Hoss.
 1 Roll Camouflage.

Working Parties.

1 Section of	1 Officer	40 Other Ranks.	20th. Battl
7th. Field Coy.	1 Officer	20 " "	20th. "
	2 Officers	60 Other Ranks.	

No working party available to continue work of deepening Gilbert
 Alley Communication Trench.

Owing to the Brigades changing over, no carrying of material was
 done to the Front Line Posts.

Officer in charge.

Lieut. Christian.

7th. Field Coy. Engrs.

Progress of work. Left Brigade Area. 9th/10th. Feby. 1917.

Date	Time	Engrs.	Inf.	Class of Work.	Remarks.
9/2/17					
"	8hrs.	2	20	Gathering Road repair Material.	
"	"	6	40	Salving material & building Shelters.	
"	"	1	6	Extension to Brigade H.Q's. Mess Room.	
"	4hrs.	-	4	R.E. Dump work.	

No night parties owing to change over of Brigades.

Officer in charge.

Lieut. Cartwright.

7th. Field Coy. Engrs.

Drying Shed. CONTALMAISON CIRCUS.

One Shed completed, ready for Packs.

One Shed Frame erected.

DECAUVILLE Trick Top Frames.

3 4x4' Frames and one 6' Frame completed.

WIRING DUCKWALKS.

1000 yds. completed.

Working Parties.

One Section of 7th. Field Coy.

20 Infantry.

Supervisor

Sergeant Holt.

10/2/17

J. H. H. H.

O.C. 7th Field Coy.

Major A.E.
Asst Engrs.

DAILY WORKS REPORTS 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Area

12th 13th

Date	Time	Engrs.	Inf.	Class of Work and M.R.	Remarks
12/2/17	8.30 am 4.30 pm	6	40	Salving material and building shelters in GUNPIT ROAD.	Good progress
	8.30 am 4.30 pm	1	10	Collecting and stacking material for road repairs, also sorting out material at WEST END DUMP.	
	8.30 am 4.30 pm	1	6	Extension Bde H.Q. Mess Room.	Inf. reported at 11.15 a.m.
	5 pm 11 pm	1	10	Maintenance of DECAUVILLE Track.	Inf. reported at 6.15 p.m.
	6 pm 12 midnight	1	10	Maintenance of duckwalk Track.	
	6 p pm 11 pm	2	33	Road repairs and unloading at dump.	4 G.S. wagons arrived 9.15 pm instead of 6pm.
	6.30 p.m. 12.30 a.m.	1	20	Excavation and construction of new bomb stores at M.20.d.2.2.	Fair progress.
	6.30 p.m. 12.30 a.m.	-	20	16 carrying and working for Tunnellers at New Bn. H.Q. M.20.d.5.3. 4 carrying and working for Tunnellers at Bde. H.Q.	
	6.30 p.m. 10.30 a.m. (13/2/17)	-	16	New Bn H.Q. dugout at M.20.d.5.3.	Mining Platoon, 19th Bn.
	6.30 p.m. 12.30 a.m.	-	4	Extension of dugout Bde. H.Q.	-do.-
	8.30 a.m. 4.30 p.m.	1	-	Survey of wiring on intermediate line between ALBERT-BAPAUME ROAD and inter-brigade boundary.	

(sgd) A.R.McCOMB 2/Lieut.

W.T.B.

AMENDED REPORT onWORK CARRIED OUT IN LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR 12/13th Feby. '17.

Post	Garrison	Party Bprs	Inf.	Time	Work	% completed	Remarks.
26 27 28	10) 10) 10)	3	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Carrying mat- erial to Posts	25% 60% 60%	These posts have a common dump.
M.15.b.5.2.		2	8	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Repairs to screen		Materials carted on to site.
Railhead to M.15.c.8.5.		2	20	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Carting material to Inter. Dump		
M.15.c.8.5. to M.15.b.5.2.		1	10	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Carting material to Forward dump.		
West end dump to Railhead		1	10	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Trucking stores to Railhead		
M.15.c.8.5.		2	40	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Deepening GILBERT ALLEY		100 yards from R O.G.1-6"

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Lieut. P.J.FEWIRELL,
Officer in Charge.

WORKS REPORT - 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Area

13/14th February 1917.

Post	Garrison	Party Sprs	Inf.	Time	Work	% com- pleted.	Remarks
26	10					25%)	No party reported for this work.
27	10					60%)	
28	10					60%)	
29-30	20					80%	Employed in checking material on job.
31	10)					100%	
32	11)	1				100%	
33	10)					10%	
34	10)					10%	
36-37	20)					90%	-do-
39	13)	1				100%	
40	21)					100%	
41	10)					100%	-do-
42	8)	1				100%	
43	5)					100%	
44	12)					100%	
S 6	10					15%	
S 7	12					30%	

The following work was carried out as shown below;

GILBERT ALLEY. No infantry on job this evening. Carrying
 Railhead to intermediate dump:- 3 A Frames)
 18 sheets iron) 2 sappers
 21 panels) 15 Infantry
 100' battens)

Carrying from intermediate dump
 to forward dump: 160' battens) 2 sappers
 9 panels) 7 Infantry
 1 duckboard)

Renovation of camouflage: 2 sappers
 10 Infantry
 carried screen-
 ing material
 on to job.

Total number employed ! 6 sappers
 32 Infantry.

Checking stock and railway operation: 5 sappers.

(signed) P.J.FEWIRELL, Lieut.
 7th Field Coy. A.E.

WORKS REPORT - 5th Bde. (Aust. Inf.) Bde

REPORT ON THE WORKS OF THE 5th BDE.

NAME	COMP	TIME	DATE	REMARKS
1. 1st Coy	100	100	100	100
2. 2nd Coy	100	100	100	100
3. 3rd Coy	100	100	100	100
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WORKS REPORT - 5th Bde. (Aust. Inf.) Bde

The following works are carried out by the personnel involved in the works of the 5th Bde. (Aust. Inf.) Bde.

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DAILYWORKS REPORT - 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Area.

Date	Time	Sprs.	Inf.	Class of Work and Map Reference	Remarks
13/21/17	8.30 am 4.30 pm	6	35	Salving material and building shelters in GUNPIT ROAD.	Good progress made with these shelters.
	8.30 am 4.30 pm	1	10	Collecting material for road repairs and carrying for work on messroom extension at Bde. H.Q.	
	8.30 am 4.30 pm	1	6	Extension to Bde. Messroom.	
	6 am 6 am (14/2/17)	-	13	New Bn. H.Q. dugout at M.20.d.5.3.	19 Bn mining platoon. These men know very little about this dugout work.
	8 am 4 pm	-	2	Extension to Bde. H.Q. dugout.	Mining platoon
	6 pm 11 pm	-	2	- do -	-do-
	6.30 pm 12.30 am	-	20	16 carrying and working at new Bn.H.Q. M20.d.5.3. 4 at extension of Bde.H.Q. dugout.	
	5 pm 11 pm	1 -	-	Maintenance of Becauville track.	
	6 pm 12 midnight	1 -	-	Maintenance of duckwalk track.	
	6 pm 11 pm	2 x	32	Repairs to road and unloading at West End Dump.	20 G.S. wagon loads of bricks spread.
	6.30 pm 12.30 am	1	14	Construction of Bde.Bomb store at M.20.d.2.2.	Good progress
	8.30 am 4.30 pm	1	2	Gas proof doors for dugouts	Completed Bde H.Q. dugout. Dugout at M.30.a.6.4. almost completed.

(signed) A.R.McCOMB 2/Liut.

REPORT ON WORKS FROM 14th to 17th/18th FEB. 1917

LEFT BRIGADE

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Date.-	Day or Night Party.-	Engineers Daily.-	Infantry Daily.-	Class of Work and M.R.	Remarks.-
14th to 17th	Day Party	6	35	Salving Material, Excavating for and Building Shelters	These shelters are constructed almost wholly of salved Material.
"	" "	1	10	Salvage of Road repairing material	Hard bricks
"	Night "	2	40	Loading waggons & spreading " on Roads Martinpuich Main Road & Gun Pit Road	Work held up over non reports of G.S.Waggons for 2 nights 4 to 6 waggons.
"	Day "	1	6	Extensions to Bde. Mess Room	
"	" "	1	2	Fitting Gas proof Curtains & fronts to Dugouts.	
"	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	4	10	Extensions to Brigade H.Q.Dugouts	
In shifts.	6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	1	15	New Bn. H.Q's M.20.d.5.3	Very few of this tunnelling platoon were found to be miners & progress of work consequently slow.
	Night Party	1	10	Repairs to Decauville Track	Salving for old wire as all new stock used up.
	" "	1	10	Repairs & wiring Duckwalks	Construction of one nearly completed. Excavations for two nearly completed. Excavations for another started.
	" "	1	10.	Off-Loading Party R.E.Dump.	
	Nightly	2	20	Excavating & constructing Bomb Store M.20.d.2.2	

NOTE.- NO INFANTRY PARTIES REPORTED ON NIGHT 17th.

(Signed) A. R. McCOMB, 2/Lieutenant 7th Engineers
Officer I/c. of this work.

APPENDIX.

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REPORT OF WORK 14th to 17th/18th FEB. 1917.

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Date.-	Nightly Party.-	Sappers	Infantry	Nature of Work & M.R.	Remarks.-
14th/15th	Nightly	1	5	Repairing to Camouflage Screen M.15.b.3.1	Completed
" 16th	"	8	40	Carrying & pushing parties from R.E. Dump to Railhead and issuing Material	These are materials to be drawn for completing stuff required for Front Posts.
14th/17th	"	3	40	Deepening GILBERT ALLEY	Owing to hard nature of ground up to yesterday only little progress was made.
15th/17th	"	1	10	Carrying on Bn. H.Q. M.21.d.3.1	
" "	"	3	5	Excavating and clearing B.H.Q. M.21.d.2.1	
" "	"	3	5	Driving in extension of B.H.Q. M.21.d.2.1	About 3 lin. feet drive excavated.
					<u>NOTE.- NO INFANTRY PARTIES REPORTED ON NIGHT OF 17th.</u>

(Signed) P. J. FWIRELL, Lieutenant, 7th F.Co.
Officer I/c of this work.

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APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

REPORT "A"

Left Division

Front Line System.

1. Wire entanglements.

(c). Reserve Line Entanglements:- The whole Reserve Line has one belt of double apron wire existing with French wire improvements to strengthen the entanglement. A second belt has been commenced and from a point on inter Corps boundary M.15.c.4.9, to a point M.15.c.9.9. where the system crosses GILBERT ALLEY a double belt of wire has been completed. From point M.15.c.9.9 to the point inter brigade boundary wire consists of a single wave of 15th Division pattern wire (as shown per sketch). The second wave of this pattern has been commenced and exists from M.15.c.9.9 to M.15.d.2.8 a distance of 100 yards. About 900 yards of this second wave has yet to be completed. "Chevaux de Frise" have been made for BAPAUME ROAD at M.21.b.5.8.

2. Fire trenches and strong posts.

(a). Fire posts in Front Line number 22 and all consist of very poor trenches approximately 15 yards long. Revetting of these has been commenced but up to present no revetment frames have been placed owing to the nature of the ground.

3. Communication Trenches.

(b). In hand:- GILBERT ALLEY from O.G.1 at a point M.15.c.8.4 to a point 150 yards N. of O.G.1, work has been commenced on widening and deepening with a view to revetting eventually. The trench is now 4 feet deep. No revetments have been placed.

4. Overland Routes.

(b) On hand:- Maintenance of both Decauville and duckwalk tracks in the area has been attended to under sapper supervision. A considerable quantity of netting for duckwalks has been salvaged. 12 rolls of netting has been put on duck-boards.

5. Mined dugouts. Front System.

(a) Completed :- Nil.
(b) In Hand :- One dugout just commenced at M.15.b.6.4, one set put in gallery which is intended for Company Headquarters

Intermediate System.

(a) Completed:- Work completed at New Battalion headquarters M.20.d.5.3. shown on tracing "B". This work was carried out by 5th and 6th Brigade Mining Platoons. The 5th Brigade Mining Platoon (19th Bn) were unpractical men, and failed to carryout detailed instructions in many instances.

In rear of 2nd Line.

(a) Completed:- Battalion headquarters M.21.d.3.1.- Extension of Signallers chamber for a distance of 6 feet. Additional Accommodation has been provided at Brigade headquarters as shown on sketch "C".

Work carried out on Bde Hd Qrs by 5th and 6th Brigade Mining platoons under Sapper Officer's supervision.

9. Cover for Artillery.

(a). Bombproofs for dumped ammunition.

Extra Brigade Bomb store accommodation has been provided at

P.T.O.

-----at

REPORT "A" continued.9. Cover for Artillery(Continued).

---atM.20.d.6.2.

One Bomb store 8'x 6' inside dimensions has been fully completed.

Two are under construction, one of which is ready for storage of bombs.

One excavation in progress.

Two bomb stores completed in Gilbert Alley M15C.7.3 on 7/2/17

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS IN SUPPORT AREA.Corps Line Wiring.

At POZIERES end 250 yards (single belt) completed.

Material distributed for 300 yards more to complete double belt.

At MARTINPUICH end 200 yards (single belt) completed.

Material distributed for 400 yds more to complete.

Type of wire. :- 4 rows long pickets, 2 rows short with corresponding aprons.

Drying sheds.

Shed and Store at CONTALMAISON CIRCUS.X.12.d.6.9 completed and in working order night 15th .

Shed at SUSSEX CAMP S.15 .a.3.7. complete less furnace which is almost ready.

Camp.S.13.d.4.8 . Hut for attached infantry under construction.

SURVEYS, made of Corps Line Wire.

Duckwalks. Old duckwalk from VILLA STATION to WEST END DUMP, MARTINPUICH completely covered with wire netting.

300 yards of duplicating walk completed less netting.

ROADS. BAZENTIN to MARTINPUICH.

6. G.S. wagon loads of material (metal) unloaded and spread. Salving of timber and bricks in progress.

Divn'l Anti Gas & Bomb School. One " Amien " hut dismantled and re erected.

Duckwalk. Fricourt-Contalmaison Rd. 40 yds duckwalk laid and netted. 40 yards ready.

Cinema Theatre X 21.d.5.9 . Theatres pegged out and a start made with excavations for posts.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT "B"

Left Divisional Sector.

1. General Condition of trenches.

- (a). Front Line. This consists of a number of posts all about 15 yards long. The majority have not been revetted.
- (b). Support Line, is similar to front line.
- (c). Reserve Line.
- (d). Communication trenches:- Only one of these exists in the area. For the most part it is impassable. The reconstruction and revetting have been commenced.

2. The state of entanglements.

- (a) Front Line.
- (b) Support Line.
- (c) Reserve Line. The whole Reserve line has one belt of double apron wire. At present, strengthened with French wire, a double belt has been completed from M.15.c.4.9. to M.15.c.9.9. From here to the right inter brigade boundary the entanglement consists of first band of 15th Divisional wire. The second wave of this style is completed from M.15.c.9.9 to M.15.d.2.8 approximately 900 yards of this second belt is awaiting completion.

3. Amount of Deep dugouts accommodation completed.

- (a). Additional accommodation provided shown on tracing "B2" viz:- a chamber 18' x 8' x 6'. The total completed floor space in this dugout is now approx. 340 sq ft with a roof height of 6 ft.
- Additional accommodation provided for Brigade Hd Qrs as shown on Sketch "C" viz:- 54 sq ft floor space.

Miscellaneous Works.

Work on shelters in Gun Pit Road has been carried on with salvaged material.

Sketch "A"

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| 9A | -- | Excavation commenced. | |
| 9B | | Excavation completed | } Temporary shelter provided. |
| | | Construction in progress | |
| 9C | | do | do |
| 9D | | Excavation and construction completed. | |
| 9E | | " " " " | " |
| 9F | | " " " " | " |
| 15 | | Flooring put in. | |
| 15A | | Excavation and construction completed | |
| 17 | | It was necessary to re-sandbag this shelter which had been completed. | |
| 22 | | Construction and sandbagging completed | |
| 23 | | Excavation completed. | |
| | | Construction commenced | |
| 24 | | Excavation commenced. | |
| | | Each shelter (splinter proof) to accommodate 6 men. | |

Road Repairs.

The work of repairing and drain MARTINPUICH- GUN PIT ROAD has been continued. 154 G.S.wagon loads of salvaged brick has been spread. Material for revetting sides is being salvaged daily. Work delayed by absence of transport on several occasions.

BRIGADE MESS ROOM.

An extension has been put on to Brigade Hd Qrs Mess Room and other improvements made.

REPORT "B" continued.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS (Continued)Gas proof dugout-doors.

Gas proof doors have been provided in the following dugouts, 2 doors in each entrance being constructed:-

Completion of Bde Hd Qrs Dugout at M. 32.a.6.4.
 M. 32. b 1/2.6 1/2.
 M. 32.b.0.4
 M. 32 a.9.2
 M. 32.b.3 1/2.2

DECAUVILLE TRUCKS

Three decauville wagons 4' x 3'.6" re-decked and side frames fixed on same.

One decauville wagon 6' x 3' 6" redecked and side frame fixed on same.

Soup Kitchen.

A shed for a soup kitchen has been built in Gun Pit Road for 6t Bde.

West End Dump.

This dump has been run under Sapper Officer's supervision.

Survey.

A survey of wiring on Intermediate Line between posts "G" and "H" was made in accordance with instructions. Tracing of same supplied on 13/2/17.

Support Area.

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Corps Line Wiring.

250 yards (Single belt) completed at Pozieres end.

300 yards more to complete double belt.

200 yards (single belt) completed at Martinpuich end.

400 yards to complete double belt.

Drying sheds.

Shed and store erected at Contalmaison Circus. X.12.d.0.9 completed and in working order.

Shed at Sussex Camp. S.13.d.4.8.

Camp. Hut under course of erection.

Duckwalks.

Duck walks from Villa Stn to West End Dump, Martinpuich, completely covered with wire netting.

300 yards of duplicating walk completed less netting.

Roads

Bazentin to Martinpuich. Metal unloaded and spread.

Salving of timber and bricks in progress.

Divn'l Anti-Gas & Bomb School. One "Amien" hut dismantled and re-erected.

Duckwalk. Fricourt-Contalmaison Road. 40 yds. duckwalk laid and netted. 40 yds. ready.

Cinema Theatre. X.21.d.5.9. Started.

.....*J. B. B. C.*.....Lieut
 for O.C 7th Field Company Aust Engrs

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THREE DAILY REPORT from 22nd/23rd to 24th/25th

Date.-	Time.-	Eng.	Inf.	Three Daily Report	Remarks.-
24/25th	Day	5	40	Salving Material & erecting shelters in Gun Pit Road.) This work is now temporarily abandoned owing to more urgent works.
"	"	1	35	" & Collecting Material for Road Repairs	
"	"	2	6	Improvement & additions to B.H.Q.	This work now completed.
"	"	1	2	Gas proof Curtains	
"	Nightly	-	10	Off loading Party at R.E.Dump.	Dugouts at M.22.d.1½.5½. M.32.b.3.5 completed.
"	"	1	10	" " " " "	
"	"	1	10	Decauville Maintenance	Blowout near MILL RD repd. Putting up Duckwalks on bags 500 500 yds laid. Too hard to drive pegs.
"	"	1	10	Duckwalk Maintenance	
"	"	1	60	New Duckwalk Track	4th Store completed
"	"	1	10	Brigade Bomb Store M.20.d.6.2	
"	"	1	10	Bombers shelter Gilbert Alley M.20.d.5½.5½.	Excavation nearly complete. Shafts about 6' down.
"	"	2	12	Shafts for new Signal Dugouts "S" M.20.c.5.4 & "T" M.21.c.3.5 (This map ref. differs from one given in E.2/333 but is spot pointed out by Sig. Officer.	
"	"	1	40	Road party MARTINPUICH and GUN PIT ROADS	No transport available. This work has been held up on account of this.
"	"	1	10	Forward Coy. H.Q. Dugout M.15.b.6.4	
"	"	1	40	Deepening Gilbert Alley. (This work now temporarily) abandoned	This work now temporarily abandoned 25 Inf. of party failed to report night 23/24th.
"	"	1	14	New Left Bn. H.Q's M.20.d.6.2	
"	"	1.	30	William Alley Deepening and 4 yds of revetment placed in position	Lagging now completed. This work temporarily abandoned.
"	"	8		Supervising Revetting posts Front Line System	
"	"	2	40	Repairing BAPAUME, LE SARS RD, and filling in shell holes from GUN PIT ROAD towards LE SARS.	7th Fld. Coy. ration limber requisitioned for this work and 4 loads brick carted. This work was done before allotment of new road areas.
"	1-3.30 p.m.	2	30	Clearing POZIERES - LE SARS ROAD of fallen trees between DESTREMONT FARM and LE SARS	

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.....Lieutenant 7th Fld. Coy. Engrs.

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THREE DAILY REPORT 25th to 27/28th

Date	Time	Eng.	Inf.	Class of work & M.R.	Remarks.
25th to 28/2/17	6 p.m. to 6 a.m.	8	300	BAPAUME ROAD through to LE SARS cleared to M.16.c.8.7. (some shell holes to be filled)	Working party suffered casualties nightly from hostile shelling of road. This work now temporarily abandoned.
"	8 a.m. to 12 m/n	2	8	Unloading party WEST END DUMP	
"	" "	2	12	Signals Dugouts & shafts "S" M.26.c.5.4. and "T" M.21.b.2.5.	Shaft sunk 12 feet and timbered. Work on "T" M.21.b.2.5. abandoned
"	6 p.m. to 12 m/n	1	10	Bombers shelter M.20.d.5.8. GILBERT ALLEY.	Completed.
"	8 a.m. to 12 m/n	5	60	New Brigade H.Q. M.20.d.6.2. Mess Room & Kitchen, G.O.C's Room, Officers' Room, Orderlies Room, Officers Latrines, and Mens' ditto.	This work is now almost complete
"	5 p.m. to 11 p.m.	1	10	Decauville Track maintenance	Ballasting track & repairs
"	ditto	1	10	Duckwalk maintenance	Lifting Duckwalks & wiring same.

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