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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAP. 57 C.N.W. H.12.a. Central	1/5/17	8.30 am to 4 pm	Benmatre-Naulsa Road. H.12.c.25.50 to I.1.c.8.8 Lt. Close with 10 sappers - 180 infantry repair work attached Miners work on well at H.12.b.3.2 Major Evans wounded but remained at duty	Works Report 1/5/17 Works Report 1/5/17
Map 6 Const Miners 57c.	2/5/17	2.15 am	H. Bangalore torpedoes blows were effected in wire in front of Hundenburg line I.4 central to D.7.a.6.1. 3 blows from D.7.a.6.1 to D.7.a.4.3. One of parties were unable to reach the wire owing to enemy flares and bombing. Other parties were not hindered by the enemy.	
Road H.12.c.25.50 to I.1.c.8.8	2/5/17		Repairs to roads as per report. 2/5/17.	
H.12.a. Central	2/5/17	5.30 pm	Operation order. 262 issued and distributed to units concerned.	operation order 262 attached
	3/5/17		Barbed wire entanglements erected and strong posts established Lt. Hewtrell & party of sappers and infantry left camp at H.12.a central at 11.30 pm 2/5/17 with 12 Bangalore torpedoes. Work was to advance from rendezvous at C.5.a.3.3. after 2nd objective had been gained and clear any barbed wire obstacles. Owing to infantry not gaining objective party was ordered to return to camp by Lt. Col. G. 7th Aust. Inf Bde. Casualties: 1 sapper killed. Lt. Hewtrell wounded. 1 infantry man wounded.	Works Report 3/5/17
H.12.a. Central	3/5/17	10 pm	Orders received from C.R.E. 2nd Aust Div. for unit to stand to arms.	ditto
	10.10 pm		All men standing to	
	4/5/17	12.15 am	Orders received to stand down.	

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	4 th / 5 th / 5/17		Works carried out as detailed in works report ending 5pm. 5/5/17. attached	
	5/5/17		Casualties. 8 sappers wounded.	
	6/5/17		Total strength of unit at this date stands as Officers 200. O.R. with 6. OR on leave Great Britain. one officer 6 OR in Hld Ambulances & Rest stations in Divisional area. one officer and 14 other ranks detached for duty. attached personnel. 1 Engineer officer, 1 Tunnelling officer & 10 Infantry tunnellers from 28 th Bn. also 1 officer & 100 OR from 7 th Brigade, 2 aamc. Actual strength retained being 7 officers & 386 OR.	
H.12. a Central	7/8/5/17	3pm	Works carried out as reported in works reports attached. 1 sapper killed.	
	8/5/17	5.30pm	Major Evans rejoined from S.O.E. 7 th Aust. Inf Bde. Orders received to be ready to vacate camp before 10am. 9/5/17.	
"	"	11.15pm	" " that 80 sappers would be transported by Deauville train leaving Naulsa at 7 am 9/5/17 to Bazentin Rail head.	
	9/5/17	12.15am	Time of departure of train altered to 5 am.	
	9/5/17	4.50am	73 sappers marched to Railhead Naulsa & were transported to Bazentin.	
		10.am	Transport loaded & left to join main body of transport at Favreuil.	
		10.50am	Camp cleaned & vacated. J.V. McLeomb & 2 NCO's left to guide officers of 14 th Field Coy Wk around works in progress.	

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Beaver Camp Mamechy Wood	9/5/17	2.30pm	Camp occupied.	
57d. S.E.	10/5/17		Sappers cleaned camp and rested.	
S. 13. d. 2. 8.	11/5/17	10am	1st Lt. Close & No. 4. Section moved out to Contay with transport to carry on works for 5th Army Signalling School & Sniping range, Vaden Court Wood.	
	12/5/17		Balance of sappers washing & cleaning wagons - cleaning camp. Cleaning wagons etc. - first call of winter clothing collected & returned to DADOS.	
	13/5/17		14 sappers gathering suitable timber and stone for erection of monument in memory of 2nd Aust. Div. fallen. Balance cleaning camp.	
	14/5/17		2nd call of winter clothing collected & returned to DADOS. Continued work on 2nd Div. monument - Lt. Midler rejoined unit.	
Bouzin court	17	11am	Company moved via Contatmaron - La Boisselle - Albert - Aveluy to Bouzin court	
	17	2pm	Company camped in camp of 1st Aust Div Training School.	
	18		Training as per attached syllabus commenced. Afternoons devoted to sports	
	23	7.30am	Nos 1, 2, & 3 sections with bridging equipment moved to Bray-sur-Somme. Capt Webb M.C. rejoined unit - draft of 6 reinforcements received.	
	26	10am	Balance of Coy moved into billets. Holding at No 10. Lt McComb rejoined from leave.	
Contay	26	9am	No 4 section moved to Bray-sur-Somme for pontoon & bridging training.	
Bouzin court	26	5pm	Nos 1, 2, & 3 sections returned to Billets from Bray. Lt Cartwright rejoined from leave.	

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A. Evans Major

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Bouzincourt	27	5pm	Party of 4 OR. moved out to Summer Rest camp " " 7 OR returned from Rest camp.	
	28 th		Parties working on rifle range. Bouzincourt. Constructing ovens for DRS. Becordel. Work at new rifle range Bouzincourt, erecting stadium for 7 th Bde sports " on Water Pt Bouzincourt. Construction of targets.	
	29		Construction of Rifle range - erection of stadium - erecting troughs at Water Point Erection of Reserve tank at MILLENCOURT. - construction of ovens at DRS. Lt Fidler, 4 OR with tool cart to DEHQ for works at Rubempire & Contain One sapper to supervise water duties at Senuis.	
	30.		Construction rifle range - completing troughs Bouzincourt - Improving water supply at Martinsait. - Erection of 2nd Div. Memorial at Pozieres - 2 sappers at DRS.	
	31.	3pm	No 4 section returned to billets - Improving water supply at Martinsait - Construction rifle range - erection 2nd Div. Memorial Pozieres - construction of stadium and obstacles for 7 th Bde sports. Improving water supply MILLENCOURT. Sapper at Senuis relieved by 6 th Field Coy N.C.	
		5pm	Effective strength 8 off 206 OR. - less on leave 7 OR. 70 OR. 70 OR. 10 OR. 10 OR. Rationed. 8 officers 204 OR. on duty attached 1 off 6 OR 2 off 12 OR	

Drum Major

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

DAILY WORK REPORT FOR 24 hours ending 5pm 1st May 1917ADVANCED LINE.

Operations with mobile charges, Bangalore Torpedoes, were carried out against enemy wire from D.7.d.4.2. to D.7.a.40.35 at 215am of the morning of May 1st.

The parties were divided :-

1. Into one group of 5 from D.7.d.1.6 to D.7.d.6.3.
2. Into one group of 4 do D.7.central. to D.7.a.6.1.
3. " " " " 3 " D.7.a.6.1. to D.7.a.4.3.

Of these (1) the party with 5 charges, left our front line and proceeded to a point about 30 yards from enemy wire. Here several shots and flares were fired by enemy and a general stand to arms followed.

Enemy seemed to be occupying position just in rear of front belt of wire.

No "blows" occurred therefore between D.7.d.1.6 to D.7.d.4.2. Our party approached under guidance of infantry of 6th Bn and placed 4 torpedoes all of which were ~~xxx~~ successfully exploded in enemy wire.

3. This group was guided by infantry of 6th Bn and placed 3 charges ~~and xxx~~ which were exploded successfully in enemy wire..

Of the night's operations, therefore, 7 blows were effective, from D.7.central to D.7.a.4.3..

The two latter parties were not hindered/the enemy. No enemy action followed the explosion..

ARRANGEMENTS

Time arranged seemed to be quite adequate for the enterprise.

Owing to short time between setting moon and ~~sunrise~~ ^{day break}, a second attempt could not be attempted in case of failure of first operations.

Casualties:- NIL.

STATE-OF WIRE:- Wire was sufficient to form an obstacle but not very formidable; the second belt was very much stronger than the first.

Officer in charge of work:-

Lieut F.P.H. FEWTRILL.

J. M. Cantwell
.....Lieut
for.O.C. 7th Field Coy A.E.

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.OPERATION ORDER NO 262

Reference Map
MCOUST-STREIN.1/10.000

May 2nd 1917.

Task No 1 reference 7th A.I.Bde Operation order No 96 :-

1. The following works will be carried out on Y/Z night.
To assist the 5th A.I.Bde in protecting their flank during the advance on Z day, the following posts will be dug by the 27th Bn on Y/Z night.
2.

<u>POST</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>GARRISON.</u>
No 1	Approx U.30.c.25.00	1 Lewis gun with 50% crew & 9 O.R.
No 2	" U.30.c.35.30	ditto.
No 3	" U.30.c. 4.5.	ditto
3. WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS. These posts will be protected from the right flank by a continuous band of double apron fence barbed wire from C.5.d.6.6. to U.30.c.3.5. so sited that the M.Guns of the posts will enfilade the wire. (See Plan)
4. TOOLS & MATERIAL. 7th Field Coy A.E. will arrange to have the necessary tools and material in MOREUIL at 8pm on Y/Z night.
5. WORKING PARTIES. Two sections of the 7th Field Coy A.E. for wiring and assistance with posts.
One company 27th Bn (not less than 150 men) carrying.
One company 27th Bn wiring.
Half company 27th Bn (not less than 60 men) digging posts.
6. ASSEMBLY PLACE. of parties going forward will be at C.10.c.65. 85
Time of assembly :- 8.30pm.
7. GUIDES. 27th Bn will supply guides for carrying parties and sappers going forward.
8. FORWARD DUMPS. 27th Bn will arrange forward dumps of Engineers material and will stock as far as possible with salvaged German material.
9. MARKING OUT WORK. Lieut CHRISTIAN & MCCOMB, 7th Field Coy A.E. will assist in marking out the work to a plan to be supplied by S.O.E. 7th A.I.Bde. Tape can be obtained at dump C.10.c.65.85.
10. COVERING PARTIES. 27th Bn will either furnish their own covering parties or will arrange with 5th A.I.Bde to do so.
O.C. 27th Bn will arrange with S.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde to warn all M.G. coys and troops in the vicinity that the work is being done.
11. Report on work done will be forwarded direct to C.O's C, 5th, 6th & 7th A.I.Bdes and C.R.E. 2nd Australian Division.
12. No 2 TASK.
Assembly & Communication trench from C.4.c.30.15 to C.4.d.5.6.
This work will be carried out by the 1st and 2nd Bns. Major EVANS, 7th Field Coy A.E. will outline the work with tracing tapes.
13. The O.C. working party or representative will report at 7th A.I.Bde Headquarters with guide, at MOREUIL, C.16.c.3.8 at 8 pm to make reconnaissance of ground with Major EVANS.
14. Working party will proceed on task at 9.15pm and leave task at 3am or when trench is dug to the following dimensions:-
Depth 4ft 6", width at top 3ft, bottom 2 ft.

. 2.

15. Major Harrod will be responsible for getting the working party on job.
Suggested route:- starting from Sunken Road C.10.c.6.9. to C.4.c.5.1 .via communication trench running parallel to roadway and then turn right along tarrace on to the task. Party will not reach road junction ,C.10.c.7.9. till 9 pm owing to assembling of 27th Bn (see para 6)
16. TOOLS. Working parties will supply their own entrenching tools in the proportion of 1 pick to 4 shovels.
17. No 3 TASK.
Assembly trenches (2) Two - C.3.d.7.4. to C.3.d.90.25 and C.3.d.80.50 to C.3.d.95.55 will be dug by the 25th Bn
18. C.C. working party will report at 7th A.I.Bde headquarters (late 25th Bn) Hd Qrs) MOREUIL at 8pm and proceed with Major D.E.EVANS to make a reconnaissance of task. Major EVANS will outline work with tracing tape.
19. Working party will move on job at 9pm via MOREUIL-LONGATTE Road and along valley North East of MOREUIL-LONGATTE Road at approximately C.9.b.2.5.
20. TOOLS. Will be supplied by 25th Battalion.
21. OBJECTIVE. To get good cover before daylight
- No 4 TASK.
22. shelters. 26th Bn Headquarters. 7th Field Coy A.E. will construct two (2) shelters in sections and transport to dump MOREUIL C.10.c.7.7. to arrive at 8pm. 7th Field Coy A.E. will supply offloading party.
26th Battalion will make excavations to sizes already carrying party to site at C.4.a.3.0 7th Field Coy A.E. will supply personnel to supervise and assist in the work and supply necessary carpenters tools.
23. DUMPS. 7th Field Coy A.E. will take charge of dumps at Railhead VAULX and at C.26.a.7.2. and U.28.b.5.7.
Personnel .L.N.C.O. and 7 Sappers

"Z" DAY
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1. 7th Field Coy A.E. will make 4 gaps in enemy wire in front of HINDENBURG LINE at approximately U.29.b.5.3. ,U.29.a.50.85 (Roadway) U.29.a.6.2. and U.28.b.5.7.
2. The gaps to be made clear to enemy trench and marked by a white triangle size 1' x 1' x 1' at each side of gap facing both entrances.
3. Party will leave our front line when first phase of 3rd objective is reached by our attacking troops. Officer in charge of party:- Lieut KEMTRILL ,7th Field Coy A.E. will decide time and route to move to objective. Officer in charge will use discretion and blow where not already passable to infantry.
4. Party on completion of task will return to 7th Field Coy A.E. billets, officer reporting to S.O.B. 7th A.I.Bde C.16.a.5.8. en route.

TASK 5

1. RECONNAISSANCE. BRINCOURT. Two sappers go forward for wells----- two sappers digouts, mines, traps and hidden wires. Two sappers for dumps. The personnel detailed will be issued with a map of the village and will make written notes and mark maps.
2. On completion of tasks sappers will report to C. C. 7th Field Coy A.S. at 7th. A.I.Bde Hd Qrs.
3. Sappers detailed will go forward at time to be decided by S.O.B. 7th A.I.Bde, and will be assembled at 7th A.I.Bde Hd Qrs at 5 am for orders.

MISCELLANEOUS. Four Sappers will be detailed to S.O.B. 7th Aust Inf Bde Hd Qrs to act as runners and guides.

TRANSPORT. One pontoon wagon and 6 horses and M.C.O. to report at camp at 6 pm. Load up two small shelters complete and deliver at C.10.c.7.7. in Sunken Road near 27th Bn H.Q. 2 Sappers of company to supervise erection. Carpenters tools and nails required. Load on also 222 2500 yards tracing tape to be delivered at New 7th Bde Hd Qrs at C.16.a.3.3. One G.S.wagon to load up long pickets and short pickets and deliver at C.10.c.8.2. and to report at Coy Hd Qrs at 6 pm. One pontoon wagon with 6 horses and M.C.O. to report at Coy Hd Qrs at 1 am 3rd inst to cart Bangalore torpedoes to C.10.c.7.7.

James P. Wang
Major A. J.
C.C. 7th Field Coy Aust Engineers.

Issued at... 5.15 pm...

DISTRIBUTION:-

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7. 27th Aust Inf Batta.
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AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER No. 262. 2nd May 1917.

Para 12. No. 2 Task. read Assembly and communication trench from C.4 c 30.15 to C.5.a.4.3. This work will be carried out by 1st and 2nd Australian Infantry Battalions (1/s Major Herrod) 2nd Aust Inf Bn), 2nd Aust Pioneer Battalion, Tunnelling Coy R.E. (detailed by C.E.R.) on the following allotment:-

2nd Aust Pioneer Bn-	120 men-	approx	C.4.c.30.15	to	C.4.c.75.55
Tunnelling Coy R.E.	75 men-	do	C.4.c.75.55	to	C.4.c.95.20
1st & 2nd Aust Inf Bn	500 to				
	600 men	do	C.4.c.95.20.	to	C.5.a.4.3.

Major Evans, 7th Field Coy A.E. will outline the work with tracing tape.

Para 14 read:- 2 am in place of 3 am.

J. Evans
.....Major..A.E.
7th Field Coy A.E. Engineers.

7th FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

COMMENTS ON 7TH FIELD A.E. OPERATION ORDER 262.

Y/2 NIGHT - 2nd/3rd May 1917

HINDENBURG LINE BULLECOURT-QUEANT SECTOR

TASK No. 1 This work was completed in accordance with order before daylight on May 3rd.
Organisation and control of carrying, wiring and entrenching parties was most satisfactory.
This work successfully fulfilled the object for which it was designed. The enemy, on discovering the defence works at daylight, heavily shelled the posts and was successful in "blowing them in" and killing seven of the garrison.
Shell holes were manned behind the original posts and later fire trench constructed 650 yards long, C.5.d.7.6. to C.5.b.80.85, with second band of double apron fence (750 yards) ~~C.5.d.8.6. to C.5.d.70.95 to C.5.b.95 to C.5.b.95.99.~~

TASK No. 2 This work was completed before daylight, May 3rd in accordance with orders.
The work proved most useful for assembling of troops going forward following the attack and parties moving forward during daylight.
This Communication Trench in conjunction with portion approx. 500 yards constructed by 7th Aust Inf Bde Troops gave cover from MOREUIL C.10.a.60.00 to Railway embankment C.5.a.35.30. total of 2000 yards.
The trench named was the only C.T. completed to our old front line during the period of Division in the line.

TASK No. 3 This work was completed before daylight, May 3rd, and proved most useful for assembly of troops as tactical reserve and occupied by one Coy, 25th Battalion.

TASK No. 4 All work detailed to 7th. Field Coy was carried out in accordance with orders. 26th Battalion arrangements failed owing to men not being available for the excavations.

DUMPS
As named in order were taken over by 7th Field Coy and receiving and forwarding arrangements were satisfactory.

Z DAY 3rd MAY

WIRE DEMOLITION was not undertaken owing to the attack not developing past first objective, due to failure of British Division on our right.

COMMENTS All works detailed to the 7th. Field Coy were completed in the required time.

James Phau
.....Major A.E.
7th. Field Company Australian Engineers.
S.O.E. 7th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

May 10th. 1917

NOTES ON ENGINEERING AND PIONEER SERVICES.
 May 3rd 1917 Operations, BULLECOURT.

ROADS. Main routes easily repairable. Decauville should have been pushed up to at least NOREUIL, there was no reason why this should not have been done - Rails were not made available to Division - Salvage of rails at LE SARRS & POZIERES should have been more quickly organised. Recommended that as Corps Light Railways make their road, light rails replaced be automatically taken over by Division

WATER. Supplies were adequate and management reasonably good.

Communications. Communication trenches could have been excavated earlier. Enemy shelling cannot entirely destroy a whole length, and is usually repairable. The misuse of communication trenches was marked - no attempt made to direct traffic, dead bodies left lying in trench, boxes of bombs and ammunition thrown in and left. Parallel C.T's for up and down traffic are desirable. 1,500 yards of good trench can be dug by two full companies of Pioneers in three nights.

Trenches. If possible an assembly trench should be dug before an attack, even the same night of attack, at dawn. It can be done under better conditions than in a barrage area - forms the nucleus of a support and gives ground location.

Shelters. Forward shelters were inadequate, especially Brigade and Battalion headquarters. In future Field company commanders will arrange with Brigades to make provision earlier.

Dressing stations. More could be done to improve these. Field company commanders to pay special attention to this point and consult with brigades.

Strong Points. Too much at one time attempted. Cruciform type to be adhered to where possible, and work based on time available and number of party. Garrison should do more to improve, extend and maintain work laid out and portion properly constructed

Bombing Blocks. These were very effective, but ~~is~~ it is unworkable sending Pioneers over with attacking wave:-

- (1) There is no opportunity to work.
 - (2) The actual position of blocks depends on amount of ground won, therefore cannot be determined until situation clears sufficiently to make a decision definite.
- As soon as decision made, a sand bag block should be quickly formed, then pioneers brought up to permanently fill in say 60 yards of trench.

Detached sections. Found of no value and a waste of effort. No definite work could be allotted.

Field Companies. In future Company commander will act as liason officer. On a two-brigade frontage, one field company will take left and one right brigade. The company commander will advise on works required by Brigadiers and use his own company with infantry parties for such work as the brigade requires - reporting each morning to C.R.E. of work proposed and carried out. giving plan and numbers of personnel employed. These companies will remain in the same area throughout. Where work affects the whole division the third company with pioneer battalion will be employed. Recommendations for such work by liason officers to be given to C.R.E. who will detail the parties to carry it out. Company commanders not to employ more than two-thirds of their officers or personnel at one time.

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Position for attack. Moving up large parties in readiness for work requires more consideration- there is a liability to crowd infantry - loss through inadequate cover - unnecessary fatigue and consequent less efficiency through parties kept in state of readiness too soon.-

Position of camps. Although kept well back both Engineers and Pioneers were almost perfect in arriving on works at proper time - no confusion or loss of direction was reported. The extra march to the work was quietly done involving minimum of fatigue and parties worked uniformly well. The time possible to work at nights is so short now that it is evident the full rest obtained in a camp somewhat to the rear more than compensates for the shorter march to the front position.

Attached infantry parties. As a whole did excellent work and again proved most successful. Sending large parties of men from other battalions without a single officer and attaching other officers from other battalions without any men, is not conducive to good work. It is not expected the best fighting men will be detailed but a proportion of very efficient N.C.Os should be supplied. Field company commanders did their best to see to the proper accommodation and comfort of the infantry.

Road Work.

In some instances a noticeable lack of ~~observation~~ supervision by officers was apparent- numbers of men observed sitting or even lying down resting during working hours. As the distances from camp were short and hours light, this should not be permitted.

An inspection of the portion of road allotted should be made by the officer taking charge, before the working party proceeds to its work, and places requiring special attention noted.

In general, the work carried out rather exceeded the expectations formed as regards quantities. Company Commanders showed a high order of knowledge in preventing useless work being done-- the whole being of a serviceable character.

The Pioneer work was of a high order, the organisation and direction of working parties nearly perfect. In location of positions the Officers in charge showed exceptional ability. Throughout the period punctuality was strictly observed.

Sgd E.J.H. NICHOLSON. Lt Colonel.
C.R.E. 2nd Australian Division.

DAILY WORK REPORT FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 5 pm. 3rd. May 1917.

ADVANCED LINE.

Working Parties:- 27th. Battn. 4 Officers 200 O/R.
Sappers 2 Officers 50 O/R.

WORK. Erected double apron wire entanglement from

- C.5.a.9.7. to C.5.b.9.0.
- C.5.b.9.0. to C.6.a.4.9.
- C.6.a.4.9. to U.30.c.5.5.
- U.30.c.5.5. to U.30.c.3.6.

also wire around strong posts at C.5.d.9.6., C.5.d.9.4. to C.5.d.5.4.

- Strong Posts were dug at C.5.a.00.45.,
- C.6.a.2.9.
- U.30.c.30.35.
- U.30.c.35.45.

Strong Posts were dug to a depth of 4' 6" and gave cover of 6'.

Width at top 2'6", width at bottom 1'6".

Officers in charge of work :- Lieuts. Christian and McComb.

I have to report that my party left Camp at 11.30 pm. 2nd. inst. and reached rendezvous about C.5.a.33. at 2.30 am., 3rd. inst. and waited until 10.30 am. for signal to go forward. Infantry did not reach objective named. I became a casualty about 10 am. and reported to S.O.E. 7th. A.I. Brigade who ordered my party to return to Camp.

Party :- 13 Engineers 13 Infantry, 12 Bangalore Torpedoes
also Transport consisting of 1 G.S. Wagon.

Casualties :- Killed One Sapper N.C.O. Wounded 1 Engineer Officer and one Infantryman.

Signed F.P.H.FEWTRILL Lieut.

DETAILS.

One Cpl. and 5 Sappers with 3 Maps left Camp detailed for REINCOURT work at 11.30 pm.

Four Sappers as guides to S.O.E. NOREUIL left camp.

One Guide for R.E. Tunnellers Party.

One Runner for C.R.E.

One N.C.O. and 7 Sappers on Dumps, VAULX.

One Sapper on pump and valve repair at Baths, FAVREUIL.

One N.C.O. and 9 Sappers at B.P. and BAILIFF WOOD Dumps.

ATTACHED MINERS.

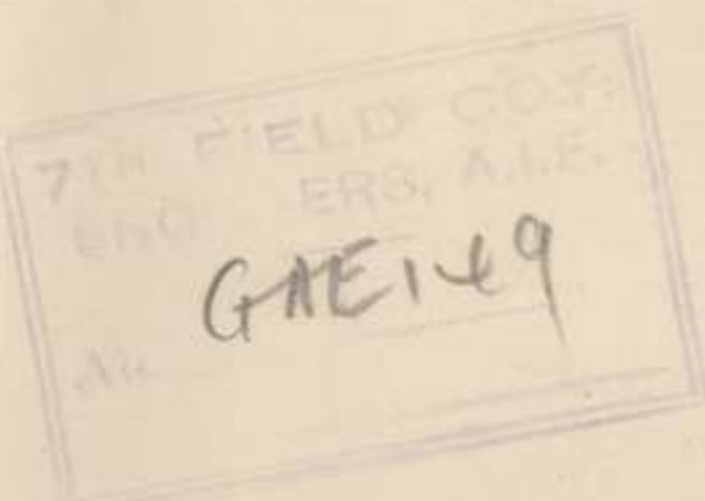
WELL at H.12.b.3.2. sunk to 30 ft.

Preparing timber for well. Cut niches and put in bearers for Timber.

Officer in charge of work :- Captain Wagstaff.

[Handwritten Signature]
..... Lieut.

for O.C. 7th. Field Company Australian Engineers.



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WORKS REPORTS FOR 4th and 5th May 1917. ending 5pm. 5/5/17

ADVANCED LINE

WORKING PARTIES:- 21st Battn 5 officers 120 O.R. (N.B) Sappers 11 O.R.

TASKS Work proposed was to establish strong posts at about U.22.d.85.45, U.23.c.1.5 and across road at U.23.c.35.40. On arriving on job post at U.22.d.85.45 was found to be impossible owing to enemy having regained ground in the area. Our forward posts at this time were at U.22.d.55.15 and U.23.c.05.35.

WORK DONE. Strong posts were established at U.22.d.55.15, U.22.d.95.20 and U.23.c.05.45.

Communication trench was dug linking up posts. U.23.c.05.45 to U.23.c.05.35, depth of C.T. averaged 5ft width 2 ft 6". Work on post U.23.c.05.45 was considerably hampered by our "heavies" continually falling short and bursting around post. Direction of fire from heavies about South-West.

REMARKS:- During the work of excavating for the C.T. between posts U.23.c.05.35. to U.23.c.05.45 what appeared to be a buried ~~staining~~ cable casing size about 12" x 4" was unearthed in centre of sunken roadway, about 3'6" underground--- direction of casing parallel to BULLECOURT- REINCOURT road. This has not been interferred with pending further investigation by Signal Section.

Casualties:- 2 O.R. wounded. Officer in charge of work:- Lieut F.E. Christian. N.B. The balance of ~~seven~~-infantry party of 230 as promised for the other parties of front line work were not supplied. One Engineer Officer, 2 N.C.O's and 20 Sappers stood by until 1.30am at 7th Bde Hd Qrs NOREUIL and then returned to camp.

WORKING PARTIES:- Sappers 42 O.R. 1 officer 258 Tun Coy R.E. 50 O.R. 1 do Attached 7th Bde Inf 80 O.R. 1 do

Infantry failed to report to me at place decided on in Railway cutting C.4.b.5.8.

I marked the trench out with tapes and the working party were being placed on their tasks when they had to withdraw owing to intense shell fire which was kept up. The sappers continued working whenever at all possible but the Tunnellers were unable to be rallied and had been scattered about. 15 yards of trench was dug to a depth of 2' 6".

Casualties:- Sappers O.R. 8. wounded. Tunnellers. O.R. 2 Killed. 4 Wounded.

Officer in charge of work :- Lieut. A.R. McComb.

CAMP DETAILS. 5/5/17

4 Sappers constructing sectional shelters. Total 10.

ATTACHED MINERS.

4.5.17 Well at H.12.b.3.2.- Cut and put in 18 ft of timbering through clay strata.

5/5/17. Well at H.12.b.3.2.-- Salved, prepared and put in 6 ft of timbering- total 24 ft.

Well sunk 5 ft- Total 35 ft.

Strata Chalk- bottom of well very moist.

Officer in charge of party:- Captain Wagstaff.

[Signature] Lieut for O.C. 7th Field Coy Aust Engrs.

7TH FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.Daily works report for 24 hours ending 5pm 6th May 1917ADVANCED LINE.

WORK:- Work completed last night as follows:-
 750 yards barbed wire double apron fence from Railway cutting
 C.5.d.8.6. to C.5.d.70.95 thence to C.5.b.9.5 thence to C.5.b.95.99

Fire trench excavated 600 yards along from C.5.d.7.6. to
 C.5.b.80.85., about 50 yards west of apron fence.

From railway cutting 375 yards of trench, 4ft 6" deep, the
 remaining 225 yards average depth 3' 6" deep.

Working parties :- 6th Brigade :- Entrenching
 200.O.R. 4 officers.
 7th Bde 200.O.R. 4 do

Wiring party:-
 Engineers. Sappers & H.C.C.'s -2 officers.
 Attached inf. 50.O.R. and 1 officer.

Casualties :- 2 infantry wounded.

Officers in charge of works:- Lieuts, Cartwright & Christian.

ATTACHED MINERS

Well at H.12.b.3.2. -- sunk 10 feet making total depth of 45 ft
 Ground. Chalk with nodular flint.

Officer in charge of work :- Captain Wagstaff.

J. H. Cartwright
Lieut
 for O.C. 7th Field Coy Aust Engrs.

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ADVANCED LINE.

Fire trench excavated 4'.6" deep and 3 ft wide at top and 2 ft at bottom, from C.11.d.2.4. to C.11.d.05.60 thence to C.11.d.2.9.  
Working party :. Sappers 2 officers- 2 Sections.  
Infantry 60 O.R.

OFFICER IN CHARGE OF WORK:-

Lieut McComb. *X J. E. Clogg*

Details.

- 2 Sappers effecting repairs to engine at 2nd Divisional Baths.
- 8 do Vault Dumps.
- 10 do at B.P. and Bailiff Wood Dumps.
- 1 do runner for C.R.E.

Attached Miners

WELL at H.12.b.3.2.. Sunk 10 ft-- Total depth 55 feet.  
Struck water at 53 feet which appears good. Sample forwarded to Science Officer No 2 WaterColumn.  
Well continue sinking to secure better supply.

Officer in charge of work:-

Captain Wagstaff.

*J. McComb*  
.....Lieut.  
for O.C. 7th Field Coy Aust Engrs.

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| 7TH FIELD COY.   |
| ENGINEERS A.I.F. |
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Work report for 24 hours ending 5pm

8th May 1917.

ADVANCED LINE.

Fire trench dug from C.11.d.2.9 to C.5.d.7.6. "waive" traversed for 1100 yards altogether.

From C.11.d.2.9- to C.11.b.25.55 trench 4ft 6" deep by 3ft by 2ft with parapet formed.

From C.11.b.25.55. to about C.5.d.5.2. trench averages 3ft 6" deep x 3' x 2' with parapet formed.

From C.5.d.5.2. to C.5.d.55.25 trench averages 2ft 6" deep only.

From C.5.d.55.25 to C.5.d.76 trench 4ft 6" x 3' x 2' and parapet formed.

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| Working parties :- | 26th Battalion.     | 4offs 270 O.R.     |
|                    | 27th do             | 3 do 150 O.R.      |
|                    | Attached Infantry   | 1." 65 O.R.        |
|                    | Sappers & N.C.O's & | 2.sapper officers. |

Casualties :- Killed One Sapper. Wounded 11 infantry wounded One infantry Officer.

Officers in charge of work:- Lieuts Cartwright & Christian.

ATTACHED MINERS.

Well at H.12.b.3.2. - Sunk to 58 ft. Depth of water in well 4ft.

Frame set put in shaft and opening set for chamber.

To secure a better supply it is necessary to cut a chamber off shaft and instal a pump, and sink deeper thus ensuring a supply of about 800 gallons per hour.

Attached herewith result of sample of water examined by Science Officer 2nd Water Column, Bapaume.

Officer in charge of Work :- Captain Wagstaff.

  
 .....Lieut.  
 for O.C..7th Field Company Engrs.

## APPENDIX.

SECRET.

7TH FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS.

HINDENBURG LINE.

BULLECOURT - QUEANT SECTOR.

PERIOD 16th April 1917 to 9th May 1917.

APPENDIX.

OPERATIONS BY 7TH FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

HINDENBURG LINE - BULLECOURT - QUANT.

Maps. ECOST St MEIN 57cm.E. 1/10.000 and 51B S.V. 1/20.000

- 1917.  
16th Apl. Drainage of Beugnatre-Vaulx Road. Constructing double apron barbed wire fence from Sunken Road C.11.d.4.7. to C.11.b.55.45 and single apron fence from C.11.b.55.45 to C.11.b.6.6.  
Working parties :- 3 Sections 7th Field Coy  
300 Infantry  
Supervision:- Lieuts. CARTWRIGHT. CHRISTIAN & McCOMB.  
Casualties:- 1 Sapper Wounded.
- 17th Drainage of Beugnatre-Vaulx Road. Constructing Double apron barbed wire fence from C.11.b.55.45 to railway embankment C.5.d.8.5.  
Working parties:- 3 sections 7th Field Coy A.E., 1 Company Pioneers & Officers, 150 O.R. 27th Bn and 50 attached infantry.  
Supervision:- Lts. CARTWRIGHT, CHRISTIAN & McCOMB.
- 18th Demolition of enemy wire entanglements by mobile charges on HINDENBURG LINE. 11 charges placed, nine successfully exploded. Officers in Charge. Lts CHRISTIAN & McCOMB.  
Repairs to Beugnatre- Vaulx Road, filling holes with brick carted from Vaulx. Sinking well at H.6.d.central.
- 19th Repairs to Beugnatre- Vaulx Road. Well sinking at H.6.d.central.
- 20th. Completed double apron wire entanglement from C.10.c.9.8. to C.10.d.2.4. Posts at C.10.c.75.85 and C.10.c.0.4 excavated and communication trenches to posts completed.  
Working parties:- Section 7th Field Coy A.E. and 4 officers & 100 O.R. 26th Battalion.  
Work taped out by Major EVANS - Supervision- Lt CHRISTIAN.  
Repairs to Beugnatre-Vaulx Road . Well at I.1.d.sunk to 14ft.
- 21st Constructed 450 yde double apron fence from C.10.c.8.8. to C.10.d.1.4( making 2nd Band complete). Strong points at C.10.c.75.85 and C.10.d.0.4. improved, Depth --5ft X 3" x 2' and provided with accommodation slits and latrines.  
Working parties:- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E. and 5 officers and 200 O.R. 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
Supervision :- Lt McComb.  
Repairs to Beugnatre-Vaulx Road from H.17.a.7.3. to H.12.b.2.2 57 loads of brick and metal placed on road. Foundation for bad portions of road made up with logs.  
Working parties:- 1 section 7th Field Coy and 1 company East Yorks Pioneers and 1 officer and 100.O.R. 7th Inf Bde.  
Supervision :- Lt CARTWRIGHT.
- 22nd Strong point at C.9.b.4.5. excavated to 3ft deep, 3 ft wide at top and 2 ft at bottom. Working party :- 2 sections 7th Field Coy. Work marked out by Major EVANS . Supervision Lt FEWRELL.  
Repairs Beugnatre-Vaulx Road from H.17.a.7.3. to H.12.b.2.2. 70 loads of metal and brick spread.  
Working parties:- 1 section 7th Field Coy  
7th Bde attached infantry.  
1 Coy East Yorks Pioneers.  
Supervision . Lt CARTWRIGHT.  
  
Well at I.1.d. sunk to 18ft 6", timbered to 11ft 6".  
Supervision. Captain WAGSTAFF.

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23rd April. Demolition of enemy wire HINDENBURG LINE.

8 charges placed between U.29.a.85.40 to U.29.a.0.6  
7 " " " " U.28.b.6.7. to U.28.b.05.55.  
14 of the above charges were successfully fired.

Working parties:- 7th Field Coy A.E. 54 Sappers.  
7th Inf Bde attached  
Infantry 15. O.R.  
25th Bn 45 O.R. (covering party).

Supervision . ~~Lt CARTWRIGHT~~  
Lt CHRISTIAN. A.E.

Repairs BEUGNATRE- VAULX Road. H.17.a.7.3. to H.12.b.2.2.  
58 loads of brick and metal spread.

Working parties :- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
7th Aust Inf Bde attached infantry.  
2 officers 100. O.R. 23rd Bn.  
Supervision . Lt CARTWRIGHT.

Well at I.l.d. sunk to 26 feet- struck water.  
Supervision. Captain WAGSTAFF.

24th.

Construction of R.A.P. ( splinter proof) at C.5.b.55.75.  
Size- 10' x 8' x 5'6" high. Structure made in sections  
in back area and put together in excavation at site.

Working parties :- 8 Sappers 7th Field Coy A.E.  
30 Inf 7th Aust Inf Bde Attached.  
30 " 7th Aust Inf Bde line  
(carrying).

Supervision:- Lt McCOMB.

Wire entanglement ( Double apron ) 360 yards from  
C.17.d.10.25 to C.17.d.7.1. erected.

Working parties :- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
1 officer 40 O.R. 23rd Bn.  
Supervision . Lt FEWTRELL.

Road Repaire, BEUGNATRE- VAULX Road from H.17.a.7.3. to  
H.12.b.2.2. 34 loads of metal and brick spread.

Working parties :- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
3 officers .100. O.R. 23rd Bn.  
attached Inf .7th Aust Inf Bde.  
Supervision. Lt CARTWRIGHT.

Well at I.l.d.55.50 . Cutting chamber for installation  
of pump preparatory to sinking deeper. Watertest GOOD.  
Supervision. Captain WAGSTAFF.

25th.

Strong points excavated at C.17.e.15.60 -3ft 6" deep,  
3 ft wide at top and 2ft at bottom completed with  
communication trench to road at C.17.e.1.5.

Working parties :- 6 Sappers . 7th Field Coy A.E.  
1 officer 57 O.R. 7th Aust Inf Bde.

Work marked out by MAJOR EVANS . Supervision. Lt CLOSE.

Wire entanglement ( double apron) 250 yards from  
C.16.b.15.70 to C.16.b.5.5.

Working parties :- 12 Sappers 7th Field Coy A.E.  
1 officer 36 O.R. 7th Aust Inf Bde.  
Supervision. Lt CLOSE A.E.

Road repairs. BEUGNATRE - VAULX Road. H.17.a.7.3. to  
I.l.c.8.8. 36 loads of metal and brick spread.  
Drains and embankments repaired along section.

Working parties:- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
4 officers 200 O.R. 19th.25th.26th.  
27th.28th Bns.

Supervision. Lt FEWTRELL.

Well at I.l.d.55.50. Chamber 5' x 5' x 6' complete.  
Pump installed in chamber.  
Supervision. Captain WAGSTAFF.

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- 26th April. Demolition of enemy wire HINDENBURG LINE by mobile charges between U.30.a.45.20 and U.29.b.85.50. 6 blows were effected. Party came under heavy rifle and machine gun fire and considerably more than the normal amount of flares before reaching the enemy wire. When charges exploded enemy sent up S.O.S. which brought down barrage. Party were kept in "No man's land" until barrage slackened and returned well organised.  
Working parties :- 34 Sappers 7th Field Coy  
15.O.R. 27th Bn  
Covering party. 27th Bn.  
Officer in charge. Lt CARTWRIGHT. A.E.  
Road repairs BEUGNATRE-VAULX Road H.12.b.0.0 to I.1.c.3.3. 39 loads of metal and brick spread. Sides and drains repaired.  
Working parties :- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
1 officer 70 O.R. 7th Aust Inf Bde  
2 " 100 O.R. 20th Bn  
Supervision. Lt CLOSE.
- 27th. Road repairs BEUGNATRE-VAULX Road. H.12.b.0.0 to I.1.c.3.3. 31 loads of metal and brick spread. Trimmed parapets, repairs and improvements to drains. Sumps excavated.  
Working parties :- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
60 attached 7th Aust Inf Bde.  
2 officers 100.O.R. 23rd Bn.  
Supervision. Lt CLOSE.  
Well at I.1.d.55.50. Construction of ladder to chamber and puddle wall around collar of well to prevent pollution of well by surface drainage.  
Supervision. Captain. WAGSTAFF.
- 28th. Wire entanglement ( Double apron) from approx. C.11.d.3.3. to C.11.b.8.6.  
Working parties :- 2 sections 7th Field Coy A.E.  
1 officer 50 O.R. 28th Bn  
Supervision. Lt CHRISTIAN.
- 29th. Construction of 4 troughs at I.1.d.55.45 and barrier.  
Erection of dressing room at Baths FAVREUIL.  
Making and signwriting notice boards.  
Construction of dugouts in sections.  
Construction of water troughs at SAPIGNIES.  
Repairs to Pumps at Baths FAVREUIL.  
Rehearsal for attack on HINDENBURG LINE.
- 30th. Road repairs BEUGNATRE-VAULX Road H.12.c.25.50 to I.1.c.8.8. 50 loads of metal spread. Placing road fenders. Terracing side of road. Repairs to drains.  
Working parties :- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
1 officer. 80 O.R. attached 7th Bde party  
2 officers 100.O.R. 17th Bn.  
Supervision. Lt CLOSE.  
Well at I.1.d.55.45. Levelling ground for horse standing  
Cover and trap door to well completed.  
Construction of Strong post dugouts in sections.  
Repairs to pump at Div Baths FAVREUIL.  
Building incinerators.  
Well at H.12.b.3.2. sunk to 12 feet.  
Supervision Capt. WAGSTAFF.
- 1st MAY. Demolition of enemy wire entanglements HINDENBURG LINE. 7 blows successful-D.7. Central to D.7.a.6.1., 4 blows-D.7.a.6.1 to D.7.a.6.1. to D.7.a.4.3. 3 blows.  
Party:- 34 Sappers 7th Field Coy A.E.  
Supervision. Lt FEWTRELL.  
Road work Beugnatre-Vaulx Rd. Placing fender posts in positn  
Working parties :- 6 sappers 7th Fld Coy A.E. and 50  
7th Bde attached infantry.  
Supervision. Lt CLOSE

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1st MAY.  
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Extensions to Div Baths FAVREUIL.  
Extension to 7th A.I.Bde H.Qrs NOREUIL.  
Constructing sectional shelters.  
Well at H.12.b.3.2. sunk 10 feet Total 22 feet.  
Supervision. Captain WAGSTAFF.

2nd/3rd,

Wire entanglements ( double apron ) erected from:-  
C.5.a.9.7. to C.5.b.9.0  
C.5.b.9.0. to C.6.a.4.9.  
C.6.a.4.9. to U.30.c.5.5.  
U.30.c.5.5. to U.30.c.3.6.  
also wire around strong points at ~~C.5.a.00.45~~ ~~C.6.a.2.9.~~ ~~U.30.c.30.35~~  
C.5.d.9.6 , C.5.d.9.4 to C.5.d.5.4.  
Strong posts were dug C.5.a.00.45 , C.6.a.2.9., U.30.c.30.35  
and U.30.c.35.45. These posts were dug to a depth of  
- 4'6" giving cover of 6 ft.  
Working parties :- 2 officers 50 Sappers 7th Field Coy A.E.  
4 officers 200. O.R. 27th Bn.  
Supervision. Lts CHRISTIAN & McCOMB.

One section in charge, of Lt FEWTRELL, 7th Field Coy A.E.  
detailed to clear tracks through enemy wire following  
attacking troops were unable to complete task allotted  
to them owing to attacking party not reaching objective  
due to failure of left division. Lt FEWTRELL reported to  
O.C. 7th Field Coy A.E. at 7th A.I.Bde Hd Qrs after becoming  
a casualty and was ordered to return to camp . Sappers  
detailed for reconnaissance of REINCOURT when captured were  
returned to camp owing to failure of troops reaching final  
objective.  
Well at H.12.b.3.2 sunk to 30 feet. Captain WAGSTAFF in charge.

4th/5th.

Work proposed was to establish strong points at about  
U.22.d.85.45, U.23.c.1.5. and across road at U.23.c.35.40.,  
Arriving at captured trenches work at U.22.d.85.45 was found  
to be occupied by the enemy. Strong points were established  
at U.22.d.55.15 , U.22.d.95.20 and U.23.c.05.45.  
Communication trenches dug linking up posts.  
Work on postx U.23.c.05.45 was considerably hampered by  
our "heavies" falling short and bursting around post.  
Working parties:- 1 section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
5 officers .120 O.R. 21st Bn.  
Supervision. Lt CHRISTIAN.

Lt McComb detailed to lay out and supervise excavation of  
trench from U.28.c.5.4. to U.28.a.90.05. Work laid out.  
7th Field Coy A.E. sappers and 258th Tunnelling Coy R.E.  
were being extended on job when heavy enemy barrage was placed  
on the area bringing from our lines the " S.O.S" signal.  
Parties were withdrawn until fire slackened. It was then found  
the Tunnelling Coy party had been withdrawn. Sappers  
continued the work but only 15 yards of trench was completed.  
Sufficiently good for occupation.  
Lt Mc Comb, when he saw that work could not be completed before  
daylight, went out under heavy shell fire and took up  
tracing tape.  
Well at H.12.b.3.2. - 24ft timbered through clay strata.  
Supervision Captain WAGSTAFF.

5th/6th

750 Yards wire entanglement completed from railway cutting  
C.5.d.8.6. to C.5.d.70.95 to C.5.b.95 to C.5.b.95.99.  
Fire trench excavated 600 yards from C.5.d.7.6 to C.5.b.80.85.  
Working parties:- Wiring:- 7th Field Coy A.E.-2 sections.  
7th A.I.Bde attached. 100 50 O.R.  
Entrenching. 4 officers 200 O.R. 6th A.I.Bde  
4 Officers 200 O.R. 7th A.I Bde.  
Supervision. Lts CARTWRIGHT & CHRISTIAN.  
Well at H.12.b.3.2 sunk to total depth of 45 ft.  
Supervision. Captain WAGSTAFF.

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6th/7th MAY. Fire trench excavated -4ft 6" deep, 3 ft wide at top and 2 ft at bottom from C.11.d.2.4 to C.11.d.05.60 to C.11.d.2.9.  
Working parties:-  
2 Sections 7th Field Coy A.E.  
60 O.R. 7th A.I.Bde attached.  
Supervision. Lts CLOSE & McCOMB.  
Well at H.12.b.3.2. sunk to total depth of 55 ft. Struck water at 53 ft. Supervision. Captain WAGSTAFF.

7th/8th. Fire trench dug from C.11.d.2.9. to C.5.a.7.6 - 1150 yards.  
Working party :-  
Ones section 7th Field Coy A.E.  
4 offs. 270 O.R. 26th Bn.  
2 " 150 O.R. 27th Bn.  
1. " 65 O.R. 7th A.I.Bde Attached.  
Supervision. Lt CARTWRIGHT & CHRISTIAN.  
NOTE:- 26th Battalion made relief of front line before going on the work.  
Well at H.12.b.3.2 sunk to total depth 58 ft. Captain WAGSTAFF in charge.

9th. 7th Field Company A.E. relieved by the 14th Field Coy A.E. and proceeded to camp at MAMETZ WOOD. Lieut McComb remained with relieving company until 10th May to give information and show company over front line.

TRANSPORT.

Mounted section in charge of Sergeant Rogers during period of company in the line, did excellent work in transport of material to forward dumps.

DISPOSITION.

see appendix "A" .

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*Arthur G. B. Paul* Major. A. E.  
Commanding 7th Field Company Australian Engrs.



## APPENDIX.

APPENDIX "A".

NOMINAL ROLL AND DISPOSITION OF COMPANY DURING  
 OPERATIONS HINDENBURG LINE 16th April 1917 to 9th May '17.

OFFICER COMMANDING :- MAJOR D.E. EVANS. D.S.O.  
 S.O.E. 7th Aust Inf Bde.

2nd in COMMAND :- Lieut. J.H. CARTWRIGHT.

attached - :- Captain P.W. WAGSTAFF  
 Tunnelling Officer 2nd Aust  
 Divn'l Engineers.

HEADQUARTERS:-

|      |          |          |        |                                                                           |
|------|----------|----------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2818 | W.O.     | WEBSTER  | G.     | Coy Hd Qrs. H.12.a. Central.                                              |
| 2811 | Serjt.   | CHATTO   | R.H.S. | " " " " " "                                                               |
| 2624 | L/C 1    | SPREAT   | C.H.A. | " " " " " "                                                               |
| 7365 | Sapper   | HENNY    | G.I.   | " " " " " "                                                               |
| 6679 | do       | PARKER   | J.W.   | " " " " " "                                                               |
| 2778 | do       | NORTH    | J.O.H. | ( transferred to A.F.C. 30/4/17<br>" " " " rejoined from<br>leave 27/4/17 |
| 2703 | do       | MOONEY   | W.     | " " " "                                                                   |
| 2820 | C.Q.M.S. | BARNES   | H.     | Horse Lines. FAVREUIL.                                                    |
| 2854 | F/Sgt    | HAMILTON | G.     | " "                                                                       |
| 2706 | S/Smith  | WILL     | M.O.   | " "                                                                       |
| 2691 | L.Cpl    | MCKENNA  | L.V.   | " "                                                                       |
| 525  | Sep.     | MITCHELL | D.     | " "                                                                       |
| 1886 | do       | BYRNE    | M.     | " "                                                                       |
| 2695 | do       | BRASIER  | C.     | " "                                                                       |

GROOMS & BATMEN.

|      |        |           |      |                          |
|------|--------|-----------|------|--------------------------|
| 3742 | Sapper | BAINES    | F.   | With S.O.E. Bde NOREUIL. |
| 2764 | do     | DRUCE     | H.H. | Coy Hd Qrs.              |
| 2700 | do     | ALEXANDER | J.L. | " " " "                  |
| 7113 | do     | MANNING   | H.C. | " " " from 24/4/17       |
| 6285 | do     | CANNON    | T.B. | " " " "                  |
| 6753 | do     | KIRKMAN   | E.A. | " " " "                  |
| 3808 | do     | ISON      | T.P. | " " " "                  |

A.A.M.C.

|      |          |           |        |                       |
|------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|
| 1000 | Private. | TAMBLYN   | L.L.   | Coy Hd Qrs.           |
| 317  | Private  | HAZELDENE | C.G.F. | Horse Lines FAVREUIL. |

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## APPENDIX.

## APPENDIX "A"

NUMBER ONE SECTION.

## OFFICER IN CHARGE :-

Lieut. F. P. H. FENWELL.  
Rejoined from leave 21/4/17.  
Wounded & Evacuated. 3/5/17.

|       |         |              |          |                               |               |
|-------|---------|--------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 2776  | Sergt   | MURRAY       | J.       |                               |               |
| 2432  | T/Cpl   | THOMPSON     | R.       | Killed in action              | 3/5/17        |
| 2763  | A/Cpl   | TUCKER       | J. R.    | Wounded at Duty               | 15.4.17       |
| 3752  | T/2/Cpl | HANDO        | B. E.    |                               |               |
| 2847  | Sapper  | WEIR         | J. R.    |                               |               |
| 2850  | Sapper  | BARRY        | J.       | Wounded                       | 5/5/17        |
| 4073  | L. Cpl  | CHENEY       | C.       | Wounded                       | 19/4/17       |
| 440   | Sapper  | BOX          | C. W.    |                               |               |
| 2132  | do      | TUDOR        | J.       | Wounded                       | 5/5/17        |
| 9616  |         | East         | O. L.    |                               |               |
| 6222  |         | SHADBOLT     | L. G.    |                               |               |
| 6565  |         | BEER         | E. A.    | Wounded                       | 5/5/17        |
| 2788  |         | ROWE         | S.       |                               |               |
| 1019  |         | MONKHOUSE.   | F. M. J. |                               |               |
| 2673  |         | McINTYRE     | T. D.    |                               |               |
| 2208  |         | WARDROP      | A. T.    |                               |               |
| 8253  |         | QUIRK        | W. C.    |                               |               |
| 1516  |         | BULL         | G.       | attached H. G. as Coy Runner. |               |
| 6665  |         | FITZPATRICK. | H. T.    | Evacuated Sick                | 5/5/17        |
| 14573 |         | MERRITT      | R.       |                               |               |
| 393   |         | BOND         | T.       | Dept'd on leave               | 29/4/17       |
| 7112  |         | KING         | T. G.    |                               |               |
| 7027  |         | BRADY        | E. A.    |                               |               |
| 10940 |         | PRENTICE     | W. L.    |                               |               |
| 14511 |         | LINDQUIST    | B. F.    | Evacuated sick.               | 28/4/17       |
| 14510 |         | JOHANSSON    | E.       |                               |               |
| 2696  |         | GLASSON      | A. G.    |                               |               |
| 2786  |         | HOWARD       | B.       | Wounded                       | 5/5/17        |
| 7254  |         | WILLIAMSON   | J. E.    | To Fld Amb                    | Sick. 17/4/17 |
| 2780  |         | HILL         | E. A. D. |                               | " M.M.        |
| 2733  |         | CANTLE       | H. E.    |                               |               |
| 14948 |         | HENDERSON    | J. W.    |                               |               |
| 15248 |         | TOWERS       | A. P.    | Wounded                       | 5/5/17        |
| 15134 |         | GREENHILL    | R. G. L. |                               |               |
| 14874 |         | CONROY       | R. W.    |                               |               |
| 4113  |         | WHITEHEAD    | G.       | Joined from Reinforce         | 27/4/17       |

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## NUMBER TWO SECTION.

| OFFICER IN CHARGE |          |            |        | Lieut. F. F. CHRISTIAN.                    |
|-------------------|----------|------------|--------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2708              | Sergeant | RAESIDE    | J.B.   |                                            |
| 2675              | Corporal | CALVER     | P.E.   |                                            |
| 2803              | T.Cpl    | BURGESS    | R.C.   | (M.M.) awarded Bar to M.M.                 |
| 2744              | L.Cpl    | COOPER     | A.     |                                            |
| 2651              | T/2/Cpl  | BRADSHAW   | F.     |                                            |
| 6678              | Sapper   | MURRAY     | J.     |                                            |
| 6685              |          | SMITH      | H.     |                                            |
| 2658              |          | TUNN       | H.E.   | Dept'd on leave 8/5/17                     |
| 432               |          | COOILEY    | J.T.   |                                            |
| 2746              |          | APPLEBY    | J.J.   | WOUNDED 27/4/17                            |
| 1942              |          | GREEN      | F.L.   | Dept'd on leave 7/5/17                     |
| 14496             |          | BURNETT    | J.     |                                            |
| 14990             |          | TANNAI     | E.     |                                            |
| 15484             |          | SWENNY     | M.     |                                            |
| 15051             |          | BRUTON     | A.G.   |                                            |
| 2855              |          | MACKINNON  | J.     |                                            |
| 3754              |          | HUMPHREYS  | G.A.   | Detached for duty at Pontéon Park BAPAUME. |
| 518               |          | BACKE      | A.A.C. |                                            |
| 6676              | L.Cpl    | MALIN      | A.E.   |                                            |
| 2761              | Sapper   | HARPOVER   | D.O.   | Evac Sick 3/4/17                           |
| 2773              |          | WILMAN     | J.M.   |                                            |
| 14540             |          | COLLIS     | G.     |                                            |
| 2760              |          | JOHNSON    | A.R.   |                                            |
| 2648              |          | TURNER     | L.G.   | Detached with 148 A.T. Coy R.E.            |
| 7366              |          | ILOU       | K.V.   |                                            |
| 6747              |          | HINK       | Cp     | Transfd to A.F.C. 30/4/17                  |
| 6681              |          | RAVEN      | L.     |                                            |
| 2704              |          | OLIFF      | C.McL. |                                            |
| 14574             |          | LEHANE     | H.     |                                            |
| 14515             |          | PENGELLY   | H.     |                                            |
| 6420              |          | PETERSEN   | F.S.   |                                            |
| 8597              |          | CWEN       | W.F.L. |                                            |
| 2654              |          | TUCKWELL   | C.F.   |                                            |
| 15423             |          | DONALD     | D.     | Killed in action 28.4.17                   |
| 14540             |          | COLLIS     | G.     | " " " 7.5.17                               |
| 15753             |          | SHARROCK   | J.     |                                            |
| 16237             |          | WILLIAMSON | H.P.   | Joined as Rfote 4/5/17                     |
| 16195             |          | ELTIS      | R.H.M. | " " " 4/5/17                               |

NUMBER THREE SECTION.  
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OFFICER IN CHARGE :-

Lieut .A.R.McCOMB.

|                   |               |                          |      |                                                                 |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2607              | Cpl ( T/Sgt)  | MCPEERSON                | J.   | Rejoined from A.G.B.D. 19/4/17<br>Wounded 5/5/17. Awarded. M.M. |
| 2824              | T/Cpl         | WORLEY                   | R.S. |                                                                 |
| 2686              | 2/Cpl         | LENTHALL                 | B.   |                                                                 |
| 2711              | T/2/Cpl       | PORTER                   | J.W. | Awarded M.M.                                                    |
| 859               | L.Cpl         | LONGDEN                  | E.   |                                                                 |
| 14936             | Sapper        | BENFIELD                 | J.   |                                                                 |
| 2759              | do            | FENTON                   | R.F. |                                                                 |
| 3746              | do            | BROWN                    | R.J. | Rejoined from leave 30/4/17<br>Evac sick 3/4/17                 |
| 3270              | do            | SORENSON                 | E.T. | Dept's on leave 5/5/17                                          |
| 2620              | do            | MONTGOMERY               | A.   |                                                                 |
| 6689              | do            | WHITEHAIR                | A.B. |                                                                 |
| 3755              | do            | MYER                     | D.W. |                                                                 |
| 14554             | do            | CONNELLY                 | W.   |                                                                 |
| 6646              | do            | ADLER                    | J.   | Evac sick 29/4/17                                               |
| 15233             | do            | BENNETT                  | M.   |                                                                 |
| 2724              | do            | HAWKES                   | E.O. | With S.O.E. Brigade as Runner at NOREUIL.                       |
| 6657              | do            | AMBROSE                  | W.J. | Evac Sick. 8/5/17                                               |
| 7367              | do            | KEMPTHORNE               | C.J. |                                                                 |
| 15403             | do            | COOPS                    | S.   | Evac Sick 7/5/17                                                |
| 6312              | do            | BEDFORD                  | A.   |                                                                 |
| 14082             | do            | DAWSON                   | G    |                                                                 |
| 2719              | do            | HUNTER                   | F.   |                                                                 |
| 3753              | do            | HOLMES                   | W.J. | Detached for duty with 149 A.T.COY R.E.                         |
| 6673              | do            | HUNTER                   | J.   | Awarded M.M.                                                    |
| 6670              | do            | GORDON                   | T.   |                                                                 |
| 6680              | do            | PHELPS                   | C.A. |                                                                 |
| 3757              | do            | ROBERTSON                | T.B. | Rejoined from leave 19/5/17                                     |
| 14481             | do            | HERBERT                  | A.   |                                                                 |
| 7343              | do            | BATE                     | R.V. |                                                                 |
| 15480             | do            | McSORLEY                 | I.D. |                                                                 |
| 15244             | do            | BAILEY                   | J.A. |                                                                 |
| <del>23232X</del> | <del>do</del> | <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> |      |                                                                 |
| 15247             | do            | PHILLIPS                 | A.G. |                                                                 |
| 14985             | do            | BELKIND                  | I.   |                                                                 |
| 9028              | do            | HARRISON                 | J.   | Detached for duty with 6th F.C.A.E.                             |
| 2650              | do            | BELL                     | E.A. | F.A. 21/4/17                                                    |
| 16226             | do            | POTTER                   | G.L. | Joined from rfets 27/4/17 Wounded 5/5/17                        |
| 16176             | do            | BULLEN                   | G.L. | " " " " " " " " " " " "                                         |

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NUMBER FOUR SECTION.  
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OFFICER IN CHARGE :- LIEUT CLOSE. J.C.  
WHOLE SECTION AT B.P. AND BAILIFF WOOD DUMPS UNTIL 23rd inst.  
Balance of section as shewn thereafter.

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|-----------------------|----------|-------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 2669                  | Sergeant | HOLT        | F.H.   | transferred to Aust Flying Corps 30/4/17          |
| 2678                  | Corpl    | HARRISON    | C.O.   |                                                   |
| 2816                  | 2/Cpl    | GRICE       | O.N.   |                                                   |
| 2732                  | L.Cpl    | FLETCHER    | H.     | remained at dumps during whole period             |
| 6660                  | Sapper   | BARNWELL    | D.H.   | " " " " " "                                       |
| 2728                  |          | SCARR       | J.H.A. |                                                   |
| 7388                  |          | CHANDLER    | J.T.   |                                                   |
| 7953                  |          | KEAUGHAN    | A.V.   |                                                   |
| 8985                  |          | PEACOCK     | J.E.   |                                                   |
| 7383                  |          | WEIDNER     | L.R.   |                                                   |
| <del>23722</del> 7372 |          | MORGAN      | H.     |                                                   |
| 6658                  |          | ANDERSON    | F.     |                                                   |
| 2841                  | L.Cpl    | HUNT        | W.M.   | dept'd on leave 26/4/17                           |
| 2796                  | Sapper   | FIRTH       | P.E.   |                                                   |
| <del>15277</del>      | Sapper   | COOPER      | F.H.   | with Coy at Forward area from 23/4/17             |
| 651                   | "        | Longson     | E.     | wounded 5/5/17                                    |
| 2795                  |          | THORPE      | R.I.   | Dept'd on leave 6/5/17                            |
| 2679                  |          | BAKER       | F.S.   |                                                   |
| 7341                  |          | BAIKIE      | J.     |                                                   |
| 3750                  |          | FULTON      | H.B.   | at R.E. dump Vaulx.                               |
| 2632                  |          | BURNS       | J.F.   | " " " "                                           |
| 2717                  |          | LAWSON      | ASP    | detached as runner for C.R.E.                     |
| 3593                  |          | O'DONOVAN   | S.     | Rejd from hospital 27/4/17 dept'd on leave 2/5/17 |
| 2637                  |          | RAYMOND     | E.N.   | Rejd from hospital 27/4/17                        |
| 6688                  |          | WILKES      | F.     | detached for duty 149.A.T.COY R.E.                |
| 2626                  |          | WARREN      | J.J.   |                                                   |
| 14499                 |          | NICHOLLS    | W.C.   |                                                   |
| 15248                 |          | OWEN        | E.J.   | R.E. dump NOREUIL.                                |
| 15460                 |          | OWEN        | F.R.   | " " "                                             |
| 15245                 |          | KIRCHNER    | A.E.   |                                                   |
| 15469                 |          | TIGG        | E.S.   |                                                   |
| 15310                 |          | FAIRWEATHER | H.     |                                                   |
| 15705                 |          | GIBSON      | J.     |                                                   |
| 15303                 |          | ANABLE.     | R.W.   |                                                   |
| 14946                 |          | GALWAY      | A.I.)  | Joined from reinforcements 27/4/17                |
| 16647                 |          | WALLIS      | L.)    |                                                   |

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HOUGHTON SECTION.  
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| N.C.O. 1/c . |          | SERGEANT        | ROGERS.                                                                                                      |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2667         | Corporal | SORRELL C F.    | Billeted at HORSE LINES near FAVREUIL<br>With No 4 Section portion of period.<br>On leave 19/4/17 to 29/4/17 |
| 2769         | 2/Cp 1   | DWYER A.E.      |                                                                                                              |
| 2745         | L.Cpl    | BOOTS E.J.      |                                                                                                              |
| 2676         | L.Cpl    | MOLLEY W.D.     |                                                                                                              |
| 2731         | Driver   | ELLIS W. H.     |                                                                                                              |
| 2738         |          | TOMPKINS C.J.   | Granted leave 9/5/17                                                                                         |
| 2655         |          | ROSEMOND. J.J.  |                                                                                                              |
| 2846         |          | WINTON A.D.R.   |                                                                                                              |
| 3759         |          | VIGGERS W.A.    |                                                                                                              |
| 2762         |          | COYSE W.G.      |                                                                                                              |
| 8904         |          | KEMP F.H.       |                                                                                                              |
| 6652         |          | FITCH H.T.      |                                                                                                              |
| 2660         |          | GIBSON G.       |                                                                                                              |
| 2771         | L.Cpl    | DWYER A.C.      |                                                                                                              |
| 2801         | Driver   | HACKMAN H.A.    |                                                                                                              |
| 2682         |          | HARDY L.E.      |                                                                                                              |
| 2610         |          | BUSBY J.        |                                                                                                              |
| 587          |          | JARVIS O.R.     |                                                                                                              |
| 2688         |          | STRETTLES H.J.  |                                                                                                              |
| 2693         |          | WALSH. J.J.     |                                                                                                              |
| 5410         |          | HARRIOTT R.S.   |                                                                                                              |
| 8659         |          | KIRKPATRICK F.  |                                                                                                              |
| 8657         |          | CHERRY J.       |                                                                                                              |
| 193          |          | ACTON W.J.      |                                                                                                              |
| 3105         |          | GIBSON A.       |                                                                                                              |
| 2734         |          | WALTERS I.D.    |                                                                                                              |
| 6418         |          | MACKENZIE D.    | WITH No 4 Section portion of period                                                                          |
| 2666         |          | ROSS L.E.       | " " " " " "                                                                                                  |
| 6341         |          | WALDER F.J.     | " " " " " "                                                                                                  |
| 6342         |          | VINZAR W.M.     | " " " " " "                                                                                                  |
| 5551         |          | LANGDON H.G.    | " " " " " "                                                                                                  |
| 8178         |          | DONNELL J.      |                                                                                                              |
| 2779         |          | JARVIS F.S.     |                                                                                                              |
| 3760         |          | WILLIAMS E.G.   |                                                                                                              |
| 14027        |          | CATT C.         | " " " " " "                                                                                                  |
| 3742         |          | BAKER W.G.      |                                                                                                              |
| 14684        |          | MURRO D.        |                                                                                                              |
| 14577        |          | ELDFIDGE B.     |                                                                                                              |
| 2680         |          | ROGERSON S.D.   |                                                                                                              |
| 2627         |          | GRAY W.D.       |                                                                                                              |
| 7376         |          | PHILLIPS L.W.   |                                                                                                              |
| 10284        |          | KNIGHT F.G.     |                                                                                                              |
| 8660         |          | KERNEE L.D.     |                                                                                                              |
| 2787         |          | MARK DWYER B.P. | Rejoined from hospital 19/4/17                                                                               |
| 2701         |          | MCALPIN S.H.    | " " " "                                                                                                      |

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7<sup>TH</sup>. FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.May 18th. to June 4th. 1917.

| Date.           | Time.                | NATURE OF TRAINING.                         | REMARKS.           |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MAY             |                      |                                             |                    |
| 18th.           | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training                         |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30pm.    | : Squad Drill, Rifle Exercises.             | : Physical Train-  |
| 19th.           | : 6.30am to 7.30 am. | : Physical Training.                        | : -ing to be a     |
|                 | : 9 am to 12.30pm.   | : Squad & Company Drill. Rifle Exercises.   | : varied as train- |
| 20th.           | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training                         | : -ing for Sports. |
|                 | : 9am. to 12.30 pm.  | : Musketry Instruction.                     |                    |
| 21st.           | : 6.30am to 7.30am   | : Physical Training                         |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30pm.    | : Musketry Instruction.                     | : Smartening up    |
| 22nd.           | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training                         | : Squad Drill.     |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30 pm.   | : Strong Points. Rapid Wiring.              |                    |
| 23rd.           | : 6.30am. to 7.30am  | : Physical Training                         |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30 pm.   | : Strong Points.                            |                    |
| <del>23rd</del> | : 9 PM. to           | : Night Scheme.                             |                    |
| <del>24th</del> | : 1/2 am.            |                                             |                    |
| <del>25th</del> | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training.                        |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30 pm.   | : Bombing Bays Blocks. M.G. Positions       |                    |
| <del>26th</del> | : Whole Day.         | : Pontoon Bridging.                         |                    |
| <del>27th</del> | : Whole Day.         | : Pontoon Bridging.                         |                    |
| <del>28th</del> | : Whole Day.         | : Trestle Bridging.                         |                    |
| 29TH            | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training.                        |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30pm     | : Compass Reading. Reconnaissance Reports.  |                    |
| 30th.           | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training.                        |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30 pm.   | : Strong Points. Wiring.                    |                    |
| 31st.           | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training.                        |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30 pm.   | : Compass Instruction & Reconnaissance.     |                    |
| 31 May)         | : 9 pm to 3 am.      | : Night Scheme.                             |                    |
| 1 June)         |                      |                                             |                    |
| 2nd "           | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training.                        |                    |
|                 | : 9am. to 12.30 pm.  | : Tactical packing of Tool Carts.           |                    |
|                 |                      | : Organization of Working Parties.          |                    |
| 3RD. "          | : 6.30am to 7.30am.  | : Physical Training.                        |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30 pm.   | : Laying out work.                          |                    |
| 4th. "          | : 6.30am to 7.30am   | : Physical Training                         |                    |
|                 | : 9am to 12.30 pm.   | : Company in open warfare. Skeleton Scheme. |                    |

In addition to above programme, Lectures to be arranged for 1 hour duration each 2nd. day on :- R.E. Preparation for Offensive, R.E. in Offensive, Camouflage, R.E. Preparation for Tanks, Gas, Organization of R.E. Company. Co-operation of R.E. and Infantry and other Arms. Sanitation, Bridge construction and Demolition etc.

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O.C. 7th. Field Company Australian Engineers,