

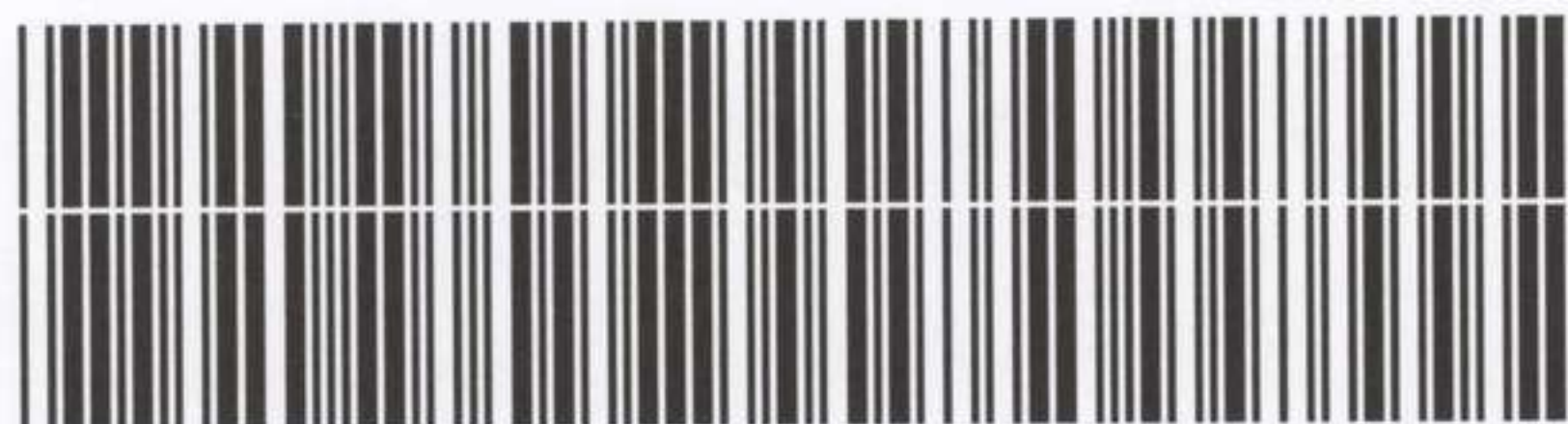
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DICKEBUSCH + OUDERDOM DIEPENDAAL SECTOR (NPRES)	OCT. 1 1916		<u>Distribution of Coy.</u> Capt. Tolley with 3 sections in billets at DICKEBUSCH On section and mounted section at OUDERDOM in huts under O.C. Coy. The three forward sections engaged in general trench maintenance and additions to defensive system in DIEPENDAAL sector employing from 200 to 300 infantry per day, the rear section employed in constructing stables at OUDERDOM for own use, and in small detachments on work in R.E. workshops and dumps. Main works taken over:- RESERVE TRENCH between P.40. TRENCH and CHICORY LANE, to dig, revet, drain, fit fire-steps and duck-boards. NEW RESERVE TRENCH between POPPY LANE and SOUTHERN REDDURT to dig, revet, drain and fit fire-steps and duck boards. P.40. TR., CHICORY LANE, POPPY LANE, BOIS CARRÉ general repairs, cleaning drains below duck-boards PUMPING STATION and water supply system generally repaired, altered, cleaned and put in working order.	

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DIEPENDAAL SECTOR (MPRES)			<u>Men employed and casualties.</u>		
	1		Spr. 53	Inf. 160	Casualties.
	2		84	334	
	3		88	183	
	4		84	344	
	5		89	356	Lieut. E.C. CRIBB wounded in left arm.
	6		85	312	
	7		84	338	
	8		87	320	
	9		76	340	
	10		79	310	
	11		77	347	² /Lieut. D.E. BALDWIN and ² /Lieut. G.S. KEESING reported for duty. appointed to no. 4 and no. 3. sec. respectively.
	12		80	314	Lieut. GRANT transferred to Base depot.
	13		79	336	
	14		81	318	
	15		86	359	
	16		75	282	
	17		71	324	
	18		96	349	
	19		79	342	
	20		79	342	
	21		71	296	
	22		77	292	
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DIEPEN DRAAL SECTOR (YPRES)			Reserve Trench between P & O and Chicory Lane Communication Trenches	12,315	450* yds Trench widened + deepened " " A Frames Duckwalks + metalled frame. Revetments. 220 yds Drainage to Creek 100 yds revetted. 160 " Trench repaired. New Duck Walks + Drain 80 " Repairs to Traverse + parados (shell damage) 200 " Iron Steps 160 " Parados revetted. All material carried from Bois Carre + Bois confluent Dumps		
			NEW RESERVE TRENCH between POPPY LANE and SOUTHERN REDOUBT	28,000	1010 yds Trench widened + deepened " " A Frames, duck walks, + metal revetments 400 " Iron Steps 400 " drains cut (120 yds revetted) 3 box drains 300 " revetted parados + parapets 60 " Communication Trench from Southern redoubt framed + duck walks		
			TRENCH REPAIRING P and O TRENCH CHICORY LANE " POPPY LANE " BOIS. CARRE C.T.	4,200	1700 yds new Duck Walks. Drainage repaired and parapet raised for 300 yds.		

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DEPENDANT SECTOR (VPRES)			FRONT LINE EAST REDOUBT WEST SOUTH S.P. 7	2,112	All drainage + floors in Redoubts renewed + Dugouts repaired. Parapets raised + screening erected. Breastwork + Traverses repaired in front line Duckwalks renewed + drainage repaired	
			WATER SUPPLY	925	470 yds 1" pipe laid. Two reserve Tanks erected Pipe line overhauled. Pumps at Dikebusch Str. overhauled. Pipe system readjusted. Overhauled Oil + Mereweather pump engines. All water pipes traced and plotted on maps. 2 men continually at Pumping Str., supervising system + repairing standpipes	
			CARRYING PARTIES from HALLEBAST R.E. DUMP.	4040	Whole of R.E. Stores carried on tramline to Dump	
			SURVEY. WORK	162	Whole Brigade Sector surveyed showing Defences + Pipe line. 3 Maps prepared	
			SCREENS	420	500 yds Camouflaged screen made and erected	
			BOIS. CARRE	21 225	Tram line to Tunnel supervised Erection of Drying Room.	

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DIEPENDAAL SECTOR (YPRES)			DEAD DOG. FARM.	154	Erection 4 Man Dugouts for Telephone Testing		
			JUNCTION of JARVIS STREET and. SUPPORT LINE	126	Reconstructed 4 Dugouts. Salvaged R.E. Stores		
			R.E. DUMP. BOIS. CARRÉ	2 MEN.	Supervision distribution of R.E. Stores		

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DIEPENDALE SECTOR (YPRES)	1916		<u>Data from which rates of progress etc. can be computed.</u>	
	OCT.		<u>RESERVE, I.R.</u> Practically 500 yds. of new trench constructed and revetted together with considerable repair work and cutting of drains in 12,315 man hours allowance 25-20 man hours for complete construction, drainage, fitting fire steps, duck-walks etc. per yard of trench. This includes carrying material to work and ordinary inefficiency due to darkness, shell interruptions etc.	
			<u>NEW RESERVE TRENCH.</u> Roughly 1000 yds. constructed complete with considerable necessary subsidiary works in drainage etc. in 28000 man hours, say from 22 to 28 man hours per yard of trench with extra works, including carrying all material about 1½ miles and usual interruptions due to shelling etc.	
			<u>Movements of Coy.</u>	
	23		all sections concentrated at OUDERDOM, handed over works to 123 rd Field Coy. RE.	
	24		Left OUDERDOM 1.30 p.m. marched to BOESCHEPE, arriving 3.45 p.m.	
	25.		Coy. organisation and training.	
	26.		Left BOESCHEPE 10.45 p.m. arriving GODWAERSVELDE 12 midnight, entrained	
	27.		arrived LONGPRÉ near ABBÉVILLE at 10.40 a.m., detrained, marched to VAUCHELLES LES-DOMART arriving 2.45 p.m. billeted.	
	28-31		Coy. training.	Clarke Riddell M.C.

BOESCHEPE

GODWAERSVELDE

VAUCHELLES

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DOMART.