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13 Field Coy A.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRICOURT	11/11/14 21/1/14		<p>New Years Day Holiday Company less HQ section employed on construction of improvements to Sydney Camp. HQ section on similar work Adelaide Camp</p>	
	3.1.14 - 7.1.14		<p>no change. morning work carried on as last week. Afternoon Bath parade.</p>	
	8.1.14		<p>Work as before.</p>	
	9.1.14		<p>Company moved out to near Longueval. Sheet 57C 523 a 5 & picking up HQ section from Adelaide Camp en route. Relieved 1st Field Coy A.E.</p>	
	10.1.14		<p>HQ 2 & 4 sections under Lieut Potts & Lieut Molloy moved out to deep dugouts S of Fiers in T.B. Central. Disposition of company as follows - HQ 2 & 4 sections under Lieut Potts & Lieut Molloy working in Front Line Grove Avenue. Forage Avenue. Hay Avenue. Switch Trench. Cheese Road. HQ 3 section under Lieut Bell. working under C.R.E. Defences & HQ 1 section under Lieut Norman on miscellaneous duties & camp improvements. Lieut Stewart on leave.</p>	
	11.1.14		<p>Work as before. Casualties 2 HR wounded.</p>	
	12/1/14		<p>Work carried on as before.</p>	
	13/1/14		<p>Work interfered with on Front Line & Forage Avenue owing to heavy shell fire. Infantry officer took his party away on account of the heavy fire. Work carried on by rest of company as before.</p>	
	14/1/14		<p>New work on Front Line R Sub sector greatly hampered by large amount of repair work necessary. No Infantry parties available on Smoke Trench & Grass Lane owing to relief. Work otherwise the same.</p>	
	15/1/14		<p>Work on dugouts out for h. Gunners in Front Line 25% completed. No Infantry party reported for work on Grove Alley. Shell fire interfered with work on Forage Avenue. Duckwalk from Cheese Road to Front Line completed. Darkness hindered work considerably on Main Duckwalk, only day work in future. New work commenced on Front Line, cleaning & revetting.</p>	
	17/1/14		<p>no work on Grass Lane owing to relief. Work everywhere else as before.</p>	
	18/1/14		<p>HQ 3 section under Lieut Bell relieved HQ 2 section under Lieut Molloy. HQ 3 section to carry on the work previously done by HQ 2. HQ 1 section to take over the work previously done by HQ 3 under Lieut Molloy, viz, to work under the order of C.R.E. Defences on wire entanglements. HQ 2 section under Lieut Norman working on camp repair & miscellaneous duties.</p>	
	19/1/14		<p>Work was interfered with owing to Battalion relief. Work on Front Line Grove Alley Switch Trench Grass Lane Forage Avenue Hay Reserve proceeding satisfactory. New communication Duckwalk was started from Bazentin - Hay Reserve. 100 yds laid.</p>	

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Longueval	20.1.17 - 21.1.17		Work same as before. Party commenced wiring on the Reserve & Intermediate lines. Party working under C. A. E. Defences, now working under orders of Division. The party under Lieut Norman are on a new tactical wiring scheme. Work on Front Line retarded by earth slide, also work on Bulls Run. Aid Post tunnels, seriously hampered by heavy falls of earth. New communication duckwalk track from Bazentin-Hay Reserve completed . Work on other jobs as before. <small>total completed to date 850 yds.</small>	
	23.1.17		Day party on Hay Reserve hampered by aeroplanes, which fired on them, otherwise work just the same.	
	24.1.17		Work on Hay Reserve & Forage Avenue delayed & trench damaged by heavy shell fire, aeroplanes also made day work very difficult. On all jobs work great difficulty was experienced owing to frozen state of ground, rendering excavations very difficult. Otherwise work as before. Lieut Molloy on leave. Lieut Norman in charge of both wiring parties.	
	25.1.17		Work on Hay Reserve hampered owing to the lot of repair work necessary, owing to heavy shelling the previous day. Work on other jobs was also interfered with owing to the frozen state of ground. Lieut Stewart returned from leave.	
	26.1.17		h01 Section under Lieut Stewart relieved h04 Section under Lieut Polke, h04 section left the dugouts after 5 PM with an interval of 50' between every b-men on the duckwalk from dugouts to Brigade. Lieut Bell will be in charge of h03 & h01. Sections. h04 sections will take over h01 section work on bank repair & maintenance. Lieut Norman in charge of h02 Section on tactical wiring on Intermediate Defence Line & also on Corp Defences. Ground frozen hard which makes digging & excavating very difficult, work otherwise the same.	
	27.1.17		no change.	
	28.1.17		Work on Duckwalk between Bazentin & Hay Reserve interfered with owing to heavy shelling. Casualties 10/R. wounded. Day party on Grove Alley repaired damage to trench done by shell fire the previous day. Nothing else to report from other jobs.	
	29.1.17		R. A. P. in Bulls Run completed, work otherwise the same.	
	30.1.17		Nothing to report	
	31.1.17		Work on Main Duckwalk delayed owing to shell fire. Day party working on Intermediate Defence Line Tactical wiring had to stop work on account of heavy shell fire. Work as before on other jobs.	

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