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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Steps 4th Bus No Coy

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pommiers Redoubt MONTAUBAN	1st to 20th Jan.		Lieut. Col. A. M. Martyn, D. S. O. acting C. R. EM during the absence of Lieut. Col. G. C. E. Elliott, D. S. O. On the 11th inst the 4th Field Coy. Moved back to Fricourt Brigade Camp for work under C. R. E. Corps Troops. 13th Field Coy. moved forward same day for work with 13th Brigade. 12th Field Coy. moved up from Vignacourt to Dugouts in Bulls Run on same date.	
	20th Jan.		Major V. A. H. Sturdee, D. S. O. reported and took over duty as C. R. E. 4th Field Coy. moved from Fricourt Brigade Camp to camp in forward area.	
	21st to 31st Jany.		Two sections of the 258th Tunnelling Coy. were placed at the disposal of the C. R. E. for work on dugouts, for hospital accommodation at Bernafay terminus, for Divisional Headquarters at Bazentin, for Brigade, battalion, and artillery accommodation in Delville Valley. Two coys. of the 5th Pioneer Battalion, and a detachment of the Anzac Entrenching Battalion employed on second line defences. Field Coys. were distributed as follows :- One Coy. timbering at Bazentin House (accommodation for Divisional Headquarters) stabling and various hutting requirements in Div. camps, bunking &c. in dugouts. One coy. excavating dugouts, laying tramways on double duckboards. (This line to be used for pushing only) wiring and trench maintenance. One coy. on Intermediate line M. G. Positions, wiring, trench maintenance and excavation of dugouts..	

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Montauban	Jan 1917		<p>Owing to the extension of the Corps Front, all Decauville lines forward of Brigade Headquarters were handed over to Divisions for control and maintenance. An officer was made available from an Infantry Battalion for duty as R. T. O., a small permanent staff being obtained from the same source. Pushing parties requisitioned for by the R. T. O. as required. Specimen stock sheet at R. E. Dumps is attached.</p>	Appendix "A"
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DAILY STATE OF STORES IN ENGINEER LUMP.

at 3 p.m. on..... 1917.

Nature of Stores	Quarry	Longueval	Flers Alley.	Gap Trench	Bulls Run	Watling Street.
"A" Frames	No.					
Axes Felling	No.					
" hand	No.					
" Pick	No.					
" B Miners	No.					
" helves	No.					
Adzes heads	No.					
" helves	No.					
Augers	No.					
Boxes Thermos (or food containers)						
Braces, Carpenters	No.					
" bits	No.					
Brooms, Bass	No.					
Bursters, Concrete	No.					
Bolts, door	No.					
Bolts & Nuts	No.					
.....	No.					
.....	No.					
Bags, Sand bales (250 per bale)						
Boards, trench (or duckwalks.)						
Single	No.					
Double	No.					
Breakers, wire,	No.					
Brushes, paint	No.					
Blocks, snatch & various.	No.					
Braziers, impro- vised	No.					
Baskets, earth	No.					
Buckets, latrine	No.					
Cutters, wire	No.					
Cement, barrels.						
Cupolas & ftgs. sheets						
Calais, C.I.						
English "C" Type						
" "B" "						
Shelter, Elephant						
Flat sheets Elephant						
Canvas R.P. Green rolls						
Canvas, green, Willdens ft.						
" white, ordinary rolls						

Nature of Stores	Quarry	Longueval	Fiers Alley	Gap Trench	Bulls Run	Watling Street.
Canvas White, duck ft.						
Cordage, size.... fms.						
" " fms.						
Crowbars No.						
Carbide lbs.						
Candles no.						
Camouflage rolls.						
Chisels, carpenters No.						
Detonators no.						
(give no.)						
Expanded metal sheets.						
Extinguishers, fire No.						
Fascinés No.						
Fuze, safety or instantaneous						
Felt, tarred, rolls.						
Fittings, water						

Girders, steel 12' No.						
" " 10' No.						
" " 9' No.						
Guncotton, slabs No.						
Gongs, gas No.						
Gloves Hedging No.						
Hooks, bill No.						
Hammers, claw No.						
" Engr. No.						
Hinges Bee No.						
" Butt No.						
Hose, canvas, suction lengths						
Hose, L. K. Del'y "						
Hurdles, revetting.						
Iron, bar, dia&c.... bars						
" " " bars						
" sheet, plain sheets.						
" Corr. 3' "						
" " 14" "						
Lamps, acetylene No.						
Lathes, door No.						
Loophole plates No.						
Latrine seats tops No.						
" " c'plete No.						
Mud scrapers No.						
" Scoops No.						
Mauls No.						
Matting Coir rolls						
Nails, 1" cwts.						
" 2" "						
" 3" "						
" 4" "						
" 5" "						
" 6" "						
Oil, boiled. gals.						
Pickets, angle iron, long No.						
Pickets, angle iron, short. No.						
Pickets, screw long No.						
Pickets, screw medium No.						
Pickets, screw short No.						

Nature of stores	Quarry	Longueval	Flers Alley	Gap Trench	Bulls Run.	Watling Street
Trucks, Decauville						
Flat top	No.					
Box	No.					
Tacks, clout,	lbs.					
Nails, assorted	No.					
Wire, banded, coils.						
" plain, gauge---	Coils					
" netting	"					
" Concertina	"					
Wheelbarrows						

Appendix E

DAILY STATE OF STORES

in.....Engineer

Dump at 3 P.m.....1917.

Nature of Stores	No.	Remarks.
"A" Frames	No.	
Axes, pick	No.	
" " Liners	No.	
" " "		
" " helves	Lo.	
Boxes, thermos (or food containers)	No.	
Bursters, concrete	No.	
Bags, sand	bales.	
Boards, trench. (or duckwalks)	No.	
	single No.	
	double No.	
Cupolas, fittings		
Calais (C.I.) sheets.		
English C Type	"	
" B Type	"	
Shelter, Elephant	"	
Flat sheets	"	
Canvas green A.P. Rolls		
" white, ord'y	"	
Candles	No.	
Expanded metal, sheets.		
Felt, tarred, rolls.		
Girders, steel 12'	No.	
" " 10'	No.	
" " 9'	No.	
Hose, canvas, suction lengths.		
Hose, L. K. Del'y lengths		
Hurdles, revetting	No.	
Iron, sheet, plain sheets.		
" Corr. 3'	"	
" Corr-14"	"	
Loopholed plates	No.	
Latrine Seats, tops	No.	
" " complete	No.	
Mud scrapers	No.	
" Scoops	No.	
Matting, Coir	rolls.	
Nails, 1"	cwt.	
" 2"	"	
" 3"	"	
" 4"	"	
" 5"	"	
" 6"	"	
Pickets, angle iron long.	No.	
" " "		
" short	No.	
Pickets, screw long	No.	
" " med.	No.	
" " short	No.	
" forest 3'	No.	
XXXXXX " ...'	No.	
Pitprops...dia 9'	No.	
" ...dia 8'	No.	
" ...dia 6'	No.	
Pumps, becks	No.	
" Bethune	No.	
" Trench	No.	
Rails, steel 13'	No.	
" " 10'	No.	
" " 8'	No.	

Inventory of Stores
No. 100

Nature of stores	No.	Remarks.
Staples 1 1/2" cwts.		
" for trench wire "		
Spikes.....	No.	
Shovels	No.	
Spades	No.	
Tapes, tracing	No.	
Tram rails light	No.	
" " heavy	No.	
Timber 9x3 run. ft.		
9x3 mining sets		
Pieces.		
6x3 run ft.		
5x3 " "		
4x3 " "		
4x2 " "		
4x1 " "		
3x3 " "		
3x2 " "		
3x1 " "		
6x1 " "		
Weatherboards, #1- run		
Rough Cut. "		
1" Planking "		
T and G. "		
Trucks, Decauville		
flat top. No.		
Box. No.		
Tacks, clout	lbs.	
Wire, barked, coils		
" plain, gauge		
coils.		
" netting "		
" concertina "		
Wheelbarrows.		