

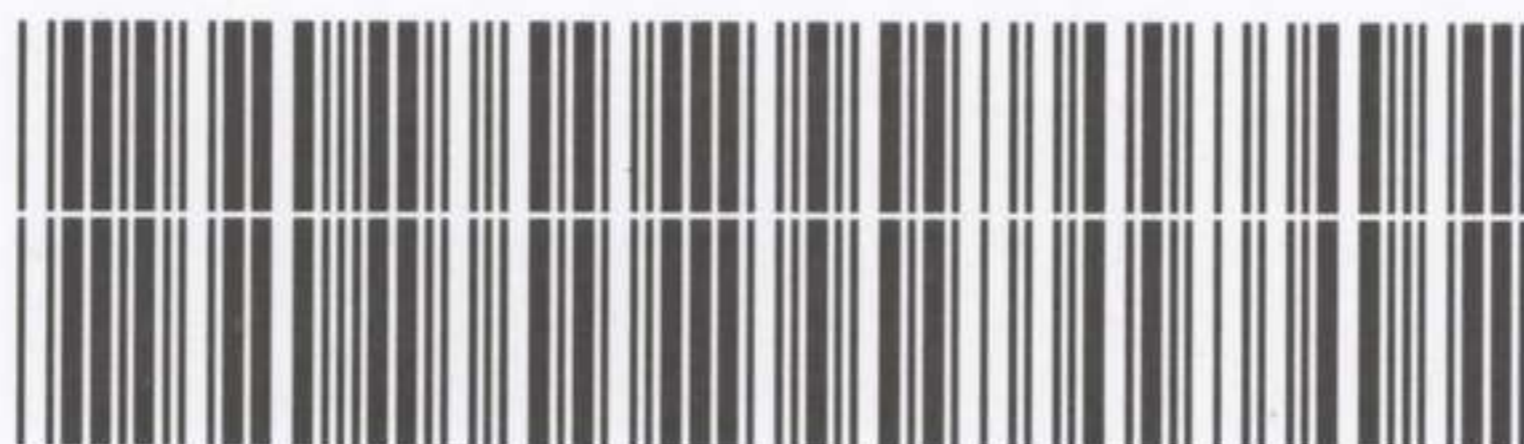
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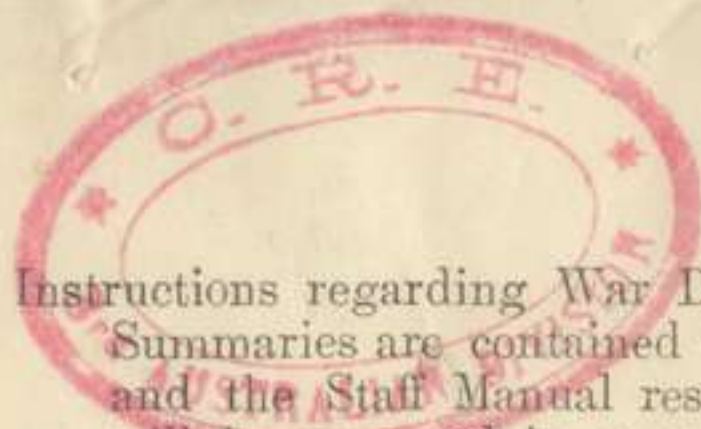
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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Headquarters

7th Divisional Engineers

Army Form C. 2118.

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3rd Australian Division

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENWERCK	1/12/17		CRG office situated at STEENWERCK	Gr. D.
	9/12/17		M.O. Capt J.W. YOUNG returned from ENGLAND Major T.R. WILLIAMS proceeded to PARIS on leave	Gr. D.
RAVELSBERG	16/12/17		CRG office moved from STEENWERCK to RAVELSBERG 3 rd Australian Division relieved by 2 nd Australian Division on PLOEGSTEERT and LE TOUQUET sectors (from R. DOUVE on north to R. LYS on South)	Gr. D.
STEENWERCK	19/12/17		CRG office moved from RAVELSBERG to STEENWERCK. 3 rd Australian Division relieved 35 th Division. Front from R. LYS on north to PARK ROW AVENUE on South. Approx 7000 ^x	Gr. D.
			Lt Col H.O. CLOGSTON placed at disposal of GOC 2 nd Aus Divn for special work - Second zone of defence - R. LYS to R. DOUVE sector. Lieut G.E. TEAGUE appointed Adjutant as from 29.11.17	Gr. D.
	29/12/17		1 OR proceeded to PARIS on leave	Gr. D.
	31/12/17		CRG office situated at STEENWERCK	Gr. D.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS

13.12.17

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 3

- I. The three Field Coys. of 3rd Australian Division will be relieved by the three Field Coys. of the 2nd Australian Division, reliefs to be complete by 10 a.m. 16th December.
2. The 9th Field Coy. will be relieved by the 5th Field Coy. in the Right Brigade Sector.
3. The 10th Field Coy. will be relieved by the 7th Field Coy. in the Left Brigade Sector.
4. The 11th Field Coy. will be relieved by the 6th Field Coy.
5. Field Coy. Commanders will arrange their moves with their opposite numbers and report completion, stating location.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. J. Deane
 Lieut. & A/Adj. for C.R.E.
 3rd Aust. Division

Distribution

- O.C. 9th Field Coy.
- O.C. 10th Field Coy.
- O.C. 11th Field Coy.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.INSTRUCTIONS.LYS BRIDGES.

11th. Field Company will be responsible for the preparation of charges, fitting of same and testing of leads and detonators in the case of demolitions, also the upkeep and repair of Emergency Bridges as follows:

A.	B.29.c.8.7.	(Sheet 36 N.V. Edition 7A)
B.	B.29.b.3.3.	
C.	B.23.d.6.0.	Emergency Bridge (Barrel Pier)
D.	B.24.c.0.8.	
E.	B.18.c.9.5.	Emergency Bridge (Barrel Pier)
F.	B.18.d.2.7.	Emergency Bridge (Barrel Pier)
G.	C.19.c.7.7.	
A 1.	H. 5.a.4.8.	Emergency Bridge (Pontoon)

9th. Field Company will be responsible as above for the following Bridges.-

H.	C.19.c.6.0.	
I.	C.25.a.9.0.	
J.	C.25.d.3.9.	
K. 1.	C. 6.a.2.2.	
K. 1.	C.26.a.7.1.	
L.	C.21.c.1.2.	
M.	C.21.c.9.1.	Emergency Bridge.
N.	C.21.d.4.4.	
O.	C.21.b.3.3.	
P.	C.19.c.8.4.	
P. 1.	C.19.d.2 1/2.3 1/2.	
Q.	C.26.a.3.5.	Emergency Bridge.

22-12-1917.

T.R.WILLIAMS
Major.
A/C.E. 3rd. Aust. Division.



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Head Australian Divisional Engineers

23rd Dec 1917O.C. 11th Aero Coy, Engro

Ref my memo re Bridges

There is also an addition to that
list

ERQUINGHEM Church

ERQUINGHEM Bridge (Traffic)

Sgt I R. Williams Major

O.C. 3rd Aus Div

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Works.

1st. 219

Front Line. Revetment - Right Brigade Sector 35 yds. completed - Drainage, Clearing.
Support Line. Clearing, duckwalking, revetting and framing New Cut U.28.c.2.3. U.28.b.0.2. 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting New Cut - Egmonst Avenue, Improvements.
Drains. - Clearing, deepening, new cuts, batters.
Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 1 completed.
Artillery Work : Screens, Ammunition Shelters, Gun pits, Dugouts.
Pipe burying. - 700 yds. completed.
 Carrying material forward.
 Improvements to Horse Standings and Camps.

2nd. 232

Front Line. - Revetment, Right Brigade Sector 40 yds. completed, drainage, clearing and wiring.
Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalks, draining, revetting New Cut, 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting New Cut Egmont Avenue, Improvements.
Drains. - Clearing New Cuts, deepening, batters on sides.
Shelters, in Right Brigade Support Line - 1 completed.
Artillery. - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammunition Shelters, Gunpits.
Pipe burying - 700 yds. completed.
 Carrying Parties.
 Improvements to Standings and Camps.

3rd. 229

Front Line. - Clearing, draining, revetting, Right Brigade Sector 35 yds completed.
Support Line. - Clearing, draining, revetting, duckwalking New Cut - 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches- Clearing, duckwalking, revetting 100 yds. Warneton Track now revetted and duckwalked.
Drains. - Clearing, deepening, batters, New Cuts.
Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 1 completed.
Artillery Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammunition Shelters Gunpits.
Pipe Burying. 800 yds. completed.
 Carrying Parties.
 Improvements to Standings and Camps.

4th. 261

Front Line. - Clearing, draining, Box drain through parapet. Revetment, Right Brigade Sector 36 yds. completed.
Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, draining, revetting, New Cut 15 yds complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches.- Clearing, duckwalking, revetting.
Trench Board Bridge over DOUVE River near Useful Ave. Construction of O.P. in Crater.
Drains - Clearing New Cuts, deepening, putting batters on sides.
Shelters in Right Bde. Support Line - 1 completed.
Artillery- Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammun. Shelters, Gunpits.
Pipe burying. 600 yds. completed.
 Carrying Parties.
 Improvements to Standings and Camps.

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Works.

5th.

247

Front Line. - Clearing, draining, revetment, Right Brigade Sector 40 yds. completed.

Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining New Cut, 10 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.

Communication Trenches: - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, Traverse completed in Long Avenue Harnians, Station and Monmouth Avenues drained and dry. Water lowered 6" in View Lane.

Drains - Clearing, deepening, batters, newcuts.

Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 2 completed. 2 dugouts in Long Avenue completed.

O.P. in Crater. Trench Board Bridge over DOUVE R. Erection of Signboards.

Artillery Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammunition Shelter Gunpits.

Pipe burying 1000 yds. completed.

Carrying Parties.

Improvements to Standings and Camps.

6th.

245

Front Line - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining Right Brigade Sector 35 yds. completed.

Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining, New Cut - 20 yds. complete trench, duckwalked and revetted.

Communication Trenches. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting.

Drains. - Clearing, deepening, batters New Cuts.

O.P. in Crater. Trench Board Bridge over DOUVE R. completed. Erection of signboards.

Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 1 completed

Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammun. Shelters. Gunpits.

Pipe burying. 1000 yds.

Carrying Parties.

Improvements to Standings and Camps.

7th.

235

Front Line. - Clearing, draining, revetting, Right Brigade Sector, 30 yds. completed.

Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining New Cut - 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.

Communication Trenches: Clearing, duckwalking, revetting.

Drains. - Clearing, deepening, batters, New Cuts, O.P. in Crater. Erection of Signboards.

Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 2 completed.

Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammun. Shelters. Gunpits.

Pipe burying. - 1200 yds.

Carrying Parties.

Improvements to Standings and Camps.

8th.

240

Front Line. - Clearing, drainage, revetment in Right Brigade Sector - 35 yds. completed.

Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining, New Cut 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.

Communication Trenches: Clearing, duckwalking and revetting.

O.P. in Crater. - R.A.P. off Douve Track.

Drains. Clearing, New Cuts, deepening, putting batters on sides.

Shelters - Dugouts in Crater, Support Line Right Brigade - 2 completed.

Artillery - Screens, dugouts O.Ps. Ammun. Shelters, Gunpits.

Pipe Burying - 800 yds. completed.

Carrying Parties.

Improvements to Standings and Camps.



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Works.

9th.

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Front Line. - Clearing, drainage, revetment, Right Brigade Sector - 30 yds. completed.
Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting and draining New Cut 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches: Clearing, duckwalking and revetting.
Drains. - Clearing, deepening, batters, New Cuts.
Shelters in Support Line. Right Brigade Sector - 2 completed.
R.A.P. off Douve Track.
Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps. Ammun. Shelters, Gunpits.
Pipe Burying - 750 yds. completed.
Carrying Parties.
Improvements to Standings and Camps.

10th.

240

Front Line - Clearing, draining, revetting, Right Brigade Sector 40 yds. completed.
Support Line - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining New Cut 20 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches: Clearing, duckwalking, revetting.
Drains. - Clearing, deepening, batters, New Cuts.
Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 2 completed.
R.A.P. off Douve Track.
Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammun. Shelters, Gunpits.
Pipe burying. - 1000 yds. completed.
Carrying parties.
Improvements to Standings and Camps.

11th.

236

Front Line. - Clearing, draining, revetting, Right Brigade Sector - 35 yds. completed.
Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining New Cut 10 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting.
O.P. in Crater.
Drains. - Clearing, deepening, batters, New Cuts.
Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 2 completed.
R.A.P. off Douve Track.
Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Ammun. Shelters, Gunpits.
Pipe burying - 1000 yds. completed.
Carrying Parties.
Improvements to Standings and Camps.

12th.

225

Front Line. - Clearing, drainage, revetment, Right Brigade Sector 38 yds. completed.
Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining, New Cut 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted and 2 dugouts completed.
Communication Trenches: Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, 120 yds. Egmont Cut revetted and duckwalked. Traverse in Long Avenue completed.
R.A.P. off Douve Track. Tunnel under railway line C.10.a.3.8. completed also firebay and dugout. This tunnel was started on 4.12.17.
Drains. - Clearing, New Cuts, deepening, batters on sides
Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 2 completed.
Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps. Ammun. Shelters, Gunpits.
Pipe burying. - 500 yds. completed.
Carrying parties.
Improvements to Standings and Camps.

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Works.

13th. 232

Front Line - Clearing, drainage, revetment, Right Brigade Sector, 35 yds. completed.
Support Line. - Clearing, duckwalking, revetting, draining New Cut 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches: - Clearing, duckwalking, and revetting.
Drains. - Clearing, deepening, batters, new cuts.
Shelters in Right Brigade Support Line - 2 completed.
Cleaning out Dugouts for M. G. Positions 4 completed.
Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps. Amm. Shelters, Gunpits.
Carrying Parties.
Improvements to Standings and Camps.

14th. 233

Front Line. - Clearing, draining, revetting, Right Brigade Sector, 30 yds. completed.
Support Line - Clearing, revetting, duckwalking, draining, New Cut 15 yds. complete trench duckwalked and revetted.
Communication Trenches: Clearing, duckwalking, revetting.
Drains. - Clearing, deepening, battersm New Cuts.
Shelters, in Right Brigade Support Line - 2 completed.
Artillery - Screens, dugouts, O.Ps., Amm. Shelters.
Gunpits.
Carrying Parties.
Salvaging Material.
Improvements to Standings and Camps.
Survey for Corps Defence - one commenced.

15th.

Companies move -
 Officers of relieving Coys. shewn over, the Divisional Front.