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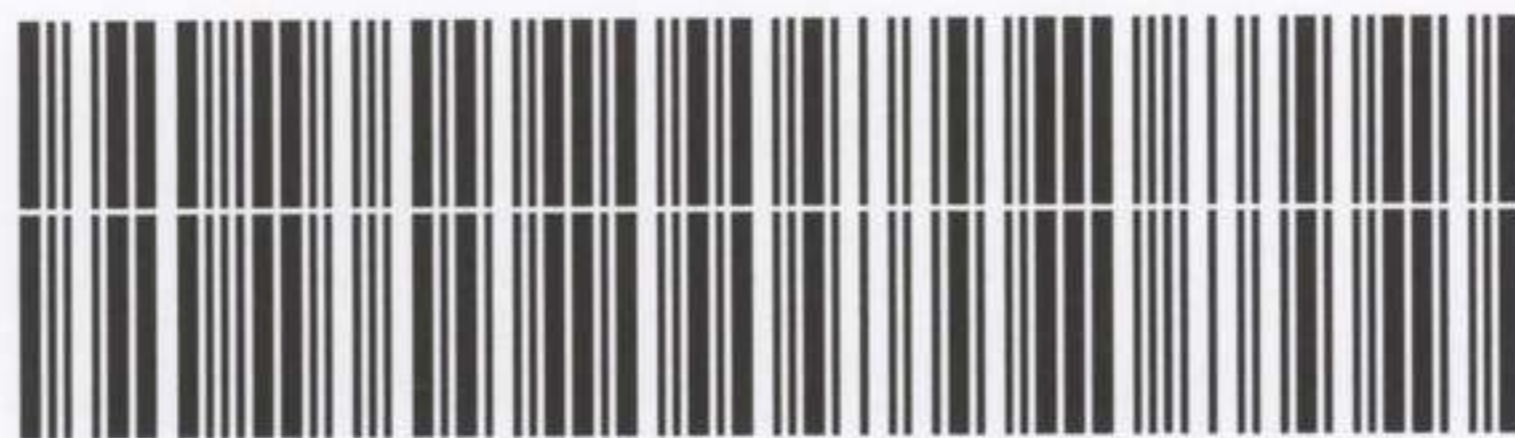
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FAUVENBERGUES.	1/9/17		In touch with 2nd. Anzac direct phone and morse. Morse to BAILLEUL disconnected. A.F. B. 213 shows-	
"	2/9/17		Line from 11th. Brigade to 3rd. Pioneer Battn. at ELNES and 3rd. D.S. Col. at WAVRANS. Line also from ZOTUX to 10th. Brigade connecting Battalions. 2nd. Anzac moved from FLETRE into Rest area. Signal office being established at LUMBRES at 10 a.m.	
"	3/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	4/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	5/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	6/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	7/9/17		7th. Artillery Signal office at MERCK ST. LIEVEN closed at 8.30 a.m. preparatory to move to DICKEBESCH.	
"	8/9/17		R.A.H.Q. Detachment with No. 4 Cable Section complete i/c Capt. C.E.H. Ferguson, M.C., O.C. Arty. Signals, moved out to proceed to reinforce 1st. Anzac. 8th. Arty. Bde. proceeded to same location. A.F. B. 213 shows :- Taken on Strength:- 2/Lt. J.M. Cook from Rfcts. (Cadet Schl.) 6/9/17. Spr. S.J. Case from Hospital 3/9/17. Spr. H.F. Miller from Hospital 6/9/17. Spr. G.W. Sturges from 9th. Aus. Field Co. 7/9/17. Struck off Strength :- Spr. H.F. Miller to Hospital 30/8/17. Spr. S.J. Case to Hospital 27/8/17. To Hospital Spr. O.G. Cotton sick 6/9/17. Spr. J.M. Reardon sick 8/9/17. Spr. G. Sanderson rejoined unit from Hospital 3/9/17.	
"	9/9/17		Nothing to record.	

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FROUVEBERGUES.	13/9/17		1 telephone line between ELNES (11th. Bde.) and LUMBRES (2nd. Anzac), reeled in by Cable Section. Morse working from 11th. Brigade discontinued with BUO and instrument transferred to AYC line.	
"	14/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	15/9/17		7th. Artillery Bde. report having moved wagon lines from DICKEBUSCH to near OUDERDOM. Communication established at 6 p.m. A.F. B. 213 shows :- Struck off strength - Sgt. E.W. Howie to Hospital 13/9/17; Sgt. Prentice J.T. to 35th. Battn. 12/9/17, Spr. J.M. Reardon to Hospital 8/9/17, Spr. H.N. Lowe To Hospital 13/9/17. Taken on strength - Sappers W.K.J. Wilson, E.J. Cummins, O.B. Boettcher, H.H. Watkinson, H.H. Dunt, B.N. Dodd, A. Hay, E.J.R. Drake from Signal Depot, Abbeville, 9/9/17, and Sapper F.C. Wright from 39th. Battn. 18/8/17. Rejoined from Hospital - Sapper O.G. Cotton on 10/8/17.	
"	16/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	17/9/17		7th. Artillery Signals report F.O.O. line being 'dissed' continually. Visual unsuccessful.	
"	18/9/17		7th. Artillery Signals report most batteries out of communication for short intervals during day. Two extra buried lines on new route put through to advanced exchange, Brigade O.P., also to forward exchange.	
"	19/9/17		Lieut. E.B. Stanbury went forward to take charge 8th. Aus. F.A. Sub-Section vice Lieut. G.L. Mayman wounded.	
"	20/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	21/9/17		Nothing to record.	
"	22/9/17		Unit participated in Divisional review by C.in C. (Sir Douglas Haig) at THIEMBRONNE and complimented.	

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FAUQUEMBERGUES	22/9/17		<p>A.F. B. 213 shows :- Taken on Strength:- Sgt. Dale T. from Sig. Depot, Abbeville, 16/9/17, 2/Cpl. S.H. Brownsmith, Sappers R.H. Chasemore, P. Moffatt, H. Buckley, A.I. Noble, H. Davis, A.W.W. Maddern, R.A. Smart, W.J. Davey, V.G. Empey from Signal Depot, Abbeville, 16/9/17. Gnr. H.E. Smith as Sapper from 26th. Battery, 7th. Aus. F.A. Bde. 17/9/17. Sapper J.J. Hopper from Sig. Depot, Abbeville, 21/9/17. Casualties - Lieut. G.L. Mayman wounded in action 17/9/17, Sapper F. Tindale wounded in action 15/9/17. Admitted to Hospital - Sapper C.H. Sykes, 19/7/17, Promotion - L/Cpl. W.J. Jameson to be T/Sgt. vice Howie to Hospital, dated 10/9/17. Attachment - The following have been attached from 2nd. Anzac for Records purposes, Sgt. W.C. Kelly, 42nd Bn; Sgt. A.J. Davison, Anzac Wireless; L/Cpl. N.C. Wauchope, Austr. Engrs.; L./Cpl. C.E.S. Newton Anzac W/T.; ϕ Spr. A. Ginter, Int. Operator; x Spr. Rowehl 8th Bn.; ϕ Pte. A.R. Chisholm, 20th. Bn.; Spr. H. Cavanagh, Anzac Wireless; Spr. C. Darlington, Anzac Wireless; Pte. F.M. Lambert, 1st. Battn.; Pte. L.S. Glenn, 46th. Bn.; Spr. E. Battershill, Anzac Wireless; Dvr. G.H. Wills, 108th. Btty. A.F.A.</p> <p>Notes:- ϕ In Establishment of Corps Wireless Section. x Apprehended in England, Absent without Leave.</p>	
"	23/9/17		<p>Capt. C.E.H. Ferguson, O.C. Arty. Signals, at request of 5th. Division, took over from 1st. Div. Artillery, pending return of their Captain Bath. Lines and personnel O.K.</p>	
"	24/9/17		<p>Nothing to record.</p>	
"	25/9/17		<p>O.C. Artillery Signals reports shortage of Battery signal personnel, owing to casualties, likely to prove serious and suggests Divisional School. In view of Division taking over new area in YPRES sector unit preparing to move forward. Route diagram of communication system obtained from 5th. Corps. Strength of forward bury - H 49 prs. L 49 prs. F 35 prs. O 28 prs. BH 35 prs. Section F to O. bad and to be replaced by - Corps.</p>	

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WINNIZEELE	26/9/17		Fine and clear. Unit moved to WINNIZEELE where D.H.Q. office established. Transport column left FAUQUEMBERGUES at 9 a.m. and parked at night at ARQUES.	
"	27/9/17		Fine and clear. Column continued route and reached GODWAERSVELDE. Heavy traffic of troops on road.	
"	28/9/17		Fine and clear. Column reached WINNIZEELE 11 a.m. and billeted.	
"	29/9/17		Preparing for move to YPRES. A.F.B. 213 shows:- Taken on Strength - Spr.A.Ariss from Sig. Depot, Abbeville, 26/9/17. Struck off Strength - Spr.Sykes C.H. to Hospital 19/9/17. Spr.W.F.J.Bateman to Hospital 24/9/17 Cpl.C.S.Egerton accidentally injured 24/9/17, Spr.J.J.Wardrop accidentally killed 24/9/17, Dvr.C.M.Harris accidentally injured 24/9/17, Spr.H.A. Algar wounded in action, 25/9/17; Spr.A.G.H.Shannon to Hospital 15/9/17. Sick to Hospital - Spr.J.H.Patterson, 15/9/17. Rejoined from Hospital - Spr.J.H.Patterson 20/9/17. Dvr.E.J.R.Drake appointed Driver vice Harris, dated 25/9/17, under provisions A.I.F.Order 735.	
BRANDHOEK	30/9/17		Fine and clear. Unit moved to BRANDHOEK where waggon lines located. Rear Office, D.H.Q. ("Q" Branch) established BRANDHOEK and Forward Office D.H.Q. ("G" Branch and "AQ" Branches) at RAMPARTS, MENIN GATE, YPRES. Personnel taxed to meet requirements for two offices, burying parties and panel points. 7th.Arty.Bde. relieved N.Z.Bde. at No. 2 Group. Communication O.K.	

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