

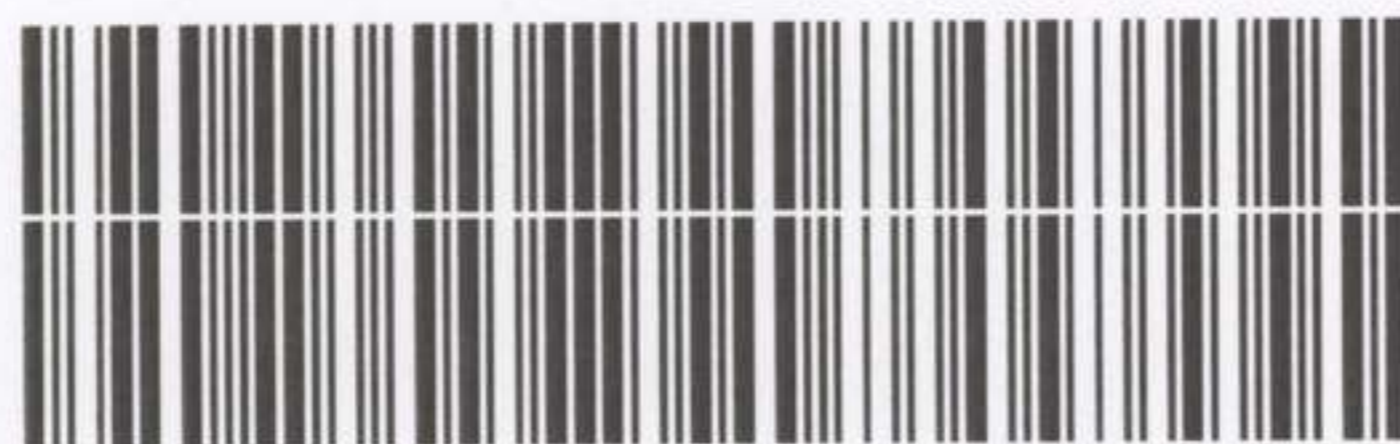
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dranacire	1.2.18		At the beginning of the month this Company was engaged in making Dug Outs at the following places as shown below	
			No 1 Section. - At Zonnebeke Church D28a.10.75.	
			Cemetery North D22a 8.9.	
			Cemetery South D 28b 70.99	
			Detroet D 28b 88.94	
			No 2 Section. - At Battery 182 Position J 2c 12.80	
			" 226 " J 1d 28.22	
			No 3 Section. - At Weathcock J 7d 68.88	
			Molehoek J 4b 7.2.	
			No 4 Section. - At Angas House J 3a 12.22	
			The Company was also responsible for the maintenance and repair of completed Dug Outs at Half Way House, Seindler Farm,	

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Dranouire	Feb		Bir Cross Roads, Cambridge Road, Mud Lane.	
	1		Fair Progress at all jobs. Attached Infantry Auckland 412 Wellington 112	
	2		Inrush of water at Angae delays work for 2 shifts. Fixing Gas doors & Blankets at Westhoek	
	3		Work commenced today at Dash Dug Outs D17c 5.9.	
	4-5		All work progressing.	
	6		General shortage of material at Zourebake	
	7		Shortage of timber. Face bad in Officers. D.O. Corridor South. one wounded at 182.	
	8-9		Shortage of timber.	
	10		3' of water in Corridor N. owing to Infantry Party failing to pump.	
	10		Kit-Kat Dug Out system (No 226) commenced today.	
	11		Started shaft at Molehoek (at for Molenaarsthoek) & abandoned adit.	
	12		Finished up at Dash South, removed all tools etc. Rush of water in North end N ^o 1. Gallery Angae causing fall of earth	
	13		Extra work in cleaning up at Angae	
	14		Repairing Cramp in Gallery Broodseinde Crater. O.P. Commence work on new O.P. at Corridor North. Corridor Short of timber.	

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Dranoutr	Feb 14 th	cont'd	Westhoek.- all gallery & stair work finished today. Wattle House commenced	Wattle House
	15 th		Two light Casualties at 226 D.O.	House is an
	16 th		Attached Infantry withdrawn from works.	Extens ⁿ of
	17		Infantry (attached) change. Wellingtons 112 leave, still have 410 Aucklanders	Angas
	17		A considerable amount of bunking & flooring now being done on jobs	
	18		Attached Infantryman killed today by shell fire at 182.	
	18		226 and 182 working 8hr shifts instead of 6 from now on	
	19		Shelling fairly active round Molehoek.	
	20		Attached Infantry reduced to 93 Aucklanders.	
	21		4 Men N ^o 1 Section on surface fixing D.P. N ^o 2 Section mostly flooring. Work stopped for 3 hrs at Molehoek due to shelling. Attached Infantry today brought up to 90 Aucklanders & 241 Wellingtons.	
	22		Shelling fairly constant along ridge at Zonnebete. Gas doors completed throughout Angas today.	
	23.		No carrying party at Zonnebete could only work 8 out of 24 hrs shelling also interfering with work. Attached Infantry Aucklanders increased to 159.	of Infantry

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Dranouire	Feb 24		No work at Cemetery N today, there being no fatigue party. Trench in Broodseinde Crater in Quick Sand. Stopped.	
	25		Usual Progress. Major E. S. Anderson goes on leave today. Cpt. M ^o Bride is acting C.O.	
	26		Wattle House system reversed in position owing to gun in cover thereby	
	27		Good deal of shelling around 226 & Hut-Nat. Cook House demolished Half Way House. Start 28. I. 17. C. 4. B. Commence a stairway here.	
	28		Positions of various jobs fixed by Compass readings today to obtain or confirm Map references.	
			The weather during the month was mostly fine; sunny days & clear frosty nights becoming cloudy & mild on the 20 th & on 22 nd & on few following days squally and colder.	
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