

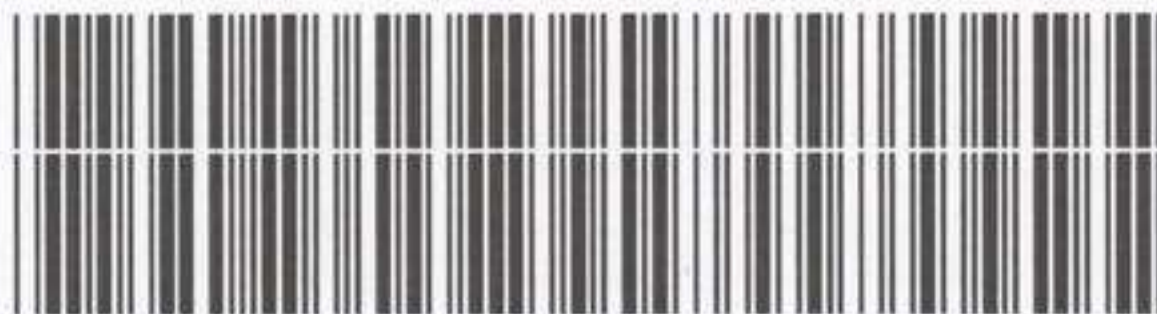
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Headquarters, Divl. Engineers.  
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
in reserve to Fourth Corps,  
III Army.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT (Somme)	1917.			
	July	1st	2nd Pioneer Battalion commenced dismantling huts in BAZENTIN & BERNAFAY areas, and transporting forward to BEAULENCOURT N.18. (57c S.W.)	
	"	4th	Major J.M.C.CORLETTE appointed C.R.E. (granted temporary rank of Lt. Colonel whilst so employed) vice Lt. Colonel E.J.H.NICHOLSON appointed C.R.E. Corps Troops, 1st Anzac. BEUGNY YTRES Defence line nearly completed.	
	"	6th	Lt. Colonel NICHOLSON left to take up duties of C.R.E. Corps Troops.	
	"	9th	DIVISIONAL EXERCISES took place. On this occasion Field Companies were allotted to Brigades. Practice being - Advance of this Division as part of 1st Anzac Corps through position captured by previous attack of another division, and going on to capture further objective.	
	"	13th	BEUGNY-YTRES Defence line completed.	
	"	19th	Field Companies started erecting huts in N.18. (57c) area. Pioneers taken off erection of huts and engaged only on dismantling in back area.	
	"	22nd	DIVISIONAL EXERCISES on night 22nd/23rd. 5th and 7th Field Companies allotted to sectors to co-operate with respective brigades, and used as Divisional troops employed in establishment of strong points, supervising construction of Communication trenches and laying out of jumping-off line. Division provided that Brigades allotted 100 men (from infantry) to each Field Company day before the operation, and that garrison of strong point go out with Field Company and assist in digging; this proved satisfactory. Pioneer Battalion not available, being used to represent enemy troops.	
	"	25th	C.R.E. met C.R.E. IV Corps Troops preparatory to handing over.	
	"	26th	6th Field Company held a competition in Driving and best turn-out, also for Transport drill, and Inspection parade on Gutzer Green, BANCOURT. C.R.E. attended the inspection.	
	"	27th	Handed over Brigade Camp (almost completed except Brigade Headquarters and accessory huts), at BEAULENCOURT, to C.R.E. IV Corps Troops.	
	"	28th	Divisional Engineer Headquarters closed at 3 a.m. at BANCOURT and re-opened at RENESCURE (Nord) the same hour. Personnel and transport left BANCOURT at 7 p.m. marched to BEAUCCOURT.	
	"	29th	Entrained at BEAUCCOURT 5 a.m., arrived St. OMER and detrained at 4 p.m., marched to RENESCURE arriving 6 p.m.	
"	30th	Arranging Sanitation and Water Supply in Divisional area.		
"	31st	Arranging Baths sites at RENESCURE and ARQUES. 5th Company moved to LUMBRES for 3 days training with 5th A. I. Brigade. 6th Company moved to Second Army Central School at WISQUES for work.		

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