

ARMY BOOK 152.  
Correspondence Book  
(FIELD SERVICE).





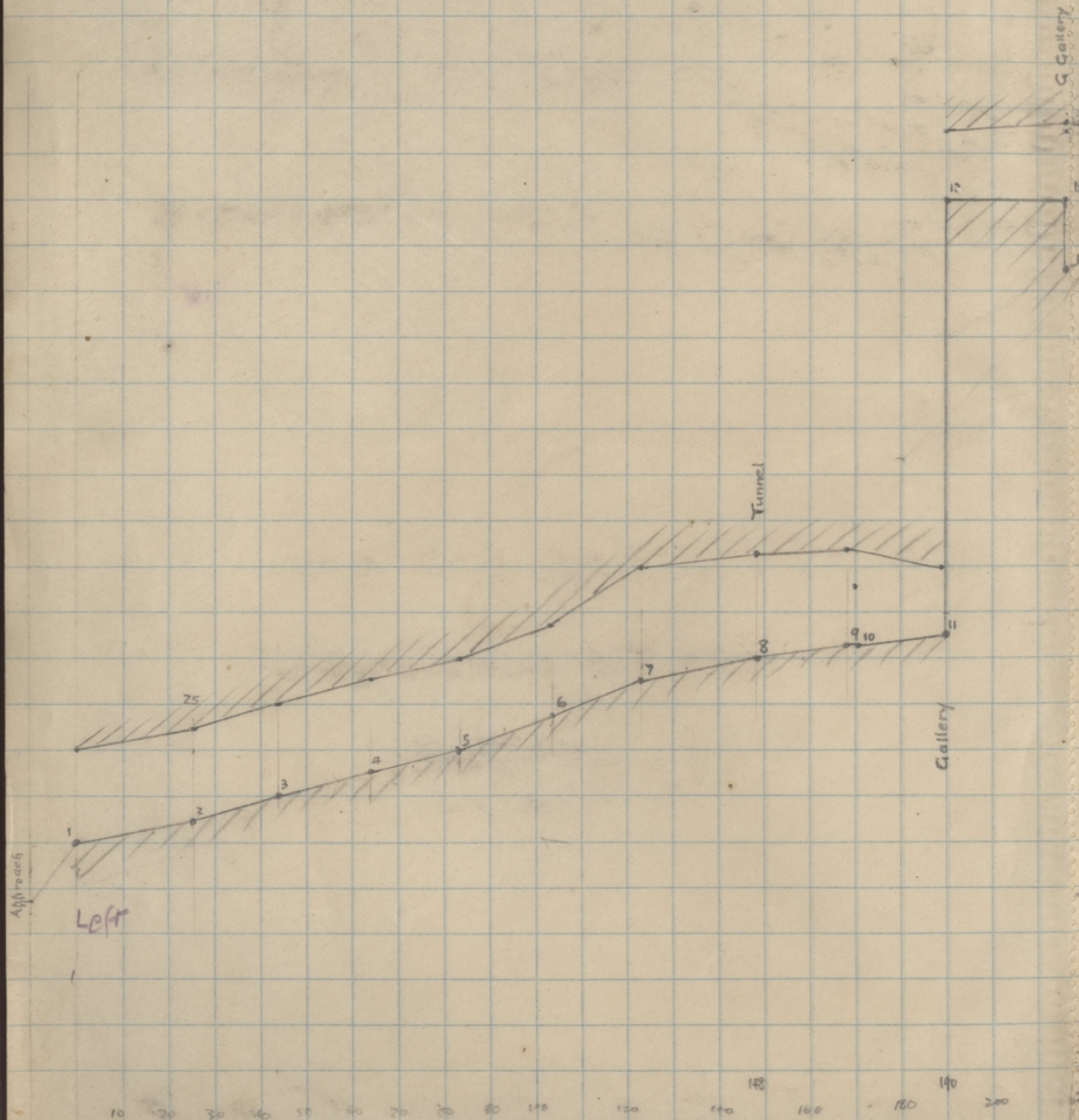
Col. Howells  
164/12

The Official War Historian of the Commonwealth Government (Dr. C. E. W. Bean), after his study of the collection of private war records preserved in the Australian War Memorial Library, wrote :—

“The private diaries in this collection furnish some of its most valuable historical records, but, like all private memoirs which were not compiled with any historical purpose, they should not be regarded as first-hand evidence except where it is certain that they are so. The diarist is almost always sincere in his desire to record accurately, but he is subject to no obligation or inducement to indicate whether he is recording his own observations or incidents told him by friends or heard at third or fourth hand at the mess-table. Thus, in some of the diaries in this collection, scenes described with vivid detail, and without any warning that they are told at second or third hand, have been found to be completely inaccurate in important details. A certain number also have been written up or revised long after the events, though doubtless usually from notes made at the time. In most cases the student must rely on his experience and on internal evidence to guide him in judging what is and what is not likely to be historically accurate.”

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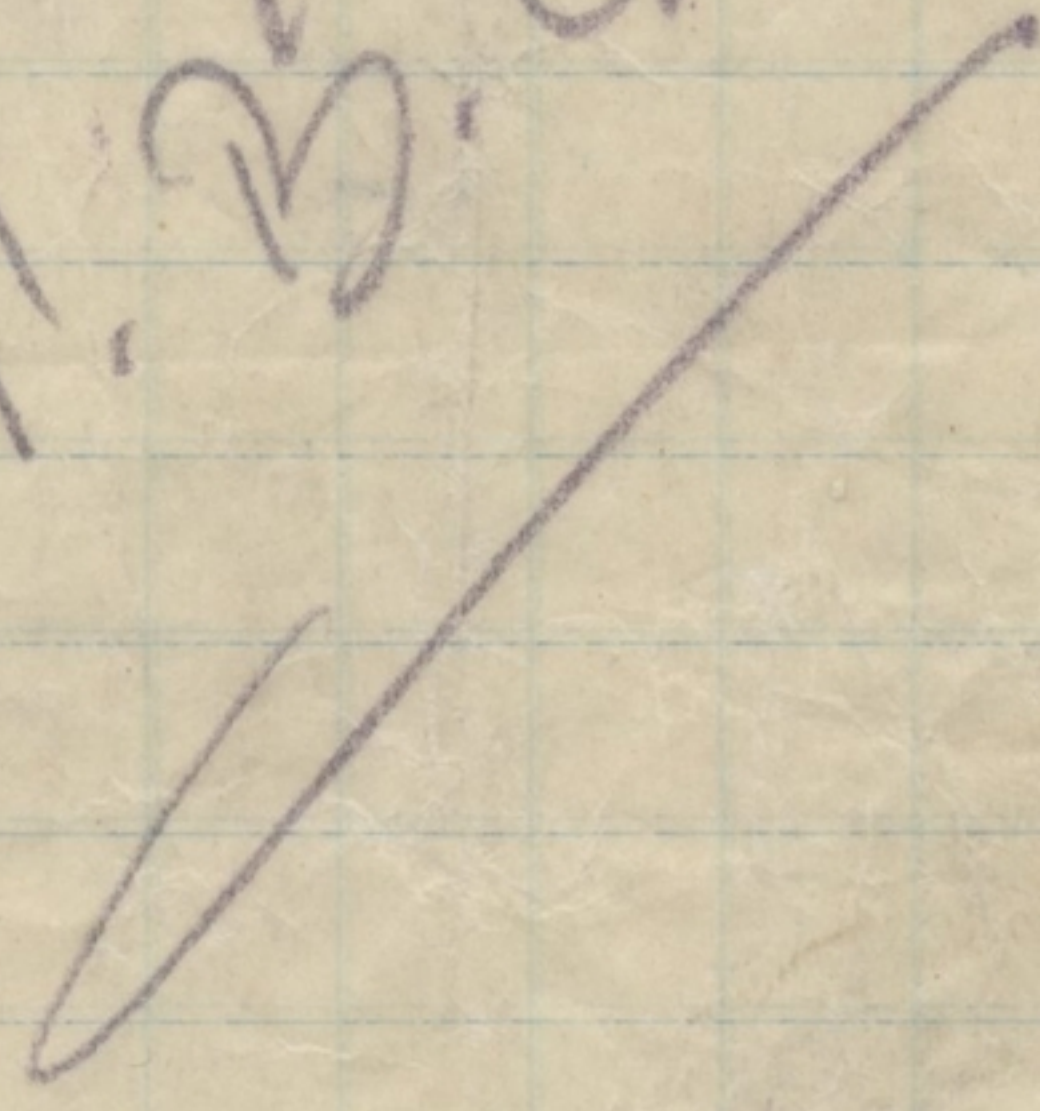




2<sup>nd</sup> Div Engineers

9 lbs Tomatoes	7/2 lb	- 5-7 1/2
24 lbs Salmon	11-# lb	1- <del>10</del> -
1-7 lb cake	1/1 lb	- 7 -
(1 case sardines (100 tin) <del>1/1 lb</del> )		2- <del>5</del> -10
(Less 50 tin)	2/5/10	
	1-2-11	
	<u>Total</u>	4 - 5 1/2
		1-2-11
		<u>2-19-6 1/2</u>

4/12/15

received by  
 Director M. B. Com  




21



Work at Russell's Top

15.10.15

Surface Galleries (3) 12 sappers 10 fatigues  
and 2 engineers corporals.  
" 1 " " sergt

How Gallery E2 8 miners and 8 fatigues  
" " A " "  
" " F " "

Also 30 fatigues from 18th Bn for dumping.

restoring 8 miners

Total 15 sappers  
" ~~3224~~ miners  
" 54 fatigues but 2 are now sick (17.10.15)

101

17  
3



23/10/15

Bearing of L 8 swung away to  $56^{\circ}$

L 3 work on left arm bearing  
to left. Y on R arm.

L 2 direction changed being  
drive parallel to main entering  
drive.

H' tube cleaned up & lie  
placed behind timbers C' & B'.

Defilade by overhead traverse  
Com 3



# Fatigues

Miners 4 shifts of 6

Total  
24

# Fatigues

3 shifts of 17CO & 10 men

Total  
33

day shift of 18 men

18

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75

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4 - 7 1/2  
 1 - 3  
 ---  
 5 - 10 1/2  
 14 8

5 - 10 1/2

1 - 0 - 6 1/2  
 6 - 2  
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14 4 1/2      1 - 8 - 9

6 2			
4 7 1/2			
1 6 1/2	3	3	1
4 7 1/2		4	7 1/2
	3	7	8 1/2

debit	credit
6-2	0-0
6-2	5-0
0-0	0-0
6-2	0-0
<del>12-4</del>	5-0
18-6	2-4-0

Stouder	Cutter	Fargyhan	Small
Dr Cr	Dr Cr	Dr Cr	Dr Cr
1-3	1-6 1/2	4-7 1/2	1-3
14-8	3-9	1-3	1-3
15-11	1-9-4	<del>4-6</del>	14-8
14-4 1/2	1-14-7 1/2	5-10 1/2	15-11-1-1/2
Dr	Cr	Dr	Dr



For Woble, A Coy  
CSM Congdon  
Sgt Broadbent  
Mr Bloomfield

Bomb position roofing  
Drieston boards, supports  
N.A. reqd.  
Timber for bomb jobs.

Forge reqd.  
Spare one at 4<sup>th</sup> Coy

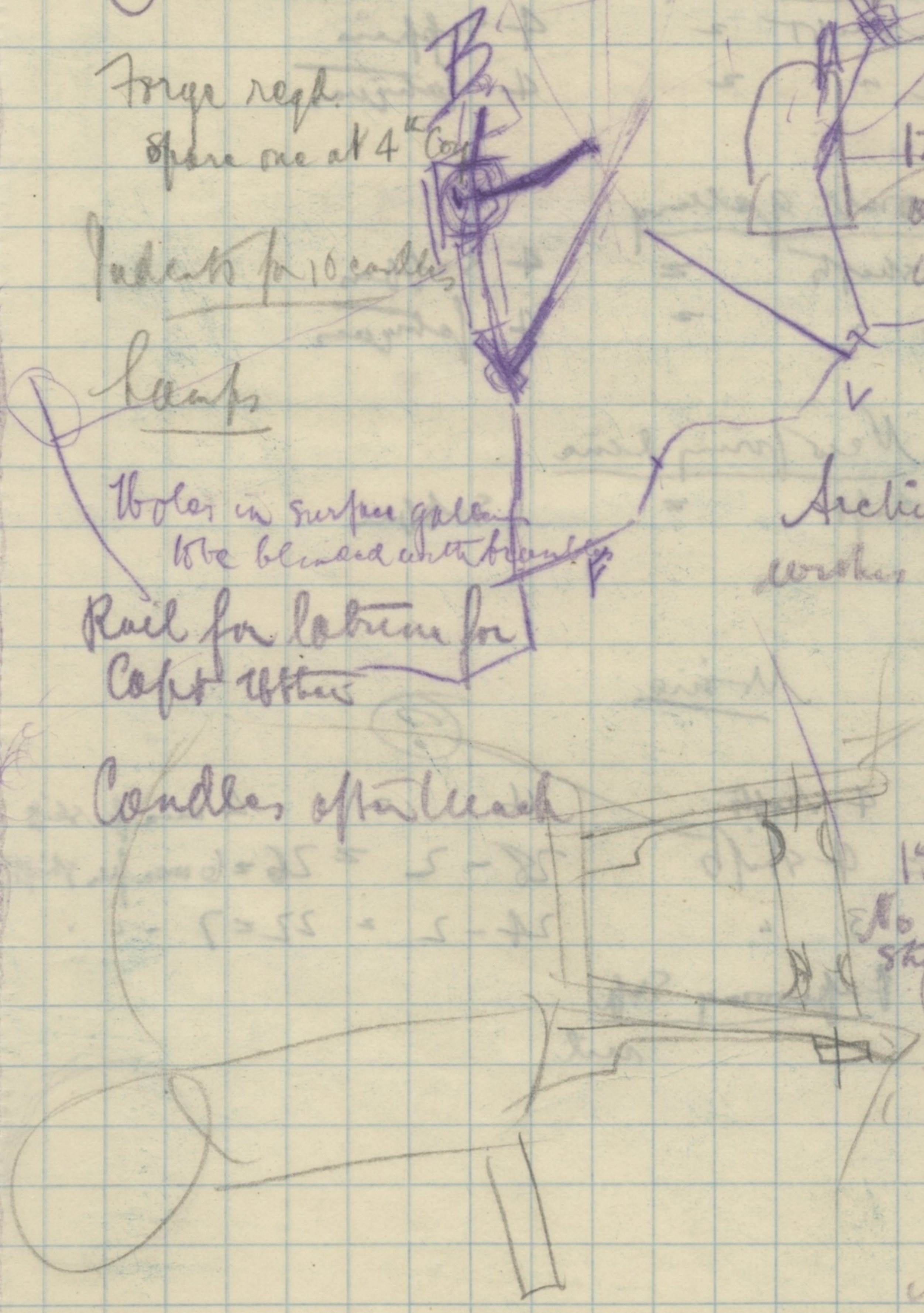
Indents for 10 candles

Lamps

Holes in surface galvanized  
to be blinded with brass

Rail for latrine for  
Capt. Utter

Candles after lunch



12 pieces of 3x3, 6' long  
with saw and chisel  
and hammer

Archibald B Coy  
workers to retransfer

1 shaft on at 8-4  
2 shaft - 4-12  
3 - 12-8

15th A.S.C. Supply

No meet in messes also per  
Sheet 27/9.15  
Candles 10 lbs per  
day wanted.

6 per lb.

Left to be  
brought down



Surface gallery D

2 sappers @ 2 shifts = 4 sappers

2 latrines @ 2 shifts = 4 latrines

Surface gallery 2

2 sappers @ 2 shifts = 4 sappers

2 latrines @ 2 " = 4 latrines

Bomb gallery

2 sappers @ 2 shifts = 4 sappers

2 latrines @ 2 " = 4 latrines

New firing line

1 sapper @ 1 shift = 1 sapper in report

Mine

Sappers on 12 Apr = 4 shifts

Mines on 12 Apr = 4 shifts

Latrines 8 - 16 = 3 "

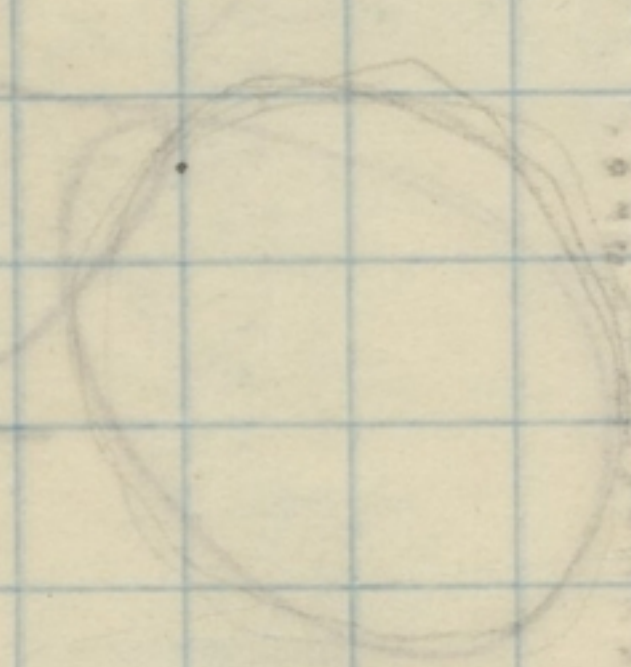
16 = 4 men per shift

28 - 2 = 26 = 6 men per shift

24 - 2 = 22 = 7 "

Improving Saps

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5<sup>th</sup> Field Engineer

7 lbs tomatoes	7/20	=	4 4 1/2
1 = 7 lb cake of lb			- 7 -
50 lbs of Dandelion			<hr/>
Total	ε - 11		= 11 4 1/2

1 - 2 - 11

received by ~~1 - 14 3 1/2~~

Dinner - M. B. Com  
1 40

4/12/15



The first day

1-1st Lt. ...  
20 ...  
1-1st Lt. ...  
20 ...

1-5-11

1-1st Lt. ...

32

55



Relating  
obstacle in vents in S. G. 2  
100 bags for Russell's Top

Survey post cards.

To be pushed on in same direction:

L 11 parallel with H4 dropping 1 in 3

L 7 A (to right) dropping 1 in 3 parallel with H3

L 5 ~~To cross H1 and then turn parallel with H1~~  
dropping 1 in 3

Surface galleries to be 10' behind low-level galle

L3 to be done on north if men available.

L 8 to be checked for direction  
to be up parallel with  
H 3.

H 4 to be cleared out

H 1 timbered



M <sup>r</sup> Farquhar	1	15	0	debit <del>5/-</del>
" Hoodyer	1	10	0	" 4/6
" Caddy	2	0	0	credit 5/6
" Small	2	0	0	debit 3/6
Call Cutler				debit 1-9-6
Mayor Sturdee	10	0	0	credit 4-5-6



Officers Mess

Connors Mess	7	13	11
Bede Mess	1	2	11
Wakefields Mess	1	5	0
2 <sup>d</sup> less on change			2

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£ 10      2      0

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Capt. Butler participated in the first two <sup>last</sup> only.

Major Blinde, Lt. Farquhar, Lt. Small, Lt. Caddy & Lt. Moodye shared all.

∴ 5 at £1	14	6	=	8	12	6
1 at 1	9	6	=	1	9	6
				£	10	2      0

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received the sum  
of <sup>two</sup> Four Pounds  
~~Eleven~~ <sup>twelve</sup> Shillings  
by way of payment  
of canteen store  
(L/4/12/-)

A. Kent

6/12/15-

20<sup>th</sup> Battalion



Suppers 4 <sup>men</sup> ~~sup~~ in mine supervising } 4 shifts  
 " 12 " " working }  
 " 1 with new firing line.  
 " 2 surface tunnel }  
 4 { 2 " " 2  
 " 3 improve communications  
 " 6 Bulldozing stores etc.  
 " 4 Cooks + cookmate pioneer + clerk

Strength of Section is 35 + Sect  
 Pictmen 2, Cooks 2, Pioneer 1, Clerk 1, 1 chairman, 1 carpenter,  
 24 available  

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 15 \\ \hline 14 \end{array}$$

Jones runs 6 miners working day shift only 8 hours

Surface tunnels 1 Supper 2 miners and 4 fatigues on each  
 2 shifts = 4 (8) (16)

Main gallery Jones 7 miners and 4 fatigues

Mr Lee has 6 NCOs and 82 men



Collect equipment.

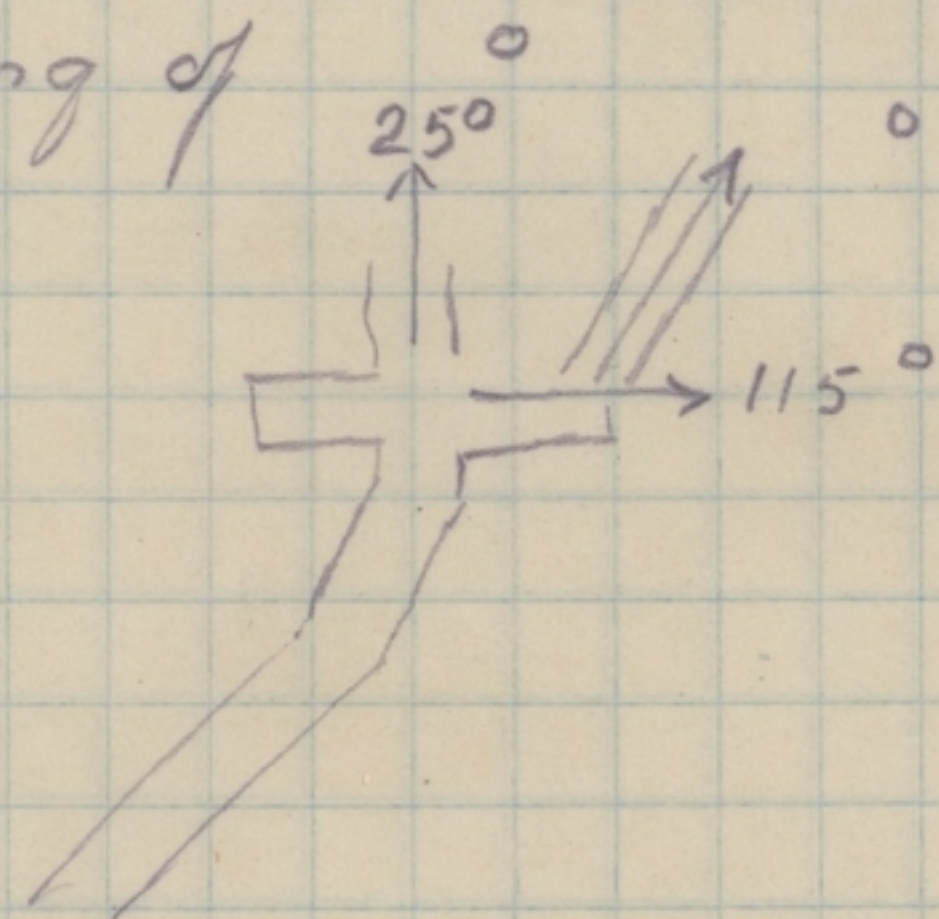


Boring Machine		54
Eruding Machine		89 mins
Changing Bits average		15 "
Boring up to 13' ft. per foot		12 "
" 25 ft.		20 "
" 30 ft.		35 "
" 34 ft.		51 "



22/11/15 Inspected L5; small portion of the tamping is blown back but the gallery up to this point is intact.

Started party at 2000 on H1 branching to the right from the foremost lie head and at a bearing of



23/11/15 Work progressing favourably in H1. Gravel is not very deep — approx 8 feet.

L12 is at present hung up 1 shift in 24 hours as there are no miners to replace two killed in H4.

Terliners Report picking in L6 — very faint.



14: 4 1/2  
 14: 4 1/2  
 5: 10 1/2  
 1: 8: 5 1/2  


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 3: 3: 1  


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18: 6  
 5  
 2 4  


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 3: 7: 8  


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Discharged Gibson strongly  
 recommends joining your institutions  
 failing that return University  
 called prospects.

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 H.

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 Care & Adoption  
 London



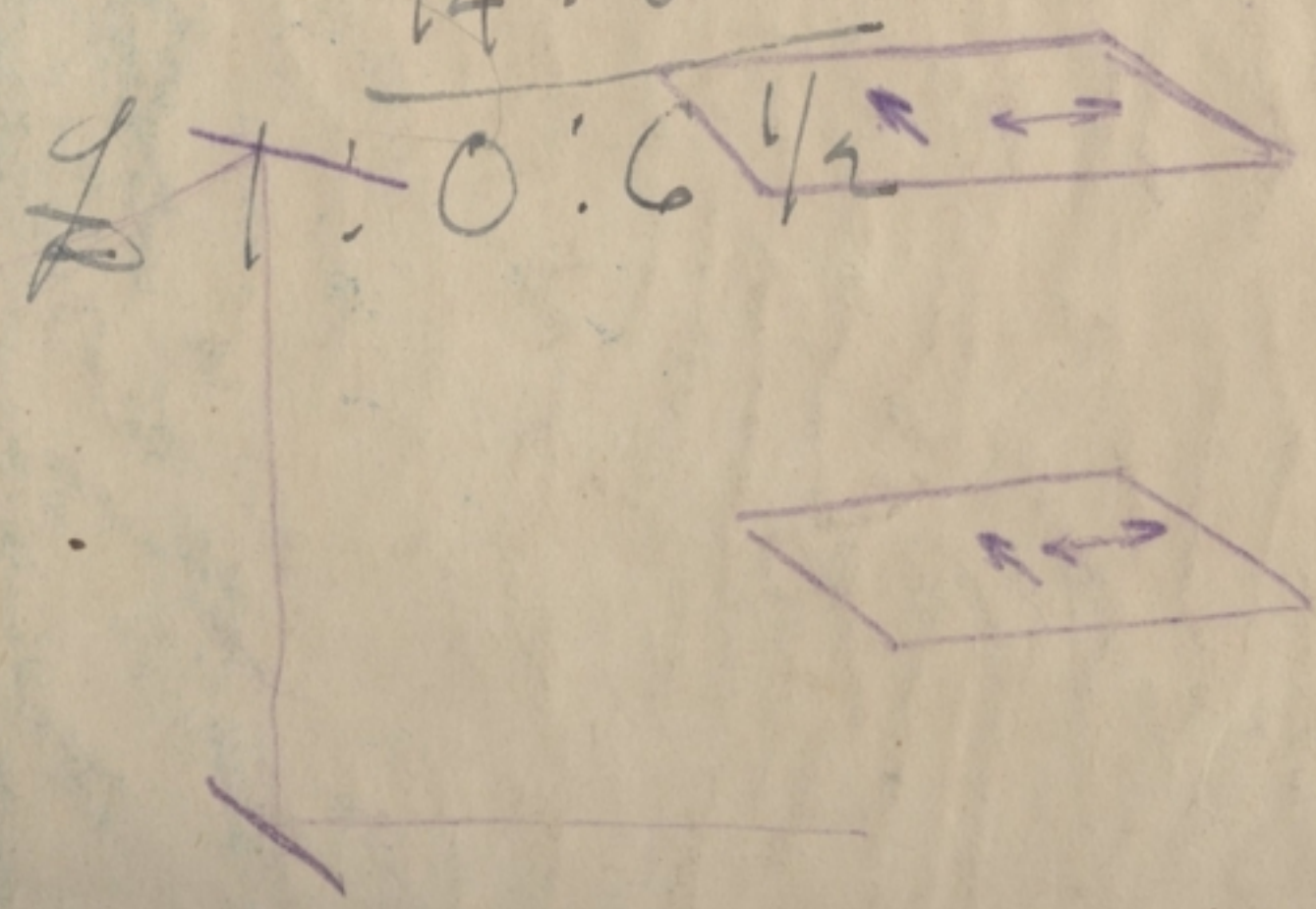
18:6  
 5  
 2:4  
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 3 17:6

1:6 1/2  
 3 1/2  
 3 12:4

1 km / 1000 m / 1000 g - 1000 g / 1000 g  
 4 / 9 - 7 1/2 / 3  
 14:8  
 3 3 1/2  
 14:8 1/2

4:7 1/2  
 1:3  
 14:8

14:4 1/2



14:8  
 1:3  
 6:2  
 4 / 18.6 22:6  
 5:10 1/2 4:7 1/2  
 14:4 1/2  
 1:6:6  
 14:4 1/2 | 8.6  
 ---  
 3:1:3 5  
 4 / 23.6  
 ---  
 5:10 1/2

14:4  
 18 9 3  
 22  
 2:9:0 2  
 1:2:6  
 ---  
 1:6:6  
 27  
 2  
 10 Othud & Omal  
 ---  
 Credit

2:9  
 1:0:6 1/2 ~~10 1/2~~ but debit 13 6

1:8:5 1/2  
 3 / 2:4:0  
 ---  
 18:0

14:8  
 5:10 1/2  
 ---  
 5 1/2  
 8:9 1/2

1:0:6 1/2  
 6:2  
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 14:4 1/2 3 4 4  
 14 - 2/3 8

14:8  
 5:10 1/2

14:8.

1:0:6 1/2



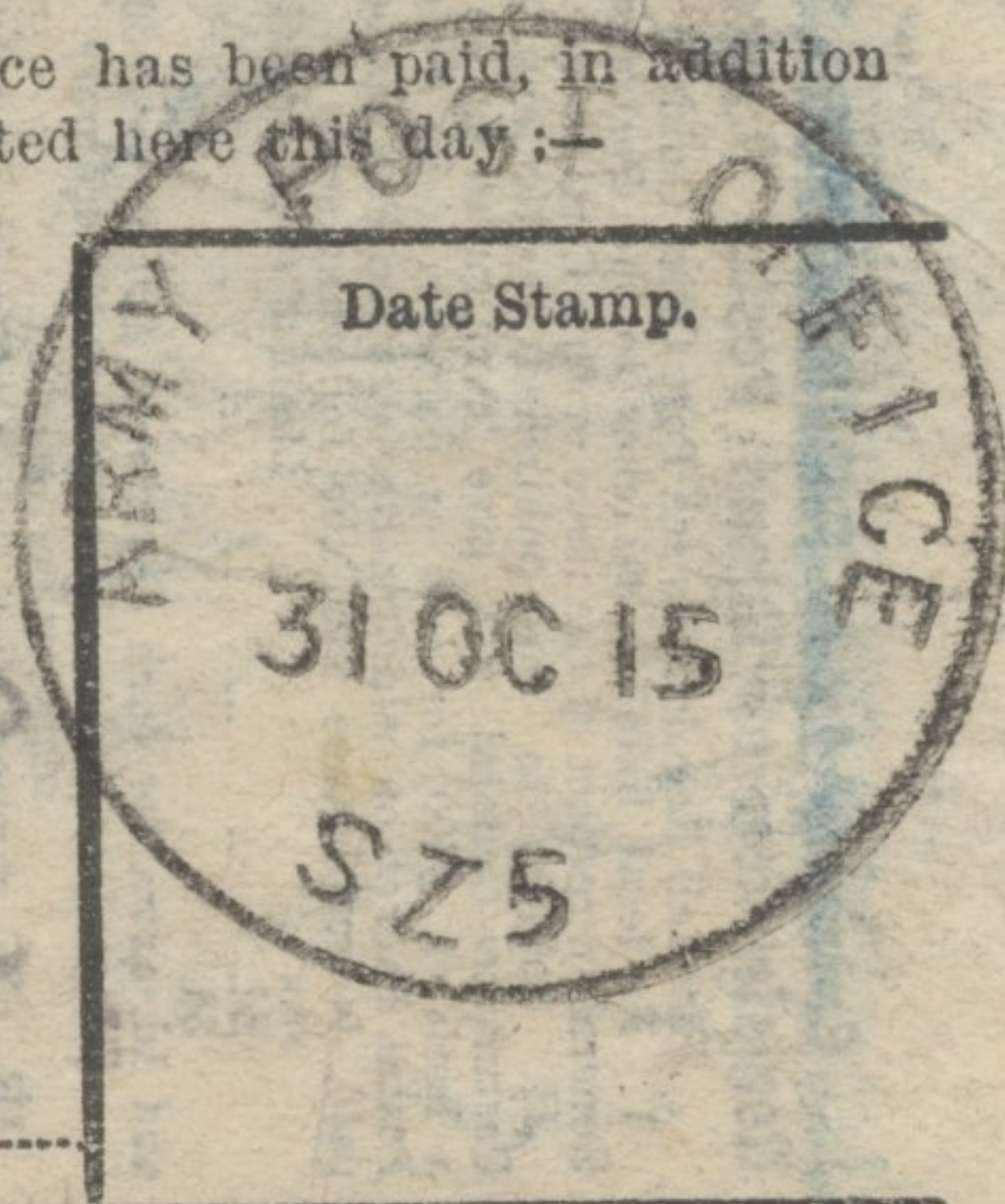
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