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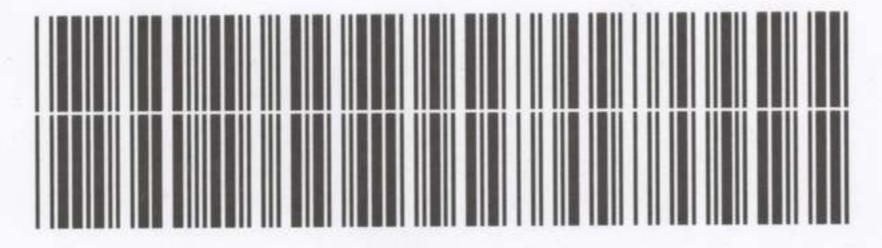
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SUMMARY. INTELLIGENCE

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ST GRATIEN	1/4/18		CRE office moved from FRANVILLERS (2-30 pm) to ST GRATIEN (4-30 pm)	Q10.
	94/18	12 noon	GOC aushatian Corpo assumed Command VII Corps front.	QND .
	7/4/18		The three Companies of the 300 Prones Bartation employed under the supervision of the CRS were distributed thus: - I Company with each forward brigade I Company on emergency backs and firmard roads.	
	11/4/18		From 1/4/18 to 11/4/18 CRG Rt Coe 2 Riviniano Do reconnoches Divisional area.	
	12/4/18		CRE recommented from line of Eccount your of defence from LA NEUVILLE to RIBENJONT and inspected emergency routed over the R. ANCRE from CORBIE to HEILLY.	GA SE
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GRATIEN	13/4/18		1 Offices and I Surveyor desailed to recommonte hear dependes and prepare plans of same in order to keep Division in touch with all works in propess in Rear Jone	
	14/4/18		From 1st to 14th april an average of 6 vehicles have been carting R.E. matrial from QUERRIEU to Drausit Dump BONNAY  CRE recommended Bridge Head Rine in front of BONNAY and inspected	
	1-1		auposts of LANEUVILLE - HEILLY line.	GO
	15/4/18		CRE reconnected less flank defences mostly Heline and Bridge head line from HEILLY to BONNAY. Inspected Emergency route between HEILLY and MERICOURT.	CO
	16/4/18		CRE in company with GSOI 3th and Div and CE aus Corps inspected 2nd zone defences and suggested improvements in the following matters: - @ Parados in parts too low at present giving a althoughte (A7883) Wt W809/M1672 350,000 4/17 80h. 82a Forms/C/2118/14	GAD

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GRATIEN	16/4/18		@ (cont) of defending garrison (b) CTs too shaight in general.	
			direction (c) Fred quite too about	
				140
	7/4/18		CRE went to 1st aus Inf Bde in Connection with present bad organisation	V NAC TO THE RESERVE
			of pists - the various systems being difficult to pick out.	
	101			(7/2)
	17/4/18		CRE gave O.C. 2nd Dunmelling Company details of bridges and inspected	
			the bridge with line	
				100
	19/4/18		Le Col D.R. Comiano DSo procuded to anonation Corpo 24.Q. for	V
			duh	The state of the s
			major It. Backfold DSo me came from 14th died Coy a.E. to It a and 300 and Singmens as acting CKE	
			30 aus Dis Inqueers as acting CRE	
				(3)
	19/4/16		Le Col williams and afers major Backtock went round q' 10th y 11th	
			Jues Companies and 300 Primer Battalian	0,0
	-		D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A7883) Wt W80g/M1072 350,000 4/17 Sch. 52a. Forms/C/2118/14	1 /2 Jeans

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TGRATIEN	20/4/18		Li Coe Corliamo and afeks went to see the Chief Engineer, and Corpo.	
	21/4/18		YCR's went round he left brigade sector and decided on the luking up	
			north of RIBEMONT SUR L'ANCRE) with the 2nd aus Dior works at approx that	
			62º D.22.9.6.0.	010
	21.22/	4/18	The Southern boundary of the 300 and on pout - the boundary between the	410
			Between J24 and 30 Sheet 62?	(21)
	27/4/18		after went round right brigade sector and diaded on the construction	V
			central J.17000, J7941 and thence along dea French system	
			3º aus Proneis Battalion redistributed on work as follows:	
			Right Brigade area: 2 Companies less 1 platoon ou abreline:	9100
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GRATIEN	22/4/18		Less Brigade area: 2 Companies less 3 platoon o on line from Sugare	
			FACTORY Sheet 620 D. 27. b. 7. 1 to D. 22. a. 6.0. : 1 platoon roado:	
			I platoon soreining wars: I platoon deep dugont for Ballation HQ	
			at 1119.69 Shew 62?.	00
	20. 44	,		40.
	22.73	4/18	The Northern boundary of the 3rd aus Dio front - the boundary between	
25			2nd & 3nd aus Dione _ altered from line running west through Shulbre	
	76.		D.30.b.02 to the East west graline through E19 central.	G1.D.
	23/4/18		after went round from line posts of the second your 122c, 122b, and	V
			J. I.b. Sheel 62? and arranged for wiring Dame. Commenced	
			on preliminary arrangements for being relieved by 4th aus Dios	
				910
	24/4/1	8	Luthe morning the after arranged all details with CRE 4th aus Dis	V
			re relief of Pronus and Dula Companies. The relief was	
			subsequently cancelled on account of eveny attacking VILLERS	
			BRETONNEUX.	GADE.
			D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A7883) Wt W809/M1672 350,000 4/17 Sch. 52a Forms/C/2118/14	V

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TGRATIEN	24/4/18		9th Luca Company moved from Sheet 62 P. 1.27. b. 9.5 to 1.5. 9.3.6 near FRANVILLERS	
			and 11th Dried Company from BONNAY to Sheet 62? 1 11C 2.1 on account of being	
			gus shelled. Divisional Dump (R.E.) at BONNAY moved to 110d88 also	
			on account of queschelling	
	2001			40.
	25/4/18		YCRE went round the Field Companies in the afternoon.	V
			10th Fried Company Commenced construction of an additional emergency hack	
			across ANCRE VALLEY. Drack follows route Shalls D13ag4 17c00	
			112691	
				Ciso.
	27/4/18		Geks went round with C.O. 320 Prones Ballation and inspected Bridge Head hine in Sheet 650 Jig 13, 14 and 8. It was decided believe up certain	
			hine in Sheet 65? J19, 13, 14 and 8. Hwas decided bolink up certain	
840			posts to form 4 Company posts	
				GA
	28/4/18		YCRE went out with Co 3rd M.G. Battalion round lift brigade area re	
			sitting of princies for dupdagouts for machine gun nexts. Also went round	asa.
			D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A7883) Wt W809/M1672 350,000 4/17 Sch. 528, Forms/C/2118/14	

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T GRATIEN	28/4/18		ANCRE VALLEY defences between HEILLY and RIBEMONT and decided on	
			Extension of existing SPs and digging of more SPs. 9th Fried Company puton to this work with 200 men from Reserve Brigade	
			from non non men from necessary	ab
	28/4/18		Major H. H. MONTGOMERY Jaken on strength vice Capt J. W. Young as	
			RMO	
				IGAQ.
	29/4/18	4	Yere bent round right brigade area with Co. 3rd MG. Barration anofixed three prointing Sheet 62? JIC86. J17 a 34 and J 23 d 3.3. for deep dugonts	
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	30/4/10	-	CRG office situated at STGRATIEN	013
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### REPORT ON BRIDGES.

Bridge	Location	Description.	Responsibility.	Charges, Remarks, etc.
ATRALIA	N DIVISIO. 1. 33.0.6.1.	Light girder bridge, span 25' width 12', 4/12"x 3" R.S.J.	9th.Field Co. A.E.	Not prepared for demolition. This bridge not considered of tactical importance.
В	I.33.d.0.0.	Light girder bridge, span 14' width 12', 4/9" x 3" R.S.J.	11th.Field Co. A.E.	Prepared for demolition.
C	I.33.d.7.7. LA NEUVILLE.	Three girders and jack arches Total span 21'6".	llth.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 65 slabs guncotton. 15 slabs per gir der and 20 slabs in trench acress road on top of jack arches. I.F.
D	O.5.c.4.7. CORBIE.	Single span 30', 3 girders & jack arch bridge with sup- ported footpath each side.	llth.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 69 slabs. 21 slabs on each girder an 3 slabs on each of two light girders supporing footpath. E. & I.F.
E	O.5.c.4.4. CORBIE.	Single span 45', 3 girders & jack arches 16' roadway and supported footpath of 4' each side of light channel irons.	llth.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 75 slabs guncotton. 21 slabs on each of out side main girders, on centre girder 27 slabs and 3 slabs on each of footpath girders. I.F.
F	0.5.c.2.0. CORBIE.	Single span brick arch, 25' span, arch ring 2'3" thick. Roadway 16', 4' sidewalk on light beams.	11th.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 94 slabs guncotton, 75 slabs laid in trench on top of arch and pave replaced. 5 slabs on each of the 4 beams carrying side-walk.
G	0.10.b.9.9. CORBIE.		11th.Field Co. A.E.	arranged for electric firing 6/4/18. Duse dis connected
H	0.4.d.6.4.	Reinforced concrete, 3 spans each 24'. 10' roadway.	9th.Field Co. A.E.	Prepared for demolition.
I	0.2.b.6.2.	Railway Bridge.	French.	Prepared for demolition.
J	J.34.b.4.2. BOUZENCOURT.	Bridge 7. Iron davit lift.	llth.Field Vo. A.E.	Charge 26 slabs guncotton placed on main girder. Partly demolished by shell fire. Passable for infantry and not for vehicles.  **E.*  **Musolished */4/18.*

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Bridge.	Location.	Description.	Responsibility.	Charges, Remarks, etc.
KALIAN DIN	I.23.b.35.60. BONNAY.	Two masonry arches with central pier 5'6" thick, arch ring 15" Width of roadway 15'6".	11th.Field Co. A.E.	Charges 210 slabs guncotton placed on crown of armoes in gutter through roadway, 110 slabs on S. end. 100 slabs on N. end. I.F.
L	I.23.b.6.3. BONNAY.	Reinforced concrete bridge. 4 girders 12" x 12".	llth.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 32 slabs guncotton, 8 slabs placed on each girder. Charges 7'3" from N.end.I.F.
M	I.23.d.7.6. BONNAY.	Bridge over railway. Brick arch span 24'6", width 23' roadway 20', arch ring 27".	11th.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 300 lbs. ammonal, 80 slabs guncotton, placed in trench on top of arch. E.&. I.F.
N	I.17.d.9.3.	Span 15', width 11'. Brick abutments 6(?)-7" steel rails. 9" round logs for decking.	10th.Field Co. A.E.	Not charged. Transport cannot get right across river here as there are 4 arms and only one bridged.
0	J.7.b.0.4.	Foot lift bridge, very frail, 2' roadway.	10th.Field Co. A.E.	Not charged.
P	J.7.b.2.7.	Brick bridge with extension on eastern side, built of wooden lattice girders supporting bearers and footway.	10th.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 51 slabs in three courses laid across road over brickwork (a charge of 13 slabs is in position under woodwork keid by English Troop Coy.) Charge not laid yet.
Q	J.7.b.1.9.	Concrete bridge.	10th.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 122 slabs guncotton laid in trench across road. Charge not laid yet.
R	J.3.c.9.8.	Single brick arch, 2 girder arch ring 21", span 21' total length 39', width 18'.	10th.Fiedd Co. A.E.	Charge 288 slabs each haunch.
S	J.4.a.2.5.	Single brick arch. Width 21' arch ring 12". Span 9'. Total	10th.Field Co. A.E.	Charge 122 slabs laid across down of arch This water-course fordable anywhere at present.
T	J.4.a.7.1.	Steel girdered bridge in brick piers. 3 main girders with steel rails underneath supporting flat arched brick flooring.		Charge 8 slabs per girder.

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Bridge.	Location.	Description.	Responsibility.	Charges, Remarks, etc.
U	J.4.b.7.4.	Stone arched railway bridge, 2 spans, total span 42' width 23', total length 50'. Keystones 24"x 10". Ring stones 15"x 10".	10th. Field Co. A.E.	Charges, 200 slabs guncotton each haunch of arch.
M	D.29.d.50.05.	6 I Beams 9" x 4"	10th. Field Co. A.E.	Charge 31 16s. per beam on webs.
X	J.5.b.8.8.	Stone arch bridges. 15' span 15" ring.	10th. Field Co. A.E.	Charge 30 lbs. on each haunch 3' from springing.
Y	D.30.d.6.8.	Composite Bridge. Side bearers 3. Timber 12" x 6". Central steel girder 16"x 8" x 3".	10th. Field Co. A.E.	Charge 5 lbs. each laid on timber beams. charge withdrawn 8/21/18

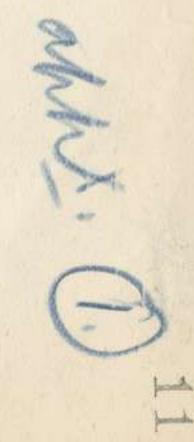
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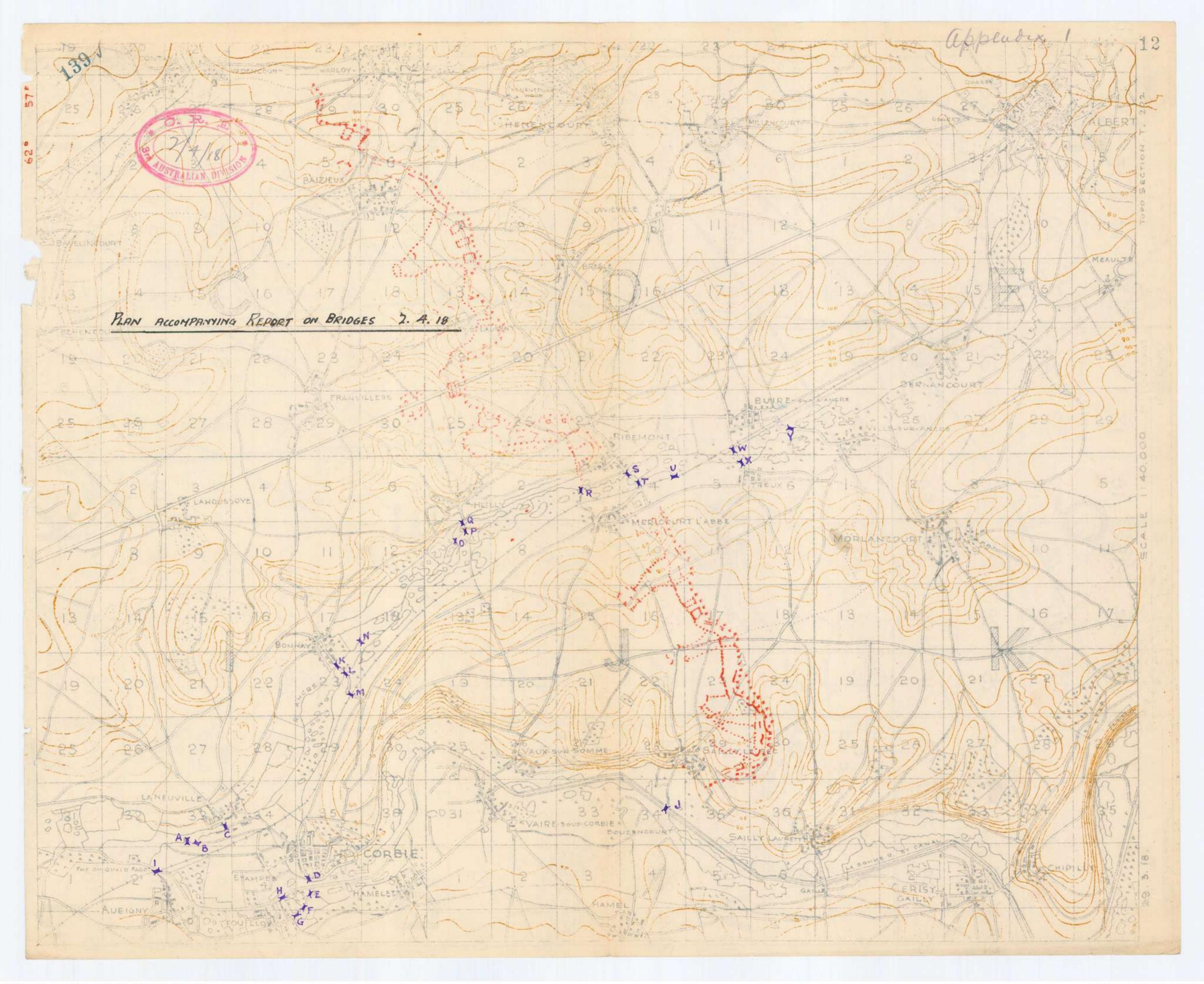
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To 9th. Field Co. From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D. E 81/30 3.4.18.

(1) Please detail 2 Sappers to repair well at Div. H.Q. St.GRATIEN RALLAS soon as possible. Report to C.R.E. Office with rations (at least 48 hours)

(2) Will you please dismantle the two Nissen Huts on the road at Dump (in Quarry) atentrance to LA NEUVILLE (C.33.b.10.50) and

report when they are dismantled.

(3) Report to this office when the scheme of defence of roads from LA NEUVILLE is complete, i.e. as far as trenches are concerned. Treat this as urgent as Corps are inquiring. No need to wait until wire is in, that can go on after the ground is made defensible.

(4) Sen in a 20000 scale map shewing detail of trenches and defences

in your Brigade area.

sgd. T. R. WILLIAMS. Lt-Col. C.R.E. 3rd. Aust. Division.

To loth. Field Co. From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D. 3.4.18.

(1) Please furnish this office as soon as possible (Scale 20,000) with a plan of your Brigade area shewing all lines of defence. This includes all trenches in the area as far back as the ANCRE (This is urgent.)

(2) G.S.O.l. reports that the posts of your switch line leave a too limited field of fire. Could not some adjustment be made to make the fire sweep all low ground before the enemy could make the

ascent of the rising ground.

(3) Collect all barbed wire from BONNAY allotted to you and report

to Brigade so that they can carry on the good work.

(4) In the case of emergency routes preference is to be given to a track towards BONNAY. Id there anything possible between 18.b. and 12.a.?

(5) Send in a daily works report.

(6) Regarding bridge at BURE. If you consider it sufficiently demolished to deny any sort of traffic you can remove your guard taking care re charges etc.

sgd. T. R. WILLIAMS. Lt-Col. C.R.E. 3rd. Aust. Division.

To lith. Field Co. From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D. 3.4.18.

(1) Please furnish this office with a plan shewing all defences in your Brigade area back to the ANCRE. This is urgently required

(Scale 20,000)

the more important owing to the rear alternate gun positions. I suggest your putting in one from BONNAY to HEILLY (the 10th. are also doing one) and two between BONNAY and LA NEUVILLE. Give a sketch showing proposals as soon as reconnoitred, and carry on the work with all available sapper labour. Did you get any Pioneers as I think there is a \(\frac{1}{2}\) Company available for this work, in fact the new C.O. made a mistake himself in regard to it.

(3) Let Brigade know about wire and pickets available. Screw

pickets for front line work first.

sgd. T. R. WILLIAMS. Lt-Col. C.R.E. 3rd. Aust. Division.

To loth. Field Co. Aust. Engrs. E 233 5.4.18.

Establish proper liaison between Field Coy. and Brigade and arrange for Field Coy. officer to be with Brigade.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

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To O.C. 9th. Field Co. E 68/9/17 5.4.18.

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Re note of 4th. inst. reference two footbridges constructed by you recently - arrangements should be made to destroy these at any instant by your Company.

sgd. G.E. TEAGUE. Lt.& Adjt.for C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To O.C. 9th. Field Co. E 68/9/18 5.4.18.

Please arrange to establish proper liaison between Field Coy. and Brigade and arrange for Field Coy. officer to be with Bde.

> sgd. G.E. TEAGUE. Lt.& Adjt.for C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To

3rd. Aust. Division E 234 5.4.18. CHJ 118.

Bridge at BOUZEN COURT was destroyed by 11th. Field Coy. this morning .

From C.R.E. 3rd. Aus. Div.

G. 3rd. Aus. Div. H.Q. 3rd. Div.Arty. E 236 5.4.18.

The following emergency routes are being constructed

(a) J.7.a.7.6. to J.7.d.4.5.

(b) I.17.d.1.8. through I.18. over railway to MERICOURT-CORBIE Read.

(c) 700x South of BONNAY.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To 9th. Field Co. E 237 5.4.18.

Expedite construction of bridge already commenced between VAUX and VAIRE aaa Reported that rafts used in this locality have been damaged hence your barrel bridge is urgently required asa Also make arrangements and construct two other light bridges in this locality for lateral communication asa Get in touch with 15th. Bde. and 10th. Bde. on this and report when these are complete aaa Brigade report no sappers on the job this morning. Please eplain this.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To C.E. 7th. Corps. E 238 5.4.18.

Bridge at J.34.b.4.2. demolished last night by Field Co.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To "G" 3rd. Aus. Div. E 239 5.4.18.

Trenches between I.28.a. and I.31.a. now defensible asa wiring roads leading out of LA NEUVILLE.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To C.R.A. 3rd. Aus. Div. E 241 5.4.18.

The following emergency routes are open to traffic -

J.7.a.7.6. to J.7.d.4.5. (a) (b) ' I.24.b.1.9. to I.17.d.2.9.

(c) The track 700x South of BONNAY I.22.b.5.0. to I.29.b.55.80.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To C.R.A. 3rd. Aus. Div. E 242 5.4.18.

Emergency route at J.2.c.3.1. now open for traffic.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To "G" 3rd. Aus. Div. E 243 5.4.18.

The following emergency routes are now open for traffic .-

(a) J.2.c.3.1.

(b) J.7.a.7.6. to J.7.d.4.5. (c) I24.b.1.9. to I.17.d.2.9.

(d) I.22.b.5.0. to I.29.b.55.80.

From C.R.E. 3rd. A.D.

To O.C. 9th. Field Co. . E 68/9/17. 7.4.18.

Reference Bridge B and H.

Bridge B - Let this bridge remain as at present under 11th.

Field Co. control.

Bridge H - 9th. Field Co. supply the sappers for demolition under Lieut. Thomas of 11th. Field Co. Also when SOMME Bridges are handed over this will be included in the hand over. This handover may take place any day now. When it does the 9th. Field Co. will take over the LA NEUVILLE Bridges. The tactical position does not allow of a handover at present.

Will you please inform 11th. Field Co. of Bridge H and give

sappers instructions accordingly.

sgd. T. R. WILLIAMS. Lt-Col.

C.R.E. Ig. 42 6.4.18.

G.O.C Aust. Corps assumed command 7th. Corps front at 12 noon aaa addressed all concerned

From 3rd. Aus. Division.



E 68/16/14

13th. April. 1918.

C.O. 3rd. Pioneer Battalion.

As your "A" Coy. is being relieved from trench duties, I have some work for them to do.-

(1). Screening of roads in and around HEILLY to screen traffic from balloon observation. This can be done by screens along trees and across streets (on FRANVILLERS ROAD). Camouflage and Hessian can be obtained from QUERRIEU DUMP, and we will advise you when you can draw it.

Also the roads in the immediate vicinity of BONNAY, any place where screens can be of service along the roads put them in -

1 platoon.

- connecting on to spit locked works marked out by 9th. Field Coy.This line is to cover the Valley of the ANCRE and will be dug
  as a series of posts (la platoons) or strong points with 8 pace
  fire bays and 8 pace traverses. This work on the left should
  connect with some line tactically of the 2nd. Division or 10th.
  Brigade on the North side of the ANCRE (The 9th. Field Coy's last
  post is at J.1.b.7.5.) Also expand this work in depth with Strong
  Points 2 Platoons.
- One platoon on improving emergency tracks with the other platoon already engaged If a proper reconaissance is made between HEILLY and BONNAY, sufficient material suitable for tracks can be found already cut and prepared in small bundles. It is not desired to cut down many trees for this work. In places a few loads of lime-stone could be used, try and make the tracks as passable as possible with material at hand.

One - HEILLY-BONNAY.

One - BONNAY-CORBIE.

Make fascines out of all material available.

Drivillians Lieut-Colonel. C.R.E. 3rd. Aust. Division.





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24th. April, 1918.

C. O. 3rd. Pioneer Battalion.

Please commence the construction of 2 O.P. deep dugouts, one for the right artillery group (8th. Army Brigade, C.O. Lt-Col. Allsop) and the other for the left artillery group (6th. Army Brigade, C.O. Lt-Col. Cohen).

centres; 20' of cover required.

Wire this office map locations of sites directly they are fixed after consultation with the group commanders.

All work will be camouflaged.

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27th. April, 1918.

C.O. 3rd. Pioneer Battn.

Please put in hand at once construction of a tunnelled dugout for a Battalion Headquarters in quarry at J.9.b.8.2. Two entrances to be provided at 40' centres. 4 chambers 8'x 6' with 20' of cover off connecting gallery required.

a/C.R.E. 3rd. Australian Division.





29th. April, 1918.

3rd. Pioneer Battalion.

"G" Branch ) For information. 3rd. M.G.Battalion ) "

Please put in hand forthwith the construction of 6 tunnelled dugouts for the 3rd. Machine Gun Battalion.

The C.O. 3rd. M.G. Battalion will fix the exact sites, approximate locations and the order in which they will be started is as follows:-

No. 6 Dugout. D.30.b.4.6.

No. 2 Dugout. J.17.a.3.4.

No. 4 Dugout. J. 5.a.2.2.

No. 3 Dugout. J.11.c.8.6.

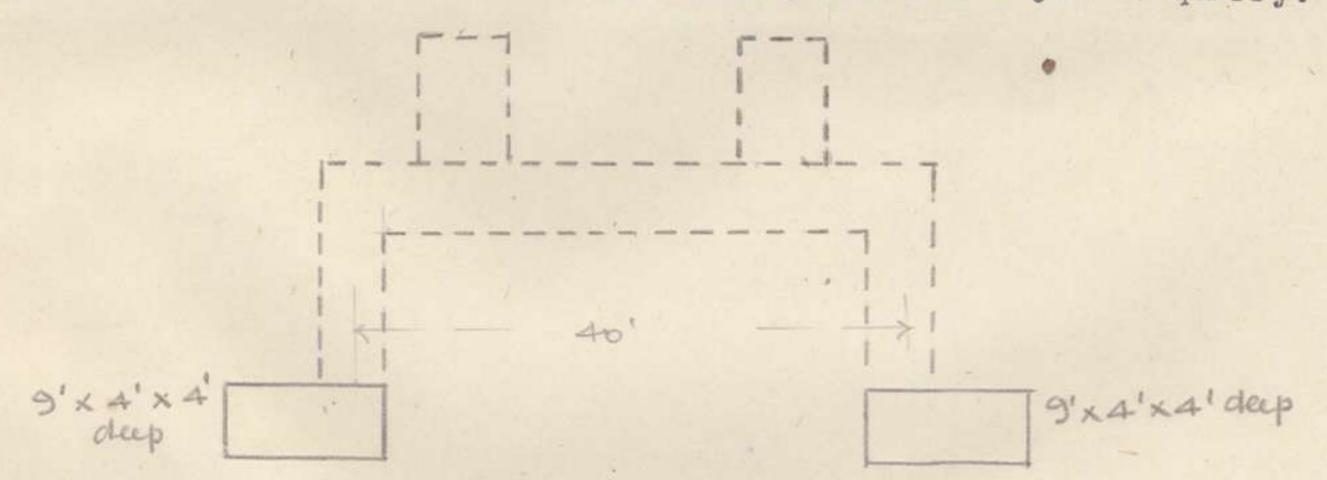
No. 5 Dugout. D.28.b.7.3.

No. 1 Dugout. J.23.d.3.3.

Dugouts Nos. 2,3,4 & 6 will be dug off existing trenches and will consist of 2 entrances at 40' centres, connected by a 6'x 3' gallery, 2 chambers each 9'x 6' to be dug off gallery, and each fitted with 6 bunks. Cover to be 15' in chalk increasing to 20' in ordinary soil. Spoil will be got rid of by filling in trenches of no use, and carrying along trench and thickening judiciously the parapet and parados.

Dugout No. 1 is an old French dugout. New steps and 2/9'x 6' chambers are to be put in. Spoil got rid of as above.

Dugout No. 5 is out in the open, 2 nests each 9x4'x 4' deep at 40' centres will be first dug and revetted, and entrances started from these. Spoil will be dumped in an adjacent quarry.



An officer is to be in charge of the construction of each dugout, and special orders are to be given to him to the effect that concealment of work is of first importance. The officers will be held responsible that the work does not stand out in air photographs.

On completion, assistance is to be given, if required, to the machine gunners with the revetting of their emplacements, levelling off of parapets of trenches which block their field of fire, and the cutting of lanes in woods.

A/C.R.E. 3rd. Australian Division.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE No.10.

#### DEMOLITIONS.

1.- Instructions for the Defensive No, 3, exclusing the map therewith, are cancelled.

#### 2. DEMOLITION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

(i) A map was issued with Instructions for the Defensive No. 3. showing the points at which preparations have been, or are being, made for the demolition of roads and bridges.

These maps will be kept up under divisional arrangements.

(ii) Attached hereto are the following tables :-

Table 'A'. Road Demolitions.

Table 'B'. Bridges over River HALLUE prepared or to

be prepared for demolition.

Table 'C'. Bridges other than over River HALLUE

prepared or to be prepared for demolition.

Table 'Cl'. Bridges being dealt with by Transportation or French Authorities.

These show the allotment for responsibility for guarding, for the issue of order to demolish, and for actual demolition. The demolitions already shown on the map issued with Instruct-

ions for the Defensive No, 3, are underlined in blue and in these tables Revised tables will be issued from time to time and revisions will indicate additions and alterations.

3.- RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEMOLITION OF ROADS.

(a) 180 Tunnelling Company R.E. will be responsible for guarding and for actual demolition of all road craters. Orders for the demolition will be given by the Divisions detailed in Table 'A'.

(b) Divisions requiring any additional craters will forward their

recommendation for decision.

### 4.- RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEMOLITION OF BRIDGES.

(a) River HALLUE. 238 A.T. Company R.E. will be responsible for guarding and for actual demolition of all bridges on the River HALLUE from N.5.d.2.9. to Corps Northern Boundary. Orders for the actual demolition will be given by C.E. Australian Corps. See Table 'B'.

(b) 2nd. Australian Tunnelling Company A.E. will be responsible for guarding and for actual demolition of all bridges in the Australian Corps Area, with the exception of :-

Those detailed in paragraph 3 (a). Bridges controlled by Third Corps.

Bridges controlled by Transportation and French Authorities (see Table 'Cl'.

The attached table 'C' gives the detailed list of bridges and full particulars of "responsibility for actual demolition" and "responsibility for orders for demolition".

Orders for actual demolition will be given by the Divisions.

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#### 5 .- ORDERS FOR ACTUAL DEMOLITION. ALES E . LE SOM . AND

Units will carry out the actual demolition when orders are received from the formation responsible.

Os. C. Units will arrange to keep in constant touch with formations responsible.

In the event of the enemy appearing at close quarters before the orders are received then the officer or N.C.O. in charge will destroy the bridge or crater at his own discretion.

Units will be given definite written instructions to this effect.

### 6.- FIELD ENGINEER FOR DEMOTTIONS.

Captain BURNELL, M.C., A.E. has been detailed by Chief Engineer as Field Engineer for demolitions and all formations and units will give him every facility to keep in touch with the work and arrangements.

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### THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS.

ENGINEER INSTRUCTION NO.9. Reference Aust. Corps. S/4231. Instructions for the Defensive No. 10.

17th. April, 1918.

Map Reference: Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

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#### BRIDGE DEMOLITIONS.

The 3rd. Australian Divisional Engineers will be relieved on 18th. April, 1918, by the 2nd. Australian Tunnelling Company of all Bridges mentioned in attached appendix (Table C - Field Companies All plans and orders concerned with the demolition of only). these bridges will be handed over on relief.

The Footbridges over the SOMME constructed by the 9th. Field Company will still remain under their charge.

On completion of relief, Field Companies will notify Headquarters, Divisional Engineers by wire.

Lieut-Colonel. G.R.F. 3rd. Aust. Division.

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3. 9th. Field Company.

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### Table "A" Road Craters.

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Serial No. Location	Response Actual demolition.	asibility for
		Orders for demolition.
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Table "B". Bridges over R. HALLUE prepared or to be prepared for demolition.
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TABLE C.	Bridges	prepared	or to	be	prepared	for	demolition	other	than	over	R. HABLUE
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	M.22.b.6.1. Longueau.   M.15.b.2.3. Camon.   M.15.b.2.3. Camon.   M.15.b.3.1. Camon.   M.16.b.2.7.   Heilly.   M.17.b.2.7.   Heilly.   M.18.b.3.6.   Bonnay.   M.18.b.3.6.   Bonnay.   M.18.b.3.6.   Bonnay.   M.18.b.3.6.   M.18.b.3.6	19' span girder bridge on wooden abutments. Continuous girder bridge - span with centre pier. Small girder bridge - span on brick abutment. T. Steel girder bridge 18' span x 18' wide. T. Masonry Arch 8' span x 18' wide. Two small masonry arches with central pier 15'roadway. Three girders and jack arches 21'6" span.  Very small footbridge over mill stream.  6 I Beams 9"x 4" span. Masonry arch bridge 15"ring, 15' span. T. Brick arch bridge 8' span 20' wide, arch ring 12" T. Brick arch 20' span x 18' wide 22" ring. T. 8' span, steel and concrete 20' wide. Reinforced concrete bridge 4 girders 12"x 12".	'B' Div.

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Table C. Continued. Bridges prepared or to be prepared for demolition other than over R. HALLUE.

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### ENGINEER INSTRUCTION NO.10.

24th. April, 1918.

#### PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION RE RELIEF.

On the 25th, 26th, and 27th, inst. the 4th. Australian 1.-Division will relieve the 3rd. Australian Division.

10th. Field Company will relieve 4th. Field Co. on Roads. 2.0 9th. Field Company will relieve 12th. Field Co.on Defences. 11th. Field Company will relieve 13th. Field Co.on Defences. 3rd. Pioneer Battalion will relieve 4th. Pioneer Battalion on Defences.

3.-Units will at once send an Officer to make a preliminary recconnaissance of work to be taken over .-

> 4th. Field Company are billetted at BAIZIEUX. 12th. Field Company are billetted at LAHOUSSOYE. 13th. Field Company are billetted at ALLONVILLE. 4th. Pioneer Battalion billetted at LAHOUSSOYE.

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### REFERENCE PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION RE RELIEF.

The reliefs will take place as stated on the 26th. inst.

The 4th. Field Company, 12th. Field Company and 4th. Pioneer Battalion are going to leave behind parties to ensure continuity of work on the 26th. inst. to prevent disorganization of labour and transport.

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To all Recipients of Engineer Instruction No. 10. 24.4.1918.



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25th. April, 1918.

9th. Field Co. 10th. Field Co. 11th. Field Co.

3rd. Pioneer Battalion.

#### C.R.E. WORKS MEMO. No. 1.

- 1.- To obscure uniformity in the matter of survey work units will be supplied by this office with a 1:20,000 Standard Sheet on which all work is to be plotted.
- 2.- Field Companies will at once check and bring up to date the work shewn on the Standard Map, and will inform this office immediately of any errors.

  Areas are allotted as under.
  - lith. Field Company Area. Area East of the ANCRE RIVER between Southern Divisional boundary and horizontal grid line through J.7.central.
  - 10th. Field Company Area. Area East of vertical grid line through J.7.a.0.0. and betweeb horiz-ontal grid line through J.7.central and Northern Divisional boundary.
  - 9th. Field Company Area. Reminder of Divisional Area as far West as vertical grid line through I.19.c.0.0.
- 3.- Units when giving map location will invariably give them from the Standard Map.
- 4.- Every second day units will forward to C.R.Es. Office a tracing to fit the Standard Map shewing new work done.

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25th. April, 1918.

9th. Field Co. 10th.Field Co. 11th.Field Co. 3rd. Pioneer Battalion.

#### C.R.E WORKS MEMO. NO. 2.

#### WORKS REPORTS.

1.- DAILY WORKS REPORTS.

In their Daily Works Reports Units will include work done for the 24 hours ending 6 a.m., and the report is to be sent to reach this office by 6 p.m.

Report will be headed:-

Works Report for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. -/4/18.

2. - WEEKLY WORKS REPORTS.

This report will be submitted to this office by 6 p.m. each Friday for the 168 hours ending 6 a.m. that day. It will be accompanied by a tracing to fit over the Standard Map 1:20,000.

All new work done during the week will be shewn in RED, other work to which reference is made in written report in BLACK. Notes will be added to the tracing for works which cannot be shewn otherwise:-

e.g., '12 Gas Doors fitted here'
'Accomodation built here'
'Duckboard track relaid on trestlesmand wired.

Reports must be clear and definite, Map Location always given; "approx" can always be added to a map location if necessary; when practicable the amount and nature of work done should be given:

e.g., "300 yds. wire entanglements from to is not sufficient. It should either be "300 yds. standard wire entanglement etc." referring to some standard about which the unit has informed C.R.Es. Office, or it should state particulars and so forth.

dimensions.

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#### C.R.E. WORKS MEMO. NO. 3.

Please furnish as soon as possible sketches of all tunnelled dugouts, to a scale of 1 inch = 10 feet, that you have under construction. Work done to be shewn in full and future work dotted.

In future directly a tunnelled dugout is started a sketch showing proposed scheme is to be sent to this office.

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28th. April, 1918.

### C.R.E. WORKS MEMO. No. 4.

Divisional Policy as regards the Employment of Engineers and Pioneers when the Division is in the Line.

On the Division coming into line the General Staff in consultation with the C.R.E. will make recommendations to the Divisional Commander as to the employment of the three Field Companies and the Pioneer Battalion, who will then decide on their employment.

The normal arrangement as regards the Field Companies is that a Field Company is allotted to each Infantry Brigade.

As the Brigadier is responsible for all defences in his area the Field Company Commander therefore becomes his technical adviser on all engineering matters, and the latter then arranges to provide the necessary engineer supervision and advice to economically and efficiently supervise the engineer works that the Brigadier orders his Battalions to carry out. The Field Company in addition to the above will also receive orders from the C.R.E. to carry out special engineer work in his area.

The General Staff will either place the Pioneer Battalion or portion of it under the orders of the C.R.E. for work, or will place Companies with Brigades.

In the former case the C.R.E. will allot definite work, and the C.O. Pioneer Battalion will be responsible direct to the C.R.E. for the execution of it.

In the latter case Brigadiers will allot work to the Pioneers, but the Field Company Commanders will still be responsible to the Brigadier that their work is being economically and efficiently carried out.

The C.R.E's duty is to co-ordinate the work done in the brigade areas, and bring to the notice of Brigadiers any work being undertaken which does not conform to the Divisional Commander's policy of work.

a/C.R.E. Third Australian Division.

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30th. April, 1918.

#### C.R.E. WORKS MEMO. NO.5.

- 1.- When a line of Strong Points are linked together to form a continuous line and the work is of a deliberate nature, the linking up trenches are to be traversed and have firebays.
- 2.- Communication Trenches which are too deep to allow men to effectually use their rifles will forthwith be converted into fire trenches. The alteration will either be in the nature of fire steps, fire bay or tee head. At about every 20 yards along the trench a length of yard should thus be fixed up.
- nature the parapet will be kept as low as possible. If a good field of fire can be obtained at ground level then no parapet is to be made, and all earth will put into the parados. The trench will be dug to a depth of 4'6", and, if desired, an elbow rest can be cut.

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9th. Field Co. 10th. Field Co. 11th. Field Co.

3rd. Pioneer Battalion.

30th. April, 1918.

When building new R.A.Ps. they are to be kept entirely separate from other Headquarters in order to minimise the risk of personnel becoming casualties through gassed cases being brought into the same dugout for treatment.

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30th. April, 1918.

H.Q. "G".

3rd. Australian Division.

Reference G 401/36/11 of 29.4.18.

Herewith list of deep dugouts either completed or under construction by this Division. 3 Battalion Headquarters at J.3.b.l.3., D.29.c.l.O., and MERICOURT are in strong cellars which have been underpinned.

Sketches are being prepared of all dugouts showing state

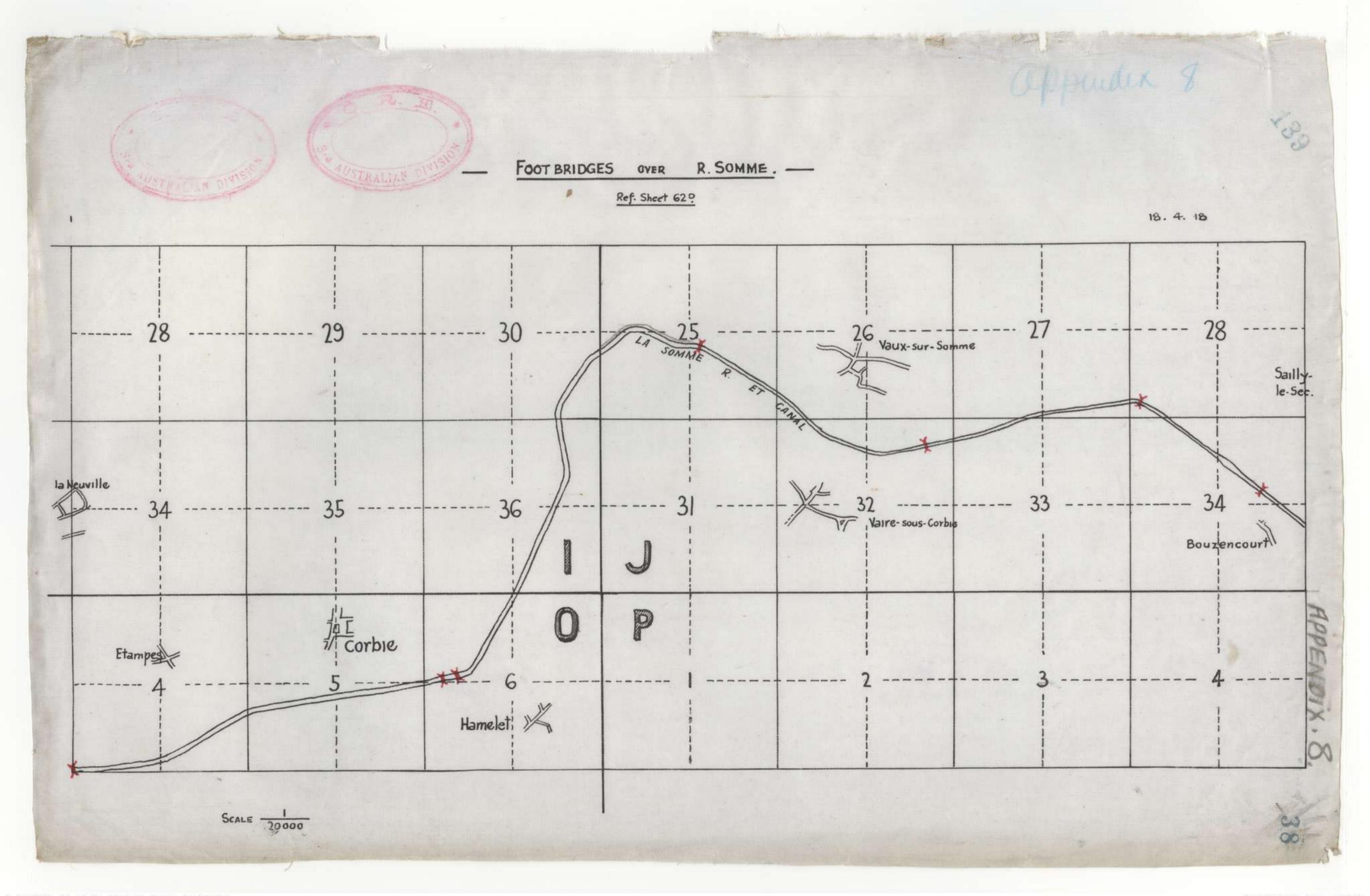
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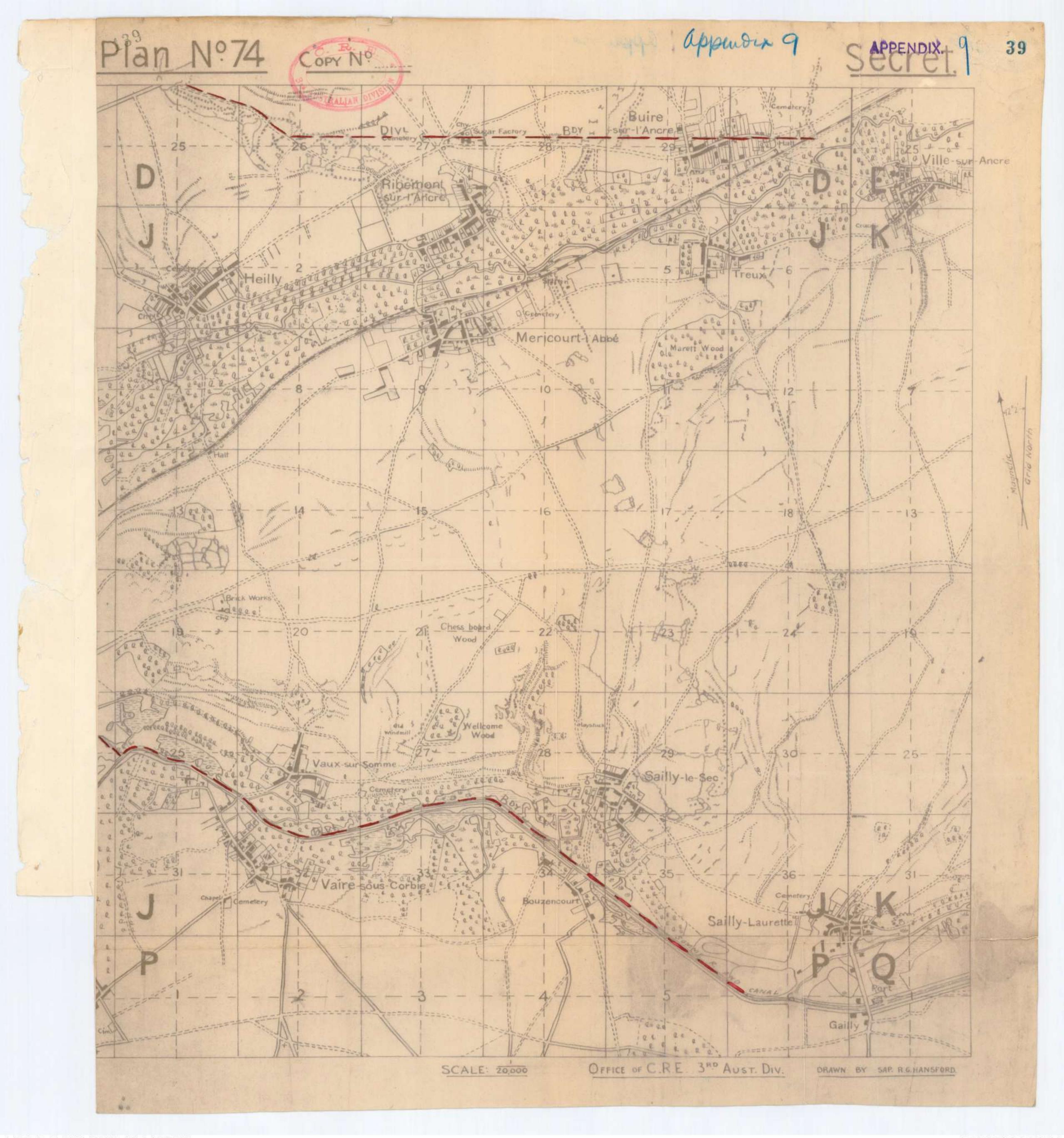
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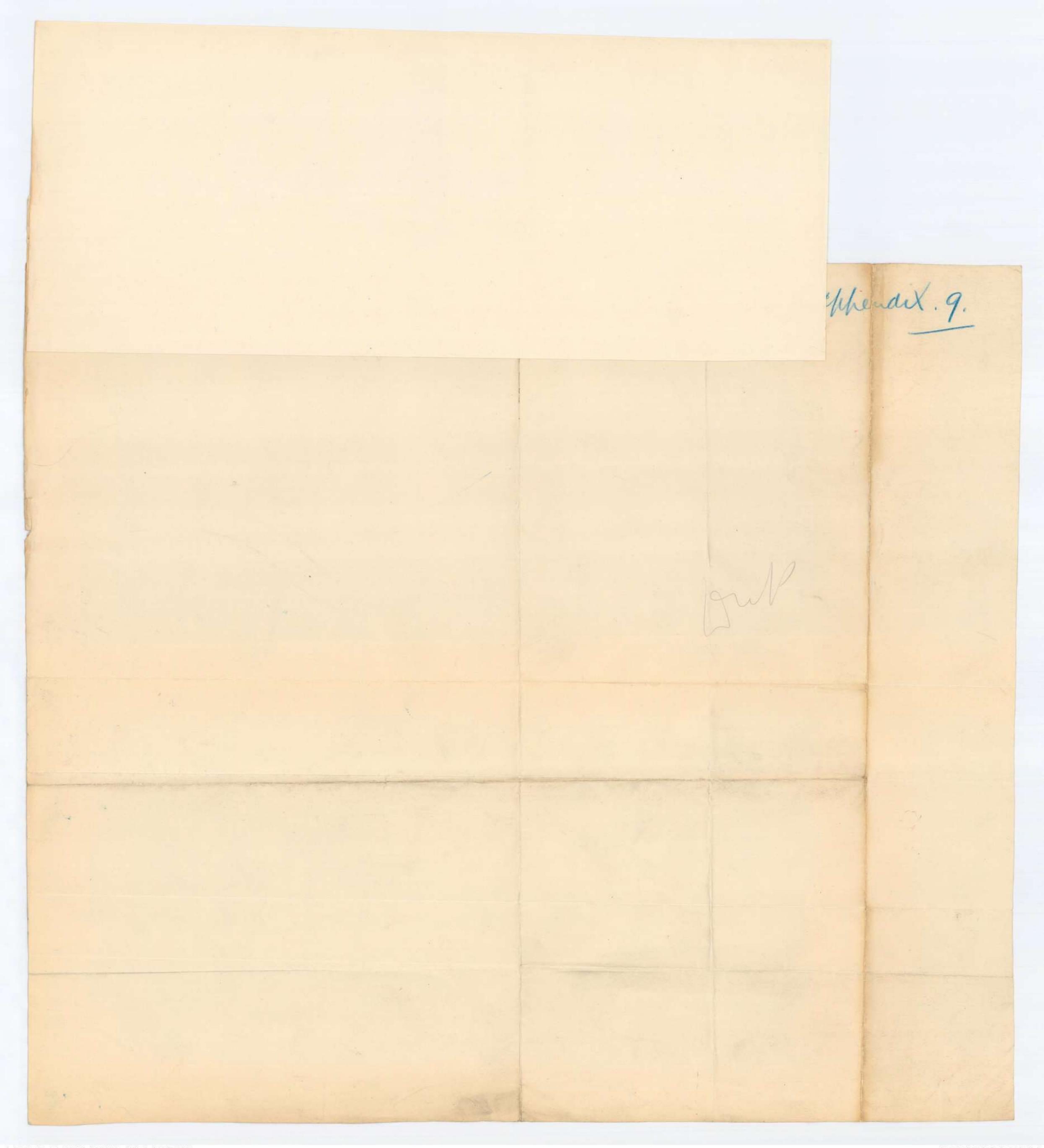
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