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BIEFVILLERS CAMP	JUNE 1/6/14		<p>Weather: Fine. - Muster Parade of Battalion at 8.20 AM. Route march of six miles in Marching Order was carried out during the morning. First line transport and field kitchens accompanied the column. Order of March as follows: -</p> <p>54th Bn. 58th Bn. 15th M.B. Coy. 15th A.K.M.B. with 20 minutes interval between units. March commenced H. 19.4.9.9, thence, BIEFVILLERS-BIHUCOURT-C.22.a-BIEFVILLERS and return to camp. The men performed the march with ease, and on an inspection of feet being made, it was found that the men's feet had not been affected in any way. At 2.55 pm the 1st Line transports of the Brigade were inspected by the B.O.C. Organised games were carried out during afternoon. Company Officers attended lecture on 'Company in Attack' given by Brigade Major in M.C.A. at 2.15 pm. This lecture was imparted to the men at 6 pm by Company commanders. The following members of this Bn have been awarded 'Military Medals' for bravery in the field during our tour in the trenches at BULLECOURT in May. Lieut. J.G. Keating a platoon 58th Bn. mentioned in despatches. This is the second mention that this Officer has obtained.</p> <p>Military Medals:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1874</td> <td>Sgt</td> <td>Eales</td> <td>P.W.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2957</td> <td>Pte</td> <td>Howley</td> <td>J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2876</td> <td>"</td> <td>Shone</td> <td>E.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2385</td> <td>"</td> <td>Bartie</td> <td>E.P.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1588</td> <td>"</td> <td>Jones</td> <td>W.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1444</td> <td>"</td> <td>Thorne</td> <td>A.J.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Arrivals 69 OR marches in from Becourt 5th Div Reinforcement Camp</p> <p>Departures 2 O.R. to Angae School of Cookery.</p>	1874	Sgt	Eales	P.W.	2957	Pte	Howley	J.	2876	"	Shone	E.M.	2385	"	Bartie	E.P.	1588	"	Jones	W.	1444	"	Thorne	A.J.	
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BIEFVILLERS CAMP	2/6/17		<p>Weather <u>Line</u>: - Reveille at 6 AM. Syllabus, training for today - Work on Sector. A bathing parade was carried out during the morning in conjunction with work on defensive line. 'A' company reported to Divisional Baths in Sugar Factory. BAPAUMEN 'B' coy at 9.45 AM. 'C' coy at 10 AM. 'D' coy at 11.15 AM. Every man in the Battalion had a hot-bath and received a change of underclothing. Blankets were fumigated in "Foden" fumigator at the baths. They were subjected to a dry steaming process at a temperature of 220^{deg}. However it was found that this process does not altogether kill all the vermin, as lice were found on some of the blankets which under-went this process of fumigation. Each company carried out three hours work on the trench. The work of constructing and wiring this trench is nearing completion. Plan of work and the description of construction was forwarded to Bde H. Jrs at 9 AM. During afternoon organised games were carried out. Our aeroplanes were active during the day while the usual lines of captive balloons were up.</p> <p>Mo 1654 Sgt BARRACLOUGH R.M. proceeded to Cadet Battalion in England.</p> <p>Arrivals: 2nd Lieut C. A. DEANE 2nd Lieut E. L. STEPHENSON (from Seconded list)</p> <p>Departures: - 2nd Lieut C. P. FINNIE (evacuated sick) Capt A. V. R. HANSEN proceeded on English leave</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP	3/6/14		<p>Weather. Fine - Church services for R.C. and E of E were held at 9.30 AM. C.O.C inspected the lines of all companies of the different Bns at 11 AM. C.O.s - Staff Captain and Adjutants accompanied C.O.C on his tour of inspection The four Bns - W.L. Coy and A.L.T.M.B have all set a high standard in regard to laying out of pits and to the general orderly appearance of the camps. We struck tents at 11.20 AM for purpose of airing. This Bn has purchased a brass band and we have sufficiently qualified players to make this regimental band a success. This is the first band that has been formed in this Brigade. Several times during the day a number of hostile aeroplanes appeared over this area.</p>																
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BIEFVILLERS CAMP.	4/6/17		<p><u>Weather Fine.</u> Reveille at 5.45 AM. Battalion took part in a route march over a distance of seven miles. 1st Line transport and field kitchens accompanied the column. Marching order was worn. <u>Order of March</u> - 15th M & Coy - 15th ALTB 58th Bn - 57th Bn. <u>Start</u> - H. 19. 6. 9. 9 at 8.20 AM in above order with 15 minutes intervals. <u>Route</u> - H. 19. 6. 9. 9 - BIEFVILLERS - GREVILLERS - G. 22 - ACHIET - LE - BRAND - BIHUCOURT thence return to camp via starting point. Battalion reached lines at 10.27 AM. Excellent discipline was shown by the men throughout the march. No one fell out. Regimental band played the column out and in to camp. Officers attended lecture on "Barrages" at 2.15 pm. During afternoon Commanding Officer accompanied by Brigade Major and Company commanders made a reconnaissance of area of ground in squares H. 13. 6 - G. 24 - H. 32 for purposes of carrying out an advanced Guard company in attack tomorrow. A boxing stadium is being constructed by this Battalion for recreation purposes. During day there were numbers of hostile aeroplanes flying very high over this area. Our anti-aircraft guns engaged them in every case.</p> <p><u>Departures</u>:- Lt. G. L. McKinley evacuated sick. Four O.R. proceeded to Light Trench Mortar School.</p> <p><u>Arrivals</u>: Lt. L. H. Dardier marched in from Becourt Camp.</p>	<p>4</p>

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP	5/6/14		<p><u>Weather:</u> Warm. Training. Advanced Guard Company in attack on tactical points over area in squares H.13.b - G.24 - H.32. Companies moved out of lines at 8.15 am. A and B coys operated over H.13.b and G.24. C and D coys over H.13. b. A picked machine gun and a trench mortar gun were attached to right and left half Battalion's respectively. Officers had made a preliminary reconnaissance of the positions during yesterday afternoon. Each company carried out the attack on a sound tactical basis. The referee considered that the companies lacked the necessary dash and decision. This fault will be overcome, however, when the officers and men have more experience in these tactical exercises. Companies returned to camp at 12.15 pm.</p> <p>Personnel detailed for Brigade N.C.Ds and Lewis Sumner's School of Instruction. Transport Officer attended lecture at D.A.D.O.S at 2.30 pm. Officers attended lecture at M.C.A at 2.15 pm on "Messages and Reports".</p> <p>The undermentioned members of this Battalion have been mentioned in despatches for good work during our last tour of the trenches at BULLECOURT on 9/5/16 to 13/5/16.</p> <p>No 2378 Pte Brockley A.S. 2543 " Parker L.W. 5189 " Room G 1731 " Owens W.A</p>

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BIEFVILLERS	6/6/17		<p>Weather: warm. Routine has been altered as follows. - Reveille 6 AM - Breakfast 6.30 AM. Muster Parade 8 AM - Training Parades 8.15 AM to 12.15 PM.</p> <p>Work for today as follows. - Advancing under Barrages at varying rates and Terrain! Owing to the small numbers of men available this practice had to be carried out with the aid of ropes with white cloth attached.</p> <p>Brigade Training Schools commenced at 8.15 AM. Our detail as follows. V.C.O's Class 'A' - 5 Sergeants. Class 'B' - 16 Lt/Cpls. 12 Privates and 2 Sergeants. Lewis Gunners - Eight per Company. A Lewis gun was supplied from each Coy. Lieut Wood of this Bn is in charge of the Lewis Gun Class!</p> <p>Bombers and Rifle Grenadiers - Sixty four were put through five practices on Brigade Bombing Course during the morning under Brigade Bombing Officer. During afternoon organized games were carried out. A team from Brigade Head Quarters played a team from this unit in cricket which was won by the former. At 9.30 PM the Battalion carried out a night operation in Square H.14. The work was elementary. Companies Commanders made all their own arrangements. Companies returned to Camp at</p> <p>Departures 5 OR. proceeded on English leave 3 OR. to Div pigeon school for four days course, of instruction as pigeoners.</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP	4/16/17		<p>Weather, Dary. Personnel as detailed for Brigade Schools of Instruction attended classes. Companies engaged on work on defensive line. Officers attended lecture on YMCA at 2.15 pm on "Necessity for Marksmanship". A team from 58th Bn played a cricket match against 15th Inf Bde team. Match was won by 58th Bn. During evening we held a boxing tournament at our stadium. This stadium was erected by us for recreation purposes and it is the intention of the Battalion to encourage this form of sport. C.O. extended a cordial invitation to the other Battalions to arrange inter-Battalion contests. Every facility has been afforded to the Officers and men for recreation during the afternoon of each day. O.C. A and D Companies attended a "gas projective demonstration" at Corps Hqs at 5.30 pm.</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP.	8/17/16		<p>Weather Cloudy. Slight showers. Training. N.C.O Classes 'A' and 'B' attended Brigade school of instruction. Every available man and 1st Line Transport engaged in a Route March. Order - 57th Bn. 58th Bn. 15th M & Coy. Route - GREVILLERS - H. 31. d. 0.1 - M. 11. 6. 6. 4 and return via "Misty Way" and H. 26. d (AVESNES). 57th Bn led off at 7.20 am and other units followed at 10 minutes intervals. Arrived back in Camp at 10.30^{AM}</p> <p>After every route march the feet of the men are inspected and washed. This is done under the supervision of the Platoon Officers.</p> <p>No one fell out of the column on the march.</p> <p>A kit inspection was held at 11.30 AM and shortages taken.</p> <p>Organized games of cricket, tennis, football carried out during afternoon and boxing contests at night.</p> <p>At 2.55 pm the 1st Line Transports of the Brigade were inspected by the S.O.C. Pte John's awarded 30 days F.P(2) was escorted to 1st Augac F.P. Comfound. WARLOY.</p> <p>Arrivals. 50 O.P. marched in as reinforcements. J.B.</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP.	9/16/17		<p>Weather. light Showers. Training Elementary Musketry and Standard tests. Bayonet fighting. Detail of 4 C.O.s and Lewis Gunners attended Brigade classes of instruction. Twelve bombers per company were put through "live practice" on bombing course. The training for the past week was all carried out in accordance with the syllabus as laid down by 15th Inf Brigade. Battalion Specialists were trained under the guidance of Specialist Officers. At the inspection of the 1st line transports of Brigade which was held yesterday, the C.O.C placed the transport of the 58th Battalion, as being the best. A F.C.M. assembled at 58th Bn H. Qrs at 10 am, when eleven (11) cases were brought up for trial.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">President Lt. Col. Chas. A. Denehy C.O. 58th Bn</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Members Capt. W. Scurry D.C. 15th A.L.T.M.B. Lieut. B. Kerr of 15th M.G. Coy.</p> <p>An Officer from Corps H. Qrs attended the court. Two members of this Battalion were amongst the accused, namely Pte Hutchinson. Pte Reynolds. A boxing tournament was held at our stadium at 7.30 pm. The different bouts were keenly contested. Each of the units of the Brigade and neighbouring English units supplied contestants.</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP.	10/ 16/ 17		<p>Weather fine & church Parades were held at 9.30 Am for R. C. Coy E and O.P.D. At 11 Am G.O.C accompanied by Battalion Commanders and Adjutants made a tour of inspection of the lines of the different units. At 11.15 Am tents were struck in order to ventilate the insides. F.B.C.M continued to sit at 1.30 pm. C.R. COLE</p> <p>Arrivals:- Lieut. R. V. Mason ex Hospital Eleven O.R " "</p> <p>Departures:- Three " " reinforcements from Pigeoners School Three " " " " Ten O.R to Summer Post Camp.</p> <p><u>Battalion Strength</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Officers</th> <th>Other Ranks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Strength.</td> <td>35</td> <td>721</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actually With Unit.</td> <td>27</td> <td>582</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In Field Ambulance.</td> <td>3</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached from Unit.</td> <td>5</td> <td>111</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Officers	Other Ranks	Total Strength.	35	721	Actually With Unit.	27	582	In Field Ambulance.	3	28	Detached from Unit.	5	111	
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'BIEFVILLERS' CAMP	11/6/14		<p><u>Weather:</u> Heavy rain during night. No parades were held this morning owing to frequent showers of rain. A Bathing parade was held, commencing at 10.30 Am. Every member of the Battalion was bathed and received a change of underclothing at the 5th Divisional Baths in Bapaume.</p> <p>Storm water filled up two sectors of the defensive line. Arrangements have been made to drain this trench, tomorrow.</p> <p>F.C.M. continued to sit and take evidence. Court further adjourned until 9 Am tomorrow. Several boxing bouts were carried off on our stadium at 7.30 pm.</p> <p>Arrivals: Capt W. H. Pennick as Medical Officer. Lt Phillips } from Gas School Becourt. Four Other Banters }</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP	12/ 16/ 17		<p>Weather: Fine. Muster parade was held at 8.15 AM. A Company engaged on construction of defensive line at the HUN DUMP in H.21. b. B. C and D Companies each supplied a working party of 30 men to drain storm water from the defensive line in H.20. a and H.20. b. Balance of companies engaged on Musketry exercises. 7 C.O's of A and B classes and the detail of 34 Lewis Gunners attended Brigade classes of instruction. Nine signallers attended Brigade signal school.</p> <p>F.C.C. continued to sit at 2 pm and take evidence. Court adjourned at 4.30 pm until 9 am tomorrow. Eight bombers per company were given instruction in elementary bombing work. Commanding Officer inspected Battalion transport at 5 pm. Major-General White of 1st Arzac Corps visited our lines during the morning.</p> <p>Boxing contests were held at our stadium at 7 pm. Two challenge contests were decided. Targets and 3 inch bulls eyes were constructed for tomorrow's Musketry practice on the.</p> <p>Arrivals: Fifteen Other Ranks arrived from Becont Camp (ex-hospital)</p>	

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BIEFVILLERS CAMP.	13/6/17		<p>Weather Warm: - Muster parade held at 7 am. Musketry practice was carried out on the rifle range in H. H. P. Each Battalion selected 8 targets at 50 yds with 3 inch bulls eyes. Only 'A' company completed the practice which was 5 rounds "grouping" and 5 rounds "application".</p> <p>The shooting was not completed as units in the neighbourhood complained of bullets flying about. The wall behind the targets proved to be too low; anyone shooting short would cause a ricochet. Balance of the Battalion carried on with musketry exercises and close order work.</p> <p>At 7 am Battalion 2nd in Command and Company commanders were present at a demonstration carried out by 8th Inf Brigade A.I.F. with contact aeroplanes. F.C.C.M. continued to sit and the remaining cases were disposed of, for which this F.C.C.M. was convened on 9/6/17.</p> <p>1st Line transports of 15th Inf Brigade proceeded to CONTAY at 3.5 pm (see Brigade Order No 127¹⁰⁶, attached APPENDIX 'G') ^{Battalion Order No. 114 issued see app 1} Three B.S Waggons reported at 10 am and conveyed baggage to CONTAY. A belleting party of 1 officer 2 other ranks proceeded to CONTAY at 9 am. Advance party of 1 officer 6 O.R. arrived from 20th Battalion RUBEMPRE at 2 pm and proceeded to take over the dispositions of the 58th Bn area.</p> <p>A marching out parade was held at 3 pm; when the equipment of the men were inspected. Boxing contests were held at the Stadium at 7.30 pm, when several keenly contested bouts were decided.</p>	<p>'G' Brigade Order</p> <p>Battalion order</p>

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ON ROUTE FROM BRIEFVILLIERS CAMP TO CONTAY	18/16/14		<p>Weather Warm. Camp area was thoroughly cleaned this morning and then handed over to the representative of the incoming unit 20th Bn. All area stores and plans and sketches of Camp and defensive line of trenches were handed over (For sketches see APPENDIX A to F, attached)</p> <p>The 58th Battalion moved to back areas as per Brigade Order No 104 (see APPENDIX H, attached) Head Quarters. 'A' and 'B' Companies moved out of Bn lines at 10.30 am - departed in No 1 train at 12 noon - arrived PUCHEVILLERS at 2.5 pm then proceeded via road to billets in CONTAY in the SENLIS area (see Map LENS) 'C' and 'D' companies moved out of lines at 12.30 pm but did not depart from BAPAUME until 4 pm. These two companies arrived CONTAY at 9.10 pm. Battalion reported all correct to 15th Brigade H.Q.s at 9.10 pm. Brigade Headquarters are situated in RUBEMPRE. 1st Line transport arrived CONTAY at midday. Accommodation for the Battalion in the billets allotted, was found to be ample. Area was found to be generally clean and sanitary. The route march of 4 1/2 miles from PUCHEVILLERS to CONTAY was performed without any member of the Battalion falling out.</p>	<p>'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F' (Sketches)</p>
			<p>Departures Five other ranks departed from BAPAUME at 7 pm on English leave.</p>	<p>'H' Brigade Order No 104</p>

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CONTAY	15/ 16/ 17/		<p>Weather Warm. Muster parade held at 8.30 Am. Training was carried out on sports ground. Companies carried out close order work and bayonet assaults. Specialists were given instruction under specialist Officers. The Battalion carried out a bathing parade at the local baths. A company commenced at 9 Am. The whole battalion were all bathed by 2 pm. Major General White and Staff Captain of 1st Anzac Corps visited Battalion H. Qs at 11 Am.</p> <p>Lieut Rupert Vance Moon of this Battalion (58th Bn) has been awarded the V.C. This is the first V.C. which has been awarded to this Division (5th Australian Division) this officer commanded C company during an attack which was carried out by this Battalion on the morning of the 12th of May on enemy positions on east side of BULLECOURT. The following is a short account of the valour displayed by this Officer:</p> <p>"During an attack on an enemy strong point, his own immediate object was a position in advance of the hostile trench itself and thence against the enemy's trench, after the capture of which it was intended that his men should co-operate, in a further assault on a strong point further</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P.T.O</p>	

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CONTAY	16/11/14		<p>Weather Warm. Muster parade held at 8:15 AM. Battalion carried out a route march in drill order. Route T. 19 d 8.8 - T 25 a 5.0 and return to Contay along road CONTAY-AMIENS. Training Areas have been selected but in each case they are situated some distance outside Contay Personnel selected to attend 1st Angas Corps School, namely 3 Officers & 8 Y.C.O.s</p>	

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CONTAY	17/		<p>Weather: Very warm. Church services were held as follows. - P.C. of units billeted in Contay at 9.15 AM in local Church.</p>																
	6/		<p>C. of E and O.P.D combined service of units billeted in Contay at 9 AM on parade ground of 58th Battalion.</p>																
	1/17		<p>The following personnel proceeded at 9.45 AM to RUBEMPRE and from there conveyed to 1st Angas Corps School at HVELUY.</p>																
			<p>Lieut H. D. HARVEY. Six (6) N.C.O.s Lieut N. MORRISON Lieut A. R. THOMPSON.</p>																
			<p>58th BATTALION STRENGTH.</p>																
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CONTAY	18/16/17		<p>Weather. Very warm. Some thunder and lightning during afternoon.</p> <p>Muskie parade held at 8.15 am. A and B companies then proceeded to training area A - C and D companies to area B (see appendix J.)</p> <p>Training consisted of Musketry on rifle range (25 yds) practice 5 rounds grouping - 5 rounds application. C & D companies completed this practice. Bayonet exercise was carried out on bayonet course.</p> <p>Specialists engaged in Specialist training. Company observers were given map reading and field sketching.</p> <p>Training for this week will be carried out in accordance with the syllabus of training as laid down by 15th Inf Brigade.</p> <p>The rifles of A company were inspected at 1.30 pm by the armourer Sergeant who found 16 rifles in need of minor repairs.</p> <p>All the P.H. helmets of the battalion were inspected at 1.45 pm by the SAs Officers and G.C.O. of the Battalion and any found to be in need of repair, or re-dipping, or unserviceable were returned to Quartermaster to be replaced.</p> <p>Commanding Officer and Assistant Adjutant arrived back from Paris leave.</p>	<p>see J¹ training areas</p>

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CONTAY	19/6/17		<p>Weather Rain and Thunder storms. Reveille at 5.15 Am this morning on account of route marches START. Pass R. C Church CONTAY at 6.30 Am. ROUTE via road to TOUTENCOURT thence HERISSART and return. DISTANCE 8 miles. DRESS. Fighting Order. A heavy storm came up at 6 Am and the time of starting was postponed until 7.30 when the weather cleared. When the column had passed TOUTENCOURT a thunder storm accompanied by heavy rain caught the Battalion. A couple of large stables by the roadside was used to shelter the troops. We arrived back in billets at 11 Am. 1st Line transports accompanied the column. On arrival back the Battalion was put through the baths and the men received a change of underclothing.</p> <p>No 2850 Pte Robert W. escaped from the guard Room between the hours of 6 Am and 7 Am by removing the bricks from the wall. This soldier was waiting trial on several charges including - Desertion. He had four times previously escaped from confinement.</p> <p>Departures Lieut L.H. DARDIER proceeded to 15th Training Bn England</p>	<p>K Locality sketch.</p> <p>20</p>

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CONTAY	20/ 16/ 1/14 2		<p>Weather frequent showers. Muster parade held at 8.10 am. Training carried out from 8.15 am to 12.15 pm on training areas "A" and "B".</p> <p>Two companies were put through on the rifle range. The practice being 5 rounds application. The men shot very well.</p> <p>A Court of Inquiry was held to inquire into the escape of Pte Rohen from custody. Major W. Freeman. <u>President</u>: Capt W. Dawson. Lieut Phillips. Members. The proceedings of it were forwarded to H. Qrs 15th Inf Brigade.</p> <p>Lt Col C. A. Ginehy as O.C Troops Contay drew up "Standing Orders" for the units billeted in Contay. 10% leave is being granted to AMIENS. This town is about 10 miles distant from Contay and the troops have to walk there and return same day.</p> <p>Departures Three O.P. to Stokes Yorlair School</p>	

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GONTAY	2/1/14		<p>Weather Fine Rain fell at 3.45 pm. Muster parade held at 8.10 AM. Battalion then proceeded to training Area D (see appendix "K") and carried out Patrol work through the woods. This is the first opportunity this unit has had to engage in this class of training.</p> <p>A school of Equitation for mounted Officers of the units of in Contay was held on training ground "D". Officers were instructed in "Mounted Drill" by Lieut Barrow. Eight men who were granted leave to Amiens yesterday, failed to report back last night and are still A.W.L (12 midnight).</p> <p>The following message received from 5th Division.</p> <p>Distinguished Service Order awarded Lieut Col C.A. Denehy C.O 58th Bn Military Cross awarded Lieut B. Anderson. Capt. F.C. Dawson both of 58th Bn. D.C.M awarded Ptes Pct. Duffy and T.J. Maroney of 58th Bn. These rewards were granted for valour and good work while this Battalion was in the line at BULLECOURT on 10th to 13th May.</p> <p>Arrivals: Lieut B. Laing from 5th Army School Sixteen (16) OR reinforcements Sixteen (16) OR ex hospital.</p> <p>Departures: Five (5) OR on English leave</p>	<p>JP</p>

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CONTAY	22/16/14		<p>Weather: Fine. Muster Parade at 8:10 Am. Companies then proceeded to training area "B" and training in observation, verbal and written reports. Men were posted in groups of four in suitable places for purposes of observation. Men were sent out to represent enemy movement. School of Equestration was held at 8:30 Am. Mounted officers attended for instruction. Riding Drill was carried out and it proved instructive and interesting. Driving lessons were afterwards given to 50% of the transport drivers. "B." + "C." companies were put through the baths and received a new outfit of underclothing. The whole of the Blankets and overcoats of the men of these two companies were put through the fumigator and disinfected. The billets were all disinfected. Boxing contests were held at the stadium during the afternoon for purpose of selecting the contestants for the forthcoming Divisional Boxing contests. A night Route March was carried out by 58th Bn Start 11:30 pm. Order H. On A B C D 1st line transport. Route to TOUTENCOURT and return at 1:25 a.m. Departures. Two O.R. to Gas School Two O.R. to</p>	<p>(JBR)</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY	23/6/14		<p>Weather fine. Parades commenced at 9 am. "B" & "C" companies proceeded to training area "B" and carried out close order work. "A" and "D" companies were put through the baths. Men were issued with a new change of underclothing. Blankets were put through the "Foden" fumigator. Overcoats, trousers and tunics were disinfected. Bunkets occupied by these companies were disinfected.</p> <p>"A" and "C" companies have been selected to proceed to Army Field Firing Range near THIEPVAL. Preliminary arrangements were made and these companies were organized into sections and platoons so far as the present strength of the companies would allow. The tactical scheme for which eight companies of this Brigade are proceeding to THIEPVAL was first outlined in 5th Aust Div Training Memo No 99 issued on 18th inst. Since that date two Operation Instructions have been issued by Brigade. Instruction issued by 15th Aust Inf Bde on 21st June see APPENDIX "L". 58th Battalion issued Operation Instructions No 17 at 2 pm today (see APPENDIX "M") Tactical instructions regarding field firing</p>	<p>"L" Brigade Instructions</p> <p>"M" O. Order No 17</p> <p>P.T.O.</p>

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CONTAY	Continued from 23/11/14		<p>Scheme conducted as a Tactical Exercise to be carried out on 25th inst was received at 10.30 pm. Twenty-two phases of the attack are set out for the Demonstration. The Platoon commander and his platoon is the whole basis of the exercise. It is considered that in order to carry out the different phases of the attack as laid down - the platoons with section and Platoon commanders have not had anything like sufficient training to make this practice a success. Considerable for time and attention ought to be devoted to the training of platoons for the attack as laid down in this tactical exercise.</p> <p>A F. G. C. M. assembled at 5.5th on 4th Dec at 9.30 am when several cases came up for trial. Lt Col C. A. Denehy D.S.O was President of the court. School of Equestrian and Driving was conducted by Lt Barrow at 2.30 pm. Mounted Officers attended Riding Drill. 65% of transport drivers were given instruction in Driving and keeping correct distances. Transport was inspected during the afternoon by Captain Paterson of 29th ASC. 5th Aust Div Concert party gave an entertainment to Contay troops at 7.30 pm.</p>	<p>APPENDIX "N" SKETCH OF TARGETS IN THIERVAL</p>

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CONTAY	24/16/17		<p>Weather fine. Reville at 6.30 Am. 'A' and 'C' Companies moved out at 9 Am and proceeded en route to Warborough Huts W.12.C THIEPVAL</p> <p>For this competition each company had to be 140 strong, exclusive of Officers, Signallers, cooks, etc. 58th Bn 'A' company turned out 96 other ranks. 'C' Company 106 O.R. R.C Church parade was held in CONTAY Church at 9.15 Am. Co of B and O.P.D held a combined service at 9 Am on 58th Battalion Assembly ground.</p> <p>57th and 58th Battalions obtained the use of the rifle range belonging to 5th Army Snipers and Observers School VADENCOURT.</p> <p>'B' and 'D' Companies were put through during the afternoon. The practice were - 5 rounds at 100 yds, "grouping". 5 rounds at 200 yds application.</p> <p><u>58th Battalion Strength</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="621 1411 1460 1713"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Officers</th> <th>Other Ranks</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total strength</td> <td>36</td> <td>455</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Actually with Unit</td> <td>28</td> <td>602</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hospital</td> <td>5</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>5</td> <td>103</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Arrivals.</u> Lieut L.S. Davis from 5th Army Inf School (V.P.) Other Ranks from Det Camp STVALERIE SUR-SOMME</p> <p><u>Departures.</u> Lt S.A. Phillips to hospital Lt C.R. Cole and 34 O.R to Observers and Snipers School to attend daily at 8.15 Am Five Other Ranks to Summer Rest Camp</p>		Officers	Other Ranks	Total strength	36	455	Actually with Unit	28	602	Hospital	5	30	Detached	5	103	<p>See APPENDIX "M"</p>
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CONTAY	25/16/17		<p><u>Weather Fine.</u> "A" and "C" Companies engaged on field firing scheme at THIEPVAL "B" and "D" Companies carried out Bayonet fighting and Close Order Drill on training Area "B". Guns were practiced for the forthcoming "Assault at Arms" competitions. Good scores were put up by the members of "B" and "D" companies who were put through firing on the range yesterday. Companies scored 88% of hits on a "head and shoulder" target at 200 yds. F. & C. Coy continued to sit and take evidence. The 1 officer and 32 other Ranks selected to attend the VAOENCOURT snipers and observers school, have to report there daily at 8.15 Am. This Battalion has stopped granting leave to AMIENS owing to 5 men being A.W.H. Only men with good ^{will be} credentials and permitted to go; until the men who are now A.W.H. are placed in custody. The eliminating contests in the Boxing tournament were held at 4.30 pm at the Contay Stadium. Seven bouts were decided. The winners of these are will represent this Brigade in the Divisional finals. The contests were very good but the rain spoilt it to ^{slight} degree.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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<u>CONTAY</u>	26/6/14		<p>Weather fine, light rain fell during night. Reveille at 5.15 Am. Passed Church Contay at 6.30 am on Route March. Route lay through TOUTENCOURT-BIEFVILLERS-HERISSART and return to CONTAY where we arrived at 10.15 Am. Distance traversed was 10 1/4 miles. The Dress worn was fighting order. No one fell out during the March. 1st Line transport did not accompany the column. 'A' and 'C' companies arrived back in billets at 12.10 pm from field firing Practices near THIEPVAL. They left here on the morning of the 24th inst. These two companies successfully carried out the tactical scheme as set out for them. Company Commanders report on the proceedings are attached (see APPENDIX 'N' and 'O'). All arrangements proved satisfactory. Nine cases were brought before the C.O at 2 pm. Three (3) of these were sentenced to 28th, 21 and 21 days F.P No 2, respectively. The charges were A.W.L. Transport School was held at transport lines. Instruction in driving drill was given from 8.30 Am to 10.30 Am - 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm - 3.30 pm to 4 pm Lecture. Stable Management.</p>	<p>'N' 'A' company report 'O' 'C' company report.</p> <p>J.B.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Weather. Showery. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CONTAY	27/16/17	8.15 Am.	<p>Mustier Parade. Battalion proceeded to training area 'A' and carried out practices for the "Assault-at-Arms". Good form was shown by the different of bayonet fighting teams. Companies prepared their own apparatus for the bayonet work. Close order drill was carried out. Transport School of Driving held from 2.30pm - 4 pm. Shortages of all technical equipment taken.</p> <p>Departures. Three (3) W.E.O. proceeded to training Battalion (16th) England.</p> <p>Three (3) men were taken to Field Punishment Compound WARLOY.</p> <p>One (1) returned as having completed his sentence.</p>	

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CONTAY	28/	8:10am	Weather. Showery. Heavy rain fell at 6pm. Muster Parade:— Training for assault at arms on training area "B".	
	16/	9 am to 11:30am	School of Equitation on training area 'D'. 2:30pm to 4pm do. Mounted officers attended. These classes have effected considerable improvement and have been found to be beneficial to both officers and their horses. Considerable improvement has been effected regarding sanitation and cleanliness of billets and billet areas. The walls of the rooms are being white-washed. All rifles of the Battalion have been examined by the Armourer Sergeant and any defective ones, condemned.	
		5:15pm	Held an inspection of all technical equipment on charge to this unit. Some Discrepancies were found in several articles. Orders were issued regarding the responsibility of Company Commanders and the need for all members of the unit to exercise the greatest care in safeguarding all Regimental Property.	
			Arrival 29 of hanks from Becont Camp.	

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CONTAY	29/6/14	5:15 AM	<p>Weather - Dull and Cloudy.</p> <p>Reveille. H. Dns "B" and "D" Companies carried out a route march. Dress fighting Order. ROUTE HÉRISSART - BIEFVILLERS - TOUTENCOURT START 6:25 AM ARRIVED BACK. 10:20 AM</p> <p>8:10 AM Muster Parade. A and C Companies proceeded to training area "B" and carried out practices for the "Assault at Arms".</p> <p>Forty men (40) were selected to undergo a course of Physical Instruction under an Army Gymnastic Instructor. Class commencing at 6 pm these men are being trained for purpose of taking part in "Physical Training Exhibition" at the forthcoming Divisional "Assault at Arms".</p> <p>2 pm Muster Parade. The small box respirators and P.M. helmets were inspected by the Divisional Gas Officer. (Lieut. Barkley)</p> <p>4 pm 1st Line transports of all 15th Inf Coy Bde units in CONTAY were inspected by G.O.C.</p> <p>3 pm Lecture by G.O.C. in M.C.A. CONTAY on "Advanced Guards".</p> <p>4 pm Three absentees returned to unit under escort</p>	

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CONTAY	30/16/14	8:10 AM	Weather. Showery	<p>Muster Parade. Battalion was inspected. Training. Judging Distance Observation. Description of Ground and targets. Bayonet fighting team and Best Company were selected to compete for Brigade Representation in eliminating contests to be held tomorrow, 1st July.</p> <p>9 AM School of Equitation held on training area "D". Mounted officers attended.</p> <p>11:30 AM F.C.C. M. assembled at 59th Battalion H. Qrs at RUBEMPRE at 9:30 AM. No 2795. Pte Heath E. A. of this unit was tried on two charges of A.W.L. by this Court.</p> <p>4 PM Lecture to Officers on "Pigeon Duties" by A.D. Signals in V.M.C.A. hut.</p> <p>Training during last week was satisfactory.</p> <p>10:30 AM Forty selected men attended for instruction in Physical training.</p> <p>Departures. Sergeant Owens proceeded to 15th Training Battalion England.</p> <p>The following are the various details of strength of 58th Bn at the beginning and end of this month - June.</p>																
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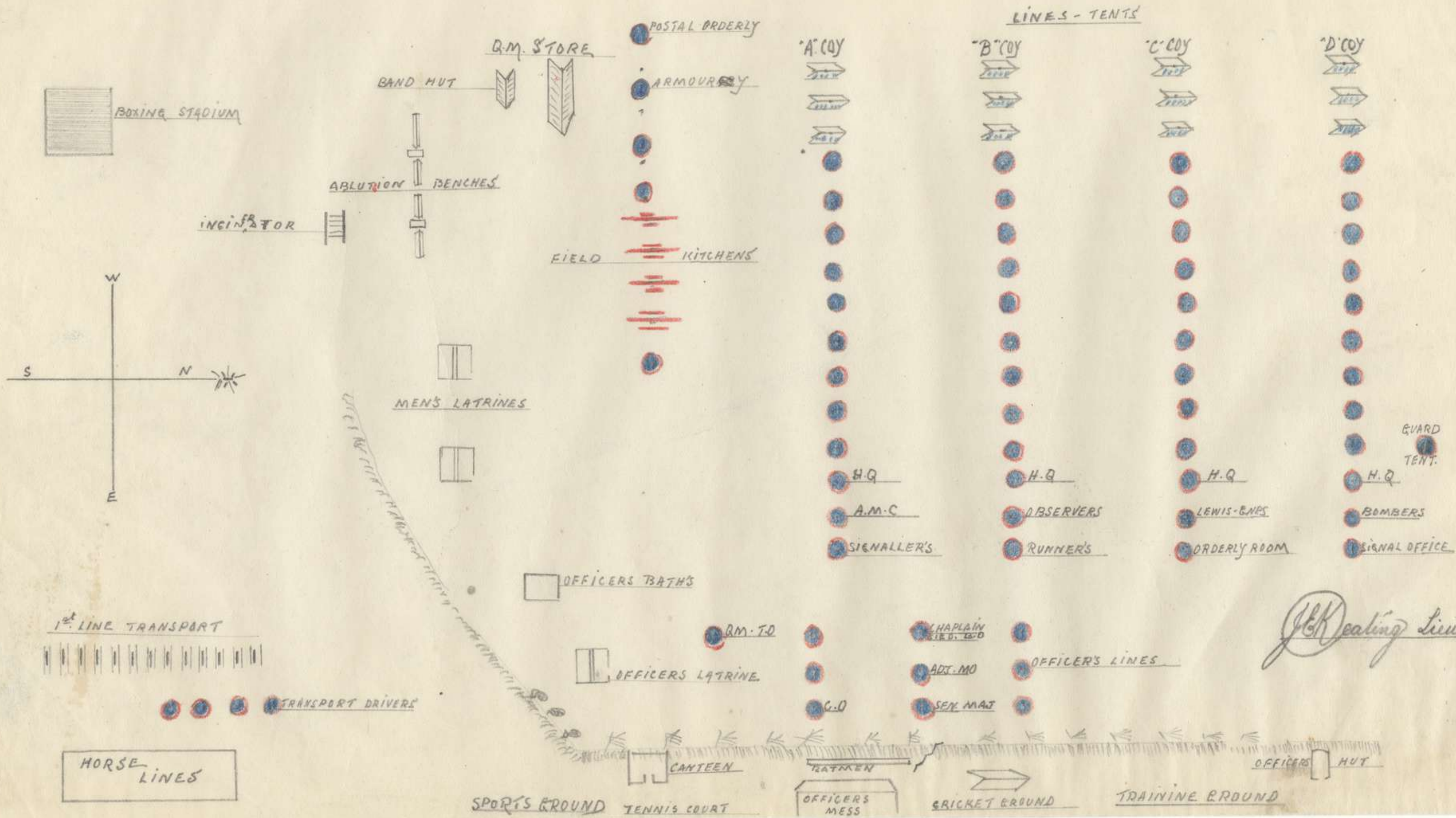
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LOCALITY - BAPAUME: H.20-a.7.1 1/2

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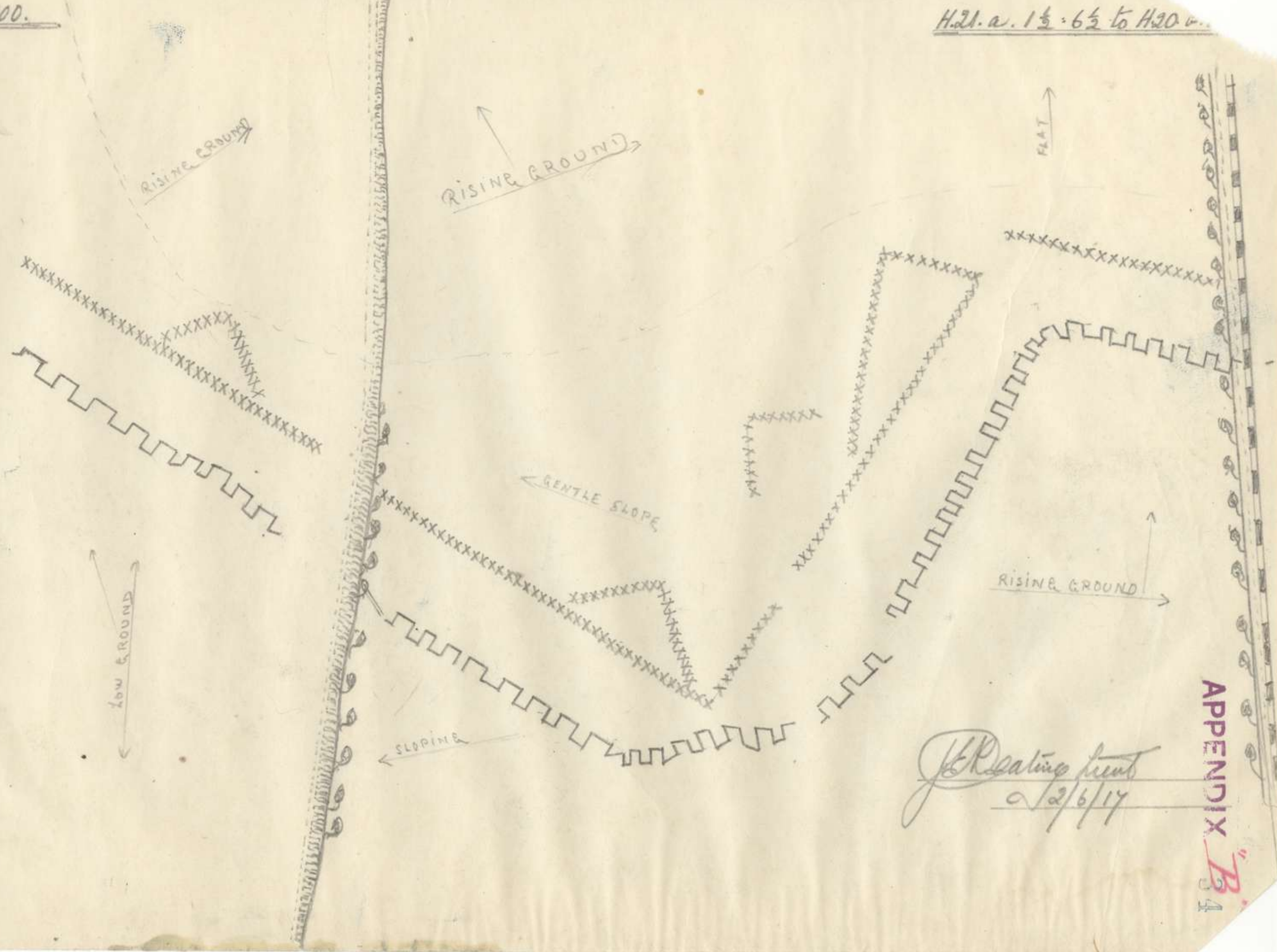
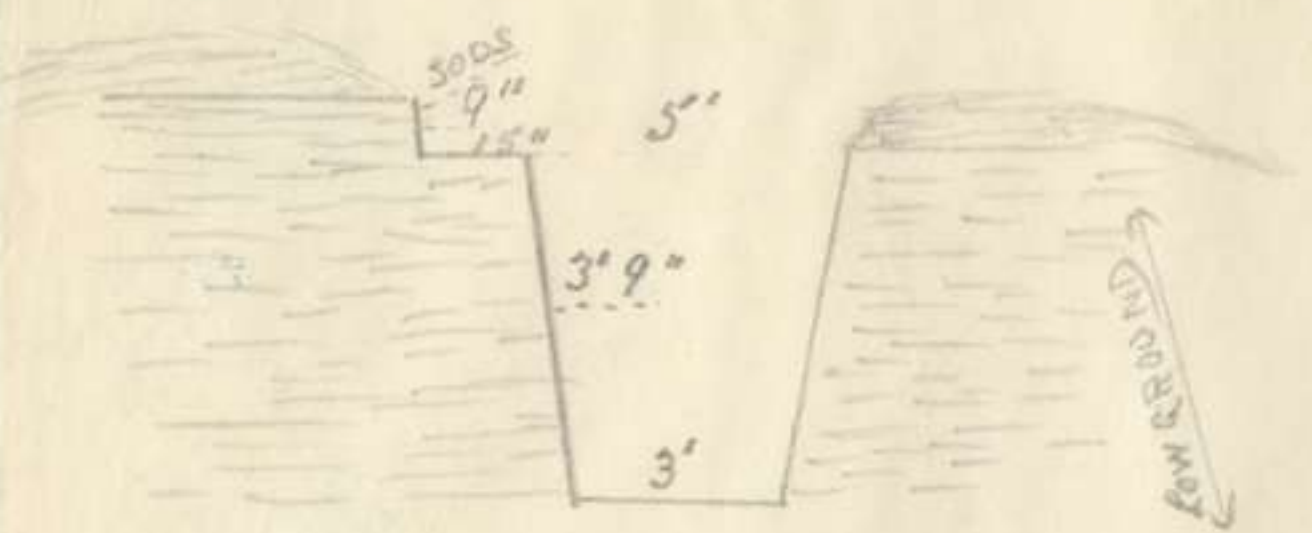
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J.P.K. Dealing Lieut

SKETCH OF 58TH BN DEFENSIVE SUB-SECTOR = VILLIERS-AU-FLOS-BIEFVILLERS.

REFERENCE MAP 54^CN.W 1:20,000.

H.21. a. 1 1/2 - 6 1/2 to H20



CAMP SITE
58TH BN

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58TH BN

SCALE 1:5,000

HIGH GROUND

J.R. Peating
2/2/17

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ROUGH SKETCH OF TRENCH CONSTRUCTED BY "A" COY 58th BN

LOCALITY = BILLERS-AU-FADS-BIEFVILLERS

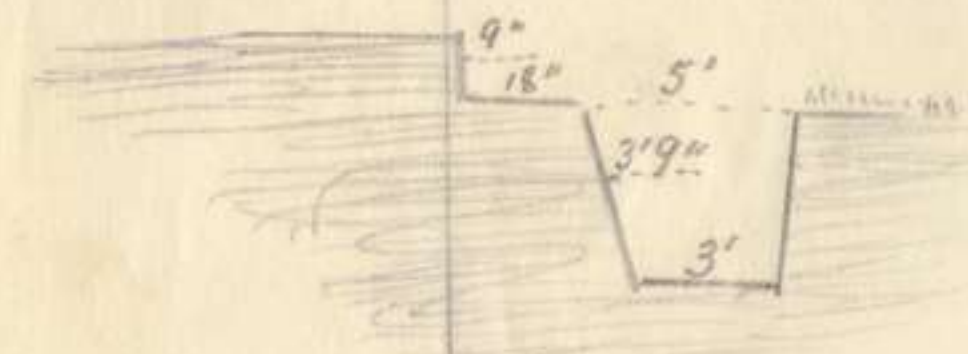
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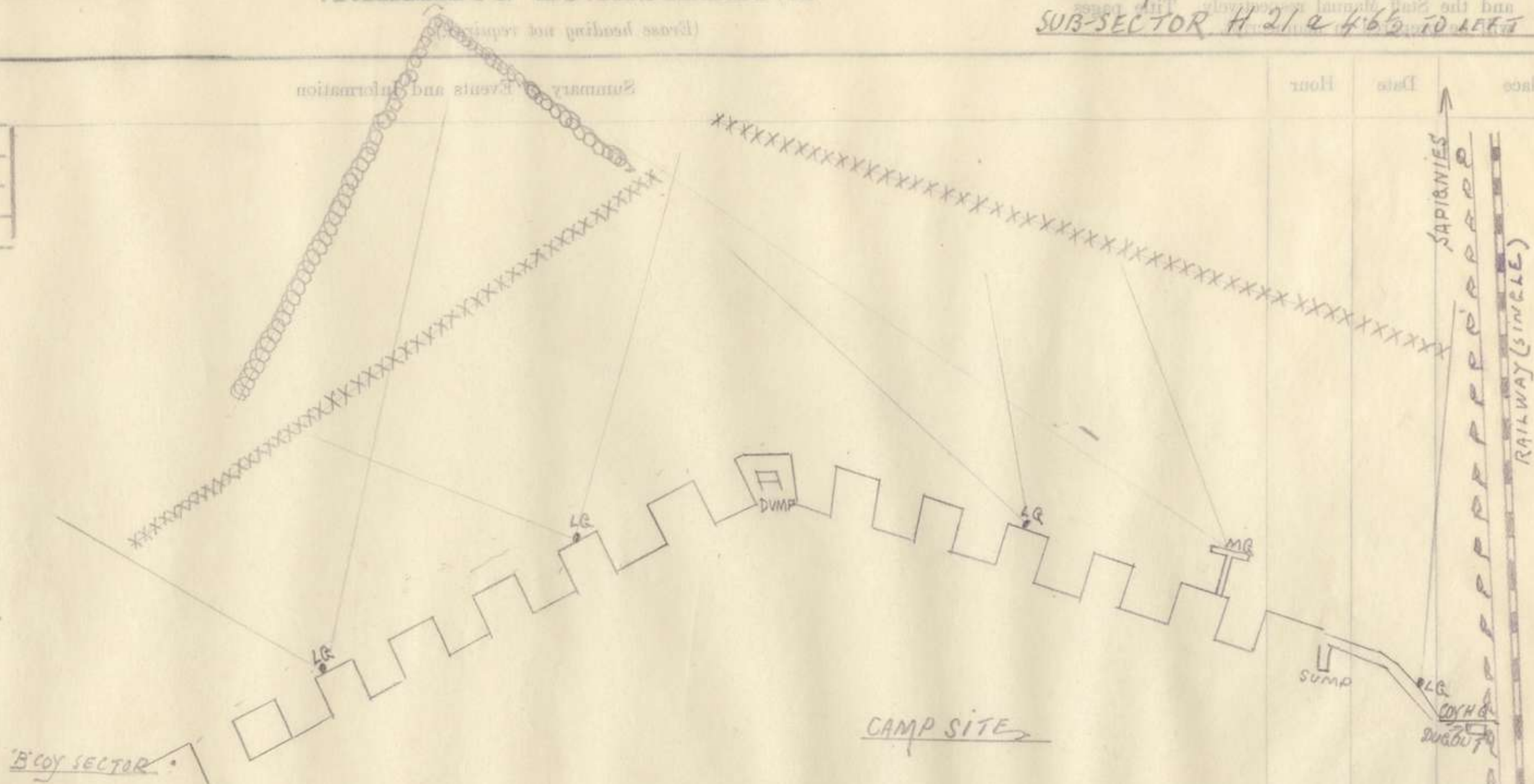
BAPAUME

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TRANSVERSE 12' x 10 BAYS 21'
PARAPET 9"
ELBOW REST 18"
DEPTH 3' 9"
WIDTH TOP 5' BOTTOM 3'

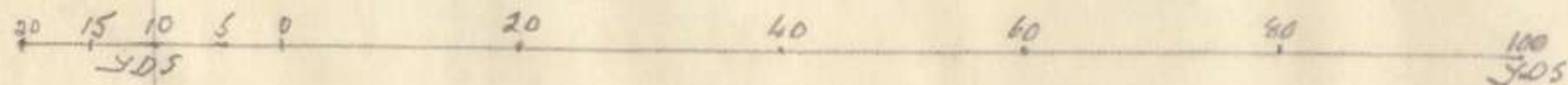


Field of oblique and direct fire is good.

Drainage - sumps are required



SCALE 1" 20 YDS RF 1/200



O. G. A. COMPANY

2 June 1914

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SUBSECTOR OF DEFENSIVE LINE CONSTRUCTED BY 'B' COY
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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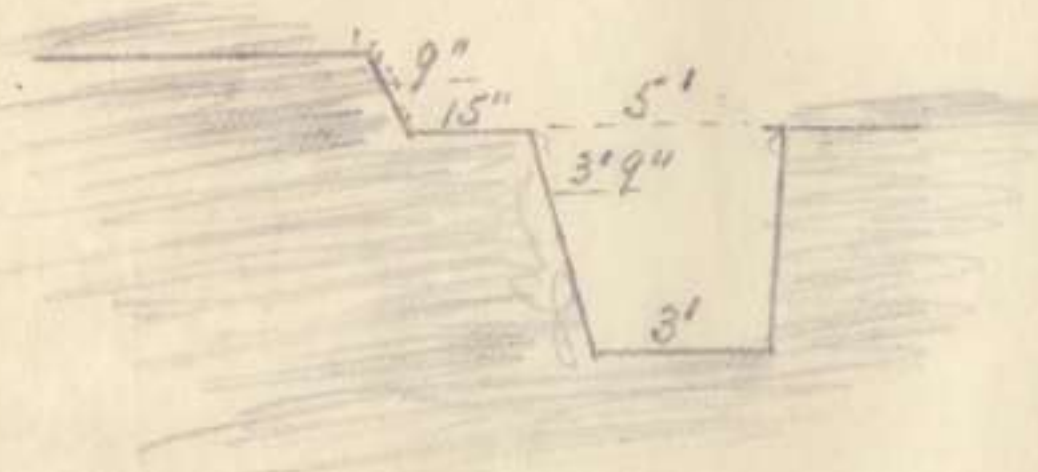
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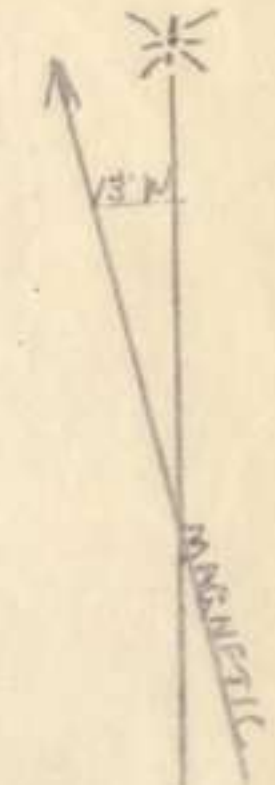
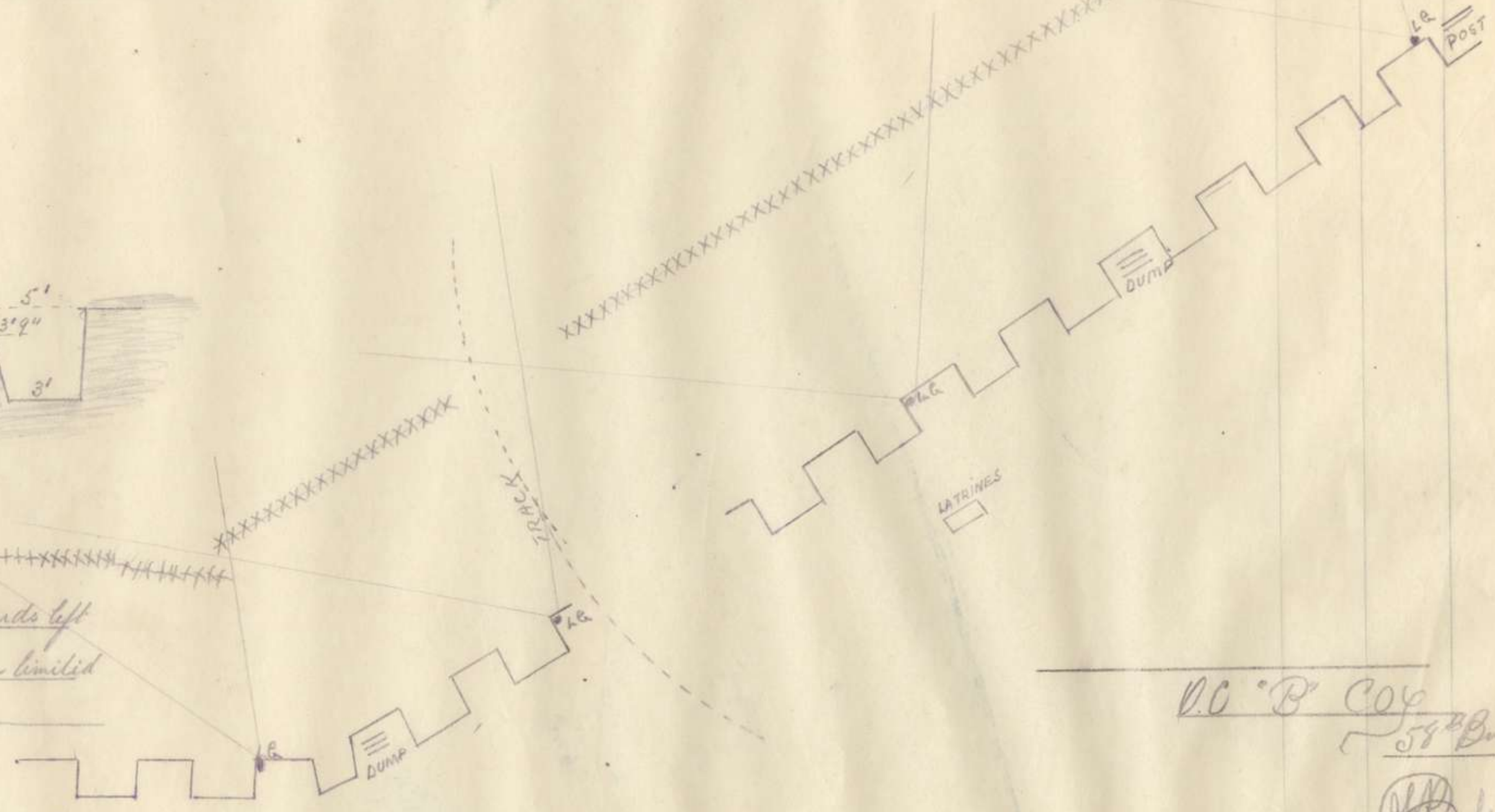
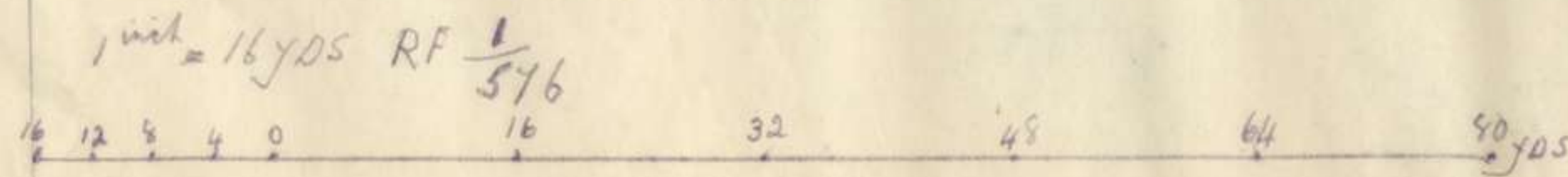
BAPAUME

Summary of Events and Information

DESCRIPTION	
TRAVERSES	12' x 9'
BAYS	18'
WIDTH	5'
DEPTH	3' 9"
BOTTOM	3'



FIELD of oblique fire good towards left
front. fire towards left front. limited
DRAINAGE good



D.C. 'B' COY
58th Bn

JPB June 2. 1918

APPENDIX 36

WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in P. 8, Page Part II and the Staff Manual respectively. The pages will be prepared in accordance with the above.

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LOCALITY = VILNERS-AU-FLOS - BIEFVILLERS
BAPAUME

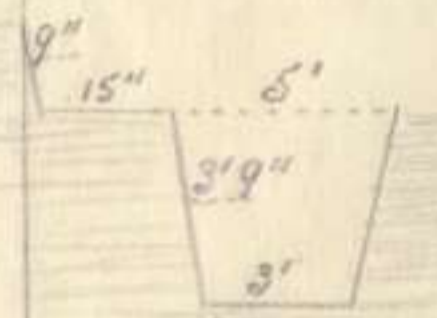
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Summary of Events and Information

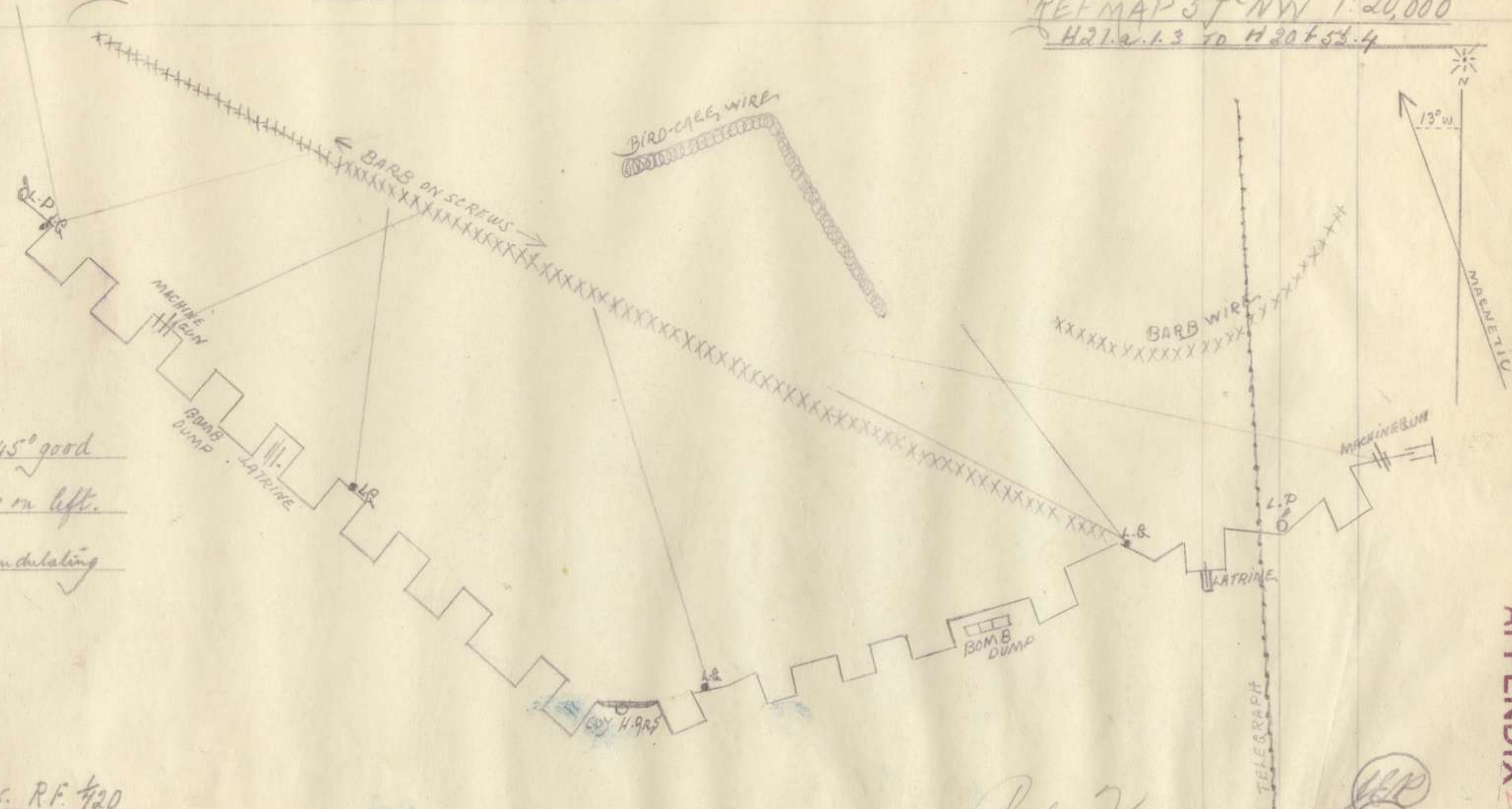
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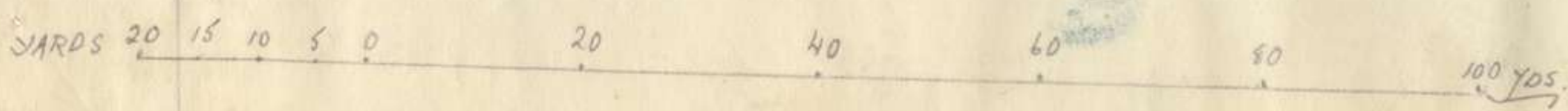
TRAVERSE	12' x 9' BAYS 24'
WIDTH	5' TOP 3' BOTTOM
DEPTH	3' 9"
PARAPET	9"
ELBOW REST	15"



Field of fire bearing 28°-45° good for inflade wire and galley on left.
 Tramage good: contours - undulating



SCALE 5 inches = 100 YDS. R.F. 1/20



Robt. Knad. Lt.
 O.C. Coy.
 June 2, 1917

APPENDIX E

SKETCH OF TRENCH CONSTRUCTED BY "D" COY 58th BN A.I.F.

LOCALITY = VILVÈRS-AU-FLOS-BIEFVILLERS.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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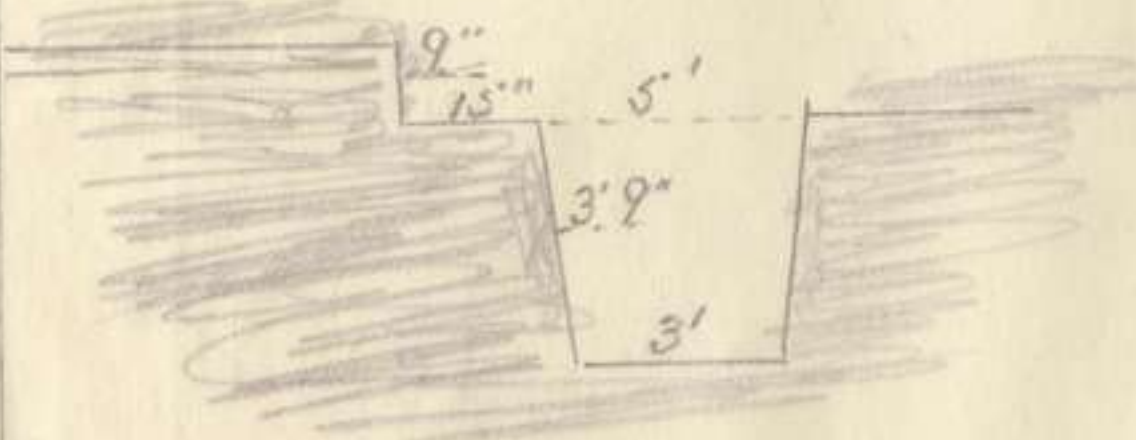
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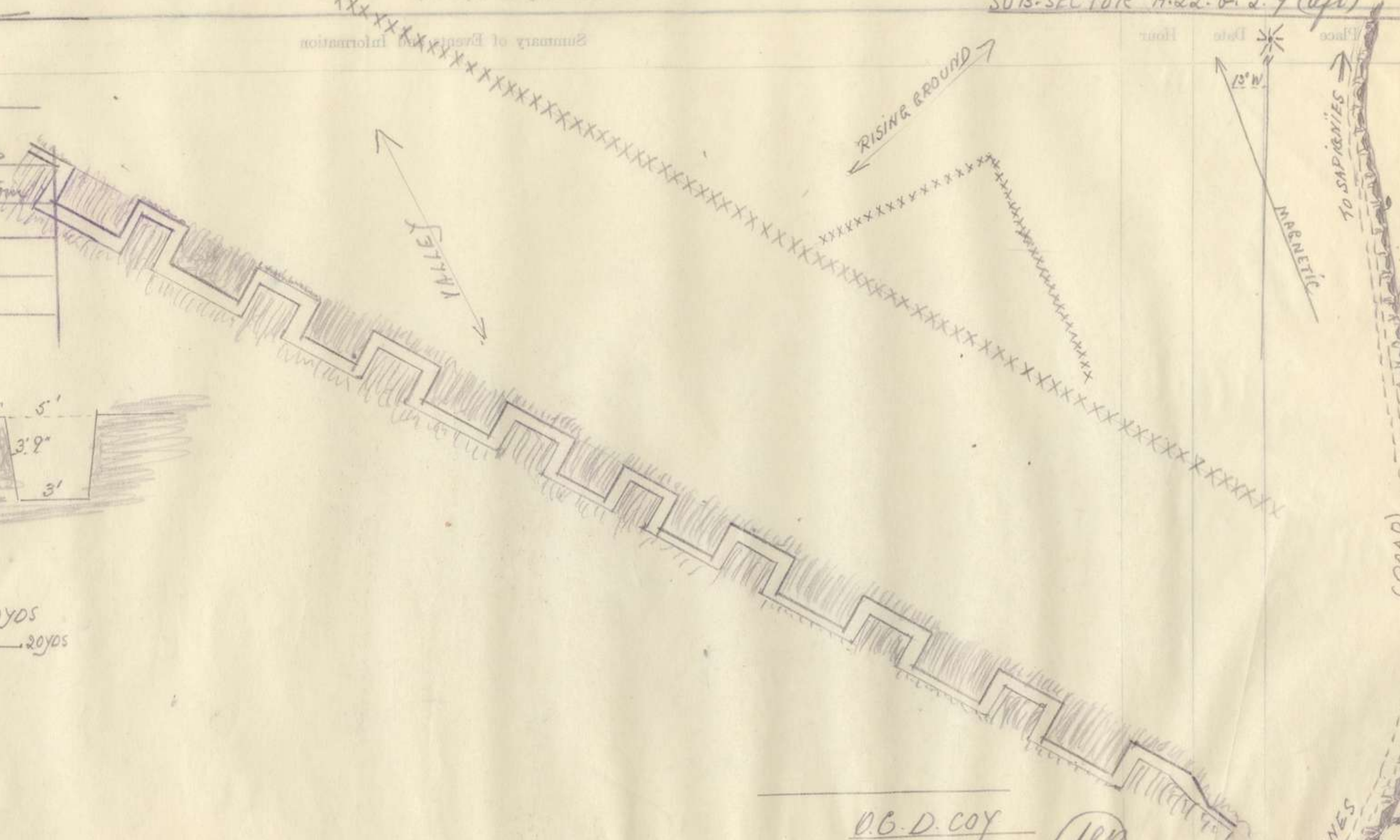
DESCRIPTION

- TRENCH 5' wide on top
- 3' " " bottom
- PARAPET 9"
- BAYS 24'
- TRAVERSES 12'



SCALE $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches = 20 YDS

A graphic scale bar with markings at 0, 10, and 20 yards.



O.G.D. COY

[Signature]
27 June 1917

APPENDIX

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 106.Reference - ALBERT 1/40,000
LENS 1/100,000

APPENDIX 'G'

12th June, 1917.

1. It is anticipated that the Brigade will concentrate at RUBEMPRE ON 14th June.

2. The transport will make the journey in two stages as under :-

1st Stage - 13th June - Pass the starting point - road junction at H.27.C.I-9 at times shown and follow the BAPAUME-ALBERT road.
 2.30 p.m. 57th Battalion.
 2.35 p.m. 58th Battalion/
 2.40 p.m. 59th Battalion. Halting place for the night will be the GARDENS CAMP situated on left hand side of road 1 1/2 miles N.E. of ALBERT.
 2.45 p.m. 60th Battalion.
 2.50 p.m. { 15th M.G. Coy.
 { 15th Bde. H.Q.
 { 15th A.M.T.M.B.

2nd Stage - 14th June - Times, order, starting point and routes will be as arranged by O.C. Column, who will provide for an early start.

3. Captain KERR, M.C. 60th Battalion, will command the Column, and will arrange for the Camping accommodation on 13th June.
4. No. S.A.A. or hand grenades will be carried, but full loads must be carried on all vehicles. Absolute necessities will be carried on June, 14th under special arrangements.
5. Baggage wagons will report to Units at 12 noon on 13th June.
6. Men will carry blankets.
7. All animals will accompany the transport Column.
8. The strictest march discipline will be observed. Halts will be made each hour for 10 minutes preceding the clock hour.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. WIECK, Major.
 Brigade Major 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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APPENDIX ~~II~~ ~~III~~ G

COPY.

S E C R E T.

158h AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

12th June, 1917.

The Brigade will move to back areas on 14th June, 1917, presumably by rail.

The transport will proceed by road. Baggage wagons will report to Units at noon 13th June. No dismounted man will accompany the transport column unless he is a thoroughly reliable marcher.

All Maps of Area within 57C are to be returned to Brigade H.Q. by noon 13th June.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. WIECK, Major.
Brigade Major 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

SECRET.15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 107.Reference - LENS. 1/100,000.13th June, 1917.

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will concentrate in the SENLIS area on 14th June, after relief by 5th Infantry Brigade. 1st Line Transport ~~is~~ has already proceeded and will reach the new area before noon on 14th June.
2. Units will move by rail from BAPNUME to PUCHEVILLERS and will be billeted as under :-

Brigade Headquarters	-	RUBEMPRE.
59th Battalion	-	do.
60th Battalion	-	do.
57th Battalion	-	CONTAY.
58th Battalion	-	do.
15th M.G. Company.	-	do.
15th A.L.T.M.B.	-	do.
3. Moves will be made in accordance with Time Table issued herewith.
4. All S.A.A., Grenades, Tents, shelters, etc. will be handed over to incoming Units and receipts obtained. All portions of Camp Areas must be handed over perfectly clean and certificates to this effect must be obtained. Certificates and receipts will be forwarded to reach Bde. H.Q. by 9 a.m. 15th June.
5. One Motor Lorry will report to Units at 10 a.m. as under :-

1	-	Brigade H.Q.
1	-	each Battalion.
1	-	15th M.G. Coy. and 15th A.L.T.M.B.
6. (a) Each train will consist of 2 officers coaches, 35 covered trucks and 1 brake van.
 (b) No baggage of any kind will be entrained and no personnel will be allowed in the brake van (or on the roofs of trucks).
 (c) Troops will reach the Station one hour prior to time of departure of train.
 (d) O.C. Trains will nominate their own entraining officers who should report to the R.T.O. one hour before the arrival of troops.
7. Brigade H.Q. will close at H.20 at 1 p.m. and will re-open at RUBEMPRE at 6 p.m.
8. After arrival in the SENLIS area the 15th Brigade will draw supplies from CONTAY through the 29th A.A.S.C.

(Signed). Geo. F. WIECK, Major.
 Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 8 p.m.

APPENDIX 'H'
TIME TABLE.

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Issued with 15th Infantry Brigade Order No. 107.

Train No.	Troops, on train.	Times. Departs.	Arrives.	O.C. Train.	Remarks.
BAPAUME. PUCHEVILLERS.					
1.	57th Battalion. 58th Battalion (less 2 Coys.)	12.00	14.46	Major AITCHISON.	(a) Each of these trains are bringing forward the Units of the relieving Brigade.
2.	59th Battalion. 2 Coys. 58th Battn. Brigade H.Q.	14;00	16.46	Lieut.-Col. MASON.	(b) Units should inform O.C. Train as soon as possible exact numbers of Officers and O.R. they will entrain.
3.	60th Battalion. 15th M.G. Coy. 15th A.L.T.M.B.	19.00	22.46	Lieut.-Col. MARSHALL.	

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 14 BY MAJOR N. M. FREEMAN, Acting C.O.
France
13/6/17

REFERENCE - LENS I/160,000.

RELIEF. The 58th Battalion will proceed to CONTAY after relief by 20th Battalion tomorrow, 14th inst.

INTENTION. Battalion will travel by rail from BAPAUME to FUCHE-VILLERS, thence route march to billets in CONTAY.

START Headquarters, "A" Coy., and "B" Coy. will move out of camp at 10.30 a.m. - depart BAPAUME, 12 noon (in No. 1 train).
"C" and "D" Companies will move out of camp at 12.30 p.m. - depart BAPAUME 2 p.m. in No. 2 train.

TRANSPORT The transport which has already proceeded will reach the new area before 12 noon, 14th inst.. All Company Q.M.S's and cooks will travel with first party tomorrow.

DRESS Marching order with blankets. Mess tins to be in mess tin covers and fastened on top of pack. Felt hats will be worn. Steel hats will be fastened on back of pack.
Water bottles to be filled at 8 a.m..

DISCIPLINE After entraining no man will be permitted to leave the train until arrival at destination. During route march strict attention must be paid to march discipline. No man must fall out without the sanction of an Officer. Regimental band will play first party to station and then return to camp and accompany second party to CONTAY. On arrival in CONTAY companies will proceed to occupy the billets as allotted to them. Officers will see that every man is familiar with standing orders regarding "Occupation of Billets by British Troops".

SANITATION A muster parade will be held at 8.30 a.m. when each company will thoroughly clean up the areas of camp as allotted to them.

Issued at 10.30 p.m. to:-

No. I	File
2	War Diary
3	War Diary
4	"A" Coy.
5	"B" Coy.
6	"C" Coy.
7	"D" Coy.

(Sgd.) N. M. Freeman Major
a/C.O. 58th Battalion.

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Date.	57th Battalion.	58th Battalion.	59th Battalion.	60th Battalion.
24th	CONTAY to X I2.C. (Marlborough Huts)	CONTAY to W.I2.C. (Marlborough Huts)	-	-
25th	Carry out scheme.	Carry out scheme.	(RUBEMPRE to W X.I2.C. (Wellington Huts.)	RUBEMPRE to W X.I2.C. (Wellington Huts.)
26th	Return to CONTAY.	Return to CONTAY.	Carry out scheme.	Carry out scheme.
27th	-	-	Return to RUBEMPRE.	Return to RUBEMPRE.

1st CLASS ROAD
2nd & 3rd CLASS
TRACKS
CHURCH
WINDMILL
RIVER
BUILDINGS

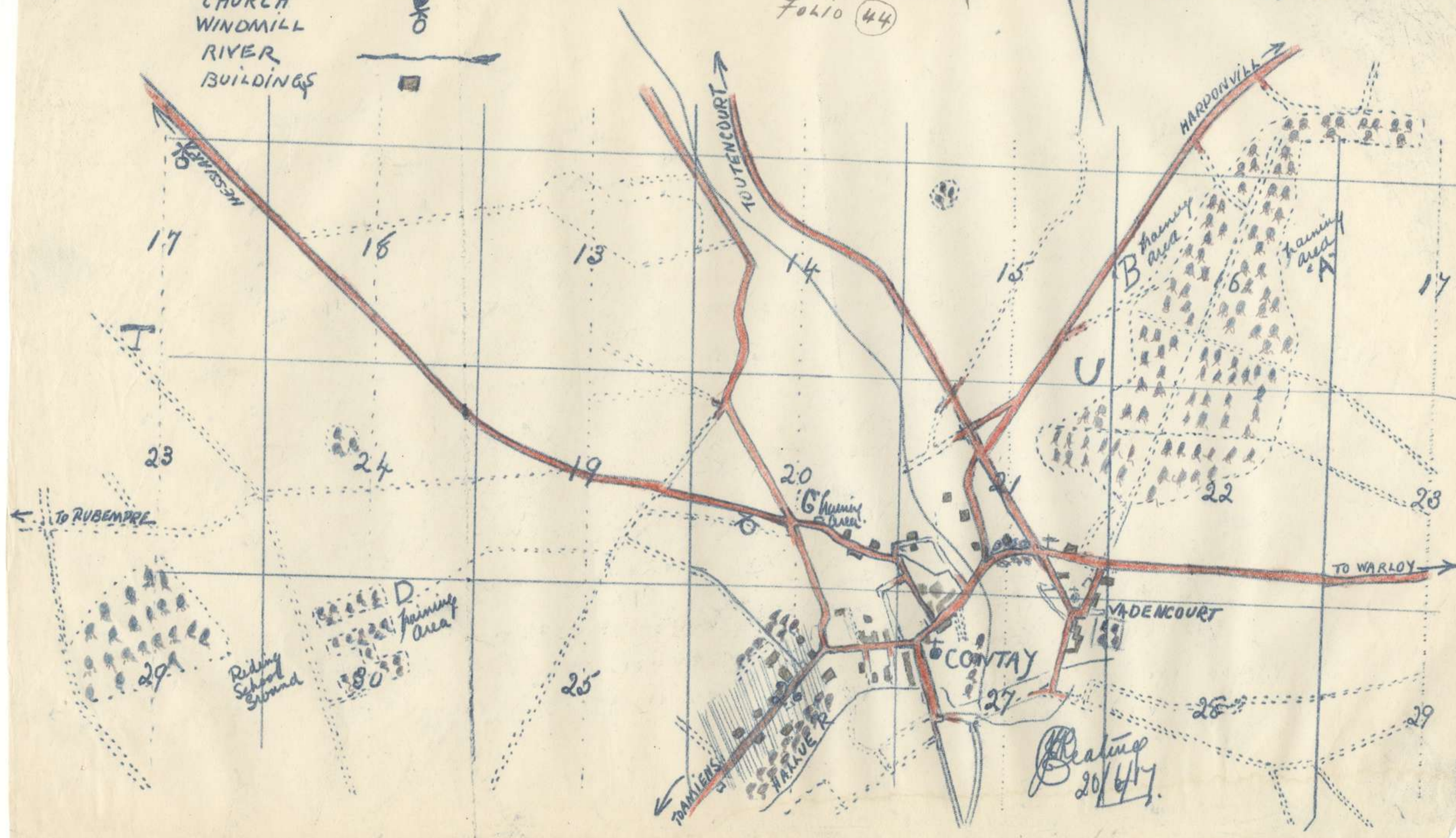


LOCALITY SKETCH
SHOWING TRAINING GROUNDS
58th BILLET AREA

APPENDIX 'K'
Folio (44)

REFERENCE MAP 570 SW
SCALE 1:20,000

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APPENDIX 'K'

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Beating
20/6/17

Folio (48)

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

21st June, 1917.

Instructions issued in connection with the Company Field Firing Scheme to be carried out at THIEPVAL on 25th and 26th June.

1. Two selected Companies per Battalion will route march to the Range and return as shown in attached Table.
2. Each Company will include 140 other ranks, exclusive of Officers, leaders, cooks, signallers, drivers, etc.
Each Battalion will provide 8 men for picquet duty on the range.
Each Battalion will send one water cart. Travelling Kitchens will accompany troops.
Troops will march in "fighting order" but with only 15 rounds S.A.A. per man.
Packs, 100 rounds S.A.A. per Lewis Gun, 30 rifles Grenades per Company and the next days rations will be carried under Brigade H.Q. arrangements.
Rations for the morning meal of the day of return will be forwarded under Battalion arrangements to W.I.C.
3. Battalions will arrange their own marches but the route should lay through HENENCOURT and ALBERT.
4. Instructions regarding the tactical exercises will be issued later?
5. Previous instructions are cancelled.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. WIECK, Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 7 p.m.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 15 BY LIEUT.-COLONEL. CHAS. A. DENEHY, DSO. Comdg.

APPENDIX

"M"

FRANCE.

23rd June, 1917.

Reference - MAP 57D.
" 57D.S.E.

INTENTION.

"A" and "C" Coys. of 58th Battalion will proceed by route march on 24th inst. to THIEPVAL for purpose of taking part in Company Field Firing Scheme to be carried out on Army Field Firing Range on 25th inst. and return to GONTAY on 26th inst..

MARCH;
ORDER OF

"A" and "C" Coys. accompanied by one water cart and two Field Kitchens.

START;
TIMES OF

Party will move from Transport Lines at 9 a.m..

ROUTE.

Via WARLOY - HENENCOURT - ALBERT - LA BOISSELLE thence X.I6.B. - to MARLBOROUGH HUTS ~~X.I2.c.~~
Distance $13\frac{1}{2}$ miles. *Vk. 12.c*

HALTS.

A halt will be called at 11.50 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The usual halts will be called at 10 minutes to every clock hour.

DRESS.

Fighting order. ~~Each man.~~ Each man will carry 15 rounds of S.A.A.. Steel helmets will be worn. Box respirators.

DETAIL.

(a) Mens packs, Lewis Guns with 100 rds. of S.A.A. per gun, 30 rifle grenades per company and the next day's rations will be carried under Brigade arrangements. Above to be ready for loading at 8 a.m.

(b) R.Q.M. will arrange to have rations (morning meal) for day of return conveyed to X.I2.c. by 7 a.m. on 26th inst.

(c) Complete personnel of "A" and "C" Coys. proceed to THIEPVAL.

(d) "B" and "D" Coys. will each detail one man for Baggage Guard to proceed with baggage.

"B" and "D" Coys. will each detail four men for Picquet duty on the range. They will proceed with "A" Coy.

(e) Instructions regarding the Tactical Exercises will be issued later. Sketch showing targets in THIEPVAL District are attached.

(Sgd.) CHAS. A. DENEHY, Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding 58th Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION :-

Copy No. 1.	File.
2.	War Diary.
3.	Headquarters.
4.	"A" Coy.
5.	"B" Coy.
6.	"C" Coy.
7.	"D" Coy.

Issued at 2 p.m.

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APPENDIX "N" APPENDIX IV

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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

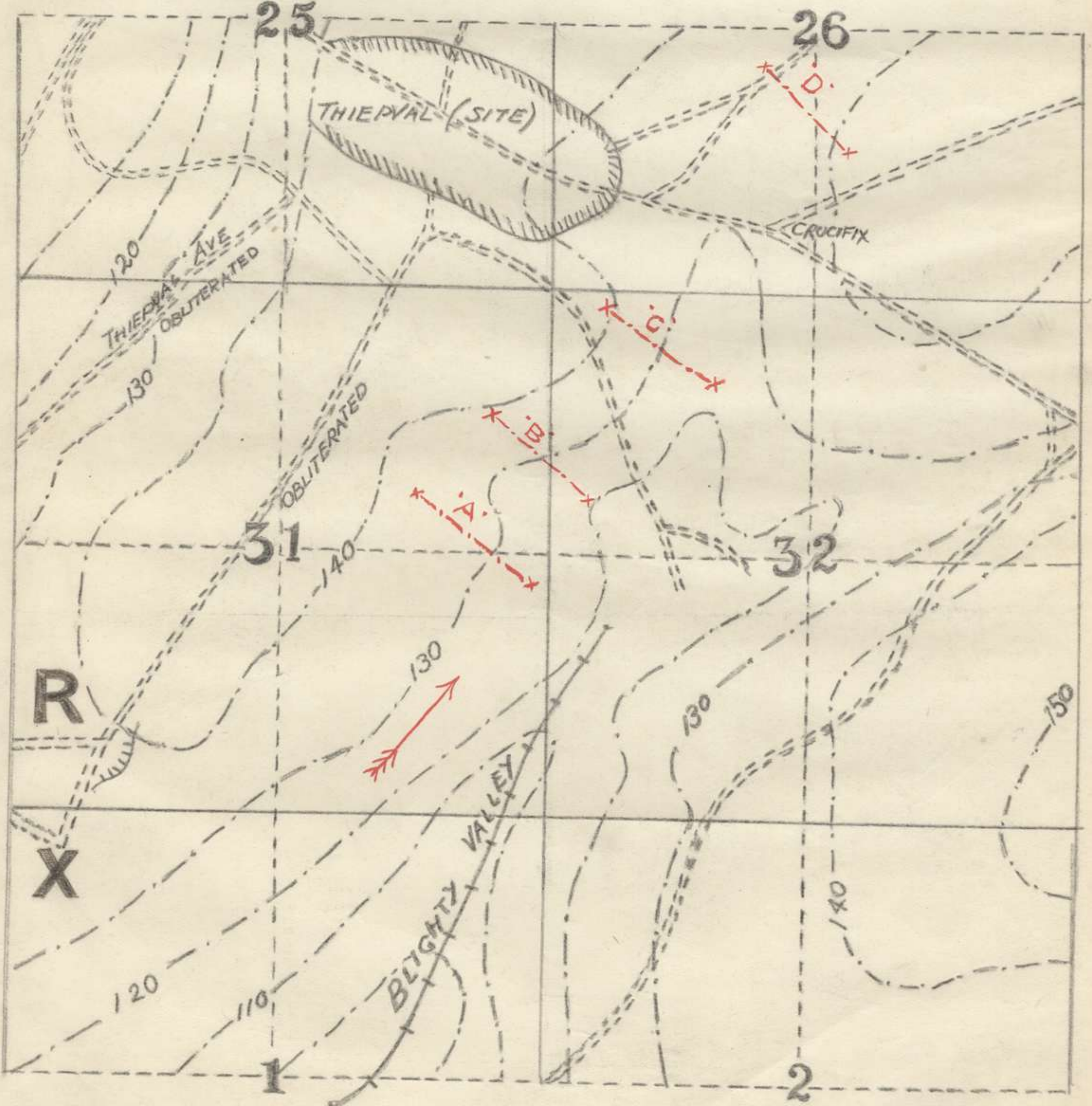
SKETCH

SHOWING

TARGETS IN THIEPVAL DISTRICT

REF. MAP: SHEET 57 D.S.E.

SCALE: 1/10,000



- LEGEND.**
- "A"..... Disappearing Heads & Shoulder Targets.
 - "B"..... Fixed Heads & Shoulder Targets.
 - "C"..... " " " " & bags for Bayonet Work.
 - "D"..... Standing Figures fixed.
 -)))----->..... Direction of Advance.

ROUTINE CARRIED OUT BY "A" Coy. DURING 24th, 25th, 26th JUNE,
AT THIEPVAL.

"A" Coy. left CONTAY AT 9 a.m. on the 24th June, 1917, and proceeded via WARLOY, HENNENCOURT, ALBERT, & AVELUY to WELLINGTON HUTS arriving there at 2 p.m. The column halted near ALBERT for lunch at 11 a.m. and resumed march at 12.45 p.m. Men were billeted in huts - one platoon in each hut. They had hot tea and stew at 5.30 p.m.. At 6.30 p.m. the Company Commander took all Officers and N.C.O's over the ground on which we had to work, on.

Monday June, 25th - Reveille at 6.30 a.m., Breakfast 7 a.m.. A party of ten men were supplied to Town Major for cleaning-up work. One platoon was sent right through the camp cleaning up. Lunch at 11.30 a.m.. Moved off for sham attack at 12.45 p.m. Arrived ground at 1.15 p.m. and commenced attack at 1.45 p.m. The scouts discovered a small infantry post which was dispersed by part of the vanguard, also a M.G. which was successfully dealt with by Rifle Grenades.

The second objective (a stronger party of infantry) was met and dispersed by vanguard.

The third objective was a strong party of infantry which was attacked by the whole company. This was successfully done and a counter attack beaten off by rifle and L.G. fire.

The company returned to billets at 3.40 p.m. and a swimming parade was held. Tea at 5.30 p.m. - hot tea and stew.

Major Freeman had a talk over the day's work with all Officers.

Tuesday June, 26th - Reveille 6 a.m., Breakfast 6.30 a.m. Camp was thoroughly cleaned up and Company started return journey through BOUZE NCOURT - SENLIS - WARLOY arriving back at CONTAY at 12 noon.

(Signed) ROBERT B. FORSYTH, Captain.
O.C. "A" Company.

TACTICAL OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY "C" COMPANY ON 24.6.17
AT THIEPVAL.

Orders were received by me at 3.35 p.m. that "C" Coy. would form one of the Van Guard Companies of an Advanced Guard Brigade. The general direction of advance is the line of the valley running through X.1. and R.32.. My orders were to make good the line THIEPVAL-MOQUET FARM.

I at once called the platoon commanders and issued my orders. Numbers 9 and 12 Platoons to form screen and vanguard respectively, 10 and 11 Platoons to form Main Guard. The screen worked on a frontage of about 1800 yards, right patrol worked on right of valley, left patrol on the crest of the hill and centre patrol midway between with connecting files back to Vanguard 200 yards in rear which was connected to Main Guard 300 yards in rear which was moving in Artillery formation. Small flank guards on each flank of Main Guard.

The screen moved off at 3.45 p.m.. I received a message at 4.3 p.m. "NO enemy in sight".

At 4.13 p.m. received word "M.G. 100 yards ahead being engaged by rifle grenadiers. Also small post of 12 men being engaged by patrols".

At 4.28 p.m. received word " M.G. and enemy post knocked out and Vanguard moving forward".

4.35 p.m. report received "post of 30 enemy 200 yards ahead. Van guard reinforcing screen with L.G. on either flank."

4.43 p.m. Vanguard reports having occupied enemy position and were again advancing.

4.50 p.m. Report "No enemy in sight".

4.52 p.m. Received report "a post of 60 to 100 men entrenched on ridge 300 yards in front. Unable to move further. Patrols occupying trench 200 yards from enemy".

I brought Main Guard forward to gully in rear of Van Guard and extended them under cover. I then went forward to inspect. After reconnaissance I decided to reinforce with remaining two platoons and advance under covering fire to charging distance and carry the position by a bayonet assault. I had Lewis Guns posted on each flank to give covering fire, and two L.G's in support. The company moved forward by sections under cover of fire from remainder of the company. We got into position about 70 yards from the enemy, I had previously arranged a system of whistle signals. When all was ready for the assault the company moved forward at a steady double until 20 yards from objective when at the signal the final charge was made.

We had just occupied the position when scouts reported enemy counter attack. I at once ordered rapid fire along the whole line. The counter attack was beaten off.

CHIEF FAULTS NOTICEABLE WERE :-

Not sufficient mutual support, too much movement without fire.

Section Commanders not having their sections properly in hand.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED :-

Value of flanking movements.

Use of the Rifle Grenade.

Care to be taken in the training of Scouts.

Support which can be given by Lewis Guns.

Men must be taught that when any movement is being done, there must be covering fire given.

(Sgd.) R. KIDD, Ltut.
O.C. "C" Coy.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

29th June 1917.

R/ The following programme will be observed in connection with the tests for Brigade representation at the Divisional Sports :-

DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT	UNIT
July 1st.	9. a.m.	RUBIEMPRE Bayonet Course.	Bayonet Fighting.	Team of 59th Bn.
"	9.30 a.m.	do-	do-	Team of 60th Bn.
"	9 a.m.	T.2.B.5-0.	Best Company	One Company 60th Bn.
"	10 a.m.	do-	do-	One Company 59th Bn.
"	3 p.m.	CONTAY Bayonet Course.	Bayonet Fighting	Team of 57th Bn.
"	3.30 p.m.	do-	do-	Team of 58th Bn.
"	3 p.m.	Recreation Ground, CONTAY.	Best Company	One Company 58th Bn.
"	4 p.m.	do-	do-	One Company 57th Bn.

Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

