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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ONTROOP TRAIN.	DEC.	1.	COMPANY ARRIVED BERTRY BY TRAIN, DETRAINED 12.00. MOVED OFF BY ROAD FOR BUSIGNY 13.00. LT. DOBLO IN CHARGE. MET AT BILLETS BY LT. FIDLER, BILLETING OFFICER.	
BUSIGNY.		2.	REST FOR ALL HANDS.	
do		3.	MORNING PARADE. BATHING PARADE. NO AFTERNOON PARADE.	
do.		4.	MORNING PARADE. 9.30. DRILL ORDER. (NOTIFICATION RECEIVED OF AWARD OF M.C. TO LT. F. DOBLO)	
do		5.	MORNING PARADE 9.30. FATIGUE DRESS, PHYSICAL EXERCISES.	
do.		6.	MORNING PARADE 9.30 - FATIGUE DRESS, MOTOR CYCLE NO. 6042 WITH SIDE CAR NO. 6658. STOLEN FROM STAND IN FRONT OF OFFICERS' MESS	
do.		7.	MORNING PARADE 9.30 DRILL ORDER. - CAPTAIN E. P. NORMAN M.C. JOINED COMPANY TO COMMAND.	
do		8.	MORNING PARADE 9.30. DRILL ORDER. ROUTE MARCH TO VAUX AUDIGNY AND RETURN. MOTOR CYCLE NO 6042 WITH SIDE CAR NO 6658 STOLEN FROM STAND IN FRONT OF OFFICERS' MESS NIGHT 8/9th.	
do.		9.	MORNING PARADE 9.30 DRILL ORDER. ORDERS RECEIVED FROM C.B.E., CORPS TROOPS, FOR COMPANY TO PROCEED TO RANCE IN BELGIUM. LT J. R. FIDLER M.C. LEFT FOR RANCE AS BILLETING OFFICER. ORDERS ISSUED BY O.C. FOR MOVE TO RANCE.	APPENDIX 'A'
BUSIGNY -		10.	REVEILLE 6.00. BREAKFAST 6.30 PARADE 8.00. 7 LORRIES REPORTED. 10.30 FROM.	
RANCE			5TH. AUST. DIV. M.T. COLUMN. DISMOUNTED PERSONNEL LOADED, & LORRIES PROCEEDED TO BOHAIN WHERE R.E. STORES FOR STOCK AT RANCE DUMP. WERE LOADED.	

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BUSIGNY-TO RANCE	DEC. 10.		LORRIES THEN MOVED VIA LE CATEAU, LANDRECIES, AYESNES, SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU TO RANCE. PERSONNEL MET BY LT. FIDLER AND CONDUCTED TO BILLETS. COY MOTOR LORRIES MOVED BY ROAD TO RANCE FOLLOWING THE SAME ROUTE. MOUNTED PERSONNEL, LT. LEWIS IN CHARGE, MOVED OFF 8.00. BY ROAD VIA VAUX AUDIGNY, MOLAIN, ST MARTIN-RIVIERRE & MASINGHIEN TO CATILLON. AND WERE BILLETED BY CORPS REINFORCEMENT DEPOT.	APPENDIX 1.
RANCE. (BELGIUM)	11.		R.E. DUMP AT RANCE TAKEN OVER FROM 14TH. BRIGADE. 33RD. BRITISH DIVISION & COMPANY BEGAN WORK ON CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES, FOR CORPS. HORSE TRANSPORT MEANWHILE MOVED FROM CATILLON 8.00 AND PROCEEDED BY ROAD VIA LA GROISE, LANDRECIES, MAROILLES TO AYESNES. AND WERE BILLETED IN OLD FRENCH BARRACKS.	APPENDIX 2.
RANCE	12.		MORNING PARADE 8.30. FATIGUE DRESS SAPPERS MAKING LATRINES. TRANSPORT MOVED FROM AYESNES 9.00 AND PROCEEDED BY ROAD TO SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU AND BILLETED.	
DO.	13		MORNING PARADE 8.30 - FATIGUE DRESS. SAPPERS MAKING LATRINES. TRANSPORT MOVED FROM SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU 8.00 AND PROCEEDED BY ROAD VIA SIVRY TO RANCE REJOINING COMPANY AND BILLETING.	
DO.	14.		MORNING PARADE - 8.30. MAKING LATRINE SEATS.	
DO	15		NO PARADE - DAY OFF.	

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RANCE	16		MORNING PARADE 8.30. - MAKING LATRINE SEATS.	
"	17		DITTO. DITTO.	
"	18		DITTO. DITTO. 2 O/RS (1915 MEN) DEPARTED FOR AUSTRALIA.	
"	19		DITTO. DITTO.	
"	20		DITTO. DITTO.	
"	21		DITTO. DITTO.	
"	22		NO PARADE (SUNDAY) DAY OFF.	
"	23		MORNING PARADE 8.30 - MAKING LATRINE SEATS. LT DOBLO. M.C. LEFT COMPANY AND PROCEEDED TO CORPS H.Q. FOR DUTY. THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS WERE MADE TO TAKE EFFECT FROM. - 17-9-18. 10370 T/CPL YEAR F.S. TO BE CPL; 2196 T 2nd/CPL ROBERTSON A.J. TO BE 2nd/cpl. FROM. 24-9-18 14051 T/CPL. HAMILTON A.J.S TO BE CPL. ; 1937 T/2nd/CPL. HARGREAVES A.E. TO BE 2nd/CPL.	
"	24		MORNING PARADE 8.30. - MAKING LATRINE SEATS.	
"	25		NO PARADE - DAY OFF.	
"	26		AFTERNOON PARADE. 13.30. MAKING LATRINE SEATS. THE FOLLOWING PROMOTIONS WERE MADE TO TAKE EFFECT FROM. 23-12-18. - TO BE T/SGT. 4416. CPL HOWARD S. TO BE T/cpl. 10333 2/cpl. POMROY K. TO BE T/cpl. 2196. 2/cpl ROBERTSON. A.J. TO BE T/2nd/CPL. 1181 L/CPL. WRIGHT. C.L.	

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RANCE.	26.		(CONTD.) PROMOTIONS - TO BE T/200/CPL. NO 7006 4/CPL MUNRO R.	
"	27.		MORNING PARADE - 8.30. MAKING LATRINE SEATS. LOR. (JOB MAN) DEPARTED FOR AUSTRALIA	
"	28.		DITTO. DITTO.	
"	29.		DITTO. DITTO.	
"	30.		DITTO. DITTO.	
"	31		DITTO. DITTO.	

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GRAPH

SHOWING EFFECTIVE STRENGTH OF 1ST A.T.C. Co. 1918



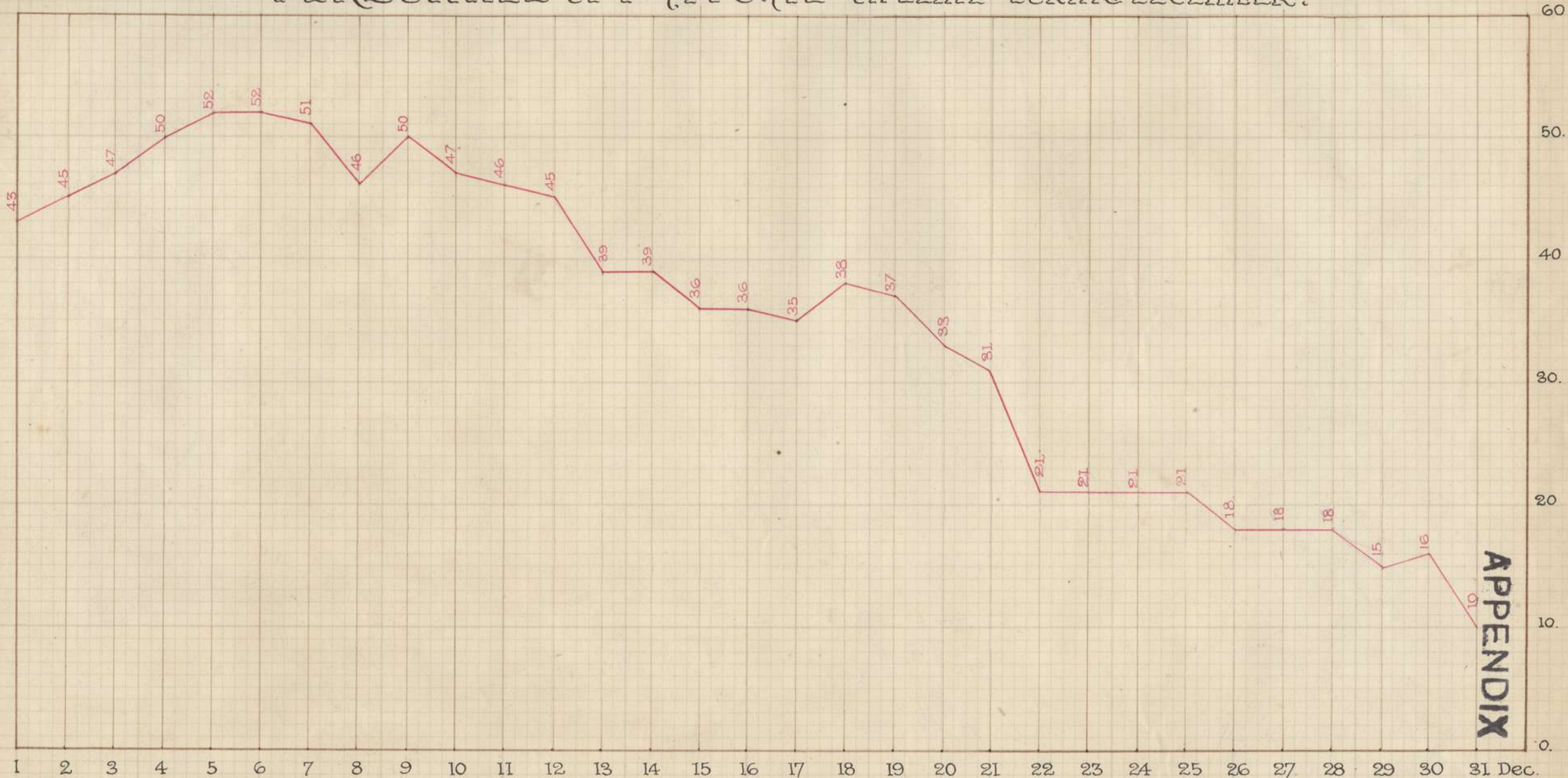
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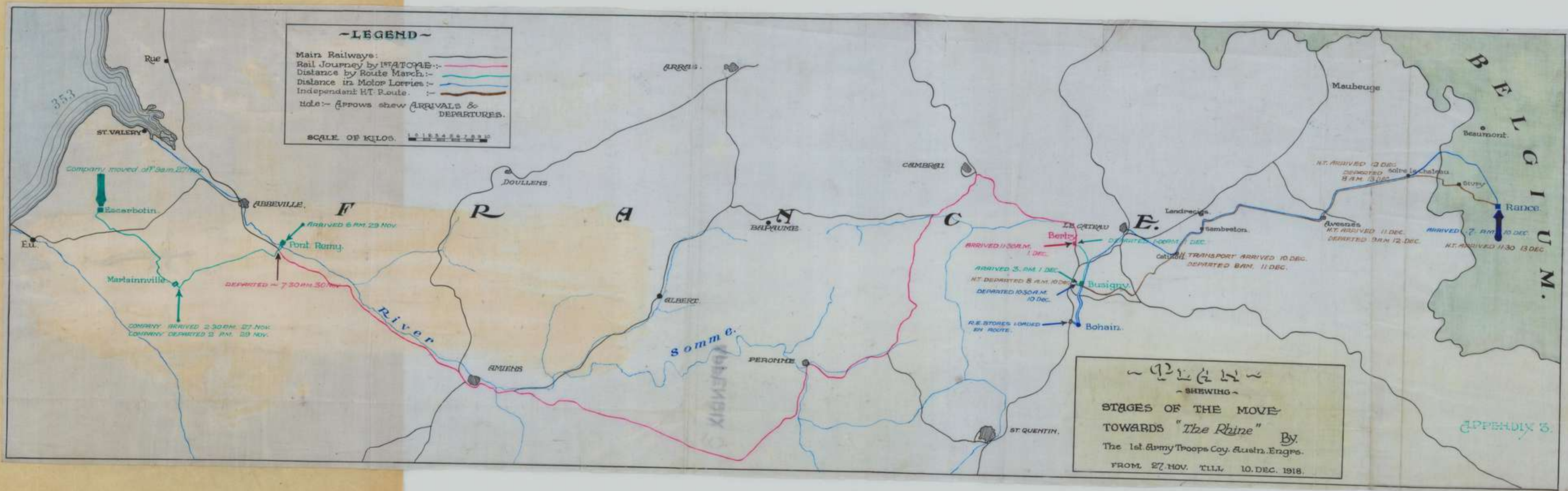
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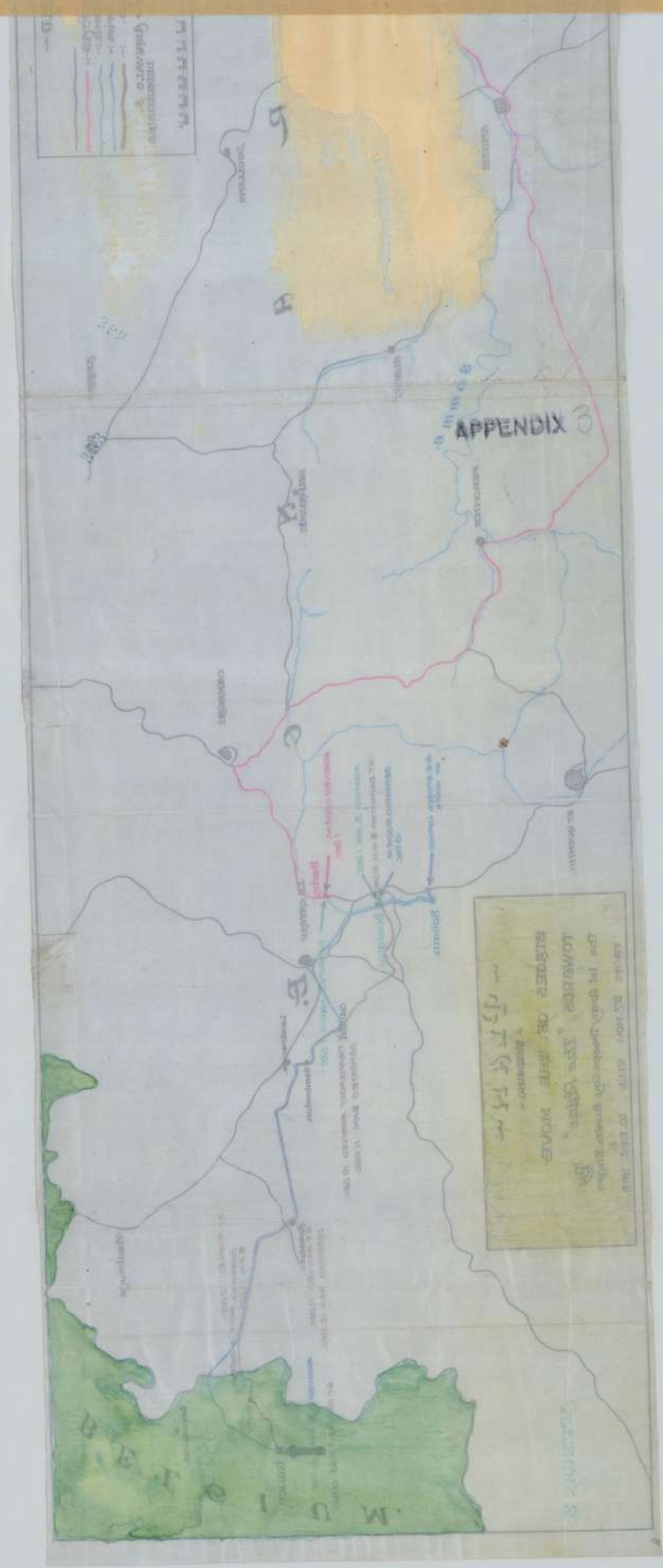


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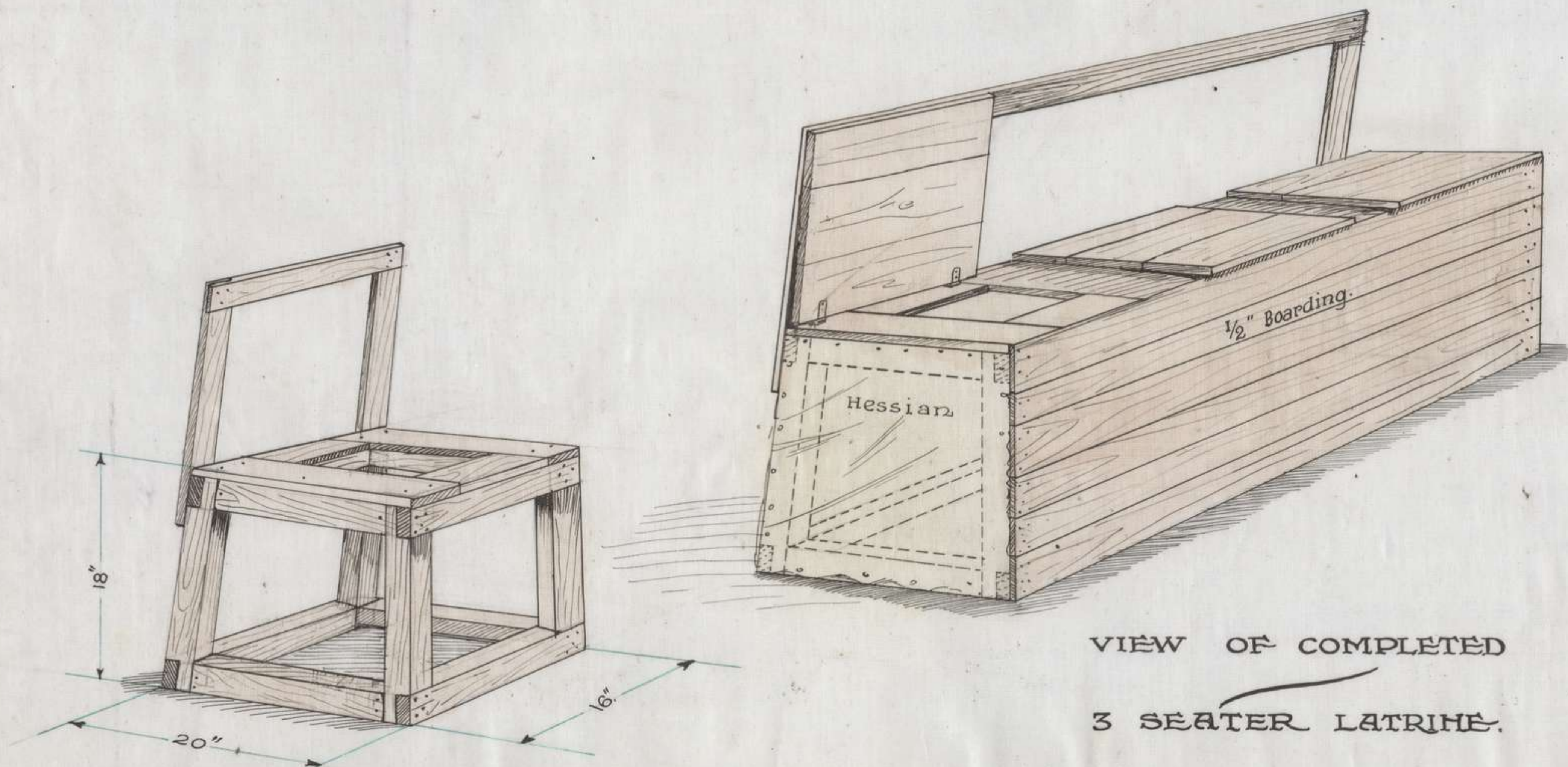
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TYPE OF LATRINES.
CONSTRUCTED BY 1ST A.T.C.O.A.E. AT R.E. DUMP, FRANCE.

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VIEW OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
OF ONE SEATER LATRINE.

VIEW OF COMPLETED
3 SEATER LATRINE.

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Date	COPY.
From	C.E. Australian Corps.
To	G. 619. 8/12.
Remarks	<p>1st. Aust. Army Troops Coy. will move from BUSIGNY to RANCE on 10th. inst. under instructions to be issued by C.E. aaa. 8 Lorries will report to Coy. H.Q. at 7am. on 10th. inst. to convey personnel to RANCE.</p> <p>Transport will move by road staging night 10/11th. CATILLON billets from Corps Reinft. Camp. aaa. Night 11/12th AVESNES billets from Town Major aaa. Night 12/13th. SIVRY billets from Staff Capt. 13th. A.I. Bde. aaa. Rations will continue to be drawn from 6th. Aust. M.T. Coy. Acknowledge.</p> <p>O.C. 1st. A.T. Co. A.E.</p> <p>For information and action.</p> <p>(Sgd.) W.A. Collins Lt. A.E.</p> <p>Adj. C.R.E. Corps Troops Aust. Corps.</p> <p>COPY.</p> <p>CHIEF ENGINEER, AUSTRALIAN CORPS. NO. 189/139/3. 9th. December, 1918.</p> <p>C.R.E. C.T. instructions to 1st. A.T. Coy. A.E.</p> <hr/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1st. A.T. Coy. will proceed from BUSIGNY to RANCE in accordance with attached wire from Aust. Corps. Arrange to collect stores from Bohain R.E. Dump as per arrangements made with Capt. Greenlees, and transport same to Rance. The Coy. will on arrival take over control of the abandoned German R.E. Dump at Rance and will proceed to construct latrine seats, and carry out general R.E. Work, as directed by C.R.E. C.T. 32nd Div. and to other Divisions on the same authority. Issue of material will be made to Units requiring the same on the authority of C.R.E. 32nd Div. and to other Divisions on the same authority. Sketch of type of Latrines will be furnished, and it is proposed to cut material into sizes and lengths portable for delivery to Divisions, and manufacture into latrines by Divisional Engineers.
References	<p>(Sgd.) A.M. Marby 2. Lieut. Col.</p> <p>C.R.E. AUSTRALIAN CORPS TROOPS.</p> <p>EGN</p>

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