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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*4<sup>th</sup> Australian Pioneer Battalion*

FOR

*April* 1918

Signature of Officer compiling *B. J. McCallion Capt.*

Signature of Officer Commanding *J. F. Rutledge Lieut.-Col.*



# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Henencourt Wood Sheet 62.D.	APRIL			
	1st		Works. Battalion were disposed as follows:- H.Q. at V.21.C. Central all Companies camped in the vicinity. A and B Companies working for 12th A.I. Brigade on Traversesupport line between E.7.C.8.3. & E.2.b.33. C & D Coy for 13th A.I. Brigade and S.P's between D.17.d.3.3.	Appendex. 12
			Special duty. 1 O/Rank proceeded on Transport duty to Australia.	
	2nd		A party of 90 O/Ranks under Lieuta Pennyfather and Reid were detailed to proceed to the vicinity of Dernicourt and Buire to drive tunnels through the Railway embankment at E.20.b Central and E.25 .a.3.7, also a party of 30 O/Ranks under Lieut Sheppard to cut Sapheads under Railway embankment between E.15.c.5.2. and E.15.a.9.0. The remainder of Battalion continued works as on the 1st.	Appendex. 12.
	3rd	"	Works as on the 1st. additional entrenchments at E.2.c.4.6. and E.14.c. Central. Sapping party increased to 60 O/Ranks under Lieut's Sheppard and Junner	
	4th	"	Works as on the 1st with additional Sapping at E.25a.3.7. and entrenchments at E.8. central and D.17.d. Central also a small party cutting timbers in Henencourt Wood for Tunnelling parties.	Appendex 12
	5th	"	The battalion with exception of Tunnelling Parties returned to Camp about 5.A.M. About 6.30.A.M. the Camp was heavily shelled which continued for about an hour, resultinh in 3 O/Ranks being killed and Lieut Sheppard and 28 O/Ranks wounded (Included in casualties for date ) The Tunnelling Parties were engaged with the Infantry in repelling a heavy attack by the enemy during the morning at Dernancourt Buire railway.	Appendex 12
	5th		The Battalion moved out at 6.30.P. Mand occupied the Lavieville - Millencourt line between D.5.d.3.5. and D.16.b.8.3. as a reserve.	

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Henencourt Wood Sheet 62.D.	6th	Works.	3.A.M. under orders G.O.C. 12th A.I. Brigade, A. and B Companies moved up into supports at D.12 b.7.1. and E.7.b.3.4 respectively. Advanced B.H.Q. was located at D.12.b.7.1. 10.P.M. A & B Companies were relieved by the 22nd and 23rd Australian Infantry Battalions' C & D Companies being relieved by the 21st Australian Infantry Battalion. The Battalion then withdrew to construct a defence line between D.5b.3.3.D.18.a.3.5.	Appendix 12
"	7th	"	3.30.A.M. The Battalion proceeded to Embankment and Quarry at D.21. central in reserve for 13 A.I. Brigade. 9.A.M. Battalion moved out of reserve to Camp at Henencourt Wood 3.P.M. Battalion moved out of Henencourt Wood Camp to Ia-Houssoye arriving at Camp I.i.d. central at 6.30. P.M. The Camp was composed of tent lines and was found to be in good order.	Appendix 12+
Ia - Houssoye Sheet. 62.d.	8th	"	NIL. The day was mainly taken up with Company O.C.'s General Inspection. B.H.Q. moved into billets at Ia-Houssoye.	
"	9th	"	NIL. Battalion resting.	
"	10th	"	Battalion commenced work on the Baiseux - Fransvilliers Corps Defence line. S.P.'s.C.T's wiring etc. "B" Company Fransvilliers Switch from C.17.a.10.7. to C.12.c.8.10. "C" " " " " " C.17.a.10.7. to C.23.a.1.2. "D" " " " " " C.23.a.1.1. to C.22c.5.1. "A" Coy. resting	Appendix 12
"	11th	"	All Companies as on the 10th.	
"	12th	"	"A" Coy. moved out from Camp I.i.d. Central to billets at Baiseux and commenced work on Baiseux defence in U.30, C.6D.1, D.7.	Appendix 12
"	13th	"	Other Companies as on the 10th. "B" Coy. resting.	Appendix 12

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La-Houssoye	13th	Work	"A" Coy. as on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "C" Coy resting.	
"	14th	"	"A" " as on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "D" Coy resting.	
"	15th	"	"A" " as on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "B" " "	
"	16th	"	"A" " as on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "C" " "	
"	17th	"	"A" " as on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "D" " "	
"	18th	"	"A" " as on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "B" " "	The C.O.C. 4th AUST. DIVISION VISITED THE Camp during the day.
"	19th	"	"A" " as on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "C" " "	
"	20th	"	"A" " As on the 12th. Other Companies as on the 10th. "D" Coy resting.	
"	21st	"	"A" " As on the 12th. "C" Coy as on the 10th. "D" Coy commenced on new sector C.23.d.1.8 to I.5.d.4.1. Wiring S.P.'s C.T.'s and improving other portions. "B" Coy resting.	Appendex 12
"	22nd	"	All Companies as on the 21st. "C" Coy resting.	
"	COMMAND.		Lieut-Colonel T.L.F. RUTLEDGE assumed command of the Battalion vice, LIEUT COLONEL H.L. MORRISON to Pioneer Training Battalion.	
"	23rd	Work	All Companies as on the 21st. "D" Coy resting.	
"	24th	"	"A" Company commenced new works, Wiring S.P.'s and general improvements S.E. of Contax C.4.d.4.8. to C.16.d.2.5. Other Companies as on the 21st. "B" Coy resting. Camp I.i.d. Central shelled intermitently between 4.0.A.M and 5.A.M. resulting in 1 O/Rank casualty. (included in casualty).	Appendex 12

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Ia - Houssoye Sheet 62.D.	25th	Work	Work as on the 24th. "C" Coy resting.	
	Honors & Awards. -) (Awarded) M.M's No.3959. Cpl.J.Emery . No.2709 Pte' A. SARRIJARVI. No.2793.Pte'.J.Jackson + No. 1131.Pte'A.Elliot. No.3310 Pte'B.Bowls. No.645.Cpl.R.Marshall.			
"	26th	Works.	Work as on the 24th. "D" Coy resting .	
"	27th	"	Battalion resting with exception of "A" Coy completing work as on 24th. Battalion movement order No.18 issued.	Appendix 5
"	28th	"	9.0.A.M. Battalion moved to Blangy - Tronville arriving at 12.30.P.M. occupied dug outs recently constructed by the 5th Australian pioneer Battalion on the embankment East end of Village . These were found to be in good order and comfortable .	
Blangy - Tronville.	29th	"	"B" Coy constructing Batt.H.Q. at O.28.d.05.one platoon attached to 254th Tunnelling Coy.R.E at N.30.d.60. "C" Coy. constructing 4th Divisional H.Q.at N.20.d.10.3. A.&D.Coy's resting	Appendix 12
"	30th	"	"B" & "C" Coy's as on the 29th. "A" & "D" Coy's resting	



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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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April 1st to 4th . During this period the Battalion was employed on a series of support lines, on the Divisional front, from South of Albert to Buire, Strong Points being first dug and afterwards connected up.

The trenches dug were 3' 6" wide at top 2' at bottom and 3' 6" deep all the works were carried out satisfactorily and under good conditions.

Two parties consisting of 75 men and two Officers were tunnelling through the Railway embankment for Machine Gun positions, one tunnel at Dernancourt and too about half way between Dernancourt and Buire, this was the on the front line system, and on the enemy attack on the 5th April these parties reported to the 47th and 52nd Battalions' respectively, and assisted the infantry to hold the line, all doing exceptionally good work, both parties receiving the thanks of the Battalion Commanderto which they were attached.

Lieut. Pennyfather and 44 other ranks at this time became casualties, I may add that this is one of the few times parties from the Battalion have been called upon to fight in the line and they gained the admiration and respect of the infantry from the way they stuck to their posts and generally carried themselves.

On the 5th April the Battalion for the first time in its history was put into support of the infantry, manning the reserve trenches in front of Laviville on the night of the 5th -6th and "A" & "B" Coy's moving into support line on the early morning of the 6th . The conditions were somewhat trying owing to the bad weather but the men behaved well, but the operations clearly pointed out that the Battalion was greatly deficient in training owing to the fact that it has so seldom been taken out of the line long enough to give the men any thorough system of training, it as a rule having been kept in on CORPS WORKS when the Division has gone out.

On the morning of the 7th the Battalion came out of support and moved in again to its Camp behind Hennencourt Wood and move out in the afternoon to La Housseye .

On the 9th the Battalion started on works , Corps defence lines, in the neighbourhood of Baizieux, Fransvillers, Bonnay and La Neuville. The work was carried out throughout under excellent conditions, the chief point being the large quantity of work carried out in the time by the Battalion, which carried considerable praise from the C.R.E. and Corps Troops.

The Fransvillers System was carried out under Captain Horns' supervision chiefly by Corps labour troops, only one Coy being used as detailed in diary on date named, doing wiring extra Strong Points C.T's and other improvements to this system .

The line and trenches and sections of same are as shewn on attached plans and maps.

The average amount of work performed per man each day, was 5 1/2 Cub.yards and earth shifted, this spoil being properly levelled off.

W.H. Sanday MAJOR.

FOR C.O. 4th AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

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SUPPLIES. These were uniformly good, especially with regard to Vegetables towards the end of month.

ORDNANCE. Drawings were extremely light owing to the Battalion being constantly on the move. Australian pattern clothes are still very difficult to obtain with the exception of boots. The A.I.F. clothes made in England are not as servicable as articles of Australian manufacture. Appended is a table of drawings and returns.

BOOTMAKERS. They were working only 20 days and dealt with 399 pairs.

ARMOURER. The Armourer Sergeant has been called up by D.A.D.O.S. for permanent duty with A.A.O.C. and attached to Divisional Armourer's shop. The work for the month was light and consisted only of slight repairs to rifles.

BATHING. The whole Battalion bathed once at Corps Baths and received complete change of underclothes.

(Sgd.) B. COOK. - Captain  
C.M.

SALVAGE. No returns of boxes, cardboard etc were made as supply were unable to deal with it under the existing conditions.

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DRAWINGS AND RETURNS TO D. A. D. O. S.

Article.	Drawn	Returned.
Boots A.B.	158	193
Box Respirators	81	81
Breeches D.&.M.S.	151	199
Hats Felt .A .P.	35	76
Jackets S.D.	56	174
Puttees	196	193
Shoes Mule	69 Prs	-
" Horse	70 "	-
Wagon.G.S.		
Wheels	3	3
Rasps farriers	4	4
Masks Gas for Horses & Mules.	93	-
Collors Brest	6	6
Pipes wire woven	1	1
Levels F.S.	1	1
Handles, chisel Carp.	6	-
" adze	1	-
Hammers ,mining, boring 7 lbs.	11	-

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( Sgd. ) B. COOK. Captain.



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During the month of April Transport has been continually on work in the forward area. The condition of animals in the early part of the month left much to be desired owing to the forced trek from Belgium but of late grazing facilities have been available and animals are now in excellent conditions.

The approximate number of miles covered for the month was 1,100 miles and over 500 tons of miscellaneous goods were delivered to various places .

Casualties to section for this period were 1 Driver seriously wounded, 6 Animals killed, 3 evacuated wounded and 1 evacuated for other reasons.

(Sgd.) Geo. H. Thornton. Lt.

T.O.

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7.4.1918.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 16.

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MAPS.

SHEET 82.D. 1/40,000.

1. Battalion will move by March route to LAHOUSOYE.
2. Route. HENENCOURT & BAIZIEUX - FRANSVILLIERS - LAHOUSOYE.
  - (a.) Order of March. H.Q. A.B.BAND. C AND D Coys
  - (b.) One marker per Coy will report to R.S.M. at B.H.Q. at 2.45.P.M. 7.4.18.
  - (c.) Transport will move independently as per verbal instructions given.
  - (D.) Billeting Party. Captain R.R.BINGLE and 1 N.C.O. per Coy will proceed to new area at 10.A.M. on 7.4.18. to arrange Bivouacsite for camp.
  - (E.) RATIONS. Unexpended portion of rations to be carried on the man. Rations for the 8th instant will be distributed on arrival at new Camp
  - (F.) DRESS. Fighting order carrying blankets and wearing steel Helmets - Water bottles filled.

Reports to head of Column.

W. J. EARLE.  
 Captain & A/Adjutant.  
 For 4th AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

1. TO 5 Companies & H.Q.
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4th. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 119

Sheet 62B. 1/40,000 .

The Battalion will move by march route to New Camp at BLANGY + TRONVILLE  
"A" Company ( with Company Transport ) will move independently under  
arrangements of O.C. "A" Company.

Starting point for the Battalion (less "A" Coy) Main AMBINS Road  
opposite Main Camp.

ROUTE. Battalion (less "A" Company) Via. POINT NOYELLES and DAOURS.

TIME 9.A.M.

ORDER OF MARCH. Headquarters, "B" Coy. BAND "C" and "D" Companies.

TRANSPORT. will move independently at 9.A.M. and proceed to Park  
(near BLANGY ) TRONVILLE on the North side of the River as previously  
arranged . "A" Company's Transport will move with and remain with  
"A" Company.

WORKERS WILL TRAVEL WITH the Battalion in the rear of their respective  
Companies.

BILLETING PARTIES. Major W.H. SANDY M.C. and an Officer and 1 N.C.O.  
FROM EACH Company will proceed at 2.30.p.m. on the 27th inst. to  
Headquarters 8th. Divisional Pioneers, BLANGY + TRONVILLE and take  
over their respective Company Works. Company Officers will remain  
at BLANGY - TRONVILLE and meet Battalion on arrival at destination and  
guide Companies to their Billets.

MARCH. Companies will move by platoons - 50 yards interval, 200 yards  
between Companies. Strict Discipline will be observed throughout.

RATIONS. Unexpended portion of the day's ration will be carried on  
the man and rations for the 29th. will be issued on the 27th. instant  
and carried on the Companies Waggon. Full Water bottles will be  
carried.

DRESS. Full Marching Order. Blankets rolled in horse shoe fashion  
around top of Pack with Steel Helmets securely fastened on back of Pack  
Unmounted Officers will carry Packs.

FOUND. on arrival in new Billets no man will leave the billeting area  
excepting on duty.

Reports to head of Column.

W. J. EARLE.  
CAPTAIN & ADJUTANT  
For C.O. 4TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

Issued at 5.P.M.

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CASUALTIES.

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3373.	Cpl. W. HENDRICK	Wounded by H.E. Shell .dated 5.4.1918. (Now died of wounds " " )
1873.	Pte' H.G. KEANE	Wounded by H.E. Shell. dated 5.4.18.
2702.	" H. RABBURN	Killed by H.E. Shell dated 5.4.1918.
1861	" J. FOX.	" " " " " "
3228.	" A. BUTLER.	" " " " " "
2466.	" J. WICK.	" " " " " "
3554.	" J. THOMAS	Wounded by H.E. Shell " "
3875.	" J.E. McDONAL	" " " " " "
287.	" L.S. COLES.	" " " " " "
3088.	" L.A. DUNN.	" " " " " "
2588.	" C.A. JOHNS.	" " " " " "
2158.	" A.E. LAIT.	" " " " " "
2935.	Cpl. F.J. TANISH.	" " " " " "
3483.	Pte' G. LINDEN.	" " " " " "
3857.	" G.S. HAY.	" " " " " "
1183.	" J.E. GEERE.	" " " " " "
3929.	" H.L. TRAVIS.	" " " " " "
4274.	" S.J. LOWE.	" " " " " "
	Lieut. C.F. SHEPPARD.	" " " " " "
3021.	L/Cpl. R.W. CLARKE.	" " " " " "
2152.	Pte' J. LOUGHMAN.	" " " " " "
4141.	" G. RICHARDS.	" " " " " "
4051.	" E. CLARKE.	" " " " " "
3142.	" J. McCLINTOCK.	" " " " " "
3130.	" R.W. LODDER.	" " " " " "
2098.	L/Cpl. C.R. BOUNDS.	" " " " " "
4104.	Pte'. J. PETERSON.	" " " " " "
3638.	" C.C. LEVICK.	" " " " " "
3531.	" A. CAMPBELL.	" " " " " "
3555.	" D.M. WILSON.	" " " " " "

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2958.	Pte'	J. C. WARNEIKE.	Wounded by H. E. SHELL.	dated 5.4.1918.
2208.	"	M. R. ROWNSLEY.		
		H. Q. SIGS.	"	"
3570.	"	A. H. ADAMS.	"	"
3490.	"	S. TOMPKINS.	"	"
3823.	"	R. J. COUGHLIN.	"	dated 6.4.1918.
2930.	"	R. H. RONALDS	"	"
Lieut. R. V. G.?		PENNEFATHER.	"	5.4.1918.
1647.	Cpl'	W. UNDERWOOD.	"	5.4.1918.
2176.	L/Cpl.	F. TRICE.	"	5.4.1918.
1937.	Pte'	S. GREY.	"	5.4.1918. Def W.
1632.	"	F. P. KEMPHMAN	"	5.4.1918.
3919.	Cpl.	W. H. R. REID.	"	"
3714.	Pte'	H. J. COADY	"	"
4223.	"	G. W. KNIGHT	"	"Remained on duty dated 5.4.1918
1542.	"	E. J. DARGY.	"	"
3490.	"	S. TOMPKINS.	Killed	" H. E. SHELL. " 6.4.1918
3823.	"	R. J. COUGHLIN	"	"
2930	"	R. N. RONALDS	Wounded	" " 5.4.1918
4137.	"	J. WILLIAMSON.	"	Dated 7.4.1918.
3123.	"	H. LARSEN	"	"
2931.	"	E. F. REDMAYNE	"	"
3113.	"	R. HUGHES	"	"
2469.	"	T. WHEATLEY	"	"
2421.	"	T. LUBE	"	"
4204.	L/Sgt.	KERNICK	"	"
2174.	L/Cpl.	P. J. LOOBY	"	"
4046.	Pte'	P. B. BROWN	"	"
3895.	Cpl.	J. JEMBY	"	"
3886.	Pte'	J. MATHESON (GASSED)	"	"
4052.	"	M. CARLAN	Wounded	"
4083.	"	T. JARO	"	"
3044.	"	G. LEE	"	"
4282.	Sgt.	W. H. RICHARDS.	"	"
2103.	L/Cpl.	T. A. B. BALDOCK.	"	"
4680.	Pte.	G. BROWN	"	"
13.	"	E. J. LEOD	"	"
2185.	"	O. PERSON	"	"
4891.	"	J. T. SMITH	"	"
1907.	A."	H. McDONALD.	Missing (Now rep. wounded)	"
654.	Cpl.	R. MARSHALL	Missing	"
3194.	L/Cpl.	E. J. STEWART	"	"
1131.	Pte'	A. ELLIOTT	"	"
612.	"	G. MENNIE	"	"
1954.	"	R. WHITE	"	"
3726	"	F. J. BROWN	"	"
3390.	"	E. J. LANE	"	"
1852.	A."	J. DOWNIE	Missing 7.4.1918. Now reported admitted to 38th Field Amb. wounded dated 8.4.18.	
1912.	"	H. V. OSBOURNE	Missing dated 7th April 1918.	
2868.	"	J. GIEBERRAS	Missing 7.4.1918. Now rep. wounded.	
2892.	"	F. KLINGER	" 7.4.1918.	
2444.	"	F. C. H. SCHULTZ	" 7.4.1918.	
2178.	"	H. ORTIS.	" Now rep. wounded.	
2239.	"	V. W. T. GUNN	"	
2891	"	W. C. KENNEDY	"	
3118.	a. Pte'	H. J. BEECH	"	
2793.	A."	J. JACKSON	"	
3379.	"	C. E. JEFFREY	"	
3125.	"	J. LAVERY.	"	
3819.	A."	G. CHALNOR	"	
2792.	"	J. JOKINKE	"	
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2923.	Pte	J.A.PAYNE	Missing	7.4.18.
2470.	"	G.E.TYE	"	"
3392.	"	O.MATHERSON	"	"
2554.	"	R.ANDERSON	"	"
3323.	"	F.BAYLEE	"	"
2214.	"	W.TURTON	"	"
1658.	"	M.J.BURREN	"	"
2571.	"	T.J.CAUFIELD.	"	"
3474.	"	J.E.TAYLOR	Wounded by H.E.SHELL	Dated 24.4.1918.
4916.	"	A.RIPPINGALE.	"	" " " "
2398.	"	A.H.JARDINE	"	" " " "
			Now died of wounds	" 25.4.1918.



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RECOMMENDATIONS :- M.C.'s .

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LIEUT. R.G.V. PENNYFATHER.

Conspicuous gallantry at Dernancourt on April 5th 1918. The enemy attacked in heavy force he was in charge of a party in front of the Line when he organised the men with the Infantry and maintained his sector against tremendous odds until all became casualties.

LIEUT. W.M. REID.

Conspicuous gallantry at Dernancourt on April 5th 1918. Driving Tunnels in front of Line when the enemy attacked organised his men and through their tenacity and fighting this sector was held intact.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECORATION WERE SUBMITTED TO G.O.C  
D.C.M.'s

No. 476. Private MARTIN. H.L.

Was working constructing tunnels on the 5th April 1918, at DERANANCOURT during an enemy attack after being wounded was sent to the dressing station. He returned to his post and continued to the end of the attack to assist in holding the position.

No. 213. Sgt. P. McKENNA.

Was constructing tunnels on the 5th April 1918, at DERANANCOURT during an enemy attack. He was the first to detect the advance of the enemy, assisted the Officers in organising the party and showed splendid example in gallant conduct through.

M.M.'s.

No. 3595. CPL. EMERY. J.  
" 3310. Pte' BERNARD BOWLES.  
" 2709 " SARRI JARVI. A.  
" 645. Cpl. MARSHALL. R.  
" 1131. Pte' ELLIOT. A.  
" 2793. " JACKSON. J.

At DERANANCOURT on 5th April 1918 were driving tunnels in the front Line immediately manned the trenches and materially assisted in beating off the enemy attack, they fought valiantly throughout, the last three were seriously wounded. Their brave action bearing and gallant action was worthy of the best traditions of the Army.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

No. 1301 Pte' ANDERSON T.G.  
" 1632 " KAMPMAN F.C.  
" 793 L/Cpl. THOMAS . J.

These three men were driving tunnels in the Front line at DERANANCOURT when their enemy launched their attack on the 5th April 1918. They displayed gallant conduct and assisted the working of a Trench Mortar and 2 Lewis Guns. Their coolness and courage was an inspiring example to all.

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R.E. MATERIAL  
Drawn byn the Battalion for  
MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

<u>Material.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>
Wire barb.	7 tons.
" plain.	5 cwt.
Pickets.	3,000.
Brushwood lacing.	1600 pieces.
Shovels.	150.
Picks.	90.
Mauls.	7.

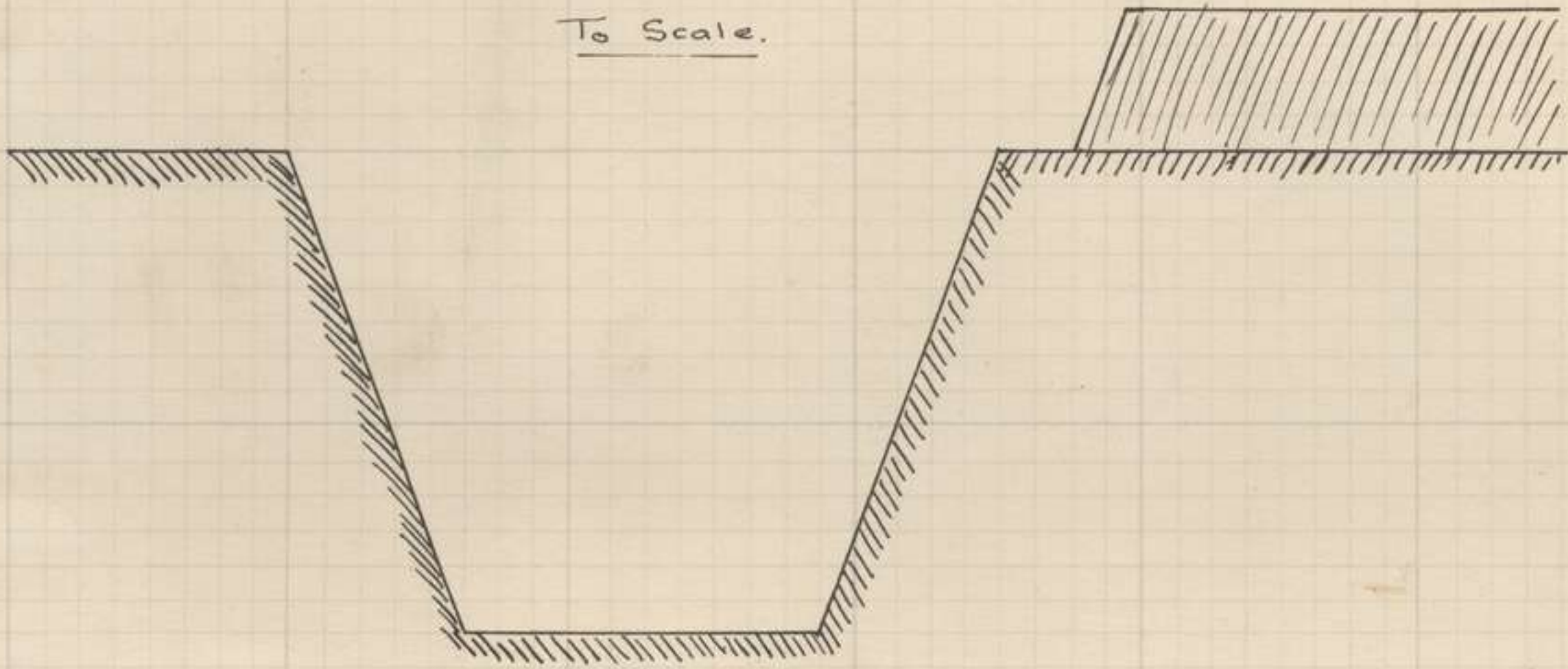
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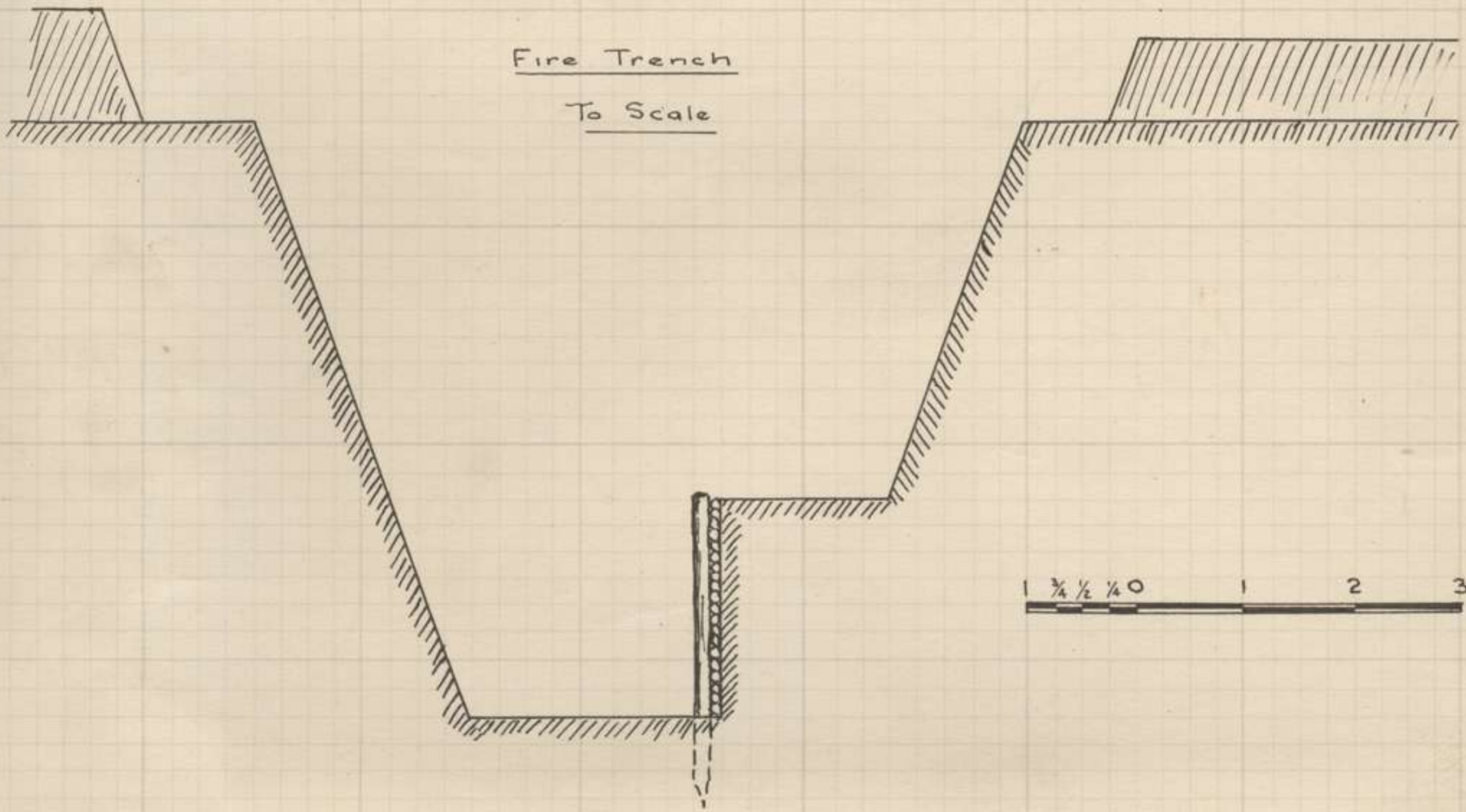
Communication Trench

To Scale.

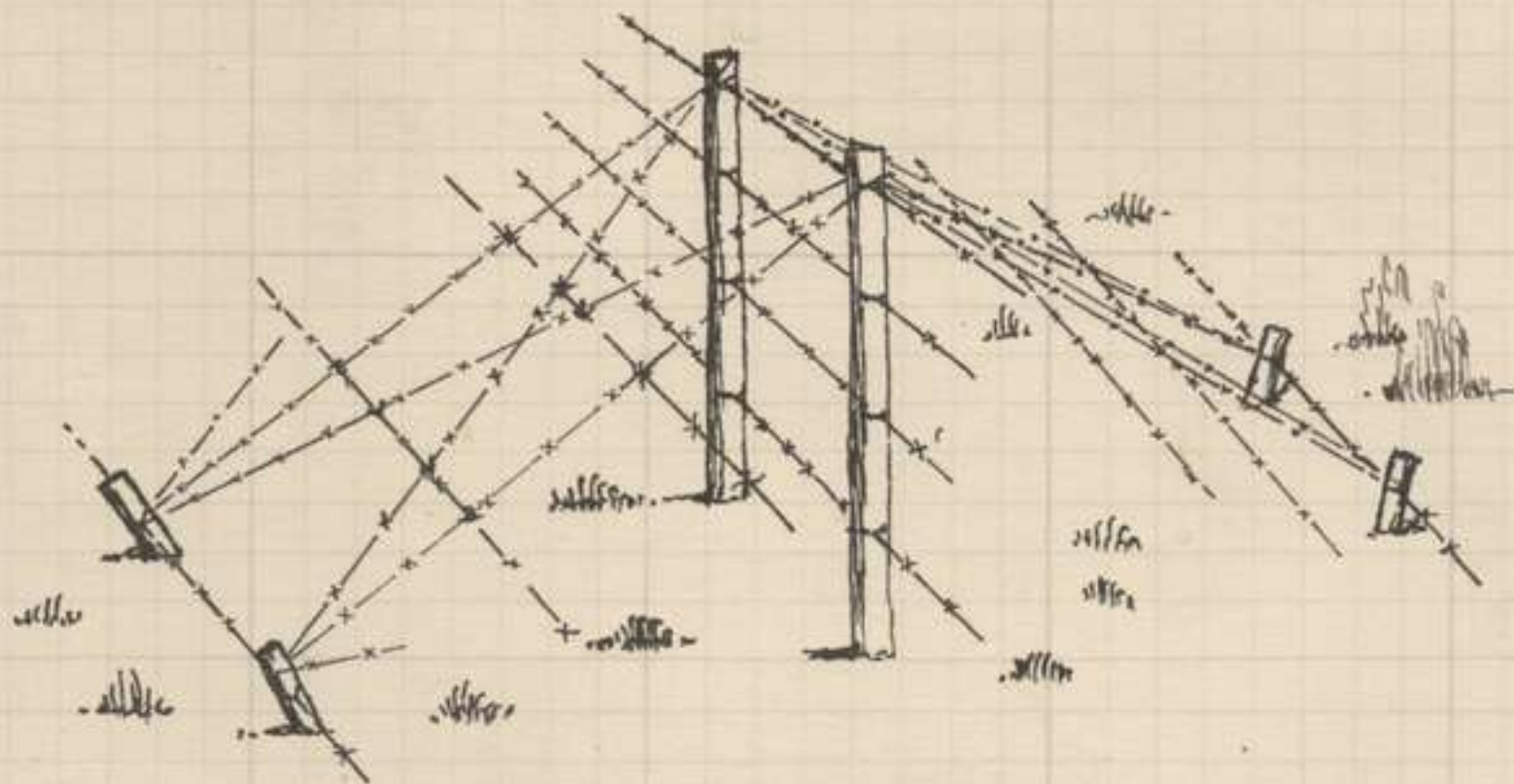


Fire Trench

To Scale



1 1/2 2 3 feet



Sketch showing wiring System.

Double Apron.

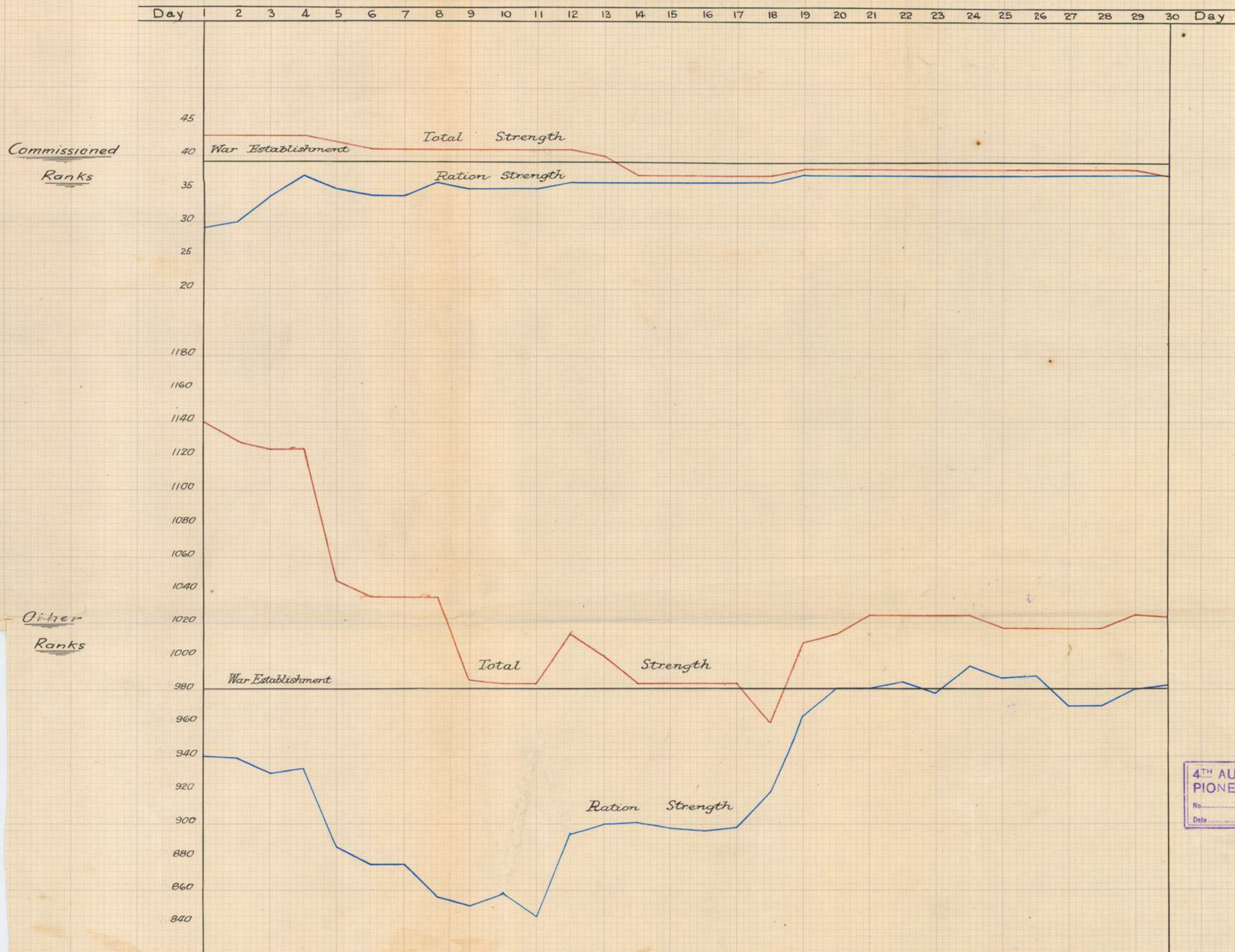
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CHART OF TOTAL & RATION STRENGTHS  
FOR  
APRIL 1918

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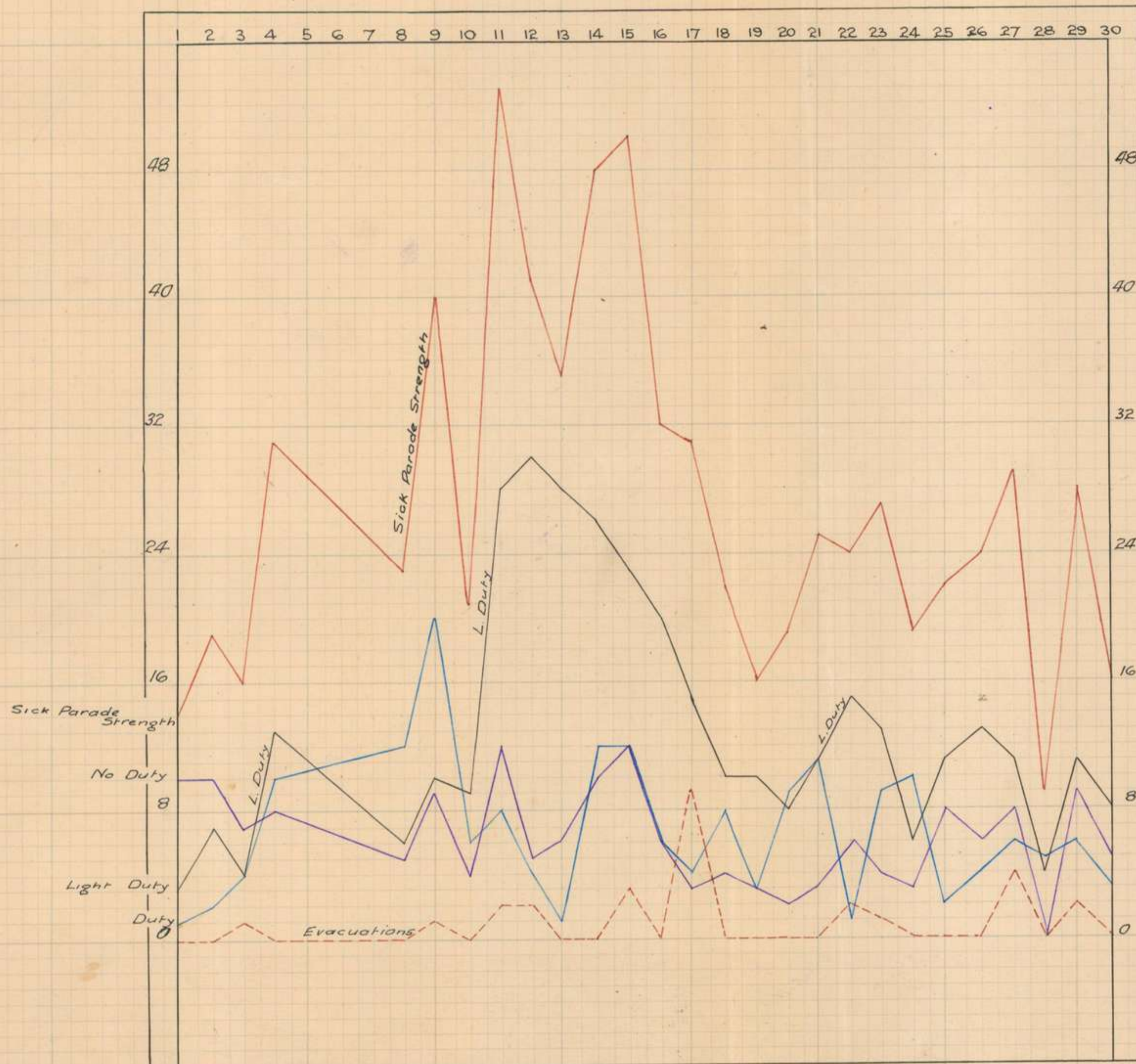


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HEALTH CHART  
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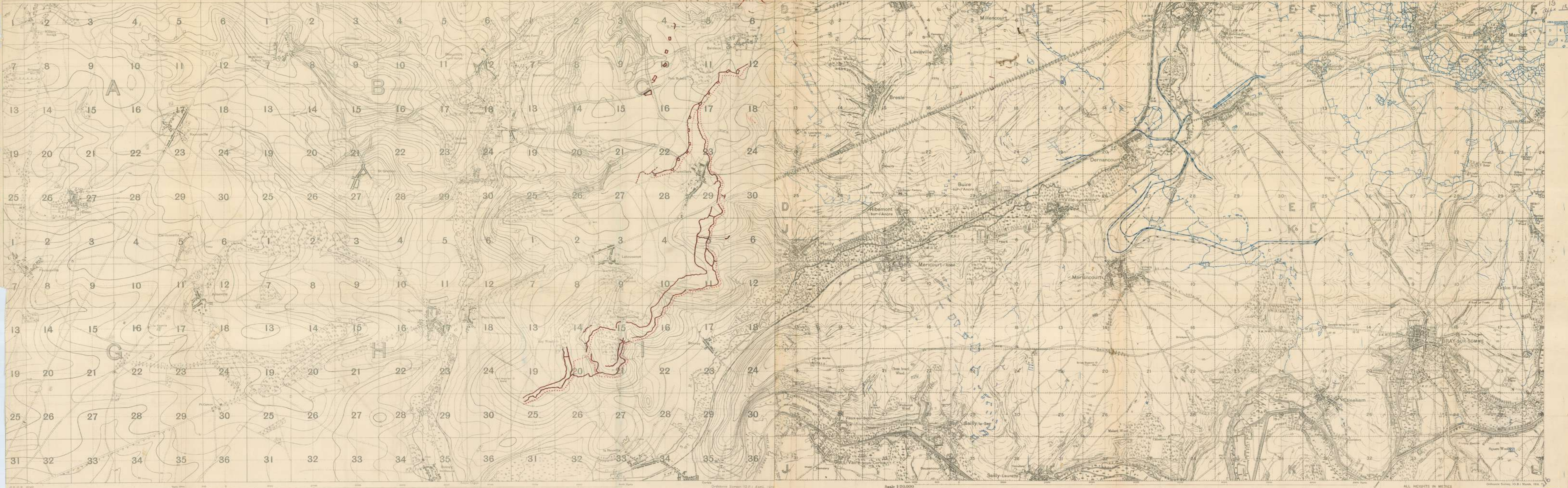
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FRANCE.

FRANCE.

EDITION 2. C (Local)

SHEET 62° N.E.



Scale 1:20,000

Scale 1:20,000

ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

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N.W. + N.E.