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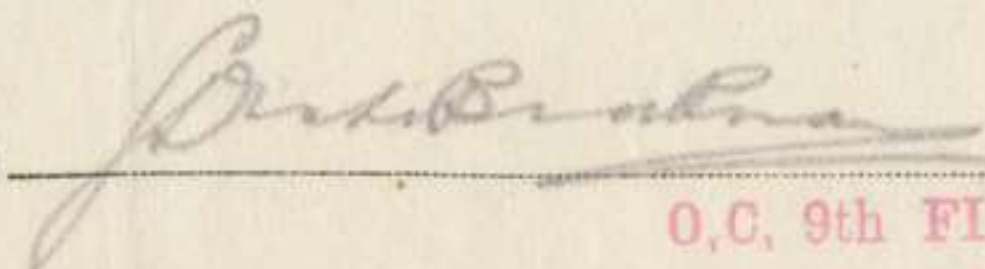
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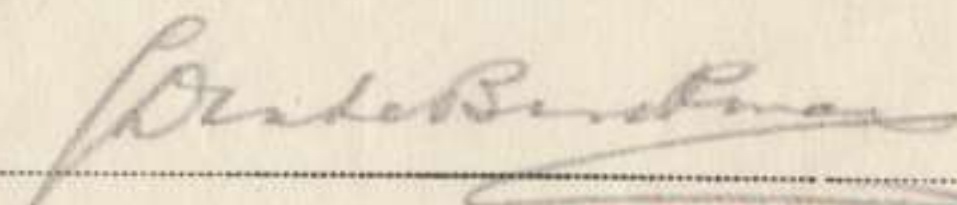
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62D N. 23. central.	1/6/18		<p>Left Brigade Sector - Digging new C.T.'s; Pineapple Switch, Peach St., and Sussex St. - total length of new trench dug, 340 yds. Improving existing defences. Wiring - 530 yds. erected. Deep dugout construction - Machine Gun Positions, M.G. Coy. H.Q., and R.A.P. at O. 24. c. 05. 25. about 500 Infantry engaged as Working Party. All new dugouts, R.A.P.'s, and trenches leading to H.Q. dugouts, from main trench, are camouflaged.</p> <p>Four rounds 15. c. m. H.E. fell in vicinity of N. 23. central.</p> <p>Casualty - 1. O.T.B. wounded.</p> <p>Weather - sunny, good visibility.</p>	RB
"	2/6/18		<p>Consolidation of Left Brigade Sector. Work on new C.T.'s; Peach St. and Sussex St. - 215 yds. trench dug. Reconnaissance for new C.T. from P. 19. central to P. 19. d. 6. 2. Work hindered by gas shelling. 100 yds. wire erected. Work on M.G. Positions, M.G. Coy. H.Q., R.A.P. (deep dugouts). Cook-houses being erected in Villers Line at O. 24. d. 3. 3, and O. 24. d. 25. 05. Working Party</p>	RB

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Shut 62 D				
N. 23. central.	2/6/18 (contd)		of about 300 men from 9th Aust. Inf. Bde., and 200 men from Reserve Brigade, employed. Weather - Sunny, good visibility.	PB
"	3/6/18		Left Brigade Sector. Works on new C.T. (Sussex St.) - 65 yds. dug. 450 yds. wire erected. Construction of deep dugouts; MG Positions at O. 30. c. 5. 8., M.G. Coy. H.Q. at O. 28. b. 5. 2., & R.A.P. at O. 24. c. 05. 25. Fitting up. Battalion H.Q.'s, and R.A.P. at O. 27. d. 7. 9. Owing to relief of Right Bde. by Reserve Bde., working party of 200 was not received from the latter. <u>REPORTS:-</u> A works report is made up for 24 hours ended 6 am. Weekly Report is made up to 6 am. Fridays. Grid tracings, showing all new works, are sent to CRE each Tuesday & Friday. Plans are made giving the designs of all new dugouts, and progress of work is indicated periodically by shading in red. Weather:- Sunny, good visibility.	PB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Shut 62D N. 23. central.	4/6/18.		Digging new C.T.'s, Hunter and Sussex Streets - 265 yds. completed. Improving existing trenches by deepening and widening. 200 yds. wire erected along Pineapple Switch and Support Line. Work on new M.G. Positions, M.G. Coy. H.Q., and R.A.P. (deep dugouts). No working party received from Reserve Bde. Weather - sunny, good visibility.	PSB
"	5/6/18		New C.T.'s, (Hunter St., Orchard St., Sussex St., and Peach St.) - 540 yds. trench dug. New line of 8 Posts running on north- south grid line through O. 23. central; Nos. 7 x 8 Posts (each 50 yds.) at northern end completed. 300 yds. wire erected. Work on deep dugouts, R.A.P.'s, etc. About 500 Infantry employed. Weather - sunny, visi. good.	PSB
"	6/6/18.		Work on Hunter St., Peach St. (completed) and Orchard St. C.T.'s - 350 yds. trench dug. Nos. 5 x 6 Posts in O. 23. completed, and remaining 4 spitlocked. Work on deep dugouts, R.A.P.'s etc. Notice boards are being made & placed in trenches as required. Weather - sunny, good visibility.	PSB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Shut 62D N. 23. central.	7/6/18		Digging Hunter St. and Orchard St. C.T. ¹² . - 550 yds. completed. Orchard St. now dug complete. Line of 8 Posts in O. 23. completed. 200 yds. wire erected. Work on dup dugouts, R.A.P. ¹² co. Weather - Sunny, visibility fair.	MB
"	8/6/18		Extending Sussex St. from R.A.P., digging to connect up line of Posts in O. 23. - 430 yds. trench dug. 250 yds. wire erected. Construction of dup dugouts; M.G. Positions, M.G. Coy. H.Q., and R.A.P. at O. 24. c. 05. 25. Improvements to existing trenches, and fitting H.Q. dugouts & R.A.P. at O. 27. d. 7. 9. Weather - Sunny, good visibility.	MB
"	9/6/18		Work in Left Brigade Sector. Trenches are being deepened and widened, and one-man fire positions are being dug in Pineapple and Villers switches for flank defence. These 1-man fire positions are being made as it is impossible to fire - step the full length of firebays owing to shortage of revetting material, and it is found,	

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Shut 620 N. 23. central.	9/6/18	(cont'd)	that 1-man fire-steps will stand without revetment. Wire is being erected along Pineapple Switch, York St. and Sussex St. and in front of line through O. 23. central - 600 yds. erected in all. Work on deep dugouts, fitting R.A.P. and camouflaging spoil at Bn. H.Q. O. 24. c. 3.3.	
"	10/6/18		Weather: - Unsettled, rain in evening, vis. fair. Left Brigade Sector - Improving existing trenches, connecting posts in N. 23., and digging trench from P. 19. d. 60. 15 to Hunter St. - 280 yds. trench dug. 400 yds. wire erected along Sussex St. & in front of Posts in N. 23. Work on deep dugouts at O. 28. b. 5. 2, O. 30. c. 5. 8, and O. 24. c. 05 25 continued.	
"	11/6/18		Weather - Showery, vis. poor. Improvements to existing trenches in Left Bde. Sector. 400 yds wire erected along Sussex St. and in front of Posts in O. 23. Work continued on mined dugouts. Weather: - Cloudy, visibility fair.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62D N. 23. central.	12/6/18		Work continued in Left Brigade Sector as yesterday. Casualties - 2 O.R. wounded. Weather - cloudy, visi. fair.	PTB
"	13/6/18		General improvements to Left Brigade trench system. Wiring, and making barbed wire concertinas for front line wiring. Two Kitchens are being constructed in Villers Line, and two in Banana Switch. Work continued on deep dugouts. Weather - Sunny, visi. fair. Casualties - 1 O.R. wounded, 1 O.R. wounded & remained at duty.	PTB
"	14/6/18		Improvements to trenches, wiring, construction of deep dugouts, etc. in Left Brigade Sector. Considerable enemy artillery activity in reply to our artillery shoots from 5-15pm - 6.30pm. (heavier) and from 9.15pm. to 10.30pm (Div. artillery). Weather - Sunny, visi. good.	PTB
"	15/6/18		Improvements to trenches, wiring, construction of deep dugouts in Left Brigade Sector.	PTB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62D N. 23. central.	15/6/18		Casualties - 1 - OR. wounded & remained at duty. Weather: - Sunny, fair visibility.	BB
"	16/6/18		Improvements to trenches, erecting wire, constructing deep dugouts, splinter proof shelters etc. in Left Bde. Sector. Weather: - Showery, good visibility in evening.	BB
"	17/6/18		Improvements to trenches, erecting wire, construction of deep dugouts etc. in Left Brigade Sector. Weather: Sunny, visi. good.	BB
"	18/6/18		Work continued in Left Bde. Sector as previously. Casualty: 1 OR. wounded. Weather: Cloudy, visi. fair.	BB
"	19/6/18		Improvements to trenches, wiring, and construction of deep dugouts in Left Brigade Sector. MG Emplacement (with deep dugout) at O. 30. C.S. 8 was completed after 3 weeks from commencement of work. Casualties - 2 OR. wounded. Weather - cloudy, visi. fair.	BB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62D				
N. 23. central.	20/6/18		Work continued in Left Bde. Sector as previously. Weather - Dull, visi. poor.	
"	21/6/18		Improvements to trenches, wiring, constructing deep dugouts re. in Left Brigade Sector. Weather - cloudy, visi. fair.	PSB
"	22/6/18		Improvements to trenches, wiring, & construction of deep dugouts, splinter-proof shelters re. in Left Brigade Sector. Weather: - cloudy, visi. fair.	PSB
"	24/6/18		Work continued in Left Brigade Sector as previously. Weather: - Dull, visi. fair.	PSB
"	25/6/18		Improvements to trenches, wiring, construction of deep dugouts splinter-proof shelters re. in Left Brigade Sector. Weather: - Sunny, hazy - visibility poor.	PSB
"	26/6/18		Work as previously in Left Brigade Sector. O.C. 9th Field Coy. took A/O.C. 5th Field Coy. round works in Sector in connection with hand-over. Weather: - Sunny, good visi.	PSB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 62D N.23. central.	27/6/18		work in Left Brigade Sector continued. Officers & N.C.O.'s of 5th Field Coy. A.E. reconnoitred Left Brigade Sector & works on which this unit is engaged, & preliminary arrangements made for relief. An Officer and 18. O.R. of 9th Field Coy. arranged change-over with 7th Field Coy. A.E. in FRECHENCOURT Area. — Relief of parties guarding bridges for demolition took place to-day. Weather: - Cloudy, visib. fair.	PM
"	28/6/18	9am	Change-over with 5th & 7th Field Companies A.E. completed. Handing-over report to 5th Field Coy attached	PM No. 4
		11.30am	Company moved by march route to camp in woods N of FRECHENCOURT (Map location, Sheet 62D. B.23 central)	
			Weather: - Sunny, good visibility	
B.23. central.	29/6/18		18. O.R. guarding bridges & road mines at the	PM

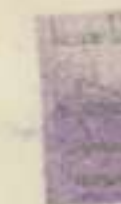
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Shut 62 D B.23. central.	29/6/18 (Cont.)		following locations: - Road mines at H.6.c.6.8 x I 7.6.9.7; Two bridges at B.29.d.9.9., one bridge at B.30.d.9.7, One bridge at B.30.d.95.75. Three bridges at B.24.c.4.7. One section dismantling Aerodrome near La Housoye with party of 50 O.R. from Labour Battalion. Weather: - Sunny, good visibility.	BB
"	30/6/18		Demolition parties guarding bridges & road mines. Remainder of Coy. resting. Weather: - Sunny, good visibility.	BB
			<u>SURVEY of EVENTS DURING THE MONTH: -</u> From the 18 th to the 28 th June the company was continuously on Line works in Left Brigade Sector of the Line with 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. The work was almost absolutely consolidation. About 9000 yds. of standard double apron fence wire were erected,	

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Sheet 62D			<i>SURVEY of WORK (contd)</i>	
B.23. central			<i>H.Q. & Signallers & Runners in Forward Area. These were made Gas-proof.</i>	
			<i>Casualties were light during the month, i.e., 8 O.R. wounded, 2 O.R. wounded & remained at duty. Animals - 1 Ride & 1 LD Horse wounded.</i>	
			<i>List of RE materials used during the month is attached</i>	<i>Nº 5.</i>
			<i>H.Q., 2 Sections & Mounted Section were located at N.23. central, & 2 Sections were living forward at O.21.C.3.4.</i>	
			<i>The two forward Sections worked on Forward Trenches, whilst other two Sections did work in 2nd Zone & on dugout constructions. Forward Sections were relieved every 8 days.</i>	
			<i>Weekly Reports attached give work done for month in detail.</i>	
			<i>On the 28th the Company was relieved by 5th Field Coy A.E., on which date we marched by sections</i>	

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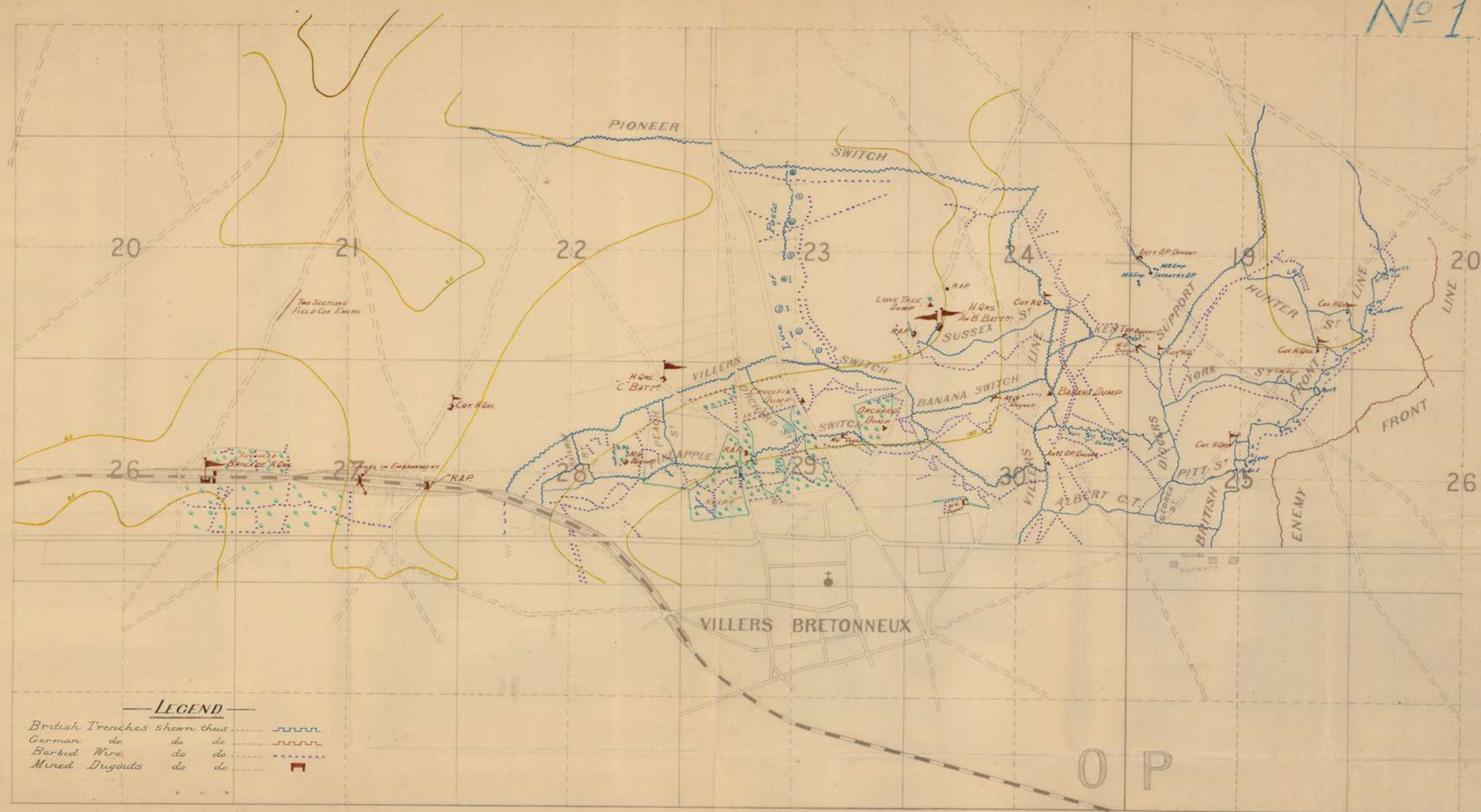
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✓2.	Sketches of deep dugouts under construction in Left Brigade Sector.
✓3.	Defensive Instructions (attached to Original and duplicate copies).
✓4.	Weekly Works Reports for period, and Handing-over Report to 5th. Field Company Australian Engineers.
✓5.	List of principal R.E. materials used during month.
✓6.	Notes from work of C.Q.M.S. for month.
✓7.	Notes on work of Mounted Section during June.
✓8.	List of Honours and Rewards, and recommendations, rfor period ended 30/6/1918.
✓9.	Chart of Sick Parades and Hospital admissions.
✓10.	Chart of Company strength.



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— Plan of —

— MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT DUGOUT AT 0320C58 —

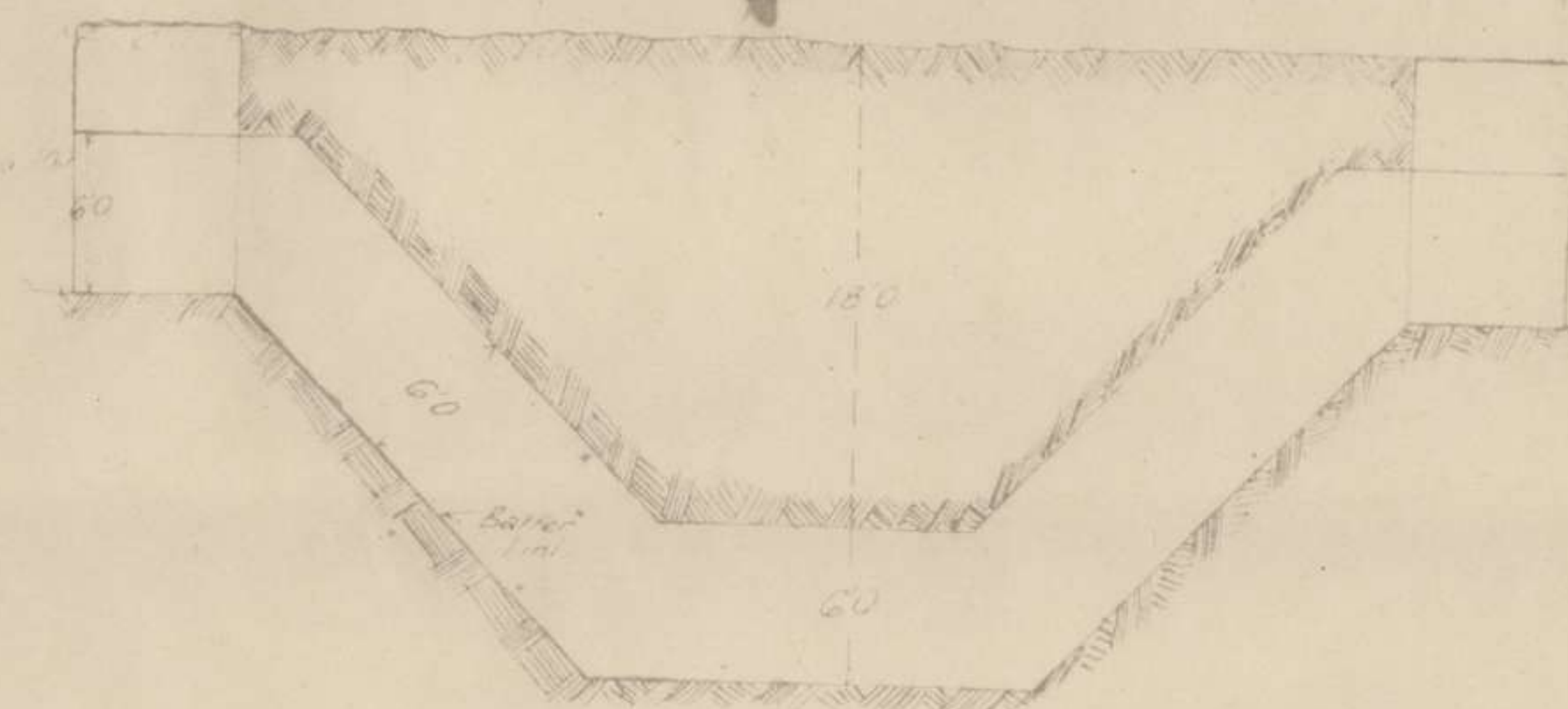
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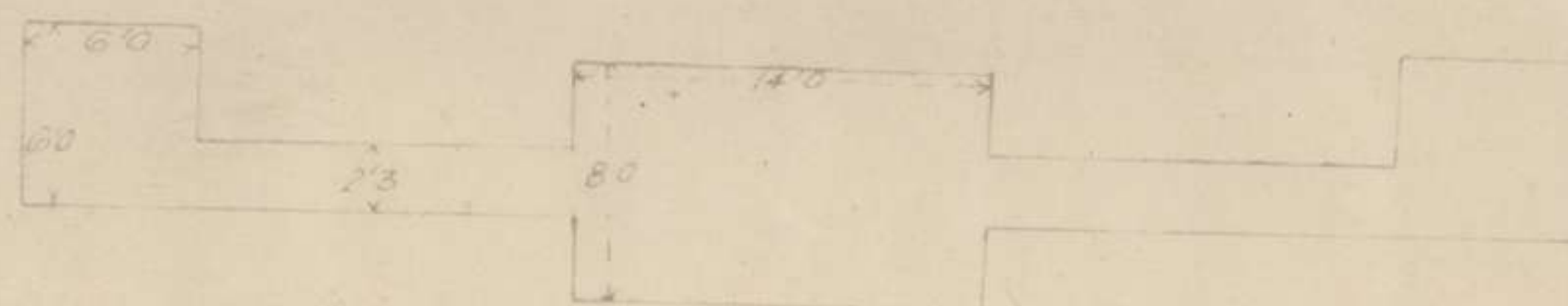
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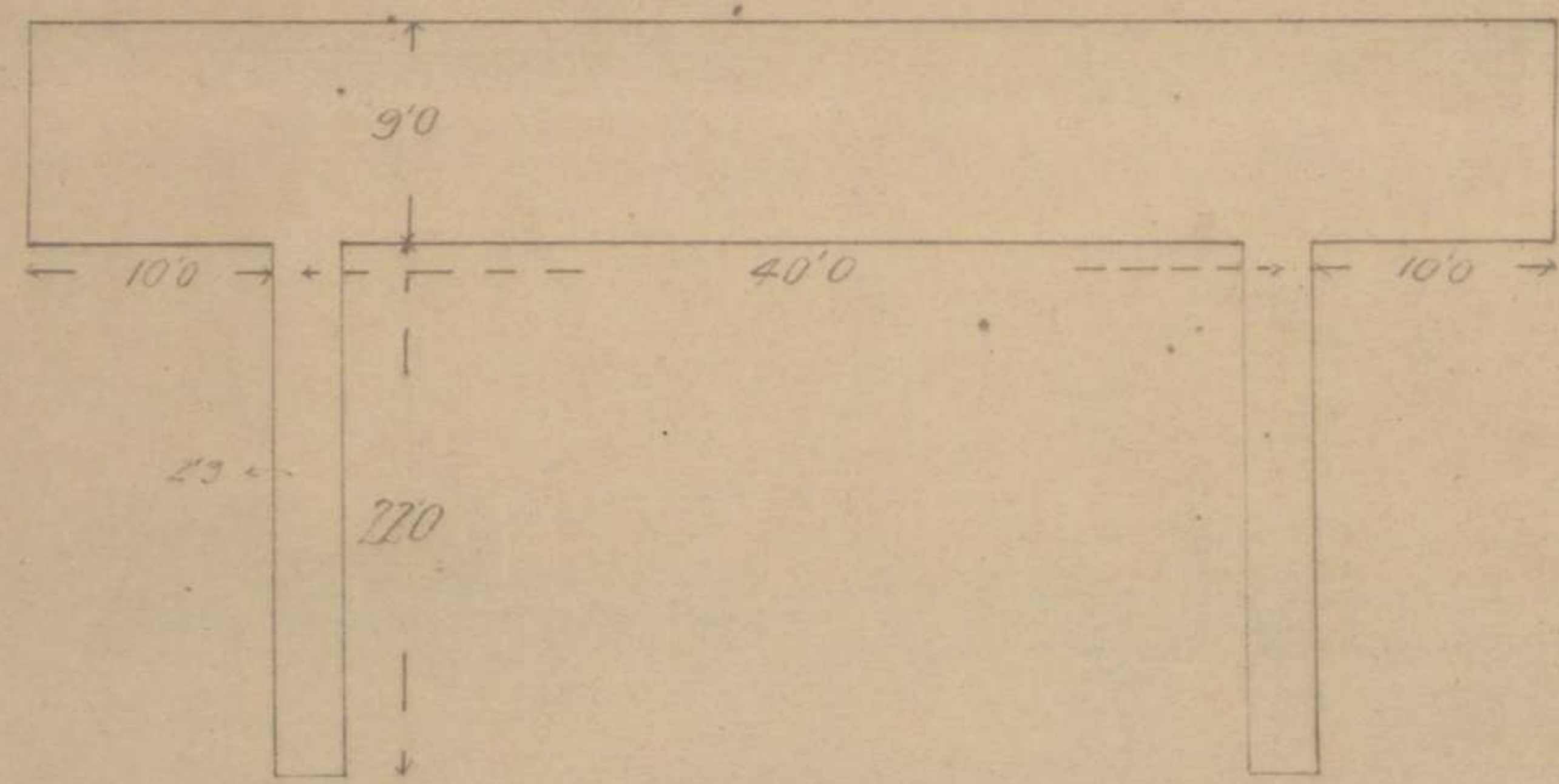
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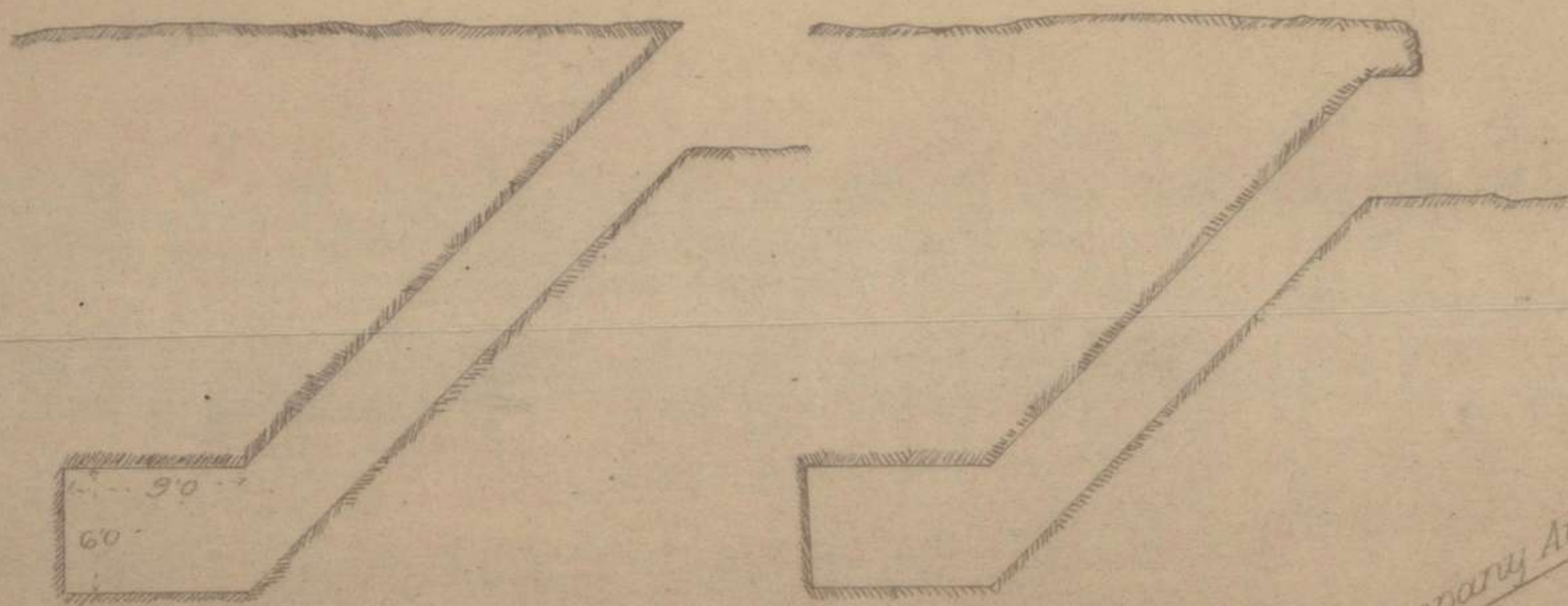
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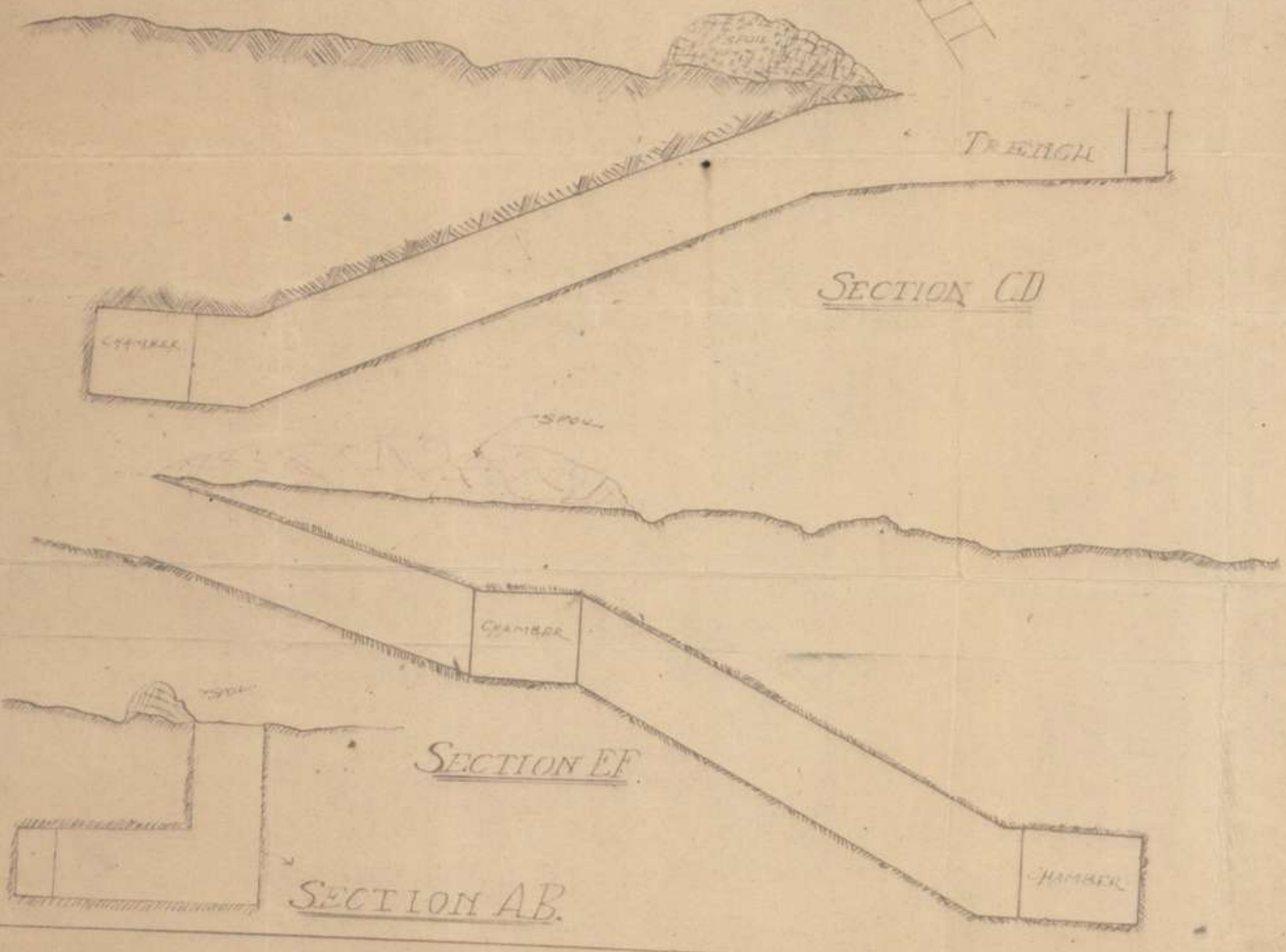
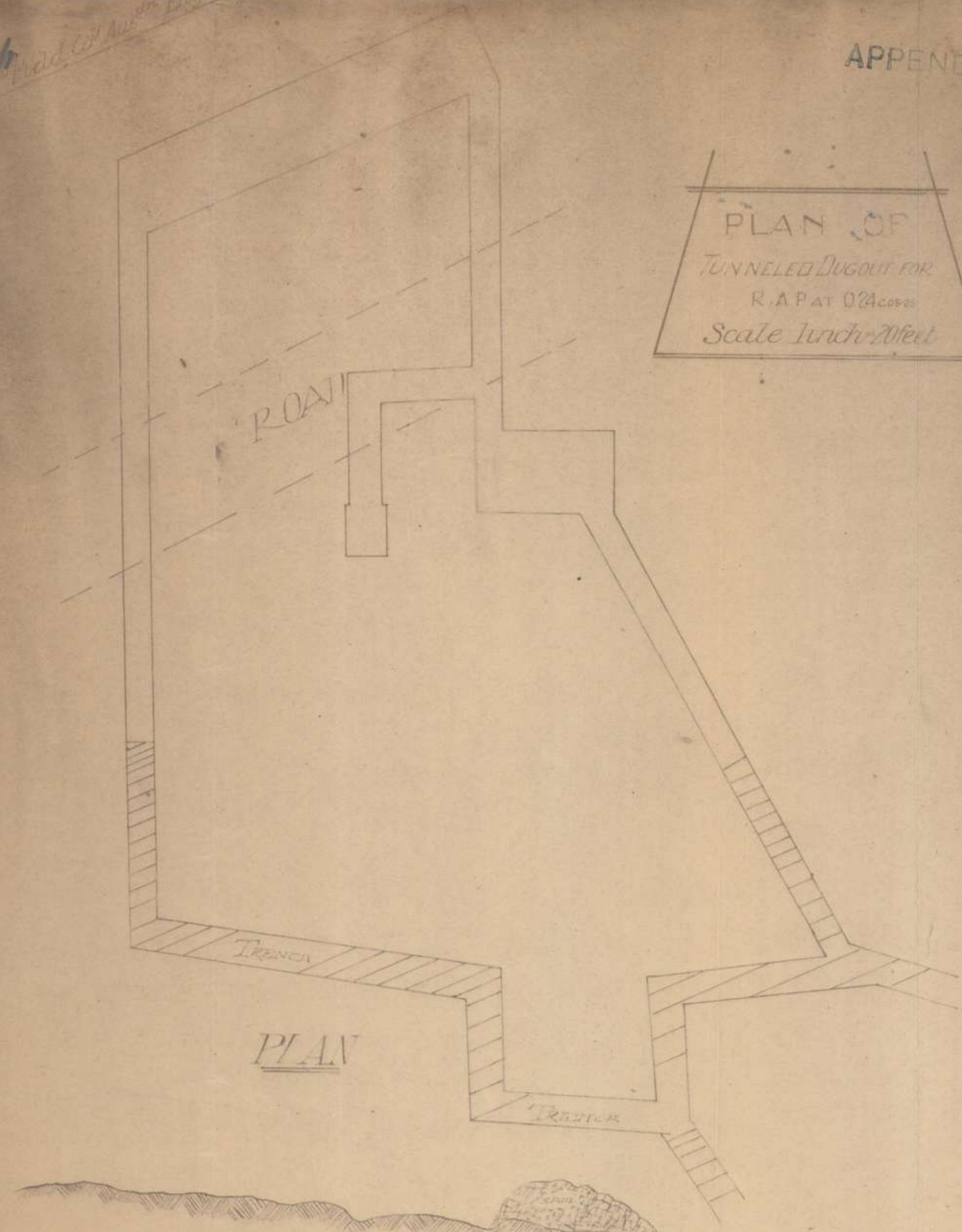
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PLAN OF
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R.A.P. AT 024 COFS
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DEFENSIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) In the event of active enemy operations commencing against our Front, the two forward Sections of Company now bivouaced at O.21.c.4.4. will take up position in AUBIGNY Trench System, immediately in rear of O.21.c.4.4.
- (2) This part of trench system is to be reconnoitred by Section Officers concerned.
- (3) Should it be necessary to occupy these trenches for defence, the Senior Subaltern will assume command of half Company, and will send a runner immediately to 9th. Field Coy. H.Q. advising same.
- (4) The two Sections at N.23.central will stand-to, and await instructions from C.R.E., who is to be advised immediately by runner of action taken. This man will remain as a runner to C.R.E.
- (5) All Sappers located (at the time operation commences) forward of VILLERS LINE, will report to the nearest Infantry Commander, Battalion, Company or Platoon as the case may be, with instructions that they ask to be allowed to return to their Section H.Q. as soon as the situation permits.
- (6) All Sappers located forward of O.21.c.4.4. and in rear of VILLERS LINE, will report to Forward Sections in AUBIGNY SWITCH immediately in rear of O.21.c.4.4.
- (7) All Sappers working in rear of O.21.c.4.4. will report to 9th. Field Coy. H.Q. at N.23.central.
- (8) Officer i/c Transport will reconnoitre route to, and position for Lines North of RIVER SOMME as an alternate position, to be occupied in the event of present Transport Lines being heavily shelled.

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No 3

7th June, 1918.

C.R.E., 3rd Australian Division.

Works Report for 168 hours ended 6 a.m., 7/6/1918.

Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
<u>TRENCHES.</u>			
Pineapple Switch.	0.28.d.2.9 to 0.30.a.2.3.	Completing new trench 4' deep with firebays and traverse.	100% 380 yds. dug during period. This trench requires deepening and widening in places.
Kent St.	0.24.d.65.30 to P.19.c.30.05	Completing & digging new C.T. Digging Deepening & widening.	100% 40% 30 yds. dug during period. This is now trafficable but requires deepening and widening. T head for O.P. dug at 0.24.d.9.4.
Sussex St.	0.24.c.10.20 to 0.24.d.30.45	Digging new C.T.	100% Requires deepening and widening in places.
York Street	P.25.a.30.65 to P.25.b.65.80	C.T. - Deepening, improving, and firestepping where necessary.	40%
Hunter St.	P.19.d.05.90 to P.19.d.90.50	Digging new C.T.	60%
Peach St.	0.28.b.95.10 to 0.28.b.80.60	Digging new C.T.	100% Dug to depth of 4'. Requires deepening through out and widening in places.
Orchard St.	0.29.a.10.30 to approx. 0.29.a.65.80	Digging new C.T.	98% About ten paces to be dug to complete, then requires deepening & widening. (Present depth about 4').
Collins St.	0.30.b.20.40 to P.25.a.35.30	Building up blocks in C.T. and constructing firebays.	100%
Villers Switch.	0.30.d.30.90 to 0.28.c.40.45	Deepening & improving and constructing 1-man firebays.	40%

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Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
<u>TRENCHES.</u> (cont'd.).			
Line of Posts bet. Pioneer & Villers Sw.	approx. N. and S thro. O.23.cent.	8 Posts each 50 yds. long consisting of 2 firebays & traverses.	50% 4 Northern Posts dug to depth of 3'6" with parapet - remaining posts spitlocked.
<u>WIRING.</u>			
Collins St.	approx. O.30.b.5.1 to O.30.b.95.30	s.d.a.f. completed. 300 yds.	It is impossible to give actual percentage complete as the wire constantly requires renewing and thickening practically throughout. Position of wire as shewn on grid tracing accompanying this report.
Pineapple Switch.		880 "	
York St. Diggers Spt.		100 "	
		600 "	
F. Line.	9th Brigade front betw. P.30.cent. and P.26.cent.	150 barbed wire concertinas made up at forward dump. The majority of these have been put out in front of outpost line by Infantry.	A great deal of front line wiring has been carried out during the period: approx. 2,000 yds. of no definite design have been erected.
<u>ACCOMMODATION.-</u>			
Mined dugout.	O.28.b.5.2	M.G.Coy.H.Qrs.	<i>As per sketch</i> Details as per design submitted.
- do -	O.30.c.5.8	M.G. emplacement and dugout.	- do - -do-
- do -	O.27.a.9.0	Sigs. Testing Point.	100% -do-
-do-	O.24.c.05.25	R.A.P.	100% Sketch shewing modified design is being made up and will be forwarded as soon as completed.
-do-	O.27.d.7.9	Racks for stretchers, operating table, shelving & general fittings.	90%
-do-	O.24.c.3.3	Bunking accommodation at Bln.H.Qrs.	100%
-do-	O.28.b.8.8	Fixing spreaders betw. roof joists, etc.	100%
Coy.H.Q. Res.Line.	O.24.d.2.6	2 splinter-proof shelters for Coy.H.Qrs.	100%
<u>ROADS and TRACKS.</u>			
		NIL.	
<u>SCREENING.</u>			
		NIL.	

	Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
<u>DUMPS.</u>				
Lone Tree	O.24.c.25.55.	R.E. dumps are established at positions indicated and stocks of wire, pickets, &c. maintained. -----		
Crucifix.	O.29.b.10.60.			
Banana.	O.30.b.20.90.			
Orchard.	O.29.b.95.60.			
<u>GENERAL.-</u>				
<u>Gas doors.</u>	P.19.d.95.45.)	Construction of gas		
	P.19.d. 6. 1.)	doors for Coy.H.Qrs.		
	P.25,a. 9. 3.)	in front line.	100%	
-do-	O.24.d. 2. 6.	Gas doors for Reserve Coy.H.Qrs.	100%	
-do-	O.27.a. 7. 5.	Gas doors at M.G.pos. repaired and made good.	100%	

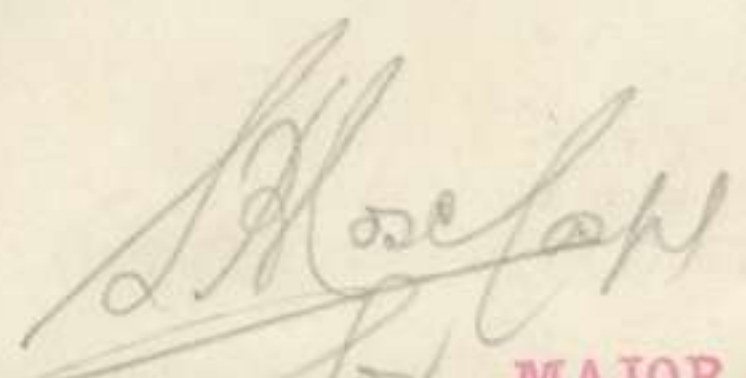
<u>Cookhouses.</u>	approx.	2 C.I. shelters erected		
Villers	O.24.d.3.3	for use as cookhouses		
Line. -	O.24.d.25.05.	for Reserve Coy.	100%	

<u>Sign-boards.</u>		Signboards have been made and erected where necessary throughout the Sector.		

<u>Transport.</u>		Transport has been constantly employed on carting materials from various dumps to forward area. Standings have been further improved and breastworks (for protection of animals against bombing and shelling) have been raised.		

Herewith grid tracing giving details of all work carried out during the period.

Sketches of dugouts returned herewith with completed work tinted in red.


for MAJOR,
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS.

9th
AUSTRALIAN
FIELD COMPANY.

14th June, 1918.

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C.R.E., 3rd Australian Division.

Works Report for 168 hours ended 6 a.m., 14/6/1918.

Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
<u>TRENCHES.</u>			
Pineapple Switch.	O.28.d.2.9 to O.28.b.9.1.	Deepening, widening and improving trench, and constructing 1-man fire positions.	370 ^x completed.
		25%	
Kent St.		Deepening & widening.	200 ^x completed from Sussex St. forward.
Sussex St.		Deepening, widening and making 1-man fire posns.	100 ^x completed from Western end.
Hunter St.		Digging new C.T. Deepening and widening	100% 60% 460 ^x this period 400 ^x completed from suppt. line forward.
Orchard St.		Digging new C.T. Deepening and widening.	100% 40% app. 10 ^x dug this period. 140 ^x completed from Nthrn. end.
Villers Switch.	O.30.c.3.9 to O.30.d.0.9.	Deepening, widening, improving, and constructing 1-man fire posns.	110 ^x completed.
Posts betwn. Pioneer and Villers Sws.	As per plan.	8 Posts each 50 ^x consisting of 3 'bays & traverses. 90% Connecting Post s with F.B. trench.	3 Posts dug this period; No. 4 taped only. 490 ^x trench dug as shewn on plan. Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Posts connected and No. 1 linked into Villers Line. Notice boards erected at each Post.
C.T. from Centre Coy. H.Q. Front Line to Hunter St.	-do-	New trench.	100% app. 200 ^x complete trench dug during the period.
C.T. to O.P. approx. F.19.c.1.9.		Digging new trench and camouflaging same.	100% 60 ^x dug and camouflaged. Exact location to follow.

WIRING.....

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Map Location.

Description.

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State of completion.

Remarks.

<u>WIRING.</u>				<u>Completed.</u>
Pineapple Switch.	As per plan.	S.D.A. Fence.		100 yds.
Kent St.	do.	do.		180 "
York St.	do.	do.		200 "
Sussex St.	do.	do.		850 " and 80% old wire thickened.
Banana Sw.	do.	do.		150 yds.
Front Line	9th A.I.E. Front.	100 barbed wire concertinas made up.		Nearly all of these have been put out.
<u>ACCOMMODATION.</u>				
Mined D.O.	0.28.b.5.2.	M.G. Coy. H.Qrs.	As shewn in red on sketch.	
do.	0.30.c.5.8.	M.G. Emplmt. and D.O.	do.	
do.	0.24.c.05.25.	R.A.P.	do.	First chamber completed and gas door fitted. Now occupied by R.M.O.
do.	0.27.d.7.9.	Stretcher racks, tables, shelving, etc.	100%	
		Splinter-proof screens at tunnel entrances.	90%	
		Strutting roof joists.	60%	
Bln.H.Q.	0.24.c.3.3.	Camouflaging.	100%	
Splinter-proof shelters.	0.24.c.2.3.	Shelter for Bln.H.Q. personnel.	100%	Incorrectly stated yesterday to be at 0.24.c.2.2.
<u>ROADS & TRACKS.</u>				
	NIL.			
<u>SCREENING.</u>				
	"			
<u>DUMPS.</u>				
S.A.A. Dumps.	0.24.c.2.2.	3 C.I. Shelters.	100%	No new R.E. dumps established.
<u>COOKHOUSES.</u>				
Banana Sw.	approx.		Excvn.	
	0.30.a.9.9.	2 C.I. Shelters.	100%	
Villers	approx.			
Line.	0.24.d.2.6.	2 C.I. Shelters.	do.	

TRANSPORT - Transport has been working at its maximum carting materials forward: mileage for period being approx. 600 miles.

Herewith grid tracing shewing locations of new work. Dugout sketches returned herewith shewing completed work tinted red.

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9TH 25
AUSTRALIAN
FIELD COMPANY

21st June, 1918.

C.R.E., 3rd Australian Division.

Work for 168 hours ended 6 a.m., 21/6/1918.

Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
<u>TRENCHES.</u>			
Support Line.	Improving and fire-stepping.		20 steps completed on left of Kent Street.
Villers Line.	-do-		25 steps completed near Kent Street.
-do- 0.24.d.3.2.	New trench.		Cut round two main cook-houses.
Kent Street.	Deepening & widening.		520 yds. completed.
Sussex Street.	-do-		130 yds. do.
Posts between Pioneer and Villers Swchs.	8 Posts each 50 yds. consisting of 2 bays and traverses.	100%	No.4 Post dug during this period. Nos.5, 6,7, and 8 connected and No.1 linked into Villers Line.
York Street.	Deepening & widening.		500 yds. completed.
<u>WIRING.</u>			
Kent Street	As per plan.	Erecting s.d.a.f.	250 yds. completed.
Banana Sw.	do.	-do-	150 yds. completed between gaps.
Sppt. Line.	do.	-do-	800 yds. completed.
Collins St.	do.	-do-	650 yds. do.
Front Line	Left XXIX Bde. Sector.	Barbed wire concertinas.	146 made & erected.
Exist ing wire.	do.	Repairing & thickening.	162 gaps repaired.
<u>ACCOMMODATION.</u>			
Mined dugout.	0.28.b.5.2.	M.G.Goy.H.Qrs.	Shewn tinted red on sketch.

Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
<u>ACCOMMODATION.</u>			
Mined dugout. O.30.c.5.8.	M.G. emplacement and d.o.	Tinted red on sketch.	Bunking 70% comp.
do. O.24.c.05.25.	R.A.P.	do.	
Front Line. P.25.b.45.60.	Splinter-proof shelter.	100%	
<u>ROADS and TRACKS.</u>			
N I L.			
<u>SCREENING.</u>			
N I L.			
<u>DUMPS.</u>			
No new R.E. dumps established.			
<u>GENERAL.</u>			
Cookhouses	Banana Switch, O.30.a.9.8.	Two C.I. shelters.	100%
do.	Villers Line, O.30.b.2.9.	Two C.I. shelters.	100%
do.	Villers Line, O.24.d.2.6.	Two C.I. shelters.	100%
Art. Rang ing Boards.	Front Line.	See margin.	Six erected.
Sussex St.	O.24.c.5.4.	Trench bridged over road.	100%
Dugout.	O.27.d.7.9.	Splinter-proof screens at tunnel entrances	100%
		Strutting roof joists ..	100%
M.G. Dugout.	O.24.d.8.2.	Gas-proof doors	10%
		Bunking	50%
O.P.	P.19.c.1.9.	Camouflaging.	100%
Bln.H.Q.	O.24.c.3.3.	5 C.I. shelters for mess-rooms and kitchen and 1 for Orderly Room.	100%
Bde.H.Q.	O.25.c.50.30.	Extending mess-room.	100%

Transport has been constantly employed carting material to forward dumps. Approx. mileage for week 560 miles.

Herewith grid tracing shewing locations of new work, also plans of dugouts tinted red indicating progress of work to 6 a.m. to-day.

Design of R.A.P. at O.24.c05.25 has been changed as per revised sketch herewith. The alteration was necessary in order to avoid cutting the road.

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HANDING - OVER REPORT TO FIFTH FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS
27th. JUNE 1918.

Ref. Sheet 62 D.

1. DISPOSITIONS.- H.Q.'rs., 2 Sections and Transport Lines are located at N.23.central.
Two Sections are located in bivouacs in sunken road at O.21.c.40.45.
2. WATER.- All drinking water is drawn and carted from wells in BLANGY TRONVILLE. Water for animals and washing purposes is obtained from ponds in front of Camp at N.23.central.
3. WORKS.- Attached hereto is a list of works on hand shewing distribution of working parties, also a list of work requiring to be done, or improved.
The Brigade in Line has been supplying about 300 men daily for dugout and shelter construction, digging C.T's., wiring &c. The Reserve Brigade supplied 200 men for about two weeks for work on Pineapple Switch, and C.T's between Pineapple and Villers Switches, wiring of these trenches, and line of Posts between Pioneer and Villers Switches through O.23.
4. PLANS.-
(a) 1/10,000. Tracing and 7 prints of Left Brigade Sector, shewing all work completed to date.
(b) 1/20,000. G.R.E. Secret Plan No.76; copies No.3, 3A and 12A.
The latter gives same information as plans in (a). Transport routes from N.23.central to the Forward Dumps have been marked in blue pencil on copy No.3.
(c) 1/20,000. DAOURS Secret Map No.27.
(d) Plans of deep dugouts under construction at the following locations :-
R.A.P. - O.24.c.05.25.
M.G. Coy. H.Q. - O.28.b.5.2.
M.G. Emplacement - O.30.c.5.8.(completed).
Dugout for 2 Sections - O.21.c.3.3.
Progress of work is indicated by tinting red.
(e) 130 Aeroplane Photographs.
5 Air Photo Charts of Enemy defences.
5. R.E. DUMPS.- Divisional Transit Dump at N.29.c.2.4.
Forward Dumps are :-
CRUCIFIX - O.29.b.0.7.
ORCHARD - O.29.b.2.5.
BANANA - O.30.b.30.75.
Stores are taken up to CRUCIFIX at all hours, and to other Dumps after dark.
A Company Dump is established at N.23.central.
6. R.E. MATERIAL.- Attached is list of material at present in Company Dump.
7. AREA STORES.- NIL.
8. GENERAL.- Works Report for period ended 6 p.m. to-day is attached for information.

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AUST. ENGRS. A.F.

LIST OF WORKS ON HAND AND LIST OF PROPOSED WORKS IN LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR.

(1) List of works on hand.

Location.	Work.	No. of Inf.
Kent Street.	Deepening & widening.	25.
Hunter Street.	-do-	25.
-do-	Wiring & firestepping.	25.
M.G. Coy. H.Q. O.28.b.5.2.	Deep dugout. Excavating nearly completed. Bunking and Gas-proof doors just commenced.	20.
R.A.P. O.24.c.05.25.	Deep dugout. Mining in progress; 4 shifts on two faces.	32.
O.21.c.3.3.	Deep dugout. Entrances nearing completion.	12.
M.G. Shelter. O.29.b.2.6.	Splinter-proof. nearing completion.	M.Gunners supply party.
Arty.Group H.Q. O.25.c.50.30.	Bunking, Mess & Kitchen, gas-proof doors. Nearing completion.	--
M.G. Dugout. O.27.d.1.0.	Bunking & gas-proof doors. Just commenced. Poles being cut.	--
M.G. Dugout. O.27.a.5.5.	--do--	--
Front System.	Construction of splinter-proof shelters. These are put in as Iron or English Shelters become available.	15

(2) Proposed improvements to System.

The works we set out to accomplish are mostly completed or nearing completion, except dugouts at O.24.c.05.25. and O.21.c.3.3. which are well in hand.

The left flank of this Brigade Front would be considerably improved by constructing a trench from approx. O.24.b.1.6 to P.19.central. This was suggested but no definite decision was arrived at. It seems that should this be undertaken, the Brigade on our left should do a portion of the work.

The communication on the whole could be improved by deepening and widening. Additional firestepping is required in Front Line, Diggers Support and Villers Line, also in Communication Trenches additional firesteps could be cut.

Practically the whole system is wired, but our proposal was to put in another belt of s.d.a.f. about 15 yds. in front of the ones we have put in, and then make the whole into one wide belt.

Line of Posts in O.23 wants connecting up, and wire in front of same thickened.

Villers Switch) Still require deepening and
Pineapple Switch) additional firestepping.

Orchard Street)
Peach Street) Require deepening.

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Proposed improvements to System (continued).--

Considerable accommodation for men is required in Front, Support and Reserve Lines. We proposed putting a series of small "T" heads in rear of these lines, and erecting splinter-proof shelters with iron as it became available. Bush timber for same can be cut in the neighbouring woods.

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27/6/1918.
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O.C. 9th FIELD COY.
AUST. ENGRS., A.I.F.

27th. June 1918.

C.R.M., Third Australian Division.

Works Report for period ended 9 a.m. 28/6/1918.

Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
<u>TRENCHES.-</u>			
Support Line.	Deepening, widening & improving.		200 yds. completed between Collins & York Streets.
York Street.	-do-		Completed.
Collins Street.	-do-		200 yds. completed
Hunter Street.	Making new firebays.		8 completed.
Kent Street.	Deepening, widening & improving.		270 ^x completed.
<u>WIRING.-</u>			
Hunter Street.	Erecting s.d.a.f.		300 ^x completed at west end.
Posts between Pioneer- & Villers Switches.	-do-		260 ^x completed as shewn on plan.
Collins Street.	Repairing & thickening		300 ^x completed.
Support Line.	-do-		450 ^x completed.
For Front Line.	Barbed wire concertinas.		2 Sprs. & 6 Inf. employed daily.
<u>ACCOMMODATION.-</u>			
M.G. Coy. H.Q. O.28.b.5.2.	Mined dugout.	as shewn on plan.	Xcavating compl. bunking commenced. Stairways completed.
M.G. Emplacement. O.30.c.5.8.	-do-	100%	also bunked & gas doors erected.
R.A.P. O.24.c.05.25.	-do-	as shewn on plan.	
O.21.c.3.3.	-do-	do.	5 drive down 27'. N " " 20'.
M.G. Shelter. O.29.b.2.6.	Splinter-proof Shelter.	90%	
M.G. Shelter. O.30.b.5.4.	-do-	100%	
<u>ROADS AND TRACKS.-</u>			
<u>SCREENING.-</u>			
<u>DUMPS.-</u>			
No new dumps established.			
<u>GENERAL.-</u>			
Battn. H.Q. O.24.c.3.3.	Re-arranging and improving bunking.	100%	
M.G. Dugout. P.19.c.05.23.	Bunking & erecting gas-proof doors.	100%	

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Map Location.	Description.	State of completion.	Remarks.
GENERAL (contd.)			
Left Group Arty.	Bunking & furnishing.	100%	
H.Q. O.25.c.50.30.	Gas-proof doors.	50%	
	Mess & kitchen at entrance to tunnel.	15%	
Battn. H.Q. O.28.b.8.8.	Fixing spreaders between roof joists.	100%	
M.G. Dugout. O.27.d.1.e.	Bunking.	80%	
M.G. Dugout. O.27.a.5.5.	Bunking.	80%	
Herewith copy of handing-over report to 5th. Field Company A.E. Hand-over will be completed at 9 a.m. to-morrow, and this report includes work up to that hour.			
Bridges in the FRECHENCOURT Area were taken over from 7th. Field Company A.E. to-day. There are 18. O.R. engaged on this work.			
Herewith sketches of dugouts shewing state of completion up to 8 a.m. 28th. instant.			

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List of R.E. Material in Company Dump on 27th. June '18.

Caps, mining.....	k2.58.
Cupola, English.....	13.
Helves, pick.....	9.
Iron, corrugated, sheets	2.
" round 1" & 1-3/16"	2. (15' lgths.)
Picks.....	57.
Pickets, wooden, long..	200.
" " short.	400.
" screw long..	108.
" " med...	100.
" " short.	103.
" angle-iron, long	47.
R.S.J's.....	5.
Sets, mining.....	8.
Sandbags.....	250.
Wire, barbed.....	106.

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APPENDIX No. 17.

Routine orders 21, 22, 26, 32 and 33.
s of training 30-9-18 to 6-10-18.

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LIST OF PRINCIPAL R. E. MATERIALS USED IN LEFT BRIGADE SECTOR
FROM 24/5/18 to 27/6/1918.

<u>Description.</u>	<u>No.</u>
Camouflage, rolls.....	60.
Cupolas,	26.
Caps, mining.....	256.
Cloth, union..... yds....	75.
Duckboards.....	24.
Hessian, rolls.....	9.
Iron, corrugated, sheets.....	482.
Lagging..4'x 8"x 1½".....	366. lgths.
Pickets, wooden, long.....	2400.
" " short.....	4500.
" screw, long.....	250.
" " medium....	2800.
" " short.....	250.
Metal, expanded, sheets.....	12.
Rolled steel joists.....	102.
Sets, mining.....	356.
Sandbags.....	30000.
Wire, barbed, coils.....	1423.
Wire-netting.rolls.....	8.
Timber, T & G.....6"x 1".	700. ft.

MATERIAL SALVED IN SECTOR, AND RE-USED :-

Iron, corrugated, sheets...	51.
Pickets, screw, medium.....	605.
Wire, barbed, coils.....	216.

A large amount of timber was cut from Woods for wiring,
bunking etc..

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NOTES FROM THE WORK OF THE C.Q.M.S. DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

RATIONS.- The supply of rations has been very satisfactory. Australian sausages have been received in lieu of fresh meat.

CLOTHING.- Has been received as indented for. Soiled under-clothing is returned to Divisional Baths, and an equivalent number of clean articles received in place.

ECONOMY.- FAT. 199 lbs. of fat were sent to Base through Railhead.

SALVAGE.- CARDBOARD & PAPER. The undermentioned weights were collected and sent to Base during June :-
Cardboard - 68 lbs. Paper - 91 lbs.
JAM CARTONS. 12 sacks of Cartons were returned during the month.

NOTES ON WORK OF THE MOUNTED SECTION DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

FORAGE :- The supply of forage has been satisfactory.

ANIMALS :- Have been picketed in the open during the month.
Their condition is good. The following casualties occurred on night of 29th./30th. June :-

1 Rdg. Horse wounded.

1 L.D. " "

On the 29th. inst. 2 L.D. Horses were drawn from Remount Depot.

The following are required to complete establishment :-

2 Rdg. Horses,

1 L.D. Horse, 1 L.D. Mule.

HARNESS &) Both in good serviceable condition.
VEHICLES.)

WORK :- With the exception of the last 2 days, the Mounted Section has been constantly employed in carting R.E. materials from the Divisional Transit Dump to the Forward Dumps.

MILEAGE :- Approx. mileage for month - 2595 miles.

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LIST OF HONOURS AND REWARDS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, FOR PERIOD ENDED
30th. JUNE 1918.

No.,	Rank, Name and Particulars.	Recommended for -	Award.
---	Major T. R. WILLIAMS, For valuable services in connection with Military Operations.		D.S.O.
---	Lieut. N. JOHNSON, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Messines 7/8/1917.	M.C.	M.C.
9867	Corpl. J.W.R. FIELDHOUSE, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Messines 7/8/1917. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations E of Ypres 4/10/1917.	D.C.M.	D.C.M.
9821	3/Cpl.(now Sgt.) J. BAX, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Messines. 7/8/1917.	M.M.	M.M.
8730	Sapper F. W. COX, do.	M.M.	M.M.
9865	Driver D. ELLIOTT, do.	M.M.	M.M.
10003	Cpl.(now Sgt.) C. T. WEBB, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Messines 25/7/1917.	M.M.	M.M.
9849	L/Cpl.(now Cpl.) H. A. CLOTHIER, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations E of Ypres 4/10/1917.	M.M.	M.M.
9987	Sapper H. THOMPSON, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations E of Ypres 4/10/1917.	M.M.	M.M.

No., Rank, Name and particulars.	Recommended for-	Award.
9855 Sergt. G.E.T.DARBYSHIRE, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations E of Ypres 12/10/1917.	M.M.	M.M.
9937 Driver H. NANCARROW, do.	M.M.	M.M.
14553 Sapper C. E. SECCOMBE, do.	M.M.	M.M.
9869 2/Cpl. J. D. FLETCHER, For valuable services rendered.	M.S.M.	M.S.M.
----- Lieut. L. F. BURGESS, For devotion to duty and gallantry in that he, though acting 2nd. in command, asked to remain in charge of his Section until lateral communication was established between two of the most advanced posts. By his magnificent example & courage this trench was completed under constant enemy trench mortar fire. For distinguished services while serving in France.	M.C.	M.C. Mentioned in Despatches.
----- Lieut. F. M. MASON, For devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry throughout. By his most excellent example and disregard for shell fire, parties were kept at work & communication was established & maintained to our advanced posts, in spite of the fact that work was under direct enemy observation from front line trenches.	M.C.	No award.
SOMME, 4 to 8/4/18.- For conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty in that he, with a Section of Sappers, constructed 2 barrel pier footbridges across the SOMME under heavy shell fire, and 2 artillery bridges across the ANCRE. By his fine example, determination & devotion to duty ways of retreat were provided both for Infantry & Artillery when, for a time, a withdrawal looked probable.	M.C.	M.C.
----- Lieut. W. J. BURNETT, For distinguished services while serving in France.		Mentioned in Despatches.

No., Rank, Name and Particulars.	Recommend- Award. ed for-
<p>9954 Sergt. A. T. ROBERTS,</p> <p>Period 22/9/17 to 24/2/18.- For his devotion to duty throughout & more especially for the very gallant way in which he kept his parties together. In spite of very heavy shell fire, communication was maintained to outpost line owing to his personal effort & courage.</p>	D.C.M. Mentioned in Despatches.
<p>9862 Corpl. W. E. Donnelly,</p> <p>Period 22/9/17 to 24/2/18.- For his devotion to duty & splendid example under most trying conditions. By his gallant behaviour, lateral communication along our outpost line was opened & maintained under constant enemy trench mortar fire.</p>	D.C.M. No award.
<p>SOMME - 4 to 8/4/18.- This N.C.O. showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the construction of strong points. In the face of great difficulties he set a fine example to his men & successfully carried out his allotted task. He has always shown an utter disregard of danger in the performance of his military duties.</p>	M.M. No award.
<p>10933 2/Cpl.(now T/Sgt.) W. H. HARRISON,</p> <p>Period 22/9/17 to 24/2/18.- For very meritorious service rendered throughout period. His skill as a Sapper, combined with devotion to duty, generally expedited the construction of strong points & other defences under very unfavorable conditions.</p>	M.S.M. M.S.M.
<p>9859 Sergt. E. C. DEARMAN,</p> <p>Period 22/9/17 to 24/2/18.</p> <p>He greatly assisted his Section Officer during period, & by his energy & devotion to duty the amount of work carried out both in Front Line & 2nd. Zone System was very considerably increased.</p>	M.S.M. No award.
<p>SOMME - 4 to 8/4/18.- During a heavy bombardment this N.C.O exhibited great courage & devotion to duty at a most critical time. Whilst in charge of a party constructing a ferry system across the Somme, it was due to his fine example & untiring effort that the work, which greatly facilitated the forwarding of ammunition &c., was completed.</p>	M.M. No award.
<p>SOMME - 7/5/18.- For conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty when in charge of a party of Sappers constructing a bridge across the Front Line on the BRAY - CORBIE Road under heavy enemy barrage. This bridge was urgently required for transportation of stores & ammunition to new front line. By his determination & utter disregard for personal safety this N.C.O. set a fine example to his men & completed a most difficult & important task.</p>	M.M. No award.

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- Lieut. J. HARDING, M.C. M.C.
Vaire-Bouzencourt - 4 to 8/4/18.- On four consecutive days and nights this officer displayed conspicuous courage & devotion to duty. On each of these days footbridges were erected by his Section across the Somme; all were built under most trying conditions & by his utter disregard for shell-fire he set a magnificent example to his men, & bridges were constructed rapidly in spite of continuous shelling. A ferry, the only possible river crossing had been destroyed by shell fire, & the construction of these bridges therefore became an urgent necessity.
- 9924 L/Cpl.(now T/2/Cpl.) N. MESTON, D.C.M. M.M.
Vaire-Bouzencourt - 4 to 8/4/18.- For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty shown by him during the construction of a barrel pier footbridge across Somme near Bouzencourt. By his splendid example and total disregard of shell-fire, bridge was rapidly completed, so that ammunition & stores could be got forward to the front line earlier than appeared possible. He also showed courage & devotion to duty during construction of three other bridges across Somme under shell and machine gun fire.
- 20019 L/Cpl.(now 2/Cpl.) A. F. YEWDALE, D.C.M. M.M.
Hamelet (Somme) 4 to 8/4/18.- For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a party of Sappers who had become partly disorganised by shell-fire, got them together, & thus completed the construction of a barrel pier bridge across the Somme, so that, if a withdrawal were necessary, reinforcements, stores & ammunition could be quickly taken to outpost line.
- 9889 Driver C. M. HUGHES, M.M. M.M.
Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- This man showed considerable courage & devotion to duty when in charge of transport carting bridging materials along the Somme near Bouzencourt on two successive days. During daylight he had to pass through heavy shell-fire, and at night was compelled to go through M.G. fire. It was mainly due to his disregard for danger and personal effort that the bridge material was got on the site.
- 9892 L/Cpl. C. H. HUSBAND, M.M. No award.
Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- By his excellent example when in charge of a party of Sappers engaged in construction of barrel pier footbridge across Somme. Largely owing to the courage and determination of this N.C.O. the construction of bridge was rapidly carried out. At this time the ferry, ~~was~~ the only means of retreat, had been destroyed by shell-fire, & the bridge was a very urgent matter.

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9998 T/Cpl.(now Cpl.) H. VELVIN-SMITH, Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- This N.C.O. showed magnificent example & devotion to duty. During construction of footbridge across the Somme, by his utter disregard for shell-fire, he kept his party working continuously with the result that bridge was rapidly completed at a timewhen a with- drawal looked imminent. Then after 10 hours continuous work on the bridge, he volunteered to remain on duty at the bridge to demolish it in case of enemy attack.	M.M.	No award.
10014.L/Cpl. J.J.C.WILSON, Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- Whilst in charge of a party detailed to prepare demolition of a bridge, at a critical period, this N.C.O. exhibited great courage and devotion to duty. He stuck to his post during a very heavy bombardment & by his coolness set a fine example to the men in his charge, getting the demolitions prepared in quick order.	M.M.	No award.
3646. Sapper T. T. MACKAY, Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- This man showed great courage & devotion to duty in that he, for 4 consecutive days, was engaged on construction of footbridges across Somme under heavy shell-fire. By his example, coolness & cheerfulness, the Officer in charge was greatly assisted in keeping his men together, thus he ably assisted completion of bridge in a very dangerous situation.	M.M.	No award.
9814 Corpl. G. P. AUSTIN, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- He has at all times set a splendid example to his men & repeatedly encouraged them & stirred them to further efforts under very trying conditions. When in charge of parties under heavy shell-fire, he is always most cool & collected, more especially whilst constructing footbridges over Somme last week.	M.M.	No award.
For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 24th. April 1918 on the Ancre, when a bridge which formed part of an artillery emergency road was partly demolished by shell-fire, & which was urgently required for the transport of guns being withdrawn from gassed area; he led a party of men through an extremely heavy barrage of both gas and H.E. shells. He continued to repair the bridge under exceptionally heavy shell-fire, and also repaired more damage caused by the heavy bombardment that was in progress whilst he was at work. His absolute disregard of all danger was a magnificent example to the men under his command & resulted in the opening of an urgently required emergency road.	M.M.	M.M.

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<p>9844 L/Corpl. D. W. CHIPPINDALL, Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- This N.C.O. exhibited great courage and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a party constructing a Strong Point. His coolness & untiring efforts were a fine example to the men & greatly facilitated the carrying out of this very important point.</p>	<p>M.M. No award.</p>
<p>10018 L/Corpl. W. D. WILSON, Somme - 4 to 8/4/18.- This N.C.O. showed great devotion to duty. During the construction of a Strong Point System of Defences, he organised & arranged his working parties so that S.P's were completed & ready for occupation when it appeared that this system would become our Front Line. Under shell-fire he was a splendid example to men during the whole of last week.</p>	<p>M.M. No award.</p>
<p>10033 L/Corpl. H. A. BROWNE, Near Sailly-le-Sec (Somme) on night of 5/6th. May 1918.- For devotion to duty; after having worked all day in a mined dugout, and having been in charge of German prisoners all night, at daylight he volunteered to carry water across the open country to the newly won outpost line. He organised a party of Sappers, & by his example & utter disregard for shell-fire kept his party together till he finally reached the outpost line; thus securing the days water ration for the garrison.</p>	<p>M.M. No award.</p>
<p>9963 Sapper E. E. SCHUBERG, Somme - 7/5/18.- For conspicuous courage & devotion to duty when employed on the construction of a bridge over the Front Line on the Bray - Corbie Road. This bridge was very urgently required & the construction was carried out under very heavy enemy shell-fire. Although wounded this Sapper refused to leave until the job was completed. He has always set a fine example to his comrades.</p>	<p>M.M. No award.</p>

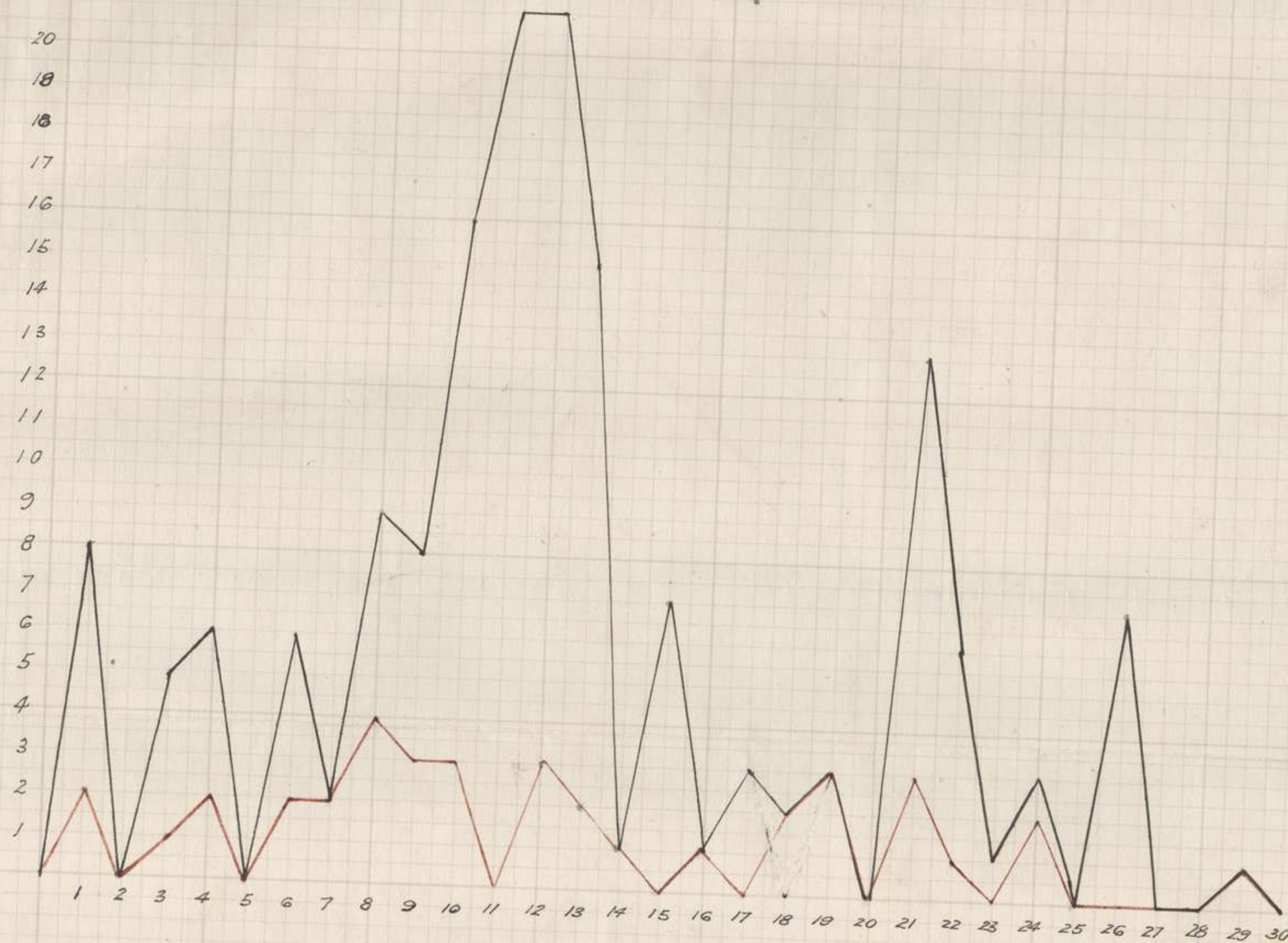
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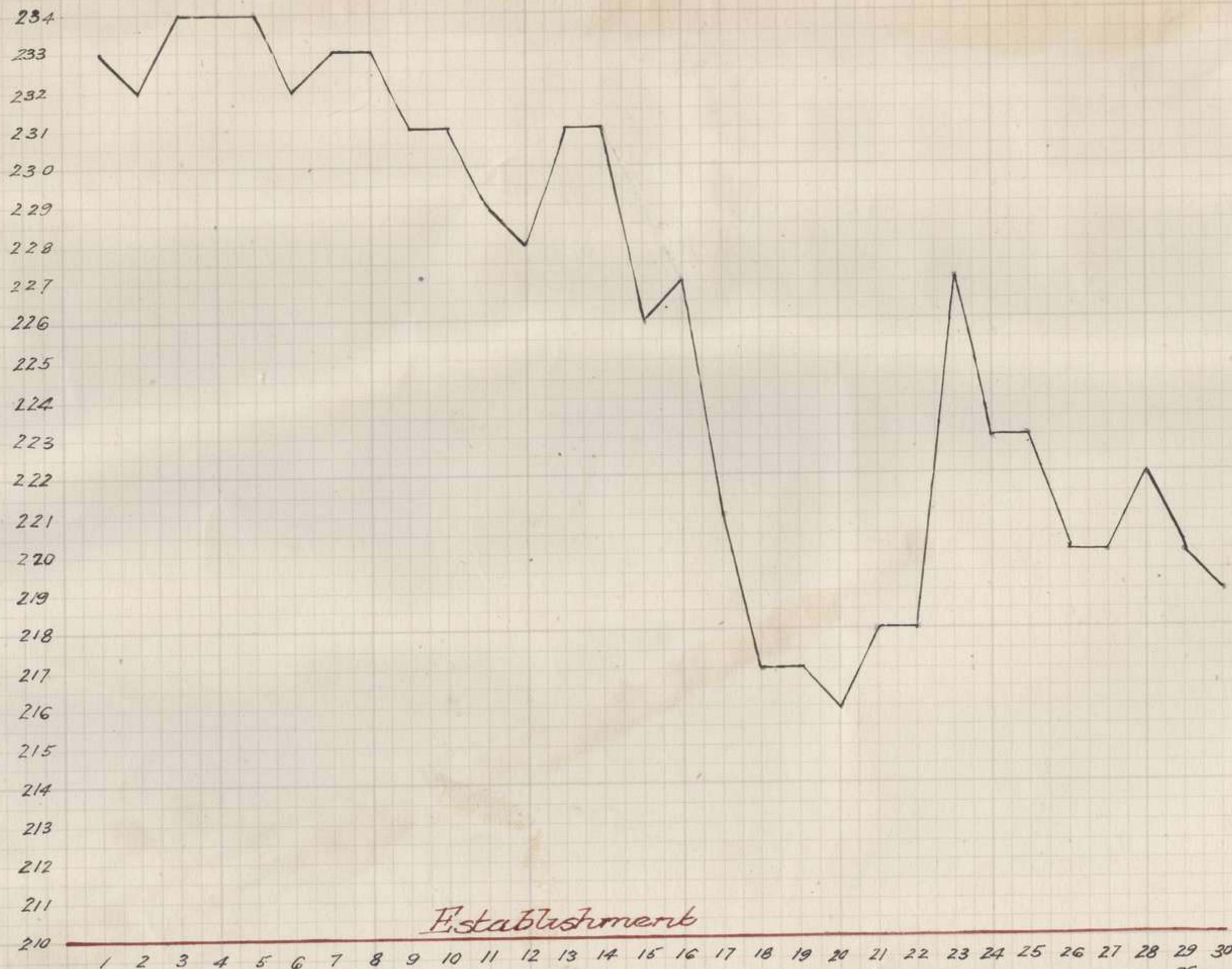
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