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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CORBIE France - Amiens 17 1/100000	1/7/1917	6p.m.	<p>The Fourteenth Field Company Australian Engineers is at present stationed at CORBIE (France - Amiens 17 - 1/100000)</p> <p>Word was received today that Captain J.C. PATERSON, second in command of the company had been evacuated from Officers' Rest Camp, WARLOY, to the BASE.</p> <p>Strength of company 6 Officers 221 Other Ranks. One other rank returned from Hospital.</p>	
	2/7/17	6p.m.	<p>Morning - Company employed on moving pontoon equipment up stream two miles to the site of the Aquatic Carnival which the 5TH DIVISIONAL ENGINEERS are holding tomorrow.</p> <p>Afternoon - heats in the rowing events rowed off.</p> <p>Strength of company 6 Officers, 222 Other Ranks. One other rank from Hospital.</p>	
	3/7/17	6p.m.	<p>Morning - Company finishing off arrangements for the aquatic carnival.</p> <p>Afternoon - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Aquatic carnival, at which representatives of the 8th, 14th, and 15th Field Companies competed.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">B</p>

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CORBIE	3.7.17	6p.m.	Strength of company 6 Officers. 223 Other Ranks. One other rank returned from Hospital.	
France.				
Amiens 17 1/100000	4.7.17	6p.m.	Morning - company at 10 a.m. attended lecture on venereal disease given by Lt. Col. A.H. TEBBUTT and Archdeacon WARD. The G.O.C., General J.J.T. HOBBS was present, and afterwards addressed the companies. Afternoon - Company moved back the pontoon equipment to sites for the continuation of bridging training. Strength of company. 6 Officers, 220 Other Ranks. Three other ranks evacuated to Hospital.	
	5.7.17	6p.m.	Company less 1 section bridging canal with Weldon Trestles. The trestles were floated on a bi-partite pontoon to their sites, legs then dropped, transoms raised and pontoon removed. Fifteen minutes per trestle on a long bridge appeared to be a good guide for estimating the time of construction of a bridge built solely on Weldon Trestles. 1 section erected and reported on a new wire entanglement which	

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CORBIE.	5.7.17	6p.m.	had been designed by the III rd Army.	
France.	6.7.17	6p.m.	Company bridging canal with Weldon Trestles, similar to yesterday.	
Amiens 17			C.E.'s. III rd Army and 1 st ANZAC CORPS inspected company at bridging in the morning.	
1/100000			Col. A.B. CAREY, C.R.E., went on leave, and Major H. BACHTOLD became acting C.R.E.	
			Strength of company, 6 Officers, 225 Other Ranks.	
			Five other ranks returned from hospital.	
	7.7.17	6p.m.	Evening: One section erecting a 20' pile frame on a pontoon raft preparatory to building a wharf 96 feet long on the north bank of canal south of the "M" in ETAMPES. (See appendix "A"). Remainder bridging with Weldon Trestles.	
			afternoon: 14 th Field company played 15 th Field company football.	
	8.7.17	6p.m.	Lieut. H. WAGSTAFFE, 53 rd Battery, A.F.A., reported today, and was taken on the strength of the company.	
			Strength of company 7 Officers, 225 Other Ranks.	

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CORBIE. Amiens 17. France	8.7.17	6 p.m.	One officer and one other ranks taken on strength from 53 rd Batt ^y A.F.A. One other rank from hospital. Two other ranks evacuated to hospital.	
Amiens 17 1/100000	9.7.17	6 p.m.	Two sections building B class Heavy Floating Bridge, as per Engineer-in-Chief's design No. 30. One section route-marched with transport - CORBIE: LA NEUVILLE, PONT NOYELLES, DAOURS, FOUILLOY, CORBIE. Lieut. H.W.FRY with two N.C.O's gave instruction in pontoon bridging to 1/2 "B" Coy., 5 th Pioneer Batt ⁿ . Strength of company, 7 Officers, 226 Other ranks. One other rank returned from hospital.	
	10.7.17	6 p.m.	Two sections building B. class Heavy Floating Bridge. One section using pile driver. Three 22' piles driven. Lieut. H.W.FRY with two N.C.O's. gave instruction in pontoon bridging to 1/2 "B" Coy., 5 th Pioneer Batt ⁿ . Strength of company 7 Officers, 224 Other Ranks. Two other ranks evacuated to Hospital.	

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CORBIE. France Amiens 17 1/100000	11.7.17	6 p.m.	Two sections building D class Heavy Floating Bridge as per Engineer-in-Chief's design No. 30. One section using pile driver. Four 22' piles driven. Lieut. H.W.FRY with 2 N.C.O's. gave instruction in pontoon bridging to 12 ^B Coy., 5 th Pioneer Battr. Strength of company 7 Officers 220 Other Ranks. Four other ranks to Hospital.	
	12.7.17	6 p.m.	Two sections building D class Heavy Floating Bridge. One section using pile driver. One 22' pile driven. Lieut. A.B.LITTLER with 25 cyclists attended military Tournament at HENENCOURT, at which HIS MAJESTY THE KING was present. Strength of company. 7 Officers, 219 Other Ranks. One other rank evacuated to Hospital.	
	13.7.17	6 p.m.	Two sections using pile driver. Four 22' piles and three 9' piles driven. Lieut. H.W.FRY with two N.C.O's, gave instruction in pontoons bridging to A ^A Coy, 5 th Pioneer Battr.	
	14.7.17	6 p.m.	Two sections using pile driver. One 9' piles driven, and commenced	

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CORBIE France Amiens 17 1/100000	14.7.17	6 p.m.	<p>fitting tie rods. (see appendix "A") One section training on section training. The G.O.C., General J.J.T. HOBBS, came down in the morning and inspected the two sections at piling. Lieut. H.W. FRY, with two N.C.O.'s. gave instruction in pontoon bridging to "D" Coy, 5th Pioneer Batts. Strength of company 7 Officers, 217 Other Ranks. One other rank returned from hospital, three other ranks vacated to hospital.</p>	
	15.7.17	6 p.m.	<p>Strength of company 7 Officers, 219 Other Ranks. Two other ranks returned from hospital.</p>	
	16.7.17	6 p.m.	<p>Two sections - morning - Route march with transport. Route - CORBIE - LA NEUVILLE - PONT NOYELLES - DAOURS - FOUILLOY - CORBIE. afternoon - section training. One section dismantling pile frame and returning it from site of piling at on North bank of canal south of the "M" in ETAMPES to store</p>	

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CORBIE France Amiens 17 1/100000	16.7.17	6pm.	on south bank of canal 100 yards above the lock. Strength of company 7 Officers, 217 Other Ranks. One other rank returned from hospital, three other ranks evacuated to hospital.	
	17.7.17	6pm.	Two sections section training. One section route march with transport, CORBIE - LA NEUVILLE - PONT NOYELLES - DAOURS - FOUILLOY - CORBIE. Strength of company 7 Officers, 221 Other Ranks. Four other ranks returned from Hospital.	
	18.7.17	6pm.	Three sections section training. Strength of company 7 Officers, 218 Other Ranks. One other rank returned from hospital. Four other ranks evacuated to hospital.	
	19.7.17	6pm.	Two sections section training. One section sheeting and filling two bays of wharf (appendix A). Strength of company 7 Officers 217 Other Ranks. One other rank to hospital.	

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CORBIE. France Amiens 17 1/100000	20.7.17	6pm	<p>Two sections Section Training. One section shelling and filling two bays of wharf (appendix A)</p> <p>C.E. 1ST ANZAC came down in the afternoon to inspect wharf and Pile Driver.</p> <p>Strength of company 7 Officers, 216 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Three other ranks returned from hospital, four other ranks evacuated to hospital.</p>	
	21.7.17	6pm	<p>Three sections Section Training.</p> <p>Corps Commander came down in the afternoon to inspect wharf and pile driver.</p> <p>Strength of company 7 Officers, 217 Other Ranks.</p> <p>One other rank returned from hospital.</p>	
	22.7.17	6pm	<p>Strength of company 7 Officers, 216 Other Ranks.</p> <p>One other rank to Hospital.</p>	
	23.7.17	6pm	<p>Three sections Section Training. Strength of company - 7 Officers 217 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Two other ranks returned from Hospital, one other rank transferred</p>	

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CORBIE	23.7.17	6pm.	to ANZAC CORPS SCHOOL for training.	
At France	24.7.17	6pm.	Company had a holiday to enable all ranks to visit BRAY and play football matches with 1 st Divisional Engineers. Strength of company 7 Officers, 215 Other Ranks. Two other ranks evacuated to Hospital	
Amiens 17	25.7.17	8pm	Morning - sections on section training. afternoon - company route marched to VAUX and back, and were inspected by D. C. Coy. 14 th A. I. Bde. Order no 99 was received at 7 p.m. Lieut. H.W.FRY and one other rank entrained today at PUCHEVILLERS for HAZEBROUCK to arrange for billets in the BLARINGHEM AREA. Strength of company 7 Officers, 219 Other Ranks. Four other ranks returned from Hospital.	
1/100000	26.7.17	8pm.	sections on section training. C.R.E's Engineer Order no 10 received at 1pm, and company Operation Order no 3 issued accordingly. (appendix B)	B

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CORBIE France Amiens 17	26.7.17	8 p.m.	Strength of company. 7 Officers 220 Other Ranks. Two other ranks returned from Hospital, one other rank evacuated to Hospital.	
1/100000	27.7.17	8 p.m.	2/Lieut G. BURROWS and three other ranks went on this morning to CONTAY to arrange for billeting of company for tomorrow. Strength of company 7 Officers, 221 Other Ranks. Two other ranks returned from hospital, one other rank evacuated to hospital.	
CONTAY France Lens 11	28.7.17	8 p.m.	The 14 th Field Company arrived at CONTAY at 10.50 a.m. and moved into billets forthwith. Amendment to 14 th et. 9. Pde. Order n ^o : 99 received at 2 p.m.	
1/100000	29.7.17	8 p.m.	Company rested the day. Strength of company 7 Officers 220 other ranks. One other rank evacuated to hospital.	
EBBLINGHEM Belgium & France Str. 27 1/100000	31.7.17	6 p.m.	Company left Contay yesterday at 2.30 p.m., vide company Operation Order n ^o : 4 (Appendix "C") issued in accordance with	

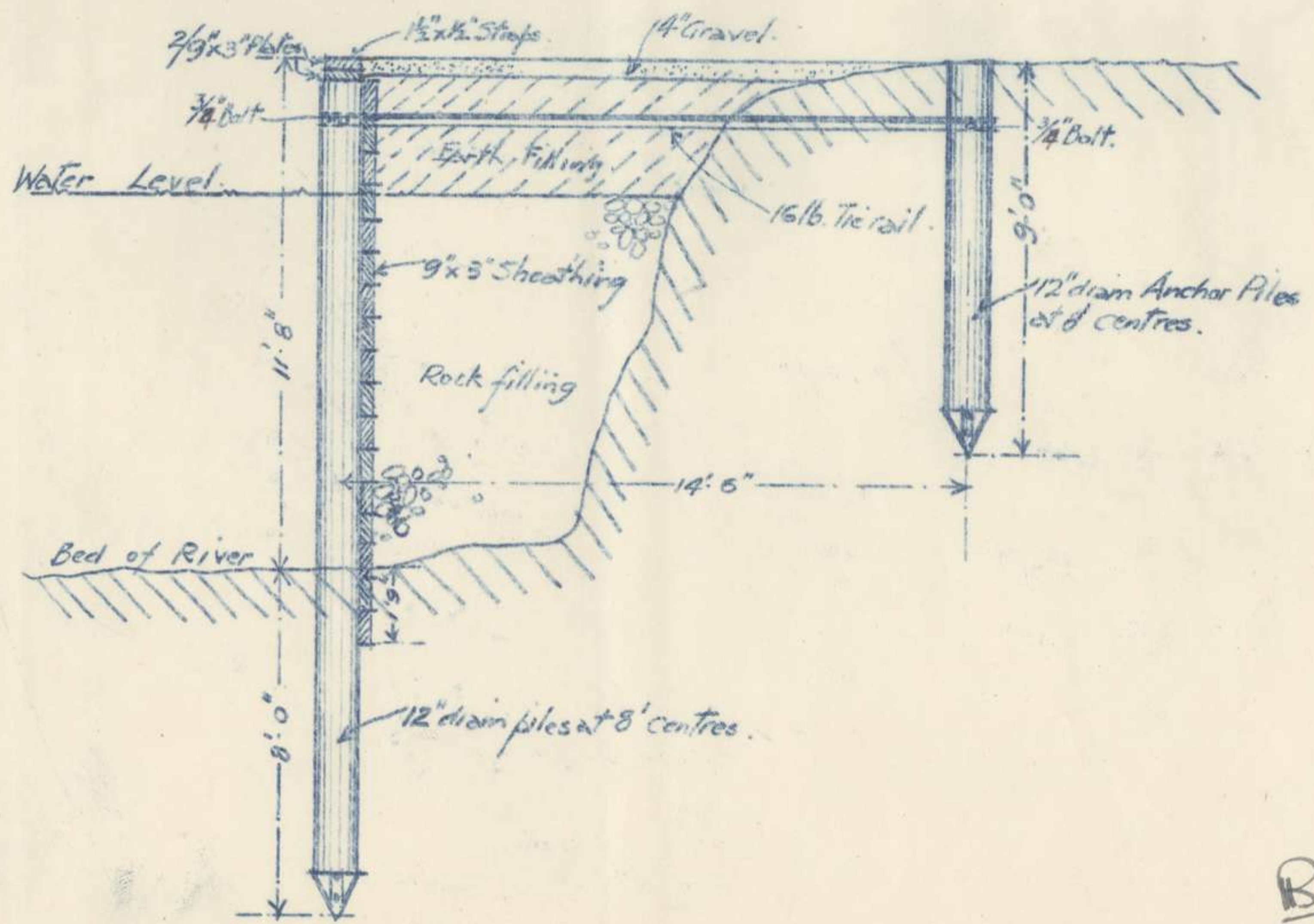
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Amiens 17 1/100000			<p style="text-align: center;">APPENDIX "B"</p> <p>Operation Order No. 3 by Major H. Rachtold, commanding 14th Field Coy. 26/7/1917.</p> <p>1. The 14th Field Company will move to CONTAY on the 28th inst. and on arrival will come under 14th Brigade for further orders as regards movements to the BLARINGHEM AREA.</p> <p>2. Head of company will be at road junction North of "r" in "Corbie" at 8 a.m. and will march via BONNAY and FRANVILLERS.</p> <p>3. 2/Lieut. Burrows and three cyclists from No. 1 Section will proceed to CONTAY on the 27th inst. and arrange for billets with the Town Major.</p> <p>4. Officers will hand in certificates by 7.30 a.m. on the 28th inst. that they have left their billets in a clean and satisfactory condition.</p> <p>5. Rations will be drawn at CONTAY on arrival. No more rations will be drawn at CORBIE.</p> <p>6. Blankets and waterproof sheets will be carried on the transport.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) H. Rachtold, Major, O.C. 14th Field Coy.</p>	
Issued at 2.15 p.m.				B

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			<p>APPENDIX "C"</p> <p>Movement Order No. 4 by Major H. Pachtold, commanding 14th Field Company.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30. 7. 1917</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 14th Field Coy. will leave CONTAY at 2.30 p.m. today and will march to PUCHEVILLERS and entrain for ARQUES. Time of departure 19.56. 2. Waterproof sheets will be carried on the person and blankets on the transport. 3. Arrangements will be made to have tea at PUCHEVILLERS Station. 4. Two days supplies will be drawn at LYNDE CHURCH at 10 a.m. on the 31st inst. 5. Lieut. WAGSTAFFE will arrange for necessary breast ropes for horse trucks. <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) H. Pachtold, Major. D.C. 14th Field Company.</p> <p>Issued at 9.40 a.m.</p>	

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