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Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Engineers

Item number: 14/33/19

Title: 14th Field Company, Australian
Engineers

September 1917



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14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EBBLINGHEM	1.9.17	9 PM	14 th Field Company Aust Engineers At present situated at EBBLINGHEM.	Original
Reference maps			Company scheme cancelled. Bathing and Section Training substituted. 2 new 400 gallon canvas troughs and one pump erected at B.13 a 46 (Sheet 36 A)	
Belgium			Programme of work for week ending Saturday Sept 8 th forwarded to C.R.E Today (See Appendix C)	Appendix C
Hazebrouck			Type of foot bridge built yesterday to be built on the 8 th (See Appendix A) Total strength of Company 7 Officers 216 Other Ranks	Appendix A
5.A				
1/100-000				
Sheets				
27 & 36 A				
1/40-000				
	2.9.17	9 PM	Total strength of Company 7 off's 216 Other Ranks 1. OR from details	
	3.9.17	9 PM	Nos 3 & 4 Section's Small Box Respirator drill and Section Training ride programme of work. No 1 section on 5 th Divisional Bath's at BLARINGHEM No 2 section on erecting huts at T12 C 22 for Refugee Children	

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EBBLINGHEM	3/9/17	9 PM	Lieut. H.W. Fry returned from leave to England and took the Command of the Company over from Lieutenant E.O.K. GREEN Total strength of Company 7 off's 217 OR's		
Reference map's					
Belgium	4/9/17	9 PM	Company less Nos 1 & 2 Sections route march as laid down in programme of work. Lieut. BURROWS proceeded on leave to Paris. 50% Officers and senior N.C.O's went today to Heavy Bridging School at AIRE for instruction. (vide C.R.E. message E 2029) Nos 1 & 2 Sections carry on with their work. Total strength of Company 7 off's 217 OR's		Appendix "B"
Hazebrouck					
5A					
1/100.000					
Sheets					
27 & 36 A	5/9/17	9 PM	Bathing parade for Nos 3 & 4 Sections in morning. Inspection of Coy with 1st Line transport in marching order. less Nos 1 & 2 Sections. In afternoon 50% Officers and senior N.C.O's went to Heavy Bridging School AIRE for instruction Nos 1 & 2 Sections carry on with their work. Lieut. A.B. Littler proceeded on leave to Paris Lieut E.O.K. GREEN went to BLARINGHEM to Command No 1 Section while Lieut. G. BURROWS is on leave Total strength of Coy 7 off's 218 OR's 1 O.R. returned from Hospital.		
1/40.000					

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EBBLINGHEM	6/9/17	9 PM	Section Training as per programme of work, was carried on today (See Appendix C) Nos 1 & 2 Sections carry on with their work, 50% Officers & Senior N.C.Os to Heavy Bridging School at AIRE Total strength of Coy 7 off's 218 ORs	Appendix C
Reference maps Belgium Haze brouck 5.A. 1/100,000 Sheets 27 & 36 A 1/40,000	7/9/17	9 PM	Company less Nos 1 & 2 Sections route march as laid down in programme of work. Total strength of Coy 7 off's 217 ORs 1 O.R. to Hospital	
	8/9/17	9 PM	Work as laid down for today, was not carried out, as Brigade, gas N.C.O. came during the morning to instruct the Coy in Anti Gas Appliances. The remainder of the day was put in, on Section Training and Clearing Transport. One Officer & 2 N.C.Os went to Heavy Bridging School at AIRE. Lieut G BURROWS returned from leave to Paris Total strength of Company 7 off's 216 ORs 1 O.R. to hospital	
	9/9/17	9 PM	CRE message, C. 20 was received at 10.30. A.M. (See Appendix D) Total strength of Coy 7 off's 214 ORs 2 ORs to Hospital	Appendix D

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EBBLINGHEM	10/9/17	9 PM	The company (Strength 4 Offs 105 ORs) marched to AIRE leaving EBBLINGHEM at 9 AM. The remainder of Company including transport & Lieut. H. WAGSTAFFE were left behind at the billets at EBBLINGHEM. The work at BLARINGHEM Baths and Huts at T12C 2.2 is being carried on with by men left behind at EBBLINGHEM. Both today and yesterday all drivers attended at school in pack transport work. From 10 AM till 4 PM. Total strength of Coy 7 Offs 214 ORs.	Original
Reference Map's Belgium Hazebroeck 5A 1/100.000 Sheets 27+36 A 1/40.000				
AIRE	11/9/17	9 PM	Coy today worked on the heavy type INGLIS Bridge. MAJOR H. BACHTOLD returned today from leave and took over command of the company. Total strength of Coy 7 Offs 213 ORs 1 OR transferred.	
	12/9/17	9 PM	Coy today worked on heavy type INGLIS Bridge 30' + 60' B Class bridges. The BLARINGHEM Baths were completed and the men ^{working} there rejoined the portion of the Coy at EBBLINGHEM. A concrete precipitation tank and filter bed was constructed as per sketch (See Appendix "E").	Appendix "E"

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AIRE	12/9/17	9 PM	The following work was also done for C.R.E. by the men working at BLARINGHEM. - 50. Machine Gun Tripods, 59 Aiming marks for Machine Guns, 3 Folding tables, 1 meal safe (large), 5 Notice Boards, 12 Tables Covered with Tessians for Div. HQ. Total strength of Coy 7 Offs 212 ORs 1. OR Transferred	Original
EBBLINGHEM	13/9/17	9 pm	Coy worked today on 30' + 60' B. class Bridges and Heavy Rectangular INCLIS Bridge Total strength of Coy 7 Offs 212 ORs 1. OR to Hospital + 1. OR from Hospital	
EBBLINGHEM	14/9/17	9 pm	Coy worked today on 60' B. class Bridge and heavy class INCLIS Bridge. At 3 PM the Coy left AIRE + marched back to its ^{former} billets at EBBLINGHEM The whole Coy is now together again Total strength of Coy 7 Offs 212 ORs	
K.34.C.58 STEENVOORDE	15/9/17	9 PM	At 9.15 this morning orders were received to move to STEENVOORDE area (See Appendix 'F') Lieut. G. BURROWS mentioned ahead at once to arrange for Billets.	Appendix 'F'

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
K 34.C.58 STEENVOORDE	15/9/17	9pm	accordingly the work on Huts T12C2.2 was straightened up and the men working on them rejoined the Coy by 11 am. at 1 PM the Coy left EBBLINGHEM and marching via HAZEBROUCK arrived here at 630 P.M. Distance marched 14½ miles. The whole Company is now billeted at a farm at K 34.C 58. CE. 1st Army Corps Engineer instructions No 41 dated 14-9.17. was received at 2.50 PM. Message M Q 105 was received at 7 PM (See Appendix "G") Lieut E.O.K GREEN proceeded today on leave to England Total strength of Company 70 off 212 O.R	Original
L. 29.C.9.0 Sheet 27	16/9/17	9PM	Lieut K.M. Brydon went on ahead this morning to arrange with Commandant of WIPPENHOEK area for billets Coy left K. 34. C. 58 at 1 PM and marching via ABEELE arrived here at 3.30 PM distance marched 5½ miles Coy is now in tents at 5.35 pm The CRE brought me CE message	Appendix G

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
L 27C.90	16/9/17	9 PM	300/331 (See appendice H) Lieut A.B. Littler left the Coy at 6.30 pm for the forward area, to arrange with area Commandant Canal Area for Buys, Total strength of Coy 7 off's, 211 OR's. 1 OR to Hospital	Original Appendix H
H 24 a 23 Sheet 28	17/9/17	9 PM	Company embussed at 8 am and debussed at H. 23. b. 5.8 at 9.30 AM Route POFERINGHE - VLAMERTINGHE. Distance 10 miles. Transport proceeded here independently under Lieut. H - WAGSTAFFE. And is now Camped at H 23. b. 5.8. The Coy relieved the 1st F. Co. A.E. and took over their Camp of tents & trench shelters at H 24 a 23. No 1. Section under Lieut G BURROWS left here at 7.30 pm to occupy dugouts in the school at I.9 C 4 2. The works taken over from 1st F. Co. A.E. are being carried out (with) as under	

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H 24 a 23 Sheets 28	17/9/17	9pm	No 1 Section under Lieut G BURROWS :- keep dugouts for 28 th H.A.G at H 24 a. 2.8 dugouts etc for 1 st /1 st West Riding Heavy Bty at I 15 b 37. dugouts etc for No 1 Siege Bty at Rifle Farm I 10 d 9.5 dugouts etc 265. heavy Bty at I. 17 a 2.7 No 2 Section under Lieut K M BRYDON dugouts for 24 th & 53 rd H.A.G at YEOMANRY Post I 17 d 5.0 No 3 Section under Lieut A.B. LITTLER dugouts etc for 139 th Bty + 143 rd Bty at I 22 d 6.4 & I 15 d 2.9 respectively No 4 Section is being held in reserve Total strength 7 off's 207 ORs 4 ORs to Hospital		
	18/9/17	9pm	3 sections working today on Battery positions Total strength 7 off's 207 ORs		
	19/9/17	9pm	3 sections working today on Battery positions Total strength 7 off's 207 ORs		
	20/9/17	9pm	Company standing by today in case required for a special job Built shelters for 100 men		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Original	Remarks and references to Appendices
#24a23	20/9/17	9 PM	Alongside our Camp, Total strength, 7 off's. 207. ORs		
Sheet 28	21/9/17	9 PM	3 sections employed on Battery positions. Total strength, 7 off's. 207. ORs		
TRENCH MAP ZILLEBEKE	22/9/17		Coy today worked on Bthy position. The Camp at H.24.a 2.3 was handed over at 6 pm to the 13 th F Co HE		
1/10.000			And the Coy moved into rough dugouts at I 21 b 0.5		
I 21. b 0.5			Transports lines remain at the same place the work done on battery positions is as follows:- 1 dugout to accommodate 20 men complete for 15' x 15' west maining Battery at I 15. b 3.7. 1 combined S.C. post and Telephonist dugout completed for 15' x 15' west maining Bathy. at Forward position also framework erected for camouflage over 4 Guns, positions at I 11. d 41. 2 dugouts strengthened. 1 dugout completed for 10 men, for 15' Siege Battery at Rifle farm. I 10. d 9.5. 1 ammunition dugout completed. 1 dugout to accommodate 10 men completed for.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCH MAP LILLEBEKE 1/10,000 I 21 60.5	22/9/17	9 PM	265th Heavy Battery at I 17 a 2.7. Splinter Proof Augouts Completed for Coy at I 21.60.5 Work on splinterproof augout at I 17 d. 5.0 dimensions 10' x 5' x 6' Reretting walls & ends with corrugated Iron. Covering Roof with Cupolas. Filling with earth 1'3" between reretting & Bank. Sandbagging ends & over roof with double course of bags. Repairing wall of augout at I 17 d 5.0 damaged by shell fire Splinterproof Cover over 5 shelter for men and ammunition, formed curved corrugated Iron sheets & 1 layer of sandbags on top two widths of bags on sides, at I 22 d 6.4 Double sandbag walls, 3'6" high, around sides of 2 guns, for protection against splinters & bursts, at I 15 d 4.4. Laying new bed for 1 Gun, of sandbags and brick bats & erected 1 loading platform 24' x 4' for.	Original

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Original	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCH MAP ZILLBEKE 1/10-000	23/9/17	9 PM	9.2 shells on Beauville tramway, Consisting of inverted track frame covered with timber, supported on boxes. Load 1000 lbs per foot run, at I 15 d 29 Total strength 7 OFF. 207 OR.		
I 21. 60.5	23/9/17	9 PM	The Coy took over today from the 1st F.Co. A.E. and we had an officer & 2 N.C.O.s of theirs, to show my Officers & N.C.O.s over the forward area. No work was taken over from them. The Coy worked on improving their dugouts. 100 men were attached to the Company, as a permanent working party. Total strength 7 off's 208 OR. 1 OR from Hospital		
	24/9/17	9 PM	See appendix I) for work done. Major. H. BACHTOLD arranged with the G.O.C 14th INF BDE' exact details of the forming of the Brigade for the attack. The 100 men from 55th Batt were received at 6 pm by a similar party from the 54th Batt. Total strength 7 off's 208 OR.		Appendix I

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCH MAP ZILLERBEKE 1/10 000 I 21.60.5	25/9/17	9 PM	Original Numerous memos & orders were received today from Brigade, and C.O.R.E. and Coy order No 5 was issued accordingly (See Appendix J) The shelling today on the forward area was very heavy. The party mentioned in the "Work done" report were Major H. BACHTOLD. M.C. Lieut H.W. Fry. M.C. Sgt. MURRAY-E and 2nd Corp MOORE. J.H. The latter two were the N.C.O's who supervised the laying of tapes. Total strength 7 off's. 205. OR's 3 OR's wounded to Hospital	APPENDIX J
	26/9/17	9 PM	Everything today went well. Message B. 57 to CRE (See Appendix K) Shows what progress was made in the work the Coy had to do. Lieut. G. BURROWS with his section remained at the BUTTE. T 10.0 7.8. Total strength 7 off's. 203. OR's. 2 OR's wounded to Hospital 1. OR's rejoined from Engineer details 1. OR transferred to Cadet Batt. England	APPENDIX K
	27/9/17	9 PM		

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TRENCH MAP ZILLEBEKE 1/10.000 I 21. to 0.5	27/9/17	9 PM	Lieut A.B. LITTLER made the reconnaissance of dug-outs in the Brigade Area, Lieut H.W. FRY took up the wiring party and assisted by Lieut. G. BURROWS supervised the wiring Lieut E.O.K GREEN returned from leave and had charge of a party on wells. Total strength 7 Officers, 187. OR ^s . 1. OR. Killed in action 15. OR ^s wounded to hospital	Original
	28/9/17	9 pm	General HOBBS. G.O.C Division Congratulated Major. H BACHTOLD. This morning on the work the Company had done. Lieut. Littler made the sketch of the BUTTE (See appendice "L") Lieut. H.W. FRY took up wiring party again and assisted, by, Lieut. G BURROWS supervised the wiring Lieut E.O.K GREEN again had charge of party on wells. Total strength 7. Off ^s 181. OR ^s 4. OR ^s wounded to hospital 2. OR ^s injured to hospital	Appendix "L"

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRENCH MAP Zillebeke 1/10.000 I 21.6.0.5	29/9/17	9pm	Lieut A.B. Litter took up wiring party and assisted by Lieut G. BURROWS supervised the wiring party, Lieut E.O.K. GREEN had charge of well party, total strength 7 off. 179. ORs 1. OR. killed in action 1. OR to hospital	Original
	30/9/17	12 - MIDNIGHT	Lieut E.O.K. GREEN again had charge of well party, Lieut G. BURROWS returned with his section from The Butte the Company today handed over to 95th F. Co. R.E. at midnight. Lieut. H.W. FRY with 2 N.C.O.s proceeded to day to Brightling Sea to the Engineers Training Depot for 6 months. The following appendices are attached - works Report - 23/9/17 - 30/9/17 (see appendix I) Handing over report (see appendix M) message map showing wiring done by 14th F. Co. R.E. and also strong point N (see appendix N) Sketch of the Butte J.10. a 7.8 (see appendix L) Report on wells dug (see appendix O) Hot food Containers Constructed (see appendix P) Total strength 6 officers. 177. ORs 1. off. 2. ORs transferred to Engineer Depot BRIGHTLINGSEA Henry Baer told major O.C. 14th Field Coy AE	Appendix I. " M. " N. " L. " O. " P.

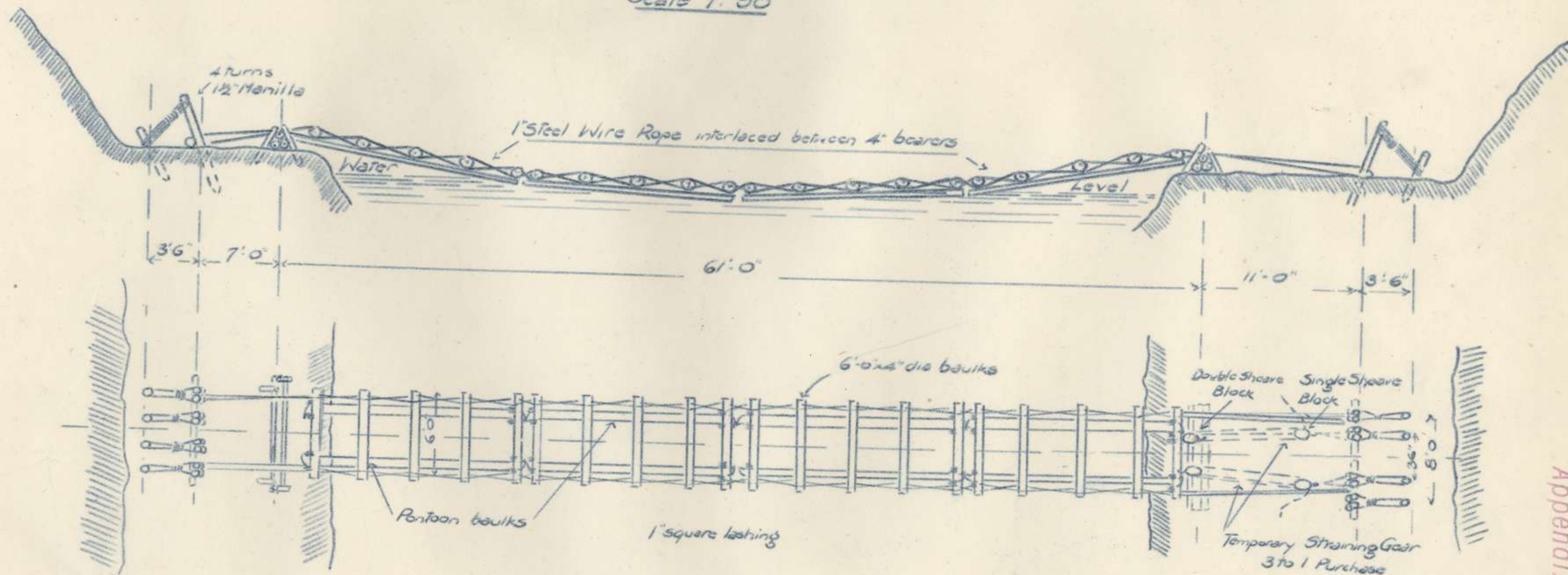
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APPENDIX "A"

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SUSPENSION FOOTBRIDGE
To Take Infantry in Single File
Erected by 14th F.C.E. Aug 29th 1917
Scale 1:90

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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(in pads of 10)
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	By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO

*14th Field Coy.**APPENDIX "B"*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
<i>*E 2029</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>14th FIELD COY ENGINEERS 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</i>

*Please arrange for 50 per cent
officers and Senior N.C.O's to visit
Heavy Bridging School AIRE daily
15th F Coy are working there and they will
arrange for your personnel to be instructed
in the various types of bridges aaa
Addressed 14th F Coy. Repeated 15th F Coy
AIRE*

From <i>CRE</i>		
Place		
Time		

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APPENDIX "C"
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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH 1917

14TH FIELD COY A.E.

14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS
6th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Date	Time	Location	Work	Remarks
September 3 rd	9am - 12noon	EBBLINGHEM	Small Box Respirator Drill	Reference Maps: HAZEBROUCK 5 th 1/100000 Sheets 27 & 36 th 1/40000
	2pm - 4.30pm	T. 23. & 5.3.	or Section Training	
4 th	Pass Cross Roads T. 23 6 10 3 at 8.30 a.m.	Route: Ebblinghem - Lynde - Cross Roads N. of La Belle Hotasse - Les Giseaux - La Belle Hotasse - Sercus - Lynde - Ebblinghem	Company Route March with 1 st Line Transport	Pass through Lynde at 9.15 a.m. Fork East of "t" in Le Croquet at 9.35 a.m.
5 th	9a.m.		Bathing Parade at BLARINGHEM Baths	
	2.30 p.m.	EBBLINGHEM T. 23 & 5.3.	Inspection of Coy in Marching Order with 1 st Line Transport.	
6 th	9am. - 12noon	EBBLINGHEM	Small Box Respirator Drill	
	2pm - 4.30pm.	T. 23 & 5.3.	or Section Training	
7 th	Pass Cross Roads T. 23 6 9 3 at 8.30 a.m.	Route: Ebblinghem - Cross Roads N. of Wardreques Str. - Lynde - La Belle Hotasse - Sercus - Lynde - Ebblinghem.	Company Route March with 1 st Line Transport.	
8 th	9am. - 12noon	Canal de Neuf Fosse Squares B8 & 9	Construction of Light Footbridge.	
	2pm - 4.30pm.	Ebblinghem T. 23 & 5.3.	S.B.R. Drill & Section Training.	

Note: One Section employed on Div. Baths at Blaringhem
re-creating Huts at T 12 & 2.2.

Signed E.O.K. Green. Lieut
for O.C. 14th Field Coy. A.E.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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(in pads of 100).
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			At				
			To				
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	

TO	APPENDIX 'D' 14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS. 5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION	
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Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* C 20	9 th		AAA

5 Officers and 105 O.Rs. will relieve 8th

Fld Coy at Bridging School AIRE at 12 noon

Monday 10th aaa Send advanced party to

take over in the morning aaa 36 men of

1st Division will be attached to you for rations.

Arrange with 8th Fld. Coy. to take these men

on your ration strength.

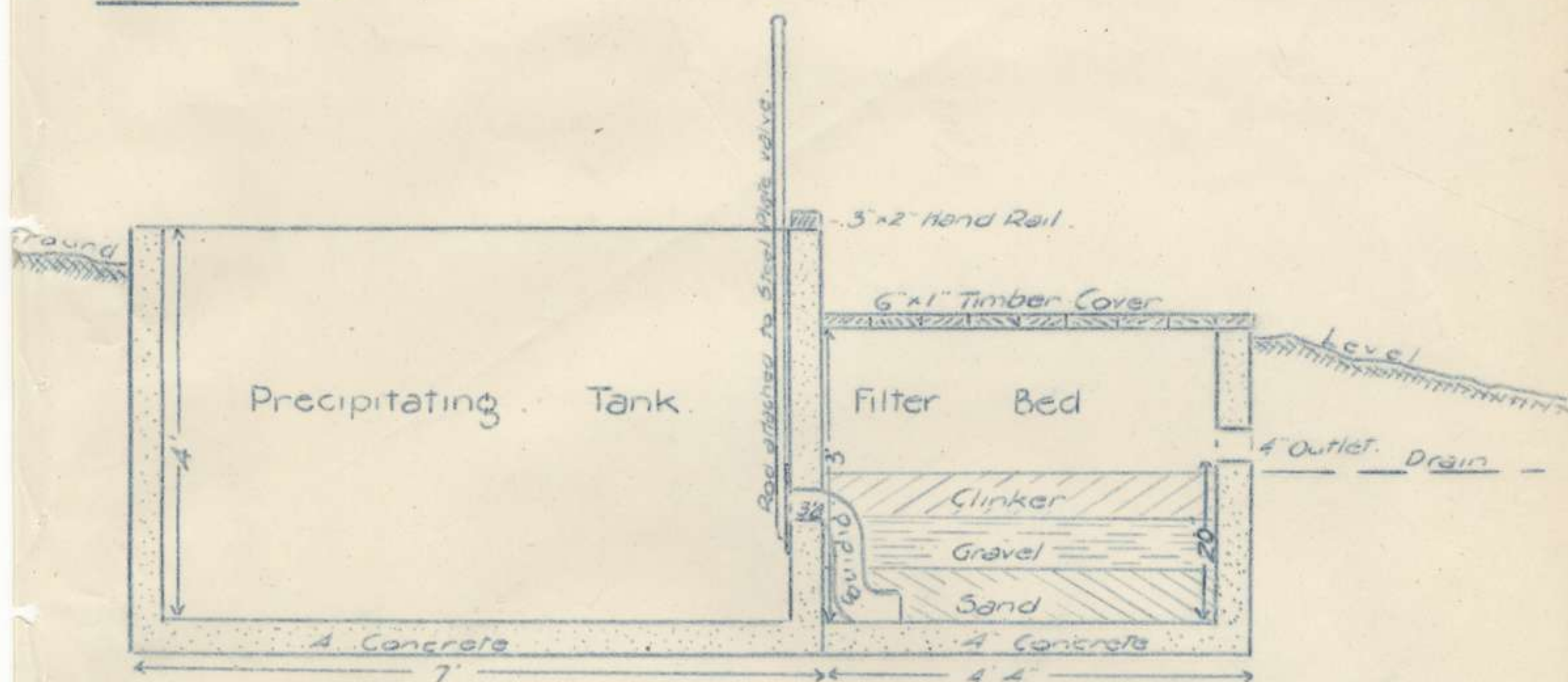
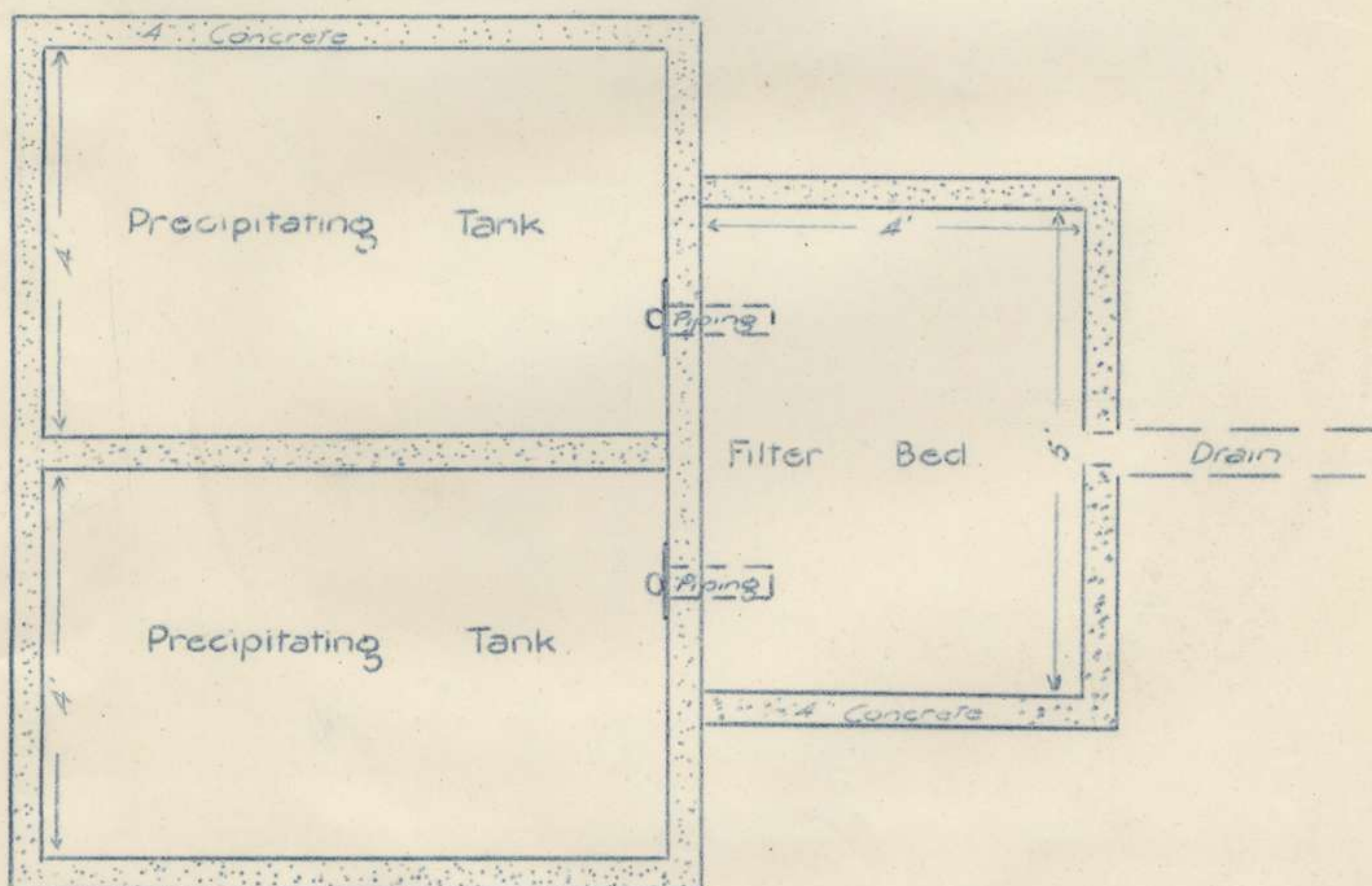
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CRE		10.45

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TO {	<i>14th Fld Coy</i>	<i>APPENDIX "F"</i>
		<i>14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.</i>
		<i>5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION</i>

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* <i>C 65</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>AAA</i>

14th Fld Coy will move to STEENVOORDE area via HAZEBROUCK today and to 1st ANZAC area on 16th aaaa Moves not to begin before 12 noon each day aaaa Billeting parties will report to Area Commandant STEENVOORDE.

From <i>CRE</i>			
Place			
Time <i>10 40</i>			

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			To			By	
			By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 14th Australian Field Coy.
c/o Area Comdt Steenvoorde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* M.Q. 105	15	a a a	

Tomorrow 16th you will move to
Nippenhoek Area. aaa

Advanced Party to report to Area
Comdt. at L21 C44 six hours in advance
of Unit aaa.

Draw rations from Nippenhoek
Railhead tomorrow aaa & 17th and
onwards you will be rationed by
Corps Troop Supply Column aaa.

G.E. is arranging lorry transport
forward on 17th

From		
Place	1st Anzac	5.15 p.m.
Time		

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			By		6th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION	
			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	

APPENDIX "H"

TO { 14th Field Coy. A.E.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 300/331	16 Sep.		AAA

Eight lorries will report at your camp at 8 a.m. on 17th inst to bus your Coy to new camp at H 23 b 38 aaa Please report to Area C'dant Canal Area at H 23 b 38 BELGIAN CHATEAU. aaa Area C'dant. Major ECKES 7/London Regt will give you exact bulleting arrangements

From	CE 1st Anzac
Place	
Time	

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(Z) (Sd) G.B. Sheldon Capt

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14th. FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONREPORT ON WORK DONE PERIOD23/9/17 to 30/9/17.

- 23/9/17. All Officers and senior N.C.O's. reconnoitred forward Area Well at J.8.d.85.15 started, carried up 8 - 4' x 3' sets to site of well.
- 24/9/17. Work on well continued. Company with 100 attached Infantry worked 6 a.m. to 1 P.M., on CHATEAU WOOD ROAD.
350 yards of ditching on high side of road from J.7.d.05.00 to J.7.d.7.1.
Culvert put under road at about J.7.d.35.15.
Earth formation for roadway continued for 50 feet at J.14.a.8.7. J.13.b.9.9.
- 25/9/17. Company working morning carrying up R.E. stores and established a Company Dump at J.14.a.8.7
Following stores carried up:-
125 shovels, 70 picks, 24 bundles French wire, 1350 sandbags, 14 bundles long corkscrews, 4 bundles medium corkscrews, 28 coils barbed wire. Also to J.13.a.5.9* carried up 50 shovels, 2500 sandbags, 5 coils French wire, 20 coils barbed wire, 5 bundles long corkscrews. Most of these stores were carried up from HOOGE.
O.C. 2nd. in Command, 2 N.C.O's. and 2 Infantry Officers in the morning fixed 40 pegs in No Man's Land on the alignment of the forming up tapes of the Brigade.
At dusk three parties each of two Infantry Officers and 4 N.C.O's. under the supervision of two sapper N.C.O's. laid 3850 yards of tracing tape for the forming up of the assaulting battalions and also 1750 yards on the retaping of GLENCORSE WOOD TRACK. Well at J.8.d.85.15 destroyed by shell-fire.
carrying straps
42 hot boxes, less/handles completed.
A.M.C. dugout at CULVERT (I.18.a.2.7) repaired. New dugout for A.M.C. sandbagged at side and entrance made for outer gas-proof door. Outer door fitted in. No party from 5th. Pioneers reported to assist.
14 special notice boards made.
- 26/9/17. Company worked, as per Company Order No. 5 attached. Situation at 7.30 p.m. Strong point "N" dug, wired and garrisoned.
Strong point "M" partially dug, but not garrisoned, a failure owing to swampy ground and heavy casualties.
POLYGON WOOD TRACK partially formed. Well taped and notice boarded. (Copy of my B.57 to G.R.E. attached).
- 27/9/17. Company carried up wiring stores and erected 760 yards of French wire in front of BLUE LINE and 380 yards of double apron fence in front of RED LINE.
New Well at J.8.d.85.15 started alongside the Blown-in one. Down 6 feet, timbered 4 feet 6 inches.
Reconnaissance made of all Pill boxes in Brigade Area.
- 28/9/17. Well at BUTTE commenced.
Well at J.8.d.85.15 deepened, now timbered 8 feet.
More notice boards erected on Communication tracks

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14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

28/9/17. Detailed sketches made of the BUTTE.
Company worked again on wiring of BLUE and RED LINES.
Carried up and erected 320 yards FRENCH wire and 300 yards double apron.

29/9/17. Coy. carried up wiring stores and erected 370 yds double apron fence and 420 yds French wire now making a total of 1500 yds French wire in front of the BLUE LINE and 1050 yds double apron fence in front of RED LINE.
(this does not include wiring of Strong Point "H")
Parties worked on wells at J 8 d 85.15 and at the BUTTE.

30/9/17. Parties worked on wells at J 8 d 85.15 and at the BUTTE.

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9 Gas-proof doors at Brigade Headquarters have been fitted and also numerous Notice boards have been made.

The Company received no assistance, except from the 100 attached Infantry, from Brigade, as regards carrying parties.

<u>CASUALTY REPORT</u>	strength 23/9/17	5 Officers	180	O.R's.
	includes 1 Officer and	57	O.R's. at Transport Lines.	
	strength 30/9/17	5 Officers	160	O.R's.
	includes 1 officer and	57	O.R's at Transport Lines.	
<u>LOSSES FOR PERIOD</u>	Killed in action		Officers	2 Other ranks.
	Died of wounds			
	Wounded			
	Injured sick.			
			23	
			3	
			<u>29.</u>	

TOTALS.

H. B. T. d

30th. Sept. 1917.

Major
O.C. 14th. Field Coy. A. E.

14th Field Coy Order No 5.

25/9/17. 25

4th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX "J"

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- 1 The 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION is to attack and consolidate on the line J.10 d.3.0 - JOIST FARM - JETTY TRENCH - JUBILEE TRENCH - J.4 d.3.6.
- 2 The 4th Field Coy is working with the 14th Infantry Brigade.
- 3 SOUTHERN BOUNDARY is the line J.9 d.25.85 and J.10 b.36.30. NORTHERN BOUNDARY a line parallel to the POLYGONEVELD ROAD at a distance of 100 yards on the North of it.
- 4 Approximately 100 men from the 5th Bn are attached for duty. They will be organised in 4 platoons numbered 1-4.
- 5 The BLUE and RED lines are shown on the attached sketch.
- 6 ZERO time is 5.30 a.m.
- 7 LIEUT. BURROWS i/c No 1 Section and No 1 Platoon will dig the Strong Point "N" at J.10 a.6.9.
- 8 LIEUT. LITTLER i/c No 3 Section and No 3 Platoon will dig Strong Point "M" at J.10 a.5.5.
- 9 LIEUT. FRY i/c No 2 and 4 Sections and No 2 and 4 Platoons will construct a track up the centre of the Brigade area connecting to the GLENCORSE WOOD TRACK.
- 10 Detailed instruction re Strong Points as to field of fire will be issued later, but officers can assume that they will have to wire the front of their S.P. with 2 rows of French wire with barbed wire stiffening.
- 11 Troops will leave the RED line to attack the BLUE at ZERO + 100 = 7.30 a.m.
- 12 Movement of Sections:
No 1 Section leave Coy H.Q. - 3.45 a.m. 3.30
No 3 do do do - 4.0 a.m. 3.45
No 2 and 4 do do do - 4.15 a.m. 4.0
No 1 and 3 Sections to arrive at their S.P.s by 8 a.m.
No 2 and 4 to commence work about 8.15 a.m.

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- 3 After completion of their S.P.s. Section Officers will get in touch with Lieut FRY to see if he wants any assistance.
 - 4 Sections will return to the camp when in the opinion of their officers their men are exhausted.
 - 5 The work to be done in consolidation is as follows, and Officers should get in touch with the Infantry Officers and give advice as to how they can be most usefully employed.
 - (1) Strong Points connected together to form a continuous trench system.
NOTE: Infantry on RED line should do this.
 - (2) Continuous line of French wire in front of line of posts. Infantry in BLUE line should be able to send back parties for necessary stores and fix this up themselves.
 - (3) A single apron fence on the line of strong posts. Each line of wire is to have four 30 yard gaps protected by a similar amount in front.
 - 6 Each man will carry his iron ration and an emergency ration.

Progress Reports to be sent to O.C. Coy at BDE. H.Q.

A. Buck told Major

O.C. 14th Field Coy RE

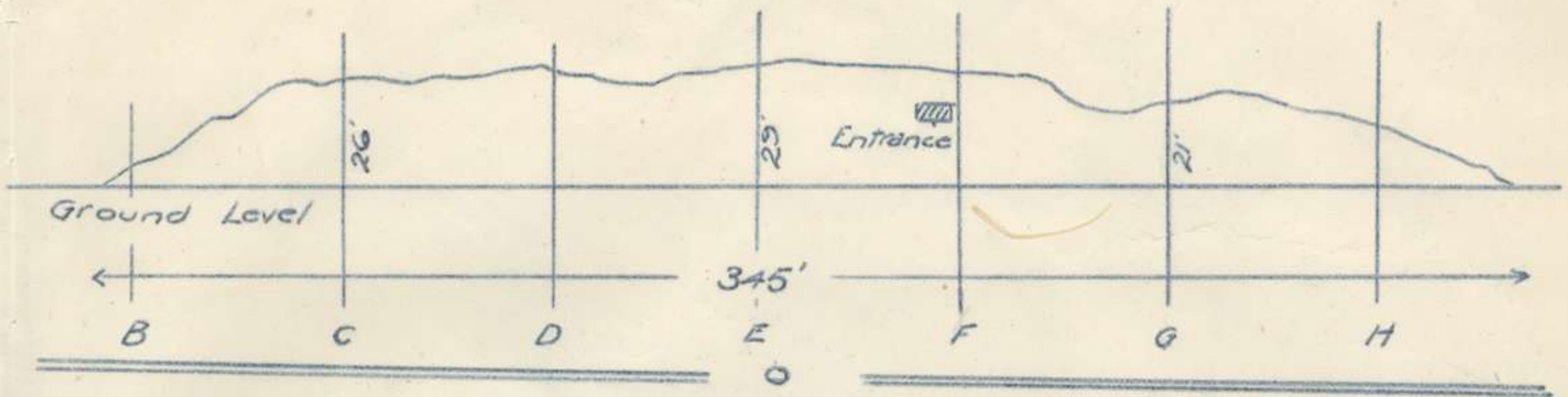
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GRE		14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.			
		5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION			
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A track is clearly marked and fairly well formed from J 9 b 3.3 through J 10 b 5.6 to about 100 yds from front line. aaa Strong Point "M" is well in hand. aaa Strong Point "N" has 3 fire bays completed, 2 M.G. Positions in hand, 1 Lewis Gun position on BUTTE completed. Location as pre-arranged. Work well in hand. aaa. 20 coils barbed wire and 30 coils French wire are being taken to Strong Point "N" aaa. Casualties slight aaa. Am now going up forward to organise wiring of front.					
From 14th Field Coy.					
Place					
Time					
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ELEVATION OF BUTTE

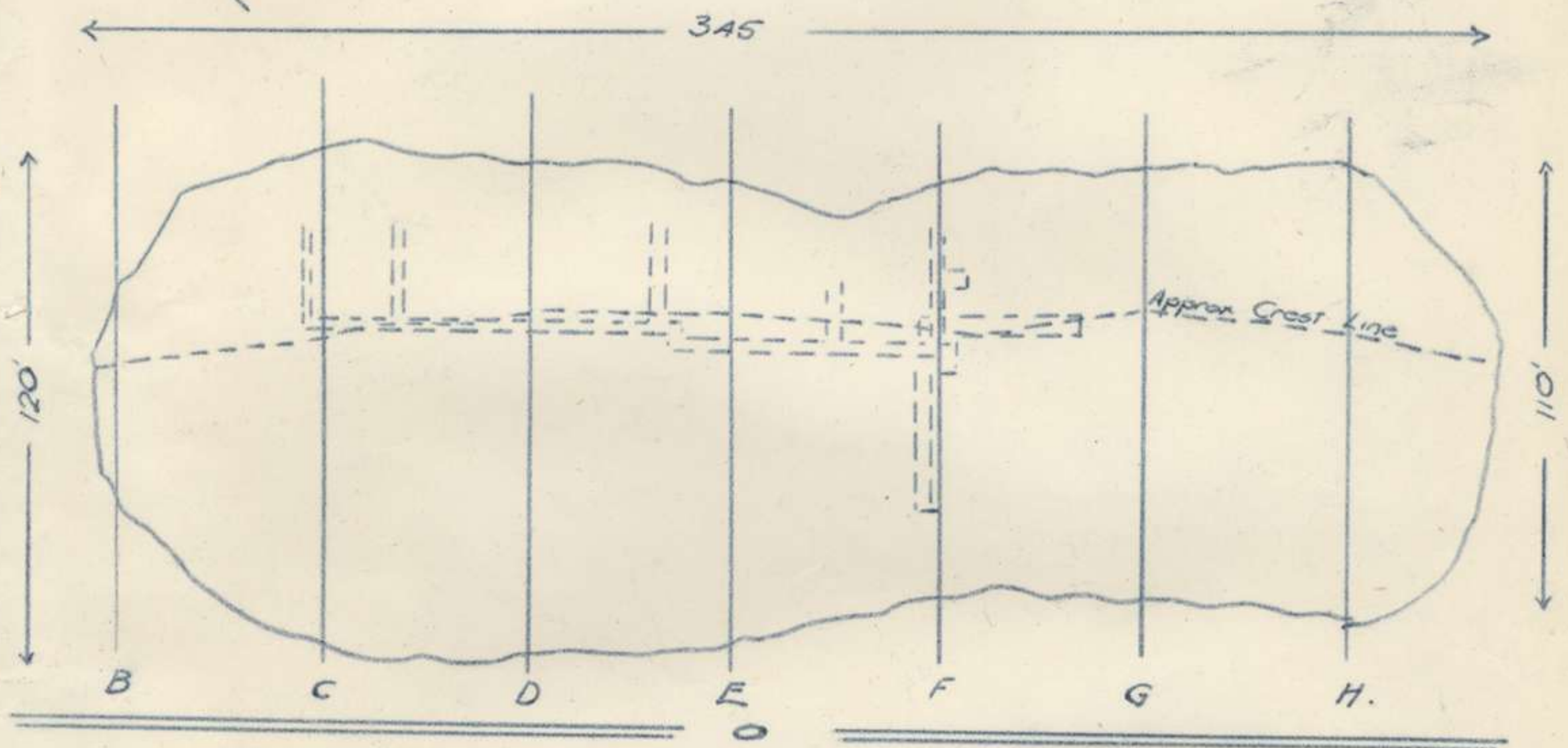
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Scale $\frac{1}{10}'' = 5 \text{ feet}$



PLAN OF BUTTE

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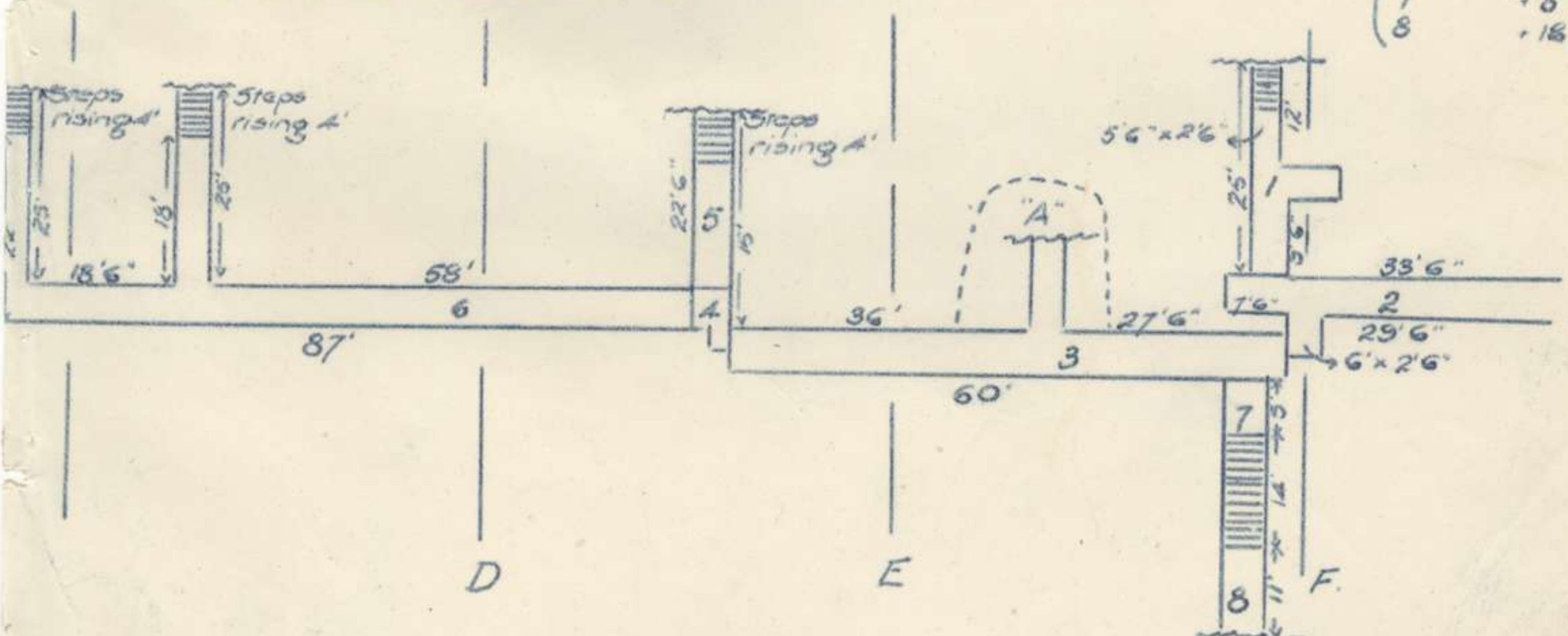


PLAN OF DUG OUT IN BUTTE

Scale $\frac{1}{10}'' = 2' 6''$

All Sections 6' x 4' except where otherwise shown.
All Section Levels are numbered
All Sets are in good condition over distances marked
and could be removed
All entrances on enemy side and particularly section
marked "A" are liable to be blown in.

Ground Level	0
1	feet + 3' 6"
2	+ 5' 6"
3	+ 6'
4	+ 5' 6"
5	+ 6'
6	+ 4' 6"
7	+ 8'
8	+ 18'



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14th. FIELD COMPANY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS,HANDING OVER REPORT30/9/17.

APPENDIX "M"

14th. FIELD COY ENGINEERS.
5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

The 14th. F.C. A.E. relieved the 1st. F.C. A.E. on the 23rd. inst. Except for one day working on ditching and corduroying the CHATEAU WOOD ROAD the Company has worked entirely in the forward area on consolidation and communications.

The defences of the sector are good and no more work is required to be done, provided that it is the intention to proceed with the advance and that no heavy rain falls.

The defences consist of:-

- BLUE ~~RED~~ LINE, in front of which is a double row of French wire.
- (a) A line of trenches and posts located approximately on the BLUE ~~RED~~ LINE, in front of which is a double row of French wire.
 - (b) A support line including one strong point located approximately on the RED LINE. Two well constructed double apron fences are in front of the right half of this line and one double apron fence in front of the left half.
 - (c) Reserves are situated in trenches further to the rear, but this Company has not done any work on them.

Troops get into the posts by walking over the open, the main communication track, is the GLENCORSE WOOD and POLYGON WOOD TRACK. This is formed to a certain extent and well notice-boarded.

Two wells have been sunk one at J.8.d.85.15 and one at J.10.a.-70.75. (Special report on these is attached).

Pack Transport can easily be got up to the BUTTE (J.10.a.7.8) Company Dump (R.E.) is at J.14.a.8.7., ample R.E. stores are lying alongside the CHATEAU WOOD ROAD.

As an outgoing Field Company I suggest that the work of most importance is the establishment of an R.E. Dump at the BUTTE and of small stacks of duckboards along the GLENCORSE WOOD and POLYGON WOOD TRACK, everything being in readiness to lay them directly the rain falls.

Henry Backlund

Major

30th. Sept. 1917.

O.C. 14th. Field Coy. A.E.

Attached:-

1. Trench Map ZILLEBEKE 1/10,000 ✓
2. Message Map, showing wiring in Brigade Area.
3. Report on Dugouts in Brigade Area. ✓
4. Sketch of Dugout in the BUTTE.
5. Geological map, showing water-bearing areas. ✓

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MESSAGE MAP.

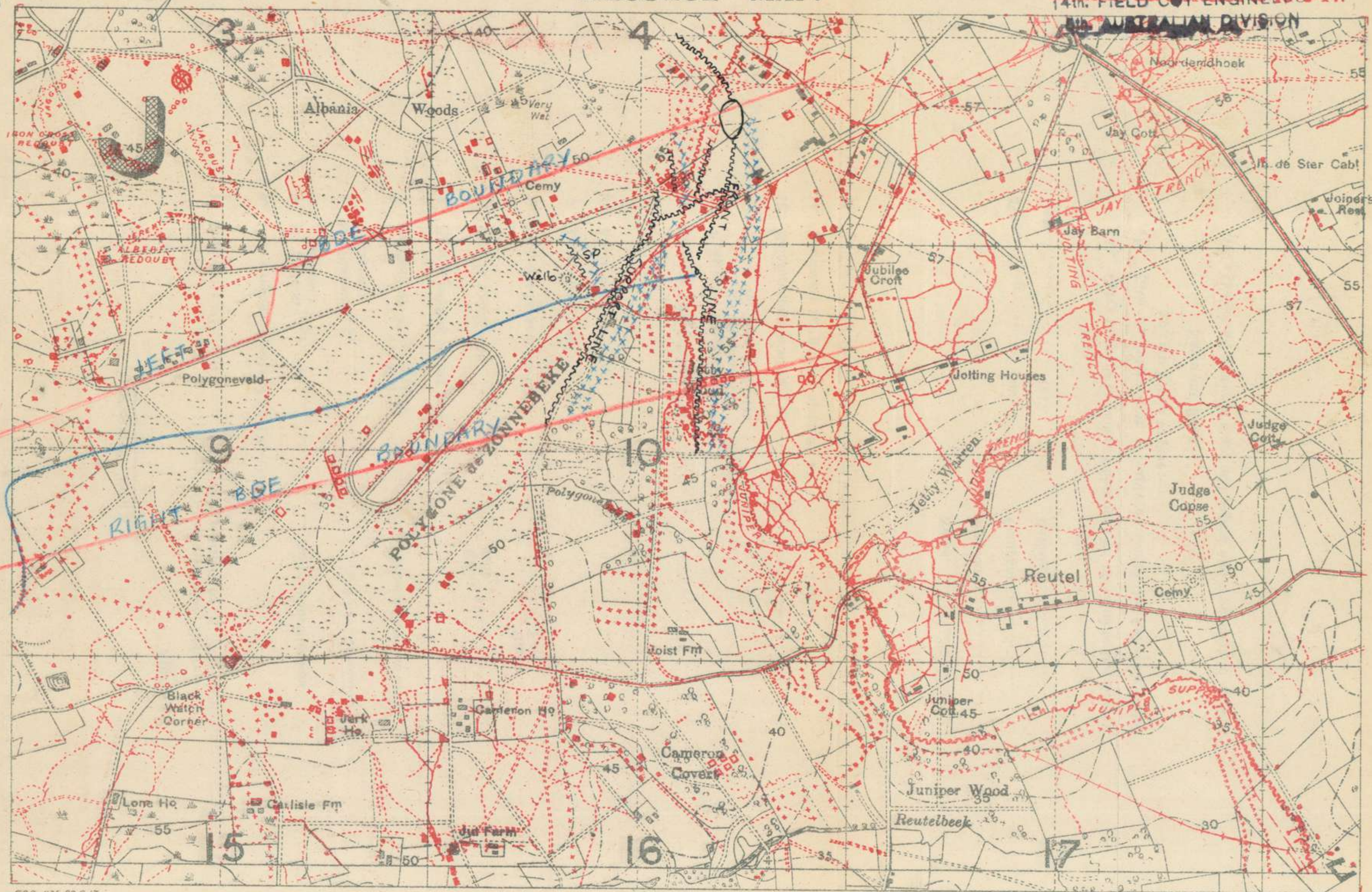
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Trenches to be verified 18-17.

14th. FIELD COY ENGINE 18-17.

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION



F.S.O. 1135 22 9-17

YARDS 500 400 300 200 100 0 Scale 1:10,000 500 1,000 YARDS

N°2 Advanced Section, A.P. & S.S.

C.D.Os. verified by Air Photographs

C.D.Os. reported by other sources, and not verified by latest Air Photographs

Old Gun Positions

Strong Point probably occupied

NOTE.—Air Photographs show practically no signs of wire anywhere in this area.

C.D.Os.—Concrete Dug-outs.

MESSAGE FORM.

To:—

No.

1. I am at..... (Note:—Either give Map Reference or mark your position by a 'X' on the Map on back.)
2. I have reached limits of my Objective.
3. My Platoon is at.....and is consolidating.
Company
4. My Platoon is at.....and has consolidated.
Company
5. Am held up by (a) M.G. at.....(Place where you are).
(b) Wire
6. Enemy holding strong point
7. I am in touch with.....on Right at.....
Left.
8. I am not in touch with.....on Right.
Left.
9. Am shelled from.....
10. Am in need of:—
11. Counter Attack forming at
12. Hostile (a) Battery
(b) Machine Gun } active at
(c) Trench Mortar
13. Reinforcements wanted at
14. I estimate my present strength at rifles.
15. Add any other useful information here:—

Name.....

Platoon.....

Time m.

Company.....

Date 1917.

Battalion.....

(A). Carry no maps or papers which may be of value to the Enemy.

(B). Give no information if captured, except the following, which you are bound to give:—

Name and Rank.

(C). Collect all captured maps and papers and send them in at once.

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Report on Wells
A 4'x3' well was sunk at T8d. 85.15 on the 23rd & 24th and timbered to a depth of 11 ft. At this depth water flowed freely, the first 8' was sandy loam, mixed with clay. The remainder running sand, further progress could only be made by sheet piling. Tests gave 2 measures of bleaching powder, this well was destroyed by shell fire on the 25th.

A similar well was sunk alongside the above on the nights of the 27th, 28th & 29th and timbered to a depth of 10'. The section was as above. Tests gave 1 to 1½ measures of bleaching powder.

Further progress could only be made by sheet piling.

At 9 p.m. 30/9/17 the well was intact and there was 4' of water.

A good deal of earth has been thrown in by adjacent shell fire.

Tested yield 50 gal. per hour.

Would recommend that every effort be made to keep this well open.

A well at the BUTT T10 a 7.8 was sunk on the 28th & 29th inst. Size 4'x2' and timbered to a depth of 11 ft, the last few ft. was red clay, and although water came in, it was only soakage. Tests gave water not fit for drinking.

Recommend that well be continued as it is in a comparatively safe place behind the BUTT.

Well T8d 85.15. is well notice boarded and a wire fence has been put round the one at the BUTT.

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HOT FOOD CONTAINERS

Constructed by 14th Field Company A.E.

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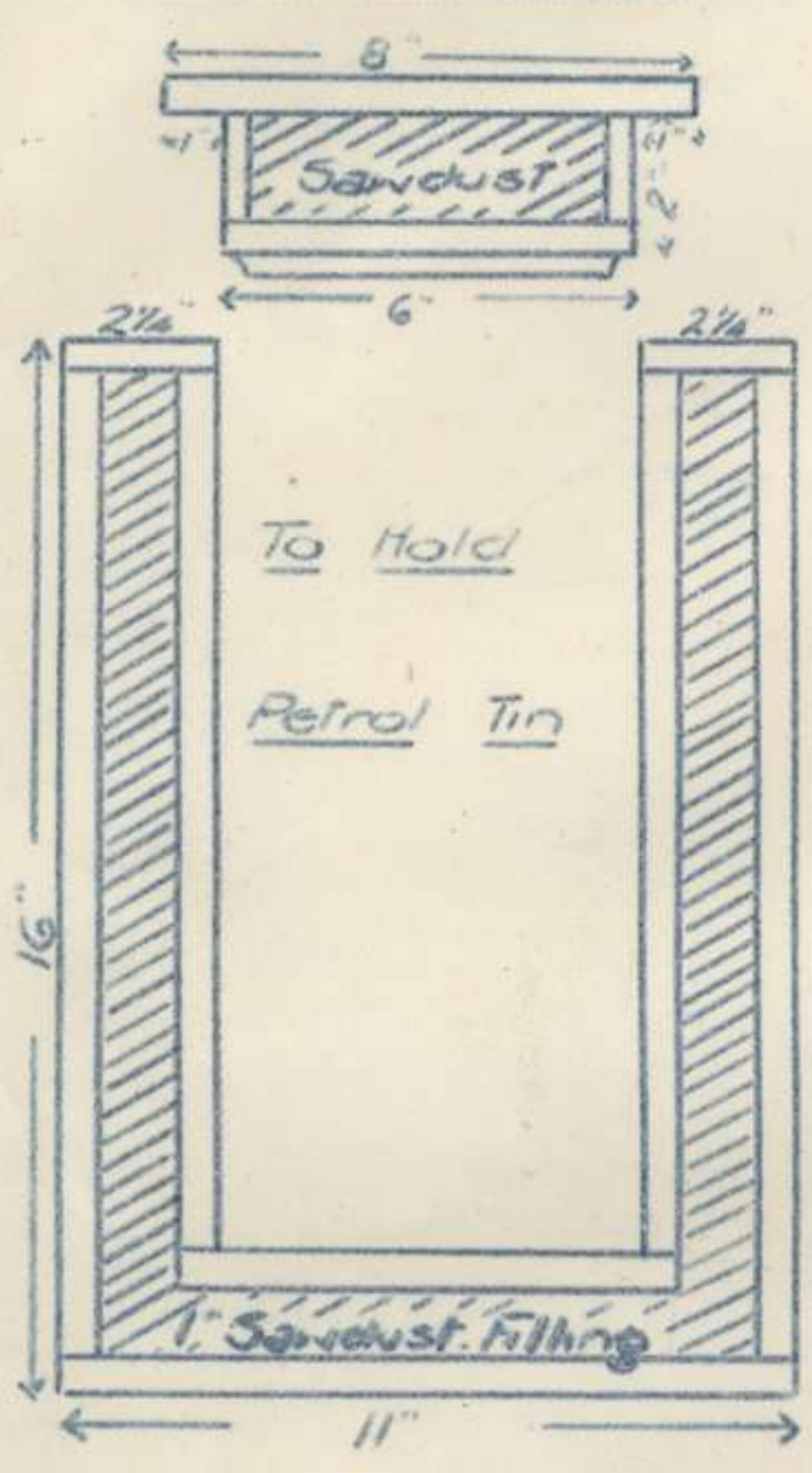
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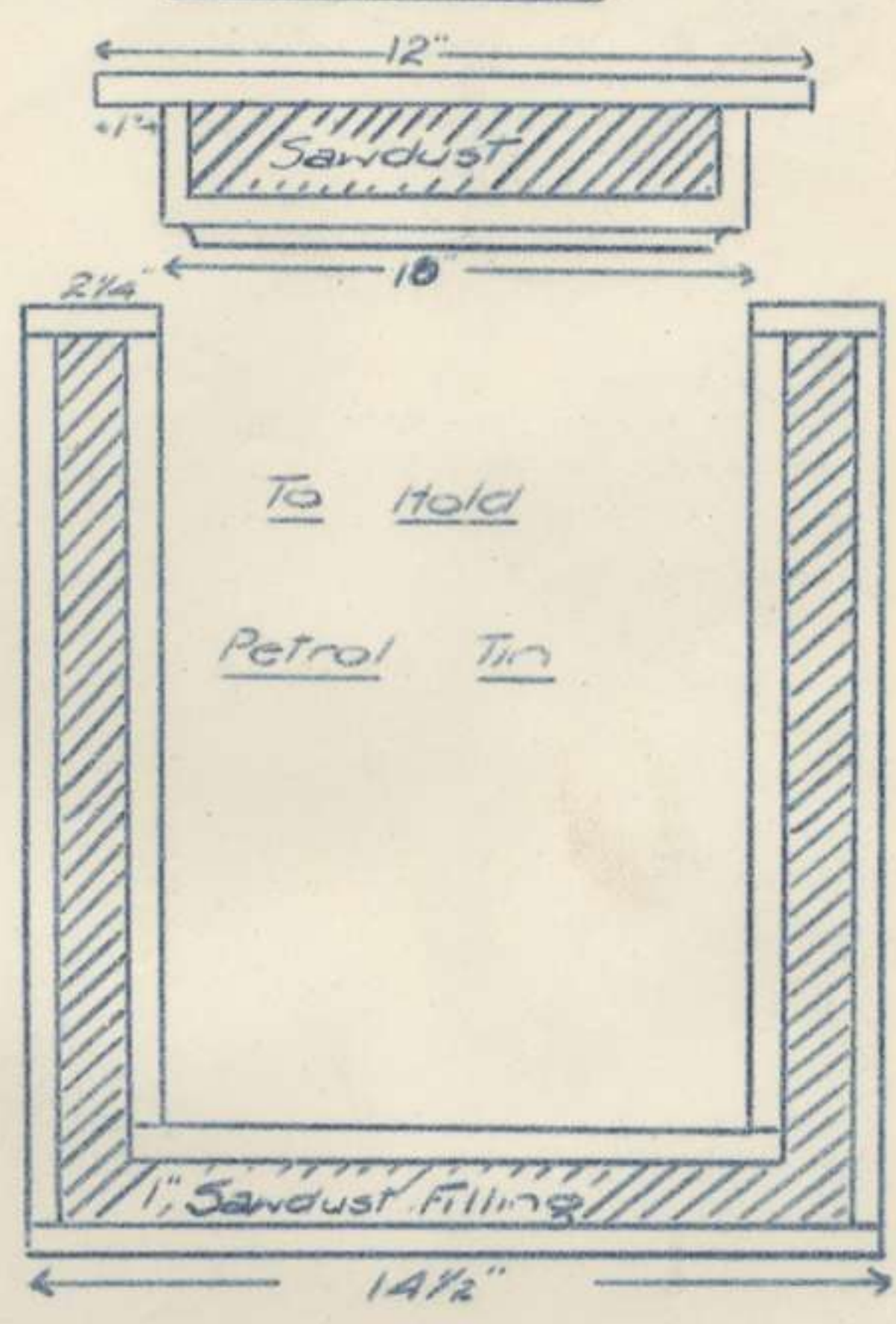
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Constructed from 5/8" Boards and Petrol Tins

LONGITUDINAL SECTION



CROSS SECTION



SKETCH

