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Australian Imperial Force.

**WAR DIARY**

OF

*14<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers*

FOR

*APRIL*

**1918**

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Place	Date	Hour	Original	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CLAIRFAYE SHEET 57 <sup>D</sup> Y40000 O.30.3.	1918. APRIL 1 <sup>st</sup> .		Company complete with transport accommodated in the CLAIRFAYE Aerodrome which had been vacated by the Flying Corps. Company drive and Gas helmet inspection during the morning. Fine day.		
LEALVILLERS SHEET 57 <sup>D</sup> Y40000	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Section drive and Gas helmet inspection during the morning. Nam. Verbal orders received from Cpt. That Company was to be ready to move to LEALVILLERS at 4pm. Owing to difficulties over billeting arrangements, move was not complete until 7pm. Village had been evacuated by civilian population some days previously. Portions of it had been occupied by detached units and stragglers consequently billets were in a filthy condition. Company Order issued by MAJOR H. BACHTOLD D.S.O., MC. Standing Orders in case of ALARM.		APP. 1.
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Company ready to move at 3 hours notice, regrouping of sections in billets and general cleaning up billets during the morning. Standing by during the afternoon owing to heavy rain.		
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Very wet day, beyond inspection parades no other training done.		
		5pm	Cpt. message N452 received		APP. 2.
		8pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Inf B.O.E. message B.M. 506 received		APP. 3.
		10pm	do do do B.M. 507 received		APP. 4.
	5 <sup>th</sup>	1am	Company Order N°4 issued to Sections, Lt. Fry details as Officer in charge of Company's Advance party. Company Embussed at 8.50 am debussing at 12.50 pm		APP. 5.

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BLANGY-TRONVILLE SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> 1/40 000	1918 April.			and branches to BLANGY-TRONVILLE arriving there 1.50 pm. REPORT on move from HEAVILLEES to BLANGY-TRONVILLE forwarded to C&E	App G.
N. 22. central. AUBIGNY SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> 1/40 000 O. 8. b. S. S.	5 <sup>th</sup>			Wet day, light rain during the morning but much heavier during the afternoon. Company comfortably settles down in billets, forms on open lines.	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 pm.		Fine day, rain settling in towards evening. Company marched out of billets at BLANGY-TRONVILLE and moves to AUBIGNY. Coy HQ and four sections now in billets. HQ at O. 8. b. S. S. Transport lines at DADURS N. 6 d. 7. 3. Two S.S. limbers and less cart and train with Coy HQ.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>			left 12.0 R. employed from 2.30 pm. to 8 pm. on construction of accommodation for 14 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Inf Bde HQ. at O. 17. c. 3. 5. Two officers with 8.0 R. out to night reconnoitring Bde front with a view to assisting battalions with their defences. CAPT. F. P. H. FENTRELL left the Company to-day on being transferred to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus. Div Engrs Showy day. Work done on providing accommodation at Bde HQ. O. 17. c. 3. 5. and Right and Left Reserve Batt <sup>n</sup> HQ. Salvaging of R.E. stores from villages of FOUILLOY and Company dumps established at O. 10. d. 4. 8. and O. 17. c. 2. 5. Reconnaissance of villages of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, FOUILLOY and AUBIGNY as regards work and cellar accommodation. RESERVE line SP <sup>3</sup> P. 19. b. 6. 8 and P. 19. d. 0. 9. tapes out and in former 15 <sup>th</sup> digging completed	

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AUBIGNY SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> . 1/40 000 O. 8. b. S. S.	1918	APRIL.	ORIGINAL	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Raining all day. Commences preparation for demolition of roads at O. 29 c 9.4, O. 30. c. 2. 3. and O. 36. 2. 3. 6. by tunnelling out from adjacent cellars.	App. 7.
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Further accommodation at Bof H.Q. completed also at Batt <sup>n</sup> H.Q. O. 23 c 3. 2. Salving of R.E. stores and filling up of dumps continued.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Dull day but no rain. Work as yesterday with the exception that 14 <sup>th</sup> Bof supplies a working party of 300 men for S.P. of RESERVE line. Preliminary instructions received re operations for the 11 <sup>th</sup> and arrangements made accordingly.	
10 <sup>th</sup>		Work continues on accommodation, Road mines and S.P. in RESERVE line.		
10 <sup>th</sup>		10am C.P.S. Engineer instructions of operation of 11.4.18 received	App. 8.	
10 <sup>th</sup>		Company instructions issued accordingly and preliminary arrangements put in hand	App. 9.	
10 <sup>th</sup>		6pm C.P.S. message N. 514 received.	App. 10.	
10 <sup>th</sup>		7.50pm C.P.S. memo 1/11/5 received and all company arrangements consequently cancelled	App. 11.	
10 <sup>th</sup>		Two pontoons with 30ft superstructure handed over to 15 <sup>th</sup> F. Co A.E. This morning.		
10 <sup>th</sup>		Conference held this morning at H.Q. D.E. attended by C.P.E., CO. 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneer Batt <sup>n</sup> and D.C. 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> Field Companies.		
10 <sup>th</sup>		Fine day.		
10 <sup>th</sup>		C.P.S. and LT FRAY finds site of tactical wire for RESERVE line in 14 <sup>th</sup> Bof sector.		
10 <sup>th</sup>		Local wiring of RESERVE line commences and digging of RESERVE line carries on with. Work at Bof and B <sup>n</sup> H.Q. etc in progress. One section now allotted to right half Bof area for work and one section to left half.		
10 <sup>th</sup>		Two remaining sections on mining roads, accommodation for Bof H.Q. dumps etc		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AUBIGNY SHEET 620 1/40000 O.S. b.s.s.	1918 APRIL 12 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	<p>ORIGINAL</p> <p>Fine day. 14<sup>th</sup> Bde supplies 600 men for work on RES. LINE. Mines at Cross Roads in VILLERS BRETONNEUX completed. Work on Salving, dumps and accommodation carried on with.</p>	
			<p>Cpl. memo 83/21/37 received. Sites chosen at O.4.c.20., O.2.a.0.8, N.18.d.0.5. and N.18.c.1.4. and work put in hand. Lt. Fry. out to night with Bde Major making a report on front and support line posts in Bde Area. Vis. Cpl. message L.M.6</p>	<p>App 12.</p>
			<p>Fine day turning to light rain during the evening. Bde supplies approx 300 men this morning for the RES. line. No night parties owing to battalion reliefs. 100 infantry attached from 14<sup>th</sup> Bde and organised into 4 platoons 3 platoons out digging and 1 platoon on dummy bridges.</p>	<p>App 13.</p>
			<p>Dummy bridges completed. Lt. Fry's report on front and support line defenses forwarded to Cpl. all other work as usual. Strengthening of existing bridge at N.5.b.4.1. and duplication for 5<sup>th</sup> D.A.C. put in hand</p>	<p>App 14.</p>
			<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. SM. Brown reported from A.G.B.O. and taken on strength Weekly Works Report forwarded to Cpl.</p>	<p>App 15.</p>
			<p>Fine day but very cool wind blowing. 14<sup>th</sup> Bde supplies approx 600 men for RES. line and RES. Bde 500 men. Bridges at N.5.b.4.1. completed. All other work as usual</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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AUBIGNY SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> . Y40000 O.8. b.5.5.	1918	April	Original	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Fine day but very cool. Parties similar to yesterday on RESERVE LINE. Commenced two trenches for deep dugout at Box HQ <sup>2</sup> .	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Fine day. Evening party of 300 men from 14 <sup>th</sup> BDE for work on RES. LINE cancelled tonight on account of probable evening attack on VILLERS BRETONNEUX, other wise all work the same as yesterday. Received C.P. wire HFI 043.	App 16.
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Dull day with light showers in the evening. Deep dugout at Box HQ handed over to 254 Tunnelling Coy R.E. No evening parties from 14 <sup>th</sup> BDE on account of inter-battalion relief. Parties from RES. BDE were withdrawn after having been started on works.	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Dull day with light showers. Batt <sup>n</sup> HQ commenced at 0.22. d. 7.1. for Right RES. Battalion. During to 53 <sup>rd</sup> & 54 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>ns</sup> having large gas casualties the RES. Batt <sup>n</sup> supplied very few men for work to day, also RES. BDE only supplied 300 men instead of 600 to day. 2 platoons attached infantry on wiring and two on deep dugout at 0.24. a. 48.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Major H. Brenton DSO MC. left Company this morning to take over duties as C.P. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Que Div. Capt S.F. Evans MC. detached from 15 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy A.E. and to command temporarily.	
			Dull cool day. Wire N 602 received from C.P. This means working parties from RES. BDE	App 17.

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Place	Date	Hour	Originator	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Auxiliary SHEET 62 <sup>o</sup> Y40000 O. B. B. S.S	1918 April 19 <sup>th</sup> (Cont'd)		Only 200 strong. These are for work in connecting up S.P. in Support line. Arrangements made with Det. 490 F Co R.E. for handing over work in Right Batt <sup>y</sup> Sector as far north as line S. and W through P. 19 central, this being the boundary between 5 <sup>th</sup> Aus Div. and 8 <sup>th</sup> Div after relief.		
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Received Superior Instructions No 1 from Cpt. and issued instructions accordingly. Lt LITTLER to hand over all work in forward area of sector concerned. Received 14 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Inf Bde Order No 137. Owing to battalion making arrangements for reliefs only small working parties were available.	App. 18. App. 19.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Work in Sector as far north as S & W line through P. 19. central handed over to 490 F Co R.E. Arranged with 15 <sup>th</sup> F Co R.E. to take over from them as far north as P. 9. central, this being the Bde northern boundary when re-arrangement is complete to night. Lt BULLOCKS with No 1 Section to work in left Batt <sup>y</sup> Sector and Lt BERT with No 4 Section to work in Right Batt <sup>y</sup> Sector. Lt LITTLER with No 3 Section to continue work on Switch Res. line and Lt SHAW with No 2 Section to continue work on deep dugouts in Right Battalion Sector. No working parties available from 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde owing to change over. 200 men available from Res. Bde and working on Support line to night. Dull cool day. Weekly Work Report to Cpt.	App. 19. App. 20.	
			All work going on as usual. Work on deep dugout at Bde HQ. Taken over again from 254 Tunnelling Coy R.E. They had dismantled to work commenced by this Coy which was in the nature of two shafts as the Quarry face was not suitable for tunnelling into. 254 Coy commenced driving straight in but when landed on to the Company again they		S.S. 6

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AUBIARY. SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> /40,000 O.8. b. 5.5	1918. April.	21 <sup>st</sup>		Little progress had been. It was decided to again commence two shifts. No working parties available from 14 <sup>th</sup> Bn other than those on deep dugouts. Received 15 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn Working party label No 2, four parties each of 100 men available for this company, 200 on left batt <sup>n</sup> Support line, 100 on Reserve line and 100 men on Res. Switch line. Fine clear day	
		22 <sup>nd</sup>		All work going ahead normally. 400 men from Res. Bn and 200 from 14 <sup>th</sup> Bn Fine day	
LA NEUVILLE SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> /40,000 I.33. d. 7.4	April.	23 <sup>rd</sup>		100 men from Res Bn at work this morning on Res. Switch line. All deep dugouts going ahead, four six hour shifts being worked by the sappers. 6pm - 7.30pm. Company billets at Aubiary heavily bombarded with Yellow Crow gas shells. Two men wounded and six others slighter gased owing to billets receiving direct hits before men could be got clear. All men moved clear of the village and to the west of it along the Aubiary-Drooves road. Arrangements made for company to billet at LA NEUVILLE (SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> I.33. d. 7.4). Necessary transport was sent up from horse-lines at Drooves and company moved by march route at 11.30 pm. Work completed by 1 am. Information having been received that enemy intended to attack VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX during the night, no working parties were available this evening.	
		24 <sup>th</sup>		Enemy attack on VILLERS-BRETTONNEUX (SHEET 62 <sup>D</sup> ) early this morning. Parties sent out as usual to work on Bn and LEFT B <sup>n</sup> Dugouts, dugouts at RT Bn <sup>n</sup> H.Q. being used as Bn H.Q. by their battalions, consequently there was too much congestion to allow work to be gone on with. All working parties available	

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LA NEUVILLE SHEET 62 <sup>o</sup> 1/40000 I.33. d.7.4	1918		ORIGINAL	
	24 <sup>th</sup> (Contd)	April.	During the morning orders were received from C.O.S. that Company was to stand by also all pontoon and transport equipment. Transport CAPT S.E. EVANS at 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q. during day and night, company standing by ready to move at a moment's notice.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Lt BERT and 12 sappers detached for duties with 15 <sup>th</sup> Aus Inf Bde in connection with counter attack being delivered on Villers-BASTONNEUX this evening. Normal again in this sector. Parties commenced work on dugouts at SUREX at P.7.c.19. also new deep dugouts commenced for Res. Battalion at 0.12.d.25. no working parties available, sapper and attached infantry labour only employed.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Similar to yesterday, except that N°3 section and 50 attached infantry continued work on SWISS RESERVE LINE. No working parties yet available.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Work on all deep dugouts now going ahead also SWISS RESERVE LINE. no working parties available to night, but will be supplied by 14 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde tomorrow night for work on Support Line. Fine day. Weekly Work Report to C.O.S.	App 21.
28 <sup>th</sup>		All work going ahead normally again now meaning that no parties are yet available from Reserve Bde. 3 Armoured Car traps consisting of trenches 3 ft wide and 4' deep dug across roads just behind our front line wire during the night at P.8.c.41, P.8.d.38 and P.20.a.0.8.		
29 <sup>th</sup>		All dugouts going ahead. Two shafts at light line battalion deep dugouts now connected with 6' x 3' drive. N°3 section with attached infantry working	J.P.S. 00	

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LA NEUVILLE SHEET 62° 1/40 000 I 33.d.7.4	April 29 <sup>th</sup> (cont <sup>d</sup> )		ORIGINAL	
	30 <sup>th</sup>	<p>at SWITCH RESERVE LINE</p> <p>no working parties available for work on forward trenches owing to battalion reliefs.</p> <p>All deep dugouts going ahead, also Switch line. 200 men available from 14<sup>th</sup> Bde for work on SUPPORT LINE and employed by Lt BUCKINGHAM on construction of continuous line.</p> <p>N<sup>o</sup> 3 Section employed a Switch line and strengthening cellars at Brigades HQ<sup>s</sup>. O.S.C.S.B.</p> <p>Lt H.W. FRY M.C. detached for duty with C.P.E.</p> <p>Coes dull day.</p>		
				<p>Sgt J. Brown Capt. A/oc. 14<sup>th</sup> F Co A.E.</p>

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OF

14th FIELD COY A. E.

FOR

APRIL 1918.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Company Order (alarm)
2.	Wire. N 452.
3.	" BM. 596.
4.	" BM. 597.
5.	Company Order No. 4.
6.	Report on move from TEALVILLIERS to BIANGY-TRONVILLE.
7.	Sketches of mines at Cross Roads... O. 36. a. 3. 6. " " ... O. 29. c. 9. 4. " " ... O. 30. c. 2. 3.
8.	Engineer instructions for operations of /4/1918.
9.	" " " "
10.	Wire. N 514.
11.	C. R. E. letter I/II <sup>4</sup> /5.
12.	" " 83/21/37.
13.	Wire. IM 6.
14.	Report on Nature and Condition of Front line & Support Defence of 14th Bgde.
15.	Works Report & Tracing showing work done during period 6/4/18. to 13/4/18.
16.	Wire. HFI 943.
17.	Wire. N 602.
18.	5th Aust. Div. Engr. Instructions No. 1.
19.	14th Bgde. Order No. 137.
20.	Works Report & Tracing showing work done during period 13/4/18. 20/4/18.
21.	Works Report & Tracing showing work done for week ending April 21st 1918.
22.	Transport Report.
23.	Medical Report.

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GRAPH showing strength of Unit for  
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APPENDIX 1



COMPANY ORDER

Appendix 1.

BY MAJOR H BACHTOLD . D.S.O. M.C. COMMANDING

14<sup>TH</sup> FIELD COY. AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

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STANDING ORDERS. IN CASE OF ALARM.

- 1, The alarm signal will be a succession of blasts on the whistle.
- 2, ~~On the alarm~~ Headquarters & sections with cycles will parade immediately on their respective alarm posts and await orders. Dress: Marching Order without packs. Blankets & packs to be left with one man in charge.
- 3, Drivers will harness up. hook in & await orders. Blankets to be left with one man in charge.
- 4, Lewis Gun Team and Company Guard will fall in with Headquarters.

H Bachtold Major  
 O C 14<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. A.E.

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APPENDIX 2/12

"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 8121  
(in pads of 100).

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m. Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of <i>Appendix 2</i> Service.	Recd. at.....m.
	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.			From .....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO {	8 <sup>th</sup> Field Company	
	14 <sup>th</sup> " "	Duplicate
	15 <sup>th</sup> " "	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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8<sup>th</sup> Field Company will move to night  
embussing at about 7pm under 8<sup>th</sup>  
Brigade Orders aaa 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Field  
Coys will move with 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade Group  
probably early to-morrow morning and will  
receive further orders from Brigade

N.B. 8<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. will probably embus  
on LOUVENCOURT - VAUCHELLES ROAD

From	C. R. E.	
Place	5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div.	
Time		4.15 p.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)  
Sgd. N. J. Nanole Lieut.  
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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**"C" Form.** *Appendix 3*  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

Code *M3 904* Words *35* Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp  
*14th Feb Coy* From *agn* At *7.40* m. *7.50* m.  
By *agn* To *15th Feb Coy*  
Service Instructions *Priority 2 of 11 pds*  
Office *7.40* m. Received *7.50* m.  
Sender's Number. *BMB 596* Day of Month. *14th* In reply to Number. *AAA*  
*You will be moving*  
*under orders 14th Bde*  
*embussing on LOUVENCOURT -*  
*ACHEUX ROAD head towards*  
*ACHEUX at 5.30 am tomorrow*  
*AAA Transport by march*  
*route AAA Detailed orders*  
*follow*  
M *14th Inf Bde*  
E & PLACE

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**C Form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 222  
(In books of 100.)

Prefix *SB* Code *JK* Words *41* No. of Message *75*

Received. Sent, or sent out. Office Stamp

From *Kgo* At *AYE* *4.IV.13.*

By *ws* To *14th Field Coy*

Charges to Collect

Service Instructions *Agn Priority*

Handed in at *14th Field Coy* Office *AYE* m. Received *9:30* m.

TO *14th Field Coy*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**

*Am 597* *4*

*Billetting parties of 1 officer 5 NCOs per Batt and one NCO per other unit of Brigade Group will report to Brigade representative about 0120y.o at 5 am tomorrow to Embus near head of Column*

FROM *14th Inf Bde*

TIME & PLACE

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25 14<sup>th</sup> Field Coy A.E. COMPANY ORDER N<sup>o</sup> 4

APPENDIX 5 + 6  
5<sup>th</sup> April 1918 15

By Major H. BACHTOLD D.S.O. M.C. commanding 14<sup>th</sup> Field Coy A.E.

Reference Maps { LENS 11  
AMIENS 17

- 1, 14<sup>th</sup> Field Company A.E. will move with 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. Infantry Brigade Group from present billets in LEALVILLERS by bus to the vicinity of AUBIGNY
- 2, The Company less transport and cyclists will march out at 4.45 a.m. to day and march via LOUVENCOURT and embus on the LOUVENCOURT - ACHEUX approximately at a midway point. The 25<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy will be ahead and the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Company in the rear.
- 3, Cyclists under L/Cpl ALLEN will proceed independently leaving at 5 a.m.
- 4, Transport will move with 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade Group marching behind the 25<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy and ahead of the 15<sup>th</sup> Field Company and will take the TOUTENCOURT ROAD at about 6.30 a.m.

Sgd. H. Bachtold Major  
O.C. 14<sup>th</sup> Field Company A.E.

APPENDIX 6.

14<sup>th</sup> FIELD COY A.E.

Report on move of 14<sup>th</sup> Field Company A.E. from LEALVILLERS  
to BLANGY TRONVILLE 5<sup>th</sup> April 1918

Reveille 3 a.m. Hot Breakfast 3.30 a.m.

Company less transport & cyclists left at 4.45 a.m. and marched to a point midway between LOUVENCOURT and ACHIEUX and embussed at 8.50 a.m.

Debussed on road at point North of Q in VECQUEMONT at 12.50 p.m.

Arrived BLANGY-TRONVILLE 1.50 p.m.

Company Settled in billets and had hot meal and rum ration at 7 p.m.

Cyclists moved independently at 5.30 a.m. and arrived 2 p.m.

Transport left at 6.30 a.m. and arrived 6 p.m.

Major

O.C. 14<sup>th</sup> Field Company A.E.

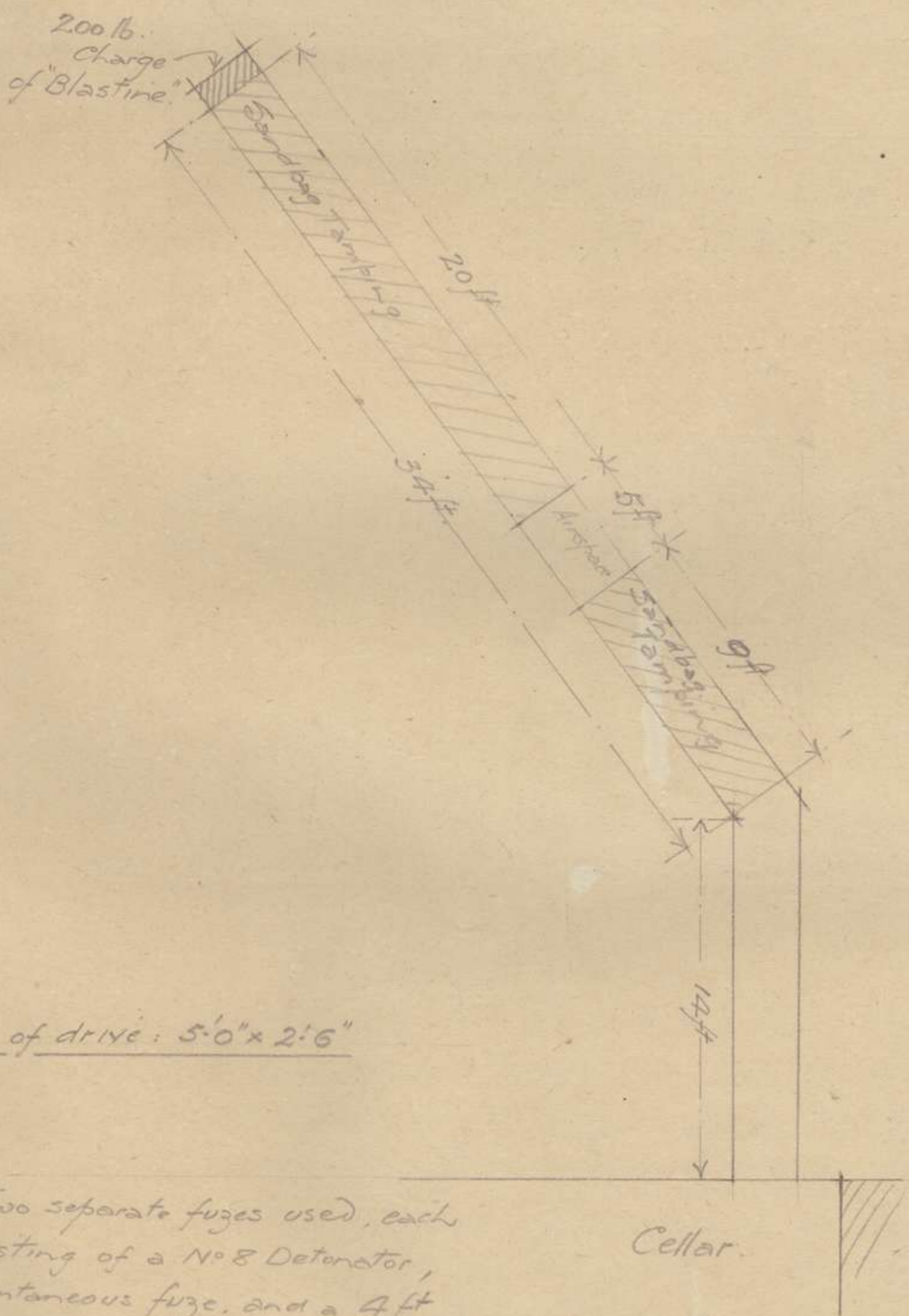
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SKETCH OF MINE AT CROSS-ROADS - O. 36 a 3.6

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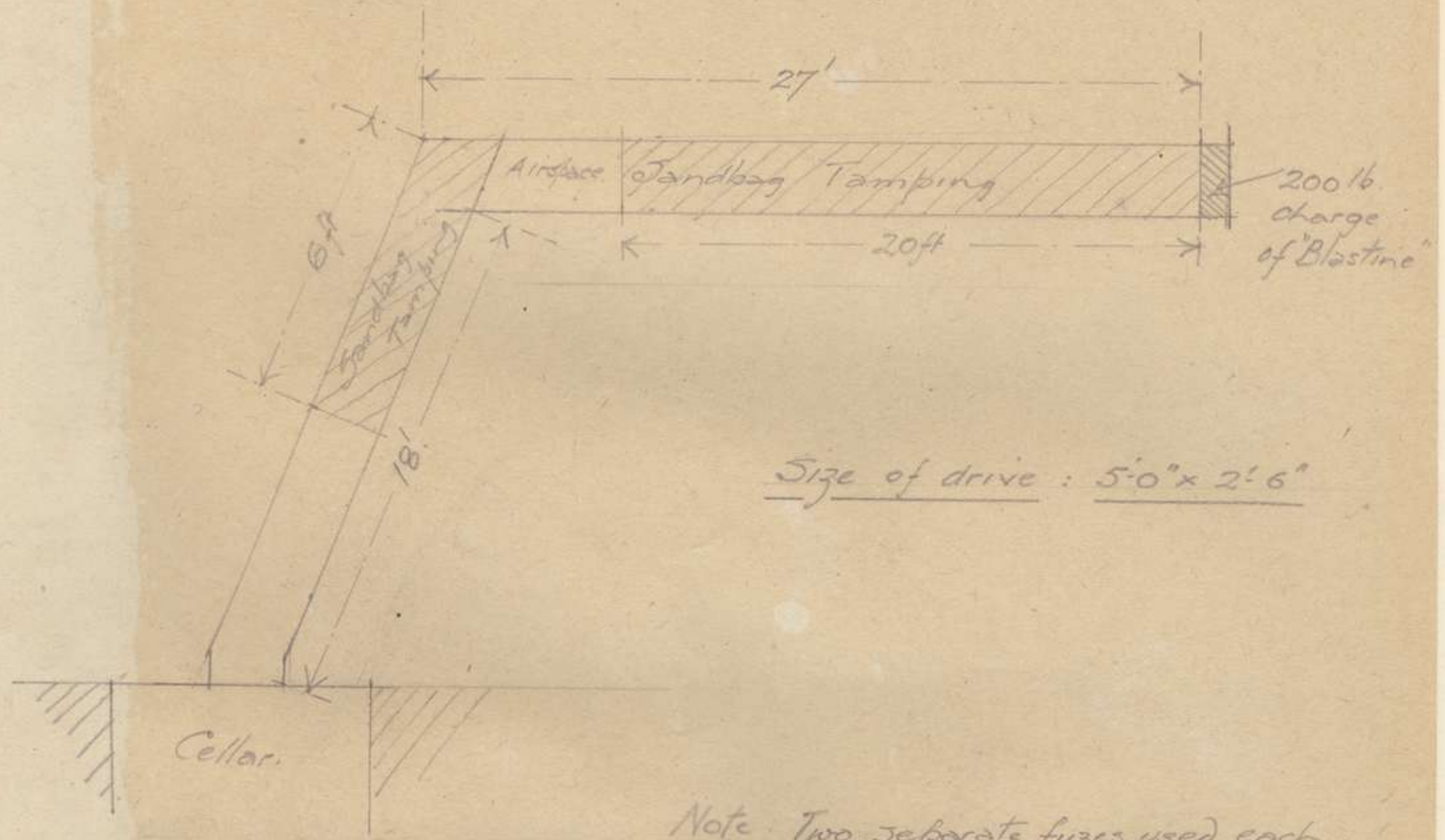
Size of drive: 5'0" x 2'6"

Note Two separate fuzes used, each consisting of a No 8 Detonator, Instantaneous fuze, and a 4 ft (2 Minute) length of safety fuze.

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SKETCH OF MINE AT CROSS ROADS - O.29.C 9.4

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Size of drive : 5'0" x 2'6"

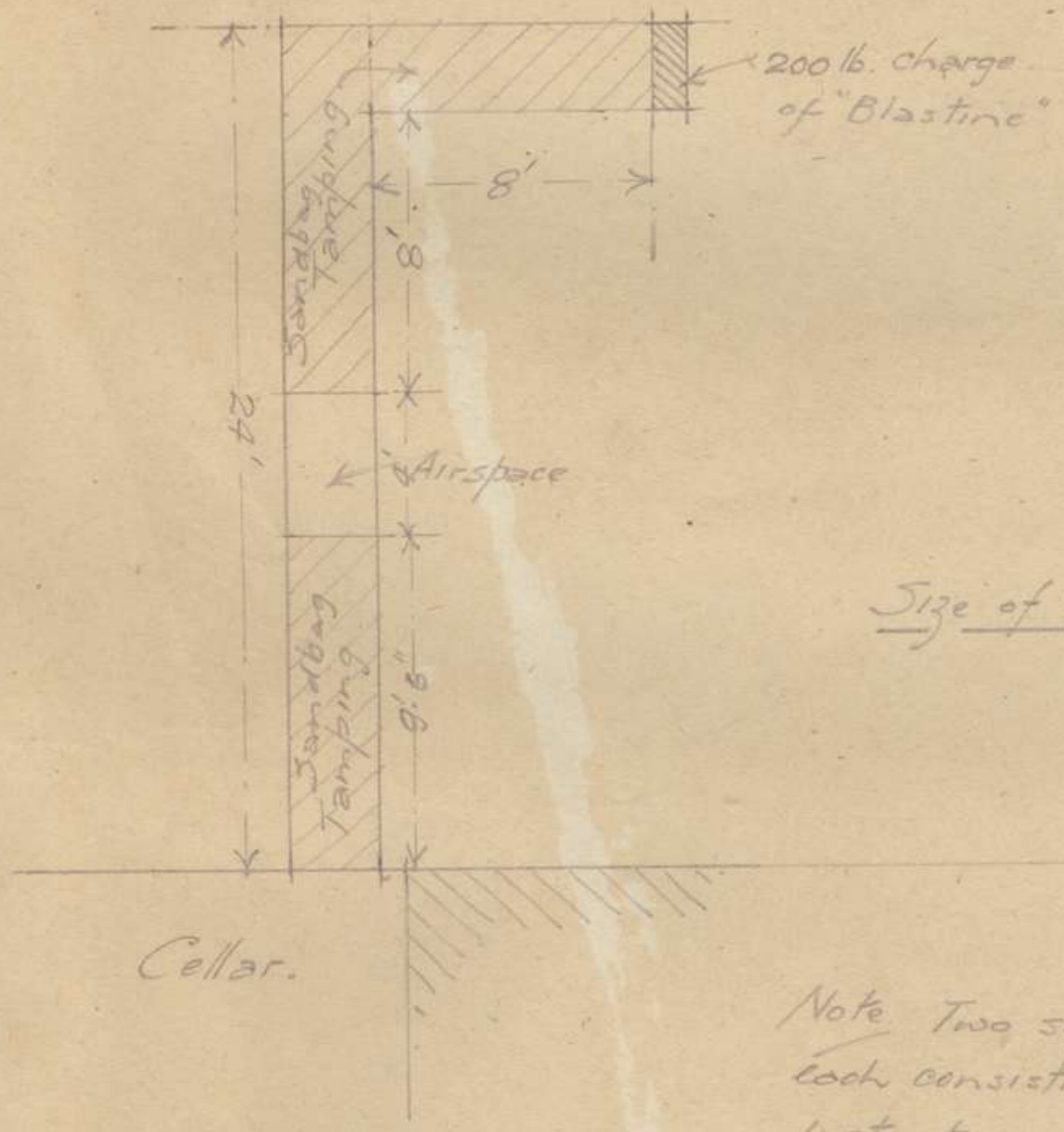
Note: Two separate fuzes used, each consisting of a N°8 Detonator, Instantaneous fuze, and 4 ft (2 minute) of safety fuze.

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SKETCH OF MINE AT CROSS-ROADS - O. 30. C. 2. 3

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Size of Drive: 5'-0" x 2'-6"

Note Two separate fuzes used, each consisting of a No 8 Detonator, instantaneous fuze, and 4 ft (2 minute) of safety fuze.

ENGINEER INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATIONS OF /4/1918.

GENERAL - The Divisional Engineers will be responsible for the location and technical supervision during construction, of Strong Points at locations shown below -

Strong Point	Map Location	Field Company responsible.
'A'	P.32.d.0.2 )	14th Field Co. Engrs.
'B'	P.33.a.3.4 )	
'C'	P.27.b.0.6 )	
'D'	P.22.c.5.8 )	15th Field Co. Engrs.
'E'	P.16.c.8.3 )	
'F'	P.17.a.4.0 )	
'G'	P.16.b.6.4 )	
'H'	P.11.a.6.6 )	

Location given can only be approximate, as best advantage must be taken of ground available.

NATURE OF STRONG POINTS - This will be the standard 'One Platoon' Post used in this Division. i.e. Two front firing bays of 24 feet length each, separated by a 12'x 12' traverse, with a wing trench set back at 45 degrees, on each flank, also 24 feet long each. Owing to the inadvisability of wasting men on daylight wiring, no wiring will be attempted till dusk when new parties will be arranged for to do this.

WORKING PARTIES - These will be found by 5th Aust. Pioneer Bn. and each S.P. party will consist of 20 men available for digging, under 1 officer and necessary N.C.O.'s.

TOOLS - Pioneers will arrange for their own tools.

TIME OF ADVANCE OF S.P. PARTIES - Owing to the attack taking place at dawn, it is advisable that S.P. parties should get onto the job as promptly as possible, so that, by the time daylight is well advanced they will be well dug down and have cover. Therefore Engineer Officers in charge of the S.P. parties will arrange to arrive on their tasks one quarter of an hour (15 minutes) after the Infantry have gained their final objective. Close liason with Brigades must be kept to facilitate this, so that the parties may not be unnecessarily exposed by coming up in daylight.

LIAISON WITH BRIGADES - Field Company Commanders will be at Brigade Headquarters during the operation, and will keep C.R.E. posted by brief, concise and frequent reports, and by sketches wherever possible to show the checked location and progress of S.P.'s.

RUNNERS - Company runner (cyclists) to C.R.E. must be used so as not to be dependent on D.R.L.S. C.R.E. will also be accessible at all times by telephone.

RECONNOISSANCE - Daylight reconnaissance, both of possible routes to S.P.'s, and of assembly positions will save enormous trouble and must be made.

RESPONSIBILITY - It is to be clearly understood that the Engineer Officers are absolutely responsible for the location and construction of S.P.s and the Pioneers for the digging only.

RELIEFS - The parties will be relieved when they are able to report to Brigade Headquarters that work is complete, and after relief must be assembled in rear positions and marched back as formed bodies under their officers.

REMARK - Separate instructions will be issued regarding subsequent wiring of posts etc.

ACKNOWLEDGE

10/4/18

*Copies to 8th Field Coy  
14 " " "  
15 " " "  
5th Aust Pioneers*

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col. A.E. C.R.E.  
5th Aust. Division

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~~Copies to 8<sup>th</sup> Field Co~~

~~14 " "~~

~~15 " "~~

~~5<sup>th</sup> Aust. Pioneers.~~

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I4th Field Coy A. E.

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Engineer Instructions for operations of /4/1918.

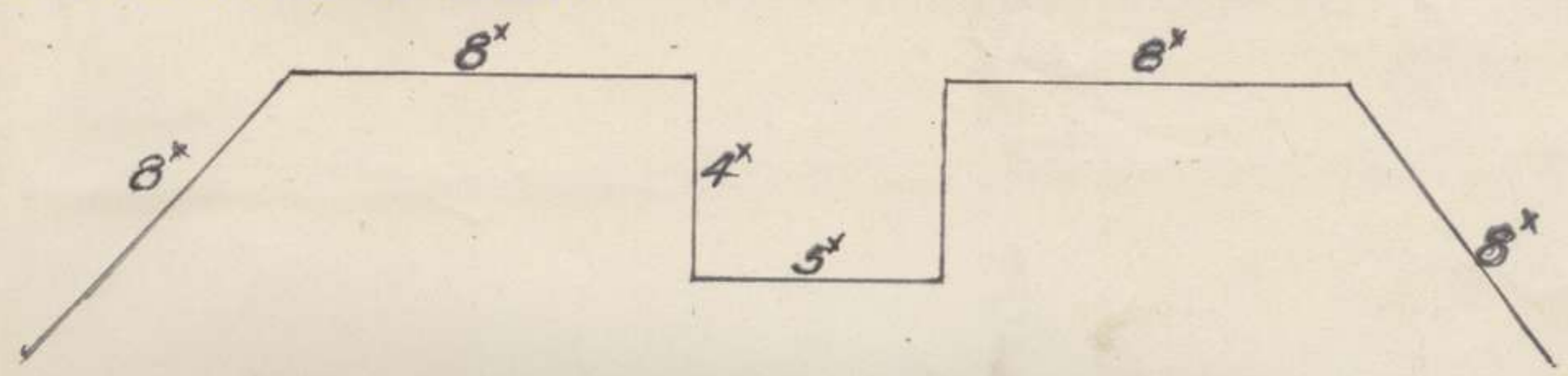
Reference Map 62D 1/40,000.

The I4th Field Company will be responsible for the location and technical supervision during construction of Strong Points at locations shown below.

- A. P. 32. d. O. 2.
- B. P. 33. a. 8. 4.
- C. P. 27. b. O. 6.

Locations are only approximate as best advantage must be taken of ground available.

Size of S.P. will be thus:-



No wiring will be done but arrangements will be made to wire same the following night.

Each S. P. will be dug by a party from D. Coy. 5th Pioneer Battalion strength I. Officer 25. diggers plus proportion of N. C. Os. One Lewis Gun will be carried. Lewis Gun team will dig with the exception of Nos. 1&2. Pioneers will arrange for their own tools. A good proportion of picks will be required.

Field Coy Supervision; :-

Lieut E. O. K. Green, 2/Cpl Smith and two sappers will be with A. party and will site and tape out A. Strong Point.

Cpl Farrand and two sappers with B. party will site and tape out B. Strong Point.

Lieut Best, 2/Cpl Phillips and two sappers with C. party will site and tape out C. Strong Point.

Both Officers after fixing their S. P. will move over to B. Strong Point and the first one arriving will either concur in the site already chosen or move it. If by this time the second has not arrived the first officer will move over to the next S. P. and do likewise that is assuming the second officer has become a casualty.

S. P. Parties will assemble at the following places at ZERO minus 1. hour.

- A. party..... O. 24. a. central.
- B: " ..... { O. 18; a. central.
- C. " ..... {

A. Party will advance along road running approximately S. E. through Cross Roads at O. 24. a. 5. 2. and will pass the Cross Roads at ZERO.

B. Party will advance along road running S. E. through Cross Roads at O. 18. d. 1. 4. and will pass the Cross Roads at ZERO.

C. Party will advance along road running S. E. through Cross Roads at O. 18. b. 5. 3. and will pass the Cross Roads at ZERO.

O. C. Coy will be at Brigade H. Q. during the operations.

S. P. Parties will be relieved after they have reported to Bde H. Q. the completion of their Strong Points. The latter will then arrange for Infantry garrisons.

R. E. Dumps

Main Dump:- Fouilloy O. 10. d. 4. 8. (see over)

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Ede Dump. O.17. c. 2.5.

Forward Dumps

No. 1. .... Cross Roads O. 24. a. 5. 2.  
No. 2. .... " " O. 18. d. 1. 4.  
No. 3. .... " " O. 18. b. 5. 3.

Stocks on dumps will be notified later

Reports

Lieuts. Green and Best will keep O.C. Coy well posted with reports. Each officer will take one runner in addition to the 2. sappers detailed for the taping out.

Responsibility

Officers must clearly understand that they are absolutely responsible for the location and construction of S.P's. and the Pioneers for digging only.

Jumping off line and Approach Tracks.

Lieut Burrows will mark out a skeleton jumping off line and approach tracks as per attached tracings.

Water

A dump of 200. filled petrol tins is being made in cellar at right line Btn H. Q. O. 30. c. 3. 5. and arrangements made for filling of any empty tins brought there.

Coy Employment.

One officer 3. N.C.O's and 36. men on mining x Roads will carry on with their work. All officers and men not employed in this order or on dumps will stand by at Company H. Q.

10/4/1918.

(signed) Harold W. Fry. for Major  
O.C. 14th Field Coy A.E.



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*DUPLICATE*

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

TO { 14th Field Coy A.E.

Sender's Number. * <u>N 514.</u>	Day of Month. <u>10.</u>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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Operations for taking Red Line  
are cancelled aaa.

Operations for taking Green Line  
may take place but day is  
not fixed aaa Acknowledge

From	<u>C.R.E.</u>	
Place		
Time		

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C. R. E.  
5TH AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.

Appendix 11

No. 11/114/5

**SECRET**

OC. 14th Field Coy Bn.

10/7/18

7.50 pm

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① All offensive is cancelled, as far as this Division is concerned, indefinitely.

② I am consulting with General tonight on present policy which is (naturally in view of ①) defensive, and will issue instructions when policy is laid down as to how we will cooperate with the Infantry.

③ In the meantime you can assume that great efforts must be concentrated on strengthening the Div. Res. Line, by digging more S.P.'s, improving those now there, and wiring the whole line of posts. Please act in accordance with these all further instructions.

10/7/18

Thomas Hol  
CRE 5 A B.

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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

- O.C., 14th. Field Co.
- 15th. Field Co.
- 8th. Field Co. (for information).

Appendix 12

C. R. E.,  
5th AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.  
No. 83/21/37  
Date.....

The 14th. and 15th. Field Companies will erect at once, dummy bridges consisting of a strip of hessian 12 feet wide, suspended in a horizontal plane, across the SOMME at sufficient height to allow tow path traffic.

The 14th. Field Company will take the strip of River from O.5.c.4.7. to N.17.c.7.4. and the 15th. from O.5.c.4.7. towards front line.

Sites should be chosen (and this Office notified when dummies are in position) which would NOT be suitable for actual bridges.

The object is to endeavour to deceive the enemy on his Aero-plane Photos so as to draw fire from actual bridges.

About 4 should be erected by each Company concerned.

Shaw to take  
this on B

12.4.18.

*[Signature]* Lieut.-Col., A.E.,  
C.R.E., 5th. Australian Division, ..

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~~O. 4. 2. 0~~  
~~O. 2. 0. 8~~  
~~N. 12. 10. 9. 2~~  
~~N. 18. 1. 0. 5~~  
~~N. 14. 1. 4~~



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"C" Form.

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APPENDIX 13.

\*Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

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Please report on nature and condition of post line and support defence line in your brigade areas. This must be done by consultation with Brigade Staff and reconnaissance at dawn or dusk at your discretion. Please treat as urgent.

2.15 pm

FROM

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200 lbs Little  
report F. Coy # 1  
7 pm

What about size  
trench

2' 6" x 3' deep

3' 9" deep x 3' 6"

Little wants  
250 at 9 am  
150 at 1 pm  
150 at 9 am  
150 at 1 pm

252 Report on Nature and condition of Front Line and Support  
Defence of 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade

The front line and Support Line each consist of a line of posts 30 to 40 yards long and accommodating one platoon. The fields of fire are good the minimum being about 200 yards in one of the posts near the right flank of the Front Line: the trenches are mostly of wavy type and are deep dry and in good condition. In places where the depth is too great for using the rifle firestepped recesses have been cut in the parapet. A few rough shelters have been built with Waterproof sheets and other odd material. No wiring has yet been done except single apron fences round two posts in the Support Line at about P. 19 c. 8.2. A start was to be made last night to wire some of the Right Battalion front line posts.

The Front Line of the Right Battalion consists of six posts marked A. B. C. D. E. F on attached map.

The Front Line of the Left Battalion consists of four posts marked G. H. L. M also post K (approx. position only) which is to be withdrawn to about P. 19 d 85 when post H will probably be used as a support ~~post~~ line post.

The Support Line runs about 400 to 500 yds to rear of the front line approximately on the line shown on the map. Alterations are being made on this line and new posts are to be dug so that the actual positions of all posts cannot be shown at present. Existing posts are shown approximately on the map and are marked O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W.

Sgt. Harold W. Fry Lieut  
 13. 4. 1918

14<sup>th</sup> Field Company A.E.

APPENDIX 15

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Works Report for Period 6 a.m. 6/4/1918 to 6 a.m. 13/4/1918

Subject	Location	Progress	State of Completion	Remarks
ACCOMMODATION	O.17c. 3.5	Platforms cut in chalk cliffs for huts & 10 c.iron huts erected. average size 12'x6'x6'. 16 Bunks put in. Huts floored & sandbagged	100%	Brigade H.Q.
	O.23a. 5.6	One shelter 10'x7' completed with salvaged miscellaneous material. One shelter 5'x5' revetted with c.iron.	100%	Bn. H.Q.
	AUBIGNY	Reconnaissance of wells & cellars completed	100%	
	FOUILLOY	do. do. do. do.	100%	
	VILLERS. BRETONNEUX	do. do. do. do.	100%	
MINING	O29c 9.4	43 ft drive completed - charge laid with fuze & tamped	100%	
	O30c 2.3	34 ft do do do do	100%	
	O36a 3.6.	50 ft do do do do	100%	
WIRING	See	attached tracing - 648 yds double apron entanglement erected.		
STRONG POINTS				
2	O30d. 2.6	Excavation		
3	O30d. 3.9	do.		
4	O30b. 15.35	do.		
5	O30b. 25.80	do.		
6	O24d. 6.2	do.		
7	O24d. 25.50	do.		
8	O24a. 95.10	do.		
9	O24b. 2.6	do.		
10	O18d. 45.00	do.		
11	O18d. 25.50	do.		
12	O18c. 95.80	do.		
13.	O18a. 75.10	do.		
51	O18d. 9.4	do.		
MISCELLANEOUS	-	952 yds trenches dug connecting S.P.s. to form Reserve Line 2 Company Dumps formed at O10d. 4.8 & O17c 3.5 Cellars at 53 <sup>rd</sup> & 54 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> H.Q.s strutted. 200 Petrol Tins filled with water & stored in cellars at O30 c 3.5 Brigade jumping off ground & approach tracks pegged out 750 Tracing pegs made at Coy. H.Q. Two Nissen Huts dismantled at H.Q.D.E.		

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Sgd. H. Bachtold Major  
O.C. 14<sup>th</sup> Field Coy. A.E.

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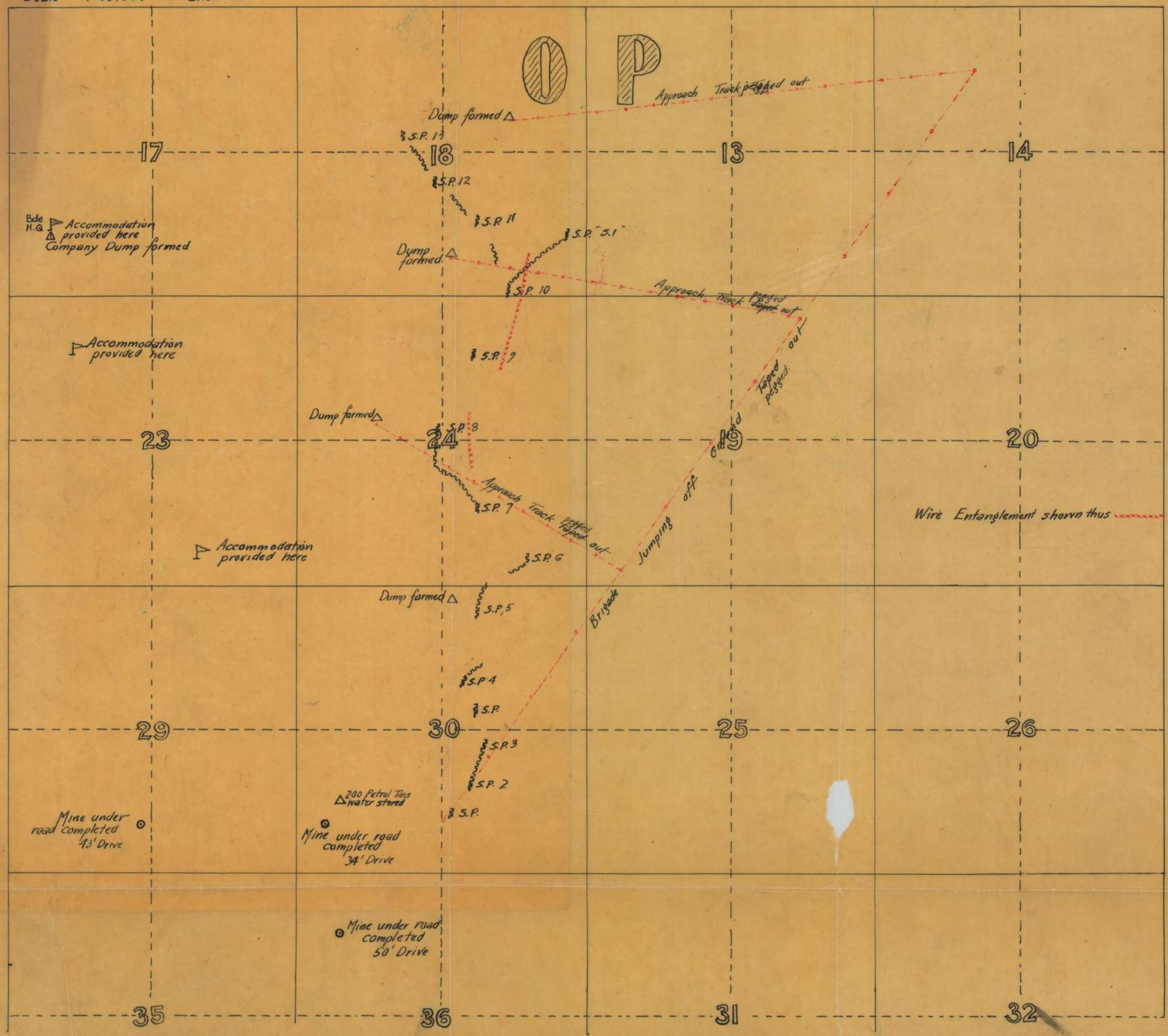
14<sup>th</sup> Field Coy A.E.

# Sketch Showing Progress of Work

For Period 6am 6/4/18 to 6am 13/4/18

For Progress in Accommodation Strong Points etc. see Works Report

Scale 1:10,000 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup>



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TO { 14" Field Co APPENDIX 16.

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The 254<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Co RE is taking over work on deep deposits at right brigade Headquarters at 9.0 am 17<sup>th</sup> instant. Can you please arrange to have an officer at right brigade Headquarters at 5.30 pm today to explain to officer of 254 Tunnelling Co. what work is being done.

8.10 pm  
16/4/18

From	CRE	5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div.	
Place			
Time			12.30 pm

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TO 14th Field Coy Appendix 17

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Reference Reserve Brigade tactical  
 D.P. Table No. 1 aaa Serial No. 7  
 will be 50 strong to-day Serial  
 No. 6 will report as specified in  
 table aaa This arrangement  
 will hold until 21st Inst.  
 Serials No. 8 & 9 will not  
 report until 20th Inst.

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FROM CRE 5th Art Bde 8am  
PLACE & TIME

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Appendix 18.

Headquarters 5th. Australian Division & Engineers.

5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.

1. If the situation permits, the boundary between the III and Aust. Corps is to be adjusted as follows :-  
From P.19. central westwards along GRID Line to N.24.a.0.0. - along BLANGY TRONVILLE Road (inclusive to Aust. Corps) - Railway at N.22.c.4.2. - along Railway to M.24.a.6.9. - thence due north to River SOMME - thence as before -.
2. The 25th. Inf. Brigade, 8th. Division, will take over the Right Brigade front of 5th. Aust. Division, as far north as the new inter-Corps Boundary (vide para.1.) on the night 20/21st. April. 5th. Aust. Division front will then be readjusted.
3. At 9 a.m. on 21st. April the 5th. Aust. Division comes under the Command of the Aust. Corps, and the new Corps Boundary comes into force.
4. (a) 2nd. Field Coy. R.E. will relieve the 8th. Field Coy. A.E., on work on AUBIGNY Line south of new Divisional Southern Boundary.  
(b) 490th. Field Coy. R.E. will take over work on front system, south of new Divisional Southern Boundary, from 14th. Field Co. A.E.  
(c) 22nd. D.L.I. will take over from 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn., the control of the 3 road mines in VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.  
(d) Reliefs will be completed by 9 a.m. 21st. inst..
5. Officers from Units concerned of 8th. Division will meet Officers of 8th. and 14th. Field Coys., and 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. at the Headquarters of each of the Australian Units concerned at 9 a.m. 20th. inst., so that arrangements may be made to shew relieving Officers over work, and to hand over.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*V. Mather* Lieut-Col. A.E.  
C.R.E.  
5th. Australian Division.

19/4/18.

- Copies to :-
- 8th. Field Co.
  - 14th. Field Co.
  - 5th. Pioneer Bn.
  - C.R.E., 8th. Division.



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SECRET.

Copy No. 13.

14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 137.

REFERENCE:

Sheet 62 D. 1/40,000.

Headquarters,  
19th. April, 1918.

1. (a). The southern boundary of the Australian Corps is to be adjusted as follows:- from P.19.central along E. and W. grid to N.24.a.O.O.
- (b). The 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 5th. Infantry Brigade on the night 20th/21st. April in the sector from the VILLERS BRETONNEUX-MARFUSEE ROAD (exc.) to the E. and W. grid through P.19.central.
- (c). On the night 21st/22nd. April the 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will increase their frontage to the north, taking over the front from the 8th. Brigade to the road in P.8.b. (inc).
2. Moves will be made in accordance with the attached table.
3. Maps, documents and information appertaining to the sector will be handed over on relief. All S.O.S. signals in right sector and 50% in left sector will be handed over. Mobile reserves of tools will be withdrawn by units. Ammunition dumps will be handed over in situ.  
Receipts will be obtained for all stores handed over and a copy of each forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of completion.
4. (a). Reconnaissances of new billeting and bivouac areas will be made in accordance with instructions in "Forecast of Relief" dated 18th. April.
- (b). Rear Headquarters and quartermasters stores will remain in AUBIGNY.
5. One battalion, four company and 16 platoon guides will be detailed to meet incoming units as follows:-
  - (a). 54th. Bn. All guides at Cross Roads O.22.a. at 7.30 p.m.
  - (b). 55th. Bn. and left line Coy. 56th. Bn. Battalion and Company guides at Cross Roads O.22.a. at 8.30 pm. Platoon guides to be collected under Battalion arrangements.
  - (c). 56th. Bn. (less left line company). Battalion and company guides at Cross Roads O.22.a. at 9.30 p.m. Platoon guides as in (b).
  - (d). 53rd. Battalion will not move from FOUILLOY on 21st. inst. to take over from 8th. Brigade units, before 8pm. Details of guides etc. will be arranged direct between Commanders concerned.
6. Subject to the terms of this order, details of relief will be arranged direct between Commanders concerned.
7. Completion of relief will be notified in Code to Brigade Headquarters. Completion of move to new position will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by the code name of the unit.
8. 14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters will close at QUARRY and open at small chateau in CORBIE (location to be notified later) on completion of relief.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE (units by wire).

*Acknowledged*

*A. G. H. Major,*  
Brigade Major,  
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

<u>Issued through Signals at</u>	<u>p.m. to:-</u>
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53rd Battalion.	1.
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55th Battalion.	3.
56th Battalion.	4.
14th L.T.M.B.	5.
14th M.G.Coy.	6.
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Staff Captain.	8.
5th Australian Division.	9.
A.D.M.S.	10.
24th Infantry Brigade.	11.
3th Aust. Infantry Brigade.	12.
14th Field Coy.A.E.	13.
15th Field Ambulance.	14.
5th Divisional Artillery.	15.
No.3. Sig Section.	16.
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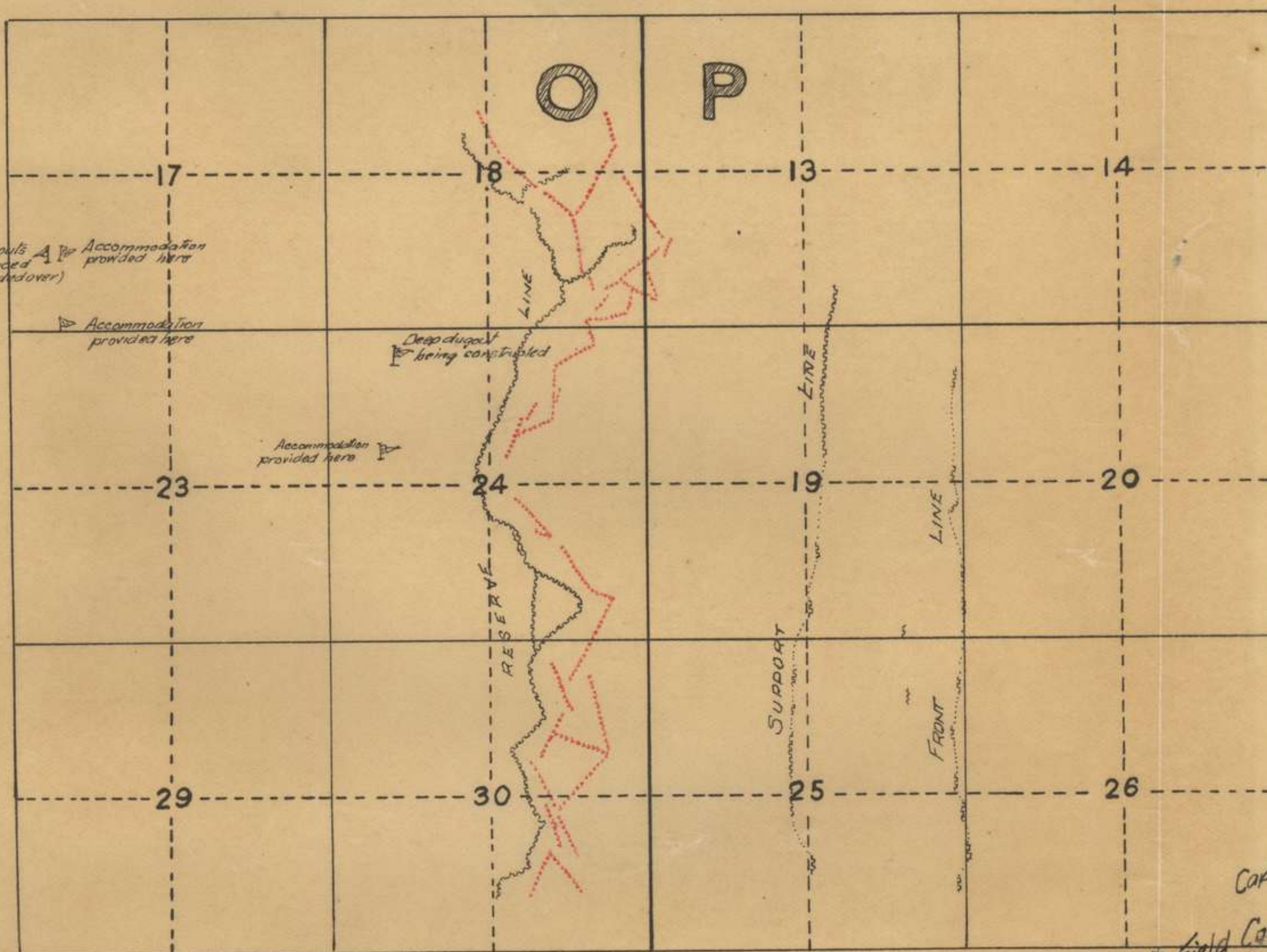
SKETCH SHOWING PROGRESS OF WORK.

Reference Maps.

14<sup>th</sup> Fld. Coy. A.E.

For Period 6 a.m. 13/4/18 to 6 a.m. 20/4/18.

Sheets 62° S.W. & 62° S.E.  
1: 20,000.



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Actg O.C. 14<sup>th</sup> Field Company  
A.E.



Works Report for Week Ending 6am 20th April 1918.

Subject	Map Location	Progress	State of Completion.	Remarks.
ACCOMMODATION	O.17.c.3.d.	Three iron huts 11' x 8' x 7' completed & 4 bunks put in each.	100%	Left Res Bn H.Q.
	O.17.c.3.5.	G.O.C's hut floored & lined etc.	100%	
	O.17.c.2.5.	300 sand bags filled & laid for Dressing Station.	100%	Job handed over to Tunneling Coy
		Construction of Deep Dugout No 1 shaft sunk 6'-9" - No 2 shaft sunk 7'-9" - 400 Sand bags filled & laid.		
	O.24.a.4.8.	Construction of Deep Dugout No 1 shaft sunk 16' - No 2 shaft sunk 12'		20%
	Two splinter proof shelters 8' x 7' each 50% completed.		<del>100%</del>	
	O.24.d.3.2	Three five man, one 6 man & two three man splinter proof -	100%	Right Res Bn H.Q.
	O.22.d.7.1.	Three shelters 10' x 7' completed. [shelters completed]	100%	
BRIDGES.	N.5.b.4.1.	Two bridges built with 60lb rails & sleepers to take field guns.	100%	
	N.18.c.3.5	Dummy bridge erected & maintained.	100%	
	N.18.c.0.2.	do do do.	100%	
	O.4.c.9.1.	do do do.	100%	
	O.1.b.8.8.	do do do.	100%	
WIRING.		See attached Tracing - 5670 yds double apron erected.		
TRENCHES.		See attached Tracing - 3715 yds Trenches dug connecting S.Ps in Reserve & Support Lines.		
MISCELLANEOUS	Bussv	Two Nissen Bow Huts dismantled & re-erected. Five Notice Boards painted & erected on Reserve Line. 500 Tracing peas & 36 trench templates made at Coy H.Q.	100%	

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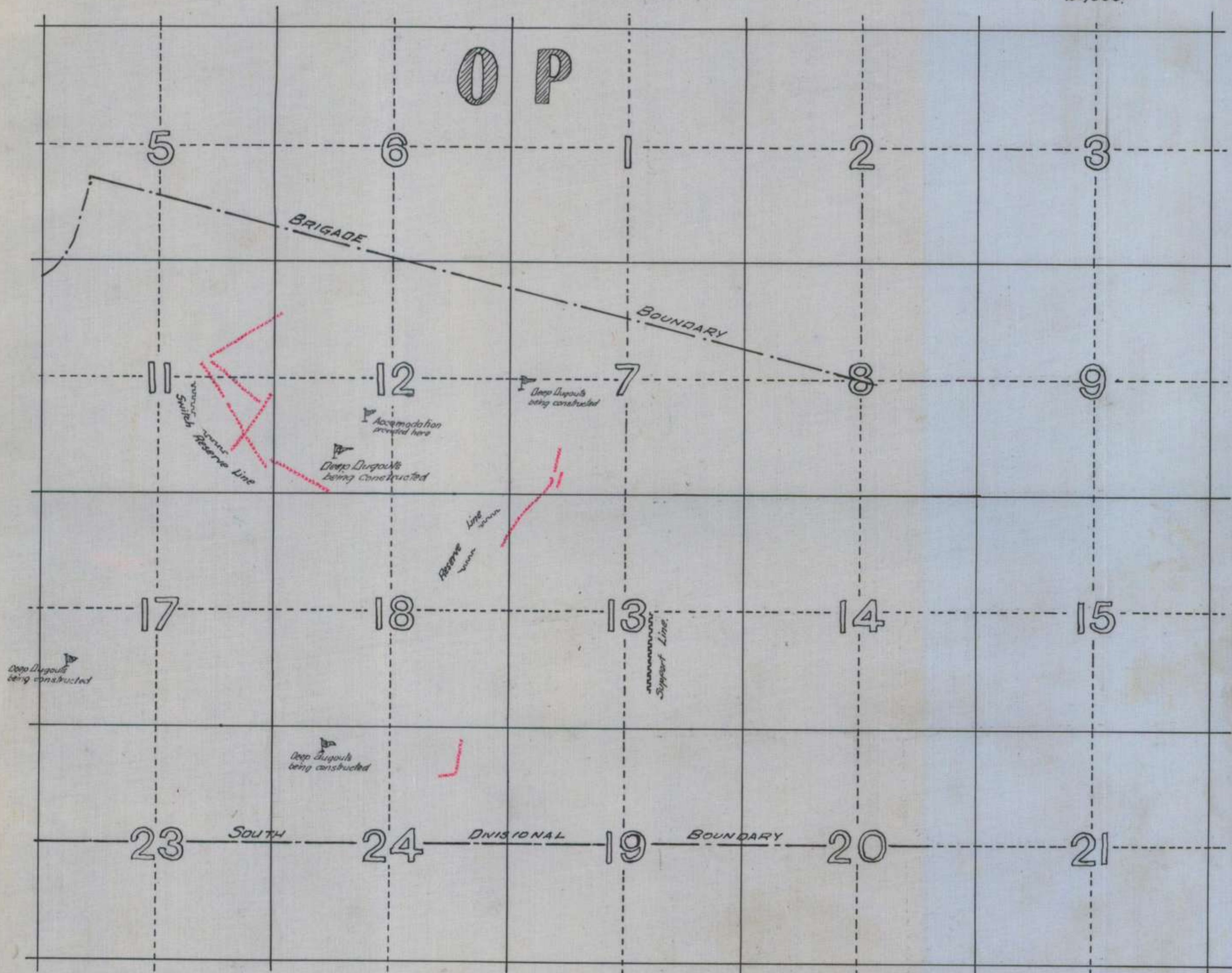
Sketch showing Progress of Work.

1A<sup>th</sup> Fld. Co. A.E.

For Period 6am 20/4/18 to 6am 27/4/18.

Reference Maps

Sheets 62<sup>DS.W.</sup> & 62<sup>SE</sup>  
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NOTE. The trenches and wire in O. 11 & 12 have not been accurately surveyed.

Captain  
Actg. O.C. 1A<sup>th</sup> Field Company A.E.

Works Report for Week Ending 6am. 27-4-18.

Subject	Map Location.	Progress.	State of Completion	Remarks.
ACCOMMODATION.	D.17.c.2.5.	Construction of Deep Dugouts N <sup>o</sup> 1 Shaft sunk 15'-3" N <sup>o</sup> 2 " " 16'-4" 600 Sandbags filled & laid at Shaft Entrances Officers Mess under construction approx 11'x16' Cook House splinter proofed. A.M.C. hut under construction. 10'x6'	30%	B6DE H.Q.
	D.24.a.4.8.	Construction of Deep Dugouts N <sup>o</sup> 1 Shaft sunk 24'-6" N <sup>o</sup> 2 " " 26'-10" N <sup>o</sup> 1 Drive " 9'-6" N <sup>o</sup> 2 " " 5'-7" Two shelters (splinter proof) 8'-7' completed.	75% 100% 30% 100% 100%	Left. <del>Front</del> Line Bln H.Q.
	D.12.c.8.6.	Two shelters 10'x7' erected Two " 8'x8' "	100% 100%	55th Bln H.Q.
	P.1.c.1.9.	Construction of Deep Dugouts R.A.P. face 6'x6' drive 12' Bln H.Q. " 6'x6' " 12' Sig's " 6'x6' " 9' Runners " 6'x6' " 8' Double Gas proof Doors fitted to R.A.P. face.	80% 80% 60% 80% 100%	53rd Bln H.Q.
	D.12.c.5.3.	Construction of Deep Dugouts 2'-5'x3' drives commenced. 7-9" sets placed in position. 6 shelters erected.	100%	Left Rear Bln H.Q. Reserve Line.
WIRING	See attached tracing	2530* double apron erected.		
TRENCHES	See attached tracing	Reserves 3'x3'x2' 424* dug 20* - 609 completed. " 3'9'x3'9'x2' 93* " 200* old trench repaired. 8 men employed cleaning up & levelling Parapet. Support's 3'9'x3'9'x2' - 395* dug. Reserve Switch Line 3'x3'x2' 286* dug. 9 men employed on maintenance.		
DUMMY BRIDGES.		9 men employed on maintenance.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		6 Notice boards & 4 Map Boxes made at Coy H.Q.		

Signed S.E. EVANS, Capt  
Aloc 14th Field Coy A.E.

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I4th Field Coy A. E.  
Transport Section  
Monthly Report

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April. 1918.

Health of Animals.

The health and condition of the animals generally has been very good. The mange epidemic has been practically eradicated, only two horses now show any signs of the disease.

The average strength during the month was 70. horses and mules and all have been available for duty throughout. Two mules were killed by shell-fire and one light draught evacuated wounded.

Two mules were received from Remount Section. Two riding horses are at present on sick lines suffering from the effects of Gas.

Vehicles

All vehicles have been maintained in good working condition.

All section limbers, G. S. , wagons G. S. , and water cart were painted this month.

The trestle wagon was badly damaged by shell fire and was exchanged for one in good condition.

(signed) J. D. Crawford Lt.  
Transport Officer.



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Appendix 23.

Medical Report for Month of April. 1918.

14th Field Coy A.E.

Evacuations to Ambulance

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Number.</u>
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Wounded.	4.
Accidentally Injured. (Dislocation of Cartilage left knee)	1.
Sick. (Scabies 3.) (Influenza 2 & 2 P. U. O.) (Dermatitis of Foot) (Septic Ulcers 1.) (Mumps 1)	10.
Effects of Gas	27.
Total.....	42.
 <u>Nature of Wound.</u>	
(I. G. S. W. Back) (I. G. S. W. Hip.) (I. G. S. W. Ankle Left.)	
(I. G. S. W. Left Leg.) Wounded in Action.	
No of men returned to unit .....	4.
Nett loss.....	38

(signed) I/Cpl. Bywater. G. C.

Report on Quarter Master Sergeants work for Month of April 1918.

Articles	Received from D. A. D. O. S.	Returned as unserviceable to salvage.	Handed in to to 28th A. A. S. C.
Jackets S. D.	36.	6.	
Breeches D. M. prs	35.	6.	
Pants, cord, M. S. "	3.	15.	
Putees.	42.	12.	
Great Coats M. S.	-	-	
" " D. S.	-	13.	
Braces.	10.	4.	
Boots, Ankle, "	26.	28.	
Hats, Felt,	16.	-	
Shirts,	-	39.	
Towels,	-	36.	
Socks,	-	22.	
Jackets Cardigan,	-	2.	
Sheets, Ground,	9.	12.	
Jerkins, Leather,	-	2.	
Waterbottles,	10.	18.	
Tins, Mess, D. M.	23.	10.	
Covers, Mess, Tin	32.	-	
S. B. Respirators.	10.	21.	
Haversacks, M. S.	3.	1.	
Blankets,	-	26.	
Housewives,	3.	-	
Bandoliers,	-	4.	
Web, Equipment,	3.	16.	
Bayonets,	-	16.	
Rifles, S. L.	-	13.	
Rations, Bags,	62.	-	
Breech, Covers,	16.	-	
Bicycles, (complete)	4.	2.	
Soles, Half Billed	75.	-	
Leather, Bend,	1.	-	
Nails, Hungarian,	12. lbs.	-	
Carriers, Web,	-	5.	
Boots, Gum,	-	1.	
Bags, Rifle,	-	2.	
Bags, Nose,	50.	-	
Shoes, Horse, c/s	6.	140. lbs.	
Brooms, Bass,	3.	-	
Flannelette	120.	-	
Rugs, Horse,	-	40.	
Soap, Yellow, Bars,	50.	-	
Clippers, Horse,	2.	1.	
Bicycle, Tyre, Covers,	12.	3.	
" Innertubes,	12.	5.	
" Saddles,	6.	-	
" Pumps,	6.	-	
" Outfits,	30.	-	
" Spanners, Thick,	20.	-	
" " Thin	20.	-	
Collars, Breast,	3.	3.	
Blocks, Brake,	12.	-	
Bags, Bread,			52.
" Oat,			89.
Cases, Rum,			13.
Jars, "			23.
Kegs, "			7.
Fat, (rendered)			2.
Kegs,			1.
Drums,			
			about 300. lbs.

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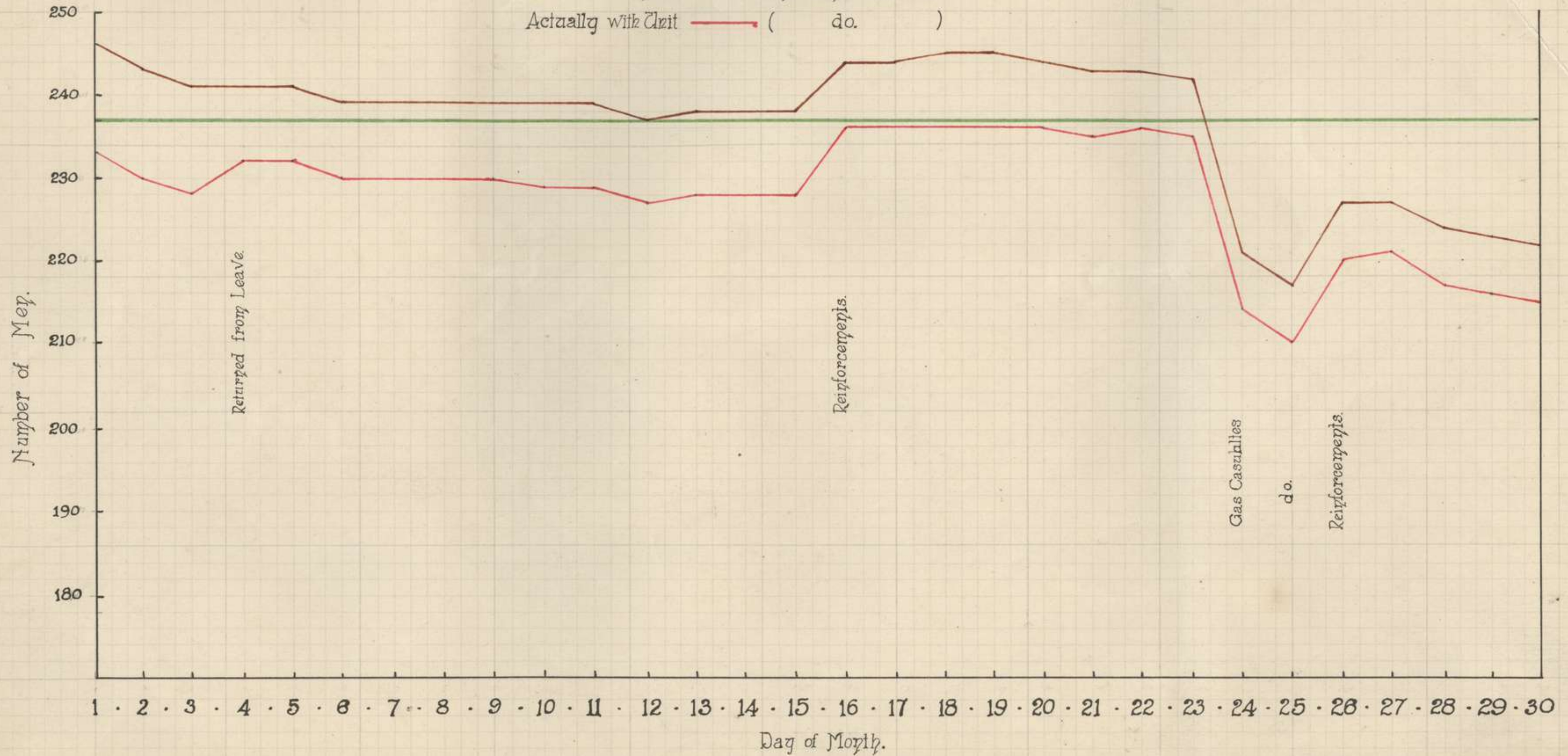
Articles	Received from D. A. D. O. S.	Returned as unserviceable to salvage	Handed in to 28th A. A. S.
Strainers, Valveless	1.	-	-
Saws? Crosscut	-	-	1.
White, Spirits	3. Galls	-	-
Levels, Pocket,	2.	-	-
Gloves, Hedging,	16.	-	-
Chisels, Cold, 1" x 8 1/2"	4.	-	-
" Firmer, 1 1/2"	1.	-	-
" " 1 1/4"	1.	-	-
" Smiths, Hot,	1.	-	-
Braces, "	1.	-	-
Shears, Timmans,	1.	-	-
Rules, G. S. 4. Fold,	3.	-	-
Lamp, F. S.	2.	-	-
Wedges, Sawyer,	7.	-	-
Blades, Hack, Saw,	18.	-	-
Files, Saw,	21.	-	-
" Smooth, Flat, 12"	2.	-	-
Cutters, Wire,	13.	-	-
Hocks Bill,	5.	-	-
Buckets, Water Canvas,	1.	-	-
Covers, Toolcart,	4.	-	-
Cordage, Tarred, Hemp,	10. lbs	-	-
Lashings, 1 1/2" x 50'	1.	-	-

(signed) A/Q. M. S. Campbell. G. R.  
14th Field Coy A. E.

Appendix 25

# 14<sup>th</sup> Field Company A.E. GRAPH SHOWING STRENGTH OF UNIT FOR APRIL 1918

War Establishment ———  
Effective Strength ——— (Including Officers.)  
Actually with Unit ——— ( do. )



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