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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

WAR DIARY

of

14th FIELD COY AUST ENGINEERS

for

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Sheet 1.

14th Field Co

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1919			
SIVRY. Coy HQ	Jan 1 st to 4 th		Work continued on reconnaissance of bridges in area as per appendices	APPX. 1A 1B
NAMUR 1/1000000	2 nd		Weekly Works report to 2 nd Decr appended.	APPX. 2.
H.C. 20.05	4		Lieut EOK GREEN returned from hospital, Lieut F.M BEST returned from special mission to UK to purchase educational supplies.	
	5.09.00		Lieut GREEN took over command of coy from Lieut JDCRAWFORD under instructions from C.R.E. In morning coy attended address to 14 th A.I Bgde in Hotel Communal by General BIRDWOOD. - Church parade followed address. Lieuts GREEN & CRAWFORD attended with representatives of 14 th Bgde to meet General BIRDWOOD.	
	6		Lieut J.D CRAWFORD detached to 5 th D.A. on duty re electric lighting. all work hampered by shortage of nails and screws.	
	7		Damaged German motor lorry drawn from Sully Square to demonstration yard for use in Motor Mechanics class. concert by 5 th Div concert Party in Hotel Communal good and largely attended.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STURY Coy HQ. NAMUR 4100000 4. C. 20. 05.	1919 8 th January		Lieuts GREEN and BEST made into SOXRE LE CHATEAU to interview C.R.E. Lecture to Coy on repatriation + demobilization by a/p.c. 14 th Field Co. Lieut SM BROWN rejoined from Paris leave and took over duties of education officer from Lt DG McDUGALL. Works Report for week to date appended.	APPENDIX 3
	10 th 13 th	10.00	No 6 draft composed of 14 ers 1915 personnel left for Australia. Inspection Parade at 10.00. Lt SHAW ordered to take up duties as acting adjutant C.R.E. Education class inaugurated in adze and axe work for 12 ers 14 th A I Brigade - 20 ers 56/54 th Bn attached for instruction in motor mechanics class.	
	14 th		Brigadier 14 th A I Brigade made tour of workshops and educational classes being run for Brigade.	
	15 th		Extensive cleaning of rubbish from vicinity of billets. Major J COGHAN MC left CRE for UK leave.	
Edy	17		Work as per appended weekly works report. Lecture by Eng. Gen McNICHOLL on Repatriation + Demobilization to 14 th A I Bgde.	APPENDIX 4

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SIVRY.	1919 18 Jan		Covering for new ASE dump at SIVRY STATION commenced.	
Coy HQ	20		Baths in Steam Butter Factory ready for use. LIBEST 10 UN on leave.	
NAMUR	21 st		Coy horses classified by classification Board from 5 th AVST DIV.	
400000	22 nd		Three boards of enquiry held on the following losses:—	
402005			1 NCO's horse and saddle complete lost at MAZINGHEM on 28 Nov 1918	
			1 L.D. horse lost from stables at SIVRY on 6 Jan 19	
			1 Bicycle lost from Coy billets at BOULOGNE on 18 Dec 1918	
			CAPT W E SMITH 'ne' of 53 rd Batta. presided Lieuts SM BROWN and GB MORRISON 'McMM' 14 F. Coy members.	
			On account of prevalence of theft of Govt. property in area all coy cycles were collected and put under lock and key.	
	23		Lieut SM BROWN detached to CRE as acting adjutant.	
	24		4 O.C., Lieut McDOUGALL and 20 other ranks to funeral of Lt Col MATHER 'DSO' late CRE 5 th AVST DIV. 6 S.M. and eleven other ranks 1915 th personell left for Australia Embarkation Quota No 4.	
	26		Lieut J. D. CRANFORD rejoins from attachment to 5 th Div Arty.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Coy HQ SIVRY	1919. 27 th Jan'y		Court of Inquiry held on horse destroyed 17 th . Capt COOKE 53 rd Bn presided. Lieuts G.B. MORRISON and J.D. CRAWFORD members.	
Namur process	29 th		Lieut J.D. CRAWFORD to PARIS on leave.	
H.C. 20-05.	30		Conference of CO's of units forming "C" demobilization group of 5 th Divn at 14 th A.I. Brigade HQ at which the demobilization scheme was outlined.	
	31 st		Weekly works as per appended report.	APPENDIX 5
			New covered staging for ASC dumps completed as per plan appended.	APPENDIX 6
	31 st		Court of Inquiry report on horse lost 6 th Jan'y, and on cycle lost 18 th Decr. Capt W.E. SMITH 53 rd Bn presided. Lieuts G.B. MORRISON and D.G. McDUGALL members.	
			Weekly works report appended.	APPENDIX 7

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WAR DIARY.

of

14th FIELD COY. AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

for

JANUARY 1919.LIST OF APPENDICES.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>
1A	Map showing Bridges reconnoitred.
1B	Report and Drawings of Bridges., reconnoitred.
2.	Works report for week ending 2/1/19.
3	" " " " " 10/1/19
4	" " " " " 17/1/19.
5.	" " " " " 24/1/19.
6	Drawing of Framework for Cover over A. S. C. Dump at SIVRY STATION.
7.	Works report for week ending 31/1/19.
8.	Sick Report for month of January 1919.
9.	Q.M.S' Returns for month of January 1919.
10.	Graph showing strength of Unit January 1919.

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DUPLICATE APPENDIX No. 1A



FIELD SURVEY BN, R.E. (4583) 15-11-18

Scale 100,000 or 1 Inch to 1.58 Miles



- Class "A A" Bridges capable of taking Tanks ●
- Class "A" " " " " 17 ton Axle load ●
- Class "B" " " " " 13 " " " ●
- Class "C" " " " " 8 " " " ●
- Class "D" " " " " 5.5 " " " ●
- Class "E" Bridges capable of taking 1.75 tons Axle Load. ●

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Appendix No. 1E.

heets 1 to 4 (Bridge Report) in Original and Triplicate only.

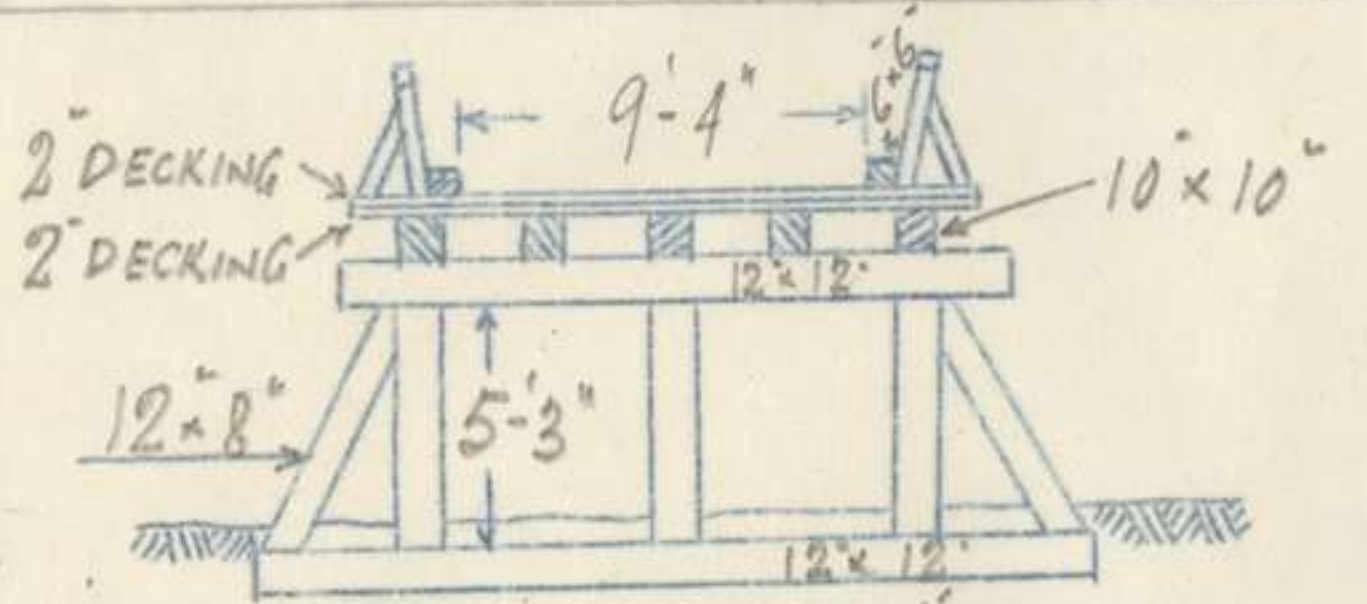
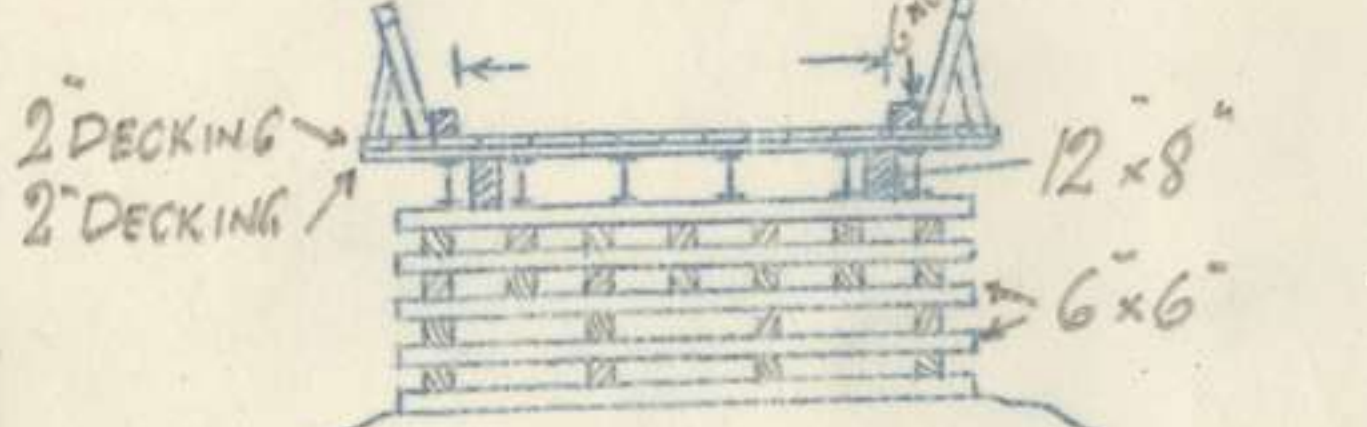
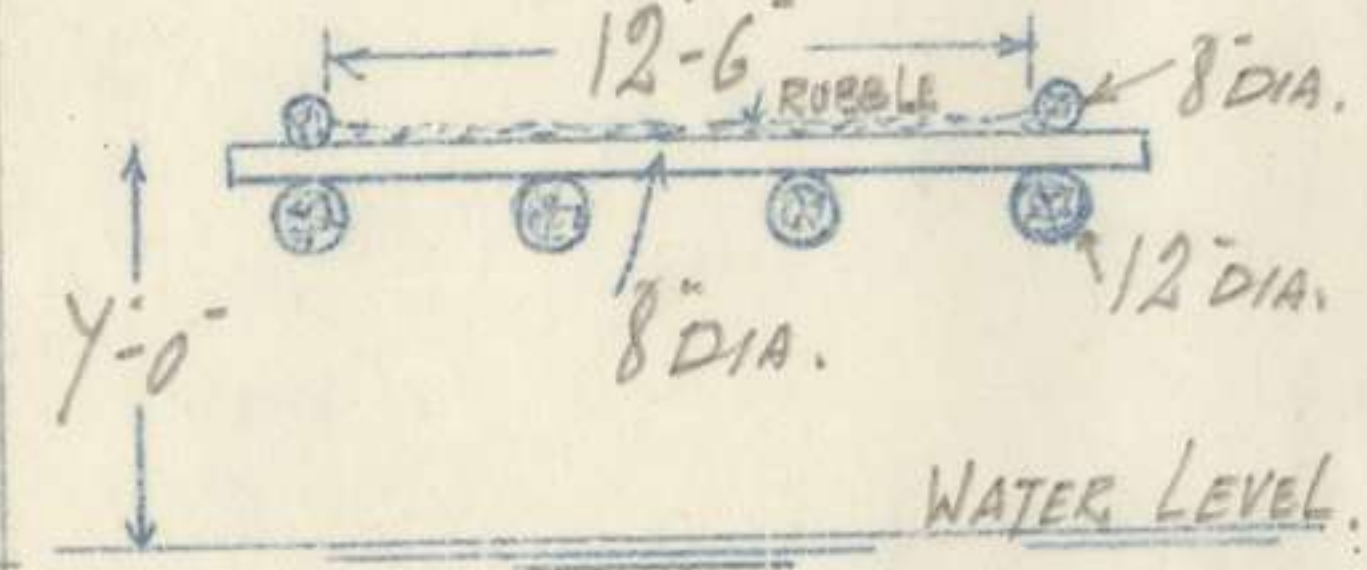
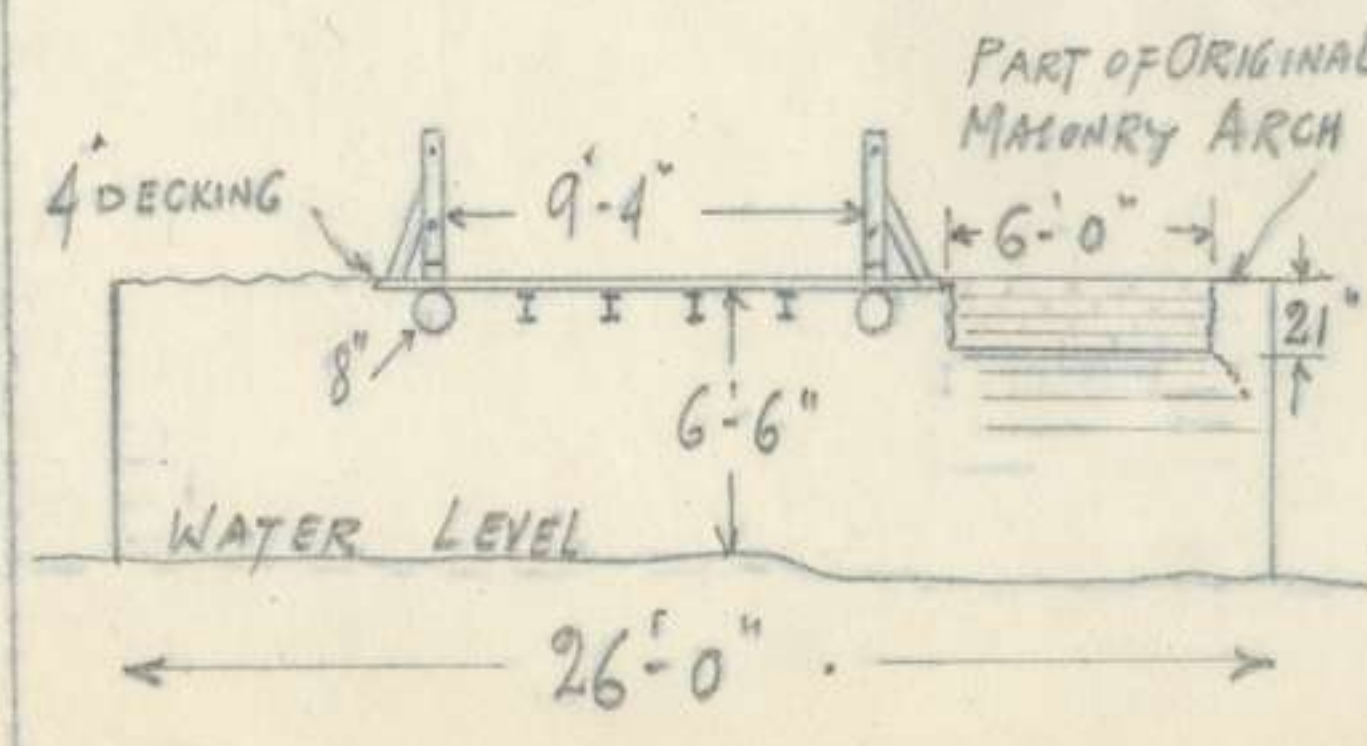
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King 1.75 tons
Axle Load.

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BRIDGE REPORT

Appendix No 1B

BRIDGE No.	LOCATION	MAIN DIMENSIONS & SKETCH OF SECTION.	CONSTRUCTIONAL PARTICULARS	LENGTH BET. ABUTS.	MAX. SPAN	ROAD WIDTH	HGHT OF ROAD OVER WATER LEVEL	SAFE LOAD	PRESENT CONDITION
(17)	4B80,97 SHEET NAMUR		4 TRESTLE PIERS AS PER SKETCH. ROAD BEARERS 10" x 10"	50'-0"	12'-6"	9'-4"	8'-0"	8 TONS CLASS "C"	GOOD
(18)	4B80,97 SHEET NAMUR		1 CRIB PIER 6-12" x 5" H SECTION GIRDERS	47'-0"	25'-0"	10'-0"	8'-0"	13 TONS CLASS "B"	GOOD
(19)	4B83,65 SHEET NAMUR		SINGLE SPAN { ROAD BEARERS { 4 - 12" DIA. LOGS.	20'-0"	20'-0"	12'-6"	7'-0"	1.75 TONS CLASS "E"	GOOD.
(20)	4C17,23 SHEET NAMUR		SINGLE SPAN ROAD BEARERS 4 - 7" x 4" H. SECTION GIRDERS 2 - 8" DIA. LOGS.	12'-0"	12'-0"	9'-8"	6'-6"	5.5 TONS CLASS "D"	GOOD

BRIDGES SIDE BY SIDE
 6'-0" APART BETWEEN INSIDE
 ROAD BEARERS.
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BRIDGE REPORT.

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②	4C15, 43 SHEET. NAMUR.		3 MAIN GIRDERS 18" x 7" 4-8" x 5" GIRDERS ACROSS SAME ON TOP, & BRICK ARCHED BETWEEN.	10'-0"	10'-0"	12'-0"	8'-0"	TANKS CLASS "AA"	GOOD

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WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 2/1 /19.

Location	Description	State of Completion.	Remarks.
GRANDRIEU Namur. 4.C. 15. 50.	Covered Staging for Supply Dump. 60'x 10'x 3' high.	80%	
SIVRY Namur 4. C. 20. 05	Brigade Baths.	10%	
SIVRY Namur 4. C. 20. 05	5 Benches for Workshops for Technical classes, under Educational Scheme.	40%	
do.	24 Trestles for drawing and blackboards for Educational scheme.	40%	

sgd. J. D. CRAWFORD Lieut.
a/O.C. 14th Field Coy. A. E.

WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 10/1/19.

Location	Description of work.	State of completion.	Remarks.
1. GRANDRIEU Namur 4. C. 15. 50	Covered staging for Supply Dump 60'x 10' Plan Attached.	100% completed.	
2. SIVRY Namur 4. C. 20. 05	Brigade Baths.	70%	
3. do.	5 Benches for workshops for technical classes, under Educational Scheme.	100% completed.	
4. do.	24 Trestles for drawing and Blackboards for Educational Scheme/	100% completed.	
5. do.	12 Mud scrapers for 53rd Battn.	100% completed.	
6. GRANDRIEU Namur 4. C. 15. 50.	Standing for D. A. D. O. S. 30'x 10'	100% completed.	
7. do.	Bench for Bootmaker's shop for D. A. D. O. S. 20' x 3'		

sgd. E. O. K. GREEN Lieut.
a/O.C. 14th Field Coy. A. E.

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WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 17/1/19.

Location	Description of work	State of Completion.	Remarks.
SIVRY Namur 4. C. 20. 05	Brigade Baths.	70%	Held up for Want of pump.
do.	12 Mud scrapers for 14th A. I. Brigade.	25%	

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

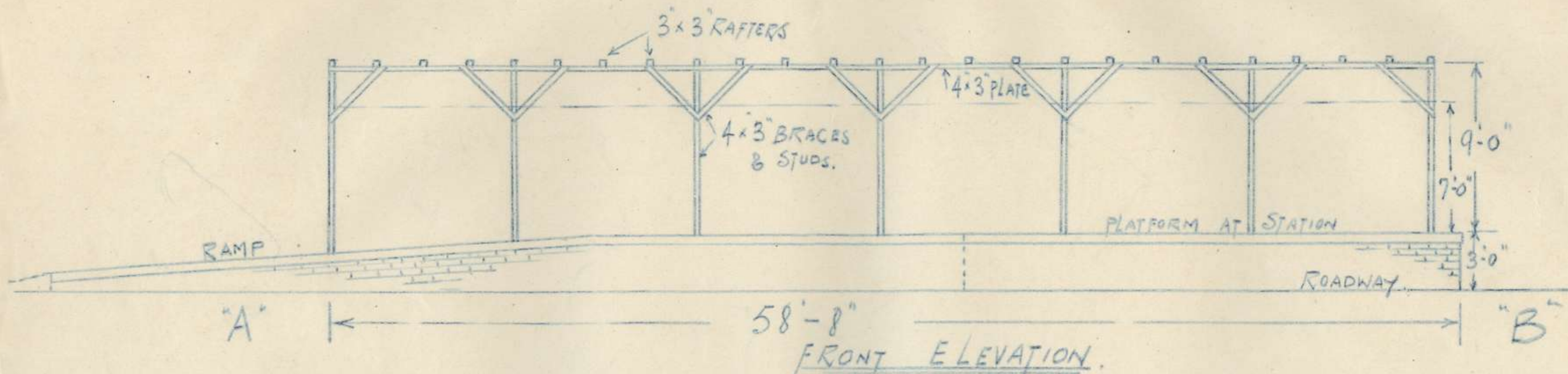
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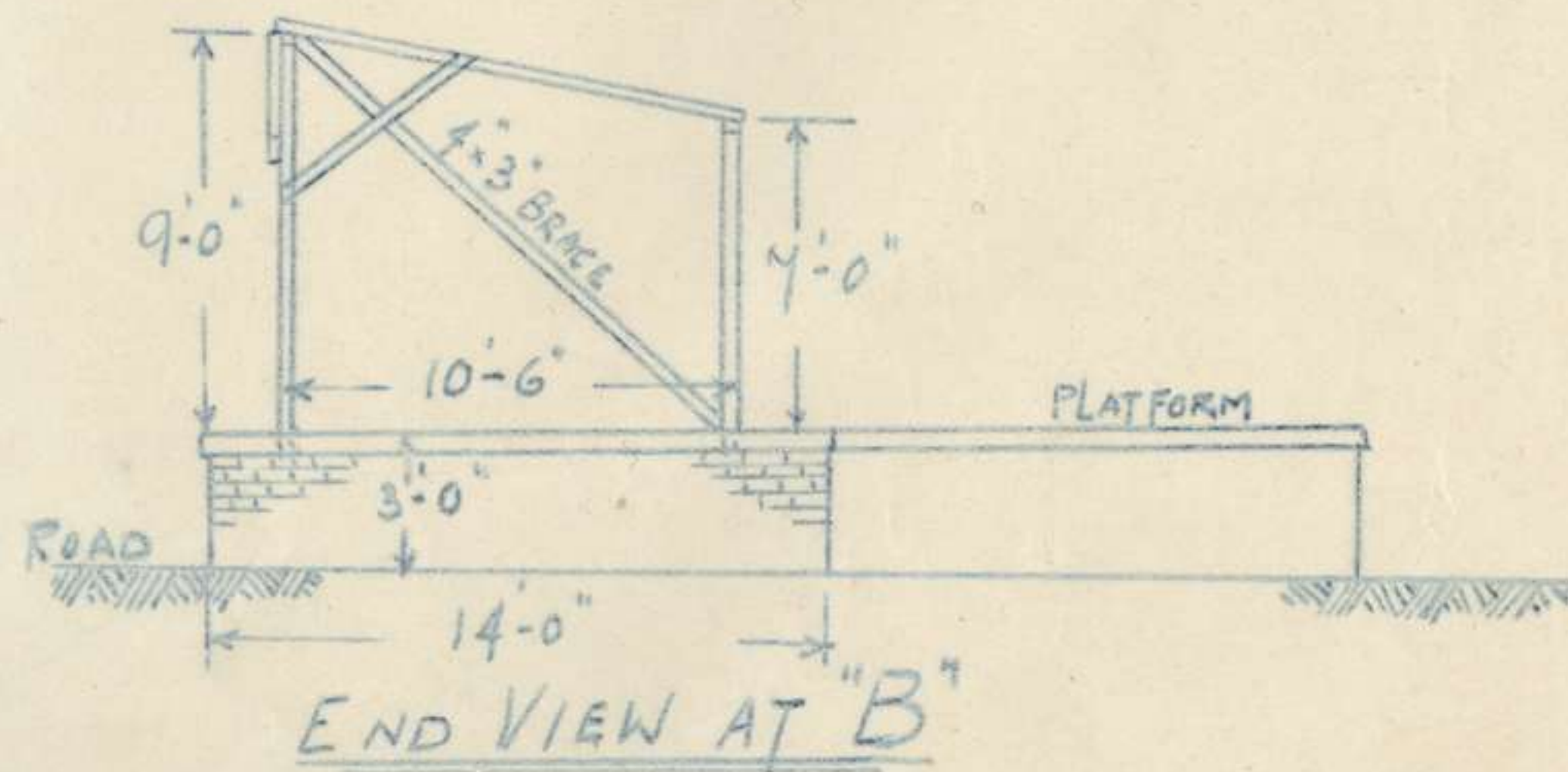
WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 24/1/19.

Location	Description of work	State of Completion.	Remarks;
SIVRY Namur 4. C. 20. 05	Brigade Baths.	100% completed.	
do.	12 Mud scrapers for 14th A. I. Brigade.	100% completed.	
SIVRY STA. Namur 4. C. 75. 20	Framework of Cover for 28th A. A. S. C. at SIVRY STATION. Length 58' Width 10' 6"	100% completed.	
SIVRY Namur 4. C. 20. 05	18 Drawing Boards for Divisional Educational Scheme.	10%	
do.	Covered Latrines for 14th F. C. A. E. 3 x 3 hole Latrines 1 x 1 hole Latrine	80% 100%	

sgd. E. O. K. Green Lieut.
a/O. C. 14th Field Coy. A. E.



FRAMEWORK FOR COVER OVER
A.S.C. DUMP AT SIVRY STATION.
By 14TH FIELD Coy. A.E.



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Location	Description of work.	State of completion.	Remarks
SIVRY Namur 4. C. 20. 05	18 Drawing Boards for Divisional Education School.	50%	
ds.	Covered Latrines for 14th F.C.A.E. 3 x 3 hole Latrines	I 100% completed.	

sgd. E. O. K. Green

Lieut.

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

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SICK REPORT.

MONTH OF JANUARY 1919.

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1.	NO DUTY	12
	LIGHT DUTY	18
	M & DUTY.	20

2. No. OF EVACUATIONS - 1
I/Cpl. O'Brien E. A. (V. D.)

3. TO HOSPITAL EX U.K. LEAVE. - 2

4. DENTAL CASES - 15

5. CASES OF INFLUENZA - 3

6. No. of men returned from Hospital - 10
Total No. of Evacuations. - 3
Nett Gain to Company - 7

sgd. G.O. BYWATER I/Cpl.
8th Field Ambulance.

Q.M.S. RETURNS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1919.

The following items were drawn from D. A. D. C. ...

Month of January 1919. :--

Jackets S. D.	20	Cordage, M. 3 st. 2 1/4	faths.	52
Pants, cord M. S.	25	Cordage White M3st. 2 "	"	38
Breeches D. S.	--	" " " 1 1/2"	"	72
Hats felt	10	Lines white	lb.	1
Boots, ankle	6	Cases shoes		7
Kuttees	prs 40	@xxk		
Braces	" 25	Nails Hungarian		14
Fins mess, D. S.	8	Rivets iron 3/4		14
Covers, mess tin	5	Soles 1/2 billed		75
Sheets ground	6	Panteon Waggon.		
Casewives	25	Trailing gear for hauling	Fers	1
Kettles camp	4		Hind	1
Greatcoats M. S.	4	Parts for spare wheel,		
" D. S.	1	Rivets steel 1/4 x 1/2		7
Jacket Cardigan	4	Screws Iron 7/8		8
Moldalls	25	" " 1 1/2		4
Coats Drab	1	" " 2 3/4		4
Trousers S. D.	1	Straps Flat crown		1
Laces boot, leather	prs. 100	Straps securing 1 x 24		1
Pullthrough	25	" " 3/4 x 22		1
Soap yellow	100	Bars securing spare wheel		1
Soda crystals	lbs. 56	Brackets supporting poles		1
Oil, animal	gals. 6	Horse shoes 8F		20
Acid, hydro.	lbs. 2	" " 8H		20
Chalk, white	" 2	Batteries Elec. Torch		4
Black oxide	" 7	Lamps " "		4
Red Oxide	" 7	Leggings leather	pair.	1
Oil lubricating	gals. 5	Vests woolen (Football)		30
Flannellette	yds. 120			
Bicycle outfits	25			
Kyres Covers	6			
" Tubes, 28 x 1 5/8	6			
Cover, messcart	1			
Shoes horse 9F	14			
Taps, frost cogs 1/2	6			
Rasps farrier 18"	6			
Blankets, saddle	4			
Collars, head 1V	10			
Leather stirrups	4			
Stirrups iron G. S. 11.	24			
Bits, P.M.R.	10			
Head bridle	1			
Chains neck G. S. 11	15			
Hooks curb P.M. Bit Rev.	20			
Straps V att.	3			
Straps, reversible	3			
Whips Drivers 111.	2			
Surcingle	1			
Whips drivers	25			
Bags nose	50			
Pugs horse	4			
Poles Draught No. 20	1			
Machinee horse clipping				
	Heads	2		
	Combs	2		
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P. G. S. BITS Bridoon	1			
Reins	1			
Reins G. S. 111.	1			
Wheels, 2nd Class C No. 200	1			
Axes felling	5			
" halves 34 1/2	1			
ery paper	sheets 24			
rd whip	lbs. 4/16			

Q. M. S. RETURNS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1919.

The following articles were returned to D. A. D. O. S.

during month of January 1919.

Jackets S. D.	11
Pants Cord. M. S.	5
Puttees	11
Hats felt	6
Braces pairs	10
Great coats M. S.	1
Fine Mess M. S.	1
" " D. S.	3
Blankets G. S.	4
Covers Breech	11
Sheets Ground	6
Kettles Camp	4
Feet iron	2
(Men returning to Australia)	
Rifles M. L. E.	28
Bayonets S	16
Slings Rifle web	27
Helmets	21
S. B. Respirators	23
As per reduction in Mob. Store Table	
Equipment :	
Bicycles	11
Magazines I. G.	60
Bexes Mag. "	8
Carriers Canvas Bag. I. G.	15
Bags atm Bicycle filled	1

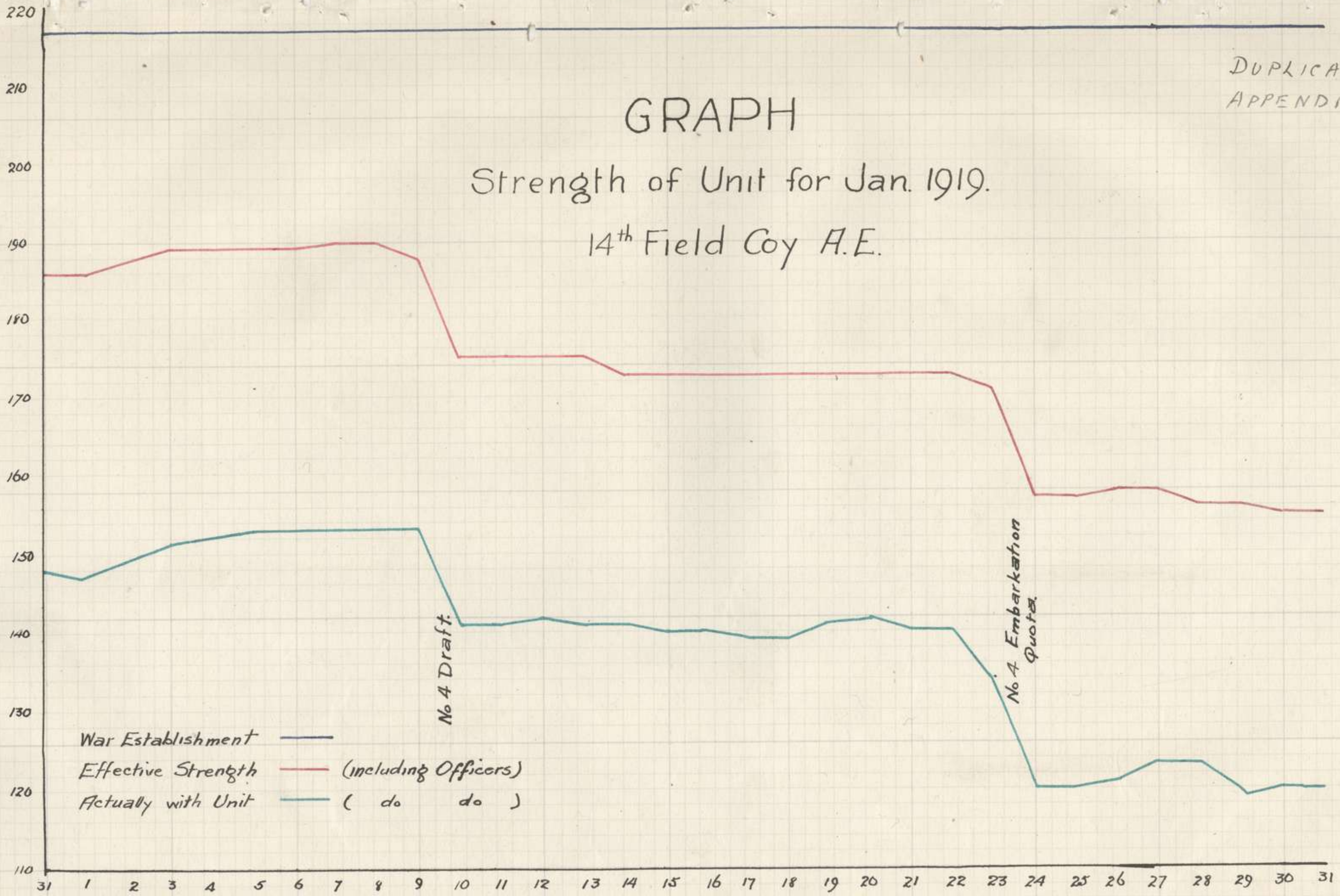
RETURNED TO A. A. S. C.

Bread Bags	30
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GRAPH

Strength of Unit for Jan. 1919.
14th Field Coy A.E.



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