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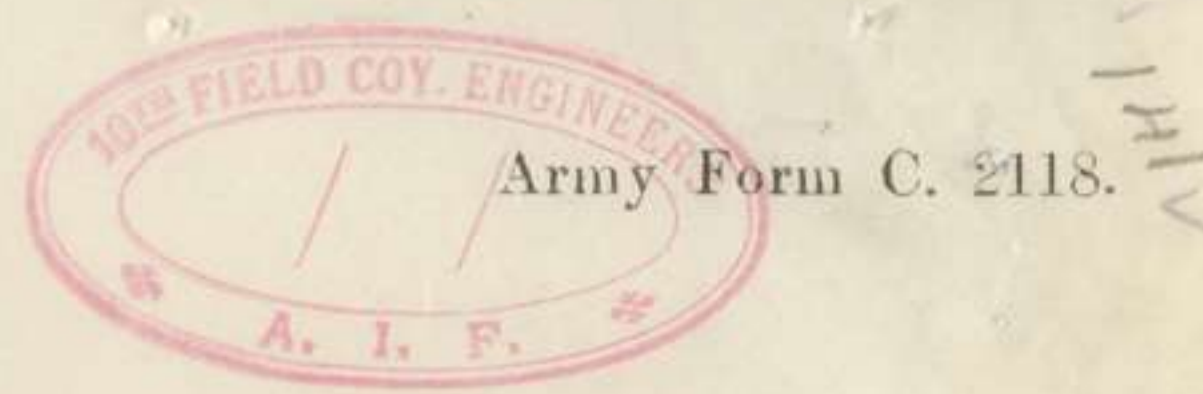
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices		
Newer Cglise	1/13/18		Location of Unit 1, 2, 3 & 4 Sections & Coy H.Q. T16 a.g.g. Transport lines T.20.d.v.o.						
			Working parties supplied by 9 th Brigade as per table commencing 1-3-18						
Left Brigade Sector Warston.			No	Battn	Strength	Rendezvous	Time	Place	
			1.	34	32	Hyde Park	5.30 pm.	Working front of Wally Support	
			2.	36	30	Racine corner	5.30 pm	Trucking RE stores for 10 th Parties	
			3.	33	30	York Way	7 pm	La Bassée Ville defences	
			4.	35	20	Racine	6 pm	Carrying RE Stores to La Bassée Ville	
			5.	33	40	Covered Way	7 pm	La Bassée Ville defences	
			6.	35	26	Racine	6 pm	Carrying RE Stores to La Bassée Ville	
			7.	35	32	La Junie 7m	7.30 pm	Erecting lateral belts of wire La Bassée Ville	
			8.	33	24	Altans Av. 7m	7.30 pm	Reconstruction & drainage front line do.	
			9.	36	40	Racine	8.30 am	Working from Sinker 3m to R. 9 Post	
			10.	36	20	do	8.30 am	Building dugouts in P. 11 Antonio 7m	
			11.	36	60	Hyde Corner	8.30 am	Improving dugouts in old German front line	
			12.	36	20	Racine	8.30 am	Construction of shelters at avenue	Occupation S.P.
			13.	35	30	Catacombs	8.30 am	Improvements to drainage, latrine and latrine at Catacombs	
	2/3/18		Work as per above table.						
	6/3/18		Representatives of 6 th Field Coy RE conducted over sector.						
	7/3/18		Coy Transport moved out under Transport March Table of 9 th Brigade						
	10 30 am		15 th STRAZEELE.						
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	7/3/18		Engineer responsibility left Brigade Sector (Wainetown) handed over to 6th Field Coy A.E.	
	8/3/18		Dismounted personnel plus 1 LGS, 1 Watercart, 5 horses moved out from Coy Camp at (T 16 & 9.9) 11.30 am, passing starting point de Seule corner 12.45 pm as per 9th Bde march table	
		1.30pm	Entrained at Steenwerck Station. Detrained at DESVRES 9.30pm thence marched to billeting area LONGUEVILLE.	
		5.30pm	1 LGS Wagon 1 water cart, 5 Horses entrained BAILLEUL, arrived DESVRES 1.30am 9-3-18.	
			Transport moving by road staged at RENNESECURE	
LONGUEVILLE	9/3/18		Transport moving by road staged at ELNES. Spis at Longueville resting	
	10/3/18		Cleaning equipment + washing waggons	
	12/3/18		Bathing parade held at HENNEVEUX Baths	
	13/3/18		Inspection of Coy was made by C.R.E.	
	15/3/18		Sappers instructed in map reading Compass work + Field Sketching.	
			Moving + overhauling waggons.	

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	7/3/18		List of material salvaged & re-used Warrington Sector. from 28-2-18 to 7-3-18		
			A frames	90	Screw Pickets long 800
			Duckboards	95	" " med. 400
			Frame levelling	60	" " small 370
			Iron Cor. sheets	200	Wire Barbed coils 500
			Iron H. length	30	" trench " 20
			Iron Cupola	8	" netting " 4
			Pitprops 8"	40	Sleepers 12x4 lgths. 18.
			List of material salvaged & re-used in La Basse Ville Sector from 28-2-18 to 7-3-18.		
			A frames	330	Wire Barbed coils 280
			Duckboard	120	" trench " 100
			Iron Cor sheet	450	" netting " 3
			Pickets screw long	1160	" plain " 8
			" " med	100	Camouflage yds 200
			" " small	150	

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	16/3/18		Draining.	
	21/3/18			
	22/3/18	3am	Received telegram from 10 th Brigade - Company Division moving forward in Brigade groups entraining LUMBRES.	
		11 am	23/4/18. 1 Officer '3 O.R. reported to Brigade HQ as belleting party.	
		1130am	Received orders to move off from Longueville before 3pm & occupy KENT CAMP. on Lumbres - Ruelles. les. Bleguin Rd.	
		2.30pm	Spis moved out by route march arrived Lumbres 6.30 pm - distance 13 miles.	
		3pm	Transport moved out, arriving Lumbres 7 pm.	
LUMBRES	23/3/18	11am	Dismounted personnel plus 1 Water cart 1 LGS Waggon 5 horse 18 cyclists entrained Lumbres. Arrived Caestre 4pm.	
CAESTRE		5pm	Received special orders from Brigade. Division moving South. Dismounted portion plus 1 LGS 1 waggon (water) & cyclists marched to EBBLINGHEM arriving 10pm & belleted overnight.	

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EBBLINGHEM	24/3/18		Dismounted portion & cyclists marched moved by motor lorry arriving HEURINGHEM 5.30 pm & staged for the night Cyclists arriving 6.30 pm. 2	
HEURINGHEM.	25/3/18		Lappers at Heuringhem. Transport moving by road from Lumbres join dismounted portion of Coy.	
	26/3/18	4.30 am	Coy as a whole left HEURINGHEM by route march & arrived ST OMER 7 am. Entrained 12.30 pm arrived MANDICOURT 11 pm & Detrained	
	27/3/18	12.30 am 2.30 am	Coy moved out from Mandicourt arriving AUTHIE at 2.30 am. Advance by motor lorry to FRANVILLERS. Transport moved by road arriving at 6 pm	arriving at 11 am
	28/3/18		N° 4 Section moved out to RIBEMONT. allotted task of preparing bridges for demolition. N° 3 Section move out to HEILLY. Portion N° 3 & 4 guarding bridges at HEILLY.	
2			& RIBEMONT. Remainder of N° 3 establishing Seasonal Dump at FRANVILLERS N° 1 & 2 sections on Lewis Gun training	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEILLY.	29/3/18		Engaged on reconnaissance work & collection of engineering material. N°3 Section removed old charge from bridge in Heilly which consisted of 6" shell with a slab of Gun-cotton placed on the nose of each shell with instantaneous fuse to a junction box. On testing the old fuse it failed to explode. Fresh Gun-cotton charges were prepared.	
	30/3/18		Special reconnaissance of front line posts. Battalions (10 Bde) sent in a plan showing their line on K. 1 & 7. Sheet 62 D. Reconnaissance was made to verify & same was found to be incorrect. N°1 Section officer & Cpl made reconnaissance of posts from BUIRE along 4 th Divisional front.	
	31/3/18		N°3 & 4 Sections guarding bridges, N°1 & 2 Sections on salvage & reconnaissance work & supplying loading parties for CRE Dump. At 4pm on 31/3/18 N°1 & 2 Sections belleted the HEILLY transport engaged in carting material from QUERIEU to forward dumps.	

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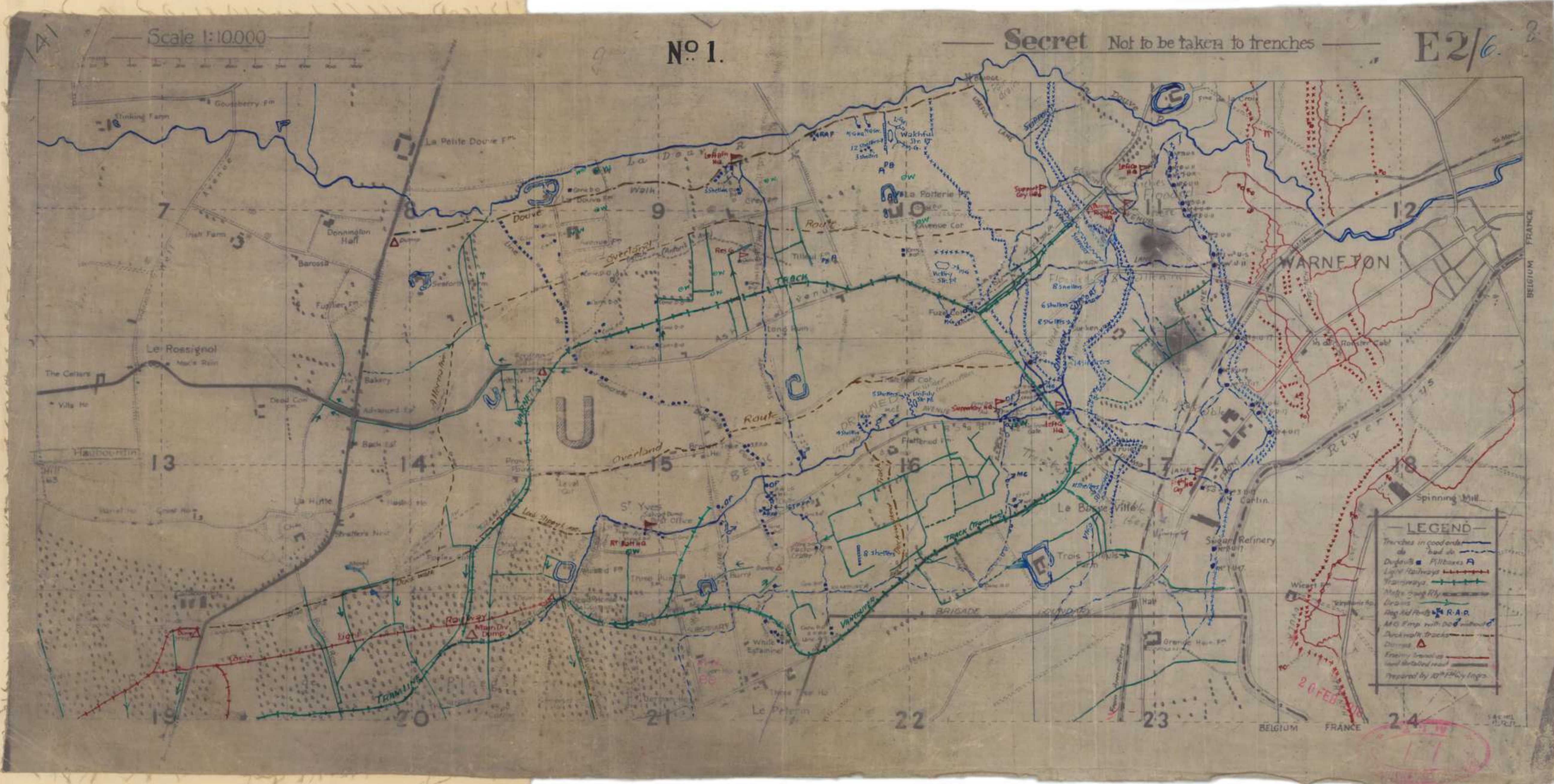
No.	Subject.
1.	Trench Plan. Warneton Sector.
2.	Reconnaissance of Brigade adjoining 10 th Brigade near Buire. Plan & Report.
3.	Original Reconnaissance of Front Line near Buire.

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Secret Not to be taken to trenches

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LEGEND

- Trenches in cool order
- Dugouts
- Light Railways
- Main Rly
- Light Rly
- Mag. and Pkgs
- Mag. and Pkgs with D.O.
- Dark night tracks
- Dispersed
- Enemy positions and detailed road
- Prepared by 10th Pk Coy

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REPORT RE RECONNAISSANCE OF BRIGADE ADJOINING
10TH BRIGADE NEAR BUIRE.

31.3.18.

		<u>REMARKS</u>
TROOPS IN OCCUPATION	51 ST BATT ^N	
C.O. OF BATT ^N	COL. CHRISTIE	
MAP. LOG. OF B ^N H.Q.	D. 24.2.10.80.	
COY H.Q. OF 51 ST B ^N ADJ- OINING 37 TH B ^N OUTPOST LINE	D. 30.2.90.10. FROM BRIDGE ON BUIRE TO LAVILLE SUR ANCRE TO ROAD UNDER RAILWAY <u>LINE AT DERNANCOURT.</u>	IN FRONT OF MAIN LINE VARYING. FROM 100 [*] TO 150 [*] IN FRONT OF IT. HELD BY RIFLES & LEWIS GUNS.
MAIN LINE	THE RAILWAY LINE IS USED AS THE MAIN LINE OF DEFENCE FROM BUIRE TO DERNANCOURT.	HELD BY RIFLES, L.G. & VICKERS, VICKERS & STOKES. IN REAR ON RIDGE 45 TH B ^N ON LEFT OF 51 ST .
RESERVE LINE.	FROM LA SUCRERIE THROUGH 22 CENTRAL THROUGH 16. CENTRAL THROUGH LAVIE- VILLE. THIS IS BEING DUG BY 4 TH PIONEERS.	



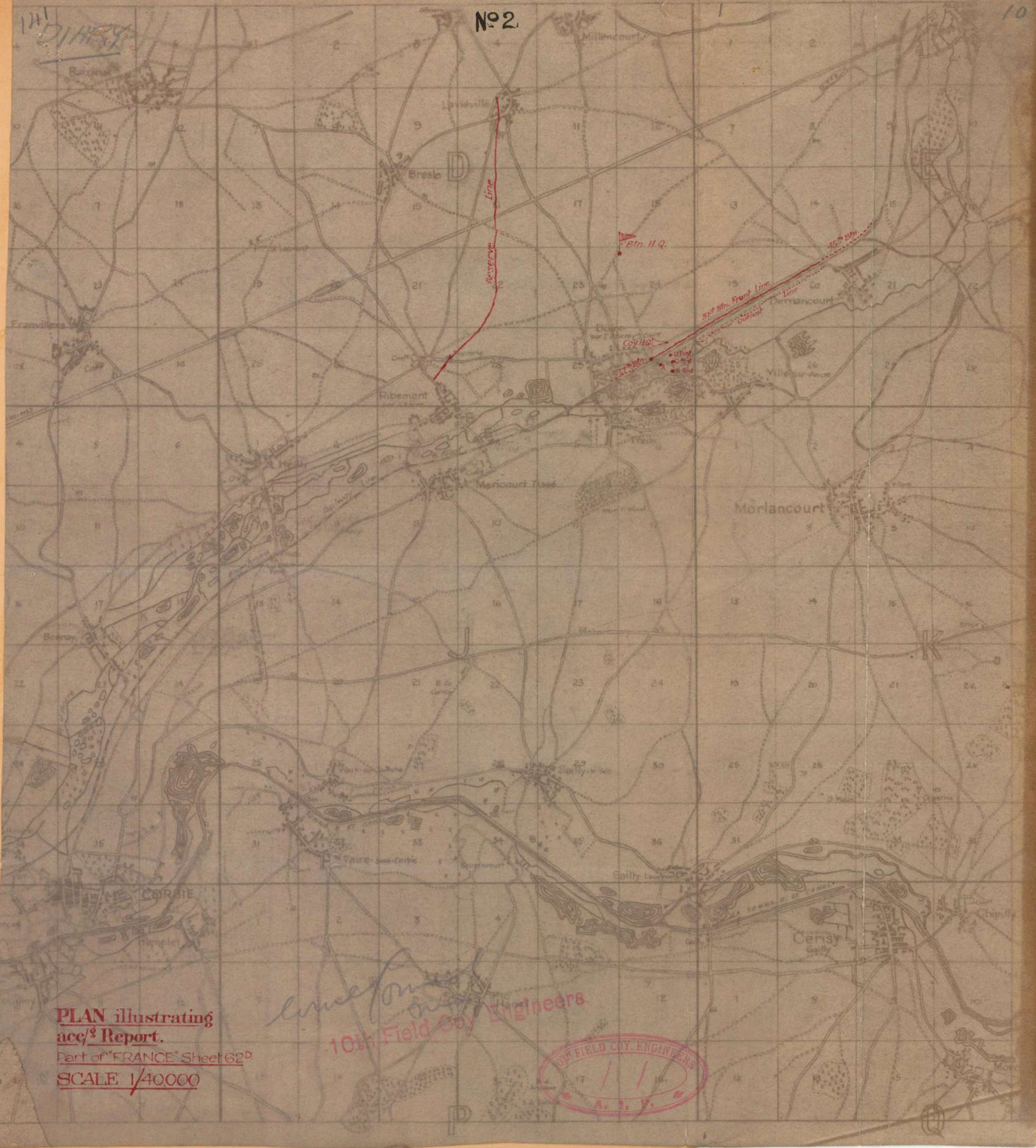
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PLAN illustrating
acc² Report.
 Part of "FRANCE" Sheet 62^D
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Line on map
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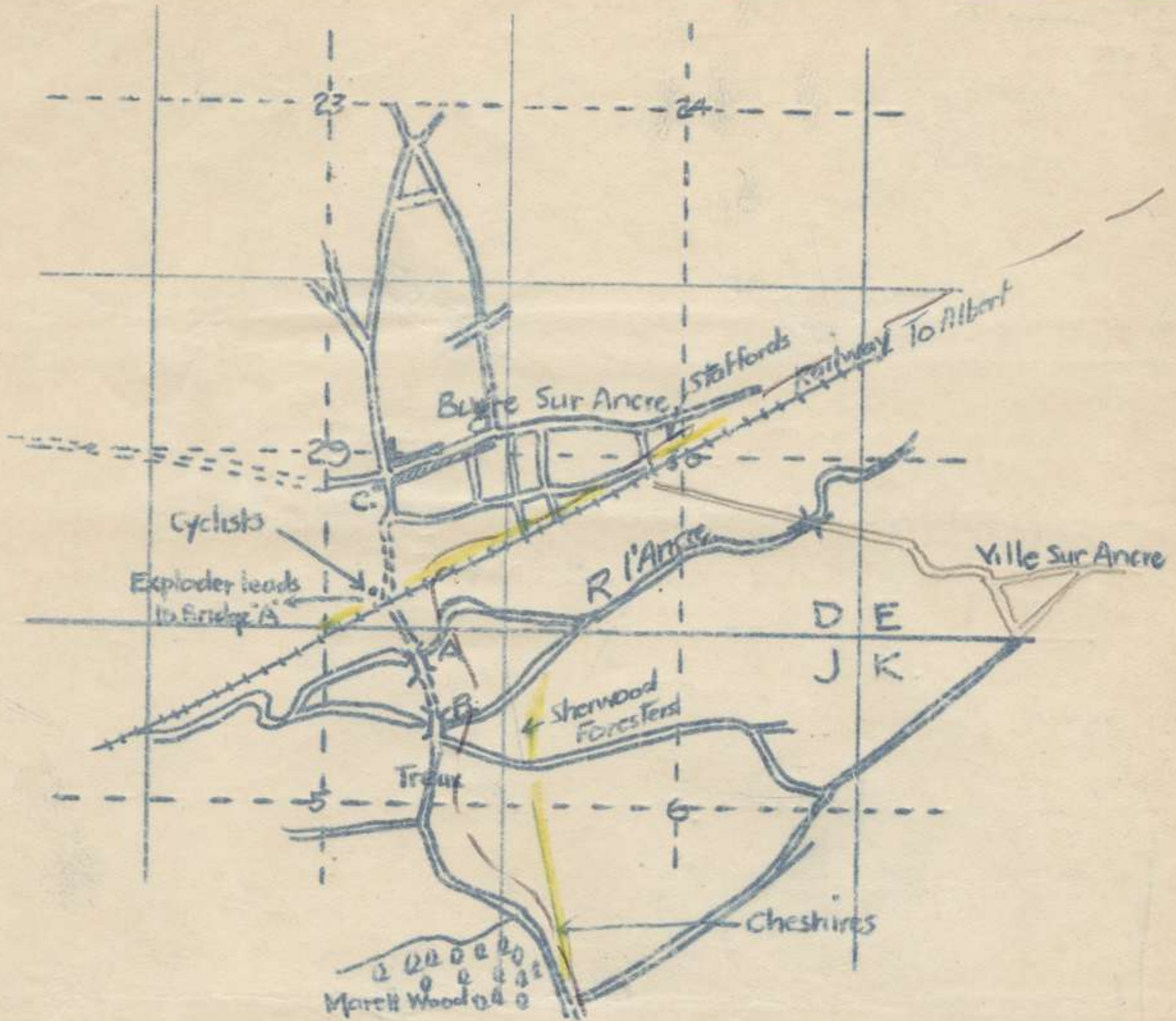
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FROM LT M.S. STANLEY
TO O.C. 10th FLD COY ENGRS



In the Field

30.3.18

Ref. FRANCE 62^D



Notes

Charges laid under Bridge A. Leads run to point shown on left of Railway
Explosive under Capt Stewart No 1 Cyclist Co. 9th Corps.

No charge has been placed under bridge B. (Lt Mahy is now looking at this bridge in connection with demolition.

Yellow line denotes Front line as given to me by Capt Morrell at his H.Q Billet 'C.' at 2pm. He was quite definite respecting his position

Fodder. Coal. Fuel.

On an average each house in Treux contains

- 1/4 ton of coal
- 1/2 ton of timber
- 1 ton of fodder.

Engineer Material

Nil.

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