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**WAR DIARY**

OF

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Heilly	1-5-18		Coys HQ Granvillers N° 1 & 3 sections bivouaced at I. H. d. 60-40	Plan of
			N° 4 section RIBEMONT N° 5 section & transport lines Granvillers	Sector.
			Support line trench cleaned out from JH central to J. 10. b. 60.00	forwarded
			at 10.30 pm on the night 30/4/18, Infantry working party under	with April
			Lieut Williams commenced work on construction of a Strong Point	Diary
			around hut at E 75 b. 00. 40. The operation being covered by	
			strong patrols sent out by 38 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Artillery Co-	
			operated by firing on suitable targets in VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.	
		2am	Strong point was sunk to a depth of 3', 300 yds of	
			CT was completed.	
			Tunnelled dugouts D 27 d 65 40. for Reserve Co HQ. 50% complete	
			At C 21 C 29. 13 Brigade HQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> zone - Work continued	
			Artillery bridges at I 12 d 95. 35. & I 12 d 95. 0 patrolled by	
			Sappers.	
		2.5.18	Improvements carried out to front line posts in J 12 b. J 6 d. and	
			E 75. b 00. 40 Redstwork constructed at E 75. d. 70 60. 60' F.T. dug	
			punch at 90. 45 to D 30. a. 10. 75	

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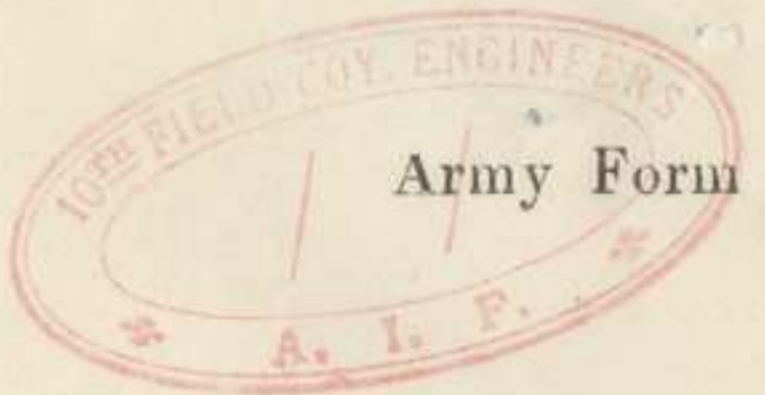
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Nelly	2-5-18		100' Apron fence erected in front of SP at E25.b 00.40. Other work as on 1-5-18	
	3-5-18		90' FT Aug from D23 d 90.45 to D30 a 10.75. 400' trench camouflaged in D29.a Breadwork constructed at D25 d 80.40 dimensions 20' x 3'6" deep 4' high MG Tunnels under Rly embankment at E25 a 20.60 D30 b 70.40 - 55% complete. Infantry patrol accompanied by sappers attempted to destroy a tree bridge at D25.b 20.20. 80' FT. Aug from D23 d 90.45 towards D30 a 90.75. Parapets levelled & 3 new bays spit locked at J10.b 40.80. D29.a 100' trench deepened & widened. 100' double apron wire erected from N.13 Post J6.b. to edge of swamp J6 b 45.95. Work continued on Bn HQ dugout, 2nd zone Bde HQ dugout & MG. tunnelled dugout.	
	4-5-18		40' CT Aug & 100' double apron wire erected D23 d 9.45 to D30 a 10.75. Improvements carried out to trench Sept. ground but at D25 a 00.40.	



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Daily	5.5.18		Work continued on tunnelled dugouts MG tunnels & forward Infantry Coy HQ.	
	6.5.18		A Battalion front. Lieut Stanley in charge of work party 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn, marking out post approximately at K 7a 40 10 K 7a 20 40 & K 7a 05.80. D23 central 70' support trench deepened & widened. Sapper guides provided for Pioneer transport & working party D23 d 90.45. Going to Battalion change over on the left no parties were available. Repair effected to bridge at J 7a 90.20. Work continued on tunnelled dugouts & MG tunnels.	
	7.5.18		Same work as on 6/5/18.	
	8.5.18		B.R.F. memo received re relief by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Divl Engineers 10 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy to be relieved by 6 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy. On the night of 7/8 <sup>th</sup> May 1918 Lieut Stanley supervised the construction and consolidation of posts in K 7a after advancing our front line. 60' yds were erected in front of each post & parapets camouflaged. Contact established with 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde on the right.	

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Heilly	8.5.18		300' double apron fence erected from D 28 a 60 05 to D 28 a 60 65. Work continued on tunnelled dugouts & tunnels etc.	
	9.5.18		Coy HQ at J 10 b 20 6. Damaged by shell fire - repaired. Representatives of 6 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy conducted over forward area works. A portion of X & Y Section under heavy storm took over work under CRE Corps Divops. Hand over complete.	
Freschen Court.	10.5.18		Coy moved to FRESCHENCOURT & occupied quarters vacated by 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy AE. Small percentage of sapper supervision supplied for CRE. CT. works.	
	11.5.18		Sapper supervision supplied on construction of five SP in rear of 2 <sup>nd</sup> zone system C.26.a. & C.20.c. Sheet 62D. Labour supplied by 173 <sup>rd</sup> Labour Coy - 1 off 278 OR. Ammunition Road B.20.d. Work commenced by 5 <sup>th</sup> FCE - 45% complete.	See plan attached.
	12.5.18		Supervision supplied to Labour Coy on SP & Ammunition Rd. Remains of Company resting.	

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Trencher Cont	13-5-18		<p>Working C25b 15.00 to C. 25. b. 50. 40. 200' double apron erected          Deepening trenches C25b - 280' completed to a depth 3'          Ammunition Road B30d. 15' timbered. The following          OR were presented with Military Medals at Alonville on          12.5.18 T. Cpt McDonald T<sup>2</sup> Cpl Leahy &amp; Sgt Burnell G.E.          by General Bidwood.</p>	
	14-5-18		<p>Working &amp; deepening trenches C25a &amp; C25.b          Ammunition Dump road B30d. - 60% complete</p>	
	15-5-18		<p>Double apron fence erected from B25d 9090 to B26c 0070          500 yds. trench deepened to 3' in B30b and B30d.          Work continued on Ammunition Dump Road.</p>	
	17-5-18		<p>Working C26a 80.20 120' double apron erected 450' CT          deepened to 3' I1 a 40-50 Ammunition Dump          Road 90% complete.</p>	
	18-5-18		<p>Coy transport inspected by CRE 3rd Div at H6 a          50.00 Engineer instruction N<sup>o</sup> 12 re relief of 4<sup>th</sup> Aust          Div. A. Disposal area on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. 10<sup>th</sup> FCE          to relieve 12<sup>th</sup> FCE</p>	

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	18.5.18		No wiring erected on account of shortage material 700' trench deepened to 3' from H 6. b 70 40 to I, a 40 60 Work continued on Ammunition Road.	
	19.5.18		No Wiring 300' CT dug in front of Wood from I, a 40 60 to I, 7 a 90. 80 30 officers inspected Coy quarters to be taken over at BLANGY TRONVILLE	
	20.5.18		No Wiring done. 300' CT dug in front of Wood at I, b 60. 70 1 officer + 4 sappers reported to CRE 4 <sup>th</sup> Divon GLISSY to take over duties as Divol Quarter detail. Representatives 12 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy conducted over CRE CT works Freschencont.	
BLANGY. TRONVILLE	21.5.18	9am	Coy moved from Freschencont & took over quarters vacated by 12 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy Blangy Tronville.	
	22.5.18		Coy in reserve No 2 Section moved to GLISSY to undertake construction of Reserve SdL HQ dugout. at N 20 d 30 70 & N 20 d 70 90.	





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BLANGY	23.5.18		Reconnaissance made of Battery positions in 015d, 015b, 016c & 09d. Road screening - 076c 00.40	
TRONVILLE			Villers Betonneur - Amiens Rd - reconnaissance made. 700' camouflage required to complete work	
	24.5.18		Road screening Villers Betonneur - Amiens Rd - 180' camouflaging completed from 076c 20.40 westward. Tunnelled dugout. Reserve Bds Hqs at GLISSY work continued. Work was commenced on a Battery CP. at the new position of 888 Battery 071a 45.00.	
	25.5.18		Road screening completed. Work continued on tunnelled dugouts & Battery CP. Reconnaissance made for deviation tracks for road crossings over Villers Betonneur Amiens Railway. (Emergency tracks) Reconnaissance was made in company with CO. MG BN. The following MG positions were selected V3c 90.50. V4b 70.80 Construction undertaken by 182 Tunn Coy RE 0.30c 60.80 & MG HQ at 0.78b 50.70 Construction undertaken by 9th Fld Coy AE	

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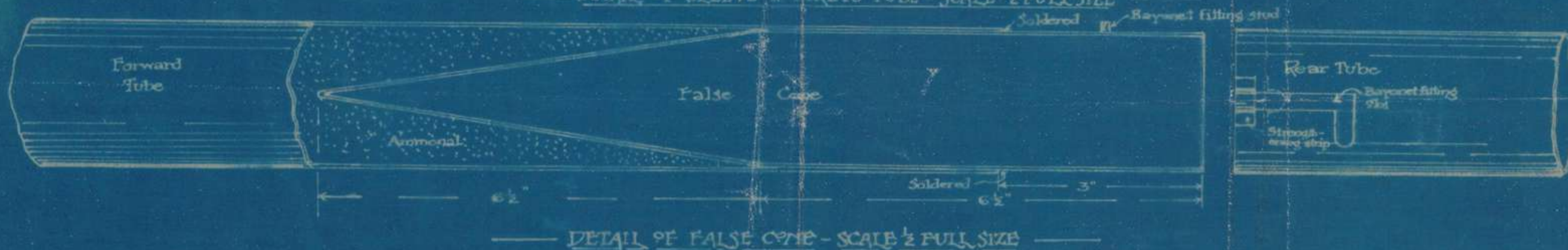
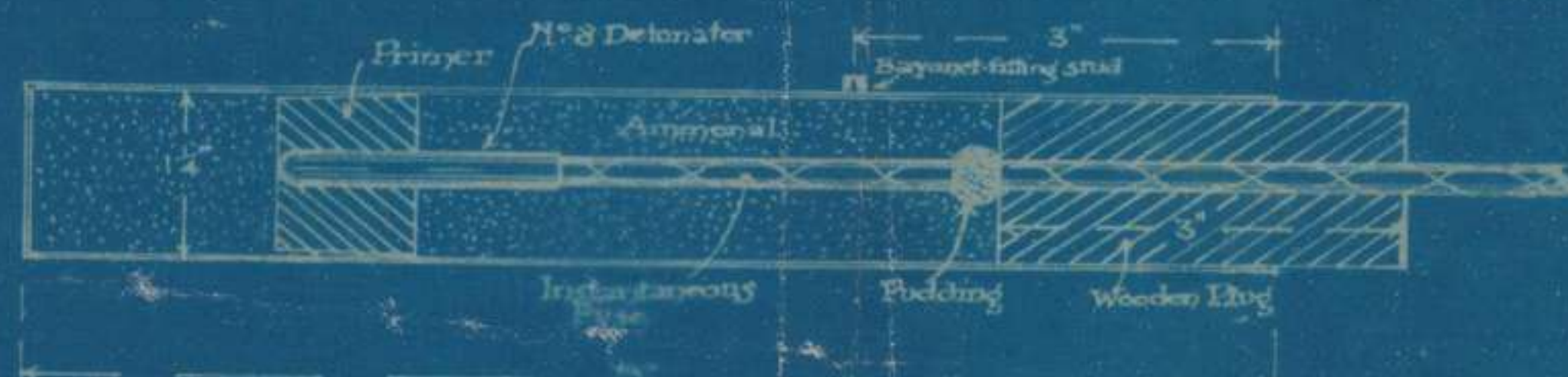
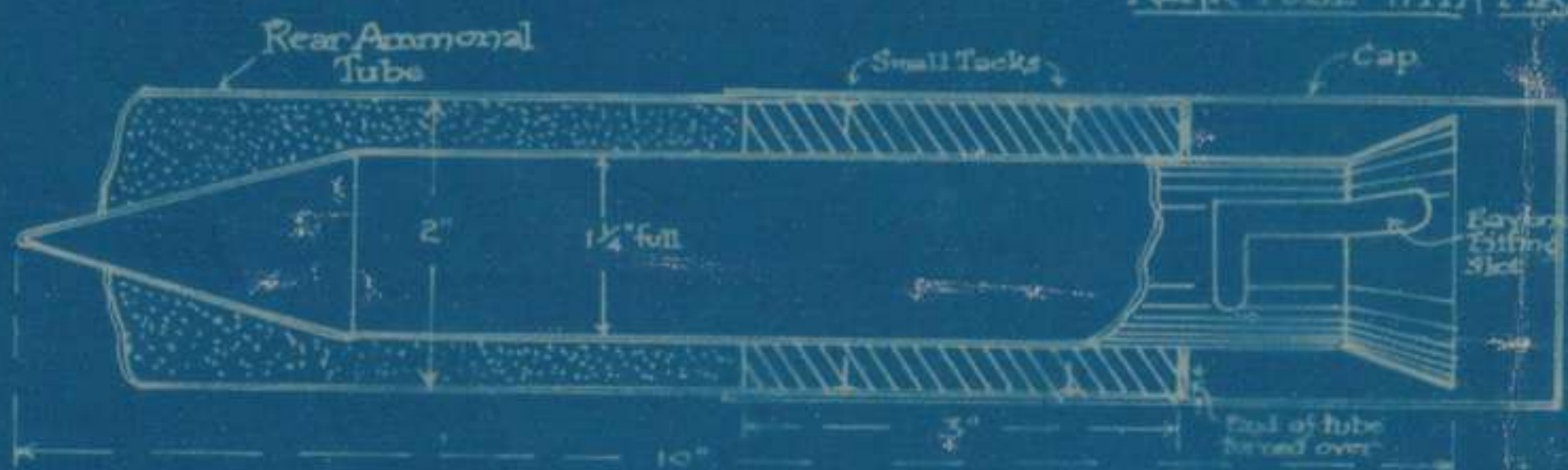
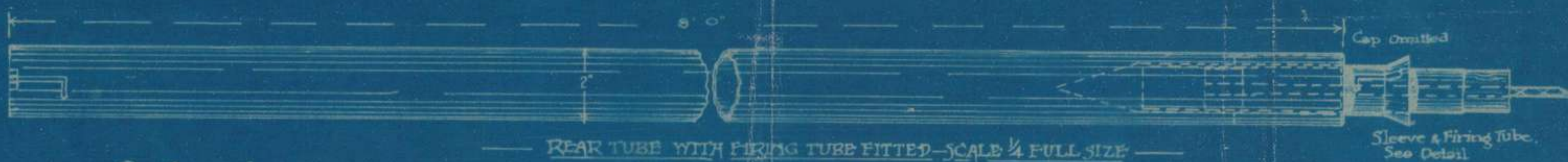
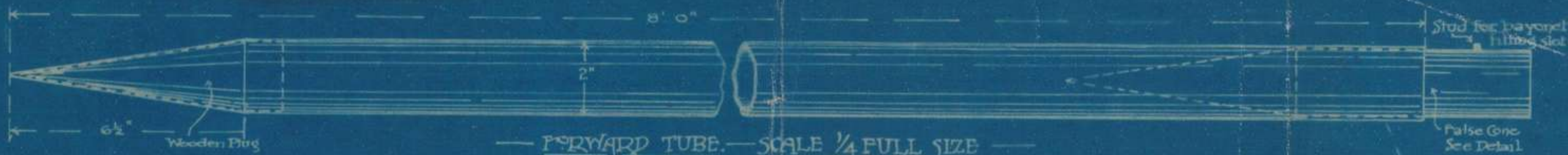
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BLANGY	25.5.18		Survey made of emergency route over Somme River between	
TRONVILLE			N 18 d 00.50. to N 4 c 50.50. (plan attached)	
	26.5.18		2 Off + 55 OR represented 3rd Divl Engrs in conjunction with 9th Field Coy at presentation by Corps Commandr. Tunnelled MG positions O.34 b. 50 30	
			O.36 a 70 40 - positions reconnoitred. Road deviation Villers Bretonneux Amiens Rly 75% complete	
	27.5.18		Battery CP 0 21 a 45.00 - work 100% complete. N°1 Tunnelled dugout at Glissy 95% complete. Tunnelled MG position 0.34 b + 0.36 a - work commenced	Plan attached Plan attached
	28.5.18		Same as for 27.5.18.	
	29.5.18		Tunnelled dugout Reserve Rde HQ 100% complete	Plan Attached
	30.5.18		N°2 dugout N 20 d 70.90, two shafts sunk to required depth. work commenced on connecting drives	
	31.5.18		Tunnelled MG position O.34 b. O.36 a work continued Road deviations Villers Bretonneux Amiens Rly complete	

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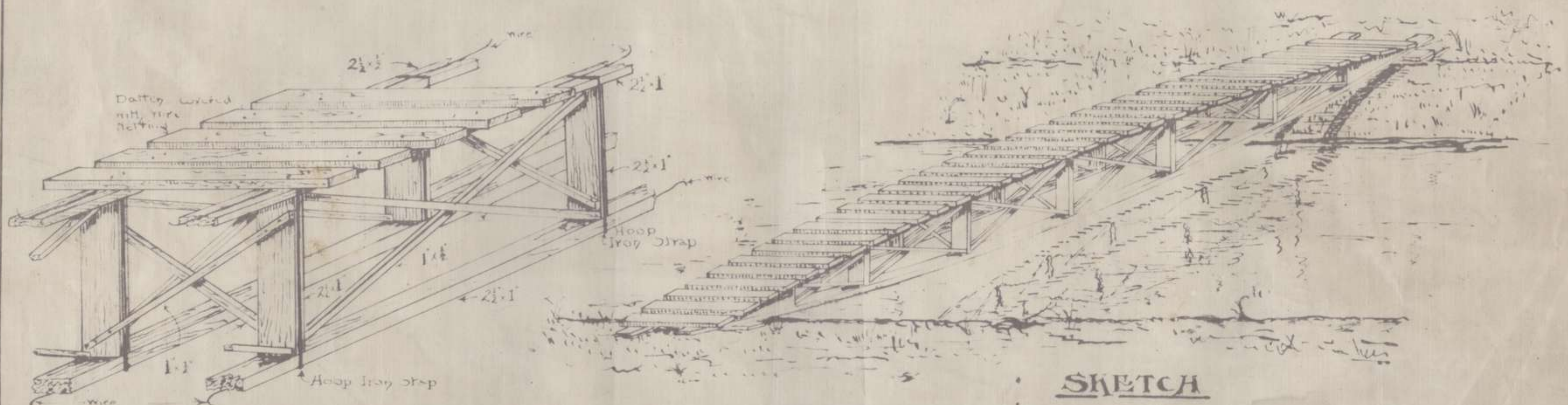
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 Warneton Sector March 1918  
 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Infy Bde

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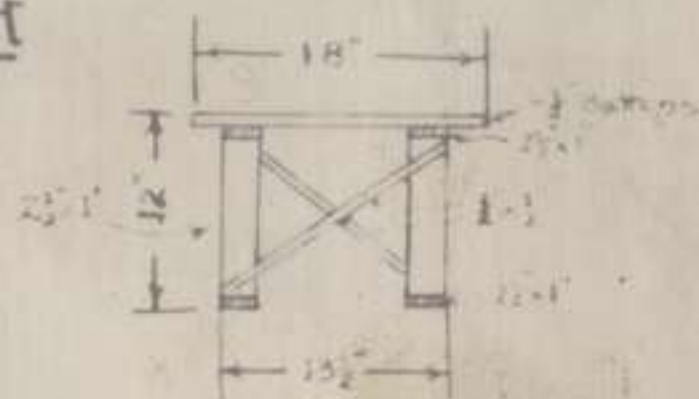


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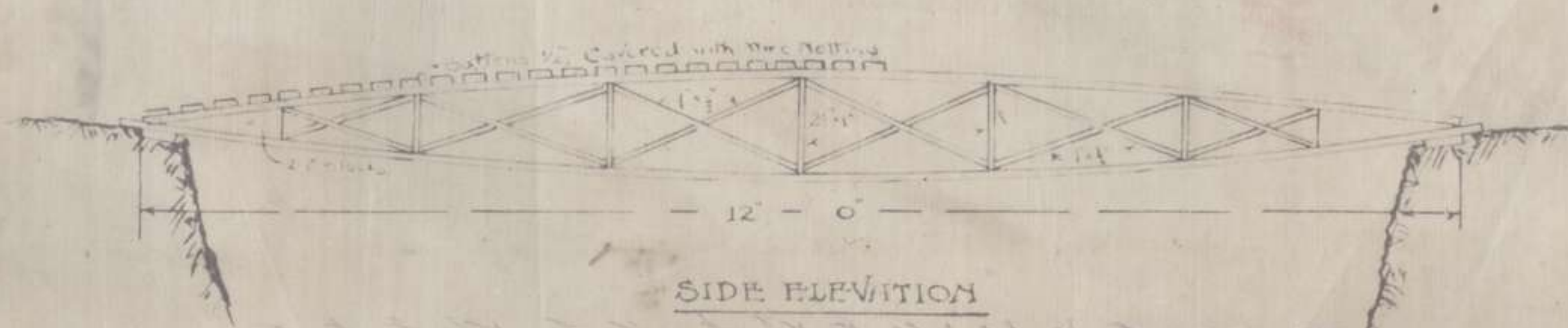


SKETCH

SKETCH SHOWING  
CONSTRUCTION  
SCALE 1/8" IN = 1 IN.



SECTION



SIDE ELEVATION

Scale 1/4 inch = 1 Foot

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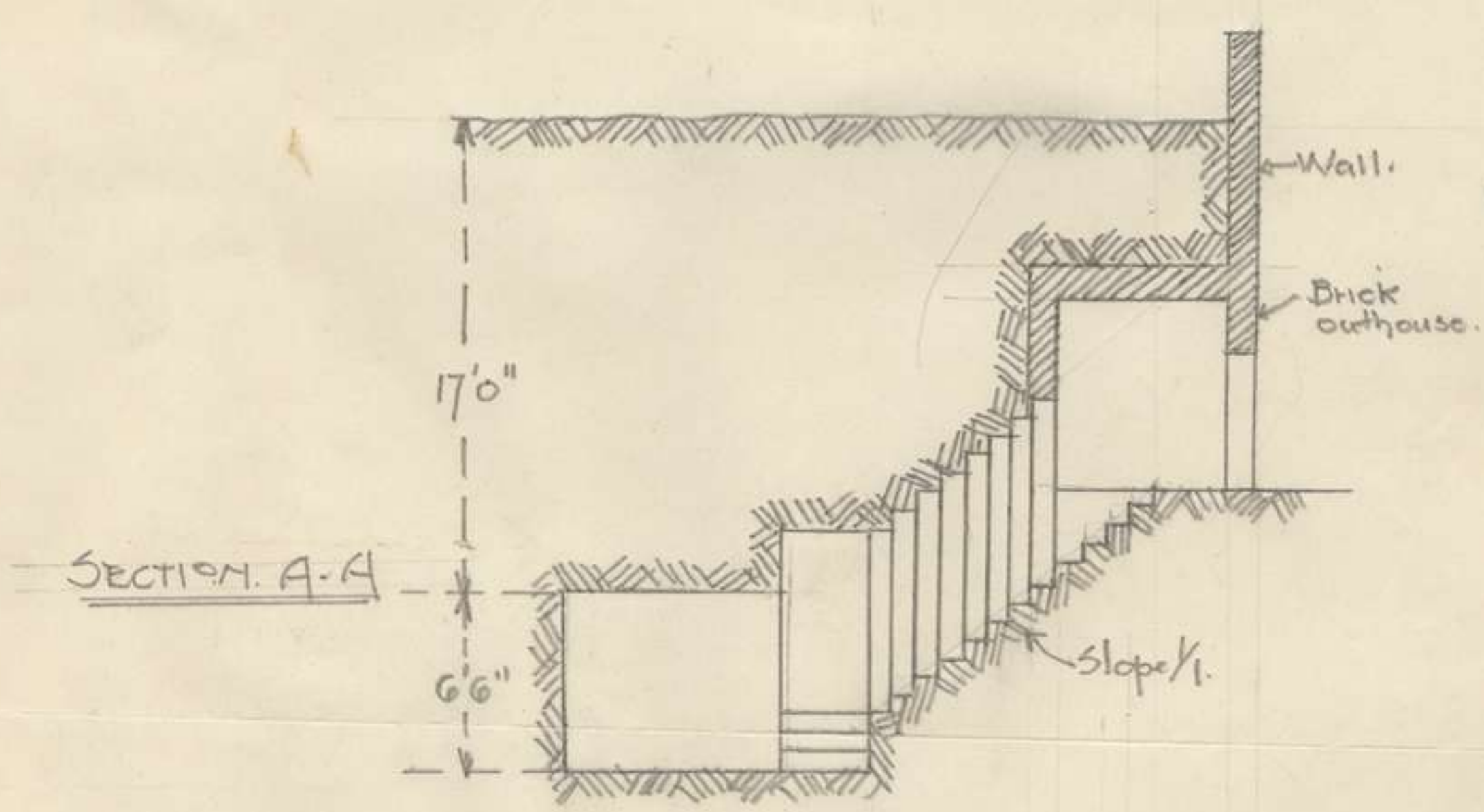
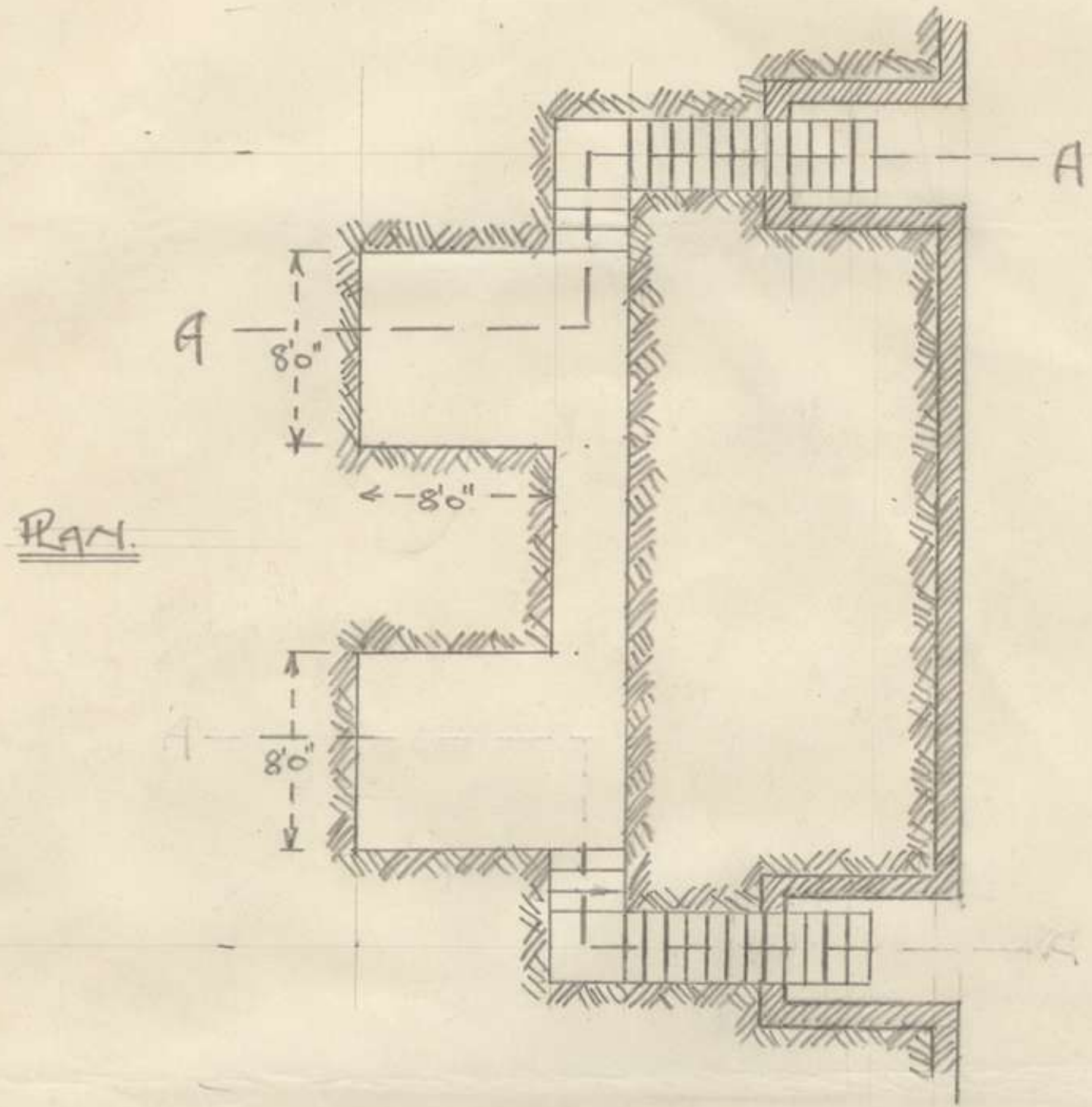
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1	Mined Dugout for Brigade H.Q. No 1.
2	Mined Dugout for Brigade H.Q. No 2.
3	(Sleeping Quarters)

MINED DUGOUT AT.  
M. 20. d. 30. 70. FOR  
BRIGADE HD. QRS.  
Scale. 10 Feet = 1 inch  
SHT 62 P. S. W.



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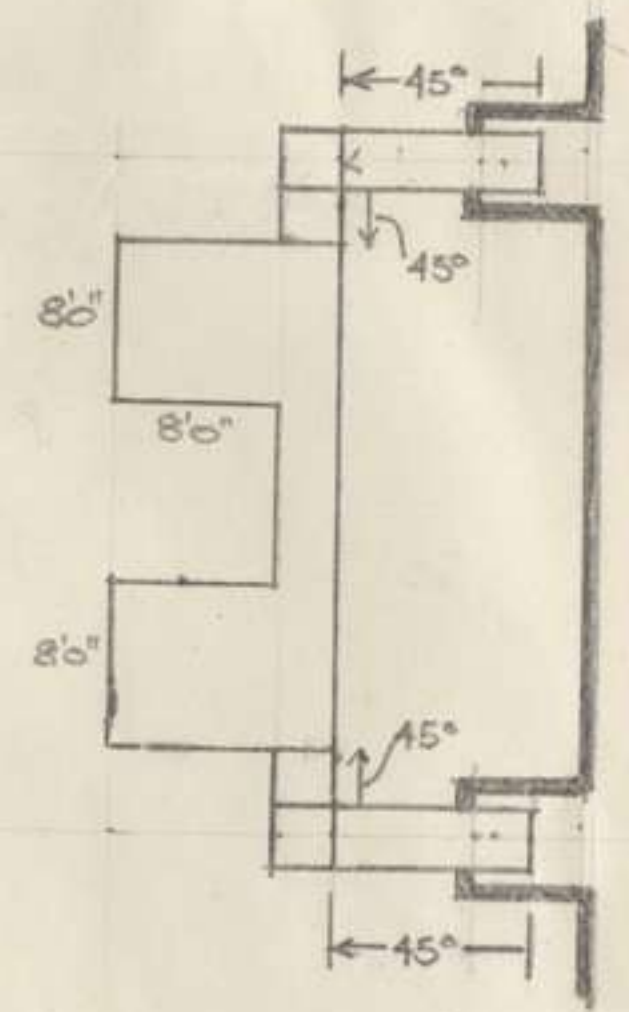
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DIG OUT No. 1 FOR BRIGADE HD QRS

LOCATION - SHEET 62° SW N. 20. d. 30. 70.

COVER FEET CHALK FEET CLAY DRAINING CAPACITY N/A

SCALE 1 INCH = 20 FEET



TRAIL

PROGRESS UP TO, \_\_\_\_\_

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