

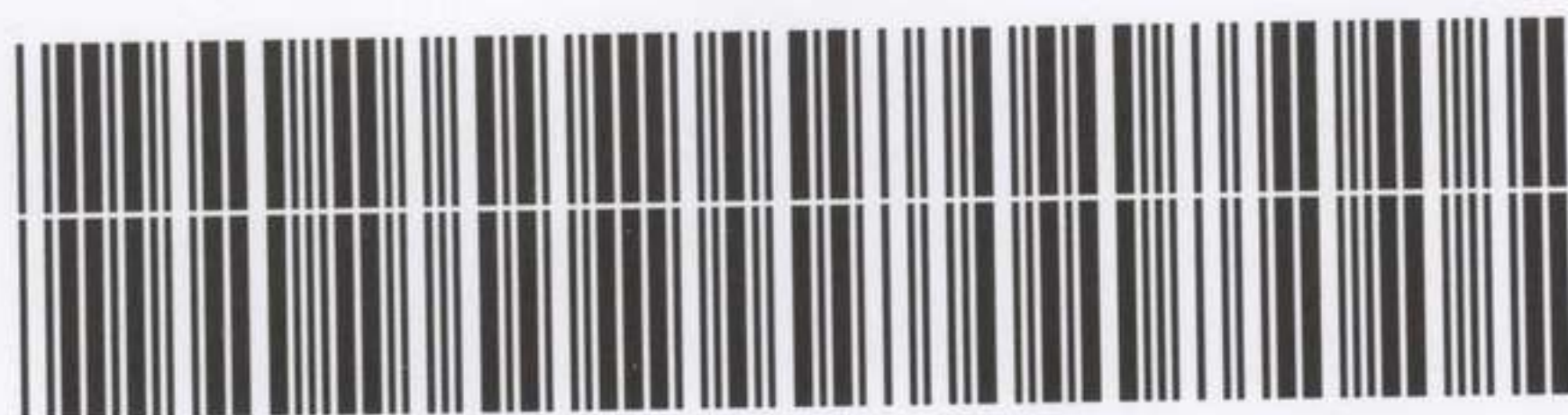
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

7<sup>TH</sup> FLD. COY. A.E.

FOR

SEPT. 1918



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*(Sd) Local Capt.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*Hubert M. J. M.*



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Effective Strength</u> :- 9 Officers 214 Other Ranks.  <u>Absent from Unit</u> :- On leave - 2 Offs 12 O.R.  Sick. - 3 O.R.  On Duty - 2 " 12 O.R.  <u>Rationed by Unit</u> :- 5 officers - 188 O.R.  <u>Personnel on Duty</u> :- C.R.E. 2nd Aust Div. 1 Officer . 3 O.R.  C.E. Aust Corps 1 O.R.  7th Bde Concert Party 3 O.R.  5th Bde Cinema 1 O.R.  2nd Aust Div Rest Post 1 O.R.  R.E.Training School. 1 O.R.  Brigade Kit Store.Corbie 2 O.R..</p> <p><u>Officers</u> :- Officer Commanding. Major. E.N.Webb M.C.  Captains. Captain L.Noedl M.C.  Captain J.W.Bell ( On leave U.K.)  Subalterns. Lieut J.R.Fidler M.C.  Lieut T.A.Lawrie. ( On duty at C.R.E.)  Lieut E.H.Oldham ( On leave U.K.)  Lieut W.C.D.Veale BCM.  2/Lieut G.R.McGowan.  Lieut J.C.Close. ( On duty with A.P.&amp;MM  &amp; R.Cay.  Later transferred )</p>	



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BATTLE OF SOMME.	1st	4.30	<p>No 2 and 3 sections under Lt Veale "DCM" and 2/Lt McGowan, Captain Noedl "MC" i/c camped at H.30.b.3.7.</p> <p>Brigade attacked near Mt St Quentin and at the same time cleared the village of HALLE 12 O.R. with L.G. under Captain Noedl moved to SOMME CANAL and took up position in trench at I.25. a 1.9. for purpose of guarding bridge heads. Shelling extremely heavy up to 7.30am. Prisoners arrived and driven down from Mt St Quentin and Halle made their way across our temporary footbridge at I.19.a.25.25 and H.24.b.7.9. giving themselves up.</p> <p>Work commenced at 9.00am to make good a route for F.A. &amp; H.T. from south side of Canal to HALLE.</p> <p>No 3 section under Lt McGowan constructed pontoon and trestle bridge over Somme Canal at H.24.b.7.9. .</p> <p>Lt McGowan joined O.C. and No 3 section left i/c Sergt Worley.</p> <p>No 2 section in conjunction with Pioneers made good the traffic bridge at H.24.b.7.9 and erected notice boards.</p> <p>The road was opened up for traffic at 6.30pm.</p> <p>Work was delayed for half an hour about 4.30pm by heavy H.E. Shelling.</p> <p>Nos 1 and 4 sections moved into dugouts at I.7.a.65.65</p> <p>Casualties were sustained during morning at Bivouac of 2 Killed and 9 wounded</p>	
	2nd		<p>No.3 Section improved approaches to pontoon bridge and filled in shell holes on road in vicinity of bridge heads.</p> <p>No.2 Section improved traffic bridge at H.24.b.7.3., adjusted road bearers and fixed hand rails.</p> <p>Lt McGowan and 3 O.R. reconnoitred forward area.</p> <p>Leut Fidler and 4 O.R. reconnoitred area captured by 7th A.I. Bde during morning and located Battn Hqrs.</p> <p>Major Webb reconnoitred vicinity of HALLE.</p>	
	3rd		<p>No.2 &amp; 3 Sections worked shifts on improving traffic bridge at H.24.b.7.3. for motor transport and F.A.</p> <p>No.1 Section improved camp.</p> <p>No.1 Section under Lieut Lawrie and Nos 2 &amp; 3 Sections worked on the strengthening</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Battle of Somme	3rd		<del>No 1 section under Lt Lawrie</del> No 4 section opened up wells in FEUILLACOURT and ALLAINES, 1 with pump, other with windlass and signboards placed. Patrolled, cleared and improved road- OMINCOURT-CLERY Bridge to ALLAINES.	
4th			No 1 section under Lt Lawrie and Nos 2 and 3 sections worked on the strengthening of bridge at H.2.4. b.7.3. to take <del>P.M.T.</del> Piers were strengthened and replaced, road bearers adjusted and whole bridge braced. — Captain Noedl departed on leave U.K. No 4 section continued on maintenance of roads and placing noticeboards and burying dead horses- Collected salvage. — Lt McGowan proceeded with 4. O.R. to new billets at G.23.d.0.0. (Eclusier).	
Eclusier	5th		No 4 section and Part No 1 section and H.Qrs and transport moved to new camp at G.23.d.0.0. at 9.30am arriving by 11.00am. No 1 remainder and No 2 section moved to G.23 d.0.0. arriving about 10.00pm. Nos 2 and 3 sections and part No 1 section worked on bridge working 10 hour shifts till 8.30pm. Bridge completed for 5½ ton axle loads at 8.30pm.	
	6th		No 3 section - 8 men finished off handrailing, kerbing, spiking etc of bridge and placed notice boards and No 3 section moved to G 23.d.0.0. at 3.00pm. Remainder of company resting.	
	7th		Parade held in morning and remainder of day spent in resting and cleaning up.	
	8th		No 4 section constructed bridge across SOMME canal for Brigade Swimming carnival Remainder rifle inspection, smartening drill - Afternoon - recreation.	
	9th		No 1 section Baths at Frise- erecting shed for Y.M.C.A. near bridge at ECLUSIER. No 2 and 3 sections Baths and Bombproofing Horse Lines. No 4 section Baths and a on 8th. All section transport washed down.	
	10th		All sections paraded at 8.00am. Inspection of equipment, Remainder of morning spent cleaning and smartening equipment. Afternoon, bombproofing and painting transport. No 4 section completed bridge.	



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SEPTEMBER 1918.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Eclusier.	11th		Sections painting transport, overhauling section equipment, salving bicycles, Bombproofing etc, L.G. Class/and 4 sappers per section under Lt Fidler.	
	12th		L.G. Training and bombproofing Horse Lines.	
	13th		Bombproofing horselines, Oiling transport, L.G. Instruction. Afternoon. Group Sports.	
	14th		Morning. Inspection of sections with transport by C.C. - section movements and rifle exercises. Afternoon recreation.	
	15th		Overhauling and reloading pontoon equipment - Washing down transport	
	16th		DIVISIONAL SPORTS.	
	17th		Inspection of company by C.R.E. 2nd Aust Div. 3 sappers constructing delouser at Eclusier.	
	18th		Anti gas appliances inspected by Div Gas Officer - Gas Helmet Drill - Rifle exercises Lecture on Musketry- Musketry and range practice. Instruction in L.G. No 3 section. Carried out repairs to bridges and approaches at Cappy. 3 sappers working on delouser.	
	19th		Morning. Rifle exercises and section drill. Lecture on German Land Mines & Booby traps. AFTERNOON. Musketry and range practice- Completion of bombproofing at Horse lines. Lewis Gun training. Construction of crosses for French Mission. Work on Brigade Delouser.	
	20th		Washing transport. Lewis Gun training. Crosses for French Mission. Work on delouser Afternoon. Parade at 1.00pm. Inspection of Divisional Engineers by C.E. Aust Corps.	
	21st		Major. Webb departed on leave U.K. <i>Baptist</i> (returned from leave and commanding) No 2 section carrying out improvements and repairs to Div H.Qrs. 10.0.P. making crosses for French Mission- 1 officer and 4.C.R. instructing Battns in topography- Lewis Gun training - Section drill and rifle exercises.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Eclusier.	22nd		Route March - L.G.Training- making crosses- Topo instruction- party inspected Div & Company crosses at Pozieres. Captain Noedl rejoined ex leave.	
	23rd		Baths and recreation.	
	24th		No 2 section work at Cappy. - Nos 1.3.& 4 sections. Musketry and rifle exercises - Party repaired Crosses of Division and Company at Pozieres and Tara Hill respt. L.G.Training- Bde Delouser completed. <del>Explain</del>	
	25th		Route March- No 2 section continued work at Cappy -Party constructing Coy Delouser. Remainder - Route March.	
	26th		No 2 section completed work at Cappy- Remainder of Company - Route March in Battle Order L.G.Training.	
	27th		Company route March battle order - L.G Training. Company moved to COURCELLES area at 8.45pm and occupied camp vacated by 11th Fld Coy. A AT J33.a.4.6. The distance covered was short about 12 miles but owing to darkness of the night and much movement of troops progress was slow and company did not arrive at destination until 2.00am 28th.	
Courcelles.	28th		Company moved to J.17.b.9.8. Tincourt area at 7.30pm. Two sections occupied Nissen Bow Huts, the remainder of the company constructed improvised shelters.	
Tuncourt	29/30th.		<del>22</del> Company remained at TINCOURT awaiting orders to move forward.	
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			L. Noedl Captain. Officer Compiling Diary.	

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## WAR DIARY

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7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.	
1.	Graphs of Strength & Wastage.	Orign'l Only.
2.	Transport Officer's Report	All copies.
3.	Monthly statement of Q.M.S Branch	" "
4.	Divisional Engineer Instruction No 58	Orign'l Only.
5.	Brigade Order No 220	
6.	Brigade Order No 221	
7.	Div Engineer Order No 59	
8.	Brigade Order No 224	
9.	2nd Aust Div Engrs Memo 18/155	
10.	Company Order No 1034	All copies.
11.	7th A.I.Bde Instruction No 1	Orign'l Only.
12.	Company Orders 28/9/18	All copies.
13.	7th A.I.Bde 251/49 & Order No 225	Orign'l Only.
14.	Report on operations 27/8/18 -6/9/18.	Orig & Tripl.
15.	Works Map.	" Only.
16.	Plans of <del>sketches</del> Bridges over Somme	" "

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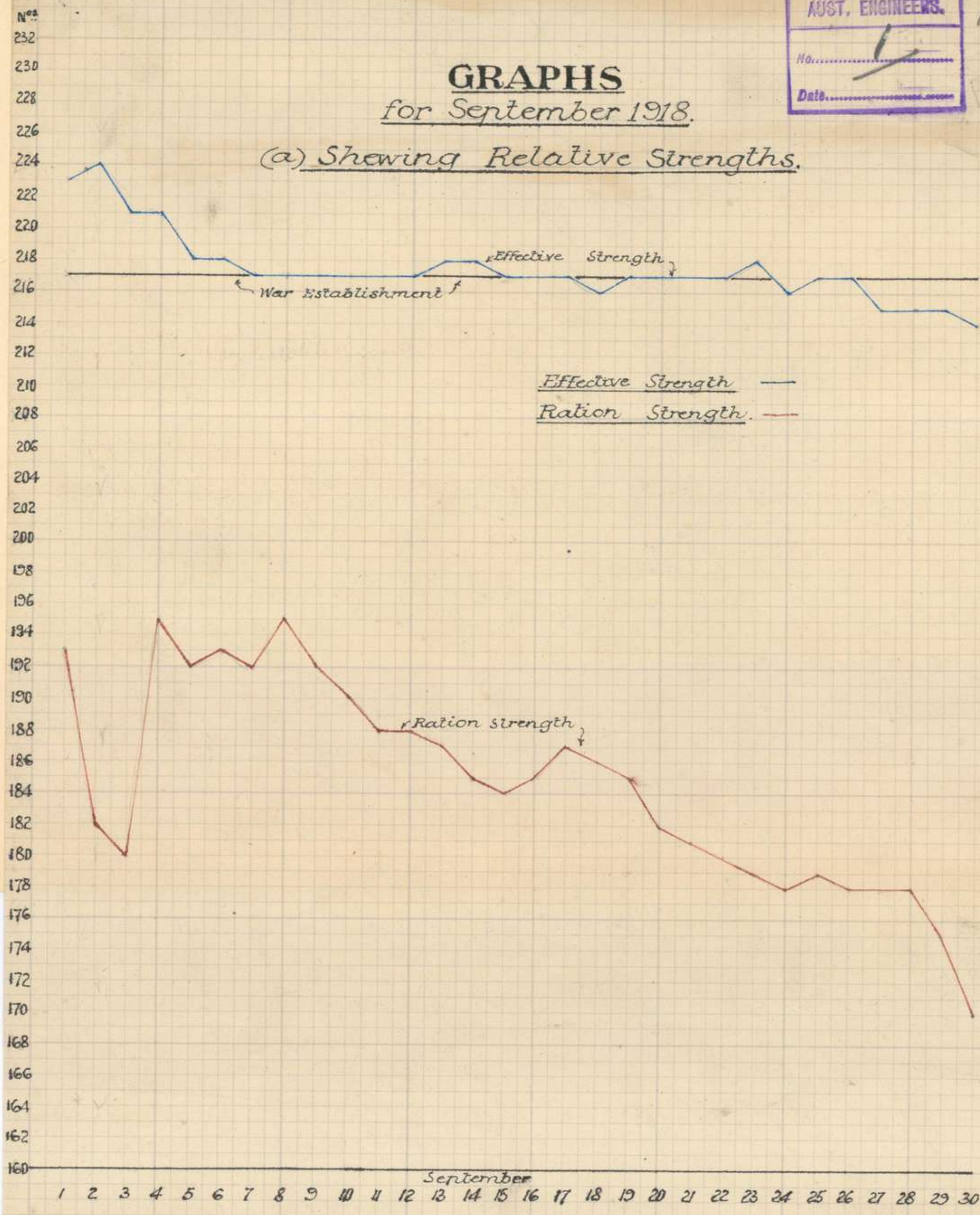
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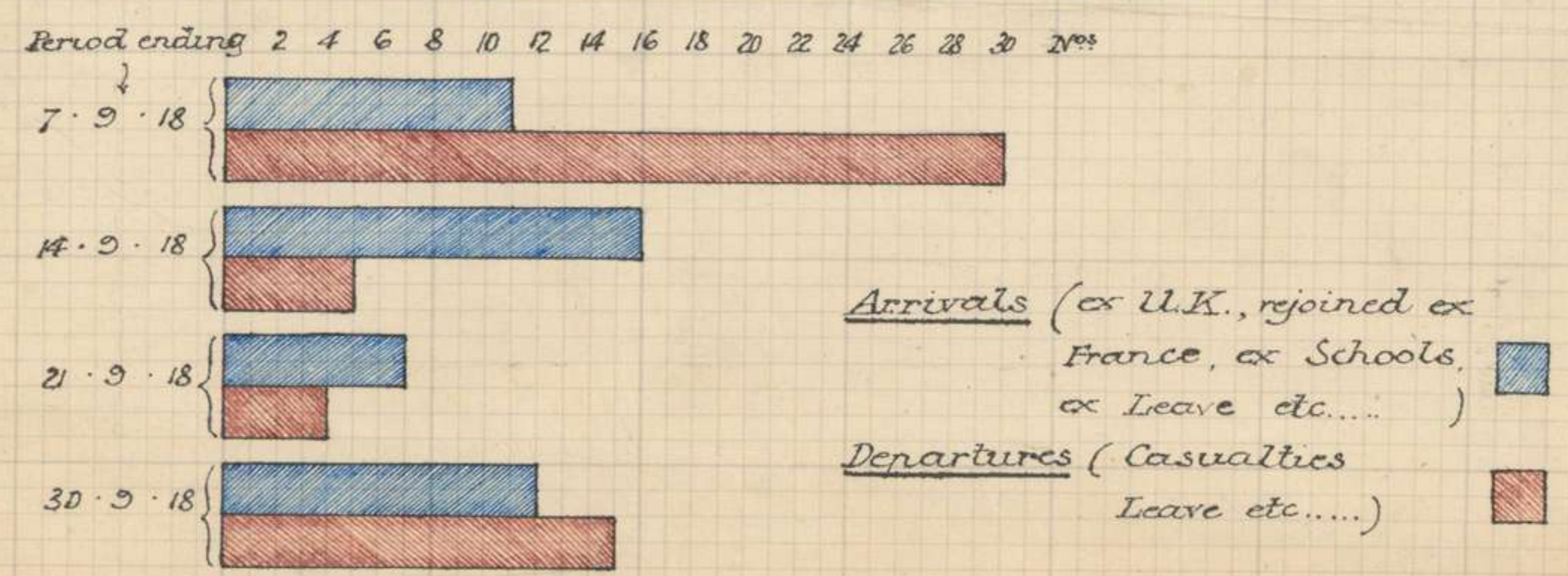
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**GRAPHS**  
for September 1918.

(a) Shewing Relative Strengths.



(b) Arrivals and Departures.





30/9/18.

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The sudden change in the weather made it necessary for wind screens to be erected and a fair amount of bombproofing being done also, in less than a week after our arrival, we had quite a comfortable quarters for horses.

On the 9th. Sept. 38 L.D. Horses were handed over to the Australian Field Artillery , some going to the 4th and 5th A.F.A.Bdes.

In nearly every case the horses were in good condition and in exchange we received from Artillery 14 mules clean ~~an~~ and mostly in good condition.

The same day we also received 25 mules from the Remount depot, most of these being dirty; they were immediately dipped and precautions taken to prevent an outbreak of skin disease.

Advantage was taken of the abundance of grass in the vicinity and everyday mules and horses were turned out for grazing and towards the end of the month Veterinary Officers expressed satisfaction at the general condition of both horses and mules and lines.

At the beginning the drivers were not at all pleased at having to part with their horses for mules, but although they have not yet had them a month, they are mostly convinced that most of their teams are the better for the exchange.

The Chief difficulty was the alterations necessary to the harness, but by the time the company moved forward again on the 27th Sept. this had all been completed- mules, harness and transport generally were quite up to standard.

15/10/18.

J. R. FIDLER Lieut.  
7th Field Company. A. E.

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FIELD COMPANY,  
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## MONTHLY STATEMENT OF QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT. 30/9/18.

ARTICLES drawn from D.A.D.O.S.To replace those rendered U.S. by the exigencies of the Campaign.

18 Prs Boots Ankle.	36 Jackets S.D.	19 Hats A.P.
50 Prs Laces Boot.	4 Housewives	25 prs Puttees
28 Prs Braces.	36 Nets Hay	46 Bags Nose.
26 Prs Breeches M.S.	10 Brushes Dandy	3 Brushes Water Carriage
20 " " D.S.	14 Respirators S.B.	3 Containers .S.B.R.
4 Clasp Knives	4 Rasps Farriers	2 prs Spurs Jack
4 Kettles Camp	1 Knife Farriers	3 Files Saw
2 Bicycles G.S.	2 Compasses Prism.	1 Clam Saddlers
1 pr Clippers Horse	6 whips Driving	2 Breechings
56 Fthms 2" white	2 prs Drag Ropes.	2 combs.
Corrage	1 Haversack O.S.	

To Replace expendable stores.

30 lbs Soda	10 lbs soft soap	97 Bars Soap Yellow
340 yds Flannelkette	10 lbs Dubbin	12 sheets emery
122 Mule shoes	16 Horse shoes	1 lb Resin
30 pts Oil Lub.	45 Prs Tip Boot Heel	20 Prs Tip Boot Toe.
120 Fthms Rope White (2")	52 Fthms 1" White Rope	29 Lashings
12 pencils carpenters	2 tubes rubber solution	6 Awl Blades
1 Hide B.P. Rivets & washer		7 lbs White paint
	7 lbs Black Paint.	

To replace articles Lost In action

2 Bicycles G.S.	57 Badges Australia	43 Badges R.Suns Large
	1 Towel.	

As a first Supply.

4 chevrons Red	200 Chevrons Blue	4 Chevrons Jacket.
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Drawn from 2nd Aust Div. R.E. DUMP to replace Lost In action.Salvage returned to Refilling Point.

Paper 26 lbs.	Cardboard 21 Lbs.	Jam Cartons 192
Bags of Tins for solder extraction	Fat 50 lbs.	5

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APPENDIX  
7TH  
FIELD COMPANY,  
AUST. ENGINEERS.

## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 58.

Reference Map 620 N.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 7th Field Coy. will repair road from H.12.b.2.4. CLERY-sur-SOMME-I.7.a. and b.-I.8.a.-I.2.d.-I.2.c. to HAUT ALLAINES as soon as situation permits.

2. The 6th Field Coy. will repair road from I.19.b.3.2.-I.20.a. and C. thence N.E. to I.27.a.-I.21.central-I.15.d. to I.16.a., and also road from I.22.b.3.3. to I.11.d.9.9. as soon as situation permits.

3. The 5th Field Coy. will be in reserve and will carry out the following ~~work~~ works:-

Erection of Horse Troughs near Lock at G.24.c.central.

Erect canvas troughing (to be replaced later by permanent structure) on North side of SOMME as soon as situation permits.

They will also be available for providing accommodation of D.H.Q. on north side of SOMME and will make early reconnaissance for same.

4. The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will take over and maintain the following bridges on completion.

H.8.d.9.3. at FEULLIERES and pontoon bridge at H.24.d.7.9.

Repair and maintain the following bridges across the SOMME River and CANAL -

Infantry in Filex bridge	H.24.d.65.95.	to I.19.a.30.65.
" " " "	I.19.c.25.05.	to I.19.d.0.9.
" " " "	I.19.c.25.05.	to I.19.a.35.05.
" " " "	H.15.b.95.70.	
Horse transport bridge	H.12.b.2.7.	
" " "	H.17.a.50.95.	
" " "	H.24.d.7.9.	to HALLE.

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn will also repair and maintain road across River SOMME at H.24.a. through HALLE to Mt.St.QUENTIN, also road from FEULLECOURT -I.19.a. and c.-I.15.b.-I.16.c. to I.22.d.5.3. as soon as situation permits.

5. WATER SUPPLY A water detail will be allotted to each Field Coy. who will test all water samples obtained from wells by the Field Coys. to whom they are attached.

2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will test all wells that are likely to be used by Div. Troops.

Field Coys. and Pioneers will post up notices at wells as soon as tested and immediately notify this office, giving full particulars.

6. Field Coys will render every assistance to Brigades to whom they are affiliated where engineer advice and work is necessary.

7. This programme of work will come into operation by 6 p.m. on 2nd instant.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Field Coys and Pioneer only).

1/9/18.

Second Australian Divisional Engineers.

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Order No. 220.

Headquarters,  
September7TH  
FIELD COMPANY,  
AUST. ENGINEERS.Reference Maps: Sheets 62 C. I. V. } 1/20,000  
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Date

1. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade will carry out an attack on the morning of September 2nd 1918, in conjunction with the 14th A.I. Brigade on the right and the 229th Bn. on the left.  
(b) Zero hour is 5.50 a.m.  
(c) The 7th A.I. Brigade will form up on the start line already indicated, and pass through in its battle formations through the 6th A.I. Brigade.
2. (a) The objective of the 7th A.I. Brigade is a defensive flank, the line of which runs from I.13.a.2.2. - KOROS ALLEY - RUPPECHT TRENCH - ST. DENIS-AZICOURT LA HAUTE Road to AZICOURT LA HAUTE inclusive.  
All ground between the southern boundary of the 229th Brigade and the line of the defensive flank will be mopped up by the 7th A.I. Brigade.  
(b) As the 14th A.I. Brigade advances to the grid line between I.23 and I.24, the 26th Battalion will swing its right flank in conformity with this advance.  
Zero hour of 14th A.I. Brigade will be 6 a.m.  
(c) Any subsequent opportunities will be exploited to the full.
3. (a) The southern boundary of the 7th A.I. Brigade is an east and west grid line between I.13. and I.22.  
(b) The northern boundary is an east and west line through C.28.central.  
(c) Interbattalion boundaries are :-  
Between 26th and 25th Battalions, an east and west grid line between I.10 and I.16.  
Between 25th and 27th Battalions, an east and west grid line to I.5.central.  
through
4. The attack will be made by three battalions, 26th Battalion on the Right, 25th Battalion in the Centre, 27th Battalion on the Left.  
28th Battalion will follow 1,000 yards behind the rear of the attacking battalions, two companies following the 26th Battalion, and two companies following 27th Battalion. These companies will form flank liaison forces, and also local reserves for the 26th and 27th Battalions.
5. The 22nd A.L.G. Coy will detail one section to be attached to each of the four battalions. Details to be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.  
The 5th A.L.G. Coy will remain in mobile reserve in vicinity of I.13.central.
6. Two mortars of the 7th A.L.T.M. Bty will be attached to each of the three attacking battalions, the remaining sub-section will be held in reserve at Battery Headquarters in vicinity of I.13.central.
7. The advance will be supported by six brigades of horse and field artillery firing on selected targets. The artillery start line will be as already indicated.  
Heavy artillery will co-operate.  
The initial barrage, which will be 100 yards in five minutes, will remain on the start line for ten minutes. It will then advance, being regulated by the rate of barrage of 74th Division on the Left.



# APPENDIX

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The artillery barrage for the 14th A.I. Brigade travels at the rate of 100 yards in three minutes.

One artillery brigade will be held as a mobile brigade.

One section of artillery will advance behind each of the three attacking battalions.

8. The 7th Field Coy A.E. will co-operate, constructing foot bridges across the CANAL DU NORD, and detailing parties for inspection of wells and dugouts.
9. One troop of 15th Aust. Light Horse will be used for mounted orderly and escort work.
10. Aeroplane contact patrol will fly over the spur from MONT ST. QUENTIN to AZICOURT at 7.30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Flares will be lit and discs exposed on plane calling on Klaxon horn.
11. All necessary arrangements for the evacuation of casualties have been made.
12. Signalling arrangements. Brigade Forward Signal Station is established at I.13.central. A line will be laid forward to Cross Roads I.16.c.0.9. where a Relay Station will be established. A line will then be laid along road through I.16.a. & b. to main PERONNE - NURLU Road at Cross Roads I.12.a.central, where forward station will be established. Units will maintain communication by telephone visual, and mounted orderlies.
13. Mobile Echelon will be situated in vicinity of I.15.central.
14. Prisoners of war will be sent to mounted escort firstly, at Relay Station I.15.central, and afterwards to Relay Station at I.16.c.0.9. They will then be brought by mounted escort to Brigade H.Q.
15. Headquarters of 7th A.I. Bde will remain at H.16.a.2.4. Headquarters of battalions will move behind the attacking infantry, and will be established as soon as final objective is reached. Headquarters of 7th A.L.T.M. Bty will be at I.13.central. " " Machine Gun Coys " " I.13.central.
16. Flank liaison will be maintained by all units.
17. Acknowledge.

Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

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|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. 25th Bn.        | 13. 5th A.I. Bde.       | 22. G.O.C.        |
| 2. 26th Bn.        | 14. 6th " "             | 23. B.H.          |
| 3. 27th Bn.        | 15. 2nd Aust. Div.      | 24. S.C.          |
| 4. 28th Bn.        | 16. 2nd Div. Arty       | 25. File.         |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.M. B. | 17/18. Liaison Officers | 26/28. War Diary. |
| 6. 22nd M.G. Coy   | 19. B.T.C.              |                   |
| 7. 5th M.G. Coy    | 20. Bde Sig. Officer.   |                   |
| 8. 7th Field Coy   | 21. R.I.C.              |                   |
| 9. 5th F. Amb.     |                         |                   |
| 10. 17th A.A.S.C.  |                         |                   |
| 11. 14th A.I. Bde. |                         |                   |
| 12. 22nd Bn.       |                         |                   |



SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 221.Headquarters,  
September 2nd 1918Reference Maps, Sheets 62 C. N.W. & N.E., 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will consolidate for the night on line as follows :-
  - (a) 26th Battalion. From road at I.16..1.3., along KOROS ALLEY to I.17.a.30.65.
  - (b) 25th Battalion. From I.17.a.30.65. to I.11.c.25.29 along RUPPECHT TRENCH to where it joins road, thence to trench I.11.b.8.3., along trench to grid line at I.6.c.4.0.
  - (c) 27th Battalion. From I.6.c.4.0. through I.8.central to HEPA ALLEY at I.6.a.4.2. along trench to road about C.29.d.6.0., thence along road to boundary.
2.
  - (a) 26th Battalion will establish a post at I.10.central.
  - (b) 25th Battalion will establish blocks in DANISTADT TRENCH I.17.a.7.5. and I.17.a.80.65.
  - (c) 27th Battalion will retain post at G.30.c.5.0.
  - (d) 22nd Battalion will place two Companies in support in ~~BRUNN~~ <sup>TORTELLA</sup> TRENCH, with one Company in KOVERLA TRENCH in I.10.a.
  - (e) 27th Battalion will utilize any men of the Suffolk or Sussex Regiments to connect the left flank with the troops of the 74th Division.
  - (f) The remaining Company of the 22nd Battalion will remain in GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH.
3.
  - (a) Battalion Commanders will dispose their Vickers Machine Guns for the defence of the line in their sectors.
  - (b) Eight guns of the 5th Machine Gun Coy will be disposed in positions to be selected by the Machine Gun Group Commander for the defence of the positions.
4. Headquarters of Battalions are :-
 

25th Bn.	I.11.a.0.1.
26th Bn.	I.16.b.3.3.
27th Bn.	I.11.a.3.7.
28th Bn.	I.11.a.1.4.
22nd Bn.	I.8.d.5.0.
Brigade Forward Station	I.16.b.4.2.
Brigade Relay Station	I.13.central.
5. Acknowledge.

Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 4.15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.	11. 6th A.I. Bde.
2. 26th Bn.	12. 2nd Aust. Div.
3. 27th Bn.	13. 22nd M.G. Coy,
4. 28th Bn.	14. War Diary,
5. 22nd Bn.	15/17. "
6. 7th T.L.B.	18. File.
7. 7th Field Coy	
8. 5th M.G. Coy	
9. 14th A.I. Bde.	
10. 229th Bde.	



SECRET.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER

Issued under Second Aust. Division Order No. 217 dated 4th Sept. 1918.

Reference Map : 62C- 1/40,000.

7TH  
FIELD COMPANY,  
AUST. ENGINEERS.  
No. ....  
Date. ....

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1. The 2nd Aust. Divn. will be relieved in the line on night 4th/5th September, 1918.

2. Field Coys and Pioneers of 2nd Aust. Divn. will be relieved by Field Coys and Pioneers of 5th Aust. Divn. under mutual arrangements between O.Cs. Field Coys. and C.Os. Pioneer Bns. concerned.  
The 14th Field Coy. will relieve the 7th Field Coy, relief to be complete by night 4/5th September 1918.

3. On relief Field Coys will move to area G.22. G.23. G.28. G.29. G.34. and G.35.

On relief the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn will move to area G.32.b. and d. and G.33.

4. Completion of relief and location to be notified immediately to D.E.H.Q.

5. All camps, billets and horselines to be left in clean and sanitary condition.

6. D.E.H.Q. will remain in its present location at CAPPY (G.25.d.1.3.)

7. Acknowledge. (Field Coys and Pioneers).

4/9/18.

Second Australian Divisional Engineers.

Lt. & Adjt.,

DISTRIBUTION

1. C.E. Aust. Corps.
2. "G" 2nd Aust. Division.
3. "Q" " " "
4. C.R.E. 5th Aust. Divn.
5. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
6. 5th 6th 7th Field Coys.
7. File.
8. -11-12. War Diary.

APPENDIX

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SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

7 <sup>TH</sup> FIELD COMPANY, AUST. ENGINEERS.	
No. 8	Date. 26/9/18
copy No 6	

Order No. 224Headquarters,  
September 26th 18Reference Map Sheet 62 C., 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division will move to the PERONNE and MESNIL area on the night September 27th/28th 1918.  
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group which will be composed as under will move by march route to, and billet in the PERONNE area in accordance with attached table.  
(c) The 5th A.I. Brigade Group will move to the PERONNE area (sub-area now occupied by the 10th A.I. Brigade), and the 6th A.I. Brigade to the MESNIL area.
2. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will consist of -  
7th A.I. Brigade,  
7th Field Coy A.E.  
7th Field Ambulance,  
2nd Pioneer Battalion.
3. (a) Advance parties will report to their respective units of the 11th A.I. Brigade Group by 10 a.m. 27th inst.  
(b) Major F.H. BERRYMAN will represent 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters at the 11th A.I. Brigade Headquarters from 10 a.m. 27th instant.
4. Transport will move with the unit.
5. Order of dress. Full marching order. Blankets will be transported by lorry.
6. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
7. (a) Special attention will be paid to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 dated 15th May 1918 on "March Discipline and Traffic Control".  
(b) Halts of ten minutes at ten minutes to the clock hour will be observed.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at ECLUSE at 7 p.m. 27th instant and open at the same hour at J.19.c.4.5.
9. A further move to assembly areas will be carried out on the night 28th/29th September 1918.
10. A c k n o w l e d g e.

*F.H. Berryman*  
Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 11.30 p.m.

For distribution P.T.O.



## Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M. Bty
6. 7th Field Coy.
7. 7th Field Ambulance.
8. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
9. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
10. " " " 'A.Q'
11. 5th A.I. Bde.
12. 6th A.I. Bde.
13. 11th A.I. Bde.
14. Area Commandant, PERONNE.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.M.
17. S.C.
18. Major F.H. BERRYMAN.
19. B.T.O.
20. B.I.O.
21. Bde Musketry Officer
22. " Signal.
23. File.
- 24/26. War Diary
- 27/30. Spare.



SECRET7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,  
September 26/1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No. 224.

1. The area to be vacated must be left in a thoroughly sanitary condition. Latrine covers will be collected into one dump in each Battalion area.
2. Advanced parties as under will report to the H.Q. of the Units they are to relieve, at 10 a.m. 27th instant.
 

Each Battalion	1 Officer	4 o/ranks.
T.M. Battery	1 "	1 "
7th Field Coy	1 "	1 "
7th Field Amb.	1 "	1 "
3. AMMUNITION - Full mobile echelon will be carried.
4. TRANSPORT will move with Units.  
 The 26th and 27th Battalions will each detail 1 limber to move the 7th A.L.T.M.Bty. Limbers will report to H.Q., 7th A.L.T.M.Bty at 3 p.m. 27th instant.  
 25th and 28th Battalions will each detail 1 limber to report to Brigade H.Q. at 3 p.m. 27th instant. These limbers will move with Brigade H.Q.
5. BAGGAGE WAGONS will report to Units during day 27th inst.
6. BLANKETS will be transported to new area by motor lorries. Lorries have been allotted as follows :-
 

25th Bn. and 7th Bde H.Q.	1 lorry
26th Bn. and T.M.Bty	1 "
27th Battalion	1 "
28th "	1 "

 Each unit will send a guide to report to Lieut. W.C. ARMSTRONG 28th Battalion, at CAPPY CHURCH at 3.45 p.m. 27th inst. to guide lorries to units.
7. DIVISIONAL REINFORCEMENT WING is at LA CHAPELLETTE. All Battalion bands, personnel due to proceed on leave on 29th and 30th inst. and 1914 men, will be sent to the Divisional Wing. All personnel proceeding to Divisional Reinforcement Wing will report at Transport Lines near Brigade H.Q. at 2.30 p.m. 27th inst. The senior Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each Unit's details will be in possession of a nominal roll. The senior Officer present will take charge of all Brigade Details and march them to the Divisional Wing. He will report to Brigade H.Q. before moving off.  
 Officers' valises and the packs of bandsmen only, will be placed in a dump and a guard of two men mounted over it. This gear will be subsequently delivered by motor lorry to the Divisional Wing.
8. All area stores, shelters and tents will be taken over in new area.
9. WATER POINT for the Brigade is at DOINGT CHURCH.
10. SUPPLY arrangements will be as at present.



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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Headquarters  
September 28/1918

11. Receipts given and received for area stores will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.
12. All training ammunition on hand will be returned to salvage dump.

*W. H. H. H.*

Lieutenant, A/Staff Captain,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to units concerned.

TRANSPORT will move with units.  
The 28th and 29th Battalions will each detail 1 limber to move the 7th A.I.B. Coy. Limbers will report to H.Q. 7th A.I.B. Coy at 3 p.m. 28th instant.  
28th and 29th Battalions will each detail 1 limber to report to Brigade H.Q. at 3 p.m. 28th instant. These limbers will move with Brigade H.Q.

BLANKETS will be transported to new area by motor lorries. Lorries have been allotted as follows:-  
28th Bn. and 7th Bde H.Q. 1 lorry  
28th Bn. and 7th Bde 1 lorry  
29th Battalion 1 lorry  
28th Bn. 1 lorry  
29th Bn. 1 lorry  
Each unit will send a guide to report to H.Q. 7th A.I.B. Coy at 3 p.m. 28th instant. Guide lorries to units.

DIVISIONAL REINFORCEMENT WING is at LA CHARPENTRE. All Battalion limbers, personnel due to proceed or leave on 28th and 29th inst. and 1918 men, will be sent to the Divisional Wing. All personnel proceeding to Divisional Reinforcement Wing will report at Transport Limber near Brigade H.Q. at 8.30 p.m. 28th inst. The senior Officer or A.C.C. in charge of each Battalion's details will be in possession of a nominal roll. The senior Officer present will take charge of all Battalion details and march them to the Divisional Wing. He will report to Brigade H.Q. before moving off.

Officers' valises and the packs of bandmen only, will be placed in a dump and a guard of two men mounted over it. This gear will be subsequently delivered by motor lorry to the Divisional Wing.

All area stores, shelters and tents will be taken over in new area.

WATER POINT for the Brigade is at TORNT CHURCH.

SUPPLY arrangements will be as at present.



7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY Brigade Order No. 224 dated 26th September 1918.

Date	Unit	Starting Point.	Passos Starting Point	Route	Takes over from	H.Q. at
1918 Night Sept. 27/28th.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	Cross Roads G.28.b.	7 p.m.	HERBECOURT - BIACHES - Bridge H.24.b.- HALLE - QUINCONCE - ST.DENIS - Cross Roads I.24.c.	11th A.I. Bde H.Q.	J.19.c.4.5.
"	7th Field Coy A.E.	"	7.5 p.m.	"	11th Field Coy A.E.	J.33.a.4.6.
"	27th Bn.	"	7.10 p.m.	"	43rd Bn.	J.32.a.6.1.
"	25th Bn.	"	7.20 p.m.	"	41st Bn.	I.30.b.5.6.
"	26th Bn.	"	7.30 p.m.	"	42nd Bn.	I.36.b.1.5.
"	28th Bn.	"	7.40 p.m.	"	44th Bn.	I.36.b.0.4.
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	"	7.50 p.m.	"	11th A.L.T.M.Bty	I.36.b.0.5.
"	7th Field Ambulance	X Roads HERBECOURT	<sup>8.30</sup> 7.55 p.m.	"	11 Field Ambulance	I.24.d.3.2.
"	2nd Pioneer Bn.	"	8 p.m.	"	3rd Pioneer Bn.	J.33-b.50.99

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**SECRET**

Headquarters, Divisional Engineers,  
26th Sept. 1918.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 219 is republished  
below:-

Headquarters,  
26th Sept. 1918.

"Reference Map - Sheet 62C. 1/40,000.

1. The division will move to the PERONNE and MESNIL areas on the night 27th/28th September in accordance with table on reverse.
2. Except within brigade areas, no other routes than those laid down in attached table will be used.
3. Units will move and billet in brigade groups composed as follows:-

<u>5th A.I.Bde.Group.</u>	<u>6th A.I.Bde. Group.</u>	<u>7th A.I.Bde. Group.</u>
5th A.I.Bde.	6th A.I.Bde.	7th A.I.Bde.
5th Aust. M.G.Co.	6th Aust. M.G. Co.	2nd Aust. M.G.Bn. (less
5th Aust. Field Co.	6th Aust. Field Co.	5th & 6th Coys.)
5th Aust. Field Amb.	6th Aust. Field Amb.	7th Aust. Field Co.
		7th Aust. Field Amb.

Moves of units not specified above will be carried out under orders to be issued by "Q", following brigade routes and using one of the roads specified in attached table.

4. No movement is to take place in daylight. Brigade groups will therefore not start their march before 7 p.m. 27th instant.
5. Divisional Headquarters will remain at CAPPY.
6. A further move to assembly areas will be carried out on the night 28th/29th September in accordance with orders to be issued later. "

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*Lincoln Burn* Lt. & A/Adjt.  
Second Australian Divisional Engineers.

Distribution,

1. 5th Field Co.	✓
2. 6th " "	
3. 7th " "	





## MARCH TABLE.

To accompany 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 219.

Unit.	From	To	Route	Remarks.
5th A. I. Bde. Group.	CAPPY area.	PERONNE area. (sub-area at present occupied by 10th A.I.Bde.)	PRISE - FEUILLERES - HEM - CLERY - ALLAINES - BUSSU.	Bde. H.Q. I.24.a.5.5.
6th A. I. Bde. Group.	CAPPY area.	MESNIL area. (sub-area at present occupied by 8th A.I.Bde.)	CAPPY - DOMPIERRE - ASSEVILLERS - BARLEUX - FM LAMPIRE - LE MESNIL.	Bde. H.Q. O.4.b.4.2.
7th A. I. Bde. Group.	CAPPY area.	PERONNE area. (sub-area at present occupied by 11th A.I.Bde.)	Cross road in G.28.b. - HERBECOURT-BIACHES - Bridge H.24.b. HALLE - QUINCONCE - ST. DENIS - cross roads I.24.c.	Bde. H.Q. J.19.c.4.5.

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7th Field Company Australian

Order No 1034.

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Captain . L. Noedl  
Commanding.

M.C.

27/9/18.



MOVE The company will move to PERONNE area at 6.45pm, passing cross roads G.28.b. at 7.5pm and will take over lines vacated by 11th Field Company Australian Engineers at J.33.a.4.6.

Advance Party. Lt Fidler .M.C. and L/Cpl King M.M. will take over lines from 11th Field Coy.A.E. at 10.00am .

Dress. The dress for the move will be BATTLE ORDER.

Blankets & Packs. Blankets and packs will be loaded on section litters by 6.00pm.

Transport. Sections will move complete with transport. H.Qrs transport under Lt Fidler.

Cyclists Two cyclists per section under Sergt Chatto will move at 5.00pm and act as guides in new area.

Sanitation. All latrines will be filled in with at least 1 ft of earth and all rubbish in huts etc burnt. All accommodation to be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.

March Discipline. The following intervals must be observed:-  
50 yards between units and 25 yards between sections & every six vehicles.

Supplies. Supply arrangements remain as at present.

Surplus gear. All surplus gear will be disposed of and burnt, there being no arrangements for leaving gear in back areas, nor for transport of such gear.

*L. Noedl*  
A/C.C. 7th Field Company.A.E.

Captain.

Issued at :-  
10.00am.

DISTRIBUTION:-

1. Transport section.
  2. Orderly N.C.O
  3. Notice Board.
  - 4.5.6. War Diary.
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## 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,  
September 27th 1918.

7th	FIELD COMPANY No.
AUST. ENGINEERS.	
No.	11
Date	

## INSTRUCTIONS No.1.

1. The Australian Corps with the 11 American Corps affiliated is to attack the enemy's positions in the HINDENBURG line in the Sector NAUROY - GOUY on a date and hour to be notified. Boundaries and objectives are shown on attached Map.
2. The attack is to be carried out in two main phases :-
  - (a) Phase 1. The 30th American Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the left are to attack with Tanks under a creeping artillery barrage and capture the GREEN line.  
As soon as the road situation permits, the Armoured Car Battalion with a proportion of Whippet Tanks attached is to be passed through the infantry and despatched on special missions with the object of disorganising the enemy's communications, headquarters, etc.
  - (b) Phase 11. The 5th Australian Division on the right and the 3rd Australian Division on the left, each with three brigades of Field Artillery and a proportion of Tanks, and organised in brigade groups, are to pass through the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively in open warfare formations and attack and capture the RED line.  
The 30th and 27th American Divisions are to extend their operations to the South and North respectively with the object of seizing the objectives shown in RED.  
The 5th Cavalry Brigade is to be prepared to pass through the infantry after the latter have reached the RED line. Its role will be to seize and hold the line of high ground Map Sheets 57 B. S.W. and 62 B. N.W., HAMAGE FARM - U.25.a. and c. - C.8.central - I.3.central - I.9.central - I.14.central - I.19.central until the arrival of the infantry. Should the enemy retreat, the 5th Cavalry Brigade is to maintain contact.
3. A preliminary operation is to be carried out by the 27th & 30th American Divisions on 27th September with the object of gaining the Infantry Forming Up Line for the main operation. This operation is being carried out with the assistance of Tanks and under a creeping artillery barrage.
4. Before the main operation there is to be a preliminary bombardment by all available artillery lasting for a considerable period.
5. Four main roads are to be developed for traffic under Corps arrangements. They are coloured BLACK, RED, YELLOW and BLUE on attached map. They will be respectively marked on the ground by sign boards painted in the same sequence of colours. Of these the RED and YELLOW roads will probably be developed into M.T. roads.
6. It may be anticipated that the 2nd Australian Division will be employed at a later date to exploit any success gained.
7. A liberal supply of maps and air photographs is being issued to all units.
8. A c k n o w l e d g e.

Copies to:-

25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.  
7th A.L.T.M.B.  
7th Field Coy A.E.  
7th Field Ambulance  
Signal Co.

Major, Bde Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.



Routine Orders  
by  
Captain L. Needl M.C.  
Temporarily Commanding  
7th Field Company Australian Engineers  
28/9/18.

7TH  
FIELD COMPANY,  
AUST. ENGINEERS.

No. ....

Date .....

Move. Company will move to J.17.b.9.B. at 7.50 pm.

Loading. Section limbers to be loaded by 7.00pm.  
Mess Cart to report at H. 1st by 6.45pm.  
Section transport to move with sections.  
Company Parade at 7.10pm at H. 1st. Dress. Battle Order.  
Section Cyclists to move in advance at 6.30pm.  
Cen must be left in a clean condition and all refuse burned.

L. Needl Captain.  
A/C. 7th Field Company Australian Engrs.



SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 6

ORDER No. 225.Headquarters,  
September 28th 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move by march route to assembly areas as shown in attached table, tonight September 28th.
2. The Brigade Group will consist of -  
     7th A.I. Brigade  
     7th Field Coy A.E.  
     7th Field Ambulance  
     2nd Pioneer Battalion  
     2nd Machine Gun Bn (less 5th & 6th M.G. Coys)
3. Transport will move with units.  
     Brigade Mobile Echelon will move with Brigade H.Q.
4. Advance parties have gone forward this afternoon.
5. Units will report arrival in new area to Brigade H.Q. Also exact location of Headquarters.
6. After midday September 29th, the Brigade Group will be held in readiness to move at two hours' notice.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at J.19.c.4.5. at 7.15 p.m. tonight and will open at J.4.b.3.6. at the same hour.
8. A c k n o w l e d g e.

*R. Lee*Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Brigade Signals at 5.15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. T.M. Bty
6. 7th Field Coy.
7. 7th Field Ambulance.
8. 2nd M.G. Bn.
9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
10. 17th A.A.S.C.
11. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
12. " " " 'A.Q'
13. 5th A.I. Bde
14. 6th A.I. Bde
15. Area Commandant TINCOURT
16. G.O.C.
17. B.M.
18. S.C.
19. B.T.O.
20. B.I.O.
21. Bde Musketry Officer
22. Bde Signal Officer
23. File
- 24/26. War Diary.
- 27/28. Spare.



7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 225 dated September 28th 1918.

Date	Unit	Destination	Remarks.
1918			
Night	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	TEMPLEUX la FOSSE J.4.b.3.6.	
Sept. 28/29th.	25th Battalion	Hutted Camp J.17.b.9.8.	Units will move from
"	26th "	Huts & bivouacs TEMPLEUX la FOSSE D.29.o.5.8.	present camps at
"	27th "	Hutted Camp J.17.b.9.9.	7.30 p.m.
"	28th "	Huts - TEMPLEUX la FOSSE, J.4.b.3.5.	
"	7th A.L.T.M. Bty	ditto J.4.b.7.6.	
"	7th Field Ambulance	ditto J.4.b.3.9.	
"	7th Field Coy A.E.	Hutted Camp J.17.b.9.7.	
"	2nd Pioneer Bn.	Huts & Bivouacs AIZECOURT LES BAS	
"	2nd M.G. Bn.	Bivouacs LONGAVESNES.	

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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APPENDIX

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Headquarters,  
September 30th 1918

7TH  
FIELD COMPANY  
AUST. ENGINEERS

No. 3  
Date

WARNING ORDERReference Map Sheet 62 C. 1/40,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move forward tomorrow October 1st, 1918. All units will be ready to move from present positions after 8 a.m.
2. The immediate role of the 2nd Australian Division is dependent on the success of the operations of the 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions.  
The 2nd Australian Division may either -  
 (a) Relieve the 5th Australian Division tomorrow night October 1st/2nd,  
 (b) Move forward to Support Divisional area tomorrow October 1st.  
 In the event of (a) the 7th A.I. Brigade will be Reserve Brigade.  
 In the event of (b), the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move probably to the TEMPLEUX - LE - GUERARD area.
3. (a) In either case, units will occupy trench systems, bivouacs, or dugouts.  
 (b) Advance parties, mounted or cyclists, will be held ready to move forward to new areas as soon as definite information is obtained.
4. Blankets will be taken forward by units of the Brigade to the new area.
5. Transport will accompany units.
6. In the event of the 2nd Australian Division going into the line, it is anticipated that it will carry out an operation within 24 hours after taking over.
7. Acknowledge.

*E. Lee*

Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 9.15 p.m.  
Copies to :-

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 25th Bn.             |                      |
| 2. 26th Bn.             |                      |
| 3. 27th Bn.             |                      |
| 4. 28th Bn.             |                      |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.M.B.       |                      |
| 6. 2nd Pioneer Bn.      |                      |
| 7. 2nd M.G.Bn.          |                      |
| 8. 7th Field Coy A.E.   |                      |
| 9. 7th Field Ambulance. |                      |
| 10. 17th A.A.S.C.       | 14. B.T.O.           |
| 11. 2nd Aust. Div.      | 15. B.I.O.           |
| 12. G.O.C.              | 16. Bde Sig. Officer |
| 13. B.M.                | 17. File.            |
| 14. S.C.                | 18/20. War Diary.    |



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OPERATIONS

27/8/18 - 6th September 1918.

7TH  
FIELD COMPANY,  
AUST. ENGINEERS.

6th and 5th Australian Infantry Brigade groups having already moved into forward area after 8 days rest, 7th A.I.Bde group moved up in turn to new Divisional area between grid line M.8. to M.10. on south and SOMME canal ( inclusive on north ). The advance was to be made due east.

7th Field Company A.E. moved up on the morning of the 27th August, sappers by bus and transport by road, and took over 5th Fld Coy A.E. camp at Q.12.c.8.1. near MERICOURT. Transport arrived first, sappers between 2 and 3 pm. Camp a real "War " camp but made sufficiently comfortable by nightfall despite rain showers.

Reconnaissance was at once made as far forward as CHUIGNOLLES and of canal bank ( Major Webb and Lt Veale ) and reports sent in. Notice boards were prepared for erecting in MERICOURT.

On 28th , further reconnaissances were made ( by Captain Noedl and Lt Mott ) as far as CHUIGNES and CAPPY and ( by Lts Veale and McGowan ) along canal to ECLUSIER. In each case reports were submitted.

Also 10 notice boards were erected on roads in MERICOURT; bridging park and tracks to and from were reconnoitred; and touch was gained with 5th Fld. Coy. A.E.

In the evening, orders having been received, the unit moved to the 5th Fld. Coy's camp at R.4.central, sappers getting in at 6.00pm and transport by 7.30pm.

In the evening the Brigade group was ordered to take over advance operations next morning, the front line running roughly at the time - in front of FRISE- BECQUINCOURT - but at the same time changing hourly.

Sapper co-operation was arranged thus:-

One section ( No 4 under Lt Mott DCM ) was allotted to the advance work, the remainder being kept in hand for bridging or ~~walk~~ what not. From this section , one N.C.O. and 3 sappers were allotted to move with the H.Qrs of each of three Battalions , especially to look out for mines, booby traps and trick bombs and take steps required to investigate and secure samples of all water, and secure information generally and Lt Mott DCM with two sappers was to move with the H.Qrs of the reserve battalion, the remainder of the section with transport complete, in rear of Brigade H.Qrs . Major. Webb M.C. was to be with Brigade H.Qrs.

On the morning of the 29th , these arrangements were successfully put into practice. The N.C.O. parties joined their respective battalion H.Qrs before they moved up to deploying positions, and the remainder of No 4 section moved by road under Cpl Fletcher .M.M. and with Major. Webb. M.C. and Lt. Mott. DCM to cross roads in G.28.b, getting into position before 7.30am.

Lt Mott DCM with his party joined 25th Bn H.Qrs at BECQUINCOURT , Major. Webb accompanying to make a forward reconnaissance.

The 7th Bde moved through the 6th Bde at 7.30am on a line roughly N. and S. to E. of HERBECOURT with Sthn Boundary grid line N.8.- N.14 and Nthn boundary H.20 - H.26 and with 8th A.I.Bde to south and 5th A.I.Bde to north.

The enemy opposition was by this time reduced to a mere rearguard action and though shelling was heavy on the forward area all day it was obvious that the area to the SOMME had been evacuated except for staunch machine gun parties. This having become evident, an effort to cross the SOMME appeared to be the next move, and with concurrence of the Brigadier, Major Webb proceeded to reconnoitre the canal for crossings .

The remainder of the unit had meantime been instructed to move up to the vicinity of HERBECOURT about H.31.d.8.8. Having found Lt Mott , en route, the party with 1 runner proceeded forward, when the runner was sent back with a message to instruct 2 sections to move up to vicinity of FLAUCOURT about N.4.d.



Major Webb and Lieut Mott then proceeded to the canal at 0.15.a.5.5. Shell fire was pretty severe at this time and enemy sniping and M.G. fire very active, but the canal bank when reached, gave very good protection. The bridge at 0.15.a.5.5. (F.A.) was found still standing, and on inspection, appeared quite sound. As a 77m gun was shooting it up over the sights at about 800yds and a M.G. was playing direct down it at about 400 yds the deck of the bridge and the corduroy track on the farther side could not be inspected very closely. Just at this time salvos of four from our own 4.5" howitzers landed with great precision within 50 yds of the bridge with "quick burst" fuze. These were repeated (in all 6 or 8 times) and while getting out of the vicinity as quickly as possible Lieut Mott, while still under the bridge, was struck by pieces of shell in the knee and with such force on the handle of his revolver as to completely smash it. As Lieut Mott was completely crippled in one leg, it was only with the greatest difficulty that he was got across the 12ft bridgeway which borders the canal, on an 8 inch tree trunk, especially with both friend and enemy shell constantly landing in the vicinity. Once across the ditch Lieut Mott was carried to a fairly definite and safe place and a search made for stretcher bearers. These having been secured about a mile away and Lieut Mott handed over to them Major Webb continued the reconnaissance. As the infantry objective had been named as the trench 400 yds in rear of the canal, the canal was in No Man's Land (hence our own shellfire) and the greatest caution had to be observed moving along it. No further bridges were found to exist over the canal except the crossings for foot-traffic at the lock 0.3.b.6.8. and the railway bridge at 1.35.d.7.2. damaged but fit for foot traffic. The SOMME river and marshes beyond the canal appeared quite impassible, a considerable amount of water being obvious.

All haste was made to get this information back but between constant delays by shell fire and attending to Lt Mott, the reconnaissance was not reported till after 4.00pm.

As a preliminary measure in the morning, No 1 section was sent out to mark an overland track forward past DOMPIERRE but on the situation being found altered, this section was sent forward direct. No 3 section (part) a quantity of debris from the towpath in 0.19 and after 4 hours work moved up to HERBECOURT. In the afternoon the unit complete moved into very good camp billets with H.Q. at the quarry N.4.b.8.1. Horse lines were within 100 yds of H.Q. and as there was very little shelling of rear areas, except villages, during the occupation of this camp and no shell landed within 100 yds, this proved a sound proposition.

Although Brigade had not any definite orders, it was expected that an attempt to cross the SOMME would be made that night or at dawn and preparations were pushed ahead for foot bridging the canal. As time and hours of light were too short, further reconnaissance of the canal by personnel could not be made but all material was got ready and the location of bridging dump also reconnoitred.

About 8.00pm orders were received to put as many footbridges across SOMME as possible and at least one bridge was guaranteed at 0.9.c.7.7. and another one most probably at 0.9.b.4.7. As cork floats were not yet available it was decided to use pontoons to make bridge. No 2 section under Lt Veale DCM with two pontoons complete moved off under Major Webb about 9.30pm. The night was dark with some drizzle, and some gas and constant desultory shelling, while tracks had not been reconnoitred at all near the canal. However, roads were found in excellent condition and with careful scouting and handling, the wagons were moved within 10 yds of the canal at 0.9.c.6.0., some 5 miles, without incident and the stores off-loaded. As the further bank of the canal had not been patrolled by infantry and the intermittent rattle of M.G.'s betokened the enemy's presence, the greatest caution and silence had to be maintained throughout the task.

The site having been selected and all stores offloaded, Lieut Veale



..... Lt Meale,  
was first to carry out the work of construction. This required first, carrying the gear across the side ditch to the canal, then floating or carrying it all some 400 yards to the side, making bridge and all the time maintaining a standing patrol on the farther side of the canal.

Meanwhile the remaining transport of the unit had been arranged for to take sufficient cork floats to the canal for the second bridge. This transport was (1 trestle wagon and 4 limbers) was very ably guided over the same route by Sgt Berrel who had accompanied the pontoons originally. The cork floats were found extremely bulky things to handle and took a great deal of juggling to carry at all.

These materials were landed at the same spot at 3.00am which left by an hour or 12 hours to make bridge.

No 2 section, despite an 8 mile march in the morning in addition to the 5 miles the same night stuck to the job splendidly and made a passable bridge by 4.30am., and completely finished by 5.00am. All the material for this had to be floated 1000 yards along the canal.

In addition to the constant desultory H.E. shell fire, towards morning the valley was bombarded with gas and men had to work in gas masks.

The whole of this exceedingly heavy and yet delicate task requiring the utmost caution and discipline and entailing very heavy strain of excitement, as carried out magnificently under Lt Meale's direction by No 2 section.

On 29th, also, details from Nos 2 and 4 sections made very valuable reconnaissances of water in HERBECOURT, FLAUCOURT, BARLEUX, and BIACHES, samples were secured and tested the same evening and many were marked and put in working order by nightfall.

On morning of 30th, Lt McGowan with details from No 3 section reconnoitred the SOMME river across the canal while No 3 section stood by at O.14.b.20.75 ready to make F.A. bridge if feasible in the wake of the infantry attack. As the whole SOMME marshes were found utterly impassable, the section returned to camp. No 2 section turned in for sleep.

Nos 1 and 4 sections carried out various works; reconnoitred all roads in the area; cleared 5 dead horses and buried them, prepared notice boards; repaired two windlasses and constructed two in FLAUCOURT; about 7pm on 30th Captain Seed with details from No 3 section sent out to reconnoitre bridges in vicinity of BIACHES and an exceedingly valuable report on bridges in H.24.b. and D, 1.19.c. and J. 23 .a. was submitted.

In order to get this information a party had to patrol the farther bank of the canal which was still occupied by the enemy and had not been patrolled at all by our own infantry.

The whole area visited was constantly harassed by shell fire, particular attention being paid to the bridge sites.

The work done by this reconnaissance party cannot be overestimated. Arrangements were made tentatively with C.R.E. during the afternoon to proceed with the restoration of the crossing from H.24.d.7.9. to HALL and all preparations had been pushed well forward, but this was cancelled about 7.30pm. However, complete reconnaissance report was sent on with an estimate of time required to make good the crossing for H.T.

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Major Webb and Lt Kernaghan M.M. proceeded on reconnaissance of bridges near BIACHES and at 4.30am. Attack by 5th A.I.Bde at 5.00am with corresponding heavy barrage and retaliation. Reconnaissance continued and completed despite heavy shelling. Party then stood by for 12 hours investigating the attack on the opposite side of the river and saw enemy evacuating HALL. Report made.

Details from Nos 1 and 4 sections improving roads, placing notice boards, (12) improving water supply at HERBECOURT, loading two loads

fresh pontoon equipment at dump.



No 2 resting.

No 3 standing by.

Orders received at 11.30am to be prepared to move at half an hour's notice, and everything prepared at once.

Arrangements were made immediately for Nos 3 and 2 sections (Lts McGowan and Veale) under Captain Noedl. M.C. to proceed at once to make :-

- (a) As many foot crossings as possible good across SOMME and canal in vicinity of H.24.b. and I.19.c. by 4.00pm. (Estimated)
- (b) Make crossing H.24.d.7.9. to HALLE good for H.T. as soon as feasible.

Headquarters (less 2 pontoon wagons) Nos 1 and 4 sections instructed to proceed as ordered via FEUILLERES Bridge to I.7.c.

As the vicinity of FLAUCOURT was beginning to be shelled a considerable amount, the unit less Nos 2 and 3 sections and tool parts was moved at once (12.30pm) to H.27.central. The H.Qrs,

Nos 1 and 4 parties moved from here under Lt Kernaghan. M.M. who passed the bridge at FEUILLERES at 4.00pm.

Sergt Chatto and cyclists went ahead to select a camp in I.7.c. and found the whole place severely shelled and much congested, returning and reporting this to Lt Kernaghan. In consequence, transport and H.Qrs were camped about H.9.b.8.0. and No 1 and 4 (sappers only) proceeded with Lts FIDLER and KERNAGHAN to H.12.b.4.5. During the evening a shell landed in the bivouac, killing 1 sapper and badly wounding Lt Kernaghan (so that he died of wounds subsequently) and Lt Fidler. However, sappers were fairly dug in by this time and, although there was a very severe barrage behind and all round, so that Lt Fidler decided to remain.

Captain Noedl's party meantime proceeded to the vicinity of Bridge site and found them exceedingly heavily shelled. Captain Noedl with a small party proceeded to reconnoitre in the face of a murderous shell fire of all calibres and though he secured the necessary information, two of his party of four were wounded. It was not until 3.30pm that work could be commenced on the bridges and then the working parties were harassed not only by intermittent bursts of shell fire (all calibres to 8" how) but were subject to M.G. fire from trenches in I.19.d. and I.26.a.

The first of these crossings was by way of a footbridge over the canal at H.19.c.3.0. built two nights before, along the N.E. bank of the canal, then across a partly destroyed bridge 92 yds long at H.24.b.7.3. to a solid roadway on the other side. The actual gap to be made good for foot-traffic on this bridge was about 60 ft but as there was a considerable amount of wreckage in the river this was only a matter of an hour's work, by half a section (say 16 men). The second crossing along the E. bank of the incipient Canal du Nord, was a more difficult job. The total length of this footway from S. bank of SOMME canal to terra firma at I.19.a.2.2. was 450 yards. This was an old enemy footway of which over 100 yards had been bridge and part of which was now destroyed. The actual gap to be made good immediately was about 50 feet but a portion of the remainder had also to be repaired. The bridge had been destroyed by the enemy with charges of explosive and further damaged afterwards by shell fire. As the river here was over 10 feet deep, and suitable timbers for a float bridge were available the gap was made good first by a float built up of 3 good pine spars. This proved quite satisfactory and carried heavy traffic during the two subsequent days. The remainder of the footway was made good in a number of marshy places with planks. Almost the whole length of this track was under direct enemy observation and repeatedly M.G. fire, was brought to bear on it at about 1000 yards range. This crossing was made good after about 2 hours work by half a section (say 14 men).

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A further crossing of this canal was made by No 2 section at 1.25.a. 5.6. also by using floating spars, being done contemporaneously with the foregoing.

These foot crossings being completed about 5.30pm, effort was then directed to the reconstruction of the bridge at H.24.b.7.3. for F.A. and construction of a pontoon bridge across the canal at H.24.d.7.9. for F.A. The original high level bridge at H.24.d.7.9. had been mainly destroyed by the enemy with explosive, two centre piers being completely blown away and the superstructure smashed into the gap. Of the bridge at H.24.b.7.3. five piers with corresponding bays had been completely blown away with charges and the bridge was both unsafe in many places from rot and further damaged by shell fire. In addition to the charges actually blown others were found in two separate places and removed by Captain Noedl.

It was proposed to put in a low level pontoon across the canal and to restore the damaged and rotten portion of the pile and trestle bridge. The total gap at the canal was about 60 ft between shore transoms and on the other bridge 276 ft, built in approx. 11 ft spans. Of this latter, about 80 ft required to be completely rebuilt while a considerable portion of the remaining piers and superstructure had to be overhauled and renewed. Efforts were made to work on this crossing the same evening, but the shell fire on the whole length was so heavy and insistent that finally work was postponed until the morning. Altogether, during the afternoon and evening 4 casualties were suffered on these works. During the evening the pontoons were brought up and launched into the canal ready for making bridge and as the only approaches to the canal were at bridgeheads, this was a particularly difficult and trying job.

The whole of the work done by Nos 2 and 3 sections under Lts Veale and McGowan and the whole under Captain Noedl on this afternoon was of the highest order, demanding not only the maximum of effort but ~~the~~ the highest order of courage in face of extremely heavy shell fire and direct M.G. fire.

The parties stood by again at 6.00am next morning to carry on work on the traffic bridge but in consequence of the enemy reply to our further attack it was not until 8.30am that it was possible to work on the bridge. Meantime a party of 1 platoon of 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion had arrived to work on the bridge and these proceeded to assist with the work, working under Captain Noedl's direction.

The saving feature of the task was that there was ample material for all purposes right on the spot, hence work proceeded apace all day. During the afternoon the locality was heavily shelled for half an hour, driving them from the job. During the same shelling Captain J.H. Cartwright, M.C. (6th Field Coy. A.E.) WAS badly wounded near one end of the bridge.

As the work progressed more and more unsound members were discovered so that finally a great deal more repair work had to be done than had been expected. The bridge was fit for traffic at 6.00pm and finished off ~~at~~ half an hour later.

Foot traffic during the day was a considerable hindrance ~~through~~ ~~as~~ though most of the foot traffic was diverted to the footway along the Canal du Nord.

The total time for restoring the bridge for F.A. traffic was thus 10½ hours for 60 to 70 men as against an estimate of 6 to 8 hours. The uncertain character of the repairs accounted somewhat for the discrepancy.

While No 2 section and the platoon of Pioneers worked on the restoration of the long bridge H.24.b.7.3., No 3 section (Lt McGowan) went ahead with the construction of a pontoon bridge and approaches at H.24.d.7.9. Two ~~at~~ pontoons were on the spot but one other pair was required. A further pontoon was sent for but in the meantime a trestle was built up and used, the bridge finally being completed with two pontoons and one trestle; one bay being made up with German pontoon baulks, 20 ft long. The whole ~~was~~ was decked with chesses. The total span between shore transoms was 62 feet.



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The approaches for the bridge required a large amount of work as ~~the approaches were~~ the bank on one side was high and on the other had to be cleared of scrub and stumps and a formation made for 25 yards.

By 6.30pm the job was completed and notice boards were erected for all bridges and tracks. Approach roads to the crossing were made passable by removing the worst of the debris. Total men by time 10 hours -

During the evening a complete reconnaissance as requested by C.R.E. was made by Captain Moeul of destroyed footbridge and track to RADEGONDE at I.32.a.5.9. Unfortunately the runner failed to find his way in the dark and the report did not arrive in time to be of assistance as desired.

During the reply to the 6th A.I.Bdes attack at dawn the bivouac at H.12.b.5.6. was severely shelled and 1 shell hit ~~an~~ bivouac direct killing two and wounding 9 (2 so badly that they died of wounds subsequently). The whole of the nights bombardment had been a severe strain on all this party, and an effort was at once made to get a camp with good cover. Major Webb had remained overnight at 7th A.I.Bde H.Qrs as the detachments location was not known until late at night. A good camp of dugouts was found and made good at I.7.a.65.65 and Nos 1 and 4 sections moved to these and rested. This area proved a good one though there was still some H.E. and gas bombardments subsequently.

On the morning of the 2nd Lt McGowan (who had joined No 4 section the previous day) moved out with 3 O.R. to reconnoitre the forward area. Advice and orders concerning attack by the 7th A.I.Bde being received at 8.00am, Lt Fidler M.C. with 4 O.R. (No 4) also proceeded to reconnoitre the area captured.

Both these parties brought in extremely valuable reports re water, ~~and~~ dugouts, roads, etc and Lt Fidler's party carried its reconnaissance under exceptionally heavy shell fire.

Lt Fidler's party also was exceedingly valuable in locating the H.Qrs of the 7th A.I.Bde Battalions.

All these reports as well as all others mentioned herein were written up in triplicate and forwarded to both C.R.E. and 7th A.I Bde Major Webb reconnoitred vicinity of HALLE for Brigade H.Qrs etc and bridge at H.24.b.7.3. with a view to converting to M.T.

No 1 section made improvements to camp. - clearing entrances to dugouts, gasproofing etc.

Various samples of water tested.

On the 2nd Nos 2 and 3 sections took things more easily. No 2 strengthened several piers on the bridge at H.24.b.7.3. while No 3 cleared all approach roads thoroughly removing fallen trees and pieces, wire etc and filling shell holes.

On the evening of the 2nd a report was made on work required to convert the crossing H.24.d.7.9. to HALLE for M/T. route.

On the morning of the 3rd Major Webb made a closer reconnaissance of the bridge and submitted a more precise report estimating the work required at 8. to 12 hours without interrupting traffic for more than half an hour dependent on the amount of traffic, and the state of the understructure of the bridge. The same evening No 3 section commenced the overhaul of the bridge working for about 3 hours but much interrupted by traffic.

No 4 section opened up 1 well with pump and notice boards in

FEUILLACOURT by 9.00am and 1 in ALLAINES by 6.00pm with bucket and windlass.

No 4 section also patrolled road from ~~OMMIECOURT~~ OMMIECOURT - CLERY bridge to ALLAINES, cleared it and improved by filling shell holes etc.

On the 4th Nos 1 and 2 and 3 sections worked off and on in shifts all day during daylight from 10 to 11 hours each. Work was constantly interrupted by traffic and several times harassed by shell fire. On inspection as the decking was removed it was found that the piers and understructure were much poorer than supposed. Each



.....Each portion of the bridge piers, and bays, had to be taken on its merits, materials computed and arranged. Spans varied in length and materials (both existing and new) in both dimensions and soundness. It was obvious that the whole job required watching all the time if it was to be safe eventually. The men worked splendidly and in view of the heavy operations of the previous days performed Herculean tasks. Notwithstanding, by 8 pm the same evening the job appeared to be about two thirds done and a further estimate was given for completion by 2.00pm on the 5th. No 4 section continued on roads, placing of noticeboards and clearing and burying 5 dead horses and collecting salvage in vicinity of camp. Lt Fidler visited the forward area and all Battalions and Lt McGowan proceeded as forward party to new billets in vicinity of ECLUSIER.

Although the Division was relieved on the night 4/5th all hands were desirous of completing this difficult job on which so much labor had been expended. Hence at 6.00am on the 5th work was carried on again and Nos 2 and 3 sections and half of No 1 section ~~was~~ put in another 10 hours each in shifts up till 8.30pm. Some men worked as much as 12 hours on the job and the spirit shewn was magnificent. Again the work was severely interrupted and increased by constant closings for traffic and at the last stage on stripping the last two bays at the N. end it was found that both the abutment and the last pier required practically remaking. Thus at 6.30pm this work had to be faced when it was expected to finish off in about  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour at most. However, nothing daunted all set to and finally made the bridge ~~safe~~ safe for M.T.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ton axle loads at moderate speed by 8.30pm.

On the morning of the 6th, about 2 hours work for 8 men finished everything off, placing kerbing at the approaches, spiking down fitting handrail and placing noticeboards. The whole job was finished leaving full lengths of timbers without cutting in case further alteration became necessary and sufficient time was not available to put finish on as desired. The whole job was only feasible by reason of the ample supply of all materials right on the job. Members were arranged so that nothing less than 2 - 8" x 8" (full) beech timbers, new, sawn and straight, were used on spans 11' centres. For greater spans than this 9" to 10" x 8" beech or 8" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x (7/16ths " flange) R.S.J's were used, two for the wheel load in each case. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 3" beech decking was used.

Finally the piers though well overhauled, renewed, braced and strutted were felt to be the most doubtful portion of the whole, but no further time could be given to these.

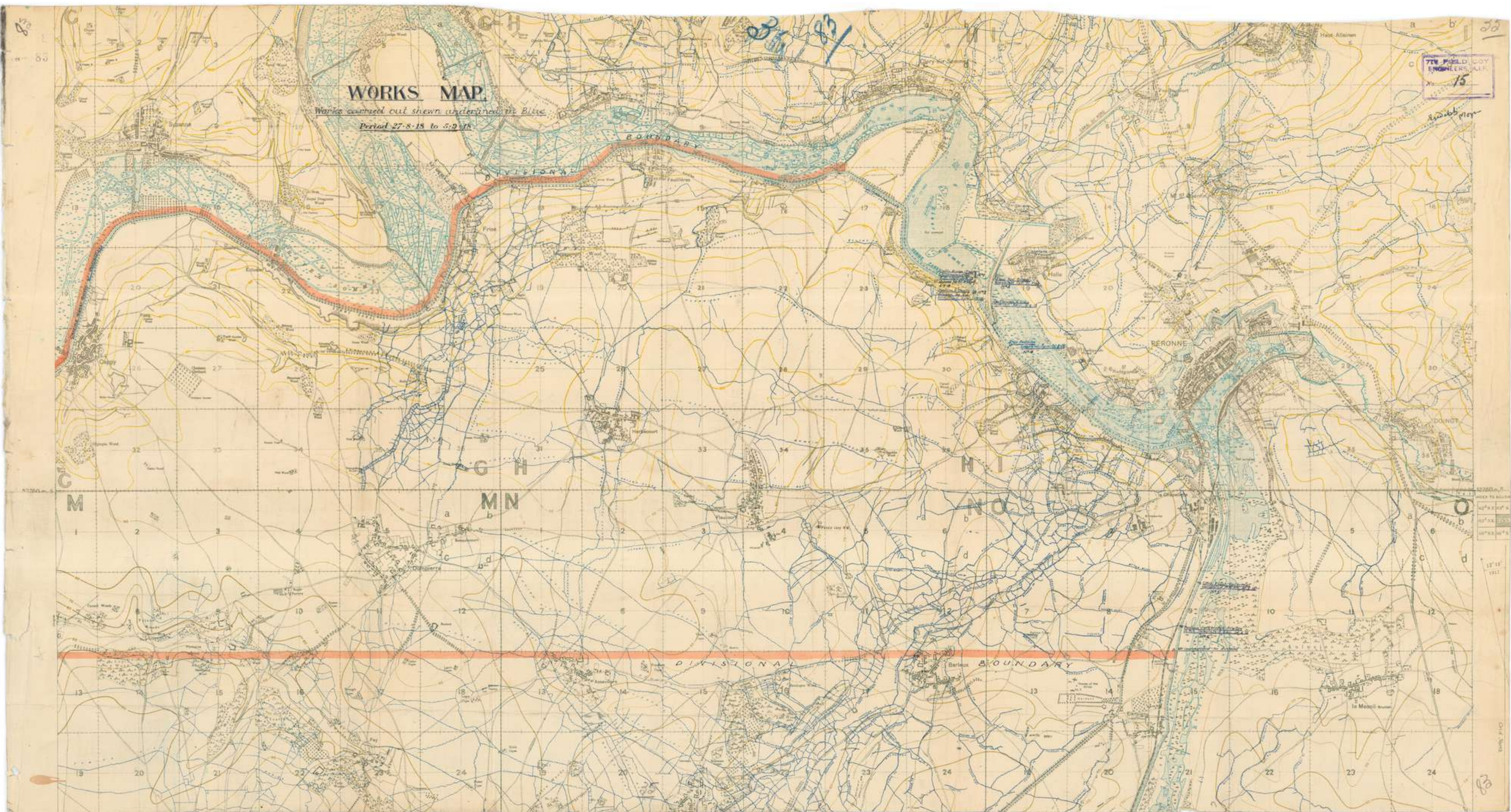
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E.N.WEBB Major.  
O.C. 7th Field Company Australian Engrs.

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# **FOOTBRIDGES** *ERECTED OVER SOMME RIVER & CANAL.* *Scale 15<sup>ft</sup> to 1<sup>in</sup>.*

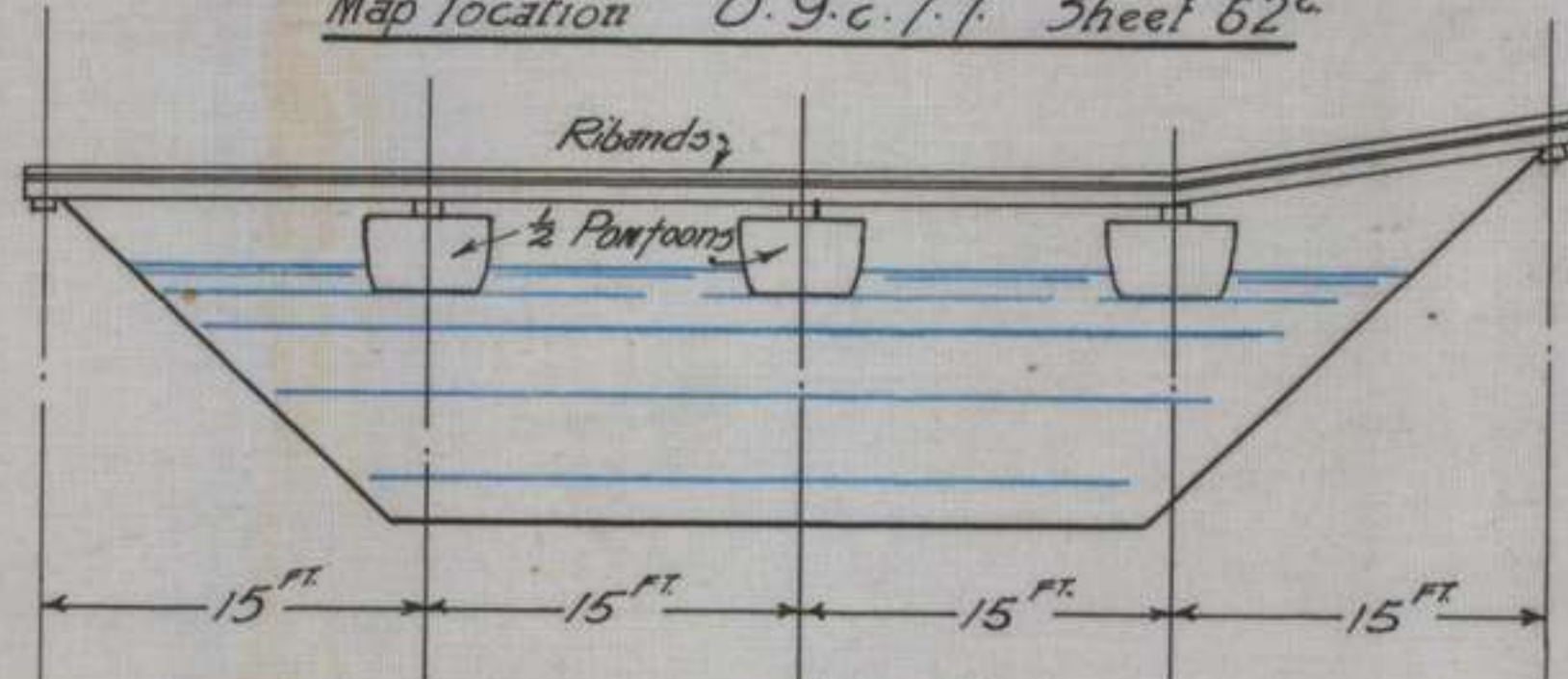
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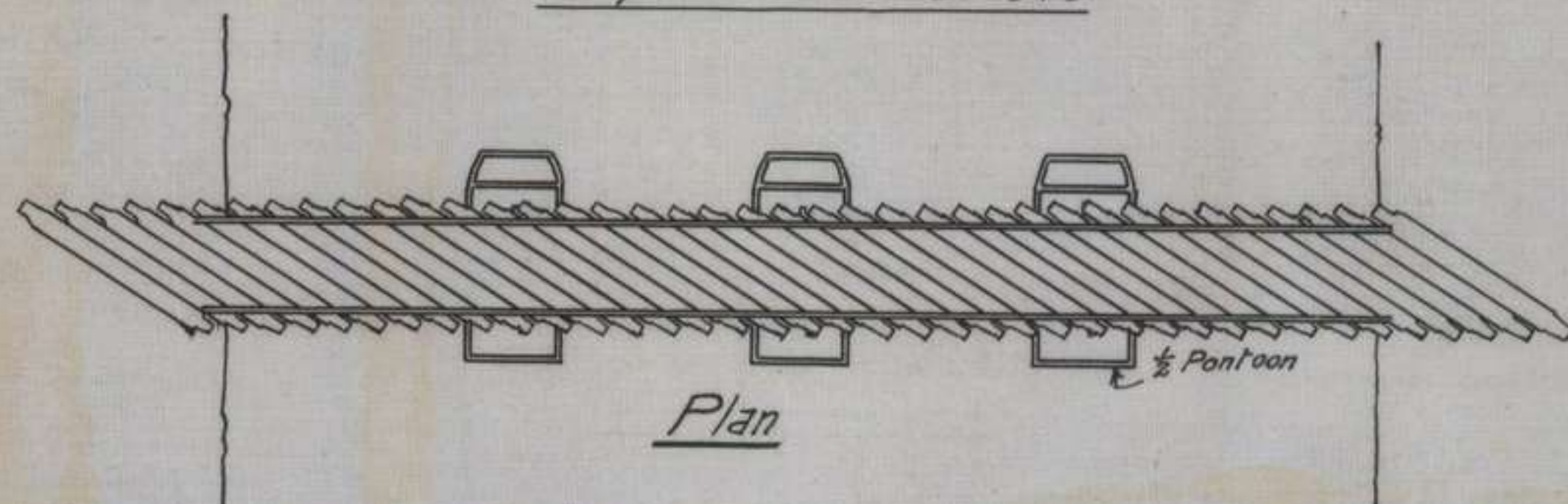
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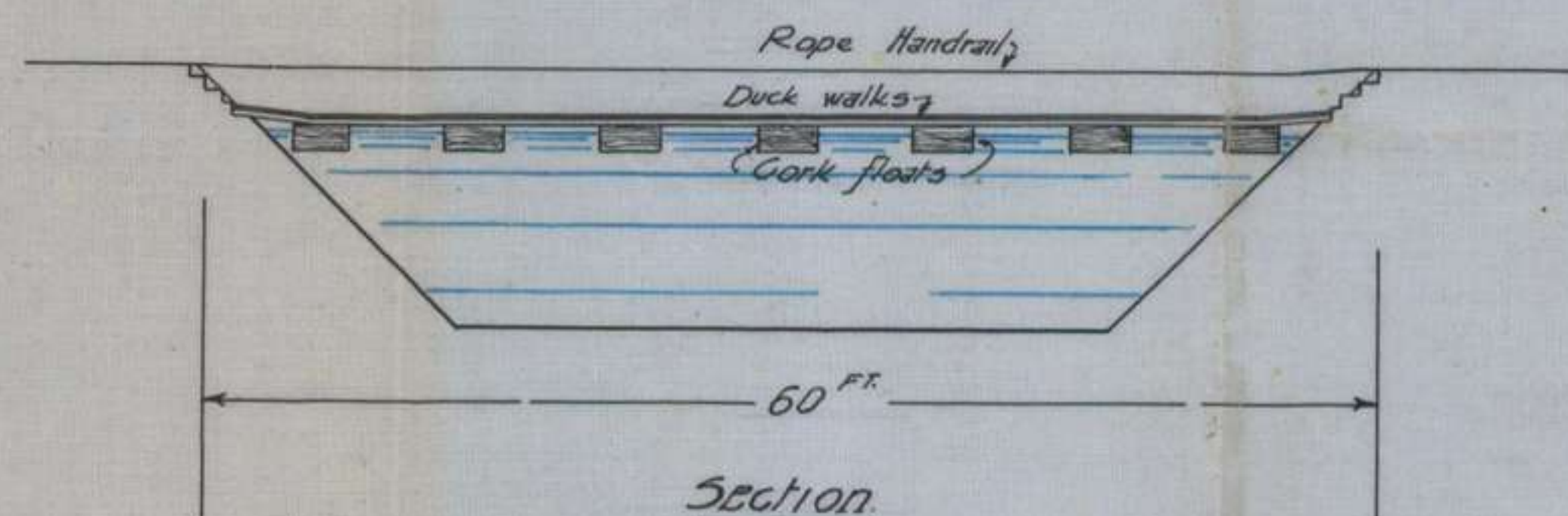
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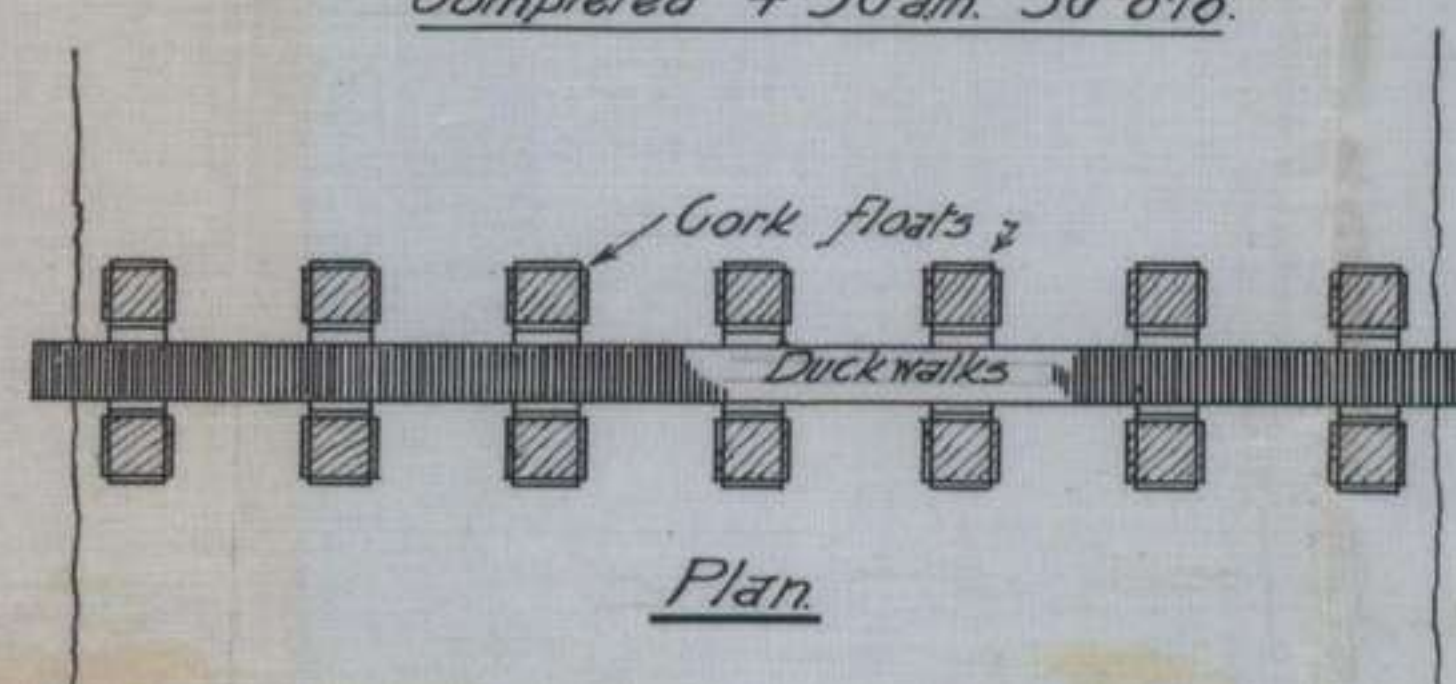
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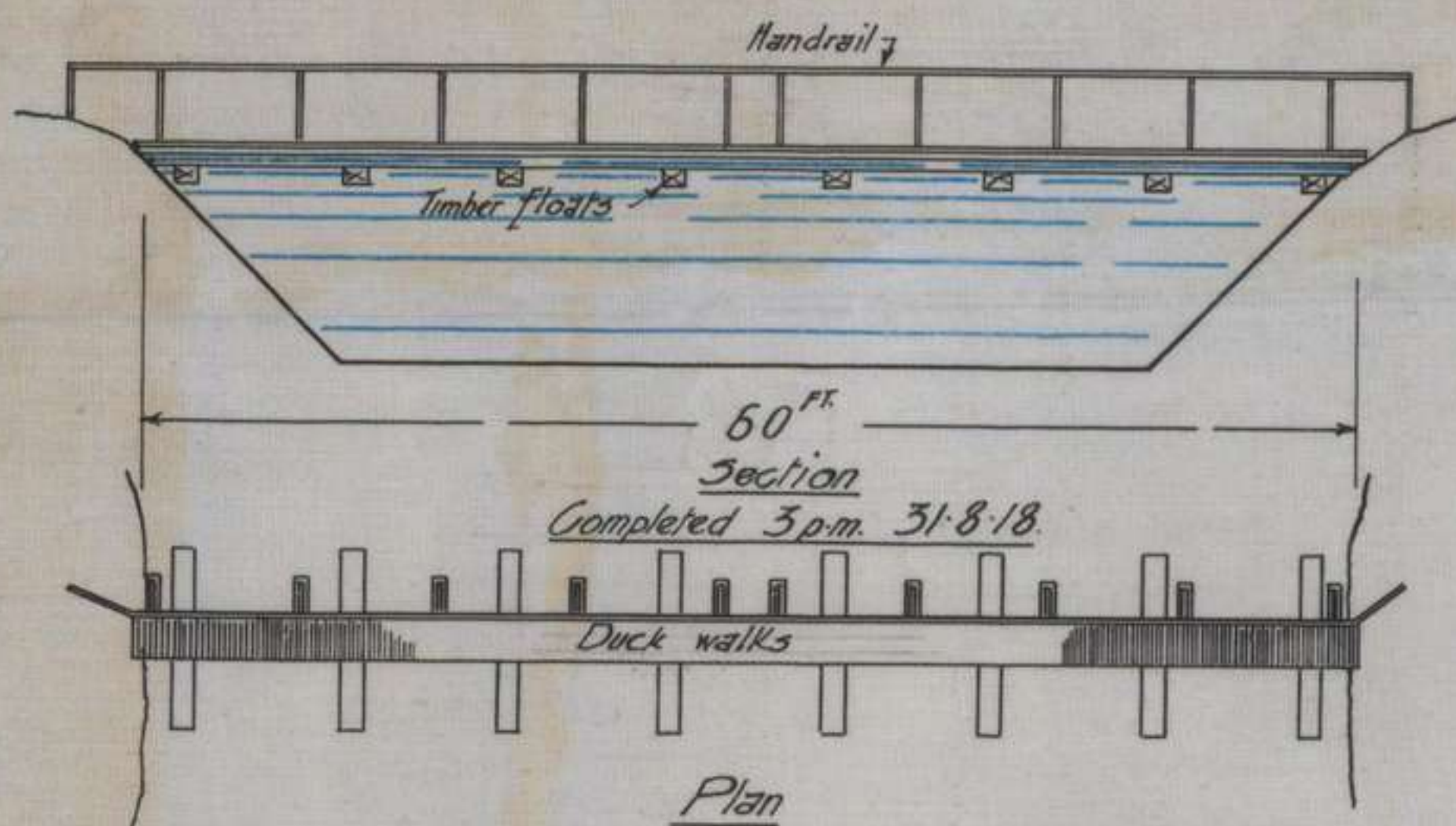
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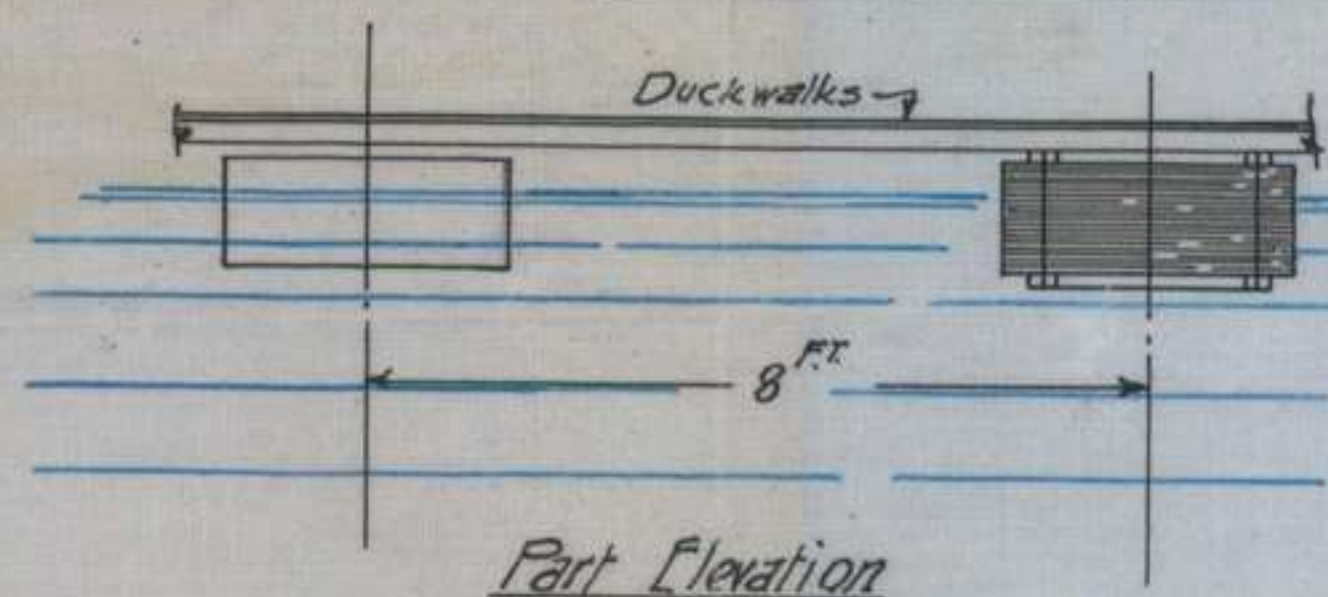
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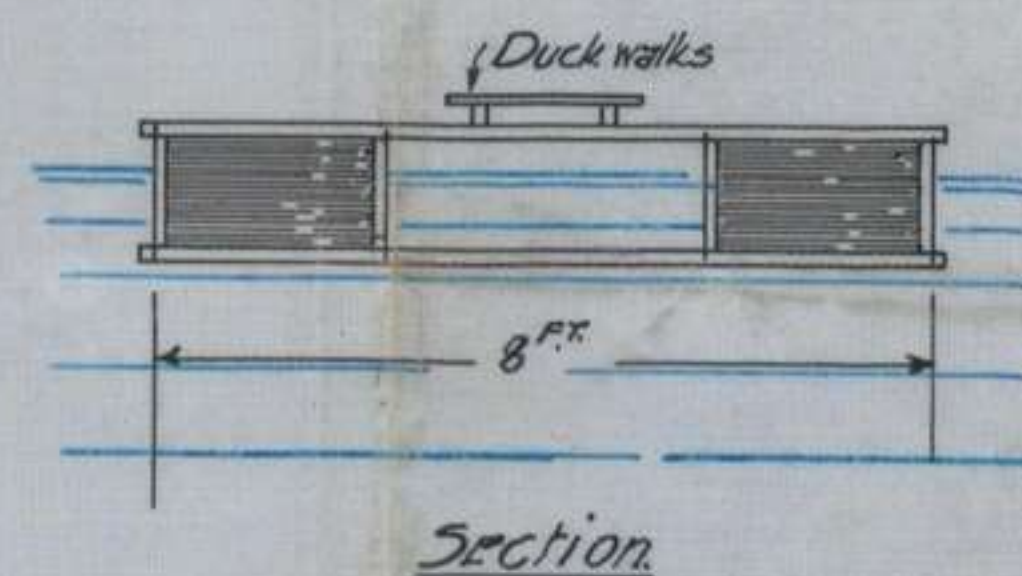


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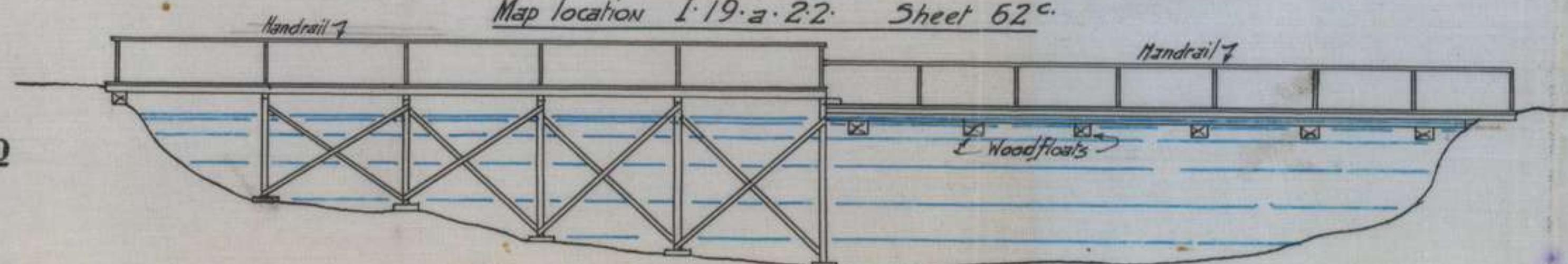
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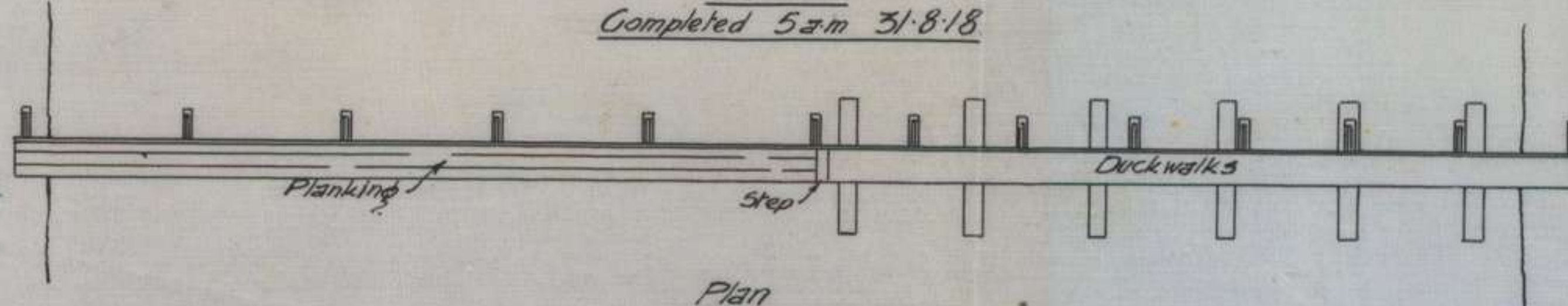
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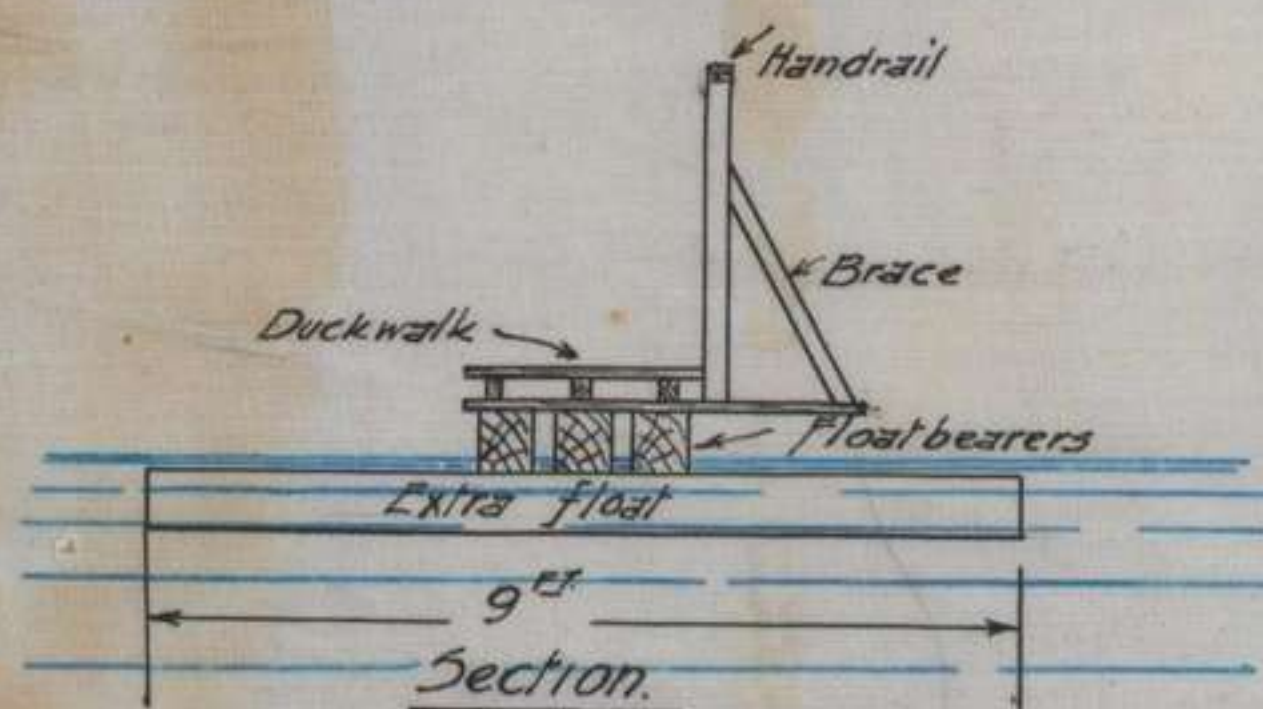
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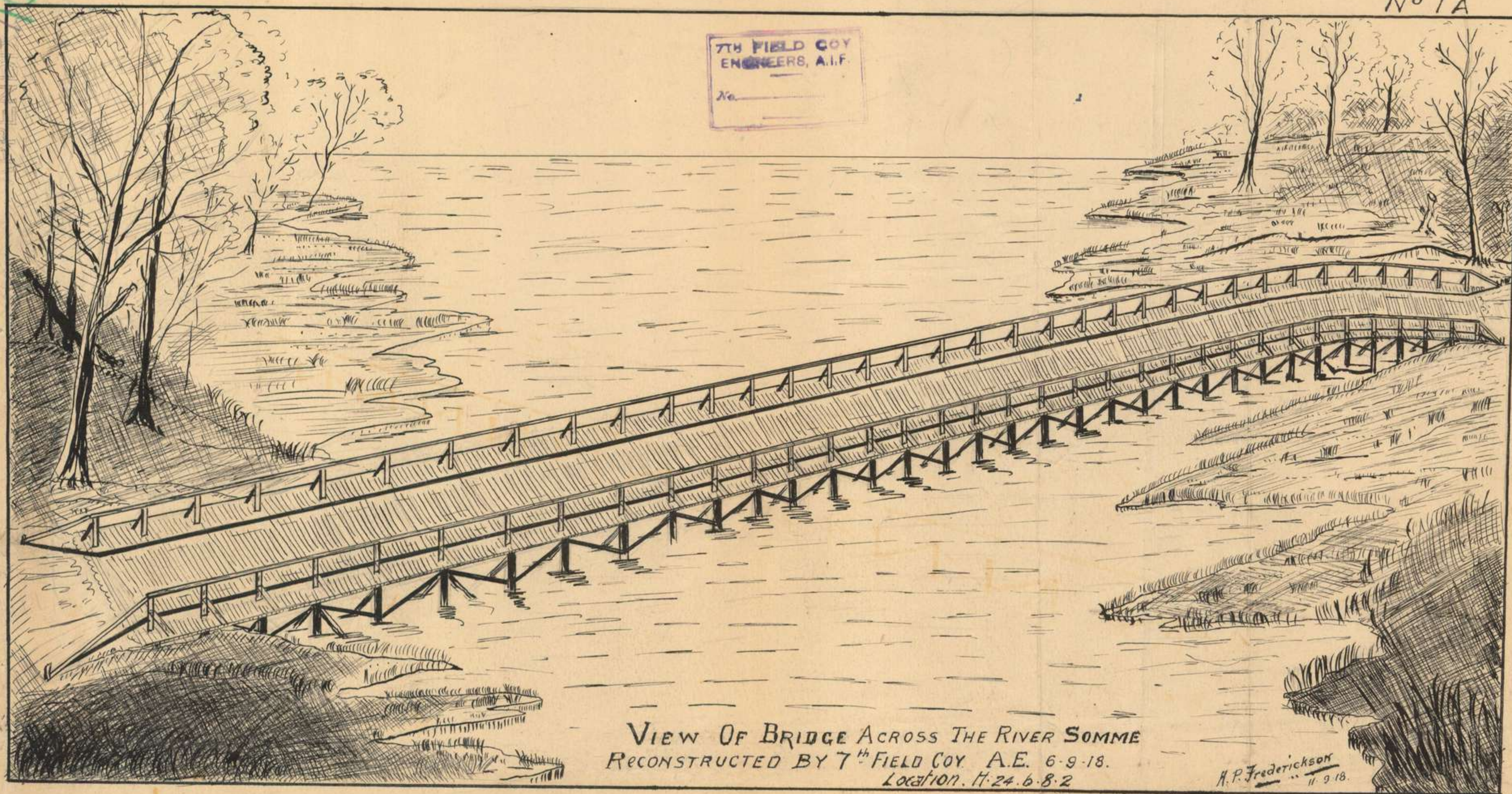
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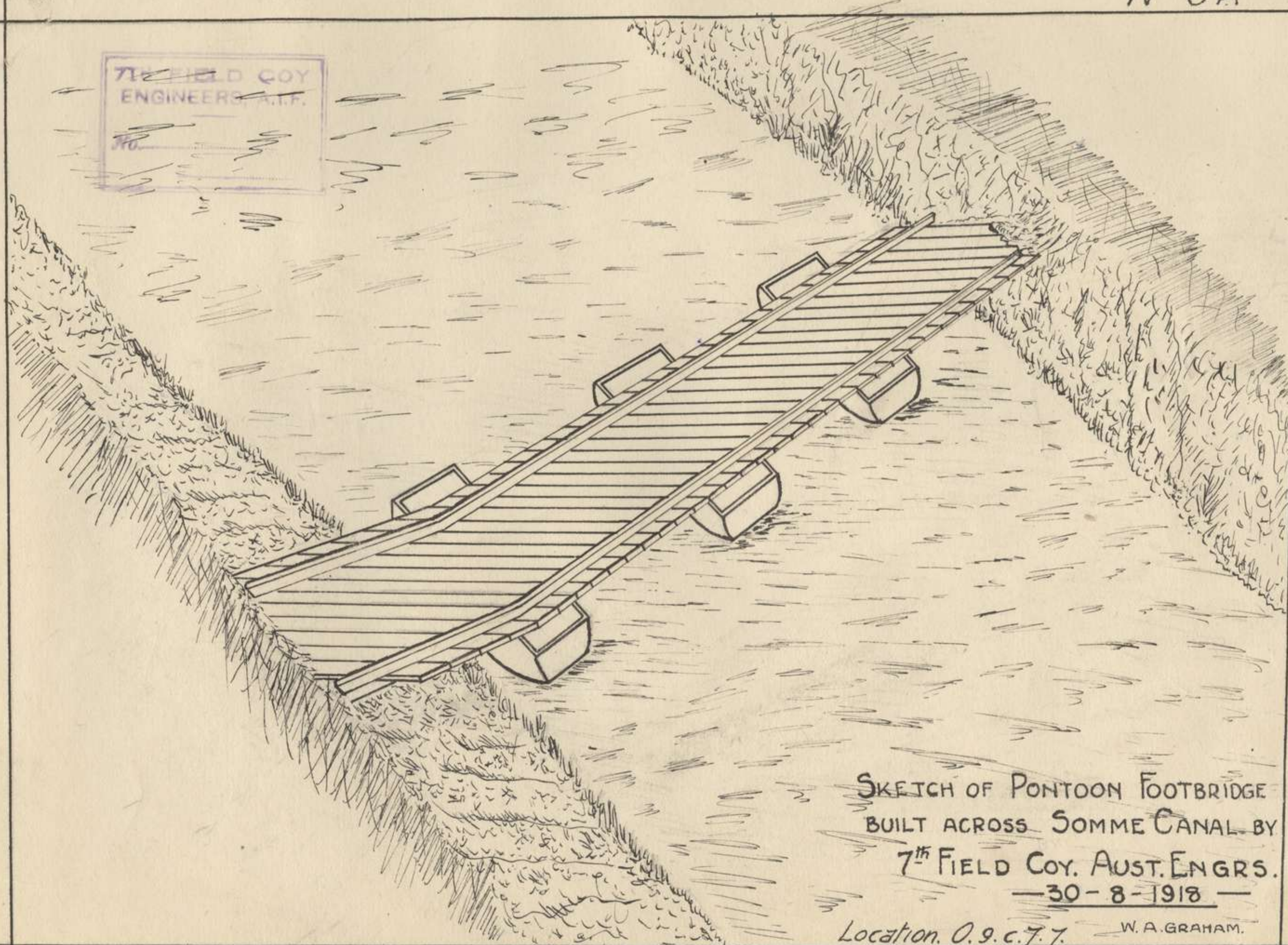






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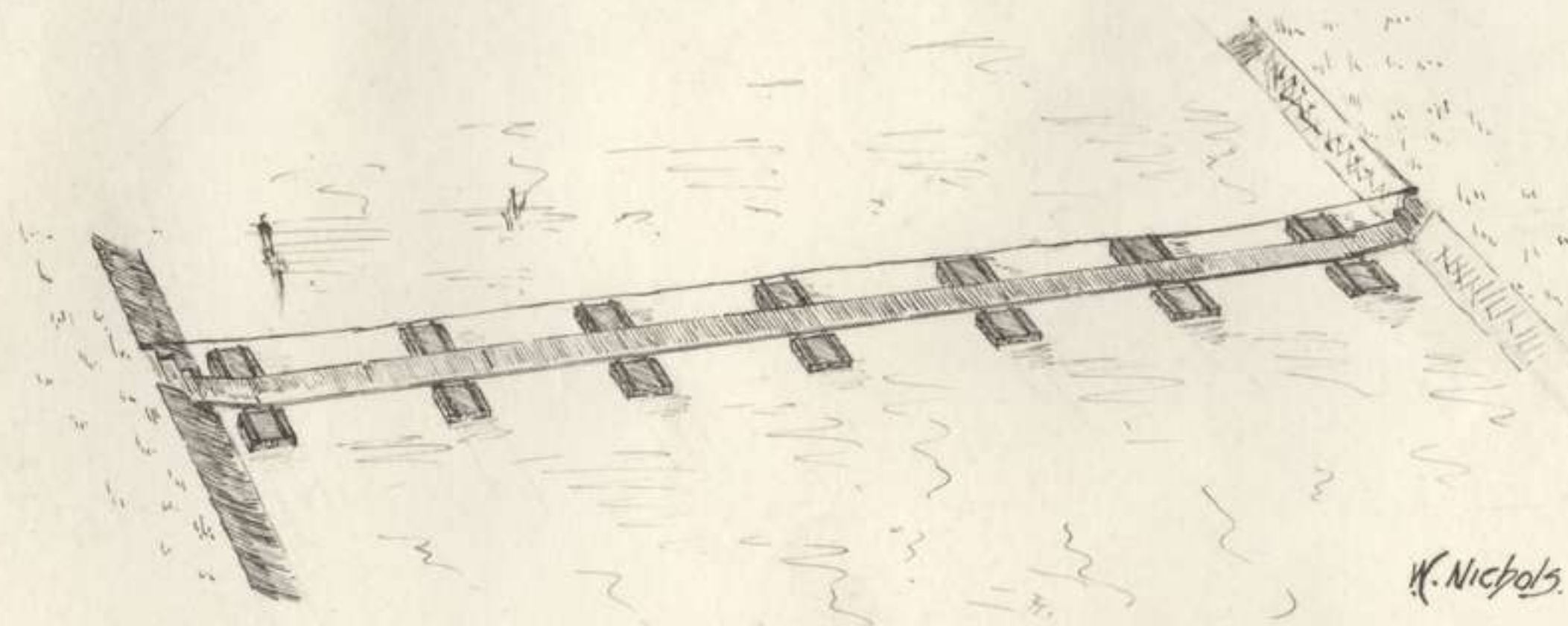
SKETCH OF PONTOON FOOTBRIDGE  
BUILT ACROSS SOMME CANAL BY  
7<sup>th</sup> FIELD COY. AUST. ENGRS.  
— 30 - 8 - 1918 —

Location. O. 9. c. 7. 7.

W. A. GRAHAM.



SKETCH OF CORKFLOAT FOOTBRIDGE N°5A  
 Built by 7<sup>th</sup> FIELD Coy. AUSTR. ENGRS. across  
 SOMME CANAL Location. O. 9. b. 4. 7.  
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