

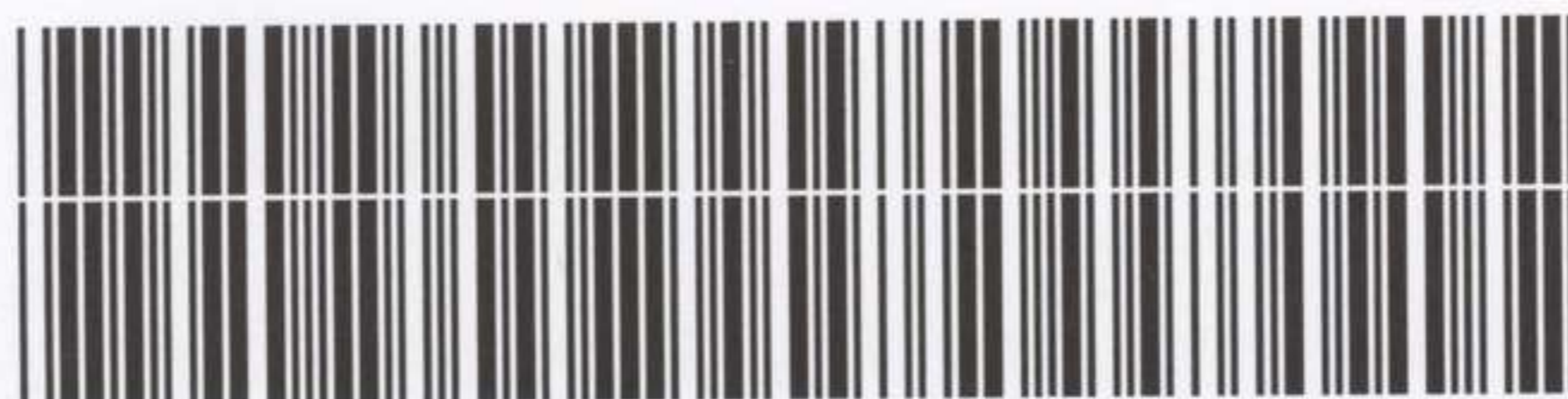
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OF

12th Field Co., A.E.
A. I. F.

FOR

April 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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12th Field Co., A.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SENLIS			Distribution of Company: (Ref. map sheet Albert Combined 1/40,000. Lens II. 1/100,000) Coy. H.Q. and Nos 1, 2 and 3 Sections SENLIS (Albert Combined sheet) No 4 Section (D.12.d.5.9. Albert Combined sheet) Transport Lines CONTAY (LENS II.)	
D.12.d.5.9.			Work in hand:- Construction of 12th Aust. Inf. Bde and 10th Aust Artillery Bde's H.Q. (D.4.c.2.5 Albert combined sheet)	
CONTAY				
SENLIS	1-4-18		1 Pff. and 32 O.Rs. Sundry repairs to SENLIS - MILLEN COURT, SENLIS - HENENCOURT and BOUZIN COURT - HEDRAVILLE roads (Albert combined sheet) 1 Pff. and 20 O.Rs. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.2.c.l.7. to E.7.d.8.l. Albert combined sheet) No 7041 2nd Cpl. KYDD J.G.C. and No 16984 Sp. HISING. A.H. wounded by H.E. while on job.	
D.12.d.5.9.			1 Pff. and 26 O.Rs. constructing Bde H.Q. (D.4.c.2.5.) No 4 Section moved off from (D.12.d.5.9) to (D.5.d.8.7. Albert combined sheet) and established Section camp.	
D.5.d.8.7			1 Pff. and 20 O.Rs. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.15.c.5.8. to E.15.a.l.2. and E.9.c.l.l. to E.9.c.l.8. Albert combined sheet.) 8 O.Rs. constructing shelter at (D.12.l.7.2. Albert combined sheet) 2 shelters completed. Accommodation for 4 Pffs. in each shelter.	
SENLIS	2-4-18		1 Pff. and 20 O.Rs. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.2.c.l.7. to E.7.d.8.l.) No 3027 Sp. BOOTES A.C. wounded by M.G. bullet while on job. 1 Pff. and 26 O.Rs. constructing Bde HQ (D.4.c.2.5.) 1 Pff. and 30 O.Rs. WIRING on outskirts of SENLIS (V.17.a.8.7. to V.16.c.5.4. Albert combined sheet) 1 Pff. and 20 O.Rs. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.15.c.5.8. to E.15.a.l.2. and E.9.c.l.l. to E.9.c.l.8.)	
D.5.d.8.7.			5 O.Rs. excavating DRIVE at (D.12.l.7.2. Albert combined sheet)	
SENLIS			Casualties caused by hostile shelling of camp SENLIS:- No 5051 L.Cpl. AIRD J.R. KILLED. No 10935 Sp. LUPTON J.N. WOUNDED.	

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SENLIS	3-4-18		1 Pff. and 27 O.R. Constructing Bde H.Q. (D.4.C.2.5) job completed. No 1 and 2 Sections moved off from SENLIS and established camp at HENENCOURT WOOD (V.26. b.3.9. Albert combined sheet) 1 Pff. and 20 O.R. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.9.C.6.6. to E.9.C.6.8.) 5 O.R. excavating DRIVE at (D.12. b.7.2.)	
D.5.d.8.7.				
SENLIS	4-4-18		1 Pff. and 20 O.R. Salvaging stores etc. in SENLIS Coy. H.Q. and No 3 Section moved off from SENLIS to HENENCOURT WOOD camp (V.26. b.3.9.) (Ref. map sheet 62 nd N.W. 1/20,000).	
HENENCOURT WOOD			1 Pff. and 30 O.R. Reconnaissance on HENENCOURT-BRESLE-BAIZIEUX and BAIZIEUX-HENENCOURT roads (Sheet Albert combined and 62 nd N.W. 1/20,000)	
D.5.d.8.7.			1 Pff. and 20 O.R. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.7.d.0.2. to E.7.d.8.6. Albert combined sheet)	
HENENCOURT WOOD	5-4-18		1 Pff. and 20 O.R. Salvaging stores etc. in SENLIS 1 Pff. and 30 O.R. Reconnaissance on HENENCOURT-BRESLE-BAIZIEUX and BAIZIEUX-HENENCOURT roads	
D.5.d.8.7.			1 Pff. and 20 O.R. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.7.d.0.2. to E.7.d.8.6.)	
HENENCOURT WOOD			Casualties while standing to (D.5.d.8.7.) :- No 3889 Sp. PATERSON W.P. and No 10087 Sp. ROBERTS. E.J. Killed by H.E. LIEUT. LITTLE G.T. and No 5078 2. Cpl. LAWRY J.F. WOUNDED by H.E. LIEUT. BALDWIN moved off from HENENCOURT WOOD camp for (D.5.d.8.7) to take place of LIEUT. BALDWIN with No 4 Section. LIEUT. LITTLE	
HENENCOURT WOOD	6-4-18		No 1 Section moved off from HENENCOURT WOOD camp and relieved No 4 Section at (D.5.d.8.7.)	
HENENCOURT WOOD			No 2 Section moved off from HENENCOURT WOOD camp and established camp at BAIZIEUX WOOD	
D.5.d.8.7.			1 Pff. and 20 O.R. Salvaging stores etc. in SENLIS.	
HENENCOURT WOOD			No 4 Section moved off from (D.5.d.8.7.) for HENENCOURT WOOD camp 1 Pff. and 20 O.R. WIRING SUPPORT LINE (E.7.d.0.2. to E.7.d.8.6.)	

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HENENCOURT WOOD	7-4-18		Coy. H.Q. and No 4 Section moved off from HENENCOURT WOOD Camp to BRAZIEUX WOOD (Coy. H.Q. and No 4 Section) 1 Off. and 20 O.R. Salvaging stores etc in SENLIS 1 Off. and 30 O.R. erecting shelter etc for Coy HQ + No 4 Section. 1 Off & 20 O.R. wiring support line (E 7 d 02. to E 7 d. 86. About Combined sheet) Work handed over to 6th Field Coy A.E. (See attached report)	
BRAZIEUX WOOD				
La Houssoye.	8.4.18		Coy HQ & Nos 2 & 4 sects. moved off from BRAZIEUX WOOD for La HOUSOYE. No 1 & 3 sects moved off from HENENCOURT WOOD for La HOUSOYE.	
I 3 C 48. SHEET. 62 ^D	9.4.18		1 Off & 8 O.R. erecting baths PONT NOYELLES (H 17 & 93. SHEET 62 ^D) Completed.	
	10.4.18		Transport moved from CONTAY to La HOUSOYE Bath parade for Coy. Packs collected from Coy. dump at BERLES-AV-BOIS & distributed. Kit inspection.	
	11.4.18		1 off & 8 O.R. repairing bridge across HALLVERNER RIVER (IF 38 73. Amiens) near MONTIGNY Lecture by RMO on First Aid 2 Off. & 6 O.R. marking out Corps Defence Line. La NEUVILLE.	
	12.4.18		6 O.R. moved to VIGNACOURT to work under C.R.E. Aust. Corps. 1 off & 8 O.R. repairing bridge across HALLVERNER (completed). 1 off & 55 O.R. constructing Corps Defence Line La NEUVILLE	
	13.4.18		1 off & 50 O.R. constructing Corps Defence Line. La NEUVILLE.	
	14.4.18		Coy employed on La Houssoye Line.	
	to 27.4.18.		<u>NATURE of WORK</u> . Digging a double line of trench with communication trenches, tramping parapet & sandbags & erecting a double belt of double apron fence.	

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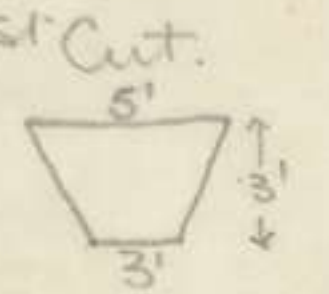
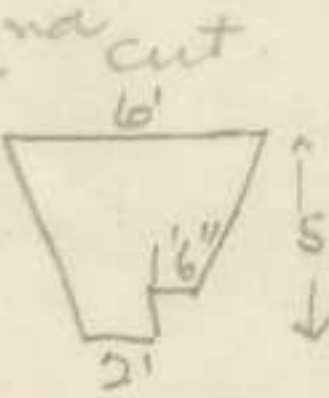
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<p>Summary of work 14.4.18 to 27.4.18</p>			<p>The work was in hand when the company took over & that done by the company is shown in green on the attached plan. The trenches were taken out in two cuts first: 5 ft wide (top) 3 ft wide (bottom) 3 ft deep. second, 6 ft wide 5 ft deep & fire step formed. Deepened trenches are shown on the plan by a double line.</p> <p><u>Conditions</u></p> <p>Weather. good</p> <p>Ground. Portion between Pont Noyelle - La Housoye Road & Pont Noyelle - La Neuville Road. varied from easy loam to stiff sticky clay. (portion of easy loam small). Portion south of Pont. Noyelle - La Neuville Road - solid chalk.</p> <p>Labour The company worked 2 shifts with labour supplied by the 63rd Labour Group consisting entirely of men unfit for military service. The Task system was employed & the task so adjusted as to give an average working shift of 4 hours. The company worked morning & afternoon shifts.</p> <p><u>Trenches</u></p> <p>1st cut.  6350 yds of trench dug. No of labourers 3300 Average ^{completed} task 70 cub ft per man. 326 sappers on supervision. Men includes n.c.o.'s, stretcher bearers and officers</p> <p>2nd cut.  2687 yds of trench deepened. No. of labourers 1240. Average ^{completed} task 65 cub ft per man 104 sappers on supervision.</p> <p><u>Wiring</u></p> <p>Double apron fence with wooden pickets 12100 yds erected 543 men employed (approx 40% sappers) Average task: 22.3 yds per man i.e. 200 yds per team of 9. 1 limber carting stores</p>	<p>See appendix no. 1</p>

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			<p><u>Turfing spoil</u> 4500 yds turfed to an average width of 3yds. Labour employed 778 Average task 19.29 yds per man 1 timber used for cutting sods.</p> <p>During the month each section was detached from works for 2 days & given musketry instruction by an officer supplied by the 45th Btn. 16 O.R. were also trained as Lewis Gunners.</p>	
La Houssoye	28.4.18		<p>Work on the La Houssoye Line handed over to C.R.E. Corps Troops. Coy H.Q. No 1.2.3 & 4 sections moved from La Houssoye to Blangy Ironville Sheet 62^D SW. N 22 b 10.0. to take over from 2nd Field Coy R.E. see attached report. Drivers & Transport moved to CAMON (Sheet 62^D SW. M 16)</p>	Appendix No 2
BLANGY-TRONVILLE	29.4.18		<p>Drivers & Transport moved to baselines at Sheet 62^D SW. 14 d 7.8. 1 off 12 O.R. surveying line. Coy. cleaning & refitting billets.</p>	
	30.4.18		<p>Coy. improving trenches at 23 central. Sheet 62^D SW.</p>	
			<p>At the suggestion of Lt. Col. Inlay C.O 47th Btn a naval type semaphore was constructed (sketch attached).</p>	Appendix No 3.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Recommendations, Honours and Awards</u></p> <p>On April 5th during the afternoon, the enemy attacked with between 3 and 4 divisions the front held by 12th and 13th A.I.Bdes. Opposite DERNANCOURT. Owing to the overwhelming superiority in numbers the enemy penetrated the front system and threatened to pierce deeply into our defences. Lieut. LITTLE in command of no. 4 sec. (Sgt. D.C. STEWART, Cpl. G. LAWRY and L/Cpl. J.F. LAWRY) organised the men in the neighbourhood into a fighting force, disposed them in a sunken road and prepared the position for defence. Later Lieut. LITTLE and L/Cpl. J.F. LAWRY left cover to assist some wounded men, both being wounded. Previously Lieut. LITTLE had gallantly laid out defence works in daylight under close m.g. and rifle fire; he was recommended for M.C. L/Cpl. J.F. LAWRY was recommended for and received the M.M. Sp. HEATHCOTE received M.M. for gallantry in carrying messages under fire from HENENCOURT WOOD to beyond LAVIEVILLE making several journeys.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Clare Riddell Maj. - 9</p>	

P.C. 12th Field Co., A.E.

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OF

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FOR

March 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| 1. | Plan of La Houssaye line. |
| 2. | Handing over report of 2 nd Field Coy R.S. to 12 th Field Coy. A.E. |
| 3. | Sketch of Naval type Semaphore |
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| 5. | Orders & instructions received. |
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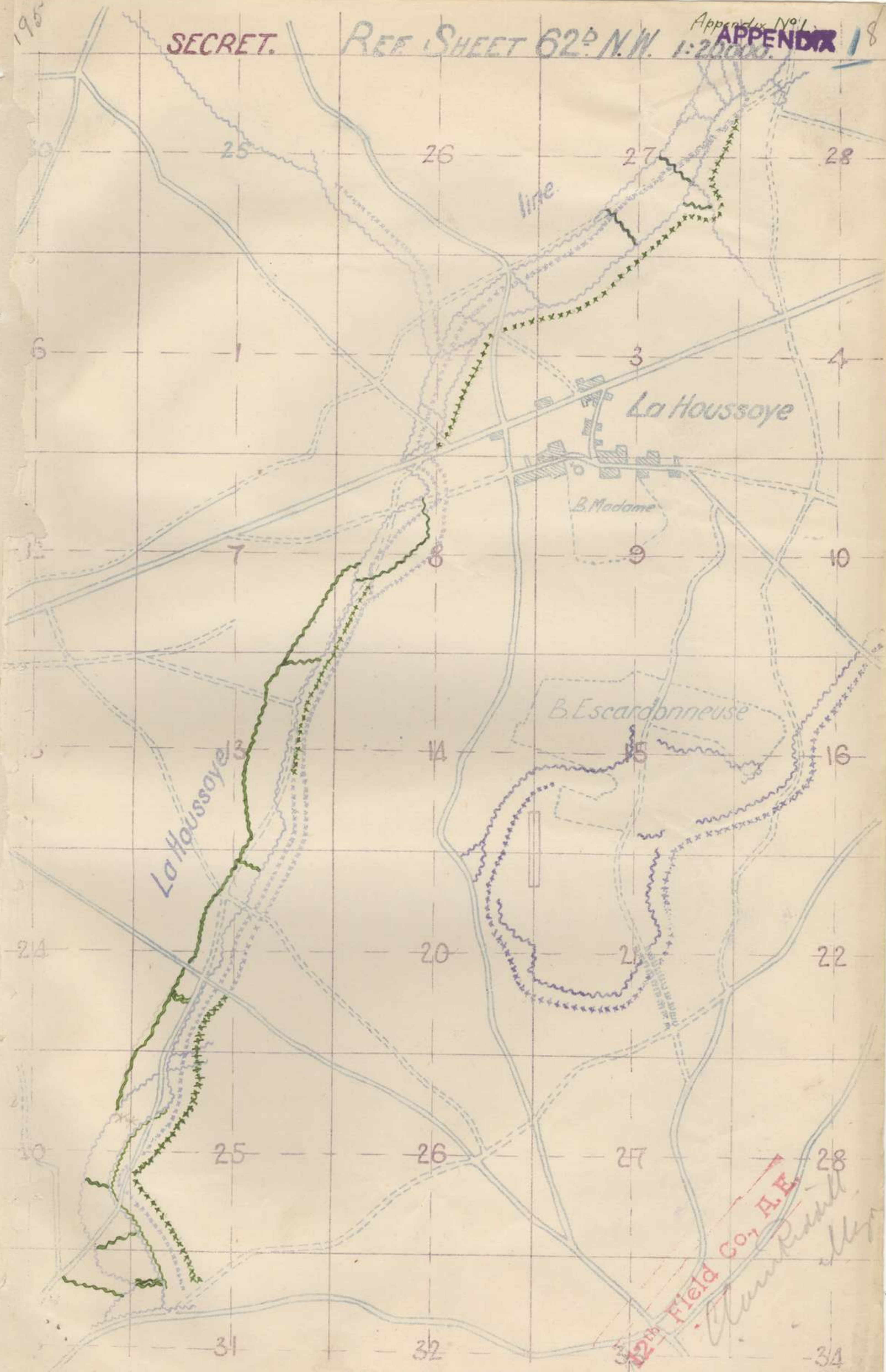
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12th Field Coy. A.E.

New work completed by 12th Field Coy. in green.

12th Field Coy. A.E. *Chamberlain*

LA NEUVILLE

27-4-18

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REVERSE

12th Field Co., A.E.

Handing over Report
2nd Field Co. R.E.



to
12th Coy. Australian Engineers.

Reference: 1:50,000 Sheet 62 D.

- (1) The 2nd Field Coy R.E. will hand over to the 12th Australian Engineers, Relief to be complete by 28/4/18.
- (2) List of Map locations of R.E. Units 8th DIV. is attached. The Dis. R.E. Dump is located at N. 29. C. 2.4.
- (3) Previous to the 24th inst. the company was employed on construction and working of support trenches in the BOIS LABBE attached map shows state of work on the 23rd inst. The line is continuous but not cut to correct section throughout.
- (4) Work on which Company is at present employed.
(a) Construction of trenches for defence of railway embankment

Handing over Report Contd.
A. (a)

at VILLERS BRETONNEUX, O34b, O35 a.c. consisting of 7 posts dug to depth of 3 feet.
1:5000 plan attached.

(b) Line of Posts ~~from~~ BOIS de
Point 1000
AQUENNE extending from
railway embankment O27c
to U3b. Posts 25yds long, spitlocked.
1:5000 Plan attached.

(c) Gas-proofing of dug-outs.
Gas-proof curtains have been fixed on two entrances of dug-out at O26 d 7.9 two entrances remain to be completed, additional Union Anti-gas cloth required.

(d) Road mines VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Report on mines attached. Officer of this company has visited site with officers of 12th Field Co. R.E.

Copy to GRS
8th DIV.

J. Grant
Major, R.E.
C. 2nd Fd Co. R.E.

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List of Plans
 handed over by
 2nd Field Co. Pk.
 to
 12th Coy Australian Engineers.

- $\frac{1}{5000}$ Plan support trenches dated 23/4/18
- do do do do
- do do do 19/4/18
- do Plan of trenches to accompany G49/1/19 do 22/4/18
- $\frac{1}{40000}$ Plan of trenches
- $\frac{1}{20000}$ Plan of line posts do 28/4/18
 BOIS de ARVENNE
- $\frac{1}{5000}$ Plan Defences of Railway Embankment. VILLERS BRETONNEUX 28/4/18
- $\frac{1}{5000}$ Sheet 62D S.W.

J. Frank
 Major Pk.
 2nd Field Co.

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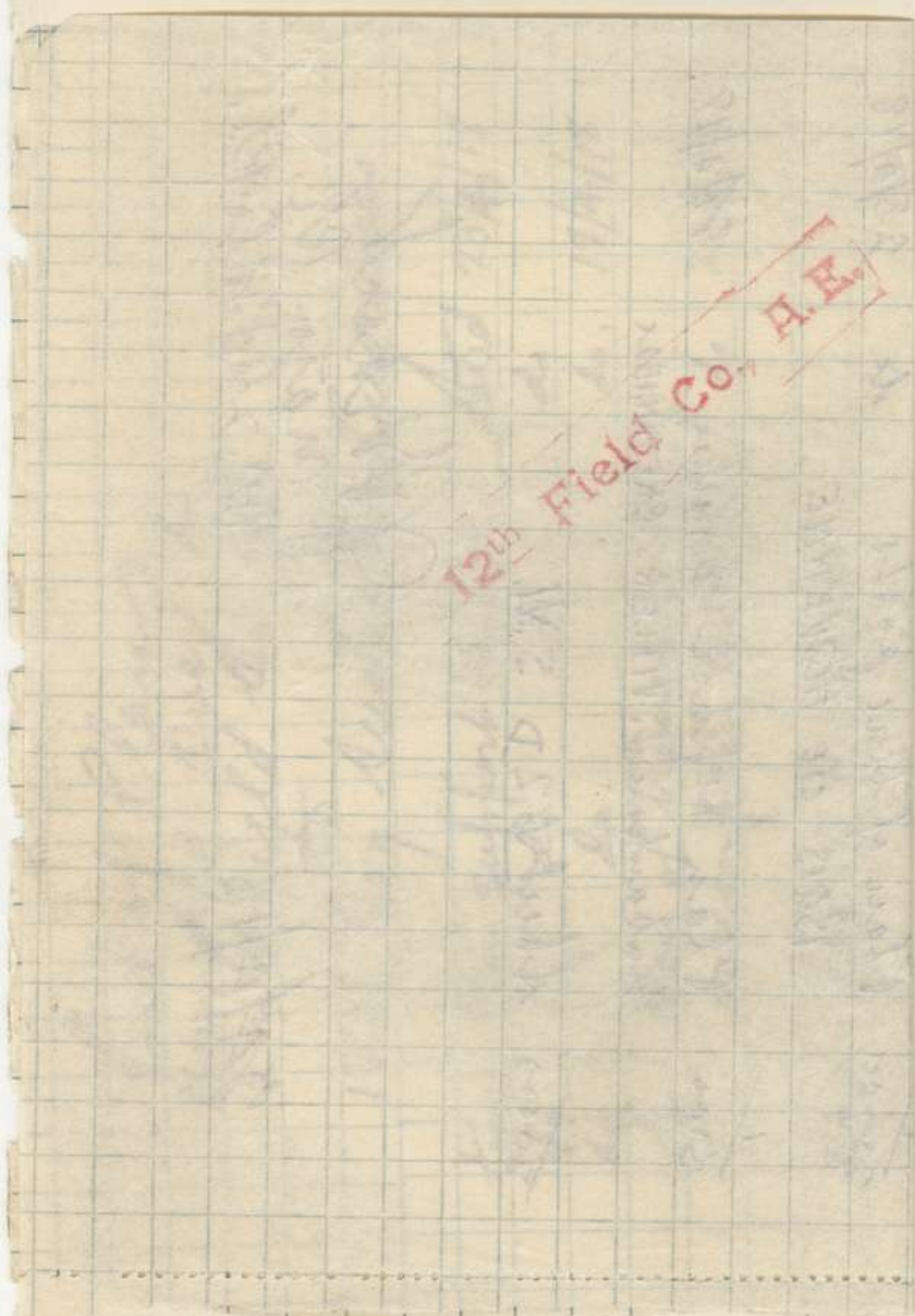
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Location of charges for road
craters in VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

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MAP REF O 29 C 9.4.

Tune of mine in cellar
of CAFE LEFEVRE at South East
corner of Cross Roads.

Tried about 4 feet up wall
on right hand side at bottom
of cellar stairs. Ends of safety
lead enclosed in small glass
bottle. Houses in vicinity are
badly knocked about & house
next to Cafe almost demolished.

No 2.
MAP REF O 29 d 7.4. Cross roads

I have carefully explored cellar
of cafe on North East corner of
square & can find no trace
of lead.

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No 3.
MAP REF O 36 a 3.7. Cross Roads.

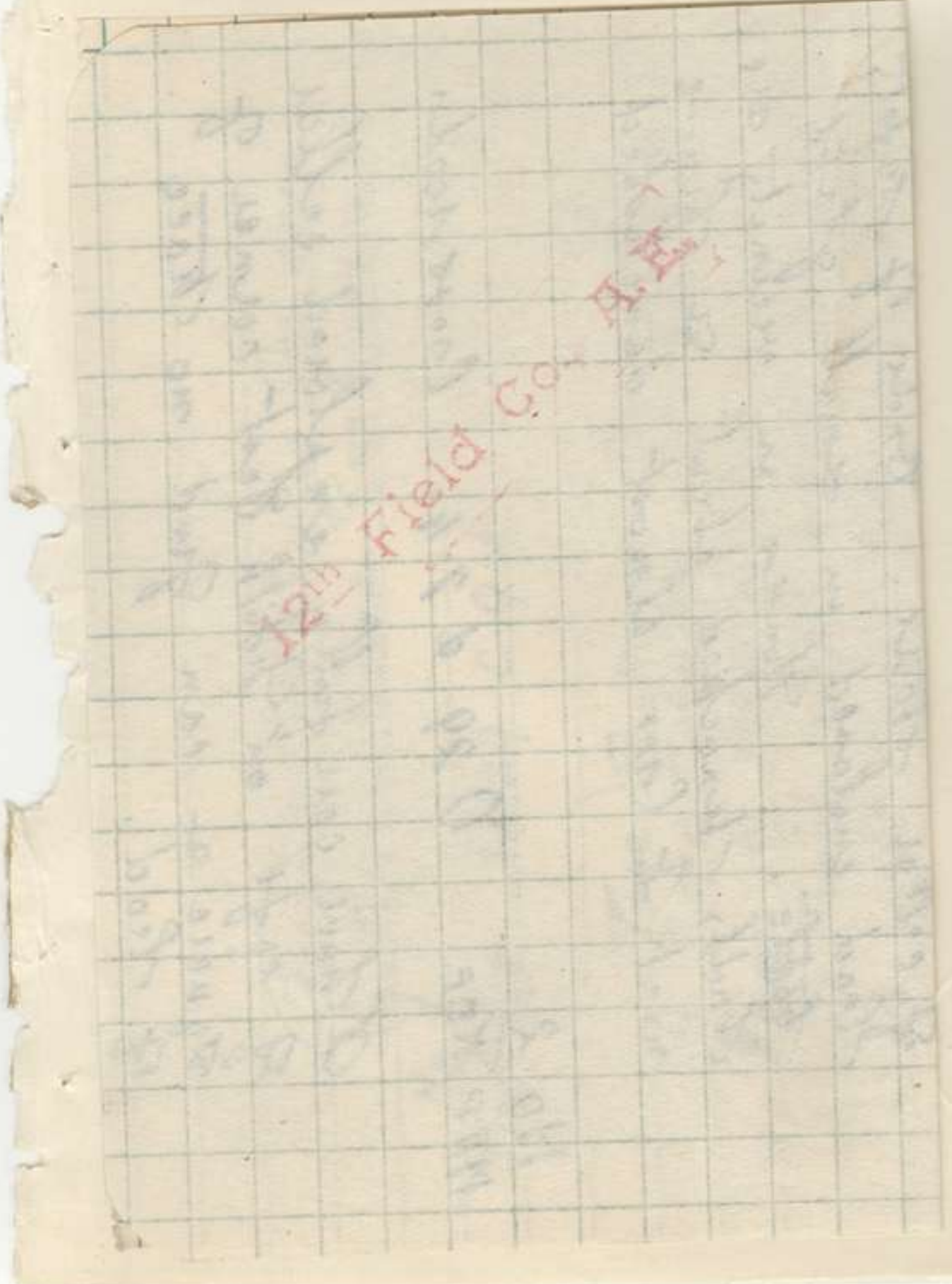
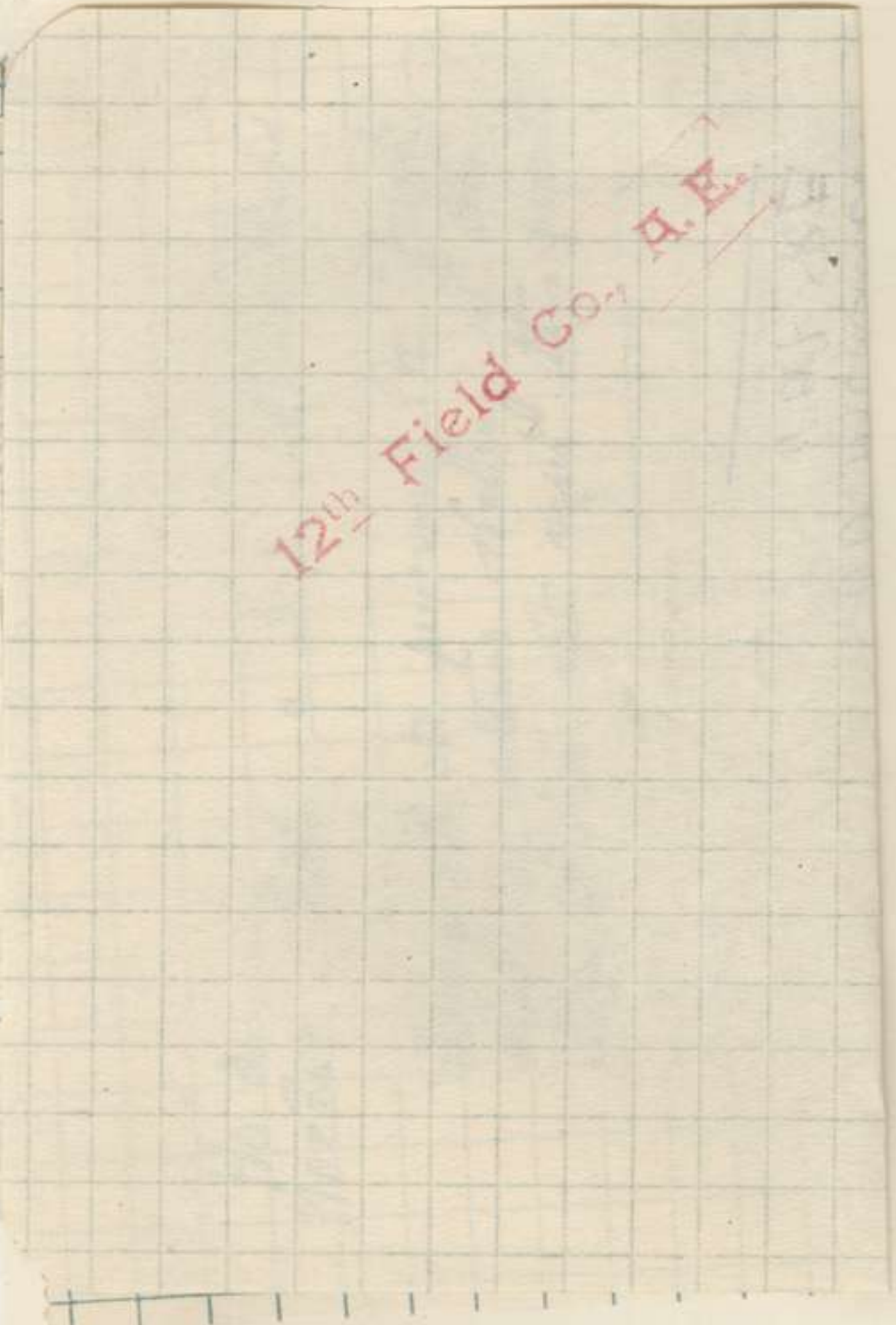
Being so its proximity to front
line & intense shelling at the
time I did not visit this point.

J. J. Kinnell
W. A. R. E.

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8th Div. R.E. No. 345/5/18.

- 23rd Inf. Bde.
- 24th Inf. Bde.
- 25th Inf. Bde.
- 8th Div. "G"
- 8th Div. "Q"
- 2nd Field Co. R.E.
- 16th Field Co. R.E.
- 490th (H.C.) Fd. Co. R.E.
- Div. Gas Officer.

Field Cos. will carry out all gas-proofing of dug-outs. No dug-out will be treated unless its construction is sufficiently air-tight otherwise than at the entrances to justify it.

G.R.E. will notify Cos. as dug-outs are approaching completion by tunnelling Cos. so that wooden framework can be erected & indent can be sent to G.R.E. for exact amount of Cloth Union Anti-gas 54" necessary. This Cloth will be issued by G.R.E. to Field Cos. only on authorization of Gas Officer.

First dug-out to be fitted: mined dug-out O.26.b.9.0. This will be put in hand at once by 2nd Field Co. R.E. This dug-out will be used as single or double Batt. H.Q. under orders of G.O.C. Res. Bde. who will ~~xxxxxx~~ be notified by 2nd Field Co. R.E. when ready for occupation.

Apr. 23/18.

Ampt 23/18

Lt. Col. R.E.
G.R.E. 8th Divn.

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8th Division R.E.G. 43/1/18.

Royal Engineers 8th Division.

LOCATION REPORT.26th April 1918.
-----Map Ref. Sheet 62 D,H.Q.Transport Lines.

H.Q.R.E., 8th Divn.	GLISY,	N.20.d.3.7,	N.20.d.0.9,
2nd Field Co., R.E. <i>12th</i>	BLANGY-TRONVILLE.	N.22.c.9.9,	M.16.a.8.5.
15th Field Co., R.E. <i>13th</i>	BLANGY-TRONVILLE.	N.22.c.9.8,	N.13.d.5.7.
490th Field Co., R.E. <i>4th</i>	BLANGY-TRONVILLE.	N.22.c.6.9.	M.16.a.2.6.
254th Tunnelling Co. R.E.	RIVERY,	M. 2, a. 7.4.	
56th " "	LONGUEAU,		

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 Captain, R.E.
 Adjutant R.E., 8th Division,

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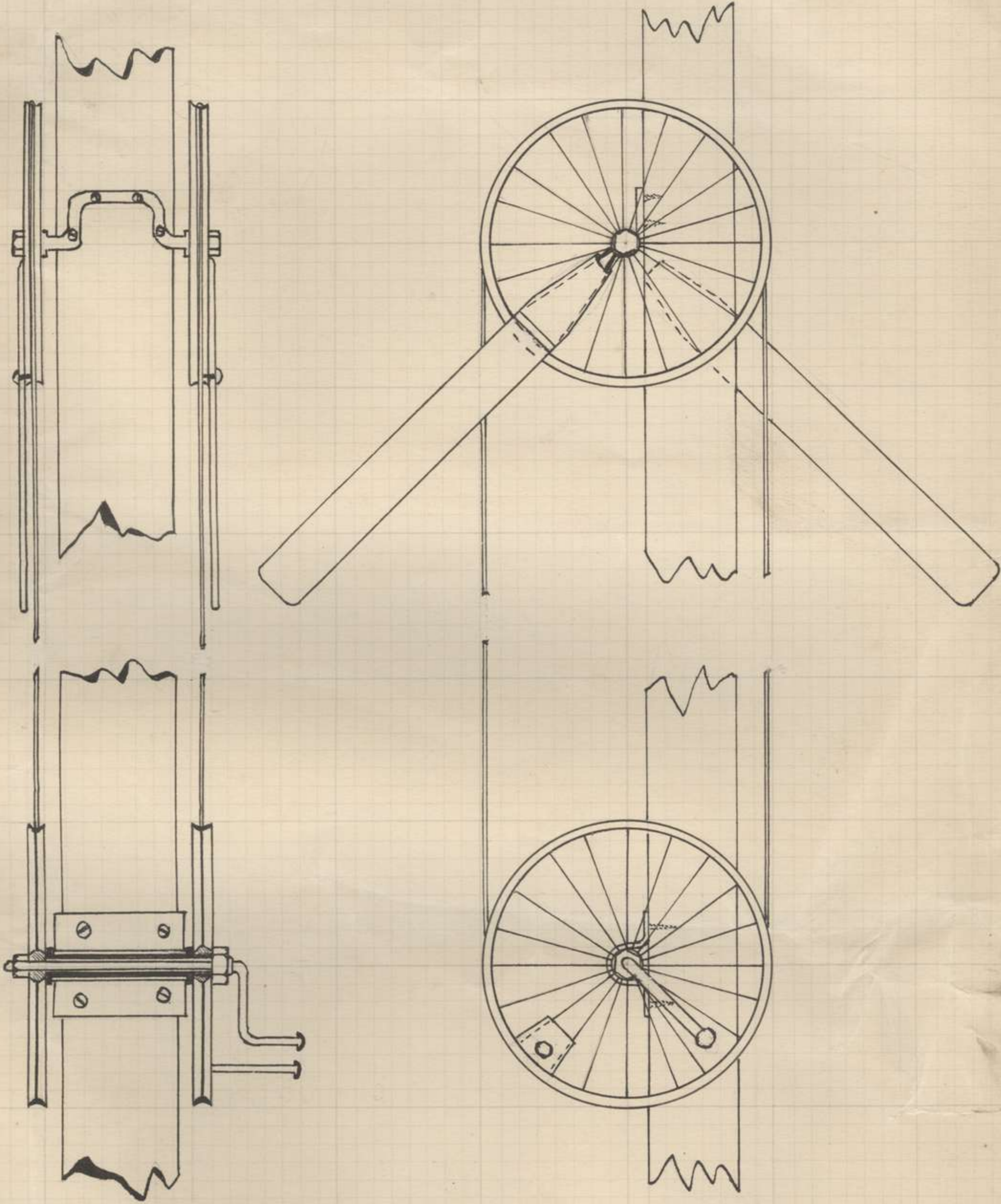
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Sketch of improvised Naval pattern Semaphore

not to scale



Made at the suggestion of Lt. Col. Inlay C.O. 47th Batt.
 of perambulator wheels, signal wire & scrap iron.
 Completed 26-4-18

AR Wright 2/lt.

Clare Russell Inlay

12th Field Co., A.E.

12th Field Coy A.E.

12th Field Coy
Handing Over Plate

7-4-18

Dispositions

No 1 Section at D5d 87
No 3 Section at Honer court Terrace
No 2 & 4 Sections at Rifle Range Bazient
Transport at Old B.E.F. Site Contay

Work in hand.

No 1 Section is attached to the Battalion in the line for front line work, instructions being issued by Brigade. The work so far has been wiring and the organization of Strong Points to form a continuous line of trenches.

No 3 Section works under instructions from Brigade and the work in hand is.

(a) Deep Dugout for Bde HQ (see at D12d)

(b) Marking a dry weather track between Honer court + Brete to pass the Quarry at Bde HQ.

(c) It is also proposed to connect up cellars in Laverville by trenches or tunnels

(a) is worked by 3 shifts per 24 hours and has only just been commenced. No mining timber is available, but a certain quantity has been salvaged from Genlis, + is being improvised for the purpose, Corrugated iron is also needed for sheeting.

(b) is nearly complete, but further require painting white

(c) Cellar map of Laverville is still in possession of Division.

No 2-4 Sections work directly under E.R.E. on roads - repairing shell-holes + opening up draws etc.

Infantry Working Parties have not been available except one party of 30 which carried wiring stores from Batt HQ on to the job.

2 Companies of Pioneers have been working under Bde instructions digging strong points etc which were worked out by Engineer Officers.

Stores have been very hard to procure as no P.E. Dumps existed until a couple of days ago. Coy transport has been drawing from Querrieu + carting to Batt HQ D12d 89 or to job.

Following stores were at D12d 89 on 7/4/18

Picks 100 Shovels 100

B. Wire 50 coils 9 Picks 300

Wood Picks 150 (at E 7d 12)

A wagon load each of B Wire + Picks were being taken up to D12d 89 on the evening of 7-4-18

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No long screw pickets have been available (consequently the wire entanglement will have to be a much wider belt than is usually necessary.)

Trenches Pioneer Trench is the main line of resistance and is continuous & traversed, it is dug 3' wide 3' 6" deep & has a thin line of wire across the front except for a gap of 400' which will be reduced tonight (7-4-18)

No C.T. exists but it is proposed to continue trench in D to both ways

Attached 1/20000 Trench Map
Sketch of Deep Dugouts for B Co
1 Albert Map.

(Signed) E D Norman
12th Field Coy E





12th Field Coy, A.E.
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Headquarters,
4th Aust. Div. Engrs.,
20th April, 1918.

O.C. 4th, 12th, & 13th Fd. Coy's, A.E.

In the event of Companies having to hold HALLUE Line it is considered advisable that each Company should retain two (2) waggons and the water cart. This transport will be disposed of as considered fit by the O.C. Company in accordance with the tactical situation.

R.H.L. L.S.H.

Lieut-Colonel,
C.R.E. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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DIVISIONAL ENGINEER ORDER NO. 5.

by

Lieut-Colonel R.J. DYER. D.S.O.

C.R.E. 4th AUST. DIV.

In the field.

(Reference Sheet (R.D.))

23.4.18.

RELIEFS. The 4th Aust. Div. will probably relieve the 3rd Aust. Div. in the line commencing on night 26/27 April.

4th Field Coy will take over from 10th Field Coy. at HILLY and work with 12th A.I.Bde.

12th Field Coy will take over from 9th Field Coy at 1.27. b.25.

13th Field Coy will take over from 11th Field Coy at BONNAY and work with 13th A.I.Bde.

4th Pioneer Bn will take over from 3rd Pioneer Bn at HILLY.

Please get in touch with the Coys and Bn which you are to relieve, preparatory to taking over their works and billets at a date to be notified later.

R.J. Dyer

Lieut-Colonel.
C.R.E. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution.

- 4th Fld Coy.
- ✓ 12th Fld Coy.
- 13th Fld Coy
- 4th Pioneer Bn.
- C.E. Aust. Corps.
- 4th Aust. Div.
- War Diary.
- File.





12 Field Coy D.E.

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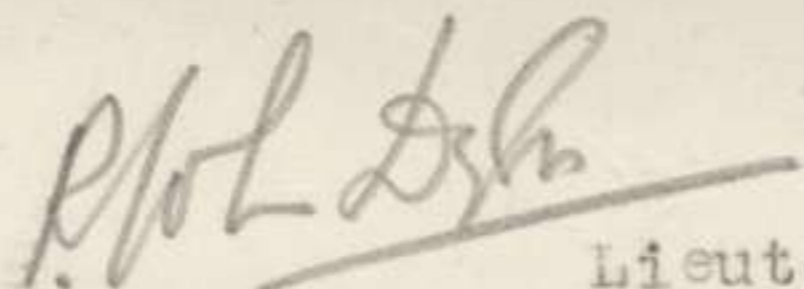
CONTINUATION of DIVISIONAL ENGINEER ORDER. No. 6.

RELIEF. Relief of Field Companies will be completed by noon 28th inst. Completion of move to be reported to this office by runner.

CONFERENCE. Will be held at C.R.E. Office at GLISY at 3 p.m. on 28th inst. to discuss proposed work. O.C's Field Companies and C.O. Pioneer Battalion will please attend.

PRESENT WORK. Will cease on 27th inst. O.C's 4th and 13th Field Companies will leave a small rear party, including an Officer, to hand over works if they have not been taken over when the Companies ~~leave~~ move.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Lieut-Colonel,
C.R.E. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

27-4-18.

To all recipients of Divisional Engineer Order No. 6.





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DIVISIONAL ENGINEER ORDER No. 6.

by

Lieut-Colonel R.J. DYER, D.S.O.

C.R.E. 4th AUST. DIV.

In the Field.

27-4-18.

RELIEF.

The 4th Aust. Div. will relieve 8th Division in the line commencing to-day.

4th Field Coy will take over from 490th Fd. Coy, R.E. and work with Left Bde.

12th Field Coy will take over from 2nd Fd. Coy, R.E.

13th Field Coy will take over from 15th Fd. Coy, R.E. and work with Right Bde.

4th Pioneer Bn. will take over from 8th Div. Pioneer Bn

O.C.'s Companies and C.O. Pioneer Bn will arrange to get in touch with the unit which they are to relieve, and take over their work and billets at a date to be notified later.

Field Companies will send small advanced parties to-day, 27th inst., to live with the Field Companies from whom they are taking over.

LOCATION.

2nd Fd. Coy, R.E.	-	BLANGY-TRONVILLE.
15th " " "	-	" "
490th " " "	-	" "
8th Div. Pioneer Bn.	-	" "

PRESENT WORK.

Will continue as usual until further notification.

ENGINEER H.Q.'rs.

Will open at GLISY at 10 a.m. to-morrow, 28th inst.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H.L. Dyer
Lieut-Colonel,
C.R.E. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution.

- Copy No. 1 - 4th Fd. Coy.
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- 3 - 13th Fd. Coy.
- 4 - 4th Pioneer Bn.
- 5 - 4th Aust. Div.
- 6 - C.E. Aust. Corps.
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12th Field Coy A.E.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Administrative Instructions No. 78, issued in connection with 4th Aust. Divisional Order No. 113.

RAILHEAD - POULAINVILLE.

SUPPLIES. Supplies will be delivered by Train Wagons to Transport Lines. Refilling Points - AMIENS-DAOURS Road, M.5.d.2.7.

AMMUNITION. Div. Ammunition Dump is located at M.2.b.4.2. B.A.A. and Grenades will be delivered from there by D.A.C. to locations notified by Brigades. A runner from the D.A.C. will be stationed with each Brigade and all demands for ammunition should be made direct to D.A.C.

BATHS. Baths at present exist at the Prisoners of War Cage at LAMOTTE-BRABIERE and arrangements are being made for the erection of others. Applications should be made direct to the Div. Baths Officer, 'Q' Office.

D.A.D.O.S. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location; any change of address will be notified.

BATTLE STRAGGLER POSTS. Battle Straggler Posts will be established by the A.P.M. and their positions notified to Div. Headquarters.

REINFORCEMENTS. O.C. Div. Staging Depot will despatch reinforcements as follows :-

- For the Brigades - To the nucleus of the Brigade concerned.
- For other Units - Direct to Units.

F.P.COMPOUND. Corps Compound will remain at G.13 Central.

PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE. Is established at GLISY.

DIV. STRAGGLERS COLLECTING STATION. Is established at GLISY.

Issued to all recipients of Divisional Order No. 113.

R. Brown
 Lieut-Colonel,
 A.A. & Q.M.G.,
 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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Headquarters,
4th Aust. Div. Engrs.
30th April 1918.

O.C., 4th, 12th, 13th Field Coys A.E.
C.O. 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.

Reference this office D.E. 1940 dated 28/4/18.

Para. 1. For "exclusive of, the BLANGY Line", read, "inclusive of the "Aubigny Line".

Para. 2. For "Inclusive of, the BLANGY Line" read "Exclusive of, the AUBIGNY Line".

Delete Para 3. and add "Pioneers will make Surveys of their own new works."

R. Johnstone

Lieut. Colonel.
C.R.E. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

HOQRS 4TH AUS.
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12th Field Coy

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The BLANGY defence
 Line is now a corps
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From *CRC 4th Aust. Div.*

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The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *R. Johnson*

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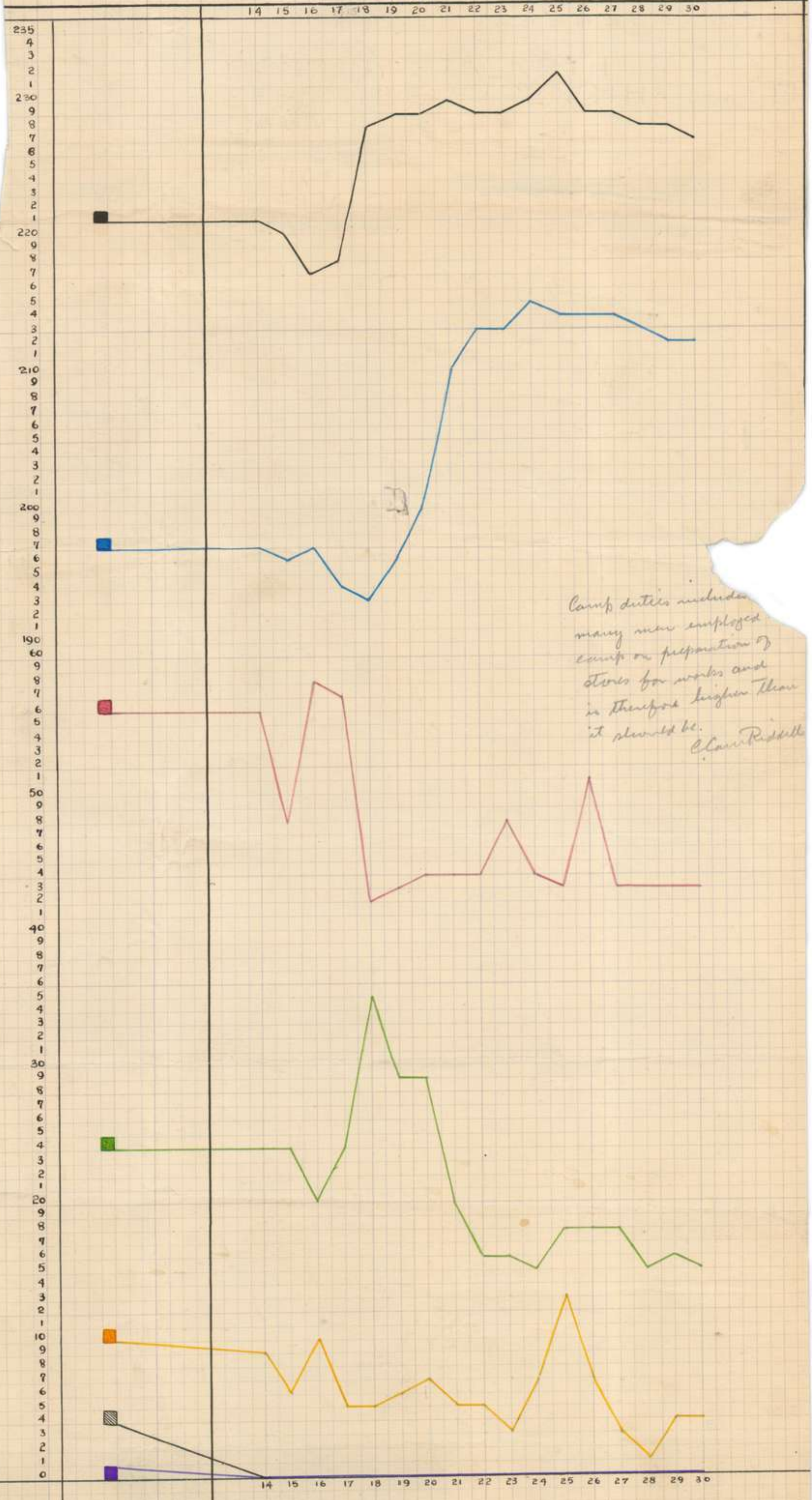
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COMPANY STRENGTH
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Camp duties includes many men employed camp on preparation of stores for works and is therefore higher than it should be.
Clair Riddell

