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REF FRANCE	Sept 1	AM 3.0	Report received from Lt. MIDELTON by Capt CADDY at Bde Hd Qts. by telephone that not possible to complete foot bridge before daylight.	253
SHEET	1	5.0	Capt Caddy returned to Coy Hd Qts.	
62 <sup>c</sup> SW		6.0	Report from OC reference bridges sent to CRE	app 1
1/20000		7.0	messages N285, N288 and N289 reference attack by 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde foot bridges and smoke barrage received	app 2
N4892		8.0	Lt ISAACS left to construct bridge to carry fuel guns at I33d49 work to be completed by midnight.	
		9.0	OC left for 15th Bde Hd Qts.	
		11.0	CRE visited Coy Hd Qts. and discussed question of draining swamps into the Canal. Lt BULLEN to do job with Coy of Pioneers if approval of C.E. were obtained	
			Capt CADDY arranged for party of 30 Pioneers and 4 BS wagons for carting bridging material tonight	
		PM 1.0	Three detachments each 1 NCO and 3 sappers from N-4 section left to report at Bde Hd Qts for work with forward BNS.	
		2.0	Sgt Brooks and 4 spro left to get foot-path across Canal at site of demolished road bridge I33d49 and to sup. same in repair.	
		4.0	Foot bridge at O3d32 completed.	
		5.0	Reports from Lt. MIDELTON to OC and from OC to CRE on footbridge	app 3

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REF FRANCE	Sept 1	PM 5.0	messages N296 and N297 reference MT bridge and reconnaissance received from CRE	app 4
SHEET 62° SW 1/20000 N4692		7.30	Wire from CRE received to go on with drainage scheme. Capt Caddy replied that as LT BULLEN had already gone out there was no sapper officer available and did not consider it advisable to start the job in the dark before levels had been taken and information obtained if scheme were feasible.	app 5
		7.0	LT BULLEN with section left to work on MT bridge started by LT ISAACS this morning. Lt GIBB reported 1st foot bridge was still intact but that the Infantry had withdrawn on ops rifle and MG fire.	
		8.0	LT GIBB and No 2 section left to continue work on 2nd foot bridge. 3 pontoon wagons and 4 GS wagons loaded with float bridge material with party of 30 Pioneers sent to end.	
		10.0	Reports on work done sent to CRE	app 6
		11.0	message from OC reference work for tomorrow and Lt GIBB's report on foot bridge received at Coy Hq.	app 7
		11.30	Wire N300 received from CRE reference artillery bridge not being required + to do reconnaissance.	app 8.
			Weather fine all day.	

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REF FRANCE	Sept 2	AM 5.30	message from OC reference Lt MORRISON carrying <sup>with 2nd foot bridge</sup> on received by Capt Coady.	app 8 A
SHEET 62C SW.	2	6.0	Report from OC to CRE on work done on 2nd foot bridge sent	app 9
1/20000		6.30	Lt MORRISON left with his section to carry on with 2nd foot bridge	
N4692		8.0	Lt MITCHELL and party started reconnaissance of roads Report attached	app 10
		10.0	Capt CADDY went to 15th Bde HdQs saw OC and reconnoitered main road + bridges in PERONNE. Report.	app 11
		11.30	Wire from CRE reference giving responsibility of drainage scheme to Pioneers received This work was started by the Pioneers tonight but was found impracticable as the water level in the swamps was lower than the canal.	app 12
		11.45	message sent to CRE reference work on 2nd foot bridge	app 13
			message from OC to Co 5th Pioneers reference situation	app 14
		PM 7.0	message from OC reference relief received	app 15
		7.10	message from OC reference bridge to get pack mules through PERONNE received	app 16
		7.30	Lt ISAACS with party of Pioneers left to do the job	
		8.0	message reference mining of buildings in PERONNE received	app 17
		8.0	1 officer and 25 OR 5th Pioneers left to dig CT. at Bde HdQs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	ORIGINAL Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
REF FRANCE SHEET	Sept 2	PM 12.0	Reports and messages sent by OC to CRE Engn Instruction No 40 received Weather fine	app 18 app 19
62° SW	3	AM 5.30	Report from Lt. GULLEN sent to CRE and OC reference 2 <sup>nd</sup> foot bridge	app 20
1/20000		6.30	Lt. GIBB with 12 sappers left to construct MT bridge at 133 625.	
N4692		7.0	Report on bridges etc sent by OC to CRE	app 21
		8.0	Lt. MIDELTON started on reconnaissance of new area. report Party left to erect notice boards on roads.	app 22
		9.0	message from OC received by Capt Caddy at Coy HQ Gls	app 23
		9.30	Lt. MORRISON left to reconnoitre 2 <sup>nd</sup> foot bridge	
		11.0	Reconnaissance of bridge between PERONNE + FLAMICOURT. forwarded to CRE.	app 24
		11.30	message reference stores notice boards etc sent to OC.	app 25
		PM 2	Infantry foot bridge 2 feet wide with handrails finished on site of demolished railway bridge 133 d 76	
		3	Report on bridges received from Lieut GIBB	app 26
		4	Report from Lieut MORRISON on 2 <sup>nd</sup> foot bridge received and forwarded to CRE	app 27

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			ORIGINAL	
REF FRANCE SHEET	3	PM 7.0	1 off and 30 OR. 5 <sup>th</sup> Pioneers sent to report to Lt GIBB for work on MT bridge being constructed at I33625	
		11.0	Bridge at I33625 completed.	
62° SW			Works report sent to CRE	app 28
1/20000			Situation report and examination of prisoner from 1 <sup>st</sup> Bavarian Pioneer Bn.	app 29
N4692			Message from OC to Capt CADDY. received	app 30.
	4	AM 8.0	Lt BULLEN left to take levels of canal and adjoining swamps + report on <del>practic</del> possibility of drawing <sup>in</sup> the latter.	
		9.0	Message from O.C. reference allotment of work in event of quick advance received	app 31
		10.0	Wire N327 received from CRE and Lieut ISAACS sent to do reconnaissance asked for	app 32
		11.0	Engr Instruction No 43 received	app 33
		12.0	Sections of 5 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Fed Coy instructed to report back to their Companies with bridging equipment.	
		PM 1.0	Reconnaissance of eastern approaches to PERONNE sent to CRE	app 34
		2.0	Engr Instructions No 41 received	app 35
		5.0	Report of work sent to CRE	app 36
		6.0	Report <del>of</del> from Lt BULLEN on levels of canal and swamps.	app 37
		6.30	OC's report to CRE	app 38

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			ORIGINAL	
REF FRANCE	4	PM 7.0	Report on Roads sent to 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde	app 39
SHEET		9.0	message from OC to cancel all work and prepare to move rec.	app 40
62 <sup>c</sup> SW.		11.0	Extracts from 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div Battle Instructions received	app 41
1/20000		12.0	message HFI 1769 from CRE received	app 42
N4B92				
	5	AM 6	message from OC reference reconnaissance received of roads bridges and water supply received	app 43 app 44
		6.30	Lieuts MIDELTON and BULLEN left to do work ordered above	
		7.0	message AGY/33 received from OC	app 45
		8.0	Lt GIBB and No 2 Section went forward to construct F.A. bridge between PERONNE and FLAMICOURT at I 28a 39	
		10.0	Message sent by OC to Lt Col CARTER for assistance of men and wagons for bridge at I 28a 39	app 46
		PM 2.0	Report on roads water supply etc from Lt MIDELTON	app 47
		4.0	Bridge at I 28a 39 finished to carry Field Artillery.	
		6.0	Report on roads bridges and dumps at DOINGT sent to CRE	app 48
		8.0	message from OC to reconnoitre bridge at LAMIRE Fm St ETIER PIGNY with view of converting to Carbay MT received	app 49

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			ORIGINAL.	
REF FRANCE SHEET	5	PM 8.15	Lieut MIDELTON went out to inspect bridges	app 50
		10.30	Report from OC to CRE on work	app 51
62 <sup>nd</sup> SW			Battle Instructions Series II No 1 received	app 52
			also 5th Aus Div Engr Instructions No 44	
1/20000	6	AM 1.0	message HFI 1781 received from CRE	app 53
N4692		2.30	message N352 to deliver two pontoons and superstructure to 14th Fed Coy received	app 54
		11.0	Maj GREENWAY returned to Coy Hd Qts.	
			Lieut MARNIE returned to Coy from leave	
		PM 4.0	message received from CRE to report on bridges at DOINGT and Capt CADDY Lieut MIDELTON and GIBBS proceeded in car to carry out the work.	app 55
		7.0	Report on bridges in DOINGT taken by Capt CADDY to CRE	app 56
		8.30	Battle Instru. Series II No 3 received also 5th Aus Div Engr Instructions No 45	app 57 app 58
	7	AM 9.0	Capt CADDY and Lieut BULLEN reconnoitred country east of Canal for Camp site returning at 4 PM.	
		PM 12.30	Maj GREENWAY left on leave to UK.	
		5.0	Lieut MIDELTON went out to inspect job of repairing bridge at BTERPIGNV.	
		6.0	No 2 Section moved out to new camp near MESNIL D'YVRE	
			Weather has been fine for past week	

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REF. FRANCE L2C 10,000 FRANCOURT NH 6.9.2.	1918 SEPTEMBER 8 <sup>TH</sup>	7 AM	Coy. moved forward and established Coy Hqs. at D.17 C.P.C. Sections moved independently. Lt JB MIDLETON with 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 Section immediately proceeding to ETERRIANT D.21227 to commence repairs to bridge which had been blown by the <del>Enemy</del> ENEMY.	
		8.30 AM	D.C. visited D.C. 14 <sup>th</sup> FIELD Coy to discuss work on bridge	
LE MESNIL		10.30 AM	Coy Hqs established at D.17 C.P.C. House lines at D.17 C.P.C.	
		1 PM	Lt. G.L. BULLEN with N <sup>o</sup> 3 + 4 Sections relieved Lt MIDLETON & 1 Section on the Bridge.	
		4 PM	D.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> BRIGADE Hqs at LE MESNIL - BRUNTEL. N <sup>o</sup> 2 SECTION cleaning up camp etc.	
		8 PM	Works report sent to CRE. Weather light showers fell during the day.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	11 AM	D.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> BRIGADE Hqs at LE MESNIL - BRUNTEL.	
	10	6 PM	ENGR INSTRUCTION N <sup>o</sup> 46 received	
		8 PM	Coy employed on repair of bridge, the following work has been carried out. WESTERN END. (14 <sup>th</sup> FIELD Coy) H Camp (400) superstructure laid.	

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MAP REF FRANCE 62.C. 40 000 0.17 C & G.	9 <sup>th</sup>		2 cut piers erected. GERMAN pile driver repaired and erected. Debris of demolished bridge cleared from gaps. Pile driver complete raised at midday is being erected EASTERN END. (15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Coy) 6 bays (72') completed with decking. 2 bays (24') completed ready for decking. Skipped 2 bays of decking and repaired 2 piers. Made and erected pile driver and drove 2 piers (10 piles) another pile driver 80% complete.	
			Reconnaissance of bridge + approaches made by O.C. and forwarded to CRE Weather stormy.	G.P.P. 59
	10 <sup>th</sup>	11:40 AM 2:30 PM	Went N 375 received from CRE reference work on bath. Lt. W. GIBBS M.C. M.M. + Baths Officer after reconnaissance of the MESS hall decided to cut bath at O.M. C. 4.3.	
		3: PM	CRE visited Coy HQs and then proceeded with O.C. to inspect work on bridge	
		8 PM	Coy employed on repairing bridge following work on Pier caused at ETERPIGONY BRIDGE. Pile driver 13. <del>By</del>	

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MAP REF FRANCE G2C. 10.000	10 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Bays ditched 5. Bays completed with roadbeams 3. Landed and removed washing show end. 75 yds handrails + ribbons completed. Replaced 4 damaged roadbeams.</p> <p>In 2 p.m. down completed and erected.</p> <p>Patrols begun employed carrying material from 015 a 9.9. To bridge site</p> <p>Weather stormy with heavy showers</p>	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	8AM	<p>Lt W GIBB MC.M.M., with No 2 Section commenced work on baths at 0174.3</p> <p>Lt Cross also worked DOINGT and decided to install baths at 13624.3</p> <p>8PM Sgt BROOKS + No 4 Section employed in repairing foot bridge across RIVER SOMME between LAMIRE FARM + PERONNE.</p>	
		2pm	<p>Lt L. R HARDINGE + Lt. WC GILBERT rejoined from U.K. leave.</p>	
		8pm	<p>Work Report ETER DIGNY BRIDGE. Poles down 1A. 2 bays ditched</p> <p>Division - roadbeams on 2 bays completed.</p> <p>DIVISIONAL BATHS. 0.17.4.3. 100' 2" pipes laid from water point to baths. 14x12 floor covered with corrugated iron.</p>	

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MAR REF FRANCE.	11 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Partition 12' x 7' erected. work now 70% complete.	
G2.C. 1/40,000			Foot BRIDGES. Bridge and track 0.3 d 3.2. across canal and swamp	
D.M.C. 8.6			repaired.	
			Bridge at 0.3 d 3.4. across canal repaired.	
			Parton weapons employed seeking material from 0.27 b.6.3. to	
			ETERPIQNY BRIDGE.	
			Weather Showery.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM	O.C. visited bridge at ETERPIQNY and inspected work.	
		2pm	Pay Day.	
		4pm	O.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> BRIGADE HQ. at D. & C. 24.	
		8pm	Works repair ETERPIQNY BRIDGE. Piles driven in. Timbers in	
			timbers completed in 2 days. 5 bays decked. 40 yds	
			cordons completed. 60 yds ditches completed.	
			O.C.'s report to G.R.E. regarding approaches to bridge and motor traffic	O.C.P.
			Foot BRIDGES. bridge at 0.33 d 2.4. repaired, preparing to replace	
			each foot bridge over canal with light foot bridge	

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MAP. REF. FRANCE	12 <sup>th</sup>		<p>DIVISIONAL BATHS. Heaters and showers fixed in position. Roof repaired and made new pump. Pumps 12'x7' fixed. Seats fixed in dressing room. Baths now ready for use.</p> <p>8:30pm. Lt. V.C. SECOMBE reported for duty.</p> <p>Weather. Heavy showers fell during the day.</p>	
62 C	13 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM	O.C. visited EPERIGNY BRIDGE and inspected work.	
O.M.C. S. G.		11 AM	C.E. AUSTRALIAN CORPS. with CRE visited EPERIGNY BRIDGE and expounded himself satisfied with the work done.	
		1:15pm	Wire HE 20. from CRE issued. N235 Cpl Robertson W.E. to hold himself in readiness to proceed to Australia on leave.	
		5 pm	Wire N413 from CRE issued. Lt. W. R. B. M.C. M.M. to hold himself in readiness to proceed to Australia on leave.	
		8 pm	Work report	
			EPERIGNY BRIDGE. Piles driven 2. Bays decked 2. resumed decking and replaced roadbeams in one bay. 30 jts retards + 20 yds handrails completed.	

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MAP REF FRANCE G2C 1/40,150	13 <sup>th</sup>	8 PM	LE MESNIL BATHS. D.17 b.4.3. Repairs to roof completed. Sealing, plumbing, pump and drains completed.	
D.17.08.6.			DOMRET BATHS. 136 a.4.3. 6 showers completed. 1 partition sealed.	
			FOOT BRIDGES. D.33 d 2.4. repairs to bridge continued.	
			" " 03 d 3.2. 3 missiles made and launched	APP.
			Patrol Waggons employed carrying RE material from D.27 b.6.3 to ETERRIGNY BRIDGE.	
			Weather showery	
			10.45 AM Wagon N 412 returned from CRE	APP. 62
			11 AM LT. L.R. HARDINGE proceeded to 15 BRIGADE HQs at O.S.C. 4 and back over	
			11 AM CRE visited ETERRIGNY BRIDGE and inspection work.	
			1 PM LT. W. GIBB M.C.M.M. + CPL W.E. ROBERTSON. proceeded on leave to AUSTRALIA.	
			3 PM O.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> BRIGADE HQs at O.S.C. 4.	
			3.30 PM O.C. visited ETERRIGNY BRIDGE.	

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MAP REF.				
FRANCE.	14 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Work Report.	
L. 2. C. 1/10. 570			ETERPIGNY BRIDGE. East end of bridge completed and ready	
D. 17. C. 58. 6			for traffic at 5pm. Total length of new bridge erected by the	
			COY. 216'. Work part on each side of bridge being constructed.	
			FOOT BRIDGES. 30 yds of track running EAST from O. 3 A. 2 destroyed	
			by bombs in the night of 13 <sup>th</sup> . Has now been repaired.	
			LE MESNIL BATHS. Completed + in use.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	9 AM	Inspection of Sections by D.C.	
		10 AM	Bathing Parade.	
		11 AM	C. E. AUSTRALIAN CORPS visited ETERPIGNY BRIDGE.	
		2 PM	D.C. visited D.C. 14 <sup>th</sup> TROOP COY at ETERPIGNY and discussed work	
			in bridge.	
		2:30 PM	Inspection of Havers + Havers by D.C.	
		3 PM	C.R.E. visited by H.O.	
		8 PM	Work report sent to C.R.E.	
			ETERPIGNY BRIDGE 100 ft struts + timbers replaced, paint applied	

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MAP. REF. FRANCE.	15.	8 P.M.	Wato upst (out) Packed up and strengthened two piles.	
G.C. 1/10. 570			LE MESNIX BATHS. sled 20' x 12' erected.	
D. 17. 8. 6.			FOOTBRIDGES. D. 3 d. 3. 2. Small bridge completed, except for handrail.	
			D. 3 d. 9. 8. Single span bridge erected over canal.	
			MUTTING.	
			15 <sup>th</sup> Bde Inf School. D. 8 d. 6. 5. 10. Officers mess + lecture hall commenced.	
			57 <sup>th</sup> Bn. <sup>08. 9. 8</sup> Repairing. Sleds damaged by shell fire. 2 tables + 2 forms. completed.	
			59 <sup>th</sup> Bn. D. 8. c. a. 6. D. duty room + officers quarters commenced.	
			60 <sup>th</sup> Bn. D. 1. c. 8. 8. 2 huts commenced.	
			Weather stormy.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	AM. 9.30	Coy Parade. Inspection by SECTION OFFICERS.	
		11.	D.C. visited ETERRIGNY BRIDGE.	
		PM 2.	Subsistence cricket match.	
		3.	C.R.E. visited Coy HQ.	
		3.30	D.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> INF. BDE. D. 9. 0. 8. 4.	

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MAP REF FRANCE	16 <sup>TH</sup>	P.M. 8	<p>Wabos Report sent to Cpl</p> <p>HITTING 15<sup>TH</sup> BDE SCHOOL frame of mess erected</p> <p>57<sup>TH</sup> BN. O.3.C.9.8 mess but 14+8' completed</p> <p>59<sup>TH</sup> BN O.8.C.9.6 orderly room 10+8' two tables, 3 stools completed.</p> <p>FOOT BRIDGES. O.3.d.3.2. Handrails completed</p> <p>O.3.d.9.8 Handrails and rebands completed.</p>	
	17 <sup>TH</sup>	AM 9.30  P.M. 2  8	<p>At earlier stormy</p> <p>Coy paraded full marching order inspection by O.C.</p> <p>Section carried on with rifle exercises, Gas drill and map reading under Section Officers until noon.</p> <p>Intersection cricket match.</p> <p>Wabos report sent to Cpl</p> <p>HITTING 15<sup>TH</sup> BDE SCHOOL O.8.C.6.5.10. Mess room, roofed, floored and one side completed.</p> <p>57<sup>TH</sup> BN O.3.C.9.8 repairing bus damage by storm.</p> <p>Coy waggon washed and painted.</p> <p>At earlier stormy</p>	

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MAP. REF FRANCE 62C. 140. 570 017C. 86	18 <sup>TH</sup>	AM. 9.30	Coy Parade. Inspection by Section Officers. Sections canon in with. Section Drill, and bayonet fighting until noon.	
		10	O.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> BDE. H.Q. 0.8, C.F. 4.	
		10.15 P.M.	Wm H.E. received from CRE	
		2	Inter. Coy cricket match 14 <sup>th</sup> v 15 <sup>th</sup> Coy.	
		8	Work report sent to CRE.	
			MUTING. 15 <sup>th</sup> BDE SCHOOL. O.Fd. 65. 10 this room completed also lecture room.	
			Weather <del>stormy</del> fine	
	19 <sup>TH</sup>	AM. 10	Coy Parade. Battle order. Inspection by OC. run for a route march to BRIE returning at noon	
		P.M. 2	Intersections cricket match.	
		4	CRE visited Coy HQ.	
			Weather stormy.	
	20 <sup>TH</sup>	AM. 9	Coy Parade. Inspection by Section Officers. Sections canon in with. Gas Drill, map reading. Bayonet fighting until noon.	

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MAP. REF				
FRANCE	20 <sup>th</sup>	P.M. 2.00	Recreation.	
62C		3	O.C. visited CRE. at FONTAINE-LES-CAPPY.	
D.H.C. 8.6		4	Officers V. HQs cricket match.	
		8	Coy Concert at Home Unit	
			Weather stormy	
		8.30	Placed E.V. CLARK for duty from A.C.S.D.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	P.M. 9.	Coy Parade inspection by section officer. Section came to work Section drill. Insp ready until now.	
		P.M. 2	Recreation	
		3	O.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> BDE HQs. D.S. C.S. 4.	
		8	Weather fine	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	A.M. 10.	Kit inspection.	
		10.30	Inspection of letters by O.C.	
		P.M. 2.30	Inter Coy cricket match 8" x 15" stamps drawn at 3.40	
			easy to rain.	
		A.	C.R.E. visited Coy HQ.	

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MAP REF FRANCE	22 <sup>nd</sup>	P.M. 8.	weather stormy & wet.	
G2C 140.000		8.30	TRAINING PROGRAMME for WEEK ending 29/9.14 sent to CRE	App. 63
DIY C. S. L.	23 <sup>rd</sup>	A.M. 9.	as per training PROGRAMME.	
		11	Lecture by Div Gas Officer on GERMAN GASES.	
		P.M. 2.30	Football match. 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn. 9 <sup>th</sup> Coy V 15 <sup>th</sup> G. C.	
		H	O.C. visited CRE at FONTAINE-LES-CAPPY.	
		8	Weather fine.	
			Works repair.	
			HUTTONS BDE SCHOOL. O. & d 65.10. Duty room completed.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	A.M. 9.	as per training PROGRAMME.	
		P.M. 2.30	Cricket match 8 <sup>th</sup> V 15 <sup>th</sup> continued	
		2.45	Lt. V.C. Seconbe; report on Forward Area forwarded to CRE.	App. 64
		8.	works repair.	
			HUTTONS. 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde School O & d 65.10. Cookhouse under.	
			Weather fine	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	A.M. 9.	as per training PROGRAMME.	

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MAP REF FRANCE 62C 1/40000	25 <sup>th</sup>	AM 11. P.M. 1.30	O.C. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde HQs. 0800-11 O.C. visited 15 Bde Sports at 014. 6.18.	
017 C&S		2 2.30	Div Engrs but store established at 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Dump. 017 C 80.65. PONTOON BRIDGING EQUIPMENT packed at 017 C 80 65 also LEWIS GUNS and ammunition.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	8 AM 9.	Weather stormy. Training as per programme	
		9.	CRE. Lt. Col WATSON, O.C. and Lt GILBERT proceeded in car to Quarry near TEMPELY and selected sites for BDE HQs at V3 & 5.9.	
		9.30	ENGINEER INSTRUCTIONS No 47-48 and BATTLE INSTRUCTION SERIES No 5 received.	App 65
		10 AM PM 4	EXTRACTS from BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS. SERIES E No 6 <sup>th</sup> prepared Lt. GILBERT with No 4 Section left by bus to Quarry to establish Coy HQs and fix up BDE HQs in Quarry V3 & 5.9.	App 66
		11.55	News from CRE received. O.C. to meet TANK Representative at 15 BDE at 9 AM 27 <sup>th</sup> and arrange to attach 200 tons to tanks to conduct them to GREEN LINE and keep a look out for road mines.	

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MAR. REC FRANCE G2C 1/10/00 D.H.C. 5.	26 <sup>TH</sup>	PM 11:55	News from C.R.I. that conference of O.C. Groups will be held at 15 <sup>TH</sup> Coy H.Q.s. at 11:30 AM 27 <sup>TH</sup> received.	
	27 <sup>TH</sup>	9 AM	Weather fine. D.C. attended conference at 15 <sup>TH</sup> Bde H.Q.s. Allocation of Tanks to Bns. was discussed. It was arranged with MAJOR BENNEWITH of 8 <sup>TH</sup> TANK BR. to send Lt Sappers to report on line in WOOD at L.I.C. at 10 AM on 28 <sup>TH</sup> . Lt BUCKLEY with 90 Cyclists sent forward to house camp for transport and new Section near MARQUAIS. 10 D.C. inspected MODEL of ground over which work was to take place, at 15 <sup>TH</sup> Bde School. 11. Message from C.R.I. that 3 motor lorries were reported at 2 PM to take Section forward received. 11:30 Conference of O.C. Groups with C.R.I. at 15 FIELD Coy H.Q.s. Work to be done by FIELD Coy in forthcoming operations was discussed and it was agreed that main work of Coy's would be reconstruction of ROADS, PUMPS, etc. remove MINES.	

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MAP. REF FRANCE 62C 1 40000 O17C8.5	27 <sup>th</sup>	AM. 11.30	<p>Question of control of G.O.C. BDE's over FIELD Coys was brought up and CPE said he would do absolutely clear, and gave orders to the effect that <u>FIELD Coys</u> would carry out all troops work found necessary after consultation with G.O.C. BDES, and that SECTIONS would not be allowed to work under BDE. orders as had been done in some former operations.</p> <p>D.C. FIELD Coys were to have absolute control over their Coys and to allot them men for the different jobs as they thought fit.</p> <p>Also arranged that report CENTRE was to be established by 8" T.C. at G.10L.7.5. to receive all messages for CPE, and <del>that the message</del> that 3-100 gall. and 3-50 gall. tanks to be installed in vicinity of G.6.C. by 8" FIELD Coy. These tanks to be filled by motor pumps. Copies of report on roads to be sent direct to Pioneer Bn. so that they could effect repairs without delay.</p> <p>CPE said that water raising sub were available for each Coy and arrangements were made to collect same from 15" FIELD DMT.</p>	
		12.	Packs stored in the store on Div Dump	

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MAR. REF		PM		
KRANCE	27	2	15 <sup>th</sup> BDE preliminary instructions SERIES F. No. 9-10 received	Alp 67
62C 1/400		3	OC Coy LEMESNIK and proceeded to HAMBLET, K21 a.i. where LT BULLEN had located a camp for transport + Nos 1 + 2 Sections	
D17C.5			They proceeded to QUARRY near TEMPLEUX and at 6 PM established Coy HQ at L3 b. 5. 9. where No 4 SECTION were camped	
			The QUARRY had been shelled and gassed the previous evening night and this morning but not things are a lot better	
			Gas proof doors had been fitted by No 4 SECTION in BDE HQ and G.O.C. was very pleased with accommodation provided.	
		3.15	Transport under Lt MARNIE moved forward to new camp, K21 a.i.	
		5.	Motor buses arranged to report at 2 PM. only just arrived. No 1, 2, + 3, SECTION, proceeded to new camp.	
TRANSPORT LINES at K21 a.i.		5.30	Transport arrived at new camp.	
		6	SECTIONS arrived	
Coy. H. OTC. L. 3, 4, 5, 9.		6	Coy HQ established at L3, b. 5. 9.	
		6	HQ3 Order sent for No 3 SECTION to proceed to QUARRY.	

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MAR. REF FRANCE	27.	P.M. 9	No. 3 SECTION arrived at Coy Hqts and were accommodated in Tunnel	
62C 1/1000 COY HQ DIS V.C.B. 5.9.		11.50	ENGR. INSTRUCTION No 48A received	App. 68
			Weather Stormy	
TRANSPORT LINES K. 21.2.1.1.	28	AM 9	Making arrangements for stunt. LT HARDINGE to send four sappers to TANKS and to see Bn. COMMANDER and arrange to under any ENGR assistance necessary Two sappers per Bn. only required to go with forward Troops, remainder of No 3 SECTION to be kept in reserve to do preliminary reconnaissance on ROADS, WATER, Dumps, etc. or any urgent work thought necessary by LT HARDINGE LT. GILBERT with No 4 SECTION to do detailed reconnaissance of ROADS, RAILWAYS, DUMPS, WATER etc and to develop water supply after advance had taken place Signboards for roads & wells prepared	
		PM 3	CRE + LT. MARNIE visited Coy. Hqrs operations discussed with CRE and decided that main job for sappers on ZERO day would be reconnaissance & water supply and that further work could not be decided until operation had taken place.	

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MAP. REF FRANCE 62C 40000 Coy HQ 15 LC 15 A HORSE LINES K21 a. 1. 1.	28	PM 3.	Report on wells to be sent in per attached Programme Wells to be marked on reconnaissance MAPS.	<del>apt 69</del>
		4	Orders given to LT. MARNIE to send No 2 SECTION to report at Coy HQs. at 7 AM No 1 at 8 AM. Patrol Waggon to be loaded with R.E. stores (windlasses, pumps, jacks, signboards, tent, ladders, picks & shovels, nails etc) all transport to move to site selected near QUARRY. about 11 AM on 29 <sup>th</sup> if situation is quiet.	
		6.	LT. Clark reported at Coy HQs.	
		7.	O.C. saw O.C. 8 <sup>th</sup> FIELD Coy who is to let us know when & where CRZ report enters on to be established by him as advance progresses.	
		11.	Wm received that ZERO hour will be 5.50 AM. 29 <sup>th</sup> . Weather showery.	
		11.30 AM	BDE. PRELIM. INSTRUCTIONS. SERIES No F. No 11, and 15 <sup>th</sup> BDE ORDER No 201 received	
	29	5.30	Attack by AMERICAN TROOPS. Commenced	
		7.	LT. BULLEN + No 2 SECTION reported at QUARRY.	
		8	LT. SECORMBE + No 1. SECTION reported at QUARRY	
		9.15	ENGR. INSTRUCTION No 49 received	
		8.30	No 3 SECTION moved forward	
		9.30	No 4 Section moved forward	



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MAP REF FRANCE 62C 40000 Coy H. Qrs. L.C. to S. G.	29	AM	O.C. L.H. BULLER moved forward with BDE STAFF to HINDENBURG LINE M G 2 C 7. 5.	
		10:30	During this at 11:30 AM. on arrival news received that AMERICANS had not yet reached their objective	
		10:45	Transport arrived and line established at L 3 C 3. 1.	
		P.M.		
		12:15	Message received from Lt GILBERT that AMERICANS are mopping up BELLICOURT Sent by stone to H.Q.	App A. +
		12:50	Wire P.C. 37 sent to CRE	App A. 1.
		A	No. 3 + 4 Sections located in trench about 1200' east of BDE H QRS, at Q 3 D. 5. 2.	
		1:45	Message from Lt GILBERT received that AMERICANS are about the LECATELET, NAURODY LINE.	App B.
		3	Message received from Lt HARDINGE that infantry bands not moved message sent by O.C. to Lt. HARDINGE + GILBERT to make their sections as safe and as comfortable as possible. the infantry moved forward	App C.
		4:50	Message received from Lt. GILBERT that 15 <sup>th</sup> BDE going forward with AMERICANS to gain their objective	App D.
5:30	Message sent to Lt. MARNIE.	App E		
5:40	Message sent to CRE	App F.		
6	Messages sent to Lts HARDINGE + GILBERT to man where they are for the night and make men as comfortable as possible			
6:15	Major GREENWAY returned from U.K. leave			

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MAP REF FRANCE 626 40, 100	29 <sup>TH</sup>	PM 6:30	Message received from LT HARDINGE	App F1.
LC 6.5.9		7:15	Message sent by P.R. to CRE	App G.
		11:30	Message received from Major GREENWAY DSO. and reply sent explaining situation	App H.
	30 <sup>TH</sup>	AM 5:35	Message sent to LT GILBERT + HARDINGE	App A+B
		6	Attack by 14 <sup>TH</sup> BDE NORTHWARDS took place	
		8	CAPT CADDY saw Lts. HARDINGE + GILBERT, no definite news as to extent of advance to land	
		9	CAPT CADDY moved to G.3.9.2 where BDE were installing a new H Qrs in pill box No 4 SECTION but occupied last night. Saw C.O.C and examined deep dugout in trench 300' south from road.	
		11	No 3 Section moved to PILL BOX at G 3.7.0. and No 4 Section to deep dugout in BELLICOURT G 4.5.2.	
		12	MAJOR GREENWAY DSO. with Lts SECOMBE + BULLEN arrived and discussed situation leaving for new H Qrs at 2 PM.	

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MAP REF FRANCE 62C 1/100 LC 659.	30 <sup>th</sup>	P.M. 1	LT. HARDINGE to furnish report on accommodation in vicinity of BDE HQs and LT. GILBERT to locate and develop wells in BELVICOURT and report on TUNNEL.	
		6.40	Report from LTHARDINGE on accommodation received and forwarded to CRE.	App C
		7.30	Report from LT GILBERT on TUNNEL and WELLS forwarded to CRE.	App D
		9.30	Wm P.C. HI sent to CRE.	App E.
			Advance this afternoon not too successful but we still hold the LE CATELET, NAUROY LINE.	
		11	Conference of Bn Commanders at BDE HQs to arrange attack for tomorrow with object of establishing jumping off line for next Division coming up weather fine.	

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Original App 1

Dutchmen with ammunition  
last night 2/18 -

Lt Buller's party

can find a cross

SUMMIT SWAMP from LIGHT POINT

BRIDGE 0 g. c. 7. 6 - backboard

was carried out from there stopped

last night to next sheet of water

at 0 g. d. 3. 6. about 40 feet

cord paving was made up and

pushed out. Lt Buller made

up two collapsible boats and

took <sup>infantry</sup> patrol of 1 M 2 etc to

reconnoiter for landing place.

They pulled to find ground to the East

firm enough to bear walking and

consequently reconnoitered Eastwards

from the first sheet of water was

not possible. There does not

appear to be any feasible

track here without piling and

bridging alternately in shallow



shelled.

LT MIDELTON laid the duckboards  
on the <sup>old</sup> Beauville track that he  
prepared as a path between.

These duckboards were used  
secured and all subsequent  
convoys were over them. After

this box of duckboarding track  
leads through was solid ground  
between two rows of trees (as  
reported last night), for length

of 200'. From the point 150 feet  
of ~~into~~ COOK PIER BRIDGE was  
erected. ~~was~~

~~was~~ A path was tried to  
form across the pond & reported  
sticking roads which was the  
case but subsequent sapper  
reconnaissance forced over the  
pond and struck a similar  
avenue. This seems to be the  
track from the E side of the same



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VALLEY - There is about 150 feet  
 CORN BRIDGE PIERING to  
 complete as far as could be  
 ascertained. There is not any  
 more water beyond.

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Cam.                      T.C. L.P.E. A.S.

1.9.18                      <sup>at</sup> The Steamville track is  
 being followed, where possible  
 pilings this track are being  
 used.                      H.H.



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 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO { O.C. 15th Field Co.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 N 288 1

Please continue work on  
 footbridges with duckboards and  
 timber trestles if no more  
 floate are available. Have  
 you looked for floate  
 at H 34 a 1 2. The Chief Engineer  
 sent some more light bridging  
 material there yesterday. Suggest  
 that you try to  
 replace floate already in the  
 bridge by trestles and  
 duckboards starting from the  
 rear. The floate replaced  
 can then be pushed forward  
 to head of bridge

From C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div  
 Place  
 Time 5-45 am.  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) (sgd) Harold W. Fry Lt.  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name  
 \* This line should be erased if not required for Lieut-Col.

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 By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer")

TO { 15th Field Co. N 4 0 9 2

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 N 285 1

On 1st September at 6 am.  
 14th A.I. BRIGADE in conjunction  
 with an attack by 2nd Aust.  
 Division will advance to  
 approx. line I 18 c 0 0 to  
 L 30 c 0 0 aaa Support Battalions  
 will then attack Southward  
 to capture ridge in O 5 &  
 I 35 Northern Boundary for 14th Brigade  
 Attack is East & West and line between  
 squares I 15 and I 21 aaa 14th A.I. Bde. will  
 arrange for protection of its Right Flank aaa

From C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div.  
 Place  
 Time  
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APP			At..... m.	To.....	(Signature of "From Officer.")	By.....
			By.....			

TO { OC 15<sup>th</sup> Field Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

\* N 289 /

CRA. has been asked to place a smoke bombardment in O 10 central but he states that it is rather late to change the programme of the guns. However, if you explain the necessity of this to 15<sup>th</sup> Bde they may be able to arrange direct with artillery locally. This should greatly assist your work.

From CRE 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div  
 Place  
 Time 5.45 AM

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Harold W. J. King





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Raja Greenway D.S.O.

Sorry I did not see you  
to report completion of bridge  
was unaware you were staying at  
Brigade & expected to see you here  
The Infantry patrol that went  
over ran into a machine gun post  
received a number of casualties  
As I expected we struck another  
avenue across the first belt of  
water this is good solid ground and  
although considerably overgrown with  
weeds some seven ft high we have

opened up a good track, after  
about the first 200 yds we came  
across another water channel about  
35 ft wide with remains of an old  
bridge. The infantry posted a sentry  
at this point who reported seeing  
a German at a listening post on the  
other side after completing the new  
bridge we spanned this opening  
and the infantry went over with the  
above mentioned result. There is  
no doubt that no further water  
obstacle exists. Bridge completed  
at 4.0 p.m.  
1-9-13.  
J. H. Kelly Lt.

Appendix 3

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Kapa Greenway DSO

opened up a good track, after  
about the first 200 yds we came  
across another water channel about  
35 ft wide with remains of an old  
bridge. The infantry posted a party  
at this point who reported seeing  
a German at a listening post on the  
other side after completing the  
bridge we observed this opening  
and the infantry went on out the  
above mentioned result. There is  
no doubt that no further water

obstacle exists  
at 4.0 p.m.  
1.9.18.

Bridge completed  
W. K. Kelly R.A.

Approved on

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Prefix.....	Code.....m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
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.....		At.....m.	.....		From APP3
Original		To.....	.....		By.....
.....		By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
TO	CRE				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* AGY 20		1		AAA	
MIDELTONS TRACK now					
through and fighting position					
gone out over it					
AAA Track running East					
to 60 yards on Rd					
DECAUVILLE also 50 yards					
down around then 110 yards					
over pond then 120					
From					
Place					
Time					
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.....		.....			
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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {


Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*			

~~through~~ over dry land  
 then 10 yards over  
 pond as patrol has  
 been out 50 yards  
 beyond and report dry  
 land they have been  
 hung up by MG fire  
 AAA am endeavouring

From  
 Place  
 Time

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

NO. OF.....

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	At.....m.		Service.	From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {


Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*			

to push second track  
 through tonight

From 15FC  
 Place  
 Time 5.45pm

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**"C" Form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message *296*

Prefix <i>09</i>	Code <i>29</i>	Words <i>20</i>	Received.
Charges to Collect		From <i>ave</i>	
Service Instructions		At <i>11/9/18</i>	
		By <i>Her</i>	
		To	
		By	
Handed in at <i>ave</i>		Office <i>ave</i> m. Received <i>11/9/18</i> m.	
TO <i>5th Bld Coy</i>			
<i>N4 602</i>			
*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>0296</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Reconnaissance wanted</i> <i>urgently of route and</i> <i>bridging requirements to</i> <i>take heavy motor transport</i> <i>traffic across Doune</i> <i>and forward in 5th Div</i> <i>Div area information</i> <i>must be precise and</i>			
M & PLACE		<i>C.R.8</i>	

**"C" Form.** (In books of 100)  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message *297*

Prefix <i>09</i>	Code <i>29</i>	Words <i>20</i>	Received.
Charges to Collect		From <i>ave</i>	
Service Instructions		At <i>11/9/18</i>	
		By <i>Her</i>	
		To	
		By	
Handed in at <i>ave</i>		Office <i>ave</i> m. Received <i>11/9/18</i> m.	
TO <i>5th Bld Coy</i>			
<i>N4 602</i>			
*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>0297</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>It is imperative that</i> <i>field units should be</i> <i>kept across Doune by</i> <i>thought in 5th Div area</i> <i>and Div office</i> <i>bridging requirements</i> <i>as soon as possible and</i>			
M & PLACE		<i>C.R.8</i>	

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## WORKS REPORT

SUBJECT	LOCATION	PROGRESS OF WORK	STATE OF COMPLETION
8th Bn. TANKS	N22 d 5 8	Chamber driven 18ft and timbered. No.2 Drive 2 c.yards loose earth excavated at entrance. 6ft driven and close timbered.	
14th F.A. Bde. H.Q.	I 23 d 7 2	No.1 Drive completed. Crosscut driven 45ft and close timbered. Signale cubicle 9ft x 7ft timbered and fitted with gas proof door, completed. H.Q. Cubicle 9ft x 7ft back and side lathed complete. No.2 Drive driven 30 ft and close timbered.	
Bty. H.Q.	I 24 b 5 4	No.1 Drive driven 18ft and close timbered. 1 set in and back lathed. No.2 Drive driven 25ft and close timbered.	
" " "	I 24 b 4 2	No.1 Drive driven 25ft. 2 sets in and back lathed. No.2 Drive driven 33ft and close timbered.	
" " "	I 29 c 92 45	8ft x 3ft shaft sunk 20 ft and timbered. Drive 6ft 6" x 3ft driven 18ft and close timbered.	
O.P.	I 29 c 92 45	Underlay driven 2ft and timbered. Entrance made at bottom of chimney 4 holes 9" square cut in chimney. 3 platforms fixed. 1 gas door fitted.	Complete
Control Station	" "	Cellar roof strengthened with timber props. 18" brick on top of roof. Brickwork burner 18" thick placed in front of entrance.	Complete
Gas proofing	N 6 c 9 4	14th Field Amb. 6 windows and 3 doors made gas proof.	
15th Bde. School	N 12 a	Erection of Nissen Bow Huts completed and tank delivered to site.	
Dummy Bridges	N 18 d 0 5	One dummy bridge prepared and erected	Complete
	O 2 a 1 7	Dummy bridge prepared for site at O 2 a 1 7.	
Lowering Canal		Lowering water level of Somme Canal above Daours Lock. Sluice winch at Daours Lock repaired. Level above Corbie has been reduced 2ft 9".	
General		Numbering of billets in Bussy Construction of Vickers M.G. bases Material salvaged for 18PNDR. rafts 150 S.A.A. dice completed. Stadium 24ft x 22ft erected at 58th Bn. H.Q.	Complete



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APP 6

C.P.E.

Amendment to RECONNAISSANCE

SECT of PERONNE ROAD

Ref sheet 62<sup>c</sup> N.W. 1/20000

at I 33 b. 2. 6 ditches

bridge is blown and there

is 35 foot gap to bridge. There

are 4 big 30 foot girders near

by but a large amount of

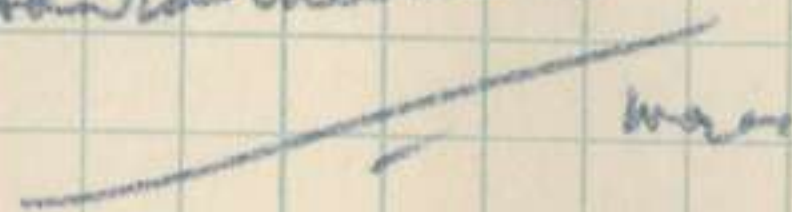
work would have to be done

preparatory to erecting. This is



change job for a few more days  
of Inglis rectangular bridge.

Handwritten signature



O.C. ISFC. AE.

1.9.18

up to last post at I27 C80

the three bridges 2 A type + 1 timber

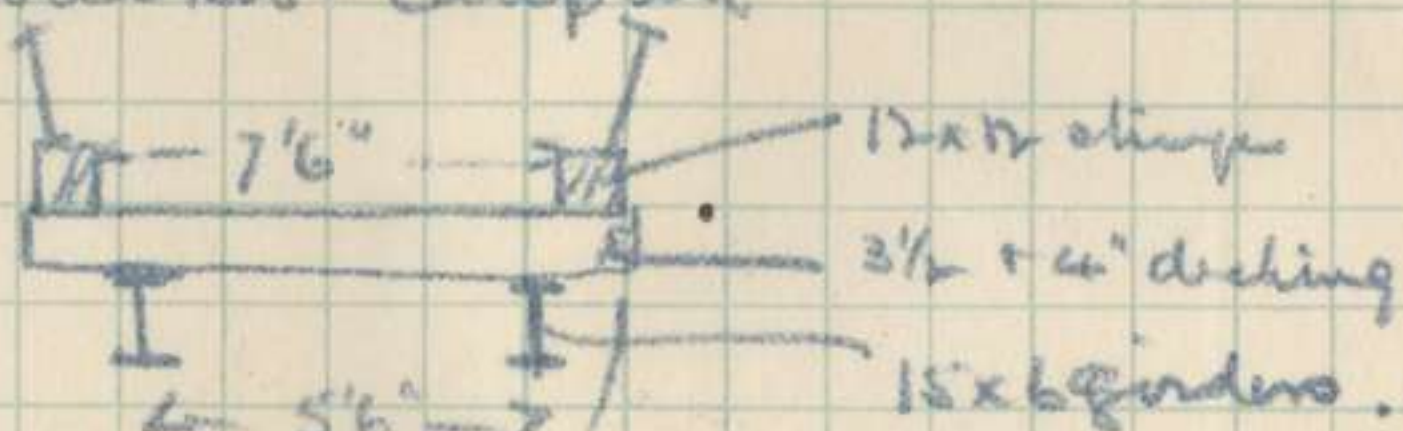
bridge are intact & charges

withdrawn by us.

AE

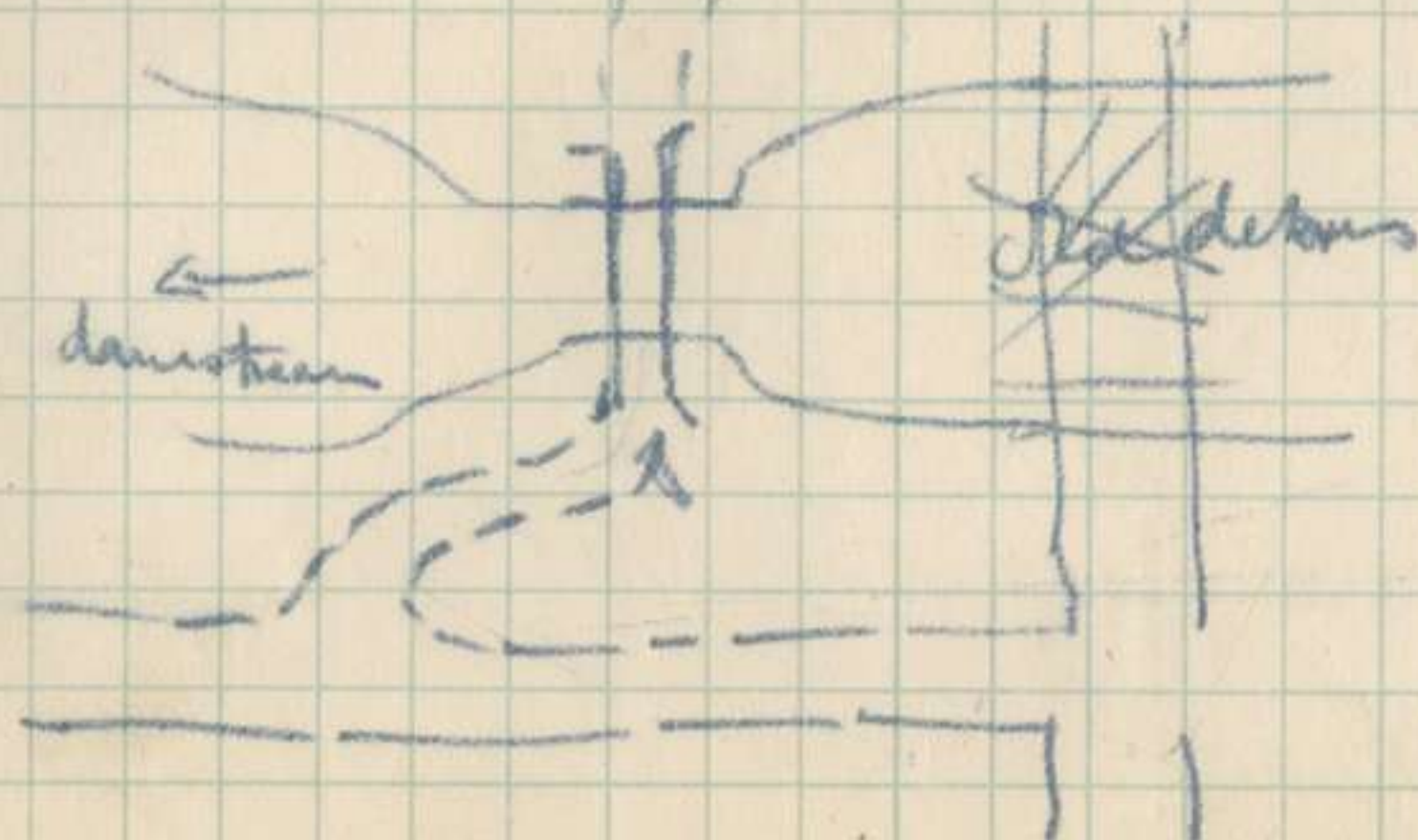
CRE

ISAACS is back Bridge &  
approaches complete



21 ft span

will take M.T. now.



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Sketch supplied. Approaches are  
fixed up but for M.T. a further and  
will be blown tomorrow out of the  
road.

Hand-drawn  
map.  
D.C. 15 P.C. A.E.

1. 9. 18

Hand-drawn are not quite  
complete as heavy work commenced  
supplies forward was bridge

Hg

CRE

with reference to M.T.  
route to PERONNE a road SOME  
the only feasible route is through  
SEPERONNE. It must be understood  
that to cross the SOME means not  
only crossing the canal but the subsequent  
swamps and causeways or  
very narrow high level bridges are  
necessary. There is nothing between  
BRIE and PERONNE except the  
causeways at these two places O 26 a  
rb and I 33 d b r a. I  
anticipate extensive mining in  
PERONNE at important road  
junctions. To bridge for  
M.T. at I 33 d r a, there are ample  
girders and decking on the job.  
The off 'takeoff' the bridge on the  
PERONNE side is at present too steep  
but could easily be fixed up for  
M.T. when desired but this is no opinion



that was never well up in  
 PERSONNE itself and makes it  
 difficult for a through trip through  
 PERSONNE for some time. PERSONNE  
 is a regular stand and roads  
 through it require a bridge at both  
 entrances. I have already  
 supplied you with a <sup>rough</sup> sketch of the  
 current situation at I 33 d. 4. 9.

Handwritten signature  
 Major.

1. 9. 15

OC. 1572 AE

10. 30 pm

I 32. d. 3. 3.

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 OF PLANNING  
 APR 7

CAPT CADDY

Please convey my  
 congratulations to all the officers  
 men for the excellent work they  
 have done today responded to the  
 call.

Sections as far as I can see  
 now can rest tomorrow except  
 Motorcycles who will be required  
 to ~~push~~ <sup>push</sup> any track that G.I.B. is  
 doing.

Reconnaissance of roads  
 coloured brown on G.I.C. 1/40000  
 would be useful cyclists could do this  
 I particularly want to know state of all  
 roads round BIACHES

BIACHE to BARLEUX, BIACHE to  
 OZ central.

BARLEUX to I 33, d 1 2

BIACHES through I 32 + I 33 c

BIACHES through I 31 and 32

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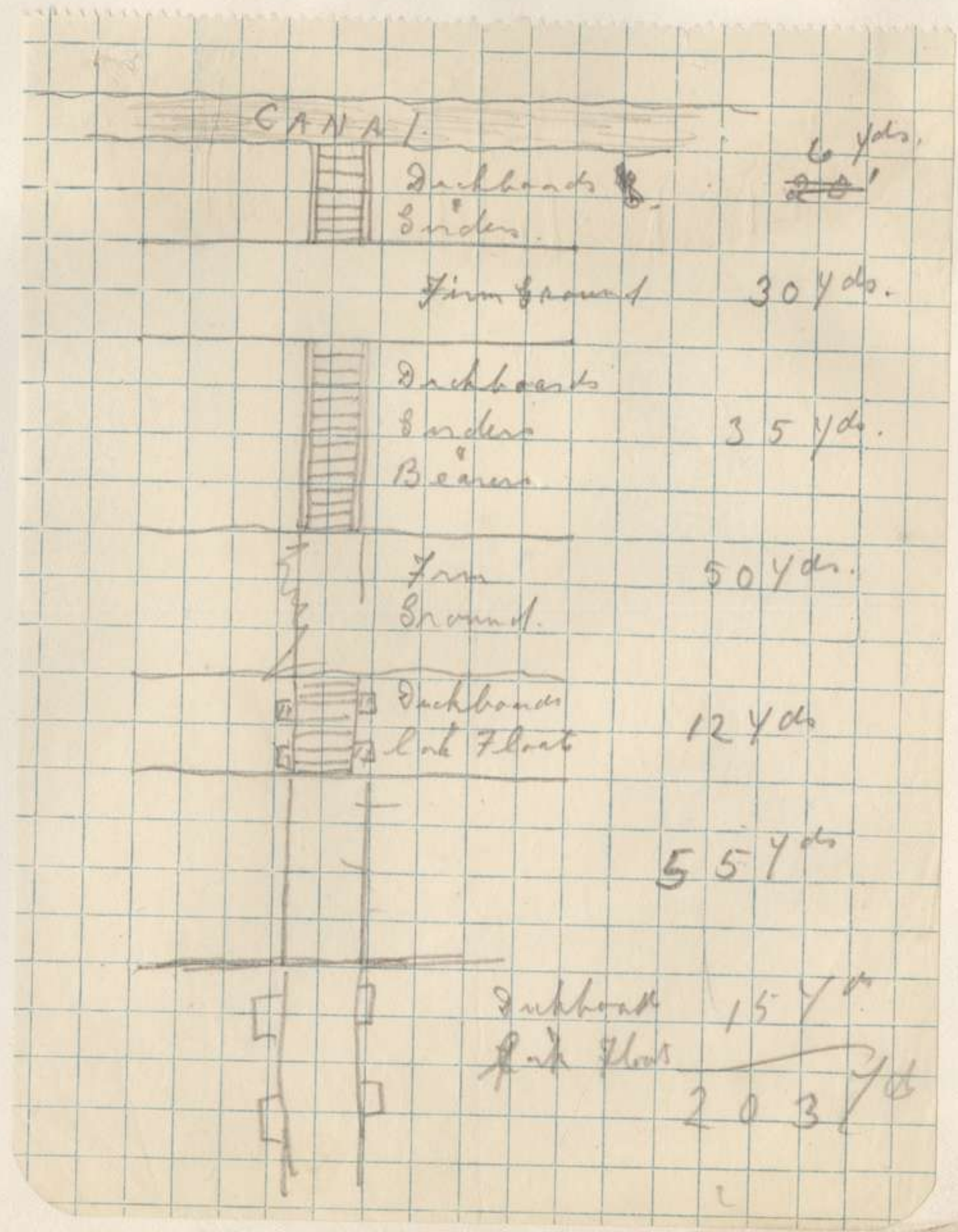
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What I want is width of each road,  
 depth of metal approx amount of  
 repairs to map locations of same and  
 dumps of any repair ~~ground~~ stores.

Handwritten notes:  
 1. 9. 18  
 Handwritten numbers  
 have  
 O.C. ISPC HE.

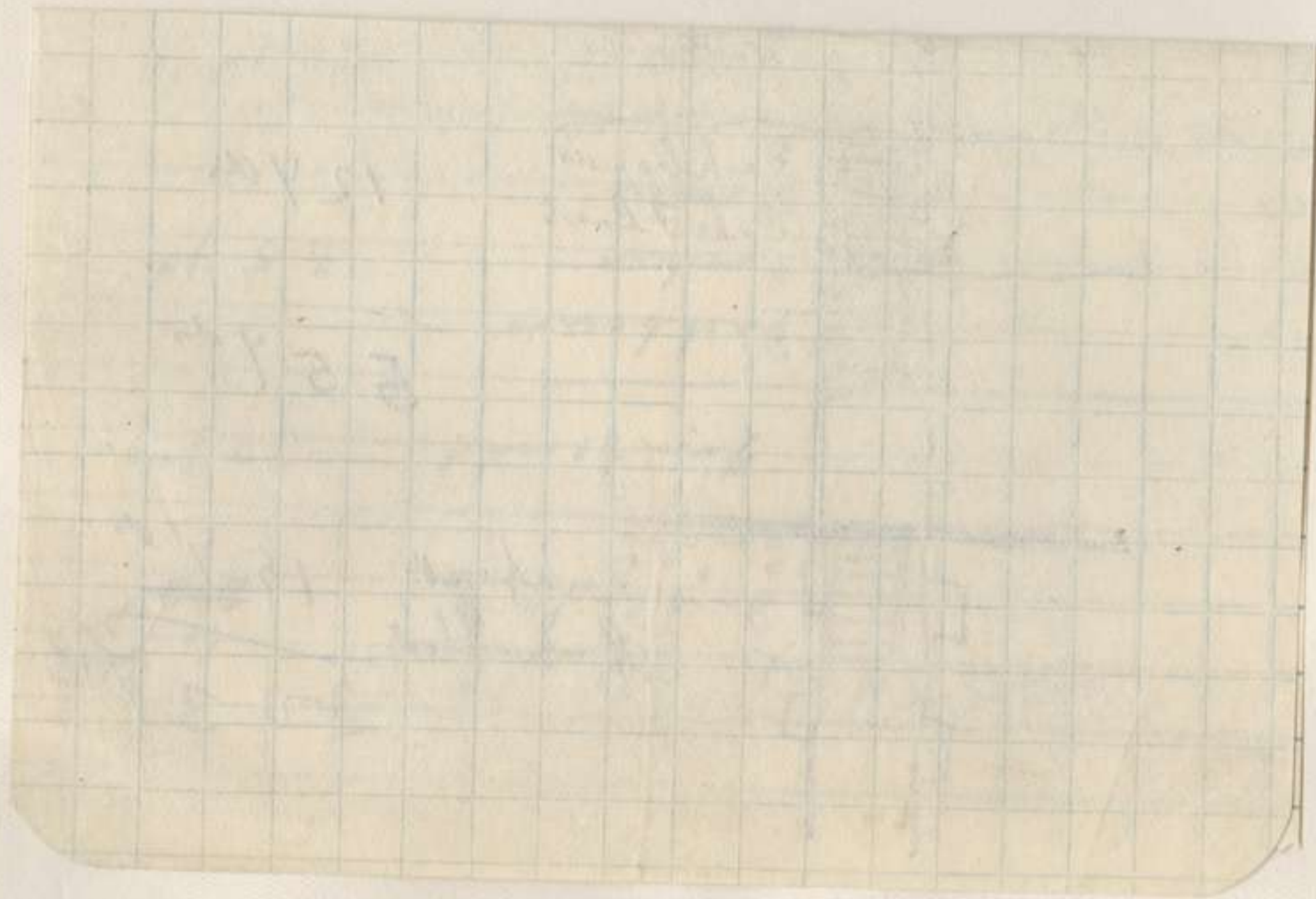
Can you get notice boards fixed  
 up particularly round about  
 BLANCHES & BARLEUX even the  
 down to the markings of tracks.





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Point # 9.  
 The Best way here is through ~~Beaches~~  
 please see runners camp ~~at~~  
 through ~~Beaches~~ right to land  
 that route. These tanks  
 long tracks round the other way  
 they want to be careful of the fire  
 in forward slopes to the RIVER by



Prefix M Code TH Words 52 Received. \_\_\_\_\_

From Aye At \_\_\_\_\_

By 9 To \_\_\_\_\_

Charges to Collect \_\_\_\_\_

Service Instructions. APP 8

Handed in at Aye Office 9.15 m. Received 9.15 m.

TO 15 Pld Coy.

\*Sender's Number. N300 Day of Month. 1st In reply to Number. AAA

Do not attempt to  
 Construct field Artillery bridge  
 tonight but forward me  
 reconnaissance report to the  
 other four bdes between  
 the Canal and PERROVI  
 as early as possible  
 giving all particulars aaaa  
 Carry on with Second  
 foot bridge if possible  
 aaaa

FROM B R 6 5 Auss Div

TIME & PLACE 9.35 pm

\*This line should be erased if not required.

Office of Origin and Service \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Date APP 8<sup>th</sup>

At \_\_\_\_\_ m. Service APP 8<sup>th</sup>

To \_\_\_\_\_

By APP 8 (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO CRIE

Sender's Number. \* N300 Day of Month. 2nd In reply to Number. AAA

HARRISON still has been  
 continuing GIBBS track. He has  
 been withdrawn as we are  
 putting up artillery shaw  
 in front of him. Asst He  
 will continue this afternoon  
 when things are normal but  
 is under direct observation

From \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

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At ..... m. Service.....  
To.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\* \_\_\_\_\_

lett	flanks	for	estimated
re	has	enough	work
piers	to	get	to
dry	ground		

From 15FC  
Place  
Time 11.5am

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At ..... m. Service.....  
To.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\* 101/27 2

GIRE	commenced	reced	back
near	some	swamp	200'
N	of	MIDELTON'S TRACK	
area	commenced	0.3	d.s.
15m	45 yards	doubleboards on	
rails	30 yards	from ground	
35 yards	doubleboards on	rails	
30 yards	from ground	12	

From  
Place  
Time

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APP 10

Following report on BARLEUX -

BIACHES - FLAUCOURT circuit

Roads is forwarded to you:-

BARLEUX to BIACHE - Road

9ft wide with 9" metal covering

in following condition - from

N 18 a 5.4 to N 6 central number

of small shell holes and 3

trenches filled in trenches from

thence to I 31 a 8.3. in better

condition whole passable for H.T.

From I 31 a 8.3. to BIACHE is

a sunken road blown in and

impassable for all traffic.

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No material for repairs is available  
along road, trucks only at villages.

at I 25 d. 5.3 large dump of

digout timber.

In BIACHE itself roads passable for  
H.T.

BARLEUX to I 33 d. 0.2 FLAUCOURT

From N. 18 a 5.4 to N 12 d 3.2

road passable for lumber only

road 10ft wide 6" metal number of

shellholes. From <sup>N 12 d 3.2 to</sup> O 2 a 5.2. deep

trench has been dug along road

making it impassable to all traffic

From O 2 a 5.2. to I 33 d. 0.2

road 10ft wide 6" metal number

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of small shell holes passable for H.T.

\* From I 33 d. 0.2 to BIACHES,  
road 15ft wide 9" metal pipe for  
M.T. with small repairs only required

Road O 2a 8.2 to O 2a 2.9.

Track 8 ft wide No metal passable  
for H.T. in dry weather, from O 2a 2.9.

The road passes in a sunken road  
at BIACHES end but now filled and  
impassable.

Road from I 33 d. 4.0 to CANAL  
12" metal pipe for M.T.

FLAUCOURT - BIACHE ROAD

passable for M.T. to H 36 b 6.1

and trace into BIACHES but from  
H 36 b 1. to I 31. b 2.3. trench  
has been dug along road and all  
dirt excavated put into lumber stacks  
got up it but it is no good, dirt  
should be removed off the road  
surface.

I suggest that an M.T. circuit scheme  
FLAUCOURT - BARLEUX - BIACHE  
be taken in hand. The all  
Brown route N 4 C, 10 B, 11 C,  
17 B, 18 A, 12 C + B, 6 B + B,  
36 B, 31 C, 31 B, H 36 B + C,  
35 D, N 5 A, 4 A.



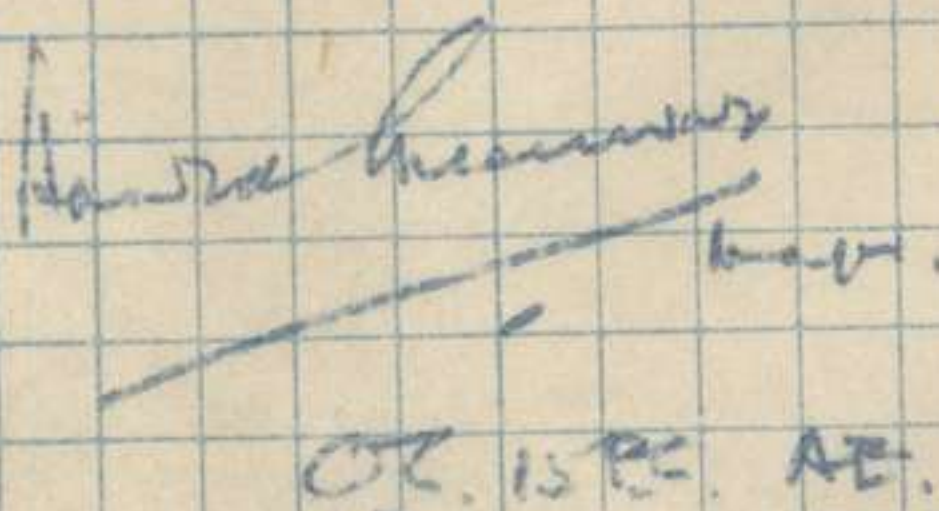
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I also suggest that the very small  
 concrete portions of roads in I 31 A+B  
 be fixed up. Roads in I 31 A+B  
 are necessary to make good  
 western approaches to PERONNE.

CANAL ROAD requires minor  
 repairs.



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Reconnaissance of ROAD through

PERONNE BRIDGES -

Commencing from I33 d. 4. 9.

Bridge, here was the raised road

Bridge which had a 60' grade

into present abutments but

at a deviation a few yards downstream

we placed the Bridge last

night full information which

has already been supplied. The

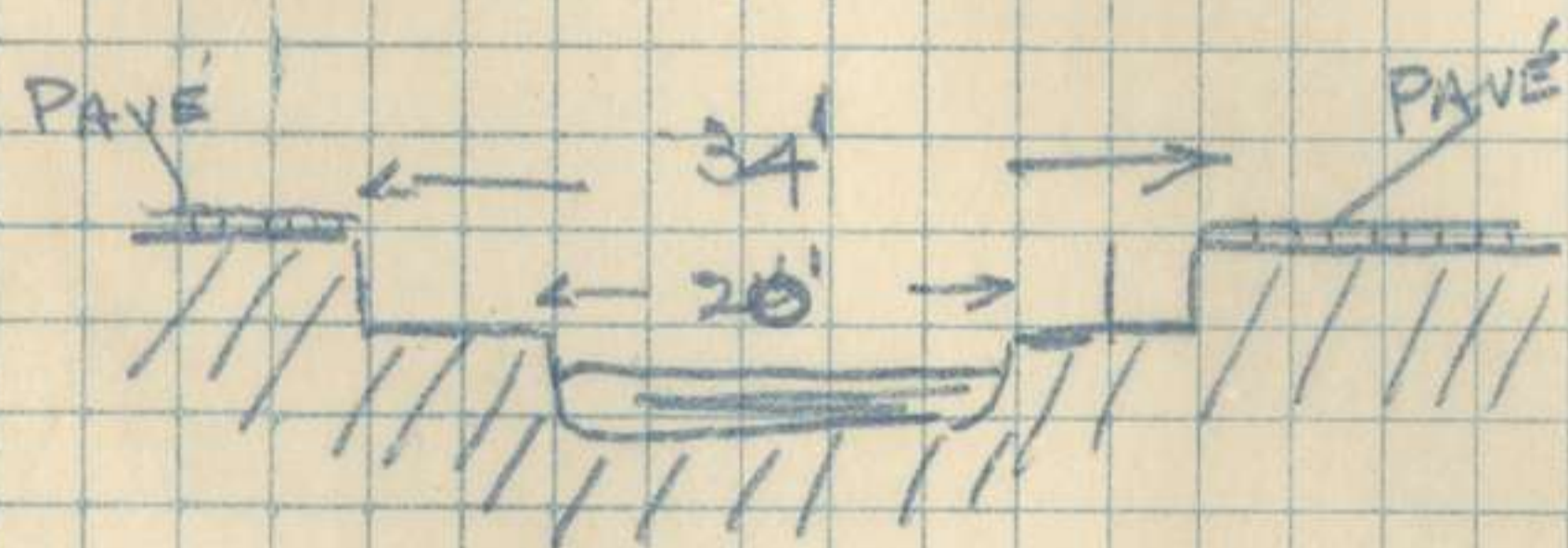
getaway at the PERONNE side

requires regarding I informed

CO 5 PIONEERS that you might



want him to do this repaving  
an officer of his has already  
reconnitred the job. —  
300<sup>K</sup> from this we is the guder  
bridge which has been completely  
destroyed. distance between edges  
of abutments is 21 feet but  
job is as sketched



500<sup>x</sup> from main ~~Road~~  
ROAD BRIDGE is deviated to  
S.E. to avoid two bridges

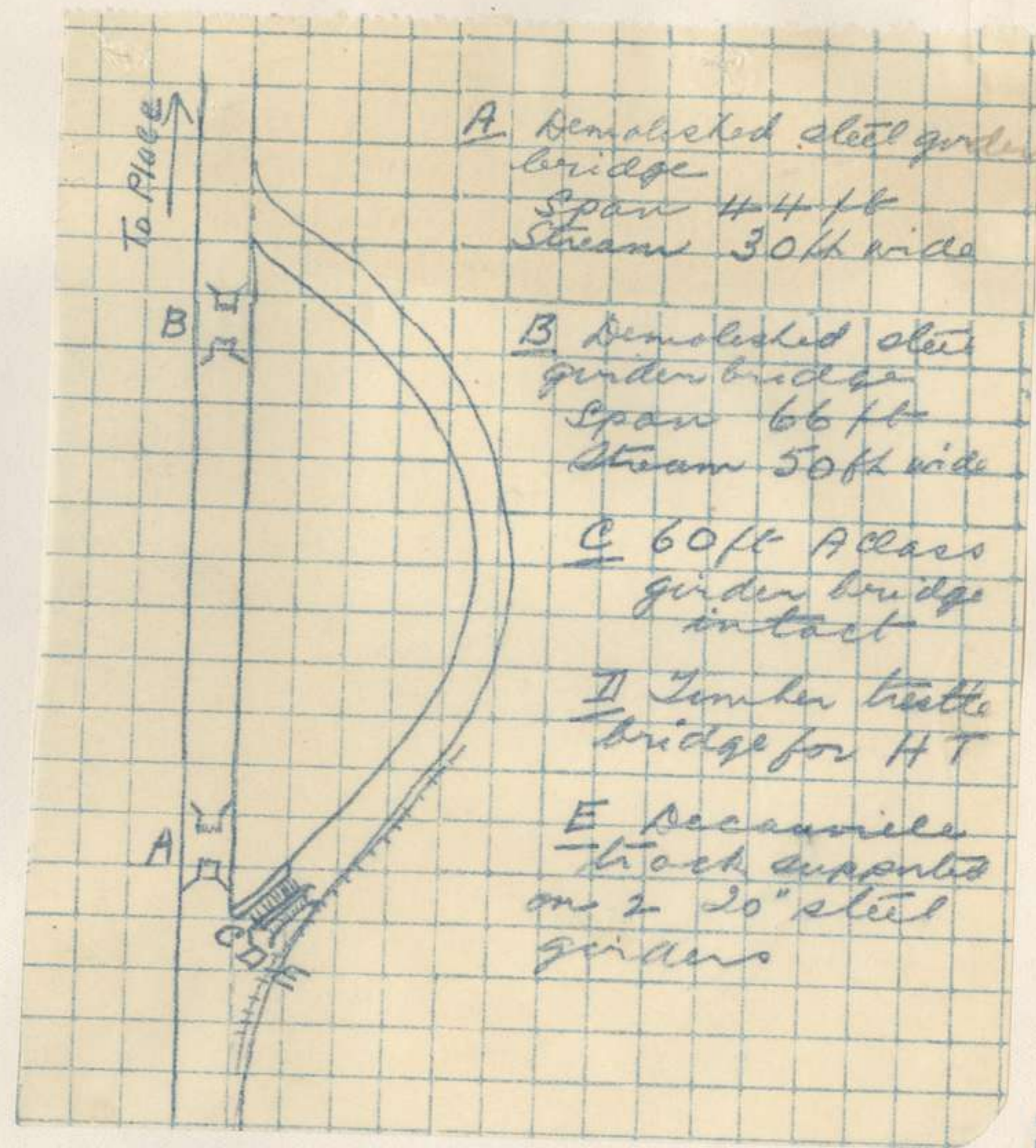
on main ROAD which have been  
destroyed. This deviation  
passes over a 60 ft. A class  
Guder bridge and there is  
also a timber trestle bridge  
alongside and decamille tracks  
all in good condition. 6 more  
charges placed on center pier  
of guder bridge were  
removed. The deviation  
a good metal road then  
joins main PAVE ROAD  
above 2<sup>nd</sup> of the two demolished  
bridges.



Sketch is as shown

PAVE ROAD continues on to  
the PLACE. too clear except  
for DEBRIS. except in PLACE  
are 3 shellholes <sup>one</sup> 1' wide 6' deep  
and two 4' x 3' deep.

Sketch A demolished bridges  
and deviation.





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Charges to Co		By <i>LD</i>		To	
Service Instructions		Office <i>1034</i>		Received <i>1034</i> m.	
Harded in at <i>10/12</i>		Office <i>1034</i>		Received <i>1034</i> m.	
TO	<i>Capt Laddy 15 7 Coy</i>				
*Sender's Number		Day of Month		In reply to Number	
<i>N 305</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>AAA</i>	
<p><i>I have now given the responsibility for drainage directly to Panceo</i></p> <p><i>aaa repeated O.C. 15<sup>th</sup></i></p> <p><i>7 Coy A.C. 15<sup>th</sup></i></p> <p><i>A.I. Bde. Hqrs.</i></p>					
FROM	<i>CRG 5 Am Ldr</i>				
TIME & PLACE					





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APP 13

Progress on ~~the~~ first BRIDGE on  
entering PERONNE after the BRIDGE

no ~~structure~~ built last night -

3- 25 ~~foot~~ foot girders 15"x6"

and quantity timber ready for

work in morning. - Job requires

a fair proportion sapper labour

and blocktackle for launching

girders Abutments require

clearing of large amount of  
debris.

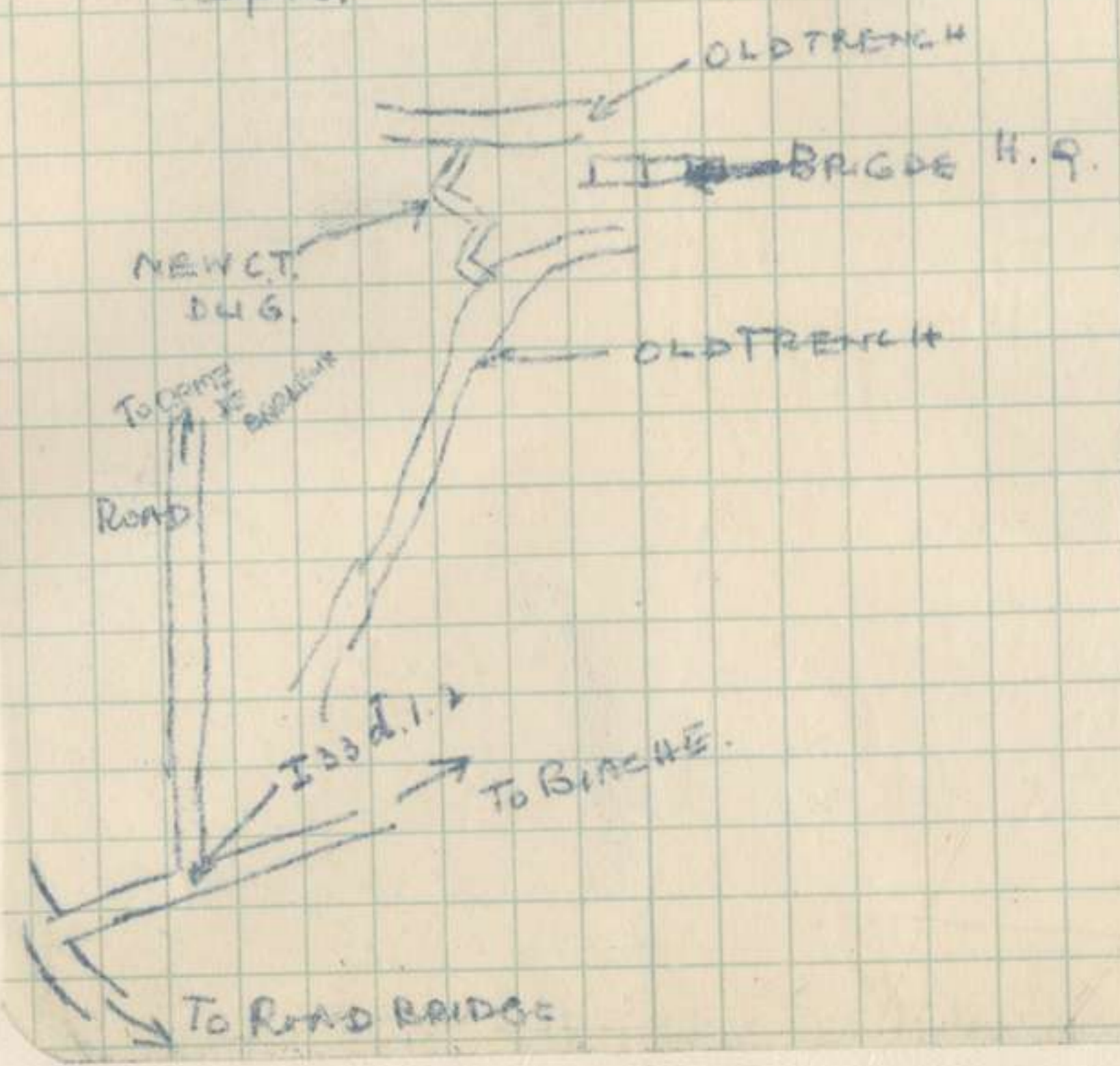


Reference 1st road bridge  
I did not see any traces  
on approaches. Both N & S  
approaches require some work

done on them, I suggest a  
corduroy track on this side of the  
River leading off the existing  
corduroy track. It is rather rough  
at present. I will put some  
sappers on in the morning do  
more work on the bridge.

In addition to above work  
I have had 25 Pioneers digging  
an avoiding C.T. at these

Headquarters they have dug a trap  
40 yards long 3' wide at top, 2'  
wide at bottom and 4' average  
depth.





BULLOCK is out with his section +

25 PIONEERS on GIBBS TRACK

Work was commenced last night.

Reputation progress will be furnished  
later.

I forget to mention that ISAACS stiffened  
up the planks that Infantry cross over  
on BRIDGE we are preparing to erect at

I 33 b 3.1.

SGT BROOKS is

making infantry track over the

MAIN RAILWAY more suitable

for Infantry to pass over.

G.O.C. IS ENFBAG has asked

that road from O. 2. 9. 2

LA MAISONNETTE to I 31. b 2. 5

(perhaps 1.400.00) be made fit for

motor. In my opinion this is

entirely unnecessary now that

road from BARLEUX to ORMEUX

BARLEUX is impassable most of

way (there was a cut track alongside

it (partly) and trenches dug down

the middle part. My opinion is



That all road work should be confined  
to MAIN CIRCUIT ROADS if these  
are made good. Other roads  
particularly here are unimportant.  
As wet weather may come in any  
time. Roadwork on MAIN  
METALLED CIRCUITS is highly important.

Handwritten signature  
Major.

OC 15PC AB

2.9.18  
Handwritten.





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Words. Charge.  
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Service.....  
At.....m.  
From.....  
To.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {

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battalion commander & staff captured  
about 100 killed & few in mapping  
up PERONNE No. 50' Bunker about  
PERONNE where they should be AAA  
FRAMINGHAM - WOOD post seen & it  
still occupied by BOCHÉ

From BPC  
Place  
Time 11 am

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Date.....  
Service.....  
At 11A m.  
From APP14  
To  
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { CO 5th PIONEERS

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

SITUATION 10 am  
Remnants 55 56 & 59 Bn holding  
line 122a 72 extending 122a 79 APP  
60' Bn supporting this line in 122a 55  
14' Bn advanced was held by held  
by MC from 116 b 117a DENIS WOOD  
Heavy casualties - Enemy  
reinforcing DENIS WOOD - 58 Bn  
doing well in PERONNE loop

From  
Place  
Time

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APPENDIX 14

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6.55/100

Apr 15

Capt Gads

There is some  
 extraordinary news  
 Orders have been  
 received received here  
 that the 15<sup>th</sup> Bde  
 will relieve the 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Bde tonight. Don't  
 let anybody go  
 out tonight until  
 you receive further  
 orders from me. Keep



Buller in Dull  
want vs Pioneer +  
left here this evening  
to dig a small CT  
past these H.C.  
down the slope  
where that M.G.  
was firing at our  
people who was  
talking to ya this  
evening. They will  
have up about

getting up here about  
dusk. Ya must  
provide them with  
a guide that knows  
the way absolutely.

Comey

~~Handwritten signature~~

BY 2401 20  
2918  
Koy  
AR







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At.....m.			Service.	From.....
To.....				By.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { CAPT CADDY.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

Send up a party of  
50 PIONEERS all speed  
up here and one  
of our officers I  
want to get pack mules  
across that second  
bridge that is down  
You know the one beyond

From  
Place  
Time

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At.....m.			Service.	From.....
To.....				By.....
By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

The road bridge we  
put up last night  
ISSUES would be the  
best man to send  
up He must report  
here as quickly as  
possible and the PIONEERS  
also because I want

From  
Place  
Time

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At .....m.		Service.....		Date.....
To .....		By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer")		From .....
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
To get the thing through				
by 10 p.m. without fail.				
CPL HARPER is doing reconnaissance				
on the job at present				
moment. Brooks this				
papers will work upon				
it.				
From	1572			
Place				
Time				
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					To.....		By.....
					By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
TO		15th Field Coy					
		17th Field Coy					
		15th Field Coy					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
*HFI 1753		2nd					
<p>Following received from  DHC aaa following  from 2nd Aust Division  aaa Lieut RICH 2nd Pioneer  Bn reports having received  information from a German  prisoner that the Station  Town Hall Citadel and  all principal buildings  in PERONNE have been  mined</p>							
From		6868 5th Aust Division					
Place							
Time							
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Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineer

APPENDIX A

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 40.

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1. (a) The 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade <sup>7<sup>th</sup> night</sup> (2nd/3rd) in the latter's battle positions. On relief the 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be withdrawn into support in the vicinity of HALLE.
- (b) The 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will move at 5 a.m. 3rd. instant into a suitable position in I.20., where it will ~~be~~ relieve the 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade in support. The 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade on relief will cross to the WEST bank of the SOMME.
2. One battalion, 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, will be placed at disposal of 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade night 2nd/3rd. up to 5 a.m. 3rd. instant, for use if required in exploitation of FLAMICOURT.
3. The 15th. Field Coy. will remain affiliated with 15th. Brigade if necessary making detachments to carry out any work required on the north side of PERONNE.
4. The 8th. Field Coy. less one Section attached to 15th. Field Coy. will move on the morning of 3rd. instant to a suitable position to be selected in the support Brigade Area.
5. The 14th. Field Coy., less one Section attached to 15th. Field Coy. will reassemble under arrangements to be made by O.C. Company.
6. 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. will remain at present location.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

11.15 p.m.  
2nd. September.

Lieut-Col. A.E.  
C.R.E.

5th. Australian Division.

- DISTRIBUTION :
- |             |   |                              |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| Copy No. 1. | - | 8th. Field Co.               |
| 2.          | - | 14th. Field Co.              |
| 3.          | - | 15th. Field Co.              |
| 4.          | - | 5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.       |
| 5.          | - | 'G' Branch, 5th. Aust. Divn. |
| 6.          | - | 'Q' Branch, 5th. Aust. Divn. |
| 7.          | - | 8th. A.I. Brigade.           |
| 8.          | - | 14th. A.I. Brigade.          |
| 9.          | - | 15th. A.I. Brigade.          |
| 10.         | - | C.E. Aust. Corps.            |
| 11 - 13.    | - | War Diary.                   |
| 14 - 15.    | - | File.                        |

Rec 12 30 am  
3/9/18



2/9/18



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					To	Service.	
					By	From APP 20	
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO: C.R. 5 (Post. Div.)

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* PC 22	3		

St. BUCKEN has just returned from building second foot bridge he reports that he has placed all available float material in position & from the end of the bridge there is still 100 ft of water showing and then apparently rec'd. It was impossible to ascertain at night where the nearest dry land was and apparently the Infantry are not yet using the first bridge that was put in and it is

From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_

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					By	From	
					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO: II

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* PC 22	3		

deemed to contain this when and where more float material will be available please

From 15 Field Co. A.C.  
 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time 5.30 p.m.

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Major Greenway

Bullen has just returned & reports that he has placed all available floats in position but from the end of the bridge there is still 100 feet of water showing and then apparently reeds. It was not possible to ascertain at night where the nearest dry land was. The Battalion were relieving last night and Bullen did not get into touch with any of the officers. Apparently the Infantry are not using the bridge already completed and no infantry were seen within 300 yards of it. Am sending message to C.R.E. asking for more float material if it is considered advisable ~~to~~ to continue work on second bridge.

Gybb with 12 sappers will report to you about 7 am to carry on with work.

on bridge in PERONNE and on the jobs that C.R.E. mentioned Middleton will also report to you about 7 am. with two Cyclists to do reconnaissance in new area.

will keep Morrison <sup>in</sup> case there is any further work to be done on second footbridge.

5.45 AM  
P. J. Bond  
Capt

5.45 am  
B. J. Bond

15<sup>th</sup> FIELD Co. P.E.



APP 21

CPE

Work on GIBB'S TRACK not highly satisfactory last night. Track does not strike the land for some way ahead of it it has run into reeds + swamp + they cannot tell how far they have to go until a further daylight reconnaissance is carried out.

I am carrying on with the SECOND ROAD BRIDGE today GIBB'S has sections are on it. In consequence of your instructions consequent on the relief of the 14<sup>th</sup> BDE by 15<sup>th</sup> BDE I have had to send officers out reworking the old 14<sup>th</sup> BDE ROAD today. Despite the fact

that 14<sup>th</sup> BDE have been working in there for some days and must have complete information I am devoid of any information on that score as none has been supplied me. In these quick switch changes it would help the shipping Company most naturally if the information gleaned by the former company could be promulgated to us.

I am also going up the second RAILWAY BRIDGE this morning to endeavour to allow Infantry to pass safely over to FLAMINGO PT.

Thank you very much for the touch the GOC has so kindly about roads

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could you let me know what is doing  
 by you. It would help me very much  
 to know what are your plans for  
 C.S.S. also as regards Roads &  
 Bridges.

*W. H. Chamberlain*  
 Capt.

CC. SP. AE

3. 9. 18





with house mechanical camp to -  
FUMIGATING PLANT w/ PERSONNE  
at I27 B.2.2.

CAUSEWAY through MOTT at I27 B.3.0  
all ok.

RECONNAISSANCE BY LIGHT SIGS.  
MOUNDY MINE at BRIDGES I33 B.6.2

Road BRIDGE at I33 B.4.1.  
progressing satisfactorily and

ADULTMENT completed + camp again  
with acrid. All debris on S

Approach of Bridges removed.

Am repairing two ITP tracks at SICHES  
STREDEGONDE.

3. 9. 40  
OC. 15 P. 21 E.

CRE App 22  
RECONNAISSANCE BY LIGHT SIGS.

WATER  
At I25 a. 0.9 pump (circular) acting  
1/2" x 1/2" stand 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" follow  
hubs and in process of fitting complete  
3" x 2" pipe line on site.

I25 d. 5.2 large dump mounding  
hubs

ROADS

Roads all ok except. on I27 a.

works near Tortoise Trench too  
at I27 a  
mounds about 8' dia x 4' + 15' dia x 4' deep  
and

Trench being road at I26 a 7.8.  
Keweenaw mounding.

WATER

At I26 d. 88 well & kerman  
pump

TIMBER

10' x 2' + 6' x 6' on RADEGONDE

PERSONNE ROAD

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O 3 b well wheat sanded also

the mass of road intersections  
at BITCHES -

Will send MORRISON an  
recommending GIBB'S TANCE that

BULLEN was on last night, I

just want him to see what is

wanted to complete it if he

can do that and Morrison

can spell his new thoughts

today working them tonight.

BULLEN better spell himself

this man today tonight.

3.9.15

Handwritten signature

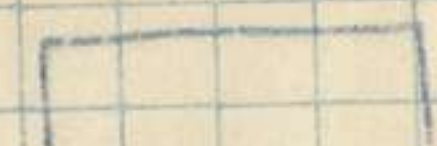
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Apr 27

Capt GADDOY

GIBB will require some

spells - dogs



for his bridge I will also

require 30 PIONEERS if

COL CARTER could let me have

them. They can come up

with the remainder of GIBB'S

SECTION <sup>unsuccessful</sup> this evening about dusk

GIBB would like them to report to

me making the REPORT

ROUTE for parties.

I want the ROAD

intersections at I 33 & end

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Prefix.....	Code.....m	Words.	
Office of Origin and Service Instructions		Sent	
.....		At.....m.	.....
.....		To.....	From.....
.....		By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....
TO	CRE	I	
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
*AC7/37		5	AAA
Reamance bridge between			
HAMICOURT and persons total			
span 34 feet is divided			
by four piles in			
centre of stream S.W			
pile is knocked but			
three piles 10 x 10 about			
are good AAA Tansam			
From			
Place			
Time			
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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO {


Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA

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across base piles good and  
 ROAD BEARDS on open  
 nearest FLAMICOURT are in  
 good condition except one AAA  
 span on PERONNE side has  
 been hit by shell AAA  
 shell pot holes on NE side  
 requires repair AAA DEANVILLE

From  
 Place  
 Time

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	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO {


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BRIDGE SW side completely  
 washed

From 15 FC  
 Place  
 Time

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Maj GREENWAY

APP 25

11.30 AM

Have wired for spikes and  
logs also some heavy  
blocks + tackle for GIBB  
on MT bridge at 133B75  
Will see Col Carter to buy  
and get some Pioneers  
Notice boards have been  
placed on roads showing  
condition and direction  
at BARLEUX 08d51 03B39  
133d03 (Barleux Track only),  
BIACHES, 131B76, 131d63,  
87th Coy have also erected  
20 to 30 notice boards  
about FLAUCOURT HERBECOURT  
and BIACHES.

Morrison has gone out  
to reconnoitre GIBB's track  
to see what is wanted  
to complete

message from CRE says  
that track should be converted  
to all light timber whenever  
possible to release cork  
float for further work

3/9/18

J. B. O. A. C. A. T.



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I. Major S. ... I 33 d, 3. 9  
approve

I have made Recommendations  
of Bridges at I 33. b. 3. 1  
and did not discover any mines  
~~and~~ they have been removed  
by somebody else, as the boxes  
which held the explosives were  
there empty

Railway Bridge at I 33.  
d 7.5 has been completed, and  
ready for Inf traffic

The Bridge I am working on is  
progressing satisfactorily and I  
hope to have girders in  
position early to night.

I have completed one apartment  
and now carrying on with the  
second.

All debris on earth app. back to  
bridge has been removed.

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W. H. L.

W. H. L.

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app 27  
To. O. Co. 15th of C. E.

In accordance with your  
instructions. Herewith Report  
of reconnaissance of Marshes.

3/9/18.

W Morrison Lt.  
14th Field Co. E.

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I  
Report.

I have reconnoitered the marsh  
400' north & 400' south of foot bridge  
at O.3 d. 5. 4. Getting a good view of the  
marshes from trees in the vicinity.

The bridge at O.3 d. 2. 1 is still intact  
& track across apparently leads to  
the main land. The enemy has a  
machine gun trained on this track.

The bridge which was started at  
O.3. d. 5. 4. / 1 reached approximately 100'  
east of Canal will have to go a  
further 150' east to a clump of trees  
which appears to be the only solid  
ground for about 300' all round,  
with a large expanse of reeds about  
6' high. <sup>150'</sup> East of the clump of trees  
appear ~~appear~~ to be the main land.  
This is the best site in the vicinity but  
would require at least another 300'  
of bridging.

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Garrison Lt  
19<sup>th</sup> C. E.

Report Contd.

There are no infantry on the east  
side of the canal & no guard on  
the bridges. The nearest infantry  
post is at the west side of Canal  
at O.3 d. 5. 1.

Machine Guns on Eastern side of  
marshes firing at our aircraft

3/9/18.

Garrison Lt  
19<sup>th</sup> C. E.



~~C.P.E.~~  
OC 15th Fed Coy

I  
Apr 19

Lt MORRISON has just returned from reconnaissance of Northern foot bridge ~~reports~~ started from 03d 54 eastwards and reports:

He reconnoitered ground 400' north and 400' south of foot bridge from trees from which a good view of the country could be obtained.

What appears to be the only solid piece of ground is clump of trees <sup>approximately</sup> 150' due east of bridge head.

150' east of this and all around for 300' is ~~see~~ marshy ground with reeds 6ft high.

Beyond this is apparently solid ground.

Bridging for at least 300' would be required to reach solid ground from end of present bridge.

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The nearest <sup>infantry</sup> post is 200' west of Canal. and no guard has been placed on either of the two bridges.

Lt MORRISON went to the end of the Southern foot bridge at ~~03d 81~~ 03d 81 and found it intact.

M.G.'s <sup>on</sup> east side of marshes were heard firing at our aircraft.

4 PM.

3/9/19

J. G. G. CAPT  
15th Fed Coy.

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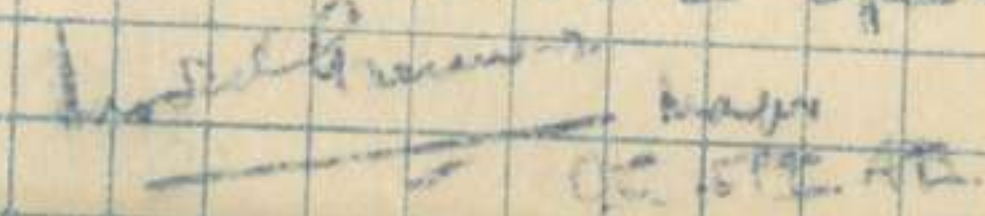
C. G.

Following work has been completed.

Road bridge at I 33 B. 4. 1.  
has been completed for M. T.

This includes preparation & construction of abutments  
Bridges is of 26' spans, two  
girders 15" x 6" at 5' 6" centres.  
width of roadway between abutments  
7' 6".

Repairs to Footbridge between  
HATCHES and ST. PADI GORDE effected  
3-9-18.



APP 29.

C. G.  
S. P. BARRAGE

LINE AND

BRIDGE HEAD DEFENCES

Part of.

Railway RAIDER I 33 D 7. 2

Road BRIDGE I 33 D 4. 9.

Thence we hold continually round

SWAMP <sup>on NW side</sup> from causeway at I 33 A 9 B

through I 27 D.  
to causeway at I 28 A 2 4.

thence round FERRISS RAM PARTS junction

to XROADS near ST. PADI BRICKWORKS

to end factory.

Inspection was endeavouring to

make their way along RAILWAY BRIDGES

to I. 34.

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APPENDIX 28 81



New enemy mortar, but FRONT is  
extraordinarily quiet no shells -  
very little M.G. fire. It looks as if  
FLAME COURT is merely held by a  
few M.G.s - 27<sup>th</sup> Bata. tried to  
enter FLAME COURT with tanks last  
night they got in - slight but reported  
a good few M.G.s there. B.C. has been  
out of touch with 59-60 up by SIDONIS  
X ROAD. as situation may be improved  
somewhat there by now but we don't  
know.

Handwritten signature  
CC. 15<sup>th</sup> ME

3.9.18.

Examination of 1<sup>st</sup> BAVARIAN  
PIONEER BATTALION.

Poor type of <sup>skilled work as demonstrated concerned</sup> <sub>man</sub> cordently unskilled  
in use of explosives It doesn't seem  
if he is reliable, as if the demolition of  
the bridges was too deliberate, <sup>or perhaps my concluding remarks are right</sup> he  
had only used boxes of explosives,  
fired by ordinary common fuse,  
like the usual way by match.  
He was a timber <sup>bridge</sup> man himself,  
did not know of any DECAUVILLE or  
RAILWAYS near here being pulled up.

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DOINGT was his PIONEER TIMBER  
DUMP but there have been <sup>several</sup> ~~pieces~~  
there the last few days. — The prisoners  
did not know much about time fuse  
mines and said PRUSSIAN PIONEERS  
had been mostly employed on that  
work, for instance he could not say  
anything about the big mine that  
went up a couple of days ago.  
I should think his crowd had been  
left to do just the final hasty

demolitions covering the final  
evacuations that the deliberate  
mining of Roads etc had been,  
as he says, in the hands of more  
skilled PIONEERS than his crowd.

He says the RAILWAY LINE &  
GROUSEWAY is not mined as far as  
he knows. I don't think much  
notice can be taken of his ignorance  
to conclude that mines are not  
there.

3. 9. 18.

Handwritten notes  
O.C. 15th B. A.C.



Sgt CADDY.

App 30

Rations did not come up  
last evening for WYKES, ARMOUR  
THORBY and SCOTT. Plus send  
them up in morning. There is no  
hurry for the message carried by  
GIBB to go to CRE any time in  
morning will do. - CRE out at  
the job of GIBB'S TRACK himself  
this evening. The only jobs I would  
like done tomorrow are the preparation  
of TRESTLES to replace CORK PIERS.  
Situation here is unchanged and  
work is easing down as far as  
I can see. I am expecting a relief

any day now

Please see a good

MAP is made up of AREA showing  
all BRIDGES, TRACKS etc. This to  
be for WAR DIARY and will require  
to be prepared for HANDING OVER.

Following information is available

~~from me~~

CORPS DUMP	N 15 b 5.3
CORK PIER BRIDGE	O 9 b 25.65
MIDELTON TRACK EASTWARD FROM	O 9 d 3.5
LIGHT PONTON BRIDGE	O 9 c 7.6

In H. 17. 2 F. A. BRIDGE through  
CLERY.

FEMILLERES bridge is for M.T.  
G 22 a 5 G M.T. BRIDGE to  
G 16 c 9.9

BRIDGES in G 4 d, G 5 a, G 6 c + d are  
for F. A.

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FOOT BRIDGE for INFANTRY only MOAT  
at I27. b. 2. 6

ROAD BRIDGE INTO PERONNE I33. d. 4. 9. MT.  
" " " " I33 b 4. 1. M.T.

HORSE WATER POINT at I25 a. 0. 9

MINING TIMBER DUMP I25. d. 5. 2

WELL + PUMP at I26 a. 8 8.

BATH HOUSE and  
FUMIGATING PLANT at. I27. b. 2. 2.

This information may be of some use  
to you.

*Harold Lumsden*  
Major

1<sup>st</sup> RAILWAY BRIDGE I 33 d. 6. 1 } BRIDGES  
2<sup>nd</sup> RAILWAY BRIDGE I 33 d. 7. 6 } FIT FOR  
INFANTRY

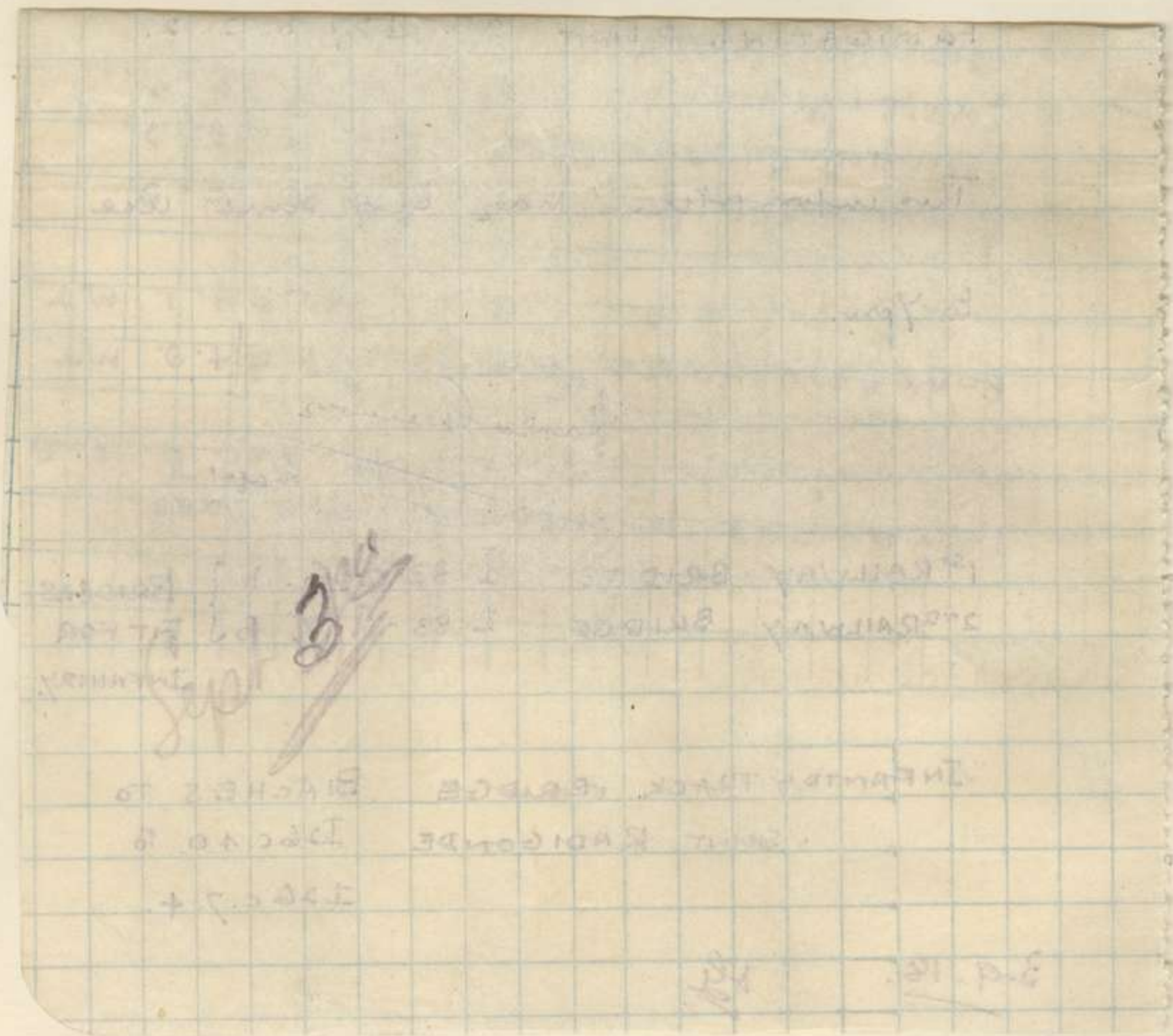
INFANTRY TRACK BRIDGE BIACHES TO  
SAINT RADIGONDE I26 c. 4. 6  
I26 c. 7. 4

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CAPT CADDY ~~apt 31~~

I instructed BULLEN verbally  
that he and MIDDLETON  
would do advanced work  
I want GIBB to do work in  
I supported them, principally  
fixing up WATER SUPPLY.

we have not reconnected  
or developed PERONNE WATER  
SUPPLY. - NOTICE BOARDS

are wanted Look at ROAD  
MAPS 1/100000 paint notices  
according to ROAD INTERSECTIONS  
Here but these done first



thing If we have advanced appreciably You must recompute for forward camp. but keep clear of ~~PERONNE~~ there are some forward points due W of this camp about 100' away

They face MTS' OVERT IN advance so forward this will be OK

Place keep <sup>1200</sup> ~~1200~~ CARTER

informed operators during.

57<sup>th</sup> Batta has pushed out to line of Light Railway for I22 d. is going ahead.

BOUNDARY OF ADVANCES will be for us

NORTH BOUNDARY

GRID between I28 - I34 due R-W.

SOUTH BOUNDARY

GRID between O10 - O16

Line of ADVANCE:

1<sup>st</sup> OBJECTIVE DARMSTADT TRENCH

2<sup>nd</sup> - HIGHGROUND I24.

3<sup>rd</sup> - woods I25

This is if the line goes back.

BRIGADE FORWARD STATION will be at I27. a. 90.

Particular points for Buller

MIDDLETON @ ROADS & MINES



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- ③ WATER SUPPLY.
- ④ RE. DUMPS.
- ⑤ ROAD METAL DUMPS.

My ~~report~~ center will always  
 be with BAGGAGE, I will  
 inform you immediately  
 if we have found the  
 present head quarters.

Things must be packed up at camp.  
 At 125 a O.G. is a  
 HORSE WATER POINT existing.

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GC 15FC AE

4.9.18





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APPENDIX 31

Send up another

APB 152.

same ma

envelopes

Also a  $\frac{1}{4}$  map



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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp
£ s d.			From.....	At..... m.	
Charges to Collect			By.....	To.....	
Service Instructions.			By.....		

Handed in at..... Office..... m. Received..... m.

TO *Sip (15<sup>th</sup> Field Coy)*

*Sender's Number <i>N 327</i>	Day of Month <i>4</i>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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*Reconnaissance urgently required of road south from Peronne on eastern side including road connecting to FLAMICOURT on which there is one bridge of unknown condition*

*St Isaacs*

*Please report to Major Greenway <sup>at 15<sup>th</sup> Field Coy</sup> immediately to see about this work*

*11-30 AM 15<sup>th</sup> Field Coy*

FROM *Belu (C/R 35 Aus Div)*

TIME & PLACE *Dam*

\*This line should be crossed if not required.



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*app 33*Copy No. 1.

Headquarters 5th. Australian Divisional Engineers.

5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 43.

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1. The Bridging Section under the Command of Capt. J.P. CADDY, 15th. Field Coy. will be disbanded forthwith.
2. Sections and Bridging Equipment under the orders of Capt. CADDY will be detailed by him to report <sup>back</sup> to their Units.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Maxon* Lieut-Col. A.E.  
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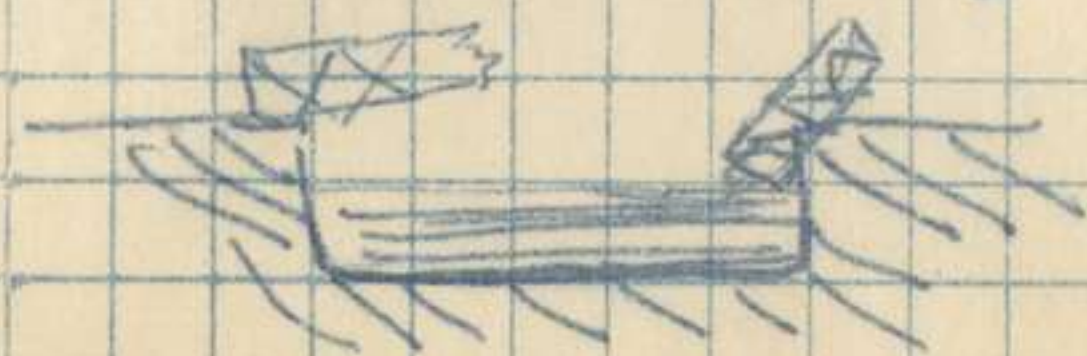
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APP 314

RECONNAISSANCE OF EASTERN  
APPROACHES PERONNE.

There is no obstruction to MAIN  
ROAD THROUGH PERONNE through  
FAUBOURG DE BRETAGNE except for  
debris from demolished houses.  
and there is no BRIDGE as far as  
I 22. d 63.

As regards the CAUSEWAY between  
PERONNE and FLAMICOURT there  
is a bridge broken down seems to  
be usual type of bridge that is  
erected over the ordinary lock spans



It is not possible to get along the  
CAUSEWAY at present also under  
direct M.G. FIRE from FLAMICOURT  
STATION. The Infantry complain  
the impassability of this also.

The N.W. EXIT to PERONNE is also

O.K.

It would not be advisable to  
at  
attempt cleaning up debris in  
STREETS of PERONNE at present as  
heavy M.G. fire is experienced down  
all side streets from FLAMICOURT.

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*APP 35*

Headquarters 5th Australian Divisional Engineers.

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ENGINEER INSTRUCTION No. 41.

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1. (a) 5th. Aust. Division will extend its frontage to the left as far as I.12.a.0.0., relieving all troops of 2nd. Aust. Division in the Area taken over.  
 (b) On the completion of this extension, the 5th. Aust. Divisional Sector will extend from its present Southern Boundary to a Northern Boundary, the East and West Grid line I.7. central to I.12. central, and this Sector will be divided into two Brigade Sub-Sectors, the dividing line between Sub-Sectors being East and West Grid line running from I.19. central to I.23. central.
2. Consequent on above, on the night 4th/5th. September, the G.O.C. 15th. Brigade will take over the Command of the Southern Sub-Sector, and the 8th. Infantry Brigade will relieve troops of the 15th. A.I. Brigade and the 7th. Aust. Infantry Brigade of the 2nd. Aust. Division, in the Northern Sub-Sector.
3. The 8th. Field Coy. will take over all Engineer work in 8th. Bde. Area from 6th. Field Coy. (H.14.d.2.3.) and from 15th. Field Coy.. Relief to be carried out on night of 4th/5th. September.
4. Field Coys. to ACKNOWLEDGE.

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C.R.E.  
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Repaired two Infantry footbridges  
 BRANCHES to SAINT RADEGONDE  
 AAA Demolished garden in  
 road of approach to  
 Bridge at I 33 d 4.9  
 approaches cleared and  
 squared up by PIONEERS  
 AAA Handrails and painted

From	
Place	
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gangs to Bridge  
 I 33 b 4.1. and Reconnaissance  
 Eastern end Road pass  
 Personnel forwarded to and  
 Drainage levels being forwarded

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15th Field Coy Aust. Engrs.

4/9/18

Data

Herewith Report on Levels between  
Somme Canal & the adjoining Marsh  
with a view to drainage of the latter

4.9.18.

G. L. Bullenitt.

REPORT

A series of comparative levels were  
taken at various points along the  
CANAL and the MARSH contiguous  
to these points. These are shown in  
the table below. Above the lock a general  
average fall of 2'6" from Canal Level  
to Marsh level is disclosed. Below  
the lock there is a fall from Marsh  
Level to Canal level of 6". Water  
level on the up stream side of lock  
is 3'3" higher than on down stream side.  
The average depth of Canal above lock  
is about 2 feet and it is a rippling  
stream to within 80 yards of lock gates.  
There is no debris at any place obstructing  
the flow of water. All lagoons in marsh  
are connected as far as can be ascertained & water  
is flowing in channels at same rate as in Canal.

TABLE OF LEVELS

LOCATION	Comparative Levels		
	CANAL	Marsh	
O 9. C. 8. 6.	0	-2.47	Above lock
O 9. 4 2. 7.	0	-3.05	
O 3. d 4. 2.	0	-2.83	
O 3. 4 7. 2.	0	-2.49	
O 3. 4 7. 8.	0	-2.12	Below lock
I 33 d 6. 1.	0	+0.66	
I 33 d 5. 5	0	+0.60	

All measurements in feet & decimals of  
a foot

G. L. Bullenitt  
4/9/18

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APP 38

RECONNAISSANCE on SWAMP and  
RIVER LEVELS.

LIEUT BULLEN has been out all day on this matter researching arrival of level staff to check up levels. At MIDDELTON'S TRACK swamp is apparently above LEVEL of SOMME no obstructions to flow occur at Lock at RAILWAY BRIDGE and there seems to be about 3' difference of level above & below the Lock.

It is not apparent that the reduction of SOMME LEVELS will affect the SWAMPS too much for on close study of the MAPS the

RIVER COLOGNE appears to feed the swamps. In the CORPS BRIDGING SCHEME MAP furnished by You the RIVER COLOGNE is shown running into the SOMME BED at the BRIDGE which GIBB erected last evening.

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15<sup>th</sup> INF BDE

Following ROADS have been  
worked upon and are in condition  
as stated :-

HERBECOURT - N 4 A - BIACHES FIT FOR  
2 WAY H.T. or SINGLEWAY M.T.

HERBECOURT - H 34 A - BIACHES -  
I 32 A - I 33 d 3.0. fit for  
2WAY M.T.

ASSEVILLERS - BARLEUX - O 8 d -  
FRG. DE PARIS FIT FOR 2WAY  
M.T.

FLAUCOURT - BARLEUX ROAD W  
FIT FOR 2WAY M.T.

4.9.18

Howard Newman  
OC. 15<sup>th</sup> INF. BDE.





CAPT. CADDY

APP 40

~~2 extra mags down to crates~~

Wright Cancel all arrangements

for BULLER'S TRACK, this not

required. - See that your

patrol weapons are loaded. -

Keep all men in touch. It is

very likely that the Boches off

again

Wright cancelled -

~~4.9.18~~

~~UT. 15 P.M. A.B.~~

Let W. M. know villages  
in rear of Boche lines have been fired,  
and Boche retreating about  
1/2 French - 2500 men.



