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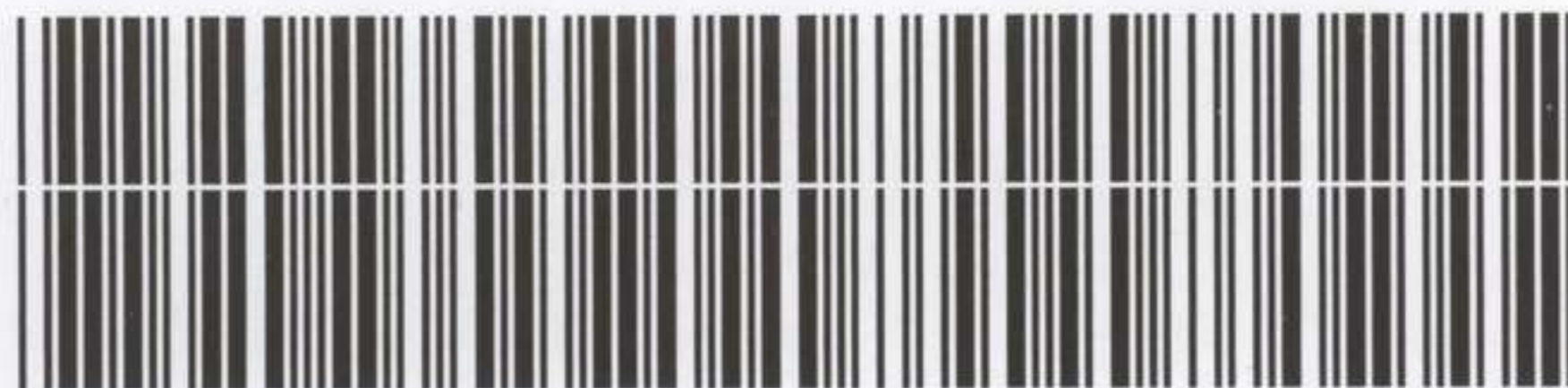
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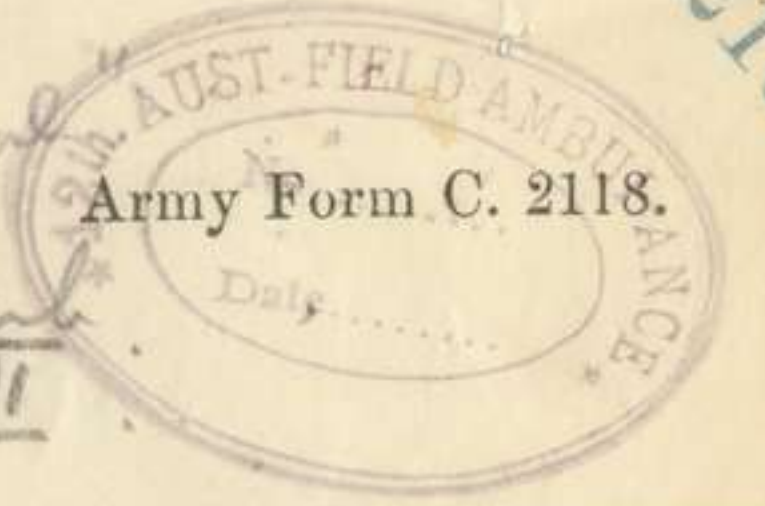
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ADS. VOORMEZELE SHEET 28 II 31040	Feb 1 st 1918		<p>Personnel in line, 8 ⁸ beavers in forward area of 'A' section, and not Capt W.M. WHITING & 580 R. of 13 Field Ambulance temporarily attached 12 Field Amb Disposition of personnel, and of blankets, and of stretchers, and numbers wanted in case of an advance or heavy fighting given in Appendix I.</p>	APPENDIX I
	Feb 2. 1918		<p>10R. Lorry returned from AIF. H.Q. Horseferry Road is taken in strength 10R. 13 Field Ambulance temp. att'd wounded by ^{enemy} machine gun at "B" Post. This man persisted in standing on high ground under observation, & consequently the machine gun had some effect. ^{Shard}</p> <p>20R. evacuated to MDS No 2036 Pt Inch AW. DCM had some otitis media; an excellent beaver, and very brave, and ^{cool} collected under heavy shell fire.</p> <p>30R. 4 H.D. Horses, 2 G.S. Wagons temporarily attached from 13th Aust Field Amb for work with 4 Pioneer Battalion.</p> <p>4 G.S. Wagons of this unit still report daily to Officer 1/4 Canadian Tunneling Coy at VOORMEZELE and carry R.E. material to Spurl Banks & Larch Wood. Roads are rather rough and difficult to make drivers keep G.S. Wagons clean. ^{Shard}</p>	



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	Feb 3 1918		<p>Inspection of men's equipment and clothing. Considered it advisable for a Co. to make an inspection every week; it keeps all ranks up to the mark, and gives D.O. an opportunity to rectify matters.</p> <p>Found position of Red Cross Geneva, and Colored Patch to be most erroneously attached to sleeve. Upper margin of colored patch to be 1" below point of shoulder & Red Cross Geneva to be 1/2 way between point of elbow & shoulder.</p> <p>Found a number of cases, where First Field Dressings were not being carried. There is a tendency for men to forget First Field Dressing. In future inspection daily by orderly officers more attention should be paid to state of men's boots, as some individuals are inclined to wait too long before asking for repairs.</p> <p>The hair of some individuals is far too long. In my opinion where practicable, a Regimental barber should be used.</p> <p>Consider however that this man should not be paid; as it is impossible to keep a proper check on receipts.</p> <p>There is a most marked difference between equipment of Reinforcements & other personnel. Reinforcements are issued with leggings at Base before being sent up to the front. D.A.D.O.S. 4th Bureau will only issue puttees; consider it advisable & economical that leggings should not be issued to Reinforcements at Base.</p>	

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	Feb 3 (contd)		10 R. evacuated sick to M.D.S. but arrangements made with Co. M.D.S. to keep this Sgt at M.D.S. until fit for duty.	Hand
	Feb 4 1918		<p>Attention of all officers called to G.R.O. No 2717 re Dues</p> <p>Received circular letter from 4th Div. Paymaster suggesting that Remittances would only be paid by Div. Paymaster, not by Imprest Holders. Gave orders that this should be carried out, as at present men are only paid in multiples of 5 francs.</p> <p>Capt Smith + 36 O.R. 4 Aust Field Ambulance reported to me <i>on 3/2/18</i> and at 9 a.m. <i>4/2/18</i> relieved Capt R. W. Whiting + 24 O.R. 13th Aust Field Amb at present occupying Tents (RAP. + BRPs) on R sector + 8 O.R. 12 Field Ambulance.</p> <p>"A" Beaver Subdivision 12 Field Amb. relieved 32 O.R. 13 Field Amb stationed at RAP. + Beaver Relay Posts in L sector.</p> <p>1 driver + 1 G.S. Wagon, 2 H.P. attached from 4th Field Ambulance. Capt J.G. Allen was put in charge of evacuation of L sector + Capt Smith of R sector. Major D.J. Bourne from A.P.S. Spinal Bank supervised evacuation from both sectors.</p> <p>1 O.R. reported to A.I.F. Base, Le Havre for Medical Board + struck off strength.</p>	

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	Feb 5 1918.		<p>Capt K.M. WHITING, 58 O.R., 2 H.O. Leaves 11 G.S. Wagon reported back to Co, 13 Aust Field Amb., KEMMEL. ADMS gave instructions that all medical Comfort Indents would be forwarded by Q.M. of Field Ambulance on Monday to ADMS for his signature, before medical Comforts are issued on Wednesday. This is an excellent idea, as there is some check on R.M.O.s of Brigades of Artillery, Engineers, and D.A.C.s; at present they may draw from the 3 Ambulances. 17355 P.O. W.A. M.C. KENZIE, S.W. back (sight) evacuated to M.O.S. Capt A.J. COLLINS M.C. reported back from leave. Capt J. S. MUCKEY M.C. proceeded on leave.</p>	<p>Thurs</p>
	Feb 6 1918.		<p>Capt J.T. JONES M.C. to be Transport Officer until further notice Capt A.J. COLLINS M.C. to be Major as from 28th Jan 1918. 4 O.R. joined unit; of these 1 O.R. rejoined unit while other 3 O.R. reported from details. By virtue of A.I.F. order 1000 & D.P.O. (4th Div). 450, 1 Corporal & 4 O.R. A.A.M.C. Details reported on 5-2-18 from 48th Bn were taken on ration strength.</p>	<p>Thurs</p>

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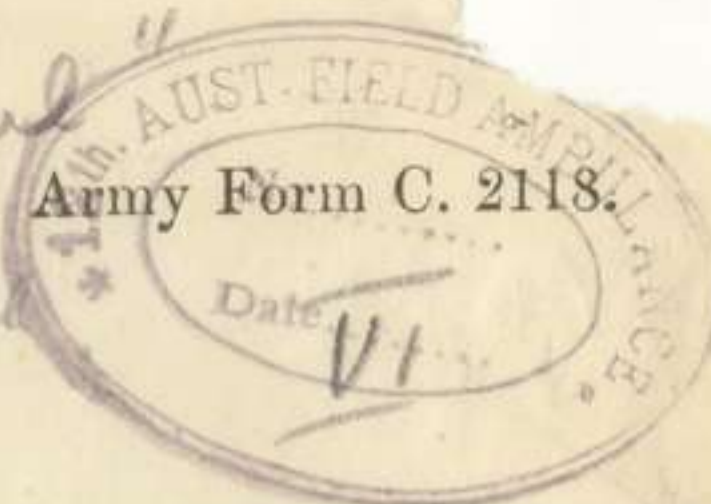
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	Feb 7 1918		10R. admitted to Hosp. in England while on leave is struck off strength	
			10R. attached from 4 th Aust Field Ambulance to replace 10R of 4 th Field Ambulance wounded by shell at "B" Post	ghent
	Feb 8 1918		1WCO. rejoined from Hospital in Divisional Area	
			10R. having reported on transfer from W ^o 3 Accs is taken a strength supernumerary to establishment.	
			20R. temp. attached from 4 th Aust Field Ambulance.	
	Feb 9 1918		30R. Having been vaccinated from MDS to CCS. are struck off strength dated 30-1-1918.	ghent
			Capt K.S. PARKER rejoined from temporary duty with A.D.M.S. He was in England from 11 th January to 6 th February awaiting to give evidence as a witness in Court Martial case.	ghent
	Feb 10 1918		A voluntary church parade was held at ADS VOORMEZEELE by the Rev (3 rd class) BLACKWOOD.	
			Inspection of equipment, and dress by Major A.J. COLLINS. at 10 a.m. A decided improvement on last inspection.	



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	Feb 10 ^a (contd)		With the object of recovering soldier all discarded & waste tinns will be salvaged, and packed under direction of A.M. for return to Supply Dump as	Head
	Feb 11 1918		Attention of full ranks drawn to the necessity for recording the date of issue & periods that Respirators are used, on the Card provided for that purpose. Capt A. BRABY proceeded to Corps School for Medical Officers 20 R. rejoined from Hospital in Dursinval Area. The Court of Inquiry into Fire at Brasserie found that the orders for prevention of fire were not sufficiently promulgated by Major LE MESSURIER & Capt HAZLETT.	Head <u>APPENDIX</u> <u>II</u>
	Feb 12 1918.		Attention of full ranks drawn to SS611 Extracts from G.O. Order 2717. 10 R. reported from A.M.C. Details att'd 12 Aust. M.G. Coy. taken on ration strength Major A.J. COLLINS relieved MAJOR O.J. BROWNE at ADS Spil Bank, & became responsible for evacuation from Dursinval Front line support battalions at Birchwood Tunnels, & Spil Bank Tunnels. MAJOR O.J. BROWNE reported back to ADS. WORMG 2872	Head

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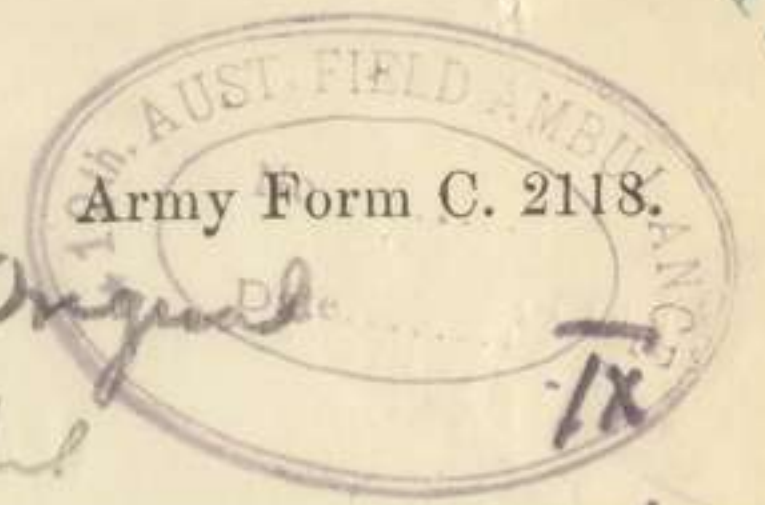
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	Feb 13 1918		<p>4.0.R. Amc Details reported & taken on ration strength according to instructions laid down in AIF. Order 1000 14th Divisional R.O. 450.</p> <p>Inspected the horse transport, and found harness well kept, and horses in excellent fettle. The wagens & limbers are dirty, but this is scarcely avoidable, as they are used daily in carrying R.E. material.</p>	Steel
	Feb 14. 1918.		<p>1 Corporal & 4 O.R. reported from Amc Details attached 47th Bn. Corporal & 1 O.R. applied for transfer to 47th Batt. This was recommended by Co. 12 Field Amb, but was not approved of by ADMS. I consider that these cases of transfer from AA.M.C. to a combatant unit should be encouraged.</p> <p>These details were all excellent men. They had originally been with Ambulance, and for the greater part have been with Batt. over 12 months.</p> <p>In my opinion this action in removing Amc Details is going to lessen the efficiency of fighting unit. The sick wastage will be larger now, and the wounded will not be treated as efficiently.</p>	



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	Feb 14 th (cont'd) (1918)		<p>Attention of all officers drawn to ADMS 4th Aust Div Circular M 14/75 instructing officers to evacuate all cases of Leishmaniasis. Probably an effort to try & stamp out the disease. Essential that blankets must accompany men.</p> <p>Capt. C. FRIEND, 37 OR. 2 H.D. horses, 1 G.S. Wagon temporarily attached from 4th Aust Field Amb.</p> <p>INCO AMC, Animal 40th BR reported & taken on ration strength 1 OR. evacuated suffering from V.D. Syphilis. Heul</p>	
	Feb 15 th 1918		<p>^{4th Field Amb} Capt. C. FRIEND, 36 OR, relieved Capt D. J. R SMITH & 37 OR. 4th Field Amb. in R sector. Capt. C. FRIEND was stationed at ADS Spoil Bank T3303. Reliefs completed by 11 a.m.</p> <p>"B" Section Base Subdursin 12 Field Amb relieved "A" Section Base Subdursin 12 Field Amb in L sector. Relief was completed by 11 a.m. Capt T. J. Allen ^{is} was officer in charge of ADS Larch Wood & L sector of evacuation for I R.A.P. at T 25 C 93</p>	

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	Feb 15 1916		<p>Under instructions from D.O.M.S. Corps (Australian) showed D.A.D.M.S. Australian Corps, and 2 American Medical Officers a certain part of forward area. Inspected ADS Spool Bank I33 a 30 ADS. Larkwood I29 c 18, Verbrander House - Motor Loading Post 128 b 24 and Dump Bears Relay Post I35 a 48 D.M.S. 4th Army Surgeon - General O'KEEFE, D.O.M.S. Australian Corps Col MANNIFOLD, A.D.M.S. 4th Aust Division Col BARBER inspected VIERSTRAAT BRASSERIE and personnel there. Surg. Gen O'KEEFE went into the question of work done by Dental Officer (Australian) and commented very favourably on work. The number of ^{Dental} returns was ^{very} much ^{enthusiastic}. Transport condition of losses were ^{favourably} satisfactory. ADS. VOORMEZELE I31 c 46 was next inspected. It was agreed that 4 Messer Huts should be sent up and erected in positions indicated in diagram attached. These Huts were to be used in evacuation of Walking Wounded. It was suggested that ADS VOORMEZELE should be made a M.O.S. for Walking Wounded & then wounded could be conveyed direct to D.R.S. or J.C.S. as conside marked by Medical Officer. Sketches cases could be sent in direct to M.O.S. KEMMEL. Only urgent sketched cases treated at ADS. VOORMEZELE I31 c 46</p>	Sheet 28

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	Feb 17 (Contd) Feb 18		<p>1 AMC Detail attd 4 Aust. Det. Train reported taken on return strength.</p> <p>Capt A. Brady reported back from School of Instruction for Medical Officers at Bailleul.</p> <p>5 O.R. reported as reinforcements from Details.</p> <p>3 of these reinforcements were well built excellent reinforcements.</p> <p>1 " " " was rather too light for stretcher bearing, but an excellent nursing orderly.</p> <p>1 " " " has been suffering from Dronkhen since arrival, and will not stand strenuous work of stretcher bearer.</p>	
	20 19		<p>10 R. temporarily attached from 15th Field Amb as batman to C.O. ghead</p> <p>Capt A. Brady relieved Capt Allen at ADS Larch Wood I 29 c 18. the latter reported back to ADS VOORMEEZEE I 31 c 46.</p> <p>10 R. required from Hospital in Dorswood Alley.</p> <p>10 R. AMC Detail 12 Aust 7th Coy AF reported taken on return strength</p> <p>20 R. " " 12th (Army) ATFA Byde having reported direct to 17th ATFA. ghead</p> <p>taken on supplementary strength, dated 12.1.18.</p>	
	Feb 20 1918		<p>Capt TILLING, 40 O.R. 2 Heavy Draught horses, 1 G.S. Wagon temporarily attached from 13th Aust Field Ambulance.</p> <p>20 R. AMC Detail 4th Aust D.A.C reported taken on return strength.</p> <p>Capt T.G. ALLEN detached for duty with 48 Aust. Inf Bn to relieve Capt V.C. BROWN MC, who proceeded to School of Instruction at Bailleul.</p>	



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	Feb 1918 20 (contd)		2 NISSEN HUTS + 4 Giant Elephant tripods supplied for erection at A.D.S. VOORMEZELLE. 4 Giant Elephant tripods also supplied for erection at Spoel Bank. 13 Field Coy Engineers are supplying support to superintendent erection of same.	
	Feb 21st 1918.		40 R. 14 L.D. horses, 4 H.D. horses temporarily attached from 13th Aust Field Amb to assist in transport of material of R.E. 40 R. 8 H.D. horses 13 Field Amb returned to 13th Field Amb from Brasserie, Verstrout. 10 R. returned from Base Details 10 R. detailed for duty as S.M.C. Detail 4 Aust D.S.C. placed on supplementary strength. Authority 8000 on 3/2408 of 21.2.18 10 R. detailed for duty with 12 Aust Inf Bty HQ to look after S.M.C. who was indisposed. 10 R. evacuated to M.O.S. Capt F. MELDRUM evacuated to M.O.S.: S/Sgt Harold assumed temporary command of 29th Dental Unit	Theud.



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	Feb 22 1918		<p>1 Coy. Diver 4 DSC attached this unit evacuated to M.O.S. 20 R reported back to 4 Aust Div Train as AMC Details Authority ADMS. M3/248 of 22.1.18 Orders issued for water from authorised stand pipes to be used only on account of prevalence of diarrhoea. The following are struck off super-numerary strength AMC details & placed on strength super-numerary to establishment. There 5 Corporals - 23 O.R. -</p>	
	Feb 23 1918		<p>20 R. evacuated to M.O.S. KEMMER INCW 410 R reported as AMC Details to 4 AUST. DIV. TRAIN Authority ADMS. M3/248 of 22.1.18</p>	
	Feb 24 1918		<p>10 R rejoined from Base & taken on strength super-numerary to establishment.</p>	
	Feb 25 1918		<p>1 Coy. Diver temporarily attached to 4 Aust. Div Supply Column. Capt H.W. TELLING with 'C' Section 13 Aust Field Amb (beaver subdivision) relieved Capt C. FRIEND & 'C' Beaver Subdivision 4 Field Amb. MAJOR D.J. BROWNE relieved Major A.J. COLLINS at ADS. Spel Bank, T 33 a 30. Took charge of evacuation from line.</p>	



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	Feb 24 th 1918	(cont)	<p>Attention of officers drawn to ADMS, ^{4th Aust Div} no 11/631 reference Medical Arrangements in event of Activity in Dursunal Area. Reference paragraph (9), Dursunal Collecting Station could not be established at Lock 7. I 32 to central Sheet 28, as the Artillery Brigade H.Q. at the post had not vacated this position. This was reported to ADMS, 4th Aust. Dursun.</p> <p>All officers read ADMS 4th Aust Dursun reference no 11/630 of 23/2/1918 dealing with personnel evacuation and treatment of wounded in case of operations in 4th Dursunal Sector. Capt T.S. MACKAY M.C. superintended flagging and indications of routes of evacuation to A.D.S. VOORNIEZELLE I 31 c 46.</p> <p>Standings for Dursunal Ambulance Cars, M.A.C. Cars and Motor Lorries were decided on, and necessary arrangements made.</p>	Theud.

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	Feb 25 th	1918	2 O.R. rejoined from Base & placed supernumerary to establishment. 10 R. AM.C. Detail having reported from 12 th (Army) A.F.A. Brigade taken in strength supernumerary to establishment.	Thud
	Feb 26 th	1918	Capt F. MELDRUM 27 Aust Dental Unit (att ^d) having reported from Hospital in Dursunal Area is taken in rotation strength.	Thud
	Feb 27 th	1918.	10 R. evacuated to M.D.S. (c) Section Beaver Subdivision 1 G.S. Wagon, 2 M.D. Horses 4 th Field Amb, attached reported back to Co. 4 th Field Amb, having ADS VOORMEERLE I 31 C 46 at 8.30 am. Attention of all ranks drawn to Movement Order N ^o 39. 2 officers, 1 tent subdivision, 2 beavers subdivisions 3 rd Field Ambulance reported at ADS VOORMEERLE I 31 C 46 to relieve personnel at forward posts on 28-2-18. C.O. inspected billets at RUE BENOIT CORTYL, BAILLEUL and billets at Outterstree F9 at 15. Sheet 30 A, where Ambulance is to move to on morning of 1 st March at 10 a.m. It found same satisfactory. ADMS, 4 Aust Div. A.M.C. Order N ^o 99.	Appendix IV.

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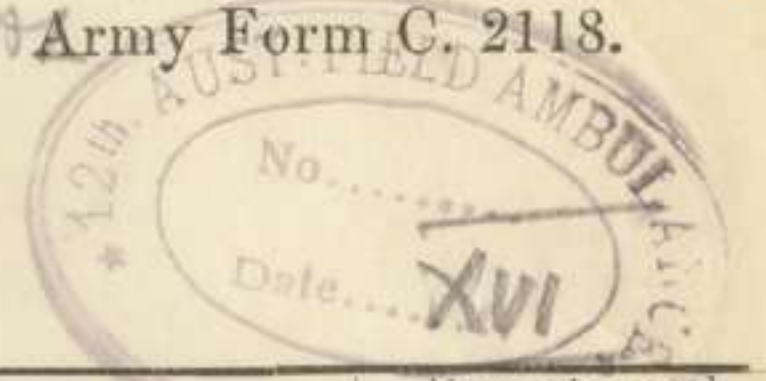
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INCO. Loring rejoined from Base is taken as strength supernumerary to establishment.

Capt TILLING, 39 O.R. 1 G.S. Wagon 2 H.O. Horses reported back to Co. 13 AUST FIELD Amb at KEMMEL at 2 pm. ^{13 Field Amb (attached)}

2 officers, MAJOR WILLIS, CAPT. MITCHELL and 2 beaver subdivisions with 1 Tent Subdivision of 3rd Field Ambulance

relieved Capt TILLING, 38 O.R. 13 Field Ambulance at posts in R sector, and Capt A. BROBY, INCO & 30 O.R. at ADS.

Larch Wood, and "B" Section Beaver subdivisions in L sector posts, and also 3 O.R. (Tent Subdivision) at ADS.

Spill Bank I33 a 30. Relief was completed by noon.

'A' Tent Subdivision were relieved by Tent Subdivision 3rd Field Ambulance at ADS VOORME ZEELE I31 c 46 at 11 a.m.

This was to enable 'A' Tent Subdivision to have Panzer Wagon loaded today.

The Professor Major

Whitson Lt Col c/o 12 Aust Field Amb

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| IV | Movement Order N° 39 for relief of
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| V | Report on work done by Personnel
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POST	MAP LOCATION	BLANKETS	STRETCHERS	AMB PERSONNEL AT PRESENT AT POSTS	AMB PERSONNEL WANTED IN CASE OF HEAVY CASUALTIES	REMARKS
RAP IRONBRIDGE	04b14	25	12	4	12	Evacuate by tramway to Norfolk Lodge by tramway to Bikhof Dumps Dsd+1
RIGHT CENTRAL RAP	1.36c20	20	10		12	By tramway or carry to Dump at Transport Corner 1.35a18
LEFT CENTRAL RAP	1.36c38	25	10	4	12	do
BEARER R.P. "B"	05a59	20	8	8	8	To Norfolk Lodge by carry
BEARER R.P. "C"	04a96				8	at present evacuated owing to unsatisfactory state
NORFOLK LODGE	1.33a37	21	18	12	Med off 3 T. Personnel 12	(1) Evacuate by tramway to Spoil Bank (2) By motor amb along corduroy track thence road to ADS. VOORMEERLE
A.D.S. SPOIL BANK	1.33a30	30	10	Med Officers 2 Tent Personnel 6	Med Officers 2 Tent Personnel 6 Bearers 4	By motor amb to ADS. VOORMEERLE
R.A.P.	J25c93	35	25	8	16	Carry for 400 yards thence by tramway to MT SORRELL
B.R.P. MT SORRELL	1.30c77	18	6	8	8	By tramway to B.R.P. ZWARTELEEN
B.R.P. ZWARTELEEN	1.29d24	25	8	8	12	By carry to ADS LARCHWOOD or by tramway to VERBRANDEN HOUSE
A.D.S. LARCHWOOD	1.29c18	83	43	Med off 1 Tent Personnel 9 Bearers 4	Med off 2 Tent Personnel 9 Bearers 16	By carry to Loading Post VERBRANDEN HOUSE
DUMP	1.35a48	8	4	4	8	By tramway to VERBRANDEN HOUSE
LOADING POST VERBRANDEN HOUSE	1.28b24	20	8	4	4	By Motor Ambulance to SPOIL BANK.

R. SECTOR

LEFT SECTOR

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DISTRIBUTION

12th Aust Field Amb

26th Jan 1918

POST	MAP LOCATION	BLANKETS	STRETCHERS	AMBULANCE PERSONNEL AT PRESENT AT POSTS	REMARKS
THE MOUND S' ELOI	02d36	20	10	2	By ambulance car to A.D.S. VOORMEZELE
A.D.S VOORMEZELE	1.31046	180	140	Med off 3 Tent sub div 1 Bearer do 2 Motor transport	By Amb Car to M.D.S KEMMEL
VIEKSTRAAT BRASSERIE	N6a11	150	64	Transport personnel QM staff Dental do 1 bearer sub division less 8 men	
A.D.S VIEKSTRAAT	N10a99		6	1	Being held in case it it is needed at a later date

PERSONNEL: at present in forward area

2 Bearer subdivisions of 13th Aust Field Ambulance

EQUIPMENT: at recent check was

R¹ Sector 68 stretchers 141 blankets
L¹ do 94 do 189 do

The Professor Wg

C.O. 12th Aust. F. Amb.

APPENDIX T

Copy

Headquarters
 4th Australian Division
 7th February 1918
 M/S/213

ADMS

4th Australian Division

With reference to recent Court of Inquiry into a fire which occurred at the Prassere, the Court found *inter alia*, 'That the orders for prevention of fires were not sufficiently promulgated by Major Le Messurier and Capt Haslett.

The Divisional Commander wishes the attention of these officers directed to this in order that they may be impressed with the importance of promulgating fire orders in the future.

Fire Orders ought to be posted in billets at all times.

Sqd Major
 D.A.A.G.
 4th Australian Division

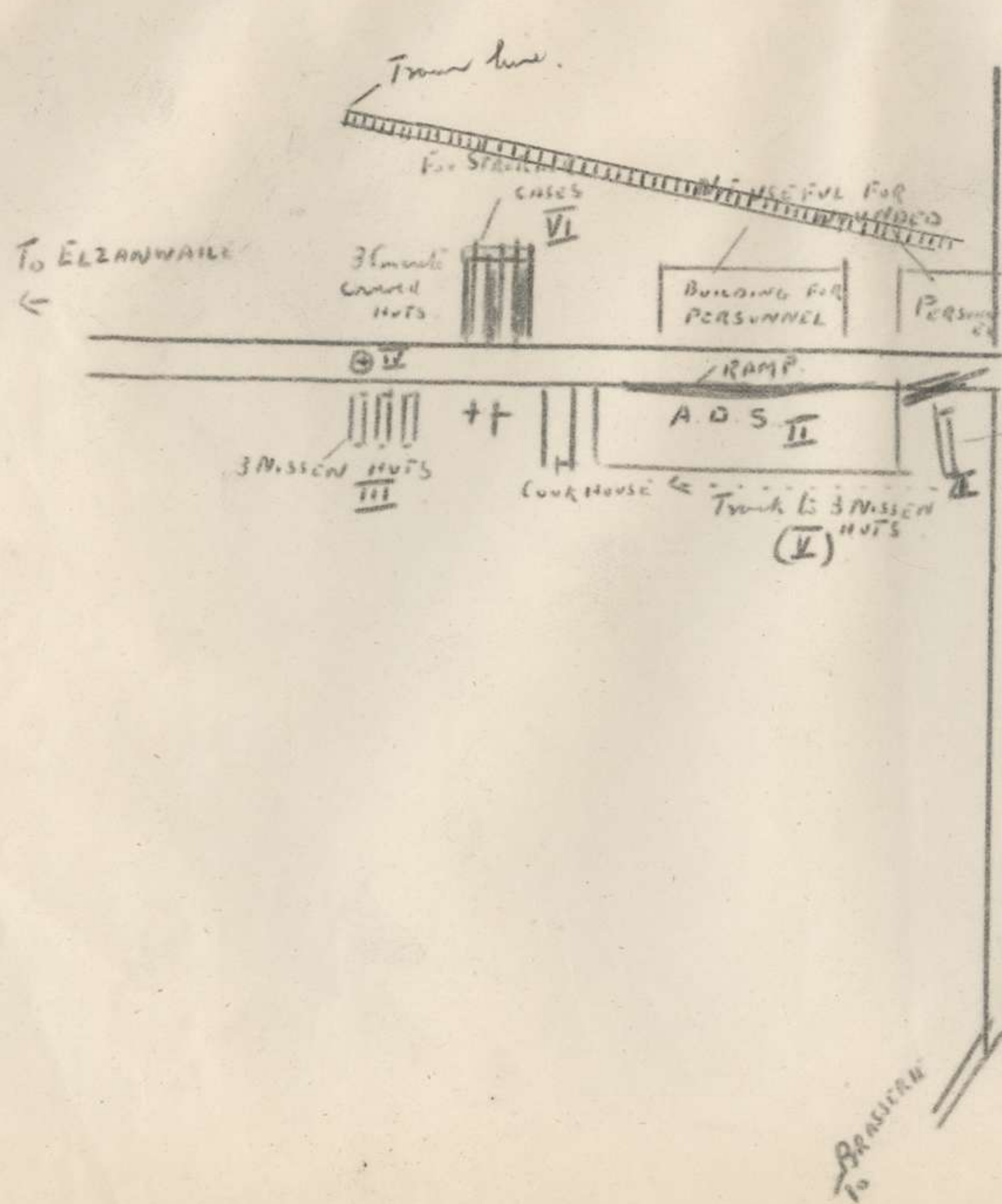


A. D. S. VOOR MEZEEL (Confidential) (draft)

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APPENDIX 2



TO KRUISSTRAAT HUCK

- DUGOUTS FOR PERSONNEL
- PERSONNEL
- PERSONNEL

- I 1 NISSSEN HUT FOR ADMISSION OF WOUNDED who are then directed to
- II Dressing station then to
- III 3 NISSSEN HUTS FOR HOLDING WALKING WOUNDED
- IV ⊕ EMBUSSING POINT FOR WALKING WOUNDED

1 NISSSEN HUT

DOUBTFUL FACTORS

- (a) Not advisable to give patients nourishment in ADS (II), as only one entrance point at bottom of RAMP.
- (b) Better to give patients nourishment in huts next to Cook house (III)
- (c) Convenient embussing point (IV) away from ADS. This is for stretchers (VI)
- (d) Embussing point (IV) will be independent of direction of traffic
- (e) 1 Nissen Hut could be erected easily at I whereas a considerable amount of work is involved if 4 Nissen Huts are to be erected at I.

Middelisk Road → SPULBANK

APPENDIX 22

MOVEMENT ORDER NO 39

27.2.18

by

PART A

Lt Col A H GIBSON Commanding Officer 12th Aust Field Ambulance

FORWARD AREA

1st AP : SHEET 28

(1) In accordance with movement order No 79 issued by HQ 1st Div 4th Aust Div the following movement will take place.

(2) Personnel. The personnel of 12th Aust FLD AMB. and of 13th Aust FLD AMB. at present occupying the forward posts, will be relieved by personnel of 3rd Aust FLD AMB on 28-2-18. The relieving personnel will arrive at Spoilbank at or about 9 am 28-2-18.

On relief, the personnel of 13th Aust FLD AMB. will report back to ADS Koomzeale as soon as possible, whence they will proceed after dinner, to rejoin their unit at KEMMEL. The personnel of 12th Aust Fld Amb will report, as soon as relieved, to ADS Koomzeale.

(3) Field Amb Equipment. All field amb equipment in use in forward area will be collected and packed under supervision of Staff Sgt Nursing Duties, and will be transported, as soon as relief is made by incoming unit, by motor amb from Verbrandon House and Spoilbank to ADS Koomzeale.

(4) Station Stores Receipts must be obtained in duplicate for all stretchers, blankets, and other station stores handed over at the various posts. Lists of these stores in quadruplicate should be made out at once by QM staff, so that there will be no delay in the actual hand over.

Engineer Stores A receipt should also be obtained for the pump in use at PINE BOX or LONE TREE dump - EIKHOFF dump. Train track, or else this pump must be returned to Rodney dump and a receipt obtained for it there.

(5) All dugouts, pillboxes, shelters etc occupied by AMB personnel must be handed over to the incoming unit in a clean tidy and sanitary condition.

COPIES: 1. TO A.D.M.S. 2. TO WAR DIARY.
3. TO MAJOR BROWNE 4. TO CAPT. HAZLETT.
5. TO SGT. NURSING DUTIES.

(Signed) A H GIBSON Lt Col AMB
12th Aust Fld Ambulance



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12 Aust Field Amb.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>No. 11 1918 ADS. VOORMEZELE I31C46</p>			<p>Personnel at ADS VOORMEZELE I31C46 - kept fully occupied with local addresses to be made to ADS station.</p> <p>On taking over ADS VOORMEZELE Jan 11th 1918 the RAMC. had just commenced building a new dressing hut. Since that time a party of 12-18 men have been working constantly with the exception of Sunday on the completion of hut.</p> <p>It is of exceptional strength and by tremendous amount of material (cement etc) has been used. I considered the advisability of stopping the work, but GOC 4 Aust Division & ADAMS 4 Aust Division advised me most kindly to proceed with the work. If at any time our front line is pushed back over crest in front of ADS, then this "Station" would become very valuable in account of its strength.</p> <p>I am attaching to this a copy of diagram of new dressing hut.</p> <p>The floors in the three compartments have been cemented & are fit for use. When gassed patients arrive, they are treated in this dressing hut. It will be very valuable when completed for stretched cases (wounded).</p>	<p>Diagram C</p>

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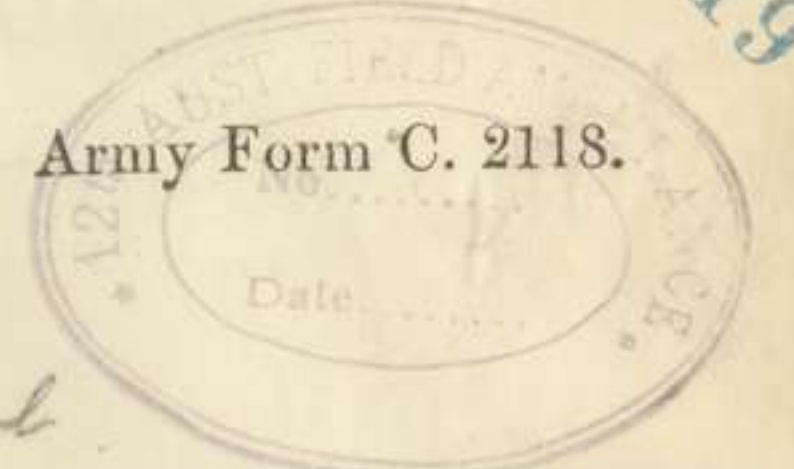
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIERSTRAAT BRASSERIE N6 a 11			<p>Personnel at VIERSTRAAT BRASSERIE have been kept occupied daily in revetement of huts for personnel, and Quarter Master Store. A considerable amount of labour has been entailed in making revetement for stables for horses.</p> <p>All the fences are burnt in incinerator, and the sanitation of the camp kept a party of 4 men permanently occupied. It is duty of this unit to attend to burning of faeces of Public Latrine situated close to VIERSTRAAT BRASSERIE. A harness shed has been constructed next to stables.</p> <p>Transport Personnel are kept fully occupied, and as a number of drivers are away on leave, I have given permission for Capt J Jones, Transport Officer to use a fatigue party occasionally in washing Transport vehicles.</p> <p>1 Coy & 20 R. have been kept fully occupied in unit Centre situated next to VIERSTRAAT BRASSERIE. Two hammers have been utilised in collecting stores from BAILLEUL & REMINGHERST. These 30 R. are all trustworthy & hard working individuals.</p>	<p>Diagram B.</p> <p>APPENDIX 5</p> <p>25</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A.D.S. VOORMEERLE			<p><u>INCINERATOR</u> Some of personnel have been kept occupied in building a new incinerator which was badly needed, as old one was most unsatisfactory. The faeces have to be burnt, & this means the necessity of an efficient incinerator. The site of last incinerator was unsatisfactory, so have changed the site of this new incinerator.</p> <p>Find diagram of incineration attached.</p> <p><u>COOK HOUSE</u>. Has been roofed, as it leaked very badly after any decent downpour of rain.</p> <p>These 2 latter undertakings were supervised by Sapper from 4th Coy Engineers.</p> <p><u>A.D.S. (at present in use)</u> A fatigue party of 8 men are kept occupied daily pumping out the water from A.D.S. itself. The soakage is considerable, and this party is obliged to pump every half an hour to keep the water level down. On this account the quarters are inclined to be damp and are not too healthy as sleeping quarters.</p>	<p>Diagram A.</p> <p>APPENDIX</p> <p>26</p>

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			<p>A guard of 4 men are kept at ADS VOORMEZELE tal VIERSTRAAT BRASSERIE as gas beacon & fire beacon.</p> <p><u>FORWARD AREA</u> Beaver Relay Post 'lat' O4 a 96 became rather wet & uncomfortable, so another Relay Post is being built about 30 yards away on higher ground & on this account will be quite dry. Fatigue party from surplus beavers at Norfolk Lodge T33d37 used a Supper are doing the necessary work.</p> <p><u>Beaver Relay Post</u> at Dump T35a48 needs some attention. German dugout (Pill-box) is there, with a few alterations externally can be converted into a most suitable and safe forward relay post.</p> <p>From inspections of these AMC posts lately I have noticed that the new men (recruits) do not seem to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with surrounding facts. The veteran beavers always make best it their business to secure safest dugouts as possible.</p>	Sheet 28

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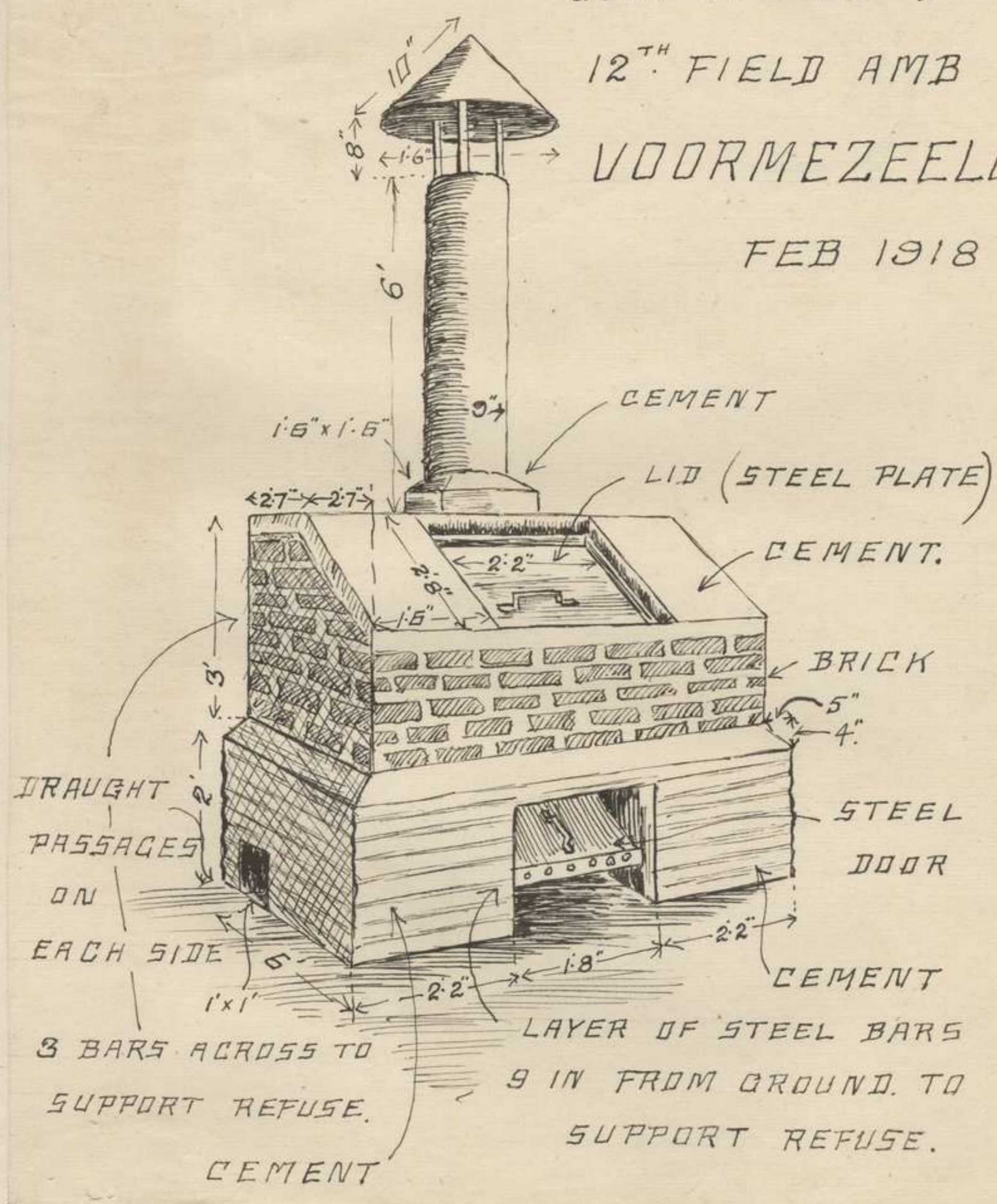
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AAS. Spur Bank. I33030			<p>A fatigue party of 20 have been excavating bank at AAS Spur Bank from Feb 21st to Feb 28th to make room for 4 Grant Oblique Cupolas which are being erected there under supervision of a Sapper from 13th Field Coy A. Engineers.</p> <p>There is not sufficient accommodation there for stretch cases and it was considered necessary that extra accommodation should be provided to hold stretch cases in the event of heavy casualties.</p>	Sheet 28.

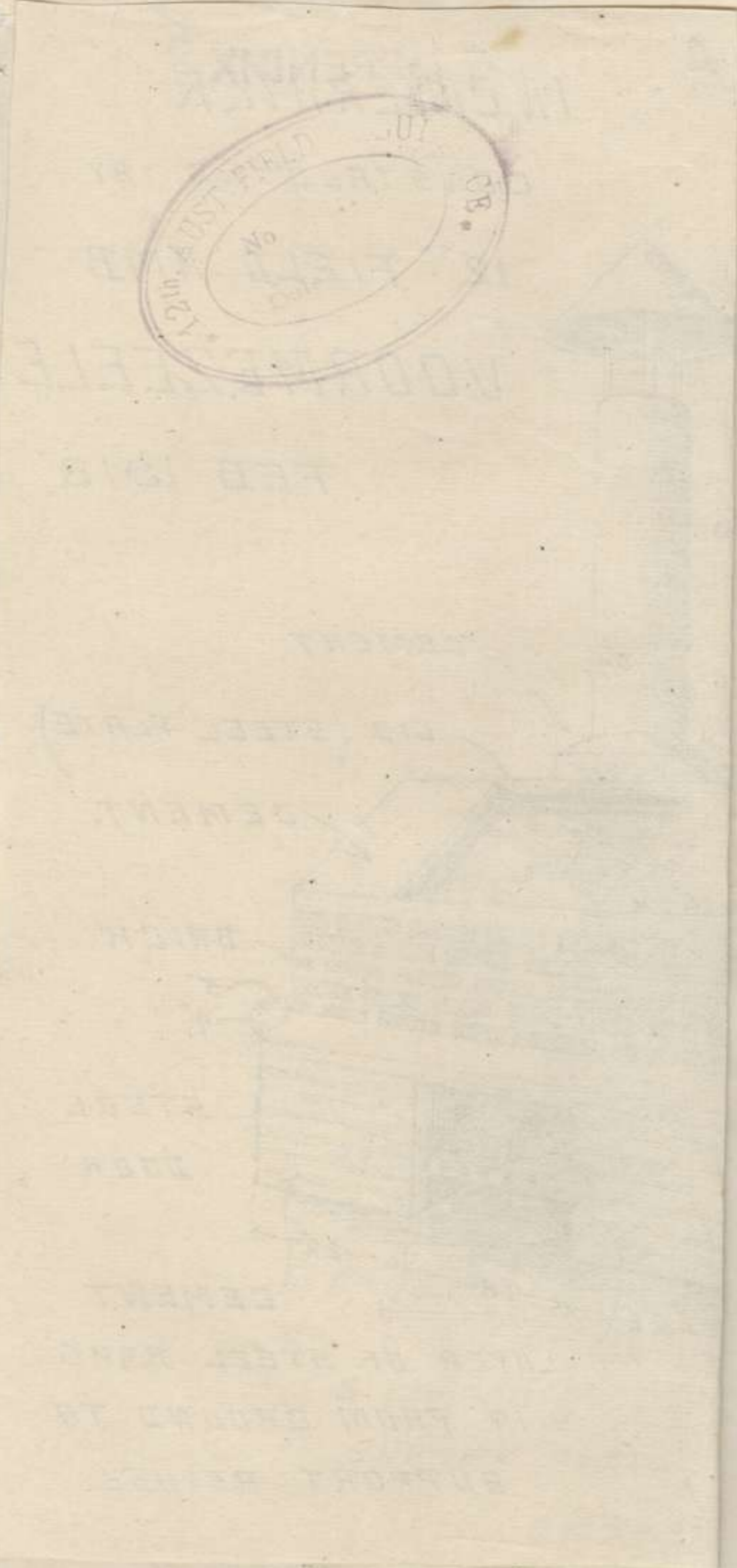
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A. APPENDIX 5 INCINERATOR

CONSTRUCTED BY
12TH FIELD AMB
VOORMEZELE
FEB 1918



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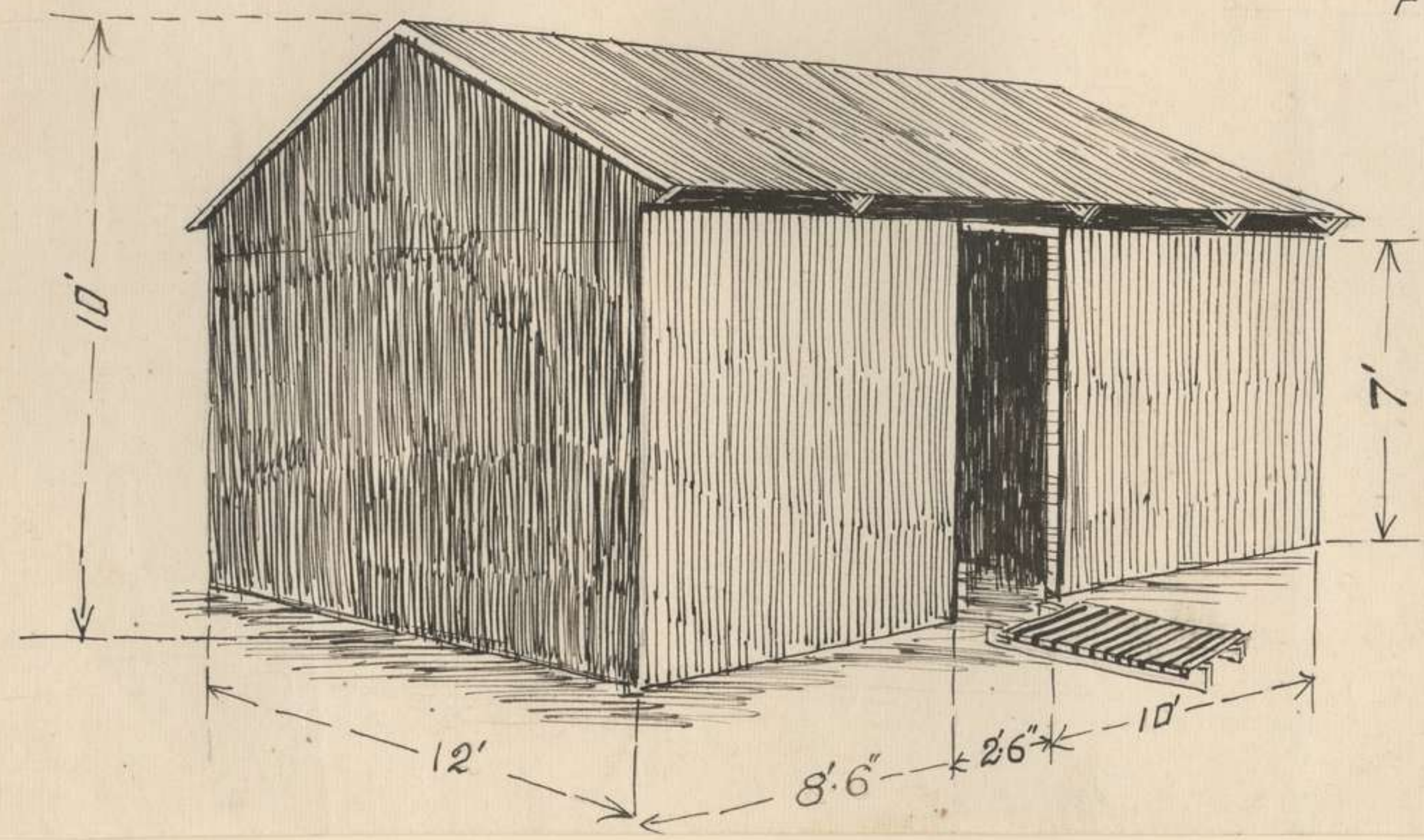
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THE BRASSERIE

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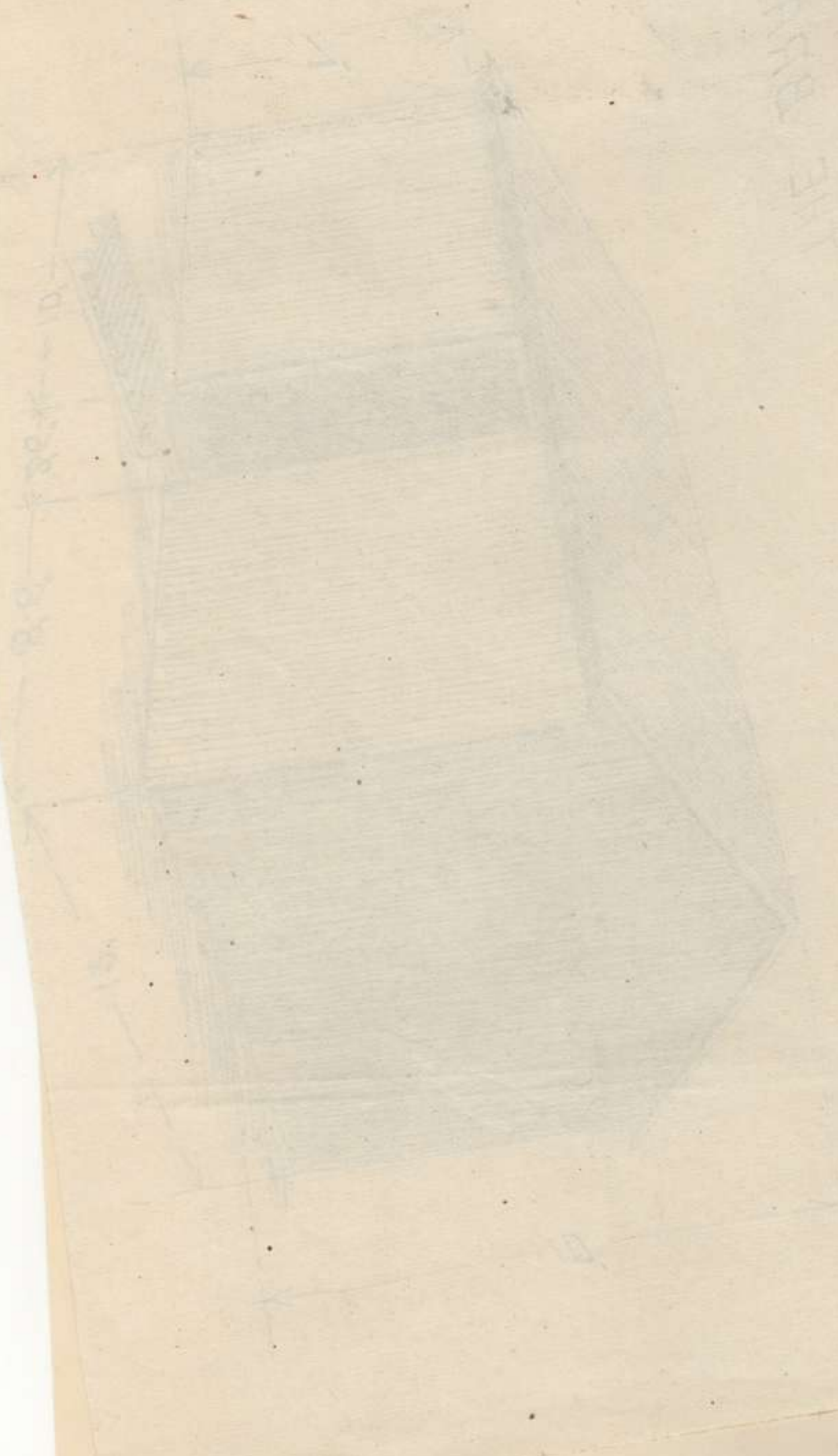
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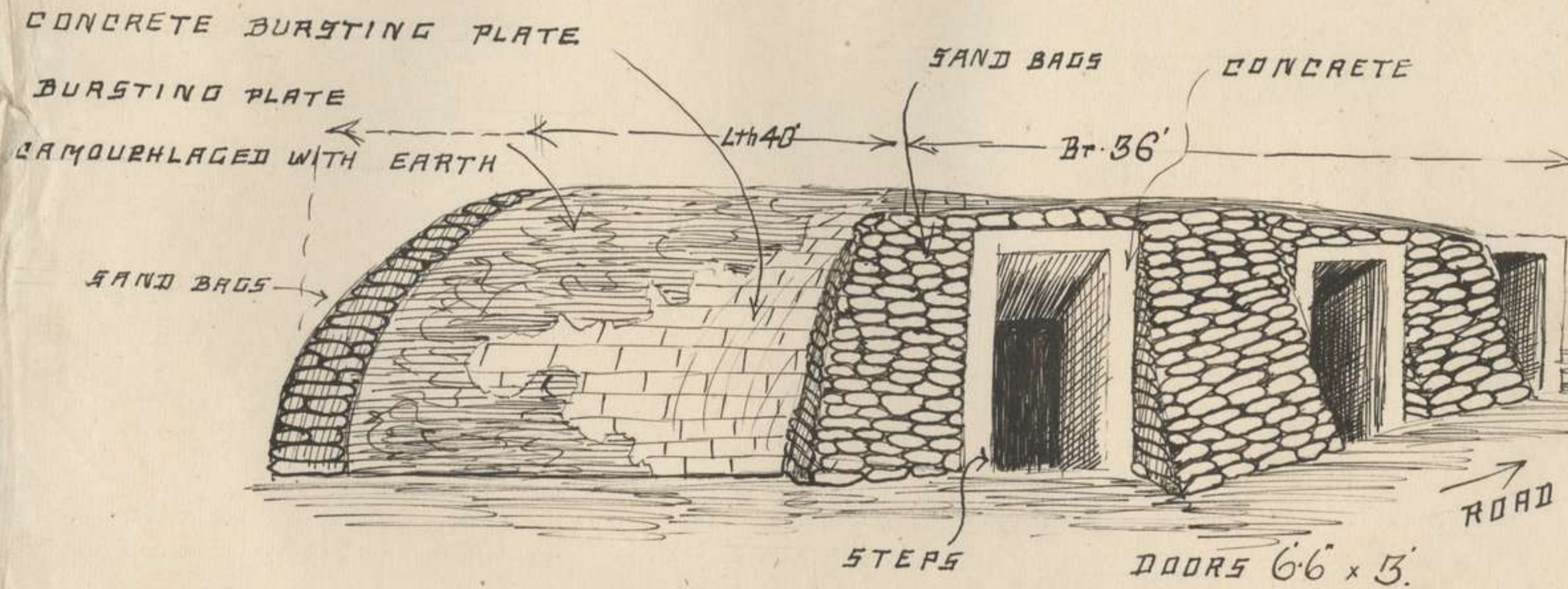
INTERIOR - 3 ELEPHANT DUG-OUTS 30'x10' EACH
AT REAR - SHED. SHEET IRON WITH CONCRETE
FOUNDATION 33'x9'x8'

"C"

DUG-OUT

VOORMEZEELE

FEB 1918



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Transport Officer's Report

February 1918.

There were no major repairs or replacements required during the month. Casualties and evacuations also were nil. The horses kept their condition well. The stable accommodation was good. During the whole month the horses were stabled in the same building at the Brasserie. The standings were in excellent condition and the grounds surrounding were firm and dry. In addition to drawing supplies from refilling points, a good deal of work was done by the transport. Four G.S. Wagons were detailed daily to carry R.E. Stores under direction of C.O. 2nd Canadian Tunnelling Company. This work ceased on 24th February. During the period from 1st to 24th Feb inclusive, these wagons covered 983 miles. A lumbered wagon or a G.S. wagon was also in almost daily use for conveying material for erection of buildings at H.O.S. Voornegelle. One ambulance wagon was employed daily to collect sick from neighbouring camps and convey them to M.P.S. Kammel.

Improvements were made to the buildings. The southern side of the stable not having been completed, the building was cold and draughty. This was a drawback which was overcome by erecting a wall of sheet iron on this unfinished portion. A harness room was erected which holds all the harness of the transport.

During to reduction of rations for horses it was found imperative to convert most of the hay into chaff. A chaff cutter was purchased by the unit and has already proved to be of great value. Without it on the present ration it would not be possible to prevent the horses falling off. The only difficulty in connection with the machine is that it adds to the weight to be carried when the unit is moving. No special provision has yet been made for conveyance of dental stores which have to be carried by the transport of the ambulance stores to the utmost its carrying capacity.

28/2/18

J. J. Jones Captain
Transport Officer

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APPENDIX VII

28th Feb 1918.

The C.O.

12th Australian Field Ambulance.

Motor Transport. Herewith please find my report on the work completed by ambulance cars attached to this unit, for the month of February.

During this period we have carried 544 patients from A.D.S. to M.D.S.

The condition of the cars I consider excellent considering the rough roads we have had to contend with. Besides our own cars we have had two cars attached.

The forward work was carried out by Fords, who led the Sunbeams.

Both Fords had to visit workshops owing to engine trouble, also the majority of Sunbeams were compelled to go there for fortnightly inspection.

The rough condition of the roads has given us considerable tyre and spring trouble, these repairs we completed ourselves.

The workshop people assisted us greatly by doing our repairs in shortest possible time. Cpl. R. A. Freda.

FEB	ON ESTAB ACTUALLY WITH UNIT		SUPERNUMERARIES ACTUALLY DOING DUTY WITH UNIT		ATTACHED NOT PROVIDED FOR IN W.E.		IN HOSPITAL IN DIVISIONAL AREA		ON LEAVE & DETACHED DUTY		AMC DETAILS DETACHED		RATION STRENGTH	
	OFF	O.R.	OFF	O.R.	OFF	O.R.	OFF	O.R.	OFF	O.R.	OFF	O.R.	OFF	O.R.
	1	7	202			3	120		2	3	24		36	10
2	7	199			3	123		4	3	25		36	10	322
3	7	198			3	123		5	3	25		36	10	321
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12th Aus Field Ambulance
 Second Report of Quartermaster

28-2-18.

Station H.D.S. Truss Line, as at last report

Bullets As before All Huts & stores have been given one coat of Tar, & sanded. One Harness room has been built & fitted with Racks, & is now in use.

Supplies
Medical } Supply good, quality good.
Comforts }

Red Cross } Quality good, many lines are low
Comforts } owing to lack of shipping

Rations Quality good. Less Dried Milk, Brama

which is very unsatisfactory.
 Supply of Potatoes & fresh Vegetables has been low, otherwise satisfactory. Dates & Oranges have been on issues, & received a welcome.

Next page Sample of Meats from Rations

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Breakfast Bacon, fried or Baked, Bread, Marmalade Tea, Milk & Sugar
or Rinses or Toast

Dinner Roast Beef or Mutton & vegetables
or Boiled " " " & "
" Irish Steaks
" Standard "

Milk Bread & Biscuit, Marmalade Tea Milk & Sugar

Tea Cold B Beef, Cheese, Jam, Tea, Milk & Sugar
or Rinses

Extras The CO approved of F 1364-80 being expended
during the month on extras for the band

consisting of

Tin ^d Fruit	Coffee & Milk	Mustard Powder
Biscuits (Salt)	Herring	Salmon
Milk (Tin ^d)	Tomatoes	Sausages
Syrup	Cake	Cigarettes
Xmas Pudding	Chocolate	Candles

which is added to Rations, proved
very nice.

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<u>Fuel</u>	
<u>Petrol</u>	Supply satisfactory, quality unsatisfactory
<u>Coal</u>	Average issue & quality
<u>Coke</u>	Free issue, of fair quality
<u>Charcoal</u>	Quality good, supply bad, cut-out in favor of coke.
<u>Forage</u>	Issue & quality, normal
<u>Equipment</u>	Satisfactory
<u>Clothing</u>	Slow issue, M.T & Home Warranted steel was not "Home Special", winter issue.
27 th Dental Unit	
<u>Att^o</u>	Are steel with transport for their equipment.
<u>FAT</u>	80 <u>lbs</u>
<u>Carboard</u>	3 <u>bags</u>
<u>Waste Paper</u>	2 "
<u>"Tins</u>	9 "
<u>Sawage</u>	Very satisfactory relations, owing to being in front line

14 14th Coy Am 14th Coy12th Am Field Ambulance

OF
12TH Aust FLD AMBULANCE.

showing Strength of Unit, Personnel joined and gone, Patients treated etc
for
Month of February 1918

JOINED.OFFICERS.OTHER RANKS.

1

11.

REJOINED.

33.

GONE.OFFICERS.OTHER RANKS.EVACUATED SICK. 1

4

WOUNDED.

4

TRANSFERRED.

4

DIEDSTRENGTH OF UNITOFFICERSOTHER RANKS

10

230

35 SUPERNUMERIESPATIENTS ADMITTED AND EVACUATEDOFFICERSOTHER RANKSSICK

4

375

WOUNDED

4

115

GASSED

3

54

PATIENTS TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTYOFFICERSOTHER RANKSSICK

5

921

WOUNDED

15

IN THE FIELD28-2-1918