

AWM4
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Engineers

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Title: 15th Field Company, Australian
Engineers

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917 July			
		1-3 rd	Company pontooning, keelbridging, rowing etc.	
		3 rd	5 th DIV. ENGRS. AQUATIC SPORTS won by 15FC.	
		4 th	Lectures by L ^{td} ANTEBUTT DSO + ARCHDEACON WARD on VENEREAL DISEASE.	
		5 th	Rearrangement + redistribution of pontooning gear.	
		6-7 th	Company constructing heavy bridges B+D classes out of pontoon + keel component plus certain extra stores as laid down in G.H.Q. plans.	
		9-16 th	Instruction of 5 th PIONEER BATTN. in pontooning. Company further handling keels and bridging equipment.	
			Design of pile driver and erection by L ^{td} OLIVER. DESIGN ATTACHED.	
		14 th	Design of BRIDGE TYPE for heavy traffic by L ^{td} CLARK. " "	
			Company commenced to pile drive.	
		12 th	L ^{td} TURNER A 25 OR attended 5 th AUS DIV PARADE before His Majesty King GEORGE V.	
		13 th	L ^{td} HOLBROOK RE transferred to 77 FC RE. DRYING SHED designed by L ^{td} EWART TYPE successfully erected + operated in DELVILLE WOOD + WATERLOO FARM into 15/6/17. DESIGN ATTACHED.	
		18 th	BWOULAC GROUND for one BRIGADE laid out. PIONEER TRANSPORT passed over pontoon bridges.	
		14 th	N ^o 4 section L ^{td} OLIVER pile driving.	
		15 th	N ^o 1 section L ^{td} PRITCHARD - - -	
		16 th	N ^o 2 - L ^{td} CLARK - - -	
		17 th	N ^o 3 - L ^{td} TURNER - - -	

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CORBIE REF MAP A FRANCE. SHEET AMIENS 17/100000	1917 July			
		17 th	Erected two Bridges and passed 8 th BDE + transport over ^{River Somme} in 50 minutes.	
		18 th	N ^o 3 section PILE-DRIVING. Erected two Bridges and passed 14 th BDE + transport over RIVER SOMME in 42 minutes.	
		19 th	N ^o 3 section PILEDRIVING. N ^o 1 SECTION route marching. Erected two Bridges spanned 15 th BDE + transport over RIVER SOMME in 28 minutes.	
		20 th	N ^o 3 section + N ^o 1 section cutting + dressing trees for wharf curbing. Erected two Bridges + passed Sursenal Train transport over RIVER SOMME.	
		21 st	N ^o 1 section route marching + drill. N ^o 2 + 3 sections wharfing. N ^o 4 section drawing + driving piles. Inspected by GEN BIRDWOOD.	
		22 nd	Company route marched CORBIE to DAOURS leaving billets at 9.45 am proceeding via main road through LANEUVILLE to DAOURS then crossing RIVER + proceeding back to CORBIE by towpath on S. BANK of RIVER SOMME, returned to billets at 1.15 p.m.	

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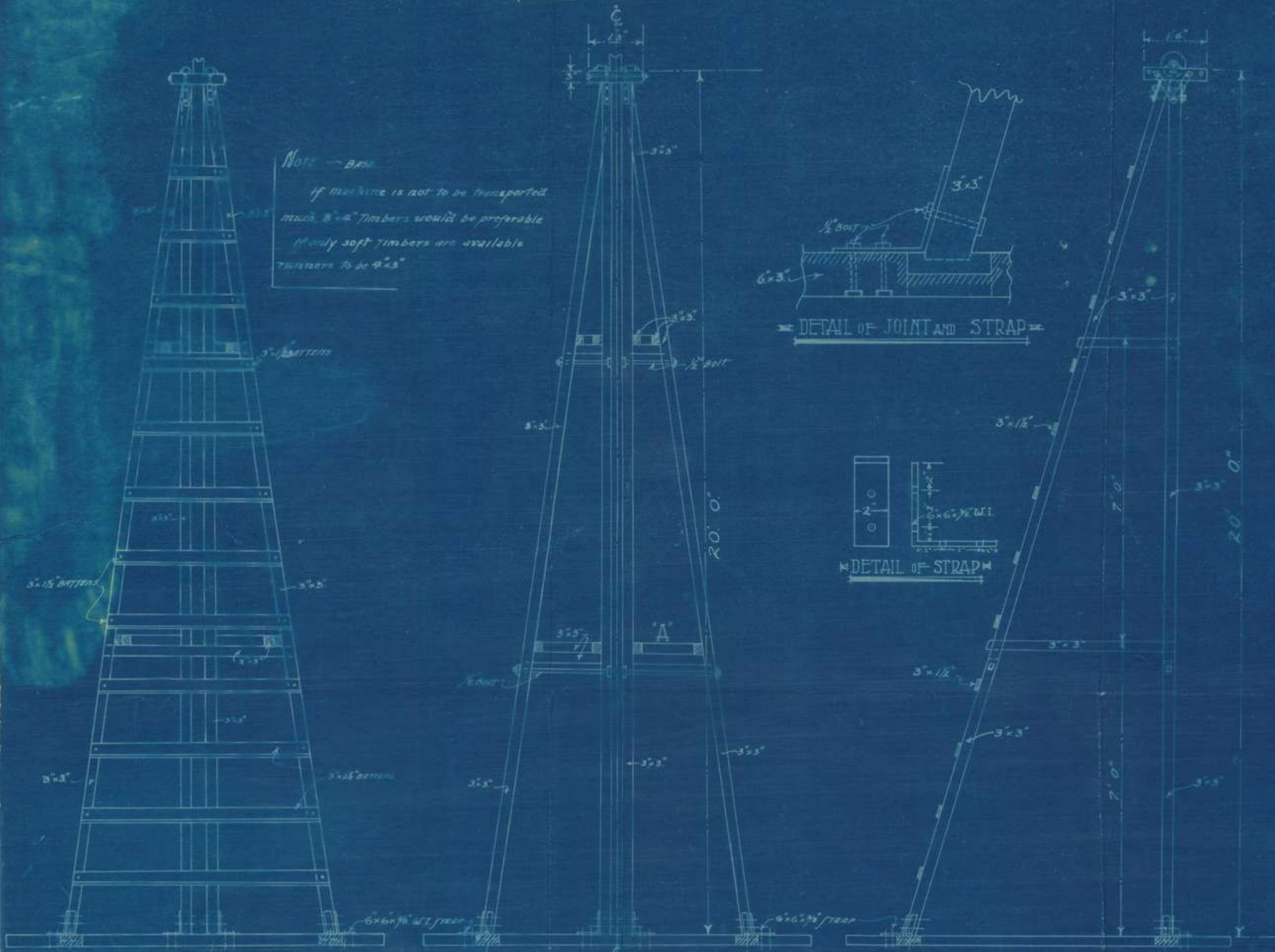
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CORBIE. FRANCE - SHEET AMIENS 17 / 100,000. MAP REF.	1917 JULY.			
		23 rd	Details of Sections (Carpenters) on fieldwork wharfing Remainder of Company, Company Drill, Rifle Exercises, General Discipline	
		24 th	Bathing Parade. Wharfing & fielding. Football competition with 1 st Div. ENGRS.	
		25 th	Major GREENWAY proceeded on leave to UNITED KINGDOM. Lt. PRITCHARD and 1 O.R. proceeded to PUCHVILLERS to entrain for HAZEBROUCK as Advance party.	
		26 th	Company route marched via canal towpath to VAUX returning by roads. Billets were left at 9 a.m. and reached on return at 11.30 a.m. Lecture to Company on bridge reconnaissance in afternoon. Company practised in taking section of canal, under improvised conditions, and general bridge reconnaissance. Capt CADDY went on leave to PARIS.	
		27 th	Bathing parade. Lt. TURNER and 3 O.R. proceeded to ACHEUX as billeting party.	
		28 th	Company marched out from CORBIE at 7 a.m. proceeding via BONNAY, FRANVILLERS, BAIZIEUX, WARLOY, VARENNES to ACHEUX which was reached at 1.45 p.m., a halt being made for lunch at WARLOY. Cyclists proceeded as advance guard.	
		29 th	Very heavy rain. Company resting.	
		30 th	Rifle exercises in morning. Company marched out at 4 p.m. and route marched via LEALVILLERS to BELLE EGLISE entraining for HAZEB STEENBECQUE. Entrainment of Sappers and transport completed in 1 hour.	
		31 st	Arrived STEENBECQUE 3.45 a.m., detrained and route marched to billets at CASSILE Map Ref. FRANCE sheet 36 ^e / 40,000 C 50 B 8.	
	Throughout the month 4 O.R. have been attached to 15 INF BDE for water supply etc. Returned 28 th or 2 O.R. 4 horses have been attached to LOGGING Coy at HEILLY. Returned 26 th			
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PLAN OF PILE DRIVER

SCALE 1/2" = 1 FOOT

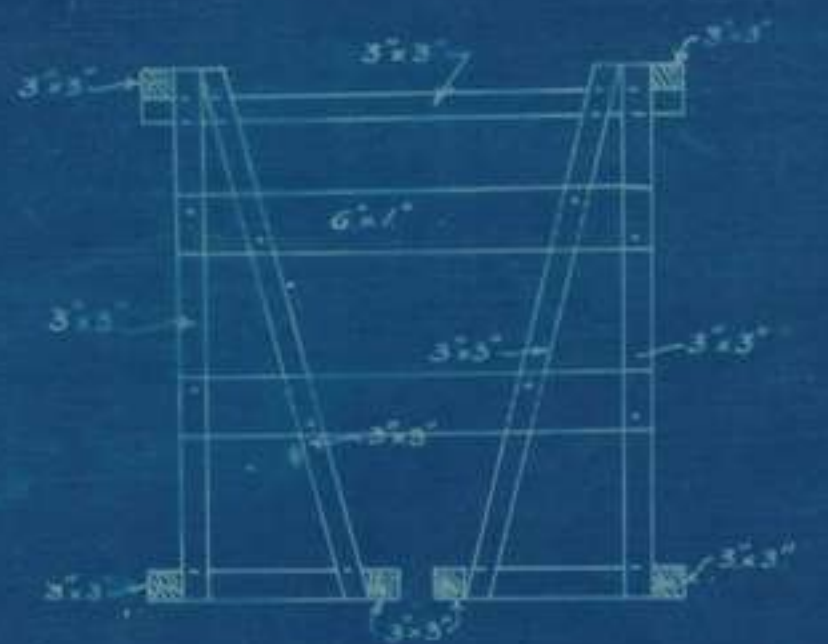
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 If machine is not to be trucked
 much 8" x 4" timbers would be preferable
 If only soft timbers are available
 timbers to be 9" x 3"



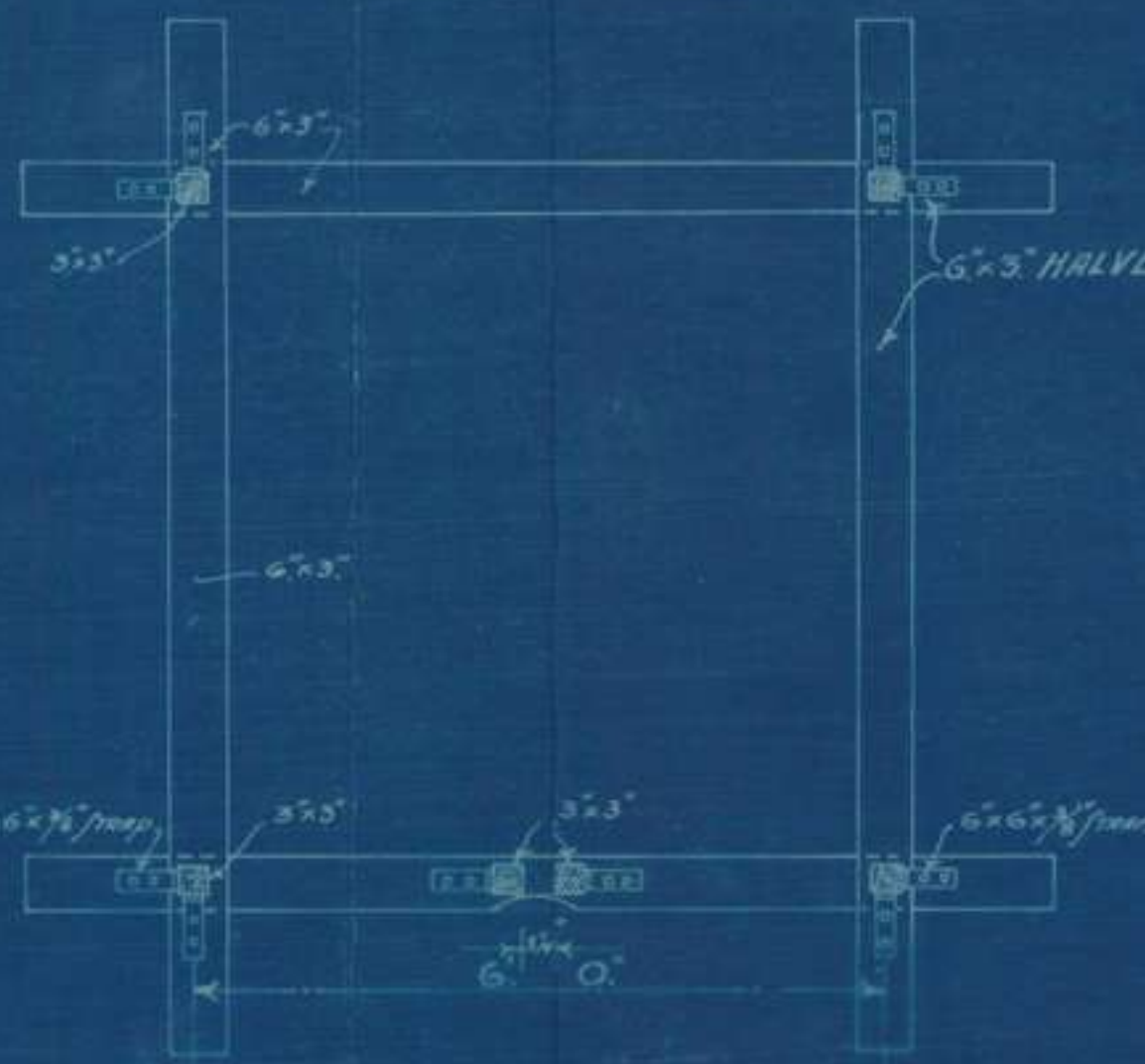
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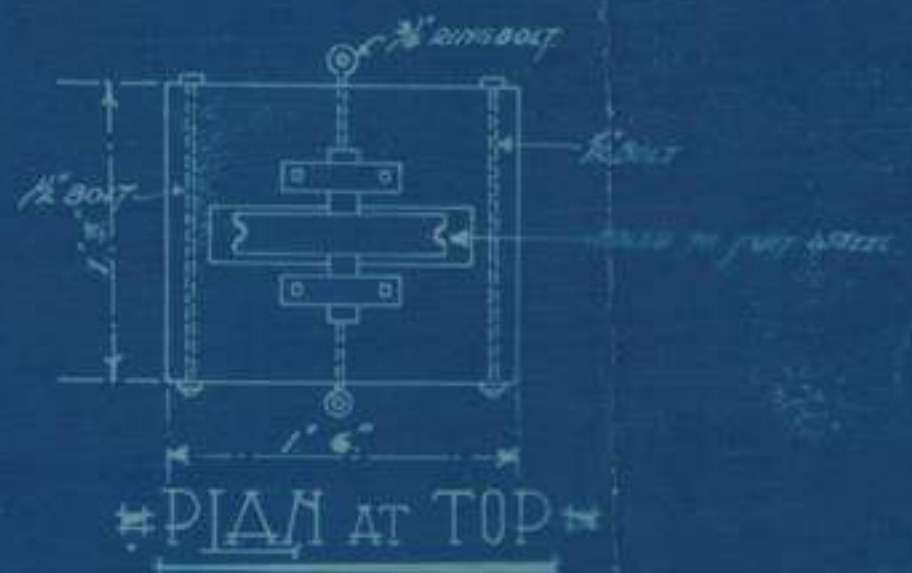
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PLAN AT PLATFORM 'A'



BASE PLAN



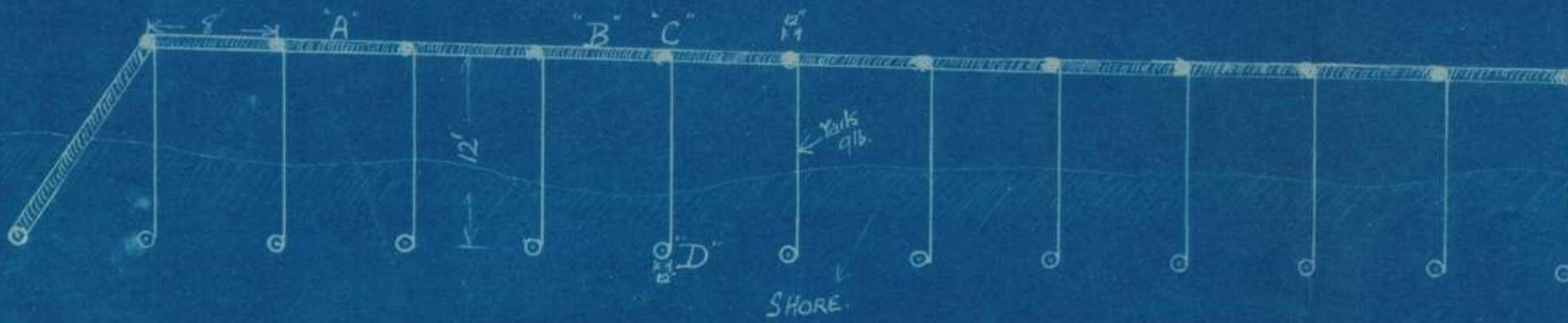
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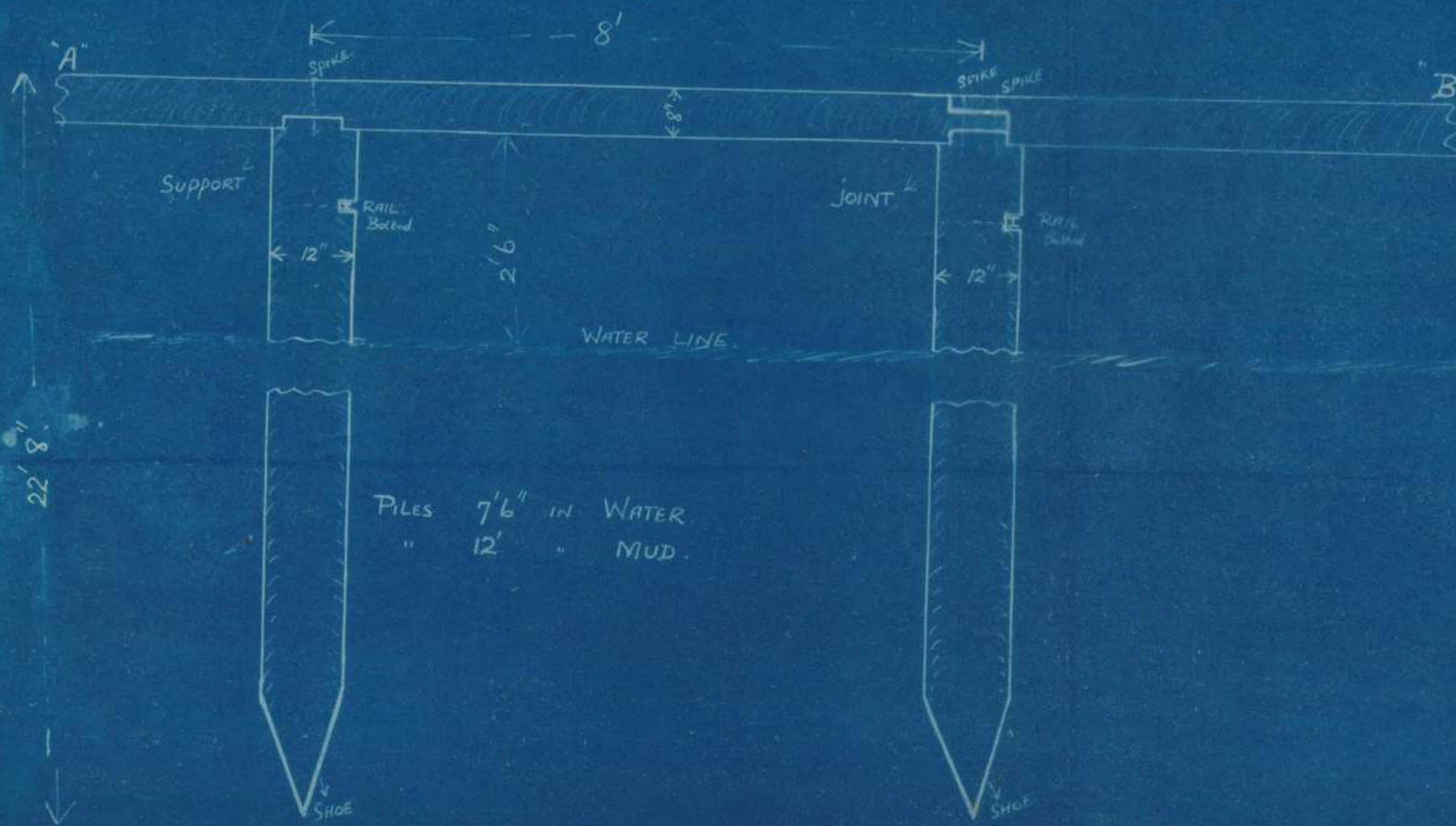
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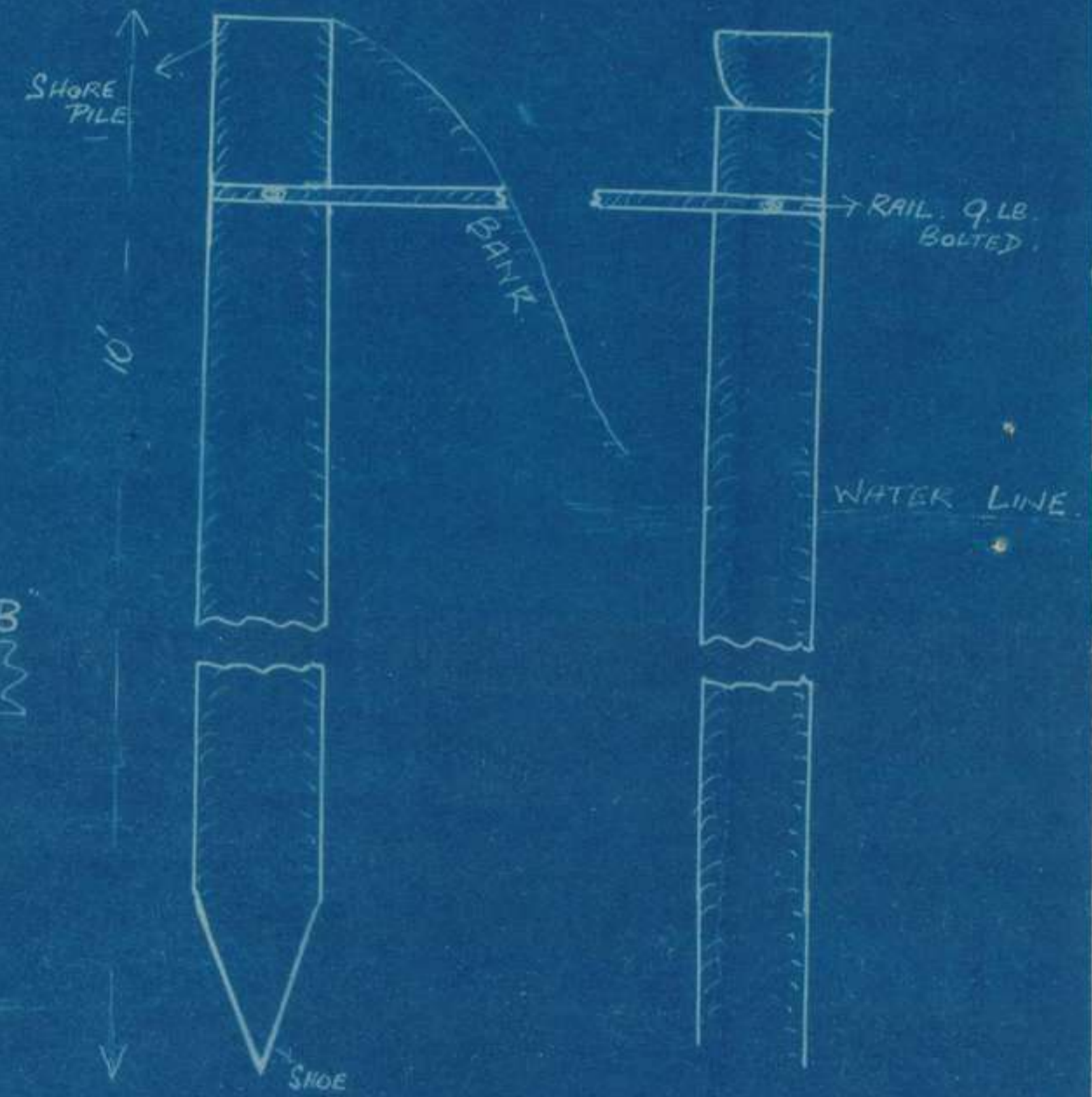
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PLAN. Scale 12' to 1".



SECTIONAL ELEVATION. A-B. Scale 1/2" to 1".



SECTION. "C"-"D".

