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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*12th Field Coy A.C.*

FOR

*December 1918*

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLAUMONT.	1-12-18		Company marched to Mauberge-Avesnes Road and lined road (in company with other units of 12th Brigade) in honour of "King George" who passed through the district that morning.	
	2-12-18		1 Section employed on filling in mine craters and improving road between Avesnes and Fains du Nord.	
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	3-12-18		Balance of Company employed, during mornings on training (as per Syllabus) afternoon being devoted to football and sports.	
	4-12-18		Company employed as on previous days except that another section was engaged on salvaging operations in demolished ammunition dumps (German) at Flaumont - 1 A & C and a few Gappers being also attached to each Battr. employed on salvage work for the purpose of instructions and supervisors in removing enemy charges from bridges etc and blowing up dangerous ammunition such as unexploded shells.	
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	7-12-18		In the German Dump at Flaumont all classes of shells, Gas, H.C., Incandant, Schrapnel etc, were lying about all over the place and the job of salvaging these, staking the unexploded shells into dumps and destroying the dangerous was carried out without mishap. An ammunition train partially blown up and derailed was in this dump and the whole of the material was saved from this.	
	8-12-18		Church Parade in the morning and Football Match in the afternoon.	
	9-12-18		Company employed on same duties as for period 4/12/18 to 7/12/18 except that no training carried out, balance of Gappers not employed on work.	
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	12-12-18		already detailed, engaged in dismantling German Outposts near Flaumont Station	
	13-12-18		Company moved by march Route from Flaumont to Jersey starting 09.24 arriving 1330. distance 11 1/2 miles, weather very rainy.	
	14-12-18		move continued from Jersey to Telenieux starting 0921 arrived at destination 1500 distance 13 miles weather dull and slight rain.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	15-12-18		move continued from Silenrieuse to Florennes, starting 1022 arrived 1530 distance 11 1/2 miles weather showery and dull.	
HASTIÈRE	16-12-18		move continued from Florennes to Hastière par-Dela starting 0926 arrived 1430 distance 11 1/2 miles, weather showery and dull.	
			12th Aust Inf Bde orders dated 3-12-18 and nos 243, 244, 245, 246. attached giving details of order of march, routes etc.	A
	17-12-18		one section employed dismantling German sheds at Hastière Station, which material is to be used for stabling for 48th Bn at WAULSORT.	
	18-12-18		One Section preparing site for stabling. Balance of Coy employed on billets, cookhouses etc and sanitation work.	
	19-12-18		Two Sections as above. One Section construction of stabling for this Coy. Balance of Coy employed on camp duties, improving accommodation etc and fixing up sundry jobs for 12th Brigade.	
	20-12-18		As above.	
	21-12-18			
	22-12-18		Three Sections employed on works i.e.: Stabling at Waulsort for 48th Bn. Stabling for this Coy's animals, overhauling and repairing Baths at Hastière for 12th Bde group etc one Section employed on Camp Duties + sundry jobs.	
	24-12-18			
	25-12-18		No work.	
	26-12-18			
	27/12/18		Work as during period 22nd to 24th.	
	31/12/18			



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			<p><u>General</u>:- Very little military training has been carried out during the month as apart from the time the Coy has been on the move, we have been almost exclusively employed on works as shown in the foregoing. Regular inspections however have been held. Transport, equipment, clothing etc is in good serviceable conditions.</p> <p>Immediately upon arrival at present area a reconnaissance of all road bridges was carried out. Practically the whole of the important bridges in this area were destroyed by the French and Belgians in 1914 &amp; new bridges have since been erected by the Germans &amp; as no information was available on these it became necessary to make a thorough reconnaissance immediately. Copies of our report are attached.</p> <p>The work of erecting stables was considerably handicapped owing to the difficulty of obtaining supplies particularly nails. There was however an abundant supply of Roofing felt in a German Train left standing at Hostiers station. An inventory of the material in this train was taken &amp; a copy of same is attached.</p> <p>There were also other trains at Hermeton &amp; Herr. Agimont &amp; copies of stock sheets are also attached.</p>	<p>B</p> <p>E</p> <p>F, G</p>									
			<p><u>Education</u>:- As soon as the Division settled down in the Dinant Area classes in the following subjects were started with the Company:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mathematics (3 Grades)</td> <td>Lectures</td> <td>Lt Wright</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mechanical Drawing</td> <td>"</td> <td>Lt Hunt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Freehand &amp; Art Drawing</td> <td>"</td> <td>Lt Sheppard</td> </tr> </table>	Mathematics (3 Grades)	Lectures	Lt Wright	Mechanical Drawing	"	Lt Hunt	Freehand & Art Drawing	"	Lt Sheppard	
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			<p><u>Educational (Continued)</u></p> <p>In addition to these classes the Company joined up with the Brigade Group in an interchange of lecturers. Sgt Sheppard &amp; Cpt Cliff visit Brigade to take charge of Drawing &amp; Carpentry classes respectively while men from the Company attend French &amp; Business classes at 45<sup>th</sup> Batt HQ.</p> <p>Two German motor lorries have been saved &amp; are being put in running order by the sappers. These are to be used by the Brigade Group for instructional purposes, classes in motor driving and in running repairs being formed.</p> <p>The strength of the classes actually in existence at the present time are as follows:-</p> <p>Mathematics 8, Mechanical Drawing 5          French and Drawing 12, French 9.</p> <p>All the men taking educational work are very keen &amp; good progress is being made.</p> <p><u>Sports &amp; Amusements</u></p> <p>The following report has been received from the Recreation Officer Lieut J. C. Stephens:-</p> <p>At Flaumont on the 6<sup>th</sup> Decr '18 a meeting of the Coy was held for the purpose of forming a Club to control all sports and amusements within the Coy.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Sports &amp; Amusements Continued</u></p> <p>A number of committees, notably Rugby Football, Concert Party and Indoor Games were already in existence and the necessity arose for a central body to coordinate their efforts, also the Club was expected to be able to promote other sports and interest more men in the management and promotion of the Recreation side of the Company training.</p> <p>Major G B Cox the Company Commander presided at the meeting and the following Club organization was resolved upon: - A Patron, Chairman, Secretary, Two representatives from each sports committee (preferably the Chairman &amp; Secretaries) &amp; one man from each section.</p> <p>At the first Club meeting the following reports were received.</p> <p><u>Rugby Football.</u> An average of two matches per week have been played. The team is very keen &amp; is playing excellent football.</p> <p><u>Australian Rules</u> An average of one match per week has been played and good progress made. The Teams are commencing to train in intervals between matches &amp; will give a good account of themselves.</p> <p><u>Football.</u> Not so strong as Rugby &amp; Australian Rules but three matches have been played &amp; some more players have been brought into the team.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Sport &amp; Amusements (Continued)</u></p> <p><u>Concert Party</u> Four concerts were held, Two at Flaumont and two at Hastière Lavaux. They were highly successful every show packed. It has been the means of encouraging latent musical talent in the Company.</p> <p><u>Indoor Games</u> Euchre &amp; Whist Tournaments have been held. A Club Tournaments is now in full swing. Some reading matter &amp; magazines have been obtained from the Y.M.C.A. also writing material. Reported that more good novels are greatly needed.</p> <p><u>Photography</u> A Photographic Club is also formed which promises to have good results. About 20 members of the Company are in possession of cameras, but difficulties have occurred in getting supplies. By means of the Club it is hoped to overcome some of the supply difficulties &amp; to assist members in other ways.</p> <p><u>Christmas Festivities</u> An allotment of 3/- per man was made from Company Funds for the augmentation of Christmas fare. Each section made their own arrangements for the Christmas Dinner. In spite of the difficulties of obtaining supplies everyone appeared to have enjoyed a merry Xmas.</p> <p><u>Route March in Egypt 24/3/16 to 27/3/16</u></p>	

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Herewith are 4 photographs taken by C. G. M. Melkenson on the above Route March. Appendix C gives description of the photographs & is self explanatory.

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OF

*12th Field Coy A.E.*

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*December 1918*

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject.   |
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| A.  | <i>12th Aust Infantry Brigade orders<br/>3-12-18 &amp; nos 243 to 246 giving<br/>details of order of march, routes etc</i> |
| B.  | <i>Bridge Reports Dinan's Area &amp;<br/>also map of 12th Field Coy A.E.<br/>Reconnaissance area.</i>                      |
| C.  | <i>Descriptions of Route marches<br/>in Egypt 24/3/16 to 27/3/16<br/>also photographs of same.</i>                         |
| D.  | <i>Company Chart</i>   |
| E.  | <i>Inventory of Material in Trains<br/>standing at Harestere</i>   |
| F.  | <i>do at Hermeton</i>  |
| G.  | <i>do at Hous Baymond</i>  |

*[Signature]*  
 12th Field Coy A.E.  
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
3rd December, 1918.

WARNING ORDER.

Ref;- VALENCIENNES } 1 : 100,000  
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1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move to the MEUSE Area by march route at an early date.
2. A move table (provisional) and map are attached.
3. Detailed orders will be issued later.
4. Acknowledge.

*Atkinson*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals  
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| Copy No. 1. 45th Bn. | 8. 4th M.G. Bn.         |
| 2. 46th Bn.          | 9. 12th Field Coy. Eng. |
| 3. 48th Bn.          | 10. 12th Field Amb.     |
| 4. 12th A.L.T.M.B.   | 11. 28th Coy. A.A.S.C.  |
| 5. G.O.C.            | 12. File.               |
| 6. Staff Captain.    | 13.-15. War Diary.      |
| 7. Sig. Officer.     | 16.-20. Spare.          |

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

M O V E T A B L E (Provisional)  
to accompany WARNING ORDER of 3/12/1918.

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Date.	Formation.	From	To	Remarks.
13 'A' Day.	12th A.I. Bde. Group.	FLAUMONT Area.	SIVRY.	Arrived 1.30 pm.
14 'B' Day.	do.	SIVRY.	SILENRIEUX.	" 3.00 pm
15 'C' Day.	do.	SILENRIEUX.	FLORENNES.	
16 'D' Day.	do (less 4th M.C. Bn.)	FLOR ENNES.	HASTIERE LAVAUX WAULSORT.	
do.	4th M.C. Bn.	FLORENNES.	ONHAYE-GERIN.	
'E' Day.	do.	ONHAYE & GERIN.	ANSEREMME.	via DINANT.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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to accompany 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 243. of 11/12/18.

SUPPLIES. Refilling Points will be as follows:-

13th inst. SIVRY.  
14th inst. SILENRIEUX.  
15th inst. FLORENNES.  
16th inst. HASTIERE LAVAUX.

BILLETING. Advanced Billeting Parties will report to Staff Captain, at Town Major's Office,  
0930. on 13th inst. SIVRY.  
0930. on 14th inst. SILENRIEUX.  
0930. on 15th inst. FLORENNES.  
Each Battalion will detail one Officer and 1 N.C.O., and each other Unit one Officer or N.C.O. to report to Lieut. G.P. LEANE, MC., at WAULSORT, on 14th inst. to reconnoitre final area.

TOWN MAJORS. Town Majors at AVESNELLES, FLAUMONT, and FELLERIES will hand over to advance parties of incoming Division and rejoin their Units.

TRANSPORT. Extra Transport will be allotted as follows:-

	G.S. Wagon.	G.S. Limber.
45th Bn.	2.	
46th Bn.	2.	
48th Bn.	2.	1.
12th Field Coy. Eng.		1.
12th Field Ambulance.		2.
H.Q., 4th M.G. Bn.	2.	

No. 1 Lorry. Will report to 12th A.I. Bde Pierrots, SIVRY at 0800, 13/12/18, and convey them to WAULSORT, then reporting to H.Qrs. 4th A.I. Bde. SAINS.

No. 2 Lorry. 13th inst. will convey one load for 45th Bn. to WAULSORT.  
14th inst. will convey 12th A.I. Bde. Canteen and 12th A.L.T.M.B. surplus gear to WAULSORT.



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TRANSPORT. Continued,  
No. 3 Lorry. 13th inst. will convey one load 46th Bn. gear to WAULSORT.  
14th inst. will convey one load 48th Bn. gear to WAULSORT.

Lorries will report at 0800 on days referred to above. 46th Bn. and 48th Bn. will dump one load of surplus gear till the 14th inst. under a Guard of 1 N.C.O. & 2 men, location of dump to be advised to this Office. Units will arrange to ration personnel proceeding with surplus gear.

LEAVE. On the 12th inst. all leave personnel up to the 21st inst will proceed under Unit arrangements to CATILLON under Senior Officer proceeding, and report to Corps Reinforcement Camp. 48 hours rations to be carried.

REINFORCEMENTS, will be held at Corps Reinforcement Camp till move is completed, and then proceed to 4th Div. Reinforcement Wing FLORENNES. 4th Div. Reinf. Wing will move to FLORENNES on 17th inst.

RAILHEAD. Will be at BEAUMONT on 15th inst.

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SOCKS. Clean change may be obtained at SIVRY and FLORENNES during the move, on application to Town Major.

AUST. COMFORTS FUND. 59 Rue de la Gare, DINANT.

*AD GWR 25/11*  
Staff Captain  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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MARCH TABLE

to accompany 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 243 of 11/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 13th.	4th M.G. Battalion.	Fork Road on extreme East of FELLERIES, - 5.A.47.78.	0915.	CLAIRFAYTS.	SIVRY.	Not to enter SIVRY before 1115.
2.		48th Battalion.	Fork Road, 5.L.75.55.	0900.	FELLERIES - CLAIRFAYTS.	SIVRY.	do.
3.		12th Field Ambulance.	do.	0915.	"	"	
4.		12th Field Coy. Eng.	do.	0924.	"	"	arrived 1-30 pm
5.		45th Battalion.	do.	0929.	"	"	
6.		Bde. H. Q. & Sig. Sect.	do.	0945.	"	"	
7.		12th A.L.T.M.B.	do.	0947.	"	"	
8.		46th Battalion.	do.	0949.	"	"	
9.		26th Coy. AASC.	do.	1004.	"	"	

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 243.

Ref:- VALENCIENNES. } 1 : 100000.  
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Headquarters,  
11/12/18.

1. The 12th A.I.Bde. Group will move to the SIVRY area on 13th inst. in accordance with table overleaf. The Brigade Group will continue the move to the WAULSORT area on 14th, 15th, and 16th insts. March tables will be issued later.
2. Movement throughout the whole march will be in accordance with G.R.O. 5588 with the exception that 50 yard gaps will not be left between sections of 12 vehicles of Horse Transport.
3. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
4. Brigade Headquarters will close at AVESNES at 0900, 13/12/18 and reopen at SIVRY at the same hour.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. W. H. W. H.*

Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Copy No. 1.	45th Bn.	10.	12th Field Amb.
2.	46th Bn.	11.	26th A.A.S.C.
3.	48th Bn.	12.	4th Aust. Division.
4.	12th A.L.T.M.B.	13.	13th A.I.Bde.
5.	G.O.C.	14.	4th A.I.Bde.
6.	Staff Captain.	15.	Area Commandant, AVESNES.
7.	Sig. Officer.	16.	File.
8.	4th M.G. Bn.	17-19.	War Diary.
9.	12th Field Coy. Eng.	20-25.	Spare.



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MARCH TABLE

to accompany 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 244 of 13/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 14th.	46th Battalion.	Shrine at 4.c.25.03.	0900.	SIVRY Sta. RENILIES - VERGNIES -	SILENRIEUX.	Midday halt
2.	"	12th Field Amb.	"	0914.	ERPION.	"	will be made
3.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	0921.	"	"	from 1150 <i>arrives 3 pm</i>
4.	"	12th Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Section.	"	0927.	"	"	to 1300.
5.	"	12th A.L.T.M.B.	"	0930.	"	"	
6.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	0932.	"	"	
7.	"	48th Battalion.	"	0936.	"	"	
8.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	"	1001.	"	BOUSSU lez	
9.	"	45th Battalion.	"	1017.	"	WALCOURT,	

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Headquarters,  
18/12/1918.

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1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by March route to BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX, tomorrow, in accordance with March Table overleaf.
2. Brigade Headquarters will close at SIVRY at 0900, and open at SILENRIEUX at same hour.

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Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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to accompany 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 245 of 14/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 15th.	46th Battalion.	Road & Rlwy Crossing, 4.F.00.72.	0915.	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE - St.AUBIN.	FLORENNES.	Midday halt will be made from 1230 to 1400.
2.	"	Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Section.	"	0931	"	"	"
3.	"	12th A.L.T.M.B.	"	0935	"	"	"
4.	"	12th Field Ambulance.	"	0940	"	"	"
5.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	0949	"	"	"
6.	"	48th Battalion.	"	1005	"	"	"
7.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	1022.	"	"	3.30 pm
8.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	X Roads, 4.E.66.74.	1010	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE.	ST.AUBIN.	do.
9.	"	45th Battalion.	"	1031	"	"	"

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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 245.

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Headquarters,  
14/12/18.

Ref. NAMUR. 1 : 100000  
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1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by march route to FLORENNES area tomorrow, 15th inst. in accordance with March Table overleaf.

2. Brigade Headquarters will close at SILENRIEUX at 0900 and reopen at FLORENNES on arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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TO ACCOMPANY 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 24<sup>e</sup> of 15/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit,	Starting point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks
1.	Deor. 16th.	45th Battalion.	Road Jctn. 3.H.29.01.	0815.	ROSEE - ANTHEE, HASTIERE LAVAJX.	HASTIERE LAVAUZ.	Midday halt, 1150
2.	"	Bde. H. Q. & Sig. Section.	"	0833.	"	WAULSORT,	tc 1300
3.	"	12th A.L.T.M.B.	"	0836.	"	Chateau, 4.K.26.72.	
4.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	0841.	"	HASTIERE LAVAUZ.	
5.	"	48th Battalion.	"	0900.	"	WAULSORT.	
6.	"	12th Field Ambulance.	"	0917.	"	"	
7.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	0926.	"	HASTIERE par DELA.	<i>arrived 2.30 pm</i>
8.	"	46th Battalion.	"	0937.	ROSEE - GOCHENNE.	AGIMONT.	Midday halt 1250 to 1400
9.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	"	1004.	ROSEE - SERVILLE.	WEILLEN.	Midday halt 1150 to 1300

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12th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 247

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Headquarters,  
15/12/18.

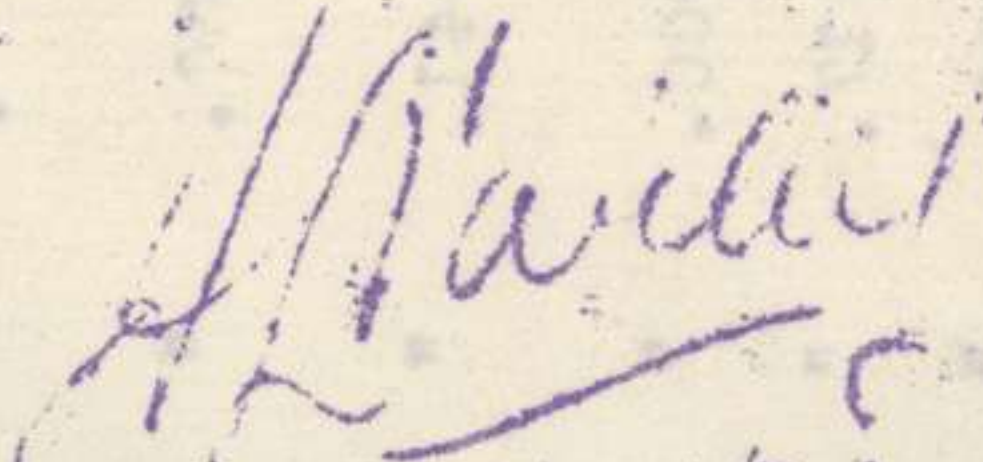
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1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by March Route to the WAULSORT Sub-Area tomorrow, 16/12/18, in accordance with March Table Overleaf.

2. Brigade Headquarters will close at FLORENNES at 0900, and re-open at WAULSORT on arrival.

3. On leaving main DINANT road, the 4th M.G. Bn. will come under their own orders for remainder of move to ANSEREMME, staging at WEILLEN area night of 16/17th insts.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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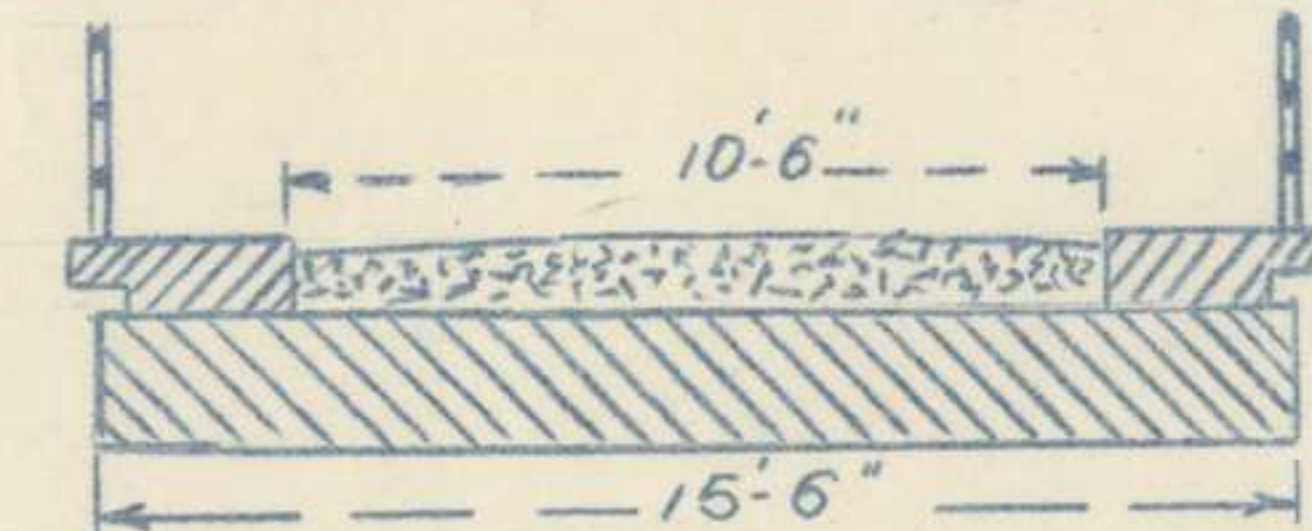
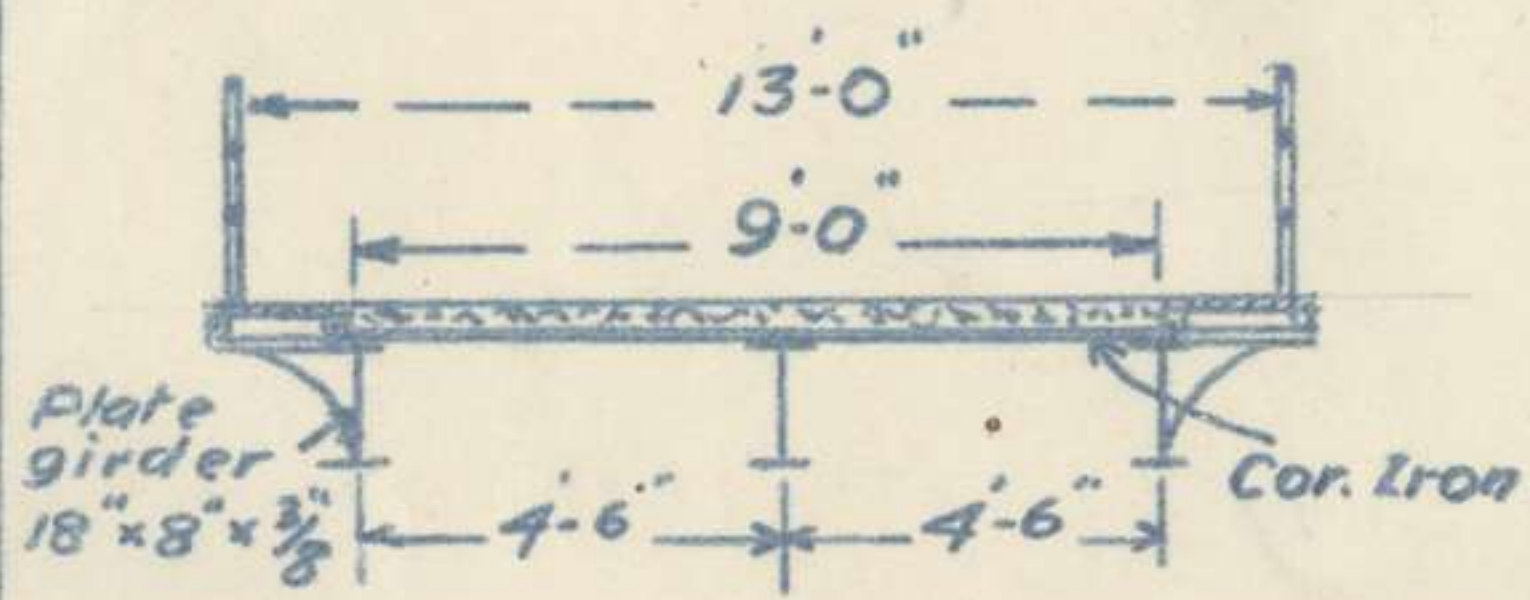
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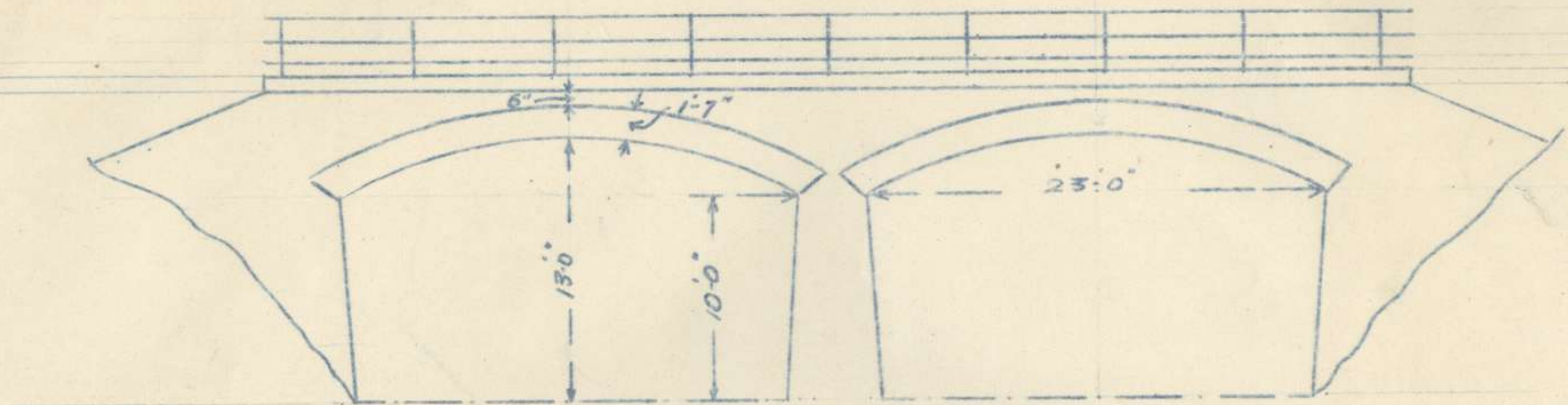
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1	4.J.79.40	 <p style="text-align: center;">For ELEV. SEE SEPARATE SHEET</p>	Double Span Mason ARCH (Limestone) Over stream	50'-0"	23'-0"	10'-6"	15'-0"	"A" class	In good repair
3	5.J.82.99		single span over railway. 3 plate girders. no cross beams. Decking of heavy corrugated iron running laterally with metal over.	26'-8"	29'-0"	9'-0"	-	"E" class 1.75 ton axle	in good condition.

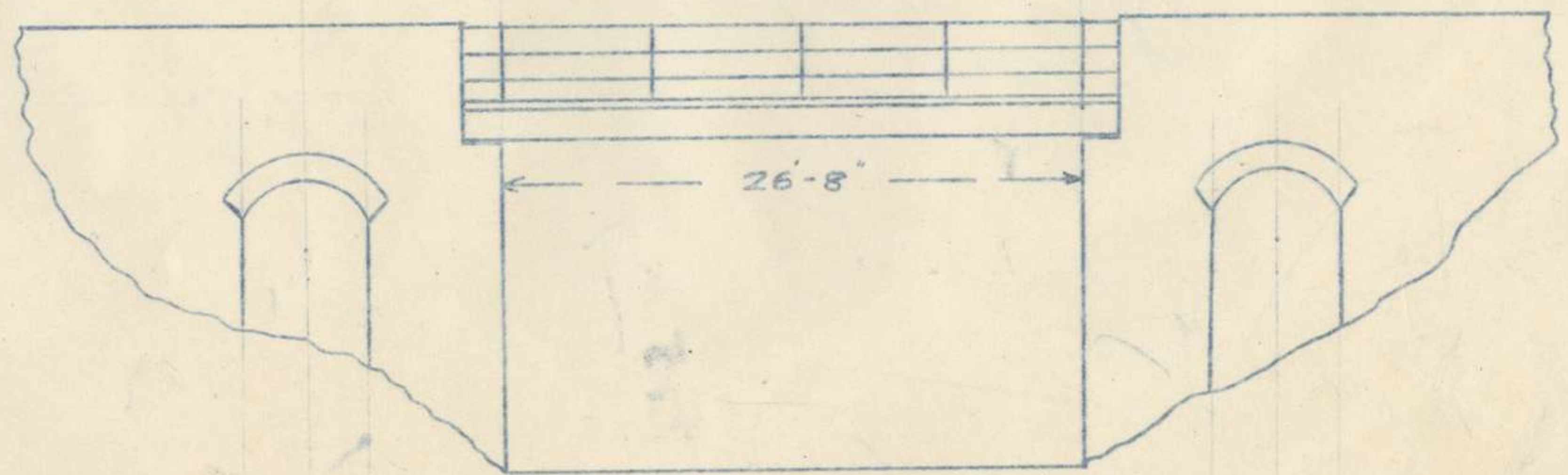


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BRIDGE at 5.J.82.99 N°3



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2	4.J.90.11.	<p style="text-align: center;">CROSS SECTION</p>	<p>Uncompleted military pile bridge across R. MEUSE.</p> <p>Round piles 8" dia.</p> <p>Caps 9" x 9"</p> <p>Road bearers 9" x 6"</p> <p>Soft pine.</p> <p>Deck very roughly laid of scrap timber, in places 8" x 2", in other places double thickness 6" x 1". Bays 12'0" span.</p>	-	-	9'-0"	5'-0"	-	<p>A gap of 70ft. has been left close to left bank of river, probably intended to be bridged by pontoons.</p> <p>Approach from left bank is difficult.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Length decked 350'</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" undecked 50'</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" unbridged 70'</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Total <u>470'</u></p>



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4	5-J.62.93	<p style="text-align: center;">CROSS SECTION</p>	<p>Bridge over railway. 3 longitudinal Hogback plate girders. 28'-0" clear span. Cross girders as ties and whole filled in with brick arches.</p>	27'-0"	28'-0"	9'-6"	—	B class 13 ton axle	In good repair	
		<p style="text-align: center;">Road Level</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Masonry Abutment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brick Arches Cross beams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Hogback plate girders</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27'-0"</p>								

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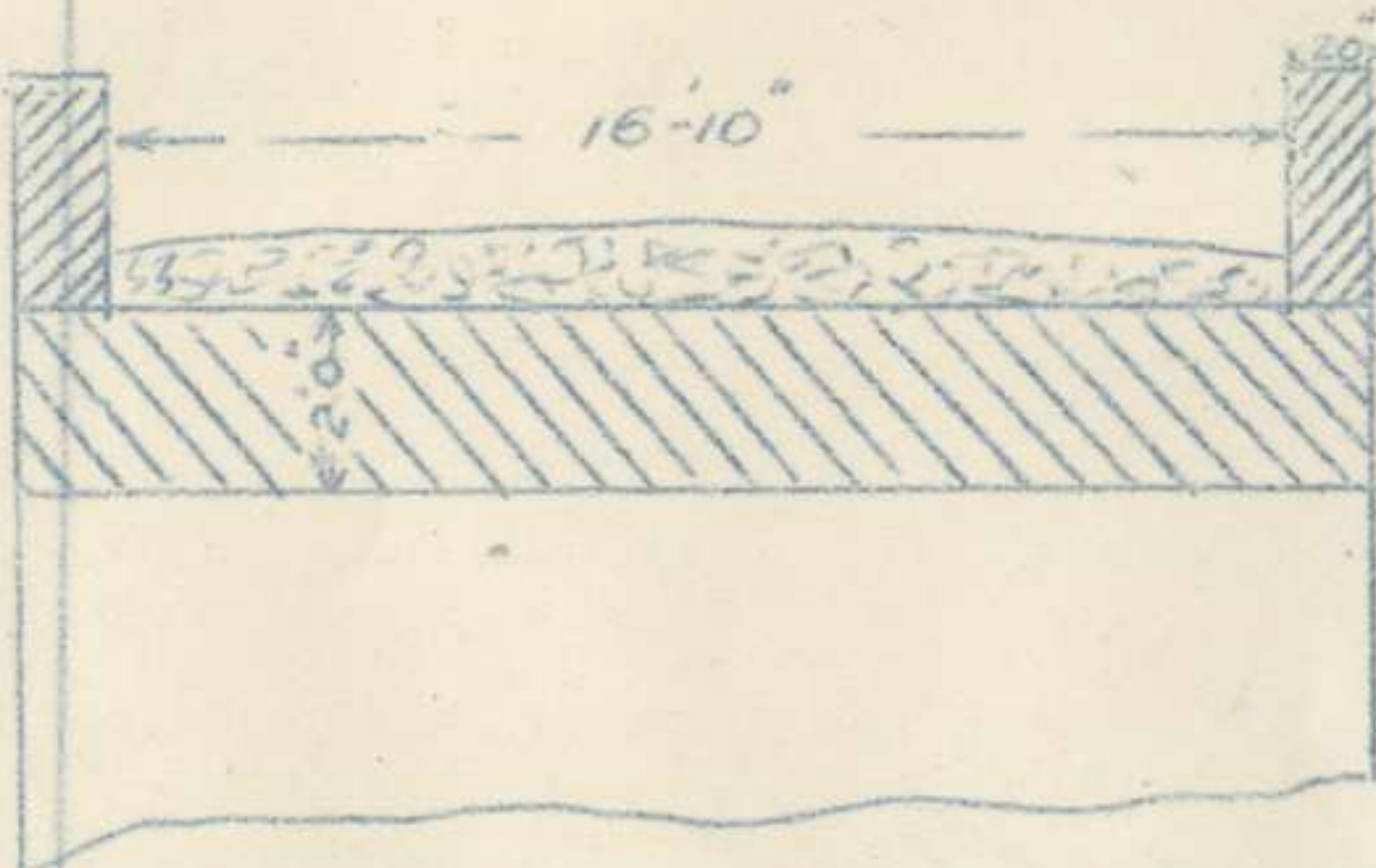
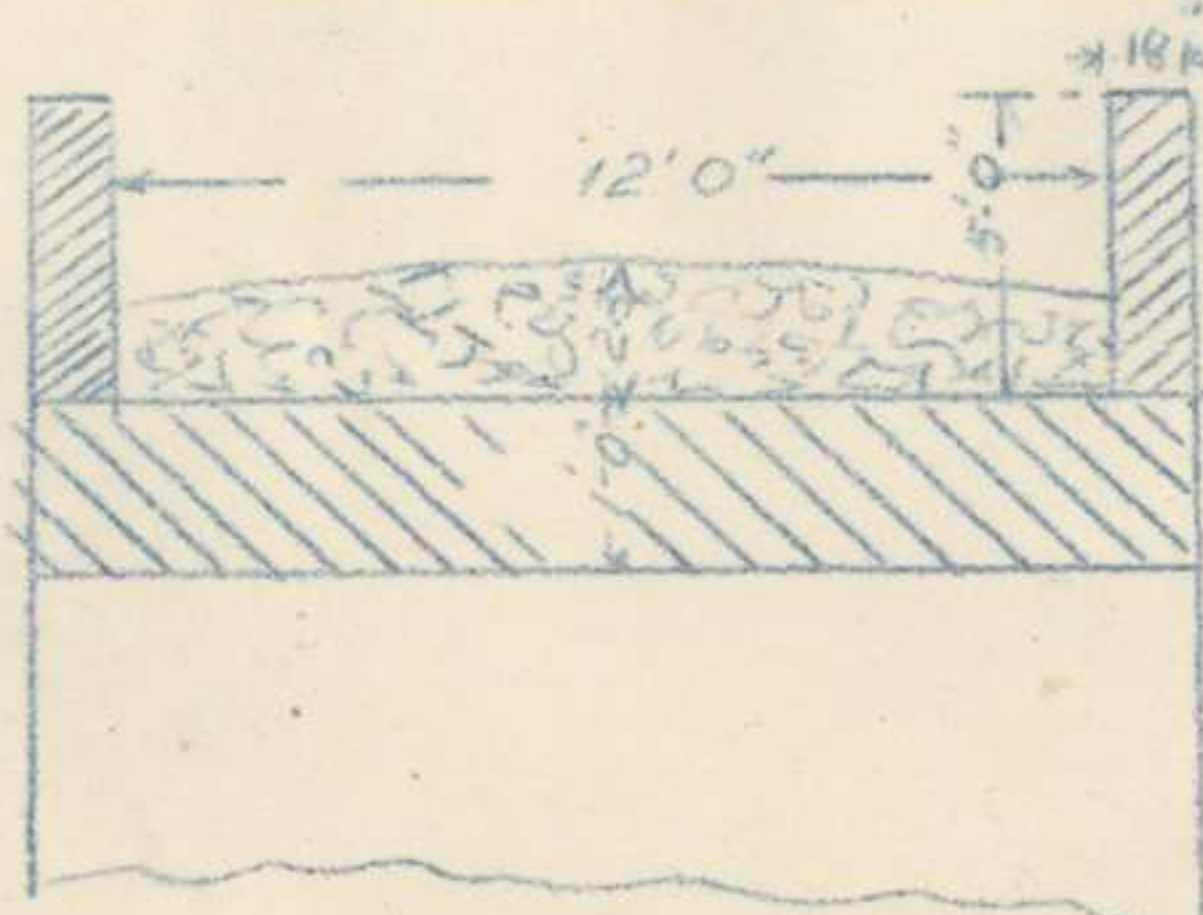
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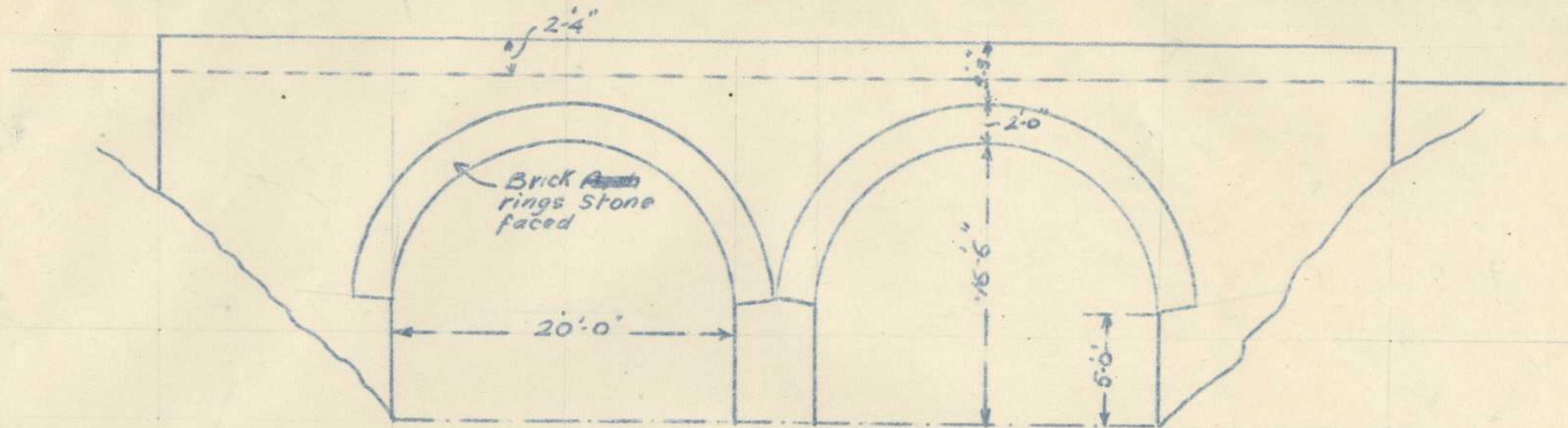
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5.	4.I.97-31		Double span brick arches. 2'-0" arch ring.	44'-0"	20'-0"	16'-10"	14'-6"	"A-A" class	In good repair
6	4.I.90-22		Double span rough coarsed masonry arches	40'-0"	17'-0"	12'-0"	17'-6"	"A" class	good repair



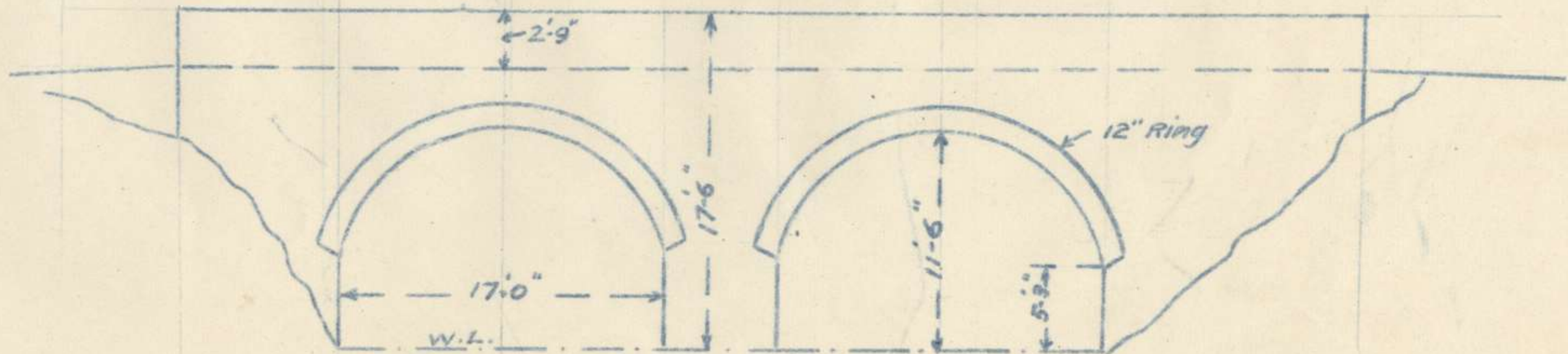
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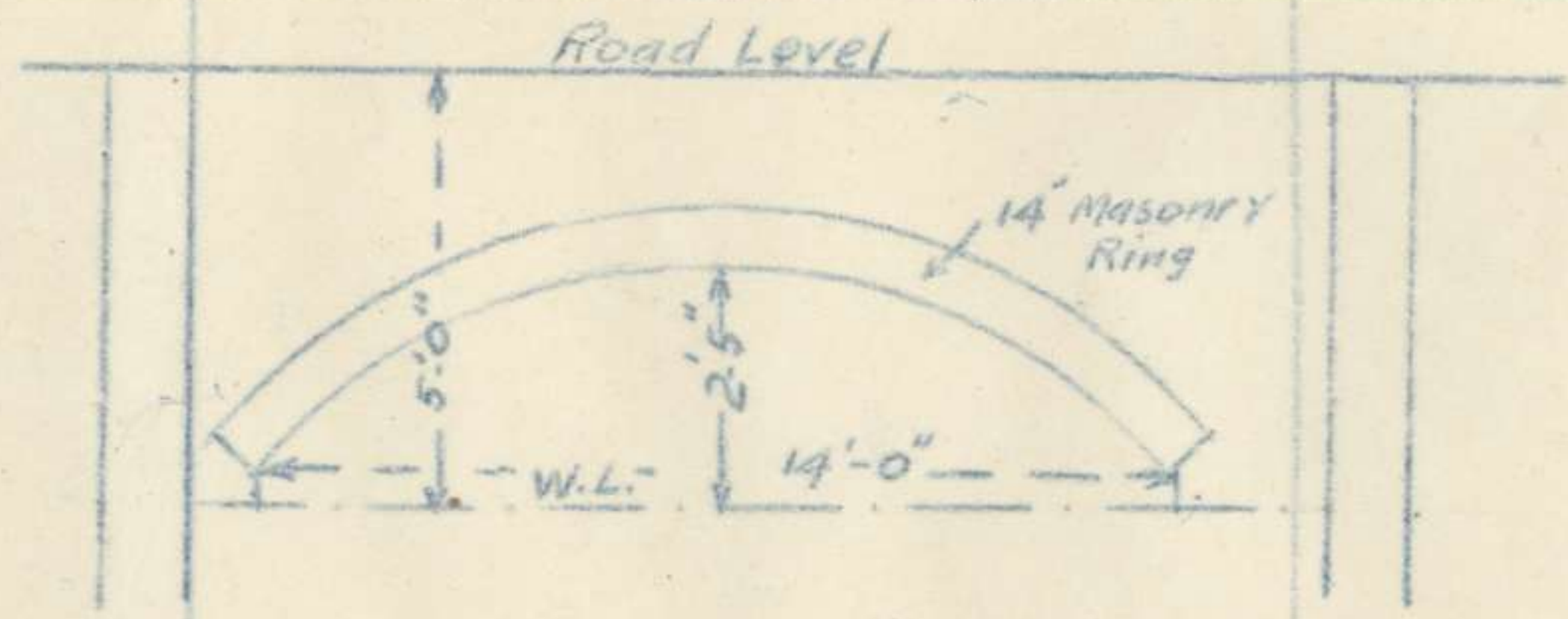
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7	4 J. 87. 61		Masonry Arch (Limestone)	14'-0"	14'-0"	27'-0"	5'-0"	"A" class 17 ton Axle	In good repair



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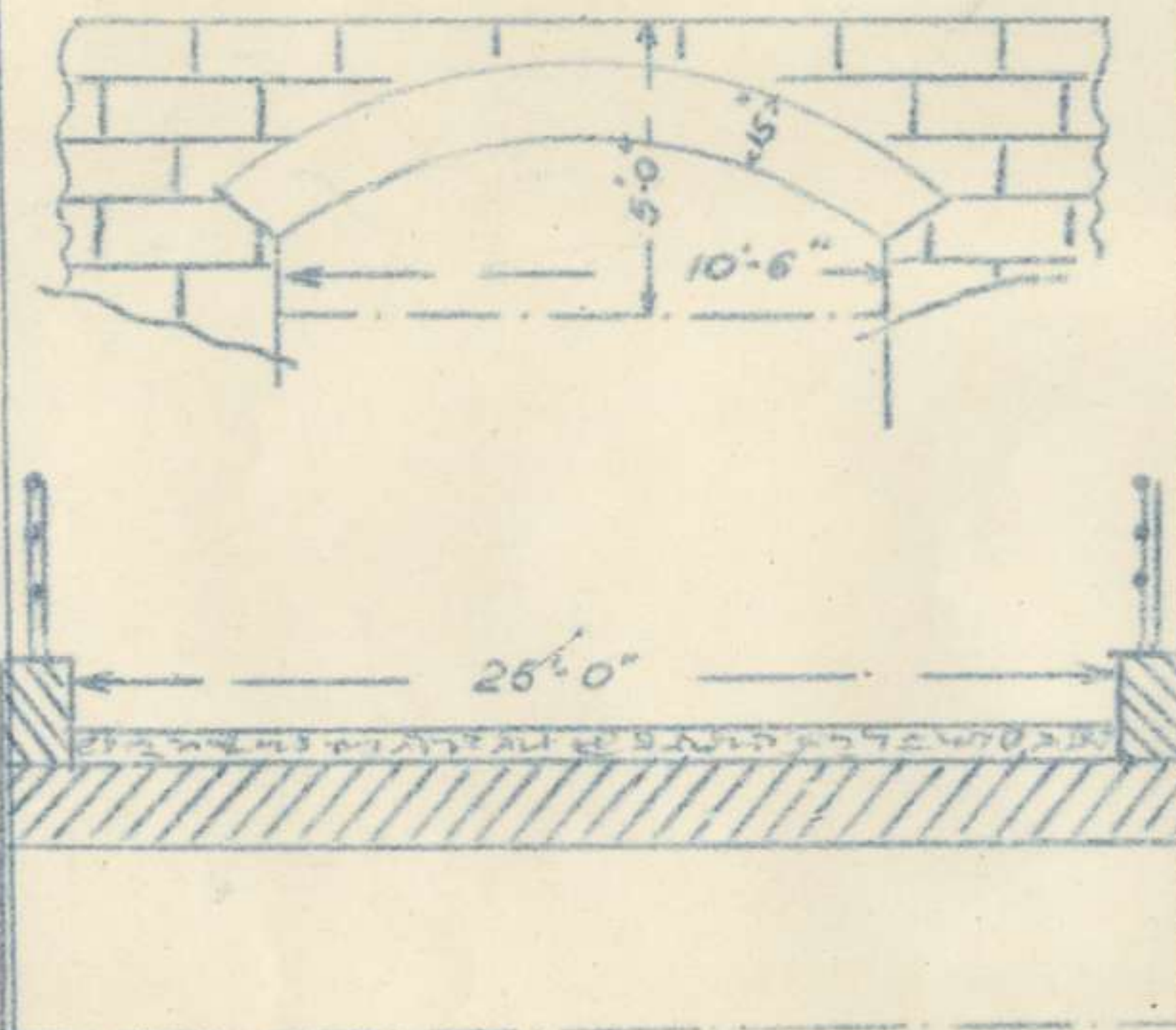


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8	4.J.86-68		Masonry Arch Culvert	10'-6"	10'-6"	25'-0"	5'-0"	"A" Class 17 ton axle	In good repair



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9	4-J.76.69		Masonry Arch (Limestone)	6'-0"	6'-0"	10'-0"	5'-0"	"B" class	In repair Foundations appear Soft Bridge leads from 1 <sup>st</sup> class road to 3 <sup>rd</sup> class only.

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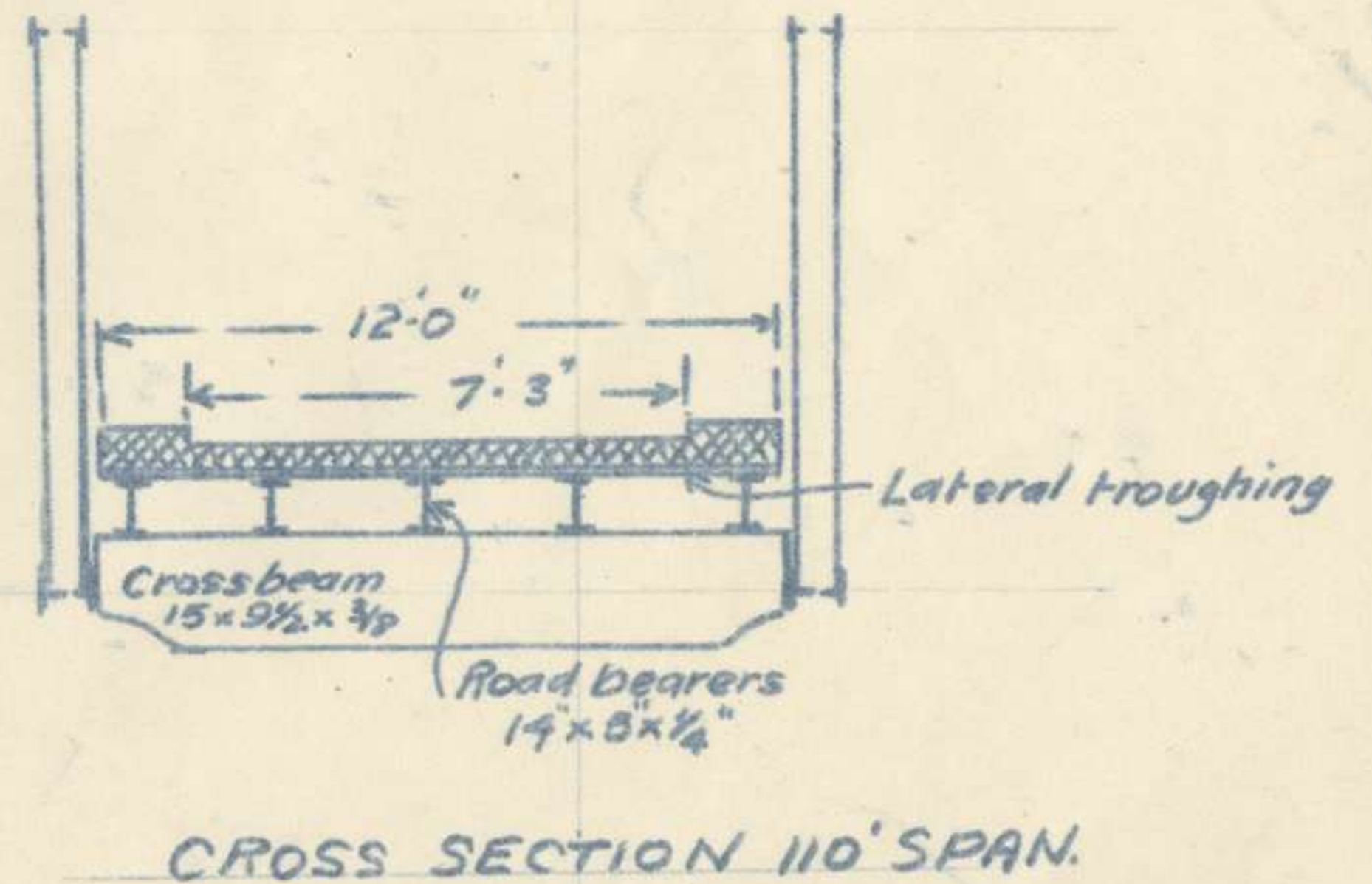
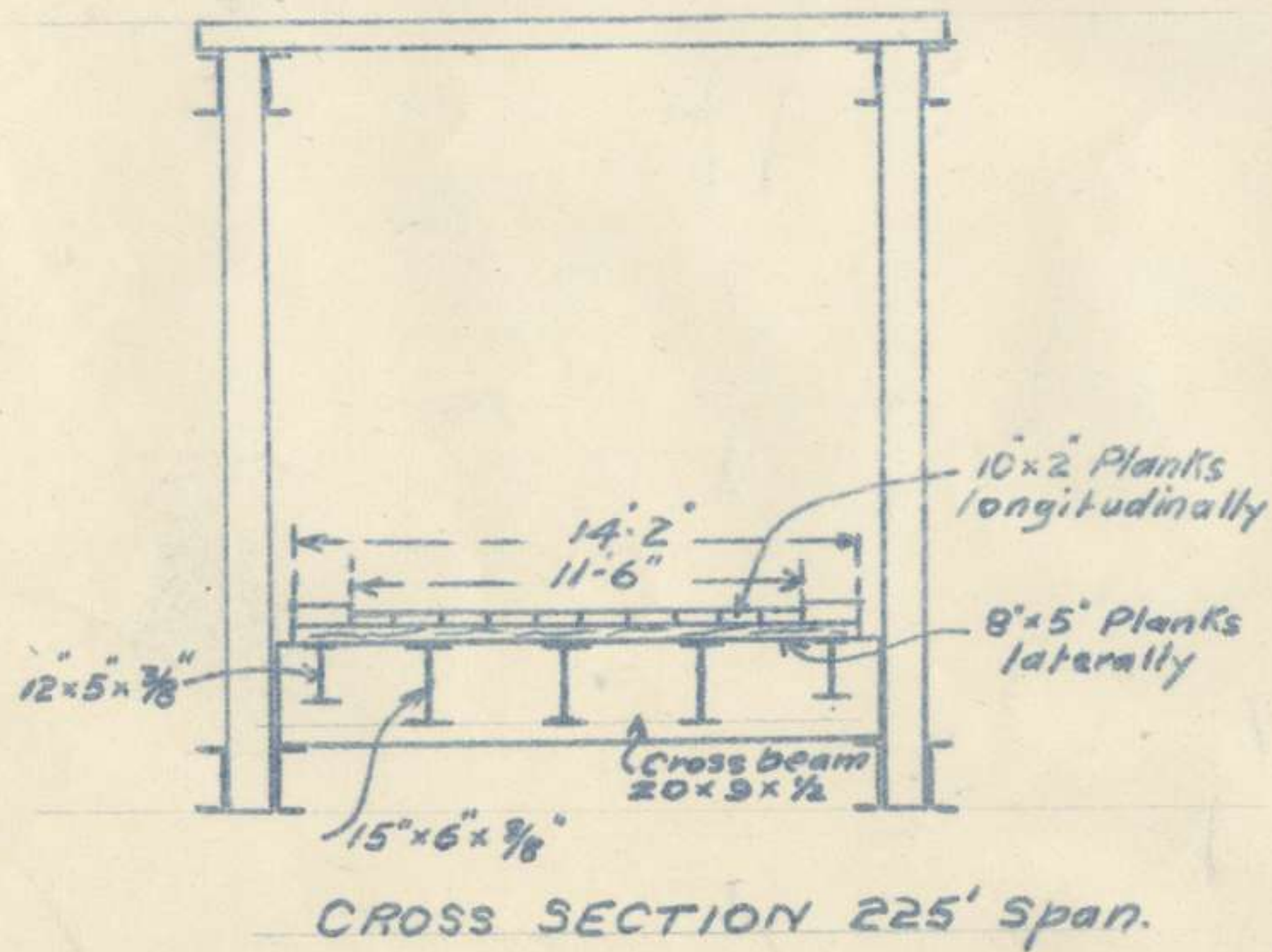
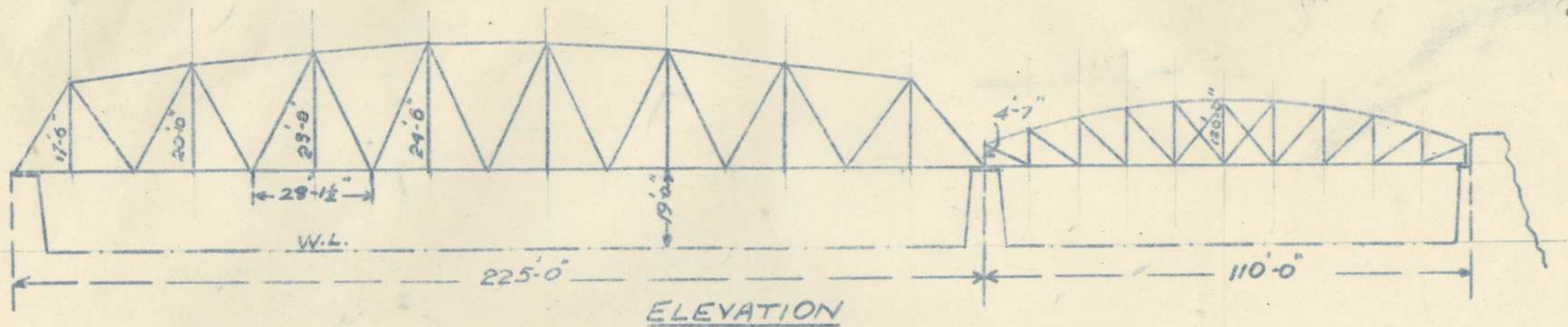
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10	4.J.90-60		<p>Steel Bowstring girders. Smaller span of old date Larger span of recent date replacing two demolished spans of original bridge All field joints of larger bridge are bolted and not rivetted. Large span 225'-0"</p>	330'-0"	225'-0"	7'-3"	19'-0"	"B" class 13ton axle	In good repair but unpainted.



BRIDGE AT 4.J.90.60 N°10

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BRIDGE No.	LOCATION	MAIN DIMENSIONS AND SKETCH OF SECTION	CONSTRUCTIONAL PARTICULARS	Length between Abutments	Maximum Span.	Road Width	HEIGHT OF ROAD over WATER LEVEL	Safe Load.	PRESENT CONDITION
11.	4-J.95.19.		Heavy well built masonry arch, single span. Stone Limestone	25'-0"	25'-0"	21'-0"	20'-0"	"A" class	In good repair
12	4-J.96.12		Masonry Arch single span	7'-0"	7'-0"	36'-0"	22'-0"	"A.A" class	In good repair

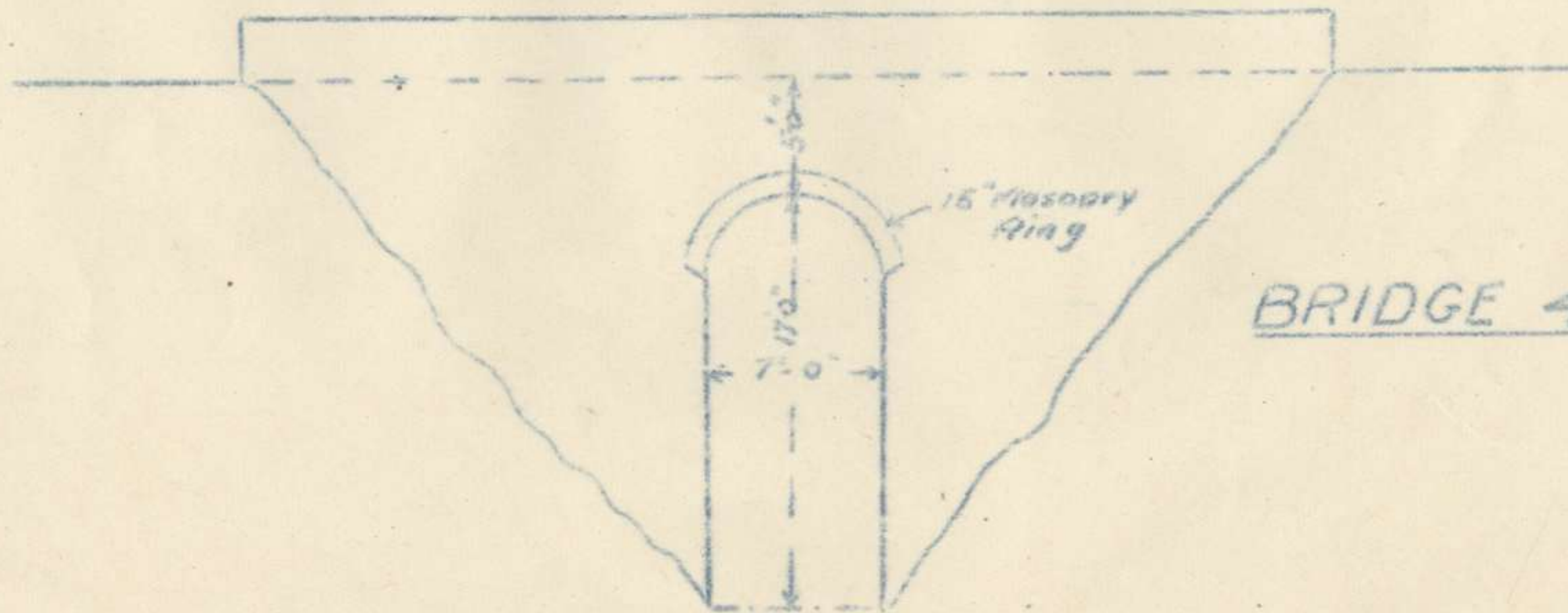
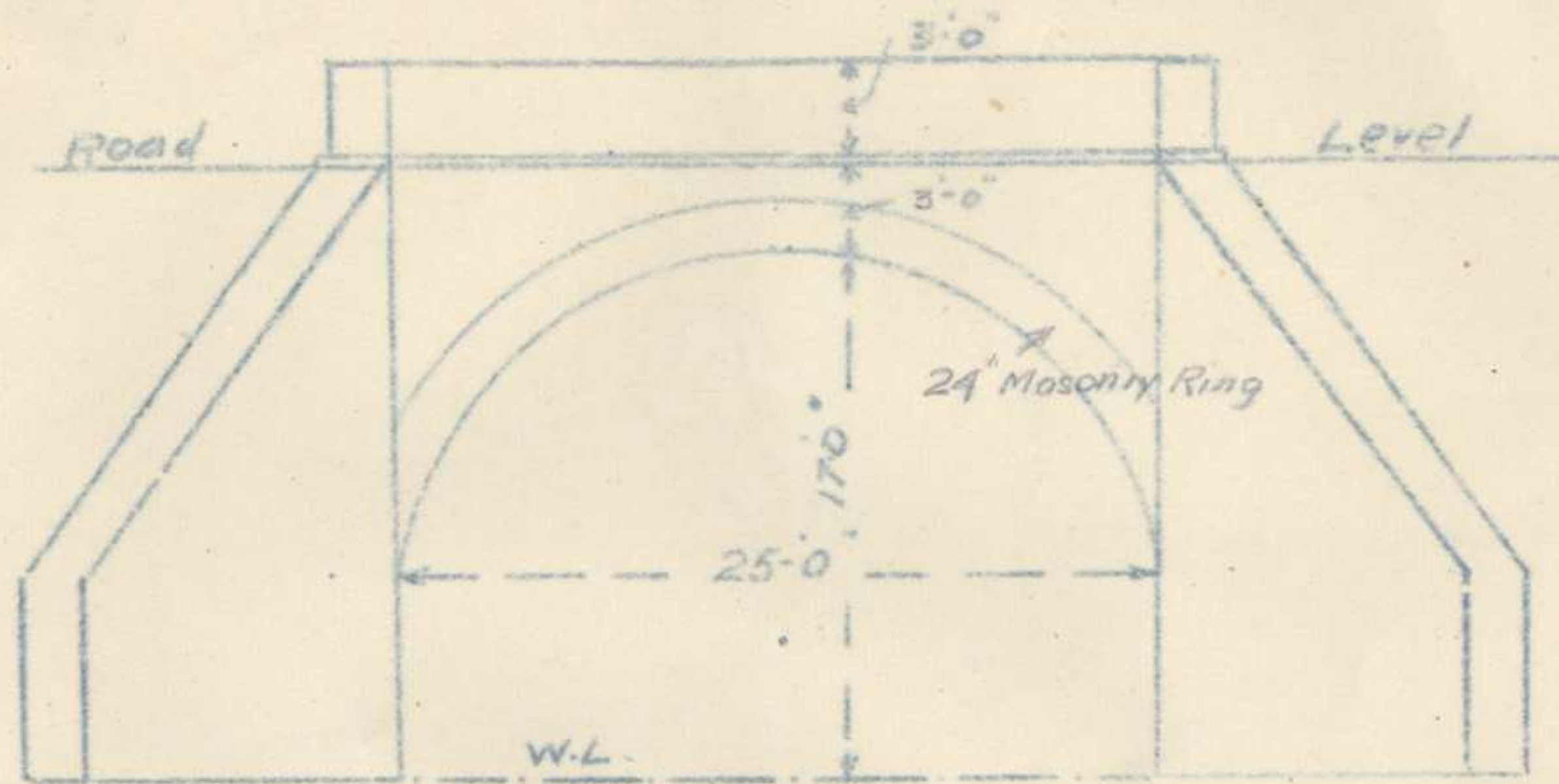
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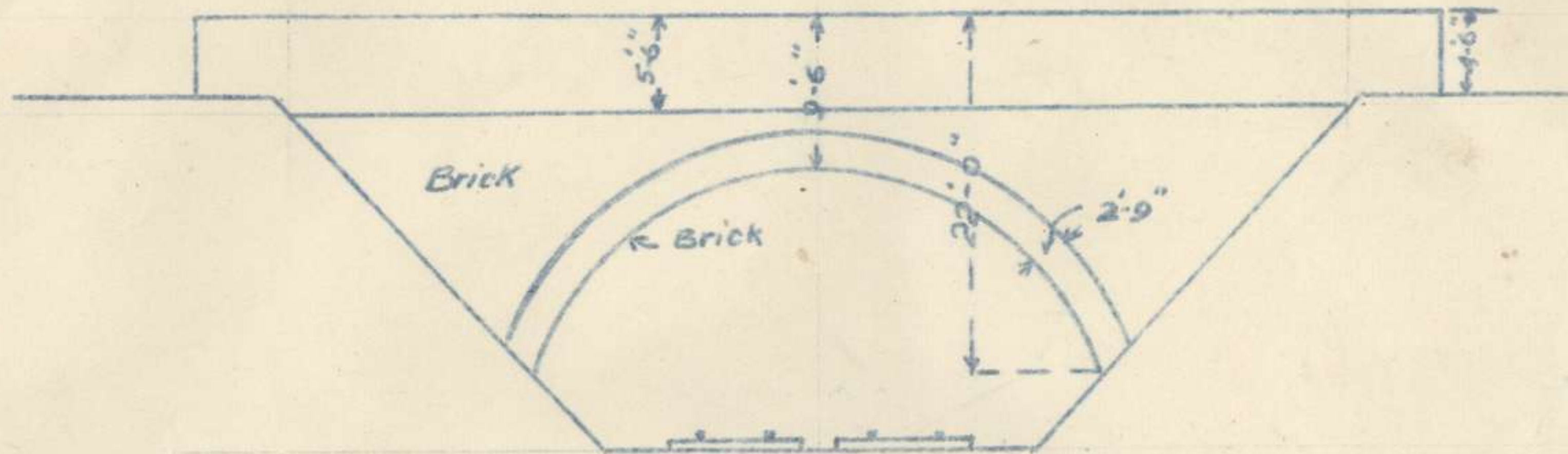
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13.	4.L.13.63.	<p style="text-align: center;">Springing Line</p>	Brick Arch single span Masonry Abut- ments. Road over Railway.	35'-0"	35'-0"	13'-6"	—	"AA" class Tanks	In good repair
14	4.K.92.74	<p>Plate girder 36" x 12" x 3/8"</p> <p>Cor. Iron.</p> <p>Cross beam 12" x 9" x 1/4"</p>	Double span steel girder bridge. Arched masonry app- roaches. Two steel girders Steel crossbeams 5'-6" Centre to centre. Floor Stout corrugated iron longitudin- ally with 6" metal over.	92'-0"	44'-0"	8'-6"	10'-0"	"E" class 1.8 ton axle	In good repair

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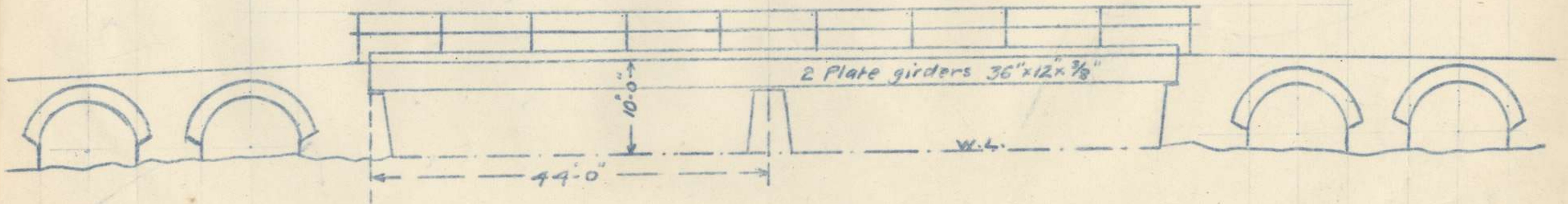
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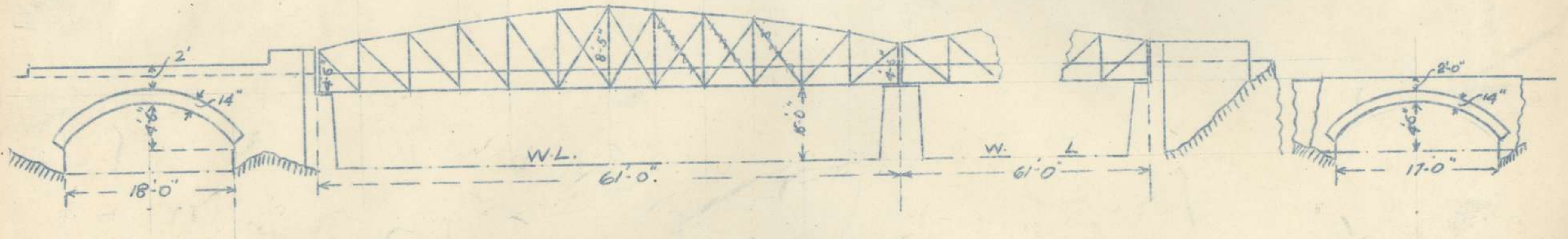
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15	4.K 84.73	<p style="text-align: center;">Cross Beam 16" x 5" x 1/4"</p>	<p>Steel Bowstring girder. Cross-beams every panel 16" x 5" x 1/4". Panel length 4'-9 1/2". Decking of steel troughing longitudinally with metal over.</p>	126'-0"	61'-0"	9'-0"	16'-0"	"A" class 17 ton axle.	In good repair

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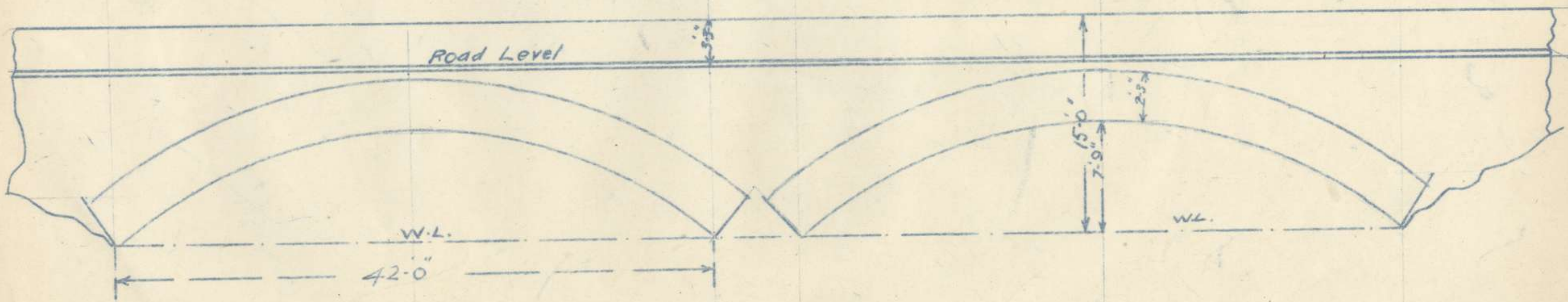


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BRIDGE at 4.K.90.87 N°16



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16	4-K.90.87		Masonry Arch two spans.	84'-0"	40'-0"	25'-3"	12'-0"	"AA" class Tanks	In good repair

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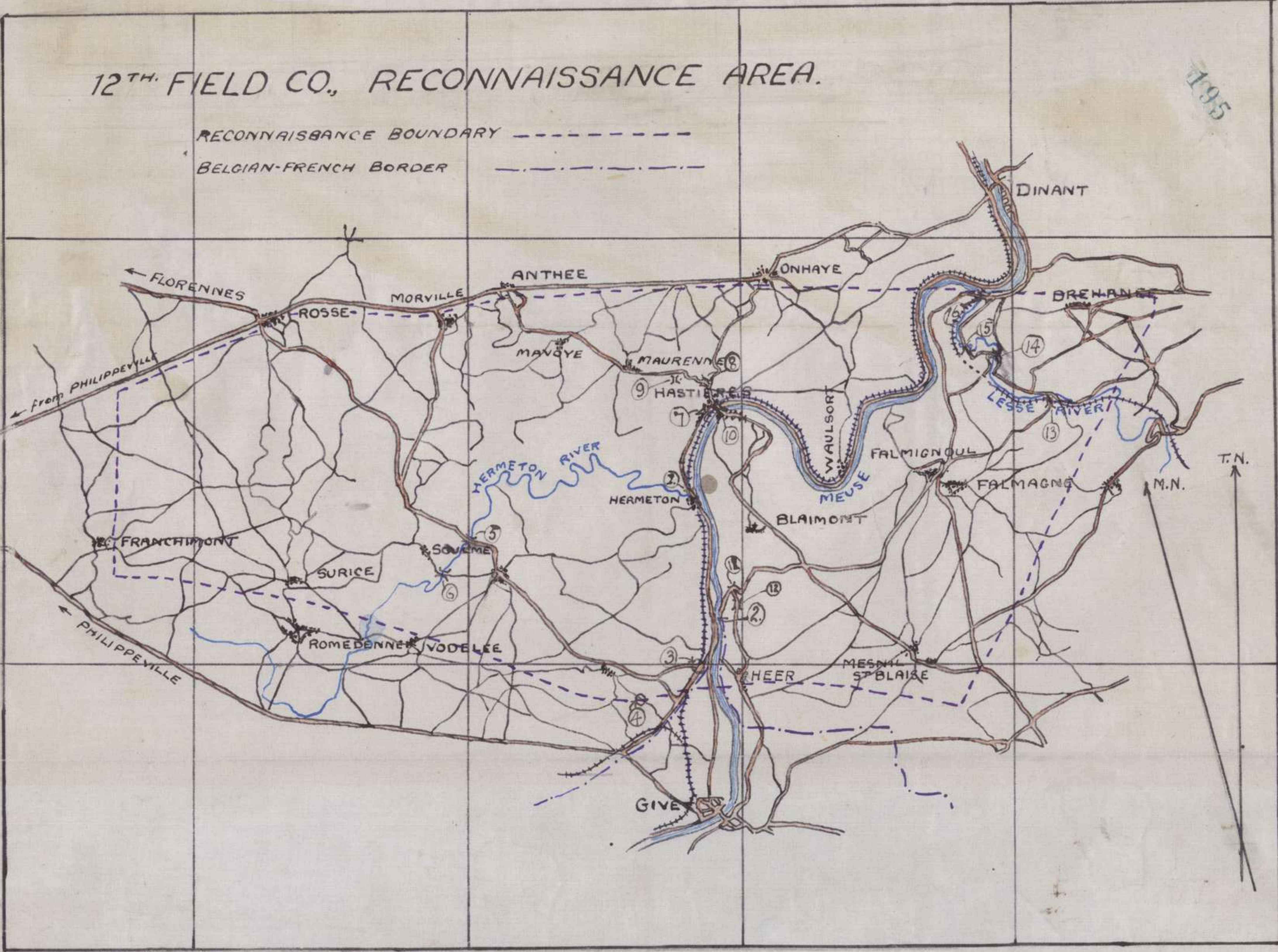


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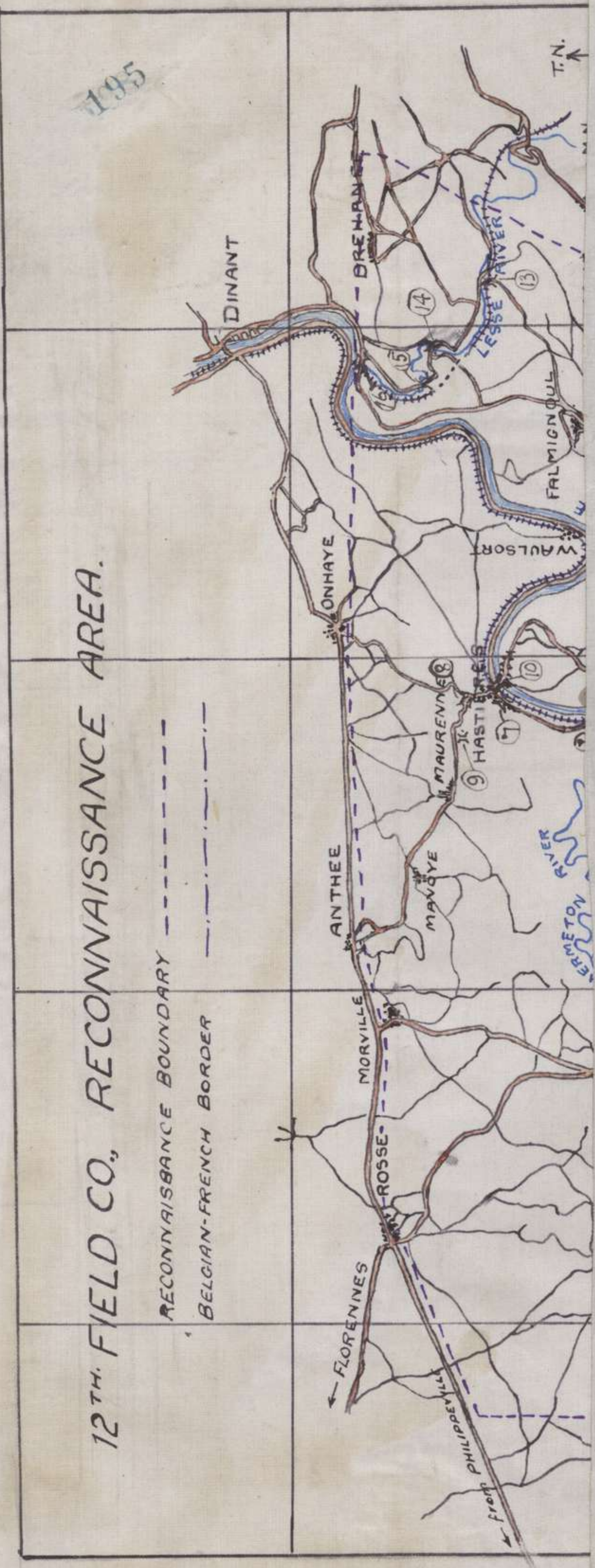
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Photographs taken during the  
 first Route march of 12th Field Coy  
 Australian Engineers 24-3-16 to 27-3-16

When the Company was being formed and was about one third total strength the Division moved to Serapunt. The 12th Coy Engrs travelled by the Fresh Water Canal, constructing Rafts to carry the Coy's gear, one Barrel Pie's Raft, one Kerosene Tin Raft, & one made of Canvas Horse Troughs. The whole of the Coy's gear including two E.P. Tents, Q.M. Store, Rations for the whole journey, and all cooking & other equipment, excepting Blankets which were carried by Camel Train. The Sappers towed them to Ismailia where they were taken through the Bitter Lakes by Jug.

No 1. Shows rafts between Mousha & Ismailia and opposite the site of the buried city. The Earth mounds in the background being deposited by thousands of donkeys carrying panniers of earth from excavations. Barrel Raft in front Kerosene tin Raft in centre.

No 2 Shows camels being loaded with Blankets, second morning out.

No 3 Shows rafts passing Neat Show and Sappers slackening off tow ropes to prevent chafing.

No 4 Camel Train carrying Blankets with similar party belonging to another unit.

A fifth photo showing closer view of Horse trough Raft with two Sappers (Sapper Sumner & Sapper Thompson G.W.) who are drying clothes after rescuing drowning man (sapper Candy) this photo has not come to hand but will be forwarded later.

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These photographs were not in diary when arranged for binding

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# CHART OF 12<sup>TH</sup> FIELD COY AUST<sup>N</sup> ENGRS.

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COMPANY STRENGTH ■ DETACHED DUTIES ■  
 EFFECTIVE STRENGTH ■ LEAVE ■  
 WORKING STRENGTH ■ SICK ■  
 CAMP DUTIES ■ CASUALTIES ■

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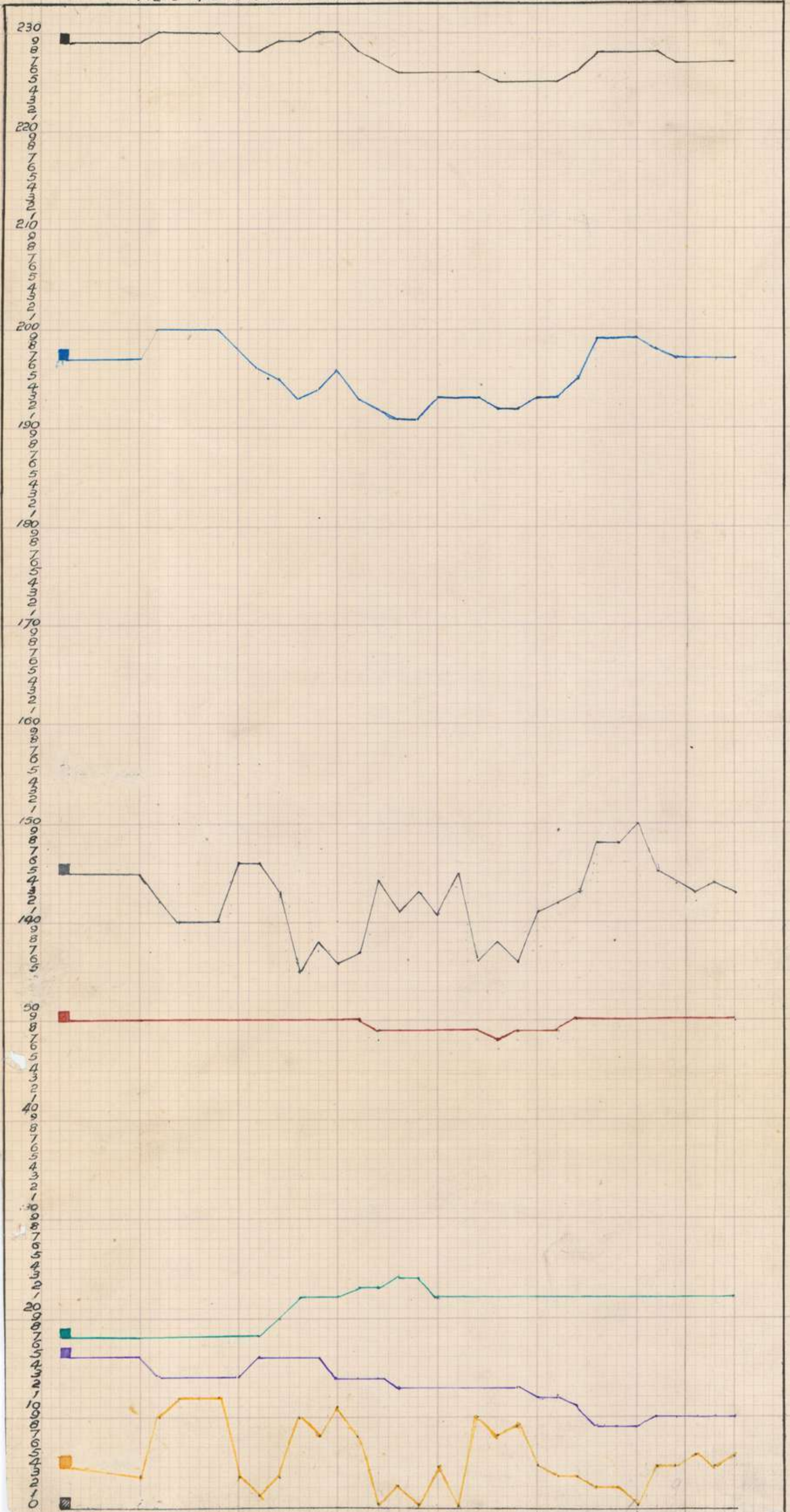
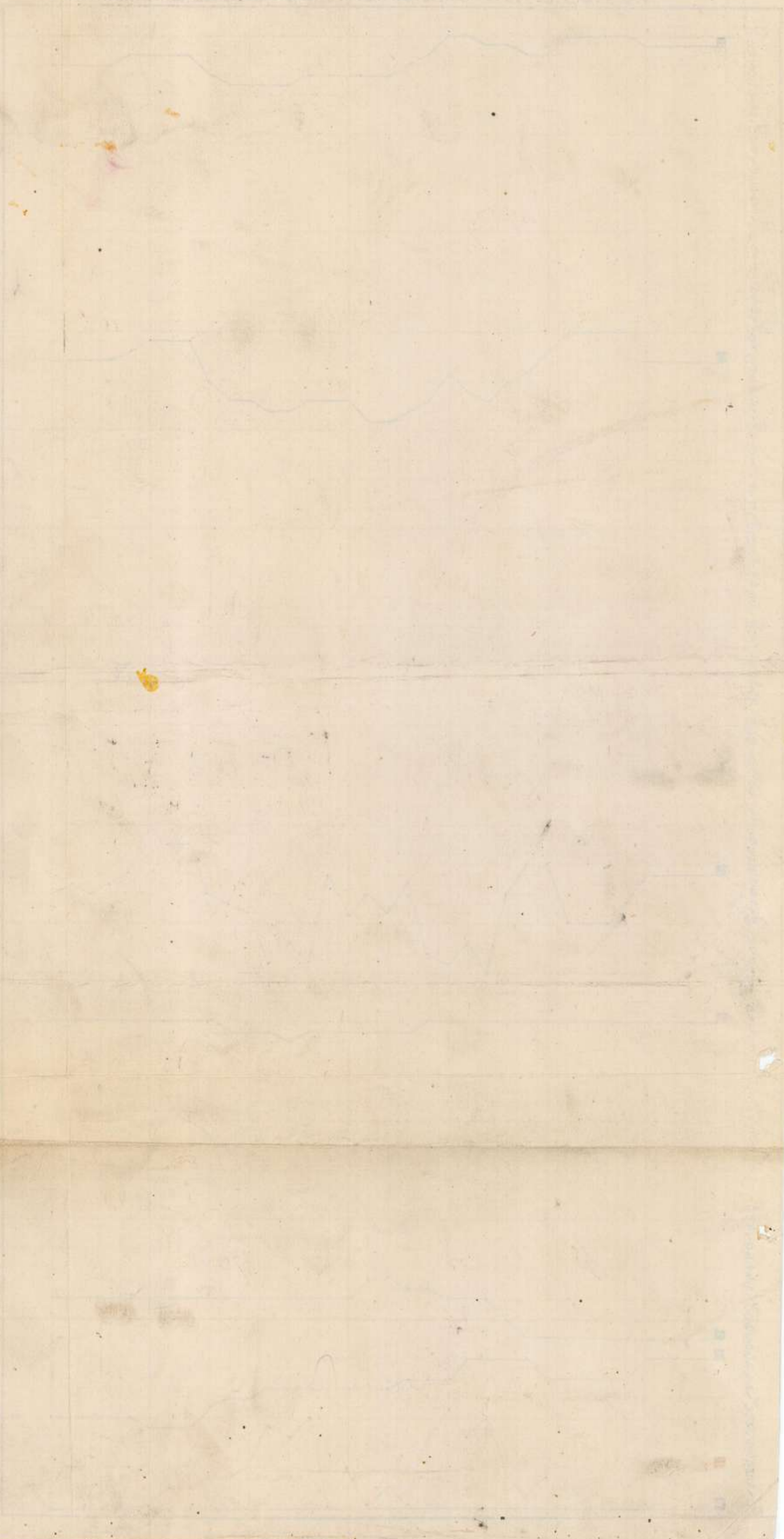




CHART OF 15<sup>th</sup> FIELD COY AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

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| ■ | WORKING STRENGTH | ■ | CONTRACTORS |
| ■ | LEAVE            | ■ | DISCHARGED  |

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Inventory of Material contained in  
Trains standing in Hasker's  
Station Yard.

| <u>Truck No</u> | <u>Weathered Rolls</u> | <u>Truck No</u>                                  | <u>Bales Bedding</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 3305            | 400                    | 113126   | 50                   |
| 13843           | 500                    | 8610   | 50                   |
| 15696           | 400                    | 228587   | 20                   |
| 37690           | 400                    | 301103   | 20                   |
| 10601           | 500                    | 41496  | 150                  |
| 11685           | 500                    | 83088  | 150                  |
| 11058           | 500                    |  | <u>440 Approx</u>    |
| 37211           | 20                     | A portion of this has already been carried away. |                      |
| 12155           | 500                    |  |                      |
| 247526          | 1200                   |  |                      |
| 8649            | 500                    |  |                      |
| 71366           | 600                    |  |                      |
| 42689           | 400                    |  |                      |
| 14970           | 300                    |  |                      |
| 11316           | 400                    |  |                      |
| 15606           | 100                    |  |                      |
| 11555           | 100                    |  |                      |
| 39111           | 100                    |  |                      |
|                 | <u>7420 Approx</u>     |  |                      |

Truck No Glycerine  
& Graphite  
mixed labelled  
fusglycerine  
11195 25 drums  
(2500 gals approx.)

| <u>Truck No</u> | <u>Cement in Casks</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 34800           | 153                    |
| 32596           | 154                    |
| 5326            | 130                    |
|                 | <u>437 approx</u>      |

The following Trucks contain 21cm shells and charges.

- 10753, 13223, 116411, 18806, 13381, 19782, 11454, 249489,  
10216, 14671, 9492, 9664, 249720, 14942, 60007, 254724  
17364, 165072, 8560, 23752, 18496, 6310, 15752, 9745,  
7007, 216361, 14466, 34244, 258132, 22046, 31725, 215236  
10912, 19345 Total 34 Truckloads.

The following Trucks contain 15cm shells and charges.

- 18671, 16090, 246848, 11860, 17345, 10583, 36558, 18515  
18420, 31995, 36831, 211952, 7008, 16814, 12802, 8930,  
13048, 13216, 16613, 17997, 19067, 32310, 32455, 6280,  
5871, 60035, 19137, 12202, 10297, 6206, 13551, 32661  
31089, 15153, 19857, 9439, 20695, 32661, 16898, 12733  
Total 40 Truck loads.



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The following Trucks contain 10 cm shells  
and Charges

19440, 21261, 113851, 38245, 15406, 34384, 19101,  
12298, 14568, 17518, 19282, 32194, 15370, 17932  
10192, 13435 Mal 16 truckloads

The following Trucks contain various types  
of French mortar Shells + Bombs

61477, 9502, 16679, 13621, 256324, 16158, 16541,  
250340, 19935, 19243, 36477, 6366, 37211

The following Trucks contain P.A.A Explosive  
fuel.

14549, 15844, 256043, 33910, 46013, 155267, 39211

The remaining 6 Trucks contain Salvage  
of various classes.

Truck No 39211, also contains 100 German  
Shovels. Truck No 16146 contains 20  
Generators (Labels have been forwarded  
to Divisori for translation)



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Inventory of Material  
Contained in Trucks at Hermeton.

The following trucks contain German transport, guns, search light timbers, timber wheels

30023, 160934, 59848, 49076, 46165, 72286.  
43535, 40905, 24253, 44884, 136697, 19310  
24164, 44220, 16286, 63503, 19443, 23166, 43906  
81521, 42981, 36585, 48979, 68131, 13125, 64883,  
61935, 23226, 7787, 51630, 52100, 63138, 32596,  
42159, 36974, 68306, 10051, 81506, 75947, 5845  
72094

The following Trucks contain 12" x 6" Timbers

|          |            |     |
|----------|------------|-----|
| No 27556 | 60 lengths | 18' |
| 11482    | 20 "       | 18' |
| 30202    | 50 "       | 12' |
| 164535   | 30 "       | 16' |
| 275164   | 60 "       | 10' |

|       |              |               |
|-------|--------------|---------------|
| 58378 | 200 Sleepers | 4' x 9" x 3"  |
| 17362 | 50 Lengths   | 12' x 4" x 2" |

|        |    |         |              |
|--------|----|---------|--------------|
| 114823 | 20 | Lengths | 8' x 6" x 6" |
| 164535 | 8  | "       | 8' 6" x 6"   |
| 30203  | 24 | "       | 6' 6" x 3"   |
| 77618  | 4  | "       | 20' 10" x 4" |
| 21403  | 3  | "       | 15' 6" x 6"  |

Flat Iron

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| No 33690 | 2" wide         |
| 287966   | 6" x 1/2" x 16' |
| 230840   | 6" x 1/2" x 16' |

Scrap Iron

83538  
262506  
1019  
5246

Framed Timber

|       |    |                 |                                 |
|-------|----|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 66502 | 11 | Section Hutting | 12' x 5'                        |
| 38718 | 9  | "               | 14' x 5'                        |
| 51366 | 12 | "               | 12' x 5'                        |
| 66502 | 9  | Frames          | 18' x 4' out of 6" x 3" timbers |
| 66745 | 8  | "               | "                               |
| 21403 | 9  | "               | "                               |
| 42133 | 9  | "               | "                               |
| 51366 | 9  | "               | "                               |
| 66502 | 10 | Pit Props       | 14' x 6"                        |
| 66745 | 8  | "               | 20' x 5"                        |
| 21403 | 9  | "               | 15' x 6"                        |
| 42133 | 9  | "               | 15' x 6"                        |
| 51366 | 8  | "               | 16' x 6"                        |



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|----------|---------------------------|
| No 51006 | Fumigating Plant          |
| 77257    | Portable engine loco type |
| 104380   | 1/2 truck coat            |
| 12379    | 150 Gas Cylinders         |

The following Trucks contains Salvage Clothing + Equipment

151035, 18029, 11076, 11336, 5749, 19134

Empty Casks 9408 17915

Bombs, Machine Guns 9A Net.  
 28965, 38297, 8939, 8731, 29929, 7139, 22129.

Horse Shoe nails + frost coqs  
 214389, 7368

Shoe fupe 4" diam  
 8980, 8779

6 Large Canvas Covers  
 42035

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 33108 | Scaffold Poles   |
| 21802 | Anti Aircraft motor loopy                              |
| 63120 | 40 cans axle grease. (looks like fat and Stockholm 1a) |



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Material contained in  
Trucks at Heer-Argumont

Gas cylinders

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 19344  | 100 |
| 221962 | 100 |
| 10076  | 170 |
| 8976   | 150 |

4" stove pipe

9071

Horse Shoes

15627

9671

19316

Salvage

109135, 11600, 6738, 17412, 32167, 18872, 49526  
30258, 35111, 95668, 51388, 75002, 45087, 14152,  
26597, 12782, 407, 271793, 160578, 22687,

22324 1000 ft Decaerville Track.

38417 226798. G.I. Wagon.

68750, 288768. 5.9 Gun.

4425 Thermos hot food containers

8886 do.

26718, 285763, 36029, 60612 Light Railway Trucks

19368 Water pipe 4" to 1"

44822 10 lengths 5' 3x3

60 " 8' 4x4

78340 Trench mortars

283522 I.A.A.

275174 2 Field Kitchens

100 Shovels

12 Lumber Wheels

43235 Scaffold Poles 20' long.

8886, 16075 German Tommy Cookers "Futze"

16995 4 casks Umbra

1 cask Grey Paint