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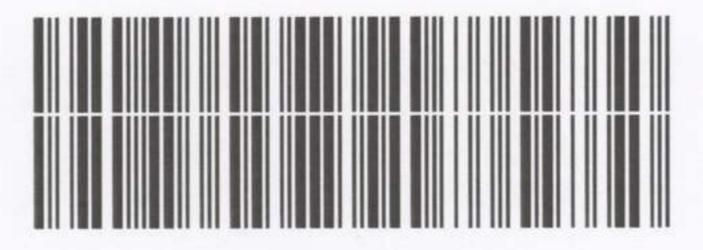
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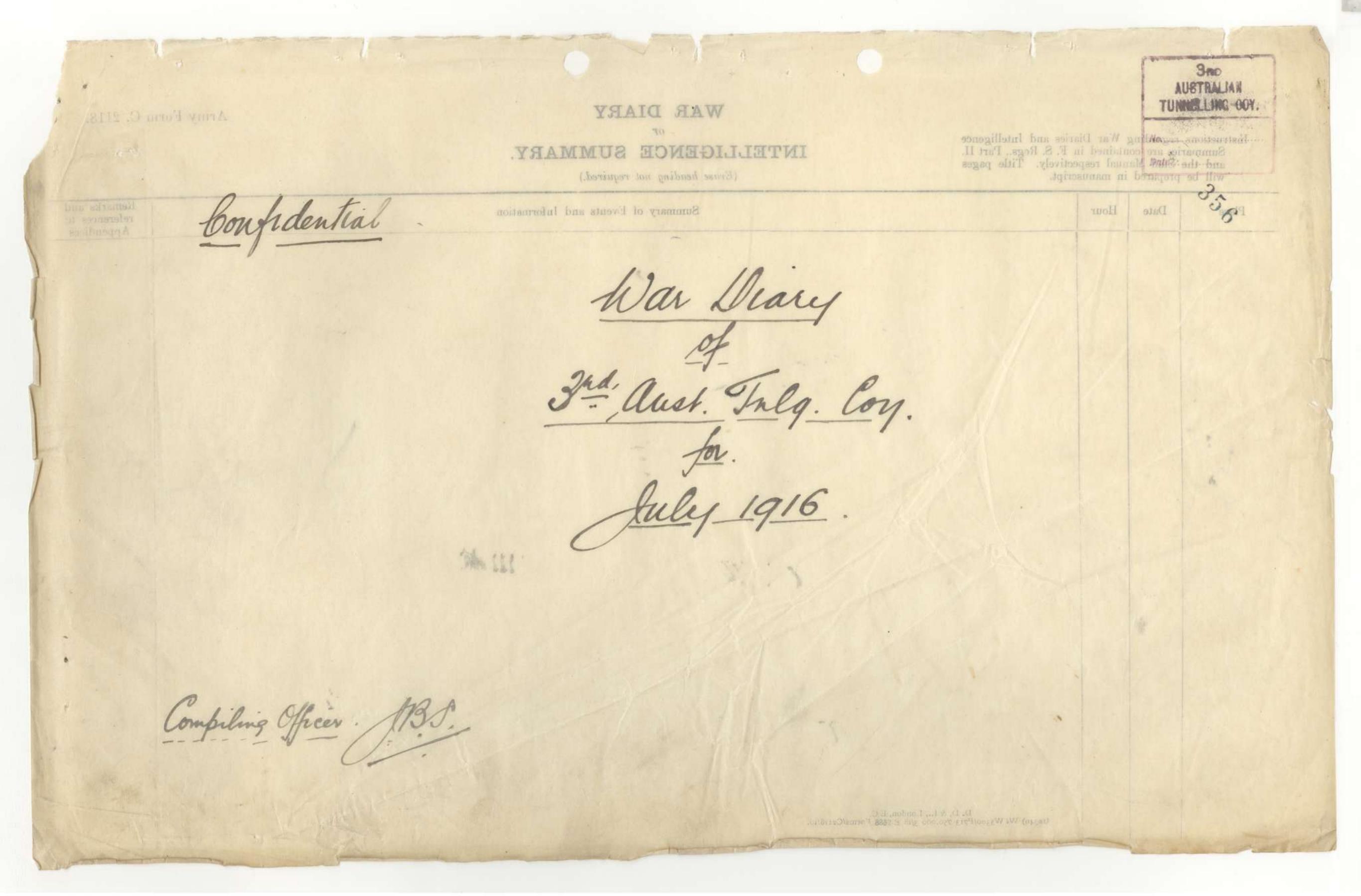
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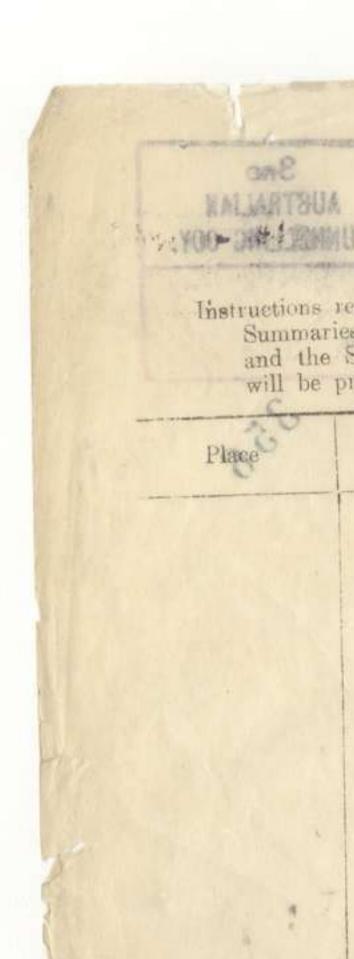
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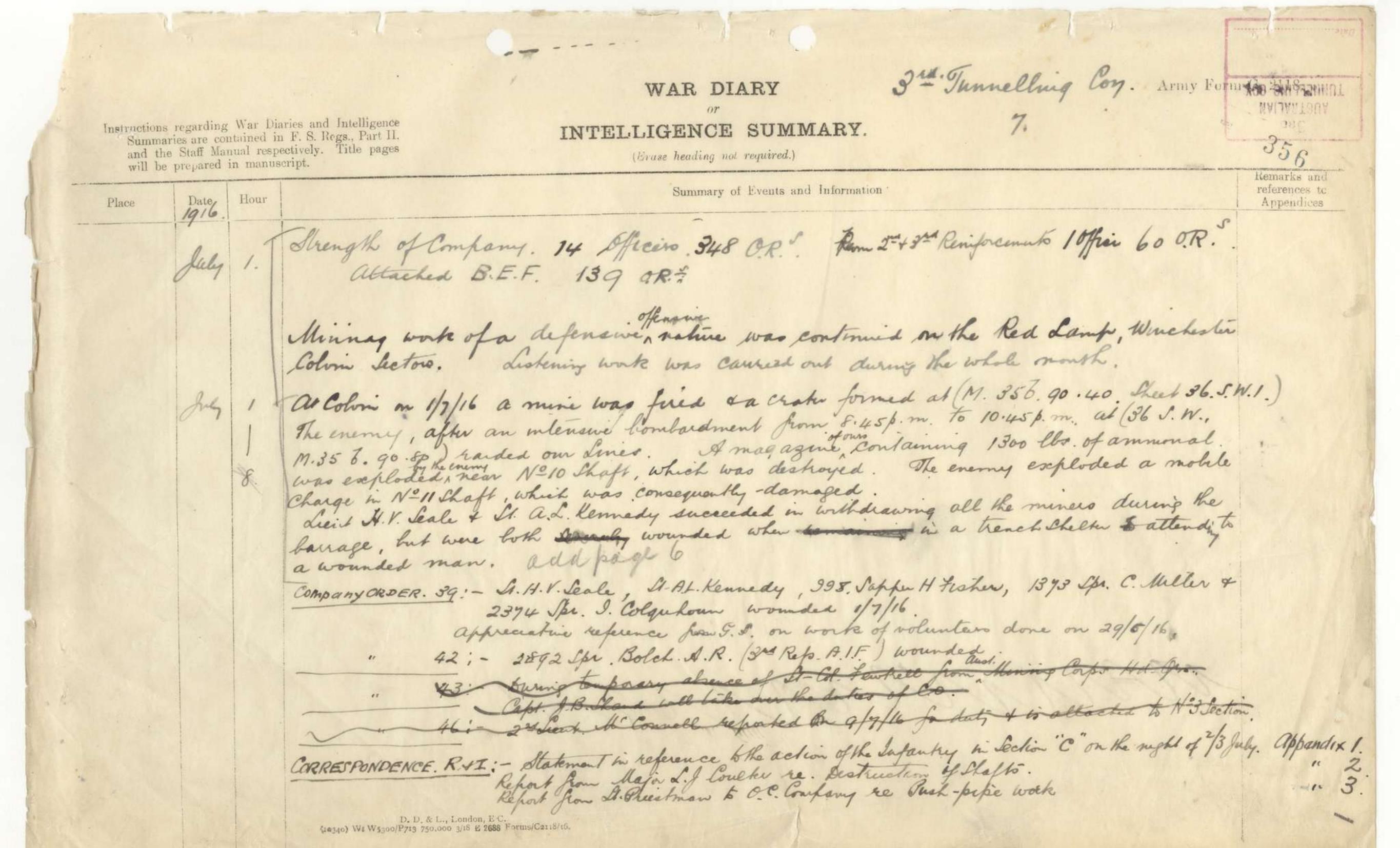


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			Report by SI. B. Priestman " 19/7/16 Sochook from examination results at 1st army thine School concerning. Che Bayle & Sappens. Bray, Coverington & Fowler Print showing construction of Enhances to German Dagouto	**
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APPENDIX.1. 5

STATEMENT IN REFERENCE TO THE ACTION OF THE INFANTRY IN SECTION "C" _____ON THE NIGHT OF 2/3 JULY, 1910.

Corporal Mason states: -I was having some "crib" at 2.30 a.m.approx.10A Shaft, I heard someone outside call out "they are over", I went outside and one of our working party came over the roof of the dugout from the back of the shaft: He was in a very frightened state, when asked what he was doing he said "the Germans were over & had taken the fire trench". I turned round to go and see what was the matter when Smith & Eliassen two A.I.F.men came out of a dugout near. We went down to the end of trench to get into the fire trench, we found it bloc ed with the infantry (Warwicks) crowding out & making for the communication trench. I questioned them as to where the were going they said the Germans are over". I could not go any satisfaction from them as to where they were going, I asked where their officers were, they said, "they did not know". I then told them their place was back at their posts even if the Germans were over. With the help of Sapper Smit we induced them to go back into the firing line. Just as I got them turned about Sgt. Austin came up and said the work ing partyvhad run away. I did not see any Germans until lat when I looked over the front line into No Man's Land.

Sgt.Austin states:-At about 2 a.m. on 3rd July, 1916, I detailed a party to cen tain work opposite 11 shaft under my own supervision. This party consisted of 8 P.W. Party & 3 A.I.F. Sappers. The W.P. suddenly took fright and disappeared over the parados. The 2 A.I.F.men & myself waited some time and neither heard nor saw anything. We decided to go down to 10A shaft Section H. to find these men to bring them back, when we reached H.Q. we found the infantry (Warwicks"D"Coy) just returning from the 2nd line after having run away from the firing line. The period between when I saw the men disappearing over the parados and to when I found the infantry returning from the supports would be from to to tan hour and during this time there was no one in the firing line for a distance of about 100 yards. I did not know the infantry (Warwicks) had left the front line until informed by my Corporal. The reason the men gave for running away was that they were told that the "Germans had come over".

The Controller of Mines,

Advanced First Army/

re Destruction of Shafts at Colvin.

An intensive Hun bombardment was directed on the area bounded by our 10 A & 11 A shafts from about 8.45 p.m.=10.45 p.m. on 1/7/18.

During the strafe a direct hit was apparently obtained on our magazine at Colvin, which held supplies for both Colvin & Ducks Bill, total about 1300lbs ammonal & some guncotton. The crater effect of this is about 40ft in diameter & 19ft deep & has badly damaged No.10 shaft.

A hostile raiding party came over and in my opinion placed a mobile charge in No.11 shaft dugout. This destroyed the dugout and upper part of shaft, but, I consider the shaft will be recovered readily.

of No.10 & pumping the water which has risen in the mine and hastopped repair work to the damaged lateral between shafts

I consider that this damage was done by a deliberate charge hadd in the sap outside the parapet, rather than the heavy bombardment. Both 10 % 11 shafts are used for pumping and means of access only. The working shafts are 10A & 11A, consequently as soom as the water is under control, the mine will be in as good shape as formerly.

Work is proceeding underground in the faces as usual.

Major,

O.C.No.3 Australian Mining Company. R.E.

3/7/18.

APPENDIX 3. 6/. 4/16. Report. Lo . G. O.C. I beg to report that on the evening of the 5th inst at 8.p.m. I met the working party, assigned to me, at Hurdy Corner and then proceeded to the Boars Head Sap. I sent back to the Ro. E. Dewep the Life Pushing apparatus retaining four (H) men and one N.C.O. as the Sap for the purpos of fending the end of pupe We excavated along a face about his fut wide and for a depth of about another sex feet but were unable to lacate the Tipe. The men morked well but owneg to the faco That They were to close to the entery energy lines it was not possible to work quickly on account at Swo o'clock it was just beginning to get light and the men being about played our I decided to cease operations for the night. Blusdenan Lucie Buist

MINE EXPLOSION REPORT.

Date		9-7-16
Time		11-23 PM
Location		Muchester
Map Reference		36 SW1 30a 5.5.6.5
By whom exploded		Major Coulter
If British, on whose aut	hority?	General Stays 61 st Division
Size of charge		480 lbs. ammonal
Depth of Gallery		26 feet
Distance from British fr	ont line	450 feet
Amount of tamping		120 ft. 2-10 ft an aushion: 14
Size of crater, if any		Some was laid at time of takking on from 255 by RE on 29/5/16 as Bos Sallery was he are approved thing & apportunity we shopped consequently we found to be and waited for an opportunity to as Intautry raise the this blow are also no 15 main to be rapodily extensived. 95 × 75 Pear Shafted.
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General remarks	•••	
		Signed. Major Coultin



MINE EXPLOSION REPORT.

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Data	. 9-7-16
Time	11-23. Pm
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Map Reference	- 36. S.WI M50. a 51/2 61/2
By whom exploded	Many Coulter
If British, on whose authority?	6134 Der. G.S.
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Depth of Gallery	26'
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Surface damage	
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C. of M. 249/C.

55°. 0.c., N°3 Quell. Coy., R.E.

Major David, the geological expert of the Australian Mining Corps, will give a lecture at the First Army Mine School HOUCHIN (Sheet 36B.K.15.c.3.8.) at 5 p.m. on July 15th 1916.

The subject of the lecture will be "THE GEOLOGICAL STRATA OF BRITISH FRONT WITH REFERENCE TO MILITARY MINING, AND BORING.

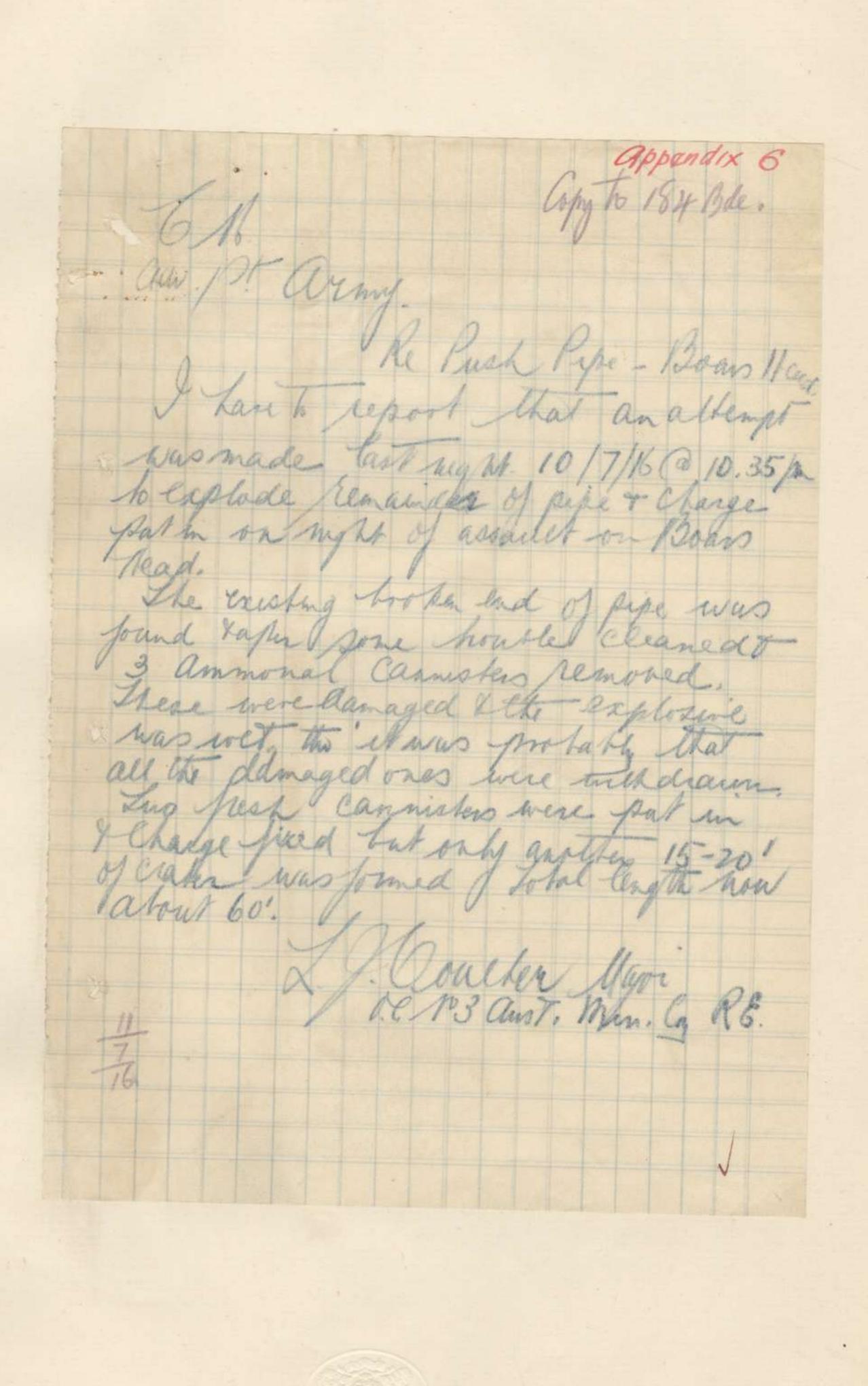
As many officers as possible should attend, but will you detail at least four officers from your company to be present.

10/7/18.

for controller of Mines,

First Army.

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The Headquarters,

184th Infantry Brigade/

re Push Pipe Boars Head.

I have tomreport that, an attempt was made last night 10/7/18 @ 10.35 p.m. to explode remainder of pipe & charge put in on night of assault on Boars Head.

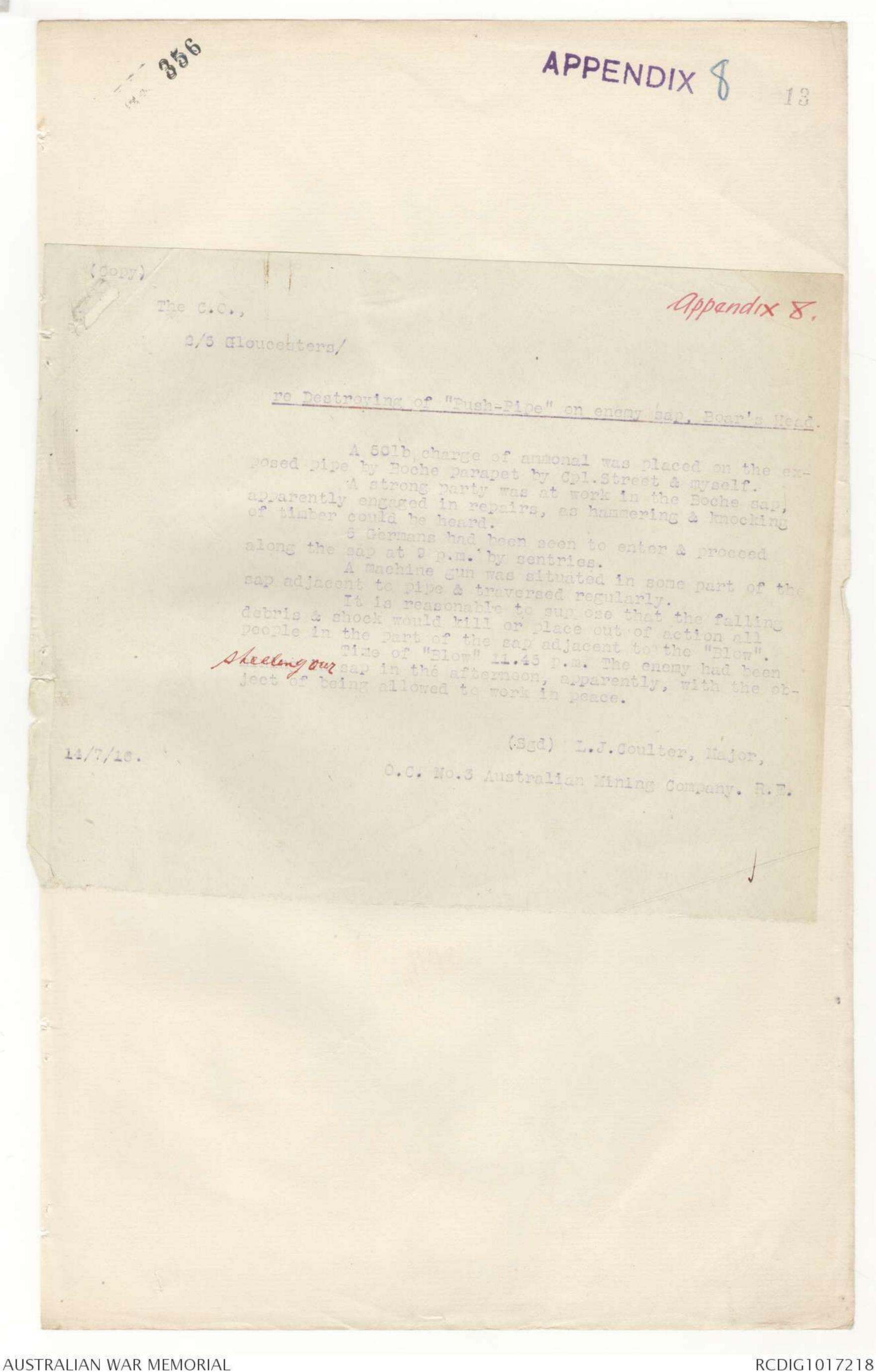
after some trouble cleaned and 3 Ammonal cannisters removed. These were damaged and the explosive was wet, though it was probably that all the damaged ones were withdrawn. Two push cannisters were put in and charge fired but only another 15-20ft of crater was formed.

Total length now about 60'.

Me for

11/7/16.

O.C.No.3 Australian Mining Company. R.E.



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APPENDIX 9

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No.3 Australian Mining Company.

Under instructions received from the Controller of Mines 1st Army, you will continue to be responsible for the WINCHESTER and COLVIN mining sectors till relieved by No.257 Tunnelling Company on the afternoon of Tuesday next the 18th instant.

It is to be clearly understood that these two acction sectors are to be kept under continual observation until such time as the relief by the 257th Tunnelling Coy. on the 18th inst.is complete.

Please acknowledge.

J. & Baumgartines.

Lt.-Col. General Staff 31st Division.

D.H.Q. 16.7.16.

First Army No. 584 (G).

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I Corps.

Reference G.H.Q. No.O.A.340 of the 28th January, forwarded to you under cover of my 584 (G) of the 31st January, a case has recently occurred when four of our infantry men, who were askeep inside the entrance to one of our mines, were gassed as a result of an enemy mine explosion, and one of these men died from the effect of the gas.

Attention of all concerned should again be called to the instructions contained in the above mentioned G.H.Q. letter.

Adv: First Army.

Sd. S.H.Wilson, Lt: Col: G.S., for Major General, General Staff, First Army.

16th July, 1916.

173rd Tunnelling Coy: R.E. 8th Division. 180th 15th Division. 251st 9 2 22 16th Division. 253rd 22 25 40th Division. 170th Tunnelling Coy: R.E. 255th 9 9 /258th 22

No. 692/1 (G.b). 17th July, 1916.

Forwarded for information and necessary action in continuation of I Corps No. 892 (G) dated 31st January, 1913.

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Brig: General,

General Staff, I Corps.

Adv: 1st Army. O.A. 340. . It has been reported that the infantry manning the trenches are often in the habit of using the entrances to mine shafts and dug-outs made in connection with mining operations for shelter during bombardment, and, in some cases, for sleeping accommodation. 2. The use of these places by individuals not employed on mining, seriously interferes with the progress of mining work, and in the case of the enemy springing a mine in the vicinity of our mine gallery increases the risk of casualties from gas poisoning, because if the gallery is wrecked the poisonous gases from the explosion pour into the gallery and up the shaft. officers, and the officers of the Tunnelling Companies have great difficulty in keeping men out of these apparently safe shelters. v4. Will you kindly give the matter your attention, and issue instructions to ensure a discontinuance of the practice. (Sd) J.H.Davidson, Brig-General, G. H. Q. for Chief of the General Staff. 28th January, 1916. 2. **华谷华华华华华华华华华华华华** 3. 2nd Division. 12th Division. 33rd Division. Dismounted Division. No. 692 (G). 31st January, 1916. Forwarded for information and necessary action. Sd. J.K.Dick Cunyngham, Major GS., for Brig: General, General Staff, First Corps.

(COPY) & REPORT of PUSH PIPE BLOW at RED LAMP on 19/7/16.

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To O.C.,

No.3 AUSTRALIAN MINING COY.R.E./

I have the honor to report that at 4.38 p.m.

19th inst I exploded the pipe at (Sheet 36 S.W.1) N.13 d 5.7.

The pipe entered the earth at a point about soft. in front of our parapet, and was pushed for a distance of 90ft, at a bearing of 170° magnetle.

on the evening of the 18th inst I placed the detonating earister in the pipe and carried the leads (electric & instantaneous fuse) over our parapet. The leads were in good order at 4.15 p.m. on 19th inst, but shortly after that time were destroyed by shell fire. I procured solbs of ammonal and with Sgt.Kerby & Cpl.MeKay went around the parapet to the end of the pipe & attached the ammonal to it and successfully exploded the pipe.

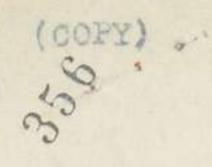
The crater formed was about 100ft. long, 30ft. wide at top, average depth about 10ft.

I wish to commend Sgt. Kerby & Cpl. McKay for their conduct throughout the afternoon, especially in accompanying me around the parapet in the face of fairly heavy shell fire. They were admirable. No one was injured.

The destruction of our fuses delayed the explosion 9 minutes.

Coy.H.Q. 20/7/16.

No.3 Australian Mining Company R.E.



REPORT re PUSH-PIPE BLOW at RED LAMP on 19/7/16.

. To O.C.,

No. 5 Australian Mining Company R.E./

I have the honor to report that at 4.90 p.m. on 19th inst I exploded the pipe at (Sheet 36 S.W.1) N 14 A 1.7.

long and an average cover of about five (5) ft. The pushing was started on the evening of 17/7/16 and reached a distance of 91ft. This pipe was pushed through a ditch full of water which flooded the pipe and spoilt the ammonal charge. The following evening 18/7/16 I pushed a further length of 91 pipes totalling 147ft. This distance pushed 938ft. This later charge completely detonated. Time taken in pushing:-

First 91 feet 4 hours 30 minutes. Last 147 " 30 " 80 "

Charge per foot run= 31bs ammonal.

I wish to commend Corporal Wm.Bayes & L/Cpl. E.E.Jackson for the cool & efficient manner in which they assisted me in detonating the pipe-mine on the afternoon of the 19th inst.

Coy. H.Q. 20/7/18.

(Sgd) B.Priestman, Lieut.

O.C.No.4 Section,

No.3 Australian Mining Company R.E.

APPENDIX 17ª

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Headquarters Second Army No.A/1825/20 Date 27.7.16. Adjutant General's Branch of the Staff D/1209.

Second Army "A".

The posting of Captain Sanderson, late Australian Mining Corps, to command the 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company, is approved. Please wire the necessary orders and report date of assuming duties.

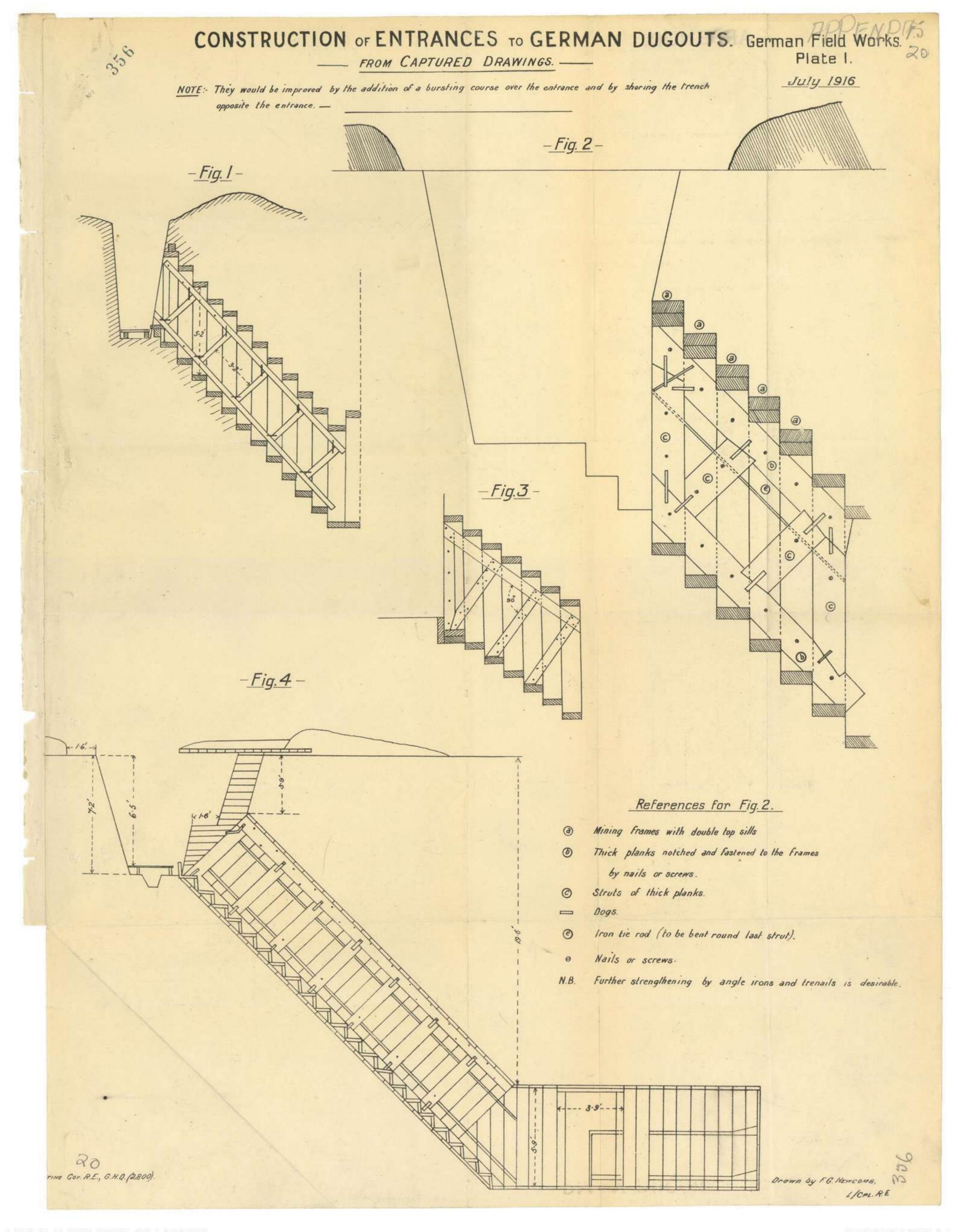
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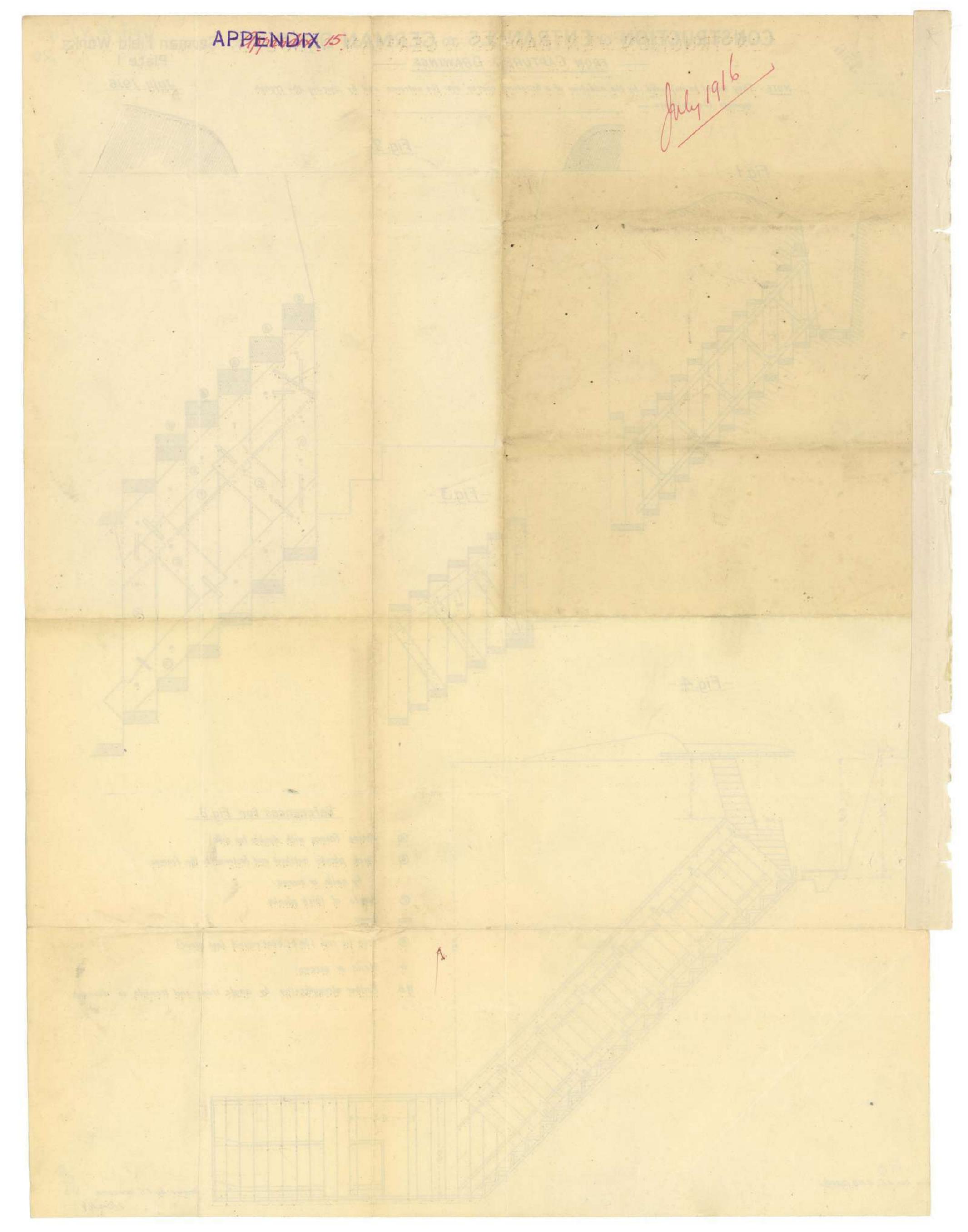
O.C., No.3 Aus. Tun. Coy.

The above copy of letter, authorising the posting of Capt. Sanderson to No. 3 Australian Tunnelling Company, is authority for taking Capt. Sanderson on the strength of No. 3 Australian Tunnelling Company.

21/9/16.

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E., Controller of Mines, First Army.





Translation

of German pamphlet captured at FRICOURT, July, 1916.

"EXTRACTS FROM THE OLD MINING REGULATIONS"

ISSUED BY THE GENERAL OF PIONEERS, ARMY HEADQUARTERS, LAON, APRIL, 1915.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

The following extracts from the old Mining Regulations are issued as being of value in the present war to supplement the information given in instructional manuals already in the hands of the Pioneer Companies, viz.:- The Pioneer Instructions for Fortress Warfare, and the Demolition Manual (SPRENGVORSCHRIFT).

It is absolutely necessary that the conduct of mine warfare should be in the hands of a Pioneer officer responsible for this service to the sector commander. He must be given a certain independence with regard to the measures that are necessary.

A mine diary and a listening diary should be kept and a mine plan compiled, (see appendices A, B, C and D.) The mine plan is of special importance when decisions as to future action have to be taken. It is not sufficient to calculate charges by means of rough sketches and estimates of distance. They do not permit of sufficient exactness as I frequently have had occasion to point out. Further, it is much easier for a Pioneer officer to explain mine warfare to an Infantry General, and to obtain his decision quickly on any point on which it is required, if he can show him a plan. A good plan of the mine area will also give useful hints as to the enemy's intentions.

Extracts from the old Mining Regulations.

A. ATTACK.

It is desirable to attack the enemy's defensive mine system on as broad a front as possible in order to induce him to scatter his available resources.

Mine systems with a narrow front can be turned by the attackers' galleries and attacked in flank, where they can only offer..

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offer slight resistance. Usually a mine attack commences with the driving of a number of inclined galleries whose entrances are in a trench specially dug for the purpose.

1. Mine Plans.

When entering up work in the mining diary, listening reports which have had an influence on the measures taken should be quoted. Listening reports should be entered up in the listening diary directly they are received.

The mine plan must not only show our own work below and above ground in the mining area, but also the enemy's defensive system so far as it is known (this should be in dotted lines).

The deductions drawn from listening reports should also be shown on the mining plan. If they are confirmed by further reports, the situation of the enemy galleries which they disclose should be marked or indicated on the plan.

2. Commencement of Galleries.

position, the trench from which they are begun should have the same general direction as the Infantry position. These sap heads should be at such a distance from the supposed positions of the faces of the enemy's galleries that the attacking miners can form a crater, (before they have driven into the zone of danger of an enemy blow,) without damaging their own trench. The distance between the front edge of this trench to the face of the nearest gallery of the enemy should not be less than 20 metres.

After a zero point has been fixed as datum for levels, the directing lines should be fixed, and the height of the sill of the first frame and the inclination of the various galleries settled in accordance with the plan of attack.

It is often important in mine warfare to destroy the enemy's galleries when they are still distant by means of over-charged mines and thus to form large and deep craters. For this purpose it is necessary, if possible, to go deeper than the hostile...

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hostile galleries and to use sufficiently large charges.

In calculating the necessary dip of the galleries, care should be taken to set the entrance in such a way that water will not accumulate in front of it. Also, in order to be able to fire a large charge in the gallery, it should be at least twice as long as the shortest line of least resistance. In calculating the length, care must be taken that when the mine is fired the crater does not destroy the Infantry trenches and the dugouts in them.

If the enemy mines are so deep that the desired depth cannot be reached by inclined galleries, it will be necessary to be content with less depth and to obtain the desired result by an increase in the charge.

or three times the length of the shortest L.L.R., so that a single enemy blow will not damage more than one of them; and at the same time, at such a distance apart that the enemy cannot drive undetected between two of them.

It is advisable for every attack to have from 6 to 8 galleries, (numbered in arabic figures from right to left), as the enemy will attack on the widest possible front in order to ensure success. This number of galleries should also prevent the attack being enveloped by the enemy and will facilitate future mining operations undertaken from the craters.

In removing earth from the galleries, spoil heaps
behind the entrances are to be avoided, as they might betray the
situation of the galleries to the enemy. The mine dugouts should
be roomy and strongly constructed so that they are proof against
howitzer fire and that the explosives are well protected.

3. Pushing Forward Attack Galleries.

will be destroyed by the enemy's camouflets. It is desirable, therefore, not to drive all the galleries the same length, but to hold...

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hold back those from which it is intended to make craters. Thus the defender will be induced to use his galleries against the most advanced galleries. The attacker will then be in the position to complete undisturbed the galleries which he has delayed.

It is generally desirable either to fire several mines simultaneously, or the second and third very soon after the first, because if only one crater is formed the defender can devote his whole attention to it, and by a suitable combination of galleries will be able to make further progress exceedingly difficult.

If the ground permits, various forms of bored mines can be utilised in the attack.

If the attacker makes quick use of charges in borings he also will be in a position to destroy the enemy's works by means of camouflets, which will be very valuable.

Bored mines can in certain circumstances be used to form craters, as they mean great economy of time.

In addition bored mines can be made use of for making galleries and also for loosening very soft ground, such as loam or plastic clay.

4. Duties of the Non-commissioned Officer.

Non-commissioned officers have assigned to them the duties of superintending the work in the galleries, arranging for the removal of the earth, and for the bringing up of the necessary material. Before withdrawing their men from a gallery they must hand over the work and the tools and also the results of the last listening reports. During a shift great care must be taken that the prescribed direction and levels are maintained and that the work is pushed forward with all possible energy. The N.C.O. of a mining gang fixes the time for the relief of the various men, and is responsible that earth is not heaped up in the galleries and that only the personnel absolutely necessary

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for the execution of the work is kept in them.

As soon as hostile miners are heard working, or a hostile gallery is broken into, the non-commissioned officer should go to the spot and then report to the Officer either personally, or, if the circumstances are such that he ought not to leave his post, he may send a message by a miner.

Before the new shift takes over, the N.C.O. of the cld shift should measure and level the length of the gallery from a known fixed point, record the result with the number of the gallery on paper, and hand it to the Officer.

5. Listening Duty.

enemy system, work in the latter must be listened for. For this purpose work in all the galleries should be stopped simultaneously for ten or fifteen minutes, in order to obtain information from the sounds heard as to the distance, direction and level of the enemy's work. The nearer the enemy, the more frequent very must be the listening periods, even if they are only/short.

Only specially trained and suitable miners should be used for listening duties. The listener should put his ear as close as possible to the ground; for this purpose it is best to make a small hole.

No definite rules can be given for judging distance, as sound waves travel differently in different ground. The following, however, can be accepted as constant:-

- 1. Work in galleries with frames at intervals can be heard further than in galleries that are completely cased in.
- 2. The plainer the work in one and the same enemy gallery is heard, the nearer it is.
- 3. If the distinctness of the sound of work increases, the enemy is getting nearer.
- 4. If the distinctness of the sound of the enemy's working decreases it can usually be concluded that he is busy with loading and tamping.

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5. Before the enemy comes very close (under three metres) it will generally be possible to distinguish clearly between the sounds of the various tools in use.

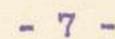
to judge that the enemy is too near rather than too far off. The best means to estimate as accurately as possible is to listen to the work in one's own headings, the distances of which are known, and to compare the sounds heard with those made by the enemy.

As soon as the Officer in charge has given the order for work to be resumed after listening, the N.C.Os. and the miners who have been listening should report to the Officer and give the result of their observations. If the information is very important, the Officer should himself go to the listening place.

6. Craters.

If the situation of the enemy's galleries is more or less known, or fixed through reliable listening, or through the enemy firing camouflets, galleries should not be run directly towards them, but rather between two of them, for when a mine is fired the enemy galleries will then be struck in the flank and thus destroyed for a greater length.

When it is intended to fire a mine the pioneer officer in charge should be informed in order that he may take measures to arrange for consolidating the crater. When the mine is ready for firing, a report should be made to him and he will then order the withdrawal of the men in the trenches and the galleries which are within the radius of possible effects of the mine. The galleries in the neighbourhood of the charged mine should be properly strutted before the mine is fired, if it is intended to make any further use of them. The pioneer officer in charge will give the order to fire. Unless there are special reasons, the firing should be postponed until nightfall so that the consolidation of the crater and the construction of the necessary communication trenches can be carried out under cover of darkness.



Advance from Craters.

The position and size of the crater should be entered on the plan as soon as possible after the explosion. When this has been done, the pioneer officer in charge after sizing up the situation, can settle what orders should be given for the further advance from the crater. The solution of this problem requires energy and endurance. As the enemy will usually be close up to the crater with only the heads of his listening galleries destroyed, he will generally be in a position to attack any new galleries made, as well as the rim of the crater, by means of camouflets. If, however, several craters are formed simultaneously or soon one after another, the attention of the enemy will be distracted and he will have a number of things to attend to at the same time.

If several craters can be connected up, a new mine trench can be formed from which the attack can again be made on a broad front.

As a rule two or three galleries should be driven out of each crater; they should be as deep as possible and therefore must be commenced near the bottom of the crater. They should be given such direction that they gradually gain their proper distance from each other.

If the enemy's galleries are very deep it may give good results, if one or two shafts are sunk in the crater and the galleries commenced from these. As soon as the galleries have gained the necessary length they should be charged. After each fresh blow the advance should be continued from the crater in the same manner as has been described above.

In certain pircumstances, bored mines can be used to form craters; the borings should be made from the edge of the crater at an angle of 45°. The chambers formed by firing small charges are then filled with suitable charges. If this process can be carried on, a very important acceleration of the attack can be obtained. 8. .

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8. Dummy Galleries.

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In order to interfere with the enemy's listening arrangements special inclined galleries should be run out from the craters, or from the mine trench, in which work should be carried on noisily.

9. Breaking into Enemy's Galleries.

If enemy's galleries are met with, every effort should be made to break into them, and if necessary to take possession of them by force of arms. Before the materials in the enemy's gallery is removed the following measures should be arranged for:-

The mining detachment, strength about one officer and ten men, armed with revolvers and daggers should break into the exposed gallery and take possession of it as far as it is possible to go, and then build a barricade, or if necessary render it useless to the enemy. Barricades can be made either by erecting a timber bulkhead and then firing a charge, or simply by firing a charge. In order to impede any advance of the enemy towards the barricade or the charge, before the barricade is quite complete or the charge primed, stink bombs or stink balls (made out of hair, tow, and sponge soaked in petrol) should be thrown into the enemy's gallery. If the miners break into a main gallery from which there are branches, the latter should be serched to see if they are not connected with other parts pf the defence system. If this is the case, the miners must safeguard themselves against being cut off by the erection of barricades. Care must be taken that men and material are ready to carry up timber and tamping to the miners if it should be required.

exposed, the detachment can be used to make dugouts in the crater, and the necessary preparations for commencing galleries.

Listening must also be done at the walls of the crater. It is most important that all this, or as much of it as possible, should be carried out as soon as possible after the explosion and before..

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and before the enemy can take counter measures and overwhelm the crater with shells.

If no resistance is encountered in the galleries it must be assumed either that the enemy has given them up on account of bad air, or, in expectation of our breaking through, has laid charges in them. It is therefore desirable before taking possession of a gallery to send a couple of men forward to reconnoitre, provided with safety lamps and breathing apparatus. If a charge is found, the leads should be cut or water poured over it, so as to make it harmless as soon as possible. If the captured galleries are suitable for use in the attack, one end should be connected to our own galleries and the other end barricaded so that the enemy cannot return. In certain circumstances such a gallery may be very useful for watching the enemy. If no use can be made of a gallery it will generally be better to destroy it completely, using a number of small charges fired simultaneously for the purpose.

B. DEFENCE.

1. Plan of Minefield.

exact representation of the mine system but should also show the surface situation. For this purpose it is desirable that 0.5 m. contours should be shown. There must further be marked on it, and the listening galleries. with dimensions, the main defence galleries. There should be a note as to the nature of the ground, the position of the barrier gates and the mine chambers which have been constructed. There should also be a list of the conventional colours used and a table of mines; see Appendices C and D.

- 2. Preparatory Measures.
- (A). The protection of the mine entrances against hand grenades and light howitzers.
- (b). Provision of ventilating pumps, air pipes, leads for firing the mines and for telephone.

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- (c). Provision of lanterns and candles for lighting the gallcries.
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- (f). The execution of borings to investigate the nature of the ground.
- (g). The provision of tamping material in the branch galleries and back portions of the main galleries, and the construction of recesses to form small stores in the walls of the galleries.
 - (h). Proparation of ventilation apparatus.
- (i). The driving of boreholes from the listening posts in the first line, if the ground permits. Some of these should be driven in an upward direction so that should the enemy advance above ground he may be impeded by firing small charges and compelled to resort to mine warfare. Others should be driven horizontally so that should the enemy attack underground his galleries may be blown in by camouflets.
- (j). Provision of boxes with revolvers and daggers near the entrances to the main galleries.
 - 3. Duties of the N.C.Os.

his orders, and conducts and checks the listening service and any work that has to be carried out. He should be on the spct. when charging is taking place and be present where danger or special circumstances demand. Although the results of listening should be reported at fixed intervals, special occurrences or observations should be reported at once. If the circumstances do not permit of the N.C.O. leaving the gallery himself, he should send a suitable man to report to the officer and act on his own judgement until the latter arrives. Before the charge of a shift he must record the work that has been executed exactly on paper and hand it to the officer. He must instruct the N.C.O.

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of the relief accurately as to the situation and the work in hand. The listeners are not to be withdrawn from their posts until the new shift has taken over.

As soon as the handing over of the work and tools has taken place, both N.C.Os. report to the officer. Each N.C.O. should receive a sketch of the projected work on which the situation, length and distance apart of the branch and listening galleries are shown.

4. Security.

As soon as the commencement of mine warfare is expected, the "service of security" should be instituted. It consists of :-

(a). Listening.

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As soon as mine warfare begins a watch should be formed from the men of each shift, whose duty will be to provide listening posts for the whole system. If there are not enough men, two or three of the galleries must be attended to by patrol posts. As soon as any conclusion can be drawn as to which galleries of the system are threatened by the attacker, every branch in the probable mining area should be provided with a post at which two men are always on duty; the other galleries that are not immediately threatened should be visited by a patrol post in each shift.

sharp lookout on the listening service and check the accuracy of the results reported by their own observations. At what time these are entered up in the listening diary will be fixed by the engineer officer in charge. The reports of the posts can either be made by telephone, or verbally by one of the men of the post, who should report to the engineer officer accompanied by the non-commissioned officer concerned, either at a fixed hour, or if the circumstances should require, at once. The other

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man remains in the gallery. If work is in progress, it must be stopped simultaneously for ten or fifteen minutes before the listening period. This can be done most easily by the officer giving a signal whistle at the entrance of the main gallery both for stopping and recommencing work. In general, the rules given with regard to listening in the attack, see A 5, apply equally to the defence. The boreholes made from the listening galleries should be used with great precaution, as they do not always conduct the sound truly and may easily lead to errors in judging distance and direction.

(b). Recommaissance.

In order to obtain more exact information as regards the number and situation of the attackers' galleries than is possible by listening, creeping patrols of one officer and two or three tunnellers should be sent out by night towards the enemy's trenches, or raids should be undertaken by Infantry, who should be accompanted by an Engineer officer with a few Tunnellers for reconnaissance purposes. Parties of Tunnellers may also be detailed to follow, carrying ready fused charges of about ten lbs. which should be put into the enemy's galleries and fired as soon as he has been driven out of the mine trench.

5. Execution of the fight below ground.

The advance of the attacker by means of galleries and his blowing of craters should be countered by the defender by means of well timed firing of camouflets, for the purpose of destroying the galleries of attack and when possible the charges in them.

In firing camouflets it should be borne in mind that the enemy's galleries can best be destroyed from the flanks which the defender must endeavour to gain by enveloping the enemy.

The preservation as far as possible of our own mine system must always be borne in mind. With this in view the placing of charges in the main galleries should be avoided as long as possible..



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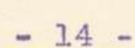
as possible, for if fired then a very great part of our mine system may be lost without doing the enemy compensating damage. An enemy's gallery which threatens one of our main galleries is best attacked by breaking out from one of the listening galleries lying on its flank. Any of our own galleries which stand in danger of being damaged by one of our camouflets should be very carefully strutted.

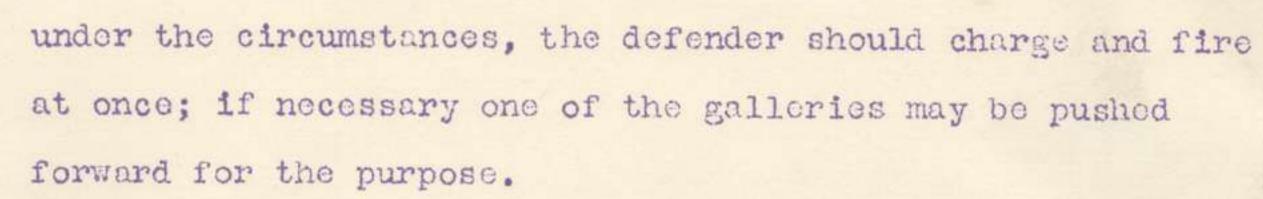
own mine system by firing camouflets and thus in a certain sense the duration of our resistance will be shortened. For this reason, therefore, camouflets should not be used as a means of defence unless it is necessary and a good result seems assured.

Nevertheless the enemy must not be permitted to approach so close that he can reach the listening galleries or the charge in the time required by the defender for loading and tamping.

chamber should be completed as noiselessly as possible, and charged and tamped as far as the first bulkhead, behind which the advance of the enemy should again be listened for. If the enemy approaches the immediate vicinity of the gallery, while this work is in progress the tamping should be completed and the mine fired. If, however, the enemy suspects what we are doing and does not push forward the attack gallery, the tamping should not be continued but opportunity should be waited until the enemy advances again and comes within dangerous distance. It is not desirable to take any action if the enemy passes by our gallery; it should only be blown when the enemy commences charging.

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If the enemy makes his chamber so far distant that the defender has not enough time to get within reach and charge and tamp, before the enemy will in all probability have completed his chamber and charging, and if Bored charges cannot be made use of, it will be better for the defender to confine his efforts to listening. The defender will then be able, to strut the galleries which lie within the danger zone, close the doors at the head of the galleries that are not in danger, and to withdraw the men from the listening galleries, before the mine is fired.

As soon as a camouflet has been fired the ventilation apparatus should be examined by men wearing breating apparatus and, if necessary, put in order, and removal of the foul air at once be commenced.

When the air has become sufficiently pure for the galleries to be entered again, the tamping should be removed, or if this entails too much work, a new branch should be broken out behind it and carried past the gallery that has been destroyed.

the enemy against/who is approaching the listening galleries, the defender has the chance of making use of camouflets whilst the enemy's galleries are still at a considerable distance from the listening galleries. The enemy will then be induced to fire his charges prematurely and our own mine system will not be damaged. It may also be desirable in certain circumstances to attack the enemy with bored mines from the spots most in danger, to load then very quickly and to fire camouflets. If the enemy attempts to use bored mines, he must be attacked so that his borer is smashed by bored charges whilst at work, or at any rate his work impeded. If the enemy is successful in forming a bored

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chamber this must be destroyed by a camouflot.

6. Unloading of enemy's mines.

As a rule an attempt to approach an enemy's mine without attracting his attention, and to unload it, can only very exceptionally be made because the time between the charging of the chamber and the firing of the mine is relatively very short. The attacker, therefore, if there is any danger of the defender being able to reach the charged mine, will usually fire it even if it has only been partially tamped or has no tamping whatever. If the defender does have an opportunity of unloading an enemy's mine, the firing leads should be first cut through and then the powder drenched with water or removed.

7. Action after a blow.

of the defensive mine system which lie within the area of its effects should be examined in exactly the same way as after the firing of a camouflet, freed from foul air and repaired. Galleries should be driven towards the crater so that it may be entirely enveloped.

should be impeded in exactly the same way as at the opening of mine warfare. It will often be possible by using suitable charges to blow in a rim of the crater and thus to deprive the attacker of cover. At this period of mine warfare, a watchful and active defender should always have an advantage over the attacker. The defender should make an extensive use of bored mines just as the attacker does. The attempts of the attacker to advance from craters with their assistance is best combated by firing bored charges.

If a gallery has been exposed by a blow and the ehemy has by this means got into the mine system, he must be driven back by force of arms to a suitable distance so that the bulkhead doors may be closed.

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When the protective barrier has been formed, a part of the mine gallery can be blown in by firing a small charge either partially tamped or without any tamping whatever. If a gallery has to be hastily abandoned without there being any intention of destroying it, the advance of the enemy can be checked by erecting a hasty barricade of baulks and gabions filled with earth which will form quite a considerable obstacle.

8. Breaking into Enemy's Gallery.

As a rule it has been the experience that in each collision between the defender and the attacker underground the former has lost more or less of his galleries. This, however, should be avoided as far as possible. An unexpected meeting of the hostile galleries, a so-called "breaking in", cannot occur if the defender is watchful. If, however, it does occur through there not being sufficient men in the mine system, the action taken should be similar to that described under No.7.

9. Abandonment of Galleries.

Galleries which must be abandoned because they cannot be held any longer must be destroyed if they are likely to be of any use to the enemy. For this purpose a number of small chambers or boreholes should be made in the walls, which can be charged and provided with firing circuit as required. These charges are best placed behind a suitable bulkhead door or a hasty barricade. The approach of the enemy to one of these barricades can be delayed by the use of stink balls. When only a short time is available, charges of about 110 lbs. of powder in sacks or barrels laid at intervals of about five metres on the the floor of the gallery can be used. They can be fired simultaneously as soon as the gallery to be destroyed has been isolated from the rest of the mine system by two to four metres of tamping. Where the ground is loose, galleries revetted with wood can be most easily destroyed by knocking out the stanchions and removing the topsills.

