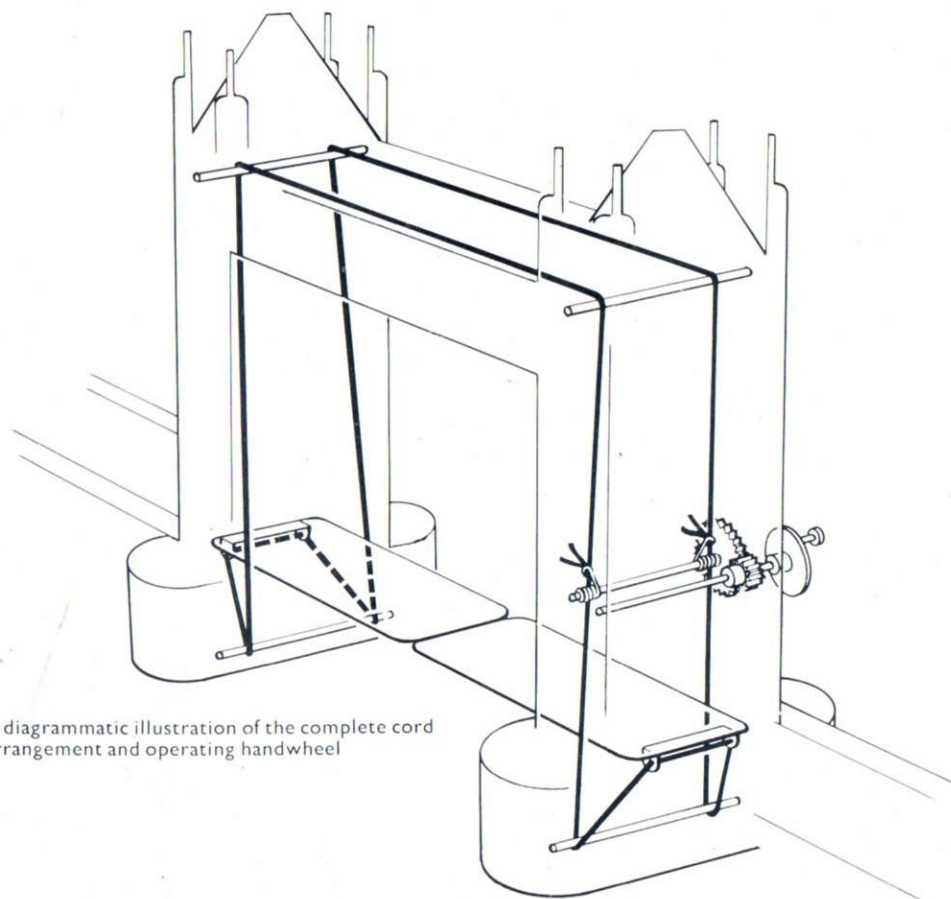
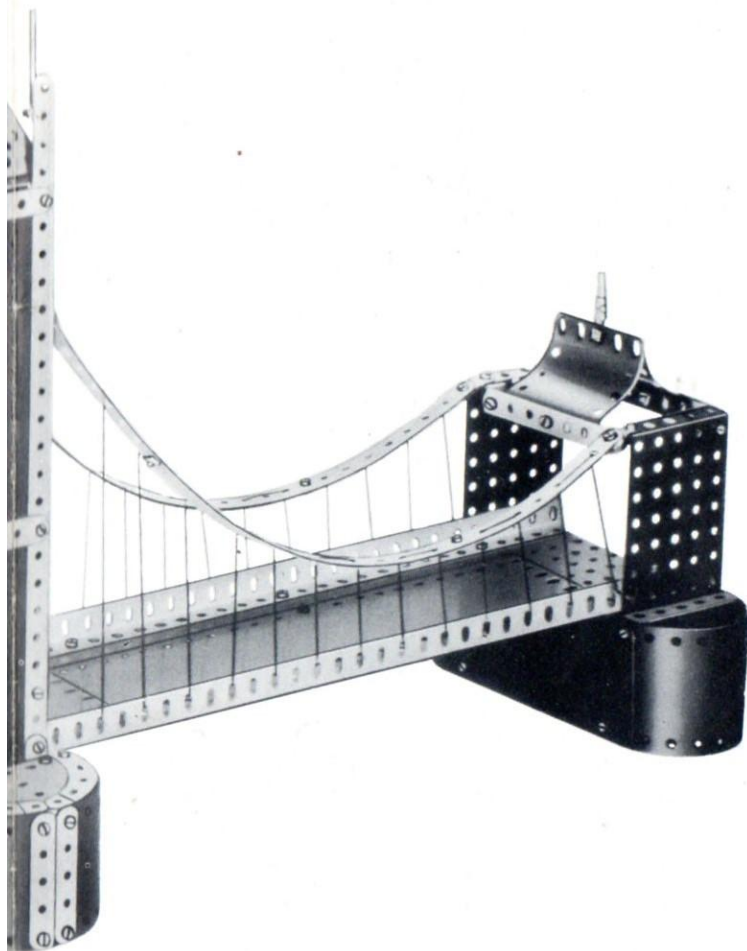


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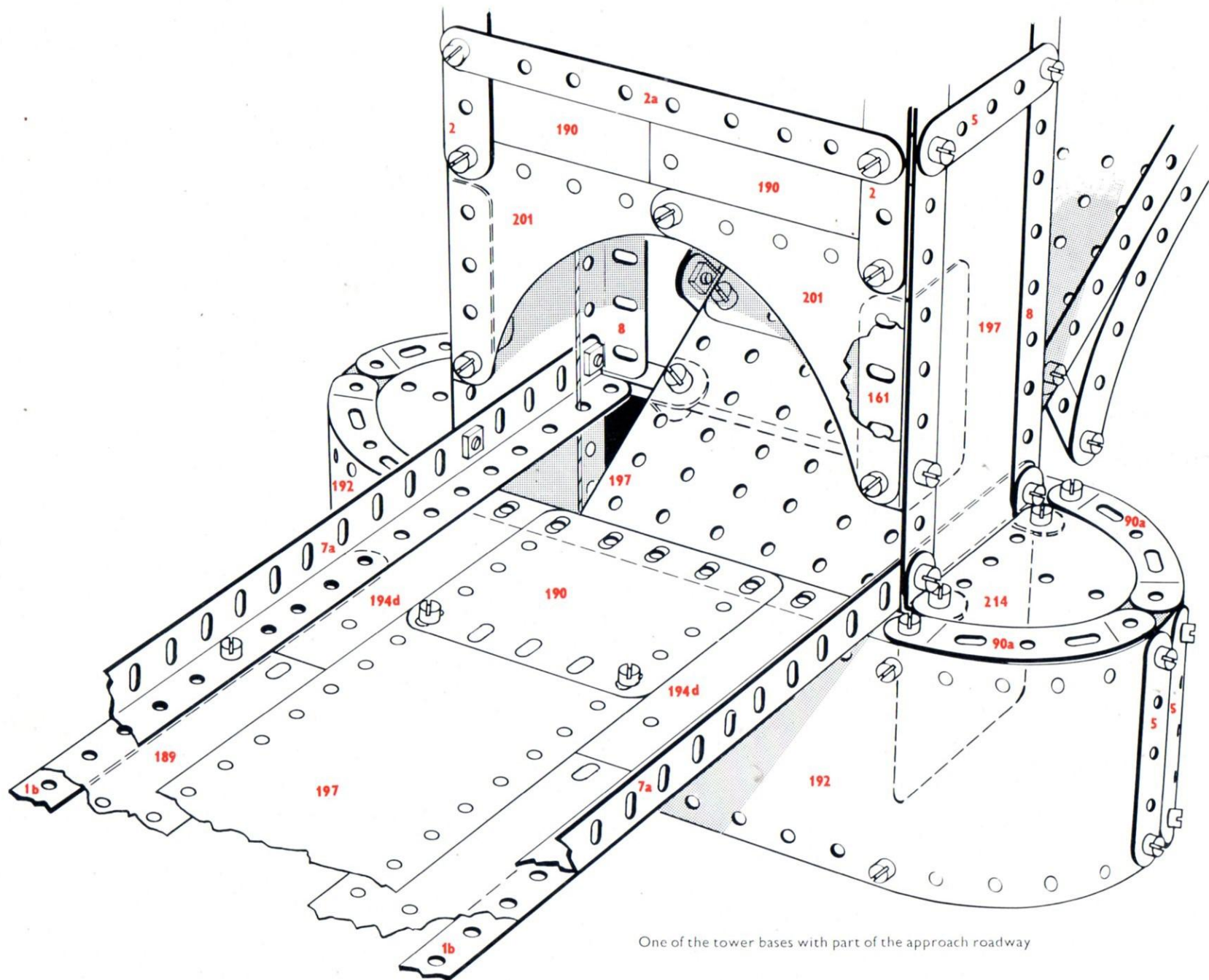
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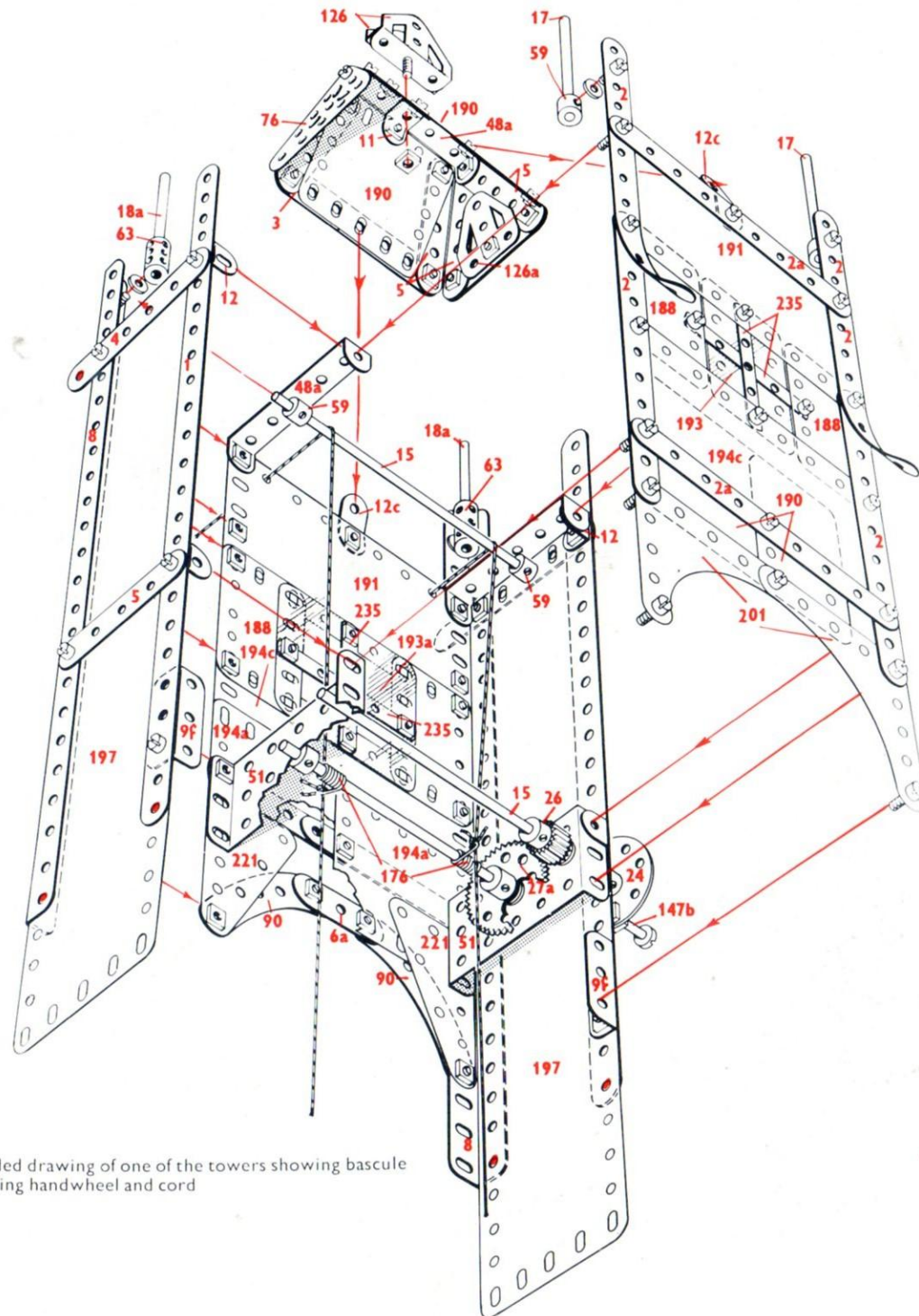
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One of the tower bases with part of the approach roadway

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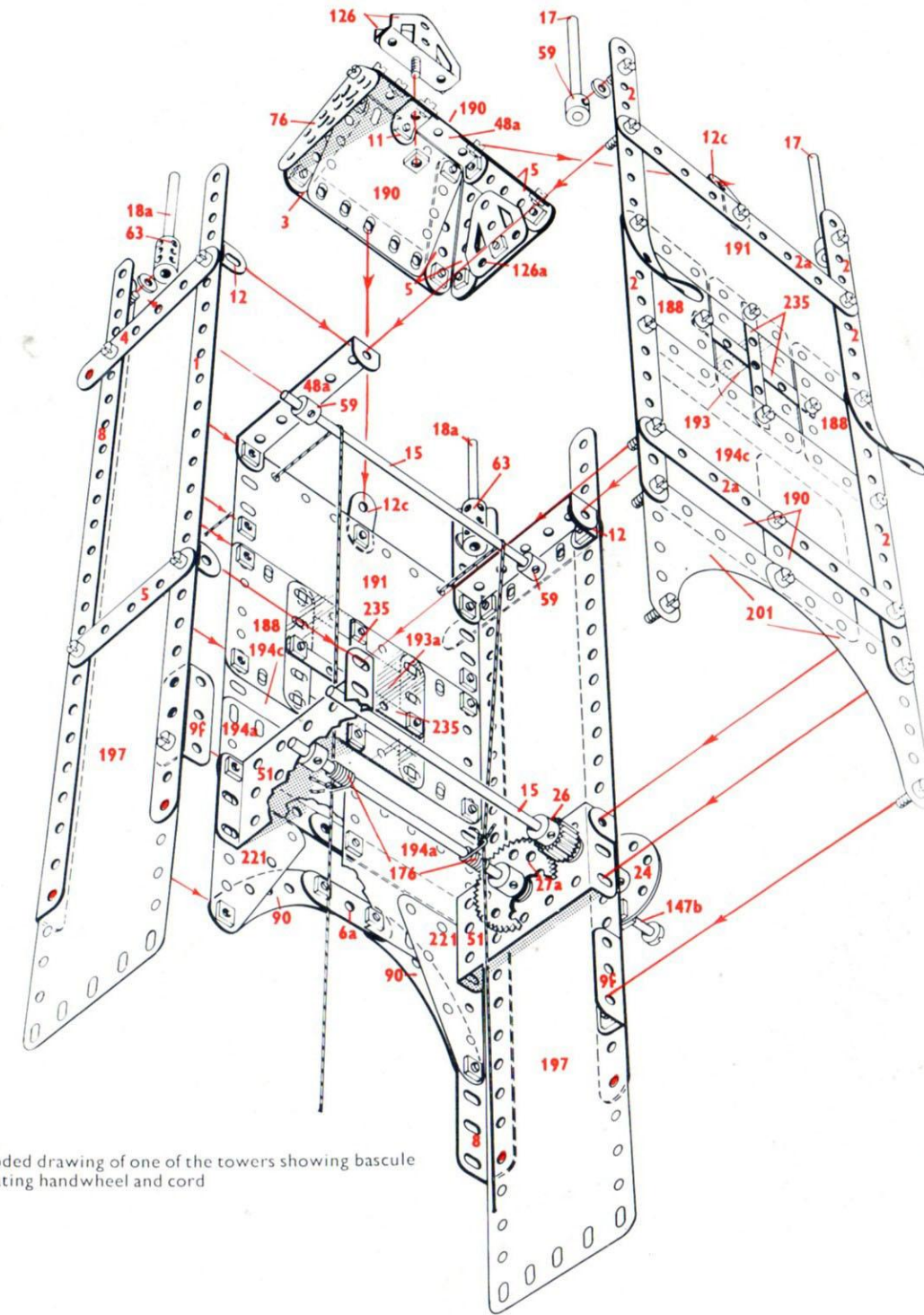
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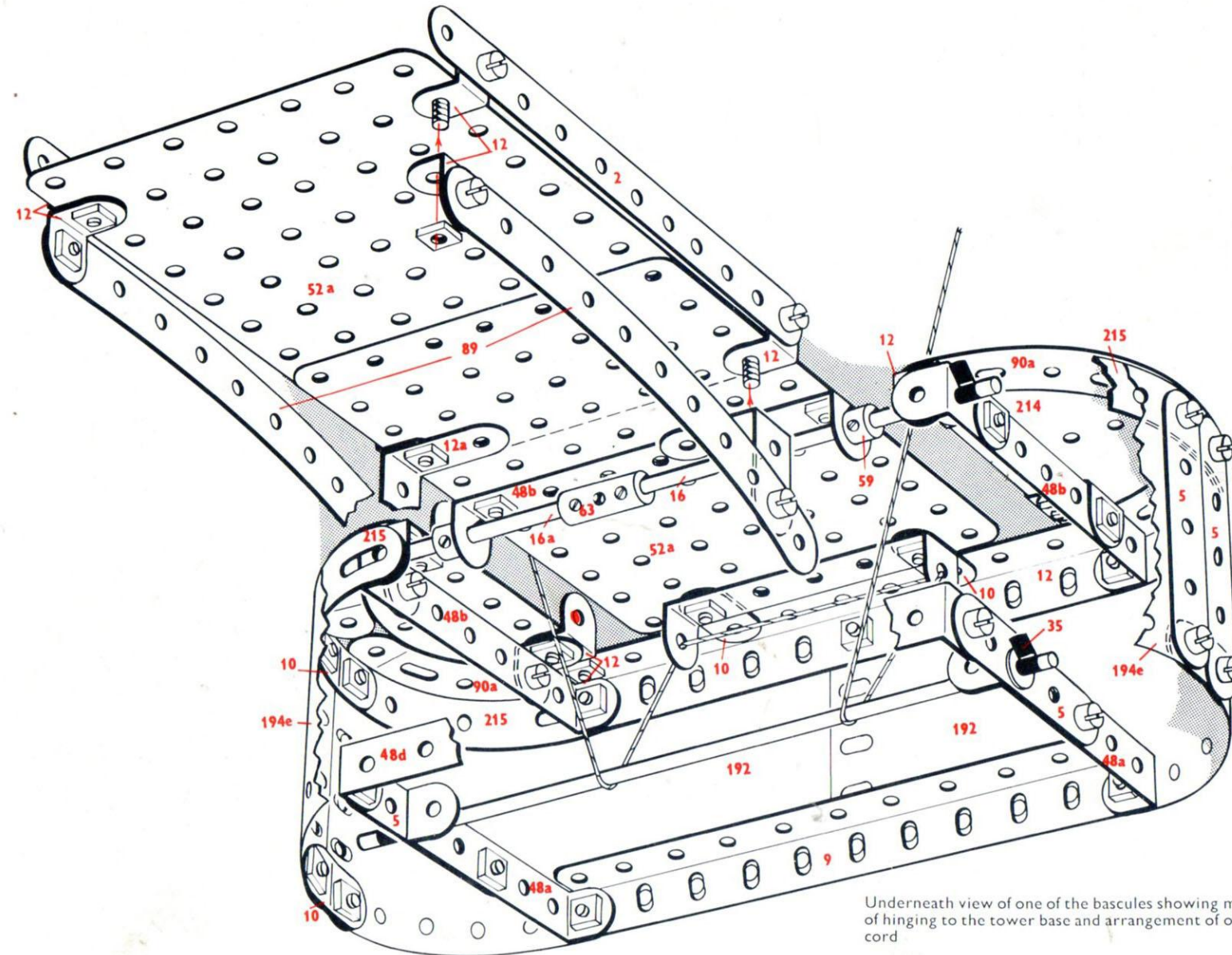
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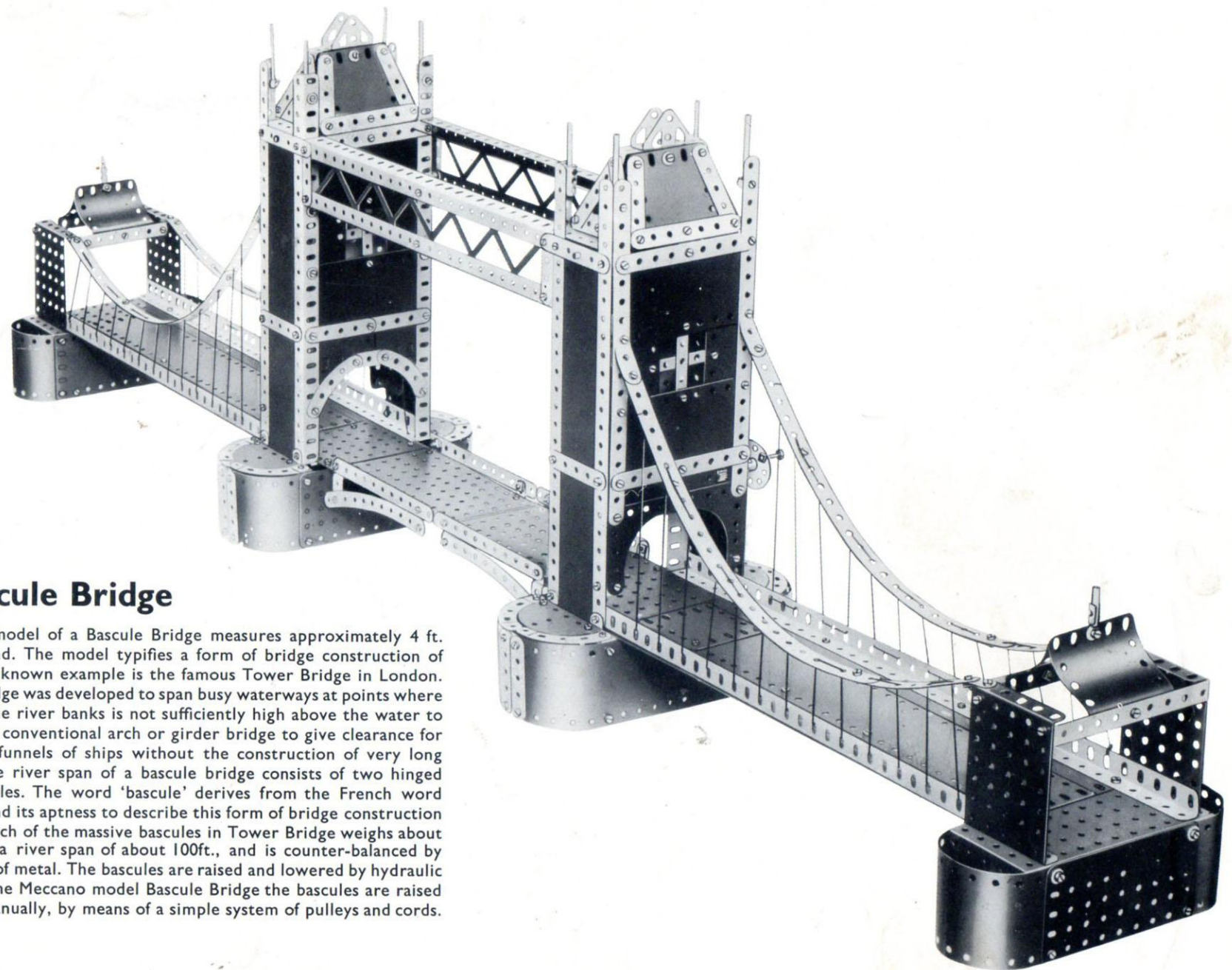
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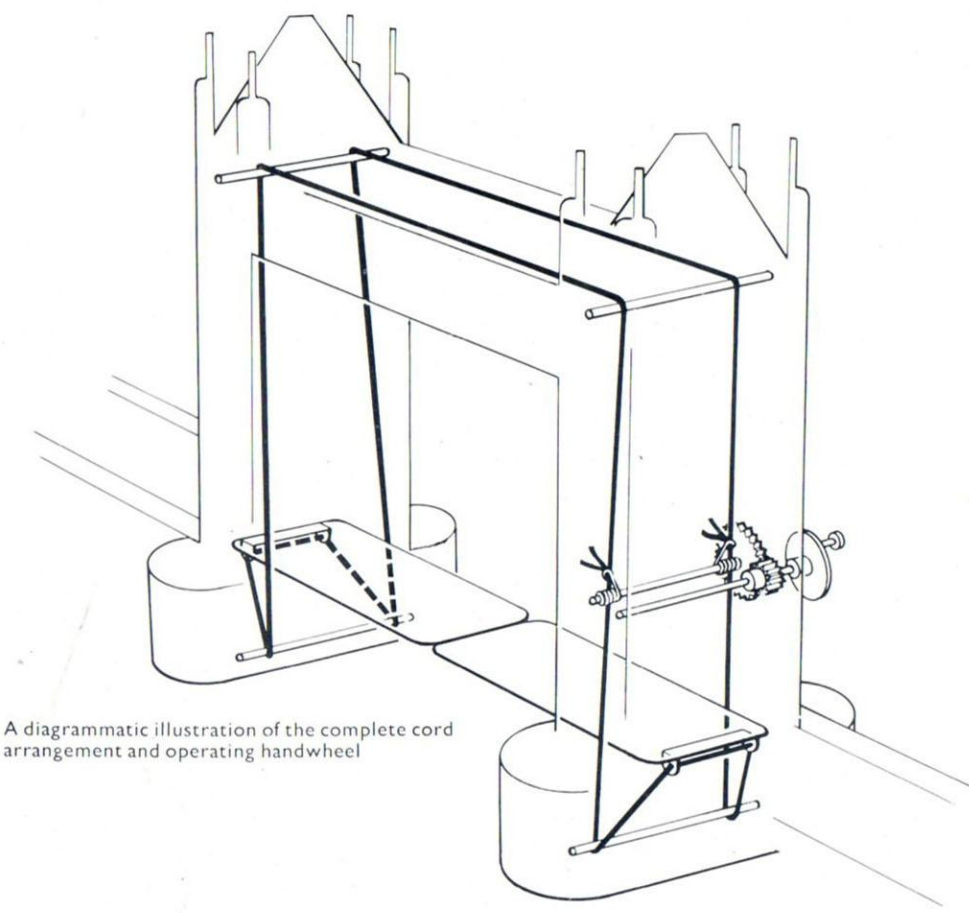


Underneath view of one of the bascules showing method of hinging to the tower base and arrangement of operating cord



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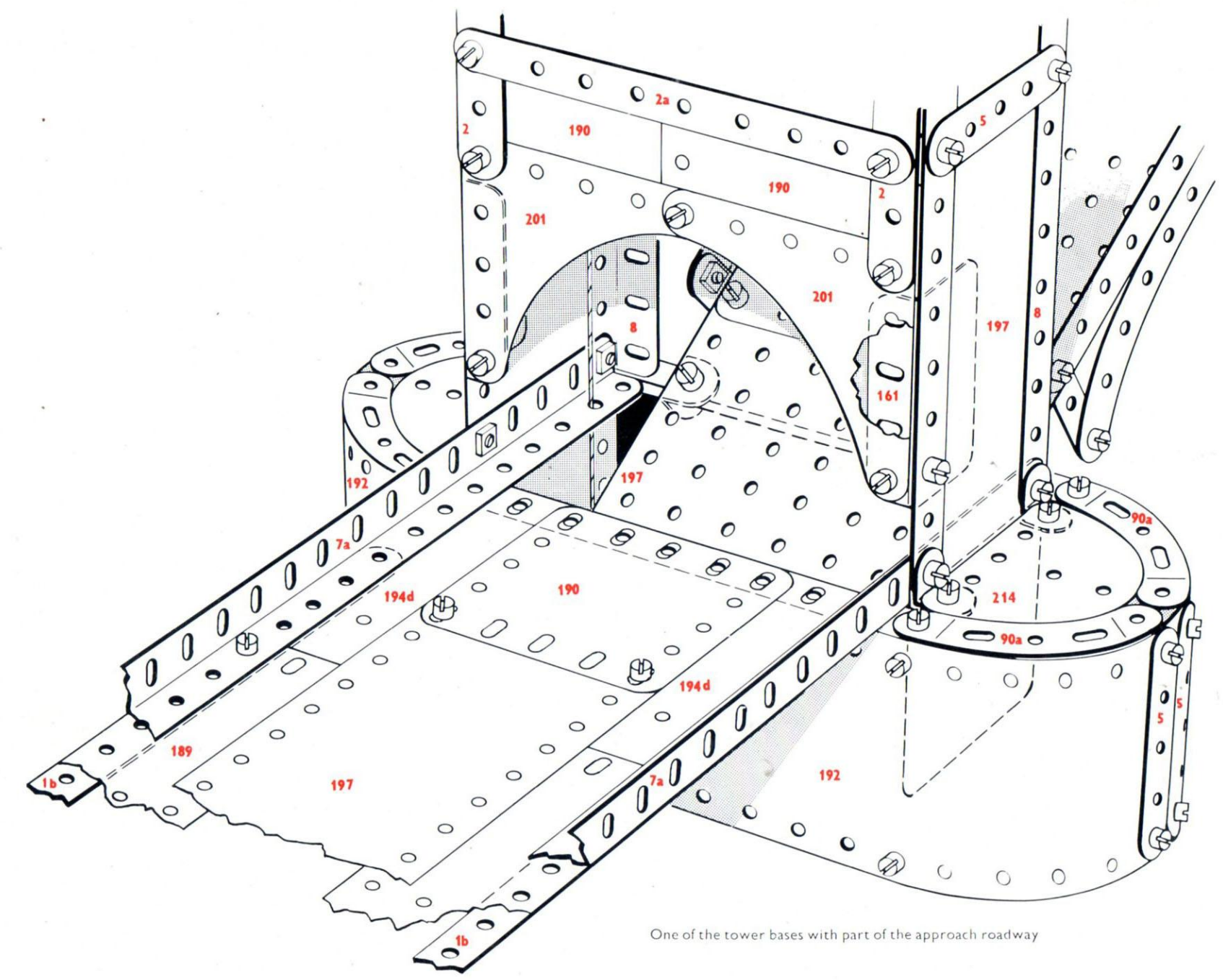


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