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1st ANZAC CORPS. C.E.

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IST. AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters,

30-10-16.

C.R.E. Corps Troops.
Captain Patterson.

Will you please submit a brief daily report on condition of roads under your control with information as to repairs in hand and necessary, labour, and any other comments which may be necessary to enable me to keep the Corps Commander fully informed as to the state of affairs.

Brig. General,
6.E., 1st. A. & N.Z.A.Corps.

CE. to see

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.
24/73/16.

Ist. Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

Headquarters,

30-10-16.

Chief Engineer,

4th. Army.

With reference to your F.242/38 of 28-10-16 to C.E., XV Corps, I have to reply as follows :-

(a) Lieut. J. .Goldson, 5th. Pioneer Battalion North--amptonshire Regt. appears to be suitable for charge of a district, having regard to his professional qualifications and experience.

(b) A map showing the roads and railway cours under construction and maintenance in the Corps Area is attached.

(c) Form is attached duly filled in as far as possible.

This letter has been prepared in consultation with the C.E., 15th. Corps.

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC. 9/44

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Brig. General,

C.E., 1st. A. & N.Z.A.Corps.

CE to see

7/11/16

C.E. 1st Anzac

31/10/16

C.E. Anzac Corps

We have up till now received no orders about our movements. Please give bearer the orders for us

W. Y. Sandeman
11 Lt. RE
for O.C. 69th Field Coy RE.

Q. I have no orders about these people. I understand three Field Cos + Pioneers of 29th Dn were left behind apparently the C.E.E. has gone

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31/10/16

No action. Must have arrived 1st Anzac 58 by now

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R 415

Chief, Engineer.
1st Anzacs.

C.R.E. Corps, Troops.
1st Anzacs.

I beg to inform you that the Aux, Horse Transport Coy, 2nd Indian Cavalry, are leaving today.

Another Park is urgently required to replace this and should be detailed for Fricourt or Mametz.

[signature] Lt Col

For C.R.E. Corps, Troops.
1st Anzacs.

2.11.16.

'Q' These wagons are employed on urgent road work and it will seriously interfere with repair and maintenance unless they are replaced by others.

2/11/16

J McCortette Maj
for CE

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.
300/109

G.

Reference to attached wire.
Captain Patterson who asks for an additional battalion at present has two battalions on the Montauban, Bazentin Longueval circuit (2nd Pioneer Batt. + batt. from 5th Aust. Div)
These are fully employed on repairs.
Extra battalion is asked for to complete road into new R.E. siding at Quarry + for unloading there.
400 tons of metal, a large number of sleepers + pitprops, + hutting material is being consigned to Quarry siding daily for forward work and until this road is complete it will be difficult to get it away by road.

J M C Corlette Major
for CE

2/11/16

T H Aryac CE

IST. AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Early

Headquarters,

4-11-16.

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HEADQUARTERS,
1ST ANZAC.
No. 167/83

B.G.G.S.,

1st. ANZAC.

I have just returned from inspecting the Corps roads from FRICOURT to MONTAUBAN, MONTAUBAN - BAZENTIN, LONGUEVAL - BERNAFAY.

DISTRICT "A". Taking the road by sections -

1. From FRICOURT to MAMETZ. This is under repair, but making slow progress owing to scarcity of labour, and materials. This length will be corduroyed.

2. MAMETZ to POMMIERES, in fairly good order; drainage is being put in. Road metal is scarce.

3. POMMIERES to MONTAUBAN, bad; drainage is being carried out, as materials are not available. The above sections, especially 2 and 3, have slightly improved during the last 72 hours. Section 1 will take three days to complete one side of road only, if labour is available.

At the present time, the following labour is employed on the above three sections under the C.R.E. Corps Troops:-

9th Battn. A.I.F.	-	800 men
Cavalry	-	200 "
West Yorks	-	600 "
Royal Fusiliers	-	450 "
Total		2050 "

We cannot bring this section - FRICOURT - MONTAUBAN into good order unless two further battalions, and ample materials, are supplied us.

DISTRICT "B".

CIRCUIT ROAD.

4. The section MONTAUBAN QUARRY is fair, QUARRY to BAZENTIN is bad and getting worse, owing to lack of labour and materials. We get no materials from MONTAUBAN, and the Railway refuse at present to give us stone at the QUARRY, so the road is going from bad to worse, especially between QUARRY and BAZENTIN.

5. BAZENTIN to LONGUEVAL. Three days ago, this road was in good order; to-day it is in bad condition, and rapidly going to pieces. The length is about 2500 yards and we have had no labour or materials to give to this section for some days.

6. LONGUEVAL to CATERPILLAR VALLEY:- First half in very bad condition, and rapidly becoming impassable owing to lack of labour and materials. All labour available is on drainage.

7. CATERPILLAR VALLEY to BERNAFAY Corner, in good condition.

It is my opinion that unless we can at once add two battalions to the existing labour on these circuit roads, that these

roads will rapidly become impassable for all types of wheeled vehicles.

The lack of labour and materials is the trouble. The labor we have on circuit roads is employed in draining principally, as we have little or no materials.

The Circuit Roads are under Captain Paterson R.E. and his labour consists of :-

12th Devons	-	700 men
1 Bn. Pioneers	-	700 "
1 Coy. R.E.	-	100 "
		1500 "

We require 3000 on this section to keep these roads passable, and to gradually bring them into good condition.

It is my opinion that, unless the Army can arrange with the Railway to supply us with 200 tons of soling and 100 tons of ballast daily at QUARRY for the next 20 days, we cannot maintain the roads in a condition to take heavy lorries. We must also find a further 1500 men daily for these circuit roads and 2500 pitprops.

To recapitulate.

On "A" District we require an extra 1500 men, and 300 tons of ballast daily at NEW FRICOURT Siding, and also 2500 pitprops or sleepers.

On "B" District we require an extra 1500 men and 200 tons soling and 100 tons ballast daily at QUARRY. Also 2500 pitprops or sleepers.

Unless these men and materials can be found, I do not consider we can maintain these roads under existing, abnormally heavy traffic.

Brig. General,

C.E., 1st. A. & N.Z.A.Corps.

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One additional Battalion is urgently required to construct loop road to New Road metal dump Quarry siding and unload at siding aaa If you can grant me this battalion will be met by Roads officer 8 am tomorrow railroad Corning Montauban Bazentin Road aaa

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