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C.E. 1st ANZAC CORPS.

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.
190/103

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters,
4/2/17.

B.G.,G.S.

With reference to clearing the various bridges and falls in the Ancre River, I have personally investigated the question.

1. It is out of the question to remove the ice from the river.

2. It is essential that we should have the gates on the various weirs free from ice, and also the ponds above the weirs for some 30' or 40'.

3. It will also be essential to free the trestles of various bridges from accumulations of ice.

These three items can be undertaken now, but we will require one officer & 30 o.r. to report at R.E. shop at Pumping Station, Albert.

4. When the thaw sets in, if it is a sudden one, very energetic steps will be required to pass off the water.

We will require men to be stationed at every bridge and fall with long boat hooks to guide the ice through the bridges etc. and prevent jambs occurring.

5. Each party will require explosives with which to break up jambs as they occur.

I will see to the explosives.

6. It is essential that the officer and men employed on this work should remain on it till the river is free from ice, as it takes some study of the river to know where the danger lies.

7. The party can be billeted in Albert. Please arrange for these men.

Brig. General
C.E. 1st ANZAC.

Date and Hour	INFORMATION
8/7/17.	HAY RESERVE. An additional 12 yards have been revetted and 270 yards of parapet have been bermed and revetted with sand-bags. 600 yards of wire have been placed in front of POSSUM RESERVE and a further 100 yards have been partially completed. In front of HAY RESERVE 500 yds of 3 strand wire have been erected. This has been thickened with barbed and salvaged wire.

Date and Hour	INFORMATION
8/2/17	of 4'6" from N. 21. d. 2. 7 to N. 21. d 3590.
	FUGITIVE AVENUE. Plug throughout - revetted for 7 yds and duckboarded for 10 yds. 230 yds. deepened to 5' - remainder to 6 feet.
	FORAGE AVENUE - completed from HAY RESERVE to GROVE AVENUE - heining of parapet is being continued.
	GROVE AVENUE 80 yds revetted - 10 repaired 30 x prepared for revetment.

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

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CLASSIFICATION 7/19 / 7 / 13 SUB-SECTION

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.
325/19

Headquarters,

8/2/1917.

"G" 1st Anzac.

Withdrawal of 19th P of W Company to 20 kilo. limit.

If the 19th P of W Coy. (skilled) is removed from the Corps Workshops, they must be replaced by the following men if the present output is to be maintained - even under present conditions the labour available is unable to compete with all the orders received. The 19th P of W.Company provides 330-350 men actually on the work.

Additional Skilled Labour required.

Trade	1st Div.	2nd Div.	4th Div.	5th Div.
Carpenters.	11	11	11	11
Engine drivers.	1	1	1	1
Blacksmiths.	3	3	3	3
Tinsmiths.	3	3	3	3
Fitters.	-	-	1	1
Turners.	1	1	-	-
Painters.	1	1	-	-
Signwriters.	-	-	1	1

Additional Rough Labour required.

One officer and 60 men from each division.

This party to be permanently attached, and it would be of considerable advantage if handy men and rough tradesmen were included.

These parties will be employed on :-

(1) All repitition work ex U Frames, revetting panels, trench boards.
(2) Unskilled labour in Saw mills and shops - feeding saws etc.

AQ
AQ

Brig. General.

C.E. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

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1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters,

9/2/1917.

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"G" 1st ANZAC

Herewith report on Anzac Light Railways for incorporation in Works Report A.

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.
No. 5905.

1. Anzac H.Q.
166 JK

Major A.E.

for C.E. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.
60/26.

Officer in Charge,
R.E., Services,
V. Area
1st Anzac.

74/89.

Chief Engineer,
Qst Anzac.

A dugout containing as estimated 200 or more mining sets was occupied by Heavy Artillery up till this week.

On inspection today it was found to have been vacated and in the short ~~XXXX~~ interval since last inspected rendered unworkable by some parties stripping the sets adjacent to the entrance and causing a cave-in.

A party of 7th. Batt. A.I.F. were found today stripping another dugout with a written order signed by the R.S.M. of the Batt,

There are 3 dugouts at present occupied in the Area ~~VIII~~.

Viz:- 2nd. Field Amb. 1st. Div. ~~XXXXXXX~~ Estimated 300 sets
2nd. San. Sectn. 1st Div. " 200 "
Div. Signals " 350 "

All the dugouts reffered to above are adjacent to the Contamaison Road between Fricourt Circus and the former 3rd ~~Camp~~ Corps boundary.

Not only is progress in salving timber reduced by 50% through having to dig out and retimber entrances closed in this way but even work in progress is similarly interferred with and at times brought to a standstill. Also timber salved if not removed same day to Corps Workshops disappears in the night,

Lieut. R.E.
FIELD ENGINEER

9/2/17.

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Aust Corps 160 294

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST ANZAC. 74/89

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC. 60/26

Headquarters,
10/2/1917.

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
C359/5/160
CLASSIFICATION SUB-SECTION

"A"

May orders be issued please that timbering of dugouts is not to be removed except under authority of the C.E. or of a C.R.E.

If units indiscriminately pull out timber a great waste of very valuable material results. All mining sets that can possibly be salved are needed.

Brig. General.
C.E. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

pa
15.2.17

pa with other papers on same subject.

1st Anzac GS

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC. 190/105

Headquarters.

11/2/1917.

B.G.,G.S.

In continuation of my 190/105 of 4/2/1917, the work of clearing the River Ancre of accumulations of ice from E.4.a.2.3. up stream has been successfully commenced.

The difficulties, however, are many, owing to the general foul state of the channel and the fact that through the Town of Albert, the whole of the water and ice has to be passed through the N branch, as the S is completely obstructed by debris resultant from shell fire.

To cope with the heavy work it is necessary that the working party, for the present should be brought up to the strength of 1 Officer and 50 men. When the thaw sets in, it will be necessary to work continuously day and night; a working party of 3 Officers and 150 men will then be required.

May orders be issued for the above requirements please.

Brig. General.

C.E. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

G.C.

G.a.R.H.O.

1st Anzac GS

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.

190/105

G. 1st Anzac

Reference your wires G 555 of 12th and G. 654 of 14th

The additional party of 2 Officers and 100 O.R. will not be required from this date.

The original party of 1 officer and 30 O.R. will be sufficient from 17th instant. (This party is at present 1 off. 50 OR.) until further notice

J W Corbett Maj
for CE

Ga 15/2/17

FEB 16 Rec'd

C E 1 Anzac

796

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
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CLASSIFICATION SUB-SECTION

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1st ANZAC.
235/145

Headquarters,
15/2/1917

C.R.E., 11 or D Division.

Please read this correspondence re repairs of Pozieres - LeSars road. You should apply to the Roads Officer, Capt. Davy at Albert for the necessary materials.

Please let me know the result arrived at, and kindly return papers.

(Sd) A J de Lotbiniere
Brig. General.
C.E. 1st A. N. Z. A. C.

To. Q. 1st Anzac

1st Dw Corps
Arms

H. Q.,
1st AUSTRALIAN
DIVL. ENGINEERS.
No. E 751
Date 22/2/17

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters,

18/2/1917

C.R.E. 1st Aust Divn.
C.R.E. 2nd Aust Divn.
C.R.E. 4th Aust Divn.
C.R.E. 5th Aust Divn.

With reference to attached Memorandum on the issue of 60 c/nm gauge Decauville material, will you please forward early :-

(1) Your estimate of immediate requirements.

(2) The probable amount of material required for the month of March 1917.

(3) An approximate estimate of what you consider should be held as a Divisional reserve to be used for future operations.

CHIEF
ENGINEER,
1st ANZAC.
24/8/24

C H Sheldon Capt R.E.
for

Brig. General.

C.E. 1st A. N. Z. A. C.

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Copy No 1.

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Engineer Instructions No. 28. 11/2/1917.

-by-

Brig.General A.J.de Lotbiniere, C.B.,C.S.I.,C.I.E.,
Chief Engineer, 1st ANZAC.

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1. Consequent on 1st Anzac Corps Order NO.94, para 2.b by which 180th Tunnelling Company R.E. will leave this Corps on the 15th inst., the O.C. 258th Tunnelling Coy. will distribute his company so that one section is attached for work to each division.

2. O.C. 258th Tunnelling Company will arrange to take over work now being carried on by 180th Tunnelling Company in C and D areas.

3. C.R.Es will arrange direct with O.C. 258th Tunnelling Company the work to be allotted to the section employed in their respective divisional sectors..

4. The detachment of Anzac Entrenching Battalion attached to the 258th Tunnelling Company will be concentrated in D area under arrangements to be made by O.C. 258th Tunnelling Company.

J.M.C. Corbett Lt Col
for Brig. General.
C.E. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

1-2 "G" 1st Anzac.
3-8 "Q" 1st Anzac.
9 C.R.E. 1st Aust. Divn.
10 C.R.E. 2nd Aust. Divn.
11 C.R.E. 4th Aust. Divn.
12 C.R.E. 5th Aust. Divn.
13 O.C. 180th Tunnelling Coy. R.E.
14 O.C. 258th Tunnelling Coy. R.E.
15 O.C. Anzac Entrenching Battalion.
16 Controller of Mines 5th Army.
17-20 Retained

G.a. RHQ
G.b. Clerk

12/2.

CE.
Please Sir, let us know if you have had any definite orders as to transfer of the 180th T Coy
Clerk. P.T.O.

G/ No definite order received regarding above.
Corrigendum to this order is being issued
and forwarded herewith in consequence
of explanation that 1st Anzac Corps Order
was not intended to mean that the 180th
Tunnelling Coy moved

12/9/17

SECRET

Copy No 12

Engineers

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Engineer Instruchions No. 28. 12/2/1917.

-by-

Brig. General A.J.de Lotbiniere, C.B.,C.S.I.,C.I.E.,
Chief Engineer 1st ANZAC.

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CORRIGENDUM.

Delete para 1 and substitute :-

Consequent on 1st Anzac Corps Order No.94 para 2b, by which 180th Tunnelling Coy. R.E. will leave this Corps, the following arrangements will be made when the move takes place -

1. O.C. 258th Tunnelling Company R.E. will distribute his company so that one section is attached for work to each division.

And add after para 4 :-

5. Orders regarding date of move of 180th Tunnelling Coy. R.E. will be issued later.

J.M.C. Corlette Maj
for Brig. General.
C.E. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

1-2 "G" 1st Anzac.
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12 C.R.E. 5th Aust. Divn.
13 O.C. 180th Tunnelling Coy. R.E.
14 O.C. 258th Tunnelling Coy. R.E.
15 O.C. Anzac Entrenching Battalion.
16 Controller of Mines 5th Army.
17-20 Retained

AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION
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CLASSIFICATION SUB-SECTION

HEADQUARTERS,
1ST ANZAC.
74/111

1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS

Engineer Instructions No. 29. 22/2/1917

-by-

Brig. General A.J.de Lotbiniere, C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E.
Chief Engineer, 1st Anzac.

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Forty-eight engine drivers for operating water supply pumping plants are required. These will be found by drawing twelve from the Field Companies of each Division.

Four of these should be skilled internal combustion engine drivers, and eight used to running steam engine plant.

Men should be sent to report to O.C. 149th A.T. Coy.R.E. at Fricourt, F.2.d.5.5., at 12 noon on 23rd instant, to whom a nominal roll should be furnished, stating class of plant for which each man is suited.

The men so supplied, will be distributed among the pumping plants in the Corps area and attached for duty and discipline to either the 149th A.T. Coy. R.E. or 134th A.T. Coy. R.E., the O.C's of which will also arrange for their rationing.

The men will be returned to their companies should the Corps move.

J.M. C. Corbett Maj.
for Brig. General.
C.E. 1st A. N. Z. A. C.

"G" 1st Anzac.
"Q" 1st Anzac.
C.R.E. 1st Aust. Divn.
C.R.E. 2nd Aust. Divn.
C.R.E. 4th Aust. Divn.
C.R.E. 5th Aust. Divn.
O.C. 149th A.T. Coy. R.E.
O.C. 134th A.T. Coy. R.E.

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TO: Anzac Rd Workshops CRE Back Area

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 277/241	3 Feb 17		

Put in hand for CRE Back Area at MONTONVILLERS one lecture hall to seat 80 pr Divisional School and Advise CRE BA when ready for issue aaa Addso Anzac Rd Workshops repto CRE Back Area

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1st Anzac

From CE 1st Anzac

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor.

(Z) C R Sheldon

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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TO CE 1st Anzac

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
CHE 447	5/2/17	277/241	

Are the 2nd Field Co to remain in this area to erect the lecture hall at MONTON VILLERS School which You are having made at ANZAC workshop

1st Anzac

FROM PLACE & TIME: CRE Back area 10.0 am

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TO CE 1st Anzacs

*Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
CHE 450	7/2/17		

May I have a reply please to my wire CHE 447 concerning erection of that at MONTON VILLERS and if the 2nd Field Co are to be retained there for that purpose

No action

1st Anzac CE

FROM PLACE & TIME CRE Back areas 12.0 pm

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Service Instructions.

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TO CE 1. Anzac

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
CHE 455	8/2/17	57	

Two sections of 2nd Austln Fld Coy will be leaving VIGNACOURT to rejoin their unit on the afternoon of the 14th aaa Addso to CE 1 Anzacs & Repta to OC 2nd Aust. Fd Coy

1st Anzac CE

FROM PLACE & TIME CRE Back Area noon

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