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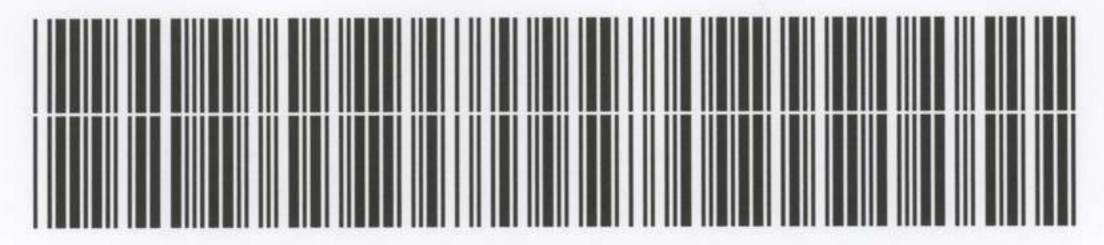
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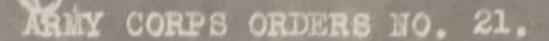
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Lieut.-General sir A.J. Godley, K.C.M.G., C.B., Commanding Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

A N Z A C. 14th December, 1915.

Reference Map of GALLIPOLI PENINSULA 1/20000.

- 1. Orders have been received for the re-embarkation of the Army Corps and its transfer to MUDROS.
- 2. The re-embarkation will be carried out at a time and on a date to be communicated later. The operation will be effected during the hours of darkness of two nights.

The principle upon which the withdrawal will be effected will be by a gradual reduction from our present fire trenches - the times of withdrawal being determined by the times at which troops will be required to embark and the distance from the place of embarkation.

- direct with the A.Q.M.G. for the removal of all official papers, maps, and surplus stores, kits and baggage. All notices or Guiding Marks likely to be of use to the enemy will be destroyed under Divisional arrangements.
 - (ii). Divisional representatives will be sent to MUDROS at once.
- 4. (i). The total number of troops to be embarked on the first night will be approximately:-

Army Headquarters)	350.
Base.) lst Australian Division	2.400.
2nd Australian Division	3.550. 3.350.
N.Z.&.A. Division	0.000.
Indian Brigade)	250.
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(ii). The order of embarkation on the first

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night is set out in detail in APPENDIX "A" and will be conducted upon the orders of the Army Corps Commander.

(iii). The removal of troops from the line held by Divisions and from Divisional Areas on the first night will be made gradually by Divisional Commanders who will embark after the whole of the troops destined for removal that night have embarked. A Divisional representative will thereupon report to the Rearguard Commander at ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS. The Signal Communications at Divisional Headquarters will be maintained where arrangements will be made for the Rearguard Commander at Army Corps Headquarters to be plugged through to Brigade Commanders.

No.IV Section will send in a representative, but the G.O.C., Eastern Mounted Brigade and the G.O.C. Indian Brigade will remain thereafter as separate Brigade Commanders.

(iv). Divisional Commanders will be responsible before leaving for the distribution of their remaining troops to the whole line and for their sub-division into three parties, A. B. &. C. Party.

"C" party will include detachments of remaining guns and a proportion of Engineers.

Divisional Commanders and G.O.C., No.IV section will prepare the time-tables for the evacuation of troops on the Final Night and hand them to Commanders of Brigades - a copy will be sent to Brigadier-General Sir A. RUSSELL.

(v). The Army Corps Commander will embark on the H.M.S. "HELIOTROPE" during this night. He

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will be placed in communication with the Rearguard Commander by the Army Corps Signal Company (visual).

5. (1). The total number of troops to be embarked on the Final Night will be :-

(On this night one Battalion of the Indian Brigade will be embarked with and by the 9th Corps.)

The whole of the above will be formed into a Rearguard under the command of Brigadier-General Sir A. RUSSELL, K.C.M.G.

(ii). The order of emberkation on this night is set out in APPENDIX "B". A. & B. parties will be ordered to move by Brigade Commanders in order to embark at the time given in the Appendix. The withdrawal of each party will be made gradually, but A. & B. parties will embark as formed bodies. Brigade Commanders will embark with the last of Be parties. Divisional representatives with R.G. Commander will arrange for staff officers to be at the points en route where units from different sections will meet and for the regulation of traffic thereat. These officers will be told off beforehand.

Rendezvous and guides for A. & B. parties will be provided under Divisional arrangements.

Brigade Commanders will appoint a Commander of each "C" Party. This officer will have his headquarters at Brigade Headquarters. The regimental and battalion organisation will be kept intact and the existing communications retained.

(iii). "C" parties will be retained in the fire trenches and will be withdrawn gradually by

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the "C" party commander of each brigade. A portion of them composed of active gallant men may under Brigade arrangements be told off to cover the retirement of the remainder from selected positions covering the places of embarkation. The 2nd Division will so cover NORTH BEACH from WALKER'S RIDGE to ARI BURNU, and this will be the last party to embark.

In this area a "Keep" will be provided and provisioned for seven days by the G.O.C., 2nd Australian Division, "C" party Commanders will be informed of this.

(1v). The final evacuation of the front trenches on the right flank will not begin before 2.a.m. nor on the left flank before 1-30.a.m.

6. All movement will be made expeditiously and in silence, and the utmost care will be taken to maintain the appearance of a normal night. No lights and no smoking will be permitted. As each party is removed from the trenches, the remainder will be extended and maintain the usual rifle fire and bombing activity.

It is essential that the off-loading from lighters to ships be carried out expeditiously. The senior officer arriving by the first lighter at a transport will act as Staff officer and aid in effecting the off-loading rapidly. All officers will be informed of the need of assisting in this.

The Beach organization is shown in Appendix "C".
The A.P.M. will provide a party of

25 men at WATSON'S PIER (South Beach).
40 men at WILLIAMS PIER (North Beach).
te traffic and assist the M.L.O's at each

to regulate traffic and assist the M.L.O's at each place.

The police will prevent crowding and will

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aid in marchalling troops. "Traffic Officers" at the rate of 1 to each 8 police will be told off to aid the A.P.M.; they will act under his orders.

- (i). In each division, under divisional orders, parties will be told off to disable such guns as remain, and bury or destroy remaining ammunition and stores.

 These demolition parties will embark with "C" parties.

 Any demolitions necessary in the Base area will be carried out under the orders of the C.E. Army Corps.

 (ii). Mines will not be prepared or fired in our own or under the enemy's trenches except certain mines at RUSSELL'S TOP which the G.O.C., 2nd Australian Division is authorised to have fired by a special demolition party after all the troops have been withdrawn.
- All maxim guns will be removed by detachments allotted to respective parties. No machine-guns will be left. Efforts will be made to bury any remaining trench stores not previously removed.
 - As each headquarters moves men will be told off to remove and take with them their telephone instruments.
- All animals which cannot be embarked will be destroyed on the last evening, those in Divisional areas under the orders of Divisional representatives, those in the Base area under the orders of the Rear-guard Commander.
- 12. (i). Troops will embark with 150 rounds per man, 2

 Iron rations and the unconsumed portion of the day's rations.
 - (ii). Troops embarking on the Final Night will not be hampered with blankets, kits or waterproof sheets. They will retain their great-coats and packs

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only, the remainder of their kits will be sent off on the previous night.

- 13. The Medical arrangements are set out in Appendix
 "D". No effort will be made to remove large numbers
 of casualties on the Last Night.
- The 1st Australian Division and the N.Z.&.A.

 Division will each detail an officer to H.M.S. "GRAFTON"

 in order to aid in the direction of Naval fire if

 required which will be applied for in the normal method.

 These officers will embark on the day of the First

 Night.
- . 15. (i). The Army Corps Signal Company will arrange communication from the shore to the officer commanding covering cruiser.
 - (ii). Sea Cable communications will be maintained to the last moment. A party of the Army Corps Signal Company will be told off to cut the shore ends and remove all traces prior to the final embarkation.

(Sgd). C.B.B.WHITE, Br.-Gen., G.S., Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

NOTE.

Appendices A, B, C, and D, attached.

copy No. 1. to A.H.Q. 2. " IXth corps. " G.O.C. 4. # HOM. 5. " "A". 6. " D.D.M.S. N.T.O. P.M.L.O. 1st Aust. Divn. 10. " 2nd Aust. Divn. 11. " N.Z.&.A.Divn. 12. " No. 4 section. 13, " 29th Indian Brigade. File. 14. "

FIRST NIGHT.

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PLACE.	TRANSPORT.	TIN ARRIVAL.	DEPT.	Nos.	UNITS.	REMARKS.
Watson's Pier South Beach.	3 Motor lighters.	6pm.	7pm.	1200.	1200/1st Divn.	Route for 1st Div via sap and 1st Div. old Div. H.Q. to ANZAC GULLY.
	12 Cutters.	Between 8	& llpm.	700.	700/2nd Divn.	Will follow 1st Div. to whom they will be attached for embarkation.
	3 Motor lighters.	llpm.	12mn.	1200.	1200/1st Divn.	See above re Route.
	3 Motor lighters.	4am.	4.30am.	1200.	1200/2nd Divn.	Via route laid down for lat Divn.
North Beach.	5 Motor lighters.	6pm.	7pm.	2000.	(1650/2nd Divn. (350/Base.	Via REST and RESERVE Gullies.
	2 Motor lighters.	7pm.	8pm.	800.	800/NZ&A Divn.	
	5 Motor lighters.	llpm.	12mn.	2000.	(250/No.4 sec. (1750/NZ&A Divn.	NZ&A Div. will follow the men from No.4 Section - Staff NZ&A Div. will arrange for joining at CHALAK DERE
	2 Motor lighters.	12.30am.	1.30am.	800.	(800/NZ&A Divn.	accordingly.

MOTES:- The time of arrival and departure of lighters is approximate and is issued as a guide to Divisional Commanders in determining the hours at which withdrawals from the line will be made. The head of the queue on each column should be ready to embark at least \frac{1}{2} an hour before the hour given as the time of arrival of lighters.

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APPENDIX "B".

FINAL NIGHT.

Note: - FOR THIS NIGHT TROOPS WILL BE TOLD OFF INTO 3 PARTIES: "A" PARTY, "B" PARTY, "C" PARTY.

PLACE.	TRANSPORT.	ARRIV.	The Real Property lies and the Person lies are not to the Person lies and the Person lies are not to t	Nos.	UNITS.	REMARKS.
Watson's Pier (South Beach).		6pm.	7pm.	1200.	lst Div. "A" Party.	Via sap and old let Div. H.Q. to ANZAC GULLY.
	3-Motor lighters.	llpm.	12mn.	1200.	600/1st Div. "B" Party. 600/2nd Div.)	- do do -
	2 Motor lighters.	lam.	2am.	800.	800/2nd Div.) "B" Party.	- do do -
Williams Pier (North Beach).	5 Motor lighters.	6pm.	7pm.	2000.	(1000/2nd Div. "A" Party. (1000/NZ&A Div"A" Party.	Via REST and RESERVE Gullies as necessary.
	2 Motor lighters.	7pm.	8pm.	800.	(500/No.4 Sect. "A" Party. (300/NZ&A Div"A" Party.	Will follow No.4 section "A" party NZ&A Div. Staff to arrange junction.
	5 Motor lighters.	llpm.	12mn.	2000.	(600/No.4 Sec. "B" Party. (1100/NZ&A Div. "B" Party. 300/Base.	- do do - "B" - do -
	5 Motor lighters.	4am.	4.30am.	2000.	(480/1st Div.) /No.4 Sec.)"C" Parties. (600/NZ&A Div) (600/2nd Div.)	120 will also embark from BRIGHTON Beach 3am. 240 from ASMAK DERE 3am.

NOTES:- 1. Note 1 of Appendix "A" equally applies.

2. On this night one battalion (400 strong) of Indian Bde. will embark with 9th corps under the ordersof G.O.C., Mounted Division.

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^{3.} The withdrawal of each party will be made gradually, "A" and "B" parties will be assembled at Divisional rendezvous and marched to places of embarkation. Portions of "C" parties will be told off under Bde. orders to cover the several places of embarkation; these parties will embark last. The trenches on the left flank of the ANZAC line will not be finally vacated before 1.30am, nor those on the right flank before 2.a.m.

ARMY CORPS ORDER NO. 21.

Naval	& Military	Officers	in	charge	of	Embarkation.
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Captain STAVLEY R.N. N.T.O. P.M.L.O. Major BRUCE.

Office at WALKER'S PIER.

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Place.	lst Night.	2nd Night.
BRIGHTON Beach.		Naval. Lt. EGERTON. Sub.Lt. JONES.
(A 83)		Military. Capt. EWER. 1 Orderly.
SOUTH BEACH. WATSON'S	Naval.LtComdr.HOPKINS. Lt.EGERTON (Cutters). Sub-Lt. SPIKING. " JONES. (Cutters).	Naval. LtComdr. HOPKINS. Sub-Lt. SPIKING.
(80 VI)	Military. Capt. WALKER. SAYCE.	Military. Capt. WALKER. " SAYCE.
NORTH BEACH (80 Q 3).	Naval. Comdr. MARRYATT.	NAVAL. Comdr. MARRYATT.
MILO.	Lt. Cdr. GREEN. Sub.Lt. PETRIE.	Sub.Lt.PETRIE.
NORTH BEACH (80 Q 3). WILLIAM'S PIER.	sub.Lt. LUCAS. " " GOLDSTEIN.	sub. Lt. LUCAS. " " GOLDSTEIN.
NORTH BEACH (80 Q 3). WALKER'S PIER.		Lt. BLEAKLEY.
	Military. Major CHAMBERLAIN. Capt. MAVOR. I.t. BRADSHAW.	MILITARY. Major CHAMBERLAIN. Capt. MAVOR. Lt. BRADSHAW.
Mouth of ASMAK DERE. 91 Q 9.		Naval. Lt.Cdr. GREEN. MT READER Gr. R.N. Military. Capt. HILL. 1 Orderly.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

- on last two days of evacuation only two (2) Medical Unite will remain at ANZAC:-
 - (i). No.1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station 0.7 0.R.71.
 - (11). No. 13 Casualty Clearing Station 0.5 O.R.69.

These stations are fully equipped for treatment of 1200 patients in all.

- 2. Tents of Field Ambulances, and their Dressing Stations have been left standing in many places in ANZAC.

 There is a sufficient supply of Dressings, and with a few personnel these places would serve for the immediate treatment of wounded.
- A small number of A.A.M.C., N.Z.M.C., and Indian Bearers will be left with battalions and should if possible embark with them.
- Major campbell A.A.M.C., O.C. of No.1. Australian casualty clearing station will be the Senior Medical Officer of the Units named in para. 1.
- officers commanding No.1 Australian casualty clearing station and 13th casualty clearing station have received instructions from the D.D.M.S. to be ready on very short notice for embarkation on last day of evacuation, but under no conditions to embark without written instructions from the Rearguard commander.
- Both these units will remain in the event of a number of casualties occurring, but if only one unit is required No.1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station will remain.
- 7. In the event of a large number of casualties remaining after evacuation the Senior Medical Officer will apply for bearers to the enemy Commander so that our wounded may be collected and treated in Casualty Clearing Stations.
- 8. A Medical Officer who speaks French has been detailed to each Unit.

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ORDERS FOR TROOP CARRIERS, ANZAC, ETC.

A.N.Z.

Besides H.M.S. "MARS", the following will be employed :-

ABBASIEH.

EL KAHIRA.

PRINCE ABBAS.

ERMINE.

REINDEER.

CARRON.

HAZEL.

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In each of these a Naval Officer will be embarked to assist Captain, and who will be responsible that Ship is in right position and see that Troops get out of Lighters with utmost despatch and that there is no delay in Lighters shoving off.

Captain to tell off a responsible officer to see that Troops get out of Lighters with utmost despatch and that there is no delay in Lighters shoving off.

The Troop Carriers will proceed to MUDROS as soon as they have got the numbers on board allotted to them, reckoning by the number of Motor Lighters discharged to them. Motor Lighters will carry 400 troops each trip, and will discharge completely into the Ships they go alongside, except in the cases mentioned in Notes in the Table for First Night.

On both nights Lighters will not go to ERMINE until MARS is full.

The Piers of ANZAC are in the position marked in Plan, and Red and Green Lights will be shown at the end of the Pier (vide Plan), - this will also facilitate Troop Carriers in picking up their anchoring berths.

The anchoring berths to be taken up by Troop Carriers will be as shown in Plan. The MARS, owing to her draught, will have a special berth to W.N.W., 9 cables from ARI BURNU.

For North Beach.

N.1. 8 Cables North_west of ARI BURNU.

N.2. 2 Cables North of N.1. berth.

For South Beach.

S.1. 8 Cables West by North of ARI BURNU.

S.2. 2 Cables South of S.1. berth.

In the following Tables against each Ship is shown the berth she is to anchor in on arrival.

If a Ship arriving at her berth finds that the Ship there before her has not left (which is hoped will never be the case) she is to anchor as near as possible to her berth.

The anchors are to be lowered down and only sufficient cable out to keep the Ship in position and everything ready for getting under weigh at a moment's notice.

On proceeding, the Troop Carriers will inform superintending Captain by W/T (very low power) of their departures, simply making:-

"HONEYSUCKLE" call sign " V " "own call sign""1 91 9" "code time".

Signalling by lamps strictly prohibited; Ships to be darkened and no smoking till at least 6 miles from the Peninsula and absolute silence to be maintained.

It is of the utmost importance for Troop Carriers to embark their troops rapidly, and proceed to destination immediately they are full. This specially applies to the last relay on the First Night. All craft should be out of sight by daylight, so that in daytime normal appearance will be resumed.

N.T.O. arranging for usual small supply craft and Tugs being in their places, and some Motor Lighters can lie alongside them and rest at the pier or alongside "MILO".

All concerned are to bear in mind the extreme necessity in keeping the operations unobserved by enemy, and if the orders are rigidly adhered to, the movements of the Ships will only have the appearance of ordinary reliefs at night.

COLNE will embark Beach Parties as soon as last
Party of Troops have left the shore, or at a time ordered by
Superintending Captain; N.T.O. providing Boats to take them
to COLNE.

CHEIMER will embark any stragglers off ASMAK DERE, and will also take charge of the boats from there at daybreak, escorting them to safe distance from gun fire off the shore.

(Detailed Orders will be given to COLNE and CHEIMER).

On completing their work on second night, all Motor Lighters will proceed to KEPHALO, making the best of their way, to start with, till picked up by Trawlers, etc.

(Sgd). A.D. BOYLE.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDING OPERATIONS.

ANZAC

15th December, 1915.

FIRST NIGHT.

TABLE I.

To anchor by 7.0 pm.

		rth Plan.	Ship.	Capacity.	To take	•
Nor	th Beach.	MARS.	MARS.	2,000	2,000)	0 000)
		N.2.	ERMINE.	1,000.	800)	2,800.)
Sou	th Beach.	S.1.	ABBASIEH.	1,500.	1,200)	7 000)
Berth. marked "Trawlers lst Night".		(5 Trawlers.	1,250.	700)	1,500.)	

To Anchor by 10.0 pm.

North	Beach.	N.1.	CARRON.	1,000.	1,000)	2 000	
		N.2.	HAZEL.	1,000.	1,000)	2,000	3,200.
South B	each.	S.1.	(EL KAHIRA.	1,500.	1,200)	1,200) 3,200.

Ø. N.B. The First K Lighter tomleave N. Beach is, on her second trip, to put 200 into each Troop Carrier CARRON and HAZEL.

To Anchor by 1 am,

North Beach.	N.1.	(PRINCE ABBAS.1,500	1,600.	1,600)
South Beach.	S.1.	(HEROIC. 1,000	. 800)	1,200)
	S.2.	(REINDEER. 500	400)	1,200)

10,700.

NOTE. Troop Carriers to sail as soon as they have on board the number of troops allotted to them, but not before - remembering 400 come off in each Motor Lighter.

SECOND NIGHT.

TABLE II

To Anchor by 7.0 pm.

-0.00	Berth on plan.		Capacity.	To Take.	
North Beach.	MARS.	(MARS.	2,000.	2,000.	2.800.)
	N.2.	(ERMINE.	1,000.	800.)	2,800.))4,000.
South Beach.	S.1.	ABBASIEH.	1,500.	1,200.)	1,200.)
To Anchor by	10 pm.				
North Beach.	N.1.	(CARRON.	1,000.	1,000.)	2.000.)
Ø	N.2.	(HAZEL.	1,000.	1,000.))4.000-
South Beach.	S.1.	(EL KAHIRA.	1,500.	1,600.)	2,000.)
	S.2.	(REINDEER.	500.	400.)	2,000.7

Ø. N.B. The First K Lighter to leave N. Beach. is, on her second trip, to put 200 into each Troop Carrier CARRON and HAZEL.

To Anchor by 1 am.

Trawlers and Steamboats for Flanking Parties.

(3 Trawlers.) To arrive off ASMAK DERE at midnight,
(approaching ashore as if proceeding to
Off ASMAK DERE(4 Steamboats) sunken "MILO" and when close to Troop
(apriers at anchor to turn to the
(8 Cutters.) Northward.

240 men to be brought off together, the small beach party there coming with them.

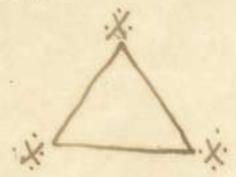
(2 Trawlers.) Trawlers to stop and lay off la miles
() West of ARI BURNU. Boats then to

BRIGHTON BEACH(2 Steamboats) approach shore as if proceeding to
() sunken "MILO" and when close to the
(4 Cutters.) Troop Carriers to turn to the Southward.

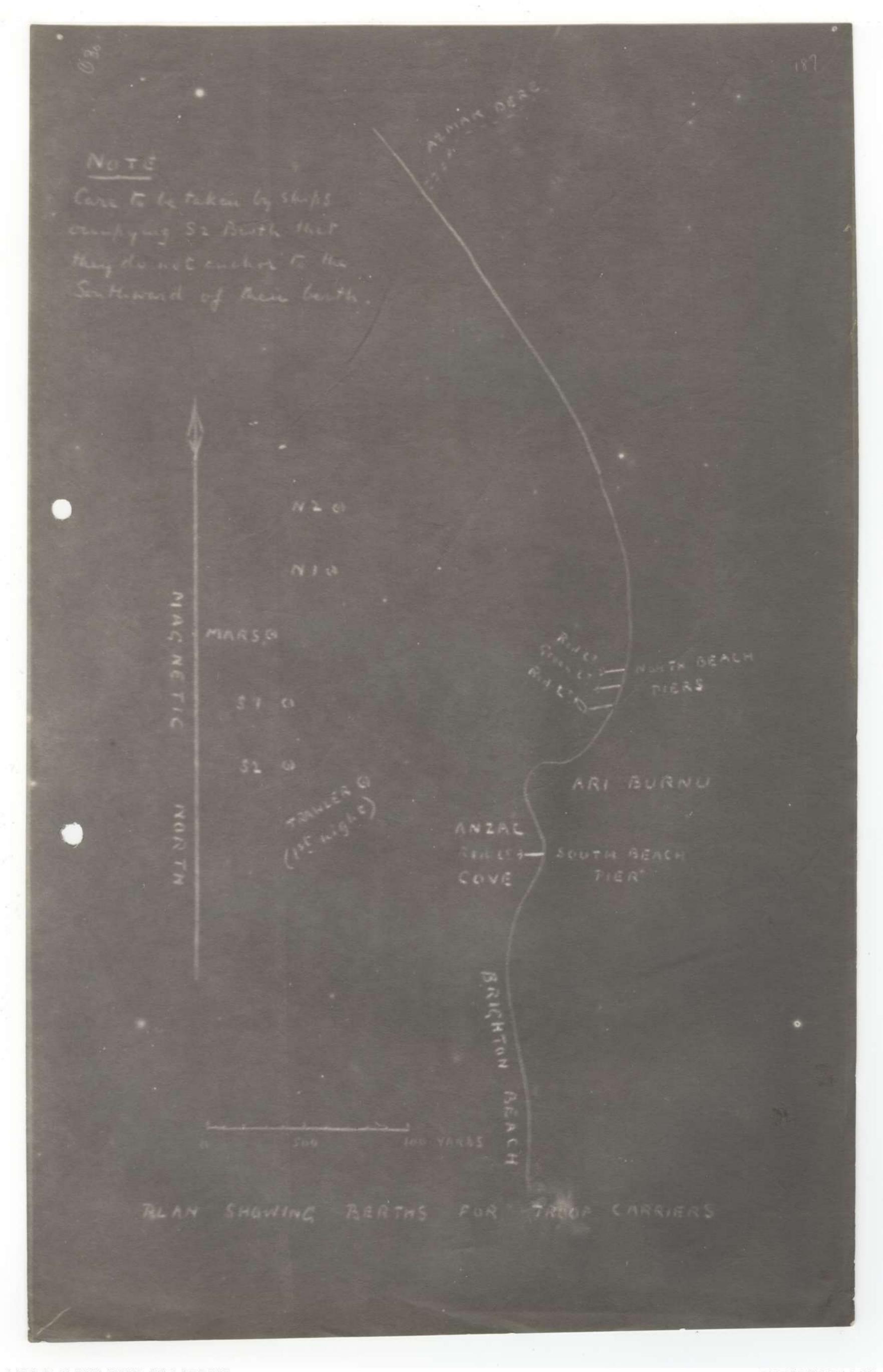
120 men to be brought off together, the small Beach party there coming with them.

TABLE II (Continued).

The position of embarkation at AZMAK DERE and BRIGHTON BEACH, will be marked by three white lights in form of a triangle.



The Boats off AZMAK DERE will proceed to Torpedo Boat Destroyer "CHELMER" (which will be laying to seaward of the Trawlers for troops) after embarking their troops except one Picket Boat and two Cutters, which will lay off shore till just before daybreak for stragglers, and then join "CHELMER" who will escort them out of range of gun fire.



ORDERS FOR COVERING SHIPS, ANZAC.

The operations are based on the principle of secrecy, and it is therefore of the utmost importance that enemy's suspicions should not be aroused.

The ordinary ships will be in their positions, viz:-

GRAFTON on left flank.

KATTLESNAKE on right flank.

BEAGLE on left flank, but near to GRAFTON.

At ALIKI in Reserves-

TALBOT, HUMBER, M.15, M.16, COLNE, CHELMER and BASILISK.

On the Second Night the COLNE and CHELMER have special duties assigned to them, which will be communicated to them by Captain Boyle.

If the ships in reserve at ALIKI are called out, the TALBOT and HUMBER will proceed to the right flank of ANZAC, and M.15 and M.16 join the GRAFTON on left flank. GRAFTON'S probable position at night:-

NEIBRUNIESSI Point, N 12° W. Hill 305, S 81° E. SUNKEN STEAMER "MILO", S 52° E.

While in ALIKI ships must be ready to come out at a moments notice if summoned by Captain Superintending, and must keep a good look out on way across at night for Troop Carriers.

It is not possible to allocate any special targets to ships, but the attached extract from a standing agreement with Military will be a good gwide to the Ships concerned; and considering GRAFTON, TALBOT, HUMBER and the DESTROYERS have all good local knowledge, no diffifulties ought to occur in the event of Naval guns being required.

The usual lights at CHATHAM'S POST and THE NEK will be shown, and the old light at LITTLE TABLE TOP has been restarted since night of 14th December.

15th December, 1915.

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Capt. Sup. Operations.

APPENDIX "A" TO COVERING FORCE.

EXTRACT FROM AGREEMENT S 3/3 OF 24th NOVEMBER WITH MILITARY FOR 3rd SQUADRON GUN SUPPORT TO THE ARMY, ANZAO.

Action in case of attack by day.

- (a) Immediately after the despatch of the signal "Alert," the General Staff will inform the Cruiser on duty of the direction of attack.
- (b) In the event of attack along the whole line, this will be communicated by the words "General Attack". Available ships and Destroyers will thereupon take up positions to fire on the following preliminary targets :-

Cruiser :- CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5; distributed fire. R. T. Destroyer: - LEGGE VALLEY and 80 Z 5. L.F. Destroyer: - Communication trenches from Farm 80 F 8 to 92 U 5.

- (c) In the event of attack on particular localities, the General Staff, ANZAC, will send the words "Right Flank", "Left Flank" "NEK", "CHUNUK BAIR". In the case of right flank attack preliminary objectives are allotted as follows:-
- :- OLIVE GROVE guns 56 Q. 4 and 56 W 1. R.F.Destroyer: - TWIN TRENCHES 68 Q 2 and GUN RIDGE 68 W & S. T.F. Destroyer: - Over THE NEK 80 N 6. In the case of a left flank attack preliminary objectives are allotted as follows :-
- CRUISER :- CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5; distributed fire. L.F.Destroyer: - Roads leading from BIYUK ANAFARTA to KAIAJIK AGALA, In the event of attack on THE NEK preliminary objectives are allotted as follows :-
- CRUISER :- CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5; distributed fire. L.F.Destroyer: - THE NEK. R.F. Destroyer: - LEGGE VALLEY and 80 Z 5. In the case of attack from CHUNUK BAIR preliminary objectives are allotted as follows :-
- CRUISER :- CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5; distributed fire. L.F. DEStroyer: - Communication trenches from FARM 80 F 8 to 92 U 5. R. Destroyer: - THE NEK.
 - Action in case of an attack by night. (a) Preliminary objectives will be as for day, and lights to enable them to be engaged are in position about CHATHAM'S POST (68 C 8) and the NEK (80 N 8).
 - The allotment of preliminary objectives is not to be taken as restricting Ship's initiative. When observation is practicable by aeroplane or otherwise, ships will engage the best target located.

H.M.S. "BACCHANTE",

16th December, 1915.

Lieutenant Lundholm assisted by Lieutenant Nicholl.

ANZAC S.Beach.

Will be in charge of 6 steamboats and 12 cutters, employed embarking 700 troops from ANZAC South Beach on first night. 5 Trawlers, 140 troops each,

will accompany the boats. Unless otherwise ordered, boats will leave KEPHALO in time for them to be alongside the ANZAC South Pier at 7.0 p.m., - details of embarkation will be given by N.T.O. ANZAC. The trawlers, with the boats, will close the land

as if making for sunken "MILO", and, when close to troop carriers, turn to the South, and will anchor in position shown on plan attached. As soon as troops are embarked, the boats will return with the trawlers to KEPHALO, where troops will desembark.

2nd night, embarking Flanking Parties.

On the second night, Lt.Lundholm will have 4 steamboats and 8 cutters, and Trawlers Nos. 43, 92 and 308, and Lt.Nicholl will have 2 steamboats and 4 cutters, and trawlers Nos. 258 and 351, but all will leave KEPHALO in sufficient

ANZAC and be at their respective beaches by 2.0 a.m. Approach to the land to be the same as first night.

Lt.Lundholm, Left Flank Party. Place of embarkation entrance of ASMAK BERE (91.0.9 in squared map), this will be marked by three white lights in shape of a triangle. The trawlers Nos.43, 92 and 308 will anchor about half a mile from shore, boats to be ashore by 2.0 a.m., and the flanking party (240) and small beach party there, will be brought off and divided equally in the three trawlers, which will sail for MUDROS. The boats will remain to pick up stragglers, taking them to CHELMER. The CHELMER will be just to seaward of the trawlers, two tows to remain ashore and two alongside her. At daybreak, boats are to leave, and Chelmer will escort them to KEPHALO.

BEACH for Right Flank Party at 2.0 a.m. Place of embarkation marked with three white lights in form of a triangle. Trawlers Nos.258 and not to the south of this bearing. The Right Flank Party (120) and small beach party, will be embarked, 30 in each cutter, and taken to the trawlers and divided equally. The trawlers will then sail, escorting boats as far as off KEPHALO POINT, when steamboats and cutters will part company, and proceed into KEPHALO, -the trawlers proceeding to MUDROS.

Boats must keep lookout when off South Beach for mooring buoys and also sunken trawler.

Steamboats to carry plenty of coal and water, and replenish after first night, alongside BACCHANTE.

Trawlers to lower their anchors down, and no lights to be shown. No smoking when within 6 miles of the Peninsula.

I shall be in HONEYSUCKLE anchored somewhere near position shown for MARS, if anything is required.

Superintending Operations off ANZAC.

G.S.R. Z.54.

Headquarters,

Dardanelles Army, 15th. December, 1915.

From:

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING

DARDANELLES ARMY.

To : CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF,

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

MEDITERRANEAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

In continuation of my G.S.R./Z/54 of the 14th instant, may the 17th Siege Battery and two 4.5" Howitzer Batterias which it is proposed to send to HELLES, be made up to the following scale of transport:

	Ammn. Wagons.	Wagons G.S.	Water- carts		Horses.		
			001	H.D.	L.D.	R.	
17th Siege Bat	ty	8	1	32	4	5	
Each 4.5" Batt	y. 4	1	1	-	-24	5	
Brigade Hd. Qr	s	1	1	-	4	5	
To tal.	8	11	4	32	56	20	

The landing of the guns need not be delayed until the above transport has been provided.

It should, however, follow as soon as practicable. One wagon G.S. per battery should be limbered wagon.

> (Sgd) C.F. Aspinall, Lt. Col., G.S.

> > for Lieut. -General

Commanding Dardanelles Army.

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G.S.R./Z/43.

Army Headquarters.

/6 . December, 1915.

The General Officer Commanding,

A. & N.Z. Army Corps.

The Army Commander has carefully studied your operation Order No. 21, and wishes to make the following comments:-

Paragraph 5 (111).

The word " may " should, he considers, read "must".

communication with ships by day and night must be detailed for this "Keep". If it appears probable that there will be parties left behind who will take refuge there, this signal party will be ordered to remain behind. If not, they will embark with the last troops.

Paragraph 8 (1).

"Disabling" guns will not suffice. Every endeavour should be and to render them useless even as trophies. Breech blocks and sights must be saved.

All transport drivers, including those of destroyed animals must be embarked.

Paragraph 13.

An effort must be made to embark as many of the sounded as possible; only such as cannot be embarked without jeopardising the successful embarkation of the remainder of the force being left in the Casualty Clearing Stations.

All concerned should be informed that a "Flag of Truce" will be sent ashore next day, vide para. 14 of A.H.Q. Instructions dated lith Pecember.

Medical

Medical Arrangements,

All Indian bearers must be embarked before paragraph 3. the last night of the Final Stage.

> I am to add that the Vice Admiral has amended the Naval Orders as regards embarkation of guns during the Final Stage, and that his orders now agree with paras. 2 (b) and 6 of A.H.Q. Instructions dated 10th December.

> > (Sgd) C.F. Aspinall,

Lieutenant-Colonel,

G. S.

Dardanelles Army.

Q.S.R./2/48.

Army Headquarters.

16: December, 1915.

The General Officer Commanding.
9th Corps.

The Army Commander has carefully studied your Operation Orders Nos. 12 and 13 and wishes to make the following comments:-

optorder No.12, para. 2 (b).

There has been some slight misunderstanding as regards the troops from ANZAC to be embarked in your area. No instructions were given for 2,000 men of the A.& N.Z.A.C. to be embarked in your boats, and the idea of reducing your numbers below 20,000 was never contemplated. Had the idea of sending 2,000 ANZAC troops to "C" beach materialized, they would have been embarked in ANZAC boats sent round for that purpose.

As noted in pencil on copy No.18 of this order.

the ANZAC troops to be embarked in your area now amount to

400 men only, and these will be embarked in 9th Corps

lighters.

Paragraph 4.

is still held in strength every effort must be made to drive him back by means of a vigorous counter attack.

Op. Grder No. 13. para. 3 (a). on the necessity for the last men in the front line trenches continuing to snips and throw bombs, from various points in their trench up to the time of their withdrawal (0130, 20th inst.) so as to give the appearance of a normal night.

Paragraph 9.

There is no objection to both G.O.C., 13th Division and

and G.O.C. With Division applying for Maval covering fire.

Paragraph 10.

para. 10 of A.H. .. Instructions dated loth provider regarding a *Keep*. a small visual signalling party.

equipped for communication with ships by day and night.

must be detailed for the *Keep* on your left flank. If it appears probable that there will be parties left behind who will take refuge there, this signalling party will be ordered to remain behind in the *Keep*. If not, they will embark with the last troops.

Appendix I (Provisional) roughly approximate times at which men can be embarked.

for the guidance of sucordinate commanders. This will
be of great assistance in preventing any undue crowling

at the forming up places, and will enable commanders to

make in provide the last convenient

minute, ready to check an enemy advance.

Naval Orders as regards embarkation of guns during the Final Stage, and that his orders now agree with paras.

2 (b) and 6 of A.H.Q. Instructions dated loth December.

(Sd.) C.F. Asquial Lieutenent-colonel.

Dardanellee Army.

G. S. R. /Z/48.

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Army Headquarters.

16th December, 1915.

From

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING.

DAR DANIELLES ARMY.

To.

CHEIF OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

In reply to your G.S./Z/1, dated 14th December, I would like to explain that, as regards para. 3 of my instructions to Corps Commanders, I only considered the maximum numbers with which the Navy could deal as my basis of calculations in so far as to make it clear to Corps Commanders that no larger number than 20,000 could be left at each place for the final stage. The difficulty with regard to the numbers to be left for the two last noghts and I look on it as essential that (weather permitting) the Final Stage shall not exceed two nights - has always been that at any time bad weather may supervene, and that if this should happen on the morning previous to the first night of the Final Stage the garrison still left on the Peninsula may find it necessary to hold out for a week or more without the possibility either of withdrawing or receiving reinforcements. I am of opinion that the minimum number tequired to maintain the position against an active enemy during such a week is approximately two men a yard. exclusive of artillery, signallers, engineers, and medical

per sonnel

personnel, etc., etc., and if the Navy could have managed to deal with such large numbers I should have been happier to have kept a total of 24,000 men at SUVLA and 22,000 at ANZAU for the Final Stage.

The Corpe Commanders concerned, when asked their opinions, stated that they would like to retain 26,000 (at SUVLA) and 22,000 (at ANEAC) respectively. In view of the Maval side of the problem however it was necessary to reduce these numbers to what was possible. The Maval authorities informed me that the maximum they could embark in two nights was 24,000 at SUVLA and 20,000 at ANEAC; and I therefore decided to limit my total numbers to 40,000. leaving a margin of safety of 4,000 to guard against accidents to beats and similar contingencies.

paragraph 5. sub-para. 2.

This matter has received careful attention. All existing communications between brigades will be maintained to the last; the understanding between the two adjoining-brigades of corps is complete; and as a final safeguard the left flank battalion of the ANZAC corps will retire into the SUVLA area and be embarked under the orders of the General Officer Commanding, Mounted Division.

Paragraph 8.

The vice admiral has arranged for special patrols round the coast, and for preventing any steamers or sailing vessels leaving or approaching the island until further orders.

of the Military Zone at IMBROS ewing to an attack of Small Pox at PANAGIA; the civil Guarde have been reinforced; extra secret agents have been puployed; and the

Sub-Governor

sub-dovernor has been informed that owing to a breakdown on the line it will be impossible for him to telephone to MUDROS for a few days.

Paragraph 10.

Arrangements will be made for the maintenance of communication with any men left in the "keeps".

(Sd) W.R. Nichron Lieutenant-General.

G.S.Z/24.

SECRET

Mediterranean Exped: Force.

17th December, 1915.

General Officer Commanding,

Dardanellas Army.

The following is a reply to your G.S.R.Z.F4 of the 14th instant taken seriating :-

- infantry are noted. The French Government has agreed to leave the whole of their heavy artillery at HFLLES, but their 75's will be replaced by two brigades of our 18-pounders, as soon as the artillery now being withdrawn from ANZAC and SUVLA has been re-sorted.
- One battalion City of London Regiment is only 1,400: the two battalions of that regiment in the 20th Division are respectively 207 and 47 strong: they are not in an efficient state as the result of the late storm, and the Commander-in-Chief is disinclined at the moment to take up the question of brigading these battalions as you suggest, and considers it preferable that they should continue to be incorporated in the other brigades for the present.
- 5. The question of re-arming the 15-pounder batteries with 18-pounder guns will be taken up as seen as the latter equipment arrives from home.

Lord Kitchener has decided to keep the 9.9-inch howitzers at ALEXANDRIA for the defence of ECYPT.

- 4, Your wishes with regard to the reserves of ammunition and bombs and trench mortars will be met as far as possible.
- on LEMNOS where it will be available if required. It will be relieved by the 15th Division.

15th Division. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to send the 52nd Division to ECYPI, and has recommended that it be senthome with the 53rd and 54th Divisions, and that three other divisions be sent out in their place. The 52nd Division must, however, remain until the 42nd Division has had a thorough rest, when the question of its going home can be reconsidered. d. The question of extra transport and of supplies is being considered. 7. Tunnelling Companies have been applied for. Chief of the General Staff, Copies to Admin. Staff 2. B.G., R.A. AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1002891

G.S. 637/21.

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A.H.Q.

Your G.S.R./Z/48.

I enclose copies of further instructions and orders issued in continuation of 9th Corps Operation Order No. 13.

As regards your remarks on para.10 of my orders, this has been arranged for.

The final time-table of embarkation had not been forgotten and it will be found in enclosed (G.S. 637/11 of 15th December). It could not be worked out until the arrival of the S.N.O. (Captain Corbett).

17th December, 1915.

(Sgd) J.Byng, Lieut. General,

Commanding 9th Corps.

G.O.C. 11th Division.
G.O.C. 13th Division.
G.O.C. 2nd Mounted Division.
G.O.C. 29th Division.(for infermation)
C.R.A. Right.
C.R.A. Left.
Major General Marshall.
Brig. General Perceval, C.M.G.
Base Commandant.
S.N.O. SUVLA.
N.T.O.
N.T.O. (Lala Baba).

With reference to Operation Order No. 13, dated 14th
December, 1915, the attached programme for embarkation during
the final stage of the evacuation has been drawn up in consultation with the Senior Naval Officer and N.T.O.

(2) Reserve Area "A". Troops will be at the forming-up places at the time named and will be directed as required to the various beaches by Brig. General Perceval.

11th Division and all Artillery Forming-up place "X".

29th Div. and troops of 13th)
Div. embarking in Reserve) Forming-up place "Y".
Area "A".

3. Reserve Area "B". Troops of the Mounted Division and from ANZAC will embark at "C" Beach, remainder at South Pier if circumstances permit. The arrangements made must, however, be such that the programme can be rapidly modified if for any reason embarkation becomes impracticable at either of these places. The detailed instructions for embarkation at "C" Beach and South Pier will be drawn up by Major-General Marshall in consultation with N.T.O. Reserve Area "B".

4. The detail of the troops to be at the forming-up places at the times named is left to the discretion of General Officers Commanding concerned.

The figures given do NOT include the artillery, who will embark with their guns in the gun ships. Nor do the figures include the Naval and Military beach personnel which is on the beaches.

5. List of names of naval and military embarkation staff will be forwarded to all concerned as soon as the former names are received from Royal Navy.

H.Q., 9th Corps, 15th December, 1915. (sd) F.S.Fuller, Lt.Col. far Brig:Gan. General Staff.

(Please acknowledge receipt by wire).

FINAL STAGE.

RESERVE AREA "A".

Night of 18/19th December.

At 1830 Guns for embarkation, left flank.

1900 .. 1,800 men.

2000 .. Guns for embarkation from LALA BABA.

2100 .. 1,800 men. 2300 .. 1,400 men. 0100 .. 1,100 men.

Night of 19/20th December.

At 1915 .. 1,400 men.

2145 .. 1,400 men.

0015 .. 1,300 men.

0230 .. 1,100 men.

Up to 0400. Details.

RESERVE AREA "B".

Night of 18/19th December.

South Pier. 'C' Beach.

At 1900 .. 1,200 men. 450 men. 2100 .. 1,200 men. 450 men.

2300 .. 450 men.

Night of 19/20th December.

South Pier. 'C' Beach.

At 1730 .. Guns. *

1915 .. 800 men.

400 men. 2145 .. 800 men. 400 men. 0015 .. 800 men. 400 men.

400 men. 0230 .. 800 men.

Up to 0400 . Details. Details.

* If all quiet it is hoped to send them to Reserve Area 'A' . at which facilities for embarkation of guns are better.

26th & 54th Cas.Clg.Stn. 118. *Artillery. 500.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF PROPOSED MOVES.

Night of 16/17th Dec.		Night of 17/18th Dec.	
6th East Yorks Pioneers. 2 R.Aus.Naval Brig.Train. 86th Fd.Co. R.E.	550. 580. 125. 170. 400. 50.	H.Q. 34th Inf.Bde. 8th Northumberland Fus. 9th Lancashire Fus. 1 Bn. 39th Inf. Bde. \$\frac{1}{2} 78nd Fd. Co. R.E. \$\frac{1}{2} Bearer Sub-Divn. 13 Divolation. C.R.A. Left. H.Q. 11th Division. H.Q. 29th Division. H.Q. 9th Corps. \$\frac{1}{2} 5th Fortress Co.R.E. \$\frac{1}{2} R.Aus.Naval Bdg.Train.	55. 800. 430. 500. 90. 20. 20. 20. 100. 125.

At South Pier and 'C' Beach.

H.Q. 13th Divn. 8th Welsh Pioneers Highl.& Scot.Fd.Amb. A.S.C.Details,13th Divn. A.S.C.Details,2nd Mtd.Divn.	100. 830. 50. 104. 14	G.R.A. Right. H.Q. 2nd Mtd.Div. 182rd Fortress Co. R.E. 14 Cas. Clearing Stn.	20. 75. 140. 66.
Total.	2573*	Total.	3029*

*Artillery embark on ships conveying guns, and are excluded from totals.

Amended to 9.0 a.m., 16/12/15.

) subject to daily amendment).

SECRET.

29th "
13th "
2nd Mounted Divn.
C.R.A. Right.
C.R.A. Left.
Major-Gen.Marshall.
Br.Gen.Percival.
Base Commandant.
S.N.O.
N.T.O., LalaBaba.

With reference to G.S. 637/11 dated 15th December:

Attention is drawn to the fact that on the night of the

18th/19th December the troops will embark for the following

destinations:-

RESERVE AREA "A"

Troops from forming-up place X (except artillery) to IMBROS.

Troops from forming-up place Y to MUDROS.

RESERVE AREA "B"

Troops from C Beach * to IMBROS.

Troops from South Pier * to MUDROS.

The artillery which embark with their guns in special ships all proceed to MUDROS.

* NOTE:- This is subject to both these embarking places being practicable on that night.

All troops embarking on the night of the 19/20th go to IMBROS.

H.Q.,9thCorps.

16/12/15.

(Sgd) F.S.Fuller, Lt.Col,

for Br.General, G.S.

BEACH PERSONNEL.

TABLE OF NAVAL AND MILITARY OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF EMBARKATION&

N.T.O....CAPTAIN E.UNWIN, V.C., R.N. (Office at WEST BEACH).

P.M.L.O..Lt.Colonel BEYNON.

(Office at R.E. WEST BEACH)

RESERVE AREA "A".

RESERVE AREA "B".

WEST BEACH. Naval.

N.T.O.-Lt.Cmdr.Chance.

Military.

Captain B.A.Smith.

C.BEACH.

Naval.

Cmdr.Mulock.

Lieut.McMillan.

Military. Lieut.W.Ryan.

KANGAROO BEACH. Naval.

Lieutenant Carnduff.

Military.

Captain F. Wicksteed.

SOUTH

PIER.

Naval.

Commander Mulock.and

Lieutenant McMillan.

Military.

Captain R.E.O.Knight-

Bruce.

LITTLE WEST

BEACH.

Naval.

Lieutenant Nash.

Military.

NEW PIER. Lieut.Cmdr.Wheelwright.

Lieutenant E.S. Ward.

G.O.C. 11th Division.

G.O.C. 13th Division.

G.O.C. 29th Division. (for information)

G.O.C. 2nd Mounted Division.

C.R.A. Right.

C.R.A. Left.

Major-General Marshall.

Br.Gen.Percival, C.M.G.

Base Commandant.

S.N.O.

N.T.O.

N.T.O., Lala Baba.

Forwarded with reference to para.5 of G.S. 637/11,

of 15th December, 1915.

H.Q.,9th Corps,

16th December, 1915.

(Sgd) H.L.Reed.

Br.Gen.

G.S.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Operation Order No. 13, dated 14th December:

- 1. All troops on leaving trenches are to carry 220 rounds of ammunition and will embark with this amount or such of it as has not been necessarily expended during the withdrawal from the front line.
- 2. (a) It is essential that the off-loading from lighters to ships be carried out expeditiously. The senior officer arriving by the first lighter at a troop carrier will act as Staff Officer and aid in effecting the off-loading of lighters rapidly. All officers are to be warned of the importance of this.
- (b) The senior officer of the troops on board a troopcarrier when she is ready to sail will act as O.C. Troops. He will be responsible for discipline on board and for the rapid unloading of the ship at her destination.

The duty of at once ascertaining that he is the senior officer on board lies with that officer himself, but every effort should be made by embarking staff to advise the officer before he leaves shore.

In addition to the circulation by divisions of instructions to ensure the above orders 2 (a) and (b) being understood, Major-General Marshall and Br.-General Percival in their respective areas will take steps towards the same end.

H.Q. 9th Corps. 17/12/15. (Sgd) H.L.Reed, Br, Gen., G.S.

Issued to:- G.O.C.11th Div. Maj.Gen.Marshall.
G.O.C.13th " Br. Gen. Percival, C.M.G.
G.O.C.29th " Base Commandant.
G.O.C.2nd Mtd.D iv. N.T.D.
C.R.A. Right. N.T.O., Lala Baba.
C.R.A. Left.

MEMORANDUM.

During the final stage certain stores on ordnance charge and supplies in depots, Reserve Area "A" and Reserve Area "B", may have to be destroyed by fire. The premature lighting of large fires in the vicinity of the beaches would undoubtedly apprise the enemy of our intentions.

The responsibility for issuing the order for lighting of these fires and destruction of these stores will therefore rest with G.O.C., 13th Division on Right Flank and G.O.C., 11th Division on Left Flank.

These G.O's.C. should in consultation decide the time to take this action in order that the conflagrations and explosions may be simultaneous.

H.Q., 9th Corps. 15th December, 1915. (sgd). H.L.REED, Br.General, G.S.

Issued to:- G.O.C., llth Division.

" 13th Division.

" 29th Division.

" 2nd Mounted Division.

Major-General Marshall.

Br.-General Perceval, C.M.G.

Base Commandant.

A.D.O.S.

Senior Supply Officer.

D.A.&.Q.M.G.

C.E.

SECRET.

G.S.637/9.

G.O'S.C., All Divisions. C.R.A., Right & Left Flank. Base Commandant.

During the final stage, on either night the total for embarkation must not exceed the total numbers given for Reserve Area "A" or Reserve Area "B".

On the other hand the corps commander does not wish these totals, particularly as regards effective rifles irrespective of units, to be a single man less than that given for yeomanry or infantry.

Through casualties, evacuation of sick, and other causes Divisional Commanders may find that if they evacuate up to full number allowed on any particular night they will not retain in hand the total rifles allowed for all the following nights.

The Corps Commander therefore authorizes Divisional Commanders to hold back the number of infantry or yeomanry (and if necessary artillery and engineers), on any one night, required in order that they may have in hand the total allowed for all the following nights.

As the totals that can be embarked are sub-divided into two areas according to the Beaches, Divisional Commanders in each area should act in concert in this matter. One Divisional Commander might for instance through heavy casualties find it impossible for him to keep in hand the total troops he requires. In such case this should be adjusted if it is possible by the Divisional Commander using beaches in the same area assisting from the troops he should himself embark on that night.

Changes made in numbers in order to carry out the above instructions must be wired at once to Corps Headquarters, by units if possible.

H.Q., 9th corps.

(Signed) H.L.REED,

15/12/15.

Br.-General, G.S.

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PROVISIONAL TABLE OF PROPOSED MOVES.

G.S.637/7.

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Night of 14/15th.	Night of 15/16th,	Night of 16/17th.	Night of 17/18th.	
86th Inf.Bde. 1600. Artillery Personnel 50. 29th Divl. Cyclists 76. 11th Divl. Cyclists 104. 88th Field Ambre. 50. H.Q.29th Div. Details 50. Egyptian Labour Corps. 40.	2 Bns.34th Bde. 1300. Artillery 100. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 68th Fd.Coy. 70. W.Ridg.Fd.Coy. 14. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 5th Fortress Coy.100. 18 Labour Corps 350.	ST BEACH l Bn., 34th Bde. 700. 6/E. Yorks Phrs. 300. Artillery 400. 2R.A.N.Bridg.Tr. 125. 86th Field Coy. 160.	1 Bn.34th Bde. 600. 1 Bn.39th Inf.Bde. 600. 2 72nd Fd.Coy. 96. 2 Bearer Sub.Div. 13th Div. 35. Artillery 500. C.R.A.Left. 18. H.Q.,11th Div. 90. H.Q.,29th Fdv. 75. H.Q., 9th Corps. 280. 2 5th Fortress Coy. 100. 2 R.A.N.B.T. 125. 26 & 54 Cas. Clearing Stne. 118.	
13th Divl. Cyclists 120.	18 Labour Corps. 100.	H.Q. 13th Div. 100. 8/Welsh Pioneers 800. Highland & Scotttish Horse F. Amb. 50.	C.R.A.Right. H.Q., Mtd.Div. 133rd Fortress Coy. 14th Cas.Clg.Stn. 66.	

14-12-15.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINAL STAGE.

A. Personnel. Casualty Clearing Stations.

A personnel of 4 Officers and 24 Other Ranks has been left to carry on the duties of the combined 26th and 54th Casualty Clearing Stations, and 3 Officers and 23 Other Ranks to carry on the 14th Casualty Clearing Station.

Divisional.

Arrangements have been made with:-

(a).A.D.M.S.llth Division for a Personnel of 10 Officers and 220 Other Ranks (Bearer Sub. Division of Field Ambulances).
(b).A.D.M.S.l3th Division, Personnel of 10 Officers and 220

other Ranks. (c).A.D.M.S.29th Division, Personnel of 4 Officers and 75

other Ranks.

(d).A.D.M.S.2nd Mounted Division, Personnel of 3 Officers and 50 Other Ranks, to be employed in Final Stage.

B. Equipment stores etc.

Sufficient Medical and Surgical Equipment and Stores (including Medical Comforts, Dressings, Stankets, Fuel and Light etc) is collected at the Casualty Clearing Stations to allow of sufficient and ample attention for 14 days to 2,000 patients.

Divisional Medical Officers and Stretcher Bearers.

Those are supplied with ample Medical and Surgical Equipment etc., and with an ample number of stretchers.

General.

The Mater Supply to Casualty Clearing Stations.

(a) Right Flank. (14th C.C.S.)

6 Mules and 12 Camel Tanks are available for "C" Beach.

The Mules will be tended by the personnel of 14 C.C.S.

(b) Left Flank (26th and 54th C.C.S. Combined).

Arrangements have been made in consultation with C.E. for tanks, which obviates the Water Cart and Mules.

An ample supply is insured to both.

Embarkation of (sick and) Wounded.
This will take place under the supervision of the Embarkation Medical Officer at west and Little West Beaches, and under supervision of O.C. 14th C.C.S. details at "C" Beach, in conjunction with N.T.O's concerned.

III. Interpreters for casualty clearing Stations.
This question is under consideration by the G.S.9th Corps.

semblance of occupation of Camps etc.

(a). Stringent orders have been issued to all concerned that no tentage, dugout, etc., is to be altered or removed, and that flage, where previously flying, should be kept flying.

(b) Sufficient personnel remains to keep going fires, incinerators etc., and to move about to give a semblance of occupation to campe and areas vacated by Redical Units, till commencement of Final Stage.

Reserve of Medical Officers and Forty Other Ranks, R.A.M.C. in reserve, will be placed on a Man of War to be drawn from, if necessary, by Officers Commanding Casualty Clearing Stations, on demand through Raval Signal Office.

In the event of light or no casualties being admitted and held up in Clearing Stations, the Maval Authorities will take early opportunity to embark the personnel of these.

(Sgd) C.H.HALE,

Colonel, A.M.S.,

D.D.M.S., 9th Army Corps.

VI.

III.

II.

IV.

15-12-15.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBARKATION.

1. Previous to embarkation units will assemble at the "Forming up points" "X" and "Y" in accordance with a time-table which will be issued separately.

"X" point is at the old site of a Field Ambulance at Western end of Corps Reserve dug outs.

"Y" point is at North East corner of Supply Depot.

- 2. On arrival of each unit at the "Forming-up points", an Orderly Officer will at once report to the Embarkation Staff Office, Little West Beach, bringing with him a state showing numbers to embark.
- 3. At the Forming-up Points troops will be formed by the Embarktion Staff into parties each 400 strong, including officers. These parties represent the load of a lighter.

The senior officer with each party will be responsible for the correct embarkation of his party, and that nobody hot belonging to it enters the lighter.

- 4. Under instructions of the Embarkation Staff, these parties will be guided in the formations required to the beaches where they will embark.
- 5. The most rigid discipline must be maintained. Absolute silence must be kept. Any unpunctuality, straggling or attempt to increase the size of a lighter load after it has been told off will be drastically dealt with.
- Except as arranged above, no person, other than the Embarkation Staff, will be permitted to approach the beaches.

 Police posts will be established on all roads leading to the beaches to ensure adherence to this order.
- 7. All units must make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the position of the "Forming up points" and the approaches to them. A liberal supply of guides capable of leading units to these at night will be provided.

Police posts on all roads will assist in directing.

- 8. Two days iron rations will be carried by all ranks.
- 9. Water bottles will be filled before troops proceed to the Beach, and the contents are not to be used without special orders.
- 10. One ground sheet and blanket will be (acried by all ranks, in addition to full marching order.
- 11. All sick and wounded will be sent to Little West Beach, weather permitting. Evacuation will take place from there.

If Little West Brach can not be used, sick arriving there will be directed to proceed to West Beach, to report to E.M.O.

Military policemen will be stationed at entrance to Little West Beach to direct sick convoys as to which Beach is being used.

Headquarters.

Forwarded for information and action.

14/12/15.

(Sgd) A.McNalty, Br.Gen.,

D.A.& Q.M.G.

IX Corps.

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G.S./2/24.

The,

General Officer Commanding, Dardanelles Army.

In continuation of my G.S.Z.24 of the 17th December, the various questions raised in your G.S.R.Z./54 dated 14/12/15 have now been fully considered.

- 1. With regard to the formation of a third brigade for the Reyal Naval Division, composed of the Newfoundland Battalion and four City of London Battalions, the Commander-in-Chief does not consider it advisable to form a new and very weak formation requiring commander, staff, etc. This matter is dealt with further below, in connection with a recomplete/organisation of the 8th Corps.
- 2. As regards the artillery, this matter is also dealt with under the general question of the 8th Corps reorganisation.
- 3. With regard to reserves of ammunition, it is considered that the accumulation on the Peninsula, under shell fire, of the very large amounts per gun which you suggest is open to various objections. The following scale has, however, been approved, and the reserves on the Peninsula will be constantly kept up to the amounts in question:-

	Rounds per gun.
18-pounders	1,000
Field Howitzers	800
6" howitzers	500
6" Mk.VII gum	500
60-pounders	600

There are only 500 rounds available for 12-pounder

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guns, the Navy being our only source of supply.

Besides maintaining these reserves, when any operation is in comtemplation an amount of ammunition corresponding to the estimated expenditure will, so far as possible, be sent up in advance.

- 4. Arrangements are being made to maintain extra supplies of bombs and grenades at Cape Helles. In answer to enquiries from the War Office it appears that the Stokes trench mortars and the trench howitzers promised in October last, with personnel to man them, are now ready for despatch, and the War Office has promised to send them out as soon as a reasonable amount of armunition is available. Presumably some trench mortars from Suvla and Anzac will be sent by you to Cape Helles, with additional ammunition for them?
- 5. With regard to the occupation of the Cape Helles lines, the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that there has been a tendency to keep somewhat unduly large numbers of infantry on the Peninsula itself. He agrees with your estimate of requirements for the Cape Helles garrison, i.e. 34,000 effective rifles on the Peninsula and resting at Imbros. He considers, however, that it should be possible, even taking into consideration the probability of more or less prolonged spells of bad weather, safely to maintain your lines with not much more than two-thirds of that number, allowing approximately one-third of the infantry, say, 10,000 to 11,000 rifles, to be kept in reserve at Imbros.
- 6. With regard to the question you raise as to the 29th Division, it is not at present anticipated that this Division will be available to return to the 8th Corps.

 The 11th and 13th Divisions and the remaining troops now at

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experience of trench warfare. Provided that their numbers are maintained and that adequate provision for complete rest is thereby ensured, these troops should be fully competent for the work required of them.

7. Your detailed recommendations are awaited with regard to an increase of transport for Cape Helles.

It is important to keep the numbers of animals ashore as low as possible owing to the difficulties involved in maintaining a large reserve of forage, as well as owing to the difficulty of disposing safely of the animals themselves.

- 8. The necessity for building up a larger reserve of supplies is receiving attention.
- 9. With regard to the reorganisation of the 8th Corps referred to above, it is proposed to form the Corps as follows:-

11th Division.

13th Division, with one battalion of the London Regt., T.F., attached to each of its brigades.

Composite Division -

- l Naval Brigade (made up of the whole Naval)
 Division.)
- l Lancs.Brigade (made up of the whole 42nd Division.)
- l Lowland Bde. (made up of the whole 52nd Division.)

 (with one battalion, London Regt)

 (T.F., attached).

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This would enable the three Divisions to be immediately brought up to the following strengths :-

11th Division . . . 12,000 effective rifles, with 3,000 drafts slready here or on the sea.

13th Division . . . 10,000 effective rifles, with 2,500 drafts already here or on the sea.

Composite Division. . 12,000 effective rifles, with 4,000 drafts already here or on the wea.

The above numbers would meet your requirements as regards garrison, and the drafts in sight amount to over 25% of the infantry of the three Divisions.

This course is being proposed for the following reasons: -

- (a) An effective organisation would be provided.
- (b) No formations need be broken up, though battalions would have to be linked and divisions reduced to brigades.
- (c) A number of unnecessary commanders and staffs would be saved.
- (d) The battalions of the Composite Division would gain greatly in efficiency by having a greater proportion of senior officers after the linking process is completed.
- (s) The signal organisation would be facilitated, and signal personnel and gear freed for use elsewhere.
- (f) Superfluous medical and veterinary units would be freed.
- (g) In every way complexity of organisation and the multiplication of small weak units would be remedied.
- 10. The question of Divisional Artillery is dealt with separately. It is proposed to form Divisional Artillery for each Division as follows:-

11th Divisional Artillery.

13th Divisional Artillery.

56th Bde. R.F.A. At HELLES.
55th Bde. R.F.A. In Egypt.

Composite Divisional Artillery.

1/1st Hast Lancs. Bde.R.F.A.)
1/3rd " " " At HELLES.

Composite Divisional Artillery (Cont.)

1/2nd East Lancs. Bde. R.F.A.) In Egypt being re-armed 1/2nd Lowland Bde. R.F.A.) with 18-pdrs. 1/4th East Lancs. (Howr.) Bde. R.F.A. at HELLES.

Each Division will thus have an identical organisation so far as numbers of batteries go, i.e. 12 batteries of 18-pars.

and 2 batteries of Field Howitzers.

The 1/4th Lowland (Howr.) Bde. R.F.A. may also be allotted to the 8th Corps after re-organisation in Egypt.

The 20th Heavy Brigade would be allotted to the 8th Corps, after re-organisation in Egypt, the 90th Heavy Battery rejoining the 29th Division in exchange.

The Siege Artillery, French Heavy Artillery, etc., to remain at HELLES as at present.

Artillery would be replaced by such of the 11th, 13th and composite Divisional Artillery as is not already at HELLES.

In the case of the 29th Division, however, this would only involve the relief of the personnel, its equipment remaining on the Peninsula and taking the place of that of a corresponding number of batteries mentioned above.

(Sgd) A. LYNDEN BELL,

G.H.Q. M.E.F. 20th Dec. 1915.

Major-General, C. G. S. Medtn. Exped. Force.

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1 copy to B.G.R.A.

G.S.R/Z/54.

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DARDANELLES ARMY HEADQUARTERS, 21 st December, 1915.

From.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, DARDANELLES ARMY.

To.

CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

In reply to your G.S.Z/24 dated 17th December, I note that you anticipate the French Government withdrawing all their batteries of 75's. I gathered, however, from General ERULARD in the interview which I described in my letter G.S.R/Z/49 dated 13th December that the French were willing to leave one brigade of these 75's at HELLES, and I hope very much that this may be the case, especially since they have so large a supply of ammunition.

- 2. The wishes of the Commander-in-Chief as regards the non-formation of a new brigade are noted.
- J. With regard to the re-arming of 15-pdr. hatterbes,

 I would suggest that if possible these batteries be re-armed with 18-pdr. guns removed from SUVLA as this will be a quicker arrangement than waiting for the guns to arrive from England, especially if SUVLA guns can be taken off their ships at MUDROS.
- 4. Remaining points in your letter have been noted.

(Sgd). W.R. Birdwood.

Lieutenant-General, Commanding Dardanelles Army.,

Copy to B. G. R. A.

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Reported 15th All ammunition evacuated except that with batteries.

(a) Nett evacuation, after deducting reinforcements received during this period.

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FROM: - STH CORPS.

TO:- A. H. Q.

H.W. 1311.

24.12.15.

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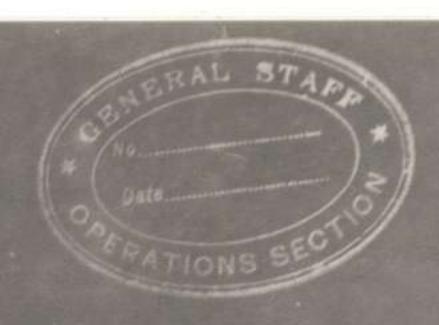
In reply to D.O.A. 477.

The War Office decision is most regrettable AAA .As the responsible officer it is my duty to point out that the amalgamation of 42nd and 52nd would have given us a strong properly organised force under selected officers whereas now we shall continue with weak effectives and many tired commanders and staffs AAA I must insist on fact being recognised that owing to peculiar conditions of service amalgamation of R.N.D. with any other troops most inadvisable AAA The proposal to attach this Division to 52nd merely removes its commander whose personel influence and leadership all through has been of greatest value to these troops and sets free only a proportion of staff officers whose value with R.N.D. cannot be compensated for AAA In addition it would only throw more work and responsibility on General LAWRENCE and would seriously lower the fighting value of the force AAA I trust the proposal may be re-considered and that sanction may be given to at least temporary amalgamation of 42nd and 52nd whilst on the Peninsula on lines proposed in my letter thus releasing to rest a certain number of the commanders and staffs not immediately needed AAA When each brigade in

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turn is taken out to rest divisional organisation could be resumed and drafts assimilated. G.S.R. Z.54.

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From: - 8th Corpa.

To:- A.H.O.

H.W.1313.

December 24th.

Despd.1541. Recd. 1639.

In reply to D.O.751.

Provision of infantry strength is inadequate to give essential rest to troops through winter. Present line is 6900 yards and I must have a minimum of 3½ effective rifles per yard to hold it or 22,500. To ensure this minimum I must allow for sick rate daily casualties and certain inability to land troops for some period and very moderate and fully considered estimate of necessary margin ashore here is 5,000 making 27,500 to commence with.

resting or only 1/5th of total and does not take into account any serious losses. Not less than 1/3rd should be resting in view of certain exposure and most trying conditions under which troops live. This assumes present line only will be held. If sea to sea figures are minimum 26,800 total 32,000 on shore here.

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Walle G. S. R. Z. 49. HEADQUARTERS, DARDANELLES ARMY, December, 1915. FROM: - The General Officer Commanding, DARDANELLES ARMY. LE CENERAL DE LIVISION BRULARD, TO :-COMMANDANT EN CHEF LE CORPS EXPÉDITIONNAIRE DES DARDANELLES. Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of, and to express my thanks for your letter No.1610 M. of the 21st inst. in which you inform me of the setisfactory marmer in which the relief of your troops on the front A.12 - A.20 was accomplished on that date. 2. I fully appreciate the importance to you of an early dettlement of the date on which the relief of your remaining troops may be carried out and this question is now receiving my close attention. It is, however, most desirable that, to avoid further dislocation, the British troops relieving General FOURCADES brigade should be those with whom it is intended that the line should thereafter be held. But the troops destined for this purpose have been on the Peninsula continuously since August and I am anxious to take the present opportunity of affording them a few days rest. I hope, however, to be prepared to carry out the relief of your remaining infantry on or after January 15th, and I trust that this will suit your convenience, more especially since the date on which this relief is to be /carried

carried out was, according to my instructions from home, to be mutually arranged by our two governments, and, so far as I am aware, has not yet been decided on by them. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servent, (Led) W. R. Bridewood Commanding DARDANELLES ARMY. G. S. R. Z. 54.

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Dardanelles Army.

25th December, 1915.

From: GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,

DARDANELLES ARMY.

To : CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

MEDITERRANEAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

In reply to your G.S. Z. 24 of the 20th inst., I earnestly ask for a reconsideration of the decision regarding the reserves of ammunition to be maintained at CAPE HELLES throughout the winter. In formulating the requirements of the 8th Corps in my G.S.R. Z.54, of the 14th inst., at 1500 rounds per gun and 1000 rounds per howitzer, full consideration was given to the disadvantages, to which you refer, of amassing unduly large amounts of ammunition on the Peninsula. But the dangers of exposure to shell fire are discounted by the admirable underground magazines prepared for its reception: while the daily increase in the intensity of the Turkish Artillery fire at CAPE HELLES, which, in the event of a prolonged spell of bad weather, might possibly develop into continuous offensive action, convinces me that my above-quoted estimate cannot safely be reduced. I must point out that the proposal contained in the last sentence of para. 3 of your letter under reply cannot meet this danger. It may be remarked, moreover, that the expenditure at CAPE HELLES on the 19th inst., had not, up till yesterday, been replaced. As regards the numbers of rifles required for the 20 defence of CAPE HELLES, the dangers of overcrowding troops

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some further factors, nowever, bearing on this question which I fear I may have failed nitherto to place in their correct light before you. From your telegram 0.636 of the 23rd inst. it appears there is some misapprehension as to the length of the line which has to be held.

The G.O.C., oth Corps, informs me that from see to sea the front trenches measure bood yards instead of 7200, on which figure I note that your calculations in that telegram are based. Hy estimate of 34,000 for the necessary germison (vide para. 5 of my 0.3.R. 2.54 of the 14th inst.) Wes based on the nigher frontage and I note that that estimate meets with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. But in making my calculations, I was relying on the presence of the 29th or other regular division, and indicated, in the abovequoted paragraph, the importance I attached to the inclusion of regular troops either in the garrison itself or available in reserve. I regret I did not make this clear in my proposals for the formation of the garrison detailed in para. 6 of the same letter. Since the 29th Division, as I now understand, will not be available to return to the Peningula after a period of rest, I feel compelled to amend, to a considerable extent, my previous estimate of the numbers required at CAPE HELLES.

I agree that the conclusion reached in para.6 of your letter of the 20th inst., to the effect that the experience acquired by the troops at SUVLA and HALLES should render them fully competent for the work required of them, is a fair one. But I regret that the truth of the assumption is not borne out by the facts. The best troops now serving at CAPE HALLES (other than the 20th Division) are those composing the 52nd

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Division. I am informed, however, that their Commander, major-General Lawrance, for whose justment I have the utasst regard, feels that he can no longer trust his men to maintain their position in the event of determined attacks, more especially should the enemy most with any considerable initial success. Capable as they still are of enewering the calls made on them by tranch warfare pursuing a normal course, it is doubtful whether they have sufficient offensive power remaining to retake by counter-attack any considerable langth of tranch the Turks might capture by Coup depain.

owing, therefore, to the eventual withdrawal of all

regular troops from Carm Humas and to the indifferent quality of those remaining, I feel strongly that 3.25 men per yard is the minimum number required to hold the position, and that to guard against strong attacks reducing the garrison pelow this amount during a period of bad weather, a reserve of some 5,000 rifles in addition should also be maintained on the Peninsula. To meet these conditions it will be necessary to maintain ashore 32,000 rifles. To ensure adequate rest off the Paninsula for all these troops, additional reserves, equivalent to about one third of the above numbers, should be resting, and the total force, on and off the Peninsula, required to provide for the maintenance of our position is therefore, in my opinion, 40,000 rifles. with reference to your telegram to. 0.642, I much regret the war office decision not to allow the amalgamation of the 42nd and 52nd Divisions. At the same time I wish to urge, as strongly as I can, that the Royal Raval Division should be kept intact as a Division under its present Commander. Its brigades are the strongest here and the provision of reinforcements for them is promising. There is no reason on this score, therefore, to advise their incorporation in

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and methods of administration of the Royal Baval Division
differ to such a degree from those of any other unit, that
its attachment to an army formation would involve additional
administrative work and would not make for smooth and efficient
control. Finally, the loss of its commander, whose personal
influence and leadership throughout has been of the greatest
value to these troops, would be very regrettable.

as regards the relief of the 29th Division, referred to in your telegram No. 0.636 of the 23rd inst., I wish strongly to represent to the Commander-in-Chief my opinion that the 42nd Division should be the first formation to be relieved. The Corps Commander has to-day informed me with regret that Commanders, Staffs and men of this Division are so worn out that it is unsafe to leave them in the line any longer. I would urse therefore that the loth Division, which, in accordance with the permission granted in your above-quoted telegram, I am now ordering up to the Peninsula, may be allowed to relieve the 42nd Division, in the first place, and that the 29th Division may remain till this relief is completed.. The difference to the 29th Division would only be a few days as the 13th Division could be followed immediately by the 11th, and the 29th Division would be relieved as soon as an equivalent number of men had arrived. Should the acove suggestions meet with the Commanderin-chief's concurrence, I would propose to complete the relief of the French troops as soon after that of the 29th Division as possible. General Skulaku has been pressing recently to know the approximate date on which the relief of his troops may be expected, since he anticipates receiving

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orders from his Government for their withdrawal at an early date. I have informed him that, according to the orders received by me, the date of the withdrawal of the French is to be the subject of a mutual agreement between our respective Governments, but that, so far as 1 am concerned, I hope to be prepared to take over the remainder of the French line about the 15th January, For this reason it will be necessary to ask that the 11th Division shall follow the loth pivision to Care negues without delay. I have to-day paid a visit to Cara Habits and find that the need for roofing material is even greater than I have hitherto reported, 30% of the troops in reserve being without any cover whatever. But for the fine weather conditions which have recently been prevalent, the situation would be most serious. I was very much impressed by the unfortunate effect which the non-arrival both of roofing material and of ammunition appeared to have exercised on all ranks from the Corps Commander downwards.

Commander-in-Chief, a copy of a letter which I have to-day received from the G.O.C. Bth Corps in which he mentions in detail various points to which urgent attention is desired.

As I find myself in agreement with his remarks I think it better to send you the complete letter rather than take extracts from it.

Lieut-General,

Commanding Darthall Saues ARMY.

(Hed) W. M. Berdwood

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Army Headquarters,
Dardanelles Army.

25th December, 1915.

From.

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,

To.

THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF,

22nd December, 1915, and your telegram No. 0.849 of last night I had already been closely considering the plan to be adopted in the event of the evacuation of CAPE HELLES being decided on, and I entirely agree as to the importance of completing the Final Stage in one might and of arranging to embark infantry at points as near as possible to the present front line trenches.

place, it should on no account be delayed beyond 14th January, after which date it seems almost hopsless to expect suitable weather.

be ready for the Final night on the 12th January. This would give us the light of the moon, which my experiences at SUVLA and ANZAO, have, contrary to my expectations, proved to be not only a great advantage but almost a necessity.

Headquarters with General Brulard and General Davies, and took the opportunity of acquainting them with the contents of your telegram and of discussing several important points.

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4. In my 0.8.R. Z/48, dated 1/19/15, I informed you that in the event of evacuation being ordered I should consider it important to embark all the French during the Preliminary or Intermediate Stage, but I now wish to make a slight amendment to that letter. As the French are expecting that their infantry will in any case be relieved in the near future I propose that, as one of the first steps, this relief should take place as soon as possible, but that all the French artillery should remain on the Peninsula under the command of General Davies. In the event of evacuation being ordered the French guns could be withdrawn gradually, simultaneously with the British artillery, on the same system as was recently employed at SUVLA and ANZAC. General Brulard entirely agrees with this proposal, and fully recognises that it will almost certainly be impossible to save all the French heavy guns. 5. I learn that the French have already practically completed their Preliminary Stage, i.e., the evacuation of everything not needed for a winter campaign. They have, however, a certain number of spare animals and a certain amount of surplus supplies still on the Peninsula, and these I have ordered General Brulard to remove as quickly as possible. I have however arranged that the D.A.& Q.M.G. of the 8th Corps should first ascertain whether any of the surplus supplies could be usefully

Preliminary Stage, I have in my G.S.R. Z/54 of todays' date already pointed out the extreme importance of withdrawing the 42nd Division from the Peninsula at the earliest possible date, and in advance of the 29th Division.

transferred to the British.

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In view of the possibility of an early evacuation the G.O.C., 8th Corps urges strongly that this course should be taken, as he considers the division quite unable to undergo the strain of withdrawal. On the other hand he affirms that the 29th Division are in no way in such need for rest, and if the evacuation is to take place before the 15th January, he particularly requests that he may be allowed to keep this division till the end. He recognises that the division has few of its original personnel left, but affirms that as a result of the Regular tradition and name, it is still immeasurably more thus tworthy than any of his other formations. I am in entire agreement with General Davies in this request, and hope very much that in the event of evacuation being agreed on, it may be granted. In this case I would propose to relieve the 42nd Division and French brigade with the 13th Division, and not to recall the 11th Division to the Peningula.

but I at present incline to the view that it will be preferable during the Intermediate Period to withdraw portions of each of the various divisions in the front line, rather than to remove a complete division, with the consequent re-arrangement of communications and responsibility. This thinning-out process worked successfully at ANZAC and SUVLA, where, with the exception of the 54th Division, only troops in the reserve areas were withdrawn in the first instance.

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out the most suitable points for embarkation from the

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- 9. I shall be very glad of the assistance of officers of the Admiral's and P.N.T.O's Staff at a later date.but am not ready for them as yet.
- 10. In conclusion I would beg that the importance of coming to an early decision should be impressed on the Home Authorities, not only by reason of the daily approaching bad weather, but also, and particularly, because it is practically impossible for the staffs concerned to make adequate plans for this most difficult operation when they have at the same time to consider and make provision for all the requirements for a winter campaign.

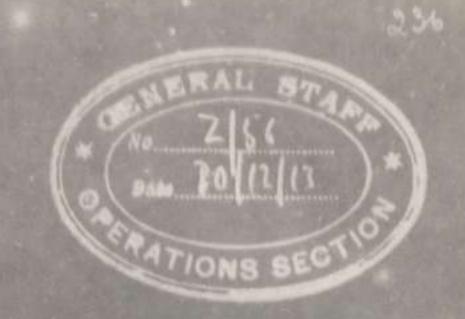
(51) W.R. (Bridness)

Lieutenant-General,

Commanding Dandanelles Army.

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From. Chief, Med. Force.

To.

en. Birdwood.

C.M. 121.

29/12/15.

Despatched 2200. Received 2330.

In carrying out operation ordered in W.O. telegram 11490 Dec. 28th Chief wishes to emphasize the instruction that the withdrawal should be carried out as quickly as practicable. Everything therefore should be arranged with a view to completing the spar evacuation at earliest moment.

In view of possible bad weather Chief is especially anxious that the operation should not be prolonged and lives unduely risked by attempting too much in respect of evacuation of material. As far as possible Chief hopes that loss of following may be avoided. 18prs., 4.5 Hows., serviceable 60prs., 6prs and howitzer ammunition.

A proportion French 75's should be released in preparatory stage and such French heavy guns as you may arrange with Gen. Brulard should be included in above list.

As soon as all superfluous personnel and so much above mentioned artillery as is practicable has been evacuated and provided that by that time the necessary shipping is available Chief considers that the whole remaining personnel should be taken off at once, that is on the first subsequent night of fine weather.

Navy has been requested to be ready to assist in Final Stage by running in to draw enemy sfire or by acting otherwise as arranged in concert with you. Chief leaves to you in this as in other matters free hand to concert

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(2) detailed plans with Navy, and Admiral is being asked to meet so far as he is able such requests as you may make direct to him foroffensive or defensive action duming operation. Acknowledge receipt of these instructions.

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DARDANELLES ARMY.

30" December, 1915.

From.

DARDANELLES ARMY.

To.

MONSIEUR LE GENERAL DE DIVISION BRULARD,

COMMANDANT EN CHEF LE CORPS EXPEDITIONNAIRE,

DES DARDANGLES.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received orders to carry out the evacuation of CAPE HELLES as soon as possible.

2. The infantry under your command will be relieved, and their line taken over by the 8th Corps, on the night of 1st/2nd January. I have instructed General Pavies to arrange all details in consultation with you.

You should arrange with the French Naval Authorities for the embarkation of your infantry as soon as possible after their relief on the above date.

- The two batteries of French artillery, now in action in the right portion of the British Zone, may be withdrawn, and embarked as soon as possible.
- 4. The withdrawal of the remaining French guns will be carried out "pari passu" with those of the British, and, after your departure from the Peninsula, the French artillery will receive their orders from the General Officer Commanding, 8th Corps. The system adopted will be the withdrawal of two guns per battery in the first instance, followed by that of a third gun at a later stage -

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Every effort will be made during the last stage to withdraw all remaining pieces, but it is feared that the embarkation of the 340.cm guns will be impossible. You should therefore warn your artillery that these and any other guns which cannot be withdrawn must be effectively destroyed in such a way that they will not be of any value to the enemy even as trophies.

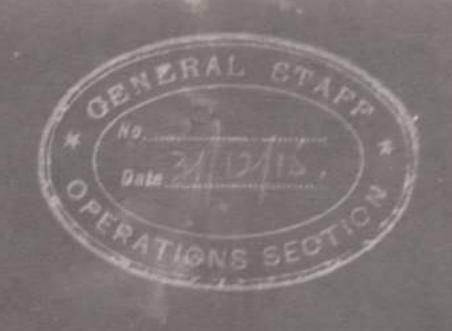
- In accordance with my conversation with you today, it is understood that such ammunition as is required for the service of the guns will be left behind and as much as possible of the remainder saved. I am confident that you will leave as little as possible of your reserves of stores and supplies to fall into the enemy's hands.
- The date on which it is hoped to complete the operation, depending as it does on the provision of shipping and the state of the weather, cannot for the moment be foreseen. It will be communicated to you without delay as soon as a decision can be reached.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) W.R.Bidamelles Army.

SECRET.



Copy Ho. / Gallipoli Peninsula, 30th December, 1915,

8th Army Corps Order No. 30.

Reference Trench Diagrams 1/10,000 i.S. 60.51 and 50 dated 16-12-15 and 1/6000 C.E.D. Sectour Francais dated 10-11-15.

1. The following readjustments in the disposition of the Cores will take place on the dates specified.

On 31st instant.

The 13th Division will take over the left portion of the 29th Division Section as far as the junction of NEW CUT and RUE de PARIS. (inclusivo).

The 29th Division will take over the portion of the line from the 52nd Division from their present junction with that division to SMALL MULLAR (inclusive).

On the lat prox.

The 52nd Division will take over a portion of the line at prosent held by the R.M.Division from P.7 to P.2 inclusive. The R.M.Division will relieve the French troops from their present junction with them to the coast.

- 2. Details as to time of reliefs and points of junction in firing line, support and reserve trenches will be settled between G.Os.C. 13th and 29th Divisions as regards relief on the 31st inst. and botwoon G.Os.C 52nd and R.N.Divisions and G.O.C. R.N.Division and the General Commanding the Corps Expeditionnaire des Durdamelles as regards the relief on the lat prox.
- 3. The French Artillory will continue to cover the portion of front proviously allotted to thom. G.Os.C. 52nd and R.F.Divisions will arrange for necessary intercommunication between the infantry and artillory.
- 4. Whon the reliefs are completed the following will be the boundaries between formations concerned:-

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Botwoon R.M. and 52nd Divisions REGIONT STREET, SAUCHIEHALL STREET (all inclusive to 52nd Division).

52nd and 29th

SHALL NULLAH to its junction with 'B' AVENUE thence along 'B' AVENUE to E.KRITHIA ROAD (all inclusive to 29th Division.).

Botwoon 29th and 13th Divicions

GOLMERCIAL ROAD, LANCASHIRE ST as far as its junction with GREAT NORTH ROAD thonce along W.KRITHIA ROAD to PINK FARM (all inclusive to 13th Division).

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