

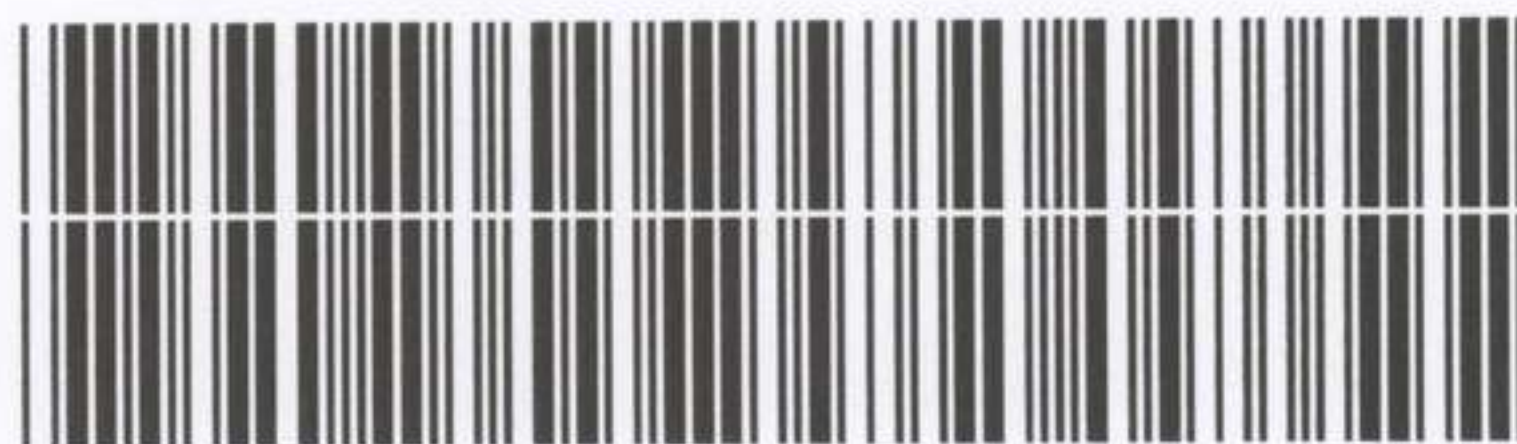
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"	2/9/16	-	Corps Order No. 31* issued re organisation of area signal personnel, and Corps Order No. 32* issued to the effect that no Headquarters of Corps, Divisions, Brigades (artillery and infantry), or Battalions in line will move without authority from Second Army.																																											
"	3/9/16.	-	The Corps Commander accompanied by the B.G.G.S. and the D.A. & Q.M.G., was present at the presentation of medals to the 5th Australian Division at the Bombing School, SAILLY, by the G.O.C., Second Army.																																											
"	4/9/16	-	The Corps Commander visited the trenches of the 34th Division.																																											
"	5/9/16	-	Conference was held at Corps Headquarters at 10 a.m. at which were present G.Os.C., G.S.Os.I and A.Q.M.Gs. of Divisions. Questions of a tactical and administrative nature were discussed, mostly with reference to the forthcoming winter campaign. A.C.O. No. 33 issued.																																											
"	6/9/16	-	Corps Commander and B.G.G.S. attended a Conference at Army Headquarters.																																											
"	7/9/16	-	During past week our artillery and trench mortars have been particularly active in carrying out combined shoots on enemy front line system and communication trenches. Great material damage was caused to enemy defences. Retaliation has been feeble, and in all cases effectively dealt with by our guns. Casualties for week ending 7/9/16 -																																											
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"	17/9/18	-	<p>3 raids were attempted on night of 17th/18th by the 34th Division, all three failed, in two cases owing to very heavy rifle and M.G. fire, in the third instance owing to new wire put up on enemy's parapet.</p> <p>15th Australian Brigade also carried out a raid at N.9.d. which was successful. A bomb fight took place in the enemy front line, the enemy bombing from his support line and using M.G. fire from the flanks.</p> <p>The party returned with the necessary identification.</p>																	

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"	19/9/16	-	<p>As the enemy was becoming active underground in his attempts to break through our defensive mining curtain about CORDONNERIE, we blew a camouflet at 6.30 a.m.</p> <p>Operation Order No. 34* issued at 5 p.m., re the formation of a temporary force to hold the LEFT SECTOR.</p>																																										
"	20/9/16	-	<p>O.O. 35* XXXXX issued at 11 a.m. ordering withdrawal of 51st (Highland) Division and arranging for their relief. Correction to Corps Order No. 35* issued at 11 p.m.</p> <p>On night of 20th/21st. 14th Australian Brigade carried out a raid on enemy trenches about O.l.a. The right of the raiding party encountered loose coils of wire hastily thrown out by the Germans, and were subjected to a heavy rifle, bomb, and machine gun fire. The left of the party got in, on which the enemy hastily fled, too rapidly to admit of the capture of a prisoner. A thorough search was made, but no identification could be obtained.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>During the last week, 15 raids were carried out by Divisions of the 2nd Anzac Corps. Of these, 8 were successful in penetrating the enemy's front line. Seven prisoners in all were taken, of whom 3 were unfortunately killed in "NO MAN'S LAND". Considerable loss was inflicted on the enemy, and valuable identifications obtained of the enemy units opposite the Corps Front.</p> <p>Casualties for week ending 21st September.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2"></th> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>Killed</u></th> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>Wounded</u></th> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>Missing</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Ofrs.</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>O.R.</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Ofrs.</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>O.R.</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Ofrs.</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>O.R.</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5th Aust.Div.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">50</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>34th Div'n.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">36</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51st(H)Div.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">79</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">165</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Killed</u>		<u>Wounded</u>		<u>Missing</u>		<u>Ofrs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Ofrs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Ofrs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	5th Aust.Div.	-	8	1	50	1	4	34th Div'n.	-	8	2	36	-	-	51st(H)Div.	1	14	9	79	-	3		1	30	12	165	1	7	
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"	22/9/16	-	103rd Brigade 34th Division commenced arriving at MERVILLE from SOMME area, billeting at ESTAIRES. First train 10.30 a.m. six trains in all at three hours interval. During afternoon, 8th Australian Infantry Brigade relieved 154th Infantry Brigade in Left Subsector of Left Division, latter on relief moving to ERQUINGHEM. Corps Schools; Commandant Major Sir Horace MacMahon, Royal Welch Fusiliers, opened at MORBECQUE - Students, 18 Officers, 5th Australian Division, 6 Officers 34th Division. A.C.O. No. 36 issued at 12 noon.*	
"	23/9/16	-	103rd Infantry Brigade moved up from ESTAIRES to ARMENTIERES, motor busses being provided for their transport.	
"	24/9/16	-	103rd Infantry Brigade relieved 153rd Infantry Brigade in Right Subsector of Right Division, latter Brigade moving to ARMENTIERES on relief. A.C.O. No. 37 issued at 4. 30 p.m. *	
"	25/9/16	-	At 12 noon, Command of Left Sector passed from 51st (Highland) Division to FRANKS' FORCE. H.Q. 51st(Highland) Division moved to FLETRE on relief. 51st(Highland) Divisional Artillery marched from Corps Area, en route to SOMME Area. Corps Commander inspected Front line tranches of 34th Division in forenoon.	
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			FRANKS' FORCE was commanded by Major-General G.McK. Franks, M.G.,R.A. Second Army, lent for the purpose by Second Army. The following Officers were also lent by Second Army:- Lient.-Col. A.J. Turner., D.S.O. General Staff. Major F.C. Tanner., D.S.O. General Staff. Brig.-Gen. E.W.M. Powell., D.S.O., G.O.C.,R.A. 2nd Anzac, officiated as C.R.A. with Capt. A.P.Y. Langhorne D.S.O., Brigade Major 34th Divisional Artillery, as his Brigade Major. Capt. H.B. Stutfield, attached 2nd Anzac H.Q. was in charge of 'A' and 'Q' work. Clerks and Stationery, typewriters etc., were lent by Second Army and 2nd Anzac H.Q., the principle followed throughout being that Divisions were drawn upon as little as possible.	

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"	27/9/16	-	Corps Commander went round trenches of 8th Australian Infantry Brigade in forenoon, accompanied by Major-General Franks, and Lieut.-Col. Clark, (temporarily Commanding 8th Australian Infantry Brigade). Combined shoot of Trench Mortars, 34th Division, covered by Artillery, was carried out at 3 p.m. against 1.26.c. and 1.16.d. Considerable damage was done to enemy trenches, while enemy response was feeble in the extreme. At 5.20 p.m. 11th Corps on right telephoned to say that a German observation balloon had broken loose near VERMELLES, and was drifting North. The balloon passed over BAILLEUL at 5.40 p.m. hotly, though unsuccessfully engaged by our anti-aircraft guns. It was finally brought down in flames by aeroplanes in the vicinity of KEMMEL.																																											
"	28/9/16	-	Corps Commander inspected Corps Schools in forenoon.																																											
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Organisation and duties of area signal personnel.

1. As soon as available area signal parties from the Second Army will be sent to Corps, strength 1 Officer and 8 men per Division in line.
2. These area parties will be used for the maintenance of buried lines and to facilitate handing over on reliefs taking place.
3. As far as possible these parties will be so stationed, that in the event of a relief taking place there will always be at least one lineman who is fully conversant with each separate route and its switching or test points. It is realised that patrols in the forward areas must consist of two or more men; the strength of these parties will not be sufficient to provide this, and parties will, therefore, have to be supplemented by Divisional personnel.
4. (a) Discipline. Area parties will be under the A.D.A.S., Corps, for discipline and administration.
(b) Rations. Area parties will be attached to Divisions for rations.
(c) Maintenance. Routes will be tested daily in rotation, so that each route is tested regularly at given intervals of time. Special attention must be given to all spare lines, which must be carefully tested for earth and the result tabulated. As soon as the line ceases to be used by any particular unit, the Area Officer must immediately be advised and his records altered accordingly to show the line or lines as spare, and a test made at the earliest opportunity, so that the condition of the line may definitely be known before it is handed over for use again.
Linemen must keep a diary, and forward to the area Officer daily a report giving the following information -
 - Work done on routes
 - Result of tests
 - Faults - how and by whom removed.
 - Time of going out and return from patrols.

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This information will also be kept in the diary.

- (d) The Area Officer will be responsible for all area stores and equipment in his area.
- (e) The Area Officer will keep his route and circuit records up to date, and will forward a copy each week on Saturdays to the A.D.A.S., and O.C., Divisional Signal Company.
- (f) The Area Officer will keep in close touch with the O.C., Divisional Signal Company and Artillery Signals, in order to anticipate demands for communication, and to ascertain which lines are likely to become vacant. Similarly the men under him will keep in touch with the Brigade Signalling Officers for a like purpose.

In case of breakdown or emergency, the men in Brigade areas will report to the Brigade Signalling Officer, and also acquaint the Area Officer, who will report to the A.D.A.S. if necessary. The Area Officer will keep up to date a route map on the 1:10,000 scale, and will forward any amendments with his Weekly Reports on Saturdays.

C. W. Brown

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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 32.

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1. In future Headquarters of Corps, Divisions, Brigades (artillery and infantry) and battalions in line will not be changed without the authority of the Second Army.

2. Divisional Commanders and the B.G.H.A. will submit to Corps Headquarters by 7th September complete list of Headquarters in their commands with map square references.

3. Where it is considered that it is essential to move Headquarters to allow for winter conditions, the position of the new site will also be shown, such alterations must be kept at a minimum and reasons for change must be briefly stated.

New sites must be final and should therefore be suitable for summer as well as winter conditions. They also should be suitable for successors of present units.

Proposed Headquarters for Reserve Brigades which are not at present with their Division will be included.

4. The selection of Headquarters will be based on the normal organisation of Divisions in line viz., 2 Brigades in line and one Brigade in reserve; and for Brigades in line, 2 Battalions in line and 2 Battalions in reserve.

5. Divisional Commanders will take steps to secure a normal distribution of Company Headquarters, which should, as far as possible be final.

6. Adequate and permanent accommodation for Signal Offices at Battalion and Company Headquarters will be provided.

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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 33.

6/9/16.

Reference

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Reference to 2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 28 of 28/8/16.

1. Billetting areas in the "Back or Corps Troop" area are allotted as follows :-

(a) CORPS MOUNTED TROOPS from F.5.c.0.5 on HAZEBROUCK - BAILLEUL railway along railway F.9.o.0.5 - F.21.a.0.0. - F.28 central - L.4.b.5.5 - L.24 central. Thence along back boundary of 5th Australian Division area to its junction with 34th Division. - Thence along back boundary of 34th Divisional area to F.5.c.0.5.

(b) 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. From L. 24 central to COURANT DE LA MALADERIE at L.22.b.9.0 - Thence along same stream to F.25 central - F.28 central - Thence along boundary of Corps Mounted Troops area to L.24 central.

2. The boundary of the Left Division will be extended to include from STEENWERCK STATION along road (exclusive) to road junction B.1.a.8.2 - S.30.d.5.0 - due WEST to S.28.d.0.0 - due SOUTH to A.4.d.0.0.

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Manoeuvre area Officer

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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 34.

19th September, 1918.

1. It is expected that the 51st (Highland) Division will shortly be withdrawn.
The 103rd Infantry Brigade is returning to the 34th Division.
2. It will be necessary for a time to hold the 2nd ANZAC Corps frontage with two Divisions, and in order to maintain the organization for holding the line in three sectors it is proposed to organize a temporary formation to hold the left sector.

3. This will be composed as follows -

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| Commander and Staff | - | To be detailed later. |
| Signal Unit | - | To be organized by A.D.A.S., 2nd ANZAC Corps. |
| 1 Brigade Group | - | 34th Division. |
| 1 Brigade Group | - | 5th Australian Division. |

A Brigade Group will consist of -

- 1 Brigade, R.F.A. (3 18-pdr. and 1 How. Batteries)
- 1 Infantry Brigade with Signal Section, M.G.Coy and L.T.M. Battery.
- 1 Field Coy., R.E.
- 1 Medium Trench Mortar Battery.
- 1 Company Pioneers.
- 1 Field Ambulance.
- 1 Company, A.S.C.

4. The G.O.C. of this formation will be responsible for the administration and defence of the left sector, but the units comprising the Command will continue to be administered by their own Divisions. Details of the distribution of duties will be notified by the D.A. & Q.M.G., 2nd ANZAC Corps.

5. The G.O.C., 5th Australian Division will at once arrange to occupy the front of the right sector with 2 Brigades withdrawing one Infantry Brigade to Divisional Reserve ready to move to the left sector.

6. The G.O.C., R.A., 2nd ANZAC Corps will co-ordinate the regrouping of the artillery.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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ADDENDUM to
2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 34.

19th September, 1916.

Orders have been ^{received} ~~issued~~ that. -

- (a) 103rd Infantry Brigade will rejoin 34th Division on September 21st.
- (b) 51st (Highland) Division will commence entraining about September 25th.

S. R. Pope Capt:

Brig.-General,
 General Staff,
 2nd ANZAC Corps.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters

- 5th Australian Division.
 - 34th Division.
 - 51st (Highland) Division.
 - 42nd Squadron R.F.C.
 - 2nd ANZAC Corps Mtd. Troops.
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Reference to 2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 34

para 3 :-

This force will ^{be} commanded by Major-General G. Mc
K. Franks, and will be known as "FRANKS' FORCE".

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General Staff.
2nd ANZAC Corps.

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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 35.

20/9/18.

1. In continuation of 2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 34 of the 19th inst., the 51st (Highland) Division will be withdrawn from line and will be relieved by the Brigade Groups of the 5th Australian and 34th Divisions in accordance with attached table of reliefs. On relief it will be held in readiness to entrain on September 25th.
2. The Command of the left sector will rest with G.O.C., 51st (Highland) Division until reliefs are completed, and Brigades as they arrive at ARMENTIERES will come under his orders.
3. Artillery reliefs will be completed by 12 noon 24th September under arrangements to be made by G.O.C., R.A., 2nd ANZAC Corps.
4. Guns and trench mortars (light and medium) will be exchanged by incoming and outgoing batteries.
The 51st (Highland) Division will notify 5th Australian and 34th Divisions where guns and mortars of incoming Groups should be handed over.
5. ERQUINGHEM and ARMENTIERES will be used as staging billets by 51st (Highland) Division for Brigades relieved from line prior to entrainments. The G.O.C., 34th Division will arrange that billets for 1 Brigade Group less artillery are available for 51st (Highland) Division at ERQUINGHEM from 22nd September. Staging billets for artillery of 51st (Highland) Division after relief will be arranged by D.A. & Q.M.G., 2nd ANZAC Corps, in the back areas of centre and left sectors.
6. Advanced parties to take over ^{trench} duties will be sent as early as possible by 5th Australian and 34th Divisions in direct arrangement with 51st (Highland) Division.
7. Orders for the entrainment of 51st (Highland) Division will be issued later by D.A. & Q.M.G., 2nd ANZAC Corps.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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7	'A'	20	42nd Squad. R.F.C.
8	'Q'	21	2nd ANZAC Corps Hqd. Troops.
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10	A.P.M.	23	Town Major (ESTAIRS).
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TABLE OF RELIEFS
(Accompanying 2nd ANZAC Corps Order No.35)

Brigade Group (less Artillery)	Date	From	To	Remarks.
8th Aust. Brigade 5th Aust. Division	September 21st/22nd	Divisional Reserve	ARMENTIERES	To be completed by 10 a.m. 22nd September. 30 Motor lorries or buses at disposal of G.O.C., 5th Aust. Division.
8th Aust. Brigade 5th Aust. Division	-	ARMENTIERES	Line LEFT SUB-SECTOR	To complete relief of 154th Inf. Bde. by 12 noon 24th September.
154th Brigade	-	Line LEFT SUB-SECTOR	ERQUINGHEM	
103rd Brigade 34th Division	Sept. 22nd	MERVILLE on detrainment	ARMENTIERES (Not earlier than 6 p.m.)	Staging billets at ESTAIRES - 50 motor lorries or buses at disposal of G.O.C., 34th Div.
103rd Brigade	-	ARMENTIERES	Line RIGHT SUB-SECTOR	To relieve 153rd Inf. Bde. - Relief to be complete by 12 noon, 24th September.
153rd Brigade	-	Line RIGHT SUB-SECTOR	ARMENTIERES	
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CORRECTION TO 2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 35.

1. Para. 4 is cancelled, as regards exchange of guns. The G.O.C., R.A., will arrange for exchange of guns and howitzers as necessary; when there is a difficulty in moving guns from emplacement.
2. In table of reliefs "Remarks" column, opposite "103rd Brigade", for "Relief to be completed by 12 noon, 24th September" read "Relief to be completed by 12 noon, 25th September".
3. G.O.C., 34th Division may keep 103rd Brigade at ESTAIRES till 23rd September, if he so desires.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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| 22 | Town Major (ARMENTIERES). |
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| 24 | "FRANKS' FORCE". |

for S. B. Pope Cap
 Brig.-General,
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 2nd ANZAC Corps.

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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 36.

1. In continuation of 2nd Anzac Corps Order No. 35, para 2. Major-General G. Mc K. FRANKS will assume command of the LEFT SECTOR at 12 noon September 25th and will establish his Headquarters at STEENWERCK.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 37.

1. In continuation of 2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 35 of the 20th instant.

G.O.C., 51st (Highland) Division will move one Brigade to FLETRE Area and one Brigade to ESTAIRES Area on September 25th, to remain in those areas until entrainment.

2. ROUTE TO FLETRE AREA.

Maps 36 S.W., 28 S., and 27 S.E.

ARMENTIERES - NIEPPE - CABT DU BERTHOF, W to level crossing S.27.a.9.1. across CHEMIN DE FER de CALAIS. - Skirt latter to S.25.b.8.3. - N.W. across Railway to S.19.d.4.1. - S.W. to X.30.a.7.6. - SWYNSTAEI - CLAPBANCK - N. to main road BAILLEUL to METEREN at X.17.c.7.2. - METEREN.

3. ROUTE TO ESTAIRES AREA, to be arranged direct with G.Os.C., 34th and 51st (Highland) Divisions.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

E. Helme, Major

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SECOND ANZAC ARTILLERY ORDER No. 14.

Sept. 20th
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Reference 2nd ANZAC Corps Orders No. 34 and 35.

1. The Artillery of the force to hold the Left Sector from I.16.b.2.7. to C.16.b.8.5. (FRANKS' FORCE) will be comprised as under :-

STAFF - Headquarters at STEENWERK - A.17.c.60.25.

C.R.A.- Brigadier General E.W.M. POWELL. D.S.O. R.A.

B.H.R.A.- Capt. A.P.Y. LANGHORNE. D.S.O. R.A.

STAFF CAPTAIN. R.A. (To be detailed later).

4 Telephonists & a clerk from 34th Divisional Artillery.

4 Telephonists from 5th Australian Divisional Artillery

Telephonists & clerk to report to B.H.R.A. at STEENWERK at 0800 on September 24th.

UNITS -

175th Bde. R.F.A. reinforced by one Battery (18-pdr) of the 152nd Brigade R.F.A.

13th Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

1 Medium Trench Mortar Battery from 34th Div. Artillery.

1 Medium Trench Mortar Battery from 5th Aust. Div. Artillery.

1 Section 34th Div. Ammunition Column.

1 Section 5th Australian Div. Ammunition Column.

2. 175th Brigade R.F.A. will support the 103rd Infantry Brigade - Front I.16.b.2.7. to I.5.a.4.3.

13th Australian F.A. Brigade will support the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade - Front I.5.a.4.8. to C.16.b.8.5.

3. A.D.A.S. 2nd ANZAC is arranging for a Signal Officer and Staff to supervise the Artillery communications.

4. Units will be administered as laid down in 2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 34.

5. All maps and documents in connection with the area will be handed over to incoming units by the 51st Divisional Artillery.

6. Corps Order No. 35. para. 4. is cancelled as regards guns and howitzers.

Guns and howitzers will not be exchanged.

Medium Trench Mortars will be exchanged - Each Mortar is to be accompanied by two beds.

Heavy Trench Mortars will be left in position.

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7. All units will move with vehicles packed with full establishment of ammunition.

All surplus ammunition, above establishment on wheels, is to be collected and distributed among the gun emplacements which will be occupied when the change has been completed - This applies to all Divisions.

All Medium Trench Mortar ammunition will be handed over by 51st Divisional Artillery to incoming units.

8. No water troughs, Pumps and similar Stores are to be removed.

9. The relief of the 51st Divisional Artillery by the Artillery mentioned in para.1. will take place as under :-

- (a) One section per Battery on night of Sept.22/23rd.
- (b) Remainder on night of Sept. 23/24th.
- (c) Surplus Guns & Howitzers of the 51st Divisional Artillery to be removed on night of Sept. 23/24th.
- (d) The Mortars of the Medium Trench Mortar Batteries of the 34th Division & of the 5th Australian Division to be handed over to 51st Divisional Artillery, are to be withdrawn on night of Sept. 22/23rd and handed over before midday of Sept 23rd at No.4 Section 51st D.A.C. (B.25.c.5.5.)

10. The table attached gives positions, O.F's, Zones etc. for units of the relieving Artillery. *(Table attached only to nos: 1, 8, 11, 17)*
The Batteries of the 34th Divisional Artillery will retain their present Wagon Lines.

11. C.R.A's. 34th Division and 5th Australian Division, must arrange that their fronts are protected by 1800 on Sept.22nd. by such Batteries as will be left after the relief is completed.

12. Brigade & Battery Commanders will report as under at 1100 on Sept.22nd to be shown the front that they will have to cover.

175th Bde.R.F.A. and Battery of the 152nd Bde.R.F.A. to 51st Division Right Group, Hd.Qtrs. at B.30.d.2.3.

13th A.F.A. Bde. to 51st Division Left Group, Hd.Qtrs. at C.29.d.6.6.

Commanders of the Medium Trench Mortar Battery of each Division will report for instructions at 1100 on Sept.22nd to the 51st D.T.M.O. at B.30.d.50.15.

13. Captain A.P.Y. LANGHORNE. D.S.O. R.A. B.M.R.A. will be at Headquarters of 34th Divisional Artillery in CROIX du BAC until 1800 on Sept.23rd. From that time onwards he will be at Headquarters FRANKS' FORCE in STEENWERK.

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14. Command of Artillery will pass at 1000 on
Sept. 24th.

15. Acknowledge by wire.

L. W. Par. Cochrane

Major,
Staff Officer Royal Artillery,
2nd Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

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SECOND ANZAC ARTILLERY ORDER No.15.

Sept 21st
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1. 34th Division and 5th Australian Division will detail personnel as under, to man the Heavy Trench Mortar of FRANKS' FORCE. :-

	<u>34th Div.</u>	<u>5th Australian Div.</u>
Officers	1	1
Serjeants	1	-
Corporals	-	1
Bombardiers	2	2
O. R.	15	15

The above two officers will report to D.T.M.O. 51st Division at 11.00 a.m. Sept, 22nd at B.30.d.5.1¹.

2. The positions allotted to the Sections of D.A.C. in the Table attached to Second Anzac Artillery Order No.14. will not be available.

A position at H.3.b.7.7. (at present occupied by A/256) is available for the Section of the 5th Australian D.A.C.

3. The Trench Mortar Ammunition Dump at B.28.a.1.1. will be taken over by the Senior Trench Mortar Officer at 10.a.m. on the 24th Sept.

The S.A.A. & Grenade Ammunition Dump in Place Victor Hugo - I.1.a.d.7. will be taken over by the officer Commanding Section 34th D.A.C. at 10.a.m. on 24th Sept.

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- 2. "G"
- 3. Corps Park
- 4. A.D.O.S.
- 5. 34th Division
- 6. C.R.A. 34th Division
- 7. 51st Division
- 8. C.R.A. 51st Division
- 9. 5th Australian Div.
- 10. C.R.A. 5th Australian Div.
- 11. Capt. Langhorne
- 12. B.G. H.A. 2nd Anzac.

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L. W. Lockhart

Major,
Staff Officer Royal Artillery
2nd Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

SPECIAL ORDER
BY

Lieutenant-General Sir A.J.GODLEY, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,
Commanding 2nd Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

19/9/18.

The Corps Commander desires to express his satisfaction with the result of the minor operations carried out on the nights of 15th, 16th and 17th September.

The Commander-in-Chief and the Commander of the Second Army have sent their thanks and congratulations in messages which have already been communicated to the troops.

The trenches of 7 out of 8 enemy Regiments occupying the front opposite this Corps were entered and valuable identifications of the units were obtained. 5 prisoners were taken, and at least 40 of the enemy are known to have been killed either in hand to hand fighting or by bombardment, irrespective of others who may have been killed or wounded by bombardment in other parts of the enemy's front line or support trenches.

Our own losses were slight.

The morale of the prisoners taken was low and the enemy's retaliation feeble.

It is of great importance that we should continue to harass the enemy's troops opposite us, most of whom have already suffered severely in the fighting on the SOMME.

The activity of our artillery and trench mortars together with frequent raids will not only inflict casualties, but will exhaust the enemy by forcing him to be continually on the alert and at work repairing damages.

It must be our object to carry out this policy with such vigour that the units opposite will not recuperate sufficiently to allow of their re-employment on the SOMME. By so doing we shall afford valuable assistance to our comrades there.

2. The above order should be read to troops, but its gist should not be posted in trenches of our front line system.

A. J. Godley

Brig.-General,
General Staff,
2nd ANZAC Corps.

SECRET.

2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 3.Introduction of a regular system of "Signal Calls."

Instructions for the introduction of "Signal Calls" or "position Calls" in the zone in which there is danger of messages being intercepted by the enemy have been put forward by G.H.Q.

3. To avoid duplication of "Position Calls" the whole front has been divided into sections each indicated by a letter. The Sections have been divided again into Subsection Areas defined by natural boundaries. Each Subsection is allotted two letters, the first being that of the main Section and the second that of the Subsection.

Every Signal Office in any one Subsection will take the letters of the Subsection, with a number added as its "Position Call," such as E.K.1, E.K.2., etc.

3. The Subsections have been allotted by the Second Army as shown on a map which has been passed to A.D.A.S., 2nd ANZAC Corps. The A.D.A.S. will be responsible for numbering every Signal Office in Subsections included in the Corps area. The Corps on the left will allot numbers to the A.D.A.S. for those Subsections which lie partially in the Left Corps area.

4. The "position call" is to be fixed up as a notice in every office, viz., "Your call is (E.K.8)" and this notice will not be removed when the office is handed over from one unit to another. If a new office is established in the area it receives a new number which, with the letters of the particular Subsection it is in, becomes its "position call"

5. The following will form the rear boundary of the dangerous zone referred to in para. 1. -

The LAVENTIE - ARMENTIERES Railway, the ARMENTIERES - BAILLEUL Railway as far as the R. LYS and thence along the River LYS to the front line

6. Telegrams in the Danger Zone.

The "position call" is sufficient to indicate the unit to which the signal office is allotted. Thus the "position call" 27 for a signal office with a Battalion Headquarters might be F.D.6. No matter what Battalion is there, the Battalion to whom the office is allotted will be addressed simply as F.D.6, and no indication will be given to the enemy when Battalions change..

If a telegram is to go to a unit other than that to which the signal office is allotted, say for instance, to a Trench Mortar Battery which is also served by the office F.D.6, the telegram might be addressed Trench Mortar Battery F.D.6 or to (Code name of T.M.Battery) FD 6.

Code Names should only be used to supplement the "address to" or the "address from" when really necessary.

In the text of a telegram all units should be referred to by code names but it is dangerous even then to word a message so as to indicate reliefs or changes in disposition, localities to be occupied and so on.

The office of origin must invariably be a "position call".

The Commander to whom a Signal Office in the danger zone, or working to an office in the danger zone, is allotted, is responsible for having every message for transmission in the danger zone censored and the necessary coding inserted in the message, (vide S.S.103 dated February, 1916). In the case of an office outside the danger zone having to transmit a message originating from an office in the dangerzone to another office outside the dangerzone, the necessary decoding should be done before the message is transmitted.

7. Telephones in the danger zone are only to be used by officers who will be responsible for the message that they send. A telephone exchange in the danger zone must never be asked "put me through to (name of unit in clear)". The request should be "put me through to (position call)", supplemented when necessary by the code name of the unit. The "position calls" for all offices with which an

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office normally has to communicate must be known to the Staffs.

If an exchange outside the dangerous zone is asked for a call to an office in the dangerous zone it will not give the call unless the position call is used.

It must be thoroughly understood that messages spoken to an office in the dangerous zone are as liable to be overheard as messages on the same circuit emanating from the office in the dangerous zone.

S. B. Pope Capt.

for
Brig.-General,
General Staff,
2nd ANZAC Corps.

14th September, 1916.

Circulation

5th Australian Division.	-	35	copies
34th Division	-	35	"
51st (Highland) Div.	-	35	"
G.O.C., R.A	-	10	"
Spare	-	10	"

SECRET.2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.
-----GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 4.

For defence purposes the 2nd ANZAC Corps front will be divided into Brigade Sectors, named as under.

Map Reference.

	<u>From</u>	<u>To.</u>
CORDONNERIE	N.8.d.1.8	N.4.d.8.0.
BOUTILLERIE	N.4.d.8.0	I.31.c.4.4
BOIS GRENIER	I.31.c.4.4	I.20.d.5.2
RUE DE BOIS	I.20.d.5.2	I.16.b.2.7
EPINETTE	I.16.b.2.7	I.5.a.4.9
HOUPLES	I.5.a.4.9	C.16.b.8.5.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

5. B. Pope Capt:
Brig.-General,
for General Staff,
2nd ANZAC Corps.

21/9/16.

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II AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 5.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

1. In the event of prisoners being taken, "G" Branch of divisions will send the particulars at once by wire to Corps Headquarters. Independently of this message "A" Branch of divisions will report by telegram to Corps Headquarters the verified total number of prisoners actually in their custody, distinguishing if possible, Officers, N.C.O's and Privates.
2. Prisoners will be searched as soon as possible after capture. Officers' clothing should be subjected to the most rigorous examination. Prisoners will be deprived of all documents which, after being done up in separate bundles where possible, and marked so as to identify the owner, will be taken charge of by the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of the escort and given to the examining officer from Corps Headquarters.
3. Divisions will retain all prisoners taken until orders are received from "A" Branch of Corps for their disposal.
4. Officers will invariably be kept apart from their men to prevent communication between them. N.C.O's should, when possible, be kept apart, and any men who are obviously likely to influence prisoners in a deleterious manner. When small batches are taken each man should be kept separate to prevent communication with the others.
5. While in their hands, divisions will be responsible that no person is allowed to approach or converse with the prisoners, except the Intelligence Branch of Corps Staff.
6. Prisoners will not be evacuated until orders are received from "A" Branch of Corps. "I" Branch will inform "A" in writing when the prisoners are no longer required for examination.
7. Reports of identifications made during the night will be sent off by Corps to reach Army Headquarters not later than 8.30 a.m. These reports will not be included in the morning operations message, nor despatched by the Staff Officer on duty unless they have been checked by an officer of the Intelligence Section who will be responsible for the correctness of the reports forwarded.

E. Helme Major
for

Brig.-General G.
II ANZAC CORPS

26th September, 1916.

Circulation:-

5th Australian Division	6	copies.
34th Division.....	6	"
Franks' Force.....	6	"
G.O.C.R.A.....	2	"
"A".....	2	"
A.P.M.....	2	"
D.D.M.S.....	1	"
Corps Mounted Troops.....	1	"
Spare.....	14	"

2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 6.INSTRUCTIONS RE "TANKS".

The following instruction received from G.H.Q. is forwarded for information and communication to all concerned.

"The attention of formations should be drawn to the necessity for maintaining secrecy as regards the technical construction of "Tanks". The personnel in charge of "Tanks" have received orders that no officer or man is to inspect the interior of the Cars without a written authority from G.H.Q."

This order will be read out to all Troops on Parade.

30th Sep tember, 1916.

S. R. Pope Capt
Brig.-General,
General Staff,
2nd ANZAC Corps.

Copies to:-

5th Australian Division	5
34th Division	5
51st (Highland) Division	5
Franks Force	5
2nd Anzac Corps Mtd. Troops.	2
42nd Squadron R.F.C.	1
G.O.C., R.A. 2nd ANZAC	2
D.A. & Q.M.G.	10
C.E.	5
D.D.M.S.	5
Camp Commandant	20
A.D.A.S.	5

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2ND AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 7.

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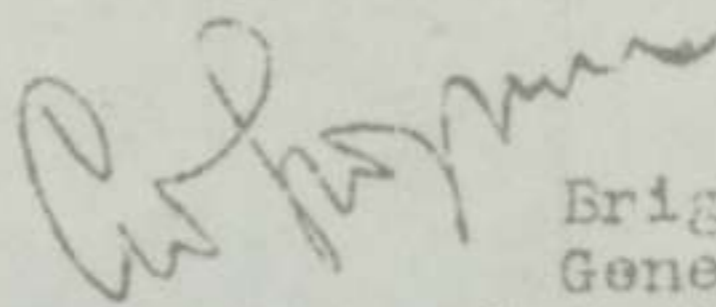
1. Some confusion and misunderstandings arise owing to the various terms applied to the trenches which at various points along the front are spoken of as the 300 yards line, reserve line, 70 yards line, support line, S. line, S.S. line etc., Under General Staff Circular No. 2 of 17th August, 1918, the policy has been laid down that only one line will be maintained between the front line and the subsidiary line. This line will in future be officially referred to as the Support line and other terms will be discontinued. There will therefore, in future be only three recognised lines viz:-

- 1. Front line.
- 2. Support line.
- 3. Subsidiary line.

2. The small isolated supporting points which exist at various points on the front between the three main lines will not in future be maintained as a definite part of the Defence Schemes, except so far as portions of the parapet and trenches leading to, or near them, may be required as part of the defences of the communication avenues, or to flank them.

There is no objection to the works being occupied under normal circumstances for accommodation purposes, but they are considered much too vulnerable to Shell fire and too conspicuous on aeroplane photos to justify a definite garrison being detailed for their defence. This in no-wise applies to the supporting points which form an integral part of either the support or subsidiary line or to the detached works which represent the subsidiary line in the right sector or to the posts in the LA. VERME and L'ARMBEE switch lines. There are also a few intermediate strong localities covering important roads such as LILLE Post which may be maintained at the discretion of Divisional Commanders.

3/10/18.



Brig.-General,
General Staff,
2nd ANZAC Corps.