

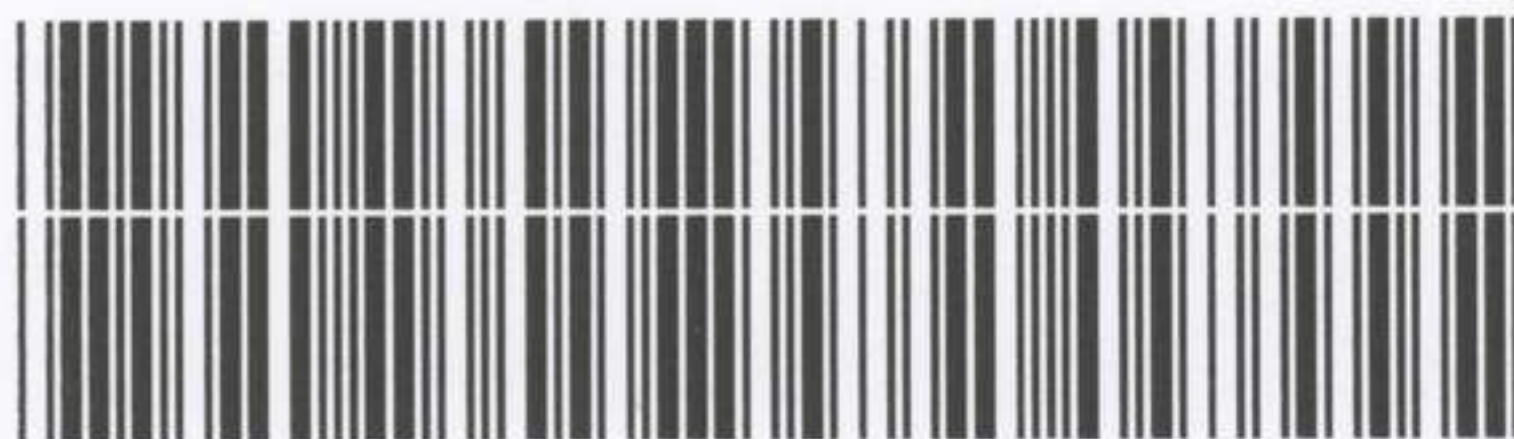
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Bailleul	1/10/16.	-	<p>At 1 a.m. summer time, the clock was put back one hour - the extra hour thus gained was named 12 X a.m.</p> <p>On the night of Sept.30th/Oct. 1st a series of raids was carried out as under :-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">1. 14th Aust. Bde.</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">About 60 O.R.</td> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Against N.6.c.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. 101st Brigade</td> <td>" 30 "</td> <td>" 1.31.d.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. 102nd Brigade</td> <td>" 30 "</td> <td>" 1.16.d.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Two 'Dummy' raids were carried out the same night by Franks' Force to deceive the enemy as to the real point of entry.</p> <p><u>Raid No. 1.</u> Zero 10 p.m. - preceded by bombardment - party entered enemy's trenches and killed about 15 to 20 Germans, bringing in one prisoner and some rifles and equipment.</p> <p><u>Raid No. 2</u> Zero 10 p.m. - preceded by bombardment - party entered enemy's trenches and bombed dug-outs, bringing back one prisoner and clothing of one dead German.</p> <p><u>Raid No. 3</u> Zero 3.45 a.m. - Bangalore Torpedo used - Torpedo cut good lane in enemy's wire, but entanglement of uncut wire found on enemy's parapet. Party worked round to listening post, shot sentry and brought in uniform.</p>	1. 14th Aust. Bde.	About 60 O.R.	Against N.6.c.	2. 101st Brigade	" 30 "	" 1.31.d.	3. 102nd Brigade	" 30 "	" 1.16.d.	
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	2/10/16	-	<p>51st (Highland) Division completed their entrainment, for 4th Army area.</p> <p>Lieut.-Colonel Erskine-Murray, A.Q.M.G., reported his departure on appointment to command a Heavy Battery, being relieved by Lt.-Col. A.M.Collard from 11th Division.</p>										
	3/10/16.	-	<p>ARMENTIERES shelled from 4.30 to 7.30 p.m. by 10.5 and 15 cm guns.</p> <p>Capt. S.B.Pope, G.S.O.2 visited battlefields on the SOMME, going over area FRICOURT to LONGUEVAL with G.S.O.2 XV Corps.</p> <p>2nd ANZAC Corps General Staff Circular No. 7 issued. ∅</p>	∅ attached									
	4/10/16.	-	<p>Orders received from Second Army that New Zealand Division would shortly return to 2nd ANZAC Corps from the SOMME, and that on arrival, 5th Australian Division would be withdrawn to MERRIS AREA.</p>										
	5/10/16.	-	<p>Quiet day - Nothing to record, except shelling of ARMENTIERES by 10.5 and 15 cm in evening.</p>										

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	6/10/16.		2nd Australian Tunnelling Company mining on the defensive system about C.17.a. broke into German gallery about 1 p.m. A mobile charge was placed at junction of German galleries and Camouflet blown - as the charge was not of sufficient strength a second camouflet was blown bringing down all German galleries in the area affected																																											
	7/10/16		On night of 6th/7th gas was again discharged by Franks' Force, followed by 2 raids. No. 1 raid by 103rd Brigade against RAILWAY SALIENT (I.11.a.) entered enemy's trenches, and worked outwards, but no traces of Germans alive or dead, were found. No. 2 raid by 8th Australian Brigade against CHICKEN RUN encountered strong opposition on enemy's parapet. A bombing fight ensued in which we suffered some casualties, and the party was obliged to withdraw, having been unable to force an entry. Casualties for week ending 6/10/16.																																											
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	10/10/16.		2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 38e for relief of 5th Australian Division by New Zealand Div. issued. Headquarters New Zealand Division opened at MERRIS at 4 p.m. 2nd ANZAC Corps General Staff Circular No. 8 re Artillery and 8 A. re "Station" and "Code Calls" issued	2 attached																																										

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BAILLEUL	11/10/16.		<p>Corps Commander inspected front trenches of 34th Division in forenoon.</p> <p>On night of 11th/12th a silent raid was attempted by 101st Brigade against enemy line about I.26.c.</p> <p>Party moved out at 2 a.m. and found wire well cut, but were brought to a standstill by belt of new wire on German parapet. As the moon was very bright, the party lay out for two hours in hopes of an opportunity to cut the wire by hand, but eventually withdrew.</p>																		
	12/10/16.		<p>Corps Commander visited New Zealand Division Headquarters, and three New Zealand Brigades in forenoon.</p> <p>In afternoon the Army Commander presented medal ribbons to Officers, N.C.O's and men of the 5th Australian Division.</p> <p>During night raids were carried out as follows -</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">1. 15th Aust. Brigade</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">About 60 O.R.</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">against N.9.c.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">2. 14th " "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" 60 "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" N.6.c.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">3. 101st Brigade</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" 30 "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" I.26.c.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">4. 102nd Brigade</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" 25 "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" I.22.a.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">5. 103rd Brigade</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" 100 "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" RAILWAY SALIENT (I.11.a.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">6. 8th Aust. Brigade</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" 100 "</td> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">" CHICKEN RUN (C.17.a.)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Nos 1 and 2 raids got in successfully without much opposition, they blew up one large dugout which contained Germans and counted 18 dead besides.</p> <p>Raids 3 and 4 were also successful - 24 dead were counted and more are believed to have been killed - one wounded prisoner was brought in and much miscellaneous equipment.</p> <p>Raid 5 entered enemy's trenches but were unable to force their way as far as had been arranged, owing to strong opposition. Dugouts were bombed and a shoulder strap brought in to give the necessary identification.</p> <p>Raid No. 6 stayed in enemy's trenches for 50 minutes, causing very considerable damage - over 100 dead were counted by Officers. Dugouts were bombed with Stokes bombs, and set on fire with "P" bombs.</p> <p>3 prisoners and a considerable quantity of equipment, including a machine gun were brought in.</p> <p>The above raids were carried out in conjunction with a series of raids all along the Second Army front, sixteen in all.</p> <p>The main object was to inflict damage on and cause loss to the enemy - The secondary object</p>	1. 15th Aust. Brigade	About 60 O.R.	against N.9.c.	2. 14th " "	" 60 "	" N.6.c.	3. 101st Brigade	" 30 "	" I.26.c.	4. 102nd Brigade	" 25 "	" I.22.a.	5. 103rd Brigade	" 100 "	" RAILWAY SALIENT (I.11.a.)	6. 8th Aust. Brigade	" 100 "	" CHICKEN RUN (C.17.a.)
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	14/10/16		<p>Corps Commander inspected trenches of Franks' Force in forenoon. Relief of 5th Australian Division (less artillery) by New Zealand Division (less artillery) complete at 4 p.m. Headquarters 5th Australian Division opened at MERRIS 4 p.m.</p>																																											
	15/10/16		<p>B.G.G.S. returned from SOMME battlefields. Quiet day - nothing to report.</p>																																											
	16/10/16		<p>M. POINCARE, President of French Republic, visited ARMENTIERES at 8.30 a.m. to present medals to mayor and to certain of civil population. The President's visit was strictly private, and, at his express wish, no military honours were paid. 5th Australian Division (less artillery) commenced entraining for Fourth Army area.</p>																																											

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"	18/10/16.		2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 39 in connection with Sound Ranging, issued ø 5th Australian Division (less artillery) completed entraining for Fourth Army area. The weather during entraining was very bad - Driving rain and cold winds, with the result that the men were wet through before starting on their journey.	ø attached																																										
"	19/10/16.		Orders received that New Zealand Divisional artillery would probably arrive on 1st November and 5th Australian Divisional Artillery would entrain about 7th November or earlier if possible.																																											
"	20/10/16.		2nd ANZAC Corps General Staff Circular No. 9 re Warning on Hostile Gas Attack, issued ø Fine clear weather and a consequent increase in hostile aerial activity.	ø attached																																										
"	21/10/16.		Two raids were attempted by 102nd Brigade and 103rd Brigade respectively against I.26.c. and I.5.c. with preliminary bombardment. The wire was not cut sufficiently in either instance to allow of successful assault of enemy's trenches. - Zero 10.30 p.m. Casualties for week ending 19th October -																																											
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"	21/10/16		Enemy's aeroplanes more active - one of them bringing down observation balloon at NIEPPE in flames at 3.30 p.m.																																											
"	22/10/16.		2nd ANZAC Corps General Staff Circular No. 10 Re Corps Guides, issued ø Orders received to send 3 howitzers of 155th Siege Battery to 1st ANZAC Corps on loan - Howitzers left same evening.	ø attached																																										
"	23/10/16.		Orders received for transfer of one section 'L' Company, Special Bn., R.E. to VIII Corps. Capt. S. B. Pope G.S.O. 2 took up duties of officiating G.S.O.I. 'Franks' Force, vice Lieut.-Col. Turner, lent temporarily to 47th Division.																																											

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"	25/10/16		2 parties consisting each of 1 Officer and 100 O.R. of New Zealand and 34th Division, proceeded by bus to Franks' Force to instal gas cylinders in front line - The New Zealand party being billeted in ARMENTIERES.	
"	26/10/16		Corps Commander returned from leave calling at G.H.Q.en route. 144 Cylinders Gas installed in Franks' Force front line. Enemy raided right Subsector (103rd Bde) Franks Force at 5.45 p.m. after heavy bombardment and captured Lewis gun - our casualties 18 (5 men of Lewis Gun detachment missing).	
"	27/10/16		144 more Cylinders installed Franks' Force front. A pigeon shot by man in 34th Division and message sent in. Proved to be a stray bird from French	(front.)
"	28/10/16		N I L.	
"	29/10/16.		The 103rd Brigade in Franks' Force reported an attempted raid in vicinity of the MUSHROOM which was dispersed by our Artillery and machine-gun fire.	
"	30/10/16		Corps Commander visited IX Corps Headquarters also Headquarters 101st Brigade, 34th Division and Headquarters 2nd New Zealand Infantry Brigade. The Prime Minister of New Zealand with the Minister of Finance and G.O.C., New Zealand Base Details arrive on a visit.	
"	31/10/16		The Army Commander presented Medals to the New Zealand and some Australian details at the New Zealand Bombing School. The Parade was attended by the Prime Minister of New Zealand who afterwards accompanied by the Corps Commander saw the 3 New Zealand Battalions in Brigade Reserve and the New Zealand Pioneer Battalion. He also visited ARMENTIERES, YPRES and CASSEL.	

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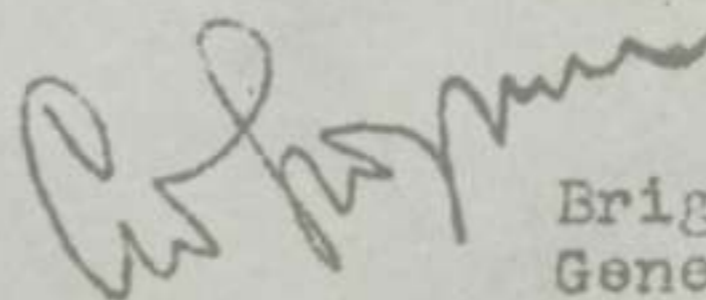
Under General Staff Circular No. 2 of 17th August, 1916, the policy has been laid down that only one line will be maintained between the front line and the subsidiary line. This line will in future be officially referred to as the Support line and other terms will be discontinued. There will therefore, 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 VESSE and L'ARIFE 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.

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General Staff,
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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 38.

1/40,000 FRANKS.
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10th October, 1918.

1. Orders have been received for the following relief to take place :-

New Zealand Division (less artillery) will arrive in MERRIS area (H.Q., MERRIS) on 11th October - detraining stations BAILLEUL Main and West, and CAESTRE - and will relieve 5th Australian Division (less artillery) in the SAILLY Sector, and in the HOUPLINES Subsector of Franks' Force.

Relief to be complete by 6 a.m., 15th October.

Details of relief to be arranged between Divisions concerned, and between New Zealand Division and Franks' Force.

2. 5th Australian Division (less artillery) will be withdrawn on relief to the MERRIS area (H.Q.-MERRIS) and will be ready to entrain any time after midnight 15th/16th October.

3. Command between Divisions will pass on completion of relief.

4. All Trench Mortars and Trench Mortar ammunition will be left in the line - Divisions concerned exchanging mortars.

5. 2nd ANZAC Corps Cyclists Bn will come under the orders of G.O.C., New Zealand Division on the completion of relief.

6. Orders for relief of artillery will be issued later.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

S. B. Pope Capt.

for Brig.-General,
General Staff,
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TABLE ACCOMPANYING 2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 38.

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Brigade Group. (less artillery)	From	To	Date	Route	Relieved Unit.	Billtg. area for relieved Unit	Remarks.
3rd N.Z. (Rifle) Bde.	BAILLEUL	OUTERSTEENE	11th				
2nd N.Z. Brigade	BAILLEUL	STRAZEELE	11th	Cross roads X.18.c " " X.22.a. X.19.central.			
1st N.Z. Brigade	CAESTRE	ESTAIRES	11th	STRAZEELE - VIEUX BERQUIN- NEUF BERQUIN			40 Motor buses at disposal of G.O.C., N.Z. Div.
2nd N.Z. Brigade	STRAZEELE	HOUPLINES Subsector	-	Via cross roads X.18.c. BAILLEUL- NIEPPE.	8th Aust. Bde. Franks' Force.	OUTERSTEENE	40 motor buses at disposal of G.O.C., N.Z. Div. & Franks' Force on 13th & 14th October.
3rd N.Z. (Rifle) Bde.	OUTERSTEENE	BOUTILLERIE Subsector.	-	VIEUX BERQUIN - NEUF BERQUIN- ESTAIRES. Buses will take up troops of 3rd N.Z. Bde. at road junction VIEUX BERQUIN E.24.a.	14th Aus. Bde.	STRAZEELE	40 motor buses at disposal of G.O.C., N.Z. & 5th Aust. Divs. on 13th & 14th October.
1st N.Z. Brigade	ESTAIRES	CORDONNERIE subsector	-		15th Aus. Bde.	ESTAIRES	

NOTE.

1 Brigade Group for Franks' Force will include Engineer Coy., 1 Medium Trench Mortar Battery, 1 Coy. Pioneers, 1 Field Ambulance and 1 Company, A.S.C.

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CORRECTION TO 2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 38.

11th October, 1918.

Reference.1/40,000: FRANCE.
Sheets 27, 28 & 36.

1. Add at end of para. 4 -
"5th Australian Division will leave their Medium Trench
Mortar Batteries in the line."
2. In seventh column of Table attached,
in fourth line for "OUTERSTEENE" read "STRAZEELE".
in 5th line for "STRAZEELE" read "OUTERSTEENE".

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SECRET.2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.
-----General Staff Circular No. 8.
-----ARTILLERY.

10/10/16.

The Corps Commander wishes the Artillery to make more use of the R.F.C. - Sound Rangers - Flash Spotters, and the Kite Balloon.

He wishes the 4.5" Howitzers to carry out more counter-battery work on the batteries within their reach. The Sound Rangers are now connected up direct by telephone to the Heavy Artillery 2nd ANZAC.

When they locate an active battery firing, they will immediately telephone the pin-point to the B.G., H.A., who will either engage the battery with H.A. or if it is in one of the Divisional Artillery squares, will telephone through to the C.R.A. concerned.

The C.R.A. will detail a howitzer battery to shoot at once by map, and at the same time will ask the R.F.C. for a plane to go up and observe, but the battery must not wait for the plane.

If no plane arrives, the battery will not fire more than 50 rounds, but if the R.F.C. can observe, every endeavour must be made to knock out the battery, and ammunition must not be spared.

In any case the R.F.C. will be asked to photograph the position, to see the effect of the shelling, and if necessary, to re-register.

As regards actually ranging a battery by Sound Ranging or by observation from Kite Balloon, it is recognised that it is hopeless, unless the battery has a direct telephone line to work on.

Some batteries have a direct line to the Sound Rangers, and the Corps Commander wishes them to carry out experiments on points well defined on the map and visible from O.P.'s., the ranging being done by Sound Ranging and checked afterwards by the O.P. observations and by photograph.

With regard to the Kite Balloon, the first experiment should be for batteries to arrange to shoot at some defined point, visible to the Kite Balloon and an O.P., and have an observation Officer in each.

In order to save laying wires until it is found that observation is possible, the Officer at the O.P. will do the ranging in the ordinary way, and the Officer in the balloon will make his corrections for comparison afterwards.

Every encouragement is to be given to Officers to get into close touch with the R.F.C., the Sound Rangers and the Balloon.

The B.G., H.A. will arrange with R.F.C. for H.A. officers to be attached (one at a time) for a few days to the R.F.C., and the O.C., 42nd Squadron R.F.C. would like (4 officers at a time) to be attached to batteries of H.A.

Arrangements must be made for officers of both H.A. and Divisional Artilleries to visit the sound rangers and to go up in the Kite Balloon.

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General Staff,
2nd ANZAC Corps.

2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 8. A 10/10/16.
Use of 'Code Names' and 'Position Calls'

Considerable confusion has arisen over the use of 'Position Calls' and 'Code Names'. The following summary of the orders on the subject is therefore issued for guidance :-

(a) DEFINITION.

A 'Position Call' is a call allotted to a Signal Office or telephone terminal. It is permanent and does not change when the Office is handed over from one unit to another.

A 'Code Name' is a name given by Divisions and other formations to units to whom 'Code Names' have not been allotted in the publication "Formation, Unit and Place Code". These 'Code Names' belong to the unit, and do not change when the Division etc. is transferred from its Corps or Army.

(b) 'Code Names' will not be used when communicating to formations in rear of Divisional Headquarters.

(c) In the dangerous zone, 'Position Calls' will invariably be used in the "Address to" and "Address from" of a message. Code names will not be used in the "Address to" and "Address from", except in the case of the most urgent necessity, when they may be used to supplement the 'Position Call'.

(d) Cases will arise in which the sender of the message is doubtful as to the exact position of a unit. The difficulty can be overcome, to a great extent, by using the 'Code Name' of the unit in the text -

e.g., :- "To HE 10.

WEASEL will report by wire the number of all ranks evacuated with Trench Foot."

If WEASEL has moved, the message is transmitted on to his new position.

(e) 2nd ANZAC General Staff Circular No. 3, para. 6 lays down that "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."

It must be clearly understood that the Signal Service are forbidden to alter any word in the "address to", "Text" or "Address from" of a message (Vide Tr. Man. Signalling, 1915, para. 159 (iv)), and that therefore the necessary coding must be done by the Staff of the unit concerned.

The O.C., Signals of an Office in the danger zone or working to the danger zone is responsible that no uncoded message is sent out from his Office.

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2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 39.

17th October, 1916.

1. The system of Sound Ranging adopted in the Expeditionary Force is improving daily in reliability and accuracy, and it is considered undesirable that it should become too widely known.
2. Details of the apparatus and methods of working are not to be explained to anyone, unless he is provided with a pass entitling him to such explanation, issued by the General Staff at G.H.Q. or of the Second Army.
3. Officers, N.G.O's and men who are already acquainted with the details of the apparatus will be warned that such details are strictly secret, and are on no account to be discussed or divulged.

W. G. ...

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2nd ANZAC Corps.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.
-----GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 9

19th October, 1918.

Some doubt exists as to the procedure to be adopted in warning all concerned of a hostile gas attack.

The procedure is as follows :-

- (a) The Signal Service will repeat the message automatically as far back as Brigade Headquarters -
e.g., Battalion operator warns artillery, Brigade Headquarters, and flank Battalions.

Form of message.

"GAS ATTACK, TRENCH....."

- (b) Beyond Brigade Headquarters, the responsibility of the Signal Service ceases.

The message will be delivered to the Brigade Staff. The Brigadier will then decide to whom it should be sent.

- (c) Similarly, the responsibility for transmission will rest with Divisional Commanders.

The message will be repeated as a matter of routine from Brigade to Division, and from Division to Corps, but the greatest care should be exercised in the form of the message, if it is decided to repeat it to flank Units.

Gas attack messages are apt to ramify indefinitely along telegraph and telephone lines, with the result that needless alarm and exertion are caused to Units far remote from the scene of attack.

The signallers of a Battalion which is not itself subjected to gas attack, but which receives the alarm from a Battalion on one flank will not automatically transmit the message to the Battalion on its other flank. The Officer who receives the message should, however, communicate with the flank Battalion not only to give warning, but in order to prevent an alarm which might be transmitted by horns etc. from spreading indefinitely.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 10.

21st October, 1916.

Corps Guides.

1. A selected party of 1 Officer and 12 other ranks to be increased ultimately to 2 Officers and 25 O.R., drawn from 2nd ANZAC Corps Cyclist Battalion will be employed as Corps guides.

The main duties of these guides will be :-

- (a) To guide reinforcing troops to positions of assembly and to works in rear of Front Line Division Positions in case of a hostile attack.
- (b) To guide reserve troops into and through Divisional Front line system in case of advance.
- (c) To study as far as possible by maps and observation, ground in the enemy's lines, so that they can act confidently as guides in case of an advance.
- (d) To accompany Officers of Corps Staff etc., when visiting front line trenches or other posts in the Corps area.

2. Guides will be provided with badges and special passes. They will be given all facilities to make themselves acquainted with Divisional front lines and artillery positions.

3. They will be attached to Corps Headquarters and work directly under the Intelligence Branch of the General Staff, but all branches of the Corps Staff will have a call on their services. They should have a good knowledge of the working of the services and location of units in back areas.

4. Application for services of guides for following day should, as far as possible, be made to Intelligence Branch, General Staff, before 9.30 p.m. each night. Two men will be detailed in addition immediately available to go out as required. Men not detailed for duty will be employed in training in their duties.

5. Guides will be armed and carry 20 rounds of ammunition when on duty or training.

6. Guides will be freely supplied with maps and photos by Intelligence Branch, and it will be advisable, if possible, to give a certain number of men some training as draughtsmen. In

P.T.O.

In selecting party, O.C. Cyclists will, if procurable, detail one or two men with previous draughtsmen's training.

7. Guides may be attached to Divisional Headquarters during the period of training, and in the first instance it will be advisable for guides to specialise on particular areas.

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E.G., S.S.,
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