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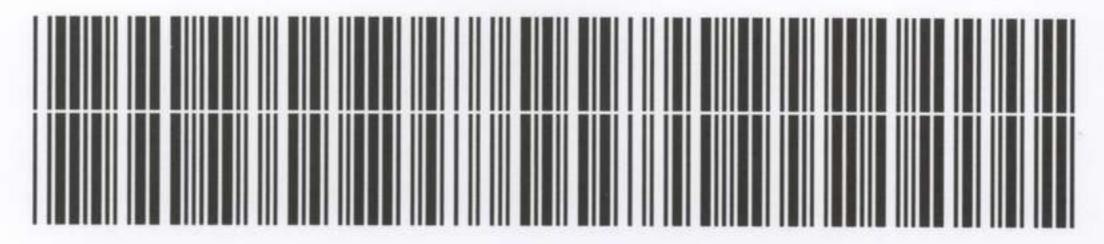
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Place		Hour 15	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANZAC	De 1st	er	Enemy's mining parties heard at QUINNS COURTNEYS and during the night at RUSSELL'S TOP.	
140	2md		Mana fire at 18,30 p.m. in front of QUINNS. Enemy were heard working 5 feet	
			away at the time of the explosion.	
			Between 11.25 a.m. and 12 noon shrapnel was burst over POPES and HINTON'S POSTS. Slight damage.	
5 4		1	A large number of stick bombs were fired on to RUSSELL'S TOP.	
			At 10.30 a.m and 3.30 p.m. this point was also shelled with 75 m/m guns.	
243	3rd	1	The enemy sent up coloured flares along front opposite LONE PINE trenches about the same	
			place as he displayed flags on 29th November.	
		Reli	Hostile bombing was brisk opposite QUINNS at 10.15 a.m. untol silenced by No 3 Battery.	
			Enemy heard underground opposite COURTNEYS in three places.	
995	4th		Quiet day opposite LONE PINE.	
110			RUSSELL'S TOP Garland mortar silenced hostile Machine gun.	
			A 75 lb charge was fired in No 32 Tunnel at QUINNS where enemy could be heard 5 feet	
			away。	
			Weather has become warm and fine.	
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ANZAC	Dec 5th		The enemy shelled the whole line at intervals during the day. Our artillery	
5,6			shelled some hostile mule transport with good results.	
			Hostile mine exploded near STEELE'S POST and a further explosion at 10.45 p.m. Slight	
			damage. No casualties.	
热	6th		Whole line shelled during the day.	
拗	7th	N 2 - 1 - 8	Enemy shelled the whole line. Damage done to parapets and traverses between D 16	
			and COURTNEYS. Wire entanglements opposite LONE PINE damaged. Great activity	
			in bombing opposite QUINNS and POPES.	
* 112			28th Battalion began to relieve 26th on RUSSELL'S TOP.	
	8th		Enemy shelled whole line RUSSELLS TOP parapets were damaged by 6" shells.	
			17th Siege Battery registered on the enemy's trenches to the left of POPES. 5th	4
4 14			Battery damaged the enemy's bomb screens and entanglements opposite POPES.	
	9th		Enemy shelled LONE PINE from SCRUBBY KNOLL, ANDERSONS KNOLL and the CHESSBOARD during	
			the day. At 4.40 p.m. large Howitzers passed over LONE PINE.	
			RUSSELLS TOP was shelled by 75 m/m and 6" howitzers.	
			Our artillery destroyed enemy's chevaux de frise opposite POPES and shelled the trenches	
			The CHESSBOARD was also shelled by our own and naval guns.	
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13 ANZAC	9		The enemy raised the height of their trenches on the Spur running North from QUINNS	
V93 "	10		Enemy shelled LONE PINE with 75 m/m from direction of JOHNSTONES JOLLY and with an	
			8.2. HOWITLER	
			They also shelled RUSSELLS TOP with 75 m/m and a 6 inch from BATTLESHIP HILL and W	
			· HILLS.	
			Our artillery retaliated on guns shelling LONE PINE and fire ceased.	
			The Turkish positions about the OLIVE GROVE were bombarded by the fleet at 11.25 a.m.	
			A hostile aeroplane appeared but retired when fired on.	
			Bomb throwing was carried on at QUINNS where some of the enemy's chevaux de frise	
			was destroyed and at POPES.	
			The Turks opened three holes in a line opposite RUSSELLS TOP - apparently a new gallery.	
193	11		Enemy shelled whole line during the day. POPES was fired on from the direction of	
119			WINEGLASS. RUSSELLS TOP by 75 m/m and 6 inch Howitzer from direction of BATTLESHIP HILL	
			Our grenadiers silenced an enemy's machine gun opposite LONE PINE.	
			The enemy were very active with bombs opposite POPES.	
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ANZAC	Deer.	Enemy showed great activity in entrenching opposite COURTNEYS and RUSSELLS TOP.	
1/1/7		We silenced a mortar on LONE PINE with some shells from a howitzer.	
		Our artillery destroyed bomb screens opposite POPES.	
		The enemy's artillery shelled RUSSELLS TOP heavily to-day and hit three officers.	
		Our snipers accounted for four Turks and some periscopes.	
414	13th	A large number of stick bombs were fired during the night. Enemy opened on the beach with	
		the gun from the direction of OLIVE GROVE about 0800.	
		They also opened at the gun on PLUGGES PLATEAU with shrapnel at midday.	
		LONE PINE shelled during the day with Hotchkiss and 75 m.m.	
		Heavy baggage left ANZAC to-night.	
THE	14th	The enemy worked on their trench opposite COURTNEYS and QUINNS, and strengthened entanglements.	
		We dispersed some parties at POPES with bombs.	
		At RUSSELS TOP the enemy fired a few howitzer and shrapnel shells.	
SIL	15th	Matters were normal. The beach was constantly shelled from the OLIVE GROVE.	
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Decr. The orders for the evacuation of ANZAC were received from Corps Hqrs. No exact was given. A Memorandum was issued from Army Corps Headquarters ANZAC, in which, a final position was decided on. For this the 2nd. Australian Division were to provide 125 of all ranks viz:- the 18th. Bn., 40 from the 20th. Bn., and 35 for Machine gun teams. There were als the 1st. Div. and 75 from the N.Z.& A. Div. The position of the Machine Guns and the troops on PLUGGES is shown on the att sketch. Col. Paton commanding the 7th. Bde. was detailed for command of this force, will Headquarters on PLUGGES PLATEAU. Another memorandum was also received which laid particular stress on .	App. X
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(i) Normal conditions being kept up in the trenches.	
(ii) Ammunition being kept ready for use of C party. As these have to be extended that each man has to cover a very wide front, the ammunitio to be put in different places.	
(iii)Placing obstacles, in case the enemy followed up the withdrawal.	A V
Already a wire entanglement had been made across the front of BRAUNDS HILL ext	App. X



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ANZAC	16		to the spurs running out from PHILLIPS TOP, and loose wire left to put across BRIDGES ROAD as soon as sony onex was through.	
			MARTINS LANE and the sap leading through MACLAGANS HILL were barricaded; and knife-rest.	
			wire entanglements were left to put in position in the latter place.	
			The road at the head of RESERVE GULLY was mined, and, a trip-wire placed to send it	
			off.	
			For the present the orders were not to fire the mines on RUSSELLS TOP and elsewhere. (2nd. Aust. Div. Order No. 3 Para 7.) The embarkation table giving the numbers to embark each night was received.	App XXX App XXV
			A message was also received from Corps Headquarters giving orders as to keeping to	
			the scheduled numbers on the 1st. and 2nd. nights.	
			This was necessary as the evacuation of sick and wounded made the number for embarkation	
			on the two nights fall below that on the embarkation table.	App XXVI
			The enemys artillery shelled LONE PINE today with 75mm's and some 6" shells were fired	
			into COURTNEYS. No damage was done.	
			RUSSELLS TOP was also shelled by 75mm's and 6" shells (H.E.) Some damage was done to the	
			trenches.	
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ANZAC '	16	A period of silence was poperoed, and the enemy could be heard working. A certain amount	
193.		of work was done by him in front of QUINNS and GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH, and some panels of	
		bomb netting were replaced.	
		At 1610 by request of the N.Z. & A. Divn., orders were sent to the 5th. Bde. for their	
		patrols working in MALONE GULLY, to be careful not to fire on our own men.	
		Orders for the withdrawal and embarkation of the 2nd. Australian Division were got out	
		today and sent round to all concerned.	
		They consisted of:-	
		 (i) Orders for the move. (ii) Detail of embarkation, and the strength of the parties embarking. (iii)List of the C parties, and times of withdrawal. (iv) Communications during the move. 	
		(v) Medical arrangements.	App. XXVI
		A list was also made out showing the strength of each of the C parties, and of the	- VVV
		parties on PLUGGES PLATEAU and WALKER'S RIDGE.	App. XXV
		A plan of communications was made out.	App. XXI)
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	Decr.		
ANZAC	16	For the information of the Rear-guard Commander a list was made showing exactly the str	
1/2		available at the various points in the line, at certain periods during the withdrawal. Instructions were sent to the 5th. and 6th. Bdes. and to the O.C. Div. Sig. Co. as to	App. XXX
		the telephone wire being rendered useless after the removal of the instruments.	App. XXXI
		A memorandum was sent to 5th. and 6th. Bdes. on the subject of;-	
		 (i) Avoiding moves by daylight. (ii) Rate of movement on last night. (iii) Precautions for the troops entering the inner line of defence. 	App. XXXII
		A memomandum was received from Army Corps Headquarters in which orders were given that	
		the following reports were to be rendered during the withdrawal;-	
		 (i) For G.O.C. Divisions when their parties have left for embarkation. (ii) From Bde. Commanders, when G.O.C's. Divisions have left, that communications are intact. This message to be sent to the Rear-guard Commander. (iii) From Bde. Commanders on final night. (a). When they have ordered A and B parties to withdraw. (b). If the C party Commander has established his Headquarters and is in communication. 	
		(iv) From C party Commander. When they have ordered C parties to begin movement.	App. XXXIII
		A general message was sent round by the G.O.C. Army Corps on the subject of the move.	App. XXXIV
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ANZAC	19		The enemy bombarded COURTNEYS and hit one man, and also shelled RUSSELL'S TOP. A hostile aeroplane appeared over LONE PINE, but was driven off. A memorandum was sent round, with reference to 2nd. Australian Divisional Order No. 3 in which instructions were given on the following points:- (i) Strength of Rear Party. (ii) Distinctive Marks of Staff Officers. (iii) Machine Guns. (iv) Command of the inner line and C parties. (v) Burying of ammunition. (vi) Method of carrying rifles. (vii) Reducing noise when moving. (viii) Movement by daylight to rendezvous. (ix) Automatic firing of rifles and grenades. (x) Reports on safety of communications. (xi) Reports of withdrawals of parties. Orders were received from Corps Headquarters for the move to be on 18th. and 19th. Decr. Orders were also issued for the detailing of a small visual signalling party in the "KEEP" at WALKER'S RIDGE.	App. XXXV
			A memorandum was received from Army Corps Headquarters on the subject of:- (i) Destruction of Guns. (ii) Method of carrying rifles. (iii) Dugouts and dumps being left standing. (iv) Time. (v) Removal of sick and wounded. 1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. & A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.	App. XXXVIII

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	Decr.		
ANZAC	17	It was recognized that the parties from the 17th., 18th., and 19th. Battalions who	
1/1/2		formed part of party B2 would have to go out of their way if they went to the 1st, Div.	
		Reinforcement Camp, which was the rendezvous for troops going to WATSONS PIER. Therefore	
		a subsidiary rendezvous was decided on at the junction of MONASH and REST GULLIES.	App. XX
		An adjustment was also made in the case of the 18th. and 20th. Battalions. The	
		arrangement had been for the 18th. Bn. to garrison both WALKERS RIDGE and PLUGGES. Now, it	
		was decided that the 20th. Bn. should provide the 40 men for WALKERS RIDGE, and the 18th.	
		Bn. should garrison PLUGGES.	MAN
		The General Staff 2nd. Div. visited the M.L.O. at 2000, and got from him the detail	
		of where parties would embark, and also the allotment of the boats.	App. X
		The Rearguard Commander issued a memorandum asking for the following reports to be	
		rendered to him:-	
		 (i) Departure of parties and strength. (ii) 4 hourly reports starting from 1800 on first night of embarkation. (iii) Report on telephone communications at 0600 if intact or otherwise. (iv) Report that C party Commander has taken over from the Brigadier, when the latter leaves. 	
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	Dec	er.		
ANZAC	17		By C party Commanders:-	
			(a) Hourly reports of situation- normal or otherwise. (b) Report of commencement of withdrawal of C parties. (c) Closing of Brigade Signal Office.	App. XLI
			Secret instructions were also issued to brigadiers by Corps Headquarters as to action	
			in case enemy should attack under certain circumstances on both 1st. or 2nd. days.	App.
			A slight adjustment had to be made in the times at which the C 3 parties left the trenche	8.
			These had to be worked in with the times of withdrawal of 1st. Div. on the right and	
			N.Z. and A. Div. on the left.	
			It was essential that the C parties of the 2nd. Aus. Div. should withdraw later than	
			those of the other Divisions, since these had further to go. But, LONE PINE on the right	
			flank of the 2nd. Div. was isolated and might well be cut off if the ememy followed quickly.	
			On the other hand, the RUSSELLS TOP party could be held back for a short time without	
			danger. Therefore the times were arranged as shown.	App. XLII
			The times of withdrawal from the points between LONE PINE and RUSSELLS TOP being	
			altered so as to keep level with the flanks.	
			About midnight the Ordnance Stores on the beach took fire accidentally. One company	
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ANZAC	17		of the 21st. Bn. went at once to help and two others stood to ready. The enemy made no move.	
11	18		There was nothing to report last night from the trenches.	
M	10		The fire at the Ordnance Stores was got under.	
			The enemy shelled LONE PINE with 75m.m's during the day, and opened with heavy artillery	
			on COURTNEYS. Some damage was done to the works. RUSSELLS TOP was shelled without effect.	
			Our snipers concentrated their efforts on SNIPERS NEST, and got one man.	
			As a result of last nights fire orders were sent round, for no more destruction by fire	
			to take place in the area. Already a noticable increase in smoke had been observed due to	
		No Para	trying to burn a large amount of clothing.	
			It was decided by Army Corps Headquarters to amend Para 3 of the Corps Order relating	
			to mines, and a memorandum was issued to that effect.	App. XL
			The 1st. Div. sent artillery officers to confer with the party Commanders of the	
			2nd. Aust. Div. as to the best means of helping if the enemy should attack. The O.C.R.E.	
			of the 1st. Div. Engineers also had a conference with the O.C. Div. Engineers of the 2nd.	
			Aust. Div.	App. XL
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ANZAC	18	To avoid all chance of accidents through our men shooting eachother, the most careful cooperation between patrols working in MALONE GULLY was arranged between the unit of the 2nd. Aust. Div. and the N.Z.& A. officer on the spot. At about 1700 an enemy aeroplane came up, and apparently examined the spot where the fire had taken place. It went off shortly afterwards. At 1750 the enemy fired two heavy shells which fell on the PIMPLE in LONE PINE, and in BROWNS DIP. A message was received from the 5th. Ede. to say that all their first parties had left for the rendezvous at 1725. The situation was everywhere reported normal, periscopes busy at the NEK.	
		The Officer on duty at the rendezvous for the first party in RESERVE GULLY reported as follows: These were 5th Inf. Bde. 1st. 400 left rendezvous for beach at 1800. 2nd. 400 " " " " 1821. 3rd. Party" " " 1830. Remainder " " " 1840. Total number which left rendezvous was 1203 instead of 1650. Embarkation was completed by 1855.	

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ANZAC	Decr. 18	The 2nd. party, all 6th. Ede. rendezvous'd at the 1st. Div. Reinforcement Camp. Numbers were:- 21st. Battalion. 150 22nd. " 163 23rd. " 163 24th. " 135 Detail

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ANZAC	18	In order to avoid confusion, an officer was sent forward with an orderly to wait at	
MB		the entrance to the sap, into which the 1st. Div. party would march. As soon as they	
		appeared, he sent the orderly back to the rendezvous, to let the Gen. Staff Officer on	
		duty at the rendezvous know, proceeding himself to the point, where the 2nd. Division	
		party would enter the sap along which the 1st. Division were now marching. Here he waited	
		for the 2nd. Div. party.	
		The General Staff Officer at the rendezvous, directly he got the message by the orderly.	
		moved off his parties of the 2nd. Div.	
		When the head of the 2nd. Div party reached the officer on duty in the sap, he went on	
		with them if all was clear; but, if the 1st. Div. were still moving through, he stopped	
		the 2nd. Div. until they were past.	
		On reaching WATSONS PIER the troops were packed into the GULLY leading to the pier,	
		with the head of the column just at the point where the path led down to the pier. This	
		both avoided shell-fire from the guns from OLIVE GROVE, which fired at intervals, and	
		also had them conveniently placed to embark. They were called up as the boats arrived, and	
		sent down in parties of 10 at about 20 yds. distance, This again avoided giving a big	h
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ANZAC	18		target to the enemy's guns.	
Mes			The situation was reported normal at 2150.	
			Both 1st. and 2nd. party completed their embarkation in front of schedule time, and it	
			was suggested that the arrival of parties for embarkation might be accelerated.	
			The Army Corps decided however to keep to the scheduled time.	
cht.	19		The third party consisting of 6th. Bde. units, for the 1st. night's embarkation reached	
(10			the rendezvous at the 1st. Div. REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 0255. The numbers were:-	
			21st. Battalion 331. 22nd. " 250.	
E	1		23rd. " 268.	
			24th. " 111.	
			Div. Train 25.	
			Extras 18.	
		THE R	Total 1003	
			This made 1003 in all instead of 1200.	
			The medical and other details joined the party on the Beach.	
			They embarked from WATSONS PIER in 3 lighters as follows:-	
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Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Decr.		
ANZAC	20	lst. party 410 at 0315. 2nd. party 360 at 0355. 3rd. party 233 at 0410.	
		General Holmes, commanding the 2nd Australian Division left with the 2nd. party.	
		Early morning reports showed normal conditions and telephone communication all in order	
		at 0555.	
		The enemy's outpost at the head of MALONE GULLY was reported stronger than usual.	
		At 0947, the enemy began to shell the communication trenches about LONE PINE with	
		some heavy shells. They were apparently registering, and put shells into BROWNS DIP,	
		MARTINS LANE, WHITES GULLY and on RUSSELLS TOP. MARTINS LANE was hit and blocked up in	
		several places.	
		The 75mm's also opened up from the direction of the WINE GLASS, and shelled MACLAGANS	
		RIDGE. This went on for nearly an hour. The 1st. Div. Artillery were asked to retaliate.	
		The work in repairing MARTINS LANE was started at once by the 6th, Bde., and the sap	
		was re-opened.	
		All was reported normal at 1340.	
		In order to avoid any misconception as to the troops to hold the inner line, according	
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	Decr.		
ANZAC	19	to instructions, and the line referred to in Para 4 R.G. 10 (SECRET), a memorandum	
1995		No. G. 545A was sent round to point out, that if things went well, nothing was to be	
		altered, and that the reduced frontage referred to in that Para was only in case the	
		enemy attacked. Secret instructions were also issued to Brigadiers by Corps Heddquarters as to action in case enemy should attack under certain circumstances on both 1st. or 2nd. days. Orders were sent to Brigades to keep the O.C. Rearguard informed of the number of	App. XLV
		casualties especially towards the end of the operation.	
		Any sick or wounded for evacuation before the embarkation commenced, were to be at the	
		casualty clearing station by 1630.	
		A message was sent to Brigades, to ensure that Colonel Watson commanding 6th. Bde. C	
		parties should be at 1st. Div. REINFORCEMENT CAMP, and Colonel Lamrock commanding 5th.	
		Bde. C parties should be at PLUGGES PLATEAU, and both in communication with their C parties	
		and Headquarters of the O.C. Rearguard, before the Brigadiers left their Bde. Headquarters.	
		In order to be sure also that the lines on PLUGGES PLATEAU were intact, the officer	
		i/c Machine Gun teams was asked to have his telegraphists in the pits on the plateau by	
		1400.	
		The Rearguard Commander also approved of the mines being carried out.	App. XLI
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	Decr		
NZAC	19	It was recognized that there was some chance of confusion among the C parties of the	
413		1st. and 2nd. Divs. moving by the shortest route to the NORTH BEACH PIERS, as both would	
		probably come through the sap in MACLAGANS HILL. Therefore C parties of the 1st. Div were	
		ordered to come through SHRAPNEL VALLEY and the sap, while the C parties of the 2nd. Div.	
		came through via REST and RESERVE GULLIES.	
		Situation was reported normal at 1750.	
		"A" parties moved to the rendezvous as follows:-	
		97 of the 5th. Bde. to RESERVE GULLY at 1600. 691 of the 5th. Bde. to " at 1745.	
		Total strength at the rendezvous was 825 instead of 1000.	
		They moved from the rendezvous in two parties and embarked at the scheduled time.	
		The B.I. parties reached 1st. Div. REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 2145.	
		Strength was as follows:-	
		21st. Battalion 102.	
		22nd. " 149. 23rd. " 100.	

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Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANZAC	Decr. 19	This party should have been 600. They left rendezvous for WATSONS PIER at 2200; and marched down in rear of the lst. Div. B.I. party, and embarked in two lighters. lst. party 200 (with 200 of the lst. Div.) in one lighter. 2nd. party 352 in one lighter. They were embarked by 2235. The B.2. party was in two detachments, of which the 6th. Ede units rendezvous'd at the lst. Div. REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 2336. Numbers were:- 2lst. Battalion 22nd. 114. 25rd. 33. 24th. 186. Signallers 13. Medical Units 1. Total 452 These moved off under Capt. Norman, Staff Capt., 6th. Infantry Ede. at 2355 to WATSONS PIER. Col. Watson commanding the C parties of the 6th. Ede. arrived at the lst. Div.	
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	Decr.		
ANZAC	19	REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 2352.	
Sus		The remainder of B.2. consisting of 5th. Bde. units rendezvous'd at the junction of	
		MONASH and REST GULLIES.	
		Numbers were:- 17th. Battalion 29. 18th. " 144. 19th. " 57.	
		TOTAL 230.	
M.	20	They marched off under Lieut. Bird to WATSONS PIER at 0005.	
		The order was received to accelerate the move of B.2. party, but they were already	
		embarking .	
		At 0025, an order was sent round by the O.C. Rearguard to accelerate the move of:-	
		C.3. party by 20 minutes. C.2. party by 10 minutes. C.1. party to keep schedule time.	App.XLV
		The B.2. parties numbering in all 669, being joined by some details at the WATSONS	
		PIER went off in two lighters.	
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	Decr.		
ANZAC	20	All police guides and prderlies, who had been helping went off also in these lighters	
MIZ		as well as Col. Gwynn and the Staff of the 6th. Bde. Time 0050.	
		WATSONS PIER was now closed, and the M.L.O's. all went to the NORTH BEACH.	
		The Headquarters of the Rearguard Commander left ANZAC at 0125, the remainder of the	
		2nd. Div. Staff going with them.	
		A few shells were fired by the enemy, but the rifle fire and bombing were as usual.	1:3
		At 0200 the position at ANZAC was as follows:-	
		Headquarters of the Rearguard Commander and the M.L.O's on NORTH BEACH. The O.C. Rear Party, Col. Paton, on PLUGGES PLATEAU. On the inner line of defence:-	
		75 of 1st. Aust. Div. on MACLAGANS HILL. 50 " 2nd. " " PLUGGES PLATEAU. Machine Gun Detatoments on PLUGGES PLATEAU.	
		40 of the 2nd. Aust. Div. On WALKERS RIDGE. 75 of the N.Z.& A. Div. at No. 1 POST.	
		O.C. C parties 6th. Bde. Col. Watson, at 1st. Div REINFORCEMENT CAMP. O.C. C parties 5th. Bde. Gol. Lamrock, on PLUGGES PLATEAU. The three C parties of all three Divisions in the trenches. Thus, at this hour,	
		the whole of the front line of trench was held by about 1500 men.	App XI
		At 0230, the O.C. Rearguard and Stanf embarked at WILLIAMS PIER.	

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NZAC	20		The enemy at once opened a heavy rifle fire all along their line, and, kept it up for	
MA			about half an hour. They did not however move out of their trenches.	
			The lighter reached the "Heroic" at 0335, and, the evacuation of ANZAC was complete	
			with practically no casualties by 0415.	
			The majority of the force reached MUDROS at times varying from 0930 onwards. Some	
			however went to IMBROS by mistake.	
			By an error on the part of the Landing Officer, the 2nd. Division were put ashore	
			at SARPI, and, had a long and tiring march to the 2nd. Australian Divisional Camp.	
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION GENERAL STAFF.

The orders for the evacuation of ANZAC were recieved from Corps Headquarters. No exact date was given.

ARMY CORPS ORDER NO 21.

By
Lieut-General Sir A.J.Godley, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

ANZAC.

14th December, 1915.

Reference MAP of GALLIPOLI PENINSULA I/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 affected during the hours of darkness of two nights.

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

- 3. (i) Immediate steps will be taken by Divisions 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 1st night will be approximately :-

Army Corps Headquarters)	350
Base ')	1 - 230
1st Australian Division	2400
2nd Australian Division	3550
N.Z.& A.Division	
Eastern Brigade)	
Indian Brigade)	250

(ii) The order of embarkation on the first night is

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

The removal troops from the line held by Divisions and from Divisional Areas on the lst 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 a representative, but the G.O.C. Eastern Mounted Brigade and the G.O.C. Indian Brigade will remain thereafter as separate Brigade Commanders.

Divisional Commanders will responsible before leaving for the distribution of their remaining troops to the whole line and for their subdivision 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.

- The army Corps Commander will embark on the H.M.S.

 "HELIOTROPE" during this night. He will be placed
 in communication with the Rearguard Commander by the
 Army Corps Signal Company (visual)
- 5. (i) The total number of troops to be embarked on the final night will be:-

Army Corps Headquarters)	1000
Base)	300
1st Australian Division	2400
2nd Australian Division	3000
N.Z.& A.Division	3000
No IV Section	1340

(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 Rearguard under the command of Brig-General Sir A.RUSSELL, K.C.M.G.

(ii) The order of embarkation on this night is set out in APPENDIX "B". A.& B. parties will be ordered to move by Brigade Commanders in orders in order to embark at the

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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 B.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 before hand.

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 organization 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 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 portions covering the places of embarkation. The 2nd Division will so, cover NORTH BEACH from WALKERS RIDGE to ARI BURNU and this will be the 1st 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.

- (iv) 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.
- All movements 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 Watsons Pier (South Beach).
40 "Williams "(North Beach).

traffic and assist the M.L.Os at each place.

The Police will prevent crowding and will aid in marshalling troops. "Traffic Officers"at the rate of I to each 8 police will be told off to assist the A.P.M. they act under his orders.

- 8. (1) 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 demolitions parties will embark with "C" Parties. Any necessary demolitions in the Base area willebe carried out under the orders of the C.E., Army Corps.
 - Mines will not be prepared or fired in our own or under the enemies trenches except certain mines at RUSSELLS TOP which the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division is authorized 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 Higrs 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 the Divisional representatives, those in the Base areas under the orders of the Rearguard Commander.
- 12. (1) Troops will embark with 150 rounds per man, 2 iron rations the unconsumed portion of the days rations.
 -)11) Troops embarking on th final night will not be hampered with blankets, kits or waterproof sheets. They will betain their greatcoats and packs only, the remainder of their kits will be sent off on the previous night.
- 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. (L) The Army Corps Signal Coy will arrange communication from the shore to the officer commanding covering Cruiser.
 - (11) Sea cable communications will maintained to the last moment. A Party of the A.C. Signal Coy will be told off to cut the shore ends and remove all traces prior to the final embarkation.

C.B.B. White. Brig-General G.S. Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

Note: - for Distribution see page 4.

A Memorandum was issued from Army Corps Headquarters ANZAC, inwhich, a final covering position was decided on.

For this the 2nd Australian Division were to provide 125 of all ranks viz:- 50 from the 18th Battalion 40 from the 20th Battalion and 35 for Machine gun teams. There were also 75 from the 1st Division and 75 from the N.Z.& A. Division.

The position of the Machine guns and the troops on PLUGGES is shown on the attached sketch. (which is available).

Col. Paton commanding the 7th. Brigade was detailed for command of this force, with his Headquarters on PLUGGES PLATEAU.

Another memorandum was also received which laid particular stress on.

- (i) Normal conditions being kept up in the trenches.
- (ii) Ammunition being kept ready for use of C party.
 As these have to be so extended that each man has
 to cover a very wide front, the ammunition had to be
 put in different places.
- (iii) Placing obstacles, in case the enemy followed up the withdrawal.

across the front of BRAUNDS HILL extending to the spurs running out from PHILLIPS TOP, and loose wire left to put across BRIDGES ROAD as soon as everyone was through.

Martins Lane and the sap leading through MACLAGANS HILL were barricaded; and knife-rest wire entanglements were left to put into position in the later place.

The road at the head of RESERVE GULLY was mined, and a trip-wire placed to sendit off.

For the present the orders were not to fire the mines on RUSSELLS Tor and elsewhere.

The embarkation table giving the numbers to embark each night was received.

A message was also received from Corps Headquarters giving orders as to keeping to the scheduled numbers on the 1st, and 2nd.nights.

This was necessary as the evacuation of sick and wounded made the number for embarkation on the two nights fall below that on the embarkation table.

The enemy artillery shelled LONE PINE today with 75 mm's and some 6" shells were fired into COURTNEYS. No damage was done.

RUSSELLS TOP was also shelled by 75 mm's and 6" shells (H.E.) Some damage was done to the trenches.

A period of silence was observed, and the enemy could be heard working. A certain amount of work was done by him in front of QUINNS and GERMAN OFFICERS TRENCH, and some panels of bomb netting were replaced.

At 1610 by request of the N.Z.& A.Division orders were sent to the 5th Brigade for their patrols working in MALONE GULLY, to be careful not to fire on our own men.

Orders for withdrawal and embarkation of the 2nd Australian Division were got out today and sent round to all concerned.

They consist of:-

- (i) Orders for the move
- (ii) Detail of embarkation, and the strength of the parties embarking.
- (iii) List of the parties, and times of withdrawal.
- (iv) Communications during the move.
 - (v) Medical arrangements.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION > ORDER No 3.

Reference 1/20,000 map MOJA DERE sheet; and map forwarded with confidential letter Ga 22 on 11th December 1915.

- Information 1. Orders have been received for the re-embarkation of the Army Corps and its transfer to MUDROS.
- Intention

 2. The re-embarkation will be carried out at a time and on dated to be notified later. The operations will be effected during the hours of darkness of two nights. The principle upon which the withdrawal will be carried out will be gradual reduction fromour present fire trenches. The times of withdrawal will be determined by the times at which troops will be required to embark and the distance from the place of embrakation. Watches will be checked with Signal time on both evenings.

Preparatory. 3. Measures

Immediate steps will be taken for the removal or destruction of all official papers, surplus stores etc, The destruction must be carried out at usual incinerators. No abnormal amount of smoke or flame must be displayed. Notices and guiding marks in trenches likely to be of use to theenemy will be removed before the final withdrawal. In order to keep up the normal appearance the usual fires will be lit along the whole line irrespective of the number of troops remaining.

Men should periodically be sent to dumps to empty a bag or two of earth if the enemy have been accustomed to seeing earth deposited there. The normal number of the periscopes will be displayed in the trenches, especially on the day of the last night.

Ammunition must beleft handy in various places in the trenches to assist the man of "C"party to fire from various points in the line assigned to them. There should be a complete turnover of ammunition and bombs so that the best ammunition and most suitable types of bombs may be ready for an emergency. The Japanese mortars will be embarked on the first night. Brigade Commanders will arrange to dispose of 3.7 and Garland mortars on the 2nd night before part B 2 leaves the trenches; if they cannot be moved they should be thrown into case pits or buried. They are not to be fiestroyed by explosion.

There mu st be no abnormal amount of hand grenade throwing. Grenadiers must be supplied with fuses or port fires in case weather may be wet and match head grenades will therefore not strike.

Telescopic rifles will be removed with the men who embark on the first night.

The Naval light at RWSSELLS TOP will be kept burning up to the last. This is most essential.

Arrangements for embarkation

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The total number of troops to embark from the 2nd Australian Divisi on on the first night will be 3550, and on the second night 3000. All parties except C will move in formed bodies being collected at rendezvous. C parties will move back direct from trenches to Pier.

Special precautions must be taken against straggling.

March tables shewing how troops will move down to positions of rendezvous are attached. The numbers shewn on the march tables for the first night will not be increased but as they have been made up from the p resent strenghts they may be decreased before the final night. The numbers allotted for parties A.B. and C. on the final night must not be increased and should not be decreased except that it may be necessary to reduce party A in order to keep parties B and C up to strength by reductions from numbers detailed to leave on the first night.

The Divisional Commander will embark on the first night after the removal of all troops destined to leave that night. Brigade Commanders will embark with parties B2 and Battalion Commanders except those of 18th, 20th and 24th Battalions will embark with party C 1. Lieut Colonel Watson 24th Battalion will control the C parties of the 6th Brigade from 1st Division Reinforcement Camp. Lieut Colonel Lamrock 20th Battalion will control the C parties of the 5th Brigade from PLUGGE'S PLATEAU.

as Staff Officer to each of the above.

after the departure of the Divisional Commander the 5th and 6th Brigades will be controlled by a rearguard commander who will be at Corps Headquarters.

Signal Communicationshave been arranged and are shewn on the annexed diagram. Brigade Headquarters will be plugged through Headquarters of rear guard Commander.

On the final night the troops will be subdivided into 3 parties A.B. and C.; B. and C. will be further subdivided as shewn on the march tables.

Brigades will detail Officers to assist at rendezvous on both hights. One Officer from each Brigade to be constantly available at respective rendezvous.

All movements will be made expeditiously and in silence. The utmost care will be taken to maintain the appearance of a normal night. No lights and no smoking will be permitted. Talking will not be aldowed and orders will be given in an undertone. There must be no use of the word "Retibe".

As each party is removed from the trenches the remainder will be extended and will maintain the usual rifle fire and grenade throwing.

It is essential that the offloading 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 carrying out the offloading rapidly. All Officers will be informed of the need of assisting in this.

Troops will embark with 150 rounds per man: 2 iron rations and filled water battles. The troops embarking on the final night will not be hampered with blankets or water proof sheets but they will retain their great coats and packs. Battalion Commanders will see that packs are forthwith. rigidly inspected to ensure that no more than is absolutely necessary is carried by the men. Troops will be reduced to two blankets per man forthwith and any water proof sheets that can be spared will be sent down to the beach. One blanket per man belonging to the men who are not to leave until the final night will be taken down by the parties moving on the first night. These parties will also remove the balance of water proof sheets so that parties to · move on the second night will have nothing to carry but their great coats and packs. The one remaining blanket being wasted if it cannot be brought away, but it should be possible to remove it in the case of A. and parties.

Brigade Commanders will arrange that units do not foul each mather moving to the rendezvous.

A representative from each unit will report to the Divisional Staff Officer concerned on reaching the rendezvous; he will have with him an exact statement of the numbers of his party.

It is to be distinctly understood that movements on the final night will, except on an order to the contrary by the rearguard Commander be according to Schedule times, as shown on the attached March tables.

Signal Communication to the forward line will be maintained right to the end and arrangements are to be made for two Battalions Signallers to be included in parties C 3. As the signal offices close down the Signallers will bring away their instruments.

Each Bragade will detail 3 orderlies to report to the Divisional Staff Officers at the respective rendezvous.

Police will be posted in BRIDGES ROAD MONASH GULLY and RESERVE GULLY. Other Police have been detailed to assist Divisional Staff Officers at the rendezvous.

Composition of rear guard

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All troops detailed to embark on the final night will be formed into a rearguard under the command of Brigadier General Sir A. Russell K.C.M.G.

Composition of rear party A rear party commanded by Colonel Paton will hold the line from Mac LAGGANS RIDGE through PLUGGES and WALKERS RIDGE to No 1 Post. It will be composed as follows:-

On the right 75 of the 1st Australian Division. On PLUGGES and WALKERS RIDGE 90 of the 18th Battalion with 8 machine guns on PLUGGES, and A number to be decided by Colonel Paton on CONTINUED.

WALKERS RIDGE at No 1 post 75 of N.Z.& A div.

7 days food for 150 men 150,000 rounds s.a.a., 166 Mills grenades and a reserve of water has been put on to, PLUBGES. Colonel Paton wall arrange for other grenades at WALKERS RIDGE and PLUGGES as he may deem necessary.

The garrison of this rear line will be drawn from C parties and will move into position at 6 p.m. on the final night. Colonel Paton's Head-quarters will be placed in communictaion with the M.L.O's Office WILLIAMS PIER.

7. No mines will be fired except to stop the enemy when it has been proved beyond doubt that he is attacking in force. In this case the senior officer present in the trenches will be responsible for ordering the mines to be fired. If the withdrawal is carried out with complete seccess the rearguard Commander at his discretion will direct the rear party Commander whether any mines are to be fired, after rear party is withdrawn.

Destruction of animals

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All animals which cannot be embarked will be destroyed on the last evening after dark. The O.C. Divisional Train will make arrangements for this so far as the animals in his charge are concerned. The destruction must be done without noise either by pithing or some other means. On no account are they to be shot.

Medical Arrangements 91

The medical arrangements are set out in paper attached. Medical personnel attached to units will embark with those units.

No effort will made to remove a large number of casualties on the last night.

Reports 10.

Reports will be received at Divisional Headquarters up to the end of the first night. After that they will be addressed to the rearquard Commander ANZAC. The exact time at which Divisional Headquarters close will notified later.

11. This order will be at once acknowledged by all recipients.

Major, General Staff 2nd Australian Division.

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A list was also made out showing the strength of each of the C parties, and of the parties on PLUGGES PLATEAU and WALKERS RIDGE.

A plan of communications was made out. (Plans is available in diary)

For the information of the Rear-guard Commander a list was made showing exactly the strength available at the various points in the line, at certain periods during the withdrawal. (List available in Diary)

Instructions were sent to the 5th.and 6th.Bdes and to the O.C. Division Si. Co. as to the telephone wire being rendered useless after the removal of the instruments.

Divisional Headquarters,

16th December 1915.

5th Infantry Brigade 6th Infantry Brigade

O.C. Division Sig.Co.(for information)

With reference to 2nd Division Operation order
No 3 the Corps Commander has issued instructions that
when telephone instruments are removed the telephone
line shall be cut back and a portion of the line removed.

A copy of these instructions has been given to the Divisional Signalling Officer for necessary action. Will please take steps as regards Brigade and Battalion Signallers.

G.H. Johnson, Major,

General Staff

A memorandum was sent to 5th.and 6th Brigades on the subject of:-

(i) Avoiding moves by daylight.
(ii) Rate of movement on last night.

(iii) Precautions for the troops entering the innerline of defence.

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Divisional Headquarters 16th December 1915.

5th Infantry Brigade 6th Infantry Brigade

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With reference to Second Didivision Order No 3 the Corps Commander directs that in arranging for times of heads of columns to be at places of embarkation all latitude necessary will be given to avoid any movement in daylight.

- 2. That although movement on the last night must be carried out expeditiously there must be no doubling.
- 3. That the entrance of troops within the area Mac Lagans Ridge PLUGGE'S PLATEAU WALKERS RIDGE No I Post must be regulated and an officer must be at the head of each party to apprise sentries.

G.H. Johnson, Major,

General Staff.

A memorandum was received from Army Corps Headquarters in which orders were given that the following reports were to be rendered during the withdrawal:-

- (i) From G.O.C. Divisions when their parties have left for embarkation.
- (ii) From Bde. Commanders, when G.O.C.'s Divisions have left, that communications are intact. This message to be sent to the Rear-guard Commander.
- (iii) From Bde. Commanders on final night. (a) When they have ordered A and B paries to withdraw. (b). If the C party Commander has established his Headquarters and is in communication.
- (iv) From C Party Commander. When they have ordered C parties to begin movement.
- A general message was sent round by the G.O.C. Army Corps on the subject of the move.

MEMORANDUM.

Division (Section) to be now informed of the opperations that are about take place and a message conveyed to them from him to say that he deliberately takes them into his confidence trusting to their discretion and high soldierly qualities to carry out a task, the succes of which will largely depend on their individual efforts.

If every man makes up his mind that he will leave the trenches quietly when his turn comes, and see that everybody else does the same, and up to that time he will carry on as usual, there will be no difficulty of any kind and the Army Corps Commander relies on the good sense and

proved trustworthiness of every man of the Corps to ensure that this is done.

In case by any chance we are attacked on either day, the Army Corps Commander is confident that the men who have to their credit such deeds as the original landing at ANZAC, the repluse of the big Turkish attack on May 18th, the Capture of LONE PINE, THE APEX, and HILL 60, will hold their ground with the same valour and steadfastness as heretofore, how-ever small in numbers they may be, and he wishes all men to understand that it is impossible for the Turk to know or tell what our numbers are, even up to the last portion of "C" Party on the last night, as long as we stand our ground.

C.B.B.White,

Brigadier General, General Staff.

The following was added to the above message from Divisional Headquarters.

MEMORANDUM

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 17th December 1915.

The following letter is forwarded to you for necessary action please:-

The Army Corps Commander wishes all ranks of your Division to be now informed of the operations that are about to take place, and a message conveyed to them from him to say that he deliberately takes them into his confidence trusting to their discretion and high soldierly qualities to carry out a task, the success of which will largely depend on their individual efforts.

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The G.O.C. Division also desires that all manks should be informed of the importance of not allowing any unknown person in or near our lines, and that men should be instructed to detain for identification anyone whom they do not know.

It must be pointed out to them that it is not sufficient for an unknown person merely to give his name and regiment, but that some further identification is necessary.

G.H. Jonhson,

Major,

General Staff.

WAR DIARY OF.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION GENERAL STAFF

ANZAC

The enemy bombarded COURTNEYS and hit one man, and also shelled RUSSELL'S TOP.

A hostile aeroplane appeared over LONE PINE, but was driven off.

A memorandum was sent round, with reference to 2nd.Australian Divisional order No 3.in which instructions were given on the following points:-

Strength of rear Party. (i)

Distinctive Marks of Staff Officers. (ii)

Machine gune.S. (iii)

Command of the inner line and C parties. (iv)

Burying of ammunition. (V)

Method of earrying rifles. (vi Reducing noise when moving.

(vii) Movement by daylight to rendezvous. (viii)

Automatic firing of rifles and grenades. (ix)

Reports on safety of communications. (x)

Reports of withdrawals of parties. (xi)

> Divisional Headquarters 17th December 1915.

5th Infantry Brigade 6th Infantry Brigade

Reference Divisional Order No 3 dated 16th instant paragraph 6. The rear party well also include 75 of the N.Z & A. Division.

- 2. The Divisional representatives at rendezvous will wear red band on both arms.
- 3. Sanction has been received for machine guns to move back with C 2 instead of C 1.
- 4. Colonel Paton will command the whole of the C parties of the second Division assisted by Lieut Colonel Watson and Lieut-Colonel Lamrock, who control the C parties of their respective Brigades; when Brigadiers move down to the beach. Colonel Paton will also command the inner defence troops; that is to say 75 men of the 1st Division; 75 men of the N.Z.& A. Division and the garrisons found by the 2nd Division for PLUGGE'S and WALKERS RIDGE. The inner defences as already stated extend from MacLAGANS RIDGE on the right to N 1 Post on the left and thence to the sea. If Colonel Paton is to command C parties of other Divisions he will be so informed by the rear-guard

Commander, General Sir A. Russell.

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Colonel Paton will arrange with the N.Z.& A.Division for necessary communications to No 1 Post Other communications for the inner defences have been arranged.

- 5. Ammunition which cannot be brought away must be buried locally.
- 6. Rifles should be carried at the trail or slung on one shoulder. On no account should troops move at the slope on account of rifles shewing over the trenches.
- 7. Some means must be devised for reducing the noise when men move back from the firing line. Some of the spoil from the trenches might be put down. Men in the first Division are wearing two pairs of socks over their boots or pieces of sacking wrapped round. This is necessarry as sound of men moving in the trenches can be heard for some 300 yards.
- 8. The Divisional Staff Officers will visit the Brigade Headquarters to ascertainarrangements made so that troops may not have to move in daylight. Men might be dribbled back part of the way in order to reduce the noise. They should be warned to make as little noise as possible as their safety depends upon it. The points where parties are likely to go wrong should be clearly marked or men should be posted there direct to them.
- 9. A method whereby a rifle can be fired automatically at any time between one minute and 22 minutes after the troops have left is being experimented with. Brigades and Battalions should send a representative to Headquarters Divisional Engineers REST GULLY to inspect model at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow. The rifle should be remidered useless by cutting it in half or by some other means before being employed for this purpose. The Army Corps have sanctioned each Brigade wasting 6 rifles for this purpose. If Brigadiers consider the appliance good they may destroy as many spare rifles as they deem necessary.

Grenades with long lengths of time fuse attached put out just in front of our secret forward lines with the fuzes back in the tunnels where they cannot be seen or heard burning, might be useful! if lit! by the last of C party before leaving. It would then appear when the explosion takes place that a grenade had been thrown from our firing line.

Similarly an arrangement of trip wire put our from our secret lines attached to the safety pins of Mills grenades might be usefull.

10. When the Divisional Commander has left each Brigade Commander will make a report by message to the Rearguard Commander at Army Corps Headquarters stating that communications are intact.

On the final night Brigade Commanders will report by message when they have issued orders for the withdrawal of A and B. parties respectively; stating in the case of B party report if the C party Commander has established his Headquarters at the 1st Division. Reinforcement Camp and PLUGGE'S PLATEAU respectively.

c party Commanders i.e.Lieut-Colonel Watson and Lieut-Colonel Lamrock will report by message to the Rearguard Commander when they have issued orders for C parties to begin movement.

G.H. Johnson

Major,

General Staff.

orders were received from Corps Headquarters for the move to be on 18th and 19th. Becember.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NWE ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters, ANZAC 17th December, 1915.

MEMORANDUM.

Reference Para. 2 Army Corps Order No.21.
I am to say that the first night will be the eighteenth/nineteenth.

Please acknowledge by wire.

(Sgd). C.B.B.WHITE.

Brigadier-General, General Staff.

Orders were also issued for the detailing of a small visual signalling party in the "KEEP" at WALKERS RIDGE.

G b 659.

ANZAC.

2nd. Aust. Division.

With reference to Army Corps Order No 21 para 5 (III) and last snetence thereof I am to say that a small visual signalling party, equipped for 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.

(Sgd). R.B.SMYTHE. Major. G.S.

This order was addressed to Colonel Paton and repeated to Major Gould.

To. Colonel. Paton.
Major Gould.

Sender's Number. G.508.
Day of Month. 18th.
In reply to Number. -

A small visual signalling party equipped for communictaion with ships by day and night will be detailed for PLUGGE'S PLATEAU AAA Major Gould will make the necessary arrangements and inform Colonel Paton AAA If it appears probably 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 Addressed Colonel Paton repeated Major Gould.

From. 2nd Australian Division Place. - 1100.

Capt

G.S.

To. Major Gould.

Senders Number. G. 508 Day of Month. 18th In reply to Number. -

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From. 2nd Australian Diviston.

Place. Time.

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(Sgd) G. Jackson. Capt.

Copy of entry made on back of page 64.

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2nd Australian Division.

These arrangements were fixed up by me yesterday will inform Colonel Paton.

(sgd) R.H.Gould.

A memorandum was received from Army Corps Headquarters on the subject of :-

(i) Destruction of guns. .

(ii) Method of carrying Rifles.

(iii) Dugouts and dumps being left standing.

(iv) Time.

(v) Removal of sick and wounded.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Headquarters, ANZAC. 17-12-15.

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MEMORANDUM.

With reference to Army Corps Order No. 21, I am to say that :-

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(1)

Remaining guns will be blown up and rendered useless as trophies. A prty will be told off to do this after the withdrawal of the last men of C.Parties. The C party Commander in whose area they are will give the order for destruction. Breech locks and sights will be saved.

The above refers to such guns as those on RUSSELL'S TOP and at the PIMPLE. Artillery of the 1st Division are making arrangements with Major New-combe commanding Engineers, 2nd Division.

Particular care will be taken that no copies of orders or time tables are left about or in note books of Officers in the front trenches.

- The troops trenches will carry rifles at the trail bayonets will not be fixed all possible measures will be taken to prevent the sound of the tread of marching troops from reaching the enemy.
- Dug-outs will not be dismantled nor dumps knocked down.
- (4) Watches will be frequently checked and times corrected.
- (5) In connection with the removal of sick and wounded (para. 13) a flag of truce will be sent ashore on the day after the final night.

Particular care will be taken that no copies of orders or time tables are left about or in note books of Officers in the front trenches.

(Sgd). C.B.B.WHITE.

Brigadier-General, General Staff.

ANZAC

It was recognized that the parties from the 17th, 18th., and 19th Battalions who formed part of party B 2 would have to go out of their way if they went to the 1st Division Reinforcement Camp, which was the rendezvous for troops going to WATSONS PIER. Therefore a subsidiary rendezvous was decided on at the junction of MONASH and REST GULLIES.

An adjustment was also made in the case of the 18th.and 20th. Battalions. The arrangement had been for the 18th.Bn to garrison both WALKERS RIDGE and PLUGGES. Now, it was decided that the 20th Bn. should provide the 40 men for WALKERS RIDGE, and the 18th. Bn. should garrison PLUGGES.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters, 17th December, 1915.

5th Infantry Brigade.

Reference Second Australian Division Order No.3 dated 16th December, 1915.

1. March Table for party B 2 Second night :-

B 2 parties from the 17th Battalion, 18th Battalion and 19th Battalion will rendezvous at 12. 15 a.m. at the junction of MONASH and REST GULLIES instead of at midnight in RESERVE GULLY.

The rendezvous of the B 2 party from 20th Battalion will not be changed (12 midnight at RESERVE GULLY).

2. MARCH TABLE SECOND NIGHT "A"

The G.O.C. 5th Brigade will inform Divisional Headquarters how it is proposed to carry out the alteration necessary to garrison point M.P. by the 20th Battalion.

It is suggested that the 18th Battalion should send 215 men instead of 175 and that the 20 th Battalion should only send away 260 instead 300.

Major,

General Staff.

NOTE - NORTH BEACH Pier - WALKER'S PIER - WILLIAMS PIER are all one and the same - (i.e. pier at NORTH BEACH) WATSONS PIER is pier in ANZAC COVE.

The general Staff 2nd Division visited the M.L.O. at 2000, and got from him the detail of where parties would embark, and also the allotment of the boats.

17th December 1915.

FIRST NIGHT

5th. Brigade. lst.400 embark South side of WALKERS PIER
2nd.400 "North side of WILLIAMS PIER
3rd.400 "MILO PIER
4th.400 "South side of WILLIAMS PIER
50 "North side of WIAKERS PIER

6th Brigade. Go in 12 cutters between 2000 and 2300,30 men in each cutter.

This makes:-

1st. 350 embark in 12 cutters.

2nd. 350 " " " "

NOTE : Only one Motor Lighter comes up atatime and it takes 20 minutes to embark.

SECOND NIGHT

Party "A" 1st. 400 embark South side of WILLIAMS PIER.

2nd. 400 " MILO PIER.

3rd. 200 " North side of WILLIAMS PIER.

1000

Party "B".1" Follow the 600 of the 1st Division. Three Motor Lighters are provided for the two Divisions and thus one must be filled partly by 1st. and partly by 2nd Division.

1st. 200 embark in one Motor Lighter with 200 lst Div. from WATSONS PIER.

2nd. 400 " in Motor Lighter from WATSONS PIER

600

Party "B.2." Go in lots of 400 each in 2 Motor Lighter from WATSONS PIER.

Total party 800.

Parties "C.1.", "C.2.", and "C.3.", and the Rear Party all go by the shortest route to WILLIAMS PIER.

The Rearguard Commander issued a memorandum asking for the following reports to be rendered to him:-

- (i) Departure of parties and strength.
- (ii) 4 hourly reports starting from 1800. on first night of embarkation.
- (iii). Report on telephone communications at 0600 if intact or otherwise.
 - (iv) Report that C party Commander has taken over from the Brigadier, when the latter leaves.

By C party Commander :-

- (a) Hourly reports of situation normal or otherwise.
- (b) Report of commencement of withdrawal of C parties.
- (c) Closing of Brigade Signal Office.

A slight adjustment had to be made in the times at which the C 3 parties left the trenches.

These had to be worked in with the times of withdrawal of 1st. Division on the right and A.Z. and A. Division on the left.

It was essential that the C parties of the 2nd Australian Division should withdraw later than those of the other Divisions, since these had further to go. But, LONE PINE on the right flank of the 2nd.Division was isolated and might well be cut off if the enemy followed quickly. On the other hand, The RUSSELLS TOP party could be held back for a short time without danger. Therefore the times were arranged as shown.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters

18th December 1915.

In the March Tables attached to Second Australian Divisional Order No. 3 of 16th December 1915, times of departure and arrival at NORTH BEACH of party C 3 are amended as follows.

	Will Leave	Reach NORTH BEACH
	Trenches at	
17th Battalion	3.15 a.m.	3.50 a.m.
18th "	3. 5 a.m.	3.30 a.m.
19th "	3.15 a.m.	3.50 a.m.
20th "	3.25 a.m.	3.45 a.m.
21st "	3 a.m.	3.30.a.m.
22nd "	3 a.m.	3.30 a.m.
24th "	3 a.m.	3.30.a.m.

G.H. Johnson, Major,

General Staff.

The times of withdrawal from the points between LONE PINE and RUSSELLS TOP being altered so as to keep level with the flanks.

About midnight the Ordnance Stores on the beach took fire accidentally. One company of the 21st. Battalion went at once to help and two others stood to ready. The enemy made no move.

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WAR DIARY OF.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION GENERAL STAFF.

There was nothing to report last night, from the trenches.

The fire at the Ordnance Stores was got under.

The enemy shelled LONE PINE with 75 m.m's during the day, and opened with heavy artillery on COURTNEYS. Some damage was done to the works. RUSSELLS TOP was shelled without effect. Our snipers concentrated their efforts on SNIPERS NEST, and got one man.

As a result of last nights fire orders were sent round, for no more destruction by fire to take place in the area. Already a noticable increase in smoke had been observed due to trying to burn a large amount of clothing.

It was decided by Army Corps Headquarters to amend Para 3 of the Corps Order relating to mines, and a memorandum was issued to that effect.

Divisional Headquarters

18th December 1915.

5th Infantry Brigade 6th Infantry Brigade

Reference Divisional Order No 3 of the 16th instant para. 7-Mines- This paragraph has been amended in accordance with verbal instructions from the Army Corps on the 17th inst.

Mines will not be fired except by order of the Rearguard Commander or rear party Commander.

G.H. Johnson,
Major,

General Staff.

The 1st Division sent artillery to confer with the party Commander of the 2nd Australian Division as to the best means of helping if the enemy should attack. The O.C.R.E. of the 1st Division Engineers also had a conference with the O.C. Division Engineers of the 2nd Australian Division.

To avoid all chance of accidents through our men shooting each other, the most careful cooperation between patrols working in MALONE GULKY was arranged between the unit of the 2nd Australian Division and the N.Z & A. officer on the spot.

At about 1700 an enemy aeroplane came up, and apparently examined the spot where the fire had taken place. It went off shortly afterwards.

At 1750 the enemy fired two heavy shells which fell on the PIMPLE in LONE PINE, and in BROWNS DIP.

A message was received from the 5th Brigade to say that all their first parties had left for the nendezvous at 1725.

The situation was everywhere reported normal, periscopes busy at the NEK.

The Officer on duty at the rendezvous for the first party in RESERVE GULLY reported as follows:-

These were 5th Infantry Brigade.

1st. 400 left rendezvous for beach at 1800.

2nd. 400 " " " 1821.

3rd. Party" " " 1830.

Remainder " " " 1840.

Total number which left rendezvous was 1203 instead of 1650.

Embarkation was completed by 1855.

The 2nd party, all 6th Brigade rendezvous'd at the 1st Division Reinforcement Camp.

Numbers were :-

21st Battalion 150
22nd " 168
23rd " 163
24th " 135
Detail 1 ...
Total 617.

This was instead of 700. They left the rendezvous at 1850 and embarked after the 1st Division at WATSON'S PIER in cutters.

The first boatload got off at 1940

The last boatload got off at 2145

. The detailed arrangements of work at the rendezvous and thence to the pier were as follows :-

One General Staff Officer of the Division was detailed for duty at the rendezvous.

An Officer of the Brigade assembling met the general Staff Officer at the rendezvous. He collected the states of the parties as they came down, and handed them to the General Staff Officer. As each 400 were ready the General Staff Officer sent them on under a guide.

In order to be doubly sure of no mistake, any point on the road where troops might go astray was picketed.

In some cases men were sent down in small parties during the day to sit in the dugouts at the rendezvous. In the case of the second party of the 2nd Division they had to follow a party of the 1st Division. The routes which both followed met inside a sap.

In order to avoid confusion, an officer was sent forward with an orderly to wait at the entrance to the sap, into which the 1st Division party would march. As soon as they appeared, he sent the orderly back to the rendezvous, to let the General Staff Officer on duty at the rendezvous know, proceeding himself to the point, where the 2nd Division party would enter the sap along which the 1st Division were now marching. Here he waited for the 2nd Division party.

The General Staff Officer at the Rendezvous, directly he got the message by the orderly moved off his parties of the 2nd Division.

When the head of the 2nd Division party reached the officer on duty in the sap, he went on with them if all was clear; but, if the 1st Division were still moving through, he stopped the 2nd Division until they were passed.

On reaching WATSONS PIER the troops were packed into the GULLY leading to the pier, with the head of the column just at the point where the path led down to the pier. This both avoided shell fire from the guns from OLIVE GROVE, which fired at intervals, and also had them conveniently placed to embark. They were called up as the boats arrived and sent down in parties of 10 at about 20 yds. distance This again avoided giving a big target to the enemy's guns.

The situation was reported normal at 2150.

Both 1st and 2nd party completed their embargation in front of schedule time, and it was suggested that the arrival of parties for embarkation might be accelerated.

The Army Corps decided however to keep to the schedule time.

WAR DIARY OF.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GENERAL STAFF.

The thrid party consisting of 6th Brigade units for the 1st night's embarkation reached the rendezvous at the 1st Division REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 0255. The numbers were :-

21st.Battalion	331.
22nd. " \	250.
23rd. "	268.
24th. "	111.
Div. Train	25.
Extras	18.
Total	1003

This made 1003 in allinstead of 1200.

The medical and other details joined the party on the beach.

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They embarked from WATSONS PIER in 3 lighters as follows :-

1st. party 410 at 0315.

2nd. party 360 at 0355.

3rd. party 233 at 0410.

General Holmes, commanding the 2nd Australian Division left with the 2nd party.

Early morning reports showed normal conditions and telephone communication all in order at 0555.

The enemy's out-post at the head of MALONE GULLY was reported stronger than usual.

At 0947, the enemy began to shell the communication. trenches about LONE PINE with some heavy shells. They were apparently registering, and put shells into BROWNS DIP, MARTINS LANE, WHITES GULLY and on RUSSELLS TOP. MARTINS LANE was hit and blocked up in several places.

The 75 mm's also opened up from the direction of the WINE GLASS, and shelled MACLAGANS RIDGE. This went on for nearly an hour. The 1st Division Artillery were asked to retaliate.

The work in repairing MARTINS LANE was started at once by the 6th Brigade., and the sap was re-opened.

Allreported normal at 1340.

In order to avoid any misconception as the the troops to hold the inner line. according to instructions, and the line referred to in Para 4 R.G. 10 (SECRET) a memorandum No G. 545A was sent round to point out, that if things went well, nothing was to be altered, and that the reduced frontage referred to in that para was only in case the enemy attacked. Secret instructions were also issued to Brigadiers by Corps Headquarters as to action in case enemy should attack under certain circumstances on both 1st. or 2nd. days.

Secret.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No. G 545 A.

19th December 1915.

5th Infantry Brigade.

6th Infantry Brigade.

Reference R G 10 Decret The position referred to in para 4 does not alter the inner defence line of things

go well. It is merely the reduced frontage which we may be forced to hold in case the enemy attack heavily.

If the enemy do not attack; Colonel Paton's command and the area allotted to him will not be altered.

I am letting you know this in order to avoid any possibility of confusiom such as the garrison of RUSSELLS TOP staying on and thinking they are part of Colonel Paton's inner defences when everything was going well and when in reality they should be withdrawing im occordance with schedule time.

Please acknowledge

(Sgd) G.H. Jackson,

Major,

General Staff.

Orders were sent to Brigades to keep the O.C. Rearguard informed of the number of casualties especially towards the end of the operation.

INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO BRIGADEERS EXCEPT N.Z. &.A.

by G.O.C. Rearguards.

This was to be destroyed by 1500 or sooner if enemy attacks

- (i) Any attack delivered before withdrawal begins to be met by holding front line trenches.
- (2) If just before B parties withdraw, they may at the discretion of Brigadiers stand fast till attack slackens. This does not apply to A.

If any attack is delivered after B have actually left for the beach they will not be recalled.

The principle is that the withdrawal will go on in spite of the enemy and no deviations from schedule will take place without reference to O.C. Rearguard.

(3) An Officer i/c of a party moving to the beach will not halt or delay his move without an order from H.Q. Rearguard or unless party actually attacked and thus has to discontinue to save his troops.

(4) The O.C.Rearguard has to occupy a line of defence other than that now held. This will by MACLAGANS RIDGE-PLUGGES + RUSSELLS TOP + WALKERS RIDGE - No.1. Post - Old No.3. POST - Nos. 2 and 3 and thence to the sea.

Any sick or wounded for evacuation before the embarkation commenced, were to be at the casualty clearing station by 1630.

A message was sent to BRIGADES, to ensure that Colonel Watson commanding 6th Bde. C parties should be at lst Division REINFORCEMENT CAMP, and Colonel Lamrock commanding 5th Brigade C parties should be at PLUGGES PLATEAU, and both in communication with their C parties and Headquarters of the O.C. Rearguard, before the Brigadiers left their Bde. Headquarters.

In order to be sure also that the lines on PLUGGES PLATEAU were in-tact, the officer i/c Machine Gun teams was asked to have his telegraphists in the pits on the Plateau by 1400.

The Rearguard Commander also approved of the firing of the mines being carried out.

It was recognized that there was some chance of confusion among the C parties of the 1st and 2nd. Divs. moving by the shortest route to the NORTH BEACH PIERS, as both would probably come through the sap in MACLAGANS HILL. Therefore C parties of the 1st.Div were ordered to come through SHRAPNEL VALLEY and the sap, while the C parties of the 2nd Div. came via REST and RESERVE GULLIES.

Situation was reported normal at 1750.

"A" parties moved to the rendezvous as follows :-

97 of the 5th. Brigade to RESERVE GULLY at 1600.

691 of the 5th.Brigade to " at 1745,

Total strength at the rendezvous was 825 instead of 1000.

They moved from the rendezvous in two parties and embarked at the scheduled time.

The B.I. parties reached 1st Div. REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 2145.

Strength was as follows :-

21st Battalion 102. 22nd " 149. 23rd " 100. 24th " 195. Div.Engrs. 6.

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This party should have been 600.

They left rendezvous for WATSONS PIER at 2200; and marched down in rear of the 1st Div. B.I. party, and embarked in two lighters.

1st. party 200 (with 200 of the 1st. Div.) in one lighter.

2nd. party 352 in one lighter.

They were embarked by 2235.

The B.2. party was in two detachments, of which the 6th. Bde. units rendezvous'd at the 1st. Div. REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 2330.

Numbers	were:-	21st.	Battalion	42.
		22nd.	"	114.
		23rd.	"	83.
		24th.	11	186.
		Signa:	llers	13.
		Medica	al Units	1.
		Total		452.

These moved off under Captain Norman, Staff Capt. 6th Infantry Bde. at 2355 to WATSONS PIER.

Colonel-Watson commanding the C parties of the 6th.
Bde. arrived at the 1st Div. REINFORCEMENT CAMP at 2352.

The remainder of B.2. consisting of 5th.Bde. units rendezvous'd at the junction of MONASH and REST GULLIES.

Numbers were:-	17th.Battalion	30 .
	18th. "	144.
	19th. "	57.
	TOTAL	230

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION GENERAL STAFF

They marched off under Lieut. Bird to WATSONS PIER at 0005.

The order was received to accelerate the move of B.2. party, but they were already embarking.

At 0025, an order was sent round by the O.C. Rearguard to accelerate the move of :-

C.3. party by 20 minutes.

C.2. party by 10 minutes.

C.1. party to keep schedule time.

The B.2. parties numbering in all 669, being joined by some details at the WATSONS PIER went off in two lighters.

All police guides and orderlies, who had been helping went off also in three lighters as well as Col. Gwynn and the Staff of the 6th. Bde. Time 0050.

WATSONS PIER was now closed, and the M.L.O'S. all went to the NORTH BEACH.

The Headquarters of the Rearguard Commander left ANZAC at 0125, the remainder of the 2nd.Div. Staff going with them.

A few shells were fired by the enemy; but the rifle fire and bombing were as usual.

At 0200 the position at ANZAC was as follows:-

Headquarters of the Rearguard Commander and the M.L.O's on NORTH BEACH.

The O.C. Rear Party, Col. Paton, on PLUGGES PLATEAU.
On the inner line of defence:-

75 of lst.Aust.Div. on MACLAGANS HILL.
50 " 2nd.Aust.Div. on PLUGGES PLATEAU.
Machine gun Detachment on PLUGGES PLATEAU.
40 of the 2nd.Aust.DIV. on WALKERS RIDGE.

75 of the N.Z. & A.Div.at No.1. POST.
O.C. C parties 6th.Bde. Col. Watson, at 1st. Div.
REINFORCEMENT CAMP.

O.C. C parties 5th. Bde. Col. Lamrock, on PLUGGES > PLATEAU.

The three C parties of all three Divisions in the trenches. Thus, at this hour, the whole of the front line of trench was held by about 1500 men. Map showing dispositions available.

at WILLIAMS PIER.

At 0240, the C parties began to, arrive.

At 0330, the mine on RUSSELLS TOP was fired.

The enemy at once opened a heavy rifle fire all along their line, and kept it up for about half an hour. They did not however move out of their trenches.

The lighter reached the "Heroic" at 0335, and, the evacuation of ANZAC was completed with practically no casualities by 0415.

The majority of the force reached MUDROS at times varying from 0930 onwards. Some however went to IMBROS by mistake.

By an error on the part of the Landing Officer, the 2nd. Division were put ashore at SARPI, and, had a long and tiring march to the 2nd.Australian Divisional Camp.

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ARMY CORPS ORDER No 21

By

Lieut-General Sir A. J. Godley, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

ANZAC, 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 car date to be communicated later. The operation will be effected during the hours of darkness of two nights.

The principle upon which withdrawal will be effected will be 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 places of embarkation.

- 3. (i) Immediate steps will be taken by Divisions 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. (1) The total number of troops to be embarked on the lst night will be approximately :-

Army Corps Headquarters)	350
Base)	2400
2nd Australian Division	3550
N. Z. & A. Division	3350
Eastern Mounted Brigade)	
Indian Brigade)	250

(ii) The order of embarkation on the first 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 1st 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 ly Section will send in a representative, but the G.O.C. Mastern Mounted Brigade and the G.O.C. Indian Brigade will remain thereafter as separate Brigade

commanders.

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(iv) Divisional Commanders will be responsible before leaving for the distribution of their remaining troops to the Wole line and for their subdivision 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 ly 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.E. "HELIOTROPE" during this night. He will be placed in communication with the Rearguard Commander by the Army Corps Signal Company (visual).

final night will be :-

Army Corps Headquarters) 300

Base 300

lst Australian Division 2400

2nd Australian Division 3000

N.Z. & A. Division 3000

No. ly Section 1340

(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 Brig-General Sir A.RUSSELL, K.C.H.G.

(11) The order of embarkation 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 B.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 before hand.

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 organization 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 the C.Party Commander of each Brigade. A portion of them composed of active, gallant men may under Brigade arrangements to be told off the cover the retirement of the remainder from selected portions covering the places of embarkation. The 2nd Division will so cover NORTH BEACH from WALKER'S RIDGE to ARI BURNEY, and this will ke 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.

(iv) 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.

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 riflefire and bombarding 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.

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The Beack organization isshown in Appendix "C". The A.P.M. will provide a party of

> 25 men at Watsons Pier (South Beach). 40 " Williams " (North Beach).

> > tor regulate traffic and

assist the M.L.Os at each place.

The Police will prevent crowding and will aid in marshalling troops. "Traffic officers" at the rate of I to each 8 police will be told off to assist the A.P.M; they will act under his orders.

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(1) In each Division, under Divisional orders, parties will be told off to disablebsuch guns as remain, and bury or destroy remaining ammunithon and stores. These demolition parties will embark with "C" Parties. Any necessary demolitions in the Base area will be carried out under the orders of the C.E., Army Corps.

(21) Mines will not be prepared or fired in our own or under the enemies trenches except certain mines at RUSSELLS TOP which the G.O.C. 2nd Aust Divn is authorized 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.

10. As each H. Qrs moves men will be told off to remove and take with them their telephone instruments.

11. 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.

(1) Troops will embark with 150 rounds per man, 2 iron rations & the unconsumed portion of the days rations.

(11) Troops embarking on the final night will not be hampered with blankets, kits or waterproof sheets. They will retain their greatcoats and packs 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.

14. The 1st Aust Divn and the NZ & A Divn will each detail an officer to HMS "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.

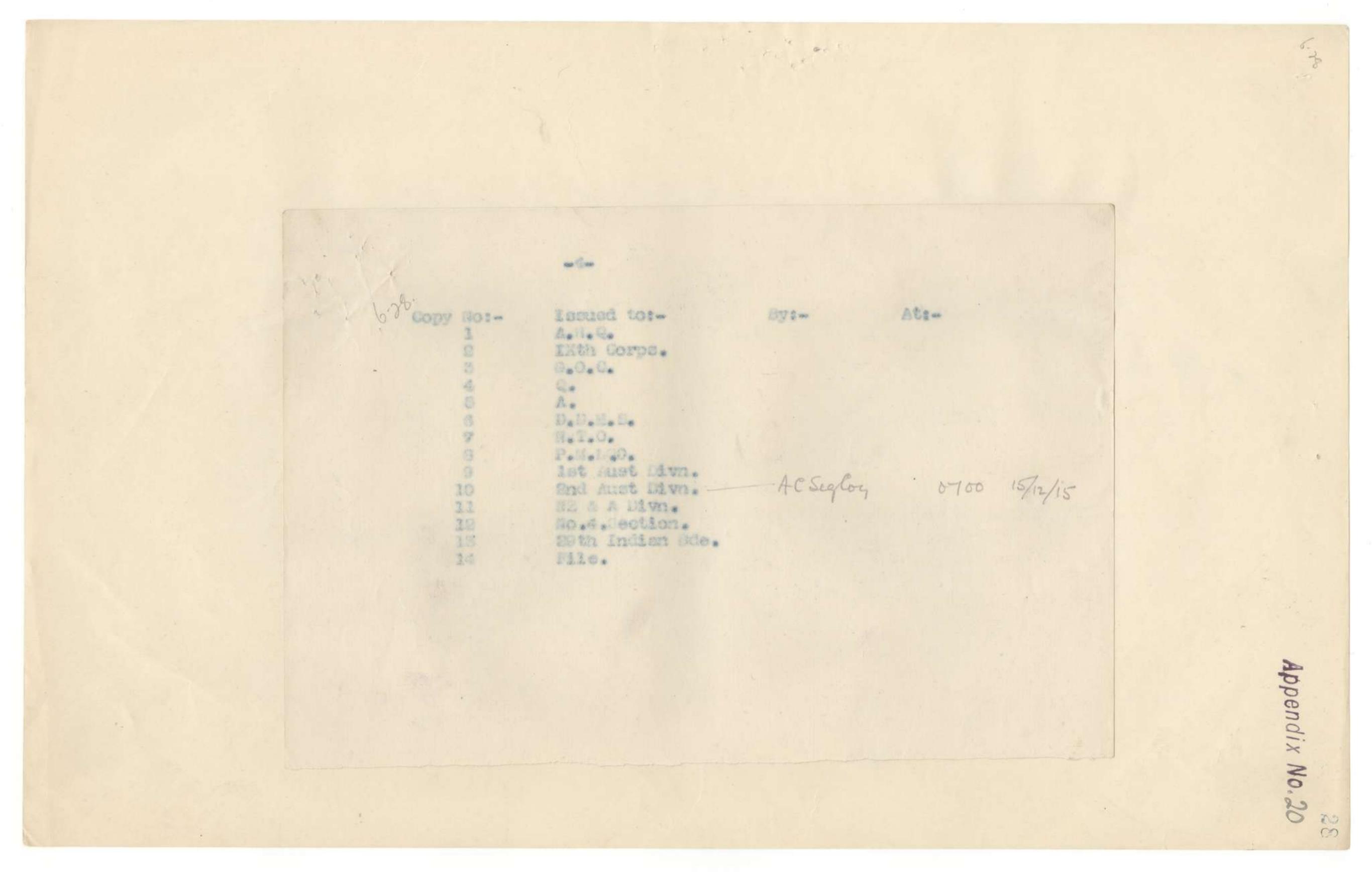
(1) The Army Corps Signal Coy will arrange communication from the shore to the officer commanding covering Cruiser.

(11) Sea cable communications will be maintained to the last moment. A party of the A. C. Signal Coy will be told off to cut the shore ends and remove all traces prior to the final embarkation.

> C.B.B. White. Brig-General .G. S. Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

Note: - For distribution see page 4.

(2) appendices ABC+D attacked



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Headquarters,

ANZAC

15th. December 1915

From General Staff.

To:- lst. Aust. Div.
2nd. Aust. Div.
N.Z.& A. Div.
No. 4 Section.
Officer i/c Signals ANZAC.

MEMORANDUM

(1) That sentence of Para 5 (iii) of Army Corps Order No.21 relating to the 2nd. Div. covering NORTH BEACH is cancelled, and the following will be substituted:-

A final covering position extending from No.1 POST via WALKERS RIDGE - PLUGGES PLATEAU to MACLAGANS RIDGE will be occupied by a rear party composed of:-

75 of all ranks 1st. Aust. Div. 125 " " 2nd. Aust. Div. 75 " " N.Z.& A. Div.

under the command of an officer to be detailed by the 2nd. Aust. Div. The name of the officer selected will be communicated to Army Corps Headquarters and to Brig-General Russell.

The necessary troops will be drawn from C parties and placed in position at 1800 on the final night.

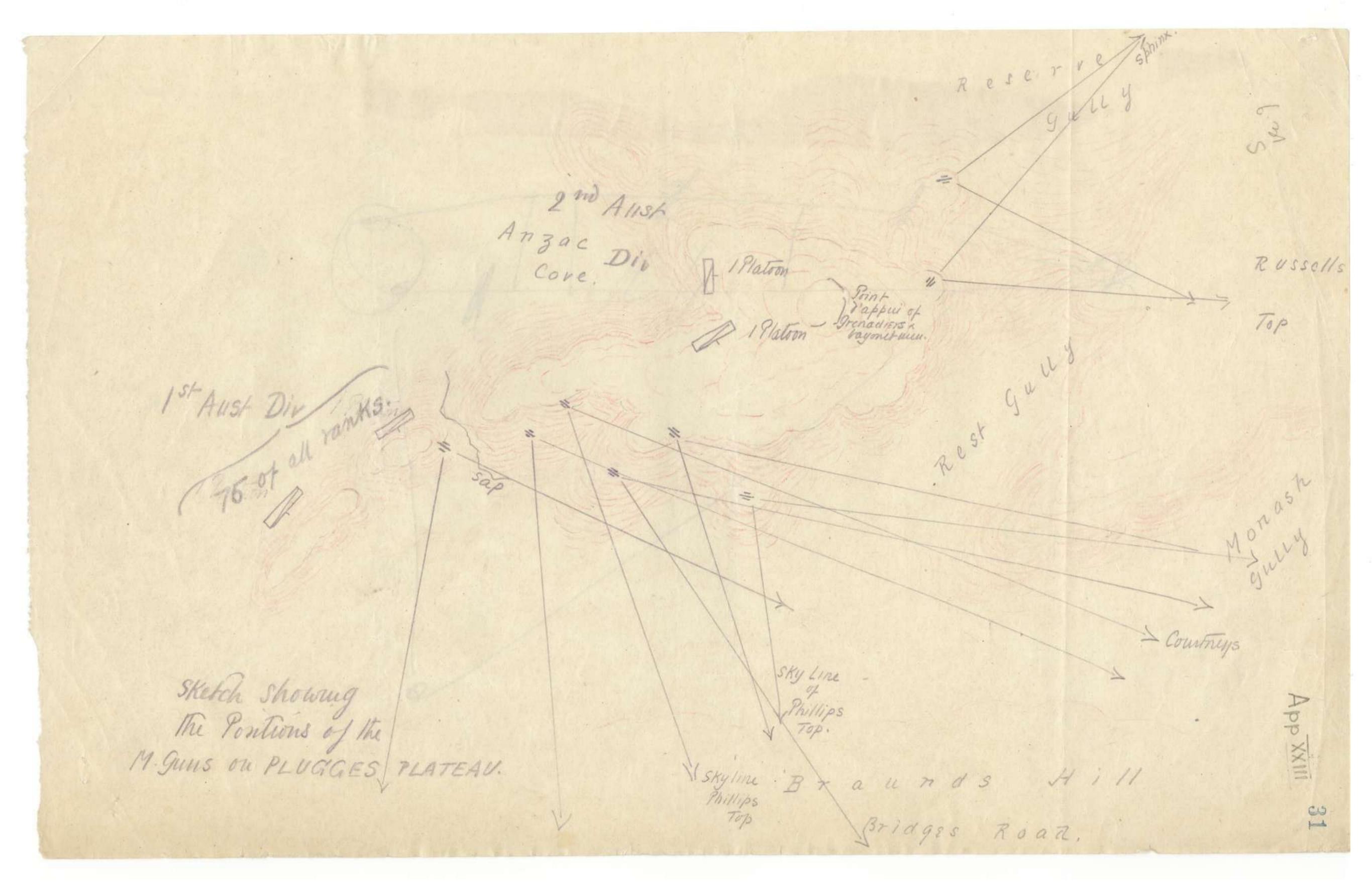
The Headquarters of this officer will be placed in communication with the M.L.O's. office at WALKERS PIER by the 2nd. Aust. Div., who will also arrange intercommunication within the position.

(2) The Army Corps Commander wishes it to be distinctly understood that the movement on the final night will, except on an order to the contrary from the Rearguard Commander, be according to the scheduled times prepared by Divn. for each of the 3 parties, which times will be based on the times of embarkation and the distance to be covered.

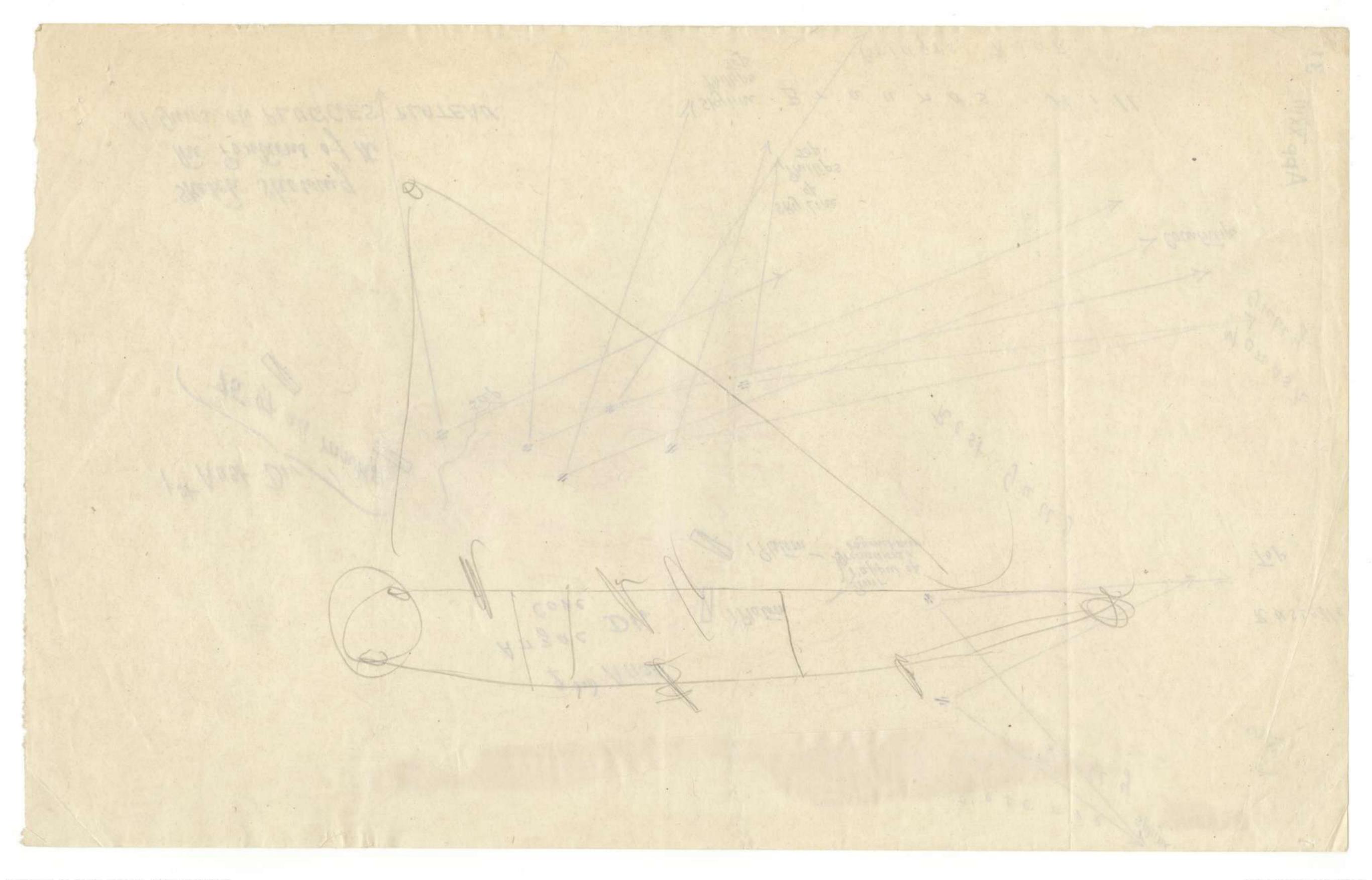
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No. 608 Ga.

Army Corps Headquarters 15th. Decr. 1915

From General Staff. A.& N.Z.A.C.

To 2nd. Aust. Div.

MEMORANDUM

I am to say that the Army Corps Commander desires: -

- (1) That particular attention is paid to the display of the normal number of periscopes in the trenches especially on the day of the final night.
- (2) Ammunition should be placed handy in various places in the trenches to assist the men of C party to fire from various points in the length assigned to them.
- (3) Under Brigade Orders, arrangements may be made for men of C party to be specially told off to place obstacles on the defined routes by which an enemy might attempt to follow.

(Sgd.) C.B.B.WHITE Brig-Genl

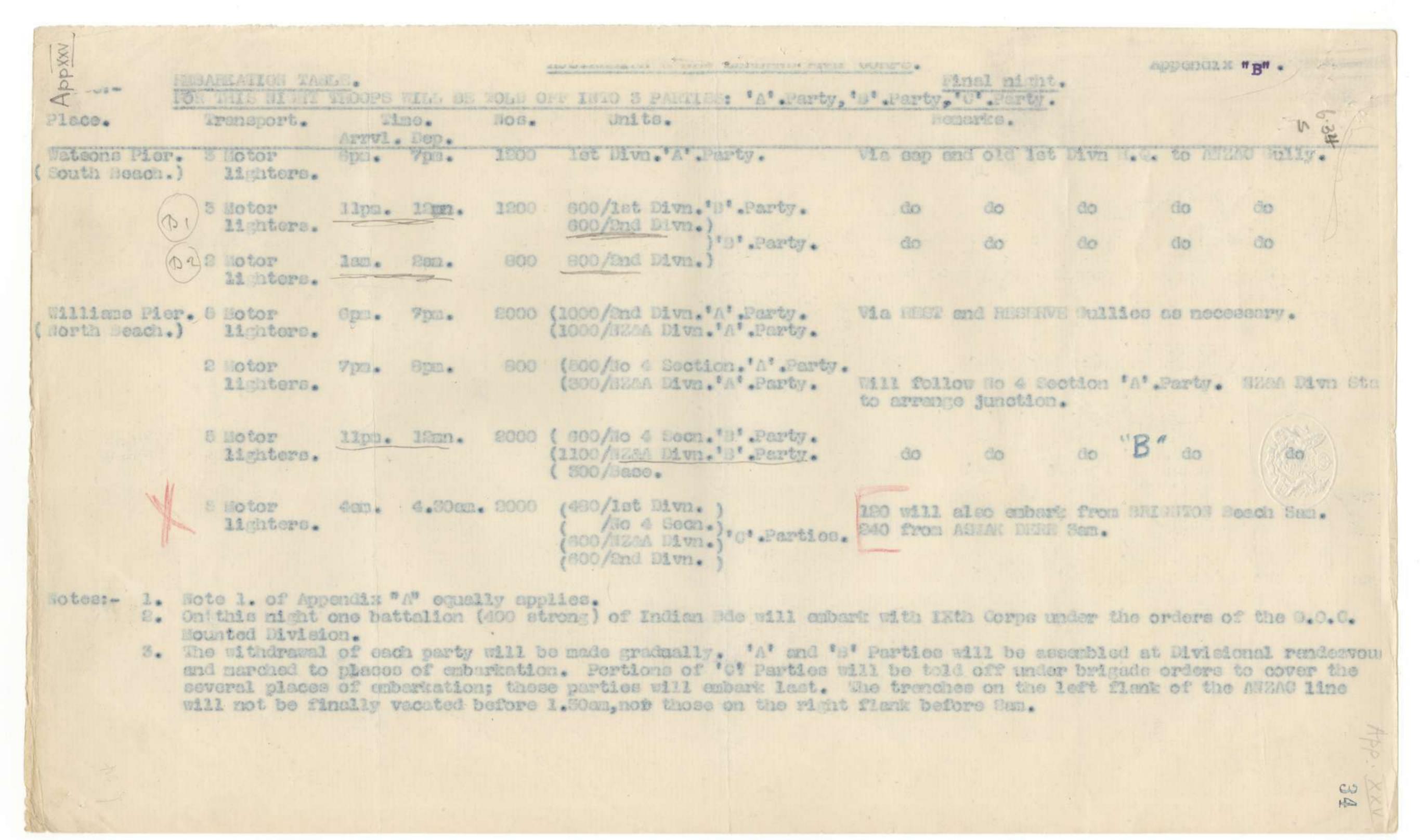
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A.& N. Z. A. C.

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Place.	Transport.	Time. Arryl. Dec.	. Nos.	Units.	heneries.
South Beach.	3 Motor lighters.	Arryl. Dep.	THOS	100719t Divn.	Houte for 1st Divn: - via sap and 1st Divn old Divn
Q	18 Cutters.	Between 8 a lipm.	700	700/End Divo.	Will follow lot Divn to whom they will be attached for embarkation.
	S Motor	11po. 18mn.	1200	1900/let Divn.	See above re route.
R	S Motor lighters.	4em. 4.50em.	1200	1000/2nd Divn.	Via route laid down for lat Divn.
Borth Beach.P	S Motor	opn. 7pn.	2000	(1850/2nd Dlvn. (350/8acc.	Via REST and RESERVE Gullies.
	2 Hotor lighters.	7pm. Spm.	800	800/NZBE Divn.	
	8 Motor	11pm. 10mm.	2000	(1750/No 4 Secn. (1750/NZSA Divn.	HEAA Divn will arrange for joining at Glalbak DEAE accordingly.
	2 Motor lighters.	12.30am. 1.30am.	800	800/NZ&A Divn.	
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Noteer 1. The times of arrival and departure of lighters is approximate and is issued as a guide to divisional Sommanders in determining the hours at which withdrawals from the line will be made. The head of the queue of each column should be ready to embark at least & an hour before the hour given as the time of arrival of lighters.					

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