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A.C. Order 21 Para 4 (i) figures are approximate, but figures in Para 5 (i) are absolute and numbers given must be retained for the final night, acknowledge.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - ORDER No 3.

16th December 1915.
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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 dates to be notified later. The operation will be effected during the hours of darkness of two nights. The principle upon which the withdrawal will be carried out will be the gradual reduction from our 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 embarkation. Watches will be checked with Signal time on both evenings.

Preparatory Measures

3. 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 the enemy 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 periscopes will be displayed in the trenches, especially on the day of the last night.

Ammunition must be left handy in various places in the trenches to assist the men 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 5.7 and Garland mortars on the 2nd night before party B 2 leaves the trenches; if they cannot be moved they should be thrown into cess pits or buried. They are not to be destroyed by explosion.

There must be no abnormal amount of hand grenade throwing. Grenadiers must be supplied with fuses or port fires in case the 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 RUSSELLS TOP will be kept burning up to the last. This is most essential.

Arrangements for embarkation.

4. The total number of troops to embark from the 2nd Australian Division 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.

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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 present strengths they may decrease 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. Party A will be kept 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 5th Brigade from First Division Reinforcement Camp. Lieut-Colonel Lamrock 20th Battalion will control the C parties of the 5th Brigade from PLUGGE'S PLATEAU. A Brigade representative will be detailed to act 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 rear guard commander who will be at Corps Headquarters. Signal communications have been arranged and are shewn on the annexed diagram. Brigade Headquarters will be plugged through to 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 nights. One officer from each Brigade to be constantly available at the respective rendezvous.

All movement 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 allowed and orders will be given in an undertone. There must be no use of the word "Retire".

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 bottles. 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

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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 B parties.

Brigade Commanders will arrange that units do not foul each other 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 movement 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 up to the end and arrangements are to be made for two Battalion Signallers to be included in parties C 3. As the signal offices close down the Signallers will bring away their instruments.

Each Brigade 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 Rearguard

5. 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

6. A rear party commanded by Colonel Paton will hold the line from MacLAGGANS RIDGE through PLUGGES and WALKER'S 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

WALKERS RIDGE. *at No 1 Post 75 of 27 & A SW.*

7 days food for 150 men 150,000 rounds s.e.a., 166 Mills Grenades and a reserve of water has been put on to PLUGGES. Colonel Paton will 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 Headquarters will be placed in communication with the M.L.O's Office WILLIAMS PIER.

Mines

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

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present in the trenches will be responsible for ordering the mines to be fired. If the withdrawal is carried out with complete success 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

8. 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

9. The medical arrangements are set out in paper attached. Medical personnel attached to units will embark with those units. No effort will be 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 rearguard Commander ANZAC. The exact time at which Divisional Headquarters close will be notified later.

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

G. H. Jackson Major, General Staff
2nd Australian Division.

Distributed at 6.30 p.m.

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 19 } Handed to C.D.E. Major Newcombe
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 22 } Handed to A.D.M.S.
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 24 } Divisional Train - by D.R.
 25 } Handed to Divisional Signallers
 26 } Anzac - by D.R.
 27 } 1st Division - by D.R.
 28 } N.Z. & A. Div. - by D.R.
 29 } Rearguard Commander - by D.R.
 30 } *See Representation of 5th Div. Regts
 30 } *above. See in 7th Div.**

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51st Night.

UNIT.	Strength	Rendez-vous ^{head}	Time at which tail of Unit to be at Rendez-vous	Route.	Embark Time to sail	Remarks.
17 th Br.	420	Reserve Gully	5.20. P.M.	via Monash. & Rest. Gullies	6.P.M. North Beach.	
18 th Br.	160	"	"	"	Pier "	A. Div. Staff Officer will
19 th Br.	460	"	"	"	"	marshal the Units at the
20 th Br.	250	"	"	"	"	Rendez-vous.
L.H.	310	"	"	via Bridges Road & Rest. Gully.	"	
Engrs.	50	"	"	(various)	"	
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1st Night.

Unit.	Strength.	Rendez-vous.	Time at which Tail of Unit to be at Rendez-vous	Route	Time to Sail	Remarks.
21 st Bn.	180	1 st Div. Reinf. Camp.	7. 15. P.M.	via Bridges. Road.	8.P.M. Watsons. Pier	This party will follow the 1 st Div. to whom they will be attached for embarkation. A. Div. Staff Officer will meet them to conduct them to sap. S.W. of Cemetery where they will cut in behind 1 st Div.
22 nd Bn.	190	"	"	"	"	
23 rd Bn.	180	"	"	via Martins Lane.	"	
24 th Bn.	150	"	"	"	"	
Total	700					

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1st NIGHT.

Unit	Strength.	Rendez-vous. ^{had}	Time at which part of unit to be at Rendez-vous.	Route.	Time to Sail ^{Embark}	Remarks.
21st Bn.	350	1st Div. Reinf. Camp	3.15. a.m.	via Bridges Road.	4. A.M. Watson's Pier	Via sap. S.W. of Cemetery &
22nd Bn.	250	"	"	"	"	thence via old 1st Div. Hqrs.
23rd Bn.	300	"	"	via Martins Lane.	"	Div. Staff Officer will meet
24th Bn.	165	"	"	"	"	units at rendez-vous.
Div. Train	75	"	"	(various)	"	
Med. Details	50	"	"	"	"	
Div. Hqrs	10	"	"	via Rest. Monash Gullies	"	
Total.	1200					

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5Second Night. "A"

Unit.	Strength	Rendez-vous ^{head}	Time at which tail of Unit to be at Rendez-vous	Route.	Time to sail ^{Embark}	Remarks.
17 th Bn.	120	Reserve Gy.	5.20. P.M.	via Monash & Rest Gullies	6 p.m. N. Beach Pier	In the event of Parties
18 th Bn.	175	"	"	"	"	meeting at bottom of Monash
19 th Bn.	100	"	"	"	"	Gully the 6 th Bde Units will
20 th Bn.	300	"	"	via head of Reserve Gully.	"	give way to the 5 th Bde
21 st Bn.	50	"	"	Bridges Rd. & Rest Gully.	"	Units. Div. Staff Officer
23 rd Bn.	50	"	"	Martins Lane & Reserve Gy.	"	will meet Units at rendez-vous
"		"			"	
Div. Train	51	"	"	via Rest Gully.	"	
Med. Details	50	"	"	(various)	"	
Div. Hqrs.	4	"	"	via Rest Gully	"	
Engrs.	100	"		"	"	
Total	1000					

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Second Night. B.I.

UNIT	Strength.	^{head} Rendez-vous	Time at which Tail of Unit to beat Rendez-vous	Route.	^{Embark} Time to Sait	Remarks.
21 st Bn.	100	1 st Div. Rein. Camp	10.15.P.M.	Bridges. Road.	11.P.M. Watsons Pier	
22 nd Bn.	150	"	"	"	"	A. Div. Staff. Officer will
23 rd Bn.	100	"	"	Martins Lane	"	meet units at Rendez-vous
24 th Bn.	200	"	"	"	"	
Engrs.	30	"	"	(various)	"	
Med. Details	20	"	"	"	"	
Total.	600					

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Second Night. Party B.2.

Unit.	Strength.	Rendez-vous	Time at which head of Unit to beat Rendez-vous.	Route.	Time to Embark	Remarks.
17 th Br.	27	Reserve Gully.	12. m.n.	Monash Gully.	1. A.M. Watson's Pier	<p>Brigadiers & their Staffs, less signallers mentioned will accompany Party B.2. and will embark with it.</p> <p>All Br. Commanders will at this stage join Party "C"</p> <p>Lt. Col. Watson 24th Br. will move to 1st Div. Reinf. Camp. whence he will control the "C" Parties of 6th Bde. arrangements have been made to lay the necessary wires.</p>
18 th Br.	100	"	"	"		
19 th Br.	57	"	"	"		
20 th Br.	81	"	"	Down head of Reserve Gy.		
21 st Br.	42	1 st Div. Reinf. Camp.	12.15. A.M.	Bridges Road.		
22 nd Br.	114	"	"	"		
23 rd Br.	83	"	"	Martins Lane.		
24 th Br.	186	"	"	"		
D. Sig. Co.	34	Anzac. H.Q.	12.20. A.M.			
Med. Details	40	1 st Div. Reinf. Camp.	12.15. A.M.	(various)		
5 th Bde. H.Q. inc. Sigs.	13	Reserve Gully.	12. m.n.	Monash Gully.		<p>Lt. Col. Lamrock. will move to PLUGGES. whence he will control "C" parties of 5th Bde. Act/O.C. 20th Br. (Maj. Fitzgerald) will move to supporting point "P"</p> <p>O.C. 18th Br. will move to PLUGGES & remain with his detachment there.</p>
6 th Bde. H.Q. inc. Sigs.	14	1 st Div. Reinf. Camp.	12.15. A.M.	Bridges Road.		
Div. Hqs.	9	Anzac H.Q.	12.20. A.M.			
Total.	800					<p>Br. commdrs. except Col. Watson, Lamrock, & O.C. 18th Br., & the Act/O.C. 20th Br. will embark with "C"</p>

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After the departure of B.2 the following ~~will~~ will form Party "C". The numbers must be as follows and include teams for machine guns and battalion signallers:-

17th Bn.	50	
18th Bn	140	- includes 50 on PLUGGES and 40 on WALKER'S RIDGE (Post "P")
19th Bn.	30	
20th Bn.	100	- includes M.G. teams on RUSSELL'S TOP and Post "P"
21st Bn.	20	
22nd Bn.	60	
24th Bn.	100	
Div. Sig Co	21	
Engrs.	15	
5th Bde Sgrs.	11	
6th Bde Sgrs.	11	
Machine gunners	35	for gun teams on PLUGGE'S supplied as follows: With 4 guns 5th Bde - 1 off. (Capt Radford and 17 O.R.) With 4 guns 6th Bde - 1 off. and 16 O.R.
Div. H.Q.	7	
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This party will be withdrawn in three detachments, C 1, C 2, C 3, as follows; each detachment to be about one third of strength of whole Party "C".

	<u>Will leave trenches at</u>	<u>To reach WILLIAMS PIER at</u>
<u>C.1</u>		
17th Bn.	2 a.m.	2.35 a.m.
18th Bn.	2.30 a.m.	2.55 a.m.
19th Bn.	2 a.m.	2.35 a.m.
20th Bn.	2.45 a.m.	3.5 a.m.
21 and 22 Bns.	2.15 a.m.	2.45 a.m.
24th Bn.	2.15 a.m.	2.45 a.m.
All M.G.'s except those on PLUGGE'S PLATEAU and Post P will go with this party. Also all O.C. Bns who are on duty with their men in the trenches.		
<u>C.2</u>		
	<u>Will leave trenches at</u>	<u>To reach WILLIAMS PIER at</u>
17th Bn.	2.35 a.m.	3.10 a.m.
18th Bn.	2.55 a.m.	3.20 a.m.
19th Bn.	2.35 a.m.	3.10 a.m.
20th Bn.	3.5 a.m.	3.25 a.m.
21 and 22 Bns	2.45 a.m.	3.13 a.m.
24th Bn.	2.45 a.m.	3.15 a.m.

	<u>Will leave trenches at</u>	<u>To reach WILLIAMS PIER at</u>
<u>C.3</u>		
17th Bn.	3.20 a.m. <i>3.15 a.m.</i>	3.55 a.m. <i>3.50 a.m.</i>
18th Bn.	3.15 a.m. <i>3.5 a.m.</i>	3.40 a.m. <i>3.30 a.m.</i>
19th Bn.	3.30 a.m. <i>3.15 a.m.</i>	3.55 a.m. <i>3.50 a.m.</i>
20th Bn.	3.25 a.m. <i>3.25 a.m.</i>	3.45 a.m. <i>3.45 a.m.</i>
21 and 22 Bns	3.15 a.m. <i>3.2 a.m.</i>	3.45 a.m. <i>3.30 a.m.</i>
24th Bn.	3.15 a.m. <i>3.2 a.m.</i>	3.45 a.m. <i>3.30 a.m.</i>

To include 1 infantry captain, 1 R.E. subaltern, 1 R.E. other rank, 2 signallers for Bn.H.Q. telephone

NOTE The battalion detachments of the parties C 1, C 2, C 3, will proceed to WILLIAMS PIER independently by shortest route. The garrisons on PLUGGE'S and Post "P" will be withdrawn by the order of the O.C. Rear Party.

** Amended by order of Cnps HQ.
10/DEC/15*

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. On last two days of evacuation only (2) two Medical Units will remain at ANZAC:-

(i) No 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station
O.7 O. R. 71.

(ii) No 13 Casualty Clearing Station O.5 O.R. 69

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

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

There is a sufficient supply of Dressings and with a few personnel these places would serve for the immediate treatment of wounded.

3. A small number of A.A.M.C., N.Z.M.C. and Indian Bearers will be left with Battalions and should if possible embark with them.

4. Major Campbell, A.A.M.C., C.C. No 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station will be the Senior Medical Officer of the units named in para 1.

5. Officers commanding No 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station and 13th Casualty Clearing Station have received instructions from the D.D.M.S. to be ready on very short notice for embarkation on last day of evacuation, but under no conditions to embark without written instructions from the Rearguard Commander.

6. Both these units will remain in the event of a number of casualties occurring, but if only one unit be required No 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station will remain.

7. In the event of a large number of casualties remaining after evacuation the Senior Medical Officer will apply for bearers to the enemy Commander so that our wounded may be collected and treated in Casualty Clearing Stations.

8. A Medical Officer who speaks French has been detailed to each Unit.

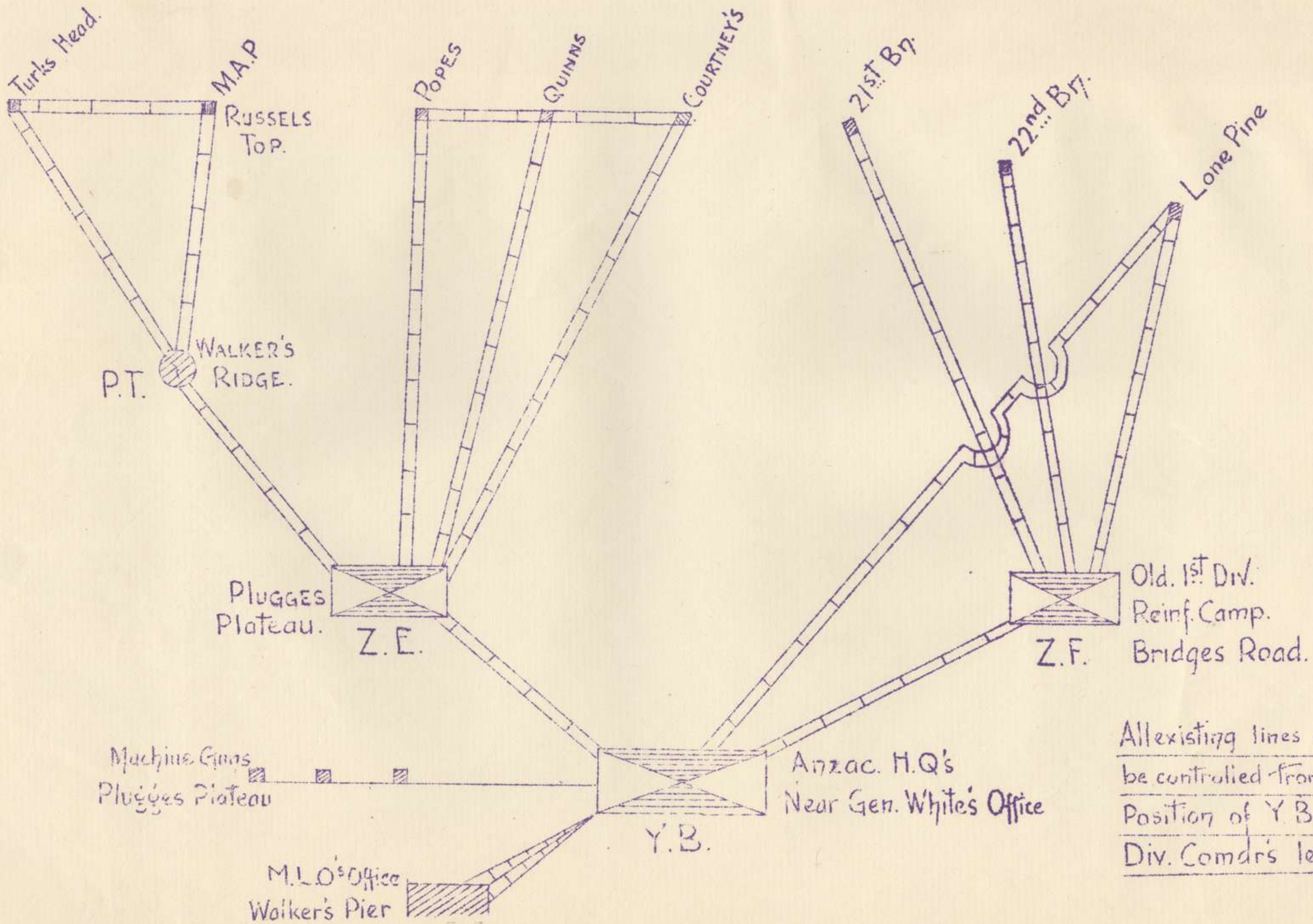
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Last parties to arrive at the Pier on second night

<u>C. 1</u>	<u>C. 2</u>	<u>C. 3</u>	<u>Final party</u>
24th Bn from LONE PINE 30	24th Bn from LONE PINE 30	24th Bn from LONE PINE 40	18th Bn from PLUGGES
22nd Bn. 20	22nd Bn 20	22nd Bn 20	PLATEAU 50
21st Bn. 6	21st Bn 6	21st Bn 8	18th Bn from WALKERS
18th Bn from COURTNEYS 16	18th Bn from COURTNEYS 16	18th Bn from COURTNEYS 18	RIDGE 40
17th Bn from QUINNS 16	17th Bn from QUINNS 16	17th Bn from QUINNS 18	8 M.guns and teams from
19th Bn from POPES 10	19th Bn from POPES 10	19th Bn from POPES 10	PLUGGES
20th Bn from RUSSELL'S	20th Bn from RUSSELL'S	20th Bn from RUSSELLS	
TOP 30	TOP 30	TOP 40	
Total 128	Total 128	Total 154	

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All existing lines will also
 be controlled from new
 position of Y.B. after
 Div. Comdr's leave.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION



Divisional Headquarters

16th December 1915

Headquarters

A. & N. Z. Army Corps

Brig-General Sir A. Russell K.C.M.G.

Herewith copy of Notes for information of *Rearguard*
Corps Commander shewing how Second Division line will
be held after the various parties have embarked.

Particulars are given by posts so that the
Rearguard Commander may know what force he has at each
point at the various times.

Major, G.S.
For G.O.C.
2nd Australian Division.

NOTES FOR INFORMATION OF REARGUARD COMMANDER, SHOWING HOW SECOND DIVISION LINE WILL BE HELD

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	Morning of last day	At 6 after A have gone	At 11 p.m. after B.1 have gone	At 1 a.m. after B.2 have gone	At 2.45 am after C.1 have gone	At 3.5 am after C.2 have gone	At 3.25 am after C.3 have gone	Remarks
LONE PINE	24 ^m 486	486	286	100	70	40	—	
Thence to WIRE GULLY	23 ⁶ 233	183	83	—	—	—	—	
WIRE GULLY to UNION TRENCH	22 ^m 324	324	174	60	40	20	—	
Thence to COURTNEY'S QUINN'S	21 st 212	162	62	20	14	8	—	
POPE'S	18 th 416	151	151	50	34	18	—	
RUSSELL'S TOP	17 th 197	77	77	50	34	18	—	
PLUGGES	19 th 187	87	87	30	20	10	—	
WALKER'S RIDGE POST	20 ^m 516	216	216	100	70	40	—	
		18 th 50	50	50	50	50	50*	* Still remain 8 M.Gns and 50 of the 18 th Balm on PLUGGES and 40 of the 20 ^m Balm
		20 th 40	40	40	40	40	40*	on WALKERS RIDGE.
TOTALS	3001	2001	1401	500 [⊗]	372	244		

NOTE: Except machine guns for PLUGGE'S and WALKER'S RIDGE POST P - total - all machine guns will remain in normal positions till they come away with C.1.

⊗ In addition there will be the M.Gn teams (making a total of about 40), Staff, Divisional & Brigade signallers, and police, making 100 in all.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION



Divisional Headquarters,
16th December 1915

5th Infantry Brigade
6th Infantry Brigade
O.C. Div 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 you please take steps as regards Brigade and Battalion Signallers.

L. H. Jackson
Major,
General Staff.

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SSECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters

16th December 1915

5th Infantry Brigade
6th Infantry Brigade

With reference to Second Division 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 ka 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 MacLagans Ridge PLUGGE'S PLATEAU WALKERS RIDGE No 1 Post must be regulated and an officer must be at the head of each party to appraise sentries.

P. H. Jackson
Major,
General Staff.

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S E C R E TMEMORANDUM

1st. Australian Division.
2nd. Australian Division.
N.Z. & A. Division.
No. 4 Section.
Army Corps Signal Coy.

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

- (i) On the 1st. night Divisional Commanders will report by message briefly to Army Corps Headquarters when they have issued orders for the various parties to move to places of embarkation.
- (ii) When Divisional Commanders have left, each Brigade Commander will make a report by message to the Rearguard Commander at Army Corps Headquarters stating that communications are intact.
- (iii) 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 Brigade Headquarters.
- (iv) C party Commander will report by message to the Rearguard Commander when they have issued the order for C parties to begin movement.

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

GENERAL STAFF.

16th. December 1915.

MEMORANDUM:

1st Australian Division
2nd Australian Division
N.E. & A. Division
No 4 Section
Army Corps Signal Coy.



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1. The Army Corps Commander wishes all ranks of your Division (Section) 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.

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 that 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 repulse of the big Turkish attack on May 18th, the capture of LONG PINN, 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. White

Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

16th December, 1915.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
17th December 1915.

MEMORANDUM

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 ranks 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.

R. A. Jackson
Major,
General Staff.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters

17th December 1915

5th Infantry Brigade
6th Infantry Brigade

Reference Divisional Order No 3 dated 16th instant paragraph 6. The rear party will 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.

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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 defences 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 WALKER'S RIDGE. The inner defences as already stated extend from MacLAGANS RIDGE on the Right to No 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. 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

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 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 necessary 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 ascertain arrangements made so that troops may not have to ~~xxx~~ 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 to direct 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 rendered 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 wires put out from our secret forward lines attached to the safety pins of Mills

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grenades might be useful.

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

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 ¹ 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. X

L. H. Jackson
Major,
General Staff.



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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.Headquarters, ANZAC,
17th December, 1918.

1st Australian Division
 2nd Australian Division
 N.Z. & A. Division
 No 14 Section
 Indian Brigade
~~No 1 Casualty Clearing Station~~
~~No. 13~~
 Army Corps Headquarters Staff
 H. F. O.
 P. M. L. O.
 Army Corps Signal Coy.
 DDMS

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.

C. B. White

Brigadier-General, General Staff.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters

SECRET

17th December 1915

✓ 5th Infantry Brigade ✓
 ✓ 6th Infantry Brigade ✓
 ✓ Divisional Train ✓
 ✓ O.C. Divisional Engineers ✓
 ✓ O.C. Divisional Signal Company ✓
 A.D.M.S.

Reference Divisional Order No 3 dated 16th instant.

The first night of the movement will be the night of the
 eighteenth/nineteenth. Please acknowledge by

Wire only with number after

(Sd) C.H. Jackson, Major.

General Staff.

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Anzac

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2nd Aus Div

With reference to Army Corps Order No 21 para 5 (iii) and last sentence thereof I am to say that a small visual signalling party, equipped for communication with ships by day & 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.

R. B. Smythe Major G.S.

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Prefix _____	Code _____	m. _____	Words _____	Charge _____	This message is on a/c of _____	Recd. at _____ m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						
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To _____			From _____			
By _____			(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____			



TO *Col Major Paton Gould*

Sender's Number. *4508* Day of Month *18* In reply to Number *AAA*

A small visual signalling party equipped for communication 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 probable that those 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 Aust Div* Place _____ Time *1100*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) _____
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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2nd Aust div 18/1/15

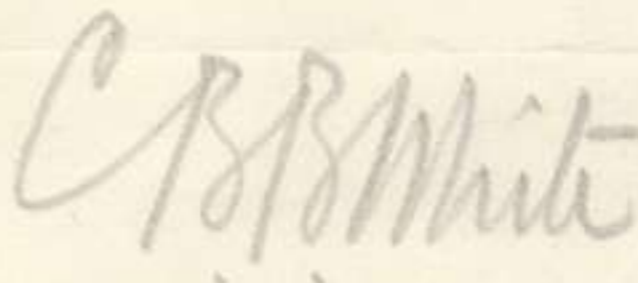
These arrangements
were fixed up by
me yesterday
with inform Col
Paton

R.H. Burt

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.Headquarters, ANZAC,
17-12-18.GA 656.1st Australian Division
2nd Australian Division
N. E. & A. Division
No IV Section
~~C. i/c Army Corps Signal Coy.~~MEMORANDUM:

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

- (1) Remaining guns will be blown up and rendered useless as trophies. A party 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.
- (2) Troops leaving 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 ~~from~~ troops from reaching the enemy.
- (3) 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.



Brigadier-General, General Staff.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters

SECRET

18th December 1915.

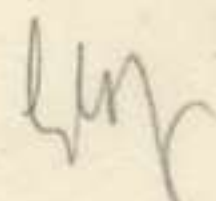
5th Infantry Brigade
6th Infantry Brigade

Guns remaining behind will be blown up and rendered useless. A party will be told off to do this after the withdrawal of the last ^{man} of C parties. The C party Commander in whose area they are will give the order for destruction. Breach 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 Newcombe commanding Engineers, 2nd Division.

2. In connection with the removal of sick and wounded a flag of truce will be sent on shore on the day after the final night.

3. 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.

 Major,
General Staff.

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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:-

The B2 parties from the 17th Battalion, 18th
Battalion and 19th Battalion will rendezvous at 12.15
a.m. at the junction of MONASH and REEF GULLY 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 C.O.C. 5th Brigade will inform Divisional
Headquarters how it is proposed to carry out the alteration
necessary to garrison point C 2. by the 20th Battalion.

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

Major,

General Staff.

NOTE - NORTH BEACH Pier - WALKERS PIER - WILLIAMS PIER
are all one and the same- (i.e. pier at NORTH BEACH)

WATSONS PIER is pier at in ANZAC COVE.

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17th. December. 1915.

F I R S T N I G H T

5th. Brigade.	1st.	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
		<u>50</u>	"	North side of WALKERS PIER
		1650		
		<u> </u>		

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

This makes:-

1st.	350	embark in 12 cutters.
2nd.	<u>350</u>	" " " "
	700	
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6th. Brigade.	1st.	400	embark	in Motor Lighter from WATSONS PIER
	2nd.	400	"	" " " " "
	3rd.	400	"	" " " " "
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		1200		
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NOTE:- Only one Motor Lighter comes up at a time and it takes 20 minutes to embark.

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S E C O N D N I G H T

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. Div. 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 1st. 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 Lighters 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.

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The Rearguard Commander wishes the following reports to be rendered:-

1. Report of departure of parties A, B, and C, from Brigade areas - stating strength.
2. Periodical reports of situation, 4 hourly starting from 1800 on the first night of embarkation. These reports will be rendered to Divisional Headquarters until the Rearguard Commander takes over. Any special occurrence will be reported at once.
3. A message will be sent at 0600 on day following the first night addressed to the Rearguard Commander stating that telephone communications are intact or otherwise.
4. On departure of B party second night from Brigade area - report that the Brigadier has handed over to C party Commander.

To be rendered by C party Commanders

1. Hourly report of situation, i.e. normal or otherwise.
2. Report of commencement of withdrawal of C parties and report when Brigade Signal Office is closed down.

Major,

General Staff,

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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.

	<u>Will leave Trenches at</u>	<u>Reach NORTH BEACH.</u>
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. Jackson.
Major
General Staff.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION



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.

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Major,
General Staff.

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"C" Form (original)
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123

No. of Message

Prefix <i>Am</i>	Code	Words	Received	Sent, or sent out
		£ s d	From <i>Green</i>	At m.
Charges to collect			By <i>Green</i>	To
Service Instructions.				By



Handed in at *Yp* Office *1335* m. Received *1345* m.

Second Aust Div

Sender's Number. <i>4772</i>	Day of Month <i>Eighteenth</i>	In reply to Number	<i>AAA</i>
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Reference army corps memorandum GA 656 para one. At our act comdr is sending adt officers this afternoon to report to c party commanders including your Russell Top officers and Col Watson as a Draft instructions have been down up and on concurrence of c party commanders these will be issued as our engineer comdr has been told to get in touch with Major Newcombe but up to date had not been successful.

From *First Aust Div*
Place & Time *1335*

§ This line should be erased if not required.

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no 4 545A

19th December 1915

5th Infantry Brigade
6th Infantry Brigade

Response Rly 10 Secret & The
position referred to in para 4 does not alter
the inner defence line if 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 on the area allotted
to him and not be altered.

I am letting you know this in
order to avoid any possibility of
confusion such as the garrison of
RUSSELL'S TOP sleeping on and thinking
they are part of Colonel Paton's inner
defence when everything was going well
and when in reality they should be
withdrawing in accordance with schedule
time.

Please acknowledge
O. J. D.
Major
General Staff

Secret.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No. G 545 A.

19th December 1915.

5th Infantry Brigade.

6th Infantry Brigade.

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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 confusion 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 in accordance with schedule time.

Please acknowledge

(sgd) G.H. Jackson.

Major.

General Staff.

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

by G.O.C. Rearguard.

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

- (1) 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 an 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 be MACLAGANS RIDGE - PLUGGES - RUSSELLS TOP - WALKERS RIDGE - No.1 POST - OLD No.3 POST - Nos. 2 and 3 and thence to the sea.

19/12/15.

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"A" Form. **App. XLV (1)** Army Form C. 2121.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

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			To			By	
			By				

TO	O.C. Rear Party	O.C. C parties	5 th Bde
	O.C. C parties		6 th Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A
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Accelerate	C	3 parties	
20 minutes	4	C 2	
parties	10 minutes	C 1	
parties	Keep 5	included	
times	AAA	addresses	
O.C. Rear Party			
O.C. C parties		5 th Bde	
O.C. C parties		6 th Bde	
Acknowledge			

From	O.C. Representative Rear Gd		
Place			(150) N
Time	0025		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

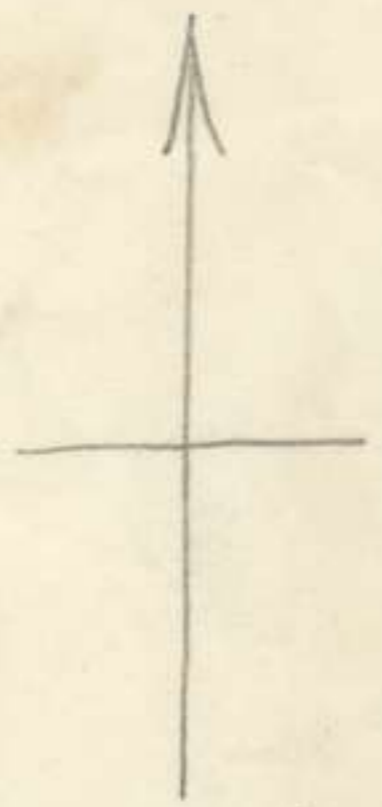
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Position at 2 a.m. Dec 20/1915.

----- Line of trenches held by 1500 men

++++ Inner line held by 240 men & 8 M Gns.

