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BAILLEUL.	1-2-17		<p>A party of 3 Officers and 70 other ranks from 42nd Battalion A.I.F. attempted to raid enemy's line S. of L'EPINETTE but was unable to effect an entry owing to hostile machine gun fire.</p> <p>A fighting patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 15 other ranks of the 2nd Battalion, New Zealand (Rifle) Bde. entered enemy's line after a three minutes Trench Mortar bombardment, capturing two prisoners and killing ten to fourteen Germans. Our party suffered no casualties.</p> <p>Casualties for week ending 1-2-17 :-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">Killed.</th> <th colspan="2">Wounded.</th> <th colspan="2">Missing.</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>Officers.</th> <th>O.R.</th> <th>Officers.</th> <th>O.R.</th> <th>Officers.</th> <th>O.R.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New Zealand Division</td> <td>-</td> <td>7</td> <td>2</td> <td>37</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>34th Division</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Australian Division</td> <td>2</td> <td>48</td> <td>5</td> <td>220</td> <td>1</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>TOTALS.</u></td> <td><u>2</u></td> <td><u>57</u></td> <td><u>7</u></td> <td><u>257</u></td> <td><u>1</u></td> <td><u>6</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.			Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	New Zealand Division	-	7	2	37	-	-	34th Division	-	2	-	-	-	-	3rd Australian Division	2	48	5	220	1	6	<u>TOTALS.</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	
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	3-2-17		<p>A party of 2 Officers and 21 other ranks from 1st Battalion, Wellington Regiment, New Zealand Division, after a short bombardment by Artillery and Trench Mortars entered the enemy's line S.W. of the LOZENGE and captured three prisoners. Our party only suffered one casualty - slightly wounded.</p> <p>Advance party of 57th Division arrived.</p>																																											

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	8-2-17		About 9 p.m. enemy opened heavy Artillery and Trench Mortar bombardment of New Zealand Division front line and soon after 30 men were seen advancing across NO MAN'S LAND. They were caught by our Artillery barrage and withdrew.																																				
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	10-2-17		2/5th Battalion, Lancaster Regiment, 285th Brigade R.F.A. and personnel of Heavy and Medium Trench Mortar Battery, 57th Division arrived.																																				

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BAILLEUL.	11-2-17		Thaw set in after continuous and severe frost since 1st week in January - Weather had been dry and clear with moderate wind, and general health of men in front line kept good - better than in preceding wet weather. 102nd Brigade, 34th Division carried out raid with 250 men against enemy front and support line in I.22.a. (West of WEZ MACQUART) - Our bombardment evidently gave enemy warning as they brought up a company in support. One party got into German line, took 5 prisoners and blew up an ammunition dump.	x /
	12-2-17		2/4th Battalion, Loyal North Lancs. and 2/5th Loyal North Lancs arrived and moved in MERRIS Area with details of 57th Division.	
	13-2-17		286th Brigade R.F.A., 57th Division, and details arrived, moving into NEUF BERQUIN Area. 2/5th Battalion, Rl. Lancaster Regiment and 2/4th Battalion L. North Lancs. Regiment moved up from MERRIS Area to SAILLY to go into line for instruction and to commence relief of New Zealand Division.	
	14-2-17		At 4.15 a.m. enemy opened bombardment on EPINETTE Salient and attempted a raid - A few men reached our parapet, but were driven off with bombs and rifle fire. Details of 57th Division continued to arrive. Corps Commander returned from leave.	

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BAILLEUL	15/2/17 -		4/5th Battalion L. North Lincs. Regiment and 2/5th Battalion Liverpool Regt. arrived, with Divisional Headquarters and Headquarters of 170th Brigade. Corps Commander visited Army Commander at Second Army Headquarters.																																										
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	18/2/17.		Corps Commander inspected 170th Brigade moving up to forward area and rode round part of 57th Divisional area. Headquarters 172nd Brigade arrived.																																										
	19/2/17.		Corps Commander inspected 2nd Auckland Battalion practising for a large raid to be carried out on 21st or subsequent date. During night a party from 3rd Australian Division entered enemy's trenches at I.11.a. (Railway Salient); trenches found deserted and 3 rifles brought in.																																										

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BAILLEUL.	20/2/17.		Corps Commander inspected 171st Brigade on march to forward area and visited G.O.C., 57th Division.																																											
	21/2/17.		<p>At 5.45 a.m. 16 Officers and 500 O.R. of 2nd Auckland Battalion, 1st New Zealand Bde. raided enemy's line at N.6.b.5.2 (W. of LE BRIDOUX). The raid went in on-top of a hurricane bombardment and stayed in 45 minutes, reaching enemy support line. Enemy were caught "standing to" and low estimate puts their killed at 200 from raid and bombardment.</p> <p>1 Officer and 43 O.R's of 78th Landwehr and 7th Bavarian Regts. were taken prisoner, and serious damage done to enemy trenches.</p> <p>2nd Auckland Battalion received the congratulations of the Commander-in-Chief on the success of their raid.</p>																																											
	22/2/17.		<p>At 5.15 a.m., 4 Officers and 64 O.R's of 39th Battalion, 3rd Australian Division raided enemy's front line at I.27.a.1.9 near LA HUSSOIE. Trench was found derelict and party withdrew without casualties.</p> <p>2/5 S. Lincs. and 2/9 Liverpool Regts., 57th Division arrived.</p> <p>Casualties for week ending 22nd :-</p>																																											
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BAILLEUL.	23/2/17.		At 6 a.m. enemy bombarded RUE DU BOIS Salient for half an hour and followed with a raid. One German was killed in our trench and one on the parapet and 2 wounded prisoners taken. Our casualties 1 Officer and 13 O.R.	
	24/2/17.		2/10 Liverpool Regt. arrived, completing arrival of 57th Division. At 10.30 p.m. 4 Officers and 78 O.Rs, 33rd Battalion, 3rd Australian Division raided enemy line at C.29.a. PONT BALLOT - 30, probably more, Germans were killed and an Officer and 3 O.R. taken prisoner, none of whom were brought in alive. In the German trench 5 Germans were found chained to a wire stretched between two posts in a fire bay.	

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BAILLEUL	25/3/17.		<p>57th Division took over command of SAILLY Sector from New Zealand Division at 12 noon. 57th Division carried out relief in instalments - units went into line soon after arrival, usually by Companies, double-banking with New Zealand Division, until used to their surroundings.</p> <p>Heavy and Medium Trench Mortars of 57th Division were sent on arrival to Second Army Trench Mortar School at BERTHEN^{for training} New Zealand Division leaving their Trench Mortars in the line.</p>	
	26/3/17.		<p>As units of New Zealand Division came out, they were moved North to PLOEGSTEERT area, and proceeded with relief of 25th Division, IX Corps, who were being withdrawn from line for training.</p> <p>New Zealand Division took over command of PLOEGSTEERT Sector from 25th Division at 12 noon and established their Headquarters at STEENWERCK.</p>	
	27/3/17.		<p>Corps Commander, B.G., G.S., and D.A. & Q.M.G. attended Corps Commanders' Conference at CASSEL in forenoon.</p> <p>At 12.30 a.m. composite battalion of 37th and 38th Battalions, 10th Brigade, 3rd Australian Division (800 men) raided enemy's front system to 3rd line in C.29.a. and C.23.c. (East of HOUPLINES). Party stayed in 50 minutes. 17 prisoners were brought in</p>	

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	(contd.)		"L" Company, R.E., cooperated with smoke clouds to form barrage.	
			Gas was intended to be used, but wind was unfavourable. Enemy mistaking smoke for gas, were found wearing gas masks.	
	28/2/17.		Enemy attempted a raid against New Zealand Division at trench U.28.1 at 5.30 a.m. Bomb fight ensued in our favour; enemy leaving one dead in our trench and 2 or 3 wounded in our wire.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u> On relief of 25th by New Zealand Division, the Corps front extended from PICANTIN 36.N.8.d.½.8½. to ST IVES U.15.a.½.4½. a distance of approximately 13 miles.	
			This front was held by 3 Divisions, with 3 Divisional artilleries and 2 Army F.A. Brigades.	
			The enemy's attitude was generally passive. His artillery and aircraft showed a slight increase of activity, and he tried a few raids. The raids were half hearted and seldom pushed home, our casualties being caused by his preliminary bombardment.	
			Our front line was necessarily held thinly on account of extent of front. Triangles	

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BAILLEUL.			GENERAL (contd.) Triangles and knots of wire were erected in front of the subsidiary line, and positions for Machine guns carefully selected to cover pockets in the wire, and so to form a line of resistance in rear of the front line.	
				for S. D. [unclear] B.G., G.S., 2nd ANZAC Corps. General Staff

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SECRET.
*****2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 41.

1st February, 1917.

The Headquarters of the Left Sector, 2nd ANZAC Corps front (3rd Australian Division) will close at STEENWERCK at 12 noon, 4th February, and reopen at CROIX DU BAC the same hour.

W. B. Robertson (ap)
for B.G., G.S.,
2nd ANZAC Corps.

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42nd Squadron, R.F.C.
2nd ANZAC Corps Mounted Troops.

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18th February, 1917.

1. The 57th Division will relieve the New Zealand Division and the New Zealand Division will relieve the 25th Division, in accordance with the attached table.
The Corps frontage and area will be extended accordingly on completion of relief.
2. The D.A. & Q.M.G., 2nd ANZAC, will arrange to provide lorries for the conveyance of 4 companies in one trip in the move of "B" and "C" Groups of the 57th Division.
3. OUTERSTEEENE Brigade billeting area will be reserved as staging billets for the New Zealand Division between reliefs, but the New Zealand Division may arrange with the 25th Division for direct movements into 25th Division area, when accommodation in the latter is available.
4. Command of Right Sector will pass from the New Zealand Division to the 57th Division at 12 noon, 25th February.
Command of Left (25th Division) Sector will pass at 12 noon, 26th instant.
5. The 57th Division will, as far as possible, complete training of all units with Box Respirator in back area, before moving forward.
Should any unit move forward untrained, it will not be allowed to use the Box Respirator until trained with it. Till trained, they will depend on the P.H.G. helmet, but the training with the Box Respirator must be carried out with the least possible delay.
6. Headquarters, 57th and New Zealand Divisions will open at SAILLY and STEENWERCK respectively at 12 noon, 25th instant.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

S. R. Pope Capt.

for B.G., G.S.,
2nd ANZAC Corps.Issued at ^{2 p.m.}..... to:-

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	Relieving Unit.	Relieved Unit.	Commence's relief.	Completes relief.	Sector.	Billeting area for relieved unit.	Remarks
1.	"A" Brigade Group. 57th Division.	"A" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.		18th Feb.	CORDONNERIE	OUTERSTEENE area.	
2.	"B" Brigade Group. 57th Division.	"B" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.	21st Feb.	6 a.m. 23rd Feb.	BOUTILLERIE	OUTERSTEENE area.	
3.	"C" Brigade Group. 57th Division.	"C" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.	23rd Feb.	6 a.m. 25th Feb.	BOIS GRENIER	OUTERSTEENE area.	
4.	"A" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.	Reserve Brigade 25th Division.	-	20th Feb.	-	-	
5.	"A" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.	"A" Brigade Group. 25th Division.	-	-	In line	Reserve area 25th Div.	Under orders G.O.C., 25th Division.
6.	"A" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.	"A" Brigade Group. 25th Division.	-	23rd Feb.	Reserve area 25th Div.	-	
7.	"B" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.	"B" Brigade Group. 25th Division.	-	-	In line	Reserve area 25th Div.	Under orders G.O.C., 25th Division.
8.	"C" Brigade Group. New Zealand Div.	"B" Brigade Group. 25th Division.	-	26th Feb.	Reserve Bde area - 25th Div.	-	
9.	"A" Bde. R.F.A. 57th Div.	"A" Bde. R.F.A. New Zealand Div.	-	-	-	Supporting Operations.	Relief already completed.
10.	"B" Brigade, R.F.A. 57th Division.	"B" Brigade, R.F.A., New Zealand Div.	21st Feb.	23rd Feb.	BOIS GRENIER	25th Div. area.	

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	Relieving unit.	Relieved Unit.	Commence relief.	Complete relief.	Ede. Sector.	Area for relieved Unit.	Remarks.
11.	"G" Brigade, R.F.A. 57th Division.	-	-	-	-	-	Dispersed under reorganisation Scheme
12.	"A" Brigade, F.A. New Zealand Div.	"A" Brigade, R.F.A. 25th Division.	Feb. 25th	Feb. 27th	25th Div. area.	-	Not available to commence relief until completion of 3rd Aust. Div. raid.
13.	"B" Brigade, F.A. New Zealand Div.	"B" Brigade, R.F.A. 25th Division.	Feb. 24th	Feb. 26th	25th Div. area.	-	
14.	Army Brigade, F.A. New Zealand Div.	-	-	-	-	-	Stands fast till further orders.

NOTE:-

Medium Trench Mortar Batteries of New Zealand Division will stay in line till relieved by Medium Trench Mortar Batteries of 57th Division. Trench Mortars will not be exchanged between these two Divisions.

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CORRIGENDUM TO 2nd ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 42.

21st February, 1917.

Reference Table of Reliefs, items 3 and 8, accompanying 2nd ANZAC Corps Order No. 42.

Owing to delay in arrival of units of 172nd Infantry Brigade, these two reliefs cannot be completed on the dates specified.

Further orders will be issued as soon as dates of their arrival are known.

2. H.Q., 172nd Brigade and such units of this Brigade as have arrived will move forward to SAILLY - ESTAIRES Staging area, and will commence relief under arrangements previously made between the 57th and New Zealand Divisions.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

S. R. Pope Capt.

for B.C., G.S.,
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II ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 43.

S E C R E T.Reference.1/20,000 FRANCE.
Sheet 36.

4th March, 1917.

1. 3 6" Howitzer Batteries and 4 60-pdr., and 4 4.7" guns have been placed at the disposal of II ANZAC Corps from March 8th for a limited period, as a reinforcement for the following special operations, which will commence on 'U' day and terminate on 'Z' plus 1 day. -

- (A) Counter-Battery work.
- (B) Bombardment of trenches, strong points, Trench Mortar emplacements etc., in preparation for, and in support of a raid by 3rd Australian Division.
- (C) Further bombardment of trenches etc., in case observation conditions do not allow counter-battery work to be carried out.

The following special allotment of ammunition is made for the above operation :-

- (A) 3,000 - 6" Howitzer.
2,000 - 60-pdr.
2,500 - 4.7" gun.
- (B) 2,000 - 6" Howitzer.
500 - 60-pdr
- (C) Unexpended ammunition from (A)
15,000 rounds of 18-pdr. and 6,000 rounds of 4.5" Howitzer are specially allotted to 3rd Australian Division for A, B and C.

2. Detailed instructions for operations A, B and C are attached.
3. 2 copies of the Artillery Orders and programmes of the G.O.C., R.A. and 3rd Australian Division and of 3rd Australian Divisional Orders for the raid will be supplied to Corp-s Headquarters.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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B. G., G. S.
II ANZAC Corps.

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OPERATION "A" - COUNTER-BATTERY WORK.

1. The G.O.C., R.A. will draw up programmes for counter-battery shoots for 7 days; as far as possible selecting targets in the following order of importance :-
 - (a) 5.9" Batteries.
 - (b) Batteries bearing on our line in neighbourhood of 36.I.5 and 11 and 36.I.21 and 26.
 - (c) Other Batteries forming good targets.
2. All available means of ranging will be practised.
3. Divisional Artilleries will co-operate with Heavy Artillery under arrangements made direct by G.O.C., R.A. with Divisions.
4. The G.O.C., R.A. will arrange with 12nd Squadron, R.F.C. for co-operation.

P.T.O.

OPERATION "B" - RAID BY 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1. The 3rd Australian Division will carry out a Battalion raid on the enemy's front line and support trenches for about 800 yards North from ARMENTIERES - LILLE Railway, (Square I.5.c. and d and I.11.a.) on the night 2/(2+1).
2. The G.O.C., R.A. in consultation with 3rd Australian Division will issue orders -
 - (a) For the preliminary bombardment of the trenches to be raided, including strong points from which enemy might counter-attack raiding party.
 - (b) For Heavy Artillery co-operation in immediate support of raid including neutralising counter-battery action.
 - (c) For bombardment of enemy's front and support trenches South West of the ARMENTIERES - WAVRIN Railway on a front of about 700 yards in squares I.21.c., I.27.a. and I.26.b., together with bombardment of Trench mortar positions and strong points on both sides of the railway near LA HOUSOIE Station.
 This bombardment to serve the purpose -
 - (i) of a diversion from the front to be raided and
 - (ii) as preparation for a raid to be carried out by 3rd Australian Division at a later date.
3. Full use will be made of Divisional Artillery in co-operation with the above bombardments.
4. The 2nd New Zealand Army Brigade, R.F.A., less one 18-pdr. Battery will be at the disposal of the 3rd Australian Division from 8th March, inclusive.

OPERATION "B" - (continued).

5. The 42nd Squadron, R.F.C., will arrange to photograph the results of each day's bombardment of front and support line trenches, and of such back positions as may be specially asked for by G.O.C., R.A. 3 copies of these photographs will be supplied direct to G.O.C., R.A., who will forward 1 copy at once to 3rd Australian Division.

Normal distribution of these photographs will not be made unless specially called for by Corps Intelligence.

P.T.O.

OPERATION "C".HEAVY ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENTS. - ALTERNATIVE TO COUNTER-BATTERY
WORK.

The G.O.C., R.A. will arrange for alternative programmes for each day in the event of counter-battery work being impracticable.

Programmes will be drawn up in consultation with 3rd Australian Division and Divisional Artillery will co-operate as required.

Programmes will include bombardment of -

- (a) Strong Points and Trench Mortar positions in UBEZ MACQUART.
 - (b) Strong Points and Trench Mortar positions in neighbourhood of RUELLE de la NOIX (I.17.)
 - (c) Front Line and support trenches from CHICKEN RUN to River LYS (I.17.a.) in preparation for a raid by 3rd Australian Division to be carried out at a later date.
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SECRET.2nd AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 18.

28th February, 1917.

The New Zealand Division having relieved the 25th Division, the 2nd ANZAC Corps area will be extended to include the area formerly held by the 25th Division.

The Northern boundary of 2nd ANZAC Corps area will be as follows :-

Front line U.15.a.0.4 - U.14.d.3.7 (ANNSCROFT Avenue to IX Corps, ONTARIO Avenue to 2nd ANZAC Corps) - along tramline to HYDE PARK CORNER (tramline to be controlled by IX Corps but common to both Corps), thence along REDLODGE Road - T.18.d.6.4 - T.22.d.2.5 - T.28.b.5.9 - T.27.b.8.0 - T.28.c.1.4 - T.25.d.5.4 - 36.B.1.Central - 36.B.1.a.8.2 thence Westwards along the present boundary between the IX and 2nd ANZAC Corps.

A hutment in T.27.d. now occupied by 36th Division will remain in IX Corps area.

Appendix No. 1 of 2nd ANZAC Corps Defence Scheme will be corrected accordingly.

2. Present Divisional Sectors will be known from right to left as :-

SAILLY Sector.
ARMENTIERES Sector.
PLOGSTERT Sector.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

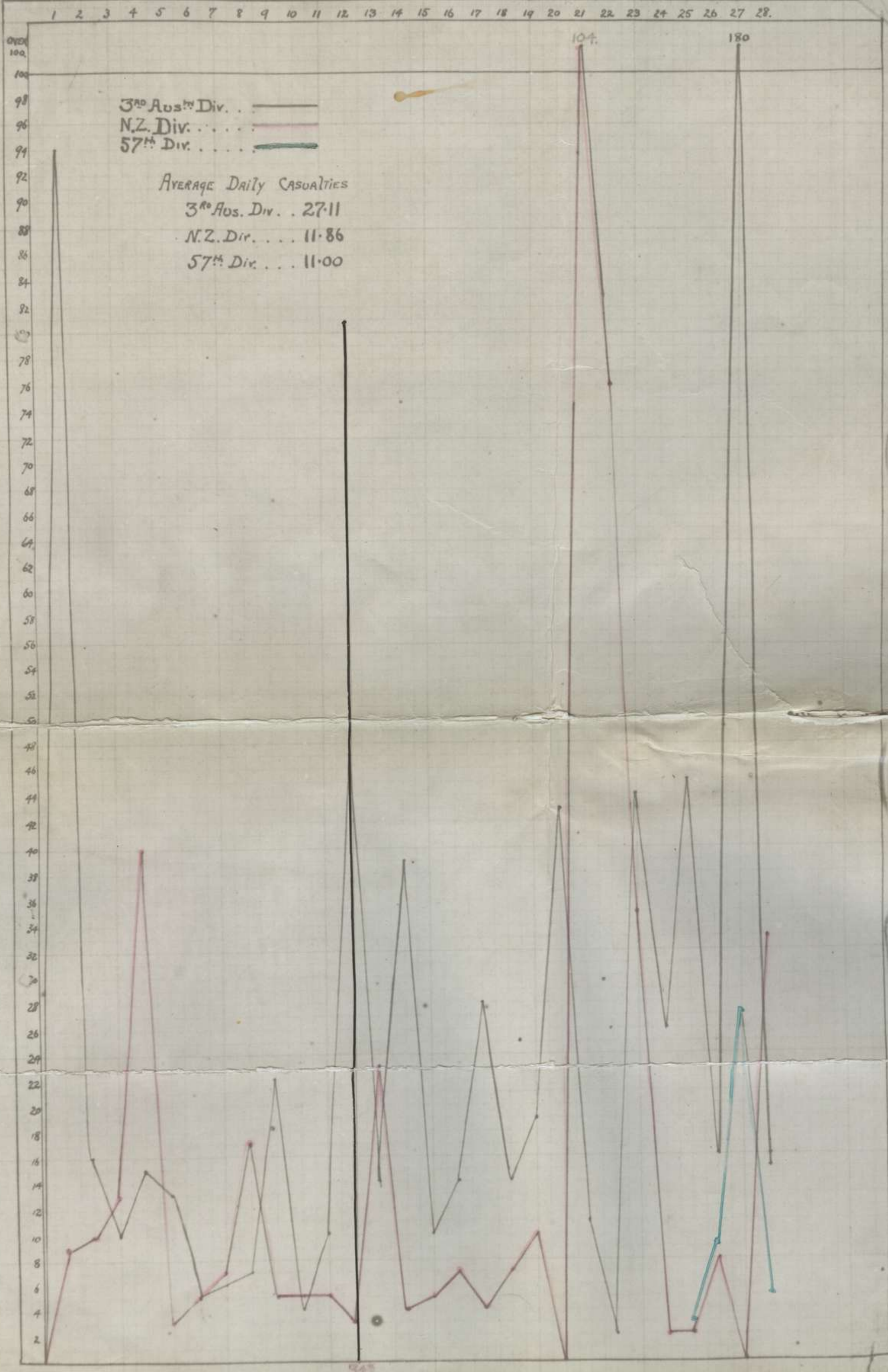
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CASUALTIES ON THE ANZAC FRONT FEBRUARY 1917.

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3rd Aus. Div.
 N.Z. Div.
 57th Div.

 Average Daily Casualties
 3rd Aus. Div. . . 27.11
 N.Z. Div. 11.86
 57th Div. 11.00

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3rd Div.