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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANZAC	1.12.15		<p>A very cold day. Water has still to be manhandled from the beach, as it is possible to use mules only at night, owing to the heavy shelling of HELL SPIT. The principle adopted is, that the mules will be used to fill the Reserve Tanks in CLARKES and VICTORIA BULLS, while the men carry the ^{daily} rations as much as possible.</p> <p><u>Rations</u> Position not satisfactory. Not sufficient coming forward. If we get a week of rough weather we will be hard pushed for rations but as there will also probably be <u>no</u> water at all, that is contingency need not trouble us.</p> <p><u>Discipline</u>. The Suspension of Sentences Act is capable of mis-directed benevolence. The 2nd Bde have now under sentence two real bad hats. Sentence having been suspended, these men are not being punished. It is impossible to believe that they will ever be such good soldiers as to secure remission. More power of recommendation should</p>	

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AIVZAC	1/12/15 2/1/15 3/1/15 4/1/15	Cont'd	<p>Rest in the Conferencing office. DA@ule to Ambros Rest Camp as Divisional Representative. A A@me takes "Q" work weather warmer. water still only 1/4 of gal. per man. Adverse medical report received and submitted. Ammo: Dump 205000 rounds in Victoria Gully completed. Heavy shelling of D.A.Q. Major Somerville, ^{DA@me}wounded. Adjustment of Branch necessitated, by absence on duty of DA@ule and press of work at Lt Col Foot A A@me takes all A matters Capt Parker. DA@C usual work, plus assists with C.M. Lt Hastie, Camp Cdt takes Q matters. This officer is versed in this work, having done about three weeks in that capacity during the absence, sick, of A A@me and, at Rest Camp, of DA@ule. Severe shelling of DA@. Sgt Brown lost ^{Right} leg. Cpl has been killed. of Rpt camp (acting as water Officer) severe shock. water question</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Anzac	4/12/15	Louis	<p>very acute. The strain on the men is enormous, and the risk of shelling while at the tanks is very great. Col. RE asked when water system would again be working but no definite information could be gained. Water 1 gal per man if it can be carried. As it cannot be carried, this is of small benefit. Mule transport of water continued all night.</p> <p>5/1-4/15 Water question still very difficult. The carriage of water by mules is impossible in daylight, and therefore it has to be manhandled. Captain Milnes, DA @ WLC ordered to return from 1MBROS as the work there is temporarily suspended.</p> <p>Application made for more mules, as the ones now in use are feeling the strain. There is no information as to when the water will run again.</p>	

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ADJAC	6/12/15	1400	<p>Captain Muller returned from Luhas. Mules ^{asked for} are not available. Application made for more five gallon water bags. Further issue of winter clothing. All units now fairly well complete. Court's martial. Many officers still weak on procedure.</p>	
	7/12/15		<p>Water still very short. Further efforts to get more petrol tins, but A.C. say none are available: as there must be plenty at Teneas it is difficult to understand why they cannot be brought up. More rations are coming ashore, but there is still a very grave shortage of fuel and building material.</p>	
	8/12/15		<p>ADQ heavily shelled from S.W. Water very scarce in lines, though plenty in tanks in Sheapuel valley. Winter clothing practically complete. Underground workings for housing troops proceeding fairly well. Bomb magazine well under way. New quarters for ADQ branch under way.</p>	

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ANZAC	8/12/15	Conis	List of names for New Year List of Honours submitted to A.C.	
	9/12/15		D.H. & again killed from S. Office work ^{at} present very heavy owing to absence of D.A. & Q.M. The replacement of casualties within branch is difficult, as there are so few regular officers available in the D.W.	
	10/12/15		Naval bombardment of "Ohue Cross" etc. Inspected Bde supply depots and water tanks on R. Hank. 400 000 rounds SAA VI now stored in two Divisional Reserve dumps in Clarks and Victoria valleys.	
		1400	Orders from ANZAC to be ready to move 2000 troops. Warning orders issued. Whole matter hinges on the naval arrangements + number of lighters available	
			Telegram from Anzac re further names for Croix de Guerre of Officers.	
			Telegrams to Bde etc.	
	11/12/15		Approx 2000 troops moved out to <u>Tubros</u> on night 11-12 Dec. Units as follows: HQ, 2/Inf Bde, 5 th + 6 th	* These were sent to Mudra. CF

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ANZAC	11/12/15		<p>Bns, 4th LH Regt., Details of Art. + Engrs, + 2 affrs 20 others Bw Train.</p> <p>The march discipline of the troops was not good, but this was in a measure due to the short notice given. Maj. Nicholson C803 and Capt Parker DANC assisted MJO. The Naval transport arrangements were bad, & the last troops were two hours late. The barge containing baggage left at 0330 12/12, and the steamer to which it was sent refused to take delivery. This necessitated the barge, with working party and baggage, being returned to shore. At 1030 the barge was re-loaded and dispatched under orders from MJO.</p>	
	12/12/15		<p>Orders issued for a gradual evacuation. The attached daily states show the diminution of strength. Defunct orders were difficult to obtain. A regrettable slackening of discipline was evinced in the Ordece Det.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANZAC	12/12/15	Contd	but this was quickly checked. All units now have 5 days rations, and a very large stock of S.A.A. Mule transport is thus available for carriage of surplus baggage to Beach. This must be done at night.	
	13/12/15		Orders for what practically means evacuation issued. HQ to reduce numbers gradually, so that on the night 18/19 there shall be only 4800 of all ranks left, all of which must be fighting men. The attached States (Appx) show the diminution of strength from 13/12/15 to 19/12/15	? Append H.
	15/12/15		a/DAC sent to Muroos to prepare camp etc.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANZAC	16/1/15		<p>Arranged details with Coo ^{Pl} Bde. It appears impossible to save all the SAA in the two dumps, but the entrance to the dumps can be concealed. Nearly all the heavy baggage has been sent on, 33 Art. Horses have been evacuated, and the bulk of the grenades etc are ready to be shipped.</p> <p>All units now have rations up to 30" plus two iron rations (Maconachie) issued in lieu of pres. meat, as there is a large stock of it - 98 mules evacuated, with all native drivers.</p> <p>The remaining 10 will be used as a "phantom army" and destroyed on 19". All tarpaulins have been treated with caustic soda. All alcohol has been destroyed by Officers ASC. Kerosene cases are stacked round all</p>	
	17/1/15			

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Anzac	17/12	Cont's	Provision dumps in order that Navy may shell them & set on fire. 4787 effectives now in ANZAC	
Anzac	18/12/15		Effectives reduced to 2400 C.O.C., A.A. & A.M.C., C.S.O. & left Anzac 11.30 pm. Embarkation of 2387 troops very well done by M.L.O.s	
MUDROS (SARPI)	19/12/15		Arrived 9.30 am. Disembarkation of troops remarkably ill arranged. Contradictory orders were issued by M.L.O.s and finally the balance of 700 troops were landed at South Pier, instead of at SARPI. The arrangements for such a simple matter as the disembarkation of 2500 troops seem to be beyond the powers of those of those responsible.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SARPI	20/12/15		} Arranging Camp, water supply, mail services, and details generally. Remains of Aus Div arrived from Angac	
	22/12/15			
	23/12/15		At midnight 22/23, orders to move to Egypt were recd. Div Art (part) Div Engrs and Div Tram were sent on, with DA Cmb & Co SO 3.	
	24/12/15		Further move of troops (vide Appx for details.)	
	25/12/15		No movement of troops	
	26/12/15		Vide Appx as to troops moved.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SARPI	27/12/15		No embarkation. To Orace and to Remount Depot, to arrange details.	
	28/12/15		To interbase. No embarkation	
	29/12/15		At 2pm, orders were received to provide for 1000 men of 185 th Bde, 42 nd Div. These were received just as the leading troops marched into camp. The men were dead beat, having been landed (as usual when destined for SARPI) at South Pier. The result of this muddling is is most detrimental to the troops. AA + ambulance ordered 100 gunners to assist. Tents were pitched, & troops fed, as they were too exhausted to do anything.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SARPI	30/1/15		<p>Dw Art and details embarked (vide Appx)</p> <p>More troops of 42nd Div arriving. Disembarkation arrangements about as bad as possible, owing ^{apparently} to lack of cooperation between L of C, Interbase, and Naval Transport Officers.</p>	
SARPI	31/1/15		<p>No embarkation. Lectures with Brigadier Elliot, minimum the</p> <p>minimum the</p> <p>vide Appx for details as to embarkation, on 2nd + 3rd Jan 1916, of the remainder of 1st Aus Div. On 2nd, the water transport arrangements were lamentable.</p> <p>Vol I. pp 49-60 inclusive extracted and forwarded to NAC 3rd Ech. on 14.2.16, owing to office records have gone astray.</p>	

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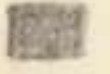

- A. Daily Distribution table of SAA (Sample)
- B. Sketch map Anzac, showing Supply Depots, water Tanks, Ammunition Drums
- C. Evacuation Schedule
- D. Schedule of moves from LEMNOS
- E. Skeleton orders used for rapid moving of troops at short notice, with schedule of troops

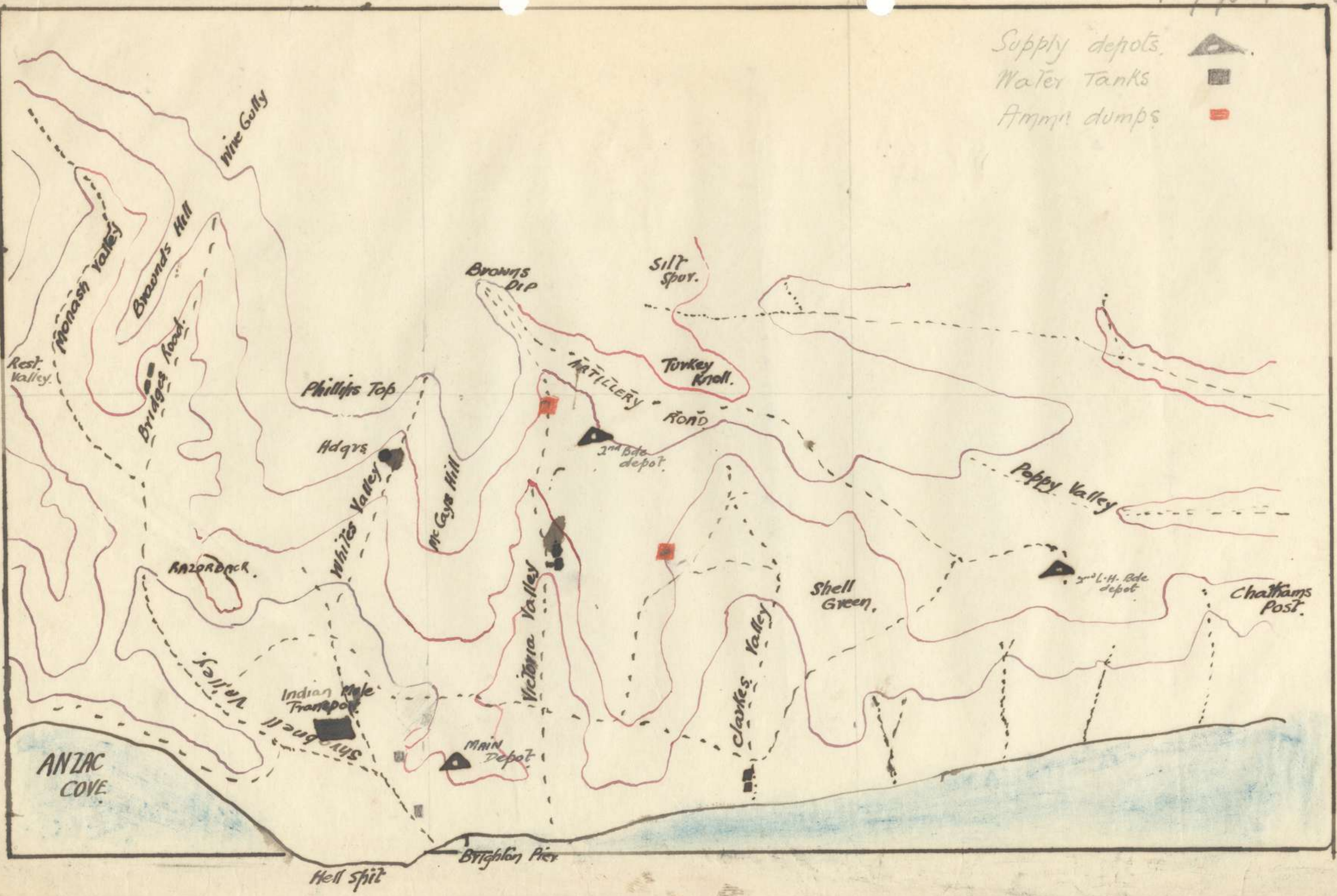
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Table shewing amount required to be held by units for week ending.

<u>Unit</u>	No of effective rifles and M.G. with Units	Amm ⁿ with troops 220 rds per rifle 11500 " " M.G.	Amm ⁿ in Bde Reserve 130 per rifle 10000 " M.G.	Nearest Div'n dump.
<u>1st Inf. Bde</u>	No rifles 2092 " M.G. 13	for rifles 460 240 " M.G. 149 500	for rifles 271960 " M.G. 130000 401960	Clarkes Valley.
<u>2nd Inf. Bde</u>	No rifles 2056 " M.G. 7	for rifles 452 320 " M.G. 80 500	for Rifles 267280 " M.G. 70000 337280	Browns dip
<u>2nd L.H. Bde</u>	No Rifles 1302 " M.G. 9	for rifles 286 440 " M.G. 103 500	for rifles 169260 " M.G. 90000 259260	Clarkes Valley.
<u>Inf. reinforcements</u>	No Rifles Nil " M.G.	for Rifles Nil " M.G.	for rifles Nil " M.G.	-

Note at 0800 each morning Bdes wire amount Ammⁿ in Bde reserve after all rifles and M.G. have been provided for, also amounts expended and received during previous 24 hours. Ammⁿ to bring the Bde reserve up to full strength as above is then sent up. The above table holds good for a week unless any large reinforcements join any unit.

Supply depots. 
 Water Tanks 
 Ammo dumps 



1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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SCHEDULE OF EVACUATION.

Date.	Unit.	No. Evacuated.	
		Officers.	Other Ranks.
11 - 12th. Dec.	Div. Headquarters. Hd. Qrs. 2nd. Inf. Bde. 5th. Bn. 6th. Bn. 4th. L.H. Regt. Div. Artillery. Div. Engineers. Div. Train.	84	1907.
12 - 13th. Dec.	Nil.		
13 - 14th. Dec.	Div. Hd. Qrs. Details. Div. Artillery. Other Details.	10	203.
14 - 15th. Dec.	Div. Artillery. 1st. Field. Ambulance.	15	547.
15 - 16th. Dec.	Div. Hd. Qrs. Details. Div. Artillery. Div. Engineers. Details.	23	617.
16 - 17th. Dec.	Div. Artillery. Details.	8	172.
17 - 18th. Dec.	Div. Artillery. Details.	21	126.
18 - 19th. Dec.	Div. Hd. Qrs. Other Units, all ranks.	3	38. 2387.
19 - 20th. Dec.	Other Units. all ranks.		2405.

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EMBARKATION SCHEDULE

from Mudros to Egypt.

Date	Dec. 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Unit	Offrs. C.R.	Offrs. C.R.	Offrs. C.R.	Offrs. C.R.	Offrs. C.R.	Offrs. C.R.	Offrs. C.R.
D.H.Q.	2	2		3			
4th L.H. Regt.	19	224		4			
Divl. Arty. (inclg attached)	6	300					1 39
Divl. Engrs.	17	421					
Divl. Train	10	100					
3rd Fd. Amb.	4	81					
1st L.H. Bde. Dtls.	12	349					
2nd " "		37					
3rd " "	17	417					
2nd L.H. Fd. Amb.	2	41		1	45		
1st Inf. Bde.			85	36	1006		
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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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EMBARKATION SCHEDULE

Mudros to Egypt

Date	Dec.30	31	Jan.1	2	3	4	5
Unit	Offrs O. R.	Offrs. O.R.	Offrs. O.R.	Offrs. C.R.	Offrs. O.R.	Offrs. O.R.	Offrs. O.R.
2nd Fd. Amb.	3	128					
Divl.Arty. (inclgd. attend)	17	326					
L of C Units	5	193					
2nd L.H. Bde. dtls.	-	4					
D. H. Q.	-	-	3	20	5	18	
Trench Mtr. Bty.	-	-	-	57	-	10	
Divl. Signal Coy.	-	-	3	100	-		
Army Corps Amm. Park.	-	-	-	90			
3rd Inf. Bde.	-	-	19	700	36	1012	
Ordnance Depot	-	-	-	4			
2nd Inf. Bde.	-	-	-	-	41	1505	50 1085 ⁵
1st Fd. Ambce.	-	-	-	-	4	130	
A.A.S.C. (Fd. Stchry)	-	-	-	-	1	19	

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Appx E

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO.

24 December 1915.

1 DETAIL.

The troops in Schedule will embark at

SABBI PIER, on **25.12.15**, at **0900**....

2 EMBARKATION STAFF OFFICER

MAJOR ASHBURNER, **M.V.O. DSO**, will act as Divisional Embarkation Staff Officer.

3 ROUTES.

Units will move as follows:-

STARTING POINT	TITLE	ROUTE	ARRIVE AT
/	as desired	/	/

4 MARCHING OUT STATES.

MARCHING OUT States in duplicate to **MAJOR**.....

ASHBURNER, **M.V.O. DSO**.....

5 AMMUNITION.

Units will carry 150 rounds S.A.A. per rifle.

6 RATIONS.

One days rations, plus the balance of the current days rations will be carried. Water bottles are to be filled. Dixies will be taken.

7 TRANSPORT.

By arrangement with **a/D.A.Q.M.G. 1st. Australian Division.** (Lieut. K. Kinnimonth.)

8 SANITATION.

Latrines will be filled in by rear parties, and all rubbish buried or burnt.

9 O.C. TROOPS.

If no senior combatant officer is on board.....

Lieut. Col. J. C. Robertson, .. will be O.C. Troops on board H.M.T.

10 UNIFORMS.

As under Brigade arrangements as directed.

CH Foot

Lieut. Col.
A.A.C. G.

Complete nominal rolls of all ranks will be required when the troops reach the transport.

UNIT.	STRENGTH.		ROUTE.	PLACE OF EMBARKATION	TIME	TRANSPORT	BAGGAGE TONS.
	Officers.	Other Ranks.					
D.H.Q. 3rd. Echelon.	5	25	As desired	Sarpi Pier	0845.		4
H.Q. 3rd. Inf. Bde.	4	17	"		0915.		
9th. Bn.	22	694	"				
10th. Bn.	30	982	"		0945.		
2nd. Fld.).)	3	128	"		³⁰ 1045.		12
Trench Mortar Battery.		57	"		0845.		1
1st. Inf. Bde. Details	1	40	"		1015.		

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Wednesday, 3rd November 1915.

1st Australian Division.

A.A.&Q.M.G.

ANZAC.

Reinforcements.

11 Officers and 780 Other Ranks for the 1st
Bde. arrived on the night 2nd/3rd, and were safely
disembarked.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 49,
by
Brigadier-General J. T. Hobbs, V.D.,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
8th November, 1915.

Conservancy
and
Latrines.

1. Detailed instructions regarding conservancy and the construction of latrines, together with the necessary plans, have been issued to all concerned.

C. H. FOOT, LIEUT-COLONEL,
A.A. & Q.M.G.,

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING CONSERVANCY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF
LATRI NES.

During the Summer one of the greatest dangers to the health of our troops has been the free access in places of flies to human excreta in trench latrines and their subsequent contamination of food. It was to prevent this that earth was largely used to cover excreta. The onset of cold weather, therefore, by killing off the flies will remove the greatest drawback to the open trench system of latrines. In the cold weather the flies will endeavour to maintain life by entering warm places, such as dug-outs, cook-houses, etc., and they should be relentlessly driven out of these shelters to perish in the cold outside. It is obvious that when we get rid of the flies, it will be no longer necessary to cover excreta in latrines with earth. But there is another objection to the continued use of trench latrines, and that is the small area available for this purpose.

Where this is the case or where the ground behind the lines slopes so steeply as to be unsuitable for trench latrines, it is desirable that the pan system be gradually installed. This change cannot be effected at once because the supply of pans is small and a sufficient number will probably only be acquired by economical accumulation by the unit. At present the only pans available are those that can be made from drums containing Cresol, Oil, and Chloride of Lime. Whenever these are obtained by a Unit the empty drums should be delivered to the Regimental Medical Officer for this purpose. Every effort is being made to secure a further supply of pans.

The top of the oil drum should be cut off close to the rim and clamps of hoop-iron riveted on, forming a lid to prevent slopping of contents in carrying. Wire handles should be fixed to each side of drum so that the full receptacle can be slung on a pole.

In the trenches the pan latrines should be situated off a wide communication trench, communicating directly with the ground behind the trenches. The pans should be placed side by side in sheltered positions with overhead cover, to keep the floor from becoming sloppy and if found necessary the floor should be covered with cement or boards. A 4" x 4" beam will suffice as a seat.

The regimental Sanitary Detachment under the R.M.O. must see that the pans are always placed correctly in position, and must thoroughly supervise to prevent fouling of the ground. The pans are emptied when three parts full, into a large and deep cess-pit, which is to be dug at a convenient distance and in a suitable spot in the rear of the lines. This cess-pit should have a gutter around it to prevent surface water running into it, and should have a bank of earth round the margin.

Pan Latrines outside the trenches should in the winter be situated in a shelter shed as in plan No. 1., substituting two rows of pans for the deep trench. To prevent fouling of the floor a light should be placed in the shed at night. One or more walls may be dug out of the ground if it slopes downwards behind the trenches, but sufficient ventilation must be provided. As the situation of these pan latrines will be more or less permanent it will be seen that once installed a certain amount of labour will be saved in digging deep latrine trenches and the dug-outs for these latrines. As before the floor should be covered with cement or boards.

Where a considerable area of land is available in trenches and behind trenches, it is not considered necessary to make a radical change in the latrine system, but it may be ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ advisable to economise ground space by making a partial change to the pan system. But it must be remembered from now on more protection against the weather and adequate means to prevent water draining into and thus filling latrines should be provided.

Inside the trenches rain can be kept out and building material for overhead cover economised by digging latrines on the lines shown in Plan ii, where the roof consists of an arch of earth, supported by a central column with deep trenches on each side of this column.

Behind the trenches, the trench latrines should be protected by three walls and a roof of galvanised iron as in plan No. 1. To avoid labour in digging new trenches and transferring the shelters, the trenches should not be less than 10 feet deep, preferably deeper, and should be 5 feet wide and 9 feet long. A 4" x 4" beam is placed on each side as a seat, and should be supported by an upright in the centre and have earth behind to prevent a faint man from falling into the trench. This sheltered latrine will accommodate 10 men at a time. The seat should not be more than 18" above the ground level, the front edge of the seat should be directly over the edge of the trench, and biscuit tin should be suspended from the rear edge of seat to direct urine into the trench. Floors should be covered with cement or boards. Care must be taken to prevent water draining into these latrine trenches.

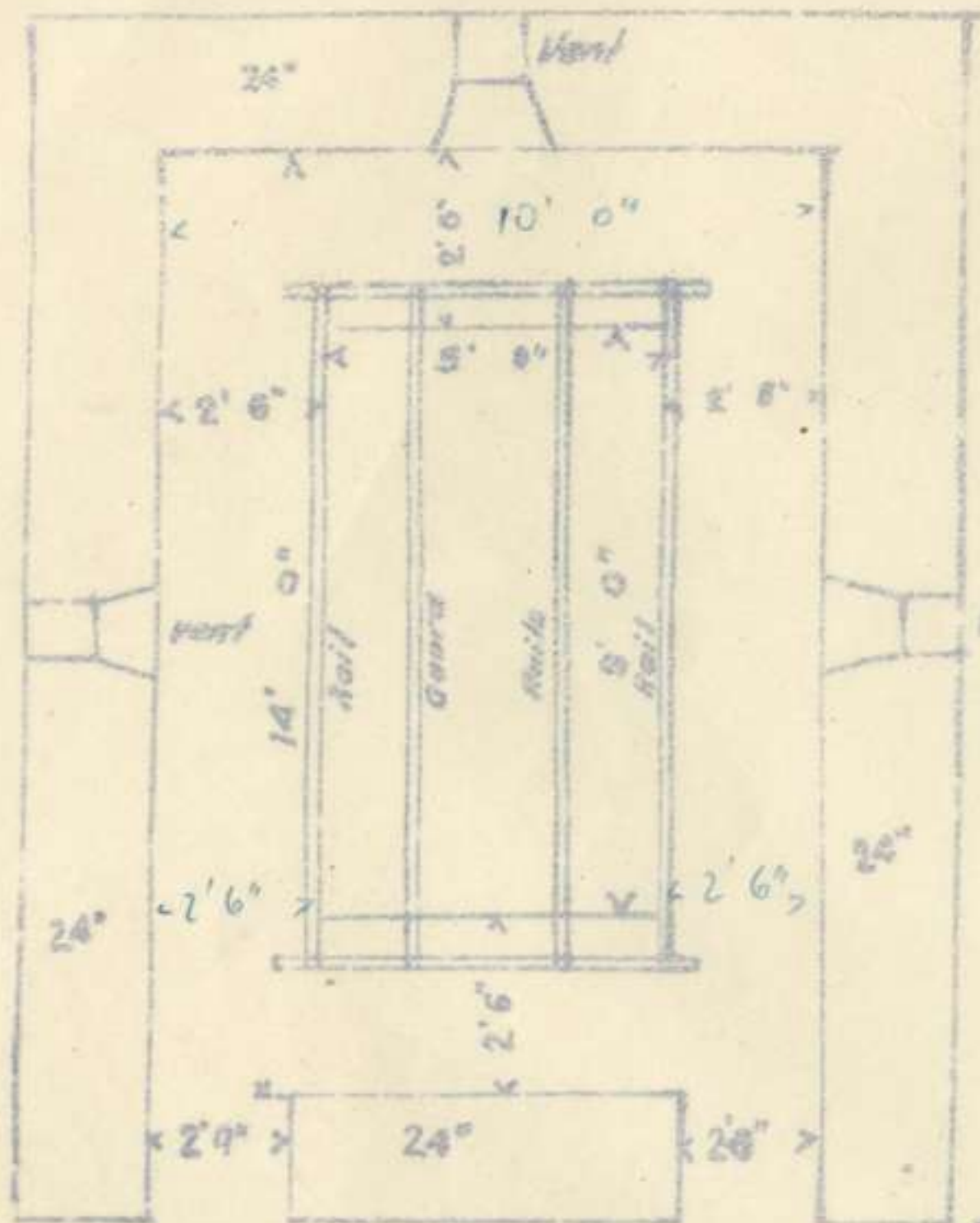
Cresol and Chloride of Lime may be used in small quantities in latrine trenches, pans and cess-pits. The sites of latrine trenches and cess-pits should always be chosen by the Medical Officer with a view to preventing contamination of neighbouring wells, inhabited dug-outs and kitchens.

In the cold weather it will be absolutely necessary to have urine buckets (oil drums are better than biscuit tins) conveniently placed for men occupying fire trenches, communication trenches, and dug-outs in the rear. These urine buckets should be kept in the same site as much as possible, so that men may not have difficulty in finding them at night.

Commanding Officers and Regimental Medical Officers should consult with the Engineer Officer of the Sub-Section and the Divisional Sanitary Officer, as to sites and construction of latrines, and the estimates of material required.

Plan of Latrines outside Trenches.

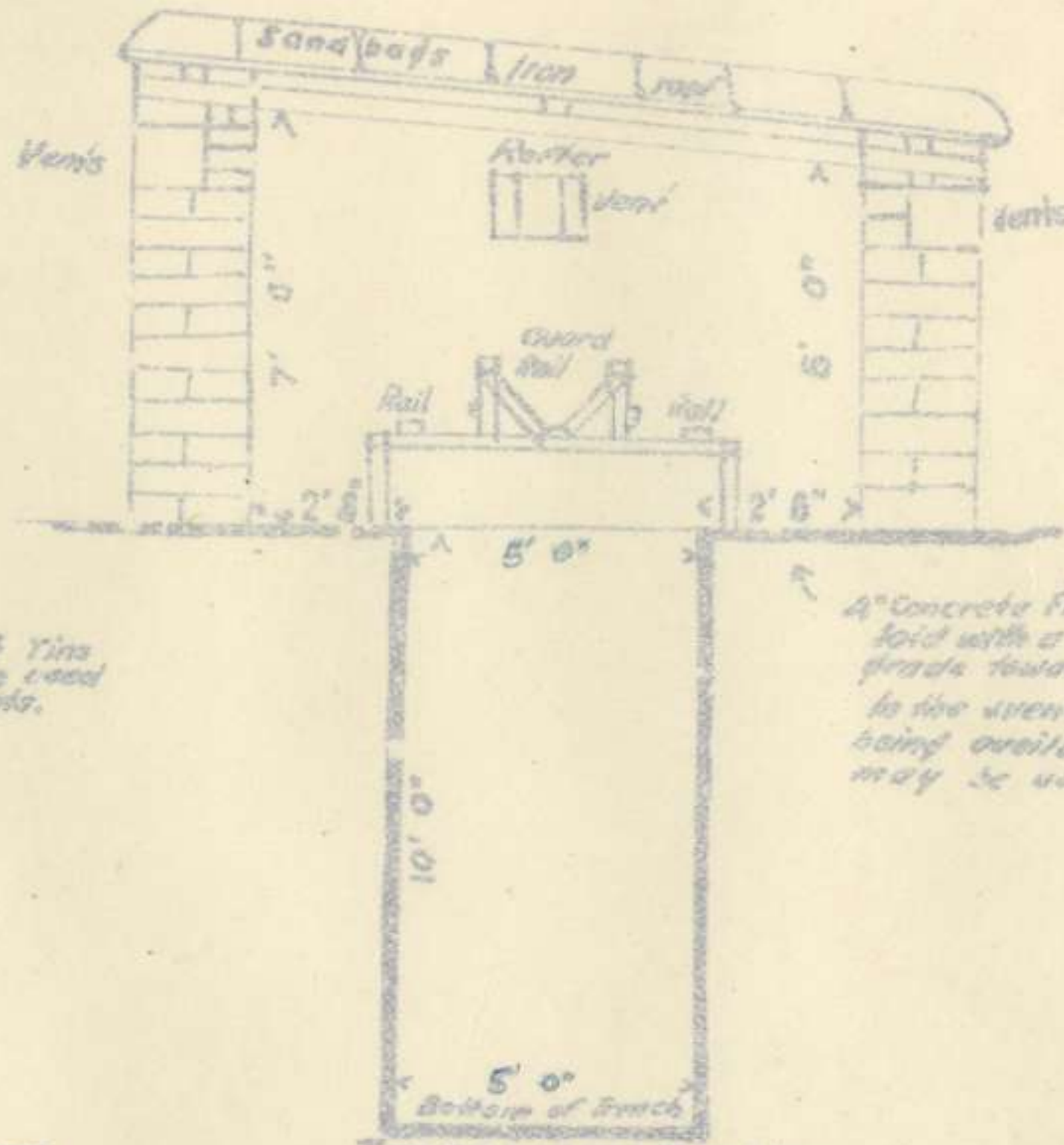
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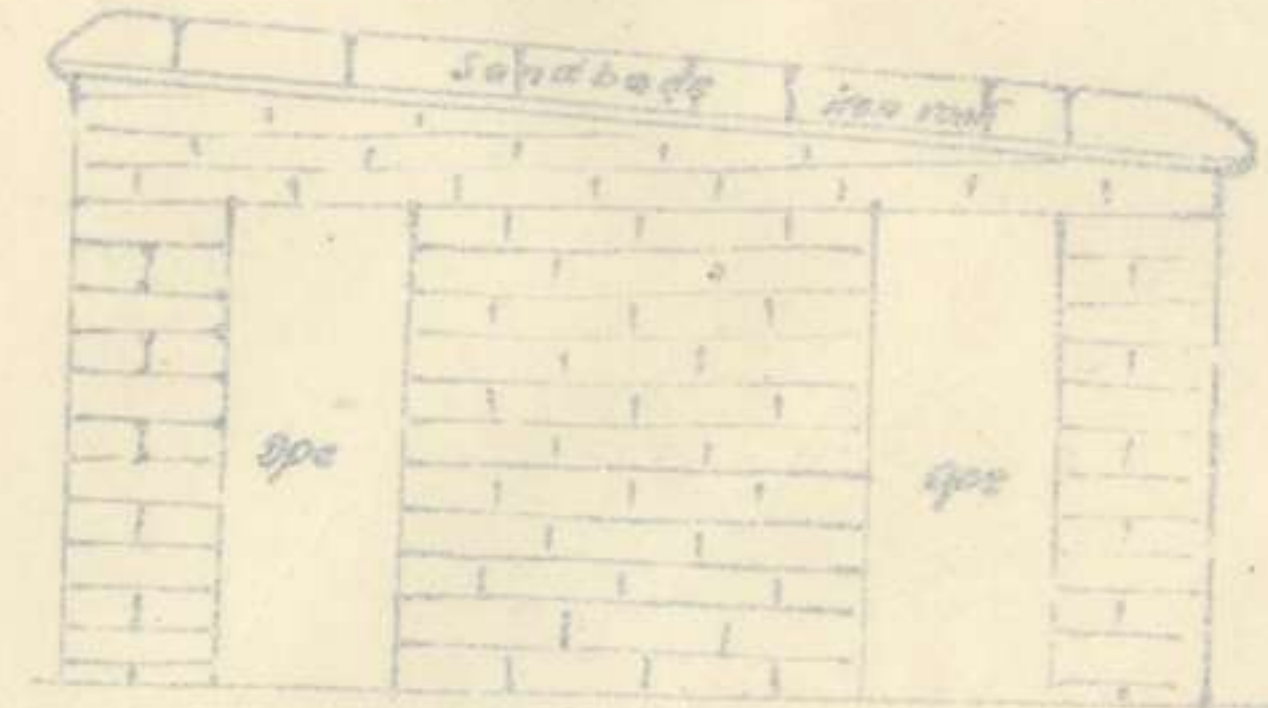
Plan

S.E. corner.

Note - This corner to face the South east, as the prevailing winds during the winter months come from the North and North west.



Transverse Section

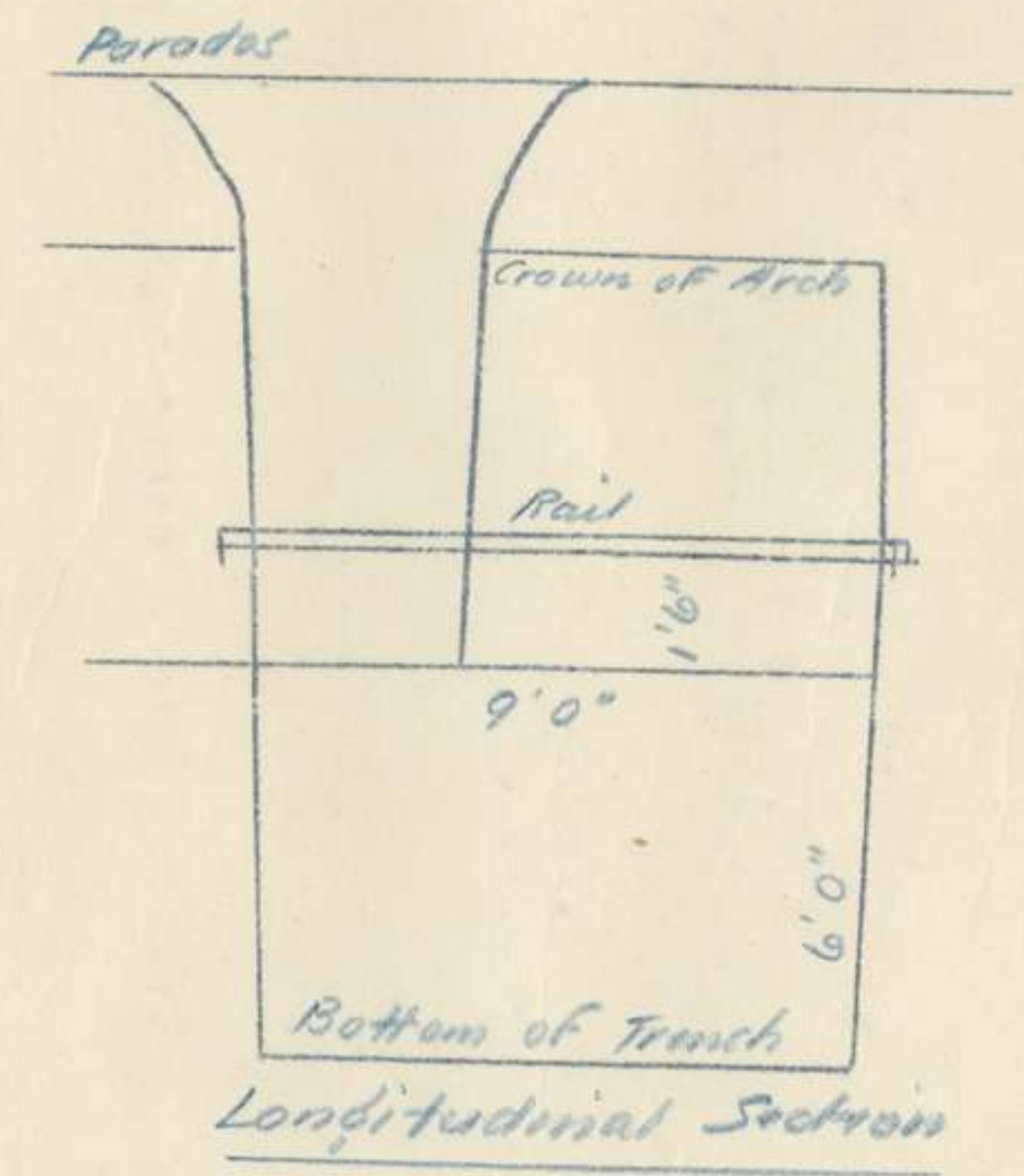
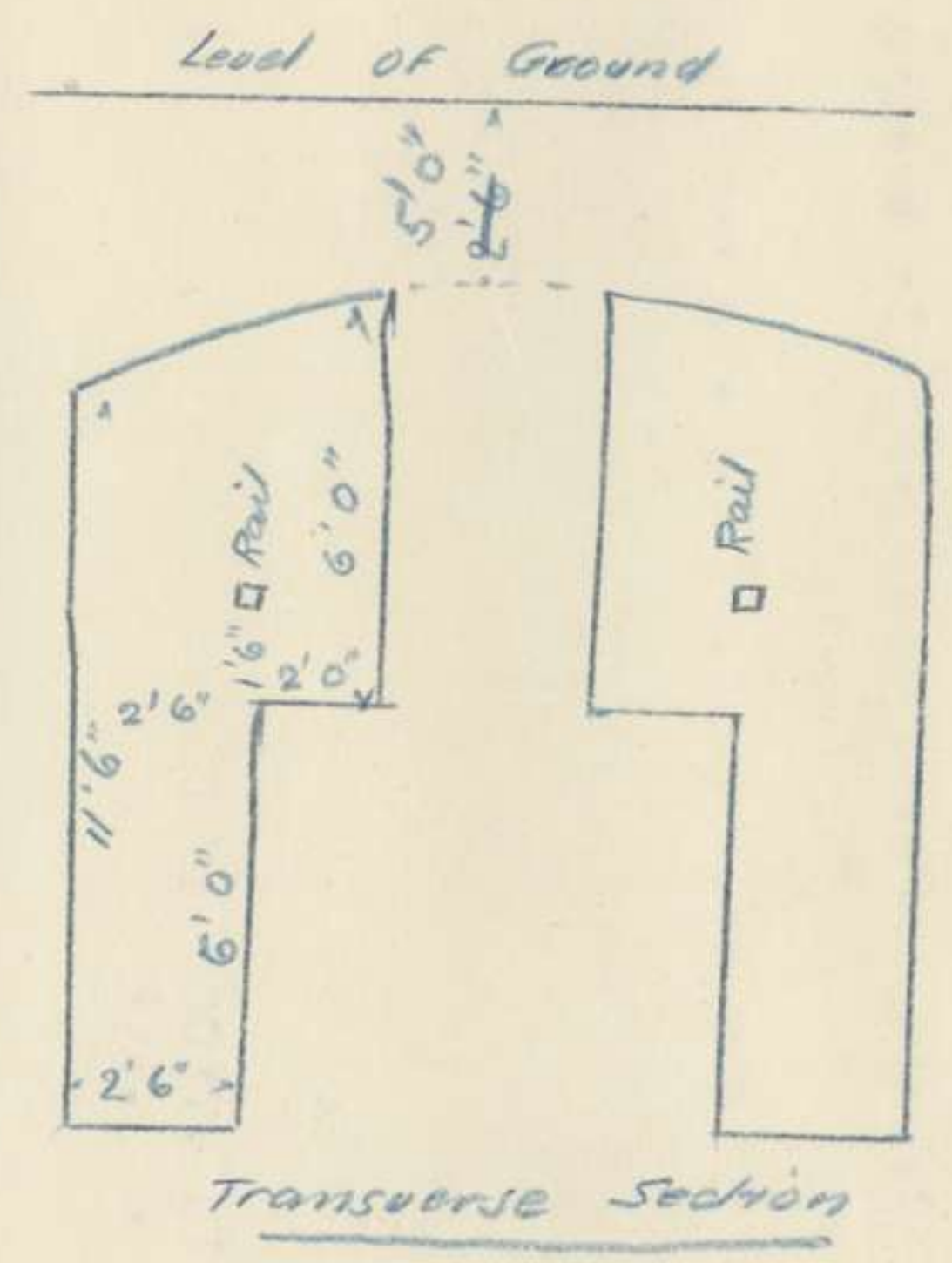
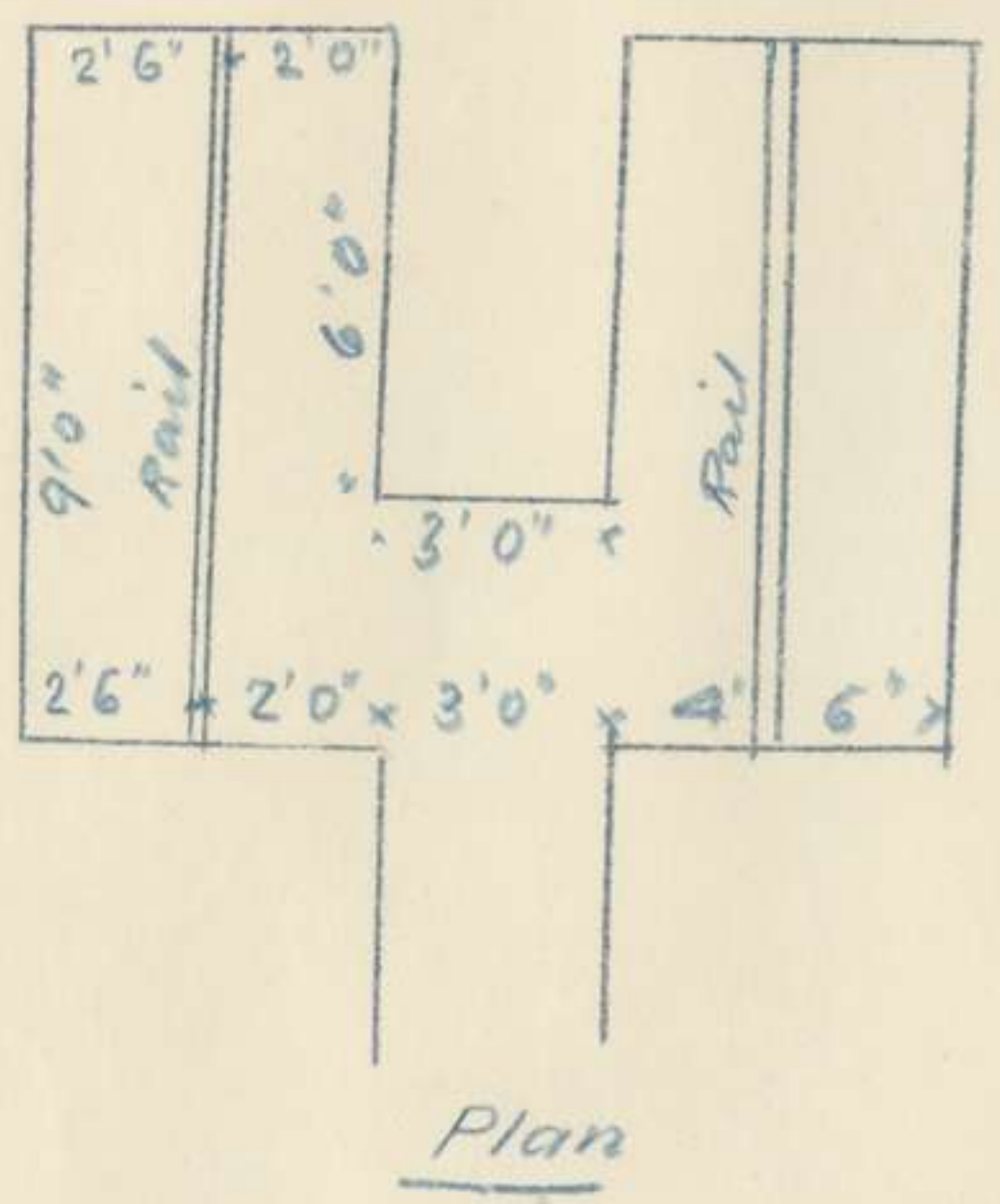


End Elevation

4" Concrete floor to be laid with a uniform grade towards trench. In the event a no cement being available heavy planking may be used instead.

If work to be carried out as per plan, it will require 900 Sandbags for walling, 16 sheets, 66' long of corrugated iron roofing and 234' of timber, including 89' for seating. Should there be iron available the erection of same would require 284' of timber, including 89' for seating, together with 33 sheets of corrugated iron.

Plan of Dugout Latrines
Scale - 5" to one inch



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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 50,
by
Brigadier-General J.T. Hobbs, V.D.,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
November 3rd., 1915.

Empty
Cartridge
Cases.

1. Empty cartridge cases (both gun and rifle) clips, 18-pounder, and chargers, are to be returned to store; Unit Commanders will be held responsible if these or any other stores are put to improper use by men of their unit.

C.H. FOOTT, LIEUT-COLONEL,
A.A. & Q.M.G.,

Confidential.

PLCS.

Thursday, 4th November 1915.

1st Australian Division.

A.A.&Q.H.G.

ANZAC.

Material.

Timber and iron for tents had not yet been landed, though every effort was made on behalf of the C.E. to expedite.

Confidential.

FLCS.

Friday, 5th November 1915.

1st Australian Division.

A.A.&Q.M.G.

ANZAC. Many units asked to be issued with black kit bags so that the extra winter clothing which was to be issued could be kept dry and clean.

A letter was sent to A.C. asking for authority to draw and place in selected dumps 400,000 rounds of S.A.A., as it was anticipated that the impending wet weather would make the roads impassable.

Some timber and iron was sent ashore; the Div. Engineers were advised.

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DIVISIONAL ORDERS NO. 203,
by
Brigadier-General J.T.Hobbs, V.D.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
5th November, 1915.

A.I.F. Orders. 1003. Attention is directed to A.I.F. Orders and List No. 7 issued therewith, dated 28th October, 1915, previously issued.

G.R.O.'s 1004. The attention of Officers Commanding is drawn to General Routine Orders, dated 26th, 27th, 28th, 30th, & 31st October, and 2nd., November, 1915, and especially to paras., 593, 599, 606, already issued. Also to Orders dated 3rd., November, 1915, paras., 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, & 623, issued herewith.

Army Corps Orders. 1005. Attention is directed to Army Corps Orders, dated 28th and 31st October, and 3rd., November, 1915, and especially to paras., 357, 362, & 365, issued to units.

Board of Inquiry. 1006. A Board as under will assemble in the Lines of the 3rd., Field Ambulance at 1400 on Friday, the 5th November, 1915, for the purpose of inquiring into the losses of certain articles on charge to the 3rd., Field Ambulance.

PRESIDENT.

Major D.A. Lane, 12th Bn.

MEMBERS.

An Officer to be detailed by 2nd. L.H. Field Amb.
" " " " " " D.A.D.O.S.

The Board will submit a recommendation as to whether the loss should be borne by the Public or otherwise.
The Proceedings will be forwarded to the A.A. & Q.M.G.,

Honours and Awards. 1007. Officers Commanding units, when submitting recommendations for Honours and Rewards, will ensure that all full Christian names are given. (ANZAC Ab.6787)

Promotions. 1008. No.10., Corporal G.H. Bush, 4th L.H. Regt., and No.171, Pte., F.H.Hall, Divisional Headquarters, are granted the acting rank of Sergeant whilst employed on the Clerical Staff at Divisional Headquarters.

Dated 1st November, 1915.

C.H. FOOT, LIEUT-COLONEL,
A.A. & Q.M.G.,

DIVISIONAL ORDERS NO. 204,
by
Brigadier-General J.T.Hobbs, V.D.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
6th November, 1915.

A. ADMINISTRATION

Message.

1009. General J.T. Hobbs, V.D. on relinquishing the command of the 1st Australian Division, desires to most sincerely thank all ranks for the hearty and cordial support given him whilst in temporary command of the Division, pending the appointment of a Successor to General H.B.Walker, C.B. D.S.O. invalided.

A.I.F.
Orders

1010 Attention is directed to Australian Imperial Force Orders dated 3rd., November, 1915, and List No. 8, of Appointments, Promotions, etc., issued therewith.

G.R.O.'s

1011. General Routine Orders and List No. 48, Appointments, Commissions, Rewards, etc., dated 4th November, are issued herewith.

Attention is specially directed to paras, 625, 627, & 628. With reference to para., 625, Censorship, Officers Commanding are held responsible that all ranks are carefully instructed as to what is not allowed to be written in letters.

In all cases, Standing Orders for the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Appendix 1 - Censorship - must be complied with.

Commiss-
ions.

1012. The following procedure will be adopted in future as regards the dating of Commissions provisionally approved by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

As soon as the Commander-in-Chief has approved of a Candidate's appointment to a Commission a notification will be made by wire. Those concerned should clearly understand that a soldier in question is to be at once removed from the ranks and treated as an Officer in anticipation of his being formally commissioned.

Directly this has been effected, General Headquarters through Divisional Headquarters should be notified by wire of the date of removal from the ranks and on which he actually assumed duty as an Officer. The date of assumption will be the date from which the commission will take effect. Should a candidate become non-effective, sick, wounded, or otherwise unfit to take up the duties of his appointment after the Commander-in-Chief's approval has been conveyed, it is to be clearly understood that such approval is, under the circumstances, inoperative.

Corri-
gendum.

1013. In the second line of para., No. 1006, Divisional Order No. 203, delete "Friday, 5th November", and substitute "7th November" therefor.

C.H. FOOTT, LT-COLONEL,
A.A. & Q.M.G.,
1st Australian Division.

NOTICES.

On receipt of information that Major-General H.B.Walker, C.B; D.S.O., was being invalided to England, the General Officer Commanding the Division sent the following message:-

"Sincere regrets and sympathy from whole Division.
All most anxious for your speedy-recovery and return".

Major-General Walker wired in reply:- (5.11.15)

"I am indeed grateful for the message from you and Division. Warmest regards to you all; sailing tomorrow.

Confidential.

FLCS.

Sunday, 7th November 1915.

.1st Australian Division.

A.A.&Q.M.G.

ANZAC. Brig.-Gen. Chauvel took over command of the Division. The necessity for providing more accommodation at Y.A. was brought to his notice, also the advisability of bringing A.Q. Branch up there as there was no room in the present location.

Arrangements were made with A.A.Q.M.G. 2nd Div. that a line of demarcation should be adopted, i.e. watershed of Phillips Top to head of Reinf't. Gully thence to Shrapnel Gully. This met with the approval of Army Corps.