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WAR DIARY ----- APPENDIX No. 14....

Evacuation of Gallipoli Peninsula
-----C O N T E N T S.

1. Summary of Events and copies of Correspondence in the initial stage.
2. Outline scheme for evacuation from G.H.Q. dated 25/11/15.
3. Orders and correspondence dealing with preliminary stage.
4. Orders and correspondence dealing with intermediate and final stages in general.
5. Orders and correspondence dealing with intermediate stage in detail.
6. Orders and correspondence dealing with final stage in detail.
7. Progress reports etc final stage - 1st night.
8. Progress reports etc final stage - 2nd night.
9. Reports on evacuation.
10. Summary of Events from time of leaving peninsula to reassembly of Army Corps.

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CENTRAL REGISTRY.

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ANZAC

December 1915

SUBJECT, AND OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Summary of Events and Copies of
Correspondence, Initial Stage.

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Schedule of Correspondence

Inter-office Minutes.

Note.—Inside sheets to be attached to this page.

APPENDIX NO. ~~14~~¹⁴....

1. Summary of Events and copies of correspondence in the initial stage.

C O N T E N T S.

- a. Summary of Events.
- b. G.H.Q. to ANZAC 0547 dated 23/11/15, reinforcements to be diverted to ALEXANDRIA.
- c. Reference withdrawal of ANZAC and 9th Corps being carried out as one operation.
- d. Reference command of 54th Division.

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Summary of events in the initial Stage

To be written by B G G S

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Decipher of Telegram

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From GHQ
To ANZAC

O.546 - 23-11-15

Telegram O 547 which follows is to be deciphered
by Brig Gen GS

GHQ

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ANZAC.

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Deciphered by Blyth

O547

23rd

Chief orders that all rein(for)forcements for
 MEF now at MUDROS except those for 29th
 42nd 52nd and Naval Divs will be sent
 to ALEXANDRIA. AAA. All drafts in future?
 will be diverted to Alexandria and? Landing
 of ammunition at ANZAC and SIVLA
 is to be limited to what absolutely necessary
 to replace expenditure

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"C" Form (Duplicate).

Army Form C. 2123.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message

Service Instructions.	Charges to Pay. £ s. d.	Office Stamp.
	Lord Nelson MRS	WA 22.15.

Handed in at _____ Office _____ m. Received 7.25 A.m.

TO Anzac

Sender's Number	Day of Month 22	In reply to Number	AAA
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Genl. Birdwood to Genl. White begins. my views unlikely to be accepted inform Genl. Godley and start future plans accordingly

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FROM Lord Nelson

PLACE & TIME

(24932). M.R.Co., Ltd. Wt. W9668/1672. 50,000 Pads-1/15. Forms/C.2123.

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Enciphered, by BGGGS

From - Gen' Godley

To Gen' BIRDWOOD

A HQ

22-11-15

Your wire to WHITE submit very necessary
 arrange for conduct of operation by this and ninth
 Corps as a whole otherwise we lose advantage
 north beach piers etc. Indications lately of
 enemy feeling our front and operation should
 be done quickly and without ostentation.

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Enciphered by BGGGS

From Genl Godley

To. Genl Birdwood. GHQ

If 54th Division is to remain for contemplated operation I strongly recommend Genl. INGLEDIELD be replaced by another officer.

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December 1915

SUBJECT, AND OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

*Outline Scheme
for Evacuation of Peninsula*

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Schedule of Correspondence

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Serial No. 1.....

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OUTLINE S C H E M E

for

E V A C U A T I O N of the P E N I N S U L A

1. General Outline.
2. Basis of Calculation.
3. Disposal of troops after leaving the Beaches.
4. Preliminary Stage.
5. Intermediate Stage.
6. Final Stage.
7. Requirements in Vessels.
8. Suggested outline of withdrawal of Wounded.

Appendix 'A' - Table showing daily withdrawals. (The allotment of troops ~~given~~ given is only for illustration and suggestion).

4 Copies typed
25.II.15.
B.R.M.

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OUTLINE SCHEME for the EVACUATION of the PENINSULA.

I.- GENERAL OUTLINE

- I. The evacuation will be carried out in three stages -
 - (a) Preliminary stage.
 - (b) Intermediate stage.
 - (c) Final stage.
2. The preliminary stage is that in which, all troops and all animals and material not required for a defensive winter campaign can be evacuated without comment before definite sanction to a withdrawal is received. This evacuation to include all troops due for rest who can be spared, all animals not required for the maintenance of the reduced force, all damaged guns, and all stores not required during the winter months.
3. The intermediate stage will begin directly the policy of withdrawal is accepted, and will include all men, guns, animals and stores not required for the tactical defence of our positions during the final stage.
4. The final stage will be the withdrawal of troops only, and, once begun, must be carried out with the maximum of speed possible. During this stage it must be recognized that it will probably be impossible to withdraw any more guns, supplies, stores, or material.

It must be realized that bad weather may at any time prolong these stages. The troops and guns left for the final stage must therefore be sufficient to hold our position during, say, a week of bad weather throughout which time we might be continuously attacked by superior numbers.

Further, though the programme for the intermediate period should include all troops, guns, animals, etc., not required for the final period, it must be accepted that it might at any



time be necessary to cease embarking guns, animals, and stores, and press forward the embarkation of troops (final period) with all possible speed.

5. For the success of the scheme it is essential :-

- (a) That a decision should be arrived at immediately, owing to the approach of winter weather, and the consequent danger of delay.
- (b) That as soon as the decision to withdraw is made, no more personnel, stores or supplies should be sent to the Peninsula.
- (c) That efforts to prevent espionage should be redoubled, the censorship made more strict, and all outward mails held up until the final period is begun.

2. BASIS of CALCULATION.

I. The present strengths at SUVLA, ANZAC, and HELLES are -

Place.	Men.	Animals.	Guns.
SUVLA.	50800	3000	91
ANZAC.	41300	2388	105
HELLES (Br)	32070	5718	124
,, (French)	10558	3501	73
T O T A L	134728	14587	393

Of the above, the effective rifles are, at present -

Place	Rifles	Yards of front
SUVLA.	32.407	11.000
ANZAC.	27.718	11.000
HELLES (Br.)	20.139	5.300
,, (French)	7.000	1.700

2. As a working basis for this scheme it may be taken -

- (a) That the whole French Force, less one-third of French Artillery, should be withdrawn during the intermediate ~~period~~ period, owing to the difficulties of divided command during the final withdrawal. The French line would in this

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case be taken over by British troops.

(b) That a total of two rifles per yard, plus one-third of our Artillery, and a proportion of administrative ~~of~~ services and beach personnel, should suffice to hold ~~the~~ the line for a week's fighting, and that only these numbers should be left for the final period -

(c) Thus, the troops left for the final period might be -

Place.	Troops.	Guns.	Animals.
SUVLA.	26.000	40	1.000
ANZAC.	26.000	40	500
HELLES.	18.500	60	1.000
T O T A L	70.500	140	2.500

less

(d) This leaves the following to be evacuated during the preliminary and intermediate periods -

Place.	Troops.	Guns.	Animals.
SUVLA.	24.800	51	2.000
ANZAC.	15.3000	65	1.868
HELLES (Br)	13.600	84	4.718
,, (French)	10.558	53	3.501
TOTAL (less French who will carry out their own evacuation).	53.700	200	8.586

more

(e) The actual details of troops to be evacuated during each period should be left to the decision of Corps Commanders, subject only to the above numbers being complied with.

A suggested detail is given in Appendix 'A'.

3. - DISPOSAL OF TROOPS AFTER LEAVING BEACHES.

Troops and animals leaving the Peninsula can be accommodated as follows :-

(a)	At IMBROS	20.000 men	4.000 animals ϕ
(b)	At MUDROS	60.000 men \ddagger	4.600 animals ϕ
(c)	On Transports	25.000 men	
(d)	-- do --		
	(sent away during the preliminary period)	19.000 men \S	
		124.000	8.600

\S . Some of these will be from the Peninsula. The balance will be from details at MUDROS, thus making room in that Island for more than the 50.000 mentioned in (b) above.

\ddagger . Less 19.000 to be taken off on return of the ships in (d), less sick and wounded in hospital ships, and less any killed.

ϕ To be reduced according to numbers accommodated in hose ships.

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4.- THE PRELIMINARY STAGE .

This has already been begun.

The total numbers of men which it is suggested to remove are shown in Appendix 'A'.

Corps Commanders are being asked about numbers of animals they can spare, and some have already been withdrawn.

5.- THE INTERMEDIATE STAGE.

1. If possible the following numbers should be evacuated during this stage (vide suggested detail in Appendix 'A')-

Place.	Men.	Guns.	Animals.
HELLES	10.600	84	4.718
ANZAC	9.600	74	1.868
SUVLA	17.500	58	2.000

2. (A) Of these about 3.000 men should be evacuated each night.
- (B) All the guns in (I) should be embarked in the first two nights.
- (C) On the third and following nights as many animals, vehicles and stores (in addition to 3.000 men) as it is possible to embark.
- (D) No definite number of days can be allotted to this stage, but it will be advisable for it to continue as long as tactical exigencies permit or until everything not required to be left for the final stage has been removed.
- (E) As soon as the final stage is ordered to begin, all embarking of animals, guns, and stores must cease, and the embarkation of men only be proceeded with at the utmost speed.

6.- PROGRAMME OF FINAL STAGE.

<u>Ist Night</u> -	Helles	10.000	
	Anzac	7.000	
	Suvla	7.000	

		24.000	- (18.000 in Carriers 6.000 in Battleships)

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<u>2nd Night</u>	-	Helles	8.500	
		Anzac	7.000	
		Suvla	7.000	
			-----	{ 16.500 in Carriers
			22.500	{ 6.000 in Battleships
<u>3rd Night</u>	-	Helles	-	
		Anzac	6.000	
		Suvla	12.000	
			-----	{ 12.000 in Carriers
			18.000	{ 6.000 in Battleships
<u>4th Night</u>	-	Anzac	6.200	{ 3.200 in Carriers
				{ 3.000 in Battleships

NOTES.

(a) In the event of the intermediate stage being curtailed one or more nights as necessary must be added to the final stage in order to embark the balance of the men left over from the intermediate stage.

(b) During the final stage any opportunity which occurs of saving guns or vehicles without interfering with the rapid embarkation of men will be seized. A few horse boats or lighters will be at each beach for this purpose.

(c) As soon as the French Force has completed its re-embarkation 'V' beach as well as 'W' beach will be used for the embarkation of British troops at Helles. A definite period of, say, 3 days (extensible to 4 days if tactical exigencies permit) should be given to the French to complete their embarkation.

(d) Arrangements will be made by the Navy to have boats off the shore at points where it is possible that stragglers or wounded may come down - such as Gully beach.

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NOTES.

- (a) The 3 gun ships should be capable of holding about 80 guns apiece, and should have 5 ton derricks. They would be allocated one to each beach (Helles, Anzac and Suvla.)
- (b) The 6 store ships could be any ships capable of hoisting and stowing numbers of vehicles, water carts, etc. Two would be allocated to each beach - one at the beach, one at Mudros ready to relieve the other when full.
- (c) The 6 horse-ships would be allocated 2 to each beach - one at the beach, the other at Imbros or Mudros. They would be loaded at night, and unloaded at Imbros or Mudros.
- (d) All the above would go to Imbros during daylight, except those at Suvla, which could remain there.

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8. SUGGESTED OUTLINE of WITHDRAWAL OF WOUNDED.

This scheme entails the possible evacuation of 1000 badly wounded to be evacuated at each beach in 24 hours.

The AQUITANIA (capacity 3500) and MAURETANIA (2500) to be at Mudros for the hospital ships to discharge into.

12 Hospital ships (capacity 500 cases each) to be available, 6 at Mudros and 6 at the beaches - 2 at each beach.

Two motor lighters for wounded only at each beach. These motor lighters should each be capable of taking off 500 wounded per 24 hours to the Hospital ships.

Each Hospital ship when full, will go to Mudros and discharge into AQUITANIA or MAURETANIA, another one taking her place off the beach. After filling up MAURETANIA and AQUITANIA the Hospital ships would cease to ferry, and remain as hospitals - proceeding as directed.

Lightly wounded must embark with the fighting troops in the carriers.

(ed) G.L. Maemann Col.

F.H. Mitchell Capt. R.N.

C.F. Aspinall Lt. Col.

Mudros. 16/11/15.

7. THE VESSELS REQUIRED FOR CARRYING OUT THIS PROGRAMME WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:-

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I. INTERMEDIATE STAGE.

PLACE	Troop Carriers	Trawlers	Motor Lighters	Flat Lighters.	Tugs	Steam Boats	Horse Boats	Gun Ships	Store Ships	Horse Ships	Hospital Ships.
HELLES	5	5	5	6 (Maltese) 1 (Egypt'n)	4	6	-	1	2	2	Normal Arrangements.
ANZAC	4	5	10	-	3	10	10	1	2	2	
SUVLA	4	5	10	1 (Maltese) 1 (Egypt'n)	3	6	6	1	2	2	
TOTAL.	13	15	25	7 2	10	22	16	3	6	6	-

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II. FINAL STAGE.

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PLACE.	Troop Carriers.	trawlers.	Motor lighters.	tugs.	flat lighters.	Steam boats.	Horse boats.	Old Battleships.	Hospital Ships.	Hospital motor lighters
HELLES.	12	5	8	4	4	6	-	-	4	2
ANZAC	5	5	10	3	-	6	6	2	4	2
SUVLA.	$\frac{1}{2}$ 5	5	10	3	2	6	6	2	4	2
Total.	22	15	28	10	6	18	12	4	@ 14	6



$\frac{1}{2}$ plus 5 from Helles on 3rd night.

@ Includes AQUITANIA and MAURITANIA at Mudros.

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Vessels Allotted for Final Stage

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	Ferry Steamers.	Armed Boarding or Other vessels.	Motor Lighters.	Trawlers.	Steam Boats	Launches. Pinnaces. Cutters.	Old Battleships or Transports.
Anzac.	3 (for 3000 men)	4 (for 3000 men).	10	5	10 ^B	12 0	2 (for 4000 men).

B. 6 for laying off shore with cutters.
 2 for h.T.O. Anzac.
 2 for Superintending Captain afloat.

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HELLES		ANZAC		SUVLA.	
Formation	Numbers	Formation	Numbers	Formation	Numbers.
P R E L I M I N A R Y P E R I O D.					
Details	3.000	54th Divn. Eastern Mount- ed Brigade	3359	53rd Divn. Details.	4647 3000
Totals	<u>3.000</u>	Details.	1073 <u>1000</u> <u>5432</u>		<u>7647</u>
I N T E R M E D I A T E P E R I O D.					
87th Brigade	2.500	29th Indian			
S.E.Mtd B'de	1.228	Inf. B'de.	3091	29th Divn.	6507
Lowland M.Bde	855	Details.	6500	Details.	10900
Details.	5.000				
Artillery.	1.000				
Totals.	<u>10.583</u>		<u>9591</u>		<u>17407</u>
F I N A L P E R I O D.					
42nd Divn.	4385	1st Austln.Div.	6131	11th Divn.	9284
R.N. Divn.	6751	2nd Austln.Div.	9776	13th Divn.	8429
52nd Divn.	4420	N.Z. Divn.	6288	2nd S.W. M. Bde.	1255
Artillery.	1000	Details.	3000	Mtd. Divn.	2285
Details.	2000	Artillery.	1000	Artillery.	1000
Totals.	<u>18556</u>		<u>26195</u>	Details.	3500
					<u>25753</u>
Grand Total	32139		41218		50807

CENTRAL REGISTRY.

Central Registry No. and Date.

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General Stall
ANZAC

December 1915

SUBJECT, AND OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

*Correspondence dealing with
Preliminary Stage.*

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(3) Correspondence dealing with preliminary stage.

C O N T E N T S.

- a. ~~A.H.Q. to ANZAC~~ ^{move of} re 54th Division 26/11/15.
- b. Appreciation by B.G.G.S.
- c. Memorandum to Q.
- d. A.H.Q. to ANZAC calling for report as to practicability of (i) system of mines (ii) offensive attitude.
- e. Reply to d.
- f. A.H.Q. to ANZAC - Corps Commanders to confer with Vice Admiral WEMYSS.
- g. Summary of proposals.
- h. do. do.
- i. ANZAC to A.H.Q. re transport.

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Decipher of telegram

From AHQ
To Anzac

AHQ.T. 3564. 26.11.15 received 0942

Reference AHQ.T. 3562 the embarkation of
54th Division should be made an opportunity
of testing whether troops can be embarked
from actual shore into lighters, and whether
such lighters when filled can get away
from beach aaaa The places where such
embarkations are possible should be marked
for future guidance aaaa
Please report result

Secret

Ga 328

26th Nov 1915

54th Div

1. The whole of the 54th Div will be in readiness to embark for MUDROS on the night 27/28 Nov.
2. The section of the line now held by the 103rd Bde will be taken over by the Eastern Mounted Brigade. The Indian Bde will be attached to the Eastern Mounted Bde. That portion of the line held by the Eastern Mounted Brigade and the Indian Bde will be known as No 15 Section ~~(North)~~ and will be commanded by Brig Gen H. W. Hodgson.
3. The sections of the line now held by the 101st + 102nd Bdes will be taken over by the N. 2 Mt Rifle Bde. ^{The more will be arranged direct with HQA Div} This part of the line will ^{become part of} be known as No 16 Section (South) and will be commanded by the O/C N. 2 Mt R Bde as a bde section.
4. Changes in the occupation of the line will be made by night as far as possible. Officers of units taking over new line will at once make the necessary preliminary reconnaissance and be informed by officers of outgoing units

- of mining policy and works in progress.
5. Every effort will be made to conduct the transfer with as little ostentation and disclosure by the movement of troops as possible during the period of preparation.
 6. The whole move will be completed by 6pm on 27th inst at which time Brig Gen Hodgson will report accordingly to AC HQ.

7. Please acknowledge

CP B White

 ANZAC

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Turks attack 8th Corps

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Ga 329

26th Nov^r 1915

N. 2 A. Div.

1. Please arrange forthwith for the N. 2 M.R. Bde to take over from the 54th Div. that portion of the line now held by the 161st & 162nd M.R. Bdes. The move will be arranged direct between you & the JOC 54 Div. The actual change in the trenches will as far as possible be made at night. Officers of incoming units will be sent at once to make the necessary preliminary reconnaissance and they will obtain full particulars of all mining and other policy and works in hand. The complete change should be effected before 6 pm on the 27th but at which time a report will be made to A.C.H. 2

2. The section of the line now held by the N. 2 M.R. Bde will be known as ~~NO III~~ section ~~(South)~~ & become part of NO III section

3. Instructions have been issued to the 54th Div. for the Eastern Mounted Bde to take over that part of the line held by the 163rd Bde. The Indian Brigade will be attached to the Eastern Mounted Brigade & that portion of the line held by these two units will be known as NO IV section ~~(North)~~

and will be commanded by Brig Genl.

H.W. Hodgson.

4 Please acknowledge.

C.P. White
Brig Genl
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Turks attack APEX

"C" Form (Duplicate).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Service Instructions.

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TO

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA

2420 26th GA 328

Your GA 328 received

No. 250
DATE REC'D 26/11/15
ISSUED TO Ga.
A. and N. Z. A. C.

FROM PLACE & TIME

54th Div 1335

"C" Form (Duplicate).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2123.

No. of Message

Charges to Pay. Office Stamp.
£ s. d. A 26 XI 15 C

Service Instructions.

Handed in at Office 1335 m. Received 1337 m.

TO

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number AAA

2406 26

Your no GA 329 duly received

No. 249
DATE REC'D 26/11/15
ISSUED TO Ga.
A. and N. Z. A. C.

FROM PLACE & TIME

NZ Div 1325

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.

Army Corps Head-quarters.

3rd December, 1918.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR. No 3.

1. The 54th Division, less 163rd Brigade and 1 Field Company, will form a Corps Reserve and will be accommodated as follows:-

Division H.Q.:- AUSTRALIA GULLY (92 S 4/5). (Previous H.Q. of Division.)

Corps

Reserve.

161st Brigade and 162nd Brigade :- distributed between WATERFALL GULLY (92 W 9) and TAYLORS HOLLOW (92 W 4-5), and the tents of the 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station and of the 1st Australian Stationary Hospital, at discretion of divisional commander, with H.Q. of brigades in WATERFALL GULLY or TAYLORS HOLLOW or with one in each.

Divisional troops will remain in the quarters they occupied before the division was withdrawn from the firing line, or will move into new quarters at the discretion of divisional commander.

2. The above distribution will entail moves of certain other H.Q. which will be distributed as follows:-

H.Q. of

No 4 Section

163rd Bde &

NZ.MR.Bde.

The 163rd Brigade H.Q. will remain in its old H.Q. in EVANS DELL (92 N 8).

NZ.MR.Bde H.Q. will occupy the quarters vacated by H.Q. 161st Brigade in AUSTRALIA VALLEY at 92 E 3.

The H.Q. of the regiments of NZ.MR. Brigade will take over the battalion H.Q. of the troops they have relieved at the discretion of the brigade commander.

The H.Q. of the Eastern Mounted Brigade in FINSBURY VALE (92 S 8/9) will be the H.Q. of No 4 Section.

Reserve
to No 4
Section.

3. The 163rd Brigade together with 1 Field Company of 54th Division are allotted as reserve to No 4 Section.

Reliefs in
fire
trenches.

4. All ordinary reliefs of troops in the firing trenches will be carried out gradually, the maximum exchanging at one time being limited to a squadron or a company.

C.R. White

Brig-General.

Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

(Note. The original - carbon copy - of this sheet was sent to Major J.L. Treloar, at his request, for exhibition in the War Museum. A.W. Bazley. 20/9/21.)

Notes on proposed operation.

1. The operation is practicable provided :-
 - (i) It is divided into 2 stages :-
 - (a) First Stage : wherein evrything surplus to actual requirement to resist attack is removed; wherein time is not a vital factor; for which adequate transport is provided to enable full advantage to be taken of every hour of ~~the~~ weather.
 - (b) Second Stage : ^{Five} The removal, from Anzac and Suvla as a whole, in two (2) nights of all remaining personnel; and the destruction of guns and stores likely to be of use to the enemy.

The Army Corps Commander feels strongly that the first stage should begin at once and be completed within 10 working days; and that the second stage will be an extremely hazardous operation if prolonged for more than 48 hours.

2. The utmost secrecy will be necessary. The 1st stage will be explained as a reduction of the garrison to minimize water and supply difficulties; and to provide rest camps for each unit to arrange changes during the winter

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Notes on proposed operation

1. The operation

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is practicable provided:

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1st stage: wherein every thing surplus to actual requirement to resist attack is removed;

wherein time is not a vital factor; for which adequate transport is provided to enable full advantage to be taken of every hour of fine weather

(b) Second stage: The removal, from ANZAC and SUVLA as a whole, in two (2) nights of all remaining personnel; and the destruction of guns & stores likely to be of use to the enemy.

The Army Corps Comdr. feels strongly that the first stage should begin at once and be completed within 10 working days; and that the 2nd stage will be an extremely hazardous operation if prolonged for more than 48 hours.

2. The utmost secrecy will be necessary. The 1st stage will be explained as a reduction of the garrison to minimize water & supply difficulties; and to provide rest camps for each unit to arrange changes during the winter.

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3. The transport available at ANZAC at present is:-

- 3 motor lighters and 3 "C" lighters; 1 M lighter
- 3 Horse boats and one (1) picket boat.

(Another M lighter and another picket boat is expected)

This requires to be doubled, at least, for the first stage and to be trebled for the 2nd stage

4. The principles governing the conduct of the first stage should be:-

- (i). The removal of all men redundant to approved garrison
- (ii) " " " " " " " " " " " "
- (iii) " " " " all stores, vehicles & animals not

required for the maintenance of the approved garrison. Only those stores etc should be removed which if left would be of value to the enemy. Any delay due to a desire to take away things of minor importance is to be deprecated. Tents and obvious marks will be thrown away and the remainder must be left finally.

5. The aim will be during the first stage to bring the garrison down to the following:-

	<u>Frontline</u>	<u>Support etc</u>
(2 nd L.H. Bde	2 L.H. Regts. { 240	1. L.H. Regt. 240
1st Inf Bde	2 Battns. { 600	1. Batta 600
1st Aust Div. } 2 nd Inf Bde	2 Battns. { 600	1. Batta 600
	2880.	1440

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		<u>Firing line</u>	<u>Supports etc</u>	<u>14</u>
2nd Aust. Div	5th Bde	3 Batts 2400	1 Batta 800	
	6th "	3 Batts 2400	1 Batta 800	
		<u>4800</u>	<u>1600</u>	
A.Z.A. Div	1st LH Bde	2 Regts less 2 Sqdms 300	2 Sqdms 150	
	3rd LH Bde	Do 300	Do 150	
	N.2. Inf Bde	2 Batts 1100	1 Batta 550	
	4th Inf Bde	Do 1100	1 Batta 550	
	N.2. M.R. Bde	2 Regts 660	1 Regt 330	
		<u>3460</u>	<u>1730</u>	
East. Mtd Bde	East. Mtd Bde	2 Regts 600	1 Regt 300	
	Indian Bde	2 Batts 1200	1 Batta 500	
<u>Note</u>	one Batta 7th Inf Bde will be held in Corps Res.	<u>750</u>		
		<u>2550</u>	<u>800</u>	

- In round numbers this gives a total of 19000 troops on a frontage of between 10000 and 11000 yards.
- (ii) To these numbers must be added, Staffs, Artillery, Supts, Am.C. A.S.C. & Base details bringing the total up to approx. 22000 men.
- (iii) ~~97~~ guns are at present employed. Of these 34 may be removed at once leaving 63. A further reduction of 33 can be made during the first stage.

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(IV) The present stocks of ammunition can be reduced to the quantities laid down in War Estimates up to and inclusive of D.A.C. - both for small arms and guns.

The calculations will be made for 19000 rifles
40 machine guns
and 63 guns of varying type. When the reduction from 63 to 30 is made the proportion of Ammunition remaining will be sent away with the guns.

(V). The advanced medical store depot will be withdrawn during this stage. Field Ambulances will be reduced to the lowest possible figure - in those cases where tents are standing they must remain if visible.

The 13th Casualty Clearing Station will be sent away and only one or two visible tents left standing.

The 16th Casualty Clearing Station will be reduced to one half. The 1st Aust Casualty Clearing Sta. will be retained for the present. The 1st Aust. Stationary Hospital will be sent away. The 21st and 24th Sanitary Sections will be sent away.

(VI) No attempt will be made to remove supplies unless it is found that the rapid despatch of more important stores has left transport idle.

(VII) All possible Ordnance & R.E. stores will be removed.

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2nd STAGE

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6. The second stage should be effected at the first suitable opportunity and should not be fixed for any predetermined date. The question of moonlight must be considered: from about 7th to 20 Decr. there will be a good deal of light. When the first stage is practically completed & Div. Comdrs should be informed secretly of what is in contemplation and given clear instructions of the procedure to be followed.

As soon as this has been done and while suitable weather conditions are being awaited arrangements will be made to collect and remove:-

- (i) A certain number of furs
- (ii) A quantity of trench stores
- (iii) As many blankets and as much personal equipment as can be got away.

The final operation must not however be delayed to enable this.

7. The following are three essentials in the conduct of the 2nd stage:-

- (i) Complete coordination and synchronizing of all movement with 1st Corps
- (ii) The provision of facilities to enable the operation to be completed in two (2) nights
- (iii) Retirement from existing line - by gradual movement which will leave organization intact both tact and not disturb existing communications.

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8. During the first night of the 2nd stage it is desired to withdraw:-

	<u>Supports etc</u>	<u>Firing line</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 st Div. {	1. LH Regt 240	and 1000 men	2440.
	2 Balm. 1200		
2 nd Div {	2 Balm. 1600	" 2400 "	4000.
13 th Div. {	4 Sgms 300	1060	2790.
	2 Balm. 1100		
	1 Regt. 330		
East. Intake {	1 Regt. 300		1400
	1 Balm. 500		
Ind. Bde {	Possibly a 2 nd Bde. 500 600		
Details in round numbers			1370
A total of say			<hr/> 12000

(11). The operation on the first night will be carried out by the Army Corps. Supports etc will be withdrawn as complete units. Men from the firing line will be withdrawn by the removal of companies from Balm. or platoons from companies whose place in the line will be taken by the extension of remaining men.

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(iii). Div^l and Bde organizations will remain intact during the first night. Div. H.Q. will withdraw when the whole of the troops set down for removal ~~on~~ the first night have embarked. A staff officer from each Div^l will remain and make his H.Q. at the beach in touch with the Senior MLO allotted to his Div. He will be in communication with Bde H.Q.s.

At this stage one Div. Commander will be appointed to command the remaining troops as a rear guard. He will be placed in communication by the AC Sig Coy with each Div. representative.

The Army top Comdr will withdraw to a Cruiser and a pocket boat will be required for his use.

(iv). No artillery personnel or materiel will be withdrawn during this night. The whole of the Mountain art. guns will if possible be withdrawn during the following day. Artillery will be warned that they will be withdrawn on the 2nd night and arrangements will be made to put remaining guns out of action.

(v) During the withdrawal on the first night everything possible will be done to give a normal appearance to our position. Bombing and sniping will be kept up. Troops extended in the fire trenches will be actively employed at firing from varying places - but not wilder.

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(vi) Sigsyn will be instructed to lay mines and fix trip wires in forward trenches

(vii) The flanking destroyers will go on with their normal routine; and hospital ships should be retained in position.

(viii). During the last day the offing must have a normal appearance - of trawlers lighters etc.

(ix) The whole of the embarkation during the first night will be made from the north beach. The piers will be prepared accordingly and a number of extra barrel piers will be prepared. The arrangements will be made for all movements and embarkation of the Corps Staff and a sufficiency of M20s will be required.

9. The movement on the 2nd night will be begun by a prearranged communication between Rear Guard Comd. AUFAC and 14th Corps. The order will be transmitted to Rde Comd. by Dist. representatives.

10. The movement should be made gradually and as directly as possible to the rear, embarkations being effected from several places along the whole beach.

This necessitates:-

- (1) The selection and ~~marking~~^{marking} of embarking places and the provision there of
 - (a) Pier accommodation (temporary)

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(b) a sufficiency of transport

(c) MLOS in communication with PMLOs and Rear guard commanders ANZAC + SOVLA

(d) clear instructions being issued by Div. Comdr

WY ~~representatives~~ to brigades as to embarking places, the numbers of troops to arrive for each tow and the route to be followed

11. (i) Bdes will be instructed to effect withdrawal in 3 steps which will be made by thinning out the line and extending the remainder. Remaining troops will be specially active from varying parts of the line. The total number of troops to be withdrawn will be approx 10,000

(ii) Artillery personnel will be withdrawn during the second step.

(iii) Machine guns will be brought away in equal proportions during each step

2nd - night
(iv) Bde Comdrs may embark with troops removing at the first step. Bn. Comdrs will remain and be in command of what is left will be war parties. A representative will remain at Bde H.Q. Bde representatives will withdraw with Bn. Commanders. Bde and Bn staffs will remove their telephones when they go.

(v) Mines will be prepared & left ready when the last troops leave. So that all fire may not cease suddenly arrangements will be made for connecting

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Cartridges to fuzes lengths at various places.

(ii) Bde Comdr. will arrange for the destruction of all stores etc left behind. A destruction party will be told off and this will embark with the troops going with the last step.

(iii) A small ambulance detail will remain to the last with each Div. The hospital motor lighters will be used to remove as many cases as possible. If necessary some of these ambulance details must remain with the wounded.

(iv) M L O's ~~will~~ at each embarking point will report to respective P. M L O's as each step is completed. When all the troops are embarked they will remove their telephones and join the last boat.

== Note. On the day after final embarkation ships of the Fleet may be able to execute damage to the enemy by a vigorous bombardment of our old lines and area, and this it seems advisable to arrange for.

Sgd A. J. Godby only
Comd'g A.I.N.S Army Camps.
27. 11. 15.

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SECRET

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- Q.
1. The present policy is to reduce the ANZAC garrison to the minimum required to resist attack. In round numbers this may be set down as 22000 men. The troops to be moved and their approx. numbers are given in Table A attached; this also indicates the order in which they may be moved.
 2. The number of guns emplaced will at once be reduced from 97 to 63. The guns to be moved are shown in Table B. A further reduction will be made later of which you will be advised.
 3. The quantities of ammunition to be maintained will be that laid down in War Establish up to and including DAC for:
 - 19000 rifles
 - Remaining guns.
 All ammunition in excess of this will be removed.
 4. The stocks of bombs and other warlike stores including RE stores will not be increased hereafter.
 5. All clothing, equipment, rifles & other ordnance stores surplus to the immediate requirements of 22000 men will be removed. All RE stores surplus to immediate requirements will be removed.
 6. Supplies will not be removed but you should

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begin at once to stop fresh receipts and put troops on to existing stocks

6. Troops etc removed from here will be sent to IMPROS from where necessary exchanges will subsequently be effected. Rest Camps for each Div will be formed there and representatives from the Army Corps, from Divs and from Bdes should be sent there as soon as they can be received. Tents at IMPROS are urgently required and all that are available will be sent there. Hospital tents which are visible to the enemy are not to be removed but may be reduced in numbers by them.

7. Please let the CE see these instructions. The CE will arrange for the construction of some brestle mers near Williams and Wickers piers to facilitate the rapid embarkation of troops. This is necessary in order to take advantage of fine weather.

8. The date upon which the movement of troops and guns may begin will be communicated to you. The removal of surplus stores and certain ammunition in progress now may continue.

C. B. White
27. 11. 15.

Changed to
Mudros.
CWJ
9/12/15

Date of
beginning
9/12/15
CWJ

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Table A. of memo to Q

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		Approx. numbers	
		OH.	OR.
1. <u>Rt Aust. Div.:-</u>			
	2 Battns	35.	1000.
	# Details :-		
	HQ	7.	34.
	Artillery	12.	206
	Infy.	2.	40
	Sigs	4.	61.
	ASC	3.	22.
	1 Regt. 2nd LH Bde.	20	350
	# Details - LH Bde	2.	12.
	" Train		24
	" 7 th Amb.	2.	32.
	Remnants	5.	201.
	Pack parties	2.	63.
	<u>Total =</u>	<u>94.</u>	<u>2045</u>

Figures for details represent nominal numbers - they may be exceeded but must not be reduced.

© If these have joined their units a corresponding reduction will be made in the units.

2. 2nd Austn. Divn.

AD or 3 Battns 7 th Inf Bde.	90.	2405
Details 5 th & 6 th Inf Bdes	3.	45.
7 th Field Ambulance.	5.	116
Details 5 th & 6 th 7 th Amb	3.	102
Forward	<u>101.</u>	<u>2668</u>

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Forward	101.	2668
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Details. Div. Supt.	3.	92.
" Train	3.	40.
13 th L.H. Regt.	18.	357.
Details. Div. H.Q.		
+ Sig. Coy	4.	37.
	<u>129.</u>	<u>3194</u>

3 N.Z. & A. Divⁿ.

1 Regt. 1 st L.H. Bde	12.	218
Details " "	1.	19.
" 3 rd " "	1.	19.
1 Regt " "	9.	209.
Details N2 M.R. Bde		18
1 Regt " "	16.	353.
Details 4 th Aust. Inf. Bde.	3.	30.
1 Batt ⁿ " "	10.	536.
Details N. Z. Inf. Bde		15
1 Batt ⁿ " "	19.	478.
Div. Supt. (details) N2	12.	165.
" " Aust	1.	45.
Details Artillery (incl. alt'd).	10.	200.
2	2.	22.
1 st L.H. 7 th Amb.	2.	59.
4 th 7 th Amb.	4.	138.
Details N3 7 th Amb.	3.	53.
Div. Train - Details	4.	65.
Details. Div. H.Q. Cars.	3.	23.
Total =	<u>112.</u>	<u>2663</u>

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4. 54th Divn.

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The whole except -

163rd Bde 79. 1339.

" 7th Amb. 6. 153

85. 1492. =

180 - 2799

Total =

5. Eastern Mtd Bde + Indian Bde.

Details HQ Sig Sec. East Mtd Bde.

2 . 19.

S. Mtd Bde. 7th Amb.

2 . 45.

Details HQ Sig Sec. Ind. Bde.

11.

2 Battalys

14. 990

Patrolmans

2 . 168

Total =

20. 12336. ANZAC Base. (not in order of departure)

Details Ho las Cl. Station.

24.

13th Cas. Cl. Station

10 . 89.

2 Sanitary sections

1 . 36

1st Aust St. Hosp.

9 . 77.

Details Army Lopo Gun Park.

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" Base Ordnance

34.

" ASC.

3 . 74

3 Labor Corps.

9 . 595

Pay.

1 . 2.

Total.

33. 1008

Expanded Total.

568. 12942

To which may be added - ACHA =

8. 88.

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Table B to memo to Q

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Guns.

1st A/Bw	}	1 - 6" Howitzer	6 th Batty
		4 - 5" "	2 of 5 th Howland 2 of A/Bw.
		1 - 4.7"	4.7 Battery
		10 - 18 pdrs	= 1 of 1 st Bty; 2 of 3 rd Bty; 2 of 5 th Bty
		<u>16</u>	Total.
A 3rd Bw.	}	3 - 6" Howitzers	2 of 17 th Bty, 1 of 6 th Bty
		6 - 5" "	2 each of B, C and D/Bw.
		2 - 4" naval guns	—
		7 - 18 pdrs.	= 1 of 1 st Bty; 2 of each the 2 nd , 3 rd
		<u>18</u>	Total.

Gross Total = 34 Guns.

Places to cover
 Sumbur. to be
 occupied with them
 on 2nd night

Immediate steps will be taken by Div^{ns} direct within
 the A.C.M.F. for the removal of all official papers, maps,
 spare stores, kits & baggage. →

Wakit word

→ The movement will be made as quietly as possible and
 troops will be warned against lights, smoking and all
~~issue~~ avoidable noise.

§ A detail of whom is attached hereto as Table B

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Oa 353

To ANZAC

Ⓐ a 353 27/11/15

GHQ wish us to consider and report on following points

One - a a a - practicality of organising in each area a system of
 1 defensive * mines to cover withdrawal of troops - a a a -
 two - a a a - advisability of adopting an active offensive attitude to deceive (q[#]h enemy) regarding our intentions a a a please report on above points

AHQ

* lines ?

enemy

③

J J McComary

~~See 1/2/16 - 2/1/16~~
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Secret Ga 367

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A.N.Z. Army Corps

28th Nov^r 1915.

Memorandum

GOC A.N.Z. Army Corps

To: Lt. Gen. Comdg. Dardanelles Army.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your message Ga 353 asking for a report on:

- (i) the practicability of organizing a system of defensive mines to cover withdrawal;
- (ii) the advisability of adopting an active offensive attitude to deceive the enemy of our intentions.

2. As regards (i) while I think that in certain carefully selected positions the explosion of mines may assist us by imposing caution on the enemy I am entirely averse to the adoption generally of a course of action which will tend to disturb the normal night conditions. It is upon the existence of perfectly normal conditions I rely for success, and past experience induces the belief that if such conditions are not disturbed the removal of the greater part of the troops can be effected without the enemy's knowledge — always provided that full facilities are available for the rapid embarkation of men.

Apart from the objection that a comprehensive system of mining would disclose something abnormal it

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would have the added disadvantages of bringing about increased artillery ^{after the explosions} activity, including a shelling of the beaches, and of alarming enemy supports and reserves. The latter would certainly lead to active patrolling after the explosions, and the early discovery of our intentions; and such a discovery might jeopardize the embarkation of the last troops.

I trust therefore that the decision to mine or otherwise may be left to Army Corps Commanders.

3. Similar objections can be raised against the suggestion to adopt a vigorous offensive attitude.

In our present circumstances a fire demonstration is the most of which we are capable. We frequently resort to this measure for a variety of reasons and in it we are as often as not unsuccessful in alarming the enemy. But I submit that the conditions we desire for success are those of quietude, and even now I am ordering periods of quiescence in order to accustom the enemy to them; and these will be followed by periods of greater activity so that the enemy may be further misled.

For the final operation I feel strongly that we should do our utmost to avoid alarming the enemy in any way. A sudden cessation of activity would certainly retard the embarkation of the troops destined to

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embark last.

Our whole efforts should I consider be concentrated upon what may be regarded as the two essentials to success viz:

- (i) the avoidance of anything which will disturb the quiet conditions of a normal night.
- (ii) the provision and organization of sufficient naval transport to remove the troops at a maximum rate.

Alex Rodley
Lt. General
Comd'g A. N. 3 Army Corps.

P.S. I would point out that the telegram to which above is a reply arrived in the ordinary way & was therefore deciphered & passed in the ordinary way, thus passing through the hands of two subordinate staff officers before reaching B. G. G. S. - Also that in a subsequent message regarding possibility of IXth Corps withdrawing from certain trenches the word 'evacuation' was used which perhaps under the circumstances was not fortunate. A.R.

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Decipher of telegram

From AHQ
 To GOC. Anzac

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28-11-15

recd. 1215

Vice Admiral WEMYSS who is temporarily
 Commanding fleet anxious to meet Corps commanders
 here tomorrow if weather permits a.s.a.

I will let you know time of meeting later a.s.a.

Will General BYNG arrange for destroyer to come
 over in and will he call for General GODLEY
 on the way. a.s.a.

Corps Commanders should bring with them
 definite proposals based on outline scheme
 shown them last week.

AHQ

Cipher destroyed R.M.

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Notes for GOC

1. Our detailed proposals are simple. We require to move, in round numbers:-

(i) ^{At first or} preliminary stage } Some 20000 men
Some 600 guns and
Quantities of stores.

We want this done in 10 days and therefore require 3 times our present amount of transport (and in the case of packet boats 6 times the present number)

? Large ferry to Sumbros

(ii). We want the final stage done in 2 nights

(a) During the first night we want to remove some 12000 troops. They will all be embarked at North Beach & we want more trestle piers there or cutters which will take

men from off the beach

(b) On the day of the 2nd night we will want to remove at least 12 guns - probably more and some Ammunition.

(c) On the last night we want to remove at a maximum rate some 10000 men.

We want to embark these men from at least 8 places on the beach behind the Aug Re line. These places want marking, & they will want an A.T.O. into at each, and telephone communication.

These men will sit at least 5 of the 8 places have to embark from the beach.

We want spots to stand close in

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In Cipher

From Genl Godley

To AHQ

29-11-15

Summarized my proposals are 1st stage
 20,000 men 60 guns, much stores, time 10 days
 transport required treble that now here and
 at least 6 steam boats aaaa final stage two
 nights 12,000 men from existing piers first night
 at least 12 guns following day 10,000 men
 second night at maximum rate from 8 places
 directly in rear of lines - transports close in aaaa
 Shelling today indicates need action promptly on
 any decision made.

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Cipher

From Genl. Godley
To Genl. Birdwood - AHQ

In accordance with _____ + _____ have
asked communications for transport to take
away surplus horses wagons & stores and
3000 men tonight and following nights
till total 18,000 evacuated as a
operations here much hampered by lack
of naval transport. Can you help in
this.

Genl. Birdwood

(3)
In accordance with _____ + _____ have asked
communications for transport to take away surplus horses
& stores and 3000 men tonight, and
following nights till total 18,000 evacuated.
Operations here much hampered by lack of naval
transport. Can you help in this. x - 1 ✓ ✓ ✓
at M ✓ x