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4NZAC	1.12.15.		A considerable amount of shelling by the enemy throughout the day. A supply of ammunition for the JAPANESE mortar having been received two guns were in action. Good results were obtained against the enemy's advanced works on HARRIS RIDGE. Two firsts being obtained in the communication trenches in which men could be seen working and a bridge traverse which the enemy had erected was demolished. Special Army Corps Order published by Gen. Birdwood on 1st Dec. 1915. Command Appendix 1.	
	2.12.15.		A considerable amount of shell fire during the day. The trenches on the Right of 1st Brigade coming in for most of it. Otherwise the day passed in comparative quiet. A Jap mortar was mounted near the Lady Galway saps and registered on SNIPERS RIDGE.	
	3.12.15.		A certain amount of movement was observed in the enemy's lines and communication trenches and in one instance a considerable number of tanks was engaged with success by our artillery. The usual sniping and shelling took place. Weather milder and damper.	
	4.12.15.		Enemy's artillery showed considerable activity, directed principally against our guns posted above Divisional Head Q. The loss falling near the Head Q. dumps, one of which was hit, causing two casualties, killed and wounded.	

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ANZAC	5.12.15.		Re Enemy was generally quiet and there was less shell fire and sniping. Of late the Turks have been doing a considerable amount of work on their defences chiefly on their second line of defence. This line is reported in several places.	appendix 2
	6.12.15		Op. Memo: No 41 The day passed quietly. The Turks were observed relieving their trenches opposite 1st Lfz Brigade. Re men entering the trenches had obviously been newly equipped and clothed. During the early part of the afternoon there was a little shelling on our post and support trenches, but no damage is reported. Re Jap mortars are doing good work on the enemy's overhead cover.	appendix 2
	7.12.15.		Re Enemy were fairly quiet all day and less than the usual sniping and Artillery fire is generally reported. Re Navy fired a series at targets in the neighbourhood of OLIVE GROVE, but no result was not observable.	
	8.12.15		Re snipers in front of WILSON'S LOOKOUT being reported as active and becoming a nuisance. A series was fired by the JAP MORTAR. Two direct hits on enemy's trenches and overhead cover were observed, but the fuzes were not fusing accurately and several rounds burst high in the air for no apparent reason. Much good work is being done all along our line in the construction of deep shell proof dugouts. These should prove proof against any bombardment but they are very dark and will require to be lighted. Efficient arrangements are also being made for storing grenades in the fire trenches.	

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ANZAC 9.12.15			<p>The most noticeable feature of the day was an attempt by the enemy to knock down our parapets, practically along the whole of our front. The enemy's guns were in the neighbourhood of 80-2-9 and were of a light type. No serious damage was done to either personnel or material, but a good many sandbags were displaced. Simultaneously with this a heavy gun fired on BROWN'S DIP and MC CAY'S HILL. The remainder of the day passed quietly. The enemy have of late been firing a considerable number of 'pepper' bombs which effect the eyes, causing a considerable smarting. Some specimens recovered they seem to be made of lead with some form of bursting charge, which opens the shell and liberates the irritant chemical. That this is has not yet been determined. The effect is not great.</p> <p>A combined naval and position gun bombardment of OLIVE GROVE took place at 11.30. HMS BACCHANTE, ENDYMION, GRAFTON, PEMBROKE and another monitor took up position west of CAIBA TEPE and after a preliminary spotting round from 800 yds opened fire. The PEMBROKE maintained a regular rate of fire with its 12 in. the burst being plainly distinguishable among those of the other guns, the other ships maintained a series of broadsides.</p>	
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			<p>During this the 8 & 9 Batteries F.A. fired 40 rounds per gun and the 16th Siege Battery 6th How. and 5th LOWLAND How. Bde (5th) maintained a steady rate of fire.</p> <p>The whole area estimated to contain the guns known as "BEACHY BILE" was searched and with exception of a few rounds the shooting was remarkably regular and as far as observation permitted well placed.</p> <p>Aeroplane reconnaissance was attempted but clouds were too low to permit of it being effective.</p> <p>Altogether the ships put about 600 rounds & shore guns 300 rounds into the area.</p> <p>On cessation of fire the enemy gun from position shelled sent over a few rounds to show it was still there. Its position is evidently entirely protected from any fire which can be made from possible observation from our positions.</p> <p>The BACCHANTE afterwards shelled GABA TEPE with intention of knocking out observation posts.</p> <p>Orders were received for the embarkation next day of a proportion of the personnel of the 1st AUS DIV. a general reduction in strength being required to save the labor required in maintenance of so large a</p>	

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ANZAC	12 ¹² / ₁₅		<p>Embarkation started at 18.30 and personnel complete by 22.10. Two steam barges each carrying 400 men available.</p> <p>It was found that given a clear petty and troops formed up a barge could be loaded in 20 minutes. Special attention is required for stowing the men, one officer down below and one officer assisted by naval ratings directing movement on deck. By marching on petty two deep the right hand files can embark at one end and the left hand files move forward & embark at the other.</p> <p>Owing to difficulty of route good and darkness complete touch is difficult to maintain guides for each Company should be provided. To facilitate carrying Saps and equipment places a few lanterns are required. A definite position for reporting to is necessary.</p> <p>All troops should be kept clear away from the Beach owing to heavy general traffic and marched to boats or petties directly across it.</p> <p>At WATSON'S and WALKERS PIERS two Bns could be steadily moved on to petties without delay provided Saps leading to Beach are kept filled with men waiting and one further Bn. could be held in reserve.</p> <p>The embarkation of artillery at same time as Infantry in a narrow petty is not advisable.</p> <p>The carriage of Baggage requires a strong baggage party preferably a fatigue from a unit not embarking.</p>	<p>Div order N° 2 appendix 4</p> <p>6</p>

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ANZAC	15/12/15		<p>A quiet day on the Shore. The enemy shelled the Beach consistently during the day and night. The evacuation proceeded after dark without interruption. The orders are that by midnight 17/18 inst. our total figures should be reduced to 4800 all ranks.</p>	
	14.12.15		<p>No change is observable in the enemy's demeanour. In some time past he has shown a good deal of activity in adding to and perfecting his defence. This he continues to do. There is nothing to indicate that any aggressive design enters into his calculations. On the contrary it would seem that he is apprehensive of being attacked by us. The activity on the Beach has not escaped his observation as is evidenced by the regularity with which he shells it. The evacuation was continued.</p>	
	15/12/15		<p>A very quiet day, with less shelling by the enemy than usual. Numbers were still further reduced.</p>	
	16/12/15		<p>With a view to educating the enemy and to mislead him when the eventual evacuation takes place, a suspension of firing was ordered at</p>	

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ANZAC	16-12-15		2 short periods during the night. On the first occasion the Turks opened a heavy rifle and machine gun fire and threw bombs out of their trenches, evidently anticipating an attack. On the second occasion they took no notice of it. These periods of silence will be of nightly occurrence. The Turks are still working on their defences. Numbers further reduced.	
	17-12-15		All information points to the fact that Turks are in complete ignorance of our intention to evacuate. By midnight our numbers had been reduced to 4800 - all ranks. All impediments and guns with the exception of 8 which it is intended to destroy have been withdrawn and stopped.	
	18-12-15		The enemy were again reported as adding to their defences during last night. At 1800 the first party began to embark and by 2330 3100 men had been put on board. Of these 700 were embarked on motor lighters cutters, the remainder on motor lighters. The arrangements for embarkation worked without a hitch. The boats were ready and a constant stream of men filed on board. Col. accompanied by Lt. Col. Fott, Major Ashburner, & Capt. Haslie. Gen. Staff embarked at 2330. Lt. Col. Glaspard, Maj. Nicholson & Capt. Anderson remained to control operations on 2nd night.	In account of evacuation see Appendix 4/5

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SARPI CAMP. LEMNOS	19.12.15		<p>Troops & Div. H. Div. were transferred to S. S. EL KAHIRA and arrived at MUDROS Harbour at 0630. Tugs and lighters were very inadequate to meet the demands of landing the troops, as so many are being employed for the evacuation of the mainland. It was essential that the EL KAHIRA should be cleared, she was therefore moved along side a transport, to which the men were transferred, to be landed as rapidly as possible with only one tug available. This tug could accommodate about 250 men each trip - By night all the men had been landed.</p> <p>An account of operations at ANZAC on this date see Appendix.</p> <p>The evacuation was successfully accomplished without the slightest opposition. The troops were gradually landed during the day and by night the whole Division was concentrated at SARPI CAMP. LEMNOS.</p> <p>The results of the evacuation will be far reaching. A fine Army has been released and is available in any theatre of operations. Key may be required. The Germans have gained an equal or possibly slightly larger number of Trucks, a few boxes of biscuits and Bully Beef, some blankets and a variety of oddments which it was not found</p>	
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			<p>possible to withdraw. My opinion further there is the political effect. of this it may be assumed that the Germans will make the most for the benefit of the Turkish side. This may lead to trouble and be a source of anxiety and vexation but can in no sense be described as vital or as having anything but a very indirect bearing on the final result of the war. The fact which stands out most clearly is that we now have an enemy available for action at a decisive point, the enemy have gained nothing tangible.</p> <p>The day was spent in sorting out units which had become somewhat mixed during the embarkation. There was a heavy shower of rain in the morning but all the troops are under canvas so the effect was not bad.</p> <p>The work of reorganising and refitting the Division will require to be taken in hand as soon as possible. Pending the receipt of definite orders as to our destination the men are being given a rest and a little company and Squad duties all they are being called upon to do.</p> <p>Orders received to embark 100 Officers and 2000 I.R. Embarkation began at 1000 and was completed at 1400. Maj. Nicholson and Capt Milner. D.O. Staff.</p> <p>Embarked. Destination unknown.</p> <p>R.A. & R.L. details. Field Ambulance. were embarked.</p>	
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SARPI CAMP	24.12.15		1st Infy. Bn Embarked.	
LEMNOS	25.12.15		Due to no transports being available no troops were embarked this day.	
	26.12.15		Embarked. 3rd Infy. Bn. H. Q. 5 - 17. 10th Bn. 30 - 498. Details 1st Infy. Bn. 1 - 22. A. S. (Ald. Div. Trans) 2. <u>38 - 1047.</u>	
	27.12.15		1st Lt. Col. Flinders and Capt. White embarked. Capt. Anderson and Capt. Judon (Div. Hqs.) embarked on Transport ASCANIUS for Egypt. No troops embarked.	The detailed of the Troops embarked daily will be found in the Administrative Staff Diary.
	28.12.15		No troops embarked.	
	29.12.15		No troops embarked.	
	30.12.15		A further detachment of troops was embarked.	
	31.12.15		9th Bn. and details embarked on S.S. GRAMPIAN. G.S. O.H. embarked.	The Diary kept by the Staff which accompanies J.C. is attached and shown in appendix 6

Lt. Col. Ashburner Major J.C. 1st Aust. Div.

Special Army Corps Order.

Australian & New Zealand
Army Corps.

1st December, 1915.

Boys,

I cannot tell you how really sorry I am to be leaving "Anzac", as I have to do on shifting over to Army Headquarters.

I have not, however, any intention of saying "Goodbye" to anyone, for I trust it is by no means "Goodbye", as I still hope and intend to see as much of all my old friends in the Army Corps as I possibly can do.

Nor am I going to express my thanks to officers and men, even if I could find words to do so. I feel it would only be presumption on my part, for it is for the British Empire to do that; and I well know it will do so.

My one wish is to be able to finish this war alongside of all my old comrades of "Anzac" - having begun it together close on a year ago now in Egypt, I sincerely trust that many of us may be spared to see it through together, when the time comes to make an end of our German enemies, though that day may be yet far distant.

W. G. S. Inwood.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

Divisional Headquarters,
5th December, 1915.

Anti-aircraft
machine guns.

1. The following changes in anti-aircraft machine guns have been notified; Operation Memorandum No. 35 will be amended accordingly:-

No. 1 gun is now manned by 5th Light Horse Regiment; officer in charge - Lieut. Cain; nearest telephone - 2nd Light Horse Brigade Headquarters.

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Earthworks,
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-tion in
wet soil.

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(ii) In view of the prospect of wet weather, parapets are to be lowered as much as possible and thickened by earth thrown out in front to protect the sandbags. Reserver of sandbags will be kept ready to repair damage.

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Trench
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Bombs and
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4. (i) A great number of bombs and grenades are being damaged through careless handling and stacking. The utmost care will be exercised in handling these articles; fuzes and detonators are not available to replace those damaged.

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Grenadiers instead of Bomb throwers.

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A "Bomb Thrower" is a synonymous term for Trench Mortar.

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D. CHAUVEL, Lieut-Col. General Staff.
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1st Australian Division.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO. 42.

by

Brigadier General H.G. CHURCH, C.M.G.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
6th December, 1915.

Gas Attack.

1. (i) Capt in Blackshaw, R.E., has been temporarily attached to this Division to lecture on the steps to be taken to meet gas attack, and to give instruction as to the use and care of a new pattern gas helmet which is about to be issued.

A programme has been issued to all concerned.

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Stand to Arms.

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Artillery bombardment; use of flags by enemy.

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Brigadier-General H.C.G. D.V.M., C.M.G.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
10th December, 1915.

Anti-aircraft machine guns. 1. With reference to Operation Memorandum No. 41, para. 1, for Lieut. D.V. MULLHOLLAND, Operation Memorandum No. 35 to be amended accordingly.

Espionage, precautions against.

2. In order to prevent the enemy from obtaining information by means of reconnaissance or espionage the following precautions will be taken:-

- (i) All places along our line where a close reconnaissance could be carried out, will be kept under constant observation by day, and be patrolled at night. If enemy attempts at obtaining information are detected, immediate action will be taken to prevent such information reaching his trenches.
- (ii) Immediate and rapid fire will be opened by anti-aircraft guns and machine guns on all hostile aircraft passing near or over our lines, in order to compel them to alter their course, and hinder observation.
- (iii) Every endeavour will be made to prevent unauthorised persons passing along our trenches, or entering brigade areas. All ranks will be cautioned against strangers who ask questions; anyone whose presence or actions excite the least suspicion will be detained and interrogated by an officer.
- (iv) To guard against the possible landing of spies from boats, the beach will be systematically patrolled from dusk till dawn, and kept under constant watch during hours of daylight. This duty will be performed by 2nd Infantry Brigade; special instructions have been issued.
- (v) In effecting these instructions, mistakes may be made in reporting or detaining innocent persons, but the necessity of preventing any information reaching the enemy must be impressed on all ranks.

Reports and Summaries.

3. All previous orders and instructions upon times for rendering reports and summaries are cancelled.

The following are the periods which daily reports and summaries of events will cover and the hours at which they will be rendered:-

Subject.	To reach Divisional Headquarters before -
Morning "All well" report for period 1900 to 0700; anything unusual to be included.	0715.
Detailed summary of events for period 0700 to 0700.	0800.
Intelligence summary for period 0700 to 0700.	0800.
Evening "All well" report for period 0700 to 1900; anything unusual to be included.	1915.

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1st.AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 1.

Reference Trench Map, Right Flank, ANZAC, 1/1800.

10.12.15.

Move. 1. (i) Under instructions from the Army Corps Commander, moves will take place in accordance with the attached table, which will be destroyed when the necessary extracts have been taken. Personnel will probably be required to embark on the night of 11th. December, 1915.

(ii). The detail regarding the numbers to be made up will be fixed by the Commanders of the units concerned - the principles governing the selection will be the retention at ANZAC of the maximum number of effective rifles.

(iii). Troops will march out with 150 rounds of S.A. Ammunition per man, one iron ration and the remainder of the current days ration. Gun ammunition will not be taken.

(iv) Kits and baggage will be reduced to the authorised equipment, officers valises and mens' kits. As the accommodation on fleet sweepers is limited, articles in excess of the abovementioned will not be loaded. Baggage will be ready to send to the beach by 1400 on 11th. December.

(v) On the departure of the 2nd. Infantry Brigade Headquarters, the units of this brigade remaining at ANZAC will be attached to the 1st. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution. 2. (i) Consequent on the above the line held by the Division is reallocated as under :-

No.1 Section Right, from the sea near WILSONS LOOKOUT to RYRIE'S POST, No.7 Sap inclusive, allotted to 2nd. Light Horse Brigade.

No.1. Section Left, from No.7 Sap exclusive to Tunnel B3 inclusive, allotted to 1st. Infantry Brigade.

(ii). The reliefs will be carried out on the 11th. inst. under arrangements to be made direct by the G.O's.C. Brigades concerned.

(iii). All trench stores including periscopes, periscopic rifles, telescopic sighted rifles, mauser (sniping) rifles, wallaby rifle rests, etc., at present in the trenches to be handed over will be taken over by incoming units under brigade arrangements. The numbers of articles so handed over will be noted and receipts obtained in the usual manner.

(iv). All machine guns now in the trenches to be handed over will remain there, except where they are replaced by machine guns brought by incoming units. In cases where machine guns are thus left behind, new detachments will be provided by the incoming unit.

(v) The boundary between the 2nd. Light Horse Brigade and the 1st. Infantry Brigade will run from the firing line along No.7. Sap, C T 4, along the firing line to No.2. gun and thence down GUN ROAD? across SHELL GREEN to the sea. The exact line will be fixed on the ground by agreement between the Brigade Commanders concerned,

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Copy No.	To whom.	Hour.
1)	Divisional Headquarters	2045
2)		
3	2nd. Light Horse Brigade.	2045
4	1st. Infantry Brigade	2045
5	2nd. " "	2045
6	Divisional Artillery	2045
7	Divisional Engineers	2045
8	Divisional Train	2045
9	A.D.M.S.	2045
10	A.&N.Z.A. Corps.	2045

S E C R E TT A B L E
- - - - -Shewing approximate number to leave ANZAC.

Unit	Personnel		Remarks.
	Offs.	O.R.	
Hqrs, 1st.Aust.Div. and Div. Sig, Coy.	1	10	
2nd.Light Horse Brigade.	12	3000	
All reinforcements, 3rd.Inf. Bde., attached 2nd.Light.H. Bde.	2	84	
1st.Aust.Divisional Artillery.	10	260	includes attached.
Field Company Engineers.	4	60	
2nd.Infantry Brigade, less 7th. and 8th.Battalions.	44	1,100	
Divisional Train.) 2nd.L.H.Brigade Train.)	3	50	
2nd.L.H.Brigade F.Amb.) 3rd.Field Ambulance)	4	62	
Beach Parties.	2	63	
	82	1,989	

10.12.15.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No.2.

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Reference Map of ANZAC Area,
No. Z 2024A.

11.12.15.

Embarkation. 1. In continuation of 1st. Australian Division Order No. 1., units will assemble and embark as shewn on the attached Table.

Routes. 2. (i). The route to be used is along SHRAPNEL VALLEY to REST GULLY, past Headquarters, 2nd. Australian Division, and over the NEK to RESERVE GULLY, where units will be met by Major Nicholson, G.S.O.3.

(ii). Units from areas South of McCAYS HILL will enter SHRAPNEL VALLEY by the beach sap, using the tracks down CLARKE VALLEY and VICTORIA GULLY. McCAYS ROAD, BROWNS DIP, and MARTYNS LANE are not to be used.

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1st. Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom.	Hour	By what means.
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1	1-)	Divisional Headquarters	1700
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3		2nd. Light Horse Brigade	1700
4		1st. Infantry Brigade	1700
5		2nd. Infantry Brigade	1700
6		Divisional Artillery	1700
7		Divisional Engineers	1700
8		Divisional Train	1700
9		A.D.M.S.	1700
10		A.&N.Z.A. Corps.	1700

NOTE. Warning order - substance as above - was sent out at 1515, before Table was received; units warned of time and place of assembly.

issued with 1st.Aust.Div.Order No. 2.

E M B A R K A T I O N S .

11th./12th.December, 1915.

No. of Lighter.	Units.	Numbers.			Total on Lighter.	Place of Assembly.	Time of Assembly.
		Offs.	O.R.	Total			
1.	Hdqrs, 1/Aust) Div.&.Sig.Coy.) 2nd.L.H.Bde. Reinforcements. 3rd.Inf.Bde. att.2nd.L.H.Bde.	1 12 2	10 300 84	11 312 86	409	Ordnance Depot, Reserve Gully.	1800.
2.	1/Aust.Div.Art. R.Coy.Engrs. 1/Aust.Div. Train. 2nd.L.H.Bde Train.	10 4 3	260 60 50	270 64 53	387	do.	1800
3.	2nd.Inf.Bde.			400	400	do.	1900 ? 1900
4.	2nd.Inf.Bde.			400	400	do.	1900
5.	2nd.Inf.Bde.			344	344	do.	2000
6.	2nd.L.H.Bde F.Amb. Beach parties.	4 2	82 63	86 65	151 and details of other Divis'ns.	do.	2000

Headquarters,
1st.Australian Division.
11th.December, 1915.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No.3.

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Reference. Map of GALLIPOLI $\frac{1}{20,000}$
Trench Map 10,11,12.

12.12.15.

- ARTILLERY. 1. (i) In the event of a general bombardment of our position, Howitzer batteries and concealed 18 pdrs. will retaliate vigorously on registered enemy communications and rear trenches in Battery zones.
- (ii). 18 pdrs. in open positions will remain inactive, detachment under cover and guns in shelter pits, but ready to open fire immediately should the enemy attempt to deliver an assault.
- (iii). Zones of fire are detailed in Table "B" Divisional Artillery Operation Order No. 14a.
- (iv). Orders detailing batteries to engage concealed hostile guns as registered by aeroplane observation will be issued from Divisional Artillery Headquarters.
- (v) Should any battery commander definitely locate hostile guns in action in his zone he will immediately engage them and report to Divisional Artillery Headquarters, but should the enemy deliver an assault all 18 pdrs will switch on to the advancing Infantry.

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General Staff.
1st.Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom delivered.	Hour	Despatched by
1.	1st. Div. Art. H.Q.	2030	
2/3	1st.Aust.Div.	"	Orderly.
4	2nd.Aust.Div.	"	D.R.
5	1st. F.A.Brigade.	"	Orderly.
6	2nd.F.A.Brigade.	"	"
7	3rd.F.A.Brigade.	"	"
8	Heavy Battery.	"	"
9	A Bty 69th.H.Bde.	"	"
10	5th.Lowland Bty.	"	"
11	N.Z.&.A.Div.	"	D.R.
12	17th.Seige Bty.	"	D.R.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 4.

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Reference Map of ANZAC Area Z2024A 1/10,000

ANZAC
16.12.15.

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

2. The re-embarkation will be carried out at a time and on a date to be communicated later. The operation will be effected during the hours of darkness of two nights.

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

The scheduled times as laid down in Appendices "A" & "B" will be adhered to, unless orders to the contrary are issued by the Divisional Commander on the first night or by the Rear Guard Commander on the second night. Traffic will be controlled by officers and othera detailed for this purpose - see Appendices "C" & "C.1". Eachn party will report to the M.L.O. on arrival at the beach.

3. Immediate steps will be taken by Brigades and Divisional Units for :-

(i) The removal of all official papers, maps, surplus stores, kits and baggage.

(ii) The destruction of all notices and guiding marks likely to be of use to the enemy.

4.(i) The total number of troops to be embarked on the first night will be approximately as under :- see Appendix "A"

Headquarters & Signal Coy.	35	all ranks.
2nd.Light Horse Brigade.	400	"
1st.Infantry Brigade.	1,800	"
Details,all other units.	165	"

2,400 "

(ii) The order of embarkation on the first night is set out in detail in Appendix "A" and will be conducted under the orders of the Army Corps Commander.

(iii) On the first night the removal of troops from the line held by brigades, and from the area occupied by the Division will be made under the Divisional Commander, who will embark after the whole of the troops destined for removal that night have embarked. The troops remaining here then come under the orders of the Rear Guard Commander, Brigadier General Sir. A.Russell, K.C.M.G., whose headquarters will be at the present Army Corps Headquarters.

(iv) Signal Communication will be maintained at Divisional Headquarters and arrangements made for the Rear Guard Commander to be plugged through direct to Brigade Commanders.

5. (i). The total numbers to be embarked on the second night will be as under : these figures are ABSOLUTE -

Headquarters and Signal Coy.	20	all ranks.
2nd.Light Horse Brigade.	450	"
Divisional Artillery	104	"
Divisional Engineers.	15	"
1st.Infantry Brigade.	1,811	"

2,400 "

These troops will be divided into "A", "B", and "C" parties as shewn in Appendix "B"; this organisation will be maintained until embarkation is complete.

The entrance of troops within the area:- MACLAGAN'S RIDGE - PLUGGES PLATEAU - WALKERS RIDGE + No. 1 Post must be regulated and an officer must be at the head of each party to apprise ser

D.O.4. cnntd.

5. (i) "C" parties of 2nd. Light Horse Brigade will be embarked at BRIGHTON BEACH. This party will be protected by a covering party through which other "c" parties may pass. Great care will be taken that our troops do not fire on each other - there is no chance of this if men keep the track and march in formed bodies, well closed up and an officer is ahead to warn sentries.

The arrangements for embarkation at BRIGHTON BEACH are detailed in Appendix "D".

(ii) "A" and "B" parties will be ordered to move by brigade commanders, who will report all moves to the Rear Guard Commander. The withdrawal of each party will be made gradually but "A" and "B" parties will embark as formed bodies. Brigade Commanders will embark with the last of "B" parties.

(iii) Brigade commanders will appoint a commander of each "C" party, and notify his name to Divisional Headquarters forthwith. The Regimental and Battalion organisation will be kept intact and the existing communications retained. Battalion Commanders remain with "C" parties.

A Brigade representative will be ~~selected~~ left at Brigade Headquarters with the "C" party commander.

(iv) "C" parties will be selected from the fittest and most alert men; they will be retained in the fire trenches and will be withdrawn gradually by the "C" party commander of each brigade. A portion of them composed of active, gallant men may be told off to cover the retirement of the remainder.

(v) A final covering position extending from No.1 Post via WALKERS RIDGE - PLUGGES PLATEAU - to MACLAGANS RIDGE is to be occupied by a rear party composed of:-

75 all ranks from 1st. Australian Division.

125 " " " 2nd. Australian Division.

75 " " " N.Z.&.A. Division.

under the command of an officer to be detailed by the 2nd. Australian Division.

The 1st. Infantry Brigade will detail 75 all ranks from "C" party for this duty; they will be put in position at 1800 on the second night. Reserves of ammunition, water, and rations have been arranged for by the 2nd. Australian Division.

6. On the second night the method of withdrawal is for each ~~XXX~~ portion of "C" parties to leave the front trenches gradually and march in quick time straight to the beach as a formed body, well closed up and under proper charge, as laid down in Appendix "B".

The scheduled times will be adhered to unless an order to the contrary is issued by the Rear Guard Commander.

7. (i) Parties will be told off under brigade arrangements to bury ammunition and other trench stores not previously removed.

(ii) All machine guns will be removed by their detachments in parties "a" and "B", except 4 guns of 1st. Infantry Brigade and 2 guns of 2nd. Light Horse Brigade. These guns will fire under normal conditions and will be withdrawn with the first of party "c". No machine guns will be left behind.

(iii). Japanese trench mortars will be withdrawn with "A" party; other trench mortars with second party on the first night. Catapults will be removed with "B" and "C" parties; none will be abandoned. Brigade Commanders will arrange that n.c.o.s. in charge of mortars and machine guns are given the order to move, when the crew will be attached to the nearest party leaving the trench at the same time.

(iv). As each Headquarters moves, men will be told off to remove and take ~~part~~ with them their telephone instruments, and cut back a portion of the line removed.

(v) All animals which cannot be embarked will be destroyed silently on the last evening: artillery horses under orders of O.C. Artillery, other animals under divisional arrangements.

3. D.O. 4 contd.

8. (i) Troops will embark with 2 iron rations and the unconsumed portion of the days ration.

(ii) Light Horse and Infantry with 150 rounds per man; Artillery and Engineers with 50 rounds.

(iii) Troops embarking on the final night will not be hampered with blankets, kits or waterproof sheets. They will retain their greatcoats and packs only, the remainder of their kits will be sent off on the previous night. Packs will be inspected to ensure that men are not hampered by carrying more than absolutely necessary.

9. Watches will be set by the Signal Sections' time which will be checked by that of ANZAC.

10. This paragraph will be read to the men on three occasions :- All movement will be made expeditiously and in silence, and the utmost care will be taken to maintain the appearance of a normal night. No lights and no smoking will be permitted. As each party is removed from the trenches, the remainder will be extended and maintain the usual rifle fire and bombing activity.

Great care is to be taken to destroy all records, maps, muster rolls, officers lists, and other papers which could give information to the enemy.

No noise, shouting orders, or blowing whistles is permitted; socks or canvas will be wrapped round the boots to deaden the sound of marching on hard ground. The use of the word "retire" is forbidden.

The routes detailed must be strictly adhered to; men must march in all parties well closed up and under proper control. Except for small parties of engineers and signallers, this division will only use tracks in VICTORIA GULLY and South of this. The beach must be kept clear or embarkation will be hindered.

Everything must be done to keep up normal conditions as regards rifle fire, bombing, smoke from fires, and so on. Dugouts must not be dismantled or baggage stacked where it could be seen from hostile aircraft. Tents will be left standing.

It is essential that the loading and off loading from lighters to ships be carried out expeditiously. The Senior Officer arriving by the first lighter at a Transport will act as the Staff Officer and aid in effecting the off loading ~~effectively~~ rapidly. All ranks must be informed of the need of assisting in this.

Particular attention is to be paid to the display of a normal number of periscopes in the trenches especially on the second day.

Ammunition should be placed handy in various places in the trenches to assist the men of party "C" to fire from various points in the length assigned to them.

11. Commanding Officers of units will consult their Medical Officers as regards giving effect to instructions for Medical Services which have been issued to Regimental Medical Officers by the A.D.M.S.

Wounded able to walk will proceed to the Casualty Clearing Station, North Beach. Traffic along the beach is closed.

12. Reports will be received at Divisional Headquarters up to the end of the first night. After that they will be addressed to the Rear Guard Commander, Anzac. The exact time at which Divisional Headquarters close will be notified later.

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1st. Australian Division.

Appendices "A", "B", "C", and "D" are attached.

Copy No. 1. 1st. Aust. Div.

- 2)
- 3 & 4 2nd. Light Horse Bde.
- 5 & 6 1st. Infantry Brigade.
- 7 Divisional Artillery.
- 8 A & N Z A Corps.
- 9 2nd. Australian Div.

Despatch. Rdr.
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10. Read command book.
11. L.S.O. 11 + War Diary
12. L.S.O. 12 + dup. war diary
13. AA + RMC
14. Circulate file

EMBARKATION TABLE

1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

FIRST NIGHT.

APPENDIX "A"

UNIT.	Numbers all Ranks	Starting Point; Time	Route and Destination	Time to Arrive	Embarkation Place	Transport available	Remarks.
2nd. L. H. Bde.	400	X. 1730	Four Point Seven Road; Beach Sap; Shrapnel Valley; Cemetery Sap to Anzac Gully.	1800	Watsons Pier South Beach	3 Motor Lighters.	Troops will assemble near Head- quarters. 2nd. L. H. Bde; they must not show themselves on the terraces in view of GABA TEPE.
1st. INF. BDE.	800	X. 1735 Y. 1740	do. do.	1805	do. do.	do.	Tail Clear of Shrapnel Valley about 1755.
2ND. AUST. DIVN.	700	follow tail of above column from junction of Shrapnel Valley and Cemetery Sap; they are attached to 1st. DIVISION for Embarkation.					
DIVL. HEAD QRS. and Signal Sec.	35	DIVL. Hd. Qrs. 2200	White Valley; Shrapnel Valley; Cemetery Sap to Anzac Gully.	2230	Watsons Pier South Beach.	3 Motor Lighters.	
1st. INF. BDE.	1000	X. 2200 Y. 2205	Same Route as former troops of this BDE.	2230	do. do.	do.	
Details other Units.	165	Various places times and.	Routes by Cemetery Sap to Anzac Gully.	2250	do. do.	do.	

Note:- Starting Point X is at Eastern End of Four Point Seven Road; It will be marked by a Light inside a biscuit box with a white Lamp above. Starting Point Y is some 400 yards along the road, nearer the sea, at the junction of the Victoria Valley Road; it will be marked by a Light inside a biscuit box, with a green Lamp above. The Cemetery Sap will be marked by an arrow pointing to the beach with a red Lamp above.

EMBARKATION TABLE

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SECOND NIGHT. APPENDIX "B"

UNIT	Numbers all ranks	Party	First & Last parties Leave Firing Line	Head passes Starting Point at	Route	Embarkation Place	Column Arrives	Transport	REMARKS.
1ST INF. BDE.	982	A	1715 & 1745	X. 1730 Y. 1735	Four Point Seven Road; Beach Sap; Shrapnel Valley; Cemetery Sap to Anzac Gully.	Watsons Pier South Beach.	1800 8 1830	3 Motor Lighters.	
2ND. L.H. BDE.	218	A	1730 & 1800	X. 1800	do. do.	do. do.	1830 8 1900	do.	Troops will assemble near Head Quarters. 2nd L.H. Bde; they must not show themselves on the terraces in view of GABA TEPE.
1ST. INF. BDE.	376	B	2135 & 2205	X. 2150 Y. 2155	do. do.	do. do.	2230 8 2300	do.	
2ND. L.H. BDE.	120	B	2130 & 2200	X. 2200	do. do.	do. do.	2230 8 2300	do.	
DIVL. ARTILLERY. Seven Small Detachments.	104	B	2215	Various places times and.	- Routes by Cemetery Sap to Anzac Gully.	do. do.	2250 8 2300		
1ST. INF. BDE.	75	C	1700	X. 1715	Same route as parties A & B above and then to North Beach by Army Corps. H. Q.	North Beach (last to embark).	1745		Attached to 2ND Aust. Division as Garrison of final covering position.
1ST. INF. BDE.	378	C	0220 & 0250	X. 0235 Y. 0240	do. do.	North Beach.	0305 to 0335		
2ND. L.H. BDE.	112	C	0220 & 0250	Part X. 025 Part along beach.	as above but left turn out of beach Sap.	Brighton Beach.	0305 to 0335	4 Cutters.	No movement to show on beach; men keep close to cliff. First party to reach beach from firing line act as covering party.
DIVL. ENGRS.	15	C		On beaches & other work		7 on North Beach 8 on Brighton Beach.			
DIVL. Hd. Qrs. & Signal Sec.	20	C		Leave Divisional Head Quarters when signals close about 0220.		North Beach.	0250		

- Notes. 1. Same as Appendix 'A'
2. The 'A' Parties will be formed up into three groups of 400 each.
3. The withdrawal of each Party will be made gradually. A & B Parties will be assembled at starting Points, and marched to places of embarkation. Portions of C Parties will be told off under Bde. Orders to cover the several places of embarkation; these parties will embark last. The trenches on the left flank of the Anzac Line will not be finally evacuated before 1.30 a.m., nor those on the Right flank before 2 a.m.

Appendix "C"

Arrangements for TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Officers and N.C.O's. will be detailed, as under,
to control traffic and assist at rendezvous:-

<u>Traffic Control Personnel.</u>	<u>Duty.</u>
Captain ANDERSON, (attached Divisional Staff) and 1 Orderly, 1st Inf. Bde.	Starting Point X.
1 Corporal, Military Police, 2nd L.H. Bde.	do
Lieut. F.R.Hewitt, 7th Battalion.	Starting Point Y.
1 man, 1st Infantry Brigade.	Bottom of VICTORIA GULLY.
1 man, 2nd Light Horse Brigade.	In Beach Sap opp. BRIGHTON BEACH.
Captain S.L.Milligan, 1st Inf. Bde.) 1 N.C.O., 1st Infantry Brigade.)	Shrapnel Valley entrance to CEMETERY SAP.
1 N.C.O., 1st Infantry Brigade.	Exit of CEMETERY Sap.
1 N.C.O., 1st Infantry Brigade.	ANZAC GULLY.
Major NICHOLSON, General Staff, (with 2 orderlies) to supervise embarkation and assist M.L.O.	ANZAC GULLY.

All the above will be met at Starting Point X at 1700 on the first night by Major NICHOLSON, who will issue instructions to all, and post them.

On the second night, the commanders of "C" parties will pass Starting Point X and inform Captain Anderson when their parties are all clear.

Lieut. Hewitt will collect all infantry personnel on Traffic Control personnel duty and report to Major Nicholson at North Beach.

Captain Anderson will collect all light horse personnel on Traffic Control duty and report to the M.L.O., Brighton Beach.

INSTRUCTIONS for OFFICERS at STARTING POINTS.
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Captain J.S. Anderson.
Lieut. F.R. Hewitt.
Captain S.L. Milligan.

Starting Point X.
Starting Point Y.
Cemetery Sap.

You will -

(i) Reconnoitre the road from your Starting Point to Anzac Gully and also the ground between your Starting Point and Artillery Road. Place the lamp and biscuit tin in position.

(ii) Obtain from Major NICHOLSON a list of the troops using the route and the times they are due; keep a record of the troops that pass you and make sure that none are left behind.

(iii) Regulate the traffic of troops and, in case of doubt, fix precedence for entering Sap.

(iv) On the second night, inform each party that there is a covering position on MACLAGANS RIDGE, also warn "C" parties that there is also a covering party at BRIGHTON BEACH. See that each party is well closed up and that an officer marches in front and another in rear. If there is only one officer he marches in front.

(v) Inform commander of each party to report to Major NICHOLSON any casualties on the way down to the Beach.

(vi) See that the lights are burning clearly while they are required; arrange to have spare matches and candles & on the first night for the marks to be safely put away for use on second night.

(vii) Set your watch by signal time & check it every 4 hours.

(viii) Render every assistance in your power to the troops. Check all irregularities and prevent confusion. Instruct the Traffic Personnel with you in their duties.

18.12.15.

Appendix "D".

Arrangements for EMBARKATION at BRIGHTON BEACH.

Naval Officers in charge of
Embarkation.

Lieut. EGERTON.
Sub-Lieut. JONES.

Military Officers in charge
of Embarkation.

Captain EWER and 1
orderly.

Lieut-Colonel WILSON, 5th Light Horse Regiment,
is the Senior Military Officer embarking.

Signal communication will be arranged between
ANZAC and the beach.

The troops for embarkation are:-

2nd Light Horse Brigade.	112	all ranks.
Divisional Engineers.	7	do
Army Corps Signal Company.	2	do

The Light Horse will arrive in three (3)
approximately equal parties between 0305 and 0335.

- C 1. The first to leave the trenches (strength about
40 rifles) will cover the embarkation by posting
picquets on knolls above BRIGHTON BEACH.
- C 2. The second to leave the trenches, will march
straight to the beach and embark first.
- C 3. The last to leave the trenches, march straight
to the beach and embark after C 2.
- C 1. Embark last and with them go the beach Staff.
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TIMES and DISTANCES.

Place.	To Point X		To Point Y		BRIGHTON BEACH.		CEMETERY SAP		ANZAC GULLY.		NORTH BEACH.	
	Time	Yards.	Time	Yards.	Time	Yards.	Time	Yards	Time	Yards	Time	Yard
Wilsens Lookout.	30	1020	34	1300	40	1600	46	1950	50	2800	75	3400
Ryries S.	20	830	24	1110	30	1410	36	1760	50	2610	65	3210
Ryries N.	20	830	24	1110	30	1410	36	1760	50	2610	65	32150
Leanes.	20	800	24	1080	30	1380	36	1730	50	2580	65	3180
Cornfield.	20	800	24	1080	30	1380	36	1730	50	2580	65	3180
Ledge.	20	800	24	1080	30	1380	36	1730	50	2580	65	3180
Silt Spur.			21	960	27	1260	33	1610	47	2460	52	3060

Appendix 4 28

Arrangements for DESTROYING the REMAINING GUNS.

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1. On the 17th December

19 guns had already been re-embarked
9 guns remaining, viz:-

Much worn and	(1	4.7".
already destroyed.	(1	3-pdr. Hotchkiss.
Manned by 8th Bty.	1	Anti-aircraft 12-pdr.
Manned by "A" Bty.,	1	5" Howitzer.
69th Bde.		
Manned by Lowland	1	5" Howitzer.
Bde.		
3rd, 5th, 8th &	4	Field guns, 18-pdrs. Australian
9th Batteries.		Artillery.

2. The remaining serviceable guns - total 7 - will be destroyed; firstly by gun detachments who will do all possible damage to the recoil spring, buffer and breech screws, secondly the gun itself will be prepared for demolition by explosion, so as to be rendered useless as a trophy. The noise made by the explosion is not to be louder than that made by the discharge of the gun - the charge to be regulated for this purpose. No gun to be blown up until the last of "C" parties has withdrawn past it to the beach. Every effort to be made to prevent the enemy knowing that the night is other than normal.

3. The demolition party for each gun will consist of one Artillery officer and one Sapper (With explosives).

4. The Senior Artillery officer will arrange that the destruction without explosives is done before he leaves and before Battery Commanders leave with "B" parties. Immediately Battery Commanders and detachments have left the officer of the demolition party will report to the "C" party commander of the area in which the gun is located. The "C" party commander will give the order for the explosion; on receipt of this order, the artillery officer will arrange for the fuze to be lit as soon as the last of "C" parties are clear of his gun, and, with his sapper, join the nearest "C" party and embark with them.

Battery Commanders will, before they move, satisfy themselves that the demolition charges are *correctly laid*

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Appendix "F" continued.

5. In no case is any explosion to take place before
0325 - the hour fixed for the last troops to leave Russells Top.

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 5.

ANZAC,
18.12.15.

1. The following copy of an Army Corps Order is to be read to the men:-

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

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

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

D. GLASFURD, Lieut-Colonel, General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Copy No. -----	To whom issued. -----	Hour. ----	Method. -----
1)	1st Australian Division.	1000	Orderly.
2)			
3)	2nd L.H. Bde.	1000	"
4)			
5	Divisional Artillery.	1000	"
6	Divisional Engineers.	1000	"
7	1st Infantry Brigade.	1000	"

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 6.

Appendix 4

Reference Map of ANZAC Area Z2024A, 1/10,000.

ANZAC,
18.12.15.Extracts from
Army Corps
Orders.

1.(i) On the first night Divisional Commanders will report by message briefly to Army Corps Headquarters when ~~report~~ they have issued orders for the various parties to move to the places of embarkation.

(ii) When Divisional Commanders have left, each Brigade Commander will make a report by message to the Rear Guard Commander at Army Corps Headquarters stating that communications are intact.

(iii) On the final night Brigade Commanders will report by message when they have issued orders for the withdrawal of "A" and "B" parties respectively, stating in the case of "B" parties report if the "C" party Commander has established his headquarters at Brigade Headquarters.

(iv) "C" party commanders will report by message to the Rear Guard Commander when they have issued the order for "C" parties to begin movement.

First night.

2. Reference para. 2 of Division Order No. 4, the first will be 18th/19th.

Distinguish-
ing Badges.

3. On first and second nights embarkation staffs Officers and Traffic Control personnel will wear a white band on both arms above elbows.

Movement of
troops.

4. Movement of our troops will be made in places exposed to enemy's view and when hostile aircraft approach; this must be done in moderation and under normal conditions.

Brigade

5. On second night Brigade Commanders will remain at their headquarters until "B" parties are ordered to move; they will then decide whether their presence is most required at their existing headquarters or on the beach, and move accordingly.

Regimental organization will be maintained intact; but a brigade commander make take one regimental commander with him if he considers the situation allows of it.

Further

6. (i) Remaining guns will be blown up and rendered useless as trophies. A party will be told off to do this after the withdrawal of the last men of "C" parties. The "C" party commander in whose area they are will give the order for destruction. Breechblocks and sights will be saved. See Appendix "F" for further details.

(ii) Troops leaving trenches will carry rifles at the trail - bayonets will not be fixed - all possible measures will be taken to prevent the sound of the tread of marching troops from reaching the enemy.

(iii) Dugouts will not be dismantled nor dumps knocked down.

(iv) Watches will be frequently checked and times corrected.

(v) In connection with the removal of sick and wounded a flag of truce will be sent ashore on the day after the final night.

(vi) Colonel J.M. ANTILL has been detailed as the Officer Supervising Embarkation North and South Beaches.

(vii) Particular care is necessary that no copies of orders or time tables are left about or in note books of officers in front trenches.

Amendments. 7. The following amendments will be made in Divisional Order No. 4, Appendix "B", among the "C" parties:-

- (i) In column 4, spaces 8 & 9 for 0230 & 0300. read 0220 & 0250
- (ii) " " 5, " 8 " 0245 & 0230 " 0235 & 0240
- " " 5, " 8 " 0300 " 0250.
- (iii) " " 8, " 8 & 9 " 0315 & 0345. " 0305 & 0335.
- (iv) " " 9, " 9 " 3 cutters " 4 cutters.
- (v) Divisional Headquarters and Signal Section will leave Divisional Headquarters when signal close at 0220 instead of at 0230.

D. GLASFURD, Lieut-Colonel, Gen? Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Copy No. -----	To whom issued. -----	Hour ----	Method. -----
1)	1st Australian Division.	1020	
2)			
3 (2nd Light Horse Brigade.	1020	Despatch rider.
4 (
5)	1st Infantry Brigade.	1020	"
6)			
7	Divisional Artillery.	1020.	"
8	A. & N.A. Army Corps.	1020	"
9	2nd Australian Division.	1020	"
10	Rear Guard Commander.	1020	"

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Note on the withdrawal from Anzac.

1. On 10th December, instructions were received from the Army Corps that the strength of the division was to be reduced by (in round numbers) 2000 men and 15 guns, in consequence of the adoption of a policy of reducing the Anzac garrison to a minimum to facilitate supply and reliefs during the winter. The details as to how the 2000 men (which was to include the artillery personnel) were to be made up were left to the divisional commander - who was instructed to retain at Anzac the maximum number of effective rifles and as many machine guns as possible. Orders for this reduction, and for the redistribution of our line necessitated thereby, were issued the same day - see 1st. Australian Division Order No. 1. - and the troops were embarked on the night 11/12 December - see Appendix 1 "Table shewing daily evacuations from Anzac"

Up to this date, 10th December, the Divisional Commander had no information of the intended withdrawal from Anzac.

2. On the afternoon of 12th December, the Army Corps Commander personally informed the Divisional Commander that the evacuation of Anzac and Suvla had been decided and that although brigade commanders might also be privately informed, the news was not to be communicated to the troops until permission to do so was granted. As a matter of fact, however, the withdrawal had already been rumoured; and artillery officer had returned from IMBROS with the news that more than one senior officer had advised him not to buy stores to take back, because Anzac was to be evacuated; and a warrant officer had returned from Mudros where he had been given similar advice. Apparently, the evacuation had been freely discussed both at Imbros and Mudros. During the whole

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period at Anzac it was found that, however well a secret might be kept by the "higher command", news nearly always leaked out by "beach rumour" which consisted largely of shrewd conclusions drawn from the supply and other administrative arrangements. It is very difficult to check such rumour, but it is often possible to direct it into harmless directions e.g. in this case by concealing the real intention to evacuate and making arrangements for an imaginary relief of one division by another.

3. Army Corps Order No. 21, received early on 15th December, laid down that re-embarkation was to be effected during the hours of darkness of two nights; the principle on which the withdrawal was organised was that the troops in the fire trenches should be gradually reduced, moving from the front line direct to the beach. A position - WALKERS RIDGE - PLUGGERS PLATEAU - MACLAGANS RIDGE - was selected by the Army Corps Commander; this covered the beaches and was to be held by some 250 rifles who were to be put in position at 1800 on the second night - reserves of ammunition, bombs, water and rations for this garrison were provided.

4. Orders for the withdrawal were issued on 16th. December - see 1st Australian Division Order No. 4 and attached appendices. (Note. The orders attached to the War Diary are fair copies and contain certain amendments).

On 12th December, the scheme had been explained by the Brigadier General, General Staff, of the Army Corps to the G.S.O. 1 of the division, and by the latter to the brigade majors. The Army Corps Commander explained his views to Divisional Commanders at a conference; Major General Chauvel also personally gave directions to the commanders of brigades and divisional units, who carried out the necessary preparations in close touch with the staff of the division.

5. These preparations may be classed under two headings :-

(i) Further reduction of the Anzac garrison - the strength of the division had to be reduced from about 8848 to 4800 of which about 2400 were to be re-embarked on each of the two final nights.

(ii) Measures taken to conceal our intention from the enemy and to effect our withdrawal without interruption

(i) The gradual reduction of guns was effected by the removal of those which could best be spared; the guns to be retained to the last for the close support of our infantry were fixed by the Army Corps on the recommendation of the Divisional Commander. Nine guns had to be destroyed ; - these were :-

13 pdr. Q.F. guns	4 destroyed on last night.
5 inch howitzers	2 " " " "
12 pdr. anti-aircraft gun	1 " " " "
4.7 inch gun	1 destroyed previously.
3 pdr. Hotchkiss	1 " "

Both 5 inch howitzers, the 4.7 inch gun and the Hotchkiss were very much worn; the anti-aircraft gun was mounted on an unweildly fixed mounting and it had to be kept in action to the last in order to prevent enemy aircraft discovering our movements.

As events happened, it would have been easy to remove two of the 18 pdrs. on the last night, in fact the gunners asked permission to do so; but no provision had been made for their transport by sea as it was impossible to foresee that our withdrawal would not be opposed. The steep and rough country would have made the rapid removal of the two remaining 18 pdrs. a most difficult undertaking.

The reduction of the strength of the division from about 8848 to 4800 presented some difficulties.

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Bad weather and lack of loading facilities not only prevented the embarkation of vehicles and stores, but also rendered it impossible to foretell the number which could be embarked on any particular night; consequently the personnel varied with the number of guns and animals which remained and it was not easy to get correct returns. Still, the process of evacuation continued steadily during the five night (15th to 17th December), and although it was not possible to re-embark all our vehicles and stores, 38 guns and 4048 of all ranks were shipped to Mudros (^{see} Appendix 1 "Table shewing daily evacuations from Anzac").

(ii) The measures taken to conceal our intention from the enemy aimed at the preservation of normal conditions in every respect; while, by ordering the complete cessation of all hostile action for periods of from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, it was hoped to accustom the enemy to periods of silence. It is probable that the three days "silent ruse" which we carried out during the last week of November made our withdrawal easier. On that occasion, the enemy displayed marked uneasiness and eventually reconnoitred our line in several places, suffering many casualties. A summary of the measures taken is given in Appendix 11.

6. Our intelligence reports for some days prior to the withdrawal indicate that the enemy was quite ignorant of our intention. He probably imagined that our designs were aggressive; for he continued digging, and adding wire to, his defences all along his frontup to the very end.

7. Particular care was taken to bury stores, that could not be removed or destroyed, beyond the reach of a crowbar; sandbags were placed a few feet below any covering of soft rubble to simulate hard ground.

Dump heaps were moved over buried stores and the surface disguised with refuse. It was found necessary to send officers' parties to destroy surplus stores of rum and other liquor. Our lines and dug-outs were left scrupulously clean.

8. The plan as arranged was admirably carried out by the troops, (see 1st Australian Division Order No. 4) On the night of 18th/19th the troops began to leave their trenches at 1730; the first parties reached WATSONS PIER about 1800 and from that hour onwards a constant stream of men filed on board until 2010; by which hour the whole of the first party had embarked. Steps had been taken to accelerate the arrival of the second party, which began to embark about 2215; the embarkation was completed by 2330.

On the second night the arrangements worked with the same clock-work regularity. Lighters were in readiness for each party as they reached the beach and the troops filed on board without the slightest hitch or confusion.

The operation was favoured, on the last two nights, by almost ideal weather conditions. It was very calm and still, with a misty moon which gave ample light without showing up the shipping from a distance.

The naval arrangements worked well both ashore and afloat. The lighters and cutters were always ready and were expeditiously loaded, despatched and returned. The troops were conveyed in "K" motor lighters and cutters to transports and ketches lying off the shore.

9. Our successful withdrawal depended on the following considerations :-

(i) Fine weather.

(ii) Whether the Turks attacked us; and if they

did attack whether we could drive them off and re-embark according to our plan.

(i) Fine weather was the determining factor combined, of course, with clear orders and the steadiness of the troops. With these, the numbers which could be embarked depended upon the piers, water transport, and time available, but it was only by fully organising our resources in these respects, that good results could be obtained.

It is worthy of note that, since most of our re-embarkation had to be carried out under cover of dark, the season of the year was favourable (20th December is shortest day) and there were actually about 12 hours of darkness. Climatic conditions in these parts are remarkably constant; according to a forecast, which up to date had proved extraordinarily accurate, no really bad weather was to be expected before about 20th December after which storms would be frequent.

(ii) If the Turks had attacked on the second last day, we should have been able to oppose them with about two men per yard of our front. During the last twentyfour hours, up to the time the "A" parties left the trenches, we should have been able to oppose an attack with a strength of about one man per yard of our front, and we should have had the support of four 18 pdr. field guns, two 5 inch howitzers and perhaps one 6 inch howitzer. All ranks felt confident we could drive back the Turk if he attacked. The only contingency which caused serious anxiety was the chance of an artillery bombardment by the Turks, especially if the beaches were heavily shelled on the last two nights when the loss of a lighter or two might have caused serious loss of personnel and perhaps have dislocated re-embarkation.

The arrangements for meeting attack at various stages on the last night are given in Appendix 111

Although it would have been difficult for us to break off an action and retire to the beach, on the last night, it was considered that even greater difficulties would have faced the Turks for our defences were a regular maze of trenches and even after the enemy had got through our front line, it would have taken him some time to find his way at night across the rough and difficult country between our lines and the sea.

(inld) D.G.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX 1.

Table showing daily Evacuation from ANZAC.

Evacuation on night of

UNIT	11/12 Dec.		12/13		13/14		14/15		15/16		16/17		17/18		18/19		19/20 DEC. 15.	
	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Officers	O.R.
D.H.Q. & Signals	-	5	-	-	2	1	-	6	2	20	-	3	3	4	-	-	35 all ranks.	
Div. Art.	9	248 [#]	-	-	2	139 [#]	5	252 [#]	4	246 [#]	7	96 [#]	11	87 [#]	3	38 [#]	14	56
Div. Engrs.	1	50	-	-	-	-	-	36	4	173	1	11	2	4	-	-	15 all ranks.	
1st. Inf. Bde.	-	-	-	-	2	10	1	13	-	-	-	25	-	6	-	-	1811 all ranks.	
2nd. Inf. Bde.	50	1135	-	-	-	-	1	12	1	28	-	16	-	9	-	-	includes portion of 7th & 8th Bn.	
3rd. Inf. Bde.	2	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Div. Train	2	13	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	54	-	3	3	20	-	-		
1st Field Ambulance	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ordnance Depot	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ATTACHED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2nd. L.H. Bde.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450 all ranks.	
H.Qrs. & Signals)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-		
5th. L.H. Regt.)	17	291	-	-	-	2	-	10	1	2	-	4	-	-	-	-		
6th. L.H. Regt.)	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	11	-	6	-	1	-	-		
7th. L.H. Regt.)	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	7	2	7	-	8	-	4	-	-		
L.H. Bde. Train	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	30	-	-	-	1	-	-		
L.H. Field Ambulance	3	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
A.By. 69th Bde. RFA.	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	9	-	8	-	-	-	9	-	-	2	11
5th Lowland By. RFA.	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	3	-	3	-	-	1	9	-	-	2	11
Anti. Aircraft	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	7
Heavy By.	-	-	-	-	1	20	2	32	2	31	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Beach Parties etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	84	1907			10	203	15	546	23	617	8	172	21	156	2387	all ranks	2405	all ranks
<div> <div>1-6 Howitzer</div> <div>4-5 "</div> <div>10-18 Pdrs.</div> <div>15 Guns.</div> </div> <div> <div>5 Guns</div> <div>2-5 Howitzer</div> <div>3-18 Pdrs.</div> </div> <div> <div>5 Guns</div> <div>1-6 How.</div> <div>4-18 Pdr.</div> </div> <div> <div>5 guns</div> <div>1-6 How.</div> <div>4-18 Pdr.</div> </div> <div> <div>4 Guns</div> <div>(18 Pdr.)</div> </div> <div> <div>4 Guns</div> <div>(18 Pdr.)</div> </div>																		
9 Guns destroyed (see below)																		

GUNS DESTROYED

18 Pounders
 1. 3rd Battery
 1. 5th "
 1. 8th "
 1. 9th "
4

5" Howitzer
 1. "A" By. 69th Bde. R.F.A.
 1. 5th Lowland By. R.F.A.
2

Other Guns
 1. Anti. Aircraft Gun 12 pdr. Q.F.
 1. 4.7" Q.F. Naval
 1. 3 Pdr. Q.F. Hotchkiss
3
Total 9

Note:- Some difficulty was experienced in getting exact returns from Units but figures given are substantially correct.

APPENDIX NO. 5

Summary of means taken to preserve normal conditions
and to prevent the enemy discovering our
movements.
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Fires and lights were to be kept burning as usual
at all times and during the final two nights especially.

Great attention was paid to the display of a normal
number of periscopes in the trenches, especially on the
last day.

The gun fire was regulated so that the normal rate
of fire was maintained by the reduced number of guns.

Men were marched daily from the beaches towards
our front line along exposed routes in view of the enemy,
in order to induce the belief that reinforcements were
arriving.

Tents and stacks of stores were left standing,
piles of baggage or kits were forbidden - and dug-outs
were not allowed to be dismantled.

Mules were marched over exposed routes, on the
principle of a "stage" army.

Men were detailed to show themselves at points in
view of the enemy, where our troops had been in the
habit of congregating - a free issue of cigarettes was
made to encourage them to maintain 'normal' conditions.
In case of appearance of hostile aircraft, men were
warned to come out of their dug-outs and show themselves.

Ammunition and bombs were placed in various
places in the trenches to enable to men of the "C"
parties to keep up normal fire from various points
in the length of trench assigned to them.

An ingenious automatic device was arranged by
which rifles could be fired after the men had finally
left the trenches. This consisted of an arrangement
of water tins; the water dripping from a filled tin to

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an empty tin until the weight of the second tin was enough to pull the rifle trigger. The time could be varied by regulating the flow. Unserviceable rifles were adapted thus and set to fire at intervals of 10, 20, or 30 minutes after our front line trenches had been evacuated.

All ranks were cautioned against making noise or passing orders in a loud tone of voice. The use of the word "retire" was forbidden.

In order to deaden the sound of marching on the hard ground, the troops made boot mufflers consisting of blanket or sandbags containing a pad of four or more thicknesses of the material folded below the sole of the boot. Where the ground was trodden hard, men were set to loosen the surface with picks to deaden the sound and make it less slippery when wet. Soft earth from parados were raked down into the trenches.

Men with coughs and colds were to leave with the first parties. Talking and smoking were, of course, forbidden. Precautions were taken to prevent the rattling of mess tins and they were placed inside the packs with greatcoats. Entrenching tool handles were lashed to bayonet scabbards to prevent noise. Fixed bayonets were covered with a spiral sheath of sacking to prevent glitter in the starlight.

The police of the 1st Infantry Brigade made a thorough search of the brigade area, for equipment, stores or papers not properly disposed of. A few important papers were found and destroyed; these included orders on the subject of self-mutilation in order to avoid service at the front and letters to artillerymen describing the effects of the war at home

Appendix 111.Method of withdrawal from trenches

The men were withdrawn from the trenches by degrees - the idea being that the ground should be held to the last by the men who knew it.

Each regiment and battalion had its own forming up place. Units of the 1st Infantry Brigade (to whom 7th and 8th Battalions were attached) formed up on GUN ROAD; the 2nd Light Horse Brigade formed up on SHELL GREEN. From these forming up places the various parties moved in formed bodies to their appointed starting points which were marked as detailed in 1st Australian Division Order No. 4.

At each "starting point" an officer was stationed to control the traffic, and "traffic control personnel" were stationed along the route to the beaches. The route had previously been reconnoitred, cleared, and marked; nearly all the officers, and a large number of N.C.O's and men, had actually rehearsed the parts they were to play and marched over the route. As the officer commanding each party arrived at the starting point, he reported his party "all present" to the "Control Officer". On the last night, the 'control officers' received reports from units when all were clear of the trenches, after which they walked down the routes to the beaches and collected their traffic personnel prior to embarking.

On arrival at the beaches the men came under the orders of the Military Landing Officers and were formed up at rendezvous clear of the beach. In order to prevent crowding on the piers, men were despatched in parties of ten in single file at about 20 paces interval; this permitted a steady flow of men on to the lighters. The average time taken to embark 400 men on a "K" lighter was 26 minutes.

The men embarked on the last night but one carried

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their packs, three blankets and one waterproof sheet; of these one was carried away for each man remaining till the following night. This weight was found to be excessive; it hampered the mens movements and prevented them being closely stowed on board lighters. Much gear was discarded by the men on their way to the beaches, but it is only fair to state, that, in addition to their authorised kits most men carried various curios and spare clothes. On the final night the men carried their packs and one blanket only.

In order to ensure that the men kept closed up, the larger bodies moved two abreast and each man held a string, about three feet in length, attached to the pack of the man in front; any involuntary lengthening of the column was thus rendered impossible. Strict police measures were put in hand to prevent straggling or men arriving at the beach too early.

Arrangements were made to place obstacles on the defined routes by which the enemy might attempt to follow us to the beach.

On the final night, except by orders to the contrary by the Rear Guard Commander, movement was to be carried out in accordance with the scheduled times which were fixed in relation to the times of embarkation and the distances to be covered.

Reports were to be rendered as under :-

- (a) Report of departure of parties (A,B, and C) from brigade areas, stating strength.
- (b) Periodical reports of situation - 4 hourly starting from 1800 on first night of embarkation. Any special occurrence will be reported at once.
- (c) Messages at 0600 on second day to Rear Guard Commander ANZAC, stating that telephone communications were intact.
- (d) On departure of B party - second day - from brigade area, report that Brigadier had handed over to "C" party commander.

By "C" Party Commanders.

- (e) Hourly report on situation, i.e., normal or otherwise

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- (f) Report of commencement of the withdrawal of "C" party and closing of brigade signal office.

After the departure of the Divisional Commander on the last night but one, the troops came under the orders of the Rear Guard Commander, to whose staff was attached a representative of the divisional staff (G.S.O. 1), whose duty it was to receive reports and to be ready to give any information respecting the division.

The following arrangements were made by Rear Guard Commander to meet attack on the last night - at successive stages :-

(a) Any attack before withdrawal began is to be met by holding the front line trenches.

(b) If an attack is made just before the withdrawal of B parties, these may, at discretion of brigade commanders, be ordered to stand fast till the attack slackens. This applies to B parties only and in no case are these parties to be recalled to the trenches after they have actually left them.

(c) The principle is that the withdrawal is to continue in spite of the enemy; no deviation from the schedule times is permitted without reference to the Rear Guard Commander.

(d) The commander of a party moving to the beach will not halt or delay his movement without an order from Rear Guard Commander, or unless his party is actually attacked and he has to discontinue his movement to save his troops.

(e) In event of it becoming necessary for the Rear Guard Commander to occupy a line of defence other than that now held, the following will be the line - MACLAGANS RIDGE - PLUGGERS PLATEAU - RUSSELLS TOP - WALKERS RIDGE - No. 1 Post - Old No. 3 Post - Nos. 2 and 3 Posts and thence to the sea.

25th. December. Sarpi Camp.

G.O.C. attended Church Parade of 2nd. Infantry Brigade, after which G.O.C. addressed the men on subject of behaviour in Egypt; the brigade then marched past G.O.C. (in fours).

G.O.C. then visited camp of 3rd. Infantry Brigade - addressed the men and the brigade marched past. Similarly to 2nd. Infantry Brigade.

G.O.C. visited French camp in afternoon. A few Australians worse for drink near Sarpi village.

26th. December.

G.O.C. visited Army Corps Headquarters in morning.

At 1700 G.O.C. embarked on H.M.T. Ascanius, accompanied by Lieut Colonel Glasford, G.S.O.1.; Capt. White, Div. Sig. officer; and Capt. Anderson, D.A.A.G., with their batmen. Details of 1st. and 2nd. Australian Division and G.H.Q. aboard.

27th. December.

About 0700 Ascanius sailed from Mudros Harbour for Alexandria.

Sea calm; weather fine.

28th. December.

At sea. Calm and fine.

29th. December.

Arrived in Alexandria Harbour soon after 1000. G.O.C. party left Ascanius about 1100 - except Capt. Anderson, who remained on board to proceed direct to Tel-el-Kebir Camp, with batmen and other details. G.O.C. arrived at Cairo about 1930.

30th. December.

G.O.C. visited Intermediate Base in the morning and fixed up various details - also met Major General Legge, Commanding 2nd. Australian Division.

G.O.C. visited Sir John Maxwell in afternoon and, later on, went to Heliopolis to see 1st. Light Horse Brigade.

31st. December.

G.O.C., G.S.O.1, and A.D.C. visited camp at Tel-el-Kebir leaving Cairo at 1100. Met Brigadier General MacLagan and put various arrangements in hand as regards settling down in camp. Major General Legge and A.A.&Q.M.G. (Blamey), 2nd. Australian Division accompanied G.O.C. and all returned to Cairo arriving there about 1930.