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Light Horse

**Item number: 10/3/11**

**Title: 3rd Australian Light Horse**  
**Brigade**

December 1915

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HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> Div Hides

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Rhodo <sup>n</sup> Spur	<p>G.O.C called and discussed thinning line of Defence. Meeting of C.O<sup>s</sup> after and explained the method to be adopted i.e. by holding fire trenches with outpost groups, men in supports - and pushing out strong night patrols in order to prevent surprise. Lt Col Grant to mudros vice Capt Kidd (invalided) to command B<sup>de</sup> rest details - Fred Simpson rest with 69<sup>th</sup> Battery - results fair - Pres<sup>o</sup> Goodman joined - C of Enquiry on stolen rum Not suitable Pres<sup>o</sup> J. G. Bond treated on Provost Surg<sup>y</sup> Dutze and 4 men 9<sup>th</sup> Lt for drunkenness - to sit tomorrow - Major Alderman Pres<sup>o</sup>. Snow disappearing, Lt Macphellan reported to 10<sup>th</sup> Lt - Two working parties</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
" "	of 1 officer + 50 others to make road near beach for mules -	2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Todd DSO returned to duty - 7 A.M. Sitting - Usual stripping from Linnell Bair on one mule - Sanders back from Mudd's canteen stores - Cap Bayly 9 <sup>th</sup> Lt to Imbro & canteen &	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.01. Army Corps and 9 <sup>th</sup> Div <sup>n</sup> - inspected area + Trenches all very good: owing to loss of Barques in late heavy weather reduction in some rations: Informed by G.O. that 250 of the 9 <sup>th</sup> A. Corps were drowned and 6500 evacuated since onset of snow - this is about a week - Special instructions issued re precautions against cold.	4 <sup>th</sup> Major Todd took over Com <sup>d</sup> of 10 <sup>th</sup> Lt. Col. Nicholas who has done most excellent work while in command. a sound, firm and capable officer. 17 <sup>th</sup> Field Siege Battery shelled "Snipers nest"	B. R. O 690 3/12/15

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Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	<p>and completely shambled it - Splendid shooting fully a dozen direct hits - H.E. - must have been heavy casualties - We may have held in it - This has been a thorn in our side since troops landed as an observation &amp; sniping point. It is a salient which cuts into our defence, but we could never hold it as it is dominated from Turkish positions and at least still of some use. The position appears an extraordinary one for our men to be allowed to hold - It is 400 yards S of ANTILL'S LOOKOUT and completely unexplored &amp; taken in rear by our fire - But by digging in deep trenches and camouflaging it has been successfully held by the Turks for over 6 months - Yesterday was its worst day &amp; it was most untenable for the time - Our M.S. played it continuously from</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tate Top and Tolman Post and Rotations top by day and from 2 posts at night -	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gen <sup>l</sup> . Bredford, Sooley & Russell (A.C.: L.V.C. + A.C. Com <sup>d</sup> ) in Specter Area and Trenches - Deepening and Traversing Trenches	
6 <sup>th</sup>	A good deal of Artillery fire from Turks - destroying fresh supplies of Am <sup>n</sup> and guns the last week: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Latham Signals, reported Brigade Police (7) reported to N.Z. + A. Div <sup>n</sup>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Major Nicholas evacuated to have bullet taken out of his knee - rest in May at Quinn's -	
8 <sup>th</sup>	all C. Co and Sep inspected with C.R.A. Gen Johnston, all guns and Batteries between Angai and Suv la some 52 mi all.	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Serge Battery fired again at "Snipers nest" with fine results -	
	69 <sup>th</sup> Battery at Battleship Hill: appear at from Div <sup>n</sup> for amended chart + Qm Sproat to stop -	

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	<p>Scheme of defence by which line is held more lightly i.e. by a series of outposts with supports close in rear resting - instead of a heavily condensed line of men - our line not being close to enemy with a deep DERE and very rough intervening ground - it would be most difficult to surprise us and under new scheme men will be able to get a fair amt<sup>4</sup> of rest -</p> <p>Lieut. 2<sup>nd</sup> Macpherson (8<sup>th</sup>); A. D. Palmer (9<sup>th</sup>); S.A. Ayliffe of 9<sup>th</sup> reinforcements officers reported yesterday, the reinforcements brought by them having been left at Mudros -</p>	
" 9	<p>Brigade Police taken away and attached to Dumein - this is most inconvenient and leaves the Brigade and area absolutely without supervision -</p> <p>Ajam Shelled Turkish nest with 17<sup>th</sup> Sqr. Battery with excellent results</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
" 10		Three Cruisers and 2 monitors heavily bombarded Turkish position apparently about Sata Tepa, probably guns at Olive Grove: lasted for 2 hours razing over 1000 shells, H.E. - Parade of B <sup>co</sup> for instructions in use of new type of Gas Helmet - Lecture after by me and scheme of defence explained to all ranks - Turned out B <sup>co</sup> at midnight - unsatisfactory	
" "		Lecture and address given repeated - also upon the results of last night's 'summit' explained fully what should be done in alarm or pending attack - Promulgation of sentences of G. C. on Private Sep <sup>t</sup> and 2 men of 9 <sup>th</sup> LH for drunkenness on duty led out to assembly parade - Private Sep <sup>t</sup> reduced to ranks and two men 91 days 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep <sup>t</sup> 1892: Weather continues fine and pleasant. Special instructions to C. O's re necessity of getting morning on last night's imperfections.	

Date.	Place and Time.	
" 12	Indications point to evacuation - no stores being landed: Mules Artillery & Hospitals being cleared - my app <sup>n</sup> to visit Muddos to inspect Rest details to be suspended - re - 69 <sup>th</sup> (D) Battery fired on Sumpies Nest last night: names of members B <sup>th</sup> submitted to date for decoration or recognition as follows	<p><u>New Year's Honor Gazette.</u></p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L.H. Capt. M.B. Higgins : No 477 Sgt. N. Worrall : No 353 Sgt. A.H. CARRINGTON.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> L.H. Major. W.H. Scott : No 413. Corp. J. Fryday : No 614. Tpr. J. PENNYCUIK.</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L.H. Major. C.L. Nicholas : No. 1. (R.S.M.) J.W. Everington : No. 98 (S.S.M.) M.B. McKenzie.</p>
	Conference at Div. Hqrs with G.O.C. Div.	<p>Subject movement of Rest Parties</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Lt Col Rejt left "Anzac" under Col. T.J. Todd at 900 for rest camp at Ambros. Shelling by Turks of APEX. New dispositions.	DSO.
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reply to Turkish Artillery by shelling of SNIPERS NEST. by our batteries. New disposition of the defence satisfactory though somewhat weaker. The whole line divided by 8 <sup>th</sup> + 9 <sup>th</sup> LH proportionately to their strength. 8 <sup>th</sup> LH from DESTROYER HILL (exclus) to ROBINSONS SAP (incl) 9 <sup>th</sup> LH from ROBINSONS SAP to a point 150' East of the ISLAND. Brigadier informed of evacuation.	
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	no unusual activity during the day. Bombing more frequent on WALKERS' during the night	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Meeting of all Brigadiers with GOC, at Div H. Qrs. The method of evacuation was decided on, that is to be done in two nights, there being three parties on each night. The strength of troops for each Brigade to be left until these two nights was decided. All other men are to be sent away prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> night.</p> <p>Bgdr visited A + NZ Army Corps. Hd Qrs. Bgdr appointed Army Corps Embarkation officer for the evacuation of the Anzac position.</p>	<p>(Col Jm. Antill. CB.) (Col Jm. Antill. CB.)</p>
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	<p>A quiet day throughout the Anzac Position. The NZ MA Division having orders not to indulge in much sniping so as to let things become quiet</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Fire of the NORTH SHORE Store Dump at 0200.  A large blaze showing a great reflection. The burnt throughout the day, remainder until 1800.  Conference of all Brigadiers with GOC, NZ 1A Div at Div. Hd Qrs.  All officers of the Brigade brought to Bde Hd Qrs when the evacuation order was dictated to all &amp; copies taken by unit representatives.  Rehearsal of Bde withdrawal was held in the afternoon.  3rd LH Bde had only one party to go on the 1st night that was 'C' party, which left at 2330.  MAJOR <del>PERIOD</del> <sup>DARSONS</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> LH was in charge of this party.</p>	<p>* See Appendix marked "A" (Brigade evacuation Order)</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Throughout the day all material that it was not possible to move was buried or broken. All ammunition was buried in the tunnels &amp; 10 to 15 feet of earth thrown over it. Bombs were carried away as far as possible the remainder being buried after submerging in water. Loopholes plates were buried. Nothing of importance was left in the area. During the afternoon the Turks used new shells on our trenches. They were H.E. shells of the Howitzer type and were the largest fired since the landing of the Bgd. They were over 9" diameter. Heavy shelling of Hill 60 which was held by the N.Z.M.R. Bde.</p>	

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Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Though this shelling was severe no casualties were sustained.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> night of the evacuation. A &amp; B Parties leaving at 1800 and 2300 respectively.</p>	
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	<p>"C" Parties left Angac at 0250. The Bde section was held until 0215. Last parties left Beach at 0335.</p> <p>WALKERS RIDGE blown up as the last boats were about to leave. The A &amp; C parties proceeded to MUDROS &amp; transhipped on the T.S. HORARATA at 1200. Col. Antill appointed by Army Corps to remain till the last and superintend whole of the embarkation of ANGAC Troops. Bk parties stopped the night aboard this ship.</p> <p>under orders to trans ship to another transport.</p>	<p>} See Appendix "A". Bde Order</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c. attached.
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> .	<p>B+C Parties 2<sup>nd</sup> night transhipped on to the Troopship ANCHISES. <sup>Reported to G.O.C. no casualties and specially mentioned Capt Stavelly R.N. P.T.O and Major Bruce M.L.O for their excellent work during embarkation operations</sup></p> <p>A number of troop ships were to leave at 1730 with a convoy, with the ANCHISES as Flagship, whilst moving from the anchorage to the entrance of MUDROS Harbour the Troopship "ABBASIA" collided with the ANCHISES. The remainder of transports proceeded to sea the ANCHISES anchoring for the night. (No damage to the ship).</p>	
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The troop ship "ANCHISES" left MUDROS at 0900, for ALEXANDRIA.	
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	B+C Parties on board Troopship: "ANCHISES."	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<u>Dec 25<sup>th</sup></u>	<p><u>Xmas. DAY.</u> B.C. Parties arrived at ALEXANDRIA at 0700. + disembarked at 1500.</p> <p>B.C. Parties proceeded to HELIOPOLIS. CAIRO. by train at 1800. going into Bde CAMP. at the Racecourse</p>	
<u>Dec 26<sup>th</sup></u>	<p>All the Bde in camp with the exception of 'A' party 2<sup>nd</sup> night. Reorganization.</p>	
<u>Dec 27<sup>th</sup></u>	<p>Reorganization. Indents on Ordnance for clothing etc as men had practically nothing more than they stood up in.</p>	
<u>Dec 28<sup>th</sup></u>	<p>Reorganization. 'A' party 2<sup>nd</sup> night joined the Bde at HELIOPOLIS. Whole Brigade now in. from ANZAC. without a single casualty.</p>	

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HQ 3<sup>rd</sup> A.L.H. Bde

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reorganization.	The Bde is short a great deal especially Horses & light horse equipment. Board held on stores & incidents complete.	
Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Medical officers report health of Bde of men returned good & few cases only require a spell before starting training.	Decided to start from beginning of L.H. training on Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	Exercise parades only.		<u>COMMAND.</u>
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1916	New Year's Day.	Start the year 1916 with very few old officers or senior officers but plenty of reinforcements. Old men are to be used as a nucleus for troops & squadrons.	Col. J.M. Ansell. C.B. Comm <sup>d</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.L.H. Bde. vice Genl. Hughes. (invalided) 1.1.16. <u>APPOINTMENT.</u> Col. J.M. Ansell. C.B. Promoted. General. 1.1.16. A.I.F. List 19.

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Special Army Corps Order.  
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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. Bidwood.*

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Lieutenant-General,

Commanding Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

Confidnetial.NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No.G. 965.

Divisional Headquarters,

2nd December, 1915.

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To : All Brigades,  
C.R.A., C.R.E., A.D.M.S., Signals, Admin. Staff, S.S.O.

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MEMORANDUM :

The following extracts from General Staff Circular No.3 are communicated for information and action where necessary:

1.  
CORPS RESERVE

The 54th Division, less 163rd Bde. and 1 Field Coy.R.E. form a Corps Reserve accomodated as foòlows :-

Divisional Headquarters - AUSTRALIA GULLY (as at present).  
161st & 162nd Bdes. - WATERFALL GULLY and TAYLORS HOLLOW.  
Divisional Troops - In present quarters.

2.  
RESERVE TO  
No.4 SECTION.

The 163rd Brigade with one Field Company R.E. are allotted as reserve to No.4 Section.

3.  
MOVES OF  
H. Q. -

The above distribution entails the following : -

- (a) 163rd Bde.H.Q. remains in EVANS DELL (92 N 8).
- (b) N.Z. Mounted Rifles Brigade H.Q. will occupy the quarters vacated by the H.Q. 161st Bde. in AUSTRALIA VALLEY (92 S 3).
- (c) The H.Q. of the Regiments of the N.Z.M.R. Brigade will take over the Battalion H.Q. of the troops they have relieved at the discretion of the Brigade Commander.
- (d) The H.Q. Eastern Mounted Brigade in FINSBURY VALE (92 S 8/9) become the H.Q. of No. 4 Section.

*H. R. Parry*

Major,  
General Staff,  
N.Z. & A. Division.

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NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
9th December, 1915.

To: Headquarters,  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade .

In accordance with instructions received from General Headquarters the following procedure is to be adopted in the event of another blizzard in the future as using heavy casualties.

Estimates of such casualties are to be sent in daily by telegram without delay to Divisional Headquarters followed as ~~the~~ soon as possible by accurate figures.

The instructions contained in paragraphs 28 and 32 (regarding heavy casualties in action) in Pamphlet issued with G.R.O. 405 will apply.

A Staff Officer is to be specially ~~xxxxxxx~~ detailed in each Brigade or Unit to obtain this information.

*W. Morrison*  
Major, D.A.A.G.  
N.Z. & A Division .



## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

B.M. 695.

To: N.Z. & A. DIVISION.  
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With reference to your G.998. dated 7th. December.

1. Noted.
2. I would be glad of any suggestions reference this matter as there seems to me no other means at my disposal.
3. Yes.
4. The conformation of the country is such that the Patrols in the DERE are at least 300 yards away and I can suggest no other effective means of warning by the Patrols, <sup>other.</sup> than by using their rifles, which if heard in the DERE will at once arouse suspicions and put the defence on the "qui vive".
5. Noted.

It is intended to put this scheme into operation as soon as approval is communicated.

I would be glad therefore of an early reply.

Head Quarters.

3rd. A.L.H.Bde.

Col.

9th. December. 1915.

Commg. 3rd. A.L.H.BDE.

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BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER  
 BY  
 COLONEL J.M. ANTILL, C.B.  
 Comdg. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

Copy No. 2.

GALLIPOLI.  
 19/12/15.

1. INFORMATION.

The N.Z. and A. Division has been ordered to re-embark and proceed to MUDROS. The re-embarkation will be effected in two successive nights and will commence tonight. It will be for the 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at NORTH BEACH.

2. PRELIMINARY MEASURES.

Immediate steps will be taken by Units for the removal of all Official papers, Maps, Kits and Baggage. All Notices or Guiding Marks likely to be of use to the enemy will be destroyed on the second day. Blankets will be taken by parties on the first night. - No Blankets will be carried on the second night.

3. EMBARKATION 1ST NIGHT.

- a. Troops will be embarked in three parties, A. B. & C.
- b. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade "C" Party 183 all ranks (Officer in charge MAJOR J.W. PARSONS 9th L.H.)
- c. The hour and instructions regarding embarkation are set forth in Appendix A.

4. EMBARKATION 2ND NIGHT.

a. The remaining troops of the Brigade will embark on the second night in three parties, A. B. and C. as in Appendix.

b.	Total.	Commander.
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	"A" Party 100 all ranks.	Major Barlow, 9th A.L.H.
	"B" " 60 " "	Major Farr, Bde Major.
	"C" " 40 " "	Lt. Col. Maygar, V.C. 8th A.L.H.

b. On no account are the above numbers to be exceeded. All troops in excess are to be embarked the first night.

c. All troops will embark with 150 rounds and carry 2 iron rations.

5. METHOD OF WITHDRAWAL. 2ND NIGHT.

a. On the second night A. & B. parties will be moved as laid down in Appendix B in sufficient time to reach the place of Assembly or Starting Point and join the column that will be at the bottom of SALLI BEIT DERES at junction with MAIN SAP.

The withdrawal of each party will be gradual and embarkation will be in formed bodies.

b. On "B" Party moving LIBUT COL MAYGAR V.C. Officer Commanding "C" Party will establish himself at Brigade Headquarters and assume command of the remaining details. This Officer will be responsible for the withdrawal and embarkation of "C" party and for advising DIV. H.Qrs. by 'phone of the commencement of the withdrawal of "C" party after which telephone communication ceases with DIV. H.Qrs. "C" party taking instruments with them and cutting back wires.

c. "C" Parties will be retained in the fire trenches till ordered to withdraw by O.C. "C" party

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5. EMBARKATION.  
2ND NIGHT  
(continued)

Commander Rear  
Party - Colonel  
Paton 7th. A.I.  
Bde.

c. (continued) withdrawal to be gradual. The commencement of the time of withdrawal is laid down in Appendix B.

d. Commanders of "C" Parties are informed that the final covering position extending from No. 1 Post via WALKERS RIDGE - PLUGGERS PLATEAU - MCCLAGANS RIDGE will be held by a rear party drawn from certain "C" parties of the Army Corps. The commander of the rear party is being by the 2nd Aust. Division. The portion of the rear party drawn from N.Z. & A. Division is 75. All ranks which will be furnished from "C" party 1st A.L.H. Brigade. It will be in position in accordance with orders to be issued by Rear Party Commander at 6pm on 2nd day. A "Keep" has been provided with food and water and ammunition by the 2nd Aust. Division. This will be within the final covering position.

6. MOVEMENTS.

a. On withdrawal from the trenches by all parties Bayonets will be unfixed, rifles unloaded, and magazine uncharged. An Officer will march at the rear of each party.

The Officer at the head of each party will hand to the M.L.O. by whom he is taken in charge the numerical strength of his party and any casualties, such as wounded, missing etc.

b. The word RETIRE is not to be used by any person when issuing instructions to withdraw. The order is to be passed quickly and quietly.

c. All movements will be made expeditiously and in silence, and the utmost care will be taken to maintain the appearance of normal conditions throughout the operation of withdrawal. The necessity for rapid loading and close packing of troops on to Motor Lighters and for rapid evacuation on to troopships is to be impressed on all ranks. During the nights of withdrawal no fires or lights other than those kept normally burning, i.e. incinerators are on any account to be lit.

7. COMMAND.

a. From 1700 on the 2nd night Lieut. Col. Maygar V. 8th L. Horse will assume command of the Brigade until such time as it reassembles vice Colonel J.M. Antill, C.B. who acts as the Chief Embarkation Officer to the A. & N. Zealand Army Corps. On arrival at Mudros Officers Commanding all parties which have become separated will take the earliest opportunity of reporting to the Brigade Major or Staff Captain their whereabouts and numbers. The Senior Officer of the Brigade who reaches MUDROS will assume command, collect Brigade details, and repair to 3rd L.H. Bde. Camp.

8. ANIMALS.

The donkeys on use by the Units will be let loose at dark on the 2nd day.

9. STAFF OFFICERS  
AND POLICE.

a. Staff Officers have been detailed to regulate traffic at various points and police will assist these Officers.

b. Divisional Representatives (MAJOR PINWILL) to whom all parties will report will be at the junction of MAIN SAP & MULE GULLY. Officers Commanding "C" Party will be met by the Divisional Representative at this place, and two routes from the bottom of ZAZLI BEIT DERE are available. Both should be utilized. No. 1. Main Sap, No. 2 Beach Road.

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10. MEDICAL  
ARRANGEMENTS.

No attempt will be made to remove large numbers of wounded on the 2nd day. The following Hospitals will be available.

No 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Hospital  
No 13 Casualty Clearing Station.

At the camps of vacated Hospitals and dressing stations bandages and certain appliances have been deposited in the tents.

11. BOMBS AND  
AMMUNITION.

All personell will carry 2 Mills or Pitcher Hand Grenades with them on embarkation. All other bombs will be buried on the afternoon of the second day. All ammunition will be buried at the same time after having been removed from the boxes. Care should be taken that Bombs are not dropped from any height as explosions will occur. They should be lowered in bags. Water or wet earth should be put on top of Bombs or Ammunition.

## 12. REPORTS.

Reports to Brigade Headquarters until commencement of withdrawal of "C" parties 2nd night from 1800 on first day C.O. Regiments will forward 4 hourly reports to Brigade Headquarters to reach there 10 minutes before the hour.

*W. G. Law* Major

~~1st.~~  
Brigade Major 3rd Light Horse  
A.I.F.

Dictated to all Officers 3rd L.H. Brigade  
at 1100 on 18-12-15.

Copied by representatives

8th L.H.R.  
9th L.H.R.  
10th L.H.R.

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1st NIGHT "C" PARTY

APPENDIX A.

Officer in charge Major J.W.Parsons 9th A.L.H.

Strength

8th A.L.H.	1 Officer	2 O/Ranks	3
9th A.L.H.	7 Officers	156 O/Ranks	<u>157</u>
	(includes M.O.)		
		Total.	<u>160</u>

Brigade Starting Point	Saddle Post
Hour of passing starting Point	2300
Place of Assembly	Head of Column to be at the mouth of SAZLI BEIT DERE but clear of Main Sap at 2300 & form in column.
Hour of Embarkation	2400
Conducting Officer of Column	Captain McNeill R.E
Rate of March	3 miles per hour.

2ND NIGHT "A" PARTY

APPENDIX B.

Officer in charge Major Barlow 9th A.L.H.

Strength

B.H.Q.	1 O.R.	1
Sig Troop	4 O.R.	4
Machine Guns	Nil	
Machine Gunners	( 8th L.H. -	
	( 9th L.H. 4 O.R.	4
	( 10th L.H. 4 O.R.	4
8th A.L.H.	3 Officers 49 O/Ranks	52
9th A.L.H.	5 Officers 30 O/Ranks	<u>35</u>
	Total	<u>100</u>

Instructions

Brigade Starting Point	Saddle Post
Hour of Starting	1715
Conducting Officers	Lt Col Hamilton, Major Avery, Lt. Butler R.E.
Route	via Sazli Beit Dere to Main Sap, there you colowan from No 2 Post. Head of Column to be at but clear of sap. This party take lower Gully Road.
Rate	3 Milesper hour.



## 2ND NIGHT "B" Party

APPENDIX B.

Officer in charge - Major Farr, Brigade Major.

Strength

B.H.Q.	1 Officer	4/0/Ranks	5
Sig. Troop	1 Officer	5 0/Ranks	6
8th A.L.H.	-	1 0/Ranks	1
Machine Guns,	3 Maxims & 1 Vickers.		
Machine Gunners	(8th L.H. 1 Officer	12 0/Ranks	
	(9th	17 0/Ranks	
	(10th	11 0/Ranks	41
Medical Officers	8th L.H. 1 Officer & 3 0/Ranks		
	(not counted for embarkation)		1
Scouts	10th L.H. 1 Officer	4 0/Ranks	5
	9th L.H.	1 0/Ranks	1
		Total	<u>60</u>

Instructions

Brigade Starting Point	Saddle Post
Hour of Starting	2140
Place of Assembly	Head of Column to be at north of Sazli Beit Dere at 2200 & join in column at 2215.
Hour of Embarkation	
Conducting Officers	Lieut Woodyatt, 2 L.H., Col. Hamilton, Major Avery.
Rate of March	3 miles per hour.

## 2ND NIGHT "C" PARTY

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Officer in charge Lieut Col. Maygar V.C. 8th A.L.H.

Strength

Sig Troop	1 0/Ranks	1
8th L.H.	2 Officers 25 0/Ranks	27
Machine Guns	3 Vickers.	
	( 8th L.H. 4/0/Ranks	
	( 9th L.H. 4 0/Ranks	
Machine Gunners	10th L.H. 4 0/Ranks	12
		<u>40</u>
	Total	<u>40</u>

Instructions

Rate of March	2 miles per hour
Hour of commencement of withdrawal.	0215
Route	SAZLI BEIT DERE and NO 1 POST to NORTH BEACH arriving at 0250.

3<sup>rd</sup> A.L. Brigade Details, Mudros

2/12/15	Rhodesian Spur	0400	<p>Left Camp and proceeded to the pier at the foot of WALKERS RIDGE to embark for MUDROS. The ferry boat resumed the running after being stopped for four days. My instructions are to take charge of the Brigade details at the rest camp until Captain KIDD is able to resume duty. arrived at the camp at MUDROS WEST near the village of SARPI</p>	W.S.
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Date.	Place and Time.	58	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2/12/15	MUDROS	at 08.30 + assumed command.	
3/12/15	"	<p>Details of 1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse Brigade + 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse Brigade are in the same camp, the former are under the command of Lieut-col W. T. GLASGOW. Assumed command of the camp as I am the senior officer. Reported to Colonel G. JOHNSTON of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade who is the senior Australian officer in the rest camp. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade is in quarantine at present owing to a case of diphtheria.</p>	W.G.

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Date.	Place and Time.	59	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4/12/15	MUDROOS	13 sick + wounded men reported from the Base Detail Camp + were taken on strength of Brigade	
5/12/15		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts AIZIFFE + PALMER who are in charge of the 9 <sup>th</sup> + 10 <sup>th</sup> reinforcements of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Regt visited the Camp + stated they had landed the day previous + their commands were in the Base Details Camp. They had been three weeks on the ship in the harbour before landing.	
6/12/15		Troops instructed in bomb throwing	W.G.

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Date.	Place and Time.	60	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6/12/15	MUDROS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts DEAN of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Regt and WALKER of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Regt reported back from hospital.	
7/12/15		Troops had a route march. Obtained winter clothing for men from Ordnance stores. No Australian tunics available. some of the men issued with English tunics.	
8/12/15		Marking instruction. Judging distance + Description of targets for training of troops.	
9/12/15		No 784 Sgt BURROUGHS, J.A of B Squadron 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. died in hospital of para-typhoid. Several cases of this disease have occurred.	W.G.

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Date.	Place and Time.	61	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9/12/15	MUDROS	in the Camp.	
10/12/15		Troops did a Route March + went for a bathe as the weather was mild.	
11/12/15		Daily state shows 11 officers + 263 other ranks also 1 officer + 1 other rank attached.	
12/12/15		2 <sup>nd</sup> Infy Bde arrived from ANZAC	
13/12/15		Troops did a Route March. Brigadier-General FORSYTH, J.R. of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde assumed command of SARPI Camp.	
		7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade + the 5 <sup>th</sup> Field amb. arrived from ANZAC.	
14/12/15		5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade arrived from ANZAC	W.S.

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Date.	Place and Time.	62	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14/12/15 MUDROS	MUDROS	Capt KIDD & Lieut ROSEVEAR of the 10 <sup>th</sup> L. B. Regt were discharged from hospital to the Convalescent Camp. At their request they were allowed to come to the SARPI Rest Camp, but were not for duty.	
15/12/15		Base of diphtheria in the 9 <sup>th</sup> L. B. Regt	
16/12/15		Proceeded to S.S. ARAGON & saw the A.Q.M.G. to find out the whereabouts of the Brigade. Informed that one officer & 17 other ranks of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Regt were on the trawler SUZETTE in the harbour	W.S.

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Date.	Place and Time.	63	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16/12/15	MUDROS	also informed that 3 <sup>rd</sup> L. Tb. Bde. were to return to EGYPT. Went to East MUDROS to get in touch with representative of N.Z. & A. Division who stated 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> L. Tb. Bde Details were to stay at SARPI. Moved camp to new site to make room for 1 <sup>st</sup> Division.	
17/12/15	"	sent officer to search the harbour for details of 10 <sup>th</sup> Regt but he was unable to find the SUZETTE. Saw the Commandant of Inter-Base Detail Camp & he stated he would comply with my request & send the	W.G.

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Date.	Place and Time.	64.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17/12/15	MUDROS	reinforcements of the 8 <sup>th</sup> + 9 <sup>th</sup> Regts to join the other details under my command in the afternoon.	
18/12/15	"	Reinforcements of 8 <sup>th</sup> + 9 <sup>th</sup> Regts arrived in camp. Forwarded letter to G.O.C. SARPI Camp asking that 1 officer + 8 other ranks at EAST MUDROS belonging to 3 <sup>rd</sup> L. Ib. Bde Train be transferred to our camp. Went to S.S ARAGON + saw the D.A.A + Q.M.G re movements of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> L. Ib. Bde Found the Q.M of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Regt with 19 other ranks + 3 tons of baggage	W.G.

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Date.	Place and Time.	65	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
MUDROS	18/12/15	on the S.S. KNIGHT OF THE GARTER.	
"	19/12/15	CAPTS WHITE + SILVER, <sup>+17 other ranks</sup> of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> L. T. Field. Amb arrived from ANZAC.	
		Brigadier-General CHAUVEL arrived + assumed command of SARPI Camp.	
		1 <sup>st</sup> AUSTRALIAN Division camped at SARPI	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> do do " " MUDROS WEST	
		N.Z. + A " " EAST MUDROS	
		State shows 19 Officers + 110 other ranks	
		Major PARSONS arrived from ANZAC	
		with 6 other officers + 160 other ranks	
		of the 9 <sup>th</sup> L. T. Regt + went to EAST	W.S.
		MUDROS Camp	

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Date.	Place and Time.	66	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20/12/15	MUDROS	Went to EAST MUDROS + reported to Colonel CHATYOR of the N.Z+A. Division. He instructed me to remain at SARP for the present. Went to the S.S. ARAGON + S.S. PRINCESS ABBAS to look for the Brigadier + Staff but was not able to find them.	
21/12/15	..	Strong wind blowing in the early morning followed by heavy rain.	
22/12/15	..	Proceeded to EAST MUDROS to N.Z.A. Division camp + interviewed Major MORRISON re embarking for EGYPT.	W.S.

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23.12.15. Mudros. Received orders to embark  
 at 1000 on H.M.T. 'CALEDONIA'.  
 Embarked from the  
 SARP I. PIER.

Appointed etc Troops  
 on Board.

ANZAC HQ. 3 Officers 6 Otrs.

1<sup>st</sup> ALH B<sup>nd</sup> Det<sup>ch</sup> 12 " 365 "

3<sup>rd</sup> " " " 18 " 408 "

2<sup>nd</sup> L.H.S. Amb 2 " 41 "

1<sup>st</sup> Division! Train 11 " 104 "

1<sup>st</sup> " " Engineers 18 " 421 "

4<sup>th</sup> ALH Regt 19 " 272 "

1<sup>st</sup> Div! Artillery 6 " 300 "

" " Staff 2 " 2 "

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Date	Place	
22.12.15	MUDROS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance 4 Officers 74 other Total Troops 95 " 2020 "
23.12.15	MUDROS	One case of measles discovered and removed to Hospital Ship DELTA that was lying alongside the CALEDONIA.
24.12.15	.	Sailed at 1000 for ALEXANDRIA. Detailed 1 Officer 2 Sgts 50 men and 1 Officer with 3 Machine Guns as a Guard against Submarines. The Artillery also furnished two crews to man the 12 Pounder NAVAL Gun on the stern of the vessel. MAJOR W MARKWELL 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H. appointed Ships Adjutant 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut T.H. DARLEY 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. " " Q.M. W.O. WASSON 2 <sup>nd</sup> " " " SgT MAJOR Orders issued for troops to wear life-belts all day & sleep on them at night.
25.12.15	H.M.T Caledonia	Sea calm and weather fine. 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. B <sup>de</sup> details had Xmas puddings sent from AUSTRALIA which were drawn in MUDROS.

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Date	Place	
26.12.15	ALEXANDRIA	Arrived at 7.A.M. and anchored in the Harbour. Two cases of measles on board.
27.12.15	"	Went alongside wharf at 8.A.M. and disembarked troops. Entrained for CAIRO at 1000 & arrived there at 1.400. Proceeded to camp at HELIOPOLIS Racecourse.

BRIGADE ORDER NO. 230

HELIOPOLIS  
31st December 1915By  
Colonel J.W. Antill, C.B.  
Commanding 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

1. DETAILS. Field officer Major Parsons, 9th L.H. Regiment  
Next for Duty Captain Kidd, 10th L.H. Regiment  
Guard Brigade Guard will be furnished by 9th L.H. Regt  
Next for Duty 10th L.H. Regt  
2 Light Duty Men will also be furnished by the 9th L.H. Regt
2. PICQUET. Heliopolis Picquet will be furnished by the 10th L.H. Regt  
EXTRA MOUNTED PICQUET composed as under will be furnished by the 10th L.H. Regt. They will report at Headquarters at 5.45 pm and report to A.P.M. Heliopolis at 6 pm  
1 Officer  
1 Sergeant  
1 Corporal  
20 Other Ranks.
3. CANTEEN PICQUET. 1 N.C.O. and 2 men of the 10th L.H. Regt. will report to Canteen Sergeant Doedt at 1600 at Canteen.
4. ATTACHED FOR DUTY. Lieut. R.F. Toomey, is temporarily attached to Brigade Headquarters from 12th L.H. Regt.
5. RECORDING MESSAGES. The method of recording time on all Official documents and messages will be that used by the British Navy, which was the system in vogue at Anzac. C.O.'s Units will arrange to have instructed in this system those who are not already familiar with it.
6. COURT MARTIAL. A Field General Court Martial composed as under will assemble on Monday 3rd. January at 9th L.H. Headquarters at ~~XXXX~~ **X1000** for the purpose of trying the undermentioned accused persons or such other persons as may be brought before them.  
PRESIDENT.  
Major C.L. Nicholas, 10th Light Horse.  
MEMBERS  
Captain Shearer J.H., 9th Light Horse.  
*Captain McHunzie R.A. 9<sup>th</sup>*  
PROSECUTOR  
Captain Higgins H.B., 8th Light Horse.  
The accused person is No. 5105, Driver Mulcair G.L., 12th A.L.H.C.
7. SCOUTS Ten men will be specially selected in each Regiment to be trained as Scouts. They must be good horsemen and have a keen sense of direction. Lieut. G.G. Munkley, 10th L.H. Regt will be responsible for the training of these men. C.O.'s Regiments will also select an Officer who is to be a Regimental Scout Officer and is to receive special training by the Adjutant in his duties. He will not be detached from his Troop in any way.

8. RATION BOARD. Medical officer of the Regiment supplying the Guard will in future attend the Ration Board instead of a Supply Officer.

9. BRIGADE CANTEEN.

Brigade Canteen accounts will be administered by a Committee as under. This Committee will examine cheques and pay all claims approved to be charged against the Canteen Funds. Two members of the Committee to sign cheques. Approval must first be sought and obtained from the Brigadier for all claims desired by C.O.'s Units to be charged against the Canteen Funds, otherwise they will not be recognised. Accounts will be returned monthly.

PRESIDENT

Colonel J.M. Antill, C.M.

MEMBERS

Major A. McC. McLaurin, 5th L.H. Regt.

Chaplain Rev. Father Goodman A.J., 10th L.H.R.

10. HOLIDAYS.

New Year's Day will be observed as a holiday from 0900 Sunday 2nd January will also be observed as a holiday from after Church Parade. 50% of the men will have New Year's Day, and the remaining 50% will have Sunday 2nd January. Choice of the day as holiday will be given to men who have just returned from Anzac.

11. VENEREAL DISEASES.

Treatment for the prevention of Venereal Diseases will be carried out ~~monthly~~ in rooms in basement of the Grand stand from 2100 to 2400 midnight; entrance by door on North side.

Any man who has had connection with a woman must report himself for treatment on return to the Camp.

Any man contracting Venereal Disease who has previously failed to apply for treatment will be crimed for disobedience of orders, and recommended for return to Australia. This order is to be read on three successive days.

12. PASSES.

Paragraph 6, Camp Order No. 229 is cancelled. All/Leave Passes will in future be granted by U.O.'s Units. late

(Signed) W.F. FARR, MAJOR.  
B.M. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.