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Div Sig Co
N. Z. A. Div.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No 2 Post	1 st		Div. HQ decided to move to Otago Gully (about 200 yards N.E.) and warn us we shall probably be there a considerable time.	
	2 nd		Arranged site of new Sig Office. (From this date until Div HQ moved all spare time was occupied in fixing up new lines, building Sig Office + quarters for Co)	
	6 th		Laid new line to 4 th Aust Bde through Chailak Dere and over pass to Aghyl Dere, replacing exposed line over Bauchop's Hill.	APP I
	8 th		Lieut McKenzie (Sigs N. Z. Inf Bde) went sick and was evacuated	Line Diagram
	12 th		Capt Edwards returned. 7 th Aust Inf Bde arrived and prepared to take over post held by N. Z. Inf, M. R. and 4 th Aust Bdes. This will make 2 lines up Chailak Dere spaz. The relieved brigades will proceed for Lemnos for a rest, returning to their old positions later	
	14 th		Lieut Lamb left for Lemnos with 12 men from HQ and No 2 Section. Cannot really spare these men but they are the most unfit & if they do not get a rest will be invalided shortly, in which case shall not see them again for at least 3 months. Have now 7 operators. 2 at Inf Bde, 5 at Div. L. H. Bdes man their ends with wireless operators. Use telephone to 29 th Bde.	
	16 th		12 Men arrived; 3 casualties returned, 9 reinforcements	

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No 2 Post	17 th	3pm	Attended conference Army Corps re bringing lines in Div etc areas under control and keeping out of reach of Traffic. Decided to run line of permanent poles along all main Traffic routes & pick up all lines including artillery on them, and then require all lines not on poles to be reeled up, excepting such as had already been noted as being along tracks free of Traffic. These lines should be marked with distinguishing tabs at frequent intervals.	
	18 th		A.C. order issued delimiting Sig Areas. (Area practically the same as Div. Area, except that ground to the west of line joined Div HQ to neighbouring Div HQ is A.C. area). Within his area C/C Sigs is responsible that lines are poled where possible, open ^{dead} lines reeled up and all lines not on poles tabbed, + when feasible off the ground.	
	21 st	4pm	Moved new H.Q. After deducting Sig office staff and 5 men for drawing rations, camp duties etc my working party is 4 men. Can Can get a party from Sig off ^r 26 th Batt ⁿ if necessary, but cannot yet get timber for poles so am unable to make much headway with new scheme. Have decided to leave vibrator lines up Chailak Dere (4 including spare) on black & white poles, and run telephone lines (about 10) on new poles. To reduce number of lines, and facilitate control propose to establish central exchange at	

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Stago Gully	21 st		Artillery H.Q. Office (shall have to draw or make 2 commutators) and to make test poles outside each office so that each lineman will look after portion between his and the next office. After a repair has been effected a party from this Co will be sent to replace line on poles.	
	22 nd + 23 rd		Squaring up new position; reeling in disused lines.	
	26 th		Drew 13 Poles. Commenced fixing arms. Reconnoitred line up Charlat Dere	
	30 th		Poles fixed in position. Four more still required. Ran vibrator line from Charlat Dere to 3 rd L. H. Bde as alternative to line up Sazli Beit.	
			<p style="text-align: center;">— 11 —</p> <p>Some stores are now arriving, but not up up to requirements. The instruments left in Anzac trenches are still required there. The reinforcement of 44 men to bring this Co up to new Estab: has not arrived but has reached Egypt. Have applied for it to be sent on with all speed</p> <p>Some extra sets not yet arrived</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;">H. H. Edwards Capt R.E. Dis Sig Co N 2 A Div</p>	

Diagram N2-A Div Sig Lines.
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