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July 1917



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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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11 ANZAC
CYCLIST BATTALION

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Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 36 A 29a	1917 July 2		2 O/R marched out to Power Buzzer Course, at 2nd Anzac Signal Headquarters. 3 O/R marched out to Pigeon Course.	
	3		C.S.M. Dickinson appointed S/Lt R.Q.M.S., vice Rb. M.S. W. Farlane, reduced to Corp. by sentence of F.G.C.M. Leave commenced for Battrn - allotment being 1 per day.	
	6		Orders received that Corps Commander would inspect Battrn & present ^{on 6th} on 6th ^{on 6th} on 6th	
	7		Advice received that Corps Commander's visit was postponed until the 8th	
	8		Battrn. paraded with Mounted Troops on field in front of No. 1 Coy's billets for presentation of Military Medal ribbons to the following: - C.S.M. Coe A.H., Sgt Anderson C.B., Ptes Sharpe F.J. and Kingham H.J. Corps Commander also announced that Major C.H. Evans	Alpha at I

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Sheet 36 A. 24a	1917 July		has been awarded the D.S.O. Lieut. MacLennan and Lower returned from Paris leave.	
			Lieut. Lower relieved Lieut. Stevens on Lewis Gun Detachment.	
			Lieut. McBean and 20/R marched out to Lewis Gun School, MORBECQUE. Lieut. Dickson returned from Lewis Gun School LE TOUQUET.	
			10/R marched out to Cooking School, MORBECQUE. Military Medal awarded to No 10758 Pte Bellamy. H. 30/R marched out to Gas School, BAILLEUL.	

Henry Paul
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Advice received that awards as follows had been made:-

D.S.O. - Major C.A. Evans

M.C. Capt. A.D.W. Hugh

Military Medal:- Corp. R.H. Sly

20/R marched out to Gas School OXELAERE.

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Battn. commenced cable burying on lines - 3 Officers and 150 O/R detailed from Mounted Regt. to be employed on work.

Serjt. E.S. Bdein appointed I/R.Q.M.S. - vice Dickinson relinquished appointment.

Lieut. Gardner marched out to Corps General School, MORBECCQUE.

Report sent to A.D. Signals II ANZAC re cable system finished on 11th inst
(period 14/6 - 11/7/1917)

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Sheet 36 A 29a	1917 July 15		17 O/R marched in from A.G.B.D. and were attached to No 3 Coy. 24 O/R marched in from N.L.G.B.D. and were attached to No's 1 and 2 Coys.	
	16		2 O/R marched out to Power Buzzer Course.	
	17		1 O/R marched out to Corps School, HAZEBROUCK.	
	20		Dinner for whole of Batta. given in rear of No 1 Coy's billets to celebrate 1st anniversary of formation of Batta. Lewis Gun teams on detachment changed, all 1st teams taking over.	Henry Brown man

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 36 H 29a	1917 July 21		Sports Meeting held in field on CROIX DU BAC Road, and officers' dinner in the evening, to which C.O. and representatives from Squadrons and M.M.F. Batty were invited. Lieut. McLean returned from Lewis School.	App. C.
	22		Leave allotment changed to 2 per day. C.O. Mounted Troops presented "Good Service" parchment certificates to the following at a parade held in rear of B Squadron's billets:- 2 Lt. Johnson C.C. S/Sgt. Rowley L.C. P/Cpl. Hill J.S. Pte Crane R.C. " Attreave W. Ovr. Grant A.	C. Hunt W. Hunt W. Hunt

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429	1917 July 22		20th marched out to Lewis Gun School, MORBECQUE. Reports by C.O. to AD Squalls Tanzac on cable bombing	app 1
	23		18th commenced course of instruction under M.O. as Stretcher Bearers. 30th marched out to Pigeon Course, BAILLEUL. 20th marched out to Pover Buzzer Course, BAILLEUL. Lieut. Griffiths proceeded on English leave.	
	24		Organisation of Battalion changed as per Routine Order No 23.	app. Pa
	25		Leave allotment raised to 4 or 5 daily.	C. Stelling found over

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 36 429	1917 July 27		Lieut. Lord marched in from 2nd Army School.	
	29		Training Syllabus for week ending 5/8/17 issued. No 10723 C.S.M. Bouron (at Cadet School) promoted 2nd Lieut.	App. II
	31		Approval received from G.H.Q. for increase in signalling equipment. 4 OR marched out to Power Buzzer Course, BAILLEUL. 4 OR marched out to Pigeon Course BAILLEUL.	App. III App. III
				Intelligence Ground map

II AN.Z.A.C. MOUNTED TROOPS.

A.T.B. 939 5/7/17.

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY MEDAL RIBBONS,

BY THE ... CORPS ... COMMANDER.

1. The II A.N.Z.A.C. MOUNTED TROOPS will parade at 2 p-m- to-morrow, the 6th inst, on the Church Parade Ground at "E" Squadron Hill to be formed in Hollow Square.
DRESS Drill order with hats turned down and chin straps with the exception of the 7th M.M.G. Battery and the II A.N.Z.A.C. Mobile V. Section whose dress will be:- Drill order without arms.
2. Each Unit will detail a Right Marker (with the exception of the 2nd A.N.Z.A.C. Cyclist Battalion, who will provide two) to report on ground to R.S.M. at 1.45 p.m.
3. The recipients will be drawn up in front of the Centre Face of the Square.
DRESS Drill order without arms.
4. On the approach of the Corps Commander arms will be sloped.
5. On the arrival of the Corps Commander at the Flagstaff, the Corps Flag will be broken, and the General Salute given - the band playing.
6. Arms will then be sloped, and the Corps Commander will inspect the parade.
7. On the return of the Corps Commander to the Flagstaff arms will be ordered, and the parade will stand at "ease".
8. The names of the recipients will then be read out in turn with a brief account of the action for which the decoration has been awarded.
9. As each recipients name is read out he will place himself in front of the Corps Commander and salute.
When the presentation has been made he will shake hands, salute, and take post on the right of Headquarters.
10. After the presentation the Corps Commander will address the parade.
11. Bayonets will be unfixed.
12. Parade will then march past ~~to~~ in column of route to private parades.

(Sgd)

W.A.S. Dunlop,
Captain,
Adjutant, II A.N.Z.A.C. Mounted
Troops.

Copies to :-

Headquarters
E Squadron
D Squadron
O.M.R. Squadron
2nd A.N.Z.A.C. Cyclists Battalion
7th Motor Machine Gun Battery
2nd A.N.Z.A.C. Mobile V. Section.
Commanding Officer
File.

Note - Reference Para. 1, Place of Parade has been changed to Sheet 36 N.W. A.28.D.4.9.

TO:-
B. Squadron.
D. Squadron.
O.M.R. Squadron.
2nd Anzac Cyclists Battalion.

IX..ANZAC..MOUNTED..TROOPS.

A.T.B..939.A. 12/7/17.

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1. The following orders are issued in connection with the II..ANZAC..MOUNTED..REGIMENT..Detachment for Cable Burying.
2. The II..ANZAC..MOUNTED REGIMENT will detail the following parties:-
B. Squadron. 1. Officer. 1. Sergt. 50.0/Rks.
D. Squadron. 1. Officer. 1. Sergt. 50.0/Rks.
O.M.R. Sqn. 1. Officer. 1. Sergt. 50.0/Rks.
under the command of Lieut Herbert, O.M.R. Squadron, to assist 2nd Anzac Cyclists Batta in Cable Burying.
3. Time of Task---2 nights, commencing night of the 13/14th July.
4. Squadrons will convey their respective parties to Light Railway Line at R.R. Dump STEWARTSON, to be there at.....P.M.
5. Major Evans, D.B.O. will arrange time, the train will be at NYDOR PARK COUSDEN on the morning of the 14th inst.
6. Led horses will be at STEWARTSON to meet train on mornings of 14th and 15th inst, at a time to be arranged between O.C. Detachment and Major Evans, D.B.O.
7. O.C. 2nd Anzac Cyclists Battalion will provide a guide to go with Detachment, same to report to Lieut Herbert at 7.P.M., 13th inst.
8. All available shovels and 3 picks per Sqn will be taken.
9. 40 shovels will be collected from R.R. Dump and handed to Squadrons--making total of 140 shovels.
10. DRESS. DRILL GUNN. Steel Helmets, P.H. Helmet, Box Respirator, Water bottle, and 30 rounds of ammunition per man.
11. This order holds good for night of 14/15th July, except that Squadrons will keep R.R. shovels, which will be collected under Regimental arrangements on the 15th inst.

Headquarters.
12/7/17.
6.20.P.M.

W. A. P. P.
Adjutant..II..ANZAC..MOUNTED..TROOPS.

Captain.

In the field
12th July 1917.A.D. Signals,
2nd A.N.Z.A.C. Corps,Buried System of Communications.

Sir,

Herewith I hand you a tabulated report showing work done by my Battalion in connection with above in recaptured territory during period 14th June to 11th July 1917.

The total distance buried under my supervision was 6,590 yards ($3\frac{3}{4}$ miles) of which 5,270 yards (3 miles) was done by my Battalion, and 1,320 yards ($\frac{3}{4}$ mile) by working parties supplied by New Zealand Division. The depth throughout was 7 feet, only in two places was a less depth obtained - owing to slips and water - and these places were strongly reinforced with timber and bursters.

The working party cycled from present billets (36 A.28 b.8.4) to near HYDE PARK CORNER daily, a distance of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and from there marched to the locality of the work, a distance averaging $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, returning to billets on completion.

The Battalion suffered some casualties during the work losing Killed 2 O.R. Wounded 9 O.R. Gassed (slight) 5 O.R. Total 16, and several cycles were damaged by shell fire whilst parked near HYDE PARK CORNER and elsewhere.

The Officers and men have worked very well indeed in spite of considerable enemy shelling and all ranks performed their task conscientiously and well. Of the Officers I should like to mention Capt. McHugh, M.C., Capt. Richards, Lieuts. Lord and Reid (Company Commanders) who were in charge of the working party in turn, for good and faithful work, the platoon leaders and N.C.O's. also gave good work service.

2/Lieut. A.C.P. Hay who has had charge of cable has given specially good service, as we have not had an officer from your Department attached to us, the care of the cable has been altogether in his hands, he has done his work well and faithfully throughout and has not spared himself in his efforts to secure the best results.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd)

C. Hellier Evans,
Major,
Commanding 2nd A.N.Z.A.C. Corps Cyclist Battalion.

1917

2nd ANZAC Corps Cyclist Battalion.

Report on work done in connection with Buried System of Communications in recaptured Territory during period 14th June - 11th July, 1917.

Routes, Cable etc.

Route.	Wires buried		Distances buried		Total yards	Remarks.
	Pairs	Description	by Cyclist Patt.	by others NZEF/NZC		
RD2-F2 forward	70	10/7 lead	1737	220	1957	Through No mans land and enemy front line, very heavy work for 300 yards. Lines looped at DR. AV & UL dugouts on route.
RD2-RD1 lateral	21	3/7 lead	710		710	In No mans land, several C.Fs crossed.
RD2- Y "	30	4/7 " 1/2 arm quad	714		714	No mans land and our old lines, heavy work, numerous C.Fs.
RH-LV forward	44	6/7 arm 1/2 quad	997	1100	2097	600 yards thro Forest balance in No mans land and enemy trenches lines looped at MB dug out on route
RD1-CD2 lateral	20	10/2 brass quad	1112		1112	A lot of wire to get through and ground swampy near R. DOUVRE. 2 roads, 2 railways and River crossed. A sunken bridge to protect cable erected over R. DOUVRE.
			5270	1320	6590	Depth 7 feet all lines.

II A.N.Z.A.C. CORPS CYCLIST BATTALION.

WORK REPORT.

Days worked	2	Through BOIS DE PLOEGSTREET from R.H. on forward
Nights Worked	21	lines when enemy observation rendered day work
Total	<u>23</u>	impossible.

On 4 nights no work was done (2 Sundays, 1 heavy rain, 1 enemy shelling)

Average number employed (exclusive of Officers)	140 men.
" " actually digging	102 "
" " other duties or work	38 "
(viz. N.C.O.s. supervising 7, A.M.C. and S.B.S. Cable party 17, miscellaneous 6)	

Average distance per day or night	229 yards.
" " per man per task	6-7 feet
" cubic feet excavated per task	94 cubic feet
add 1/3 for refilling after cable laid	31 cubic feet = 125 cubic
feet per task or 4.63 cubic yards.	

(Sgd)

C. Hellier Evans,
 Major,
 Commanding 2nd A.N.Z.A.C. Corps
 Cyclist Battalion.

12th July 1917.

ROUTINE ORDERS

----- BY -----

C. Hellier Evans, D.S.O., Commanding 2nd A.N.Z.A.C.

Corps Cyclist Battalion.

In the Field, 23/7/17.

Para. 260. DUTIES.

Duty Company No. 3 (Aus) Coy.
 Next for Duty No.1 (N.Z.) Coy.
 Orderly Officer 2/Lieut. Ward, W.J.
 Orderly N.C.O. Sergt. Anderson, A.C.

Para. 261. ORGANISATION OF BATTALION. The following organisation of the Battalion will be adopted as from this date, and will be adhered to until further Orders:-

Headquarters.	Off. O/R	Strength	Off. O/R	
Establishment	3	19	3	20
attached	6		6	
extra attached			3	
	3	25	3	29

1 extra driver for tool cart.
 3 A.M.C. 2 drivers
 1 armourer.
 1 clerk, 2 storemen (to be drawn from Coys.)

Summary	W.O.or						Total.		
Estab.	Off.	S.	Sgt.	L/Sgt.	Cpl.	L/Cpl.	Men.	Off.	O/R
	4	1	3	1	5	6	78	4	94
Subdivision:-									
Coy. Hqrs.	1						4	1	5
1st Platoon			1	1	1	1	19"	1	23
2nd "	1		1		1	2	19"	1	23
3rd "	1		1		1	2	19"	1	23
4th "									
Lewis Gunners					1	2	12		
Coy. Signallers					1		8		24
	4	1	3	1	5	7	81	4	98

*1 Clerk and storeman, 1 artificer, 1 driver 1 batman.
 "Includes Officers' batmen.

Each Coy. will have 4 men trained in 'first aid' as Stretcher Bearers, 4 in Pioneer duties, and 2 in Sanitary duties. 1 man (a driver) as loader and emergency driver for S.A.A. cart.
 1st, 2nd and 3rd Platoons of each Coy. will consist of three permanent sections, each of 6 men under a N.C.O.

4th Platoon will consist of 2 Lewis gun groups and Coy. Sigs. and will be under a senior N.C.O.

ROUTINE ORDERS 23/7/17 cont.

Para. 261. Surplus (if any) to Coy establishments will be utilised to increase Platoon strengths by addition of extra sections.

A.M.C. personnel will be attached to Headquarters and will be detailed for duty with companies as required.

*Emergency drivers will attend at stables for instructions on Mondays and Thursdays at 5.30 a.m.

Para. 262. POLICE DUTIES. No. 4036 L/Sgt Wright F.H. (No. 3 Coy) is appointed Battn. Provost Sergt. and will be temporarily attached to Battn. Headquarters as from tomorrow (24th inst).

1 man per Coy will be detailed for Battn. Police duty and will remain on such duty for 1 week at a time, being changed every Sunday.

These police will be under charge of L/Sgt Wright for duty but will remain with Coys for administration and rations.

Para. 263. TRAINING. Coy N.C.O.'s with the exception of Coy Orderly N.C.O.s will parade daily until further notice at 11.30 a.m. at paddock in rear of Battn. stables for instruction by the Adjutant or R.S.M.

Para. 264. LEAVE. Entries of, to be made in A.B.'s 64. The fact of any member of the Battn. having had leave must be entered in his A.B. 64.

Para. 265. ROUTINE. Routine until further notice will be as follows

Reveille	5.30 a.m.
Stables	5.45 a.m.
Quarter warning	5.45 a.m.
Fall in	6.00 a.m.
Breakfast	6.45 a.m.
Quarter warning	8.15 a.m.
Parade	8.30 a.m.
Lunch	12 noon
Quarter warning	1.15 p.m.
Parade	1.30 p.m.
Tea	5.00 p.m.
Retreat	6.00 p.m.
First Post	8.45 p.m.
Last Post	9.00 p.m.
Lights out	9.30 p.m.

Defaulters calls will be sounded as follows:-

1.00 p.m.	
5.30 p.m.	for 8 hour's pack drill
7.30 p.m.	
8.00 p.m.	
8.30 p.m.	

In addition to the abovementioned defaulters' parades extra parades may be ordered at any time by the Adjutant or Orderly Officer.

Trumpet calls will be sounded for the above times.

PART II

Para. 266. POSTINGS. No. 10765 Pte. Branson N.P. and No. 3/1874 Pte. Owen T.E. are posted to strength of No. 1 Coy.

ROUTINE ORDERS 23/7/17 - Contd.

- Para. 267. TEMPORARY PROMOTION. No. 24844 Corpl. Baker, G.B. (No. 1 Coy.) is promoted to the rank of Temp. Sergt., vice Knubley, struck off.
- Para. 268. ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL. No. 4075 Pte. Bell, E.W. (No. 3 Coy.) was this day admitted to Hospital.
- Para. 269. MARCHED OUT. The following marched out this day:-
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|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| No. 10762 | Pte. Bell, H.S. | Hdqs. | to Pigeon Course. |
| 16370 | Fuller, A.E. | No. 2 Coy. | |
| 10779 | Chatwin, A.R. | | |
| 4141 | Neberoft, H.H. | Hdqs. | to Power Buzzer Course. |
| 10362 | Findlay, J.A. | | |
| 4941 | Megarrity, S.G. | | |
| 4897 | Spicer, H.W. | | |
| 10765 | Branson, N.P. | | |
| 2719 | L/Cpl. Jacobsen, V.R. | No. 3 Coy. | to M.G. Detachmt. |
| 443 | Pte. Reder, O.E. | | |
| 3669 | Hogan, J.G. | | |
| 4809 | Hockley G.E. | | |
| 449 | Stanbury T.E. | | |
- No. 2109 Pte. Ireland, J.N. (No. 3 Coy.) marched out this day to Corps School to take up duties as Trumpeter.
- Para. 270. MARCHED IN. The following marched in this day:-
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|----------|---------------------|------------|--------------------|
| No. 3613 | Corpl. Steele, W.G. | No. 3 Coy. | from M.G. Detacht. |
| 4737 | Pte. Buxton, J. | | |
| 4845 | Mansell, W. | | |
- No. 431 Pte. Duckworth, W. and No. 397 Pte. Stewart, W. marched in this day from A.G.B.D. and are attached to No. 3 Coy.
- Para. 271. LEAVE. Lieut. Griffiths, V. and No. 4216 Pte. Smith, J.S.S. of No. 3 Coy. proceeded on English leave this day.

(Sgd)

Adjutant,
2nd A.N.Z.A.C. Corps Cyclist Bn.

NOTICES

N.Z.E.F. MASONIC ASSOCIATION. A Meeting of the N.Z.E.F. Masonic Association will be held at 8.30 on Friday Evening, 27th July 1917, in Hall at rear of Y.M.C.A. Officers' Club, Rue de la Gare, NIEPPE. The brethren are requested to be punctual. All Freemasons cordially invited.

BATTALION SPORTS MEETING. No. 10839 Corpl. G.A.R. Hurley has been awarded The Silver Cup presented by Major G. Hellier Evans, D.S.O. The points scored by this N.C.O. are as follows:-

1st. 100 Yards Battalion Championship	4
2nd. 220 " Open	3
	<u>7</u>

1230

TRAINING SCHEDULE

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Officer II

for week ending 5th August, 1917.

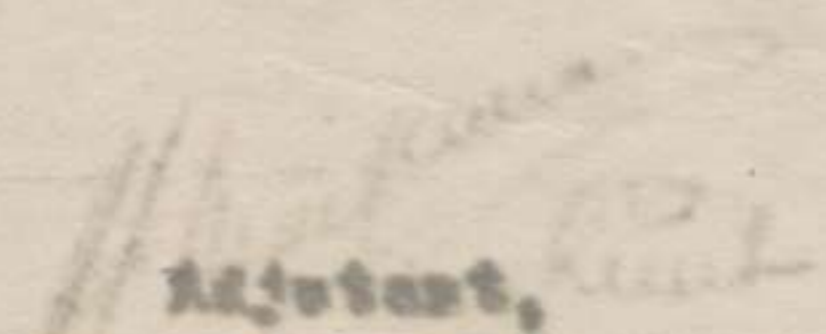
Time	Subject
6- 6.30 a.m.	Physical Training.
6.30-8.00 a.m.	Inspection and Rifle Exercises.
8- 10 a.m.	Marksmanship. Special attention being paid to Fire orders and control and rapid loading and firing.
8- 10.30 a.m.	Halt and Lectures.
	Monday, Map reading.
	Tuesday, Map reading.
	Wednesday, Messages, verbal and written.
	Thursday, Map making.
	Friday, Care of Eyes.
	Saturday, General principle of protection.
10.30-11.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting. Bombing alternate evenings.
	Wednesday, Gas Drill under Cap. R.S.O's.

Time	Subject
11.30-4.30 p.m.	Company Exercises:-
	Monday, extended order work, combining visual training, judging distances and practical map reading.
	Tuesday, Advanced guards.
	Wednesday, Outpost exercises.
	Thursday, Rear guards.
	Friday, Seizing of small tactical positions.

8 TRAINING. All R.S.O's, with exception of Batts. and Coy. Orderly R.S.O's will parade from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for instruction in Gas Training under Sergt. Southey.

Serpls and L/Serpls will parade daily from 11.30 a.m. till 12 noon under Adjutant or R.S.M.

Saturday ~~morning~~ and Sundays will be observed as Holidays unless otherwise notified.


 Adjutant,
 2nd Anzac Corps Cyclist Battalion.

II..ANZAC..MOUNTED..TROOPS. *Report III*

146. 31/7/17.

TO:-
Officer Commanding.
2nd Anzac Cyclists Battalion.

For information.

Headquarters.
31/7/17.

[Signature]
Lieut and Adjutant.
For Commanding Officer.

APPENDIX No. III

3/11 (Q.A.3).

Second Army.

With reference to your G.545 dated 17/7/17, on the subject of additions to the Signalling equipment of Corps Cyclist Battalions.

- (a) This is approved and provision is being made: a further communication will be sent you when they are available.
- (b) The increase in scale in Signalling Lamps from & 2 to 4 per Battalion is approved. Lucas
- (c) Daylight Signalling Lamps are not however available for this service at present and 2 extra 'Lamps, signalling, electric, field' are therefore authorised in lieu until such time as sufficient Lucas lamps are available.
- (d) Two ground signalling panels are already allowed to Cyclist Battalions by G.R.O.2251. Provision of one semi-circular ground sheet and 12 ground strips for Cyclist Battalions is being arranged, and you will be informed when issue can be made.

(Signed) C.T.DAWKINS, Maj-Genl.
For Quartermaster-General.

Adv. G.H.Q.
28th July, 1917.

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2nd ANZAC.
No.G.133/-/ 146
30th July, 1917.

2nd ANZAC Corps Mounted Troops.

Forwarded for information. A copy of the Second Army letter referred to is attached.

S. B. Pope Major
for B.G., G.S.,
2nd ANZAC Corps.

Copy to:- 'Q'
A.D.O.S.
A.D.A.S.

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Second Army,

G.545,

18th July, 1917.

Advanced G.H.Q.

The following suggestions have been received for the improvement in the Signal equipment of Corps Cyclist Battalions :-

- (a) That the scale of issue of Signalling Shutters, fold-up pattern, as laid down in G.R.O.1944, be extended to include:-

Corps Cyclist Battalion - 16.

- (b) That the establishment of Signalling Lamps for a Corps Cyclist Battalion laid down in G.1098-283 be increased from 2 to 4.

- (c) That the issue of Lucas Daylight Signalling Lamps in place of Lamps Electric Signalling, authorised by Q.M.G.3/4 Q.A.3, of 2/3/17 be extended to Corps Cyclist Battalions.

- (d) That the issue of Ground Signalling Panels, Sheets and Strips for Liaison work with aeroplanes laid down in G.R.O.2251 of 18/4/17 for Infantry Battalions be extended to Cyclist Battalions.

The present authorised scale is considered insufficient for the performance of duties which would devolve upon these Units in open warfare.

(Signed) K.D.MURRAY, Lieut-Col.
for M.G., G.S.,
Second Army.

1918

10/11/18

To C.O. 2 Anzac Cyclist Bn

Sir

I wish to bring to your notice the good work done by the men mentioned below in the work allotted to us in the laying of cables. Towards the finish this work has been carried on under extreme difficulty being very exposed ground & under severe shell fire. These men are deserving of mention & recommendation for their devotion to duty, coolness under shell fire & courage & cheerfulness under trying circumstances thus by setting a good & splendid example to the men

Yours

Cable Party

10948 Corp. Thomas William Henderson
4162 Pte Matthew Robert McLaughley

No 1 Coy NZ

24844 Corp George Bartrum Baker
10808 L Corp Hugh Innes
10923 " Alexander Sutherland
24920 Pte John Newton
" Jack Thompson

No 2 Coy NZ 10918 Sgt Chas Carrington Southey

10894 L " James Ritchie
10843 Pte Oliver Augustus Johnson
27162 " Thomas Samuel Ferguson
10891 " Frederick Rae
10775 " Richard Hasleir Cantwell

No 3 Coy Austr

4136 Corp. Richard John Matthews
4150 " Gilbert Andrew Kilpatrick
2719 L Corp Vivian Robert Jockumson
688 Pte Robert Rupert Ridgemell
4828 " George Allen Lloyd
2638 " John William Downs

I have the honor to be
Sir your obedient Servant
H D McLaughley Capt

To A.D. Signals.

Sir,

Cable burying.

In reference to buried line from F.Z. to L.V. via U.S. Completed by party under my Command on night of 17/18 inst., tracing of which was sent to you on morning of 18th inst., I regret I am unable to supply you with the usual table showing work done as the many interruptions owing to shell fire experienced by the party prevented accurate detail being kept.

The party employed consisted of all available men of this Battalion, averaging 150, and 150 men from 2nd Anzac Mounted Regt. The work which under ordinary circumstances would have taken two nights to complete, took four nights owing to enemy shelling and bad weather conditions.

I should like to express my appreciation of the assistance given by the Officers (Lieut. Herbert (in charge) Lieuts. Gordon and Lucas) and the N.C.O.s. and men of the Mounted Regt. all of whom performed the unpleasant task well and faithfully. The work of my own Officers was as usual very satisfactory.

I regret that the casualties were rather numerous through shell fire and Gas. The Mounted Regt. had 19 wounded and my Battn. 1 wounded.

On the completion of the work & under your direction (a total of some 7700 yards I would personally like to offer my thanks for the generous assistance given by you and your officers.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd)

C. Hellier Evans,
Major.
Commanding
2nd Anzac Cyclist Battalion.