

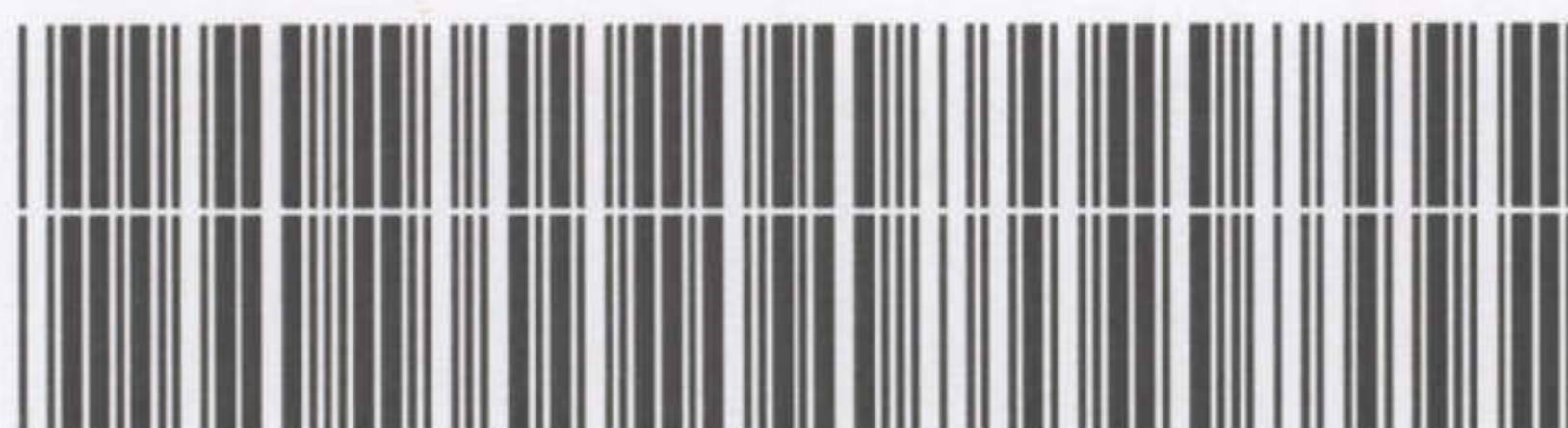
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1 st ANZAC. Hq	Sept 1 st	10	<p>visited RANCHEDAL. General NICHOLS was ill, took Colonel FOSTER A.D.M.S. of C.C. to VAL de MAISON. All tents had been vacated on account of wet, but as well as accommodation for 60 patients in farm house residential building there were large good barns across the road. Col FOSTER expressed his satisfaction.</p>	
		3	<p>went into AMIENS. and in accordance with wish of G. that I should see the manufacturer of batteries and consult as to type we required I went up to Paris to see the firm of Blanc & Co.</p>	
		6	<p>arrived there at 6 p.m. and reported to A.P.M.'s Office.</p>	
	Sept 2 nd	11	<p>went to Cook & Co to find out about train to HAZEBROUCK and then went to Blanc & Co. the maker of batteries. saw all our wires. I found on large strings which if ordered they said could be put in.</p>	
		2	<p>met a Secretary of American Ambulance who invited me to visit their Hospital.</p>	

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PARIS	Sept 3 rd	11	Telephoned to DA. V. G. to say I would leave by 23.0'clock train and stop at D.M.S. office at HAZEBROUCK and asked for a car to be sent to meet me there.	
		10	went to station early and train left punctually but lost much time.	
	4 th	6	reached Amiens two hours behind scheduled time and arrived in Calais at 1 just in time to catch train for HAZEBROUCK.	
		4	saw Colonel CHOPPING at D.M.S. office. He told me D.M.S. wished to see me relative to rest stations.	
		6	arrived at ABELIE where Corps headquarters had assembled.	
	5 th	9	Saw Genl. CARRUTHERS who told me that we were at present only administratively 1 st AUS. DIV.	
		11	went to BOESCHEPPE. Saw Section of 307 A that in schoolhouse and tents.	
		1	The latter will not suffice for winter. visited REMINGHERST and went over buildings with American who are still in occupation.	

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			In afternoon spoke with Major AMYOT of Canadian learned up and down of the formation all area in following day & see water arrangements etc	
Seat 6a (cont)			started with Major AMYOT saw Commaunt lines where 26 th Batt ⁿ were in camped. water here is not good and has to be fetched from close to No 2 C.C.S next visited D.R.S. WHIPPINGMOEK kitchen requires fly proof meat & food stores tent beds required for stretchers. Colonel SHAW and 1 st Lt. J. A. DREMY Sidings was next visited there two more huts will be required for winter Baths require more tanks Huts will require to be lined for winter Isolation hut for stretchers with bathhouse required also Recreation hut Standing for cars Control to check water Continuing to flow into storage tank after it is full.	
			From here went to HAPOUTRE & saw bathhouse next visited when I found Major JOLEY Accommodation small but Y.M.C.A. and cleaner Army Huts available	
			went to KAMERTINGE Mill where is still in operation by a 4 th of 8 th Corps. Who complained of the unsanitary conditions they had found there	
			visited Vancouver Camp Baths which require a description for clothing	

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	Sept 6 th Cont ^o	5	<p>visited M.D.S. still held by Coe S.A. at OUDERDOM. From here cars are sent to YORMESELE</p> <p>via A.D.S. at Dickebusche. The Store room should be made fly proof. Batteries all</p> <p>then visited A.D.S. at La Laiterie. Concealed all around this A.D.S. which must draw a great deal of fire.</p> <p>then visited A.D.M.S. & Coe Det. He told me of a trench railway which runs from Spout Bank to YORMESELE which Canadians were just about to use.</p>	
		6	<p>visited DICKEBUSCH tank and machine muller</p> <p>Col SUTTON A.D.M.S. of 2nd Div saw arrived today</p>	
	Sept 7 th	9	<p>saw General BIRDWOOD and recommended that an extra blanket should be issued and that early precautions should be taken as to trench feet. He agreed with me. He mentioned that trench feet had occurred at POZIERES but I told him I thought this was not possible except for slight congestion as although there was water the circumference was not low enough. He said we to put up to D & P M G about blankets</p>	
		11	<p>BUTZER went out to visit water supplies etc.</p>	
		1	<p>General WHITE spoke to me about the NO 14 A.G.M. wanting men</p>	

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	See 2		<p>visited by A DOOTRE Dism Batters these are our medical officer and thirty men here The filtering beds are out of order and effluent is going into stream unfiltered on return I spoke to A. G. about this who promised to see to it</p> <p>In afternoon Col CLOPPING telephoned about me taking over STEENKORDE also about taking the S.I. Hospital at BOESCHNEPPE. When it should be vacated as a Hospital for S.I. cases.</p> <p>Reserve Unit Monte Cal must be used as an evacuation Red Station. Cases who had been one week in SW Red Station and likely to get well in another week might be sent to MONTE CAT.</p>	

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	Schli 9 th	11	<p>Conference at D.M.S. Precautions against trench defects. D.R.S. to be kept down to 150 beds only. No extra stretchers to be obtained for them over and above what we have already in 4. Hs. of 150 each 7 A. Men who are able to walk when going up in horse waggon to Monte Cat to walk up hill.</p> <p>Colonel ROTH spoke some about Post Station at La MOTTE for Officers. I said that General BIRDWOOD should be informed of 2d Corps if they wished to use it for both Corps. Colonel ROTH told me that Major MOSELEY was with him.</p> <p>Captain PORCHAS wanted to take over charge of Corps huts and such sanitary duties as might be required.</p> <p>A course for one week from each 7 A. at gas Army for school etc. was again started today. Officers from 2nd own ordered to attend.</p> <p>4th Division arrived in area today.</p>	

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	Scht 10 ⁰⁰	930	<p>Church house</p> <p>Colonel BARBOUR A.D.M.S. 21⁴ am Dn came out to discuss the ^{messing} Stations of Division. It was settled he should take STEENVORDE for all 7. A.</p> <p>11 went to 1st Dn Hq for and picked up Colonel STURDEE and took him round to 7. A. at BRANDHOEK.</p> <p>Mr. HORSFORD dental officer asked for another mechanic he has only one staff sergeant mechanic. a very good (Kawak) mechanic has applied for a commission in infantry they had been through a training course for officers</p>	

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	Jan 11 th	10	<p>went with ADMS 4th Can Div to TORNO ZEELE and over the sales between them and Sport Bank studying the wire line system. From here went to Chateau Lankhoff and Bedford House. After seeing Brigadier at latter place walked back to Belgian Club. Found a number of large pieces of shell had gone through my car.</p>	
	12 th		<p>Office work all morning. devised Butler drew up medical arrangements circular which after going through carefully we issued to all branches of staff. In afternoon went to see the Col.</p>	

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	Sept 12 th		<p>went into question of trench feet and privy in apartment then, saw all the former correspondence, at D.A.S. office visited A.D.A.S. of 29th Division in order to obtain from him what he had done when previously in the Y.P.A.E.S. School in 1914 and 15. Showed to Genl BIRDWOOD and sent him a copy of the rough sketch I had drawn up for A.D.S.M.S. to consider and on which I asked him to go into the matter fully. I did not discuss anything in great detail as I had told me that Army were about to issue a pamphlet</p>	

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	S. 44 13 ^u		<p>In morning office work. In afternoon General PORTER came in and discussed the matter of C.C.S. being utilized as a Captive Real Station. He did not consider it would be possible to allot it wholly for the ANZAC to turn as a C.C.S. for themselves, but that they would be able to take in mine only requiring fuel & not look upon them as wastage.</p>	
	14 ^u		<p>Attended Conference. Went in afternoon to YPRES and visited A.O.S. at Lunatic Asylum, arranged that if Col STORDEE required it a portion of his cellars should be given up to him for a shelter for his reserve of Stretched beams.</p>	

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1 AMZAC	Jul 15 th		<p>Colonel MOSELEY of 6th 7th A called to report and was sent on to A.D.M.S. 2nd Div.</p> <p>Col BOISEY agent of Am Red Cross called. I told him we would require many socks.</p> <p>Major MARKS. D.A.D.M.S. 4th A.C.S. Div came in and I handed on to him a complaint made as to the refusal of a dental officer at Red Bank at WHIPPIN to look to the dental material soldiers which Major H. C. LOWHARTLEY had brought to me.</p> <p>3 In afternoon went to 2d Am Div include Colonel Sutton and Major FRY and inspected the Camps at they turned only attention to small subsurface details such as picking up paper etc.</p> <p>9 Col SWTTON said he wished to secure the 7th A site at REMINGHEIST</p> <p>9 saw Gen WHITE & Gen CARRUTHERS regarding despatch of 7th A. Former wished YPRES roads not to be used except by the N Division and proposed we should use hamways more</p>	

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			<p>Also that we should abolish BRAWDFWHEIK, as a mess dressing station and hoped we should have only one 7 A. at OUDERDUM to work both BE Central and Southern divisions. I told him that I would go into the matter.</p>	
			<p>Spoke to the C. E. of Corps on the importance of having the drying houses for socks completed as soon as possible.</p>	
			<p>Saw C. E. of 2^a Division regarding the likelihood of being able to use hamways for the vacuumation of socks socks. saw Colonel BARBOUR and issued orders relative to his taking me from the Canadian Division and allowing 7th 7 A.</p> <p>Show them in matter of Turkish Fel - and for places to be established for drying of socks</p>	

Sun 16th

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	Sept 16	4p	<p>went over our vacation arrangements with General WHITE. He agreed to our retaining present arrangements until train lines could be worked.</p> <p>General PORTER. Came over, and spoke about the P. G. of Canadian Medical Officers who was coming to us here and requested me to ^{C.C.S.} write with him, and if he had any recommendations to make to ask him to come to office and write them down if he visited Canadian 7 As. The D.D.A.S. of the Corps could later be made. He said that he would arrange about W. RUSSELL the Dental Surgeon being transferred.</p>	

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	Sept 17 th		<p>showed to General CARRUTHERS about taking leave from 29th & Report of Col STEWART M. 6th & A being returned and having left for London was received</p> <p>11 went to see General LEGGE of 2nd D.W. and asked him relative to the placing of a F.A. at POPERINGHE He said he would put the matter</p> <p>12 visited 6th & A Rest-Station and met with Col MAUSELEY who had just taken leave</p> <p>visited 11th of 5th & A. saw Colonel PHIPPS.</p> <p>1 visited H A POUTRE. water not being clarified properly at Bales. '9' Broun says they are taking it up.</p> <p>4 M^r MURDOCH of Red Cross called. He told me that nurses had spoken to him relative to the men in trenches not being provided with socks, as he said nurses had come to him and said that men were suffering from trench feet in 13 th General Hobbs at Boulogne due to not having had socks issued as only 4 cases of trench feet had been reported but trench foot sounded</p>	

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			<p>like an imagination of nurses. but I wrote to O.C. 134 and tried to ask him if he could give me information as to where men and I asked Ordnance Officer as to supply of socks to divisions. He said that packs were being issued. Mr. McCordoch</p> <p>I also wrote to Genl CARRUTHERS drawing attention to this statement. He stylized it as false.</p>	
	Sept 18		<p>11 visited No 10 C.C.S (Canadian) at Semate Army base BAILLEUL and was accompanied by Col CHOPPING. From there we went on to BOESCHEPPE where there is a section of 2nd 7. A. which is chiefly looking after soldier cases</p> <p>4 we went on to Canadian C.C.S at Remy Siding.</p> <p>5 attended lecture given at Instructional School near St Omer.</p>	

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	Schle 19 th	9	<p>shake w Genl CARRUTHERS on subject of socks being distributed alone. He showed me letter of A.D.O.S. and assured me that every man would have three pairs and one would be issued as well within the course of the week.</p> <p>11 visited M.D.S. at and found it in good order. From there went on to VLAMERTINGE. where 5th Aus 7 A. is.</p> <p>1 on way back stopped at POPERINGHE and saw some maps about drying places. was told of one cherry drying place but failed to find it informed Col SUTTON of its whereabouts.</p> <p>2. Held a conference of A.D.O.M.S. discussed measures to be taken at once to avoid trench feet. Col until the arrangements for drying socks should be completed. discussed suitability of drying clothes. Col STORDEE said his division had already completed arrangements at divisional battal and were building more drying rooms there.</p> <p>discussed matter of leaving Col RUSSELL as Dental Surgeon in accordance with General BIRDWOOD's wishes at a 7.A. It was not very acceptable to the A.D.O.M.S. on account of his not having morning with 7.A.</p>	

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			<p>discussed the occurrence of Tetanus amongst our wounded. The solution which had been put up for the unusual number (one to three cases) was that many had lain out on No Man's Land for several days before being brought in. Col SUTTON did not consider it necessary to give 1500 units as prophylaxis. It was decided we would await reference to G. H. G. and have the dose obtained as to 500 or 1500 till latter decided.</p> <p>Col BARBOUR informed me of movement of his ^{G. A. C. B. T. F.} _A in consequence of more of the Canadian line being taken over.</p> <p>5 In evening saw Genl BIRDWOOD. He said he would like Lt ROSSALL to be posted to WHIDDINGHOEK as he would be most useful there and that he would be also in charge of Corps HQ's & Corps Troops.</p> <p>1 He said he had no objection to my proceeding on leave on 28th or 29th.</p>	

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	Sun 20	9.	<p>Cable to Washington A.D.C. note to say that General BIRDWOOD wished to be made the ⁱⁿ chief of the 7 A.S. as he could commandly pt in the water S. - MOORE.</p> <p>Mr. [unclear] visited a British Pioneer Battery and then I met General WALKER of 1st Div. and discussed with him the question of [unclear] [unclear]. He said it was a matter of constantly retesting the [unclear] to be taken to the [unclear] and of attention to detail. I suggested to him that someone like Maj. BOTZER might [unclear] [unclear] as they [unclear] out.</p> <p>visited by HIPPING HOK. D.R.S. a good deal to be desired at this place in the way of [unclear]. also visited REMY Sydney when at SHARV of No 2 7A [unclear] as [unclear].</p> <p>4. Col CHOPPING. Came in [unclear] [unclear] beyond a [unclear] taken to sign for D.M.S.</p>	

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	Sep 21 st	9	<p>Saw Genl CARRUTHERS about rest places for men exhausted with cold in trenches. Agreed that unless a suitable dug out could be found R.A.P.s would be best place</p> <p>11. visited No 2 C.C.S at TROIS ARBRES, and from there went</p> <p>3. to No 2 C.C.S. to consult O.C. about Lt RUSSELL the dentist latter was out. Col NEWLAND asked that Dental Sergeant might be given a commission</p> <p>An immense number of 1800 ^{wounded as} Batter were ^{conveyed to} C.C.S today suffering from Scabies</p> <p>I ordered WADAMS to remove into conditions of Battalion but he said that they had moved into trenches today. They had been in use in barracks at YPRES.</p>	

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	Sep 12	9	<p>Gen CARRUTHERS. informed me that TAYLOR'S estimate of at 10,000 socks per div every day was too high and that Army command the better of doing should be able to cope with all arrangements for washing & drying without special places being built for drying socks only.</p>	
		10	<p>Arranged with DADNAS of 2nd Div to visit the barracks at YPRES relative to Socks outbreak</p>	
		11	<p>Called on Col STURDEE and took him to the Camping ground of 3rd F.A. Proposed to him that BOESCHERPE might suit as a place for 3rd F.A. winter quarters. As usual he had various objections and difficulties to raise and as usual later on he asked that he might have it. Col BOTLER the O.C. having agreed asked that his F.A. might be allowed to go there. Has arranged that Col Sturdee should go down & report on its suitability at once.</p>	

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	Sep 22 nd Cont		<p>Under 17th Batta saw Captain Smith the M.O. He could not account for outbreak of Scabies amongst men. He had found it on holding an inspection before they went into trenches went round trenches with O.C. of 17th Batta. They were wet and had and wanted more deck boarding. He said that whilst he thought of his Batta was 721 they were only issued with 450 pairs of gum boots.</p>	
	Sep 23 rd	9	<p>Spoke to General CARROTHERS as to my not being invited to attend Conference on which were C. E. & A.D.O.S. at which many sanitary & hygiene measures were discussed. In afternoon visited 7th Aus F A which had just arrived at YPERES <u>POPERINGHE</u> went out to hospital lines. Also visited Belgian Chateau where 12th Batta are. Saw O.C. about the precautions against trench feet, the R.M.O. being away. Looked out for a possible site for a main dressing station at crossroads and at VIERHUK but could not find anything suitable.</p>	

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	Sept 23 (Wed)	3	<p>In afternoon went to YPRES met Major FRY there. and visited the BARRACKS. They are very dirty and appear never to be scrubbed or cleaned. A death of worms was complained of. But they really require to be vacuumed for 3 or 4 days and thoroughly cleaned. The whole place was ill lit and seemed overcrowded. A difficulty is that men occupy it when come out of trenches for a period of rest. But nearly all are unwell due to labour & fatigue. Workers up towards the front every night and work all day light so require to sleep in day. result is that there is not enough labour available if any sent for cleaning and of those sent the rooms are full of men asleep.</p> <p>There also seems no regular system of checking off men for bottles so that everyone may have a change of clothes.</p> <p>A new medical officer Col Croxall was in charge of Regt that was in occupation the. Also administrative difficulties in that units of different regiments like Troops are in YPRES. and their Major's authority does not seem to extend over all.</p>	

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	Sulu 24 th	10	<p>went out to V.P.R.E.S. with Colonel BUTLER and visited the Town Mapi and enquired from him as to drying places. He showed me some which the 24th division were using also an incinerator which he said might with certain precautions be safely used. From here visited current billets where 22nd Batta were quartered, saw their O.C. Col BRAZERY and went over billets. From here visited battal at the Barracks. Here the heat cook appeared to be out of a proper system, one man of 11th Pioneer said he had been 3 weeks and had not had a bath. Saw the billets used by ^{company} Cavalry barracks on which wrote to CHAPMAN DA 2 days about all these points. General WHITE B.G. G.S. had said he would send a motor car for me to come out after lunch, so I waited in, but Colonel CHOPPING called and spoke to me about Aus Red + Gray & HAZBROCK and said that Town Mapi could not find room for it there. I said it should be left to the Aus Red + Commonwealth to settle with Town Mapi after they had</p>	

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	Sept 24 (cont)		<p>secured a role as I felt quite certain that they would be able to and I pointed to their experience at Amiens where they had at first been told the same thing Major Amiot who was with them spoke about a water board and proposed that each Coy should furnish its A.D.M.S. on DA G.P.C. Genl WHITE sent an order at 6.30 to say he would go out as soon as I came round. I pointed out to WHITE that it was somewhat of an indignity to be held in the whole day till 6.30 when he had said after lunch. and had not in any way as we know & then sent a somewhat civil message by one orderly. He said he had been at a conference until 4 PM as visited the site where the 5th Div. A. was in rest and where I had proposed should be moved to BOESCHET PDE so that they would find room and save building base shortcomings. We found some of latter had been started since I had been here four days ago. Genl WHITE decided on this that they might go on as though only the base posts had been but he said that they would probably never be utilized elsewhere. I pointed out that it was effect & economy & that we then move to BOESCHET PDE.</p>	

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	25 Sept	10	wrote in about baths at YPRES. drew attention to possibility of digging rooms being instituted there.	
		11	inspected main dressing station of 12 th Am. F. A. at La CLYFFE. saw Capt. THOMAS and the J.M. Capt. CHAPMAN. met Col STACEY of C.C.S. and took him on walk to VIERSTRAAT. saw Capt. Kennedy M.O. of 46 th Batty. also Capt. SHIELAW latter told me he had lost a wheelbarrow. I told him he should institute enquiries about it. recommended to write a memo on his ADM'S having made a reference as to the loss being due to his carelessness. The dugouts here are good. and the tank unit if properly worked should afford excellent means of vaccination. There was a lack of preparation for attacks. On my return I wrote into ADM'S with reference to this.	

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	Sept 26	9	<p>Shook G. CARRUTHERS about going in beam. asked Major McCONAGHEY if any objection to my going by HAVRE and he said none.</p> <p>Shook G. Col GIBBS relative to gun boats being issued to me in future also asked my report to work in trenches also about dry places for clothes in YPRES.</p>	
		10	<p>went with Colonel LEE who is officially a brigade commander in the trenches of the extreme right of 4th Div. They are well drained naturally and altogether excellent.</p> <p>On way back met Colonel Ross of 12th F.A. Captain KELLY who was with them said that three weeks were badly wanted for them and to carry wounded & sick only.</p>	
		2	<p>visited 3rd Div 7.A. saw Col BOTZER. no steps have yet been taken as to salvage people being evacuated from front line as Gen WHITE undertook to have done.</p>	
		3	<p>visited 2nd Div 7.A. House standing still require some bricks & c.</p>	

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			<p> Lieut down. stunner dies 7. A. is carefully settled drew Col BEARNE'S attention to necessity of keeping G. M. S stores tidy & neat. went on to 12th 7. A and BUTLER my DADMS there. This ambulance is not keeping its wards properly, occasionally night latrine off ward which had not been properly emptied or looked after. The wards were strewn with clothing the surroundings were dirty this were thrown about. From here I went on to the 13th 7 A at OUDERDOM, and then went accompanied by Major MARKS the DADMS to the 7 A at REMINGHEMST, and on way back dropped into 6th 7 A where I saw Colonel MOSLEY </p>	

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So	Sept 27		<p>had Cpl BIRDWOOD submitted a wish to visit the field ambulances to the DADMS yesterday which was out and the caller had drawn up a programme. We started at 9.30 and he gave medals ribbons to three of 6 & 7 A who had wounds. We then went on to 3 & 7 H. and then to KEMERTINGE & BRADENHOEK. The A.D'S MS had us at each place. ^{came} with to call Mr FISHER the agent to the Commonwealth ^{with} to call place. and submitted great satisfaction with what he saw. received a reprimand from the Commissioner of Aust in relation to the extravagant way medals for articles were made out by 7 A's and passed by A.D.M.S without comment.</p>	

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	28	1445	<p>Officer all the morning proceeded on leave.</p>	

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