

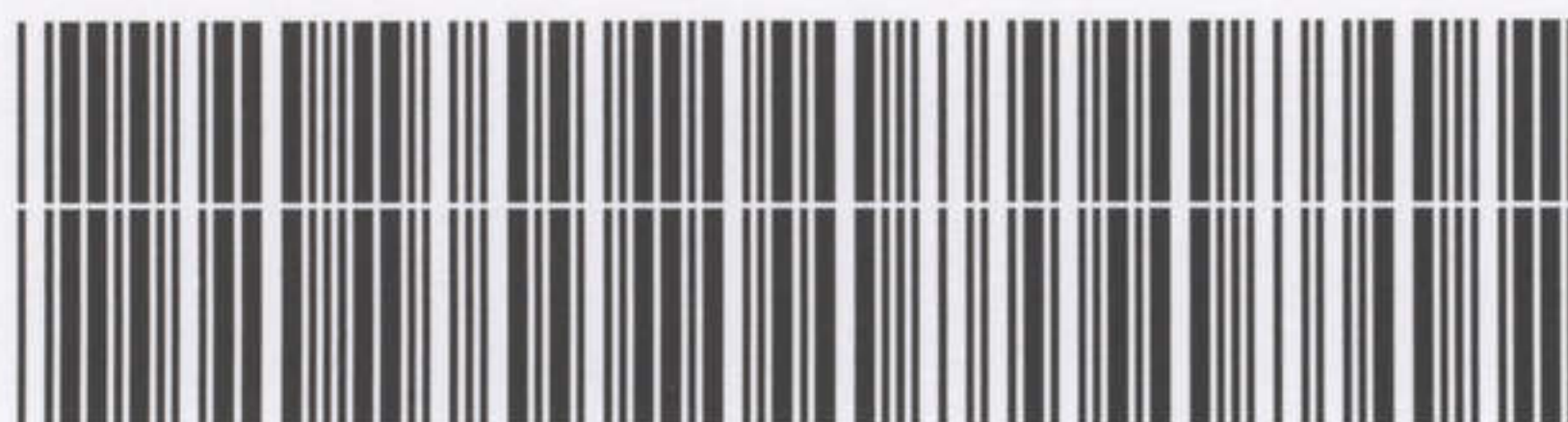
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Renton R. R. Col.
B. O. M. S.
2 ANZAC. 31/8/16

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/8/16		<p>Visited all medical units. 14th F.D. Amb. Unsatisfactory - untidy - requires cleaning up. Salties Baths working better - There is still some difficulty to have all clothes cleaned. Gave orders that motor Amb. wagons were not to be used as smoking rooms by the men. 15th F.D. Amb and 8th Field Ambulance satisfactory. On visiting Bombers Div. Rest Station found that Recreation had been removed gave orders that it was to be re-created at once. Enquiry into Baths, clothes not thoroughly deloused, gave further instructions that all breeches must be worn along the seams. Div. Rest Station at L'Estrech. satisfactory. N.Z. Field Amb. at Arrondissement, satisfactory.</p>	
	3/8/16		<p>Corps Commander accompanied by Daugny and myself, inspected all med. units of the 5th Aust. Division.</p>	
	4/8/16		<p>Visited Albert - Tr. comb and German trenches there.</p>	
	5/8/16		<p>A.D.C.s agreed with me that all men bathing should have a change of underwear and that this under clothing should be repaired at the Baths. That outer clothing must be repaired by the men. All tunics and breeches to be deloused whilst soldier is having his bath. All blankets to be disinfected. Inspected Buildings at Base on Manna and buildings near to C.R.S. Suggest some locality as to substitute as a dressing station for the 8th Field Amb. The former can not be taken over, the latter could be made suitable, but only at great cost.</p>	
	7/8/16		<p>51st Division are to take over from the N.Z. Div.</p>	

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	8/8/16		Visited rent office at Hagbrake re leases of Factory at Bae Su main.	
	9/8/16		A q.m.g informed me that the 51 st Div would require a disinfectant and Baths called on 8 th Army, who arranged with Col. Bati 8 th Div St. Omer that as the Sanitary Dept. St. Omer 8-900 am he bathed daily and clothing and blankets disinfectant	
	10/8/16		Visited 14 th Field Amb at Sully, gave instruction to see C.R.E. to have present building floor, walls & roof repaired and met then be available for a main Dressing Station A q.m.g informed me that Australian motor drivers in Aust. Med. Units would not be transferred with the Motor Amb wagons As the 51 st Div is being in its Motor Amb wagons, the A q.m.g is arranging for the N.Z. Division to ^{take} its M.A.W.s with it. The Med. Inspector Drafts called and informed me that many P. B men are procurable at Etaples A q.m.g 18 th Div reported it as impossible to carry out instructions of No 4 Cavalry mens. of Q Branch re Motor Ambulance - 7 parked, 7 in workshop for overhaul and 7 on duty. Showed letter to Da Q.m.g who told me he insisted it - tried. He was of opinion the cars had not sufficient work, and he desired the men to be well trained	

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Renton 2nd Col
ZANZAC 8oms

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	12/9/16		<p>before written sets in adms 51st Div. called, gave him all the necessary information. with 8 adms 2nd Army used Pension of Notre Dame de Lourdes and building as Tramway terminus, Estaires. instructed adms 51st Div to take them over for use of 8th Field amb Sent Lt Macintosh reported for duty with 2 army ^{14dpts} 1st Corps. Visited officers Rest Station at Mouzeau Monde. Stimulants are not given. gave instruction that the food must be better and to include local bread and vegetables and fruit to be purchased from Virest - account. Visited 15th Fd. Amb. at Mouzeau Monde. A & B sections 8th Field Amb. are now in Pension M. D. de Lourdes.</p>	
	12/9/16		Col. Fleeming adms. 51 st Div. called	
	15/9/16		Reported to Q that there appeared some difficulties in the transfer of Estaires Baths. Col. Bliss adms 34 th Div. called.	
	18/9/16		Called on Dms. 2 Army expressed his disapproval of Q Charles H on the parking etc. of motor amb. wagons. described it as unworkable - wounded have to be considered first - Responsibility was taken out of the hands of the VC. at present of the work was master factor the VC could be held responsible.	

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	20/8/16		D.A.Q.M.G. had interview with Doms 2 Army, arranged that Circulation 4 of Q re parking etc of M.A. Wiggins be cancelled for the present.	
	21/8/16		Arranged with adoms 34 th Div to take over DRS at Domben, and establish a DRS at Steenwech, when complete to give up DRS at Domben.	
	22/8/16		Visited Officer R. Slator - O.K. DRS at Moureaux Munde is progressing satisfactorily. Spoke to D.A.Q.M.G. re washing machines and centrifugal driers in the Balths.	
	23/8/16		On account of changes in areas of Domben, instructed adoms 57 th to form a DRS at Steenwech by 31 st inst. and hand over DRS. J. Estade to adoms 34 th Div. The latter to keep on at Domben for the present and mutually arrange for transfer with adoms 57 th Div.	
	24/8/16		adoms 57 th Div. informed that the School Buildings at Steenwech (which have already been used for Hospital purposes) were to be used as a billet. Saw D.A.Q.M.G. who will arrange as I wish. Estade's bath not yet working - Party from C Section 8 th F.I. Amb in charge. As an emergency 102 beds could be put up in Pension N.D. de Louderon - which case billets would have to be found for the personnel.	

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Revised Roth Col.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	25/8/16		Baths at Saults are for being flooded, roof will want repairing and windows let in ADMS 51 st Div. called - informed me that there was only room for 150 beds at DRS Steenwerk instead of 400 as formerly - due to some of the building having been resumed. ADMS to have 300 beds. Told him I should try what I could & DMS had informed me that extra accommodation could be had at No. 2. A.L.S. at Trois Arbres if necessary.	
	26/8/16		DQMg will try and arrange for hospital accommodation at Steenwerk Estanis Baths can now be handed over and started.	
	28/8/16		Cops Commander wishes officers Rest House transferred to La Motte. ADMS 34 th Div. made enquiries re equipment remaining at DRS 2 nd Estade gave instructions that no equipment is to be moved. This DRS to be handed over when 51 st have secured site at Steenwerk.	
	29/8/16		Unit ADMS visited Baths and Laundries at Neuve Eglise, established by the Canadians and now run by the 36 th Div. The site is bad, very little fuel dressing arrangements bad, the clean and unclean dress and undress together unhygienic and the floor is very dirty - men as a rule bring no towels and	

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			<p>consequently have no clean towel for use in camp. All under clothing is changed - some clothing is not disinfected except in special cases. The shower system of bathing is excellent. All the bathers fall in under the showers, which are turned on hot for one minute, during which time the men soap themselves, and then cold water is turned on for 2 minutes. This saves much water and expedites the bathing. Sollying machines and wringers in laundry are not economical. 80 women are employed at flat rate of 3 p. p. d. Fore woman has 5 p. Snelags jabs are being installed and should be a success.</p> <p>30/9/16 visited Laundry and Bath at Enquinghem - arrangements and fairly to see what machinery is necessary for saving of labour and to allow for an extra 7,000 socks to be washed daily - Saxon labor - centrifugal driers and washing machines will be required.</p> <p>31/5/16 8ms 2 Army called - advocated the wearing of 2 pairs of socks - trench boots but no butter as a guard against Trench Foot. Officers in Rest House can be provided with wine and stout if required. Good food must be provided. Informed me that accommodation could be supplied by C.I.S. of the D.P.S. and</p>	

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