

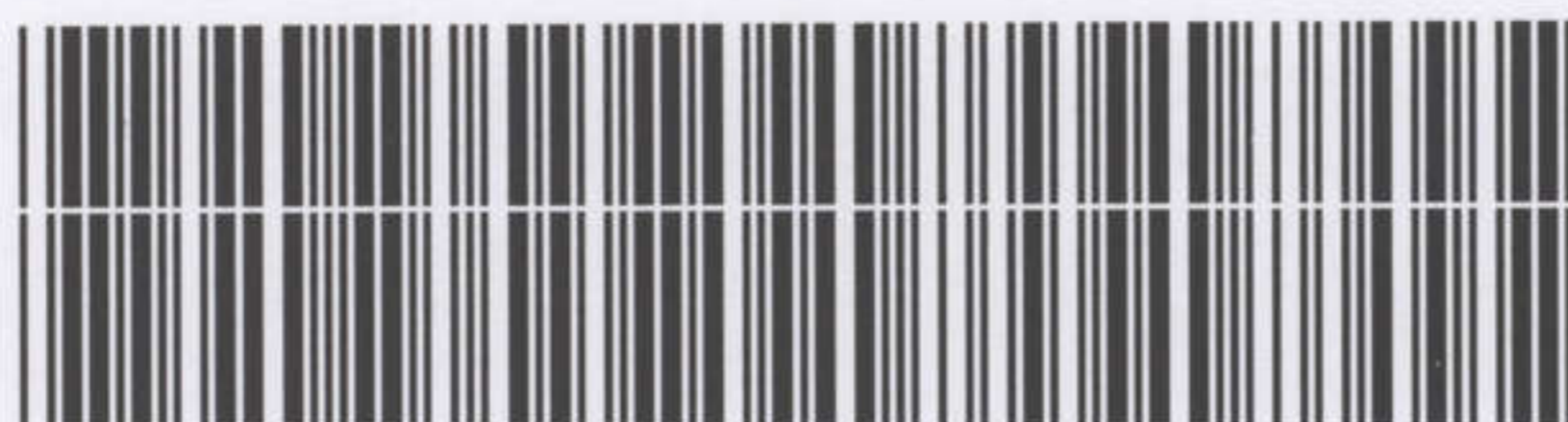
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/12/16		<p>During the past month no changes have taken place in the disposition of the medical units in the Corps Area.</p> <p><u>Right Sector</u> work in the sector held by the New Zealand Division, apart from the routine work of evacuation, has been chiefly concentrated on building and equipping the Divisional Rest Station. This now can accommodate about 130 patients, but the work has been delayed by the dining and recreation huts failing to arrive.</p> <p>At the dressing station at Sully several huts have been erected, considerably increasing the available accommodation and making the working easier.</p> <p>Centrifuges have been put in the laundry and when the drying room is extended, the laundry at ESTAIRES will be closed.</p> <p>The whole of the water supply as regards regulation, examination, distribution and supervision has been reorganised and is now satisfactory.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/12/16		<p><u>Middle Sector</u> 34th Division much work has been expended on DR 8 at L'ESTRADE and this is now in good order. Drying rooms have been erected at all groups of billets, and the billets themselves have been made more comfortable. The drying rooms in the subsidiary line have proved especially useful. Improvement in the water supply and its supervision has required much work, but is now satisfactory.</p> <p><u>Left Sector</u> 4 tanks 4 one</p> <p>The Sanitation of the town of ARMENTIERES has as usual employed a large number of men. The billets in this area still require a good deal of attention. This matter is in hand. Drying rooms have been provided at HOUPLINES. All wells in front and subsidiary lines have been examined and put in good condition, and provided with the necessary tanks. The subs rate in the town is always high, and this is being maintained.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/12/18		<p><u>Area occupied by Corps Troops</u></p> <p>This area was not satisfactory as regards sanitation. The matter has been vigorously taken up, the billets are being reorganised, proper ablution plans established, the sanitation improved, drying huts built and overcrowding checked.</p> <p>The <u>Officers Rest House</u> at LA MOTTE has run satisfactorily and is doing good work.</p> <p>A <u>School of Instruction for medical officers</u> has been started at ESTAIRES with Lt Col IRVINE RAMC as Commandant.</p> <p>A syllabus of lectures and instruction has been adopted which will give medical officers training in the military side of their duties. It is hoped that this School will react on the whole medical organisation of the Corps and will be of great benefit to the health and comfort of the men.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	7/12/16		<p>3rd Australian Division took over the left sector. The sick rate has been abnormally high. There is a severe epidemic of gonorrhoea raging but in addition to this there have been many cases of trench foot and venereal disease. Allowing for the foregoing the rate is exceedingly high. This is being investigated and every effort is being concentrated on the Division to reduce the wastage.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. 2 Army and D.D.M.S. 2 Army ac went round 3rd Australian Division in Saw the D.D.M.S. the Rest Station and a good many billets. The M.Z. Divisional Rest Station was then inspected. The D.A.D.M.S. visited 34th Division and inspected portion of subdivision line in vicinity of Bois Grenier. The hygiene rooms & drainage & drainage. This is very satisfactory. Also Sanitation water supply.</p>	
	8/12/16		<p>D.D.M.S. attended 1st meeting of 2 Army Medicine Society at Hagelbrunn</p>	
	9/12/16		<p>D.D.M.S. lectured at 2 Army Corps Medical Training School on malingering, Shell Shock and neurasthenia. D.A.D.M.S. investigated outbreaks of typhoid among civilians at Osterstein. Precautions by taken to prevent spread of disease among soldiers included this.</p>	
	10/12/16		<p>No car available today. This was also the case on 8/12/16.</p>	
	11/12/16		<p>D.D.M.S. & D.A.D.M.S. inspected 52 D.A.G. billets. They were in a good state.</p>	<p>Bundy 1</p>

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	11/12/16		D.A. Wms. inspected billets of 2 Coyas Mounted Plect and 2 Coyas Cyclist	
	12/12/16		<p>Reports on billets inspected yesterday by D.A. Wms sent to Corps</p> <p>Report for Commandant 2 Coyas Corps Training School for Medical Officers to hand today. The report starts with the first session that ended on 10th instant. A copy of syllabus is appended to the report.</p> <p>The report states that a high degree of efficiency was attained. It is believed that the school will be highly useful as most of the Australian and New Zealand medical officers have had very little military training.</p>	<p>Syllabus 1st Session 2 Coyas Training School for Medical Officers attached.</p>
	13/12/16		<p>D.A. Wms & B.A. Wms visited Transport Lines of 11th Aust F. and near Steenwerdt. There is a great deal of work to be done there to make these lines suitable.</p> <p>D.A. Wms inspected some of the Forest Control Billab. near La Motte.</p>	
	14/12/16		No car available for work today	
	15/12/16		No car available for work today	
	16/12/16		ditto	
	17/12/16		ditto	
	18/12/16		<p>D.A. Wms. visited N.Z. Division. Called on Akthel. who was out car. B.A. Wms. visited Divisional Rest Station. Called on HQ. arranged for 2nd N.Z. F. and band to play at BR Station & O.R.A.</p>	<p>Buttery col</p>

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	19.12.46		<p>BDMS & ADMS inspected 2 Angas Corps Officers Training School at Murbidgee. The camp was found to be a good one. The Commandant was seen and he asked to have an M.O. permanently attached to camp, which was thought to be doubtful in size. O.P.H. Officer Post Hm. was then inspected and found satisfactory.</p> <p>No car available today.</p>	
	20/12/46		<p>Conference of ABMS 34 Co. 3rd Aust Coy, NZ Co with BDMS. The main fund for DRS, was first considered. It was decided that present allowance was too small and that it was desirable to have 30 lbs per stone allotted as to CCS. In stores are in each DRS. Sanitary Section and reorganisation proposals were discussed. The ABMS NZ Co and 3rd Aust Coy favoured the proposals while BDMS & ADMS 34 Co were against them. The formation of schools of sanitation for NCOs was considered. It was unanimously decided that these were very valuable but it was also agreed that these schools should be funded by the Government and not by Corps or Armies because there was the no dislocation of work and the syllabus was suitable to the local requirements. The question of infectious diseases particularly scabies, warts and venereal disease was discussed and various methods of prevention mentioned.</p> <p>Baths - The question of units keeping bathing, boots, smearing paraffin, etc. return was considered without any unanimous opinion being reached as to value & possibility of carrying the scheme into effect. Heating of water containers by use of the exhaust was approved by all.</p>	
	21/12/46			<p>BDMS visited 2 Angas Corps NZ Co. Believed a lecture at 2 Angas Corps Training School for officers.</p>

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	22/12/16		D.O.M.s. paraded at 9.00. 2 Coy. this morning for purpose of meeting Commandant in Chief.	
	23/12/16		D.O.M.s. attended conference of D.O.S.M.s. at Bus. 2 Army. D.O.M.s. with D.A.R.Q.M.G. visited 3 Coy. M.T.D. Regt. Recommendations for improvement in sanitation & for the comfort of the Troops were made. D.A.O.M.s. visited billets of 3rd Aust. Div. Supply Co. Recommendations for improvement were made.	
	24/12/16		Minutes of conference of D.O.M.s. 2 Army & D.O.S.M.s. arrived today and are appended to this month's diary. D.O.M.s. & D.A.O.M.s. visited 1st Canadian C.C.S. Inspected D.R.S. 3rd Australian Division and issued instructions to A.D.M.s. 3rd Australian reference ^{evacuation of cases of disease and} inspection of disease and "Yard Foot" transport of 10th Australian 7 Amb inspected.	Minutes of D.O.M.s. 2 Army Conference attached.
	25/12/16		D.O.M.s. & D.A.O.M.s. visited 1st Australian C.C.S., D.R.S. N.Z. Div 3rd N.Z. 7 Amb, 34th Div Rest-Station 2nd Australian C.C.S.	
	26/12/16		D.A.O.M.s. inspected billets of 18th A.S.P. and Foot Centre in Vicom Berquin - La Post Road. The latter were reported to be 2 Coy.	

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	28/12/16		<p>Conference of A.D.S. and D.D.S. Subjects discussed "Travel Foot Shell Shortage and Fuel allowance of D.R.S. D.D.S. inspected A.D.S. of N.Z. Division</p>	
	29/12/16		<p>D.D.S. inspected 9th + 10th Aust. 7. Amb. main brewing station D.D.S. & D.A.S. attended meeting of 2 Coy. Medical Society at Remy - afternoon.</p>	
	30/12/16		<p>visited A.D.S. 32. Dis. 3rd Aust. Div. D.R.S. N.Z. Div.</p>	
	31/12/16		<p>inspected D.R.S. 3rd Aust. Div. and 9th Aust. 7. Amb.</p>	

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Syllabus - 2 Anzac Corps Training School for Medical Officers

APPENDIX. 6
1st Session

Day of Course	Date	Hour	Subject	Lecturer	Day of Course	Date	Hour	Subject	Lecturer
1st	DEC. 1	8. - 3 3. - 4	The Syllabus Composition of a Division	Commandant Lt Col. Atkinson O.C.N.Z. Div. T.	5th	5th	2. 3 3 4	Medical Arrangements of a Division Lecture on "A" work	Col. Bliss A.M.S. A.D.M.S. 34th Division Lt Col Chance D.S.O. A.A. & Q.M.G. 34th Division
2nd	2nd	4. - 4.30 9. - 9.30 9.45 - 10.45 11. 12	Sources of Water Supply Drill Ranks & Badges, Offs & NCOs Correspondence, Reports, Returns &c.	Capt. Short Adjutant Adjutant Commandant	6th	6th	9 12 2 3	Lecture and demonstration by a Divisional Sanitary Officer Duties of Section Commander of Field Ambulance, Bearers, preparation of A.D.S. and M.D.S. for Casualties &c	Cap Edwards 34th Division N.A.M.C. Lt Col H. Neil N.Z.M.C.
3rd	3rd	8 3 3.15 4.15 9 9.50 10 12	Evacuation of Wounded Demonstration testing Water Chlorination etc. Drill Demonstration of Medical & Surgical Equipment at a Field Amb. " in straw mat making. Improvised splints, visit to Horse Lines.	Lt Col. Murray N.Z.M. Adjutant do 102nd Field Ambulance	7th	7th	3 4 9 10	Lecture on "G" work Lecture, duties of an M. O. during active operations, selection of Aid Post; Bearers; Evacuations; Keeping in touch; embracing duties O. C. A.D.S.	Lt Col. Livesey "G" Staff N.Z.D. Lt Col Bird R.A.M.C. 104th Field Amb.
4th	4th	2 3 3 4 9 10 10 11 11 12 2 3	Treatment of Wounded Discipline Powers of C.O etc. Trench Foot Transport of a Division by Road, Rail & Sea and different forms of vehicles used. Duties of M.O. of a Unit Care of Soldiers health, Billets, Ventilation, Lighting, Heating, Drying Rooms, Baths Food &c.	Major McLean N.Z.M.C Major Temperley D.S.O., N.Z.S.C. Commandant Lt Col Atkinson N.Z.D.T. Captain J. Doull R.A.M.C. II Suffa Major Garbery D.A.D.M.S. New Zealand Division	8th	8th	10 11 11 12 2 3 3 4 9 10 10 11 11 12	Visit to D.R.S. Visit and inspection of Water Barges Lecture, Pyrexia of unknown origin and allied ailments Lecture "supplies"	34th Div. R.S. Capt. Edwards R.A.M.C. 34th Division. Capt Stevenson R.A.M.S. No. 2 C. Clear. S. Lt. Col. Evans S.E.O. 34th Division Adjutant Captain Borrie N.Z.M.C. Captain Skelsey N.Z.E. Capt. Grant N.Z.M.C. Major Garbery D.A.D.M.S. N.Z. DIV Capt. Ellis C.M.C. No. 5 Mob. Lab. Lt Col. Reid A.D.V.S. N.Z. DIV. Col. Begg C.M.C. D.D.M.S. II ANZAC. Lt Col. Herbert D.A.D.O.S. N.Z. DF
5th	5th	3 4 9 10 10 11 11 12	Map Reading Drill, Squad of Men to be supplied by a Field Ambulance. Visit to M.D.S.; Office Work; Wards; Cook-house Packstore, &c. Care & inspection of Motor Ambulances; causes, breakdowns etc.	No. 3 New Zealand Field Ambulance. O. C. New Zealand Supply Column.	9th	9th	9 10 10 11 11 12 2 3 3 4 9 10 10 12.30	Riding Class Military Books Anti-typhoid Inoculation Horse Management Shell Shock, Neurasthenia, Halingering Ordnance Work Discussion Appreciation to be written embracing the different subjects in the course 2 p.m. Return to Units.	

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE OF D.M.S., 22nd DECEMBER 1916.

Present:-

D.M.S.	SECOND ARMY.
D.D.M.S.	X. CORPS.
D.D.M.S.	IX. CORPS.
D.D.M.S.	VIII. CORPS.
D.D.M.S.	II. ANZAC.
D.A.D.M.S.	SECOND ARMY.
D.A.D.M.S.	IX. CORPS.

1. D.M.S. briefly explained the proposal that Sanitary Sections should come under Army control, and stated his reasons for his recommendations on the subject, which have been forwarded to the Army Commander.

D.D.M.S. X. Corps stated that his Corps was not in favour of this re-organization, and suggested that a definite ruling should be laid down as regards their functions.

The meeting agreed to the proposal, with the exception of the D.D.M.S., X. Corps.

2. D.M.S. stated that Schools of Instruction in Sanitation for N.C.O's. and men, both Regimental and R.A.M.C., should be formed by Corps, the instructions to be made practical by demonstrations of Sanitary Methods and Sanitary Constructions.

3. D.M.S. informed D.Ds.M.S. that Scabies was not to be treated in Field Ambulances; cases from VIII., X., & II. ANZAC to be sent to Hazebrouck, and from IX. Corps to Caestre; Medical Officers to attend at the baths to inspect the men; Medical Officers not to be in charge of the baths.

Lice. D.M.S. brought to notice the fact that men proceeding home on leave were often lousy, and infected bedding etc. at home. He suggested ironing, etc., as well as disinfection, also that all men should have a bath and complete ~~under~~change of under-clothing before proceeding on leave.

4. D.M.S. requested D.Ds.M.S. not to draw beds from the Red Cross Societies, or other stores which can be drawn from Ordnance.

5. It was decided that Officers transferred from Field Ambulances to Corps Rest Stations should be taken off the A. & D. Books of the Field Ambulances transferring the case.

6. D.M.S. stated that a campaign was being organized for the destruction of rats in trenches and billets, and requested that every endeavour should be made to kill as many as possible before the end of February.

7. D.M.S. informed D.Ds.M.S. that he would be pleased if they would visit Casualty Clearing Stations, also to take Corps Commanders with them.