

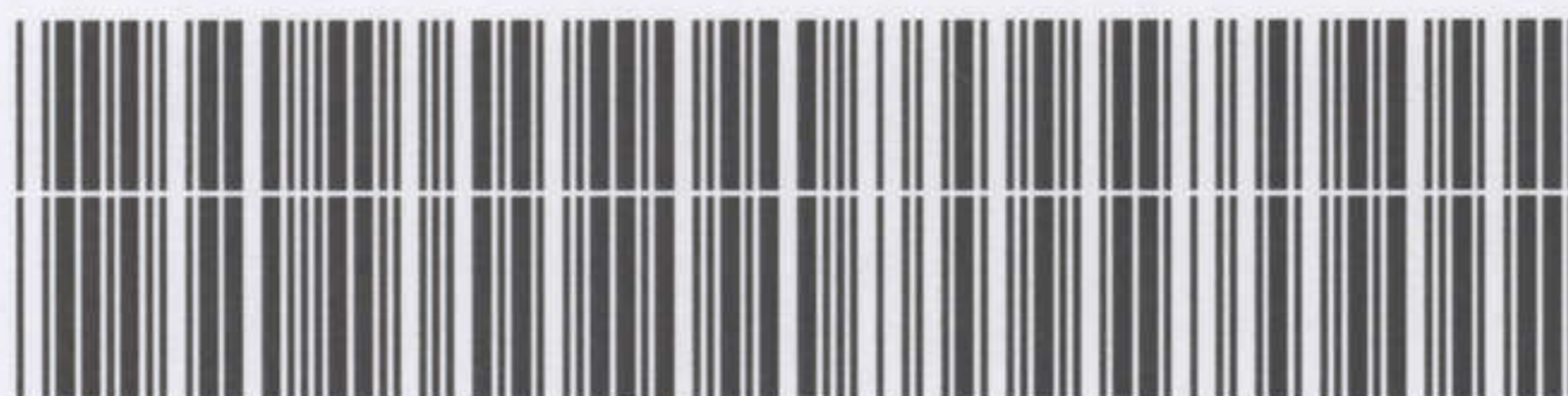
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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Avesnes	Dec. 1st 2/3rd 4th  5th 6th 7th  <del>11th/12th</del> 12th  13/16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd	<p>D.D.M.S. Office moved from Le Cateau to Avesnes.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Attended conference at D.M.S., Fourth army. Discussed future locations of C.C.Ss. with reference to Corps; Education of Medical Officers during winter; provision of Engineering material for Sanitary Appliances; and method of dealing with sick remaining in Divisional Areas etc.</p> <p>Drafted Medical Instruction Routine No. 18. (Appendix 1.)</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Received letter from a/D.M.S., A.I.D. who seemed annoyed that draft scheme for Post Graduate Courses for M.Os. had not been submitted to him in the first instance. This was of course impossible as Corps Commander asked for this only two days before he left for U.K. Also received from a/D.M.S. copy of letter from him to Director of Education criticising the scheme. I do not agree with these criticisms, none of which are justified in my opinion and have referred the matter to the B.G.G.S. for his advise. I have no doubt that if the Education Service provide the money this scheme could easily be put into effect and am sure it would give satisfaction to all concerned but this delay will be fatal to the scheme. 8/10th Nothing to report.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. Office closed at Avesnes and opened at Ham-sur-Heure.</p> <p>I hear that 1915 A.A.M.C. men are to be allowed to return to Australia thus further reducing the efficiency of the A.M.C. in spite of my protests. I do not object to reduction in numbers if there is to be no more fighting but I do object to the most experienced N.C.O's and men being withdrawn. I do not think that the A.M.C. should expect to return in any way but that in which they came, that is after the troops they came to look after. I should imagine this would effect Australian C.C.Ss and Hospitals more than the Corps not to mention the patients and the general health of the troops.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Attended Conference at D.M.S., Fourth Army Namur and discussed formation of School for M.Os. to be formed at Charleroi; disposal of patients; Venereal Disease etc.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Held conference of A.Ds.M.S. and discussed matters mentioned in attached circular. (Appendix 2.)</p> <p>D.D.M.S. left for 14 days leave in U.K.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. visited section of 15th Aust. Fd. Ambee, Beaumont. This unit is busily engaged clearing sick for Corps Artillery.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. visited by D.A.D.M.S. 5th Aust. Dn. who reported an unsatisfactory state of affairs with regard to Ambulance cars. Several Divisional Cars are hung up in Workshops because spare parts are not available.</p>		

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Ham-sur-Heure	Decr.	23rd	Visited by A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust. Dn.	
		24th	Visited by Os.C. 1st and 2nd Aust. Sanitary Sections. Sanitary Areas have larger areas to inspect than they can cope with owing to depletion of personnel.	
		25th	Nothing to report.	
		26th	Visited 5 and 47 C.C.Ss. Maubeuge. This Corps has been given responsibility of transporting patients for evacuation from these C.C.Ss. to Ambulance Trains. The 10th M.A.C. has been given to the Corps for this purpose. This M.A.C. has 8 ears detached with the Cavalry Corps The railhead for Ambulance Trains is entirely unsuitable havinf no shelter for patients if train is late, as is often the case. Moreover there are no loading parties there. Unless the O.C., C.C.S. can inform me when a train is expected I cannot provide for patients comfort at Railhead whilst awaiting evacuation. A better plan in my opinion would be to give me the responsibility of evacuating the C.C.Ss. Then I could arrange for the trains myslef and would be in touch with all requirements.	
		27/31st.	Nothing to report.	

*A. G. Collins*  
*for* Colonel,  
 D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.



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APPENDICES TO WAR DIARY DECEMBER

Appendix 1      Medical Instruction - Routine No. 18.

Appendix 2.      List of matters dealt with at conference of  
A.Ds.M.S.

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A U S T R A L I A N C O R P S

Medical Instructions - Routine No. 18

1. A.Ds.M.S. will, on arrival of their Divisions in "A", "B", "C", "D", and "F" areas - (vide Aust. Corps Advance to the Rhine Instruction No. 18)
  - i. make arrangements for the provision of Hospital accommodation in accordance with A.A.M.C. Standing Orders, Section II, para 8, and Australian Corps Routine Orders No. 274, para 2. Patients may be concentrated at one Ambulance if found necessary but, owing to the large size of the areas, this will probably be inadvisable.
  - ii. arrange for a higher standard of comfort at Field Ambulances than has hitherto been possible, such as the provision of beds, extra blankets, comforts &c.
  - iii. ensure that Blue Light posts are established in all Units with Medical Officers attached and in such large towns as the troops of their Division are allowed to visit.
  - iv. ensure that bathing facilities and arrangements for the treatment of Scabies are available at one Field Ambulance of the Division at least.
  - v. impress on all Commanding Officers the necessity of maintaining strict discipline in Medical Units, all of which are likely to be seriously affected in discipline and efficiency, owing to the withdrawal of experienced officers and other ranks to U.K. or 1914-15 furlough.
  - vi. issue instructions that patients likely to be well within two or three days will be retained in Rest Posts, and that those likely to be well within 10 days will be retained in Field Ambulances.
2. Attention is drawn to Australian Corps Routine Order, No. Q.219.

Headquarters  
8th December 1918

*A. J. Collins Major*  
for COLONEL  
D.D.M.S. Australian Corps.

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*[Signature]*  
Colonel,  
D.D.M.S., AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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