

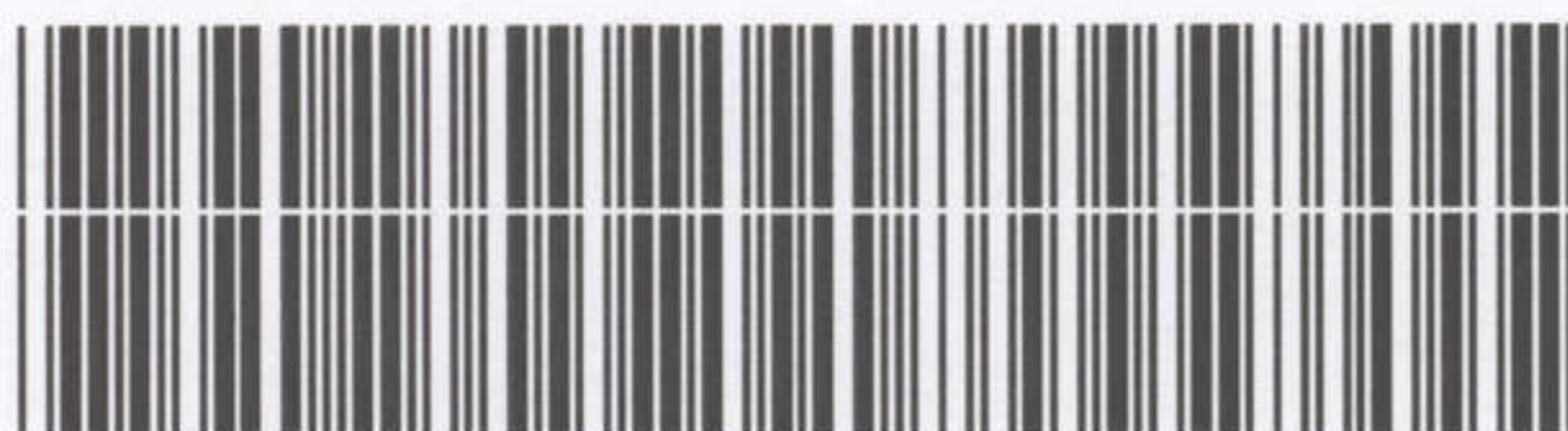
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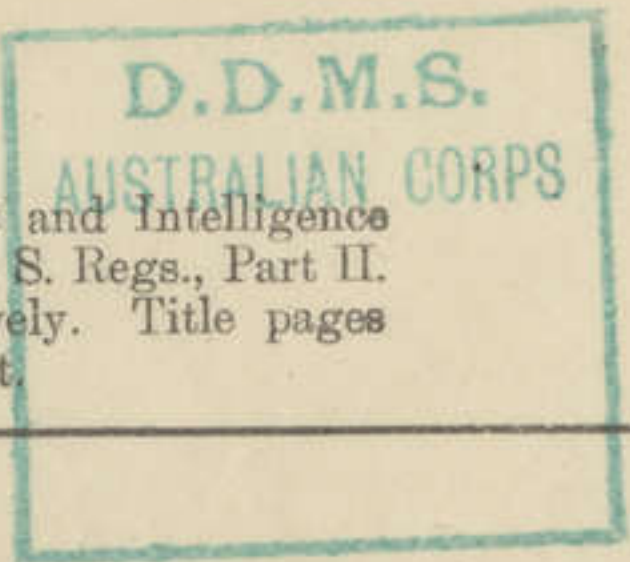
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	11th		Visited 1st Australian Division with General Howse. Saw General Rosenthal and discussed with him health of 1st Australian Division which has lately had an excess of sick. He drew an unfavorable comparison between it and that of some other Divisions in which, he said, the A.D.M.S. showed greater activity. General Howse with whom I had discussed this matter afterwards said to me that whilst Colonel Muxtable had been reported on favourable with regard to this yet he felt he might be getting somewhat inert.	
	12th		Captain Satchell, with 42nd Dental Unit took on duties of Corps Dental Officer. Held conference of A.Ds.M.S. Evacuation and question of possibility of Corps Central Bureau for registration and evacuation direct back to C.C.S. was taken up. All were in agreement with the principle.	
	13th		General Howse left this morning and said he would send over a Skin expert to go into the matters of Scabies and Venereal Disease.	
	14th		Nothing to report.	
	15th		Met D.M.S., Army at 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance and from there went on to 4th Aust. Division. Went over line of evacuation left sector of this Division. Also visited Brasserie where Dental Officer was working close up to Advance Dressing Station. Colonel Barber said he had saved much evacuation of men by the Dentist working so far forward. On return saw General Birdwood with General O'Keefe. Former spoke about evacuation to V.C.S. pointing out to General O'Keefe the disadvantage of their present position which entailed evacuating parallel to Corps Front.	
	16th		Nothing to report.	
	17th		Met A.D. M.S. 3rd Aust. Division and sanitary Officer of that Area and went into question of their water supply. It had been found that one battalion was drinking the water from the Douvre. Visited 40th and 35th Battalions. Health was good and C.Os and R.M.Os. agreed that health of men was much better in the trenches than in supports in the catacombs. Visited the latter and found they were not sufficiently ventilated.	
	18th		Attended conference at Army H.Q. of D.Ds.M.S. and A.Ds.M.S. presided over by the D.A.7 Q.M.G. Venereal was discussed. It was found that we were the only Corps which had regimental arrangements for preventive treatment for men returning from large towns and also arrangements for this in towns near the troops. An army school for medical Officers was discussed and again we were found to be the only Corps which had had a School during the winter. Central registration and elimination of Main Dressing Stations was discussed. Again we were the only Corps who had already instituted a system of registration at on the C.C.S. being reached by the patient.	

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	19th		Visited the Town Major Bailleul relative to a Blue Light Room being established at Bailleul for preventative treatment. Also saw O.C. Sanitary Section relative to Captain Holmes undertaking the supervision in cooperation with the French Civil Medical Authorities of all houses registered by police.	
	20th		Nothing to report,	
	21st		Major Day asked for leave to Italy for a fortnight. He said work at H.Q. warranted a Dental Officer being kept at Corps H.Q. for another month. Visited 3rd Aust Division and with Colonel McGuire saw Romarin and Machine Gun pits proposed for shelter for wounded also Oostnove Farm, and then, joined by Col. Jolly of 9th Aust. Field Ambce. we went over Undernill Farm with a view to ascertaining its accomodation. Also selected site at Romarin and Oostnove Farm for Motor Loading posts in case A.D.S. at Brewery became impossible to hold.	
	22nd		General O'Keefe, D.M.S., telephoned to say he proposed to allot the 11th C.C.S. at Godewaersvelde for our evacuation as he found this more convenient than Boeschoepe.	
	23rd/28th		Nothing to report.	
			headquarters, Australian Corps.	
				<i>Clement Chapman Myer</i> Colonel, D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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- 2 Medical Instructions No. 2.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - OPERATIONS No. 8.

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- SECRET**
1. The Corps Front, extending from 36/C.11.c.2.0. to 28/J.26.b.3.4. will be occupied by three Divisions.
 2. A.Ds.M.S. Divisions in line will be responsible for -
 - i. The clearance of the Divisional Sector, to the Main Dressing Station.
 - ii. Stocking of posts with sufficient personnel, equipment water &c.
 - iii. The proper flagging of routes of evacuation and of all Aid and Relay Posts.
 - iv. The formation of new sites rendered necessary by the Military situation.
 3. Medical Situation is shown in Appendix 1.
 4. Evacuation from R.A.Ps. to Advanced Dressing Stations will be by hand-carry, supplemented by trolley track, wheeled stretchers, and wherever possible by Ambulance wagons. From Advanced Dressing Stations, to Main Dressing Stations by Motor Ambulance cars. From Main Dressing Stations to Casualty Clearing Stations will be by Motor Ambulance Convoy cars. Whenever possible Wounded will be sent direct from ADS-CCS. Evacuations to Rest Station, either Corps or Divisional will be by Motor Ambulance cars under Divisional arrangement.
 5. REST STATIONS. Divisions in line, support, or reserve, will establish Rest Stations with a holding capacity of 350 beds within the Divisional area.

A Corps Rest Station with a capacity of 700 beds is established at 36/F.4.b.central (No.1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station) to which all overflow Divisional Rest Station cases will be sent, A.Ds.M.S. first ascertaining that accommodation is available.

Officers requiring Rest Station treatment will be sent to the Corps Rest Station : no Officers being treated in Divisional Rest Stations.
 6. CASUALTY CLEARING STATIONS. The Casualty Clearing Stations allotted to this Corps are No.2 Australian, Nos.2 and 53 Casualty Clearing Stations, receiving in rotation.

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7. GAS TREATMENT CENTRES. Gas treatment centres are established in each Divisional Sector.
8. MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOY. No. 6 Motor Ambulance Convoy is allotted to this Corps. Demands for M.A.C. Cars will be made to the D.D.M.S. except those required for the conveyance of Infectious cases to MALASSIASE, which will be demanded direct. In case of an exceptional emergency, M.A.C. Cars may be asked for direct, but simultaneously with the request to the M.A.C. this Office must be informed.
9. ADVANCED DEPOT MEDICAL STORES. No. 2 at No. 2 C.C.S. 36A/F.3.d.
10. MOBILE BACT. LAB. No. 5 Canadian, BAILLEUL.
11. SPECIAL CASES.
- i. Scabies. All cases of Scabies will be treated within Divisional areas. Overflow may be sent to the Corps Rest Station, accommodation first being ascertained.
 - ii. Dysentery. Cases of Dysentery, suspected Dysentery and severe diarrhoea will be transferred at once to the Hagedoorne Camp, 28/S.3.d. and will not be kept in Medical Units in Forward areas. Divisions will be responsible for transport of such cases.
 - iii. S.I. Injuries. All cases should be transferred at once to No. 3 Australian C.C.S.
 - iv. Ear, Nose and Throat cases. A Centre for treatment of such cases requiring special treatment or consultation, has been established at No. 47 Casualty Clearing Station DOZINCHEM. Consultations etc. will be arranged direct by A.Ds.M.S.
 - v. Ophthalmic cases. Days are allotted as under. Cases should be sent to reach Fourth Army Ophthalmic Centre, Mont des Cats by 9-30 am on the day allotted. Not more than 30 cases per Division should be sent on any one day, and each batch must be accompanied by duplicate nominal rolls. Divisions will arrange own transport, which should remain at the Centre to take back cases when treated. Each case must be in possession of his Pay Book.
- Cases of Officers wishing to consult the Ophthalmic Specialist may do so by appointment through A.D.M.S. who will arrange direct.

THURSDAYS

Left Division & Centre Division.

SATURDAYS

Right Division & Support Division.

- 12. INFECTIOUS DISEASES. All cases of infectious disease, with the exception of Dysentery, Rose Measles and Scabies, will, if fit to travel, be evacuated to No. 7 General Hospital MALASSAISE. If unfit to travel, they will be evacuated to the nearest C.C.S. Transport for infectious cases to No.7 General Hospital will be demanded direct from No.6. Motor Ambulance Convoy.
- 13. REST AREA. All evacuation from Division in LUMBRES area will be to the New Zealand Stationary Hospital, WISQUES. Medical Stores will be drawn from Advanced Depot Medical Stores, ST.OMER.
- 14. CORPS TROOPS. A.Ds.M.S. Divisions are responsible for the Medical and Sanitary supervision of all Corps and Army Troops quartered in their Divisional areas.
- 15. Medical Arrangements Operations No.7.d/9-12-17 is cancelled.
- 16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Headquarters
9th Feb.1918

D.D.M.S. Australian Corps.

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Appendix 1. Aust. Corps Medical Arrangements. Operation. 8.

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M E D I C A L S I T U A T I O N .

DIVISION	LEFT	CENTRE	RIGHT	SUPPORT	REST
LINE HELD	O.11.b.8.5. to J.26.b.3.6.	U.11.b.3.6. to O.11.b.8.5.	U.11.b.3.6. to C.11.c.2.6.	Merris Area	Lumbres.
A.D.M.S. OFFICE	Scherpenberg	Dranoutre	Ravelsberg	Merris	Nielles-les- Blequin .
<u>M E D I C A L D I S P O S I T I O N S .</u>					
MAIN DRESSING STATION	H.21.c.7.3.	N.29.a.2.6.	B.8.c.2.5.		
ADV. DRESSING STN.	I.33.a.3.8.0 I.31.c.4.7. I.29.c.1.9.	O.19.d.2.8. P.10.b.8.7.	T.18.d.5.3. C.1.d.4.5.		
AMB. COLLECTING POST	O.2.d.8.8. N.10.a.2.2.9.9	U.1.c.1.9. N.27.c.9.6.	C.8.c.8.0.		
DIVISIONAL REST STN.	S.9.d. S.10.d.	Hospice, LoCre.	Westhoff.	Bailleul	
SANITARY SECTION, H. Q.	Scherpenberg	Lindenhoeck	Nicppe	Bailleul	Nielles-les- Blequin.

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M E D I C A L I N S T R U C T I O N S N O . 2 .

1. Consequent upon Australian Corps Orders Nos 18 and 21 and the relief of the 4th and 3rd Australian Divisions by the 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions respectively, the following medical rearrangements will take place.
2. A.D.M.S., 1st Australian Division will:-
 - i. Take over the Medical Arrangements for the clearance of the Corps left sector from the A.D.M.S., 4th Australian Division.
 - ii. Relief to be completed by 10 am, 2nd March 1918, details to be mutually arranged by A.D.M.S. concerned.
 - iii. Medical Units of 4th Australian Division thus relieved will be at the disposal of the A.D.M.S., 4th Australian Division.
3. A.D.M.S., 4th Australian Division will arrange to take over and picket the stores and buildings at No. 8 Rue de College, and at Rue Benoit Cortyl, SAINT-REMI, at present picketed by the A.D.M.S., 1st Australian Division. These stores, buildings, etc. constitute a Corps Reserve and are not to be used or occupied without the sanction of the D.M.S.
4. A.D.M.S., 2nd Australian Division will:-
 - i. Take over the Medical Arrangements for the clearance of Corps right sector from the A.D.M.S., 3rd Australian Division.
 - ii. Relief will be completed by 10 am, 5th March 1918, details to be mutually arranged by A.D.M.S. concerned.
 - iii. Medical Units of the 3rd Australian Division thus relieved will be at the disposal of the A.D.M.S., 3rd Australian Division.
5. The A.D.M.S., 2nd Australian Division will arrange to bring four hospital marquees for use to the A.D.M.S. from the reserve area. With this exception all surplus tentage will be left standing in situ. With regard to equipment tentage, at present standing, A.D.M.S. will mutually arrange to exchange the equivalent when possible. No tents should be struck unless absolutely necessary to complete unit equipment.
6. Sanitary Sections will not move. Sanitary Areas will remain unaltered.
7. Acknowledge.

Headquarters,
February 25th 1918.

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D.M.S., Australian Corps.

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