

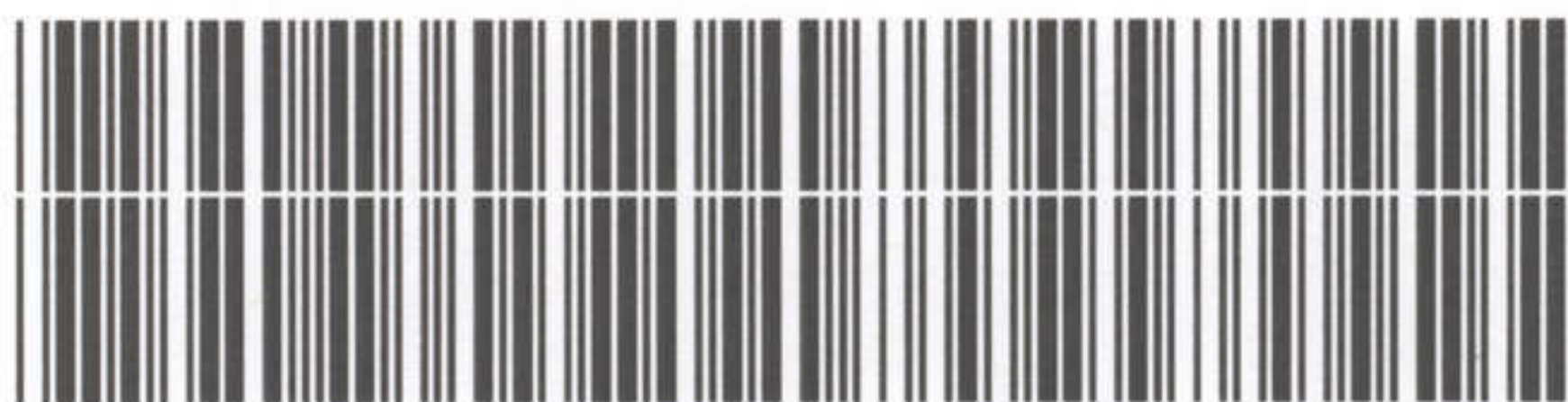
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Anzaco	1 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 118. Water supply again reported up, hills fully covered in case stress of water proved important. Letter to DMS showing that enemy supplies said to be at minimum and not available.	
"	2 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 113.	
"	3 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 152. Letter from G/A/DMS who was proceeding to Egypt, instructing him to see DMS Egypt & by that address them to inform of ATMC to send for duty with 1st Aust Div. Working supply officer position of MC available. A further communication saying that 4 MIA would be broken up & buried in Anzaco A.C.	
"	4 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 150. Instructions from DMS that Australian requirements take place in every variety of amounts. DMS 934/15 re 1/15 all transport required by Medical Units is available for 1st Aust Div & DMS ME 7. Again we have no time to spare. Reply large quantities had been made for.	
"	5 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 193. Letter to DMS ME 7 re change of office of ATMC in Anzaco. Copy marked →	4.
"	6 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 120. From Anzaco submitting recommendation from DMS ME 7 re housing of men forward at Anzaco and asking for recommendation of ATMS 155 AD. Copy covered.	R
"	7 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 129. From DMS asking number of tents available in this Division. Instructed by AC to inform DDMS. Anzaco at conference called to discuss question of making minor arrangements for air.	
"	8 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>15</sub>		Sms 90.	D.P.H.

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Anzaco	9/15		<p>Spec 71. Submitted in reply to the JTY 821 submitting summary of - from principal districts at present with 15<sup>th</sup> Div. from <del>150</del> Divisional Summary Officer re para system.</p>	
"	10/15		<p>Spec 89. Received 5 Men Submarine Abnormal Hospital Cases from JTY forwarding copy of memo I.C. stating that priority of similar goods have been advised from JTY showing 3 ration scales of which such a minor is to be used on which similar advised to make for 1.</p>	
	11/15		<p>Recd letter from TMS ME dated 11/15. As per TMS Anzaco will advise of the situation. Considered by AC on 12/15 and passed on to TMS Anzaco. Informed JTY that the same of the 3 documents were not in TMS 15<sup>th</sup> Div for my absence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A R H.</p>	

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Amzayac	12/9/15	0500	Took over duties of a/ADMS 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Division. Received report from a/ Div. San. Officer (Capt H R Fry) regarding condition of wells in area occupied by troops of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Number of all ranks 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. evacuated by 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust-Cas Clearing St <sup>n</sup> (for 24 hours ending 1800) was 80.	Copy marked ① attached
"	13.9.15		Instructions issued to 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> F Amb + 2 <sup>nd</sup> L H F Amb to bring up stores + tent remaining in Egypt or Mudros to war establishment, also to indent for canvas tent floors if not already supplied. Div Order Part II 1099. Major C.G. Shaw promoted to be temp. Lieut. Col. from 6.9.15.	
"	14.9.15		Total number all ranks of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div. evacuated by ACC St <sup>n</sup> was 88 Report received from a/ Div. San. Officer indicating materials + quantities necessary to purify polluted well water. These were requisitioned for a report received from a/ Div San. Officer suggesting precautions to be taken by RMO's in regard to latrines in wet weather. Memos sent to all MO's in 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div. Interviewed AAO QMG re water supply in Gullies on night flank + accompanied by him	Copy marked ② attached.  Copy ③

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Ambyae	14.9.15		<p>saw O.C. Engineers Army Corps H.Q. who informed me that the matter was in the hands of Lt Col Cunningham O.C. Div Engineers. Interviewed Lt Col Cunningham 17.9.15.</p> <p>Investigated report by of Div San Officers re installing pan system of latrines &amp; inspected a sample of pan constructed from an oil drum.</p> <p>Total number all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. wanted to a.c.c. St<sup>n</sup> was 66.</p>	
	15.9.15		<p>Replied to enquiries from AA + QMG re a letter from I.G.C. in regard to methods of cooking warmth &amp; baths for troops for winter for Field Ambulances. Recommended Field Kitchens covered by sheds not less than 20' x 20'. 44 drains being required, also Soper cookers &amp; Aldershot ovens, &amp; premium stoves for invalid cooking. Tubs for baths &amp; coppers for heating water for them. Warmth for huts to be provided by kerosene stoves or braziers suggested 1 for 30 men.</p> <p>Inspected sites for F. Amb. camps on Right Flank. all areas suitable to marquees are under fire. Protection can be obtained if huts are used built on terraces on hill sides.</p> <p>Letter received from D.A.A. + QMG forwarding approval for Officers' Valises to be brought from Egypt. R.M.O.'s &amp; Field Ambulance Officer duly informed.</p> <p>Instructions sent to R.M.O.'s regarding disposal of sick &amp; wounded sent to F. Amb.</p>	

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Anzac	15.9.15		<p>Simon cases taken sent to No 3 Field Amb Anzac Cove for evacuation. Slipper-cases to go to 2nd Light-Horse Field Amb. Dawkins Point.</p> <p>Total no. all ranks 1st Amb-Div evacuated to acc St 70.</p> <p>Div Order Part II No 100. Commands &amp; Staff - Lt Col Hearn a.a.m.c. will carry out the duties of A.D.M.S. during the temporary absence of Col H R Howse V.C.C.B. officiating as D.D.M.S. A+N.Z. Army Corps dated 13.9.15.</p> <p>Lt Col C.G. Shaw to temporarily command No 2 Field Amb vice Lt Col A H Sturdee Sick.</p> <p>Promotions &amp; appointments - Warrant Officer R. Glen to be Quartermaster &amp; Hon Lieut 1st Field Ambulance in Succession to Beers - transferred.</p> <p>Received from D.M.S. M.E.F. Leaflets on prevention of Cholera &amp; Typhoid. duly distributed to R.M.O.s &amp; Field Ambulances.</p> <p>Received letter from Capt C K Parkinson R.M.O. 11th Batt. expressing opinion that shelter &amp; drainage in the lines, <sup>should</sup> be quickly provided for troops. Forwarded this &amp; covering communication embodying my recommendations to A.A. &amp; Q.M.G.</p> <p>Forwarded letter to A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. stating that Farinaceous foods are unavailable for</p>	<p>Copy (4)</p>

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Ambac	16.9.15		issue to M.O.'s for sick men & that if such foods cannot be obtained all such patients will have to be evacuated.	
	17.9.15		Total no. all ranks evacuated from 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust-Div to A.C.C. Stn 78. with Lt-Col. Cunningham C.O. Div. Engineers met me at my request & inspected site of No 3. F. Amb. & No 2 L.H. F. Amb. also C Section No 137 Indian F. Amb. at Indian mule camp, with view to terracing site for cover either by tentage or by huts 10' wide.	
	18.9.15		Total no. all ranks 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust-Div. evacuated to A.C.C. Stn 90. Received letter from C.O. Div Engineers stating that Indian F. Amb. inspected yesterday does not belong to 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust-Div. & disclaiming responsibility for housing them. Army Corps informed me on enquiry that this Ambulance is Corps Troops. I forwarded this information to the R.M.O. Capt. Carey Evans. Report received from Capt. Fry of Div San Officer embodying alternative scheme of purifying well water for drinking purposes for troops. Total no. all ranks 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust-Div. evacuated to A.C.C. Stn 81 memo sent to all M.O.'s drawing their attention to R.R. Para 453 re publishing articles	Copy (5)

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Anzac	18.9.15		<p>in the press.</p> <p>Capt-Buchanan J.D. 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. F. Amb proceeded to Mudros &amp; Alexandria to collect stores &amp; tents for that unit.</p> <p>Received wire from 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Brigade H.Q. stating 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>ms</sup> without M.O's.</p> <p>Issued instructions to C.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> F. Amb to arrange &amp; wire his dispositions.</p> <p>Reply received stating First F. Amb attending 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade &amp; A.S.C. &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> F. Amb attending 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade &amp; Artillery Sigs parades.</p>	
	19.9.15		<p>Memo received from A.N.Z. Army Corps H.Q. requesting that in future correspondence to that office be by concise memo &amp; in duplicate.</p> <p>Total h<sup>o</sup> all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Anst. Div evacuated to A.C.C. Stn 112.</p> <p>Received memo from D.C. Div Engineers re difficulty of terracing ground for F. Ambulances &amp; asking minimum number of tents that we could do with &amp; minimum space they would occupy.</p> <p>Received memo from D.M.S. M.E.F. stating that it is not proposed to put 7. Amb<sup>s</sup> <sup>on any portion of 7. Amb<sup>s</sup>.</sup> for the winter, but that Endeavours should be made to provide shelter for <math>\frac{1}{3}</math> the accommodation of 7. Amb<sup>s</sup>. &amp; that wood &amp; corrugated iron would</p>	



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Ambyae	20.9.15		<p>be issued for this purpose at the discretion of Corps Commanders, &amp; that O/C 7 Ambul should represent their needs through the A.D.M.S. of the division. This memo was circulated to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 Ambul &amp; to 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. 7 Amb.</p> <p>Received copy of War Office memo calling attention to need for accuracy in furnishing recommendations for rewards &amp; for mentions in despatches, especially in regard to names numbers &amp; corps of formations which did not exist prior to the war &amp; from the troops from Australia New Zealand and India. This was circulated to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 Ambul &amp; to 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. 7 Amb.</p> <p>Instructions were issued, in accordance with memo from D.M.S., to M.O.s re marking of tallies <math>\frac{AT}{10}</math> in cases where anti-tetanic serum has been administered.</p> <p>Total evacuations all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. to A.C.C. Str. 99.</p>	
	21.9.15		<p>Received leaflets from D.M.S. M.E.F. entitled "How to use the Gas Helmet", "notes on methods to be adopted to meet asphyxiating gases etc", "Interim report by the Entomological Commission" &amp; "The abolition of flies in Camps Bilibts &amp; Hospitals". Copies have been forwarded to R.M.O.s &amp; Field Ambulance M.O.s.</p>	

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Anzac	21.9.15.		<p>Received following from D.D.M.S. ANZAC. "Please let me have before 25<sup>th</sup> the names of any officers serving under you who have had considerable experience in Bacteriological or Public Health Chemical work, if willing to take on such work if needed. State nature of Experience." This was circulated to all M.O.s in the Division.</p> <p>Received from D.D.M.S. ANZAC. Request for monthly return of no. of all ranks inoculated against Enteric &amp; Cholera infections. Returns to reach his office by 1800 on last day of each month, completed for that month. This information has been duly called for.</p> <p>Total Evacuations all ranks of 1<sup>st</sup> Anst Div to A.C.C. St<sup>n</sup> 93.</p>	
	22.9.15.		<p>Capt-MacDonnell has been evacuated suffering from P.O.V.O.</p> <p>Memo received from D.A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. 1<sup>st</sup> Anst Div. to the effect that the Field Cashier will probably arrive here again about 1<sup>st</sup> October &amp; asking for a statement showing amount of money required for pay of Command. This information has been sent to 3<sup>rd</sup> Amb &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> L.A.F. Amb.</p> <p>Memo sent to all R.M.O.s &amp; Field Ambts. re requisitions for Medical</p>	

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Anzac	22.9.15		<p>Comforts &amp; forwarding Scale for their guidance.</p> <p>Received message from A.N.Z.A.C through D.H.Q. calling for Statement showing (1) numbers Officers &amp; others evacuated from 25<sup>th</sup> April to July 31<sup>st</sup>. (2) numbers Officers &amp; others who have since returned to lines.</p> <p>Received report from a/Div. San<sup>y</sup> Officer recommending that, in view of well sinking in Clarke Valley, twelve horses stabled in the vicinity be removed to Victoria Valley. This was recommended &amp; forwarded to AA &amp; Q.M.G.</p> <p>Received a report from a/Div. San<sup>y</sup> Officer re insanitary state of a camp at mouth of Clarke's Gully occupied by a collection of details from B.A.C. battery units &amp; water Guard from Infantry. As Lt. Raymond B.A.C. appeared to be responsible, this report was forwarded to Div Artillery with an urgent memo calling for prompt steps to be taken to prevent a continuance of such neglect.</p> <p>Total evacuations all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Anst Div to A.C.C. Str 5-8.</p>	
	23.9.15		<p>Reply received from Div Artillery protesting that report by a/Div San<sup>y</sup> Officer was exaggerated &amp; denying responsibility. I forwarded the papers to AA &amp; Q.M.G. with my remarks</p>	

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ANZAC	23.9.15		<p>attached calling attention to the fact that the site had been cleaned up by the Dw Sanitary Squad + challenging the absence of responsibility on the part of the B.A.C. officer.</p> <p>Received letter from D.M.S. M.E.F. covering War office letter re necessity for economy in use of dressings + care in use of Surgical Instruments + appliances. The letter was duly circulated to all M.O's in the Division.</p> <p>Received by post, without memo or other means of knowing sender, a paper on "Sanitation".</p> <p>Received from DMS MEF farewell message from Surg General Birrell, expressing admiration for all the good work done by all ranks of the med. Service of the force + wishing them all good luck + a successful ending to the campaign. This message has been passed to AA + QMG for inclusion in Div Orders.</p> <p>Replied to letter from DDMS ANZAC re methods of cooking + warming + fuel proposed for the <del>loop</del> ambulances for the winter.</p> <p>Total evacuations all ranks from 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. to a.c.c. Stn 44.</p>	
	24.9.15		<p>Forwarded to DDMS MEF names of 3 Medical Officers Capt. Fry, Marks, + Butler, with short account of their experience in Bacteriological + Chemical Laboratory work,</p>	

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Anzac	24.9.15		<p>these officers having signified their willingness to undertake such work if required.</p> <p>Reported adversely on two blankets submitted by A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. but shortly afterwards received reply that these blankets had been issued in error &amp; would be exchanged for the proper article by Ordnance Department.</p> <p>Acknowledged receipt of Surgeon Genl. Burrells farewell letter to the Med. Service of the M.E.F. informing that it had been sent on for inclusion in Div. Orders &amp; that I was sure it would be much appreciated by all ranks.</p> <p>Total number all ranks 1st Aust. Div. evacuated to A.C.C. Stn 47.</p>	
	25.9.15		<p>Papers received from No. 3 Auxiliary Hospital showing number of cases of Enteric dysentery with their units specified, admitted for week ending Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Received these papers came to hand on 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst &amp; were sent on to D.D.M.S. with request that name number regiment &amp; date of onset of disease &amp; admission to Hospital be asked for instead of these lists. The papers have now been returned with a statement that this matter has been referred to D.M.S. M.E.F.</p> <p>Visited Muddros reporting on "Aragon" about 1230. Called on Col Baker D.D.M.S. Muddros. Reported to Major Genl. Walker D.S.O. 1400 on "Aragon" &amp; received instructions to hold medical</p>	

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Anzac	25.9.15		<p>Inspection of Troops of New-Australian Division stationed there, also to visit Convalescent camp &amp; endeavour to hasten the return of convalescents to their units.</p> <p>Landed mudros w. per motor boat - about 1500 reaching No 2 Field Amb. - Sarpi Rest Camp about 1630. Inspected latrines incinerator &amp; water supply &amp; cookhouse of No 2 Field Amb also water supply of camp. Reported to Col Forsyth 1st Inf Brigade at 2000.</p> <p>Total no. all ranks 1st Aust Div. evacuated to 1st Aust. C.C. Stn 110.</p>	
	26.9.15		<p>Memo received from A/DOMS Anzac that eggs are now available for issue as Medical Comforts. R.M.O.s of 7 Ambts were duly informed.</p> <p>R.M.O.s of 7 Ambts were requested to furnish strength of unit - under question 11 on daily Sick &amp; Sanitary report. DHA asked for State Showing @ Ration strength of units under command as at 27.9.15 @ Ration strength of numbers &amp; units of attached personnel for same date, &amp; @ numbers of unit on Hosp diet. Return called for &amp; furnished in due course. Received from Major Glasford DHA Genl. Staff one copy of pamphlet entitled notes on combating poisonous gases.</p> <p>Papers received from AA &amp; QMG regarding exhumation of body of No 3045 Gunner Barber C.W. of 8th Battery killed on No 4 gun on 8.8.15. Anzac</p>	

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Anzac	26.9.15		<p>Bread at Sarpi camp examined &amp; found very heavy &amp; doughy. Discussed with Lt-Col Shaw S.M.O. 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div details, the medical arrangements of the camp. attended church parade &amp; watched troops of 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf Brigade march past. The men looked better than when I had seen them last at Anzac but still tired &amp; listless.</p> <p>Called upon Lt-Col Cass 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Brigade, found him not in, made arrangements for medical inspection (personal) of troops following morning -</p> <p>Total No. all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div evacuated to 1<sup>st</sup> A.C.C. Station <sup>with</sup> 58.63</p>	
	27.9.15		<p>Bread at Sarpi camp again very heavy &amp; doughy. Personally inspected troops of 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade by companies at 11 am. At 1400 issued orders for medical inspection of all troops of 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. resting at Camp Sarpi, during the 3 following days this was completed. Total No. all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div evacuated from 1<sup>st</sup> A.C.C. Sta 58.</p>	
	28.9.15		<p>Received from acting O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> 7 Amb particulars of Service of W.O. here W. 1<sup>st</sup> 7 Amb - Received report from Capt Jackson M.O. 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. Sarpi Camp stating that No 1390 P.C. Rogers W.L. 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. was sent to Hospital 22.9.15 as unfit for service, with general debility, &amp; recommending discharge from the Service adding that Rogers states his age as 51 years.</p>	

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Amfue	28.9.15		<p>Received from O.C. Advanced Base Stationery Depot - H.M.T. "Minnetonka" advice of dispatch of parcel of stationery by next available boat, letter dated 25.9.15.</p> <p>Received from O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Field Amb. request for authority to attach five reinforcements to 1<sup>st</sup> F. Amb. paybooks showing them to be 8<sup>th</sup> reinforcements to that unit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Genl. Hosp claiming them &amp; supported by D.M.S. medical W.</p> <p>Further communication from O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> F. Amb. stating health of troops improving but stating sick parade large &amp; calling attention to urgent need for dental attention.</p> <p>Visited Convalescent Camp medical W &amp; found made enquiries re stay of convalescent find they remain in about 2 weeks &amp; send them discharged either to Serpi Rest Camp or to Aust. Base detail Camp, visited this camp also &amp; find O.C. Capt. Henne is doing his best to hurry men up to their units.</p> <p>Visited Camp Commandant Col Fortescue re convalescents rejoining quickly. Made enquiries from Lt. Camidge? No 3 Aust. Genl. Hosp re dental work, &amp; find there are now 4 dentists at work there, one a man borrowed from Serpi Camp.</p> <p>Total all ranks, 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div evacuated to 1<sup>st</sup> A.C.C. 74.</p>	
	29.9.15		<p>From A.P.D.M.S. Signal message re use of Red Cross flags &amp; calling attention to previous</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Aungmye	29.9.15		<p>Instructions forbidding use of camp flag, except when sheltering camp number of wounded.                      Made enquiries re dentists at Sanyi Camp &amp; find that in troops of 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Division there are 4 dentists (qualified) viz Bosgard 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Keyte 4<sup>th</sup> Batt. Hill &amp; Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Amb. also 3 mechanics in 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>s</sup> respectively.                      Total for all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div evacuated to 1<sup>st</sup> Acc Stn 59.</p>	
	30.9.15		<p>From DDMS Dundee 5 copies each of pamphlets entitled "Sanitation" &amp; "Treatment of Well water". Wired Major Tabbutt Cairo that 1<sup>st</sup> Div is short 32 M.O.s &amp; to try to send others.                      Received from D.A.A. &amp; Q.M.A. 1<sup>st</sup> Div forwarding applications of drivers Greenwood &amp; Dunne of 1<sup>st</sup> Field Amb. for Commissions in Imperial Army. Dunnes application was refused shown as refused &amp; Greenwood's held over.                      Total number all ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. evacuated to 1<sup>st</sup> Acc. Stn 46.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>W. H. Keane Lt. Col.</i>                      a/ A.D.M.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Div.                      30/9/15                 </p>	

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
Sept. 5th, 1915.

D. M. S.,  
General Headquarters,  
M. E. F.,

Today there is a shortage of twenty two (22) Medical Officers in the 1st Australian Division including the 2nd Light Horse Brigade and Field Ambulance attached to the Division.

The Battalion Medical Officers have been kept up to strength by depleting the Field Ambulances. I have unofficially applied to the D. M. S., Egypt for not less than six captains for battalion work required at once.

Medical Officers absent from their Units.

1st Field Ambulance.	Lt-Col. Newmarch. Major Stokes Major Millard  Major Aspinall. Major Dunlop Capt. Kay	No 2 General Hospital. Invalided to Australia. Transferred to 2nd Aust. Division. Acting D. A. D. M. S. Wounded Evacuated sick	Total <u>6</u>
2nd Field Ambulance.	Lt-Col. Sturdee Lt-Col. Hearne  Capt. Williams Capt. Mathison	Evacuated sick Transferred to 3rd F.A. vice Lt-Col. Sutton, trans'd to 2nd Aust. Div. Evacuated sick Killed	Total <u>4.</u>
3rd Field Ambulance.	Major Buller Major Dixon Capt. McWhae Capt. Fry Capt. Ingram Capt. Buchanan A.L.	Wounded Evacuated sick Wounded Acting Div. Sanitary Offr. Evacuated sick Evacuated sick	Total <u>6.</u>
3rd Battalion.	Capt. Bowman	Evacuated sick; temporarily replaced by Capt. McDonnell, 2nd L.H.F. Amb.	
5th Battalion	Capt. Lind	Evacuated sick	

Divisional Train	Capt. Jolley	Evacuated sick
Divisional Engrs.	Capt. Lewers	Wounded and transferred to 2nd Aust. Division.

Total R.M.O.s 4.

Attached to 1st Australian Division.

2nd Light Horse Brigade.

5th Light Horse Rgt.	Capt. Deds	Wounded; temporarily replaced by Capt. Pitcher, 2nd L.H.F.A.
6th " " "	Capt. Verge	Evacuated sick; temporarily replaced by Capt. Fraser, 2nd L.H.F.A.

Total 2.

TOTAL 22

Colonel,

A. D. M. S., 1st Australian Division.

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To the A.D.M.S.,  
1st Australian Division.

I have examined all the wells in the area at present existing in the area occupied by troops of the First Australian Division, and herewith present a report on the present condition of the same. The positions of the wells are shown on the accompanying maps and distinguished by letters.

Wells in Victoria Gully.

WELL "A". 14 feet deep, 18 inches of water. Considerable floating matter in water. Water turbid and offensive in smell. Mouth of well wide and uncovered, water stated by Armourer Sergeant of 8th Battery to form very slowly, well only yielding a few bucketfuls.

WELL "B". 28 feet deep, 18 inches of water, surface of water clean, water clear, no smell. Mouth of well uncovered. Corporal of 8th Battery reports well only yields about 10 bucketfuls of water per day. A month ago when the horses of the battery were stabled in the creek bed, water was offensive. The men of the transport cleaned the well.

About 50 yards up the valley horses of the 8th battery are stabled. Manure from stable is buried on the beach.

Where road crosses valley a little higher, a soakage tub in shallow pit shows about an inch of water. Water offensive, tub dirty.

WELL "C". 44 feet deep, dry. Mouth of well enclosed with barbed wire and netting. About 50 yards up valley is position where mules were stabled up to a few weeks ago.

Wells in Clarke's Valley and Vicinity.

WELL "D". 10 feet deep, 1 foot of water in one corner. Mouth of well open and unprotected. Water slightly turbid, sweet. Water sometimes drawn by men of 9th Battalion. One of latter said water made fairly quickly.

WELL "E". Said to be only 5 feet deep. Well sealed, pump in working order and being used when inspected by men of 9th Battalion. Water clear, no smell. Well yields 8 - 12 gallons per hour. Water tin (circ. 4 gallons) filled in three pumpings at intervals of about 10 minutes. No sentry posted at well.

WELL "F". 20 feet deep, 1 foot of water. Well stepped and nearly sealed by staging about 10 feet down, pump rigged on staging. Water has peculiar smell, slightly turbid.

Man of 8th Battery Transport states trough holding at least 50 gallons is filled three times a day to water horses. Well stated to have been limed a week ago, smell less marked now than formerly.

In ravine opening off valley, about 50 yards above well, 12 horses of 8th Battery are stabled. Men report that use of any of wells "D", "E", and "F" has no influence on others. This is not in conformity with opinion suggested by Major Tebbutt in his report of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1915 on wells in question.

WELL "G". Spring water exuding from northern face of watercourse just before opening into main valley. Water bearing strata from small face of gravel, in clay, and about 4 feet from top of bank. Water trickles into shallow pit, kept clean and watched by guard of three men of 9th Battalion. Guard states well yields about 100 gallons of water per day. Water clear and sweet.

Alongside spring in main valley is old well of 9th Battalion now filled in. Well ran dry about 2 months ago. A few yards higher up is a soakage pit which yields only about 4 gallons per day.

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Wells in Clarke's Valley and Vicinity (Cont'd).

Well "H". 41 feet deep, 6 inches of water. Surface of water clean. Water clear and sweet. Well covered, and guard of one man mounted by 9th Battalion. Guard states that there is about 3 feet of water in well in morning. Well yields about 40 dixies of water in day - 12 first thing in morning, and about 2 at intervals of half an hour after.

WELL "J". 32 feet deep, 1 foot of water. Well stepped and sealed about 10 feet down, pump rigged. No specimen of water obtainable, but water on sinker without smell. Well used by 3rd Bde.H.Q., stated by Staff Captain to yield about 60 gallons per day. No guard mounted.

WELL "K". 27 feet deep, 6 inches of water. Water turbid, offensive. Mouth of well not covered. Well not in use. Stretcher-Bearer of 7th Battery Dressing Station near by states well never yielded much water.

Wells in Poppy Valley.

WELL "L". 35 feet deep, dry. Old Turkish well, discovered when Leane's trench captured on . Then contained water said to be good. Well not covered.

WELL "M". 72 feet deep, dry. No water obtained when well sunk. Well by 7th Reg. L.H. Dressing Station.

WELL "N". 35 feet deep, dry. No water obtained when well sunk. Well in 6th Reg. L.H. Sector. Well discovered to be employed by 6th Regt. L.H. as a latrine since 12.9.15.

WELL "P". 43 feet deep. Dry. No water obtained when well sunk. Corporal of 6th L.H. who was working on well stated well sunk 60 feet, and bore 15 feet deeper. Stated that roots of scrub still striking down at level where work abandoned, so water may be below.

(Signed) *Kenneth Fry*

Capt.

a/Divisional Sanitary Officer.

September 12th, 1915.

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Appendix No. 2 "21"

To D.A.D.M.S..

In view of possibility of having to purify polluted/water<sup>well</sup> for drinking purposes for troops of the 1st Australian Division in the coming winter, a supply of material is urgently required.

To carry out Tresh's Chlorine method the following supplies will be necessary to be certain of sterilizing sufficient water for the troops for one month:-

1. High quality chlorinated lime in  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. hermetically sealed tins - (United Alkali Co., Liverpool)  
1600 tins,
2.  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. packets of sodium thio-sulphate --  
800 packets; and
3. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. Soloids for detecting presence of free chlorine in water ---  
1000 soloids.

(Signed) H. Kenneth Fry

Capt.  
a/Divisional Sanitary Officer.

September 14th, 1915.

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Appendix No. 3 22

To the A.D.M.S.,  
1st Australian Division.

I would suggest that a Circular Memorandum be sent to R.M.O.s of 1st Australian Division asking them to make certain :-

1. that latrines in their lines are safe from invasion from flood waters,
2. that slope of ground so arranged that water will run in vicinity of latrine from and not into latrine trench, and
3. that water from vicinity of latrine trench will not flow over inhabited ground, or through trenches.

(Signed) *H. Kenneth Fry.*

Capt.  
a/Divisional Sanitary Officer.

September 14th, 1915.

1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division  
Headquarters  
16/9/15.

A. A. Q. M. G.

Attached is copy of a Report from the R.M.O. of the 11<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>. It is absolutely essential that men should be protected from wet and cold at present. If this is not done now there will be very serious illness amongst the troops and this will prevent many returning to the fighting line for long periods. In the absence of proper huts the Field Ambulances now urgently require shelters to provide cover for the sick, otherwise not one sick man can be kept. By terracing sheds about 10 feet wide could be made of timber and corrugated iron with adequate guttering to carry off the water from the terrace below. In the area occupied by the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust<sup>n</sup> Division at present, in my opinion, there is no safe place to erect tents even as a temporary expedient to meet the present difficulty.

(Signed) W. W. Kearne Lt. Col.

a/AD.M.S.,

1<sup>st</sup> Aust. Division.



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The D.A.D. &amp; S.

1st Aust Division

With reference to disinfection of well water for drinking purposes for troops

I Should chemically, pure chloride of lime not be obtainable, alternatives would be a) 60 lbs chlorine gas in cylinder, together with the sulphate of soda as before.

b) 150 lbs permanganate of potash. With this a regular issue of lime juice will be necessary each day to deacidify the water.

II Storage receptacles in which to sterilize the water will be necessary. It will be unwise to use the tanks at present in use in the

Allowing for a Division of 15,000 men, an a) gallon of water per man per day, 15,000 gallons of water will have to be sterilized each day.

It will be possible to sterilize three lots of water per day, so receptacles with a total capacity of 5,000 gallons will be the minimum requirement.

If further storage capacity can be obtained however the labour of disinfecting water will be lessened.

Receptacles suitable for holding water for sterilisation in order of preference will be a) Tanks

b) Water carts

c) Canvas tanks

Will you kindly see that the above requirements are obtained as soon as possible.

Sig

H. Kenneth Esq. Capt  
of Ordnance Officer

Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 1915