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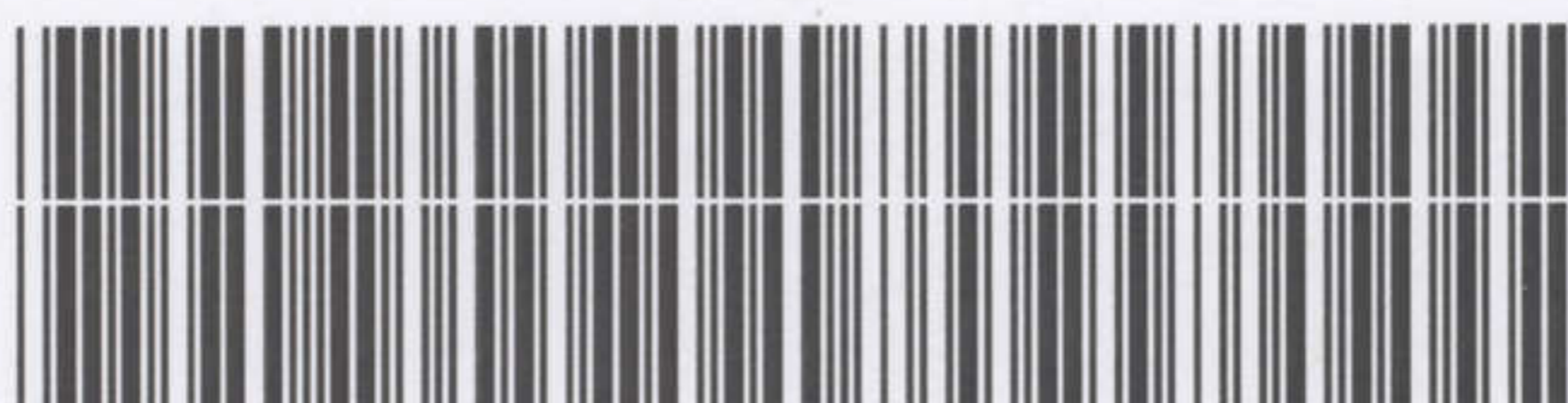
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOOGRAAF	Sept. 1		1st Australian Field Ambulance moved to RAILWAY SIDING (L.23.A.4.2.) and formed the Divisional Rest Station.	
			2nd Australian Field Ambulance took over the Main Dressing Station at BRANDHOEK (G.12.B.8.9), the Advanced Dressing Station at RAILWAY DUGOUTS (I.21.C.2.8.) from 14th British Division and attended to the evacuation of wounded from the front line	
			3rd Australian Field Ambulance (less "C" Section) moved from BOESCHEPE to G.21.C. and remained in Reserve.	
	2nd		1 officer and 19 other ranks from 3rd Australian Field Ambulance detailed to Divisional Baths and Laundries at HOPOUTRE SIDING.	
	8th		"C" Section (3rd Australian Field Ambulance) rejoined its Unit at G.21.C.	
	12th		"C" Section (2nd Australian Field Ambulance) took over the Advanced Dressing Station at Beaford House (I.26.A.8.2.) and arranged for the evacuation of wounded from right section of the line	Appendix "F"
	14th		Issued orders re new personnel to work at Baths and Laundry.	Appendix "B"
	21st		Captain J. GRAY, R.M.O., 3rd Field Artillery Brigade evacuated wounded.	
	25th		Q.M. & Hon. Major C. MORLEY 2nd Australian Field Ambulance returned to England to await return to Australia.	Appendix "C"

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Appendix A

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS (amended 13.9.16.) Map ref. Sheets 27 & 28.

MEDICAL UNIT with location of H. Qrs.	MAIN DRESSING STATION.	ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.	COLLECTING POST	ENG. AID POST
2nd Aust. F. Amb. G.21.B.2.2.	----- BRANDHOEK. G.12.B.8.5.	RAILWAY DUGOUTS I.21.C.2.8. BEDFORD HOUSE I.26.A.8.2.	KRUISSTR- AAT. H.24.A.6.9.	RAILWAY CUTTING I.29.C.3.6.  137 Rue de/SUNKEN LILLE, ROAD YPRES. I.28.D.1.3. I.14.A.9.4.  THE BLUFF I.33.A.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2.
1st Aust. F. Amb. L.23.A.4.5. (Sheet 27.)	DIVISIONAL REST STATION L.23A.4.5. (Sheet 27.)			
3rd Aust. F. Amb. G.21.C.5.7.	I N R E S E R V E.			
No. 2 Aust. San. Sectn.	OFFICE SITUATED AT G.20.C.5.2.			
A.D.M.S. Office.	G.20.C.5.2.			

Sick are to be sent to the nearest Ambulance who will send Amb. wagon for lying cases; nature and number of cases, and map location must always be sent to the C.O. of the F.Amb. when applying for a wagon.

All eye cases for examination for defective vision are to be sent to 1st Aust. F. Amb. on Wednesdays and to report there by 9.am.

DENTAL CASES. Cases from Reserve area will report to 1st or 2nd Aust. F. Amb. at 9.am.; cases from the front area will be treated at Main Dressing Station BRANDHOEK. Simple extractions are to be performed by the R.M.O. and not sent to the dentist.

R.M.O's will indent on nearest F.Amb. or dressing station for all Surgical and Medical stores and Medical Comforts.

F.Amb. will indent on No.2 Canadian Advanced Depot Medical Stores, GODESWERSVELDE.

Weekly sick reports will be forwarded by R.M.O's to reach A.D.M.S. Office by 0900 each Saturday, and will include the number of cases of Trench Feet which have been treated during the week.

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
18th September 1916.A.A.M.C. ORDER NO. 108 BY COLONEL A.H. STURDEE C.M.G., V.D., A.D.M.S.,DIVISIONAL BATHS AND LAUNDRY.

The personnel for the management of the Divisional Baths and Laundry will be drawn from the A.A.M.C. as shewn hereunder, and replaced from reinforcements now available.

The Ambulance in reserve (3rd Australian Field Ambulance) will detail

- 1 Officer and Batman
- 1 Sergeant
- 9 men (including 1 enginedriver and 1 cook.)

The 3rd Australian Field Ambulance will also supply fatigue parties and transport as required, and ration the whole personnel at the baths and laundry.

The 1st and 2nd Australian Field Ambulances will each supply :-

- 1 Lance Corporal
- 9 men (including 1 enginedriver)

It is desired that the personnel be drawn from men who require a rest. As casualties occur in the A.A.M.C. units, these men will be used as reinforcements. Units will keep their parties at the Baths and Laundry up to full strength.

The relief of the present bath personnel will be completed by 0900 on the 20th inst.

*John*  
*Sturdee*

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Appendix 4

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
25th September 1916

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. (Map ref. Sheets  
27 & 28.)

DISPOSITION.

The disposition of the three Field Ambulances is as follows :-

- (i) 2nd Australian Field Ambulance attends to the collection and evacuation from the front line.
- (ii) 1st Australian Field Ambulance administers the Divisional Rest Station.
- (iii) 3rd Australian Field Ambulance in reserve.

COLLECTING  
AREA AND LINES  
OF EVACUATION.

(i) The wounded in the front line are collected by the Regimental Stretcher Bearers and carried by them to the Regimental Aid Posts situated at (i) RAILWAY CUTTING (I.29.C.3.6.) (ii) SUNKEN ROAD (I.28.D.1.3.) (iii) THE KLUFF (I.33.A.9.3.). Here they are inspected by the R.M.O. and further attended to if found necessary. They are then handed over to the Field Ambulance bearers and are either carried or wheeled by them from (i) RAILWAY CUTTING and SUNKEN ROAD aid posts to the Advanced Dressing Station at RAILWAY DUGOUTS (I.21.C.2.8.) and (ii) from THE KLUFF aid post to the Advanced Dressing Station at BEDFORD HOUSE (I.26.A.8.2.).

All cases able to walk do so.

The evacuation thus far can be done by day as well as night, except when the shelling is too heavy.

The evacuation from the Advanced Dressing Station can only be carried out at night (except in very special cases.)

From RAILWAY DUGOUTS the evacuation is carried out by horse drawn ambulances, to the Collecting Post at 137 RUE de LILLE, YPRES (K.14.A.9.4.), where cases are transferred into motor ambulances and thence conveyed to the Main Dressing Station at BRANDHOEK (G.12.B.8.3.).

From BEDFORD HOUSE cases are conveyed by motor ambulance all the way to the Main Dressing Station via LILLE GATE, YPRES, and YPRES-POPERINGHE road; here the cases remain till called for as often as required by the No. 11 Motor Ambulance Convey, and taken to one of the three Casualty Clearing Stations at REMY SIDING.

Headquarters of the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance are at (G.21.B.2.2.), where they keep a tent - subdivision to deal with any sick that may need attention in that area. The other two tent - subdivisions and the bearers of the three sections are split up among the Main Dressing Station, Collecting Posts (LILLE GATE and KRUISSTRAAT (H.24.A.6.9.)), Advanced Dressing Stations and Regimental Aid Posts. The Collecting Post at KRUISSTRAAT deals with any walking sick or wounded from around that area.

DIVISIONAL REST  
STATION.

(ii) The Divisional Rest Station (L.23.A.4.5.) provides a hospital where other ranks who are not likely to be off duty more than 7 - 14 days, can be treated, and rest. There is accommodation for 150 cases. Provision is also made for 50 cases from this Division at the Army Rest Station at MONT de CATS. There is also accommodation for a limited number of officers.

Cases treated at these Rest Stations do not appear on our returns as evacuated.



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AMBULANCE IN RESERVE.

(iii) The 3rd Australian Field Ambulance is in reserve at (G.21.C.5.7.), and attends also to any sick around that area.

They devote time in training their personnel, and re-equipping and overhauling stores &c. They are also in readiness to move off in case of an advance, or assist where most needed.

DENTISTS.

Attached to each Ambulance is a dental unit which does useful and necessary work i.e. extractions, fillings, repairs and fresh dentures.

2nd AUSTRALIAN SANITARY SECTION.

The Divisional Sanitary Officer and the men of his Section, have their work inspecting the lines, advising on sanitary arrangements, and supervising the chlorination of water etc.

A Foden Lorry sterilizer is attached to this Section, and is placed in any position considered most suitable for the sterilization of blankets and kits of units in the Rest Area.

DIVISIONAL BATHS.

Although this is a "Q" branch matter, we at present supply a personnel, to work the Divisional Baths at HOPOUTRE and HALIFAX lines, under a Medical Officer.

The laundry attached to No.1 Divisional Baths at HOPOUTRE provides a clean change of underclothing for all men bathed, and has undertaken the washing of sufficient socks to enable one clean dry pair to be distributed to each man daily in the front line trenches.

The clothing of men bathed at No.1. baths is put through a sterilizer.

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Map ref. Sheets 7 &amp; 28.

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