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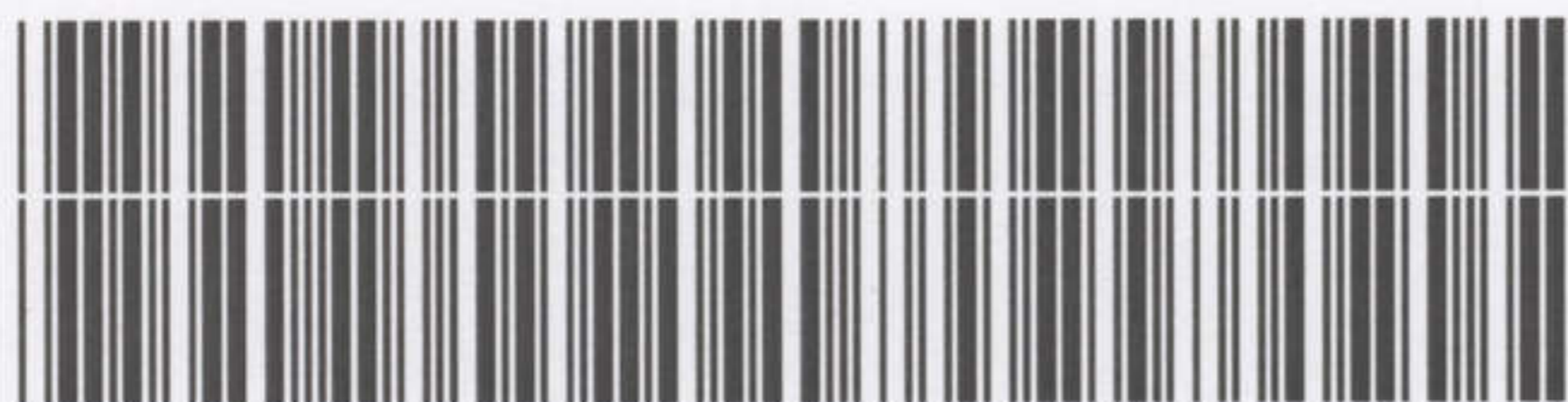
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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A.D.M.S. 12 Aust Div

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT	1/12/16	12 (noon)	Office closed at 12 (noon) & reopened at	
RIBEMONT	"	"	A.D.M.S. office opened.	
"	2/12/16	11am	Visited BUIRE REST STATION.	
"		2pm	" HEILLY + interviewed D.A.D.M.S. P'ANDAC.	
"		6pm	Issued operation order NO 117	"App A"
"	3/12/16	12 (noon)	Proceeded to POMMIERES REDOUBT + interviewed A.D.M.S. 4 th Aust Div.	
"			visited A.D.S. at BERNATAY Wood with him - see Capt J. L. HARRISON evacuated sick	
"	4/12/16		Major J. J. NICHOLAS reported for duty from 3 rd Aust. Field Amb. He has been appointed D.A.D.M.S. of this division -	
"			Capt Ascertained for information of H/Qrs by telephone from A.D.M.S. 4 th Aust Div. that "Hot drinks can be obtained for all Bns. in the line at R.A.P.s or Bn H/Qrs whichever most convenient, also at Relay Post + Collecting Stations"	
"	5/12/16		Major J. ESPIE DODDS handed over as D.A.D.M.S. and left for England (A.I.F. H/Qrs)	
"			Capt R. F. Hughes reported and was posted to 1 st Aust. Field Amb.	
"			Capt N. A. GOLDSMITH transferred from 5 th Bn. to 2 nd Aust. Field Amb.	
"	6/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. visited QUARRY SIDING RAILWAY Post and A.D.S. at BERNATAY; also the area round LONGUEVAL and DELVILLE VALLEY DIV ⁿ COLL ⁿ STATION.	
"	7/12/16	11 am	TOOK over admin ⁿ of FRONT AREA (LEFT HALF) at POMMIERES REDOUBT - Capt M. HOLMES reported for duty as O/C NO 2 Sanitary Sec.	

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ADMS 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POMMIERES REDOUBT	9/12/16		DADMS inspected the 3 RAPs + front line trenches + also the Relay Posts back to Div ^e Collecting Station - Report attached - Capt R.F. Hughes reported for duty for + was posted to 1 st Aust F. Amb.	Appendix B-
"	9/12/16		DADMS visited ADS at BERNAFAY and QUARRY RAILWAY STATION - Sanitary conditions at Quarry Ry Siding is reported to be very bad - Have asked for a report from 05 th San ^l Sec.	
"	10/12/16		DADMS visited MELBOURNE CAMP - Major L. COWLISHAW reported + is posted to 1 st Aust F. Amb - Capt J. ROWAN " " " 2 nd " F. Amb.	
"	11/12/16		ADMS inspected ADS BERNAFAY. Capt R.F. Hughes reported died of wounds.	
"	12/12/16		ADMS went to confer at Corps HQs HEILLY. QUARRY RY SIDING heavily shelled through last night - no casualties - Capt S.M. FISHER swampered sick Major J.M. V. BOURKE transferred to 12 th Aust F. Amb.	
"	13/12/16		ADMS inspected DIV ^e COLL ^g STN at Bde HQs (DELVILLE VALLEY). Also ADS at BERNAFAY + QUARRY RY SIDING.	
"	14/12/16		DADMS inspected water Points + ^{inter} sanitary offices of area - Capt J.C. MAYO posted to 2 nd A.F. Amb - Lt W.E. BAILEY 3 rd Dental Unit. Sw ^d sick.	
"	15/12/16		DADMS visited QUARRY SIDING RY STN + horse lines in that vicinity, including 21 st F.A. Bde Hq ^d D.A.C. Major V.W. SAVAGE posted to 3 rd Aust F. Amb.	
"	16/12/16		DADMS visited details of CORPS TROOPS including 13 th L.H. Regt + Cyclist Bn. who are on traffic control + front duty.	R.B. Huxtable

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POMMIERES REDOUBT.	17/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. inspected Relay Posts, Div ^e Coll ^e STN + BULL TRENCH together with CO. of 3 rd Aust. F. Amb.	
"	18/12/16		Relay Post at E. FLEAS was shelled effectively this evening. One man killed + 3 wounded (of 3 rd F. Amb.) - This post was then abandoned as shelling continued + the post was quite unsafe - This morning D.A.D.M.S. inspected Relay Posts + R.A.P.s at IV. FLEAS -; also tramline as at present existing proposed extension to FLEAS.	
"	19/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. inspected Delville Valley, Div ^e Coll ^e STN + proceeded onto SWITCH TRENCH to inquire into rapid increase in trench foot cases occurring in 5 th Bn.	
"	20/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. insp 1 st Pioneer Bn + surrounding Camps, Melbourne Camp + Kaffir Camp + A.D.S. (Benafay). Heavy enemy shelling of these areas. L ^t Col A. E. MARKS reported from 4 th Det. to take Command of 2 nd A. F. Amb.	
"	21/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. visited QUARRY RY Sidcup + A.D.S. Benafay - One Messin Hut by destroyed, beyond repairs by hostile shell fire yesterday, + one injured but repaired - One abandoned Hut injured but repaired - He ascertained that Broad Gully RY is now being used to Benafay by night but not by day - It is anticipated that the line will be handed over in a few days to "Zaffis - Amiens", + that patients can then be loaded direct for main Dressing Station - This would allow patient personnel held at Quarry RY Sidcup to be reduced to a minimum - D.A.D.M.S. also inspected Staque Camp at Montauban - Capt W. D. Killland reports + posted to 2 nd Aust. F. Amb. - Capt Loxton of D.A.C. reports back from leave.	
"	22/12/16			P. D. Brantette

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PIMMIERES REDoubt	23/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. inspected CARTON Camp.	
"	24/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. visited Dist Colln Stn (DELVILLE VALLEY) with D.D.M.S. 1 st Anzac. Inspection route also made of the A.D.S. Bernafay.	
"	26/12/16		A.D.M.S. inspected A.D.S. Bernafay. D.A.D.M.S. inspected Adelaide Camp.	
"	27/12/16		Capt F.T. BEAMISH + Capt H.H. MILLIS reported for duty. D.A.D.M.S. visited Dist Colln Stn, N. Fiers R.A.P. + N. Fiers Relay Post + R.A.P. at N 25 6 8/6.	
"	28/12/16		Major JOLLY evacuated sick. D.A.D.M.S. visited A.D.S. Bernafay; evacuating station at Quarry siding + the Broad gauge Railway line.	
"	29/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. visited R.A.P. of right Bde on the line at Pilgrims Way.	
"	30/12/16		D.A.D.M.S. visited Longueval, Waegon Post + medical posts in the vicinity.	
"	31/12/16		A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. visited + inspected Dist Colln Stn - R.A.P. at N. Fiers and Relay Relay Post there (N. Fiers). The latter has been partly demolished by shell fire last night. Tunneling is still going on but progress is very slow owing to scarcity of fatigues.	

R.B. Anstalle

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S E C R E T

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
2nd December 1916.

A.A.M.C, ORDER No. 117

BY

Colonel R.B. HUXTABLE, A.D.M.S. 1st Australian Division.

1. The bearer division of the 1st Australian Field Ambulance will march from BECORDEL to the A.D.S. at BERNAPAY WOOD on the 4th inst, and relieve a bearer division of the 4th Australian Division on the 5th instant.
2. The bearer division of the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will proceed by lorry to FRICOURT on the 5th instant and march to A.D.S. BERNAPAY WOOD the same day, and will relieve a bearer division of the 4th Australian Division on the 6th instant.
3. The 3rd Australian Field Ambulance will move from BUIRE on the 5th instant; the personnel of bearer and tent divisions will be conveyed by lorries to FRICOURT and will then march to the A.D.S. BERNAPAY WOOD. The transport and motor Ambulances will move direct to A.D.S.
The 3rd Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 4th Australian Field Ambulance, relief to be completed by 8 am on the 7th instant.
4. The motor and horse-drawn ambulance wagons of the 1st and 2nd Australian Field Ambulances (less 1 Ford and 1 Sunbeam Car) will report to the C.O. 3rd Australian Field Ambulance at a time and place to be arranged by him and will proceed with the 3rd Australian Field Ambulance to which they will be attached.
5. Troops moving east of MAULETT will do so in file.
6. Before taking over from the 4th Australian Field Ambulance the C.O. of the 3rd Australian Field Ambulance will receive a list of all equipment and stores handed over at the various posts and a special list of "Station Stores". A copy of each will be forwarded to the A.D.M.S.
7. The tent division and transport of the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will move to the CORPS REST STATION, BUIRE on the 6th instant and report to the C.O. 1st Australian Field Ambulance who will take over command of this station at 12 noon on the 3rd instant.
8. The C.O. 3rd Australian Field Ambulance will take a dental officer forward to the A.D.S. for surgical work only.
9. The C.O. CORPS REST STATION will retain one Sunbeam and one Ford Car.
10. Acknowledge.

R.B. Huxtable

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

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- 10 C.O. Corps Main Dressing Station.
- 11 War Diary
- 12 File.

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2. The 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will proceed by [unclear] on the 2nd inst. and march to A.D.S. [unclear] on the 3rd inst. and will relieve a [unclear] division of the 4th Australian Division on the 5th inst.

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

REPORT REPORT "A"
ON WORKS for period to 23.12.16.

RESIDENTIAL AID POSTS:

<u>Location:</u>	Right Bde.....	{ Right Batta (in line).....	N 26.C.5.1.
		{ Left Batta -	N 25.B.8.0.
	Left Bde.....	{ Batta in line.....	N 31.B.5.1.

R.A.P. Right Batta: Arrangements have been made here for accommodation of 8 stretcher cases. A supply of hot food and drinks for patients has been established and socks and clothing are now dried in this kitchen and the R.A.P.

R.A.P. Left Batta: This post has been made to accommodate 12 patients. Means of heating have been installed and a fairly large number of socks are dried in the dugout. An adjacent dugout has been fitted to supply hot drinks to the line and to patients when required. This dugout is also used to dry socks.

Duck-boarding has been laid improving the approach to the R.A.P. The entrance to kitchen dugout is being repaired.

R.A.P. Left Bde: This post is a small shallow dugout affording no protection whatever from shell fire and with meagre accommodation for patients. The Relay Post (Nth Tiers) alongside this R.A.P. is being sufficiently enlarged to provide adequate accommodation for R.A.P. as well.

DIVISIONAL COLLECTING STATION (AID RELAY POSTS):

Relay Post at N 32 .O.O.S. (BILL LAKE): Two dugouts were originally occupied but one of these was practically unfit for habitation, requiring extensive repairs and timbering. A considerable amount of work was done on this but was discontinued when, owing to casualties from the repeated shelling, the personnel of the post was reduced to 10 other ranks (1/c Sgt). The other dugout has been bunked to hold 10 men and is well supplied with dressings and first aid appliances.

Relay Post at N 31.B.2.1.: A large two storey type of dugout is in course of ~~construction~~ construction. Top room (24 by 8) is now practically completed and timbering, lack of which has considerably retarded the work, is being proceeded with. A start has been made on excavating the lower room - (to be 45 by 8).

A stove has been installed in the part of this dugout originally in use and a supply of hot drinks is always in readiness.

This post when completed will accommodate R.A.P. Left Bde Batta in line and will be used to hold suitable cases for 24 hours with a view to return to line.

Relay Post at T.1.A.9.1.: This post has been repeatedly shelled and the kitchen wrecked. One man was killed and 5 severely wounded before the personnel were withdrawn. The post formed a conspicuous object for observation.

Two trucks have been fitted with a super-structure for the carrying of two stretcher cases each and a short side track is to be laid at Railhead (T.1.A.7.1.) for these trucks on which a red cross will be painted. By thus cutting out the carry from this post to DEWILLYE VALLEY the necessity of keeping personnel permanently here is abolished.

Divisional Collecting Station, at S12.B.5.8.: Bunks for 50 patients have been erected in our tunnel. A dressing room has been fitted up and accommodation provided for local sick parades. The erection of bunks in the tunnel recently allotted for medical purposes is being proceeded with, now that timber has been obtained. The lighting and heating of the tunnels has been greatly improved and a small drying room established.

A new kitchen has been built and extra cooking utensils provided to cope with the increased number of patients held here.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATION (BEPNAFAY) S. 22. D. 6. 2.

1 NISSEN hut and 1 ABENCOURT hut have been erected since taking over, bringing the total number of huts to 11. The fittings of the dressing hut have been elaborated to allow of operations of emergency being done.

Some paths have been laid throughout the Station wherever practicable and duck-boarding has been obtained for use where necessary;

Additional heating by stoves (fuel) has been installed in the huts and arrangements have been made for drying clothing and socks.

Improvements have been made in the Sanitation of the Station, new box latrines being dug and shelters erected over them.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATION (QUARRY RAILWAY SIDING)

Two ARMSTRONG huts and one ABENCOURT hut have been erected here. Stone paths have been laid and the hot food and drink supply for patients awaiting entrainment has been elaborated. The repair of huts damaged by shell fire has been carried out by the unit (15th Aust. P. Amb.) except in the case of 1 NISSEN hut completely demolished.

The necessary steps have been taken to warm and fit up the hospital trucks running to the Main Dressing Station.

The sanitary system of the Station has been much improved, and latrine accommodation increased.

Throughout these posts the question of heating and the provision of hot drinks and at the Advanced Dressing Stations hot food has received special attention and the facilities existing when we took over have been considerably increased.

R. B. Shulze