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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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A.D.S.

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bancourt	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	4 pm	Message from D.D.M.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Army to concentrate Beaur Division 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7d amb and as many motor amb. cars as could be spared at M.D.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div- by 6 pm. on 2 <sup>nd</sup> inst. Also to hold all available horsed amb. waggons in readiness in their unit lines - to proceed forward if wanted by 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Div-.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30.	Conference at D.D.M.S. office. Evillens.	
		6 pm.	Concentration as above reported complete.	
			Beaur Division 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. 7d. Amb. ordered to be held in readiness to reinforce 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div- Beaur if required.	
			Capt. Henderson, R. F. A.A.M.C. att- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bn. reported wounded in action.	action
			<del>Capt. Mumps</del> Station Becourt Chateau taken over by a section of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. 7d. Amb.	appendix no 1
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 pm.	Beaur Division and two Tent Subdivisions 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. 7d. Amb. detached to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div- temporarily.	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	now	Two Beaur Subdivisions 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. 7d. Amb. detached temporarily to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div-	Appendix no 2.



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

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Bancourt	May 5 <sup>th</sup>		Report on Food Economy from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust 7. Amb attached	Appendix III
"	"		" " French Feet	" IV
"	9		A.A.M.C. Order No 14 issued concerning return of 7. Amb of this Div. from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Div	" V
"	12		Locating Report attached	" VI
"	12		A.A.M.C. Order No 15 issued - Tent subd. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust 7 Amb 20 No 3 and C.C. Grenville	" VII
"	14		3 <sup>rd</sup> 7. Amb report admission of 40 Cases Shell gas from units of 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div (mostly) - Cases mild	" VIII
"	20		A.A.M.C. Order No 16 issued	" IX
"	21		" " " 17 "	" X
Bancourt	22	12 (noon)	A.D.W.S. office opened here.	
"	26 <sup>th</sup>		Sanitary Report attached	

R.D. Hulet



Appendix No. 12

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No. 18.....

A.A.M.C. Order No. 12.  
byColonel, R.B. Huxtable, A.D.M.S., 1st Australian Division.Headquarters,  
1st May 1917.

No. 1. In accordance with D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac., Medical Instructions No. 16.

- (a) C.O. 1st Australian Field Ambulance will detail one section to take over and administer the Corps Mumps Station at Boocurt Chateau, from an Ambulance of 4th Australian Division.
- (b) Relief to be completed by noon on the 2nd Inst.
- (c) Receipts in duplicate for all station stores taken over to be forwarded to this office within 24 hours.

2. Rest Station cases of 1st Australian Division will continue to be sent to 5th Australian Divisional Rest Station at Bellevue Farm.

3. Acknowledge.

*W. Nicholas Major*  
Colonel A.D.M.S.  
1st Australian Division.

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D.H.Q.  
1st May 1917.

DISTRIBUTION.

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3. " A.D.M.S. 11th Divn.	14. " 3rd do.
4. " A.D.M.S. 2nd Aus. Divn.	15. " S.S.O. 1st Aus. Div.
5. " A.D.M.S. 4th Aus. Divn.	16. " D.A.D.O.S. do.
6. " A.D.M.S. 5th do.	17. " A.P.M. do.
7. " "G" 1st Aus. Divn.	18. " War Diary.
8. " "Q" do.	19. " do.
9. " C.O. 1st Aus. Fld. Amb.	20. " File.
10. " C.O. 2nd do.	
11. " C.O. 3rd. do.	

*W. Nicholas Major*  
Colonel A.D.M.S.  
1st Australian Division.

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Copy No. <sup>18</sup>.....A.A.M.C. Order No.13.

by

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

Headquarters

May 5th.1917.

Map Reference:- Sheet 57c Edition 2.  
1/40,000.

In accordance with instructions from D.D.M.S.1st.ANZAC as in 1st.ANZAC Medical Instructions No.17 d/4/5/17, the following moves of A.A.M.C. personnel have taken place.

1. (a) C.O. 2nd. Aust.Fld.Amb. will move the Bearer Division of that unit, now held in readiness at N.11. Central/Reserve Ambce. Camp, at H.16.d.8.5. /tc

(b) Available Motor Amb. cars of the Division as follows will concentrate at the above map location:-

1st.Aust.Field Ambce. 1 Sunbeam.  
2nd.Aust.Field Ambce. 3 do.  
3rd.Aust.Field Ambce. 3 do. & 1 Ford.

(c) All horsed Amb. waggons will be held in readiness in their respective Amb. lines, to proceed forward if required.

(d) Movements completed at 1800 on May 2nd.

2. (a) C.O. 3rd.Aust.Field Ambce. will detail:-

(1) Two Tent Sub-Divisions to report to M.D.S. I.l.c.5.5.

(11) Bearer Division to report to Reserve Amb. Camp H.16.d.8.5. to act as relief when called upon by A.D.M.S. 2nd.Aust.Division.

(b) Movements completed at 6p.m. on May 3rd.

3. (a) C.O. 1st.Aust.Field Ambce. will detail two Bearer Sub-Divs. to proceed to M.D.S. I.l.c.5.5.

(b) Movement completed noon May 4th.

4. The above personnel are temporarily attached to 2nd.Aust.Div. for duty, from times of completion of movements as above stated.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1800

D.H.Q.

May 5th.1917.

*[Signature]*

Major  
for Colonel.A.D.M.S.  
1st.Australian Division.

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4. " A.D.M.S.2nd.Aus.Div.	14. " 3rd.Aus.Inf.Bde.
5. " A.D.M.S.4th.Aus.Div.	15. " S.S.O.1st.Aus.Div.
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Appendix No 3

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No.3 Australian Field Ambulance.

Appendix iv

France.

3rd May 1917.

To

A.D.M.S.

1st Aus.Division.

With reference to your F6/51 of 1st Inst. and G.H.Q. and 5th Army correspondence re food economy.

(1) In my opinion the most important thing is that the exact ration (as closely as possible) is drawn. The amount of bully beef going to waste has been enormous. G.R.O.2012 should be strictly carried out.

(2) Biscuits should be issued to men as required, not to scale, and demands should be in accordance with requirements.

(3) Special Officers appointed to supervise the food question. Following is a extract from No.3.Aus.Field Ambulance Corps Orders of 3-5-1917.

"Capt.L.May will be responsible for the supervision of water supply, and of cooking, messing, and use of food supply."

(4) Personal talk to the men, e.g. extract from No.3 A.F.Amb. orders 3-5-1917.

"The seriousness of Great Britain's position with regard to the shortage of sea freight is no doubt realized by all.

Shortage of sea freight necessarily means a deficiency of food supplies in the United Kingdom.

The Authorities are continuing to supply troops with an extremely liberal ration, and in return it should be a point of honour with all ranks to reciprocate and actively assist in the economy of foodstuffs and prevention of waste."

which was read on parade and commented on by the O.C.

(5) CO-operation of cooks- this is usually possible. The saving of dripping is quite easily effected and should be done by every unit behind the line.

(6) Careful observation of the incinerator by the Orderly Officer and report to the Officer Commanding and Quartermaster of signs of superfluity of food.

(7) More close supervision of the Quartermaster's Department by the Officer Commanding than is usually considered necessary or possible.

(8) Training of cooks and close interest in their work by Officers and encouragement and help given.

(9) Any indication of lack of care in allowing for overdrawn rations should not be permitted to pass without investigation. When food is procurable locally by purchase by the men there is sometimes some waste of Army rations.

(10) A small issue of sauce or pickles would probably lead to less waste of bully beef.

(11) In my opinion the only serious habitual waste of foodstuff has been:-

(1) Bullybeef. 2. Biscuits. 3. Fat. 4. Iron rations. the two former only when issued-as is often done-without discrimination. The last when issued to the men and withheld by the Quartermaster until required.

Sd. A.Graham Butler. Lt Col.

C.O. 3rd Aus.Fld.Amb.



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Appendix IV



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
29th April 1917.

Headquarters,  
1st Aust Division,

INCIDENCE OF TRENCH FOOT FOR WEEK ENDING 21/4/17.

These office returns for this period show :-

Admitted 66 cases  
Evacuated to C.C.S. 16  
Discharged to duty. 21

Incidence by units.

1st Inf Bn.	7
2nd do	12
3rd do	4
4th do	24
7th do	2
8th do	9
10th do	2
11th do	4
12th do	1
3rd F, Coy Eng.	1

66

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For period 13th - 26th April the following are the figures:-

Admitted	130
To C.C.S.	46
To duty	70

Incidence by units for this period :-

1st Battn.	10	5th Battn.	-	9th Battn.	-
2nd "	57	6th "	7	10th "	9
3rd "	5	7th "	2	11th "	5
4th "	24	8th "	12	12th "	1

Total 1st Bde	76	Total 2nd Bde	21	Total 3rd Bde	15
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The high percentage of cases already discharged to duty from Rest Stations is worthy of note as showing that a large number of cases sent away were of a mild type.

The R.M.O. 2nd Battn informs me that all but 2 of his cases occurred in two companies. Owing to the position of the outposts held by these two companies the men in them could not come back to HERMES in small batches for foot treatment - a centre for which he had established in that town. The other two companies were able to avail themselves of this treatment with the result indicated.



The 4th Battn suffered most during the period it held a similar position on our right flank.

Recognising the difficulties likely to be met in an attempt to continue the Camphor Treatment, massage with whale oil was specially mentioned in this Office Circular to all R.M.Os dated 13/4/17, No. T 13/125.

*J. Nicholls*

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



appendix V

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No. 18.....

A.A.M.C. Order No. 14.  
byColonel R.B.Huxtable, A.D.M.S., 1st. Australian Division.

Map reference:- Sheet 57c Edition 2 1/40,000.

In accordance with D.D.M.S., 1st.A.N.Z.A.C. Medical Instructions Nos. 18 & 19 dated 8th. and 9th. May respectively, the following rearrangement of A.A.M.C. personnel of the Division will take place.

1. The 3rd.Aust.Field Ambce. is placed at the disposal of the A.D.M.S. 5th.Aust. Division, taking over the M.D.S. for walking wounded at I.I.C.S.S. at 11.a.m. on 9th. inst.
2. The Bearer Division of 2nd.Aust.Field Ambce. will rejoin its unit at N.I.I.C., where it will remain in reserve under instructions of D.D.M.S.
3. "A" & "B" Bearer Sub-Divisions of 1st.Aust.Field Ambce. will be withdrawn and concentrate at H.I.C.S.S. ( Reserve Amb.Camp ), where they will remain in immediate reserve under instructions of D.D.M.S.
4. The detached transport of 1st.Aust. Division at present with the 2nd.Aust. Division, will be handed over to the A.D.M.S. 5th. Aust. Division.
5. (a) C.O. 1st.Aust.Field Ambce. will hand over the Corps Mumps Stn. at Becourt Chateau, to an Ambulance of 2nd.Aust. Division, at 12 noon on 10th inst.
- (b) On relief, Tent Sub-Division of "C" Section, 1st.Aust. Field Ambce., will report to 15th Aust.Field Ambce., Belle Vue Farm for duty.
- (c) Bearer Sub-Division of "C" Section, 1st.Aust.Field Ambulance will join "A" & "B" Bearer Sub-Divisions at I.I.C.S.S. - movement to be completed by 4.p.m. 9th. inst.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1800  
D.H.Q.  
May 9th. 1917.

*Michael J. Meyer*  
Colonel A.D.M.S.  
1st. Australian Division.

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| 3. " A.D.M.S. 11th. Divn.     | 13. " 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde.       |
| 4. " do. 2nd. Aus. Div.       | 14. " 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.       |
| 5. " do. 4th. " "             | 15. " S.S.O. 1st. Aus. Div.     |
| 6. " do. 5th. " "             | 16. " D.A.D.O.S. 1st. Aus. Div. |
| 7. " "G" 1st. " "             | 17. " A.P.M. 1st. Aus. Div.     |
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~~SECRET.~~FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No.....

A.A.M.C. Order No. 15.

by

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

Map reference:- Sheet 57c Edition 2 1/40,000.

In accordance with D.D.M.S. 1st. A.N.Z.A.C., Medical Instructions No. 21 dated May 12th. 1917, the following rearrangements of Medical personnel of this Division will take place.

1.(a) The 3rd. Aust. Field Ambce. will move from 5th. Aust. Divl. Main Dressing Station to Amb. Camp at AVESNES-les-BAPAUME, G.26. d.3.7., and will come under the orders of the A.D.M.S. 1st. Aust. Division at 12. noon on 13.5.17, at which time the above move will be completed.

(b) C.O. 3rd. Aust. Field Ambce. will establish a Gas Treatment Centre at the above location, to deal with any drift gas attack and will arrange to evacuate sick of 2nd. & 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigades.

2. The Bearer Division of 1st. Aust. Field Ambce. will rejoin it's unit at POZIERES on the evening of 12th. May.

3.(a) The 2nd. Aust. Field Ambce. will move under the orders of the G.O.C. 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde., to BAZENTIN-le-PETIT, on 13th. May and will take over the Ambce. Camp there, returning the present guard on this camp to 1st. Aust. Field Ambce., and will arrange to evacuate the sick of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

(b) The Ambce. Camp and station equipment at N.11.c. will be handed over to an Ambce. of the 48th. Division.

4. Transport of Field Ambce. of this Division at present under instructions of A.D.M.S. 5th. Aust. Division are rejoining their respective units forthwith.

5. Dental Sections will be located as under until further orders:-

No. 18 Dental Unit	-	2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. Biefvillers
No. 3       "       "	-	With 2nd. A. Fd. Amb. (Bde. Camp. at Bazentin-le-Petit.
No. 5       "       "	-	With 3rd. Aust. Fld. Amb. at Avesnes-les-Bapaume.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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May 12th. 1917.

*[Signature]*  
Colonel. A.D.M.S.  
1st. Australian Division.

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3. " A.D.M.S. 11th. Divn.	13. " 2nd. " " "
4. " do. 2nd. Aus. Div.	14. " 3rd. " " "
5. " do. 4th. Aus. Div.	15. " S.S.O. 1st. Aus. Div.
6. " do. 5th. " "	16. " B.A.D.O.S. 1st. Aus. Div.
7. " do. "G" 1st. Aus. Div.	17. " A.P.M. 1st. Aus. Div.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

A.A.M.C.

LOCATION REPORT.

Map reference, Sheet 57c 1/40,000.

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HEADQUARTERS.  
9th. May. 1917.  
4 p.m.

1st. Australian Field Ambulance.

Headquarters: )  
"A" and "B" Tent Subdivisions. )  
"C" Tent Subdivision.

Bearer Division.

2nd. Australian Field Ambulance.

Headquarters. )  
"A" and "B" Tent Subdivisions. )  
"C" Tent Subdivision.

"Bearer Division."

3rd. Australian Field Ambulance.

ENTRAINING CENTRE  
POZIERES.  
CORPS MUMPS STATION  
BECOURT CHATEAU.

M.D.S. I.1.c.5.5. VAULX.  
Reserve Amb. Camp H.13.a.3.5.  
FAVREUIL.

N.11.c. Central. BAULENCOURT.  
No. 56 C.C.S. Edgell.

M.D.S. I.1.c.5.5. VAULX.

M.D.S. Walking Wounded  
I.1.c.5.5. VAULX.

*R.P. Hurlet*  
Colonel. A.D.M.S.  
1st. Australian Division.

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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No.....18

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byColonel. R.B.HUXTABLE, A.D.M.S., 1st Australian Division.Map Reference:- Sheet 57c Edition 2 1:40,000.  
ALBERT Combined Sheet 1:40,000.

In accordance with 1st Aust. Div. Order No.26 and Medical Instructions No.23, 1st Anzac, the following moves of Field Ambulances of this Division will take place.

1. 1st Aust Fld Amb.(less 1 Tent Sub-divn at BELLEVUE FARM) will move with 1st Inf Bde Group from BAZENTIN to BUIRE on 21st inst.
- 2.(1) 1st Aust Fld Amb. will hand over Entraining Centre at POZIERES to a Fld Amb. of the 5th Aust Divn at 6 pm on 21st inst.  
(2) On 22nd inst the 1st Aust Fld Amb (less 1 Bearer sub-divn and 2 Tent sub-divns) will move from POZIERES in rear of 2nd Aust Inf Bde group to MILLENCOURT, and open a Divisional Rest Station there. Route AVELUY - BOUZINCOURT, march to be completed by 12.30 pm.
3. (1) 3rd Aust Fld Amb. will hand over Gas Centre at AVESNES LES BAPAUME at 6 pm on 21st inst to a Fld Amb. of 5th Aust Divn.  
(2) On 22nd inst the 3rd Aust Fld Amb.(less 1 Tent sub-divn) will move with 3rd Inf Bde group from AVESNES LES BAPAUME to BAZENTIN and  
(3) On 23rd inst from BAZENTIN to BUIRE with the same Brigadier group.
4. Personnel of 3rd Aust Fld Amb. at Detraining Post ALBERT - BAPAUME Road H.23.d.O.3. will rejoin its unit immediately after relief at 4 pm on 21/5/17 by personnel of R.A.M.C. 20th Divn.
4. Clearance of sick - The following arrangements will be made by C.Os. Fld Ambs:-  
1st Fld Amb. will clear 2nd Bde group.  
2nd Fld Amb. " " 1st Bde group and Art. Bde groups.  
3rd Fld Amb. " " 3rd Bde group.  
Further instructions with regard to Bde Areas will be issued later.
5. No. 18 Dental Section will rejoin 1st Aust Fld Amb. on evening of 21st inst. and move with it.  
Nos.3 & 5 Dental Sections will accompany their respective Fld Ambs.
6. The following intervals will be maintained on the march :-  
200 yards between Battalions and Fld Companies.  
200 " " transport of units and other troops.  
100 " " Companies.
7. A.D.M.S. Office will close at H.35.c.5.5. at noon on 22nd inst. and will re-open at BAIZIEUX at the same hour.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Issued at 1200  
D.H.Q.  
20th May 1917.

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



D I S T R I B U T I O N

- No. 1. to D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac.  
 2. " D.M.S. Field Amb.  
 3. " A.D.M.S., 20th Divn.  
 4. " A.D.M.S., 2nd Aust Divn.  
 5. " A.D.M.S., 4th Aust Divn.  
 6. " A.D.M.S., 5th Aust Divn.  
 7. " "G", 1st Aust Divn.  
 8. " "Q", 1st Aust Divn.  
 9. " C.O. 1st Aust Fld Amb.  
 10. " C.O. 2nd Aust Fld Amb.  
 11. " C.O. 3rd Aust Fld Amb.  
 12. " 1st Aust Inf Bde.  
 13. " 2nd Aust Inf Bde.  
 14. " 3rd Aust Inf Bde.  
 15. " S.S.O., 1st Aust Divn.  
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SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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A.A.M.C. Order No. 17.  
byColonel R.B.HUXTABLE, A.D.M.S., 1st Australian Division.Map Reference:- Sheet 57c Edition 2 1:40.000.  
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In connection with move of the 1st Australian Division to BAIZIEUX Area and A.A.M.C. Order No.16 the following re-arrangements of Field Ambulances of this Division will take place:-

1. 1st Aust Fld Ambulance (less 2 bearer sub-divn and 2 tent sub-divns) will be attached to 2nd Bde group and will move on 22nd inst. with that group to HENENCOURT.  
A.A.M.C. Order No.16 para 2. sub-para 2 is cancelled.
2. 2nd Aust Fld Amb. (less 1 tent sub-divn) will move from BUIRE to Artillery Area on 23rd inst.  
Billets to be notified later.
3. 3rd Aust Fld Amb. will establish a Divisional Rest Station at BUIRE after arrival there on 23rd inst.
4. Clearance of sick from 24th inst. inclusive.

1st Fld Amb. will clear 2nd Bde Area.  
2nd Fld Amb. " " Arty Area.  
3rd Fld Amb. " " 1st & 3rd Bde Areas.

5. Dental Sections will be located as follows:-

No.3 Sect. at BUIRE ) (3rd Aust Fld Amb)  
No.5 " " BUIRE )  
No.18 " " Henencourt. (1st Aust Fld Amb.)

R.B. Huxtable

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21st May 1917.

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

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MONTHLY SANITARY REPORT.

by

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

for month ending May 25th 1917.  
-----PHYSIQUE.

No deterioration. General Health has improved considerably due to living under better conditions of weather. For two days after coming out of the line, sick wastage increased above normal. This was to be expected as it is known that many men who are sick when fighting is in progress, delay reporting sick until relief.

BILLETS  
& CAMPS.

On 26th April the Division was withdrawn from the ~~1st~~ line and billeted and camped in "M" Area, but returned almost immediately, to assist the 2nd Australian Division in the operations against BULLECOURT.

On the 7th May the Division was again withdrawn from the line to "M" Area.

On 23/24th May the Division moved to rest billets in BAIZIEUX Area.

Accommodation was a mixture of tented camps and billets in ruined villages &c. until arrival in the Rest Area.

Fine weather conditions have made satisfactory accommodation more easily obtained.

Hutted Camps occupied in BAZENTIN Area were very dirty but the Sanitary condition was improved.

BATHING.

Practically all the men were bathed soon after withdrawal, in their camps, as weather conditions were suitable for this :-

Baths were in FREMICOURT, Capacity 1 Bn per day.  
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CLOTHING.

All troops have been provided with clean clothing.

FOOD & COOKING.

Good. Rations have been augmented by Comforts purchased out of Battalion Funds.

WATER SUPPLY.

~~Water~~ ~~Supply~~ Water Duty men were transferred from forward area to water points in "M" area.

LATRINES.

The work of providing Public Latrines has been progressing steadily. Battalions have had difficulty in procuring seats.

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