

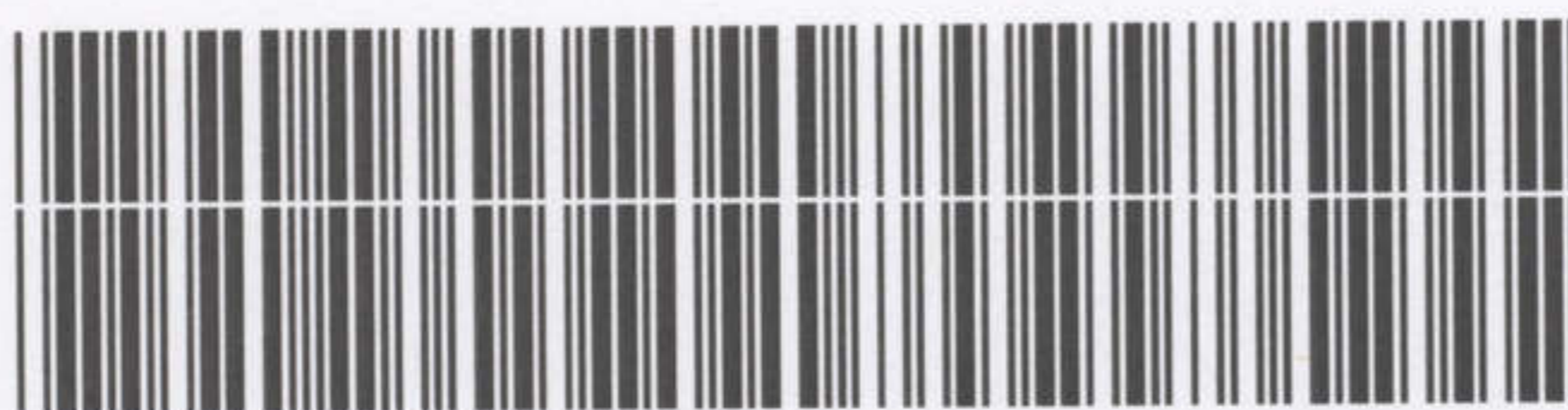
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ADAMS

1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Scheepenberg	11/4/18		<p>HQs, Transport + some personnel of 1<sup>st</sup> A. F. Ambce were moved out of D. &amp; Zou Camp to Reminghelsb where they will come under orders of G.O.C. 1<sup>st</sup> A. Inf Bde for the move south. In the meantime one Sub division remains at M.D.S. La Cleyte + 1 Sec at Corps Seabies Station, Keersebron.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> A. F. Ambce ordered to withdraw bearers of 3 1<sup>st</sup> A. F. Ambce so that they may rejoin their unit tomorrow - 1<sup>st</sup> A. F. Ambce to arrange quite.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> A. F. Ambce are responsible for clearing 1<sup>st</sup> A. Inf Bde from now on, for the move. 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Bn are still at Ridgewood + Tounain Camps.</p> <p>Orders from D. Div. that 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Saur Sec. will move with this Div. The Div. will be relieved by 9<sup>th</sup> + 21<sup>st</sup> Divs (Butrik).</p> <p>All Bde + other units warned that R.M.D.s should move with full equipment of stretchers + dressings, as word has been received that they are short in the South.</p> <p>The weather has changed + it is now raining, but not very cold.</p>	
	2/4/18		<p>a bright fine sunny day.</p> <p>Arranged with G.O.C. M.S. of 9<sup>th</sup> + 21<sup>st</sup> Div personally regarding reliefs -</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> A. F. Ambce ordered to withdraw + return bearers of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. A. Ambce to Keersebron Camp + to see ADAMS 19<sup>th</sup> Div who will take over there + arrange times + a.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Aust. F. Ambce report they are at School Camp Hoograaf + that bearers have rejoined from 3<sup>rd</sup> A. F. Ambce.</p> <p>Camps in Hoograaf area reported to have been left by previous units in a filthy condition.</p> <p>Visited M.D.S. old site at Kennel + A.D.S. at Voorneggele with ADAMS. 9<sup>th</sup> Div (Butrik)</p>	

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Schepersberg	1/4/18		<p>AAAC order No 35 issued containing particulars of reliefs - Each 7. Amb. will carry with them 40 extra stretchers - 182 more are being sent to DRS Mt Defats from where they will be sent to Rail head at Godesvovvelde for train - 7 Amb. are taking as many surplus dressings + drugs as possible - Packhorse + packsaddle now ready for use of this office + will carry panniers -</p> <p>Sauy See (2<sup>nd</sup> Aust.) warned they are to move with 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. 7 Amb. Day has been devoted to arranging moves + c mostly by telephone -</p> <p>Raining -</p> <p>Units were ordered to return 2<sup>nd</sup> blanket on receiving orders to move (1/4/18) by D.H.Q.</p> <p>50 stretchers were collected from Lunagh Camp by 3<sup>rd</sup> A. 7. Amb. + delivered to M.A.S. Laallyte in afternoon of 1/4/18.</p> <p>No 5 Canadian Mob. Lab 3 is now at ANA JANA Sidings - 27.V.18 appx -</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> A. 7. Amb. reported that 4 of 83 OR, 28 horses 12 Vsh<sup>les</sup> moved from Deyou camp to Reminghel (9 34 6 3/5) in afternoon of 1/4/18 -</p> <p>1 OR, 1<sup>st</sup> 7. Amb. rejoined his unit from the Composite MAC on 1/4/18. This is the MAC now working for this Div: as the other has been sent away (probably South?).</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> Div. D.H.Q. arrives at Schepersberg on 1/4/18</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> Div. have advised by wire that 65<sup>th</sup> 7. Amb. go direct to Mont Defats from detrainment station arriving Mt Defats sometime during the night of 2/4/18 -</p>	Appendix I

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12<sup>th</sup> Australian Division

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Schepenberg	3/4/18	9.30 p.m.	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> A.F. Amb. to clear sites of 5<sup>th</sup> Bn Parrot Camp + 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Bn. at Goddard Camp. Arrangements made with Adms 19<sup>th</sup> Divn for relief of Keesebron + Mafelijans Camps. Reliefs to be by 10 am on 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. Order No 68 received on 2<sup>nd</sup> inst - Copies of med am. for handing over file attached. M.O.S. Laflotte instructed by wire to hand over at 10 am this morning + more personnel to Hoograaf. 9.26 C4/4.</p>	app <sup>t</sup> II
		noon	<p>21<sup>st</sup> + 9<sup>th</sup> Div. R.A.M.C. orders rec'd -</p> <p>Adms C. order No 35 issued at 12 noon today</p>	app <sup>t</sup> III
		noon	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> A.F. Amb. instructed to return motor Amb. Cars to 2<sup>nd</sup> A.F. Amb. as soon as possible after relief.</p>	
		11.15 am	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Sanz Sec<sup>n</sup> instructed to move with 3<sup>rd</sup> A.F. Amb.</p>	
		noon	<p>wire to 2<sup>nd</sup> A.F. Amb. to arrange transport of surplus tentage stretchers to Goddardswelde Railhead on 4/4/18 + hand over guard to 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. F. Amb.</p>	
			<p>2<sup>nd</sup> A.F. Amb. informs that advance parties of relieving F. Amb. will arrive at Mafelijans Camp this afternoon - 1<sup>st</sup> A.F. Amb. also informs that relieving party will arrive at Keesebron this afternoon -</p>	
	4/4/18		<p>appendix 4 Div. order 69 received -</p> <p>Capustolnes called re move of Sanz Sec<sup>n</sup> -</p>	
			<p>1<sup>st</sup> A.F. Amb. report having handed over Keesebron Corps Scabres Str to 58<sup>th</sup> F. Amb at 9.30 am + that personnel repairs at Hoograaf at noon -</p>	
			<p>2<sup>nd</sup> A.F. Amb report having handed over A.P.S. at Montdefats to 59<sup>th</sup> F. Amb. with 13 patients - Mafelijans Camp handed over to 58<sup>th</sup> F. Amb. at 10 am this morning -</p>	
			<p>Adms 9<sup>th</sup> Div. asked to arrange for a M.O. to visit Corps F.P. Compound at Loere until it moves from the area -</p>	R.D. Fustatle

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1<sup>st</sup> Australian Div

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Schepenberg	5/4/18.		<p>Instructions issued for cars to rendezvous at Strazeele at 12 (noon) on 6<sup>th</sup> inst: + proceed overland in Convoy. Destination Bernaville - Route Lillers - S' Pol - Frenoy - Doullens.</p> <p>Major Foregrove 2<sup>nd</sup> A. 7. Amb. will be in charge of convoy - On arrival they will report to Major Slack (D.A.D.M.S.) -</p> <p>Our submarine car will go direct from Div HQ + the Ford car attached Div HQ will join the Convoy -</p> <p>A.D.M.S. left to go overland in motor car at 10 am. with A.A.R.M.S.</p> <p>3.30 pm arrived at Bernaville but informed that Div HQ was to be at Bertaingles -</p> <p>Proceeded to Montigny to Brit. Corps HQ. Then back to Amiens -</p> <p>A.D.M.S. remained at Piegigny + came on next day to Bertaingles -</p>	<p>Doullens</p>
Bertaingles	6/4/18		<p>A.D.M.S. office was established at Bertaingles - Convoy of cars left Strazeele at 12 (noon) - D.A.D.M.S. has preceded them + after arrival at Bernaville + Helpey Bocage (where he found Div. had gone to Bertaingles) he returned to Doullens and guided Convoy to Bertaingles, where they arrived about 4.30 pm - They were then distributed to their billeting areas + sent in <del>cars</del> about 2 cars each to the detrainig stations - (2<sup>nd</sup> Bde. Haugst. sur. Comme 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> St Roch Station Amiens) -</p> <p>one car of 2<sup>nd</sup> A. 7. amb. broke down on the way at Nuncy but rejoined at about 5.30 pm. + was sent on to billeting area Berteaucourt. les. dames -</p>	<p>R.D. Huxtable</p>

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Pertuis	4/18	4 am 5 am 1 pm	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> A. F. Amb. reported arrival at Pertuis - les - Daurio -                      1<sup>st</sup> A. F. Amb " " " " Longpre                      3<sup>rd</sup> A. F. Amb arrived at St Sauveur -                      All ambulances are still attached to Bdes. + cleaning their sick -                      1<sup>st</sup> A. F. Amb. left extra stretchers + tents at station St Roch under a guard -                      Sick are being cleared to a C.C.S. Piquigny - where there is also an                      Ad<sup>o</sup> Depot Med<sup>l</sup> Stors.                      Australian Corps HQs now at Villars Bocage - but have not yet                      taken charge - Message from ADus Austn Corps for 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust: San<sup>l</sup> Sec<sup>u</sup>                      to move to Villars Bocage from St Sauveur for temp<sup>y</sup> duty -                      Villages are mostly without sanitary arrangements + engineers                      Stors are practically impossible to obtain -                      Weather wet + very unpleasant -                      ADus went over to 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div HQs St Gratien + obtained information                      as to medical dispositions from ADus that Div. as it is anticipated                      this div<sup>n</sup> may relieve them in the line - Proceeded from                      there with ADus (Austn Corps) HQs 3<sup>rd</sup> A. Div. to HQs at Querrieux,                      then on to ADSo at La Neuville + Bonnay. The ADSo at Skilly                      was not visited as roads were bad + very congested with troops -                      Day very quiet. 5<sup>th</sup> Div<sup>n</sup> (Australian) are in front of Villars                      Bietmean which is being shelled.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bertangles	7/4/18		The O.P. of M.D.S. states that there is likely to be a shortage of dressings probably Drankov's returns attached -	appx IV
"	8/4/18		Captain McClusker transferred from 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. F. Amb. to 1 <sup>st</sup> A. F. Amb. 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Inf Bde are moving from present area forward, but 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. F. Amb. will remain at Bertangles les-Dains under orders of A.D.M.S. It will clear site of 1 <sup>st</sup> A. Div Artillery who are moving into their area. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. F. Amb. moves with 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. I. Bde to Flesselles - tomorrow. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. F. Amb. to move tomorrow to vicinity of Bertangles + will come under orders of A.D.M.S. - a site selected for them on an open field where they must use tents - The site is healthy; on sloping ground, well drained, + weather mild, but rainy + wet underfoot.	
	9/4/18	10:30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. F. Amb. instructed by wire to move to vicinity of Bertangles. To be clear of Longpre by 1.30 pm - guide to new camp to be obtained from Divl HQ (who are in the Chateau at Bertangles) - By early in afternoon 1 <sup>st</sup> A. F. Amb. had moved to new camping site + were well accommodated in tents - Using their equipment 12 bell tents + 3 Bell tents obtained from Ordnance + 3 Swiss Cottage tents which were brought down - as surplus - + moved up by lorry from St Rock Railhead - Surplus stretchers are still <del>at</del> at St Rock Railhead under a guard. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. F. Amb. have lent their equipment bell tents to Reinforcement Camp Vignacourt to assist in providing for a large no. of reinforcements suddenly arriving - all villages are full + cover for troops very hard to obtain - nights are very cold + often wet.	R.B. Hunttable



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pertangles	10/4/18	8 pm.	Orders from A.H.Q. that div must be prepared to entrain tomorrow 11 <sup>th</sup> inst. This confirms verbal information communi through the day + units are prepared. 7. Ambes notified by wire. 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. 7. amb. to collect its tents from reinforcement Camp. 1 <sup>st</sup> A. 7. Amb. to strike all tents early + send them to St Rock railhead tomorrow.	
"	11/4/18	10 pm. <del>10 pm.</del> 2:30 pm.	Weather fine: Sunshiny - cold at nights - <del>moonlight</del> A.D.M.S. left by motor car. with Camp Comd + Major Harrison for Cassel. H.Q.'s staff went overland by cats. personnel entrained at St Rock Railhead - Str "A" - all units are entraining St Rock (Str "A" + "B") + will detrain at Stordeghem + Haybrouck. 7. Ambes will move with respective Bdes - No 2 Aust Sany seen with 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. 7. Amb. - # 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust 7. Ambee sent two Sunbeam Cats + 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. 7. Amb. 1 Car ahead with their bulleting parties - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust 7. Amb. sent one Sunbeam Car to D.H.A.D. at 9 am. R.M.O. 12 <sup>th</sup> A. Inf Bn. reported personally that a suspected case of smallpox had been evacuated from his Bn - There were 27 contacts - The man had been in England 3 weeks previously on leave - It is known that there is much smallpox in London through which the man passed - Type is mild + doubtful, but it is considered that the case resembled the mild cases seen in Sydney (N.S.W) which were for sometime considered to be chickenpox but eventually turned out to be smallpox - The officers who saw the case were Major's Johnston (R.M.O. 12 <sup>th</sup> Bn) + Willis (3 <sup>rd</sup> A. 7. Amb) -	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bertangles	11/4/18		<p>The Op 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Saur instructed to disinfect billet - Contacts to be sent to Reinforcement Camp + inspected daily - all necessary notifications despatched -</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. 7. Amb. instructed by wire to collect tents from Reinf<sup>t</sup> Camp this afternoon -</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> " " " " " " " " to detail M.O. + necessary personnel to reinforcement camp for duty -</p> <p>7. Ambes informed that Convoy of Cars will rendezvous at Fesselles as early as possible on 13<sup>th</sup> + move overland - Op Convoy Major Lovegrove - to Railhead at Hondeghem - Route Doullens - Frevent - St Pol - Hillers - On arrival there they will be notified by detaining officer where their Bdes are + will report there under the officers of their 7. Ambes who will accompany each group of Amba cars -</p> <p>Captn Mitchell + 3 OR. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. 7. Amb. detailed for Reinforcement Camp -</p> <p>7pm (about) A.D.M.S. arrived at Cassel. + at 8.30pm proceeded by motor car to Steenoorde to interview A.D.M.S. of 22<sup>nd</sup> Corps to which corps it was said we might be working under - A.D.M.S. of that Corps located + interviewed at Abele - + full particulars regarding evacuations, C.E.S. used, M.A. Convoys etc obtained -</p> <p>Times of entrainment according to Div order No 71 - Should be</p>	this afternoon
Train No 16	1647	on 12 <sup>th</sup>	11/4/18 1 <sup>st</sup> A. 7. Amb St Rock "B"	
" No 13	1247	" 12/4/18	2 <sup>nd</sup> A. 7. Amb St Rock "A"	
" No 25	0647	" 13/4/18	3 <sup>rd</sup> A. 7. Amb St Rock "A"	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ereke	12/4/18	9.30 pm	<p>message to 1st A. 7. Amb. "Establish an A.D.S. at Borre. Check Sick &amp; wounded of 1st A. Inf Bde direct to C.C.I. groups at Anajana or the one just N. of Ebbingham - Records will be kept at A.D.S. - Report positions of all R.A.P.s as they are formed. Remainder of 7. Amb. will remain in billeting area ready to move. Cars for vaccination from A.D.S. to C.C.I. will be demanded direct from No 2 M.A.C. Steenbeque - As Dep. Med Stores are at Anajana and Aire. Adms will be at Cercus on 13th -</p> <p>9.30 pm Similar message sent to 2nd Aust 7. Amb. but A.D.S. to be at Morbeque - Detrainment was said to be going on quickly &amp; safely - Four Sunbeam Cars which had come over in advance of convoy were sent to wait arrival of 7. Amb. at detrainment points - These included one from 3rd A. 7. Amb. which was sent to 2nd 7. Amb. temporarily - so that each 7. Amb. will have 2 sunbeam cars waiting for them at detrainment point on arrival - No 20 C.C.I. reports that No 5436 McVicker 12th A.S.F. the case left behind at Bertangles as suspected Smallpox "probably chickenpox" -</p>	
Cercus	13/4/18	12.30 pm	<p>Dir Hqs moved to Cercus this morning &amp; in the afternoon were ordered to move out to make room for a Cavalry Dir which is moving in -</p> <p>adms. went by motor to Camp at Grand Hasard to endeavour to meet Comm. Officers of 1st &amp; 2nd 7. Amb. who have both detrained - &amp; to suggest that 2nd A. 7. Amb. moved its A.D.S. from Morbeque to <del>Reitda</del> Tour</p> <p>at a central -</p> <p>3pm Met Off 2nd Aust. 7. Amb. who stated his A.D.S. was established at Morbeque &amp; that all medical arrangements for his Bde were complete, but that he wished to move A.D.S. to a farm on the Stagebrack-Lakwite Road which was agreed to -</p>	<p>R.B. Munnette</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lercus	13/4/18	4pm	<p>ADUS met A.F. 1st Amb. who reported satisfactory detainment: that all medical arrangements for his Bde completed in accordance with orders - He was then proceeding to Steebecque to see O.F. 2nd M.A.C. -</p> <p>Later it was found that 2nd M.A.C. had moved from Steebecque &amp; they were eventually located at <del>St</del> Blaringhem -</p> <p>Memo. from ADUS 15th Corps that No 2 + No 15 C.C.S. + M.F. State Hope Urques to be used for evacuation of M.A.C. moving to Blaringhem - No 11 a dep. M. Store's Amette will supply stores -</p> <p>During the afternoon ADUS moved to Grand Hazard Camp. Rear HQs going to Wallon Cappel. ADUS + ADUS went to Grand Hazard but office <del>was</del> <sup>was</sup> to Wall Cappel.</p> <p>The weather had changed suddenly &amp; it was bitterly cold -</p> <p>1st A.F. Amb. report arrival at 11 am. "See" sent to Borre. The remainder at St Sylvester Cappel. Sheet 27 035 d 7/7 -</p> <p>Message from 2nd A.F. Amb. time 4 am. "arrives Stagebrouck at 3 am. was bombed at St Pol Station - 4 casualties among Amb &amp; personnel - Have proceeded to Moubegne + got in touch with 2nd Bde HQ" -</p> <p>1st A.F. Amb. reports that A.D.I. is in Brasserie Borre - He has visited R.A.P.s of 3rd + 4th Bns which are situated in Stragele (Brasserie). At present Amb cars can go right into Stragele - C.C.S. at Anafana closed - so is evacuating to Blaringhem. As there is no carry for bearers behind the R.A.P.s have arranged for 2 squads of bearers to be attached temporarily to 3rd + 4th Bns. to carry forward of R.A.P.s in case of emergency - The other 2 Bns. of the Bde are in support + reserve but R.A.P.s not yet located -</p>	<p>RRP [Signature]</p>

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Grand Hazard	13/4/18	8.40 pm 12.50 pm 8.20 pm	<p>3rd A. Amb<sup>co</sup> ordered by field messages after detaining to move to bedding area + await orders - To clear site of 3rd Duff Bde -</p> <p>RMO. 11th Bn. Enquiring re method of clearing, as this Bn. moving up into support line.</p> <p>1st Bde notify that 1st Bn is at Pradelles, 2nd Bn at Boire + 3rd + 4th at Skafale -</p> <p>1st + 2nd Amb<sup>co</sup> notify that M.A.C. (No 2) is at Blannigheim -</p> <p>2nd Amb. report - R.A.P. 5th Bn. at de Tir Anglais D 17 a 5/3 - evacuated by hand carry to Motor Loading Post at Papote D 16 d 3/2 thence to Morbecque A.D.S. by motor -</p> <p>5th Bn moving forward this afternoon towards La Motte but communication with RMO has been severed - 6th Bn R.A.P. at present at D 30 a 4/5 which is also a loading post (motor) but will probably be moved this afternoon to D. 24 Central, where its evacuation will be to Motor Loading Post at D 30 a 4/5 -</p> <p>7th Bn R.A.P. - D 30 d 0/3 then by hand carry to D 30 a 4/5 -</p> <p>8th Bn R.A.P. E 21 a 7/4 - thence by relays of hand carry to Horse Ambul Post at E 19 d 9/1 - then to Motor L. P. at D 30 a 4/5 -</p> <p>The Motor L. Post at D 30 a 4/5 evacuates all above R.A.P.s via Papote D 16 d 3/2 to A.D.S. Morbecque -</p> <p>Major Sutton + Capudavis are in charge of forward evacuation + are at Papote -</p> <p>Present evacuation very long + tortuous + it is desired to move the A.D.S. to the main Morbecque - Hazebrouck road in squares D 8 or 9 or on the main La Motte - Hazebrouck Road between de Tir Anglais + D 17 - When advt. met off in the afternoon a farm at D 9 b 4/4 had been selected - Message not traced - but it is mentioned that so far only one case sent away during the morning - of 2nd Amb. has been in comm<sup>n</sup> with ofc 2nd M.A.C. who has promised 2 cars, but so far they have not arrived -</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Grand Hasard Wallon Cappel	13/4/18		A.D.M.S. 15 <sup>th</sup> Corps notifies of positions of A.D.S.s. 1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Ambulances + A.D.M.S.	
	14/4/18		<p>A.D.M.S. returned to Wallon Cappel leaving A.D.M.S. at advanced HQs (Grand Hasard) - 3<sup>rd</sup> A. 7. Amb. report having detrained (time 0600) + are located at Sheet 27 V 22 C 3/5 - Trains have been reported as running late owing to leaving sometimes 6 hours after scheduled time - delay being due to shelling + bombing at entraining stations but in some cases as much as three hours have been made up en route -</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> A. 7. Amb. report casualties as follows, from enemy aircraft bombs in the vicinity of Anzeis on 12/4/18 - Killed No 6491 Lt. A.H. Birch - Wounded + evacuated No 260 W.O. H. Telfer - No 4243 Pte A.D.G. Hickman No 76 Sgt J. J. Hankin - Bomb wounds of thigh, knee + chest respectively - Horses killed 1 Riding - Wounded 1 Riding + 1 Heavy Draught - to be evacuated - One Motor Ambulance Sunbeam car damaged by enemy bombs + left behind in charge of 2 drivers -</p> <p>A.D.M.S. 15<sup>th</sup> Corps advises that as C.C.s have been moved further back + supply of mac. Cars is smaller Cases may have to be kept for some hours at least in their various Stations - + that 250 Extra rations + an ample supply of water should be kept at each -</p> <p>Op 1<sup>st</sup> A. 7. Amb. instructed to see ops 31<sup>st</sup> Div. 7 Ambulances with regard to taking over any of their stations at Borre + Pinedelle or their collecting Posts immediately W. of Thazele + in the vicinity of Petit Sec Bois - which may be of use to him -</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> A. 7. Amb. advises to draw fifty stretchers each from Hordunghem Railhead + that blankets might be possibly obtained from C.C.s at Anajua S<sup>g</sup>, if any have been left behind -</p>	

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<i>Wallon Cappel</i>	<i>14/4/18</i>		<p><i>Off 2nd A. 7. Amb. reports under date 13th inst. that he has moved M.O.S. from Morbecque - Established A.D.S. at D 9 6 4/4 - Bn RAPs as before - but 2nd A. 7. Amb. ex post established at D 23 6 5/7. Captn Green being there with 12 bearers - making a total of 76 bearers in the forward area. + 4 wheeled stretchers - Off visited 2nd Mac Blarneyham and arranged for 2 cars which will report this evening for vaccination - message from 1st A. 7. Amb. dated 13/4/18 time 8.40pm. that arrangements made for attachment of 5 Mac Cars to A.D.S. (Borre) which is now ready to receive patients - 2nd A. 7. Amb. report that during today 70 cases were evacuated + forward area now clear of wounded (message not timed) a G.S. Wagon drew 50 stretchers from Railhead + 50 blankets from C.C.S. will withdraw remainder of equipment tonight -</i></p> <p><i>12-10 pm.</i></p> <p><i>1st A. 7. Amb. report 31st Div. A.D.S. at Proudelles has been evacuated. + 1st A. 7. Amb. have sent a guard to take over remaining dressings + dregs - The other A.D.S. of 31st Div. in Borre also moving back + our A.D.S. is doing their dressings until they are re-established - Only a few wounded coming through. There are plenty of Mac Cars as the 31st Div. A.D.S. at Borre have handed over those attached to them until they are re-established - RAP of 2nd Bn (in support) is at Grand Sec Bois (E 2 C 6/2) 3rd + 4th still straggled which is being shelled - Motor loading post estab' at foot of the hill below the village (N 22 x 2/5) wheeled stretchers being used from RAPs - A new site to be chosen on main road near Haybronck (if possible) in which to put a section at short notice in case of a retirement. This section would open as an A.D.S. while the sec at Borre was retiring - message from 2nd A. 7. Amb. (not timed) that evac of 2nd Bde proceed satisfactorily - RAP of 6th Bn moved to D 18 C central thence by hand carry to post at D 23 6 4/9 all posts well supplied with dressings + comforts - a G.S. Wagon has gone to Bondepheun for blankets - Two cars have reported from 2nd Mac + 5 others have been promised in anticipation of a hostile attack -</i></p>	

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Wallonfappel	14/4/18	10am	ADMS went to Wardrigues to interview DDMs 15th Corps relative to obtaining a hospital train to run to Staudighem Railhead or Molla Lories for walking wounded in case of heavy casualties. Not much hope of either was held out. 2nd A. Sany seen notify arrival with 3rd A. 7 Amb. 1st 28 O.R. 1st 7 Amb. ask for farm at V17 C 4/7 to be allotted to them as Reserve DMS Station. 3rd Bde are moving forward. + will evacuate wounded through either 1st or 2nd 7 Amb. A.D.S. Sick will be cleared by cars from 3rd A. 7 Amb. - O/C that ambulance round a car at 9.30 each morning to Bns - + is also keeping a car at R.A.P. of 10th Bn. for emergency work. This car can also serve 9th Bn.	
"	15/4/18		R.A.P. 3rd A 2 Bde 12th 27/W 25 6 2/9 " 11th 36af D 12 2 2/2 " 10th 27/V 29 d 8/8 " 9th 36af D 6 2 2/3	
	12 (noon)		1st A 7 Amb reports. HQ on B Sec. + remainder of amb. transferred to farm at V17 C 3/8 Wagon loading post shifts from W 22 d 2/0 to W 22 b 5/4 as the Magule Pradelles Rd has been shelled heavily - one of the bearers dies of wounds at the A.D.S. + another wounded slightly - R.A.P. 1st Bn. in Pradelles at W 21 c 2/8 - One squad in Pradelles to attend to + evacuate local casualties by returning cars - Three squads + an NCO at R.A.P.s of 3rd + 4th Bns W 29 a 2/6 one squad at Wagon loading Post W 22 b 5/4 - Three lumber cars are ample for present evacs to Borre - Ethia Rations drawn + water supply good - 50 stretchers taken drawn - Both 1st + 2nd 7 Amb. should now have 90 stretchers each or so + stable +	R.B. Austelle

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Mallone Cappel	15/4/18	2.30 pm	(time of receipt) - Op 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7. Amb. reports having visited forward areas - all posts are clear of wounded - 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn R.A.P. moved to edge of La Motte forest 36A/20 30 6 5/2. morning opposite wagon loading post. Other R.A.P.s the same. The whole front very quiet today. Everything working satisfactorily -	
	16/4/18		3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust 7. Amb reports that during last night from 11 pm. until 4 am. this morning (16 <sup>th</sup> ) enemy shelling consistent in vicinity of present billets - Men were moved out along the roads away from the Shelling + latr. were brought back + billets in the cellars beneath late R.A. Workshops. which C/O reports in his opinion are quite safe - about 1/2 an hour after dawn shells fell in field occupied by transport. Horses have been moved to another field outside the town - No casualties among either men or horses - Later Major Rutledge reported one of the horses (H.D.) wounded in the new field - arranging to move them again - R.A.P. of 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn moved again to 36A/20 30 6 5/2 - vacant same as for 8 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Forward area clear of wounded (no time on message) -	
	15/4/18	2.25 pm	Medical arrangements routine NO5 recd regarding sending dental units to Div Wimp of Corps Reinforcement Camp - in case of rapid moves - about Saur Secm returning their equipment + stores to make them more mobile -	
	16/4/18	6.30 pm	Message from D.D.M.S. 15 <sup>th</sup> Corps re Train, which Div 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army considers small but when a Div Col 9 <sup>th</sup> Stn formed Mac will clear it. About the same time D.D.M.S. called personally + said he had obtained 2 busses which were to be used by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mac for walking wounded. 12 <sup>th</sup> A. 7. Amb. instructed to form D Collee <sup>9</sup> Station at their present Hqs V17C 3/8 D.D.M.S. 15 <sup>th</sup> Corps notified - Divn asked to allot farm house at 19C 1/6 for a main dressing station -	

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Mallon Cappel	17/4/18	11.10 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb. instructed to form a M.D.S. at <u>Vig C o/p</u> with <u>one Sec</u> .	
		12.20 PM	Message (input) from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amb. that A.D.S. Shelled + direct hit by very heavy shell - turned 11.30 -	
			Casualties Killed 2 Wounded 8-12 - missing 1 - including WO. General Duties - 1 S/Sgt Dentist 1 Dispenser S/Sgt - No officers - 3 loaded G.P. Wagons totally demolished cutting out about 1/3 equipment - No Cars hit - Forward line of vaccination still complete - One officer (the Q/M) was buried but not hurt. Unit is in paddock just behind former billet + awaiting orders - CPO investigating farm in front of old position with view to setting up station there - He is not yet sure of exact back to CCA -	
		12.45 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Amb. instructed to form an A.D.S. on Stagebrouck - de Motte Road with one seen only + withdraw remainder to billets in area west of Stagebrouck - de Motte Road - Suggested that A.D.S. might be near edge of wood at 24 a o/p using tents if necessary -	
			Evacuation would then be to M.D.S. on St Omer Road + books would not be kept at the A.D.S.	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> San Sec report moving to 27/V 21 6 5/4 - where there is a workshop -	
		4.30 PM	Advanced HQ moved back from Q Hazard to Mallon Cappel at 11 am this morning -	
		4.30 PM	CPO 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb. reported verbally that M.D.S. was re-established at <u>Vig C o/p</u> -	
		1.10 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb. ordered by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde to be in readiness to move early today to Rouge Croix area -	
		1.40 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> A Inf Bde. 3 <sup>rd</sup> A 7 Amb. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust 7. Amb notified of arrangements for sick + wounded of 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. I. Bde - + that 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb. will arrange M.D.S. at Vig C o/p.	

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Walker Cappel	17/4/18	2pm.	1st 7. Amb report casualties heavy this morning. 20 str cases + at Borre + 40 walk wounded at V17 C where all walkers are sent for dressing treatment from Borre by horse ambulance wagon. Two lorries asked for. Cars can still run on Borre - Pradella Road to W21 a 4/9 + W24 a 3/8. A cook + medical comforts sent to Wacon loading Post in a farm at W24 a 3/8 where there is a good cellar + accom for 10 stretchers + 30 walk wounded - 2 motor ambes hit + one of them sent to workshops. Most casualties from 1st Bn -	
		5-45	2nd 7. Amb ASD moved to D16 9/5 this morning. Waco proceeding satisf. Old ASD is demolished - Casualties from late shelling now are killed 3 - wounded 6 - ASD books for right sector will now be kept at M.D.S. V19 C 6/6 - from 6pm tonight.	
		7pm.	ASD at Borre now considered to be a M.D.S. + Div informed of both M.D.S. One at Borre for left sector + one at V19 for right sector.	
	18/4/18		11th Bn RAP at W17 6 3/3.	
			7. Amb's instructed to send Dental personnel + their equip <sup>t</sup> to 1st Aust C.S. Blendueque but to retain Dentist with sufficient equipment for surgical work -	
			1st + 3rd 7. Amb instructed to arrange necessary accom for gassed cases at M.D.S. for right sector + Div Collg Station for left sector.	
			2nd 7. Amb report ASD at D10 C 2/8 (Ambulance who took this over were afterwards shelled out of it) - HQs at D3 a 1/7 - Horse ambulance wagons 2 19 Central.	
			Medical Disposition attached -	
		6:50 pm	3rd 7. Amb. instructed not to move without orders from this office.	
		10pm	3rd 7. Amb orders to take over M.D.S. at S Dyloeste Cappel tomorrow from 87th 7. Amb. by noon.	
			1st 7. Amb. to take over ASD. Caeslie from 87th 7. Amb. + be responsible for waco of Div in front which is being extended northwards.	
			ADMS. arranged here take over personally with a Div. 29th Div (Bn.)	

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St Salvator's Cappel	19/4/18	12 noon 10.55 1 pm	<p>Div HQ moved here today -                      Advise order No 36 gives particulars of move                      2nd 7. Amb. to move to billets at V 22 C 3/7 rans over RAS to 31<sup>st</sup> Div. 7 Amb.                      3rd 7. Amb. to hand over mtd at V 19 C to 31<sup>st</sup> Div -                      owing to extended front being cleared by 1st 7. Amb. they will require extra assistance in cars + horse ambulances -                      2nd 7. Amb. to hold 3 Sunbeam cars + 3 horse wagons in readiness to assist                      1st 7. Amb.                      One bearer driving 3rd to be in readiness if required -                      3rd 7. Amb. to clear cases from A.S. to A.S.                      93<sup>rd</sup> + 95<sup>th</sup> 7. Amb. have taken over from 2nd A. 7. Amb.</p>	Appendix IX.
"	20/4/18	8.30 AM	<p>RAPs on new front (from 1st 7. Amb.)                      12<sup>th</sup> Bn. RAP X 14 C 7/3                      11<sup>th</sup> " " X 3 C 2/3 (2 squads)                      10<sup>th</sup> " " R 33 6 4/6 (1 " )                      9<sup>th</sup> " " X 1 d 572 (3 " )</p> <p>Relay Post at R 32 Central for 10<sup>th</sup> Bn. (2 squads)                      9<sup>th</sup> Bn. RAP acts as relay post for 11<sup>th</sup> Bn RAP -                      Motor Loading Post X 1 a 0/2 (1 squad) -                      at night cars can go right up to 11<sup>th</sup> Bn RAP                      only urgent cases will be evacuated by day from 9<sup>th</sup> + 11<sup>th</sup> RAPs as the whole distance of camp is under direct observation - + there is good storing room at both these RAPs -                      12<sup>th</sup> Bn is evacuated through 10<sup>th</sup> Bn RAP at Moolenacker + walking wounded directed through <del>Cappel</del> - <u>Fletre</u> -</p>	R. B. Austable

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St Salvator's Cappel	14/8	8.30 am.	Stretchers cases from 17 <sup>th</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> R.A.P.s go to wagon loading post. W 22 6 8/4 - Those from 1 <sup>st</sup> + 12 <sup>th</sup> to W.L. Post at W 24 a 3/8 - and cars from both these posts go over Range Cwin to Caestrie.	
		6.55 pm.	Borre will now be doing local casualties + be used as an emergency station C. Sec <sup>n</sup> of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7. amb. from Mt. S. rejoins unit last night at 8 pm. 1 <sup>st</sup> 7. amb. advised that opn postponed - referring to our shelling of Metereu + Merris with gas.	
	21/4/18	9.30 am.	1 <sup>st</sup> 7. amb reports vicinity of A.P.S. Caestrie heavily shelled at 5 pm yesterday - 40-50 shells 6 or 8 in. - no hits on building. One driver slightly wounded + one horse - 3 casualties in Pioneers close by - Not possible to take cars from Fletie to Roukloshille in daylight as one car was deliberately shelled with a whizbang + radiator punctured. Last night C/O took a car through Roukloshille to R.A.P.s of 9 <sup>th</sup> + 11 <sup>th</sup> Bns. Roads good but narrow + one shell hole would make them unpassable for a car. A new wagon loading post at W 24 a 6/0. + cars can go there in daylight - C/O asks for 4 wheeled stretchers + 2 sunbeam cars - (one car to replace casualty + one to collect sick of 5 <sup>th</sup> 76 <sup>th</sup> Bns) -	
		12 noon	3 <sup>rd</sup> 7. amb asked to supply wheels stretchers + 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. 7. amb to supply cars - 90 <sup>th</sup> A. 7. amb warned to take very care to avoid casualties to cars owing to difficulty of repairs + replacement -	
			As 3 <sup>rd</sup> A. 7. amb. can only supply 3 wheels str. 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. 7. amb asked to supply one. Capt (H.M. Major) Stewart sent to 12 <sup>th</sup> A. Bde Vice Capt Barbour was sick - 1 <sup>st</sup> A. Div. asked if farm at O 30 6 3/5 in another corps area could be used by this Div. as a Rest station -	
		9.15 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 7. amb to collect 5 shell cases at 113 <sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.A. H/Os Le Coq de Paille	

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St Sylvester's Chapel	21/4/18	9:15 pm	<p>Case <del>Chickens</del>                      Capt A. N. Quille arrived from 1<sup>st</sup> A.G.H. post to 1<sup>st</sup> A.G.B.                      Informed by A.D.M.S. 15<sup>th</sup> Corps that no W.O.s are available at Base Depot to replace casualties but 1 Corporal (Sculduty) has been ordered forward as no other N.C.O.s are available -</p>	
"	23/4/18		<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Amb. report that their billets have been shelled + orderly room Sgt. Stewart seen killed by a shell which burst in front of orderly room - unit has been moved to V 21. 6 central -                      Cap. McCaffrey rejoined 2<sup>nd</sup> Amb from 5<sup>th</sup> A. Sub. on return of Major Carlisle to duty -                      Baths have been established at W 7 a 3/9 - advised by Q office                      Capt Davis from 2<sup>nd</sup> Amb to Army Reinforcement Party - Obblighem under order of A.D.M.S. 15<sup>th</sup> Corps - Capt Davis went in 22<sup>nd</sup> -</p>	
"	24/4/18		<p>8<sup>th</sup> Corps will not grant use of farm asked for as a <u>A.R.S.</u></p>	
"		10:50 am	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Amb. (M.D.S.) report wounded being evacuated satisfactorily, everything well in hand. Suggest motor hony be detailed for transport of walking wounded.</p>	
"		10:50 am	<p>Instructed 3<sup>rd</sup> Amb. to arrange direct with No 2. M.A.C. and report arrangements made re motor hony.</p>	
"		1:20 pm	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Amb. report that two large buses have been sent to them and are standing by. M.D.S. clear of sick at present moment.</p>	
"		6:0 pm	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Amb. report location should be 27/V. 21. 6. 10. 14. &amp; not as reported yesterday.</p>	
"	25/4/18	8:30 am	<p>Le.O. 1<sup>st</sup> Amb reports all FLETRE has been drenched with mustard gas, no gas heading Post hit, but cellars are gas proof. No cases of shell gas from FLETRE but 7 cases through A.D.S. CAESTRE. Two of these reported to be caused by premature bursts of our own shells (gas)                      About 400 gas shells put in around A.D.S. CAESTRE but none nearer than 50 yards.</p>	<p>R.B. Kuntze</p>

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St. Symestre Leappel.	25/4/18		Capt BODYCOMB rejoined 1 <sup>st</sup> B. Amb yesterday from temporary duty 1 <sup>st</sup> A.G.P. Wounded passed through M.D.S. 24 hours ending 6am today 4 Officers 123 Other ranks. 1 <sup>st</sup> Amb Co.	
"	26/4/18	6am	Wounded passed through M.D.S. 24 hours ending 6am 1 Officer 48 O/Ranks.	
"	"	12 noon	1 <sup>st</sup> B. Amb report A.D.S. CAESTRE and vicinity shelled last night - no casualties - but a G.S. wagon and its equipment destroyed. A Horse and wagon damaged but still fit for use, and a motor ambulance got some holes through the cover. Wagon heading port at FLETRE Brewery had to be evacuated temporarily on account of gas. Route of evacuation was for a time yesterday changed to road to CAESTRE via THIEUSHOUK but owing to heavy shelling the route through FLETRE was again adopted. A motor ambulance driver of 2 <sup>nd</sup> B. Amb has been evacuated passed, also 2 men. All sleeping in the yard at CAESTRE when a gas shell burst among them. The night fairly quiet as regards casualties.	
"	27/4/18	6am	Wounded passed through M.D.S. last 24 hours 3 Officers 49 Other ranks.	
"	"	noon	1 <sup>st</sup> B. Amb report 1 Other rank wounded (gas).	
"	28/4/18	6.0 am 10.15 am	Wounded passed through M.D.S. last 24 hours. 3 Officers 25 Other ranks. 1 <sup>st</sup> B. Amb report that yesterday morning three cases of gas poisoning were admitted to A.D.S. CAESTRE at about 4.0 am. Two of the cases died in A.D.S. The third man stated that they had all been gassed by one of our own gas shells which fell short. None of the men were wounded.	
"	"	4pm	1 <sup>st</sup> B. Amb notified by memo having received message from Major McKillop stating that Capt (Now Major) C. STEWART temp. R.M.S. 1 <sup>st</sup> A.S. B. Bde had been killed by a shell at 1 <sup>st</sup> Battery. and that he was sending a relief.	
"	"	4.55pm	Wire received from 1 <sup>st</sup> A.S. B. Bde confirming this notification.	

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<i>St. Ingheltra Loppelt</i>	<i>29/4/18</i>	<i>6:00 am</i>	<i>Wounded passed through M.D.S. last 24 hours. 5 Officers 34 other ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div.</i>	
"	"	<i>12 noon</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb. report casualties last 24 hours as follows: - Capt (Hon Major) Stewart, C.A. Killed, other ranks killed 1, wounded 2, all shell fire.</i>	
"	"	"	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Inf Bde relieved 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf Bde in the line last night.</i>	
"	"	<i>3:0 pm</i>	<i>Funeral of Major C.A. STEWART took place at LA KREULE cemetery at 3:0 pm today.</i>	
"	"	<i>2:0 pm</i>	<i>memo from 1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb asking for two M.D.S. from 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Amb for day duty, starting from 30<sup>th</sup> inst, at the A.D.S. CAESTRE to relieve 1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb officers, and asking for one section of Bearers from 3<sup>rd</sup> B. Amb tomorrow to relieve 'B' sections in the line for few days.</i>	
"	"	<i>3:55 pm</i>	<i>wire to 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Amb to detail 2 M.D.S. to report for duty A.D.S. CAESTRE tomorrow 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:0 am. Rptd to 1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb.</i>	
"	"	<i>3:55 pm</i>	<i>wire to 3<sup>rd</sup> B. Amb rptd 1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb. to send one Bearer section to 1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb A.D.S. CAESTRE at 8 am. 30<sup>th</sup> inst.</i>	
"	"	"	<i>monthly Sanitary Report attached.</i>	<i>app XII</i>
"	"	<i>5:35 pm</i>	<i>wire to 3<sup>rd</sup> B. Amb + 1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb to amend instructions re Bearer section to read 7:0 pm instead of 8:0 am.</i>	
"	"	"	<i>CO, 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust B. Amb reports having procured baths from R.E. Wharf HAZEBROCK and set them up at V.16.C.4.B. where he has accommodation for 30. Lehigh patients in a NISSEN HUT. can accommodate more if provided with more tentage. Now ready to receive patients up to above number.</i>	
"	<i>30/4/18</i>	<i>6:00 am</i>	<i>Wounded passed through M.D.S. last 24 hours 2 officers 49 other ranks.</i>	
"	"	"	<i>to 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Amb advised having sent Major M.G. SUTTON and Capt E.M. McCAFFREY to 1<sup>st</sup> B. Amb at CAESTRE for duty. (vide instructions above).</i>	

*Robt. Huxtable*

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1st Australian Division.

ASMS

Vol 5 Sheet 239

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St. Sylvestre Scappel	30/4/18		Co. 2nd I. Amb. reports site reported as yesterday for Leabier Str very unsuitable as area is subjected to shelling by enemy. One shell within few yards of NISSEN hut.	
"	"	12.15 pm	Instructions recd from Divs that all units outside present bivouac area to be collected into Div area this afternoon as French troops are taking over all accommodation north of a line from LA BREARDE-HONDEGHEM - LONGUE CROIX.	
"	"	6.15 pm	Verbal instructions to 3rd I. Amb to move to V.B.C.5.1. this afternoon	
"	"	6.15 pm	Confirmation in writing sent to 3rd I. Amb.	
"	"	6.15 pm	Co. 3rd I. Amb reports M.D.S. St Sylvestre Scappel closed and reopened at V.B.C.4.2. (Sheet 27). message timed 5.20 pm. Home this same location as M.D.S.	
"	"	8.45 pm	Co. 3rd I. Amb reports move completed (to V.B.C.4.2) 8.30 pm.	
"	"	10.30 am	Conference of Co's I. Ambs with ASMS held at ASMS office relative to action to be taken. Should a retirement be necessary. The CO 3rd A.7 Amb. was not present as he had to go off with the D.A. & M. to select a new site for his M.D.S., his present position being found unsuitable. It was anticipated at the meeting that the present A.D.S. would be withdrawn, the 1st A.7 Amb moving with its Bde and the present M.D.S. taking over the duties of an A.D.S. whilst 2nd A.7 Amb forms a new M.D.S. further back towards Ebblighem probably near or at Longue Croix. The evacuations would then go to C.C.s at Ebblighem until they were moved on to the group at Blendecques -	

R.B. Austlett

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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
St. Yvreshe Cappel	30/1/18		<p>On 25<sup>th</sup> inst. the CPO 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. 7 Amba notes in a memo to this office his satisfaction with the manner in which wounded cases were sent down by R.M.D.s. i.e. how well they had been dressed he especially mentions <del>the</del> the cases sent down by Major W.W. Johnston D.S.O. M.C. the R.M.D. of the 12<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bn, which might have been considered to have been dressed in a Hospital Operating Theatre -</p> <p>5 Cases of Measles + 3 of Mumps have been reported during the month. This compares well with the experience of the Div. last year. The incidence of diarrhoea has varied but has not been much in evidence considering the varied conditions, constantly changing during the earlier periods of the month -</p> <p>One new R.M.D. has been allotted to the Div. viz one for the new Machine Gun Bn formed recently. Capt G.R. Hamilton has been detailed as R.M.D. for this unit -</p> <p>The incidents of the month have been many + varied - The withdrawal of the Div. from the Messines area where they had had six weeks of strenuous work in an unhealthy area, very open saturated with shell gas - The quick change to the Soume + the few days stay there in billets, which although troops did much marching + the weather was wet + cold, improved the health of the men considerably - Then the quick move back again to the north + the move into the line direct from the detraining points</p>	

General

R.R. Hurstall

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>St Sylvester's Cappel 4/18</i>			<p>During these moves 7 Ambes moved with their Bdes + were responsible for clearing their Sekt - The 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 Ambes who detrained some 24 hours before the 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 Ambes moved in behind their Bdes + established A.D.S. in suitable locations - + there was no loss of time or continuity of their work - The work was done expeditiously + well + reflects great credit on the C/Os of these Ambes - The 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 Ambes on detraining going into billets + cleaning the sekt of their Bde only as any wounded from their Bdes moving up into support were within easy reach of the A.D.S. + posts of either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> A.F. Ambes - The bombing + shelling by the enemy of the entraining station at St Roch + the train at St Pol caused many casualties, amounting to about 60-70 at St Roch but the work of moving the 1<sup>st</sup> divn was not in any way seriously delayed. The reserve stretcher lying at St Roch Rly Station ready for loading on the train were most valuable in assisting in clearing the wounded during the entrainment - The train conveying 2<sup>nd</sup> A.F. Ambes was bombed at St Pol whilst standing still at the Railway Station - The bomb dropped between two trains, but did very little serious damage.</p>	

*R.B. Hunkle*

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1st Australian Division

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Sylvester Cappel	30/4/18		<p>It was unfortunate however, that 2nd Ambul Squad had so many &amp; so serious casualties, at their A.D.S. on the de Meppes Road by the large shell which hit the building. It was not possible in those days when the Division was fighting against time in order to stop the German advance, to choose positions of safety. No spot in the vicinity, nor for a considerable distance behind it could be considered safe, in any way. It is to be considered fortunate that casualties amongst 7 ambul were not more.</p> <p>The loss of another P.M.O. in the 1st A.F.A. Bde by shell fire whilst attending a wounded battery commr has unfortunately to be recorded. Capt (Hon Major) C.A. Stewart had not long arrived in France having been posted to the 1st A.F. Ambul on 23/3/18 when the Divn were at Scherpenberg. He accompanied the Divn to the Somme &amp; returned with it being still with the 1st A.F. Ambul, but on 22/4/18 was detailed for duty with the 1st A.F.A. Bde to replace Capt Barbour, who had been evacuated sick. The battery had been in constant action since detaching &amp; on 28/4/18 was subjected to a particularly heavy shelling. The Bty Commr being wounded. On 29/4 Stewart going up to attend</p>	R.D. Huntley

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*1st Australian Division*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>St. Quentin</i> <i>Cappel</i>	<i>1918</i>		<p><i>To this office another shell burst close to them, killing Major Stewart &amp; one other Artillery officer, &amp; wounding also another, an officer who has since died - No details of Major Stewart's medical career are held here -</i></p> <p><i>It is to be noted that 1st Aust Div. Comforts Fund have provided hot drinks to the troops on detraining in the South again when they arrived North which added much to the comfort of the troops -</i></p>	

*Rothmiller*

# WAR DIARY

OF

A.D.M.S., 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

APRIL 1918.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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A.A.M.C. ORDER NO. 35.  
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Map Reference :- Sheet 28 1:40,000  
Hazebrouck 5A 1: 100,000.

The Division will be relieved in the line between 3rd and 5th of April.

1. The M.D.S., LA CLYTTE, will be handed over to 1st South African Field Ambulance at 10 a.m. on 3/4/18. Personnel will on relief rejoin unit at HOOGRAAF G.26.c.4.4.
2. 1st Aust. Field Ambulance personnel at Corps Scabies Station will be relieved by 10 a.m. on 4/4/18 by a Field Ambulance of 19th Division, and will rejoin unit at HOOGRAAF G.26.c.4.4 as soon as possible.  
1st Aust. Field Amb. complete will move under orders of G.O.C., 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade.
3. 2nd Aust. Field Amb. will hand over D.R.S. at MONT-des-CATS to 65th Field Ambulance by noon on 4/4/18, and will remain at D.R.S. under orders of G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade for the move.
4. 2nd Aust. Field Amb. personnel at MCGILLIGANS CAMP will be relieved at 10 a.m. on 4/4/18 and will rejoin unit immediately thereafter.
5. 3rd Aust. Field Amb. will be relieved at A.D.S., VOORMEZEFLE, and all forward posts of left sector by the 1st South African Field Ambulance by 10 a.m. on 4/4/18, and by 63rd Field Ambulance at A.D.S., YONGE STREET, and all forward posts of right sector, by 12 noon on 4/4/18.  
Following the relief the 3rd Aust. Field Amb. complete will join 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade and come under orders of G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. for the move.
6. 2nd Aust. Sanitary Section will move with 3rd Aust. Field Amb.
7. Dental Sections will move with their respective Field Ambulances. 37th Dental Section will move with the Divisional Artillery.
8. The usual receipts will be obtained and forwarded immediately to this Office.
9. Completion of reliefs will be wired to this Office.
10. Field Ambulances will arrange to clear sick of their Brigades until further orders.
11. Motor Ambulance cars will proceed overland to the detraining point in convey on the 6th instant, after completion of the entraining; an Officer from each Field Ambulance will accompany cars of their Ambulances. Time and place of rendezvous will be notified later. They will rejoin their units as soon as possible in new area.
12. Field Ambulances and Sanitary Section acknowledge.



*R. J. MacLellan*

D.H.Q.,  
Issued at 12 noon  
3/4/18.

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

DISTRIBUTION.

- No.1 to D.D.M.S., Australian Corps,
- 2 D.H.S., Second Army.
- 3 A.D.M.S., 19th Division,
- 4 " 9th " "
- 5 " 21st " "
- 6 " 2nd Aust. Divn.
- 7 " 3rd " "
- 8 " 4th " "
- 9 " 5th " "
- 10 O.C., Composition H.A.C.
- 11 "G" 1st Aust. Division,
- 12 "AQ" 1st " "
- 13 1st Aust. Field Amb.,
- 14 2nd " " "
- 15 3rd " " "
- 16 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.,
- 17 2nd " " "
- 18 3rd " " "
- 19 1st Aust. Div. Art.,
- 20 O.C., 2nd Aust. San. Sectn.,
- 21 S.S.O., 1st Aust. Divn.,
- 22 A.P.M., 1st " "
- 23 D.A.D.O.S., 1st " "
- 24/26 War Diary,
- 27/28 File.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS: HANDING OVER FILE.

- C.C.S. No.2 C.C.S., OUTERSTEENE, and No.11 C.C.S., GODEWAERSVELDE, on alternate days.
- M.A.C. Composite M.A.C.,  
2 Cars situated at M.D.S., YONGE STREET,  
4 " " M.D.S., LA GLYTTE.
- MED.STORES. Advanced Depot Medical Stores, No.2 OUTERSTEENE, (with No.2 C.C.S.)
- MOBILE LABORATORY. No.5 Canadian Mobile Laboratory at ANA JANA SIDING, 27/V.18 approx.
- S.I.W. No.3 Aust. C.C.S., NINE ELMS (near POPERINGHE).
- N.Y.D.N. No.64 C.C.S., MENDRINGHEM.
- N.Y.D.GAS. No.64 C.C.S., MENDRINGHEM.
- DYSENTERY & SUSPECTS No.13 C.C.S., ARNEKE.
- INFECTIOUS. No.7 C.C.S., MALASSAISE.
- VENEREAL. Special centre at No.2 C.C.S.
- EAR, NOSE & THROAT CASES. No.15 C.C.S., EBBLINGHEM, (by arrangement.)
- EYE CASES. Ophthalmic Centre, MONT-des-CATS.
- BATHS. CONFUSION CORNER,  
MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP (LA GLYTTE),  
SIEGE FARM,  
BRASSERIE.

D.H.Q.,  
1/4/18.

*J. Mack Major*  
Colonel, A.D.M.S.,  
1st Australian Division.

9th Division R.A.M.C., Order, No 39, Dated 2/4/1918.

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*App III*

Map Reference Sheet 28 1/40000.

- No 1. 9th Division will take over part of the front at present held by 1st Australian Division.
- " 2. Relief of Medical Units will take place as in following paras, details being arranged between C.O's concerned.
- " 3. 28th Field Ambulance will relieve 1st Australian Field Ambulance at LA CLYTTE by 10 a.m. 3rd inst, and will also take over the Field Ambulance site at KEMMEL. The two places will together form the Divisional Main Dressing Station.
- " 4. 1st South African Field Ambulance will relieve 3rd Australian Field Ambulance at Advanced Dressing Station, VOORMERZELLE by 10 a.m. 4th inst and will take over the forward evacuation.
- " 5. 27th Field Ambulance will take over on the 3rd inst the Rest Station at the HOSPICE, LOCRE.
- " 6. The usual receipts will be exchanged and completion of reliefs will be reported to this office.
- " 7. A.D.M.S., is at SCHERPENBERG (M.17.b. Sheet 28).
- " 8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

9th D.H.Q.,  
2/4/1918.  
Issued at 8 p.m.

*O. W. A. S. M.*  
Colonel,  
A.D.M.S., 9th (Scottish) Divn.

D.M.S., 2nd Army.	D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.
9th Division. 'A'.	9th Division. 'G'.
Officers Commanding Field Ambulances.	
A.D.M.S., Australian Division.	Diary.
File.	

Map Ref. Sheets 27 & 28  
1/40,000

S E C R E T

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21st Division R.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No. 70.  
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2nd April 1918.

1. The 21st Division will take over the Right Sector of the 1st Australian Division front on the night 4/5th April 1918.
2. The 63rd Field Ambulance will relieve the 3rd Australian F. Amb. evacuating this Sector.
  - (i) On the 3rd the O.C., 63rd F. Amb. will detail an advanced party of 1 Officer and 40 Bearers to report to O.C., 3rd Aus. F. Amb. at YONGE St. N.29.a.3. 9 .by 3 p.m. to learn the method of evacuation.
  - (ii) On the 4th the 63rd F. Amb. will take over the A.D.S. YONGE Street N.29.a.3.9., the Collecting Post WYTSCHAETE and the Relay Posts of this Sector. Relief to be completed by 12 noon 4th April.
3. The 64th F. Amb. will take over the Main Dressing Station DRANOUTRE M.36.c. from a holding party of the 57th F.Amb.(19th Div) by 4 p.m. on the 3rd.
4. The 65th F. Amb. will take over the Rest Station MONT DES CATS R.19.b.8.7. from the 2nd Aus. F. Amb. Relief to be completed by 12 noon 4th April.
5. All details as to relief to be arranged between O.C. concerned and the usual receipts for equipment taken over forwarded to this office.
6. Div. Headquarters, ULSTER CAMP. M.35.d.0.2.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9 p.m. to

3. F. Ambs.	1 - 3.
A.D.M.S. 1st Aus.Div.	4
A. D.M.S. 9th Div.	5
A.D.M. S.19th Div.	6.
D.D.M.S. 1st Aus.Corps	7.
3. Inf. Bdes.	8 - 10.
Div. Train.	11.
"G" 21 Div.	12.
"Q" 21 Div.	13.
D.A.D.V.S. 21 Div.	14.
C.R.A. 21 Div.	15.
C.R.E 21. Div.	16.
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*[Signature]*  
Colonel.  
A. D. M. S.  
21st. Division.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

DIARRHOEAL CASES REPORTING SICK DURING WEEK ENDING 4/4/18.

UNIT	NO. OF CASES
1 Inf. Battrn.	7
2 do	15
3 do	2
4 do	-
5 do	6
6 do	2
7 do	2
8 do	4
9 do	6
10 do	2
11 do	4
12 do	3
1 Pion. Bn.	1
1 A.P.A.Bde.	-
2 do	-
1 A.D.A.C.	2
1 Div. Engrs.	1
1 Div. Train	-
1 Fld. Ambce.	-
2 do	-
3 do	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>

A.D.M.S.,  
1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.  
No.....  
Date.....

7/4/18.

*J. Pack Major*  
Colonel A.D.M.S.  
1st. Australian Division.



*App. V*

A. D. M. S.	
1st	
AUSTRALIAN DIV.	
No.	658/58
Date	

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
10th. April, 1918.

- C.O. 1st. Aust. Field Ambce.
- C.O. 2nd. " " "
- C.O. 3rd. " " "
- All F.M.Os.

EVACUATIONS

SCABIES - Cases will not be evacuated from Units unless complications occur.

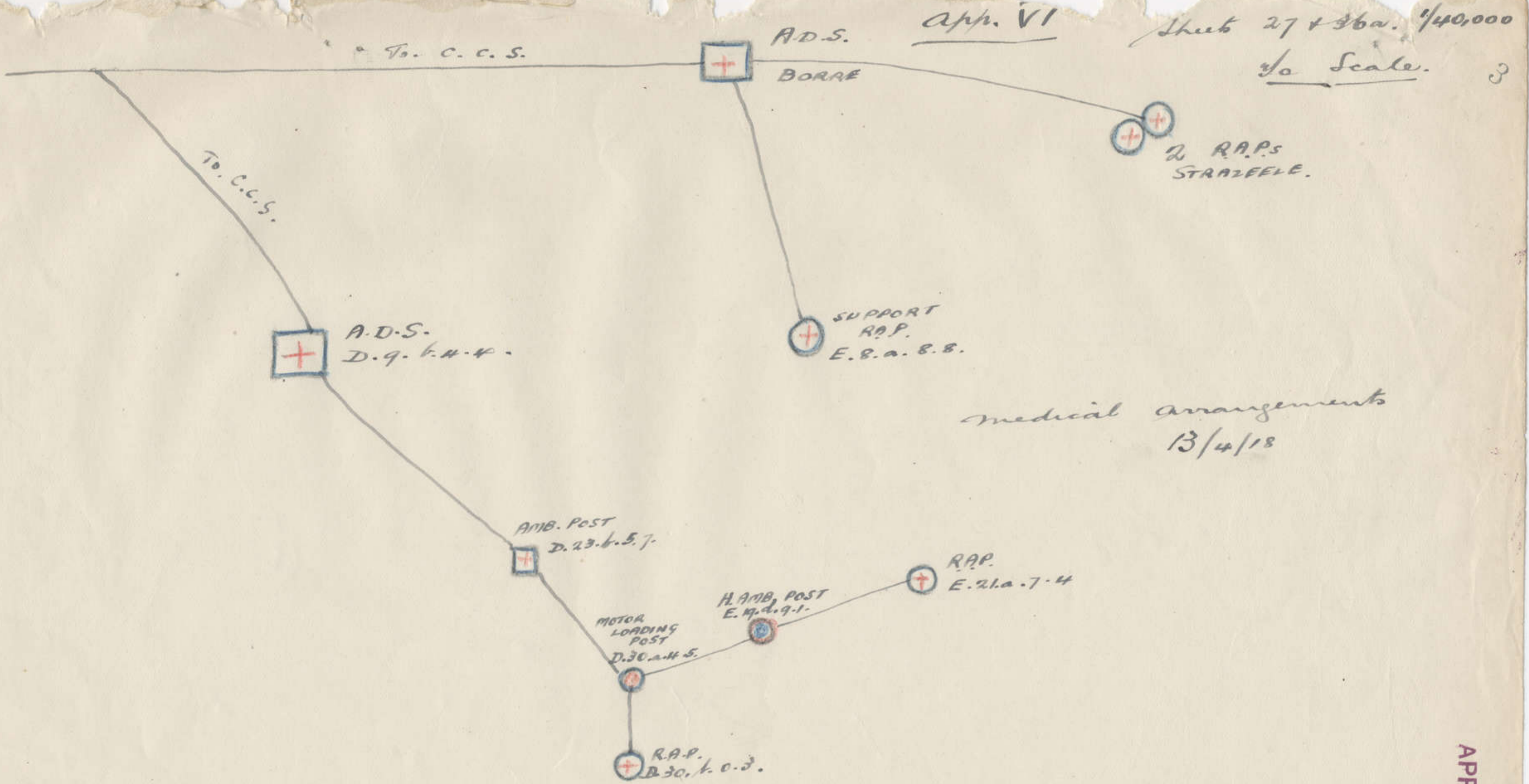
VENEREAL DISEASE - Cases of Syphilis, Chancroid, and Acute Gonorrhoea will be evacuated. Cases of chronic Gleet will not be evacuated.

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

*War Diary*

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App. VI

Sheet 27 + 36a. 1/40,000  
 1/2 Scale.

2 R.A.P.s  
 STRAZELLE.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - 18TH APRIL, 1918.

*App VII*

MAP REFERENCE . . . . . Sheets 27 & 56a 1/40,000.

LINE	R.A.Ps.	HORSE & HORSED AMB POSTS.	ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.	MAIN DRESSING STATION.	DIVISIONAL COLLECTING STATION FOR WALKING WOUNDED.	E V A C U A T I O N.
Right Bde.	E.20.b.5.2 E.21.a.7.4	D.30.a.4.5 E.19.d.1.1 (Horsed Amb. Post.)	D.30.a.4.5	V.19.c.0.6		<u>FROM LINE.</u> - Hand or Wheeled Stretcher to Motor & Horsed Ambulance Posts, thence by car and horsed amb. wagon to A.D.S. Support R.A.Ps cleared direct by car.
Left Bde.	STRAZKELE (Brasserie) X.19.a.2.8 E. 8.a.3.8 (Supports) E.21.a.7.4 (Support )	W.22.b.5.4  W.24.a.5.8		BORRE (Brasserie)	V.17.c.3.8	<u>FROM A.D.S. TO M.D.S.</u> By Divisional Motor Ambulance cars.  <u>M.D.S. to C.C.S.</u> By No.2 M.A.C.

DISTRIBUTION. 1st Aust. Field Amb., (At 27/V.17.c.3.8, Divisional Collecting Stations. "C" Section at M.D.S., BORRE. Evacuation from Left Sector.  
 2nd Aust. Field Amb., At 36a/D.2.b.9.5. A.D.S. at D.30.a.4.5. Evacuation from Right Sector.  
 3rd Aust. Field Amb., At 27/V.22.c.3.7. "C" Section at M.D.S., V.19.c.0.6.  
 Motor Amb. Convoy. No.2 M.A.C., BLARINGHEM.  
 Advanced Depot Med. Stores. No.11, ARNHE, (near CASSEL).  
 C.C.Ss Nos.2 & 15 EBBLINGHEM. New Zealand Stationary Hosp., WISQUES.  
 French Sick and Wounded, to No.44 C.C.S., ARNHE.

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

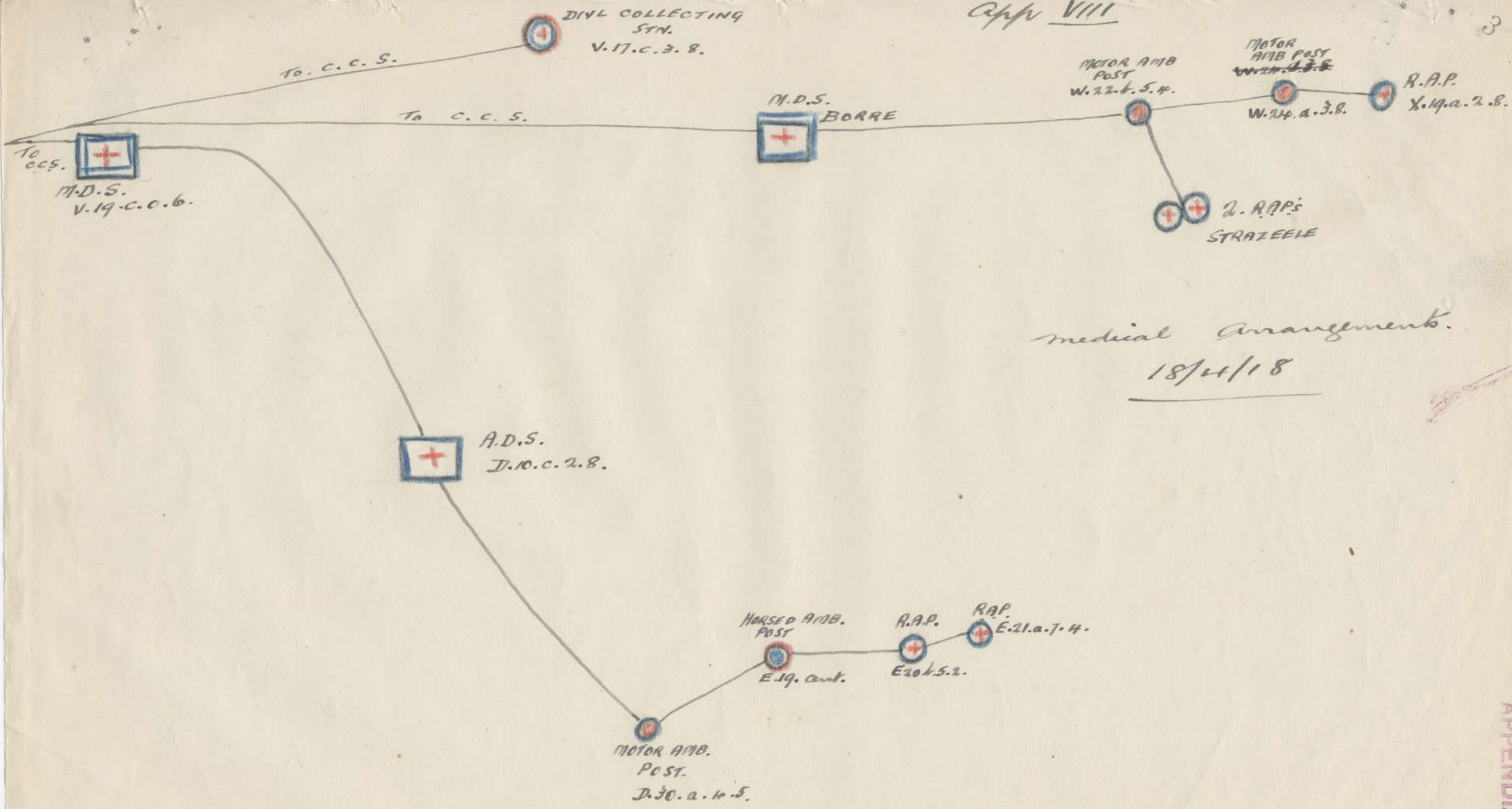
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APPENDIX.

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APP VIII



Medical Arrangements.  
18/4/18

ALGARE

FEDERAL AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Order No. 20

A.A.M.C. ORDER NO. 36

Map Reference - Sheet 27 & 36a 1/40,000

1. The Divisional Front will be extended towards the North to X.11.3, and withdrawn from the right sub-sector on 19th and night of 19th/20th April.
2. No.3 Aust. Field Amb. will take over M.D.S. at ST.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL from 87th Field Amb., and withdraw section at M.D.S., V.19.c.0.6. Moves to be completed by 12 noon and 6 p.m. respectively.  
The M.D.S. at V.19.c.0.6 will be handed over to a Field Amb. of 31st Division if desired.
3. 1st Aust. Field Amb. will take over by noon on the 19th inst., A.D.S. at CAESTRE from 87th Field Amb., and will be responsible for the clearance of the Divisional front.  
The M.D.S., BORRE, will function as an A.D.S. from 6 a.m. on 20th inst.
4. 2nd Aust. Field Amb. will hand over A.D.S. and all forward posts to a Field Amb. of 31st Division by 6 p.m. on 19th inst., and will move to billets at V.22.c.3.3.
5. Divisional Collecting Station at V.17.c will be transferred to M.D.S. ST.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL on 20th inst., at 6 a.m.
6. A. & D. books will be kept at M.D.S., ST.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL <sup>only</sup> from 6 a.m. on 20th inst.
7. A.D.M.S. Office closed at WALLON CAPPEL at 12 noon today, and reopened at ST.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL at same hour.
8. Field Ambulances Acknowledge.

Issued by Field message to Ambulances concerned.

D.H.Q., 19/4/18.

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

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## MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - 1ST AUST. DIVISION, - 20/4/18.

MAP REFERENCE - Sheet 27 &amp; 36a 1/40,000.

LINE	R.A.Ps	BEARER RELAY POSTS.	MOTOR AND HORSED AMB POSTS.	ADVANCED DRESSING STATIONS	MAIN DRESSING STATION	DIVL. COLLECTG: :ING STN FOR WALKING WUNDED	E V A C U A T I O N
Right Sector	STRAZEELE (BRASSERIE) (2 R.A.Ps) X.19.a.2.8 E. 8.a.8.8 (Support)	X.19.a.2.8	W.22.b.5.4 W.24.a.3.8	BORRE (Brasserie) Emergency A.D.S.			FROM LINE - Hand or wheeled stretcher to motor & horsed Amb.Posts, thence by car & horsed Amb.wagons to A.D.S.
Left Sector	X.14.c.7.3 X. 3.c.0.3 X. 3.d.3.8 (Support) X. 1.d.5.2 (Support)	X. 1.d.5.2	X.1.a.0.2	CAESTRE	ST.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL P.22.d.8.8	ST.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL P.22.d.8.8	FROM A.D.S. TO M.D.S. By Divisional Motor Amb.Cars.  M.D.S. to C.C.S., By.No.2 M.A.C.

DISPOSITION. 1st Aust. Field Amb., H.Qrs at 27/V.17.c.3.8. A.D.S., CAESTRE, and Emergency A.D.S., BORRE.  
 2nd Aust. Field Amb., V.22.c.3.8.  
 3rd Aust. Field Amb., M.D.S. and Divisional Collecting Station, ST.SYLVESTRE CAPPEL.  
 Motor Amb. Convoy. No.2 M.A.C., BLARINGHEM.  
 Adv. Depot Mod. Stores. No.11, ARNEKE, (near CASSEL)  
 C.C.Ss. Nos.2 & 15 EBBLINGHEM. N.Z. Staty. Hosp., WISQUES.  
 French Sick & Wounded to No.44 C.C.S., ARNEKE.  
 Infectious Cases fit to travel, to N.Z. Staty. Hosp.

20/4/18.

*A. J. Mackinnon*  
Colonel, A.D.V.S.,  
1st Australian Division.

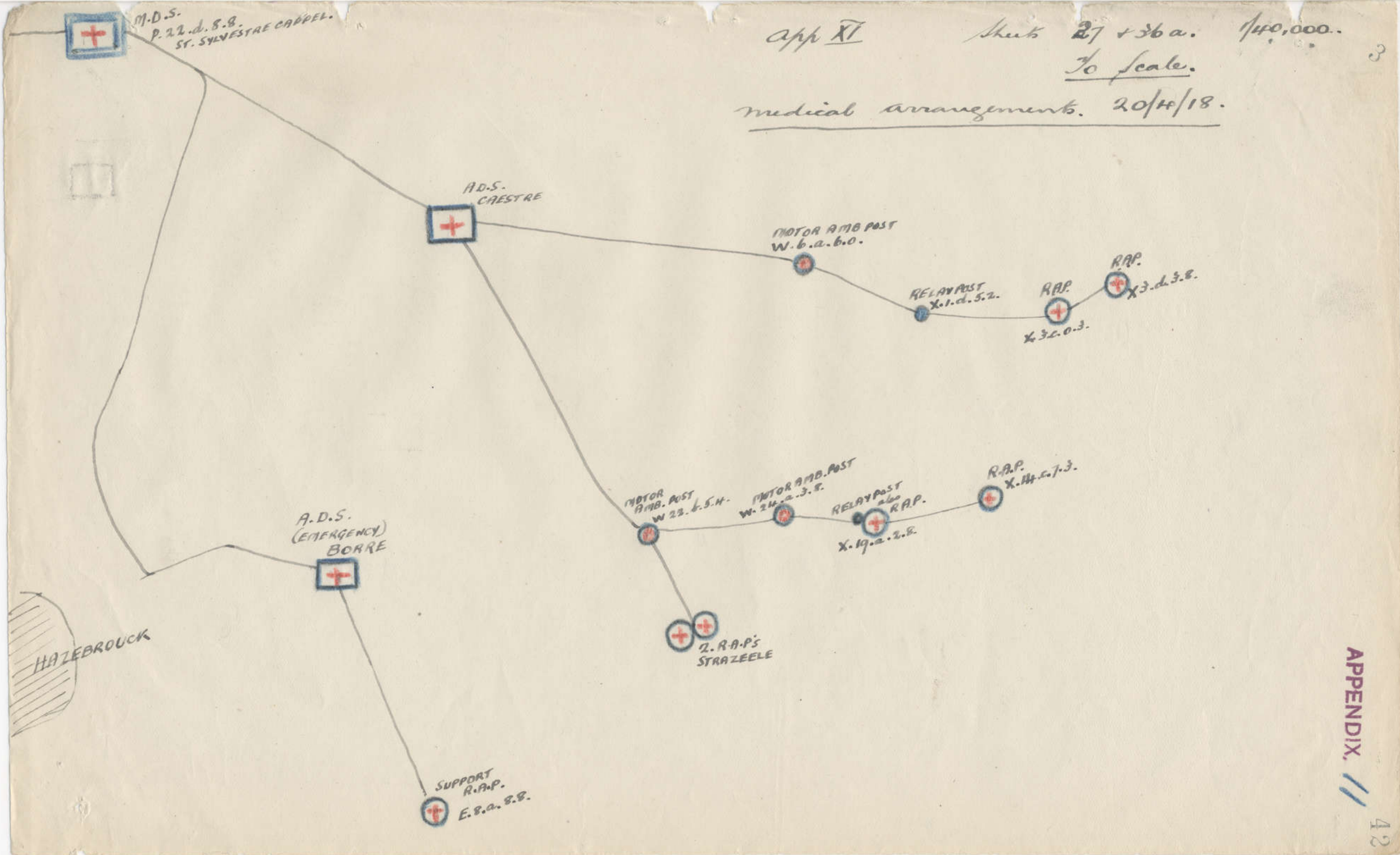
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medical arrangements. 20/4/18.



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MONTHLY SANITARY REPORT

by

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

For Month ending 27th April, 1918.

A. D. M. S., 1st AUSTRALIAN DIV.
No. 536/1st
Date.....

PHYSIQUE. Remains good.

BILLETS & CAMPS. During the month the Division has been constantly moving. Up to the 4th of the month it remained in the line in the VOORMEZEELE Sector, and the conditions were as reported last month. From here three days were spent in staging back to the entraining points, during which period units were billeted in villages, farms, and hutted camps. From these areas the units moved to the SOMME Area by train and were again billeted in villages. Here they were somewhat crowded, but on the whole fairly comfortably billeted. A period of five or six days only was spent in this area, during which time units were constantly moving. Then the Division again entrained for the North and moved straight into the line in the STRAZEELE Area. Here the men in the front posts have been living in trenches without any cover, while those farther back have been comfortably housed in deserted farms and villages. Several changes in area have been made, but the conditions have been the same in each case.

CLOTHING. As reported last month.

FOOD & COOKING. Food has been good and cooking continues to keep a fairly high standard.

WATER SUPPLY. In VOORMEZEELE Area as before reported. In SOMME Area from wells at various billets - mostly being shallow wells. In STRAZEELE Area water comes from shallow wells at the various farms. These are not very good and a certain number are unfit for consumption. The No. 2 Australian Sanitary Section are having all these tested and labelled. This water supply will become less and probably insufficient as the summer goes on, and will become less fit for consumption. Units are arranging their own chlorination.

CONSERVANCY. VOORMEZEELE Area as before reported. In SOMME Area no latrine accommodation was found, and material almost impossible to obtain. The Division did not remain long enough in the District to do anything in building permanent latrines. In this area there was no provision of latrines or incinerators. The Sanitary Section are constructing fly-proof seats for deep pits, and units are getting these erected as soon as ready. While waiting these, short straddle pits are being used. Rubbish is being buried in the absence of incinerators. Horse manure is being packed or buried, and in a few cases burnt.

Owing to the sudden departure of civilians and the unsettled state for a few days, a considerable amount of rubbish is lying about farms and villages. This is gradually being cleared away by troops in occupation. A considerable number of cattle and other animals have been killed in the forward area, and these carcasses are slowly being buried.

On the whole the sanitation of the area is fairly good.

BATHS. Since moving from VOORMEZEELE Area baths have not been obtainable. The Division now have a portable baths working at W.7.a.3.9 in which 50 men per hour can be bathed, and clean clothes are being issued here.



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LAUNDREY. Clean underclothing has been very difficult to obtain since the Division moved South. A supply has since been obtained in this Area, and now all units have had one change this month and the majority have had more.

GENERAL HEALTH. Fairly good. A certain number of infectious diseases have occurred during the month, namely, -

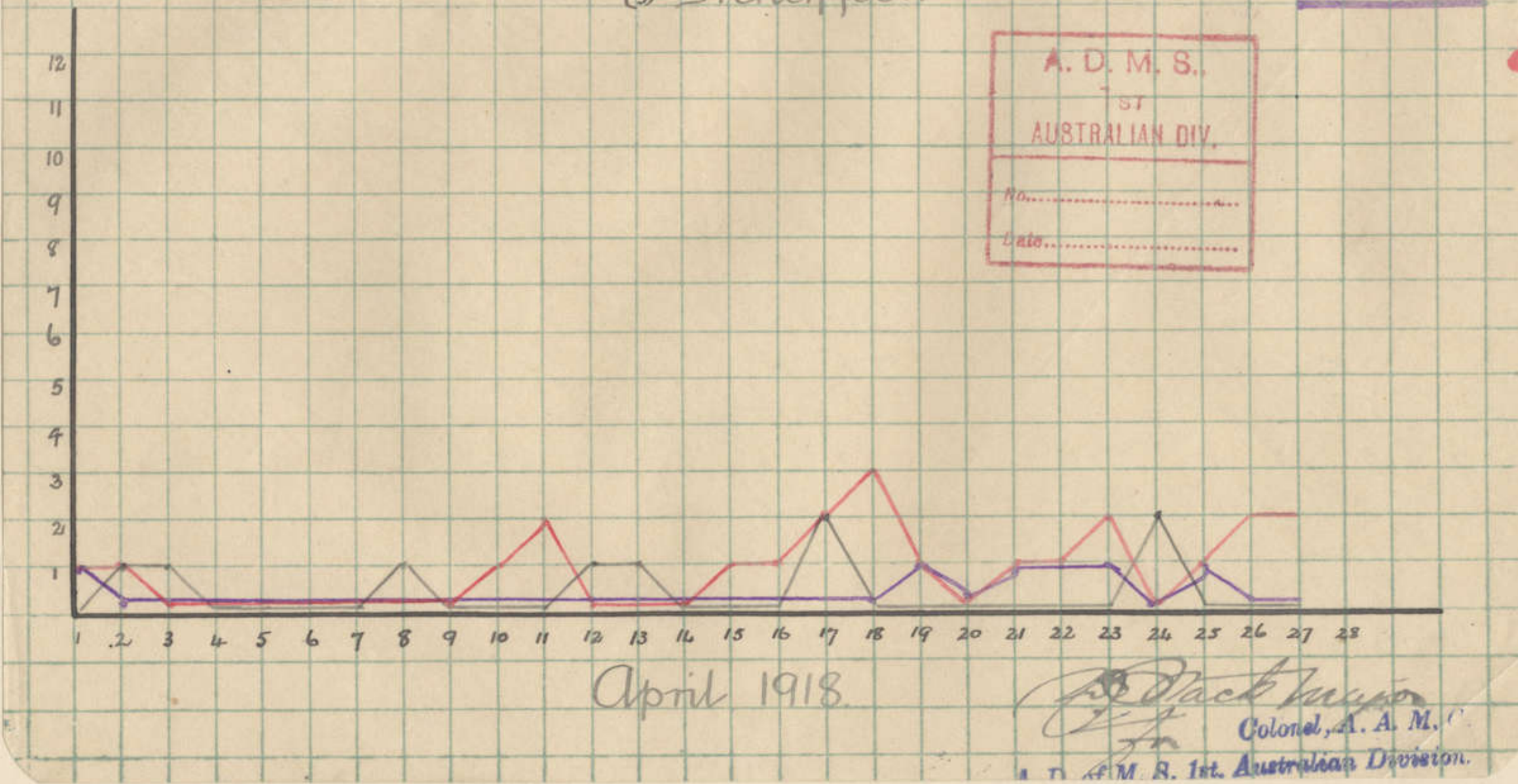
Measles,	5	
Dysentery,	2	
Mumps,	2	
Small Pox	1,	later notified chicken-pox.

D.H.Q.,  
27/4/18.

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

# GRAPH Showing Admissions to Field Ambulances

- (1) Infectious Diseases General
- (2) Diarrhoeal
- (3) Trench-foot



A. D. M. S.,  
 1st  
 AUSTRALIAN DIV.  
 No. ....  
 Date ....

April 1918.

*W. D. Mackenzie*  
 Colonel, A. A. M. C.  
 A. D. M. S. 1st Australian Division.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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REPORT BY D.A.D.M.S., 1ST AUST. DIVISION.- 15/4/18.  
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Visited ~~A~~<sup>B</sup>.D.S., BORRE, and posts to the south. The Station at BORRE is in a Brewery, with ample accommodation. Cars can be run right to the door of dressing and receiving room. There is also a large cellar which could be used as dressing room in case of shelling, and should be fairly safe.

2ND. BATTALION R.A.P. (Sheet 36a E.8.a.8.7)  
Battalion is in support, and R.A.P. is in farm house on road. Good accommodation, but only splinter-proof. Cars can be run right to door.

6TH BATTALION R.A.P. is in Farm and Battalion is in support. Good road to door. Wheeled stretchers are used to motor loading post.

Motor loading post is on West side of bridge over canal on LA MOTTE - HAZEBROUCK Road. Comfortable accommodation for personnel in lodge of chateau.

A.D.S. (Sheet 36a D.9.b.5.3) has ample accommodation in farm. Good approach for cars and good road to C.C.S.

*J. Mack*  
Major,  
D.A.D.M.S., 1st Aust. Division.

REPORT BY D.A.D.M.S., 1ST AUST. DIVISION - 16/4/18.  
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Visited R.A.Ps of right sector, 7th and 8th Battalions. Both are in farms and have good accommodation. Both are on good road, but owing to enemy observation wheeled stretchers are used to Horse Wagon loading post, about 1500 yards back.

*J. Mack*  
Major, D.A.D.M.S.,  
1st Australian Division.





FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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REPORT BY D.A.D.M.S., 1ST AUST. DIVISION - 23/4/18.  
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Visited 1st and 2nd Battalion R.M.O. at THIEUSHOUK. Battalion is in reserve. 1st Bn R.A.P. in small house Place not shelled, and evacuation by car direct.

2nd Bn. R.A.P. in farm at W.9.a.6.6; also cleared direct by car. Battalion also in reserve.

Inspected baths erected at LE PEUPLIER (W.7.a.4.9), capacity 50 men per hour. Showers are erected in a marquee with tarpaulin floor which is arranged so as to prevent wetting of ground in tent. Plentiful supply of clean water. Not sufficient accommodation to allow good arrangements for issuing clean clothing which is kept in the same marquee in which the men dress and bath.

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

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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REPORT BY D.A.D.M.S., 1ST AUST. DIVISION - 25/4/18.  
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Visited forward area.

Bearer Relay post (W.24.a.4.7). Reserve squads for right sector are held here. Men are in large farm which apparently is not shelled. Sufficient number of stretchers and blankets are held here to keep up forward supply.

5th Bn. R.A.P. in cellar of farm at X.19.a.4.9. This also acts as relay post to R.A.P. at X.14.c.7.2 (9th Bn.) Farm is in area which is liable to shelling, and movement during the day is avoided as much as possible.

9th Bn R.A.P. (X.14.c.7.2) in cellar of small farm. This is under direct observation of the enemy, and comes under machine gun and rifle fire. No movement is allowed in daylight. This appears to me to be situated rather too far forward for an area which comes under direct enemy observation.

12th Bn R.A.P. (X.1.d.5.1) in large farm in support area. Also acts as relay for R.A.P. of Bn. in line.

Also visited Ambulance Posts at (W.6.b.9.1), a relay post in small house, and W.6.a.5.6 in a Brewery with good accommodation for storing 30 stretcher cases. Ambulance cars take cases from here direct to A.D.S., via FLETRE.

Owing to heavy gas shelling and two direct hits on the building, this loading post has been abandoned for the present on recommendation of the Gas Officer. Also owing to FLETRE being put out of bounds the car route is now northwards to R.25.b.2.3, and thence to CAESTRE.



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

1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Batt<sup>n</sup> A.I.F. *Wardians (Copy)*  
 1/4/18 Monday  
 Evacuated Lieut. Dobbie 98W, L. thigh. (Slight cut machine gun)  
 Wae<sup>d</sup> 1 Scabies (contracted in England prob. at O.T.B.)  
 1 ? Pul. T.B.  
 1 Gassed (Mustard)

2/4/18  
 Evacuated 1 Rheumatism  
 1 P.U.O. ? \$ + gon.  
 1 V.D.

3/4/18 Evacuated 3 P.U.O.  
 1 I.C.T. Axilla.

Weekly return	Men Reporting sick	121
	Causes of Diarrhoea	3
	Pulmonary	1
	Rheumatism	2
	Trench Feet	nil
	Scabies	2
	P.U.O.	11
	Venereal	2

Men Evacuated. 15

Effective Strength 1247

All men had baths during week except those on detached parties; men get change of clothing at bath.

4/4/18  
 Battalion marched 4-5 miles to Reminghelst 2-3 men fell out but continued at their own pace.  
 Sick parade 4 P.M. Nothing serious. Men billeted.  
 5/4/18 Battalion marched from Reminghelst to Strazels about 12 miles. Billeted for night at Rong's Brook.  
 Sick parades held before starting. Machine food.  
 1 Case of measles evacuated before leaving Reminghelst

3/4/18  
 Sick parade 9 am. 2  
 Battalion submitted Strazels, started at 1.15 P.M. arrived at Langerst on Somme about midnight & then marched to Vaux about 10 miles.  
 Men very tired but very few stragglers.  
 7/4/18 Sick parade held in M.O. Army school & Dispection Room held for occasion at 2 P.M.  
 Many cases of sore & blistered feet  
 + 2 cases (Dysentery & Diarrhoea + I.C.T. park) evacuated  
 Men in billets, large huts with about a company in each.

8/4/18. Men able to get a bath.  
 1 case of V.D. & 1 of Scabies returned from 3<sup>rd</sup> Amb.  
 1 M.G. Officer evacuated & I.C.T. foot  
 X 1 of Erythrasma & 1 bad case of Ringworms.

9/4/18. Erythrasma  
 Sick parade not so large, men's feet much better

10/4/18 Weekly Returns to A.I.M.S.

No. of	Men Reporting sick	114
" "	Diarrhoea Causes	nil
" "	Pulmonary	nil
" "	Rheumatic	1
" "	Trench Feet	nil
" "	Scabies	3
" "	P.U.O.	4
" "	Venereal	1
" "	Men evacuated.	8

Effective Strength 1210

11/4/18 Still at Vaux. Men well

12/4/18 Battalion marched from Vaux to Amiens +  
entrained moving out at 7 p.m. <sup>3</sup>

13/4/18 Arrived Hondelghem at 8 a.m. marched to the  
Aisne + camped there men all in huts very comfort-  
able for day, moved up at 6 p.m. to billets in deserted houses  
+ buildings in part of Hazebrouck.

3 killed + 7 wounded, by shell fire on the march.

14/4/18 Sick parade held at Batt<sup>n</sup> Agis. in a house.  
In touch w<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> F. Amb. in stores + car daily at 10 a.m. for evac-  
uations.

16/4/18 Road + billets shelled but no casualties

17/4/18 Weekly Returns to A.D.M.S.

No. men Reporting Sick 60

No. of Diarrhoea Cases 3

" " Pulmonary " nil.

" " Rheumatic " nil.

" " Trench Feet " nil.

" " Scabies " 2

" " P.U.O. " 2

" " Venereal " 1

" " Men Evacuated 3

Effective Strength 1183

19/4/18. Battalion moved to new area.

Agis. on Hazebrouck - St Sylvester Capelle Rd. Companies  
scattered + billeted in Farm Houses + Barns towards Caestre  
B. Coy. in Chateau at Caestre Station.

20/4/18. Caestre Railway crossing shelled + B Coy billeted but  
Capt. Murphy (shell w<sup>th</sup> belt) + Lieut Sheppard (S.W.s. of

Pt. holder. Thigh + h. knee) evacuated thro' 1<sup>st</sup> 7.A. <sup>4</sup>  
A.F.S. at Caestre also a B Coy stretcher bearer.

21/4/18 Sick parade held at Agis. at 11 a.m. for Agis details  
+ C Coy., A.D.M.C. Coy. established in Farm House near  
Caestre + sick parade held at 2 p.m. for A, B, + D. Coys.

22/4/18 Men suffering from Diarrhoea especially C Coy.  
may be due to fact that they have been procuring wine etc.  
from Caestre as there have been numerous drunkenness charges

24/4/18 Weekly Returns to A.D.M.S.

No. of Men Reporting Sick 106

No. of Diarrhoea Cases 12

" " Pulmonary " nil.

" " Rheumatic " nil.

" " Trench Feet " nil.

" " Scabies " 1

" " P.U.O. " 3

" " Venereal " 1

" " Men Evacuated 1

Effective strength, 1211

26/4/18 Have medical stores divided into 3 lots with 3  
established places for sick parades

1 at Agis for C Coy transport + Agis details A.D.M.C. Coy.

1 at Caestre for B Coy. 2 A.D.M.C. details

1 at St Jean sur (Bloy) for A + B Coys + A.D.M.C. details

Ride up each afternoon to do sick parades attached to  
the forward Companies.

27/4/18 About 8-12 B Coy. men slightly gassed on  
work at night + evacuated, others recovering

28/4/18 All gassed men much better



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1/5/18 - Weekly returns to HQ No. 8.

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No. of men Reporting sick	112
" " Diarrhoea Cases	7
" " Pulmonary "	Nil
" " Rheumatid "	Nil
" " Trench foot "	Nil
" " Scabies "	3
" " P.V.O. "	4
" " Venereal	2
" " Men vaccinated	8

Effective strength 1321

Battalion paths established & all men got change of clothes.

W. G. Sutton Capt.

Para

1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Bn.

7th. Bn. Inf. A. I. F.

Medical Diary for April 1918

1st. - 4th. Battalion holding line in front of Wytrhaete. Weather good. Little sickness. No casualties except 2 men gassed.

After being relieved battalion proceeded to loadfield hats Lore for night. Part of distance carried on light railway.

5th. 6th. Next day taken by bus to Stazeele. Entrained for Somme arriving same evening. After detraining 8 miles march to billets, the latter half in the rain. This unit was last battalion to arrive at detraining point & had furthest distance to march. Billeted in Pernois.

Men very tired but marched very well.

7th. - 9th. Billets fairly good in Pernois. Men had a needed rest & on 9th. marched to Cardonette, a distance of 15 miles but packs were carried by loaves.

No case of falling

One sub man fell out. Men marched very well. There were a few slight

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cases of sore feet after the march. Billets fairly good.

10th. Marched to Bussy a distance of about 5 miles. Here billets were very good & battalion had a good rest.

11th. Marched to Amiens & entrained for north again. Packs carried to station by transport. It was very noticeable on this march how fit the men were looking. Advanced party & transport were shelled at station & a number of casualties suffered, two men being killed outright. Wounded were rapidly got away to C.C.S. nearby by means of motor ambulances.

12th. Detrained at Hazelbroek & after couple of hours during which men had a hot meal & a wash unit moved forward to close supports on a wide front. Men were rather tired after tedious train journey. While battalion held front from approx.



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Merris to Merville Hazebrook Road it was useless trying to establish central R.A.P. as in practically all cases R.A.P. of units in line or ambulance collecting posts of these units would be nearer.

As it was expected that left half of front would be taken over during night by another battalion a temporary post was established in cottage on at Eastern end of La Motte.

This was demolished by a large shell at 6 a.m. next day but fortunately M.O. & details had risen at stand-off & all happened to be outside the house.

R.A.P. was shortly afterwards moved to a house about 150 yards eastward. This latter had a moderately strong cellar.

A few, chiefly minor, casualties were seen on 12<sup>th</sup>.

13<sup>th</sup>. Several casualties passed through R.A.P. during morning. Neighbourhood of R.A.P. shelled rather heavily, 2 hits on the house occurred & one patient received a second slight wound at R.A.P.

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17<sup>th</sup>. Battalion takes over front line on evening of 13<sup>th</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup>. Front line through village Candescure & in front of Forest to approximately La Motte vieux Berquin Road. R.A.P. temporarily at Saw Mills on above road. Casualties during night very few.

15<sup>th</sup>. R.A.P. moved about 1 kilo. along road towards Ves. Berquin. An estaminet was used for the purpose & was chosen because it was the most central place where any shelter existed & because it was inconspicuous & had no shell holes very near to it.

The distance from posts was rather great but on account of necessity for using certain tracks through woods & the absence of any structure in the woods this was unavoidable.

16<sup>th</sup>

19<sup>th</sup>

Heavy shelling of forward posts & a fair number of casualties inflicted. On account of distance to R.A.P. this entailed heavy work on regimental bearers & emphasised the necessity of more than 4 per. company during active operations.

16<sup>th</sup> 1917.

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The men were heavily taxed by frequent shell fire while having practically no cover & were in need of a spell when relieved on evening of 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>.

20<sup>th</sup>  
-22<sup>nd</sup>.

Battalion in Railway Huts Le Poupier. Poor place for a spell, as each night large shells fell in vicinity. Camp was very untidy when taken over with much garbage strewn about.

As it was not advisable to use incinerator this could not be entirely remedied in the time.

Difficulty was also experienced from numerous outsiders in addition to the battalion using the only available latrines.

A noticeable increase of incidence of scabies since the order that ordinary cases were not to be evacuated caused me to report same to A.P.M.S. Other sickness was slight & for period in the line evacuations were at a minimum & also the number reporting sick.

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22<sup>nd</sup> On evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> battalion moved into support positions in vicinity of Pradelles & to the left of Strageele. Unit remained in this area for a week during which they came under scattered shelling resulting in a few casualties including 3 killed.

29<sup>th</sup> Such parades & evacuations moderate & men on whole looking well. A moderate amount of work had to be done.

On evening of 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion take over front line before Merris.

30<sup>th</sup> Quiet day in line. Men had hot meal sent up during evening.

to Barlow Camp.  
R HQ 7<sup>th</sup> Div.

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To A.D.M.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division  
 From R.M.O. 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion  
 Monthly Report for April/18

In billets at Tournai Camp on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 until the 6<sup>th</sup> and during this period 11 cases  
 were evacuated with Siphonads

6<sup>th</sup> entrained at Godersveldt arriving at Amiens  
 on the 7<sup>th</sup> and marched to billets in Rainville  
 staying here 2 days, evacuating 1 man (P.U.O)

Left Rainville on the 9<sup>th</sup> for Beau Court leaving  
 there on the 11<sup>th</sup> evacuating 2 men; marched  
 to Amiens where the Depot entrained for

Hagebouck; on the 12<sup>th</sup> disentrained and  
 marched to Stenette 13<sup>th</sup> and the Battalion  
 was relieved on the 23<sup>rd</sup> during this period

approximately there were killed 53 men 180  
 missing to sickness 3. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> units  
 marched to billets at South Boore and stayed  
 5 days, evacuating 8 men

28<sup>th</sup> marched into supports near Metzen  
 During this period the general health of the  
 troops was good. There was 1 case of trench  
 fever - the majority of cases being Gonorrhoea  
 and Scabies

R. J. Hayes Capt  
 per R. J. Sunderland Sgt



Date.	Place and Time.	War Diary	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2/5/18		<p>During the past month the health of the unit has been excellent. There were no casualties.</p> <p>On the 7/5/18 the unit entrained at Hopouthe for Amiens area.</p> <p>On 12/5/18 unit entrained at Amiens for Hondeghen. Have been in the vicinity of Hondeghen since.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. J. Pattinson Capt. R.M.D. 1st Dist. D.A.C</p>	



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED OF THIS DIVISION ON EACH DAY OF MONTH OF APRIL, 1918

Day of Month	Officers	Other Ranks
1	1	8
2	1	20
3	2	8
4	-	-
5	-	-
6	-	-
7	-	-
8	-	2
9	-	-
10	-	1
11	-	-
12	-	-
13	-	-
14	4	34
15	7	164
16	4	42
17	2	66
18	10	269
19	3	31
20	-	13
21	3	33
22	-	44
23	2	41
24	5	146
25	2	89
26	1	47
27	2	41
28	3	19
29	5	42
30	3	53
TOTALS	60	1213

*R. B. H. Stable*  
 Colonel A.D.M.S.  
 1st. Australian Division.

## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BORRE	2/4/18		<p><u>Notes</u>            As I have only been with the unit for a few days, the following information has been acquired from enquiries made.  <del>Capt</del> On the 8<sup>th</sup> April the Division moved down to the Somme area, and returned to Hazebrouck area on 14/4/18. Capt Barton evacuated sick 21/4/18.            Major Stewart C.A. reported for duty as temporary R.M.O. 21/4/18.            Batteries in the line in positions varying from 2000 to 3000 yds from Bde H.Q. (Borre).            On 28/4/18 the 1<sup>st</sup> Battery was subjected to a sudden heavy bombardment. There were ten casualties. Major Stewart C.A. &amp; one other officer being killed, another officer died of wounds. On the same date 28/4/18. Capt Bodycomb Dlt. reported for duty as temporary R.M.O.            As the Brigade was in transit for several days no arrangements could be made for further disinfection of blankets etc.  <u>Veneral Cases</u> Several men avoided themselves of E.T. &amp; only two (2) V.D. cases were evacuated during the month.  <u>The General Health</u> of the troops during the month has been good. The troops are well housed &amp; in good billets. Diet has been exceptionally liberal and some of the men are beginning to show signs of a too liberal diet.</p>	

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David H Bodycomb capt  
 R.M.O. 1<sup>st</sup> A7A Brigade

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Ridgewood Camp	1/4/18			
	5/4/18		Entrained for Somme district arrived Amiens.	
	6/4/18		Detrained at Siding marched to Allonville & Moullem-du-Bois	
	12/4/18		marched to Amiens Entrained to Hondinghem	
	13/4/18		Battalion in Reserves at Pradelles. Companies on fatigues.	
	15/4/18		Enemy shelling village Capt Symonds wounded while attending	
			wounded in the open	
	16/4/18		Battalion moves up to take over front line. severe shelling en route	
			4th Bn take 500 yds to straiten line	
	15/4/18		Enemy shelling roads in rear area shell comes through R.A.P.	
			wounding 1 man R.A.P. moved to Farm house 200 yds along	
			cellar sand bagged by Engineers Cellar made fairly secure	
			Bn relieved & in support at Thieshouk, near Flete.	
			Enemy shells Flete & around Thieshouk evidently after the	
			Gun Positions Medical Officer Capt holds usual	
			sick Parade & visit the surrounding billets as the Battalion	

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			are collected over a wide area.	
Thies bank	25/4/18		Angas Day Battalion hold sports & Concert Bge Gen Leslie visits Bn	
Thies bank	26/4/18		R.M.O Capt visit Flete to inspect Imperial Artillery as there has been numerous Gas cases coming through the R.A.P. Heavy enemy shelling at the time 3 very bad cases evacuated Flete full of Gas	
"	29/4/18		Bn moved up to line no casualties whilst changing over	
	29.4.18		arrive at farm and establish R.A.P in Farm house Practically no shelter for wounded so leave farm & move about 200 yds.	
	29.4.18		to another Farm House R.A.P established in Cellar & Cellar sand bapped by R.M.O & staff. sides built up with hop poles & brush work	
	30/4/18		Several Casualties from Company in support. Taking it all round the weather condition were good where the carrying was of a great distance for Bn stretcher Bearers a relay was placed in between The Ambulance Bearers had wheels a fair road Hot coffee Biscuits & Cigarettes were available for wounded at all times Comfort drawn from Field Ambulance	

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			<p>R.M.O. 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.</p>	
			<p>Hugh Kirkland Capt.</p>	
	<p>30.4.18.</p>			

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near Spoil Bank	1. 4. 18.		Bde. in line. H.Q. out of line. R.M.O. at 6 <sup>th</sup> Batt.	
Kemmel.	6. 4. 18.		Bde relieved. In huts at Dettingen camp.	
St. Ouen.	8. 4. 18.		Entrained at Godewaersvelde. Detained at St. Roch, Amiens. Marched to St. Ouen.	
	9. 4. 18.		Village very dirty, filled with prostitutes, refugees from Amiens. Prophylactic Depot established. Pot. Permang. Argpyrol 10% and liny. Hydiary. Subchlor. used. This was well patronised by men. No sickness.	
	12. 4. 18.		Bde. moved to Bois de Mai, near Allonville this morning. Medical Orderly 102 <sup>nd</sup> Batt. reported sick before moving out. Measles. As he was too sick to travel (103 <sup>rd</sup> ), this man was left behind in billet in charge of Town Major and O.C. 52 <sup>nd</sup> (?) Sanitary Section. He was evacuated to Hospital some hours afterwards.	
	13. 4. 18.		Entrained at St. Roch.	
	14. 4. 18.		Detained at Cassel, moved to Le Tir Anglais, into action.	
Le Tir Anglais (Hazelbrouck)	17. 4. 18.		One 4.2 shell landed on some English troops at H.Q., killing seven men, wounding eleven.	
	21. 4. 18.		Another case, diagnosed German measles, probably measles evacuated today, by RAMC from 102 <sup>nd</sup> Batt. Waggon Lines. Contacts in working isolation.	

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Caestre	22.4.18. 25.4.18 29.4.18 30.4.18		<p>Bde moved up towards Caestre today.</p> <p>Attended confinement this morning.</p> <p>H.Q. of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde heavily shelled this morning, beginning at 5.30 AM.</p> <p>Three direct hits on billet (5.9), killing 2 men, wounding 3 officers and <del>2</del> 9 other ranks. One officer and four other ranks died shortly after evacuation.</p> <p>Throughout the month, general health of men has been good. A number of cases of boils and abscesses have been noted. <del>But</del> few cases of V.D., two cases of measles. Isolation of contacts has been practically impossible owing to movement of Bde.</p> <p>At present position, Battery positions have not received much shelling, but Waggon lines have had a considerable number of casualties.</p>	

Hugh S. Kirkland  
Capt.  
R.M.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. 7 A. Bde.

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6th Aust Inf Battalion	1-4-18		During this period the 6th Aust Inf Bn was in the line in the Wytschack area. The R.A.P. was situated at O. St. central. The conditions were very quiet, only 2 men being wounded. On the night of the 4-5th the unit was relieved by the 1st Lincolns. and moved to Mammoth Camp Mansate.	
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	4-4-18			
	5-4-18		The battalion marched to Loos where they embarked & were taken to Strazelle and from there marched to Pradelle where they were billeted for the night.	
	6-4-18		At 2am in the morning of the 6th the battalion moved from Pradelle to Strazelle Station, entraining about 4:30 am & moving to Hangeat-sur-Somme, detraining about 5 pm. From here they marched to Bestaumont-les-Bains, reaching billets about 9 pm.	
	7-4-18		During this period the battalion was resting at Bestaumont-les-Bains. Advantage was taken of the rest to give the men a bath & change of underclothing on the morning of the 9th the battalion moved from Bestaumont & reached Baisy about 3 pm.	
	9-4-18		At 1 pm the battalion moved from Baisy & marched to La Haussaye, reaching there at 5 pm. At 8 pm orders were received to move again & at 8:30 pm the unit left La Haussaye & marched	
	10-4-18			

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6th Aust. Inf. Battalion.	11-4-18		Querrie and reached their new billets about 10pm. Battalion was at Querrie.	
	12-4-18		At 2am on 12th Bn left Querrie and marched to Amiens reaching the St Roid station at 4:30am. Owing to enemy shellfire the entraining was delayed till 10am. Four men of a loading party were wounded by the shellfire. Leaving Amiens about 10am the Bn reached Randephen St. at 7pm where they detrained & marched to D.G.C. (sheet 36a). Reaching their destination about 11pm.	
	13-4-18		The men were given a hot meal at 2:45am & moved off to take up a line through the Forêt de la Nèppe. The R.A.P. was first situated in a school room at D 30 d. 2. 2. In the evening I moved back to Bn HQ at D 24 a 6. because at the school only one platoon was in front of the R.A.P.	
	14-4-18 15 19-4-18		For 14th the R.A.P. moved to D 18 c. 7. 7. & remained there till 19. 4. 18 during this period the casualties were 3 officers killed 4 wounded 12 sick and about 35 OR killed & wounded. On the night of the 19-20th the battalion was relieved by the 10th E Yorks and moved to the windmill area W.G.a. 6. 7 (sheet 27).	
	20-4-18 15 22-4-18		Battalion was in windmill area. Clean underclothing was issued on 20-4-18. In this area 5 OR were killed & 2 wounded by shell fire. At 9pm on 22nd Bn moved from the area took over the line in front of Strazell from the 2nd Aust Inf Batt.	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">6<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Battalion</p>	23-6-18		<p>The R.A.P. was situated in a cellar in Strazels and 1 squad of <del>platoon</del> <sup>platoon</sup> <del>had</del> <sup>was</sup> <del>located</del> <sup>located</sup> at the R.A.P. Map location of R.A.P. 229 a 4.6 (sheet 27)</p>	
	29-6-18		<p>during this period the B<sup>n</sup> was on the front line and the total casualties were 1 off &amp; 32 O.R. On the night of the 29-30<sup>th</sup> the B<sup>n</sup> was relieved by the 8<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf B<sup>n</sup> and moved to billets around W 26 b 9.1 as counter attack battalion.</p>	
	30-6-18		<p>Battalion around W 26 b 9.1.                      During this month the men have had a considerable amount of travelling &amp; much hard work but are nevertheless in excellent health &amp; spirits.                      The food during the month has been very good indeed the daily number of sick has varied from 1 or 2 to 20 and the general health of the battalion is very good.                      Clean clothes have been issued since arriving in this area but it has been impossible to have the blankets disinfectated since 20-3-18.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A. Backmannbapt                      a. a. m. e.                      R.M.O. 6<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. B<sup>n</sup></p>	

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8. 4. 18.			<p>On 2. 4. 18 the Battalion moved from Ridge Wood Camp (Sheet 28 N 5 a. 9. 3.) by light R'way to Remynghelst + marched to Hoagstraff. The Companies were billeted in tentment Camps in the vicinity. The Camps were in good order and sanitation good. Water-duties details were allotted to Companies, 1 for 2 Companies and 1 for Bn. Hq. These were attended to chlorination of water which was drawn from wells at farmhouses, for 2 corps the water being chlorinated in petrol tins and decans, and the other 2 corps in water carts. Foot inspections were held by Coy. officers and men with Corns abrasions etc were provided to R.A.P. for treatment. Whole unit bathed at Poperinghe. <u>Health</u> On the whole the health of the Battalion has been good. Colds still are numerous and boils, impetigo and an odd case of diarrhoea have occurred.</p>	
			<p>On 5. 4. 18 The Battalion marched to and entrained at Godersveld. The wagons were in most cases in a dirty condition, having previously been used for horses. Here in some cases they were able to be swept and dry straw put down on the floor but the smell in most cases was most disagreeable and</p>	

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			<p>men were unable to procure any comfortable rest. Betwixt Amiens about 11.30 am 6.4.18. Coffee obtained at Rivoy Station. Bn. then marched to Cordonnette about 6 Kilos distant. The march was severe as the day was hot and the men had not had a decent meal that morning, and several men fell out owing to fatigue. The village of Cordonnette was in a filthy condition and accommodation at best very scanty as another Unit had not vacated it as had been expected. The billets consisted of broken down houses, barns etc. which were immediately cleaned up before the men were allowed to use them. Yesterday (7th inst.) the whole village was cleaned up thoroughly, the streets scraped and rubbish carted away and billets and surroundings made quite sanitary. Foot inspection held and all men's feet washed, and rubbed with French-foot powder. Water collected from wells and chlorinated in water-casks. All water bottles cleaned and refilled with fresh chlorinated water.</p>	
Stroyelle	15.4.18		<p>On 9.4.18. Bn. marched to Lechenoult, o (about 5 Kilos). The roads were very wet and muddy. Accommodation good. On 10.4.18 Bn. moved to Buisson.</p>	

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			<p>Arrived in billets about 4 pm. Bn. moved out again 10 pm &amp; marched to Montigny. Arrived about midnight. The men marched very well and all arrived at their billets, though fatigued, in good condition.</p> <p>The Bn. moved on 11.4.18 to Amiens and billeted in Hospital (St. Velor) arriving there about 5 pm. During the evening the billets were bombed by hostile aircraft and some casualties occurred. <del>There were</del> evacuated by the 13<sup>th</sup> Aust. I. Amb. who sent cots from a neighbouring village. At midnight the Bn. moved towards Ruy Stotim, Amiens and entrained about 4 am. During the marches the men's health remained good, and little trouble occurred on the route. Feet, boils etc. were treated at each village <sup>in which</sup> the Bn. <del>remains</del> is <del>dested</del> dested.</p> <p>On 12.4.18 the Bn. detrained at Hondinghem <del>at</del> about 7 pm marched a short distance and ambushed for Strozelle, arriving there about 11 pm. The Companies moved forward east of Strozelle and dug in. The R.A.P. was established in a cellar at W 29. a. b. b. near Bn. Hq., this cellar had previously been used as a dressing station.</p>	

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			<p>and large quantities of gauze, bandages etc were found and made use of during the night 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Some casualties occurred in our Bn. and a large number of English troops passed thro'. Our own Ambulance not having yet been established, the 93<sup>rd</sup> English Field Amb. cleared all the wounded. On 14<sup>th</sup> a large number of English casualties came into my R.A.P., about 150 in all. Great trouble was experienced in getting these casualties away as the 93<sup>rd</sup> F. Amb. were unwilling to send cars into the town and no Ambulance bearers were sent to R.A.P. in spite of notification from HQ that casualties were accumulating. This could have been overcome by making Regimental stretcher bearers carry another 1000 yards to the ambulance, but as they had already had a long carry to the R.A.P. it was thought advisable not to make them <del>carry</del> <sup>carry</sup> further. However the cars were eventually sent forward &amp; all casualties were evacuated. On the 13<sup>th</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> Aust. F. Amb. got in touch, a squad was sent to us and from then on, no hitch occurred in the evacuation. The <sup>4<sup>th</sup> Bn</sup> <del>was</del> <sup>det</sup> <del>was</del> in conjunction with me in the same cellar &amp; we worked in shifts except in any rushes that occur.</p>	

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Railway Camp, Bourc	25. 4. 18		<p>On the evening of 17.4.18 we were relieved by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. and moved to billets near Lec Bois (E 2. C. 5. 1.). During our tour in the line, great credit is due to medical orderlies and A.M.C. details <del>both</del> of both the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalions, who worked willingly and well, although they went for a period of 3 days without sleep, and only had in all about 8 hours sleep all the time. The Regimental Stretcher Bearers also did very good work over a very long <sup>at times</sup> carry under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Wounds in all cases were well dressed and tourniquets in all cases well applied when the cases reached the R.A.P. The Padre, Major <del>Wilson</del> B. C. Wilson worked unceasingly in providing soup and hot drinks for patients and stretcher-bearers and details and at times greatly assisted in the R.A.P. Casualties. The great majority of the wounds were caused by machine gun bullets, <del>and</del> and those caused by shell fire were in many cases <sup>very</sup> extensive. Thomas' Splints were applied in about 12 cases; Shock treated by warming, with hot drinks, and by</p>	

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			<p>placing a Kettle <del>or</del> dish of water on a potinus under the elevated stretcher with a planket hanging down each side. One found that this method warmed the patient very <del>soo</del> quickly.</p> <p>In the Lec Bois area 3 Companies occupied trenches and the other was billeted in <del>houses</del> buildings. The trenches were dry and in good condition. Health generally was good, altho' there was a fairly large percentage of boils and some cases of impetigo.</p> <p>On the night 21.4.18 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. we were relieved by Base Durham Light Infantry and moved to E 1 b. 6. 7. near Bossé for one day. On night 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> relieved by 8<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF &amp; moved to R'way Camp. Base W 13 a. 3. 7. The Camp is in good order but water supply bad. At first water was drawn from a well in the vicinity and chlorinated in dishes, but afterwards drawn from R'way tanks. Water much clearer - chlorinated in dishes.</p> <p>Health. Boils increasing in number - abdominal Colic and diarrhoea increased to a large extent. It is thought this is probably due to the sediment in the water. Men have been bathed &amp; clothes changed. Fat inspections &amp; rubbings held.</p>	

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Remington Area	April	1	The Battalion moved from Seddon Camp to Blewenshire Camp by light railway. The latter camp is a hatted camp which was left in a very dirty condition by the outgoing troops. and a considerable amount of work was done in cleaning it up.	
		5	Battn. moved to GODEWARTSWELDE and spent the night in billets. March was without incident.	
		6	Entrained. Detrained at ST. ROCH Station AMIENS about 9 p.m. Marched out in heavy rain to CARDONNETTE and ALTONVILLE. Bn. H.Q. C & D Coy are at Cardonnette A & B at ALTONVILLE. The men are billeted in barns. The villages are of the usual dirty type found in the Somme.	
		9	Marched to Raineville	
		10	Marched to FRECHENCOURT. where news arrived of the push in the north.	
		11	Marched back to AMIENS. The Battn. billeted in a large empty civil hospital on the Albert Road. The enemy planes dropped 3 bombs on the hospital buildings but fortunately most of the men were in the yard at the time and only 3 minor casualties resulted. The enemy were shelling the town and St. Roch Station with H.V. shells and a few casualties were sustained - one officer killed.	
		12	Entrained without incident about 3 p.m. for the north.	
		13	Reached HONDEGHEN about 5.30 a.m. where the Bn. detrained. After a hot meal the Bn. marched via BORRE to SEC BOIS where a support position to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn. was taken up. 2nd Coy. in the line and 2nd in support. Bn. H.Q. at a farm on the road from Bone to Sec Bois. The men occupy benches in a line of posts. Coy. H.Q. are in farms. The men have kitchen	

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	April 17		<p>Blankets not overcoats but can make to equip themselves with what the English troops had left behind. Rations were added to pump fords &amp; sucking pigs in the farms. The coppers were at Coy. HQs. The cows which were left in the farms were milked twice or 3 times per day.</p> <p>R.A.P. are in a small house next to B.M. HQ. Cover of about 1000 yards over good country.</p> <p>The place is well under observation as a fire castle kept burning all day and movement is not restricted so that although there is not much protection from shellfire the post is very comfortable. Stretcher cases are evacuated by ringing up Bde. at Bonn who send down an ambulance to the door from the M.D.S. at Bonn.</p> <p>Had a considerable amount of shelling today and sustained a few casualties mostly in the billets. Pte Williams stretcher bearer in A Coy sustained a light wound in the arm but as he had about 2000 frames on him he did not complain. Ptes. Gusham &amp; Rutledge S.Bs in the same Coy. were also wounded. Pte Hughes who was assisting stretcher bearers in D Coy. was killed.</p> <p>Relieved the 3rd Bn. in front of Stragule at night. 3 Coy. are in the line and me in support.</p> <p>B.M. HQ. and R.A.P. are in a large mill at the corner of Stragule Bonn &amp; Stragule Caestre Rd. The R.A.P. is a very large cellar with 3 stories above it but these have suffered with shellfire. Four squads of ambulance bearers as well as the personnel of 2nd &amp; 4th Bn are accommodated. There is room for a number of wounded in case a Barrage prevents the wounded from being moved to M.D.S. The R.A.P. is a considerable distance from the Right Coy. and as the enemy is sniping &amp; shelling the roads between the two the stretcher bearers carry straight back from this Coy. to the 3rd Bn. R.A.P. which we had previously occupied at Secboys. From the R.A.P. cases are evacuated by wheeled stretchers to relay post on Caestre Road.</p>	

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	April 21		<p>The men are in trenches in an out post line. The weather is very cold. Snow on day. The ground is damp. The Bn. was able to salvage sufficient blankets to supply the men.</p> <p>Food The meals are cooked at transport lines and sent up in Dixies twice nightly, and taken to posts. There is also some mortality amongst local fowls &amp; swine.</p> <p>Nothing of particular note about casualties which were not heavy.</p> <p>Strazule was shelled considerably and had a few casualties amongst H.Q. including my batman.</p> <p>Two cases of trench feet. The men were in listening posts 1/2 hour at a time. One of them had had the complaint twice before.</p> <p>R.A.P. caught on fire from sparks from the burning houses in the village and as there was so much inflammable material in the upper part of the building it was impossible to save it. Moved to another cellar in the town which was not really so convenient but it was about the only available place. Got away nearly all the medical equipment.</p> <p>Relieved by 6th Bn. Have been shelled intermittently practically the whole time in Strazule so that the appearance of the village has changed considerably since we entered. Bn. moved to near Croix Rouge. The old R.A.P. still burning as a pass.</p> <p>The Bn. is billeted in farmhouses and barns but as the enemy shells sporadically the men are not in a position to get much rest. When shelling commences the men leave the billets &amp; go into the trenches near the billets so as to get more cover.</p> <p>There had several casualties from this shelling.</p> <p>The men are notwithstanding the work they have had to do in very good spirits and as a whole in good health. A lot of them have boils which are possibly due to the high living.</p>	
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	April 28		<p>The Bn. was able to get a bath &amp; change of clothes at the baths near Bone. A few men in the Bn. are suffering from scabies.</p> <p>Ltd. Hills in charge of stretcher bearers was very badly shaken by a bomb dropping from an aeroplane within a few yards of him.</p> <p>Relieved 10th Bn. in front of METEREN. 3 Coys in line 1 in support.</p> <p>Bn. H.Q. is in farm house at X 2 d. 8.3 (Sheet 27)</p> <p>R.A.P. is at X 2 d 92. It is an old Estaminet with a small cellar. One door &amp; 2 windows in the bar on the side next the enemy have been filled with sandbags. The barroom makes a convenient room for working in. 2 smaller rooms of this for M.D. &amp; details. 2 squads of Ambulance bearers live in another 2 rooms.</p> <p>There is a relay post at X 3 d 37 where 4 men from the support Coy are living ready to bring by wheel stretcher cases carried from front line which on left Coy. front is a long way off. Right Coy. can carry direct to R.A.P. though the road is under observation by day. R.A.P. is under observation from right so fire is kept down in daytime.</p> <p>The men are in trenches in an outfoot system. They have blankets with them but no great coats. Leather is still cold.</p> <p>Food is cooked at rear H.Q. and brought forward twice nightly by limbers to rear Coy H.Q. where it is carried to posts under Coy. arrangements. Water is brought up with the rations.</p>	
	30		<p>Ships have been very quiet in the port as yet. Only sporadic shelling. One direct hit on R.A.P. but no very material damage done. Only one casualty as yet from the line.</p>	

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	2.4.18		<p>A party of 4 Officers + about 50 O.R. carried out a raid on WHIZZ farm, an enemy strong point consisting of a group of pillboxes, M.G. positions, etc, about 400 yards (East) from our front posts. Nine S. Bs. with four stretchers + also an Amie detail accompanied the raiding party as far as an old pillbox 100 yards out (300 yards from objective) where they remained until the S. Bs. were summoned forward after the raid by O.C. raid. The R.M.O. remained at R.A.P. Our casualties were 1 Officer missing + 5 O.R. wounded among the raiders + one other man wounded in the line by enemy barrage. Of the five raiders wounded, 3 were wounded by our barrage + 2 by enemy bullets. Four German prisoners were brought back belonging to the 76<sup>th</sup> R.I.R. + it was estimated that 45 were killed by the raiders.</p> <p>Zero hour was 1.30 a.m. on 2.4.18 about 40 minutes after moonrise. The raiders' respirators which were worn at the alert became in many cases full of water while crawling into position + impossible to breathe through.</p> <p>At zero hour artillery (18 pdrs only) opened on the objective and heavier as well on the posts to the right + rear. After one minute the artillery lifted to covering barrage. The average distance which the three attacking parties of the raiders had to go from their assembly positions to objective at zero hour was 170 yards, + it was considered that barrage lifting in one minute they would not run into it.</p> <p>The artillery fired until signal to cease was sent</p>	



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	2-4-18 continued		<p>up by O.C. said, and repeated from relay posts in rear. (Rifle grenades bursting into two reds and two whites). The signal for withdrawal was regimental call on bugle and in the event of signal miscarrying all were to withdraw after 15 minutes. Little resistance was encountered. Identification reached Battalion H.Q. 7 minutes after zero hour. Four prisoners were taken and it was estimated that 45 Germans were killed. The enemy damage was weak and did not begin until 10 minutes after zero hour.</p> <p>As soon as the bugle blew retire signal, the S.B.'s were brought up and carried out our fire wounded. A search was made for the missing officer (the battalion I.O. in command of right party) and for this reason the signal for artillery to cease was not sent up for 30 minutes after zero hour. Subsequently a patrol from front company under the O.C. company, guided by one of the light raiding party searched till dawn without success for the missing officer. All the wounded reached R.H.P. by 2.45 am, there was a relay of 6 S.B.'s from support company on the VERNE ROAD near support line. Gas projectors from the left in RAVINE WOOD, also fired at zero hour on FLY BUILDINGS to the right, and another German post in rear of objective, and the front company, and left of support company, wore gas respirators for 15 minutes after zero hour. The wind was blowing straight towards the German lines.</p>	
	4-4-18		<p>Battalion was relieved by 2nd Lincolns and parts of two other English battalions, who had been in the line (5th Army) at opening of SOMME German offensive on 21-3-18. No trench feet occurred during this tour. After relief the battalion marched to DONCASTER HOTS. at LOGRE, the front and support companies going by rail to LA CLYTTE, the rest marching all the way. Battalion fell in at 8 am the next morning and went in motor lorries starting about 9 am to STRAZEELE which was reached about 12-30 pm. on 5-4-18. thence they marched to billets at ROUGE COIX three kilometres distant and rested falling in again at 10-30 pm and marching 5 kilometres to STRAZEELE STATION, where they entrained about 2 am on 6-4-18. except D. company which entrained earlier at 8 pm. HANGEST-sur-Somme was reached about 12-15 pm the men having obtained some sleep in the closed trucks and having had dry rations with cold tea.</p>	
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	6-4-18		At HANGEST - Sur - SOMME the transport rejoined the battalion having come separately by rail. After hot cocoa provided by Y.M.C.A. in HANGEST battalion marched across the SOMME and hot meal was cooked by the cooks by the roadside. The march was then continued to ST. OUVEN through BOURDON, FLEXICOURT and BETHEN COURT ST OUVEN. ST OUVEN on the NIEVRE was reached about 5 pm (6-4-18) where the battalion entered fairly good billets. In spite of the fatigue of this journey, the battalion arrived at ST OUVEN in excellent spirits, in the prospect of taking part in the SOMME fighting. Distance from HANGEST to ST OUVEN 8 1/2 kilometres	
	7-4-18		The men having had a night's sleep, the day was devoted to resting and cleaning up; sick parades very small	
	8-4-18		Parade for training and etc at 9.30 am. In afternoon orders received to move to VIGNACOURT, and battalion left at 4 pm and marched there (3.8 kilometres). VIGNACOURT contained many troops but fair billets were obtained for the men. Four <sup>4</sup> men were carried by battalion transport during this march. Only acute cases can now be evacuated, on account of pressure on C.C.S.'s and scabies cases treated in battalion	
	9-4-18		Left VIGNACOURT and marched via ST VAST and just south of VAUX-EN-AMENOIS to POULAINVILLE (15 kilometres). Halt for meal, (tea from cooks and dry rations) near VAUX-EN-AMENOIS. In POULAINVILLE a fire had occurred in the billets every night the previous three nights; company fire picquets and battalion fire picquet under officer on duty all night	
	10-4-18		Left POULAINVILLE at 1.30 pm and marched to via ALLONVILLE & QUERRIEU, which is on the ALBERT - AMIENS road on west side of HALLUE stream. Tea on arrival. QUERRIEU was almost totally evacuated by civilians, most of whom had left hurriedly, and much looting and damage had been done by troops previous to our entry. Order against looting promulgated from B.H.Q. immediately. Troops had excellent billets in the village, the AMC billet was in a factory for woollen shawls, crepe etc, and the rooms were left standing and much completed goods. Late in the evening battalion received message to be ready to entrain at once	

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	11-4-18		<p>General Bindwood with Brigadier visited B.N. H.Q. in the morning, and we learnt that we were to entrain again for the North, on account of German attack on the LYS which began 9-4-18. Left QUERRIEU at 10pm on 11-4-18, company S.B. taking one stretcher each (ground on the matter cart, as transport entraining with us). On 11-4-18 obtained good supply of dressings and received order not to evacuate stretchers or Glect cases. Marched by main road to AMIENS and through it to ST. ROCH. STATION, entraining 8 am on 12-4-18, having been delayed on road and in AMIENS on account of shelling earlier in the night, which had caused casualties and damage at ST. ROCH. station. Station and line shelled by H.V. gun during our entrainment but no casualties to the battalion. Reached HONDEGHEM about 5pm, whence we went back in same train to HAZEBROUCK. STATION. We were not clear of the crowded station till after dark, but no serious bombing occurred. Battalion marched out leaving the transport on the trucks, (but all stretchers and A.M.P. equipment required having been taken off matter cart), about 2000 yards on the road towards MORBECQUE. Hot cocoa at street corner in HAZEBROUCK. B.N. H.Q. temporarily established at GRAND. HASARD. FARM on MORBECQUE road at D.S. D82. Glect 36A which was also brigade transport location. Transport was there awaited but owing to confusion in HAZEBROUCK. STATION could not be detrucked in time, and battalion left for the line without men having had a meal. Shovels and picks however were brought on by hand.</p>	
	13-4-18		<p>Battalion arrived in position about 5 am on 13-4-18, there being some Guards (Greenwich &amp; Coldstream) between them and the Germans. B.N. H.Q. in farm still occupied by civilians, about <del>E 20 D 19</del> E 20 D 19 sheet 36A. D.C. &amp; B. Coys from left to right (A not yet arrived having come by late train with 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion) from E 17 A 96. to E 27 D 92. By thus taking up position immediately in rear of Guards, instead of relieving them, in this much broken line, a good line could be picked, and was carefully sited by daylight, being well hidden behind hedges, fringes of the NIEPPE forest etc. About 10 am on 13-4-18 the Coldstream Guards R.A.P. at E 22 A 01. was blown out with gas shells. Two squads (two more later) of 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance bearers arrived at R.A.P. about 11 am, carrying to horse ambulance at E 19 D 11. A.D.S. in LA MOTTE.</p>	E 20 D 19

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	13-4-18 continued		Wheels were asked for and two pairs obtained later. The Guards gradually retired through us having held their positions as long as possible. Some remained in our posts during our turn.	
	15-4-18		During night of 13-14 enemy party of about 100 observed approaching by our post under Lieut Munday (C Coy) which was well concealed. Party allowed to approach very close, and then one drum fired from Lewis gun. Enemy fled leaving 12 casualties and 6 light M.G.'s which were captured, and three of which are being used by us. Total M.G.'s in or near our front line - 27 Lewis guns & Vickers 2 German and one Lewis salvaged from British aeroplane.	
	19-4-18		Yesterday afternoon 14-4-18 enemy made unsuccessful attack on our front and estimated that they had 400 casualties from M.G. fire chiefly. One of our posts (Lieut Tenon D Coy) was blown out and had to be slightly withdrawn. Heavy T.M.'s brought up by enemy killed all but Lieut Tenon and one young private of English regiment. As well as the T.M.'s the enemy brought out a light field gun in front of VIEUX BERQUIN and set fire to several of our houses with incendiary shells fired point blank. During the attack many shells on the LA MOTTE - VIEUX BERQUIN road and two direct hits on R.A.P. buildings, with only one serious casualty. The O.C. Battalion is now at forward B.N.H.Q. at E15D 37, and only R.M.O and sig. Officer at former B.N.H.Q. Our B. Coy was taken over by 7 <sup>th</sup> Bn last night (14-4-18). D & C Coy now in front line from left to right, B in support and A distributed between D & C. 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion is on our right and first brigade on our left (Propaganda 2 Battalion front). Of the five A.M.C. detachments two left out with the nucleus Battalion (under Major Swift 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coy 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion). Very few men have reported sick since in the line. Weather has been fine. On establishment of forward B.N.H.Q. the R.A.P. was moved from the barn of the farm to the kitchen, which is kept warm by stove. Plenty of straw is available and is put under each stretcher case. Milk and eggs and also fowls, pigs and rabbits were available in plenty from evacuated farms. Rations - The men got stew and tea at night about 10pm and tea and bacon and sometimes porridge (comforts found) in the morning about 4am. Booking was done at G.M.'s store near GRAND HAZARD. At first rations came up LA MOTTE - VIEUX BERQUIN road, and were dumped at R.A.P. later were taken up through SEC Bois to advanced B.N.H.Q. Support company carried from dump to Coy H.Q. Coochin was tried forward and put up.	

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	19.4.18		<p>12 food containers were available and <del>the</del> four cooker cans from each company Cookery as well as petrol tins were used. In addition pigs, coffee, etc. were cooked at night at the farms where Coy. H.D. were situated. On the evening of 16.4.18 the French on left of 1st Brigade attacked METELEN and part of Fourth Battalion made simultaneous advance. Front line and also B<sup>n</sup> H.D. have been heavily shelled for short periods. Gas cases have numbered about fifteen, one fairly severe. This man stated he did not think of Gas until he saw a mate wearing a respirator; the shells were of the H.E. <del>sort</del> sort.</p>	
	21.4.18		<p>Casualties during the tour were officers; one killed, four wounded total 5.                  In B company there were " S.B. casualties (The Company went in with 8 S.B. which were kept up to strength as casualties occurred.)                  On evening 19.4.18 Battalion relieved by 92<sup>nd</sup> Brigade 31<sup>st</sup> Division, two battalions relieving us. Relief complete about midnight without casualties and battalion marched to large hut camp on Hazebrouck-Poperinghe railway line just north west of BORRE, former-ly railway workers camp. Our strength on arrival was 540 excluding 108 nucleus and 49 transport (727 in all).                  Men very tired indeed on arrival but not depressed; sick parade small on 20.4.18.                  On 21.4.18 and evening of 20<sup>th</sup> immediate vicinity of camp shelled by H.V. gun.                  Three casualties in the battalion and two in neighbouring units. Received orders to move on 22.4.18 to relieve 1st Brigade 5<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> being in support to 6<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> on right of Brigade front, which in touch with 92<sup>nd</sup> Brigade. Hazebrouck-Bailleur railway line forms right of Brigade.</p>	

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	<del>22.4.18</del> 22.4.18		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>for Nippe forest tour.</i></p> <p><u>Honours and Awards recommended</u> - Two S. Bs. in D Coy were recommended to O. C. by R.M.O. for good work in getting wounded out of front posts under heavy M.G. fire. These two were also recommended by O. C. D Coy.</p> <p>In B Coy (which had eleven S. B. casualties during the tour) two recommended by R.M.O. One of these was partly buried + badly shaken by shell at R. A. P. + sent to transport lines, but returned to duty next day, + was gassed after working hard. It is extremely difficult to carry a stretcher over rough ground with a small box respirator on. A third S. B. in B Coy was recommended by O. C. B Coy.</p> <p>In A Coy one S. B. was recommended by R.M.O. + another by O. C. A Coy.</p> <p>6 of the above S. Bs. recommended, four have already decorations.</p> <p>The moral of our troops has been very good for some time past, notably so since the German attack of March 21<sup>st</sup>, in spite of the very trying times they have had. This seems due partly to the appeal to their pride; they regard themselves <sup>as crack troops</sup> as superior to English troops who have failed to stop the German.</p>	

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	23.4.18		<p>Left camp 4.30 P.M. 22.4.18 and marched into positions without accident. Batt<sup>n</sup> H.2. and R.A.P. at large farm at E.1 B 68 sheet 36A near point where Hazebrouck-Bailleur railway crosses BORRE-GRAND SEC BOIS road. F. Company in recently dug posts in E 3 F and D Company in continuation of same support trenches in W 27 B sheet 24 S. E. G. Company in posts just in front of B<sup>n</sup> H.Q. and B company in posts in E 4 B and to left. All company H.Q. and also the men<sup>are</sup> in houses and only B Coy posts actually manned (at night).</p>	
	24.4.18		<p>Yesterday evening (23.4.18) C. Coy moved up between A and D and B<sup>n</sup> H.Q. and R.A.P. moved to large farm house at W 26 B 91. Front line runs roughly from METEREN (German) to Strazelle station (ours). Post of 1st Field Ambulance with M.O. in Borre. Motor Ambulance comes to B<sup>n</sup> H.Q. on message sent by runner. Reinforcements, Officers 2. O.R. 128 arrived a couple of days ago. Of these about 90 are new men 25<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the B<sup>n</sup>. Rations - after the first day, Cookers brought up <del>too</del> or near coy H.Q.s to cook at night. Much potatoes, pork, poultry, milk, coffee etc available from abandoned farms.</p>	
	30.4.18		<p>On evening of 29.4.18 relieved 6<sup>th</sup> B.N. in front line without accident. B<sup>n</sup> H.Q. at E 4 B 99. R.A.P. at W 28 B 12. One stretcher squad at R.A.P. clearing to car at W 22 B 54 on Strazelle-Caestre road. In event of rush more squads obtainable from W 22 B 54 or car could be brought to R.A.P. from Borre. 6<sup>th</sup> B.N. had R.A.P. in cellar in Strazelle but it was considered that road through Strazelle would be heavily shelled during an attack. Cases reach A.D.S. in Caestre in about 40 minutes from R.A.P.</p>	

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	April 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	incl.	Marked the conclusion of work in Water Dig Out - Ypres-Comme Canal Area.	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	incl.	This period was occupied by the journey to & fro Somme area, including a week in vicinity of Amiens. The only incidents of note were ①. Case of suspected Small Pox evacuated at Flesselles. Presented close resemblance to early cases of New South Wales epidemic a few years previous to the War but was diagnosed later at C.C.S. as Chicken Pox. ②. On night 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Amiens was heavily bombed while the Batt <sup>n</sup> was in the vicinity, en training. No casualties occurred.	
	14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	incl.	Spent in billets at BORRE.	
	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	incl.	Spent at PRADELLE as reserve to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bgde. Took over a cellar in village as R.A.P. from 1 <sup>st</sup> Batt <sup>n</sup> . On 17 <sup>th</sup> the enemy shelled heavily & the Batt <sup>n</sup> suffered some 30 casualties	
	20 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	incl.	Batt <sup>n</sup> holding the line before village of METEREN. R.A.P. in cellar of Farm House at X14073 Sheet 27. This was taken over from the M.O. of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Chasseurs (French) & was situated some 400 yards behind the Right Coy. of our line. No suitable place more centrally situated was obtainable. The situation offered an exposed "carry" for Stretcher-Bearers especially from Coys. on the left but on the whole they were respected & not sniped at. In fact on one occasion, two Stretcher Bearers (N <sup>o</sup> 6019 Pte. Fox & N <sup>o</sup> 6723 Pte. Cox) went out in daylight under the white flag to within 20 yards of the enemy line to rescue a wounded officer & brought him in safely, on a stretcher - an act of cold-blooded courage of the highest order, as had the enemy not respected them calling, it would have meant certain death for them both. A similar fine act was performed by 1860 Pte. PENNINGTON who went forward in daylight & under full observation of the enemy to rescue a man (who had been sniped) in daylight & brought him in safely. The casualties of the Batt <sup>n</sup> while in the line here were approx. 140. Enemy snipers were very active & accurate & caused numerous casualties. The majority of the other casualties occurred during attacks in front of & in Meteren on successive nights. A large proportion of these were caused by Machine gun bullets. Casualties were promptly evacuated by a section of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Am <sup>l</sup> Fd. Amb. under the charge of Major Mc Killop. The R.A.P. was handed over to 9 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> M.O. (Capt. Rae) on night of 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> .	
	24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	incl.	Spent in support of R. Batt <sup>n</sup> of Bgde. A quiet period & only 2 casualties.	
	29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>		In comfortable camp in huts at BORRE siding. General health of Batt <sup>n</sup> during the month was excellent. The abstinance from baths caused some recurrence of Scabies & Furunculosis. Trench fever necessitated a very few evacuations. The trenches were rendered comparatively dry - this fact together with the use of powder & dry socks resulted in immunity from Trench Feet.	

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M.O. 12<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup>

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10<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.S.T.

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr. Battalion still in line at HOLLEBEKE.  
Very quiet.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. relieved by Seaforth Highlanders. Who had  
come up from Somme battle.  
Embarked at Sporbant. & were conveyed by  
light railway to La Clytte arriving at billets  
about 3 P.M.  
Men were showing signs of exhaustion from  
long period in line.

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. ordered to Somme area & embarked at  
4 pm for CAESTRE. Marched from here to billets  
at ST SYLVESTRE. CARREL.

5<sup>th</sup> Embarked at CAESTRE. 3.25 am. for St Roch. near  
Amiens.

6<sup>th</sup> Arrived at St Roch. at 3 pm. Y.M.C.A.  
Supplies. Coors. & men here before they moved off.  
to PORLAINVILLE - 9 Kilos march. Arrived at  
latter place at 7.30 pm. Bn in billets here for  
3 days.

7<sup>th</sup> } In billets at Porlainville. While here men were  
8<sup>th</sup> } well fed, & baths were improved; & clean  
clothing issued.

9<sup>th</sup> Marched to Vignacourt - 10 Kilos. apparently on  
way to Somme front. Spent 3 days in billets at  
Vignacourt. Health of men greatly improved.  
Eggs & meat were available & were taken advantage  
of.

11<sup>th</sup> Slightly offensive in North - La Bance to upper Amiens  
Canal. Bn. ordered to move north again.

12<sup>th</sup> Bn. marched to RAINEVILLE - 10 Kilos march.  
where men were billeted.

13<sup>th</sup> Embarking at St Roch (Amiens) on night of 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>  
Amiens shelled & railway station bombed.  
This caused delay & Bn. were not embarked till  
9 am on 14<sup>th</sup>. The Bn. suffered no casualties  
while embarking.  
A shot stair was made in park near station  
& men were given a hot meal from Canteen  
which had gone ahead.

14<sup>th</sup> Bn. arrived at HONDECHEN. Riding after 12 hours  
journey, were debarked immediately & given orders  
to march in battle order, to take up a position of  
support in front of HAZEBROEK.  
The weather was rainy & cold.  
On arrival at position the occupied 6 Kilos from  
debarking point. Men began digging in, in what was  
designated 3<sup>rd</sup> support line of Hazebroek.  
This area was shelled persistently. There were  
comfortable billets in the area & the men

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14<sup>th</sup>

occupied there. Jaws were plentiful here. + the strain on the Q.M.'s department was eased considerably. The health of the men at this period was greatly improved, most being exceedingly fit; + few reports on sick parade. Weather was very cold but men were comfortably housed + no trouble arose.

15<sup>th</sup> Bn still in support. Heavy sporadic enemy shelling but no casualties.

16<sup>th</sup> Further heavy shelling. 5 casualties from one company - 2 killed + 3 wounded.

R.A.P. was established in farm house near road. One 58<sup>th</sup> stretcher squad was held here. + 3<sup>rd</sup> field ambulance supplied Co. which remained at R.A.P. + cleared. Mort. + casualties to A.D.S. at BORRE, about 3 kilo distance. This Co. was at disposal of 9<sup>th</sup> + 10<sup>th</sup> Bns.

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> In night of 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Bn moved to ROUGE-CROIX in support of French. Distance about 5 Kilos. Rouge Croix was heavily shelled + men dug in on outskirts of town. One company + HQ were in billets on Caeste - Strazelle road. This billet was struck by a shell + 12 casualties occurred, one killed + others wounded.

These cases were cleared to British A.D.S. at Caeste, an ambulance being supplied from here on demand.

Two serious cases were sent through immediately on wheeled stretchers, which have been of great value on this front.

18<sup>th</sup> Bn moved to new position near FONTAINE. Hovey, a distance of 5-6 Kilos. Still in support - 11<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> Bns in line. Road here shelled on way through + Bn was compelled to travel from counter.

R.A.P. was established about 1000 yds. behind line held, on road leading from left company. 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance stretcher squad were held here. These cleared cases by wheeled stretchers to ambulance relay post about 1000 yds distance. + from here they were wheeled to ambulance loading post, a similar distance on.

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18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. In support. Position Shelled. Sporadically  
Company St. A. established in farm houses: most  
of men also in houses, occupying benches when  
occasion arose.  
only one Casualty here. 3 Gas Cases evacuated.  
Blue Cross for used.  
Food was plentiful here. Water supply was doubtful  
& water was sent up from water point at rear.  
Very few sick reporting. Scabies prevalent &  
spreading.

23<sup>rd</sup>. Took over from 11<sup>th</sup> Bn in front line on night  
of 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bns moved to relief at 9 p.m.  
and at 12 p.m. they were to continue the  
2<sup>nd</sup> phase of an Enveloping Movement on  
METEREN. The first phase having been completed  
on night previous.  
no barrage was. Supplied 4 men encountered  
heavy enemy machine gun fire at an early  
stage & casualties were heavy.  
Cases began to arrive about 2.45 a.m. & ones  
60 Cases. Came through by 7 a.m. with a  
few stragglers later on.  
Cases could only be cleared by night & with the  
exception of 3 Cases all were got in.  
Work of the Bn. heavier was good & Cases arrived  
at RAP quickly; RAP approximately 1200  
yds from front line.  
Cases were carried along roads for most part  
but there were being shelled. ~~Some~~ & in  
some Cases wounded were brought. Cross country.  
Several heavier were killed & several wounded  
A relay post was established about 600 yds from  
RAP on road used for clearing Centre & left.  
Company wounded. A wheeled stretcher was used  
from here. This relay post was in a farm house  
RAP was established by 11<sup>th</sup> Bn & which was taken  
over by the Bn, was situated in an Estaminet at  
Cross Roads. This received 2 or 3 direct hits  
from small shells, but little damage was done.  
Cells was unsuitable for dressing Cases in. Even  
if necessity had arisen it did not offer much  
protection from any kind of heavy shell.  
Two ambulance squads were held at RAP & one  
squad was brought up from adjacent post when  
most of Cases arrived.  
Wheeled stretchers were used to clear to relay posts

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Cases were speedily evacuated. At no stage was there any Congestion. Most of the cases treated were bullet wounds with extremely lacerated skin wounds. Several cases of badly fractured upper & lower limbs were treated, & a percentage of perforating chest & abdominal wounds.

24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Severe shelling took place during whole of period R. was in line. About 100 Cases passed through R.A.P.

Hot foods - tea & stews & porridge - were sent up to front line by night in food containers & petrol tins, but the roads were <sup>heavily</sup> shelled & it was sometimes impossible to get supplies through to front line posts. Water was sent up from transport units in petrol tins.

Johnny Cooker & supplies of tea & sugar & some coffee & milk were available for men in front line.

28<sup>th</sup>. Heavy shelling general, mostly directed against farm houses & roads. Only 3 Casualties. One killed & two wounded. Released by 2<sup>00</sup> 18<sup>00</sup> A.D.F. & marched to Range Cross.

29<sup>th</sup> at Range Cross. Majority of men in billets  
30<sup>th</sup> { remainder in trench dug out.  
One billet hit by shell. One man killed & two wounded. Considerable shelling in this area.

Clean clothing was issued today 30<sup>th</sup> & all available men were bathed. Improved baths arranged at billets near H.Q. Men are employed on night fatigue trench digging etc while in this area. Health of men is good, the main complaints at present are boils & skin patches. A number of men are reporting with scabies.

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RMS 10<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>00</sup> A.D.F.

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10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

Sick Evacuations for month

1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 17.

Piles 1; Inguinal Hernia 1;  
Influenza 1. Sprain 1. Rheumatism  
Abrasion of knee 1. Scabies 1; Gas 2;  
Dyschylia 2. Rheumatism 1. S.T.A. 3  
Pleurisy 1. Bronchitis 1. V.D. 1

11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 5.

Influenza 1; Diarrhoea 1. V.D. 2.  
Dyschylia 1

21<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 6

Scabies (ulcerative) 2. Measles 1.  
P.U.O. 1. Dyschylia 1.  
Diarrhoea (by sentore) 1.

Total. 28

J. M. J. Henderson Capt.  
Rm 2. 10<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

30/4/18