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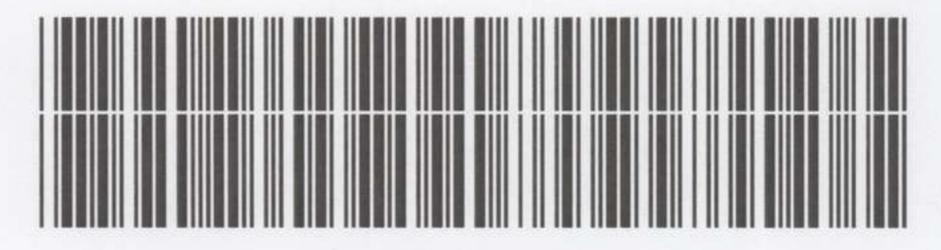
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"A" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP, A.D.M.S.

FOR

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Place	March Hou	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GRPINNES	24th	Major m.G. Sution reported for duty as D.A.D.M.S., "A" Aust. Divisional group. Duties of A.D.M.S., will be carried out by A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Division (Golonel R.S., McGREGOR, DSO., until amalgamation of 2nd. and 5th. Aust. Divisions when Colonel H.K. FRY, DSO., will assume office as A.D.M.S., "A" AUST& DIVISIONAL GROUP& Medical Units of "A" AUST& DIVISIONAL GROUP as under. "A. 1." Aust. Div. Group: 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance. 2nd. Aust. Sanitary Section. "A. 4." Aust. Div. Group:	
		4th. Aust. Field Ambulance. 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance. 15th. Aust. Field Ambulance. A.D.M.S., Office will be worked by a combined staff of clerks from both Divisions. Two clerks from A.D.M.S. Office lst. Aust. Div. reported. Owing to the necessity of each Division retaining its identity until the very end it will still be necessary to have two complete sets of office books files etc., and therefore the reduced staffs will have to cope with an equal amount of work as if the amalgamation had not taken place.	
		A.A.M.C. Order No. 118 issued at 5 p.m. instructing that 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance proceed to demobilize forthwith. Remaining personnel horses etc. will be taken on strength of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance. Appendix No. q 1.	1.
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Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
do.	25th Wir Cap Ins D.A Col WEA 26th Ins Col Ins	Diary for February received from R.M.O., 14th Bn. (Original only) red PARIS recalling Capt. O.J.ELLIS to proceed D.M.S., A.I.F., LONDO t. W.I.HAYES being relievedfrom 20th C.C.S., then relieving Capt. In ###################################	ON. R.J.HAYNES, R.M.O., 1/4th D.M.S., A.I.F., for f Scabies cases. ver "A" Divisional Group, en at Baths and treatment Quotas, for Scabies and suffering from either ms to M.Os in charge of men found to be suffering in charge of Quota to g with the Quota are free	App.2 " 3 Mys. App.4 " 5
do.	Ins Adv D./	L. W.F.SIMMONS, lst Field Amb., proceeded to LONDON to report D.M.S. Educational leave. Structions issued to all R.M.Os not to go on leave without reference in the struction redemobilization No.58 received from A.I. D.M.S. visited A.Group Div.Reinforcement Wing to ascertain that is cables and v.D. was being carried out. [ASO(4)] W. WITTI/MS031 750,000 5/17 Sch.52 Forms/C2.10/14	e to A.D.M.S. Office. Aust.Divn.	

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Place	MARCH 1919	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	references to
ERPINNES			Capt. A.S. COCKBURN returned from LONDON to collect kit. Capt. A.N. PURVES proceeded LONDON. Capt. O.J. FLLIS returned from PARIS leave. Capt. R.J. HAYNES 1/4th Bn. proceeded LONDON. VEATHER - Cold, snowing slightly.	
do.	28th		Capt. O.J.ELLIS left for LONDON. Col. H.K.FRY, A.D.M.S., 5th Divn., called to discuss taking over A.Divn.Groupswith A.D.M.S. WEATHER - Cold. Some rain in the morning. Afternoon clearing up.	whs.
do.	29th		D.A.D.M.S., proceeded 0730 by car with Capt. STANTKE, D.A.A.G., A.Aust.Divnl.Group to supervise entrainment of No.22 Quota. Train was inspected by the former and found to be satisfactory. Were present at the entrainment. Train left CHARLEROI 1000 amidst a continuous fall of snow. Capt. G.A.LAWRANCE, MC, left with Quota as Medical Officer. Administrative Instruction No.59 re Regimental Funds, etc., received.	App.6
			A.A.M.C. Order No.119 issued re demobilization of 13th Field Amb. WEATHER - Most miserable weather. Snowing all night and continued all morning.	" 7 whs
do.	30th		Instruction sent to Capt. H.G.B.BRUCE, R.M.O., 1st Pioneer Bn., to have all his men boarded, as he may expect to go with quota entraining about 12th April. Capt. C.A.MITCHELL, R.M.O., 11/12th Bn., proceeded to report D.M.S., A.I.F., LONDON. Capt. W.F.PATTINSON, R.M.O., 1st D.A.C., proceeded to LONDON to report D.M.S., A.I.F. Capt. J.P.HORGAN proceeded LONDON for Educational leave. Administrative Instruction No.60 received, re Demobilization. Col. McGREGOR visited D.D.M.S., Aust.Corps, to discuss Demobilization 13th Field Amb.	
			" Bridge Gir Cold Gir Girough the day.	pules.
do.	31st		Col. R.S. McGREGOR DSO left to report D.M.S., A.I.F., LONDON, for disposal, after having handed over duties of A.D.M.S., A.Divisional Group to Col. H.K.ERY, DSO. Instructions issued to all R.M.Os re completion of A.I.F. Form No.536, and boarding of men as soon as possible. Capt. R.GATEHOUSE, with No.3 Dental Unit complete, reported to AustGraves Detachment. Capt. J.B. FARRELL proceeded LONDON on Educational Leave	" 8 Mls

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Place Date	MARCH 1919	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RPINNES 31st		Field Marshalt Commanding-in-Chief received all Brigade commanders and others at Aust-Corps Headquarters, at 3-30 p.m. WEATHER - Good.	
		Monthly Sanitary Report attached as Appendix No. 9.	gul 5
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		"A" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.	
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2.	Wen Error.			
3.	War Diary for February from R.M.O., 14th. Aust. Inf. Bn.			
4.	Instructions to Field Ambs. andbR.M.O.'s. re Scabies.			
5.	Instructions to Field Ambulances, R.M.O's., and M.O. of Quota re Inspection of men for V.D. and Scabies.			
6.	Report by D.A.D.M.S., on Quota No. 22.			
7.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 119.			
8.	Instructions to R.M.O's re completion of Board Papers.			
9.	Monthly Sanitary Report.			

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A.A. .C. ORDER NO. 118

- In accordance with 4th. Aust. Divisional general Staff Circular No. 90. Instruction No. 3, para 7, 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance will proceed to demobilize forthwith.
- D.A.D.O.S., 4th. Australian Division on 26th. instant in accordance with Aust. Corps Administrative Instruction No. 20 of 18/2/19 and 4th. Aust. Division No. Q. 23/151/2 of 19/2/19. (This Office No. 16.6/715 of 20/3/19)
- to No. 18 Advanced Depot of Medical Stores, CHARLEROI in accordance with D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps No. E./140 of 13/2/19 and subsequent correspondence (This Office No. M. 2/462 of 14/2/19-)
- Remaining personnel, hors a and mules, with the exception of Liout. Colon I J.A. JAMES, personnel for Quota No. 25, and Cadre "B" will be taken on strength of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance. Personnel so transferred will take with them "Q.l." Forms (A.I.F. Form 500) correctly filled in. They will also be placed on the precedence Roll of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

Lieut. Colonel J.A. JAMES, personnel for Quota No. 25 and Cadre "B" will be attached to 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance as also will motor ambulance cars and motor cycles at present attached to 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

- 75. Regimental Funds of 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance, with the exception of £1: 10: which will be reserved for transfer to Regimental Funds of Quota No. 25, will be transferred to Regimental Fund Account of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 6. On 25th instant 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance will take over clearance of sick of Units at present being cleared by 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
- o.C., 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance will notify completion before 29/3/19.
- 8.

 No. 19 Just. Dontal Unit will be attached to
 12th. Just. Field Amburance pending further instructions
 from D.D.H.S., Australian Corps.

9. Field Ambulances ACKNOWILLIDGE.

24/3/19, 5 p.m. A.D.M.S., "A" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.
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"A" GROUP AUSTIGLIAN DETISION.

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Hoadquarters, 25th March, 1919.

O.C., 2nd Aust. Field Amb., All R.M.Os "A.1" Divnl. Group.

TREATHENT OF SCABIES.

L/Opl) and one Other Rank with necessary material for duty at lat Aust.Divn.Baths, Coal Mine, Societe Bourbier, Siege No.1, Rue de COUILLET; and also at Baths. Coal Mine, Societe Bourbier, Siege No.2, Rue de COUILLET, on 26th inst.

- 2. These men will be instructed:
 - i. To examine all men bathing there for Scabies, and will give treatment to Scabies cases on the lines of attached circular memorandum. Only uncomplicated cases will be so treated.
 - ii. To take the name, Reg.No., and Unit, of any cases so discovered, and give them to N.C.O., i/c bathing parade for transmission to R.M.O. concerned, of, in the case of casuals, forward them to 2nd Field Amb., who will insturn notify the R.M.O.
- Records will be kept at Baths of all cases so discovered and a return rendered weekly to this Office by noon, SATURDAY.
- 4. Arrangements have been made with the Baths Officer at for each of the Baths to supply clean underclothes at the commencement and end of treatment, and R.M.Os will ensure that outer clothes and blankets of such cases are disinfected.
- 5. C.O., 2nd Aust.Field Amb., will detail a M.O., to make frequent periodical visits to the Baths to supervise the treatment.
- R.M.Os will hold weekly Scabies inspections, and send all uncomplicated cases to Baths for treatment.

 Complicated cases (i.e., with secondary pus infection) will be sent to 2nd Aust.Field Amb., for treatment.

"A" Group Australian Division.



"A" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.

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Headquarters, 27th Tarch,

O.C., 2nd Aust. Field Amb., O.C., 2nd San. Section, All R.M.Os. "A.1" Aust. Divnl. Group.

Reference this Office D.12/8 dated 23th inst., para.2, sub-para.i, and para.8 are amended as follows, :-

All cases of skin rashes discovered at the Baths and notified to R.M.Os, will be sent to 2nd Aust. Field Amb. Uncomplicated cases of Scabies will be treated as out-patients; complicated cases will be admitted to 2nd Field Amb.

R.H.Os will continue to hold weekly Scabies inspection". A.D.M.S., A. D. M. S. IST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. AUSTRALIAN DIV.

Colonel, A.D.M.S. "A" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP ... "A" Australian Divisional Group: Appendix No. 5 "A"

O.C., 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance. A.D.M.S., 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance. 1st AUSTRALIAN 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance. DIVISION 2nd. Aust. Sanitary Section. A. D. M. S.,
4TH
AUSTRALIAN DIV,

Immediately before despatch of Quota Personnel from your Unit for concentration at "A" Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing, all men will be medically exammined for scabies and venereal disease

Any man found to be suffering from Scabies or Venereal Disease will not be allowed to proceed with the Quota.

26/3/19.

(Sgd.) M.G. SUTTON, Major for COLONEL,
A.D.M.S., "A" AUST. DIVISIONAL GROUP.

"A" Australian Divisional Group:

APPENDIX NO 5. "B"

All R.M.O's.,

"A" Aust. Divisional Group:

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

Immediately before despatch of Quota Personnel for concentration at "A" Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing, all men will be medically examined for Scabies and Venereal Disease.

Any soldier found to be suffering from Scabies or Venereal Disease will not be allowed to proceed with the Quota.

26/3/19.

(Sgd.) M.G. SUTTON, Major for, A.D.M.S., Ba" Aust. Divl. GROUP

"A" Australian Divisional Group: APPENDIX No. 5. "C"

Medical Officer,

i/c Quota No. ---

A.D.M.S., 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. A. D. M. S.,
4-TH
AUSTRALIAN DIV

Immediately after concentration of personnel at "A" Div. Reinforcement Wing, please arrange to medically examine every man for Scabies and Venereal Disease.

Any men found to be suffering from Scables or Venereal Disease will not be allowed to proceed with the Quota, but will be returned to their Units.

A certificate, to the effect that every man has been examined and those suffering from Scabies and Venereal Disease, have been returned to their Units, will be forwarded to this office prior to the entratinment of the Quota.

26/3/29.

(M.G. SLTTON, Major for COLONEL, A.D.M.S., "A" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.

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Headquarters, 29th March, 1919.

REPORT BY D.A.D.M.S., ON QUOTA NO.22 -FROM A.1 AUST. DIVN. PENTRAINING ON 29/3/19.

- (1) The train was in a sanitary state, the trucks having been swept out by German prisoners. The kitchen set was clean and tidy
- (ii) The A.M.C. personnel were complete. Capt.G.A.LAWRANCE, the medical Officer in charge of the Quota, was in charge of the 114 A. A. M. C. personnel who were allotted a truck to themselves, one end of which was available for an R.A.P.
- (iii) The Medical Officer was equipped as instructed in D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps P.7/2 dated 17/1/19.
- He was in possession of D.M.S., A.I.F., M. 1507/2/3 dated 22/2/19, and D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps, P.7/94 dated 28/2/19, and was thoroughly conversant with his duties.
- (v) No faults were represented to the Entraining Authorities as everything was considered to be satisfactory.
- (vi) GENERAL. Owing to the doors of the trucks having been left open, the floors of the trucks were wetted by the heavy fall of snow during the night of 28th. However, had this not been the case, the floors of the trucks would have soon been wetted by the continual movement of men in and out of the In view of this and also the fact that the trucks. blankets rolled over packs may get wet during the march to the Reinforcement Camp (as happened in the case of No.22 Quota). I consider it very unwise that ground-sheets should be withdrawn at any time before a Quota departs from HAVRE. This is all the more necessary on account of straw not being allowed in trucks owing to the danger of fire.

Each truck was equipped with a stove, and a supply of coal was issued to each.

The train left CHARLEROI Station at 1000 on 29/3/19 amidst a continuous fall of snow.

Maj-General Sir N.R. HOWSE, VC, KCB, D.M.S., A.I.F., and Col. G.W.BARBER, CMG DSO, D.D.M.S., Aust.Corps, were present at the entrainment, and expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements.

Major, D.A.D.M.S., "A" AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.

(Copy to D. D. M. S., Aust. Corps.)

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1st AUSTRALIAN	4TH	
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In accordance with mig. . Aust. Div. Group No. Q. 28/305 of 28/5/19, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will proceed to demobilize forthwith.

- Ordnance Equipment complete will be handed into D.A.D.O.S., Ath. Aust. Division on 2nd. April 1919 in accordance with Aust. Corps Administrative Instruction No. 20 of 18/2/19 and 4th. Aust. Division No. Q. 23/151/2 of 19/2/19 (This office No. M. 6/715 of 20/5/19.)
- No. 18 Advanced Depot of Medical Stores CHARLEROI in accordance with D.D.H.S., Aust. Corps No. M./140 of 13/2/19 and subsequent correspondence. (This office No. M. 2/462 of 14/2/19.)
- Pemaining personnel, horses and nules, with the exception of Major L.G. TASSIE, DBO., and Cadre 'B' will be taken on strength of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

 Personnel so transferred willtake with them A. I.F. Forms No. 500 (Q.l.) correctly filled in. They will also be placed or precedence Roll of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance and be repatriated in order with that Unit.

Major L.G. TASSIE, DSO., and Cade "B" will be attached to 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance as also will motor ambulance cars, cycles at present attached to 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

- 5. Regimental Funds of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be transferred to 12th, Aust. Field Ambulance Regimental Fund account.
- 6. Commoncing 2/4/19, 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance will arrange to clear sick from 13th. Aust. Inf. Bdo. Group located in PRESLES Sub Area (49th. Aust. Inf. Bn. at VITRIVAL, 50th. and 51st. Aust. Inf. Bns. at LE ROUX.)

Divisional Artillory and 4th. Aust. Pieneor Battalion will be undertaken by O.C., 18th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

- 7. O.C., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will notify completion by 6th. April 1919.
- 8.

 No. 34 Aust. Dental Unit will be attached to 12thz
 Aust. Field Ambulance pending instructions from D.D.M.S.,
 Aust. Corps.

9. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE ./.

29/3/19, 5. p.m.

A.D.M.S., "A" AUST. DIVISIONAL GROUP.

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O.C., 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance. 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

H.Q., "A" Aust. Divisional Group.

C.R.A., 1st. Aust. Division. 4th. Aust. Division.

O.C., lst. Aust. Divl. Engineers 4th. Aust. Divl. Engineers

H.Q., 1/2/3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. 4/12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

-0.C., 1/4th. Aust. Div. Train.



PREPARATION OF A.I.F. FORMS 536.

As Medical Services are being rapidly depleted it is essential that A.I.F. Form 536 be completed for all men of the Divisional Group as soon as possible.

R.M.O's. will complete Questions 1 to 20 of forms for all men in their Units in accordance with precedence Rolls. When not less than 100 forms have been completed, a wire will be sent to this office, stating Unit and number of men ready for Board, and arrangements will be notified 24 hours in advance to Units and Field Ambulance concerned for Medical Board to assemble and complete forms.

R.M.O's. will ensure that Board Room and parade of men for Boarding are ready at the time arranged.

31/3/19.

(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY, Colonel, A.D.M.S., "A" AUST. DIVISIONAL GROUP.

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MONTHLY SANITARY REPORT as at 26/3/19.

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 * (a) Bathing...... Baths at Gerpinnes and
- - (c) Laundry..... Nil.
 (d) Drying Room..... Nil
 (e) Clothing Depot..... Gerpinnes, and 122 Rue de Acoz Chatelet.
- - (b) Prevalence of Vermin...... Not unduly prevalent.
- 6. Water (a) Quality...... Good.

 (b) Sterilization..... By Chlorination and boiling.
- 8. Undue prevalence of preventable diseases ... Nil.
- 9. Sick Wastage continues to keep fairly low.

10. * (a) Bathing for 1st.Aust Div..... Baths at Biesme
Lansprelle, Presles 1
&2 Rue de Couellet
Chatelet.

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