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WAR DIARY

A.G.'s OFFICE AT THE BASE
3rd ECHELON E.F.A.D.M.S. 1st Aus Dr
29 SEP. 1915
CENTRAL REGISTER
No. M.F.C.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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| Angon | 1 ⁸ / ₁₅ | 6 AM | <p>Since 240. Received statement that 30 small boats are being sent by diary for 1st Aus Dr. Applied for more boats in view of advance. Inspected at 7 AM today a forward force of enemy which was taken during the night find it clean + small. Have applied for Air. Sam. Officer an appointment in my opinion absolutely necessary as it is quite impossible for D.A.D.M.S. to carry out all the duties of simulation. Received instructions from D.M.S. ME 7 ⁶⁶⁵/₁₅ of 27²/₁₅ Tullins of the report. Reply Marcus J. showing appreciation of information.</p> <p>On 31²/₁₅ saw the 1st Committee at A.C. the instructions on how to handle the 1st Committee A.C. (A.T. 3 A.C.) in reference to Memo received it forwarded in July diary. In which I pointed out my responsibility to Commandant + referring to accept the refusal of 1st Submarine of 1st date of simulation. saw unemployed at M. 1st I placed the facts of the Committee on the 25th of April + subsequent days before the General and strongly urged some steps should be taken by him without delay, to limit upon some of my recommendations being carried out. I asked for these changes for humanity sake + pointed out that there was nothing due to 1st Committee Committee work that April was not more than there, I also pointed out to A.C. A.C. that I should be called upon to report to Australian Government + that I could respectfully insist on adequate arrangements being made for any further advance; what my further complaints made by Officer + Men would have no foundation + I should have to report them with some sense of truth. I have attempted in any way possible to minimize the errors of-</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.R.H.</p> | Marcus J. |

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| | | | <p>Re the D.M.S. stated within opinion the comparison was covered by the usual examination system and by following in Memorandum, saying all was same - press change I think before going to C.E.C. - there should be direct change in 22 June. I pointed out that no comparison could be made in April-May at Mergue, and that as I sent a section of D.M.S. had been limited, who was not at Mergue where such a report could be kept, in answer to the he stated he had covered by same three changes were before him. I replied that he would inspect the Mergue area as early as he could but was able to find cover for cover. He replied that the Commission had, then the Commission pointed out the position, clearly stating that it was impossible to keep positions at Mergue. D.M.S. then replied to the letter I had written to type 18th Nov 1916 which had been sent to A.C. & forwarded to C.S.H. I then pointed out clearly my position at S.M.A. representing Australia saying that I would be responsible to the Commission if they were disappointed and that I would send for following M.O.C. & bring to prepare a memorandum of the conditions which existed in April, also stating that I considered the Commission's appointment in April truly a May change to 1888 & not 1916. I also spoke strongly about the appointment of M.O.C. as we had no officer to whom sectionally service could be referred. He also pointed out that the entire section was due to some appointment by mistake by A.C. & M.S. at Mergue. He also further replied in answer clearly impossible to explain the situation to me who refused to resign the situation from early at Mergue.</p> | |

J.P.H.

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| Anzou | 3 ⁹ / ₁₅ | | Since 176 Capt. Cummings for Operation 180. Op. 180 was to end with 2nd Lt. Cummings. 2nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 4 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 175. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 5 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 174. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 6 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 173. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 7 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 172. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 8 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 171. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 9 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 170. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 10 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 169. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 11 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 168. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |
| " | 12 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Since 167. 1st Lt. Cummings from 1st division for 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. 22nd Lt. Cummings was to be in the 1st division. | |

D.R.H.

MA 17-27¹⁵

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| Amoy | 13 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 132. Memo sent back Office asking them to forward application with name of the man to resign at end of year in memo to the Memo send 3 applications Major Aspinwall + Capt. Poole + Jackson | |
| " | 14 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 156. | |
| " | 15 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 130. | |
| " | 16 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | " 131. Memo from the A.C. Temp Major Robert the Major Capt. Jackson Aspinwall the Major | |
| " | 17 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | " 130. T.M.S. no office available the Major is not present. | |
| " | 18 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | " 166. Routine over memo 5 issued by Major Jackson. Letter to the A.C. Aspinwall | Marked J. |
| | | | Confidential reports of R.M. is reliable. On 18 ⁸ / ₁₅ Aspinwall many notes and letters received K. T.M.S. M.E. & stating that the first dose against the 12987 case 2 nd dose 12427. Capt. Williams was sent to the hospital stating in my opinion he is unfit for any further service, saying that he sent over to Australia. only to a small extent of symptoms 2. T.M.S. | K attached |
| | 19 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 200 | |
| " | 20 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 178. Memo from the A.C. Aspinwall to the T.M.S. M.E. & Capt. Poole stating for the day an answer to the application submitted from A.C. | |
| " | 21 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 210. Letter from T.M. & M.E. & with summary many strong to state during A.C. reply none | |
| | 22 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 208. T.M.S. stating the case Aspinwall the Major is not present. WPA | |

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| Amoy | 22 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Letter from DMS stating that Capt. Tonger, with 400 men had been ordered for duty at 3 + 4 D. replied that would not be able to return home was reporting DMS that could send 50 630 with equipment if required, reply of DMS was promising propose disposal of 2 MDT please time consider with return post forward through 5 JH. | |
| " | 23 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 149. Intelligence memo on hygiene for mission in Routine order to missing Troops. Mand L. from DMS going for mission of Men 155 has been ordered to Australia as required. | Memo L. |
| " | 24 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 158. from DMS saying supply of drugs would be sent. from acting DMS M E & pointing out large supply of medical comforts by unit. Reply pointing out that large quantities of medical comforts required to keep a large percentage of men healthy. Further stating that supplies of such as Soap & Disinfectant are not being used because they are not available. from memo from DMS M E & asking me to accept appointment of DMS, replied asking permission to decline. from memo from DMS complaining of large number of sick being evacuated, having what are formerly known, replied that Disinfectant & Hygiene measures. | |
| " | | | Letter from DMS (1) asking permission MDS to be appointed of. (2) all MDS going to Australia through port; and nominal role of MDS through port. Letter to AMY me & asking that DMS M E & be appointed for the purpose of conveying Australian documents. | |
| " | 25 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | Summary | |
| " | 26 ⁸ / ₁₅ | | From 215. Letter promising meeting for me of 100 men from Australia & China. my reply states some available. | |
| " | | | " 166. DMS sends extract of letter from Sir R. Ross pointing out advantage of meeting for discussing. | APJ |

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DIVISIONAL HEAD QUARTERS,

ANZAC, 14th August 1915.

A. D. M. S.

1st Australian Division.

I am directed by the G. O. C. to express his deep appreciation of the gallant and untiring work done under most trying circumstances by all ranks of the A. A. M. C. of the Division during the action at Lone Pine from 6th to 9th August 1915. The conduct of the Corps has on this, as on all previous occasions, been in keeping with the reputation established by them during the landing operations in April, and it is with the greatest pleasure that the G.O.C., on behalf of the Division, takes this opportunity of thanking the members of the Corps under your command for their successful and self sacrificing efforts.

The G.O.C. desires that you will convey the above message to the units under your command in an early issue of your Corps Orders.

McLellan
Major,
D.A.A. and Q.M.G.

CONFIDENTIAL.A. A. & Q. M. G.

I have the honor to state for the information of G.O.C. First Australian Division, that I am compelled to report unfavourably upon the state of health of the division under his command. This day 18.8.15. I inspected 350 sick, who paraded in the lines of 5 Battalions, and found that in the vast majority of cases the illness complained of by the men was genuine, and in many cases serious. I found that repeated attacks of Dysenteric Diarrhoea with its consequent marked Anaemia had produced a very serious change in the vascular system, many of them suffering from shortness of breath on exertion, fast irregular pulse, accompanied by a marked listlessness. I am strongly of opinion that the number of men being evacuated will rapidly increase as many that I examined have only been kept on duty by invalid diet, stimulants, and the fact that R.M.O's have been instructed by me that owing to the exigency of the situation men must not be evacuated unless absolutely unfit for any duty.

The men require a good long rest and unless they get it soon many of them will suffer permanent ill-effects and be unfit for further active service for at least one year. Many are physical wrecks, but in the majority of cases would react to nutriment. I called for reports from the R. M. O's and forward extracts from their reports.

The number on sick parade on 18.8.15.....11944

The number off duty in No. 1 & 3..... 197.
Field Ambulances.

The number off duty in the lines..... 529.

18th August, 1915.

Colonel.
A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Divsn.

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EXTRACTS OF MAIN POINTS FROM REPORTS OF R. M. O.'s RE
HEALTH OF MEMBERS OF THEIR
UNITS.

- 1st Battalion. State of health is coincident with length of service.
(a). 20% have been here from April 25th. These are jaded and below normal condition.
(b). 34% have been here 14 days and are fit.
(c). The remaining 34% have been here varying periods and health is normal.
- 2nd Battalion. Proportion of sick is very large. Diarrhoea due to fly infection is very prevalent. Generally speaking the men are below par.
- 3rd Battalion. Health of Battalion is very bad. Sick parade for past few weeks runs 40-50 most of whom are genuinely sick. About 20% of these should be in bed. Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and Influenzial Bronchitis predominate. The 16 weeks in trenches has affected their morale and to avoid disaster suggest a complete spell.
- 4th Battalion. General health unsatisfactory. On 18-8-15 179 reported sick.
- 5th Battalion. Health unsatisfactory. Battalion has had 68 days in the trenches. Average sick parade for that period 50-60. Gastro-enteritis is chief complaint and febrile cases are common. Officers have had so little sleep that in many cases they perform their work with difficulty.
- 6th Battalion. Health-generally poor. Men not ill but lack energy. At least 25% have Diarrhoea, and a proportion of these pass blood.
- 7th Battalion. Sick parade 60-70:20% of strength. They come off duty in the trenches knocked up and I predict a great decrease in the effective strength of the Battalion before long.
- 8th Battalion. General health poor and becoming progressively worse. Cause- Continued work, heat, and Diarrhoea. With about 150 exceptions all are exhausted physically and could not stand a continued strain. The general run-down renders them liable to disease and slow to recover.
Cases of Diarrhoea.....419
" " Dysentery 92
- 9th Battalion. Diarrhoea and Influenza prevalent. 30 men parade at intervals with insufficient teeth causing indigestion. Men returning from Lemnos after 10-14 days spell soon get sick again. Men frequently faint at their posts. General state of health has gone down rapidly during past 15 days. 63 men sent away since August 14th.
- 10th Battalion. General health far from satisfactory, except with reinforcements or men returned from Hospital. Average off duty 40-50. "I have never seen men out of Hospital looking so ill as a large proportion of the men here do".

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11th Battalion.

General health rapidly becoming worse. Resistance of men to disease is greatly reduced and sickness hangs to them. Sick parades for past 10 days range from 90-147 with 61-90 off duty or on light duties. "the shortness of breath, pallor, weak running pulse, and the necessity for frequent rests - all these symptoms in men who have been in many cases Farmers, Timber Hewers, Miners, etc., used to roughing it show a deterioration which is alarming and rapidly increasing. Not one-third would stand 48 hours strenuous fighting.

12th Battalion.

Average sick parade for past 7 days equal 72 out of 554 effective men. Diarrhoea, debility and anaemia most prevalent. General health bad. Few men able to stand so long physical exertion and many will shortly be unfit for further service.

4th Lt. Horse Regiment.

Sick Parade averages 50. Chief complaints diarrhoea, influenza, septic sores. Average number off duty 35.

5th Lt. Horse Regiment.

Health far from satisfactory. Men have little reserve energy. Diarrhoea and Influenza weaken the men and they are not fit to march far or fight long although fewer fatigues and better rations have improved the health upon what it was six weeks ago.

6th Lt. Horse Regiment.

Majority of men run down. Diarrhoea and Dysentery are common and influenza has appeared.

7th Lt. Horse Regiment.

Health not satisfactory and the men are weak from diarrhoea and influenza. Average number off duty is 35 out of total 376.

Divisional Train.

Number of sick steadily increasing and many men are anaemic.

2nd. Field Arty. Brigade.

Health generally speaking is good., except for some mental apathy.

3rd. Field Arty. Brigade.

A high percentage report sick in many cases due to bad teeth causing digestive troubles. Resisting power of men is very low.

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON HYGIENE FOR INSERTION IN ROUTINE
ORDERS TO INCOMING TROOPS.

The attention of officers commanding units is directed to Field Service Regulations Part 2, paragraphs 82-84 (1909) and it is incumbent upon them to see that these principles are strictly adhered to.

If every man in a Unit be permitted to be dirty and untidy in his personal habits, then the task of keeping the area occupied by the Unit in a wholesome condition is almost an impossible one. The strictest supervision should then be maintained so that each company, each section, and each individual soldier is continually held responsible for the cleanliness of ~~its~~ and his lines.

Disposal of Excreta :- Latrines must be constructed immediately on arrival at area allotted to unit. Owing to the limited area available the shallow trench is not to be used. One of two systems is to be maintained.

(1). The deep latrine trench 6-8 feet deep and 2 ft. 6 in. wide with a low rail seat about 18 inches high above the front edge of the trench from which seat hang sheets of biscuit tin to prevent soiling of the ground with urine. Any disinfectant available at the Supply Depot is to be liberally used in the trench and the less earth is used to cover excreta the longer will the latrine last. It should be filled in when the excreta comes to within 2 feet of the ground level.

or (2). The pail system may be adopted using biscuit tins which should be placed within a wooden box with seat down when not in use. These pails are to be emptied into deep pits and the excreta covered with a layer of earth. These tins are liable to leak and should then be discarded. Dilute Cresol should be placed in the tins after they are emptied. Urine tins should be easily accessible to men in fire trenches but

or in main communication trenches

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should never be kept in fire trenches but always in off-shoots of communication trenches. The urine tins are to be emptied into deep pits.

Disposal of Food Refuse:- As far as possible everything should be burnt in prepared incinerators. All tins should first be burnt and then either buried or collected into a neat heap. There should be but little liquid refuse and this mainly from Cooks' lines near by which there should be a pit periodically disinfected for reception of same.

Protection of Food and Water. Quarter Masters' Stores should be protected from flies by flyproof netting which is available at Ordnance Depot. The only water for drinking purposes is imported water which is pumped into storage tanks at different places, Water from wells is not to be used for drinking.

Cleaning up Areas used for Bivouacs:- Units evacuating must before departure see that the area occupied by them is being left in a sanitary condition. All refuse must be collected and either buried or burnt, latrines and urinals must be filled in. Medical Officers of incoming units should report to A. D. M. S. for special instructions.

A. H. Tehlutt, Major,

A. D. M. S.

Colonel,

23-8-15.

for A. D. M. S., 1st Aust. Division.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
August 30th, 1915.

From A. D. M. S., 1st Aust. Div..

To D. A. & Q. M. G., A.N.Z.A.C..

I have the honour to report, acting under instructions from G. O. C., A. N. Z. A. C., I inspected the Dominion of New Zealand Hospital Ship *"Maheno"* on August 27th, 1915.

She has accommodation for 350 cot cases and 100 cases on deck. The staff, all specially selected New Zealanders, consists of Officers 7, Nurses 14, and others 61.

She is well equipped with all the most modern fittings having Operating Rooms (2), X Ray Room, Laundry, Isolation, and Observation Wards.

The public subscribed £40000 for the purpose of providing complete equipment and fitting. The work was carried out entirely by Dominion labour.

Many small comforts are provided for patients which one would only expect in a first class hospital on shore, for instance a small library in each ward. I would like to see a good library established in every hospital ship, with a good attendant in charge who would visit all cot cases every day to ascertain if they required reading material. For a long voyage this would be essential and would have more effect in hastening the recovery of patients than "the Dispensary" upon which so much time and money is usually spent.

Objections.

1. "Double Deck Cots" as it is impossible to carry out surgical treatment or nursing efficiently.
2. A few single or double wards should be provided in every well appointed hospital ship for the use of very senior

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officers who are dangerously ill.

3. Quarters provided for N. C. O.'s and men are inadequate.

Colonel,

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

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION:

Headquarters,
Sept, 3rd, 1915.

From A. D. M. S., 1st Aust. Div.

To D. M. S., M. E. F.,

Following is the estimate of Medical Comforts required for the 1st Australian Division per week during the winter months. The estimate is based on the quantities approved for issue to Field Ambulances and Regimental Medical Officers for three weeks taken at random during the last three months. As the estimate for spirits required for the winter could not be justifiably based on the quantities used in the very hot months just ended I have made a separate estimate for them.

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------|---|------------|
| Cornflour | 180 lbs | Brandy | 30 bottles |
| Arrowroot | 230 " | Whisky | 30 " |
| Rice | 200 " | Port | 20 " |
| Barley | 20 " | Stout | 20 " |
| Oatmeal | 100 " | | |
| Milk | 760 tins | | |
| Meat Ext. | 200 pkts | | |
| Pea Soup | 100 " | | |
| Calves Foot | | | |
| Jelly | 30 " | | |
| Eggs | 2000 | | |
| Chicken | 120 tins | | |
| Lime Juice | 50 pints | | |
| Tapioca | 100 lbs) | Rarely available at Supply Depot. Estimate for winter. | |
| Sago | 100 " | | |

In the above estimate no provision has been made for the non-evacuation for considerable periods from the Field Ambulances owing to the fact that, as present constituted, they will not be in a position to accommodate one patient after the onset of wet or cold weather.

As I am informed that one month's reserve supply of rations is to be placed on the beach, the same provision should apply to medical comforts.

Colonel,

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

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
August 30th, 1915.

From A. D. M. S., 1st Aust. Div.

To D. A. & Q.M.G., A.N.Z.A.C.

I have the honour to report

I. After having interview with you this morning I saw Lt-Colonel Giblin who informed me that he had received instructions from D. M. S., M. E. F. to consult with G. O. C., A. N. Z. A. C. in reference to providing for evacuation and accomodation of Army Corps wounded and sick, consequently I have not taken any further action in the matter.

2. Letter from Lt-Colonel Sturdee, O. C. No 2 Field Ambulance was unfortunately destroyed but I am quite certain that it contained the following statement:- " We arrived at Mudros, went alongside 'Franconia' told to get on her and waited, whether we like it or not, to England."

It seems to me incredible that serious and slight cases are not sorted at Mudros and hospital ships proceeding to England should certainly not take away slight cases, unless some provision is made for their early return.

I personally evacuated a Captain on 26th or 27th April, who asked that he might be permitted to proceed to transport in Anzac Cove for the purpose of getting a meal and a wash with a few hours' rest to pull his nerves together. I believe he proceeded to England and I am informed, has not yet returned. In my opinion one of the

first duties of a D. M. S. representing Australia would be

Ia. To advise that an urgent cable be sent to England and Malta requesting that all A. I. F. officers and men fit for duty should be sent back at first available opportunity.

Ib. That Medical Boards be held on all officers and men in England and Malta, (who are not actually confined to bed or physically unable to present themselves), every 14 days and proceedings forwarded.

2. All A. I. F. in Egypt who are not on duty should be compelled to appear every 14 days before a Medical Board composed of A. A. M. C. officers, unless actually confined to bed or medical certificate from O. C. Hospital that they are physically unfit to do so.

3. Strongly urge the authorities that no A. I. F. officer or man should be sent west of Malta, with possible exception of those cases declared by a Medical Board as unfit for further service.

Colonel,

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

1st Australian Division.

Headquarters

August 31st, 1915.From A.D.M.S., 1st Aust. Div.

To D.A. & Q.M.G., A.N.Z.A.C.

I have the honour to report that acting upon instructions received from G.O.C., A.N.Z.A.C., I am of opinion that it is necessary for an officer to be immediately appointed D.D.M.S. Anzac who will be responsible for making the necessary provisions for housing and evacuating the sick and wounded.

I would urge this appointment because the duties attached to it are not only very urgent but are absolutely essential to protect the sick and wounded during the approaching winter. The officer would require to devote the whole of his time to this work, as he will be called upon to select sites and advise what units would be required to provide the necessary accommodation and it is quite probable that he may consider that arrangements should be made for 4000 instead of 2000 as suggested.

In the event of stress of weather preventing evacuation for any a period of seven days, it will be essential to make provision, not only for housing, but also for operative work, nursing of serious surgical and medical cases, and treatment of infectious cases. Judging by the condition of many of the officers and men at Anzac, I think that accommodation for at least 2000 will be necessary.

I have now over 600 officers and men who are being treated in their "dig-outs" behind the lines, and 130 in No. 1 and 3 Field Ambulances where they are only protected from the sun. In the event of fifty points of rain it will be necessary to immediately evacuate them all.

(Signed) N. R. House, Colonel,
A.D.M.S., 1st Aust. Division