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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 8-12a | Wounded return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army   | 1                                    |
|                 | 3 p.  | Message from 10 P.C.S. reporting case of dysentery  | 2                                    |
|                 | 4:35p | Evacuation return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & D.D.M.S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps                         | 3                                    |
|                 |       | Relief of 10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde by 1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Division proceeding. |                                      |
|                 |       | Operation orders re move issued by G.   |                                      |
|                 |       | 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb. moved to WORMHOUDT & established Div Rest Station             |                                      |
|                 |       | then for new area & also took over the Officers Corps Rest Station  |                                      |
|                 |       | The Adv. Dressing station of 11 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb. was relieved tonight by personnel                   |                                      |
|                 |       | of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian F. Amb.   |                                      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 8:00a | Wounded return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army   | 4                                    |
|                 | 4:50p | Evacuation return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & D.D.M.S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps                         | 5                                    |
|                 | 5p.   | Message to 11 F. re relief for M.O. of R.I. Fus   | 6                                    |
|                 | 5:10p | Message from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army reporting case of paratyphoid a in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. W. H. S.         | 7                                    |
|                 | 1 p.  | Message to 11 F. Amb. re news Sgt Major for them  | 8                                    |
|                 | 7 p.  | Message to 10 F. Amb. re collection of pick of 10 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde                                  | 9                                    |
|                 | 8 p.  | GAS ALERT on to 11 F. Amb.  | 10                                   |

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| REINERSELST. | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Cont.  | <p>Operation orders issued to 7. Amb. &amp; 3a San. Sect.</p> <p>The ADMS &amp; DADMS visited Camp K. L. &amp; M. into which the 10<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde → move on the 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>A gas alarm went off about 10pm, but no gas was reported on our front or on the front of the Division on our right. Gas was reported by the left of the Division on our left.</p>                                       | A.                                   |
|              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 8.20a  | Wounded return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army  | 11                                   |
|              |                 | 5.20p. | Evac. return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & D.M.S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps   | 12                                   |
|              |                 |        | <p>The ADMS attended a conference at the 8<sup>th</sup> Corps</p> <p>11 F. Amb. &amp; 3a San. Sect. moved to HERZEELE &amp; 11 F. Amb. sent one section to WATOU to carry on there until the arrival of 10 F. Amb. on a later date.</p> <p>ADMS &amp; DADMS visited 12 &amp; 11 F. Amb. at WORMHOUDT &amp; HERZEELE respectively.</p> <p>The enemy shelled POPERINCHE in the morning &amp; caused some casualties.</p> | 13                                   |
|              | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 8.15a  | Wounded return to D.M.S., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army   |                                      |

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| PENINGWELST | 4 <sup>c</sup> | 5:10p  | Evacuation return to DMS 2 <sup>d</sup> Army & DMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps<br>The 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde moved to camps K, L, M, & POPERINGHE in the tack area<br>Some of the units of 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde proceeded to 38 <sup>th</sup> Div. area for work.<br>The DMS visited camps K, L, M.                               | 14                                   |
|             | 5 <sup>2</sup> | 8:15a  | Wounded return to DMS 2 <sup>d</sup> Army  | 15                                   |
|             |                | 4:15p  | Evacuation return to DMS 2 <sup>d</sup> Army & DMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps<br>The DMS visited 11 & 12 F. Ambts.  | 16                                   |
|             | 6 <sup>c</sup> | 8:15a  | Wounded return to DMS 2 <sup>d</sup> Army  | 17                                   |
|             |                | 10:45a | Message to 10 F. Amb. re 9 <sup>th</sup> O. for 2 <sup>d</sup> Dublin Fusiliers<br>Operation orders re relief of 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Austral. Div. received  | 18                                   |
|             |                | 4:45p  | Evacuation return to DMS 2 <sup>d</sup> Army & DMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps<br>Monthly Board held on the P. B. men of the Division<br>The DMS visited Camps K & L.<br>The F. Ambts. of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australian Division arrived in this area preparatory to taking over<br>Operation orders issued to F. Ambts & San Sect. | 19                                   |

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|            | 7 <sup>th</sup> | 8.10a  | Wounded return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army                                       | 20                                   |
|            | (cont)          | 12.30p | Message from 17 C.P.S. reporting case of paratyphoid from 1 <sup>st</sup> R. Bn     | 21                                   |
|            |                 | 2.15p  | Message to 1 <sup>st</sup> Rifle Bde re above case of paratyphoid                   | 22                                   |
|            |                 | 4.35p  | Evacuation return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & D.M.S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps     | 23                                   |
|            |                 | 4.35p  | Message to D.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> R. Dist Fus. re Div. Reserve Coy    | 24                                   |
| ESQUELBECC | 8 <sup>th</sup> | 8.20a  | Wounded return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army                                       | 25                                   |
|            |                 | 1.45p  | Message to D.M.S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps giving location of D.M.S. office            | 26                                   |
|            |                 | 4.10p  | Evacuation return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & D.M.S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps     | 27                                   |
|            |                 | 7p     | Message to D.O. 7 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Bn                            | 28                                   |
|            |                 | 9.15p  | Message from 4 <sup>th</sup> Can. Div. to D.M.S.                                    | 29                                   |
|            |                 |        | Relief of 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bde & 10 <sup>th</sup> J. Amb. proceeding at night   |                                      |
|            |                 |        | The D.M.S. moved from BENINGHELSST to ESQUELBECC                                    |                                      |
|            |                 |        | The D.M.S. proceeded on leave to D.K.   |                                      |
|            | 9 <sup>th</sup> | 9.0    | Wounded return to D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army                                       | 30                                   |
|            |                 | 12.45p | Message from Q. re coal   | 31                                   |
|            |                 | 5.45p  | Message from 17 C.P.S. reporting case of dysentery from 1 <sup>st</sup> Lancs. Fus. | 32                                   |

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|       | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.40p. | Evacuation return to DMS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & DMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps  | 33                                   |
|       | Cont)            | 4.40p. | Message to H.Q. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army. Ltr. re case of dysentery  | 34                                   |
|       |                  |        | DMS visited 11 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Amb. inspected the water supply at WORMHOLD  |                                      |
|       |                  |        | BOLLEZEELE, the Div. School & camps round BOLLEZEELE, VOLKER-<br>INCKHOVE & Sect. of 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Amb. at BOLLEZEELE.   |                                      |
|       | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.40a. | Wounded return to DMS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army   | 35                                   |
|       |                  | 4.45p. | Evacuation return to DMS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & DMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps  | 36                                   |
|       |                  |        | DMS attended conference at Corps H.Q.  |                                      |
|       |                  |        | Orders were received that the 11 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde would move to DUNKERQUE on the 11 <sup>th</sup> inst. DMS proceeded to 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Amb. to make arrangements for Ranc. personnel to accompany them |                                      |
|       | 11 <sup>th</sup> |        | Operation orders issued to all concerned   | C                                    |
|       |                  | 9.25a. | Wounded return to DMS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army   | 37                                   |
|       |                  | 4.20p. | Evacuation return to DMS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army & DMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Corps  | 38                                   |
|       |                  |        | DMS visited the area of 11 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde at DUNKERQUE.  |                                      |
|       |                  |        | 12 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Amb. moved to DUNKERQUE.   |                                      |

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OPERATION ORDER by  
Colonel J. GRICH, D.S.O., A.M.S.,  
A.D.M.S., 4th Division.

2nd September, 1918.

1. No. 11 Field Ambulance will proceed from G.15.C. to HERZELLE by march route at 9 a.m. on 3rd September. G.O., 11th Field Ambulance will leave one section with 2 Motor Ambulances at WATOU on the way through to work the Dressing Station there until relieved by 10th Field Ambulance on a date that will be notified later.

Route :-  
POPERINGHE - ST. JAN DER BIERZIN - WATOU -  
HOUTKERQUE.

Advance parties with some transport will be sent to WATOU and HERZELLE the evening of the 2nd to make arrangements for the sick at present in the Field Ambulance who will be sent by Motor Ambulance to new Dressing Station on 3rd. 1 N.C.O and 3 men will remain as Camp guard at G.15.C. until relieved.

2. 3a Sanitary Section will proceed from G.15.C. to HERZELLE on 3rd September at 8-30 a.m.

Route:-  
POPERINGHE - St. JAN DER BIERZIN - WATOU -  
HOUTKERQUE.

The FODIN Lorry will be left at WATOU on the way through.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Grich*  
Colonel, A.M.S.,  
A.D.M.S., 4th Division.

Copies to:- 10th, 11th and 12th Field Ambulances.  
4th Division "C"  
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3a Sanitary Section.

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OPERATIONS ORDER by

Colonel. J. Grech, A.M.S., A.D.M.S., 4th Division.

7th September, 1916.

The 2nd Australian Division will take over the line at present held by the 4th Division.

The 8th Australian Brigade will relieve the 11th Brigade in the line on the nights 8/9th and 9/10th September.

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1. O.C., 10th Field Ambulance will hand over the advanced Dressing Stations at the Asylum, MENIN HILL, and BILLYMERE PASS to O.C. Australian Field Ambulance that is taking over the working of the line on the night 8/9th September and withdraw his personnel from these places.

2. At 9-0 a.m. on the 10th September, O.C., 10th Field Ambulance will hand over the Main Dressing Station and Transport lines to O.C., Australian Field Ambulance taking over the line and proceed by march route to WATOU and take over site of Field Ambulance there.  
Route :- via POPETISONS.

3. On arrival of 10th Field Ambulance at WATOU on the 10th September, the section of 11th Field Ambulance at present there will rejoin their Field Ambulance by march route.

4. O.C., 10th Field Ambulance will detail 8 Officers and 10 other ranks with one Motor Ambulance to proceed on morning of 10th September to BOLLEZELLE and open Dressing Station there to deal with sick of 11th Infantry Brigade in that area.

5. A.D.M.S.'s Office will close at REHINGHELT at 10 a.m. on the 8th September and reopen at ESQUELBOG at the same hour.

6. 4th Division Headquarters will close at REHINGHELT at 10 a.m. on the 10th instant and reopen at ESQUELBOG at the same hour.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Grech*

for Colonel. A.M.S.

A.D.M.S., 4th Division.

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- D.A.M.S., VIIIth Corps.
- D.M.S., Second Army.
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- A.D.M.S., 2nd Australian Division.
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Operation Order by  
Colonel J. Grech, D.S.O., A.M.S.  
A.D.M.S., 4th Division. *4/6h MB*

10th September, 1918.

1. No. 12 Field Ambulance will move from WORMHOUDT to COURDEKERKES on the 11th instant, starting at 10 a.m. route:- WORMHOUDT - BRUNSS - COURDEKERKES.

The collecting post at BOLLEZELLE will be withdrawn night of 10th instant.

The O.C., No. 12 F.A. will hand over the Divisional Rest Station to O.C., No. 11 Field Ambulance.

He will detail three horse ambulances to follow the 11th Infantry Brigade, starting from ZEGGERS-CAPPEL. Ambulances to be at ZEGGERS-CAPPEL at 7-30 a.m.

He will also send 4 Motor Ambulances by the same route at 9-30 a.m. *Starting from BOLLEZELLE*

He will send one Motor Ambulance to follow the route of 29th Brigade R.F.A. to be at PROVER at 10-30 a.m.

He will take 120 stretchers with him also a plentiful supply of dressings and medical comforts, etc.

He will leave one Officer in charge of patients at D.R.S.

2. O.C., No. 11 Field Ambulance will send two Sections to WORMHOUDT to take over D.R.S. from O.C., No. 12 F.A. at 8 a.m.

He will detail one Officer to report to O.C., No. 12. for duty.

He will send one Motor Ambulance to BOLLEZELLE - VOLKERRINGHOVE, - MERCKERSHEM to collect any sick left behind by the 11th Inf. Bde. Motor Ambulance to be at BOLLEZELLE at 7-30 a.m. *11<sup>th</sup> inst.*

3. O.C., No. 10 Field Ambulance will detail one Officer for temporary duty with No. 11 F.A. at WORMHOUDT. *11<sup>th</sup> inst.*

He will hand over one Motor Cycle to O.C., No. 12 F.A. as a temporary measure, to report by 8 a.m. *11<sup>th</sup> inst.*

He will detail one Officer for duty at the Divisional School at VOLKERRINGHOVE to report to Commandant at 8-30 a.m. 11th instant.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at... 11... p.m.

*[Signature]*  
Colonel A.M.S.  
A.D.M.S., 4th Division.

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4th Division. "O" & "Q"  
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D.D.M.S., 8th Corps.