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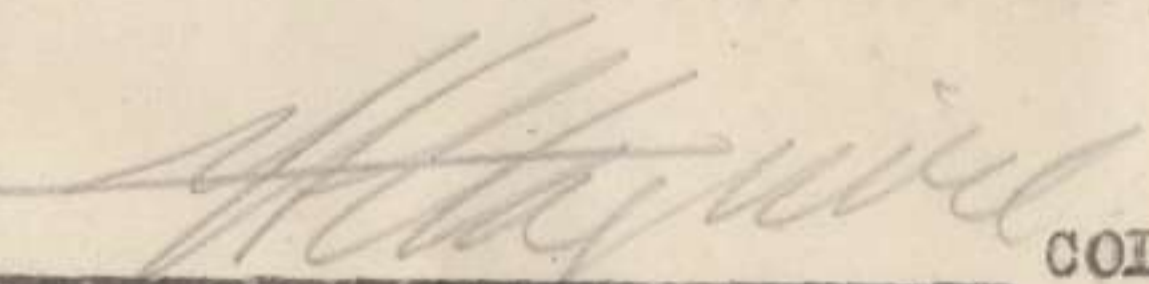
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE,	January,	1919		
	1	-	NIL	
	2	9 am	Memo received from War Records Section asking for records of Regimental and Field Ambulance work in the zone of active operations, also forwarding circulars as to what information is required. Replied that great difficulty will have to be contended with to stimulate the interest of the officers concerned, but stating that may feel assured of close co-operation in the matter - records (Copy of reply attached)	App. 1
		10 am	Memo from records asking for a detailed account on the clerical activities of an A.D.M.S. Office. (Precis forwarded - Copy attached)	App. 2
		11 am	Memo from Hdqrs "G" forwarding questions to be discussed at Conference to be held at Headquarters on the 7th inst. Reply to questions forwarded to "G". These are recommendations for the re-organization of a Field Ambulance (Copy Attached)	App. 3
	3	10 am	Aust. Corps Circular No. 12 received relative to the Dept. of Repatriation and Demob. A.I.F. Education Service - Advising establishment for this service.	
	4	10 am	Memo from "A" Advising the visit of his Royal Highness Prince of Wales has been postponed until 21st instant.	
		3 pm	Circular Memo Rep. & Demob. No. 2 - instructing Commanding Officers of Units to prepare Repatriation 'Precedence Rolls'.	
	5	1 pm	Aust. Corps Admin. Instruction No. 13 - Mob. Equipment - Units to render a certificate	
	6	3 pm	Gen. Instructions No. 3 (Dept. Rep. & Demob).	
	7	3 pm	Instructions from this Office for the transfer of Capt. COCKBURN from 3rd Div. Wing to 9th Fld. Amb. - Captain BRIDGE to Div. Wing as R.M.O.	

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FRANCE.	JANUARY.	1919		
	8th	9am	Aust. Corps advise surplus animals of 10th Aust. Field Ambulance to be returned with vehicles to A.H.T.D. ABBEVILLE. (Ref. Re-organization of Fld. Amb).	
		2 pm	Memo from "Q" in regard to the general turn-out of men of the A.I.F. Commanding Officers to ensure that all men are to turn-out neatly and properly dressed.	
	9th	10am	A.D.M.S. proceeded on 14 days leave to ENGLAND.	
		noon	Special application for early Repatriation. Instructing Ambulances that early Repatriation should be made on form 537, for undergraduates whose courses were interrupted by enlistment. Advising that the policy is to return these men to Australia as soon as possible	
	10th	10 am	Reference Demobilization. In compiling 'Precedence Rolls' it has been ruled that length is to be computed from date of embarkation and not from enlistment. Aust. Corps G.S. Circ. No. 41 received - Re-organization of Field Ambulances - It has been decided that the establishment of the remaining Sections will be as laid down in the War Est. Part VII A for "A" and "B" Sections.	
	11th	3pm	D.A.D.M.S. returned from leave.	
		4 pm	Administrative Instruction No. 68 received - Ref. Demob. Equipment - Notifying what steps to be taken by Commanding Officers.	
	12th	4 pm	Memo from Division. Reference cases having occurred in Units where men have asked for either Discharge or Early Repatriation and their application not approved by Unit Commanders Pointing out that such a refusal - is justified only when the man is indispensable.	
	13th	6 pm	Memo from "A" Division advising that approval has been given for No. 64 Dental Unit to Proceed from ENGLAND to 3rd Aust. Division.	

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FRANCE,	JANUARY,	1919		
	13th	10 am	Memo to 11th Aust. Fld. Amb. instructing that the Demobilization Scheme provides for the despatch for all ranks to ENGLAND prior to the despatch to AUSTRALIA, and opportunity will be given for leave while awaiting embarkation.	
	14th	9 am	Memo from R.M.O. 3rd Aust. M.G. Battrn - advsing that R.A.P. now located at GAMACHES - asking for what arrangements are made for the evacuation of sick and Dental Cases of his Unit. Instructed 11th Fld. Amb. to clear sick and also urgent Dental Cases to go to 11th Fld. Amb. pending the arrival of an additional Dental Unit. Memo from "Q" Division - advising that approval has been given for the issue of Brazier Oil Drums on a scale of 400 per Division. Demands for issue to be submitted to D?A.D.O.S. at once. Memo from "A" Division - notifying that it is proposed that all ranks be issued with an additional set of underclothing - asking for a report on the advisibility of the proposition. Replied - Strongly recommended from a Medical point of view.	
		10 am	Cir. Mem. from D.A.G.,A.I.F. - re Unit Histories - urging that this work be continued and brought to as much success as possible. Furthermore it is not practicable that individual Officers be allowed to search records.	
		6 pm.	D.A.G.,A.I.F. 25/185 - Notifying that the ranks of clerks on A.D.M.S. Offices of Divisions may be confirmed from 15/11/18., i.e. providing they held the rank prior to 11/11/18.	
	15th	1 pm	Reference this Office memo to Records asking for disposal of A.F.W.3185 and where filed. Reply received from D.M.S.,A.I.F. that this form is not filed by Aust. Records Section.	
		3 pm.	Memo from D.M.S.,A.I.F. relative to dispensers for Transports - asking for a nominal roll of S/SGts. Sgts. and rank and file dispensers - who are certified by their Commanding Officer as competent dispensers. Cir. received on "Lice" their relation to disease, biology, and the means of combatting lousiness among soldiers.	

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place Date Hour
FRANCE, JANUARY, 1919

16th	9 am	Wire from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps - advising that leave for 3rd Aust. San. Section personnel to come out of A.D.M.S. allotment.
	noon	Instructions D.A.G., A.I.F. - for the transfer of Major NORTH 11th Fld. Amb. to ENGLAND. Memo from 4th Army - re Fuel and Light for Education and Recreation Buildings to submit indents for supplies on scale laid down in G.R.O. 5699 and 5961.
17th	3 pm	D.A.D.M.S. visited R.M.O. 43rd Battn. at RAMBURELLES - who reported the health of men very satisfactory - only very minor ailments such as boils and light colds. R.M.O. 38th Batt. VISMES - reported similarly. This Officer has been in indifferent health for some time and arrangements made with C.O. 10th Aust. Fld. Amb. to have a thorough examination.
18th	10am	Wire from Division instructing Units to submit indents to D.A.D.O.S. for third blanket by 22nd.
	6 pm	Lt. BELL - Dental Officer - 64th Dental Unit reported from overseas to this Division for duty. Instructions issued for his attachment to 3rd M.G. Battn. GAMACHES for duty.
19th	5pm	Memo from Aust. Corps - all Officers and men concerned in Courts of Enquiry or investigations of any kind are not permitted to return to AUSTRALIA until referred to Corps H.Q. and decision obtained.
20th	3 pm	Memo from Division - reference to all ranks reporting to England for duty - Precedure to be adopted is that laid down in Gen. Instructions No. 6 para 26 Annexure "B" Para "G". Lt. Col. LEWERS (A/A.D.M.S) examined men belonging to 10th Bde. Units considered Unit for further service in the field, at 10th Fld. Amb. and 38th Battn.
21st	10am	Routine Order No. 2798 from 4th Army relative to Sanitation - Drawing Attention to D.G.M.S. Cir. Memo No. 16. - Preventative Measures against "Lice".

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	21st	11am	Horse Picquets : Stable picquets must be of sufficient strength to prevent loss. In the event of a horse or a mule being lost, action provided by A.M., S.O. 1102 to be taken.	
		noon	Memo from 11th Fld. Amb. reporting completion of arrangements for "Blue Light Room" SENARPONT.	
		2.30pm	Cir. Mem. from "A" relative to Demobilization - of Mob. Stores Vehicles &c.	
	22nd	10am	Memo from Division relative to Early Repatriation. These cases should be put forward at once also Undergraduate whose courses were interrupted by enlistment	
		3 pm	Wire from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps advising number of vacancies at Michelham Convalescent Home	
	23rd	10am	Memo from Division advising that authority has been given to send Officers to England who are University Students and who desire to return to AUSTRALIA to resume their University Courses.	
			Pamphlet received relative to Improved Type of "Hot Air Disinfector" - D.G.M.S. Cir. Mem No.16	
	24th	2 pm	Cir. Memo from D.A.G., A.I.F. re arrangements for leave for members of A.I.F. desiring to visit Conference of Imperial Union of Teachers in LONDON.	
			Cir. Memo from D.M.S. 4th Army recommending that the best form of Ointment for use in Early Treatment Room is 33% Calomel Ointment.	
		3 pm	Memo from G.H.Q. relative to relaxation of Censorship Rules.	
			Notification from A.A.G., A.I.F. advising that Lt. Col. JOLLEY Commanding Officer 9th Fld. Amb. reported on 13th instant - boarded - and found Unfit G. S. 6 months - Unfit H.S. two mths.	
		4 pm	A.D.M.S. returned from leave	
		6 pm	Memo from Aust. Corps relative to the loss by robbery of horses equipment &c. the property of His Majesty's Government.	

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FRANCE,	JANUARY,	1919		
	25th	1 pm	Memo from Division advising that it may be possible to make arrangements for men of DANISH and SCANDINAVIAN Birth to visit their Native country before returning to AUSTRALIA.	
		6 pm	DEMOBILIZATION: Re despatch of 1,000 men from Division and advising distribution from Divl. Units. (First Quota - time for departure to be stated later).	
	26th	3 pm	Memo to 10th and 11th Fld. Ambs - re alteration of collection of sick from Battalions ; 10th F.A. to collect from 3rd Pioneers, 11th to collect 39th Battn.	
		4 pm.	Memo from Aust. Corps - re demobilization of personnel of Field Ambulances - instructing that no Commanding Officer or Section Commander or Q.M. will be included in any draft without reference to Corps. Memo to D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps relative to Re-Organization of Field Ambulances, asking for a ruling as to whether N.C.O's holding temporary ranks under A.I.F. Orders 1086 ; 1087 ; should revert to rank as shewn in War Establishment. Monthly Sanitation Report (Copy attached)	App. 4
	27th	9 am	Memo from "G" - advising Divisional Party to proceed to LONDON to review War Records required to compile Unit Histories. Memo from Division advising that a supply of "French Letters" has been obtained and notifying distribution made. Sale price 30 centimes each. R.M.O's advised.	
	28th	10am	Report received from R.M.O. 44th Battn. on large Barn and Granary located at CERISY, forwarded to "A" Division recommending that this Barn be used for Concentration purposes.	
		1 pm	D.A.G., A.I.F. Cir. Memo No. 51/70 of 24/1/19: authorising the number of S/Sgts. per Field Ambulance for new establishment ; 2 S/Sgt. Dispensers ; 1 S/Sgt. Nursing Duties.	
	29th	10 am	Corps Safe Custody Compound POULAINVILLE is being disbanded ; men at present there to serve balance of sentence at Unit.	

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	29th	10am	Reference Demob. & Repat. Gen. Instruction No. 11 - Re medical examination of all men prior to Demobilization. Cir. to R.M.O's advising this matter will be put in hand at once. Field Ambulances instructed to convene Medical Boards for examination of Brigade Groups.	
	30th	9 am	D.D.M.S. advised Lt. Col. RAFFAN A.A.M.C. will visit Division and every facility should be accorded for the inspection of V.D. arrangements.	
	31st	1 pm	Pending further instructions all Leave to ENGLAND cancelled.	
<u>GENERAL</u>				
-----			<p>During January, 1919 the Division has remained in the HUPPY Area, South of ABBEVILLE. The area is scattered and the billeting of average quality.</p> <p>For the first three weeks the weather was cold with a good deal of rain, but in the last week it turned bitterly cold with snow and a very hard frost. The snow has lain on the ground frozen for some days. During this last week the sick admission dropped to 36 for the Division. Confirming the experience of the winter of 1916 that cold weather with hard frosts is not unfavourable to the health of the troops, and that it is not nearly so harmful as wet weather. I would again emphasise the necessity for : (1). two pairs of boots per man in winter, (2). A waterproof cape in addition to ground sheet. (3). An extra ration of tea or coffee and sugar in winter to provide an extra hot drink in the evenings.</p> <p>The Venereal problem has been met by the establishment of "Blue Light Rooms" in every Unit and in all local towns; by the continued instruction of the men on the matter; by the supply of Blue Light Outfits to every Unit, and by the sale of French Letters. The latter are always in great demand. They are purchased through the Divisional Canteen and sold to the men through the Blue Light Room at three pence each. The Blue Light Outfits supplied through the D.M.S., A.I.F. are very good. They are distributed to Regimental Medical Officers for supply to men who require them.</p> <p>During the month Field Ambulances have been re-organised on a 2 section basis, and all equipment rendered surplus, returned to store.</p> <p>Demobilization arrangements have been put in hand. The medical examining, and boarding of every man is a big task and is delayed by the non-arrival of the A.I.F. Form 536.</p> <p>The health of the troops has been very good on the whole. There is no epidemic disease amongst them this month.</p>	

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<p>The Foden Lorry has been out of action, and is missed very much for the routine sterilization of Blankets.</p> <p>The Divisional arrangements for Educational Classes have been very complete, and there is no doubt that the mental occupation thus afforded to the men has been of much value in keeping the sick rate low.</p>																						
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A. D. M. S. 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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JANUARY, 1919

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| 1. | Copy of reply by A.D.M.S. to War Records Section re records of Regl. and Fld. Amb. work. |
| 2. | Detailed account on the clerical activities of an A.D.M.S. Office |
| 3. | Question to be discussed at Divisional Conference. Recommendation by A.D.M.S. for the re-organization of a Field Ambulance. |
| 4. | Monthly Sanitary Report. |
| 5. | Memo on Graph shewing Sick Admissions and Evacuations by months for year 1918. For Graph see original. |
| 6. | Map. shewing Divisional Area (HUPPY). |

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COLONEL
A.D.M.S. 3rd Australian Division

HEADQUARTERS
7th February, 1919
JAC/

To - ²²⁴
Assistant Collator,
Medical History,
c/o Officer i/c.
Aust. War Records Section,
103 Horseferry Road,
LONDON.



Ref. your Memo. 1 AWM.4364/31/1, of 30/12/18.

I have gone through the whole matter and the attached circulars very carefully, and am in full accord with your objects.

I am afraid the great difficulty you will have to contend with will be to stimulate the interest of the Officers concerned sufficiently to get them to place on record the facts which they all possess.

Even with the close personal contact that exists between A.D.M.S. and R.M.Os., it has been difficult to persuade R.M.Os. and Officers of Field Ambulances to place their experiences on record. The whole matter seems to them so common-place that they think it hardly worth while writing it down. They take it as a matter of common knowledge. And so it is for those who have actually been present and understand the conditions, but I feel that, as time passes and they get among those who have not been actually present, and realise how little is known outside those who have actually served in the field of the actual conditions that have to be contended with, they will appreciate the necessity for record of their own experiences.

While I would not suggest that anything in the nature of a paper "barrage" should be hurled at all and sundry, I feel very strongly that an occasional reminder on the lines of your memo quoted above will produce more and more result as time goes on.

In regard to this Division, of which I have had the honor to be the A.D.M.S. during the whole of this most strenuous year - 1918, I am sure you will realise that, in the stress and strain of the situations we have been meeting constantly since the Boche attack in March last, no one has had the time to spare to place on record anything beyond mere headings. At the same time our constant endeavour has been to keep the matter before the minds of all Medical Officers, and as late as 25th September last, a circular was issued to all Medical Officers from this Office reminding them of this matter. I attach a copy for your information.

You may feel assured of my close co-operation in this matter as far as this Division is concerned. I will try to prepare a list for you giving you the names of Medical Officers who have been present personally and directly concerned in those actions quoted by Capt. BEAN in which this Division took part, showing the name of the Officer and, if possible, some indication of the part he took. I would suggest that you then communicate direct with these Officers, making a personal appeal to them for a narrative.

Yours faithfully,

Headquarters,
2/1/19.
FAM/GJW.

Colonel.
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

To-

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Assistant Collator,
Special Medical History,
For Officer i/c. Aust. War Records Section,
103 Horseferry Road,
LONDON. S.W.1.



In reply to your l.AWM.4364/42/3 of 11th inst., herewith
precis dealing with clerical activities of this Office.

Para.1. (a) 1. Numbers employed:-

3 Clerks) 1 Chief Clerk.
) 1 Registry Clerk.
) 1 Typist.
1 Orderly.

II. Supervision. Directly under Chief Clerk, who is
responsible to D.A.D.M.S., who in turn is responsible
to A.D.M.S.

III. Hours of work of Clerical Staff:-

Operations:- Two clerks on duty at all hours. This
mainly depends on the circumstances.

Holding Line:- Office hours, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Duty Clerk - 11 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Rest Area:- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

(See Duty Rosters attached). *App 'a'*

CORRESPONDENCE.

(b) I. Opened by - General Routine correspondence opened by
Registry Clerk. Secret, by Chief Clerk. Confidential
by A.D.M.S.

II. Inward:- Stamped (Office Stamp), dated, and timed on
receipt. Daily precis taken of all correspondence,
both inward and outward, for information of War Diary.

III. Registration:- Correspondence is registered under
subject system. All inward, ~~with the exception of~~
~~confidential~~, is registered by Registry Clerk. (Copy
of Registration leaf attached) and details dealing with
this system.) *App B.*

IV. Circuit of Correspondence:- (a) Inward - from
Registry Clerk to Chief Clerk, from Chief Clerk to
D.A.D.M.S., and on to A.D.M.S. (b) Outward - Chief
Clerk clears bins of A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S., treats,
distributes, and passes correspondence on with
detailed instructions.

V. Typing:- Checked by Chief Clerk, passed to D.A.D.M.S.
or A.D.M.S. for signature. Correspondence signed by
A.D.M.S. - instructions, rulings and memos. to
higher authorities; by D.A.D.M.S. - other routine
matters.

VI. Treated Correspondence - how despatched:- Entered in
despatch book according to number on memo. Each
packet is marked with serial number of despatch book.
(Copy of leaf of despatch book attached.) *App C.*

VII. Inward Telegrams:- (a) In operations all telegrams
are entered in Army Form A.2040 and marked off to
files concerned, if not filed under that number.
(b) Holding line and Rest Area - treated as ordinary
correspondence.

VIII. Outward Telegrams:- (a) In operations, registered out on Army Form A-2040. (b) In rest area, registered out on correspondence number referring to same.

IX. Card System:- The card system is used for one subject in the correspondence, viz. Honours and Rewards. Recommendations sent in by C.Os. Field Ambulances are dealt with by this Office, and a card written for each name recommended. (See sample of card attached.) These are filed in alphabetical order. *App D*

Card system for leave matters. This Office took over the administration of leave for all Medical Officers in the Division about July 1918, in order to give all M.Os. a fair share of leave. The card system was instituted to form a correct roster. (Sample of leave roster and card attached.) *App E*

X. Filing:- Each subject filed under separate cover - Army Form W-3091. All G.R.Os., D.R.Os., etc. filed in numerical order under separate covers.

Correspondence is filed for three months, then gone through by Chief Clerk, who sorts into three heaps - one heap for records, one retained, one destroyed, (Vide G.R.O. 1597).

Files are revised on the 1st of each month under the supervision of D.A.D.M.S.

(c)

RECORDS.

I. List of Returns were forwarded to you in January last; the same principle is still working in this office.

II. Filing of Returns:- These are filed according to serial numbers on list, in covers of Army Forms W-3091, ~~some~~ ~~charts-were-compiled-and-forwarded-with-war-diary-~~ that it is only a matter of getting the Office No. of the Return to find the Return called for.

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EQUIPMENT FOR AN A.D.M.S. OFFICE.

Folding Tables, 5 x 2½	-	-	2
Do. 3½ x 2½	-	-	2
Chairs	-	-	3
Stools	-	-	4
Typewriter	-	-	1
Duplicator, Roneo	-	-	1
(This machine is most essential for issuing orders, circular memos, etc.)			
Stationery Boxes			2
Telephone			1
Correspondence Bins			10

"Disposition of Officers" Board.

This Board shows at a glance names of all Medical Officers in the Division on small pieces of tin fitted into slots, tabulated as under:-

<u>9th Fld.Amb.</u>	<u>10th Fld.Amb.</u>	<u>11th Fld.Amb.</u>	<u>R.M.Os.</u>
(Green.)	(Red.)	(Blue.)	(Showing each Unit)

Also blank spaces for Schools, leave, and M.Os. detached from the Division for other duties.

This Board is very useful, and gives information as to where Medical Officers are placed, and what Ambulance can best afford to send relief if required.

GENERAL.

Since the Division's arrival in France till August 1917 operations more or less consisted of stationary warfare, and when we did move from place to place transport was no difficulty, and in consequence thereof as many records as desired were kept. From date mentioned onwards transport became more difficult, and instructions for moves at shorter notice, and many times it happened half the office records were left behind to be sent on later and collected at the other end. This is not a satisfactory arrangement, as valuable records were often discarded and destroyed.

On 23rd March, 1918, Divisional Headquarters were located at NIELLES-les-BLEQUIN. Instructions were received at short notice to proceed to STEENVOORDE; all surplus baggage and current correspondence had to be dumped. These were eventually collected and sent to DESVRES for storage. From there Division moved to BLARINGHAM, from BLARINGHAM to COUTOURELLE, from COUTOURELLE to FRANVILLERS. This was done in the period of four days, and by the time we were finally established in FRANVILLERS all that was left of our records were files dealing with operations and "G" orders, and the Registry Book.

This all bears to one point - that, in order to meet the unexpected, an A.D.M.S. Office should hold as few records as possible, and have a complete system of registration, in order to meet such demands as quoted above.

Clerical Staff.

The Clerical Staff is regarded as insufficient for active service conditions. To keep records of value from an historical point of view, a private clerk skilled in drawing plans and copying maps and in making graphs is essential.

An extra private clerk, Typist and Stenographer, has always been found necessary, and has been attached from an ambulance.

In rapid advances it has been found necessary to subdivide the Office, - two clerks and an orderly going forward with the divisional Battle Headquarters with A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. to deal with all operation orders etc.

A clerk and assistant has usually been left at Divisional Rear Headquarters to deal with all routine correspondence - which is just as bulky, and returns, which are even more urgent, during operations than in quiet times.

I consider the minimum staff for an A.D.M.S. Office in the Field, if records are to be kept that will be of any historical value, is :-

- 1. Chief Clerk, Warrant Officer.
- 1. Registry Clerk, Sergeant.
who can relieve and assist Chief Clerk.
- 1. Typist and general Clerk, Corporal.
- 2. Private Clerks, - one of whom should be skilled at drawing, draughting plans, copying maps etc.
The other should be a competent typist and Stenographer.

Correspondence.

Dating and timing of receipt of all inward letters, wires etc., is very important.

D.A.D.M.S. sees all correspondence, both inward and outward, and so is acquainted with all matters and all rulings. This is most essential.

All matters involving rulings, all instructions to Field Ambulances and Regimental Medical Officers and all Orders, and all correspondence to higher authority is signed by A.D.M.S., and only by D.A.D.M.S. in absence on duty of A.D.M.S.

Card System was introduced by W.O. CRAIG, and is of very great value - compact for carriage and easy of reference. It is especially applicable in the Field to Honours and Awards, and Leave Roster.

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Correspondence. (continued).

As transport is at a minimum it is necessary to be continually reviewing files in order to get rid of all correspondence that can be done without, vide para: (b) sub-para: X.

Records.

The number of routine returns required by higher formations is extraordinary, both in total and in diversity.

They are based on the requirements of :-

1. The Medical Services.-

The following Officers all ask for information :-

- (a) D.G.M.S., in the Field.
- (b) D.M.S. of the Army to which the Division is attached.
- (c) D.D.M.S. of the Corps to which the Division is attached.
- (d) D. M. S., A. I. F.

In regard to (b) and (c), these alter with every transfer of the Division from Corps to Corps, and Army to Army.

It seems to be very necessary to work out a standard set of information required and to bring all Armies and Corps into line. In the future Australian Army this should be easy, but it is most essential.

The system of registration of correspondence has proved thoroughly satisfactory under all conditions.

- 2. The General Staff ask for very little.
- 3. The "A" Branch,- in regard to casualties, wastage returns, discipline, etc.
- 4. The "Q" Branch,- in regard to supplies, horses, mechanical transport, censuses of all kinds, etc.


3 and 4 are of course governed by the requirements of the "A.&Q" Branches of higher formations. Within the Division the requirements vary very little. The remarks under 1. (b) & (c) apply here. (The total number of Returns rendered by this Office is as follows:- Daily 6, Weekly 28, Monthly 28, Quarterly 2.

Equipment.

While in battle, the Office must be prepared to carry on with a minimum - a Message Book and Telephone, as far as Battle Headquarters are concerned. But even in the most difficult situations of 1918 it has been found possible to take the typewriter forward, and on most cases the Roneo Duplicator. This facilitates the issue of A.A.M.C. Orders on operations, tremendously. For the distribution of such an order is usually about 25 copies, at least.

For other times a scale of equipment as shewn in para: (d) is regarded as a minimum. All furniture should be folding.

The 'Distribution of Officers' Board has been found of greatest use, - it is easily carried, and can be constructed by any carpenter.


Colonel-
A. D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Headquarters-
3rd. January, 1919.
FAM/RWB.

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App A

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

A. D. M. S. OFFICE REGULATIONS.

1. OFFICE HOURS: 09.00 to 22.00.

2. MEAL HOURS:
Breakfast - 08.00 to 08.45
Dinner - 12.15 to 13.30
Tea. - 16.45 to 17.45

3. DUTY CLERK: To take over duties at 22.00 till 08.45 -
To be relieved by a Clerk. (see Duty Roster).

4. ORDERLIES must bear in mind that :-

- (i) The Office is to be swept and dusted by 09.00 daily.
- (ii) The mail is to be collected as soon as possible.

5. TIME OFF:
Orderly - two half days per week (Wednesdays and Sundays).
Despatch Rider - one half day per week (Saturdays).
Clerks - one hour per day when convenient.

6. NIGHT DUTY ROSTER:

<u>Week ended.</u>	<u>Clerk on duty.</u>	<u>Duty Clerk relieved by.</u>
---	Sgt. LAPSLEY.	Pte. PICKERING.
---	Cpl. BARNES.	L/Cpl. WATSON.
---	Pte. PICKERING.	Sgt. LAPSLEY.
---	L/Cpl. WATSON.	Cpl. BARNES.

(sgd) J. A. CRAIG, W.O.
CHIEF CLERK, A.D.M.S. STAFF.

REGISTRATION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

1. SYSTEM: The system of registration of correspondence adopted by this Office is generally known as "Subject Registration". It has been in vogue since the arrival of the Division in France, and has proved a success, both as regards expeditious tracing of correspondence and convenience, as anyone with only slight knowledge of the routine of Registration can fathom the ~~subject~~ at a glance.
system.

The system has been worked on a loose leaf basis, and has proved very satisfactory, as when a certain number of leaves have been completed, and are hardly likely to be referred to, they are extracted from the current register and placed in a dead register - thus, instead of having numerous registers, there are only two Registers (the current and dead) to deal with.

First of all the subjects covering all likely correspondence are selected and numbered alphabetically, and consecutively (List of Subjects in use attached).

The prefix letter selected by this Office to distinguish our registration of correspondence from other Branches of the service is "M", representing Medical.

2. HOW REGISTERED. The correspondence is first of all read through to give an idea of the main topic and the "gist" of the correspondence.

(a) If it is correspondence originating for the first time, the subject number is selected, and then the "gist" of same entered in the Register under the subject heading.

The registration number is then placed on the letter, e.g. Subject "Roads" - M.48/ - consecutive number of subject 6, denoting M.48/6.

(b) Any letters referring to previous correspondence are always registered under the original number and attached to file.

The correspondence is then ready for treatment - the action taken is entered accordingly in Register.

3. DAILY REGISTER PRINCIPLE: All correspondence emanating from higher authority, such as D.H.Q., "A", "Q", "G", D.D.M.S. Australian Corps, &c., is cross-registered, that is to say, subject numbers are selected for each of above, entered, and then referenced off - this being what is generally termed "Daily Register". This is a most essential procedure, as higher authorities often only quote their number and date of letter, and if record were not kept of all letters separately from these Offices, it would mean delay in tracing the previous correspondence.

4. PENDING FILE: In the ordinary routine correspondence, there is a great deal that cannot be finally dealt with at once, for instance higher authorities ask for a report on various subjects - Field Ambulances are communicated with, in the meantime the correspondence is placed in a pending file until replies come to hand from the Units.

Correspondence received by this Office requiring circulation to Units for replies is always forwarded to Units showing time and date required - if not to hand, expedites are issued - thus in this and many ways you have the advantage of a pending file.

The pending file is gone through by Chief Clerk or D.A.D.M.S. daily.

5. OPERATIONS: In operations such as, "The Battle of Messines", "Ypres" and the "Somme Campaign" - a separate list of subjects was selected and all correspondence relating directly on above operations were registered separately, and not in the general Register - thus, when the whole phase of the campaign finished, the loose leaves of the Register were extracted and finally filed away. This system proved to have many advantages, as it kept all correspondence dealing with the campaign in progress separate, so that it could be held and handled apart from the routine work.

CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Confidential Correspondence is registered by the Registry Clerk in same Register as Routine Correspondence, This system has proved better than having a separate Register for confidential matters.

It must be borne in mind that the Registry Clerk should be a man specially selected for the purpose, as, in the absence of the Chief Clerk, in the event of any urgent matters being received referring to confidential correspondence, it is not necessary to await his return, the essential point about it being that at all times you must have one Clerk in the Office who has a thorough knowledge of all correspondence.

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LIST OF SUBJECTS.

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SUBJECT.		NO. OF LETTER
A.D.M.S.	"CONFIDENTIAL" Movement Orders	M.1/-
"G" & "Q"	" " "	M.1/1.
A.D.M.S.	RAIDS "Medical Arrangements"	M.1/2.
GENERAL	Orders	M.1/3.
A. "	Evacuation of Wounded)	M.1/4.
	Scheme from Sector)	

SUBJECT.	No. of Letter.	SUBJECT.	No. of letter.
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(Medical arrange-		Intelligence	M34/1/-
"Sick" (ments for Dis-	M2/-	Inoculation	M34/-
(posal of		Leave	M35/-
Aust. Comforts Fund	M2/1	Lighting Accessories	M36/-
Advanced Dressing Stations	M3/-	Locations	M36/1/-
Appointments	M3/1	Medical Boards & Unfit men	M37/-
Baths & Laundries	M4/-	Messing Arrgmts. & Rations	M38/-
Board Proceedings & Claims	M5/-	Officers	M38/1/-
Court Martials	M5/1	Officers' Rest Homes	M39/-
Blankets	M6/-	Operations	M39/1/-
Bicycles	M7/-	Pamphlets	M40/-
Casualty Clearing Stations	M8/-	Personnel (A.A.M.C.)	M40/1/-
Camps & Billets	M8/1	" (A.A.S.C.)	M40/2/-
Casualties	M9/-	" (Baths)	M40/3/-
Candidates for Commissions	M10/-	Prisoners of War	M41/-
Civilian Cases	M11/-	Promotions	M42/-
Codes	M12/-	Pay	M43/-
Conferences	M12/1	Patients (Belongings &c.)	M43/1/-
D.D.M.S. II ANZAC.	M13/-	Regimental Aid Posts	M44/-
Demobilization	M13/1	Red Cross Society	M45/-
Deceased Soldiers	M14/-	Reinforcement Camps	M46/-
Dental	M15/-	Rest Camps	M46/1/-
Offensive (Complete) Messines	M16/-	Returns	M47/-
Ypres Operations	YM17/-	Recommendations & Rewards	M48/-
DHQ. (A.A. & Q.M.G.)	M17/1/-	Roads	M48/1
" ("G" Staff)	M17/2/-	Sanitary Section	M49/-
D.M.S. II Army.	M18/-	Recreation, etc.	M49/1/-
Divisional Rest Station	M19/-	Reg. Funds, Canteen &	
Dumps (Salvage) Stores	M20/-	Trust A/cs.	M49/2/-
Drugs & Dressings	M21/-	Sanitation	M50/-
Education Scheme	M22/-	" (Weekly Reports)	M50/1/-
Equipment (for Baths)	M22/1/-	" (Incinerators	
" (Medical)	M22/2/-	Material)	M50/2/-
Eye Cases	M23/-	Schools	M51/-
Equipment (Ordnance)	M24/-	Self-Inflicted & Acc. Wds.	M52/-
Establishment	M24/1/-	Signs	M52/1
9th Aust. Field Amb.	M25/-	Stationery	M53/-
10th Do	M26/-	Troops of Allies	M53/1/-
11th Do.	M27/-	Do. (American)	M53/2/-
Discipline, Crimes & Offs.)	M27/1/-	Shell Shock	M54/-
Fuel	M28/-	Spies	M54/1/-
Dress	M29/-	Tents	M55/-
Gas	M30/-	Training	M55/1/-
General Correspondence	M31/-	Transfers	M56/-
Hospitals, & A. & D. Books	M32/-	Transport (General)	M57/-
Infectious Diseases (general)	M33/-	" (Horse)	M57/1/-
" (C.S.M.)	M33/1/-	" (Mechanical)	M57/2/-
" (Diphtheria)	M33/2/-	" (Light Rlys.)	M57/3/-
" (Dysentery)	M33/3/-	Telephones & Tel. messages	M58/-
" (Measles)	M33/4/-	Trench Foot & Tr. Nephritis	M59/-
" (Mumps)	M33/5/-	Water	M60/-
" (Scabies)	M33/6/-	War Diaries, Records, etc.	M60/1/-
" (Scarlet Fev.)	M33/7/-	Wounds (Treatment of)	M61/-
" (Ven. Dis.)	M33/8/-	Y.M.C.A. (Arrangements)	M62/-
" (Enteric)	M33/9/-	Maps	M63/-
" (Trench Fev.)	M33/10/-	Visits	M64/-

Q. 104

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Q 104/565

26.5.18

Major Montgomery
RMO 3 Div
Engrs

Application for return to Australia

To D.A.M.S. noted & recom^d 27/5/18

15.6.18

Col A

Pwdg. D.A.G. AIF. No 19/1/197 dated 13/6/18 - approval for Maj. Montgomery to return to Australia on Transport Duty. Reinfor. No. 0. to be demanded from base to replace

Passed to C.R.E. for information 15/6/18
copy to C.O. 10. F. Amb to detail a No. 0 to relieve Maj. Montgomery 15/6/18

E.53/66.

16.6.18

C.R.E.

Returning Q 104/565 file & advising that Maj. Montgomery ready to move on 20/6/18.

X.53/18

16.6.18

C.O. 10. Pld. Amb.

Advising that Capt McPhee detailed to relieve & reported on 16/6/18.

17.6.18

A.D.M.S.

Prodg. Warrant & Ration Book for Major Montgomery to cross 20/6/18.

To C.R.E. to advise departure 17/6/18.

E.53/66.

20.6.18

C.R.E.

Advising departure of Major Montgomery

To Col A advising departure & returning file 20/6/18.

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30.5.18

A.D.M.S.

Approval for following transfers to date as from 2.6.18
Capt. Greenham D.P. 9. F. Amb to 10 F. Amb.
Capt Leaver No. 10. F. Amb to 9. F. Amb.

To C.O.s 9 & 10. F. Ambs to advise completion - 30/5/18

F.A. 1464

2.6.18

C.O. 9. F. Amb.

Advising completion of transfer.

X. 60/40

2.6.18

C.O. 10. F. Amb

Advising completion of transfer.

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SUBJECT

SHEET No.

No.	Prior.	Sub-sequent.	Date Registered.	From or To Whom.	Nature of Communication.	Action.
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Sample Leaf of Despatch Book.

290 b.O. 9th
Fld. Ambee

M 48/60
M 2/419
M 30/46
D.R.O. 260
corps R.O. 40
M 20/69

App. C
M. Brown

14.00

JAN 13 1919

291 b.O. 10th
Fld. Ambee

M 48/60
M 40/1/219
M 30/46
M 2/419
D.R.O. 260
corps R.O. 40
M 20/69.

M. Brown

14.20

JAN 1 1919

292 b.O. 11th
Fld. Ambee

M 48/60
M 40/1/219
M 30/46
M 2/419
D.R.O. 260
corps. R.O. 40
M 20/69.

J. Jack

13.30

JAN 13 1919

293 D.H.Q.
"A"

M 12/20
M 36/89
M 46/220.

J. Capstan

14.40

JAN 13 1919



SAMPLE ONLY. File No. 1942/60

NAME. BROWN. James App. D
 Reg. No. 660 Rank Plt Unit. - Field Ambulance
 Recommendation Military Medal
 Place where Act performed. Ypres.
 Date. - 12. 10. 17.
 Award Received. - Military Medal
 Ribbon - Date - 7. 1. 18
 Medal - " - 6. 3. 18
 Authority - A. I. F. List No -
 Special D.R.O. No - Dated -

NAME - BLANK. P. T. O. App E
RANK - Captain
UNIT - 606. Field Ambulance
DATE JOINED DIVISION - 25. Dec. 1917.

DATES of LEAVE

<u>ENGLAND</u>	- from	<u>3. 6. 18</u>	to	<u>17. 6. 18</u>
	
	
	
<u>FRANCE</u>	- from	<u>17. 10. 18</u>	to	<u>26. 10. 18</u>
	
	

SAMPLE ONLY.



APP E

SAMPLE

ENGLISH LEAVE ROSTER FOR A.A.M.C. OFFICERS

serial: No.	Rank	NAME	UNIT	Date last Leave to ENGLAND	Date last leave in FRANCE 14 days	Date when due	Date of commence ment of Leave	ALLOTMENT per week from time to time
1	Major	SMYTH J.S.	9th Fld. Amb.	16/9/18	-	16/2/19	-	1 per week from _____ to _____

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App 3

SECRET.

To-
" G "
3rd. Australian Division.

M. 12/1/25.

Reference your S.O.39/84 dated 1st. instant.-
Replies to questions as under, please.

QUESTION 1.

The present organisation of a Field Ambulance is regarded as very unsatisfactory, and from a practical standpoint unworkable without many minor alterations and adjustments in the course of every day's work.

The following outline is of an organisation to replace the present one, based on the assumptions given in the heading of the questions asked.

A Field Ambulance would consist of :-

1. Headquarters.
2. Nursing Division.
Organised in 2 sub-divisions.
3. Bearer Division,
Organised in 2 sub-divisions.

From these would be organised two sections, each consisting of :-

- (1 Nursing sub-division.
- (1 Bearer sub-division.

4. Transport on a 2-section basis.

1. The Headquarters should be complete and independent of the sections, so that they may be detached separately, each being complete in itself.

The volume of clerical and store work, particularly in action, necessitates a strong clerical and Q.M. staff. This would be directly under the Commanding Officer, while sections should be capable of carrying out detached duties, and therefore also require a clerical and store staff, on a small scale.



The Headquarters would consist of :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Commanding Officer (Lt-Col.)	1	
Quartermaster	1	
Warrant Officer (R.S.M.)	-	1
Q. M. S.	-	1
Sergeant Clerk	-	1
Private Clerk	-	1
Private (C.O.'s. Orderly)	-	1
Storemen	-	3
Bootmaker	-	1
Batmen	-	2
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	2	11
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Each Nursing sub-division should be complete in itself, and capable of staffing and running a Field Hospital of up to 100 patients, and of handling a big rush of wounded without needing extra assistance.

ESTABLISHMENT :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Major	1	
Captains	2	
Staff Sgt. Dispenser		1
Sergeant Nursing Duties		1
Corporal Clerk		1
Corporal Packstore keeper		1
Corporals Nursing Duties		2
Private Clerks		2
Privates, Packstore		2
Privates, Nursing duties & General Duties		18
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	3	28
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BEARER SUB-DIVISION :-

Would be organised on the lines of a half company.
(Infantry)

ESTABLISHMENT.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Captain	1	
Lieutenants	2	
Sergeants		4
Corporals		6
Privates		96
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	3	106
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This would provide for 24 squads of 4 each.

The Lieutenants need not necessarily be Medical Officers. This would give opportunity for promotion for deserving R.S.M.'s. and General Duty Sergeants to commissioned rank. They should be thoroughly trained in First Aid.

TRANSPORT.

<u>Horsed</u>	Water Carts	3
	Wagons, G.S. Limbered	2
	Travelling Kitchen	1
Single Roden	Sterilizer (horse or motor)	1
<u>Motor</u>	Large Ambulance Cars	6
	Small (Ford) Cars	4
	Lorries, 2 ton	6
	Cycles, Motor	3

Transport personnel would be in proportion and should allow of 50% spare drivers.

There should be a Transport Officer, Lieutenant, in charge of all Transport of the Unit. He should not be a Medical Officer.

This would give a thoroughly mobile Unit of sufficient strength to do almost any work without having to demand reinforcements from other Arms of the Service.

All men should be "A" class men.

The Nursing sub-divisions should be sufficiently strong to do their work without requiring any assistance from the Bearer sub-divisions.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT.

			<u>M.O's.</u>	<u>Other Offs.</u>	<u>O/RS.</u>
Headquarters	-	-	1	1	11
<u>"A" Section.</u>					
Nursing	-	-	3	-	28
Bearer	-	-	1	2	106
<u>"B" Section.</u>					
Nursing	-	-	3	-	28
Bearer	-	7	1	2	106
			<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>279</u>

The increase in Bearers is considered essential, as in every case where a Division becomes involved in heavy action, demand has to be made for reinforcements of Bearers from other Arms. As a result, if fighting is heavy and the position in any way critical either the demand is not acceded to, or tired men are supplied for the purpose.

A total of 9 Medical Officers is recommended in order to provide a reserve of Medical Officers at the disposal of A.D.M.S. to quickly replace casualties of R.M.O's. The present establishment of 7 Medical Officers per Field Ambulance gives no margin.

QUESTION II

This depends entirely on conditions of warfare. If it is Mobile Warfare, it is considered essential to have the Sanitary section attached to the division under the direct control of A. D. M. S.

QUESTION III

The present arrangement is considered satisfactory and no change is recommended.

The A. D. M. S. must be in very close touch with all the activities of the Division, as much in peace or behind the line as in the line. Therefore the closest liaison with the staff is necessary. This is attained under the present arrangement.

QUESTION IV.

See answer to Question I.

An alternative proposition to that put up is to separate the Bearer Company from the Field Ambulance, and make them an extra Company of a Pioneer Battalion, or attach them to Brigades.

The objection to this is that when they would be wanted for bearer work they may be asked for urgently as combatants, or for constructional work, or they may be worked to the point of fatigue as pioneers before being handed over as bearers, and so go into action tired, instead of fresh and ready for their job as Bearers.

The present establishment of "Water duty" personnel with other Units should be maintained. These men should belong to the Medical Corps, and be carried on the strength of a Field ambulance. They may then be interchanged to give them opportunity for promotion.



Colonel-

Headquarters-

7th. January, 1919.

FAM/RWB.

A. D. M. S. Third Australian Division.

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R. A. M. C. with a DIVISION.

Assuming that the size and organisation of a Division will not differ materially than that which now obtains :-

1. State generally what alterations if any, could advantageously be made to the organization of R.A.M.C. Units with a Division
2. Are you in favour of the retention of a Sanitary Section in a Divisional organization ?
3. Do you consider that the A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. of a Division should be officers on the establishment of Divisional H.Q., or would you favour the formation of a separate H.Q. for R.A.M.C. of a Division similar to that of Divisional Engineers?
4. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward with regard to the general organization and composition of R.A.M.C. Units with a Division ?

The above represents extracts from Divisional Memo relative to a conference to be held to discuss replies received to affect each branch of the service.

Conference held at D.H.Q. 7/1/1919.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONSANITARY REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 26th. January, 1919.

1. General Health. Good. Influenza - only slight sporadic cases.
2. Billets. On the whole, poor, but provision of Nissen Huts for Educational and Recreational purposes has made the men more comfortable. The accommodation has also improved because of the invariable capacity of our troops to initiate themselves with the inhabitants.
3. (a) Baths. Four Baths in the Divisional Area. These are allotted to Brigades, and allotments given by Brigades to Units in Group.
- (b) Washing)
(c) Laundries.) Condition of clothing received lately generally good.
4. Disinfection. Woden Lorry has been under-going repairs for the past fortnight.
- Prevalence of Vermin. Nil.
5. Cooking Good.
Quality of Food. Good.
Variation of Food. Good.
6. Water
(a) Quality Good.
(b) How sterilized Chloride of lime.
7. Latrines. All Fly-proof box type in use.
8. Undue prevalence of preventible disease. Nil.
9. Infectious and other preventible diseases. Number of Venereal Cases 27-12-18 to 26-1-19.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
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Gonorrhoea	-	50
Chancroid	-	1
? Syphilis	-	1

Other diseases - NIL.

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W. J. ...
Colonel-

5-1-1919.

A.D.M.S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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The accompanying 'GRAPH shows the TOTAL SICK ADMITTED AND EVACUATED MONTHLY from the 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION during the year 1918.'

ø attached to Original Copy of War Diary.

The following points are to be noted :-

1. ADMISSION.

During January and February the Division was in the Line most of the time in the PLOEGSTEERT SECTOR. The weather was wet and cold, and there was a fairly high Sick admission rate from respiratory complaints.

In March the Division was in Rest in the back Areas S.W. of ST. OMER and the weather conditions were better.

On the 21st March the Division began to move South and on 27th came into action in front of AMIENS.

The weather was warmer and for the next month, April, there was a big fall in sick.

Early in May the great epidemic of so-called Spanish INFLUENZA attacked the Division, and was present on and off for four months. In addition to this, that the Division was almost continuously in the line and even when out was in support where the men were bombed nightly.

During the hot dusty summer Diarrhoeal Diseases increased, and helped to swell the sick admission, as every man with Diarrhoea of more than two days was admitted to a Field Ambulance for observation to detect any signs of Dysentery.

These facts account for the high rate for May - August. After August it seemed to have worked itself out, and the Sick admission rate for September shews this.

In October the Division again moved into the back areas near ABBEVILLE, where rest and comfortable billets quickly reduced sick admissions.

2. EVACUATIONS.

It will be noticed that the comparative rate of admissions and evacuations, alters very considerably after March.

During January, February and March the Corps policy was to hold all sick likely to be well within 7 days in Field Ambulances and all likely to be well within a fortnight in a Divisional Rest Station. By this means many men did not get outside the Divisional Area and were returned to duty.

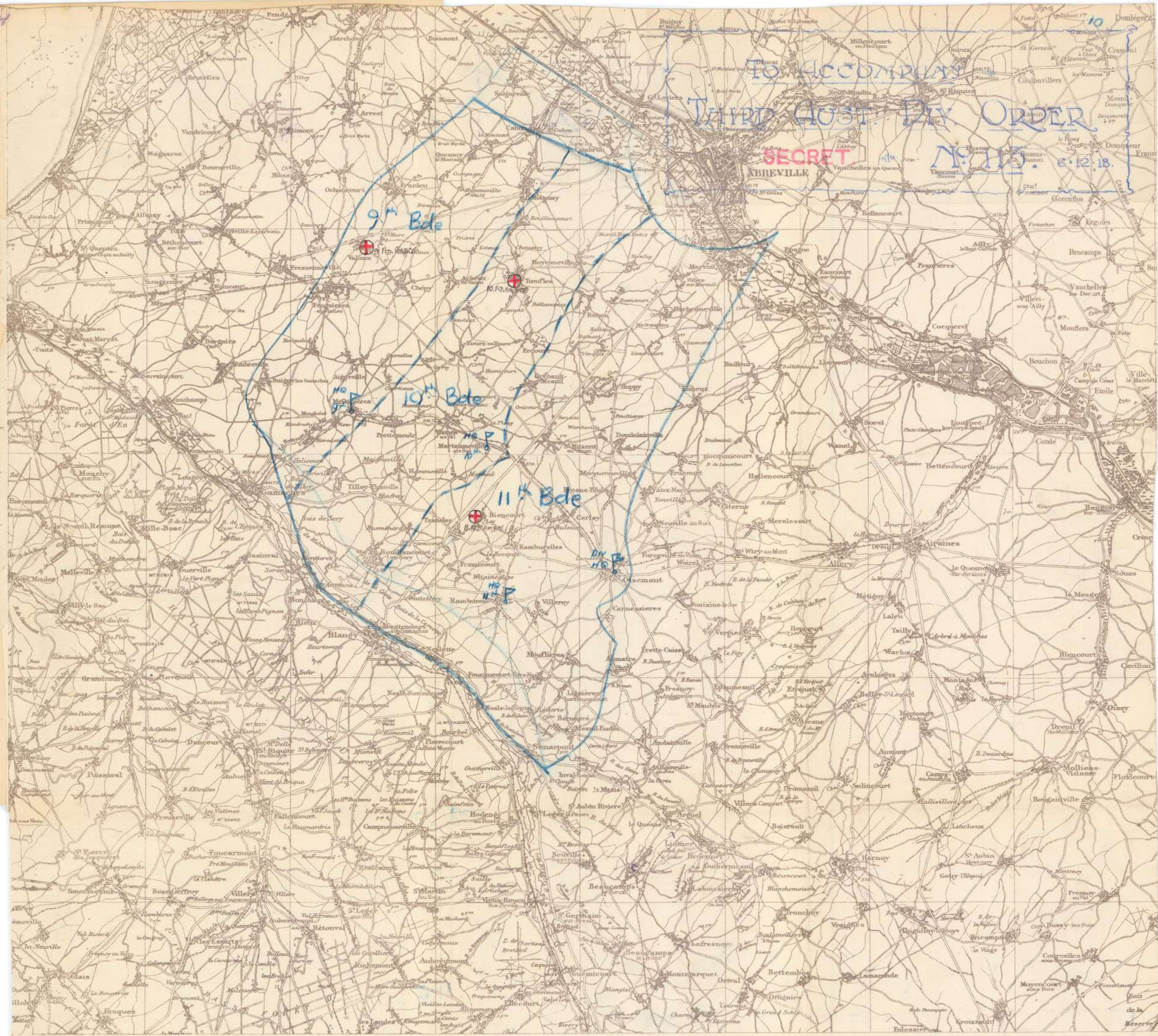
In April the policy was changed, and no man was allowed to remain in the Field Ambulances more than 48 hours and the Divisional Rest Station policy was abolished.

Therefore the evacuation rate was greatly increased.

This was absolutely necessary on account of the need for the greatest mobility in the Division.

A. D. M. S.
COLONEL
A. D. M. S. 3rd Australian Division

HEADQUARTERS
7th February, 1919
FAM/JAC



TO ACCOMPLISH
THIRD AUGUST DAY ORDER

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War Diary - Medical Notes
33rd Ptn A.I.F.



Dec 29th to Jan 4th inclusive

General Health This during the period under review was fairly satisfactory. There was no grave predominance of any disease nor did any serious affection manifest itself.

Infectious diseases, except those predisposed to by climatic conditions were notably absent - Contagious diseases not unduly prevalent.

The number of ineffectives in the Ptn from health reasons was never unduly high.

Predominant Diseases. Mild pulmonary infections, predisposed to by climatic conditions, formed the bulk of the work of the AMC Staff. Chills and boils were not infrequent - & boils still figure largely on Sick Parades.

Sick Parades - The number of men on these was 166 for the period. Of these 3 were evacuated. Examinations One case of Inguinal Hernia was evacuated for operation.

One case of general debility with chronic bronchial catarrh was sent to hospital. One case of ~~the~~ suspected Syphilis was sent for a Wassermann test.

V.D. There were 6 cases undergoing early treatment during this period.

General Matters - Sanitation, in so far as latrine accommodation + cleanliness of billets, ^{and food} concerned, was satisfactory. But bathing facilities were insufficient + disinfecting + disinfecting appliances wholly inadequate for the needs of the Ptn. Clothing received in exchange, at divisional baths is at times dirty. A sufficient supply of satisfactory boots is still unobtainable - consequently Chills are becoming very common amongst the men.

General Matters. 29.12.18 - 4.1.19.

An issue of Rum was made to the men 1.1.19 but appeared unnecessary either for their comfort or health & made quite for purposes of celebration. Three minor casualties resulted from football.

5th to 11th inclusive

General Health. Measured by the number attending sick parades there was a slight falling off in the general health of the P.O. but this was chiefly noticeable in the number of men reporting with chillblains; otherwise there was little deterioration.

Predominant diseases the predominant disease is still Bronchial catarrh with chillblains in close attendance.

Sick Parades 198 men appeared on the morning Sick Parades & of these 4 were evacuated to hospital; 12 were visited & treated in billets, none of these were suffering from any infectious complaint.

6th - 11th inclusive

Evacuations. One case of Ichneula was evacuated & one of Bronchitis.

A case of Toxic amblyopia (Jabases) was sent to the 9th F. Amb. & sent on to the 4th Army Ophthalmic Centre where his eyes were pronounced normal.

One man suffering from Astigmatism was evacuated to the 4th Army Ophthalmic Centre via the 9th F. Amb.

V.D. The number of men under treatment for venereal disease varied during this period between 3 & 5. The majority of these cases clearing up in from 7-8 days from the time of coming under vigorous systematic treatment.

General Matters Better boots & more bales are still the chief desiderata of this P.O.

13th to 18th inclusive

General Health This improved slightly, sick parades showing 197 attendances with 59 vaccinations.

Predominant Diseases These are still pulmonary affections & chilblains. Vaccinations Two cases of Tubercula, (one ? Bronchopneumonia) were vaccinated. Neither subsequently developed pneumonia. A case of old standing fistula in the leg was sent to hospital for operation. A badly poisoned hand, requiring opening under an anaesthetic, was sent to hospital. One case of Gonorrhoea which proved intractable to treatment was vaccinated. A case of Cerumen in the ears causing deafness was vaccinated diagnosed Catarrhal Deafness - This man was returned to the P.M. a few days after cured.

V.D. His work continued brisk 7-9 men undergoing treatment daily.

General Matters, After investigation of Pay books it was found that the great majority of the P.M. required T.A.B. inoculation. This matter was at once taken in hand & 95% of the P.M. are now fully inoculated with T.A.B. In no instance was more than 24 hours' No Duty found necessary as a result of the general disturbance following on inoculation.

Football casualties of a minor description were plentiful - six reporting in one day.

The blankets of the P.M. are in most unsatisfactory condition owing to the non-appearance of the modern cover. A considerable number of men are suffering from lice. Fuel is insufficient for warming purposes leaving none to spare for disinfecting blankets or clothing.

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19th to 25th inclusive

General Health. In this there is still a slight improvement. Of the 160 appearing on Sick Parades only one had to be evacuated.

Predominant Diseases. These are still Bronchial Catarrh + its congeners with Chilblains still very close up second. Evacuations. The single evacuation for this period was a case of Jaundice in which neglect of treatment on the part of the sufferer resulted in his having to be sent to hospital.

General Matters. The position of the boots + blankets still remains as heretofore unsatisfactory.

Immunizations have now been completed.

Cross country running has been dropped because of the hardness of the ground due to frost causing too much injury to the feet + tendons of the competitors.

Jan 26th to Feb 12th inclusive

General Health. This still continues to show slight improvement. One hundred + forty one appeared on Sick Parades with 3 evacuations.

Predominant Disease. Bronchial affections still predominate.

Evacuations. A case of Chalazion of right upper eyelid was evacuated for operation. Another case was sent to hospital for a Wassermann test.

The third evacuation was a case of Bronchitis.

V. D. The number of men undergoing treatment for this disease has risen to 10 but the majority of these are doing satisfactorily.

General Matters. Few if any of these venereal diseases are contracted locally so far as can be ascertained. Most are acquired in neighbouring villages. Two have been traced to one woman.

residing in Achéux. Most of the other cases state that the disease was acquired in one or other of the surrounding villages but I suspect that in one instance at least it was contracted in Chépy.

As this suspected local source of infection is an istaminet of sorts & the keeper of it has sold Cognac to men of the P.M. steps have been taken to have the place put "out of bounds".

A nominal roll of all cases undergoing early treatment is kept showing place where the infection was acquired, period elapsed between the risk & appearance of symptoms, date of commencing treatment & result of treatment. Deductions made from this roll are as follows

- ① Most of the men reporting with V.D. have at some time suffered previously from gonorrhoea
- ② That these 'old hand' acquire the disease from failure to avail themselves of

prophylactics available.

- ③ Men returned from leave form only a small proportion of the V.D. cases

V.D. Prophylaxis

Now that satisfactory prophylactic outfits are available & French bottles can be purchased the chances of men escaping infection are greatly improved. If men could be given or could purchase cheaply a small glass syringe with which to inject into the urethra a weak solution of permanganate after taking a risk these chances would be enhanced.

Guard Tent & Sentries

The cold & muddy & consequently wholly unsatisfactory state of the Guard Tent has now been completely abated by the erection of a small wooden tent for the Guard. The sentry's box has now been completely boarded so there is now a fair chance of his keeping his feet comparatively dry.

P.A.P

Improvements have been made in the P.A.P. by screening off a part of the Consulting room so that the Blue Light work can be carried on more privately.

Blankets

An extra blanket has been issued to the men this had become necessary owing to the increased severity of the weather & the shortage of fuel.

Recreation Hut

A Recreation Hut has been created & has been of great service to the men now that the other two respectable establishments in the village have ceased business.

Sports & Games

Sports & field games have had to be very much curtailed owing to difficult, increasing ground & the frost making the roads toward Chippenham for Road races. Several inter-company matches of Rugby & these Road Races have taken place but the above-mentioned difficulties persisting these have had to be abandoned for the last few days.

Cinema

The Y.M.C.A. Cinema has been showing for the past fortnight in Chippenham & has provided satisfactory entertainment for the men during the evenings.

Civilian Health

Very few civilian patients have lately attended in the village & those attended are nearly all refugees. From enquiries made of the local French Practitioner there is little or no indication of disease amongst the civil population. A moderate number of civil cases requiring dental treatment has been sent to the 9th Aust. F. Amb.

Supplies

Supplies of drugs & dressings have been fairly maintained by the 9th Field Amb. but at times there has been a shortage & it has been necessary to make shifts.

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MEDICAL DIARY



34th Bns 28.12.18 To 28.1.19

The period has been spent at MIANNAY. Billeting facilities are adequate for the number of men concerned, and the general health of the Battalion has been excellent.

Water supply is sufficient and of good quality, being obtained from wells in the village. Beyond the usual precautionary measure of 1 Scoop, B.P. per water-cart, this requires no chlorination as shown by the water-tester.

Fly-proof boxes latrines have been provided on the scale of 4% of the ration strength. Application was made during in January to the I.O.C. of Sanitary Section Attached B^{ns} Div

with a view to augmenting the supply but up to the present no reply has been received to this communication

Rations have been adequate and well-prepared.

A liberal Sports programme both within the Battalion and larger formations has kept a large number of men physically fit and mentally employed.

The unit has its own hot baths & the free use of these combined with frequent changes of underclothing has kept infestation of with skin parasites at a very low figure.

Evacuations to Hospital for this period have numbered twelve & have been from miscellaneous causes. A few cases of

influence have occurred
the majority being of a
very transitory and
unalarining type.

H. E. Watson Capt
R.M.O.
2ndth Bn

6.7.18

War Diary for January

35th Bn



1. Condition of unit as regards fitness is generally speaking good and has been kept up by organized games. Training has been very very light consisting mostly of short route marches.

2. General Health has been good & there have been no outbreaks of disease. There were 19 evacuations during the month as below

Influenza	4
Accidental injuries	4
Verrucae	2
Soft Sore	2
Septic Knee	1
Septic Hand	1
Uteral Obstruction	1
Renal Calculus	1
Chronic Bronch	1
Impetigo	1
Dermatitis	1

Sick parade and evacuation charts attached.

War Diary (Contd)

3. Food good
 Cooking good
 Clothing good
 Washing Batted once a week
 at least
 Boots in good order

4. No special inspections were held during the month

C. One NCO & eight men - two per Coy are carrying out sanitary work
 One NCO & three men are carrying out water duties

McCall Capt

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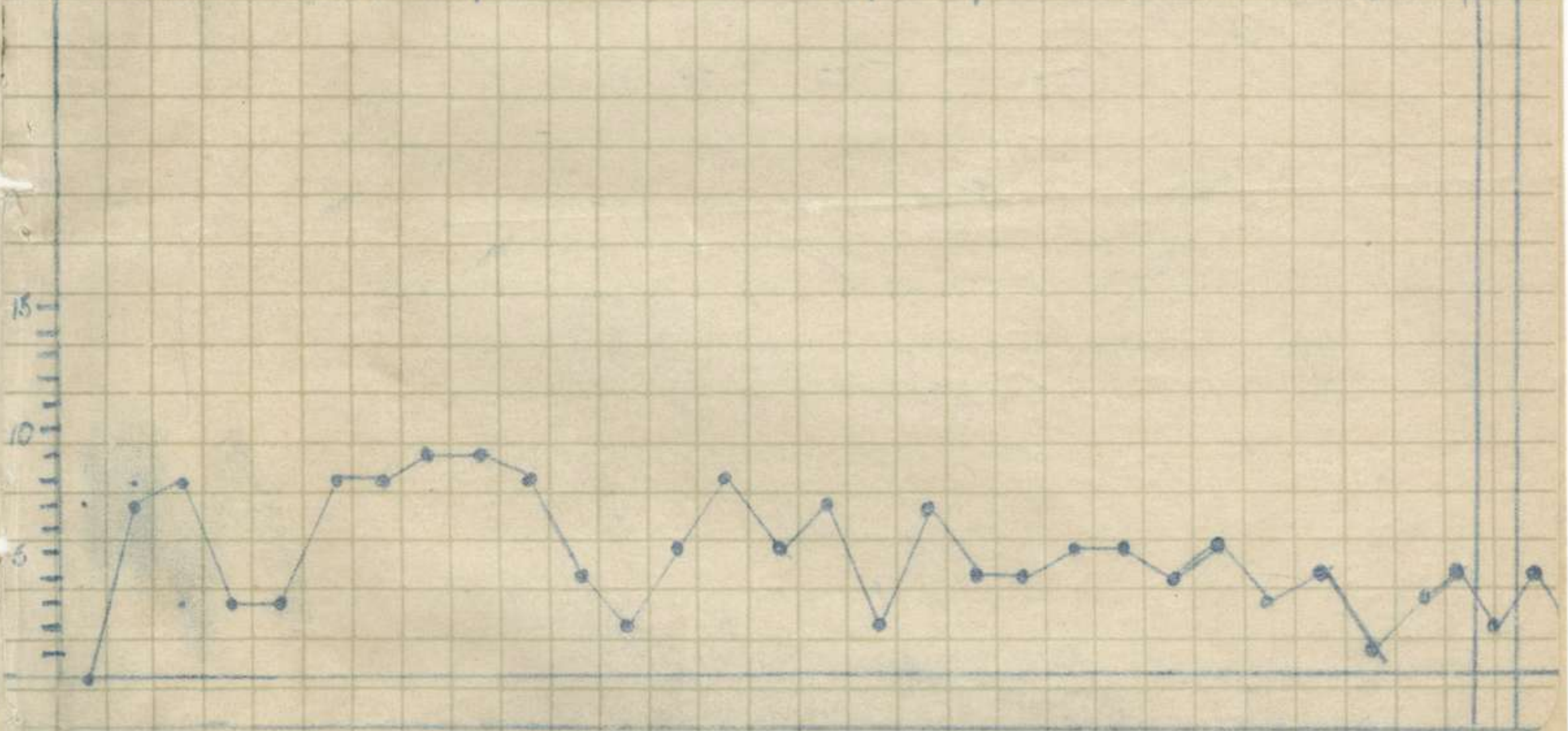
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Sick Parade Chart

35th Bn. A.I.F.

January 1919

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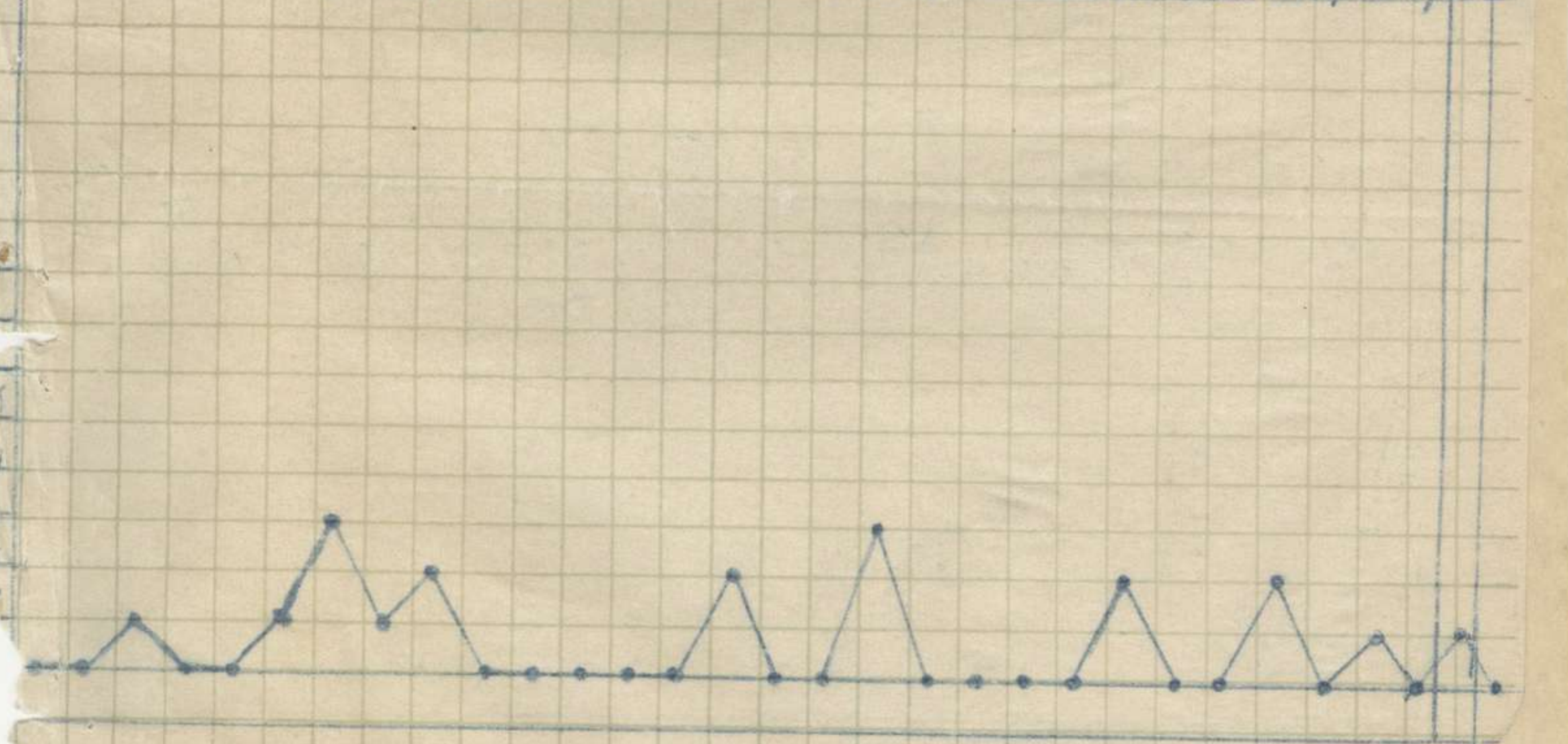


Evacuation Chart

35th Batt. A.I.F.

January 1919

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WAR DIARY
 Medical Officer 38th Battalion



General Health During the month the health of the battalion was better than it has ever been in France. No epidemic of any sort was present & the number of colds negligible. Despite the cold weather the men kept wonderfully fit. The number of men evacuated to Field Ambulance for the month was 19. Included in this number are 2 for Dental treatment in hospital, 3 Venereal, 2 Cardiac cases, while most of the remainder were minor surgical.

Venereal Disease. The battalion was addressed on this subject early in the month. Probably realising how near return to Australia is, & hearing the fate of some of the less fortunate men have been much more careful in this matter & not more than 3 new cases came under my notice during the month.

Sanitation. ^{2.} The erection of latrines in the battalion area was completed.

Fuel has been short, but owing to the continued dry weather the need has not been so urgent, as the trouble of wet boots has not arisen so acutely as in December.

Demobilisation. The examination of the Battalion's Quota - 300 - to go with 1st Quota from the Division, has been proceeded with during the last few days. In the majority of cases, the men say they are feeling fitter than when they left Australia, which is very gratifying. The principal source of worry to any is a feeling of shortness of breath, attributed in all cases to Gas. At the same time most men are smoking about 3 times as much as they did in civilian life.

1.2.19.

W. Davies Capt.
RMC 258th

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War Diary



The battalion still quartered in the village of Bouillan court.

The total number of evacuations for the month ~~was~~ was 26. There was no outstanding disease during the month. There were 4 cases of gonorrhoea evacuated. These did not do well on early treatment so I evacuated them at once.

One man was evacuated with secondary syphilitic lesions in the throat. He gave a history of having had a sore but ~~was~~ not seen by a medical officer.

When I saw him the ulcer had healed. He belonged to a detached unit & in my opinion a regular medical inspection is absolutely necessary to detect these cases.

He is now receiving anti-syphilitic treatment in England.

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Two cases of impetigo were evacuated.

The men received their baths regularly as usual at Blangy saw mills. Water supply also, low here.

Nothing much else to report this month.

D. J. All. of Cap.
Rmo 39/344



WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

40th Battalion A.I.F.

January 1919

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>MEDICAL OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT</u>	
			<p>During the period under review we have been billeted in TOURS-en-VIMEU, the Battalion being stationed partly in this village and also at ERCOURT and HAMICOURT. Two aid posts were conducted, the main one at TOURS and the other at ERCOURT. Both places are fairly convenient now, but considerable difficulty was experienced when we first came here. The Blue Light Depot is at TOURS.</p> <p>The routine medical work has been carried out, daily sick parades being held at TOURS for Headquarters, "B" and "D" Companies and at ERCOURT for "A" and "C" Companies. The numbers attending have been small and mainly minor complaints have been treated. A noticeable feature has been the number of chilblains of the feet and generally these have responded to camphor treatment. Colds have been fairly prevalent but not of a severe nature. Admissions to Hospitals few and total 16. Average number of sick parade each day. 15.6.</p> <p><u>V.D.:</u> The Blue Light treatment has been available but has not been ^{much} used. Cases of V.D. have been given treatment and some early infections of gonorrhoea have cleared up. The following cases of V.D. were evacuated to Hospital. No. 42 1 No.20 5 Soft Sores 1.</p> <p><u>Food</u> has been of good quality and well cooked.</p> <p><u>Boots</u> have been kept in good repair. For a short time there was difficulty in obtaining some of the necessary material. For some time size 6 boots have been unobtainable.</p> <p><u>Sanitation.</u> The squad has carried out its work satisfactorily. After a good deal of trouble the unit is practically equipped with fly-proof latrines.</p> <p><u>Water Supply.</u> Drawn from the wells in the villages, regularly tested, and the necessary measures taken for chlorination.</p>	
			<p><i>Pleed</i> Captain R.M.O. 40th Battalion A.I.F.</p>	

41st Battalion
R.M.O.'s diary
month ending



Introductory.

During the month the
battalion has been
billeted in the villages
of St Maxent + Bondlainville.
Little military work is
being done and efforts
are largely directed to
education.

General Condition of
the men.
Good.

Sick parades have
averaged 11 per day.
Prevailing complaints
have been
coughs, colds, a few


cases of influenza,
chilblains, minor
injuries, boils,
U.D.



Several cases of
gonorrhoea and a
couple of cases of
chancroid were
developed in Abbeville.
Most of the gonorrhoeal
cases were cleared up
under abortive
treatment and were
not evacuated.

Fitness as Regards
marching.

Route marches in
fighting order have been
held once a week
and a few men on
each occasion were
excused chiefly on
account of chilblains.

Only one man ~~left~~
 out on the march. 

Food Cooking and
 Clothing are all
 satisfactory.

Billets very fair.


Baths Bathing
 parades are being held
 once weekly at
 Huppy.

Sanitation

Catrines box fly proof
 type

Most have cover..

Refuse has been buried
 to date but an
 incinerator is now
 being constructed.

The work of the water
 and sanitation 
 has been satisfactory
 and they have not been
 very busy.

General Remarks.

During the month the
 RMO was on leave
 and his duties were
 discharged by Captain
 J. Lord of the 11th Field
 Ambulance.

The Battalion is about
 700 strong and considering
 everything the general
 health is very satisfactory.

27/1/19

J. H. Smith Capt
 RMO
 41st Bath

War diary for January 1919

R.M.O. 43rd



The battalion was stationed the whole of the month at Rambouillet. —

As a result of continued occupation of the village — things sanitary have greatly improved. A system of road drainage has been instituted throughout. Surface road used has been scraped off at frequent intervals —

General health has been excellent. For the month there were only about 5 evacuations to hospital. The average daily sick parade numbered about 6. Colds coughs were the prevailing complaints; Chilblains caused a fair amount of trouble.

Food has been of good quality & sufficient — although I have found it necessary to recommend more green vegetables in the diet. These latter

are somewhat difficult to obtain nowadays.

In the cold wet weather a weekly issue of rum was obtained.

A. W. P. Capt.
R.M.O. 43rd Bn.



To ADMS

31st Jan 1919

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War Diary For Month Ending
January 31st 1919

A In an offensive

not applicable.

B. General Medical Matters

I Condition as Regards Health:

The health of the men is particularly good — there was a fair number of colds & catarrhal conditions but this has distinctly diminished now that the solid frozen condition has set in.

Very little V.D.

II Disregard fitness

Men physically very fit.

3 Food — good

Cooking — good

Washing — good — each man

clothing } is provided with a bath & change of underclothes once per week

Boots — Bad — there has been a scarcity of leather, & difficulty of obtaining new boots — during the last few days a few new boots have been obtained.

Fitness for Marching

good & retained by periodical routine marches & sporting exercises (eg football)

3. Details of Water & Sanitary Squads

Water detail - quite satisfactory
in every respect.

Sanitary details - working
efficiently - all men provided
with covered latrines

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8th Aust

For the month of J. Jan. BRANCH 1919

H. 1-8

Since the Armistice was declared the above brigade has been stationed at Brancourt and Hautmont. Very little difficulty has been experienced in obtaining comforts, but medical supply & dressings can be obtained only with great difficulty & inconvenience.

B. (1) On the whole men are fit.

(2) The most prevalent diseases which have occurred during the month are boils, & various respiratory troubles.

(3) Rations are light but of good quality. Cooks manage to vary the meals fairly well with the rations at their disposal.

Winter clothing has been issued to all ranks. As on previous occasions field service boots have had a bad effect on men's feet. These boots have never given satisfaction.

During the month of January some 10 patients have been admitted & discharged through the "Rest Post".

This unit experiences great difficulty in the transport of sick to C. G. S.

C. Each battery has attached to it a trained Sanitary detail, and a water detail man.

The former detail attends to the cleanliness & disinfection of latrines, cookhouses etc.

When a source of water supply is other than a military water tank, the water detail make periodical tests, and see that the water is properly chlorinated.

M. Hancock
Capt

My diary for home



Journal Medical

and 5th Dec

1 Influenza

The outbreak amongst the men ended on 31st Dec 1918 and during the month I have had 3 isolated cases which started whilst the men were returning from leave and were enumerated to hospital following with the 10% formalin solution was continued for a fortnight after the outbreak ended and also for contacts of cases which happened the month.

2 Venereal disease

There were 3 cases of venereal disease. 1 contracted in England and 2 in the village.

The latter had contact with the 10% formalin solution. I have notified the Danish authorities and they have had the source of infection traced.

3 Influenza

Since leave started the month I have arranged to drink influenza from 8th Dec. Aint 5th Dec.

The health of the men has been much better than in 1918 and colds & catarrhs have been much less prevalent.

Conditions as regards fitness very good.

Food, clothing, washing, clothing, boots etc food.

Water and Sanitary detail

The water here is of excellent quality
and the sanitation is good
The details are working very
well.

J. J. J. J. J.
R. J. J. J. J.

The civilian practice is still being
carried on as the Civil doctor
has not returned.

War Diary for January 1919.
 AMO. 3rd A.M.C. Bn.



The 3rd A.M.C. Bn. until Jan. 11th occupied billets - H.Q. and 23rd Coy in VILLEROY, 9th, 10th, and 11th Coys in RAMBOURES. Billets were fair, but conditions muddy and wet. The main complaints on Sick-parades were coughs and colds and chafings of feet - mainly attributable to the muddy conditions and the insufficient supply of new boots and leathers for repair.

On Jan. 11th the Battalion marched 15 Kilo. to a new billeting area at BAMACHES.

Billets were excellent, comfortable and centrally situated, with flooring, and dry and warm. Straw was at once made available for mattresses. Transport billets and horse-lines were good, and the muddy and insanitary conditions of previous billets were absent.

R.A.P. was established in a central position in the main street.

General health of troops was good - an improvement at once was noted in a decrease of colds and foot conditions on Sick parades. Some feverish colds were noted but no definite cases of influenza.

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As GAMBAGES was a fair sized town, Blue light facilities were at once made available, first at the R.A.P. and later in a central position in the Square where an orderly was detailed for duty. Prophylactic measures and outfits and French letters were made available, and availed of by all ranks. Sale of French letters was not marked - the hoops are on the whole adverse to their use and the opinion from Blue light room is that the girls refuse to allow their use. No case of V.D. was reported as contracted locally. E.T. measures for men reporting from leave were available and successful.

Fitness for marching was on the whole good. No man fell out on the 15 kilo. march from RAMBURES to GAMBAGES. Company route marches each morning of 9-10 kilos necessitated very few exemptions. The improvement in billet surroundings reduced the trouble in boot supply.

Food and cooking arrangements were good, and cooks and cookhouse surroundings well kept and clean.

Bathing facilities with hot water showers and clean clothing were made available - every man being due for bathing parades every four days, with the privilege of extra baths if desired.

Condition of boots was still a problem

(3)
but better supplies of boots and leather for repairs were available toward the latter part of the month.

Water supply was good and plentiful - source being wells in the vicinity of billets - requiring 1 scoop.

Sanitation was good, and sanitary duties efficiently carried out. Latrines were well kept and latrine accommodation good. A badly situated and badly drained urinal in a central position was condemned and removed.

On the whole, from a medical standpoint, the health, spirits and discipline of the Battalion were never better, and presented a remarkable demonstration of the part good billeting plays in the maintenance of efficiency and fitness of the troops.

Frederick Calhoun, Capt.
RMO 3rd A.M.C. Bn.

War Diary.

1st 1919

During the month we have had very small sick parades.

Colds were the chief complaint, & there were several cases of Gingivitis which were treated by the dental unit.

There has been very few cases of influenza during the month & these were successfully treated in the rest post.

During the last few days 100 odd men were examined in accordance with instructions received in connection with the repatriation scheme.

Blw Dancer Capt RMO

3rd Aust Pioneer Battalion.

R.M.O.'s Diary.

2nd Div. El Guerin.

January 1919.

During January the three
Engineer Companies
remained in the villages
they moved to in the
middle of December
1918.

C.A.E.'s headquarters
remained at Omeient.
Medical arrangements
remained unchanged.
The R.M.O. attending the
11th Field Company at
Bemapii seven miles
distant, the S.A.A. at
Suarpoint & the 5th
P.T. at Headquarters
as well as H.Q. Staff.

During the latter part
of January the weather
turned very cold

and rain was followed
by snow but despite the
muddy conditions
everywhere there was
no noticeable increase
in sickness which
during January was
slight.

Influenza had nearly
died out & the prevailing
complaints were colds
& scabies.

The weather then became
cold & dry & conditions
improved.

The arrangement of
meals & billets, hours
of training were
similar to those in
vogue in November &
December.

Godwithfull Capt.



Third Australian Divisional Train.

Wan Dears
A.D.M.S. Circular No. 180.



Date January 1919.

A. IN AN OFFENSIVE:-

Not applicable

B. GENERAL MEDICAL MATTERS:-

- 1. Conditions as regards fitness. *Good for A.S.C. work.*
- 2. General Health. *fair: a few respiratory catarrhs.*
- 3. Food, Cooking, Washing, Clothing, Boots etc., *Boots in bad order*
- 4. Fitness for marching. *not tested.*
- 5. Reports of special inspections, marches, etc. *not* *owing to shortage of leather*

C. Details of work of Water and Sanitary Details.

*Water from official tested sources of good quality.
Deep pit latrines, partly made fly-proof.*

J. Smythe Yule Captain,
Medical Officer, attd. 3rd. Aust. Divl. Train.