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**WAR DIARY**

OF

A. D. M. S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

FOR

FEBRUARY,

1919

Signature of Officer compiling

*R.D. Barham*

Major

D. A. D. M. S. THIRD AUST. DIVISION.

Signature of Officer Commanding

*R.D. Barham*

Major

D. A. D. M. S. THIRD AUST. DIVISION.



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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place FRANCE, Date FEBRUARY, Hour 1919.

BLANGY.

1st

Pending further instructions, all Leave to England is cancelled.

2nd 10am.

Corps Commander visited the Divisional Area.

3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section to be included on Precedence Roll of 9th. Aust. Pld. Ambulance.

3rd 10 am

Division advise, Leave to England now normal.

Divisional Reinforcement Wing closed at BIENFAY, and reopened at VILLERS-sur-MAREUL.

4th NIL

5th 10am

Circ. Memo. from D.M.S., Fourth Army - re NOTES on ULCERATIVE GINGIVITIS and advising method of treatment.

1 pm

Memo. to "A" 3rd. Aust. Division - drawing attention to general state of disrepair of boots in many Units of the Division - asking that urgent steps be taken to replace them, on account of present weather conditions, great increase of sickness must result.

6th 9 am

Circ. Memo. from D.M.S. Fourth Army - advising several cases of small-pox have occurred recently, and recommending that every man not vaccinated - to avail themselves of this safeguard.

Division advise that Leave to IRELAND now open.

Circ. Memo. from D.M.S., Fourth Army - re Prophylactic measures against V.D. - To issue instructions to R.M.O's. to lecture to Units on the risks of contracting V.D. - This has already been done in this Division.

7th 10-30am

Memo from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps - advising - Australian Records (with the exception of "A. & D" Books) to be sent to Australian War Records Section, 130 Horsferry Rd., London.

New 10 days French Leave allotment received- 8 vacancies for A.A.M.C. for one month.

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	8th		Major F.P.M. SOLLING, MC., 10th. Fld. Amb. detailed as an extra Medical Officer to 3rd. Australian Divnl. Artillery.  3rd. Divnl. Order No. 114 received - D.H.Q. closes OISEMONT February. 13th. at noon opening at BLANGY at same hour.	
	9th		Memo from H.Q. "Q" advising weekly issue of RUM to troops.	
	10th.		Memo from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps - re difficulty of keeping Ambulance Cars on the road - A.D.M.S. to issue instructions on thr matter. Copy of instructions issued by A.D.M.S. forwarded to D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.  Wire from Q.M.G. advising owing to weather conditions in England, shortage of Hay in France has become acute - Hay ration to be reduced two pounds ( 2 lbs).  Memo from D.D.M.S. advising Establishment of Early Treatment Rooms in Brussels.	
	11th	NIL		
	12th		Memo from D.M.S. A.I.F. giving approval to 11th. Field Ambulance to retain equipment mentioned for the Resuscitation Team. Routine Order D.M.S. 4th. Army received dated 6-2-19.  Memo from "Q" Official A.I.F. War Pictures Applications to be made for the purchasers of same to pay Sergeants of UNITS.	
	13th		Wire from 4th. Army - re men proceeding on Leave with blankets.	
	14th		Memo to Ambulances drawing attention to G.R.O. 6216 - Issue and custody of poisons - Commanding Officers to be held responsible that instructions therein are carried out.  Wire from Colonel RAFFIN arriving Abbeville today.- Visited 10th. Blue Light Room and R.M.O. 33rd. Battalion	

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	14th		<p>From "A" Divn. forwarding A.I.F. Circular memo A.A.G. A.I.F. 201/3/1 - repatriation of soldiers under suspended sentences.</p> <p>Demobilization Circular memo No. 18 received. - Concentration of Quota No. 12 in a camp at Blangy.- Quota to leave Blangy at 09.15 on 17th inst.</p> <p>Memo to Ambulances advising that boarding of men considered "Unfit for Active Service" is abolished vide G.R.O. 6173 - men are to be retained with Units and demobilized in ordinary course.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. memo advising No. 5 Can. Mob. Lab. closed.- Australian Units to use nearest Mob. Labs.</p> <p>From D.D.M.S. Forwarding Aust. Corps Administrative Instruction No. 17 - re sale of army animals by public auction.</p> <p>Memo from 11th. Field Ambulance reporting Blue Light Room established in Blangy.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. Circ. 220 issued - Ref issue and custody of poisons- Royal College of Surgeons in England.</p>	
	15th	10am.	<p>Memo from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps forwarding D.M.S. A.I.F. memo reference selection of M.O.s for charge of Quotas - Officers to be entitled to early Repatriation or Educational leave.- M.O.s selected to report to A.D.M.S. A.I.F. depots on arrival in U.K.</p> <p>Memo from "A" Divn.-Instruction to be issued that men are not to be sent from Units to report to A.I.F. H.Q. until Divinl. authority has been received- Repeated Ambulances.</p> <p>Memo from "Q" - information regarding applications for leave to other places than the U.K., France and Italy.</p>	App. No. I
	16th		<p>Memo to Capt. G.V.DAVIES M.O. in charge of No. 12 Quota. instructing him to report to A.D.M.S. A.I.F. Depots on arrival in England.</p>	

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	16th		<p>Memo from A.D.M.S. Ref. Demob. and Repat. General Instruction No. 11 and completion of A.I.F. Form 536 - 9th and 10th Ambulance to each convene one Medical Board and one composite board to examine men of 9th Brigade under instructions of H.Q. 9th. Brigade.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. Aust Corps forwarding D.M.S. A.I.F. memo - disposal of Medical and surgical equipment and stores on charge to Medical Units on Demobilisation (France). Repeated Ambulances and Sanitary Section - not to be taken as authority to return stores.</p> <p>Memo from "Q" - Absentees on return to Unit to be notified to D.A.P.M. at once.</p>	
	17th		<p>Memo from "Q" Div. Forwarding AMS.A.I.F. memo giving approval for Capt. H.W.DAVIES R.M.O. 3rd. Pioneer Battalion to be transferred to England for duty.</p> <p>Wire from "Q" - Thaw precautions came into force 10.00 15th inst. - vide 3 Army R.OE 1911 Repeated Ambulances.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps forwarding copy D.G.M.S. memo - all cases of V.D. to receive treatment on admission to Field Ambulances pending transfer to special Hospital.</p> <p>Memo from A.D.M.S. to C.O.s Ambulances and R.M.O.s instructions re use of syringes for V.D. distributed 10 to each Field Ambulance and R.M.O.</p>	App. No. 2
	18th		<p>5 M.T.Coy advise instructions issued Foden Lorry to report 9th. Field Ambulance on Thaw precautions being released. - to disinfect blankets of 9th. Brigade.</p> <p>From D.D.M.S. forwarding Situation Medical Units 4th. Army 12-2-19.</p> <p>Memo from "Q" forwarding authority from A.M.S. for Capts. GERMON and YULE to proceed to England on duty to report to D.M.S. A.I.F..</p> <p>Demobilization Circular No. 19 received. Amended allotment for 2nd. Quota from 3rd. Aust Div. 9th. Field Ambulance 1 Officer 3 W.O. &amp; Sgts. and 43 Other Ranks.</p>	

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	19th		<p>Memo from "A"- 38th. Battalion to move from Vismes-Au-Val to 39th. Battalion Area. 10th Field Ambulance to move complete from Foeufles to Vismes-Au-Val moves to be complete by 22nd. inst- Repeated 10th. Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Memo from "G" 3rd. Australian Division - forwarding Circular giving General Headings for writing of Unit Narratives.</p> <p>C.O. 10th. Field Ambulance to arrange Medical Board to examine men of the 3rd. Divn. Train.</p> <p>L/Colonel BOND L.W. 10th. Field Ambulance proceeded to England to report to D.M.S. A.I.F. for duty. Mjr. WHEATLAND assumes Temp. Command of 10 th Field Ambulance.</p> <p>A.I.F. Orders 14-2-1919 received - List No.445- Maj. J.S.SMYTHE to be Temp L/Colonel while commanding 9th. Field Ambulance 3rd. November 1918.</p> <p>Memo from "A" Divn. Authorising £350 to be placed at disposal each O.C. of Divisional Embarkation Quota as Regimental Funds.</p>	App. No. 3
	20th		<p>Memo from "G" Division- Anti-Gas training to be given in Units under local conditions.</p> <p>Case of 1000 Blue Light Outfits received from Base Depot Medical Stores London - distributed to Ambulances for redistribution to R.M.O.s.</p> <p>Memo from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps notifying that Capt. R.M.ALCOM A.A.M.C. has been notified to proceed to 3rd. Division, when marked fit G.S.</p> <p>Memo from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps reference treatment of Dental Patients of British Units attached to Corps.</p> <p>Memo to C.O. 3rd. Pioneer Battalion forwarding duty pass for Capt. H.W.DAVIES to proceed to England on 23-2-1919. to report to D.M.S. A.I.F. for Duty.</p> <p>Wire from "Q" Division - Thaw precautions released.</p>	
			<p><small>D. D. &amp; L., London, E.C. (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16</small></p>	<p><i>R.D. Barham</i> Major, D.A. D.M.S. 3rd Australian Divn.</p>



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<u>FRANCE FEBRUARY 1919</u>				
	21st		Demobilization Circular Memo No. 20 received. Warning order for 2nd. Quota from 3rd. Division. designation No.18 Embarkation Quota. Capt. C.E.WATSON R.M.O. 34th. Battalion to be Officer in Medical charge of Quota.	
	22nd		"Q" 3rd. Aust. Division Administrative Instruction No.69 received - Town of BLANGY out of Bounds to all troops (D.H.Q. excepted).  From "A" Divn. forwarding "Demobaust" wire advising A.A.M.C. early Repatriation proceed to FOVANT via- HAVRE.	
	23rd		"A" Divn. forwarding detailed establishment for Cadres "A"&"B" for a Field Ambulance and a Sanitary Section Units Supplied.  Memo from D.M.S. A.I.F. asking for a weekly return showing numbers of A.A.M.C. personnel marched out with Embarkation Quotas, and numbers remaining at Midnight each Saturday.  Capt. McCLEA <sup>th</sup> (Dental Officer) reported for duty with 102 Dental Unit Attached 3rd. D.A.C.	
	24th		Wire from D.D.M.S. "Adminaust" advises several vacancies House Surgeons. expedite departure Majors WYLLIE, MAILLER, and FITZPATRICK, to report D.M.S. A.I.F.  Memo from "Q" Divn. Forwarding A.M.S. Authority 148/01/367 for Major MAILLER 10th. Field Ambulance, Capt. KENIHAN 11th. Field A, bulance to proceed to England for duty.  Memo from D.M.S. A.I.F. Fee for General Post Graduate course reference A.I.F. Form 545 is £10/10/-.  Memo to "A" Divn. forwarding extract of Health Report of R.M.O. 33rd. Battalion reference dirty clothes issued at Baths, and defective boots of men  Memo from "G" Divn. reference Censorship regulations - restrictions reference mentioning names of individuals are released.	

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	24th		Memo from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps Owing to scarcity of Argyrol and Protacol at Base Potassi Permanganas should be used as preventative for Gonorrhoea.	
	25th		Memo from D.D.M.D. Aust. Corps notifying that Lethargic Encephalitis may now be notified as an Infectious Disease.  Aust. Corps Administrative Instruction No. 20 received, reference disposal of equipment and Clothing N.C.O.s and men on Demobilization.  Wire to D.D.M.S. Major WYLLIE and FITZPATRICK crossing to United Kingdom 27-2-1919.  Memo from C.O. 9th. Field Ambulance advising Capt. LUMSDEN W.J. reported for duty 24-2-1919 advising that Capt. FOOTE H.D. 45 Dental Unit proceeded to England.  Memo from "Q" Divn. On disbandment of a Unit, Carpenters Plumbers and Saddlers Tools may be handed over to D.E.O.	
	26th		Memo from C.O. 9th. Field Ambulance advising Capt. D.AIKEN detailed as M.O. Aust. Corps School RUE vice Major FITZPATRICK to England.  Amendment to Aust. Corps No.20 received.	
	27th		Memo from "Q" Divn. drawing attention to G.R.O. 6315 reference Losses of Motor Bicycles.- repeated Ambulances.  Memo from "Q" Divn. advising that Major L.C.BARKER records Officer A.I.F. will visit 3rd. Division at a future date to clear up and decide fate of men recorded as missing.  Memo from "G" Divn, result of Aust. Corps Cross Country Race - Pte Manly 5th. Divn. first Sapr Dolton 3rd. Divn. second.  Instructions issued on Medical Boards cancelled as from 1-3-1919. Following arrangement will then come into force. -	

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27th con. - C.O. 10th. Field Ambulance will arrange Board, 1 Field Officer (10th. Field Amb.) 1 Other Officer (9th. Field Amb.) to Board all Units of 9th. and 10th. Brigades ( including Engineers and Ambulances, and 3rd. M.G. Battalion). C.O. 11th. Field Ambulance to board all Units of 11th. Brigade, and all other Divisional Troops and Corps Troops in Area.

Monthly Sanitation Report rendered to D.D.M.S. -

App. No. 4.

28th "Demobaust" Circular Memo No. 21 received. Instructions re completion of A.I.F. Form 540. reference delay of Repatriation.

Wire from D.D.M.S. advising "no vacancies Michelham Home".

Memo from S.O., A.D.S. Aust. Corps - Dental supplies for Division to be Indented for in bulk by C.O., No. 56 Dental Unit attached 10th. Field Ambulance.

Wire from 3rd. Aust. Div. Train advising departure of Capt J.S. YULIE, MC. (RMO) on 27-2-1919. to report to D.M.S. A.I.F. for Duty.

GENERAL.

Cases of Venereal Disease for month:- Officers 1 O/Ranks. 28.

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject.   |
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| 1.  | A. D. M. S. Circular No. 220. dated 14-2-1919.   |
| 2.  | Instructions to Field Ambulances and R. M. O's. re use of Glass Syringes for Venereal Disease Prophylaxis. |
| 3.  | Orders for move of 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance from TOEUFLEERS to VISMES-au-VAL.                           |
| 4.  | Monthly Sanitary Report.   |

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Major.

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



D. M. S. Circular No. 220.

1. ISSUE AND CUSTODY OF POISONS.

Attention is directed to G.R.O., 6216. The portion of the para: 26, Regulations for the Army Medical Service, referred to reads as follows :-

"that drugs of a poisonous character as enumerated in Standing Orders, R.A.M.C. are in safe keeping under lock and key".

R.M.O's. will ensure that all poisons are kept under lock and key, are clearly labelled as such, and in bottles of distinctive shape if procurable.

Poisons are not to be kept in bottles of the same shape as medicines intended for internal administration.

2. ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN ENGLAND:

The attached copy of correspondence is forwarded for your information, please.

Applications should be forwarded through this Office for transmission to D.M.S., A.I.F.

Headquarters-  
14-2-1919.  
JAC/RWB.

*R. E. Bartram* Colonel-  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Copy to all Regimental Medical Officers  
C.O's. Field Ambulances.  
C.O. 3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section.  
D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps (for information.)



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Royal College of Surgeons  
of ENGLAND  
Lincoln's Inn Fields  
LONDON W.C. 2  
25/1/19

Sir,)

I am directed by the President to inform you that the Council of this College have had under consideration the question of affording facilities for taking the fellowship of the college to candidates, whose studies have been interrupted by the war and who have done commendable surgical work on active service, and that with this object, it is being decided to hold special examination, in anatomy and physiology for the Fellowship.

The President directs me to forward to you the enclosed copy of the conditions on which this special examination will be held, and to state that he would be greatly obliged, if you could help to make these known to Medical Officers of the A.I.F.

Sgd/ S. FORREST COWELL  
Secretary

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Royal College of Surgeons in England.

First examination for the Fellowship.

NOTICE is hereby given that Surgeons, who hold or have held commissions in His Majesty's Force during the War, and who have done commendable surgical work during such service, may be admitted to the first examination for the Diploma of Fellowship on special conditions. -  
The conditions are as follows :-

1. The subjects of the examination will be Anatomy and Physiology. The examination will be partly written and partly viva voce; the questions asked will have a direct bearing on practical surgery, and will not include morphology, embryology, historical or chemical methods, or practical examination in the use of the apparatus of the physiological laboratory.
2. A Candidate must be a member of the College, or a Graduate of Medicine of some University, recognised by the College.
3. He must fill up a Form of Application provided for the purpose.
4. To this application should be attached evidence regarding his work from those under whom he has served.
5. The application, when submitted, will be considered by a committee of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, which will decide whether it be granted or not.
6. In the event of the application being granted the Candidate will be admitted on one occasion only to the special examination.
7. The first of these special examinations will be held in May, and the second in November of the current year. A third special examination will be held some time in the year 1920.
8. Forms of application may be obtained from Mr. F.G. HALLETT, O.B.E., Examination Hall, Queens Square, Bloomsbury, W.C. 1., to whom they should be forwarded as when completed.
9. Candidates who wish to be admitted to the special examination in May 1919 should submit their applications for admission at an early date if possible, and in any case not later than the 9th. of April.

Sgd/ S. FORREST COWELL,  
Secretary.



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To-  
 R.M.O's.  
 33rd.Bn., 34th.Bn., 35th.  
 39th.Bn., 40th.Bn.  
 41st.Bn., 43rd.Bn., 44th.  
 3rd. Aust. Divn. Train.  
 3rd. Aust. Pion. Battn.  
 3rd. Aust. M. G. Bn.  
 C.O's. 9th 10th 11th. Fld.Ambs.

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*App. No 2.*



Herewith is a supply of ten (10) Glass Syringes which are being issued to you for Venereal Disease prophylaxis.

These are primarily intended for the use of men going to such places as NICE, etc., where there are no "BLUE Light" Rooms.

Each man who desires it will be issued with a "Blue Light First Aid" Outfit, consisting of-

- 1 Syringe.
- A supply of Potass. Permang. Tabs.
- 2 or more "Blue Light" boxes, (as many as he desires).

He will be instructed in the use of the syringe, the preparation of the Pot. Permang. solution, and the use of the Calomel Ointment both before and after the risk.

Men should be instructed to return the syringe on rejoining Unit, when, it will be thoroughly sterilized in antiseptic solution, (boiling may soften or spoil the vulcanite), so that the syringe can be again issued to another man. The Syringes have been purchased out of Divisional funds, and men should be encouraged to take care of them.

The syringes may be obtained by Battalions direct from S. Maw. Son & Sons., 7 - 12, Aldersgate Street, LONDON EC. at a cost of about one shilling and three pence each.

It would be a valuable measure if Battalions would secure a supply and sell them through their Canteens.

A further large supply of "Blue Light" boxes is expected very shortly.

This Office is to be notified early if "French Letters" are running short.

An apparatus for insertion of Urethral Plug for prophylaxis and early treatment of Gonorrhoea, together with full instructions will be issued shortly to all Regimental Medical Officers.

Headquarters-  
 17-2-1919.  
 FAM/RWB

Sgd/ F.A. MAGUIRE, Colonel-  
 A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Copy to- "A" 3rd. Aust. Div. ( )  
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App. No. 3.

To-  
Commanding Officer  
10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.



The following extract of orders from Division  
is repeated for action :-

- " The 39th. Battalion - less Cadre and Mobilisation Stores complete - will move from VISMS-au-VAL to the 39th. Battalion Area.
- " The 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance will move complete from TOMPLESS to VISMS-au-VAL.
- " The above moves will be completed by the 22nd. instant completion of moves to be reported to these Headquarters by wire by that day.
- " A.D.M.S. 3rd. Aust. Division will arrange with C.O.C. 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade direct for the necessary accommodation at VISMS-au-VAL."

Reference paras: 2, 3, & 4. -

You will arrange direct with 10th. A.I. Hqs. H.Q.

Completion of move to be reported to this Office  
by noon 22nd. instant.

Headquarters-  
19th. Febr., 1919.  
RDB/1919.

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

Copies to- C.O., 39th. Aust. Bde. Amb. )  
C.O., 11th. - do - ) for information.  
H.Q., 10th. Aust. Inf. Bde. )  
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SANITARY REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 26th. FEBRUARY, 1919.

- 1. General Health. Good.
- 2. Billets Fair.
- 3. (a) Baths Divisional Baths (four) are working well.
- (b) Washing ) One or two complaints of dirty clothing, but
- (c) Laundries ) on the whole there is improvement and standard is good.
- 4. Disinfection. Owing to inability to secure spare parts, Poden Lorry has been out of action during the whole period, the consequence is that there is considerable lee way to make up in sterilising blankets. So far no serious trouble has shown itself on this account.

Prevalence of Vermin Practically Nil.

- 5. Cooking Good.
- Quality of Food Good.
- Variation of Food Good.
- 6. Water
- (a) Quality Good.
- (b) How sterilised 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 27-2-19. to 26-2-19.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Gonorrhoea.	1	21
soft Chancres	-	5
? Syphilis	-	1
Other Diseases - Nil.		

During the period 36 gross of rubber sheaths have been distributed through the Units Canteens at retail price of ~~two~~ <sup>three</sup> pence. Large supplies of Blue Light outfits are to hand. These measures combined with instructions and assistance of Medical Officers have succeeded in keeping V.D. figures down.

Headqrs.-  
26-2-1919.  
RDB/107B.

RDB artram major for Colonel-  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.





War Diary - Medical Notes  
February 1919

33<sup>rd</sup> Div A.I.F.

~~Quinn's Cabin  
M.D. 33<sup>rd</sup> Div.~~

War Diary Notes - Medical Matters  
February 1919. 3309 Div

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

General Health during this period was good despite hard frosts + defective foot wear.

Sick Parades During this period 130 men presented themselves on the daily sick parades. In addition dressings were performed in 40 cases for men suffering from chronic conditions which do not require their daily appearance on sick parade.

Predominant diseases Bronchial catarrhs of greater or less severity are still prevalent. Chills are diminishing in frequency. Boils are common with one or two cases of Carbuncle.

Evacuations numbers for this period.

One varicocoele for operation; one acute bronchitis + one case of Circumflex neuritis following a contusion sustained.



at football.

V.D. treatments applied for V. D. numbers 2  
for the period - no record of prophylactic  
washouts being kept.

General Matters The two factors chiefly  
responsible for the chronic sickness in  
the P.M. are -

- ① Defective footwear
- ② Lack of facilities for sterilising +  
delousing blankets + clothing

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

General Health - This is still quite satis-  
factory: but the number of ineffectives is  
daily increasing in direct proportion  
to the number of sound boots in the P.M.  
A man's fitness for guards or other duty has  
to be judged by the soundness or otherwise of  
his boots.

Pick Parades - On these 113 men presented  
themselves while 39 received dressings  
without their names appearing on a company  
sick state.

Predominant Diseases minor respiratory,  
catarrhs, chilblains, Bails, Scabies, Lice  
+ Stone-bruises feet

Evacuations - 5 men were evacuated  
to hospital. One with a questionable  
fracture of left malar bone; one with  
an abscess-rectal abscess; one with acute  
bronchitis; One with a septic leg +  
the fifth for a Wassermann test.



V.D. The position as regards V.D. has  
somewhat improved - but no treatment  
having been given during this period.  
General Matters There have been a  
few minor casualties due to falls on  
the ice when sliding.

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

General Health Improving in spite of  
adverse conditions as regards weather  
footwear & clothing also shortage of  
materials for dressings & of drugs.

Sick Parades On these there were  
41 for this period + dressings to the  
number of 48 were performed.

Predominant Diseases - Bronchitis  
Pronchial Catarrhs + Poils.

Evacuations Two for the period  
under review. One suffering from  
multiple recurrent furuncles +  
one with Acute Bronchitis.

V.D. For contagious diseases 55  
treatments were carried out, an  
average of about 8 men attending daily.  
General Matters The position in regard  
to boots is growing worse from day to  
day + is accentuated by the thaw which  
followed the previous week's frost.

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

General Health - Slight deterioration  
noticeable.

Sick Parades On these 157 men  
presented themselves + 51 dressings were  
performed independent of sick states.

Predominant Diseases Still minor  
bronchial affections.

Evacuations Numbered two from the  
brig. One case of Gonorrhoea + one  
man sent from the Brig under escort  
suffering from Urethritis + Pulmonary  
tuberculosis. An accident case was  
seen + evacuated from 9<sup>th</sup> Bde Hqs  
with fractured L. ulna + crushed jaw.



22<sup>nd</sup> 1918

V.D. The position as regards V.D. has deteriorated - 75 treatments having been administered - an average of over 12 a day.

### General Matters

Boots The position as regards boots is fast becoming acute. The issue of 75 pairs to men on the first quota being insufficient even to materially diminish their desperately unshod condition. Fully 75% of the chronic invalidity in the P.M. is due entirely to this single cause.

Blankets The position as regards cleansing there is still most unsatisfactory.

Medical Examination The medical examination of the whole battalion has now been completed. The great majority of the first quota have been medically boarded & the rest of the P.M. can be boarded at any time all papers having been completed.

Exchange Clothing at Divisional Baths This for a long time was most unsatisfactory: the clothing received being in most cases dirtier than that handed in. A marked improvement has been noted recently.

V.D. Colonel Raffan D.S.O. visited the P.M. & examined the Blue High Work suggesting certain modifications



in treatment - but so far the instrument  
necessary for this has not been  
received. The glass + vulcanite  
syringes received are not of the  
most suitable type for prophylaxis  
but have been made use of.

No local source of infection has  
so far been located in this village  
but a party of women sent  
to the airport were found in 4 cases  
to be suffering from urethritis on  
their return to the Pen.

16/3/19

James Giff

R.M.O. 33<sup>rd</sup> Pen



35<sup>th</sup> Batt

War Diary



February 1919

1. The condition of the unit as regards fitness is good even although less organized games have been indulged in and there has been very little in the way of training.

2. Health of the unit has been very fair and there have been no outbreaks of disease. There were 25 evacuations for the month as shown below

Gonorrhoea	8
Influenza	7
Cholera	2
Cystitis	1
Measles	1
Arthritis	1
Thread worms	1
Bronchitis	1
Gastritis	1
Myalgia	1
M.V.D.	1

Sick parade & evacuation charts attached



Low Diary (Contd)

3.

Food  
Cooking  
Washing  
~~Waste~~

Food varied  
Good

Clothing  
Boots

Arrangements have been made for a weekly bath & change of clothes  
Clean & in good order  
All men have now been issued with two pairs of boots

4. During the month a medical examination was held for all the unit in accordance with Demob & Repatriation General Instructions hold  
Only a very small percentage of men were found to be suffering from any complaints and most of these of a trivial nature

5. There has been no special marches or foot complaints during the month.



War Diary (Contd)

C. Sanitary work has been carried out by eight men - two per Coy - under the supervision of an NCO.

Water detail consists of one NCO & three men

McCole Capt  
RMO 35<sup>th</sup> Bn

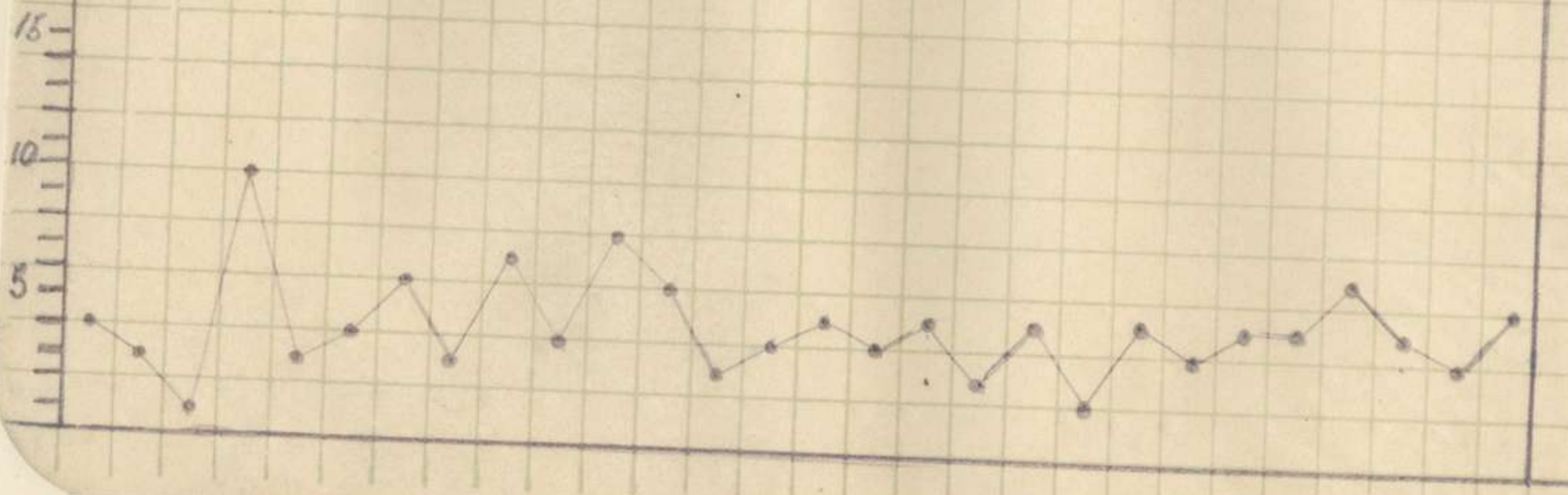


Sink Parade Chart

35<sup>th</sup> Batt A.F.F.

February 1919

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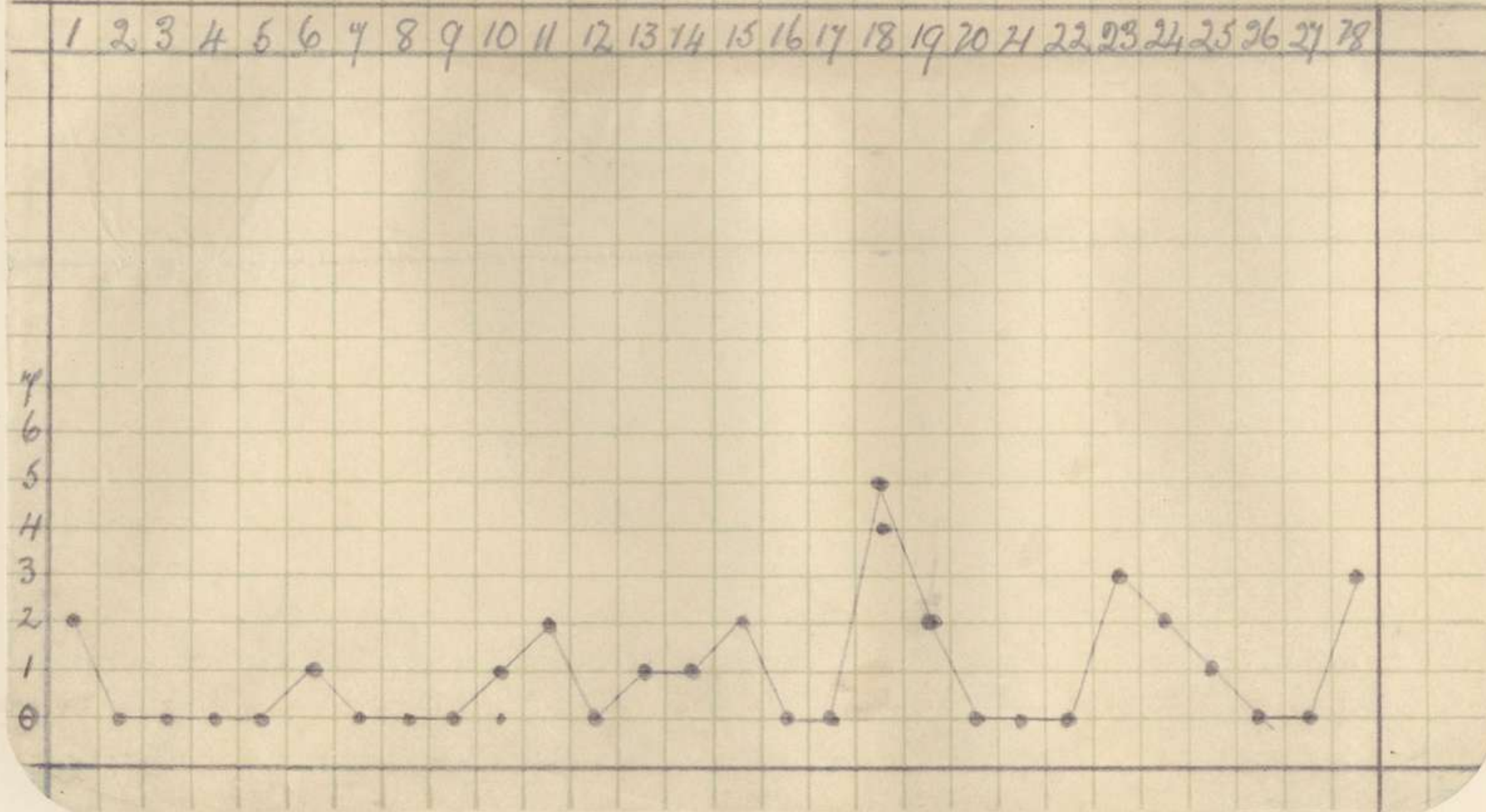




# Evacuation Chart

35<sup>th</sup> Batt A.F.#

February 1919





MEDICAL DIARY



24<sup>th</sup> Bn.

28.1.19 to 28.2.19

The Bn has spent the month at MIANNAY, its time being occupied with the syllabus of training, sports & concerts.

During the heavy frost of the early part of the month there were numerous cases of mild respiratory catarrh, but no serious illness.

A supply of French letters was obtained & retailed at 3<sup>s</sup> each. Roughly one hundred have been sold to date.

From the R.M.C.'s point of view, most of the month has been taken up with the preparation & completion of AIF Form 536. Owing to the late arrival of the



printed form, this work  
was rendered a great  
deal more laborious  
& slow than it need  
otherwise have been.  
Two Medical Boards  
were held & dealt  
with most of the  
first Embarkation  
Quota of the Bn.

An inspection of  
all the first quota  
was held at Batho  
on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. No cases  
of Scabies or pediculosis  
were found.

The general  
health of the Bn for  
this period has been  
excellent, the incidence  
notably of influenza  
& V.D. being very  
light.

Evacuations to  
hospital for the month  
number eleven

B. E. Nator Capt  
RMO 34 Bn

7.3.19



War Diary February 1919



Battalion still at Boullan court.  
Health of men very good.

Total of 16 evacuations for the month. The complaints were general. Three cases of influenza were evacuated. I took precautionary measures with this complaint. We had some bright sunny days & so I had the blankets aired & ~~changed~~ <sup>shaken</sup> every day; also the free use of disinfectants about the billets. It did not assume very large ~~proportions~~ <sup>proportions</sup> & the cases became fewer & fewer.

Two or three men with back chests were evacuated: one in particular was suspicious to me of being pulmonary tuberculosis.

One N.C.O. fell on the frozen road & broke his fibula: also a case of a fractured jaw was evacuated.

Taking all things into consideration the health of the men was very good. On February 17th the first quota of men left en route for Australia. The boarding of these men entailed a lot of work each man was gone through systematically. Some interesting chest & cardiac conditions were found. One man with an early suspected goitre with tachycardia etc.

Taking everything into consideration the men were very fit considering what they have gone through.

D. Allsop, Capt  
Proc 39th Bn



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**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>MONTHLY REPORT OF A. A. M.C. DETAIL 40th BATTALION A. I. F. FOR FEBRUARY 1919</u></p> <p>During the month the detail has been stationed at TOURS-en-VIMEU. The R.A.P. proper in this village and until the 17th instant, another post was placed at ERCOURT. The Battalion occupied billets in TOURS-en-VIMEU, HAMICOURT, and also at ERCOURT (until 17th). On the 17th owing to a quota having marched out, companies were concentrated at TOURS and HAMICOURT, and ERCOURT was evacuated. Billets generally are satisfactory and the men have been housed without overcrowding. The weather was extremely cold for some days and made life in the billets far from pleasant. The Niessen Huts have been of value as recreation rooms and this was especially so during the cold spell. The Routine work has been carried on. During the month the Water Detail have been on leave and the duties have devolved on a relief sent by the 10th Australian Field Ambulance. The health has been satisfactory the numbers on sick parade have been small and have averaged eight per day. Colds have been prevalent and fairly severe but a falling off in this complaint has been noticed lately latterly. Evacuations to Hospital 10.</p> <p>On February 10th the first quota- 203 in number- left the unit for return to AUSTRALIA. Prior to its departure a great deal of work devolved on the detail. A.I.F. Forms ( Medical Report) were not available until a late date and this caused undue congestion. Then the arrangements for the Medical Board miscarried with the result that there was a big rush to get the papers complete. Before the forms arrived examination of the quota men had been conducted and this time was saved afterwards. The Medical Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Major MAILER Major W.I. CLARK M.C.</p> <p>of the 10th Field Ambulance sat here on February 13th afternoon and evening, and on February 14th morning and afternoon. <i>also the afternoon of the 15th</i> Prior to the quota leaving the examination for Infectious Diseases, V.D., Scabies was held and all passed.</p> <p><u>SANITATION:</u> This work has been satisfactorily carried out. Flyproof latrines are installed throughout.</p> <p><u>FOOD:</u> Of good quality and well cooked. Vegetables have been a little on the short side.</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>Medical Report Continued:</u></p> <p><u>V.D.:</u> Blue Light Room has been conducted at TOURS but not extensively availed of. Evacuated to Hospital 2. At present under treatment 6. During the month a supply of French Letters has come to hand and these are purchasable at the R.A.P. at 3d each. There has been a fair sale of these. Blue Light outfits are to be had on application, and syringes can be issued to men going to places where early treatment is not obtainable.</p> <p><u>WATER SUPPLY:</u> Drawn from wells in TOURS, HAMICOURT, and solution is supplied for each washhouse, cookhouse, and instruction given regarding its use.</p> <p>28th February 1919</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... R.M.O. 40th Battalion A.I. F.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">..... Captain A. A. M.C.</p>	



ADMS  
J.D.W.



my own diary for  
month ending 28/2/19

J.R. Smith Cpl

28/2/19

Rms  
41<sup>st</sup> Bn  
A.I.F.

41<sup>st</sup> Bn. A.I.F.  
Rms. diary for  
month ending 28/2/19

During the month the  
Battalion has been billeted  
at St Maxent with two  
Companies (A & D) at  
Donchainville two miles  
distant. The transport  
being at a small hamlet  
between the two.

In the main educational  
work has been the  
most important but  
one day a week has  
been spent in purely  
military work.

General Health

Good

Sick parade have averaged  
7 per day



Prevailing Complaints  
Coughs colds Chills  
Minor injuries a  
few cases of P.U.O.  
probably influenza  
V.D. and 3 cases of  
pleurisy.

Fitness as regards  
training.

Very few men have  
been excused duty  
and owing to inclement  
weather no route marches  
have been held.

Food Cooking Clothing  
Food and cooking have  
been quite satisfactory  
Clothing good.

Boots unsatisfactory  
Supplies of boots have  
been bad and  
leather for repairs

has been unobtainable  
Baths.

The men go to the  
Baths at Ahipy once  
a week. Satisfactory

Special Inspection.

The men are being  
examined for A.I.F.  
from 536 and so  
far 330 men have been  
examined and boarded.  
Very few disabilities  
have been detected  
and on the whole the  
men are a very fine  
lot physically.

Venerial Disease.

A certain number of  
men have contracted  
gonorrhoea in Abbville



and an attempt  
was made in the cases  
who reported early to  
about the disease by  
sealing up. Results were  
not satisfactory.

A Blue light depot  
is established at each  
village and Blue light  
outfits are available to  
the men on demand and  
also "French letters" at  
30 centimes each.

Not many men have  
availed themselves of the  
latter.

### Sanitation

Food.  
Fly proof Box latrines  
are provided and they  
all have cover  
Refuse is incinerated.

### Work of Sanitary + Water details.

The sanitary squad are  
working well and  
keep the billets clean  
and healthy.

As there is an P.A.P.  
in each village the  
water details are  
separated, and one  
man in each village is  
detailed to look after  
the water which is  
drawn from tested wells.

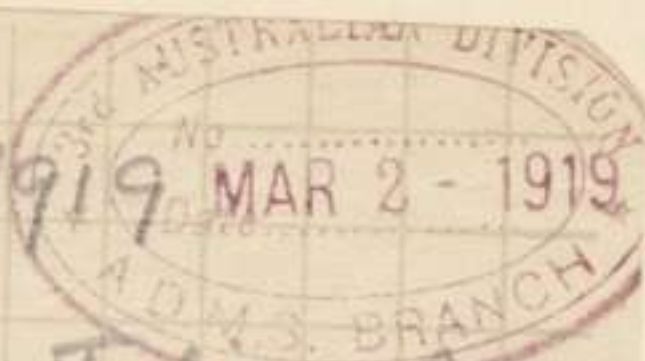
On the whole the health  
and sanitation of the  
unit is quite satisfactory

St Laurent  
28/2/19

J. J. Skille Capt  
R.M.S.  
4100000  
A. J. F.



War Diary for February 1919  
by  
RMO 43rd Battalion AIF



Battalion was still at Ramburesles for this month.

The health of the men still continued good - but vaccinations have been more numerous than during the previous month. Isolated cases of influenza appeared - but showed no signs of becoming epidemic.

The month has been mostly spent in compiling A.I.F. demobilisation forms No 536. This entailed a fair amount of work. The battalion was finished off in this respect & the greater part of the first draft medically boarded. Very few disabilities were found - dyspnoea after gas, being the most prevalent. It is during an examination of this sort that one sees how physically fit the men really are. One can hardly instance

1/2 a case where any loss of weight is complained of. By far the greater number have put on weight - one man having increased by 4 stone during 2 1/2 years service.

A serious shortage of best leather ~~has~~ occurred during the month - as everything was very damp. This state of affairs was no light matter. Men had to be prevented from route marching for this reason - towards the close of the month however some stocks were obtained & the difficulty tided over.

Sturges  
RMO 43rd Bn



44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

Battalion Headquarters.

WAR DIARY.

Medical Officers' Report for February 1919..



A. In an Offensive. Not applicable.

B. General Medical Matters.

1. Conditions as regards health. The health of the men is particularly good-there were a fair number of colds and catarrhal conditions but this has distinctly diminished. Very little V.D.

2. Condition as regards fitness. Men physically very fit.

3. Food. Good.

Cooking- Good.

Washing and Clothing- Good-Each man is provided with a bath and change of under clothes once per week.

Boots- Bad- the scarcity of boot leather has still been very apparent. A few new boots came to hand and towards the end of the month small quantities of leather came to hand for repair work.

Fitness for marching- Good-and retained by periodical routine marches and sporting exercises. (i.e., Football.)

4. Details of Water and Sanitary Squad.

Water Detail -Quite satisfactory in every respect.

Sanitary Details-Working efficiently-all men provided with covered in latrines.

*W A Luke*, Captain.

R.M.O. 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.



R.M.O., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade  
6th March, 1919.

WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1919.



During the month of February there was a severe outbreak of Influenza. Other than this, sickness was very slight and the men appear to be in good health.

The chief work was the medical examination and boarding of men for a repatriation quota. At this examination no venereal disease was discovered and only a few slight cases of scabies.

There was some difficulty in obtaining drugs.

There is nothing else of importance to report.

*F. W. Green* MAJOR,  
R.M.O., 7th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.



War Diary for February



R.M.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> A.M.G. Bn.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> A.M.G. Bn. during the month of February occupied billets in the town of GAMACHES. Billets were excellent, clean and well-kept, fresh straw being available for palliasses fortnightly, and drawn by Companies from Q.M. Billeting of Transport and Stabling for horse-lines were particularly an improvement on previous billeting areas, and added much to the health and comfort of Transport personnel. The earlier part of the month was marked by cold weather and snow, but billets were warm, and muddy conditions were at a minimum.

General Health of troops continued good. Prevailing complaints on sick parades were Coughs and Colds. Feet conditions were few. There was a slight increase in cases of Diarrhea, but nothing marked, or any common cause of

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of infection.

The Blue light room situated in the Square with an orderly attached for duty, was well availed of by all ranks. No local case of V.D. was reported. E.T. facilities for Gonorrhoea were available and successful. When Protargol became unavailable, treatment was carried on with solution of Pot: Permang: Much success in the E.T. was secured by the use of a French preparation obtained from a local Pharmacy, - as under,

Ry Zinc: Sulph: .1  
Plumbi: acetat: 2  
Tinct: Cacho 4  
Randamum Sydenham. xxm  
Aq: Dist: 200.

After obtaining the script from the Chemist, I sanctioned its use as a routine for E.T. When the men were willing to buy it. With regard to men who have contracted V.D. on service, I find that a number desire an opportunity for tests before



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returning to Australia with any definite signs of Chronic urethritis and recurring gleet, I have endeavoured to have this done, also old specific cases, but I consider there is an honest desire on the part of all ranks to make sure of all absence of infection before reentering civil life - a desire I consider due to the education in V.D. and prophylactic measures obtained on service.

Food and cooking arrangements continued to be good - cookhouses and cookers were very well kept.

Bathing parades with clean under-clothing were available every four days - more often if desired.

Boot supplies and leather supply were much improved, and with the good billet surroundings reduced feet-complaints on sick-parades to a minimum.

Water supply from wells in the



(4)

Town was good and plentiful -  
requiring 1 scoop.

Sanitation, latines and  
billet surroundings and Cook house  
surroundings were good.

The efficiency and general  
fitness of the troops continued at a  
high level. The first draft for  
demobilization left on the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb -  
A.I.F. Forms 536 with Board-papers  
being completed the previous week.  
On the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, Forms 536 and  
Board-papers for the whole Battalion  
were completed for all available men,  
by R.M.O. and Board sitting at GAMACHES.  
The following Table summarizes the  
Board findings for the Battalion:-

FIT for G.S.	T.U.G.S.	P.U.G.S.	Recomm <sup>d</sup> for Evac <sup>n</sup> & hospital.	Referred to Specialists. (Eye. Eor. etc.)	TOTAL BOARDED
556	8	3	3	7	577

Second Draft awaiting Dispatch: previously Boarded. 72  
TOTAL. 649.

Two Catheters. Capt. A.M.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> M.G.B.W.



R.M.O's War



Ramon Bth

During months there was  
mostly occupied in training  
personnel of Battalion for  
demobilization -

On 14<sup>th</sup> they left quota -  
tricksters left here & were  
accorded a fine send off.

In consequence of more  
than half of Battalion  
being sent to C. Haore one  
transformational work sick  
parades were practically small  
colds were chief complaint.

Happy  
February

H. Inglis Clark Major

10<sup>th</sup> Aust Field Amb.



Reno's Diary  
3rd Div. Engineers  
February 1919.



Sanitary, Messing &  
billet arrangements  
precisely similar to  
those of the three  
~~preceding~~ preceding  
months & in every  
way satisfactory.  
Owing to the movements  
of drafts for Australia  
& the sending of men  
and officers to England  
on non-military  
employment it is  
proposed to bring the  
three Engineer Co's,  
now widely separated  
in their January billets,  
into one village named  
Rambouillet near  
Orment.



This movement to take place after the departure of the 11<sup>th</sup> Brigade. Draft No 1 on an uncertain date.

As drafts proceed each man has a medical examination by RMO & subsequently appears before a board of two to determine his disability (if any) and show him free from any infection. These have been completed for the next draft in the case of each company. The remainder to be finished early in March.

Sickness during January has been



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remarkably slight.

C. W. Ashfull Capt

RMC

3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment



3rd Aust. Divisional Train.



A.D.M.S. CIRCULAR No. 180.

28<sup>th</sup> 2-1919

A. IN AN OFFENSIVE.

*Not applicable*

B. GENERAL MEDICAL MATTERS:

1. Condition as regards fitness Good
2. General health. Good
3. Food, Cooking, Washing, Clothing,  
Boots etc. Shortage of Leathers for repairs
4. Fitness for marching Mounted unit
5. Reports of special inspections,  
marches etc. nil

C. Details of work of Water and Sanitary Details. \_\_\_\_\_

*Water drawn from official sources and adequately chlorinated*

*Grubb* Captain.  
R.M.C., 3rd Aust. Divisional Train.





War Diary  
February.

8<sup>th</sup> Aust F.A.B.<sup>d</sup>

- A. 1-8. For the Month of February this Brigade has been stationed at Hautmont
9. Comforts were obtained from N<sup>o</sup> 5 C.C.S. & Medical Stores from N<sup>o</sup> 14 A.D. Med Stores as only very small quantities could be obtained from N<sup>os</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 20. C.C.S. & very frequently no drugs at all as they also had difficulty in obtaining them.
- B. 1-2. This Brigade has unfortunately experienced an Epidemic of Influenza which resulted in the deaths of twelve other Ranks at the C.C.S.<sup>s</sup>
- During the very cold spell in which this Epidemic occurred practically the whole of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Div Artillery Concert Party were ill with Influenza & consequently it was not necessary to advise the closing down of the Performances which automatically ceased.
1. Towards the end of the month & as the weather became better this Epidemic died out suddenly.
3. Rations are good & meals varied
- During the Month of February 47 Men were evacuated to C.C.S.<sup>s</sup>

J. J. Ramrock  
Capt  
RMO 8 F.A.B.<sup>d</sup>