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	<u>February, 1917.</u>			
	1st.	2.30p.m.	Captain R.O. DOUGLAS joined from reinforcements and was posted to 10th. Australian Field Ambulance. Conference of Officers Commanding Field Ambulances held at A.D.M.S. Office. It is intended to hold these Conferences weekly for the discussion of matters affecting Medical organisation in the Division.	
	4th.	-	Divisional Headquarters moved from STEENWERCK to CROIX du BAC, (Map reference Sheet 36NW. G.12.a.9.8). 10.a.m. Office opened at Billet No.2.	
	10th.		Demonstration in Field Cooking held at Pioneer Battalion Billets under supervision of Officer Commanding II Army School of Cookery.	
	Night of 11/12th.		Special Medical arrangements made for the evacuation of sick and wounded during a Raid in Right Sector, carried out by a special party of 102nd. Brigade, 34th. Division. Orders for Medical arrangements attached. First wounded arrived at M.D.S. at 11.30.p.m. and last one was cleared by 7.30.a.m. 12th. Feb. 1917. Cases cleared: 50 for Raiding Party: 24 for A.I.F.: and 2 Prisoners.	Copy of Orders attached. ✓
	12th.		No cases of Mumps reported.	
	13th.		A new establishment for the working of a Divisional Bath was drawn out and submitted to Divisional Headquarters. Copy attached.	Copy attached.
	16th.		Baths at PONT NIEPPE closed and Baths at ERQUINGHEM opened. Capacity of ERQUINGHEM Baths is at present 1500 men per diem, washed and provided with clean clothing.	
	19th.		Arrangements made for New Zealand Medical Corps to relieve 11th. Australian Field Ambulance at Divisional Rest Station, STEENWERCK.	Copy of Orders attached.
	25th.		Case of Measles reported and investigated.	

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<u>FRANCE.</u>	February, 1917.		<p style="text-align: center;">-, 2 -</p> <p>26/27th. Special Medical arrangements in force for a Raid in Left Sector. Copy of Orders attached. <i>MM</i></p> <p>28th. Relief of Field Ambulances - 10th. Australian Field Ambulance to relieve 11th. Australian Field Ambulance, and 11th. Australian Field Ambulance to relieve 10th. Australian Field Ambulance. <i>MM</i></p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u></p> <p>Throughout the Month efforts have been made to improve the cooking arrangements at present in vogue, by the provision of Field ovens, well organised kitchens, etc.</p> <p>Sanitary appliances have largely increased throughout the Divisional Area and the Sanitation has greatly improved. The size of the Area and the presence of the towns of STEENWERCK, CROIX du BAC, ERQUINGHEM, ARMENTIERES, within it, increases the sanitary work necessary; but each of these towns has its own Sanitary detachment of "P.B." men, where available, and in other instances is made up of men drawn from Units in the vicinity. The public latrines are under the care of the Unit in whose administrative area, they are.</p> <p>The sickness throughout the Division is on the decrease, particularly as regards Infectious Diseases.</p>	<p>Copy of Orders attached</p> <p>do.</p>
			<p><i>Arthur J. White</i></p> <p>1/3/17</p>	<p>COLONEL. A.D.M.S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.</p>

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SECRETHeadquarters,
10th. February, 1917.

To,
 Officer Commanding
 9th. Australian Field Ambulance
 10th. do.
 11th. do.
 Headquarters "G"
 Headquarters "Q"
 G.O.C. 10th. Infantry Brigade
 O.C. Special Party 102nd. Brigade
 File.

MAP
MAP REFERENCE Sheet 36 N.W. FRANCE 1/20,000.

For the purpose of evacuating ^{wounded} ~~sick~~ during special enterprise in Right Sector on night of 11/12th. instant, the following arrangements will obtain:-

Officers Commanding 9th., 10th., 11th., Field Ambulances will each detail a Medical Officer to report at Right Brigade Headquarters at 11.a.m. on 11.2.1917. to meet a representative of Special Party 102nd. Brigade.

These Medical Officers will be distributed as follows:-

One in neighbourhood of FARM DUBIEZ
 One at R.A.P. at I 15 b 3.8
 One in neighbourhood of ORCHARD POST.

R.A.P.'s will be established at these situations (in consultation with representative of Special Party 10 2nd. Brigade), if non-existent and exact location notified to O.C. Right Field Ambulance, who will provide equipment necessary for ~~extra~~ R.A.P's.

Officers Commanding 9th., 10th. and 11th. Field Ambulances will each loan ~~ten~~ ten (10) stretchers for use at these R.A.P's. Stretchers complete to be at M.D.S. 9th. Field Ambulance by 12 noon 11.2.1917., and Officer Commanding 9th. Field Ambulance to be responsible for their distribution.

A loading post will be established at SUICIDE CORNER I 9 c 3.5. Clearing from R.A.P's to loading point will be by available trenches. From loading point stretchers + cases will proceed to M.D.S. by motor ambulance wagons and walking cases to A.D.S. From A.D.S. walking cases will proceed to INSTITUTE ST JUDE by horse ambulance wagons.

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Officer Commanding 10th. Field Ambulance will place three horse ambulance wagons at disposal of Officer Commanding Right Field Ambulance. Exact time of reporting etc. ^{direct} to be arranged/between O's.C. concerned.

D.A.D.O.S. 3rd. Australian Division has been instructed to deliver 100 blankets to Right Field Ambulance for use at E.A.P's etc.

Extreme care is to be taken to guard patients against cold by means of extra blankets, hot bottles, hot drinks etc.

All casualties are to have feet examined on arrival at M.D.S. or A.D.S. in view of danger of possible Trench Feet or Frost Bite.


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SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT FOR DIVISIONAL BATHS.

Particulars	Off.	Sergeants	Corporals	L/Cpl.	Ptes.	Total
Captain	1					1
Batman					1	1
General Duties Sergeant		1				1
<u>Office.</u>						
Sergeant Clerk		1				1
Private Clerk					1	1
<u>Baths.</u>						
Dressing Room, Corporal			1			1
Doorman					1	1
Ironing Room					4	4
Valuables					1	1
<u>Exchange of Clothing</u>			1		9	10
<u>Exchange of Socks</u>					1	1
<u>Bathing Room & Off. Baths.</u>					4	4
<u>Washing</u>						
Clerk					1	1
Carriers					4	4
<u>Drying</u>			1		20	21
<u>Engine Room</u>						
Men with engineering experience.		1			6	7
<u>Foden Lorry.</u>					2	2
Cooks			1		2	3
General Duties					3	3
Store Room		1		1	4	6
Gum Boots				1	3	4
<u>TOTAL.</u>	1	4	4	2	67	78

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S E C R E THeadquarters,
19th. February, 1917.

Arrangements have been made for H.E.M.C. to relieve
11th. Australian Field Ambulance at Divisional Rest Station,
STERNWERCK.

An Advance Party will report at Divisional Rest
Station on 20th. February, 1917, the Main Party will arrive on
21st. February, 1917.

All patients and stores and equipment in excess
of Mobilisation Store Table will be handed over.

Handing over to be complete by 12 noon 21st. February,
1917.

Relieved personnel of 11th. Australian Field
Ambulance will proceed to Divisional Rest station, L'ESTRADER.

Receipts will be obtained for all stores and equip-
ment handed over. Copies ^{lists} of all stores etc. handed over will be
forwarded in duplicate to this Office.

Completion of move to be reported to this Office

COLONEL.
A.D.M.S.

Distribution:--

Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb.
do. 9th. do.
Headquarters "Q"
Headquarters "G"
Area Officer STERNWERCK
D.D.M.S. 11 Anzac (2 copies) for information.
A.D.M.S. H.E. Division (for information)

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SECRET

Headquarters,
17th. February, 1917.

Medical arrangements for evacuation of Wounded in special
Enterprise of "D" Battalion 10th. Infantry Brigade.

Wounded will be cleared from front line to Subsidiary line by means of Regimental Stretcher Bearers, along special lines of evacuation.

Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrange for and equip Dressing Posts in Subsidiary line where Subsidiary line meets lines of evacuation.

Each Dressing Post will have:-

- (1) Medical Officer and sufficient personnel.
- (2) Blankets and stretchers.
- (3) Medical comforts and hot drinks.
- (4) Dressings & etc.

Wounded will be cleared from Dressing Posts under arrangements of Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance. Dressing Posts are provided specially for the treatment of Stretcher cases.

Stretcher cases will be evacuated from Dressing Posts to Regimental Aid Posts at TISSAGE and LITTLE MARY, DUMPS, where they will be loaded into Motor Ambulance wagons and cleared direct to Main Dressing Station, RUE de MESSINES.

Walking cases will proceed to Regimental Aid Post near outlet of BURHAM AVENUE and thence to Advanced Dressing Station. Here they will be cleared by Motor lorry or Horse Ambulance to Main Dressing Station.

Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrange for the necessary guides to be placed to direct stretcher cases and walking cases to their proper destination.

Officer Commanding 9th. Australian Field Ambulance will place the following at the disposal of the Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance:-

- (1) One Medical Officer and twenty (20) Other Ranks.
- (2) Two (2) Wheeled stretchers.
- (3) One hundred (100) blankets.
- (4) Twenty (20) stretchers complete.
- (5) One (1) Horse Ambulance wagon.

Officer Commanding 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will place the following at the disposal of the Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance:-

- (1) Two Medical Officers and sixty (60) Other Ranks.
- (2) Three (3) Wheeled stretchers.
- (3) Thirty (30) stretchers complete
- (4) Two (2) Horse Ambulance wagons. (large).
- (5) Three (3) Motor Ambulance wagons. (large)

Officer Commanding Sanitary Section will place his lorry and driver at the disposal of Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance.

Officer Commanding 9th. Australian Field Ambulance will deliver one hundred (100) blankets to Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance on receipt of this Order.

Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrange direct, as to time and method of reporting personnel detailed and taking over of equipment.

Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrange direct with G.O.C. 9th. Infantry Brigade for the loan of fifteen (15) Hot Food Containers, to be filled and placed at convenient points.

D.A.D.O.S. has been instructed to place three hundred (300) blankets at the disposal of Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance.

Officer Commanding "D" Battalion 10th. Infantry Brigade will arrange for Regimental Medical Officer "D" Battalion to report to Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance.

Officer Commanding 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrange to evacuate, with his own transport, all sick cases from Main Dressing Station 10th. Australian Field Ambulance on demand.

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- 5. D.D.M.S. II Anzac
- 6. do.
- 7. G.O.C. 9th. Infantry Brigade
- 8. G.O.C. 10th. do.
- 9. G.O.C. 11th. do.
- 10. Headquarters "G"
- 11. Headquarters "Q"
- 12. Officer Commanding "D" Battalion
- 13. - War Diary.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS E C R E T.Headquarters,
27th. February, 1917.RELIEF OF FIELD AMBULANCES.

- Relief.** The 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 11th. Australian Field Ambulance at Divisional Rest Station, L'ESTRADER, (Map Reference Sheet 36 N.1. - A.30.b.2.9) and the 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 10th. Australian Field Ambulance at M.D.S. and A.D.S. (Map Reference Sheet 36.N.1. - COLE, RUMESMINES C.19.e.1.1 and HOURLINES C 26.d.5.9 respectively).
- Advance Parties.** Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrange for an Advance Party of 3 Officers and 30 Other Ranks to report to Officer Commanding 11th. Australian Field Ambulance by 12 noon on 28th. February, 1917.
- Officer Commanding 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrange for an Advance Party of 3 Officers and 30 Other Ranks to report to Officer Commanding 10th. Australian Field Ambulance by 12 noon on 28th. February, 1917.
- These Advance Parties will be carefully selected, so as to embrace personnel from all Sections of the Units concerned.
- Rations.** Advance Parties will be rationed from 12 noon 28th. February, 1917, by the Unit to which they report.
- Main Parties.** The Main Parties will change over on 3rd. March, 1917, Taking over to be completed by 12 noon on that date.
- Stores & Equipment.** No stores other than those set out in Mobilisation Store Table are to be taken. Stores and equipment in excess will be handed over to incoming Unit and receipts obtained. Copy of receipts to be held by each Unit.
- STANWICK Baths.** For the present the Party at STANWICK Baths will remain. Supervision of Baths to be under the Quartermaster of the 11th. Australian Field Ambulance. With this exception the change over of personnel will be complete.
- Reports.** Completion of move to be reported to this Office by wire.

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