

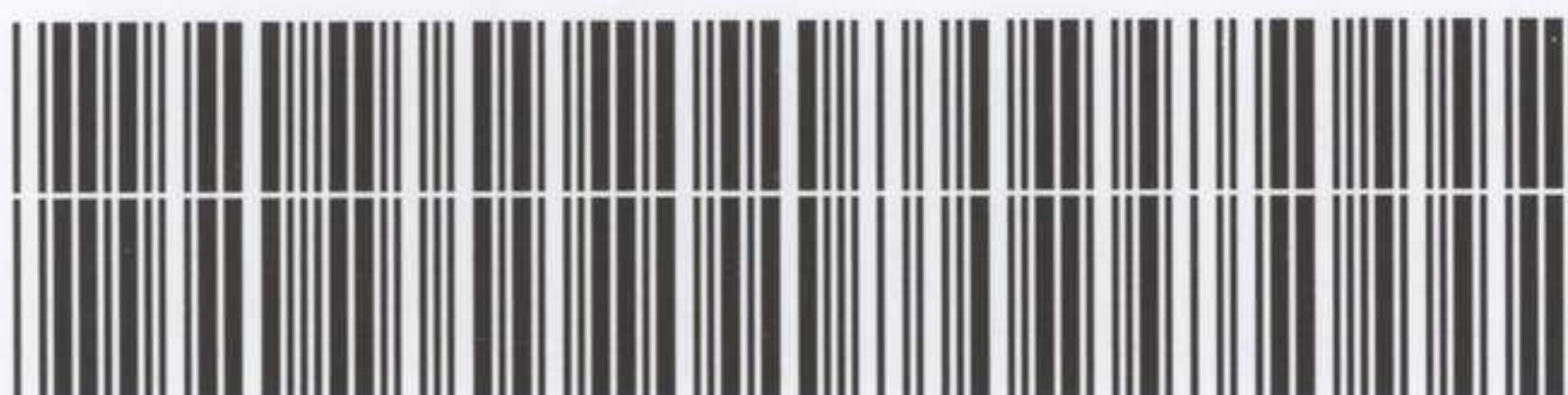
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Place December.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAINS Sheet 57.A. Q.11. 1/40.000	1st.		A.D.M.S., visited the 14th. Aust. Inf. Battalion and 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters with regard to sanitation and also 4th. Aust. Div. San. Section. The area is still very dirty and will take a considerable time to clean up. Weather. Fine day with occasional showers.	JCR
	2nd.		During the morning the A.D.M.S., visited the 46th. Aust. Inf. Bn. and examined 20 cases recommended for boarding. In the afternoon D.A.D.M.S., went to 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion and examined 28 board cases there, afterwards going on to 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and warning them of a possible early move.	
	3rd.		A.D.M.S., and D.A.D.M.S., boarded cases of 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion at SIVRY in the morning and afterwards visited the 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Weather. Fine with bitterly cold winds.	
	4th.		D.A.D.M.S., inspected cookhouses of 4th. D.H.Q., which were satisfactory. Complaints as regards shortage of rations throughout the Division have been heard but in going into the matter it was found that there is no shortage. 50% fresh meat is issued, the remainder being made up of Bully and R.M. & V ration. Biscuits in lieu of bread are sometimes issued owing to transport difficulties but the full amount is being received. The fat is all being used up in the cooking and not sent to the Base. The ration is sufficient but good cooking is essential and strict supervision by officers necessary to ensure the full value being obtained from the issue. The complaints apparently originated from the fact that in this area it is almost impossible to buy any extras from regimental funds to supplement the ordinary issue as has been the custom in the past. Lt. Colonel Culpin took over command of 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and A.D.M.S. visited that unit during the afternoon and advised in regard to lost equipment upon which a board has been appointed to sit. The articles in question, chiefly transport material were lost in transit from EGYPT and had never been replaced and no steps had been taken to clear the matter up. Weather. Atmosphere mild, misty rain during the day and a heavy fog towards evening.	
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SAINS. Sheet 57.A. Q.11. 1/40.000.	5th.		<p>A.D.M.S., visited Corps during the morning in company with Lt.Col.^{R.5} McGregor D.S.O. in respect to handing over appointment as Col.^K Smith has been appointed A.D.M.S. Demobilization and is instructed to report to London for duty. Lt.Col.^{R.5} McGregor D.S.O. takes over A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Div. on his departure.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S., visited 48th. Aust. Inf. Bn. and boarded 22 cases and in the afternoon visited the R.M.O., 14th. Aust. Inf. Bn. and boarded 4 cases.</p> <p>A.D.M.S., went to see the 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. during the afternoon.</p> <p>Weather. Beautiful fine clear day.</p> <p>Issued analysis of Sick Wastage by units 1st. to 30th. Nov. 1918. Copies attached. Appendix No.1.</p>	1
	6th.		<p>D.A.D.M.S., boarded cases at the 45th. Aust. Inf. Bn. R.A.P. M.T. Workshops were seen and it was arranged for the 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to send a Sgt. and driver to mend a car there as the workshops are short of labour and cannot do it.</p> <p>Weather. Very fine day with a mild atmosphere.</p>	
	7th.		<p>Colonel K. Smith C.M.G. proceeded to England to take up his duties as A.D.M.S., Demobilization. Colonel R.S. McGregor D.S.O. took over duties as A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Div. Major J.A. James took over command of 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</p> <p>Issued A.A.M.C. Order No. 117. Copies attached. Appendix No. 2.</p> <p>Received War Diary from R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Div. Engineers. Original only attached. Appendix No.3.</p>	2 3
	8th.		<p>D.D.M.S., visited Headquarters during the morning and discussed Demobilization. A.D.M.S., visited 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. during the afternoon and D.A.D.M.S., inspected the R.A.P. of the 4th. M.G. Bn. Very good accommodation for about 10 cases.</p> <p>Weather. Bright sunshine during the day.</p>	

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SAINS. Sheet 57.A. Q.11. 1/40.000.	9th.		<p>D.A.D.M.S. saw R.M.O. 4th. Aust. D.A.C. He has a considerable amount of work among the civilians, but his unit is in good health. He complains of difficulty in obtaining drugs from the 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</p> <p>Issued A.A.M.C. Circular No.6 Copies attached. Appendix No. 4.</p> <p>Weather. Cloudy and overcast.</p>	4
	10th.		<p>D.A.D.M.S. boarded three men of the 12th. Aust. Fld. Coy. Engineers at the 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. In the afternoon saw Staff Capt. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and arranged to billet 4th. Aust. Sanitary Section with 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and move with them. Obtained one G.S.Waggon from "Q" to transport material on the 11th. for them. Saw R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Engineers as he has been neglecting to see the 12th. and 4th. Aust. Fld. Coy. Engineers on account of distance away from him. He was told to visit them periodically and see that everything was satisfactory. Saw R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn., he reports all well, the cases that were boarded about 10 days ago have all gone to the Base.</p> <p>Saw 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and instructed them to draw Medical Comforts direct if urgently required as A.S.C. apparently are unable to supply transport.</p> <p>Weather. Very miserable wet day.</p>	
	11th.		<p>The 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. required a lorry to take a party to their new billets in FLORENNES to disinfect them as it has been used as an infectious hospital. "Q" and 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy. were asked to detail it, but it could not be obtained. O.C. 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was informed accordingly. R.M.O. 104th. Army Brigade was visited during the afternoon, but was out.</p> <p>Weather. Fine drizzle during during the day.</p>	
11th. December. 1918.				Colonel.

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SAINS. Sheet 57A. Q.11. 1/40.000	12th.		A.D.M.S. visited 4th. 12th. & 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambulances and saw that arrangements for the forthcoming move were completed. Considerable trouble is being experienced by Field Ambulances in getting their cars repaired in the M.T. Workshops. The Officer in charge does not seem to make any attempt to help to expedite repairs. D.A.D.M.S. saw Major Searle O.C. 4th. M.T. Coy. during the evening, and explained the state of affairs, and he promised to try to amend matters. Weather. Light showers fell during the day.	
DINANT. Place de Meuse.	13th.		B.Echelon 4th. Aust. Divisional Headquarters moved to DINANT. Weather. Very mild day.	
	14th.		A.Echelon 4th. Aust. Divisional Headquarters moved to DINANT. Weather. Fine with a few light showers.	
	15th.		Owing to breakdown of lorries none of the office personnel arrived until late in the evening. Warrant Officer G.M. Williams reported for duty at D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps. This N.C.O. has been with the Division since its formation, and has done most excellent and consistent good work, and will be very much missed in the office. Weather. Clear fine day. evening very moonlight.	
	16th.		The Division completed its move. The 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. moved into billets at Rue NEFFE, DINANT with the 4th. Aust. Sanitary Section close at hand. At present they are in difficulties as regards cover for horses, but Engineers have promised to have shelter for 40 horses built as soon as possible. Weather remarkably fine.	
			16th. December . 1918.	

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DINANT Place de Meuse.	17th.		<p>The 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was instructed to establish Blue Light Depot in a central part of DINANT. They are having difficulty with billeting as the billet now occupied by them is required by returning civilians. There is a large Nunnery adjacent which will be very suitable for hospital accommodation when it is vacated by the Nuns, who are said to be going out before the 25th. Instant.</p> <p>The 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. in FLORENNES are very comfortably situated in a large Jesuit School in which the whole unit can be easily accommodated, and still leave room for hospital patients. Horses are all under cover. Blue Light Depot is in working order. Instructions to Foden Lorry to sterilise the blankets of the 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Group issued.</p> <p>Weather. With the exception of a few showers the day was fine.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. attended a Conference at D.M.S. office Fourth Army Headquarters. NAMUR.</p>	
	18th.		<p>Sanitation of billets occupied by 4th. Divisional Headquarters is still bad, many of the water closets are over full and choked up. Camp Commandant was seen personally and promised to have them cleaned out. The 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion who are billeted at BOUVIGNES are having difficulty in finding sufficient space to dig pit latrines. "Q" Branch was seen and is trying to obtain latrine buckets for the purpose instead. Issued M11/954 to all Medical Officers re giving of lectures to Regimental Officers on Sanitation Trench Feet and prevention of V.D. Copies attached. Appendix No. 5</p> <p>Issued No. M11/955 re attention of sick in various units in addition to their Brigade Groups. One copy only attached. Appendix No. 6</p> <p>Issued M4/483 re Sanitation of DINANT. Copies attached. Appendix No. 7</p> <p>Weather. Heavy rain all day.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. inspected billets and hospital accommodation of 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Hospital accommodation good, more mattresses.</p>	5 6 7
	19th.		<p>All R.M.O's. of the 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. were seen and the Rest Billets inspected. The 49th. Aust. Inf. Bn. has a very good one indeed capable of holding about 15 cases, and an excellently arranged early treatment depot. The other two Battalions have not yet got suitable places but are arranging for better ones. R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Engineers reported a case of acute military Tuberculosis in a civilian and the case was referred to the Belgian Mission. A.D.M.S. attended conference at Aust. Corps Headquarters with D.D.M.S.</p>	

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DINANT Place de Meuse.	19th. Contd.		<p>New Mobilization Table for Field Ambulances received, and transmitted to Units. One Tent Sub-Division is cut out and a major commands A. Section. Extra cook is attached to each bearer Sub-Division, and a S/Sgt. Nursing Duties to A. Section. In all 20 men and 2 Officers and 8 horses are cut out. ^{also} 1 Amb. Wagon 1 Limber 1 Water cart. It seems a very good establishment under existing circumstances. If a S/Sgt. clerk was included in addition, for orderly room duties it would be an improvement, as these duties in a unit now are heavy, and if an Ambulance is running an M.D.S. with many casualties coming through they will be rather short of clerks.</p> <p>Weather. Part of the day fine but towards evening heavy showers fell.</p>	LCC
	20th.		<p>A.D.M.S. inspected billets and hospital arrangements of the 13th. and 12th. Aust. Fld. Ambulances. 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. is fairly comfortably housed as regards personnel. Horses are on good standings but only about half have overhead cover. Hospital accommodation is limited at present but will improve in a few days when a larger building will fall vacant.</p> <p>12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. is very comfortable, cookhouse needs a better roof which is to be fixed up by the Engineers. Horses are all in stables scattered over the village. Hospital requires some more beds and mattresses.</p> <p>Blue Light Depot is being run by 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. at 26 Rue Philippville</p> <p>DINANT.</p> <p>Issued M7/560 to all R.M.O's. asking for particulars re Syphilis.</p> <p>Copies attached. Appendix No. 8</p> <p>Weather. A very miserable wet day and fairly cold towards evening.</p>	
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DINANT. Place de Meuse.	21st.		<p>The 4th.M.G.Battalion in ANSEREMME was seen. They are rather crowded at present, and have no Rest Billet or Blue Light Depot, but more accommodation will be available soon when D.A.D.O.S. moves.</p> <p>R.M.O. 48th. Aust. Inf. Battalion at WAULSORT has a very satisfactory Rest Billet.</p> <p>Weather. Very pleasant fine day.</p>	1000
	22nd.		<p>R.A.P. of 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion inspected. quite a good large room partitioned off with accommodation for about 10 cases. Blue Light Depot established there</p> <p>Weather. A very dull day and rain towards evening.</p>	1000
	23rd.		<p>Sanitation and Messes of 4th. D.H.Q. inspected. Cookhouses require grease traps otherwise satisfactory.</p> <p>R.A.P. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. seen. Very good, with accommodation for about 10 cases, none in it at present. Blue Light Depot in working order but not required much at present. R.M.O. 45th. Aust. Inf. Battalion seen and R.A.P. inspected, very excellent indeed. He has a furnished house for it and could accommodate about 20 cases if necessary. Blue Light Depot at 26 Rue PHILIPPEVILLE. DINANT is very much patronised now, 45 men reported for treatment last night.</p> <p>Weather. Steady rain fell all day.</p>	1000
23rd. December. 1918.				<p>Colonel. A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Division.</p>

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DINANT Place de MEUSE.	24th.		<p>R.M.O. 46th. Aust. Inf. Bn. has a very good R.A.P. in MESNIL St.BLAISE. Men reported billeted very comfortably. Blue Light established but at present not used very much. The Battalion is building a Russian type of Delouser. This Unit always has a very good one and works it very satisfactorily.</p> <p>11th. Aust.F.A. Brigade was visited and R.A.P. seen,small and not much accommodation for patients. R.M.O. 48th. Battalion reports that the sanitation of his Unit is now satisfactory,and the men are housed very comfortably.</p> <p>The 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. has moved its hospital into a Nunnery which makes a very good place for about 45 patients,all have beds but mattresses are still wanting.</p> <p>Weather. Fine with cold winds.</p>	
	25th.		<p>All the Aust. Fld. Ambs. and Sanitary Section had most excellent Xmas dinners,the whole Unit in each case dining in one room.</p> <p>Weather. Cold but dry.</p>	
	26th.		<p>Weather. Very strong winds blew all day,otherwise fine.</p>	
	27th.		<p>Boarded two cases for Base and saw a Court Martial case from Artillery, about whose sanity there was doubt. I think this man is suffering from early stage of Delusional Insanity,and recommended evacuation to C.C.S. for observation and confirmation of diagnosis. Capt. J.R.ANDERSON M.C. R.M.O. 45th. Aust. Inf. Bn. called,also Capt.K.C. PURNELL M.C. R.M.O. 11th. Aust. F.A Bde. Both are feeling the shortage of drugs otherwise no complaints. Inspected "Blue Light" place in DINANT,going well,good number of men attending for treatment.</p> <p>Major T.C.C.EVANS D.S.O. D.A.D.M.S. left on one months leave,his place being temporarily filled by Major D.M.STEELE M.C.</p>	

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DINANT Place de MEUSE.	28th.		<p>Boarded four cases for the Base from 12th. Fld. Coy. Engineers, and one from 4th. M.T. Coy. The following personnel:</p> <table><tr><td>4th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</td><td>12</td><td>12th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>13th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</td><td>17</td><td>4th. Aust. San. Sec.</td><td>1</td></tr></table> <p>were despatched for return to Australia, being drawn from Units according to length of Service and including remaining 1914 men, Jany. to Febry..1915, and even up to June 30th. 1915. Our quota being 33 in all. Weather. Miserable, raining all day.</p>	4th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	12	12th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	3	13th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	17	4th. Aust. San. Sec.	1	
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	13th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	17	4th. Aust. San. Sec.	1								
	29th.		quiet day. Weather mild but wet.									
30th.		<p>Visited R.A.P. 10th. A.F.A. Bde. at FLAVION. Batteries are very scattered and Capt. Quilty has no actual rest billet.</p> <p>Visited R.A.P.'s of 13th. and 16th. Bns. at FLORENNES. Each has a good Rest Billet, especially the 13th. Bn. Latrine accommodation 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. at FLORENNES is very bad. Water in town tested and labelled. Visited R.A.P. 14th. Aust. Inf. Bn. at St. AUBIN-no Rest Billet and impossible to procure one in the village.</p> <p>Visited R.A.P. 15th. Aust. Inf. Bn. at PHILIPPEVILLE-very good Rest billet.</p> <p>All R.M.O.'s have "BLUE LIGHT" Depots established. All Battalions having bathing parades, and clothing exchange reported satisfactory.</p> <p>Weather. Fine most of the day, but rain towards evening.</p>										
31st.		<p>Visited 4th. D.A.C. at BIESMEREE and saw Capt. TILLING R.M.O. Does not have a Rest Billet as sections are scattered, and men are very comfortably quartered. Water good. No facilities for men to have baths, this village being on the outskirts of Divisional Area. Men in good health and condition. "BLUE LIGHT" established at R.A.P.</p> <p>Visited 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Baths in DINANT. Good showers but better provision needed for treatment of men with Scabies. Visited 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. "BLUE LIGHT" station in Rue Philippeville, DINANT; is in a good situation and easily found by men needing treatment.</p> <p>Weather. finer. [Received War Diary R.M.O. 50th. Aust. Inf. Bn. Original Only. attached.]</p> <p>Appendix No. 9</p>	9									

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Analysis of Sick Wastage by Units
From 1st. to 30th. November 1918 inclusive.

Prevailing Diseases Admitted.

	To C.C.S.	Influenza.	N.Y.D. Pyrexia.	Venereal Disease.	Average Weekly Strength
13th. Battalion.	34	14	3	8	691
14th. Battalion.	45	6	20	10	614
15th. Battalion.	29	11	3	3	766
16th. Battalion.	48	30	4	7	649
4th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	5	.	1	3	56
4th. Bde. H.Q.	2	2	.	.	34
Totals.	163	61	31	31	2810
45th. Battalion.	33	16	.	4	721
46th. Battalion.	35	23	.	2	729
48th. Battalion.	16	3	3	3	849
12th. A.L.T.M. Bty	44
12th. Bde. H.Q.	5	.	.	.	36
Total.	85	42	3	9	2379
49th. Battalion.	65	20	1	13	965
50th. Battalion.	68	30	4	10	793
51st. Battalion.	115	61	.	9	814
13th. A.L.T.M. Bty.	3	.	.	1	52
13th. Bde. H.Q.	3	.	.	.	32
Total.	254	111	5	33	2656
10th. A.F.A. Bde.	28	4	.	.	712
11th. A.F.A. Bde.	2	1	.	1	732
4th. D.A.C.	6	2	1	.	519
Medium T.M. Bty.	102
Total.	16	7	1	1	2065

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Prevailing Diseases Admitted.

To					
C.C.S.	Influenza.	N.Y.D.Pyrexia.	Varicella.	Average	Weekly
			Disease.	Strength.	Strength.
				906	17
4th.Pioneer Bn.	119	54		394	4
4th.Div. Train.	11	3		223	4
4th.Div. Engrs.	67	28		388	2
4th.Div.Sig.Coy.	18	3		905	6
4th.M.G. Bn.	80	40	1	143	.
4th.Div. H.Q.	3	.		69	1
4th.Div. Salvage.	5	4		22	1
4th.Mob.Vet.Sect.	2	.		185	.
4th.Aust.F.Amb.	3	4		200	.
12th.Aust.F.Amb.	5	6		186	.
13th.Aust.F.Amb.	12	2		4121	35
Totals	330	144	1		109
Grand Totals.	848	365	41		14031

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A.A.H.C. ORDER NO. 117.

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During the move of the Division to the MEUSE AREA:-

1. O's.C. Field Ambulances will clear sick from the Artillery Group in accordance with following table:-

Day.	Ambulance & Location.	Artillery Group Location.
A.	12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (SIVRY)	RANCE - FROIDCHAPELLE.
B.	13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (FLORENNES)	PHILIPPEVILLE - VODEGEE VILLERS-le-GAMBON.
C.	12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (FLORENNES)	ROSEE - FLAVION - MORVILLE etc.
D. & Subsequently.	4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (FLORENNES)	ROSEE - FLAVION - MORVILLE etc.

YCC
Colonel,
A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Division.

7th. December., 1918 Cam.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Normal plus:-

R.H.O's.

10th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
4th. Aust. D.A.C.

11th. Aust. F. Art. Bde.
104th. R. F. A. Bde.

4th. Australian Division.A.A.M.C. Circular Memorandum No.6.SICK WASTAGE.

During the Fighting Period the prevention of Sick Wastage was the chief aim of the Medical Services and although the same necessity for maintenance of Fighting Strength does not now exist, our efforts must not be relaxed. The present season of the year is favourable to the increase of Respiratory Diseases and our endeavour must be to reduce these cases to a minimum. The influenza epidemic is still raging; rendering Pulmonary disease more formidable.

The conditions favourable to the spread of respiratory diseases are:-

1. Overcrowding.
2. Insufficient healthy recreation.
3. Insufficient warmth.
4. Excessive fatigue.

These factors are all preventable and it is our duty to banish them as far as is possible.

1. OVERCROWDING:- Each man needs at least 420 cubic feet of air space in his Billet. This is ensured by allowing 6 feet by 7 feet floor space, remembering that heights above 10 feet must not be reckoned. Overcrowding favours the spread of lice and M.O's. must see that delousing arrangements are provided. Billets holding a dozen men or less are preferable to large barns which are very cold.

2. RECREATION:- This must be both Physical and Mental. Men must be kept in such a condition that active operations, could if the necessity arose be resumed at once.

3. INSUFFICIENT WARMTH:- The clothing issue is adequate. Each man should have at least two blankets. Rations are occasionally a trifle short but intelligent cooking and mess organization will ensure that the full ration is utilized. The ration provides more than the requisite Caloric value. Fat should be saved and used in cooking.

4. EXCESSIVE FATIGUE:- This is not likely to be met now.

INFLUENZA can be to a large extent prevented by gargling with Pot. Permanganate and the procedure must be kept up.

ENTERIC FEVER has been endemic in the MEUSE AREA and therefore "Water discipline" must be strict, as with the Fly absent water becomes the chief factor in the spread of this disease. We must not allow our 100% Inoculation to lull us into a false sense of security.

TRENCH FEET: Drivers may have to work under conditions favourable to "Trench Feet" and the occurrence of this crippling affection will be a very grave slur on the Medical Services unless we can prove that every care has been taken to prevent its occurrence.

Adequate hospital arrangements will be made by Field Ambulances for treatment of sick and none but the lightest cases will be held in Regimental Rest Billets.

W. H. G. G. G.

Colonel

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

9th. December. 1913.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Medical Officers. D.D.M.S. Australian Corps.
Headquarters 4th. Aust. Div.

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To:

All R.M.O's.

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Please arrange to give a series of Lectures to all Regimental Officers on the following subjects:-

1. General Sanitation.
2. Trench Feet and prevention of.
3. Venereal Disease.

It is recommended that these lectures be not long, say half an hour each, and that they be made as interesting as possible. Please forward as soon as possible a rough draft of programme of lectures stating time and place at which they will be given.

18th. December. 1918.

L. C. Evans
major
Colonel.
A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Division.

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128., 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
12th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

O's. C. Field Ambulances will, in addition to their respective Brigade groups, be responsible for evacuating sick from the following Units commencing 19th. inst.

4th. Aust. Field Ambulance:

10th. Brigade Aust. Field Art.
104th. (Army) Brigade R.F.A.
4th. Aust. D.A.C.
81st. Labour Coy.

FLAVION.
ERMETON.
STAVE.
PHILIPPEVILLE.

12th. Aust. Field Ambulance:

173rd. Labour Coy.
11th. Brigade Aust. Field Art.

ANTHEE.
AGIMONT.

13th. Aust. Field Ambulance:

4th. Aust. Machine Gun Bn.
4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion.
714th. Labour Company.

ANCERENME.
WEILLEN.
ONHAYE.

H. J. Jones

18th. December 1918.

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

Major.
for Colonel.

4th. Australian Division.

Headquarters.

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SANITATION OF DINANT.

REFUSE: A site about two kilometres from DINANT near BOUVIGNES almost opposite H.Q. 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade has been set aside by the Burgomaster as a refuse dump. All manure and refuse may be dumped in the depression in the ground there.

PUBLIC LATRINES: These should be installed immediately. A pan system is advised and the Burgomaster will arrange to have excreta removed daily in a covered iron cart.

WATER SUPPLY: The town water supply has been tested and found fit for drinking. All units should be instructed to draw from this in carts and chlorinate with one scoop of chloride of lime per water cart before use. Supplies from wells will be marked up as tested.

See above

Major.
For Colonel.

18th. December .1918.

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To: All R.M.O's.

4th. Aust. Division.

Please furnish the following particulars to reach this office by noon on 1st. January 1919.

1. Nominal Roll of all other ranks ^{at present with your Unit.} who have suffered from Syphilis during the present war.
2. Date of last treatment and duration of same.
3. Whether they have been given instructions as to further treatment.
4. Name or number of Hospital at which treated.

J. H. Paul
Major

20/12/1918.

Colonel.
A.D.M.S... 4th. Australian Division.