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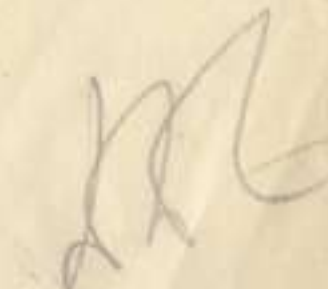
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VOORMEZEELE.	1/8/18		<p>all map references will be found on sheet 28. 1/40.000.</p> <p>The remainder of the units left SEC BOIS (4 officers + 80 ORanks) by Motor Lorries (1st class) at 8.30am and proceeded to A.D.S. VOORMEZEELE (Sheet 28. 1/40.000. I. 31. C. 4/6) arriving at the A.D.S. at 10.30 am.</p> <p>The Horse Transport arrived at SEC BOIS from OUTERSTEENE last night and stables at SEC BOIS leaving the latter place at 7.30am this morning with loaded wagons and proceeded to the Brasserie (Brewery) at N. 6. a. 2/2. with the exception of wagons transporting cooking utensils, and orderly Room requisites etc, these wagons came direct to A.D.S. VOORMEZEELE, unloaded and returned to horse wagon lines at the Brasserie.</p> <p>No 12 Aust Field Ambulance had been relieved at 11am yesterday by our advance party & personnel of that unit were transported back in the lorries which brought the personnel of this unit from SEC BOIS.</p> <p>The advance party of 2 officers + 130 ORanks which left SEC BOIS on the 27th ult had already established themselves, under command of Major Willis J.F. amb. in advanced Dressing Stations and forward aid posts & made themselves acquainted with their various duties, stations, posts & relays.</p> <p>The Quartermaster with his staff and stores and Horse Transport are located about 2 miles to the rear of the A.D.S. on the YPRES - KEMMEL road at the Brasserie N. 6. a. 2/2.</p> <p>The advanced Dressing Station - plan attached, see appendix No 1. is constructed in the basement of a demolished brewery, the overhead protection is brickwork reinforced by steel girders and supported by stout wooden "props" & cross plates (similar to "props" and "caps" used in Australian mines) again over which are steel railway lines, the whole of which is more or less covered by debris of broken bricks old machinery etc whilst the walls are substantially supported by</p>	<p>No 1</p> 

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VOORMEZELLE.	1/3/18.		<p>sandbags and earthworks.</p> <p>The various compartments of the A.D.S. open from one to the other and are connected by a passage traversing from end to end of basements - see appendix 1 - Each compartment is lighted by electricity from a plant some distance away -</p> <p>Doors are all fitted with gasproof curtains.</p> <p>Portions of basement are floored with raised duckboards on account of water flooding - the water is pumped out every two hours.</p> <p>The A.D.S. is very small and congested, sick parades have been held in the Station hitherto but I have made arrangements that from tomorrow all sick parades will be held in a Messen hut adjoining.</p> <p>This will allow the basement to be reserved for wounded cases only.</p> <p>A new dressing station, immediately across the road and about 25 yards away is nearing completion & has been stocked & prepared for use. It is constructed of elephant iron cupolas & has three separate compartments - one as a dressing room, one as a waiting room & one at present is reserved for a gas centre. - The holding capacity of each cupola compartment is 18 stretcher cases in the racks & if necessary 3 stretchers on the floor. The cupola is encased in concrete, from one to two feet thick, above which is about 6 feet of earth of sandbags & when completed will be topped off with concrete slabs.</p> <p>Shave fatigue parties hurrying on with the completion of</p>	<p>RB</p>

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VOORMEZELE	1/3/18.		<p>of this station i.e. covering with earth & the erecting of gasproof Curtains on the doors.</p> <p>Plans of this magnificent structure attached - see appendix 2.</p> <p>Plans of two Dressing Stations and environs attached, see appendix 3. (not to scale) showing light Railway, Cemetery, Cookhouses, splinter proof Cupolas for waiting walking wounded, Motor ambulance parks, personnel dugouts etc.</p> <p>Plans showing sector of front held by 1st Aust Division and evacuated by this unit also stations and posts staffed by this unit herewith. see appendix No 4.</p> <p>Plan showing evacuations from R.F.P. to M.D.S herewith. see appendix No 5.</p> <p>Plan showing drawing of rations from A.C.S. & distribution to various posts herewith. see Appendix.</p> <p>Towards midnight violent artillery activity was heard and later on wounded arrived (figures included in tomorrow's diary) the enemy ^{had} raided our lines.</p> <p>Number of cases admitted, evacuated to Main Dressing Station from 11 am 28/2/18 to midnight 28/2/18. - Officers Nil. ORanks Sick 2. wounded 24. Prisoners of war Nil.</p> <p>From midnight 28/2/18 to midnight 1/3/18. Officers Sick 1. ORanks Sick 26. wounded 9. Prisoners of war Nil. 2 ORanks died, from wounds - one at a forward post and one at A.D.S.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p><i>MB</i></p>

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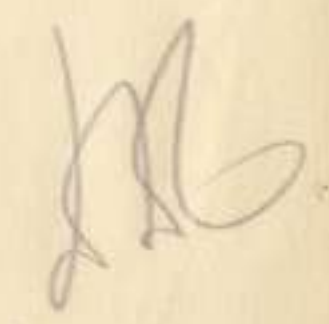
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VOORMEZEELE.	2/3/18.		<p>New A.S.S. opened for stretcher cases (appendix 2). The arrangements at VOORMEZEELE now are, A.S.S. (basement - appendix 1) is used for walking wounded, A.S.S. (New A.S.S. - appendix 2) is used for stretcher cases. Nissen Hut used for the holding of sick parades. references to these stations will be. (a) Walking wounded station. (b) stretcher case station. (c) sick section. No 5 Aust Dental Unit, transported from LOCKE to the Brasserie where they will be stationed. One complete heavier subdivision (37 ranks) each from 1st & 2nd Aust Field Ambulances reported for duty. I have stationed the 1st F amb personnel at the Brasserie owing to lack of accommodation at A.S.S. - they will report daily at A.S.S. for duty. The 2nd F amb personnel are stationed at A.S.S. VOORMEZEELE. Two motor Ambulances from 1st Aust F amb. reported for duty. The wounded, caused by enemy raid reported in yesterday's report, arrived shortly after midnight. 24 cases passing through the station up to 7am - with two deaths at Voormezele and one at Spoil Bank. Two wounded prisoners of war. (1 off 40A) passed through the station. Cases admitted evacuated to main A.S. for 24 hours ending midnight:- Officers wounded 3. Other ranks sick 24. wounded 23. Prisoners of War wounded 2.</p>	} all future
			<p>} Sick at A.S.S. VOORMEZEELE. 2 ranks. } Died at A.S.S. Spoil Bank 1. rank.</p>	

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VOORMEZEELE	3/3/19		<p>Today has been quiet and uneventful. The following patients have been evacuated through the A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers sick 1. Other Ranks sick sick 18. Wounded 4. (3 shell gassed cases)</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> During the day further work has been done on the motor stand begun by the 12th Aust field ambulance. This stand can be used by M.A.C cars in the event of an emergency and when complete should be able to accommodate about 15 cars.</p> <p>The erection of a second NISSEN hut is being proceeded with. A telephone has been installed in the orderly rooms and communication established between the A.D.S. on the A.D.M.S. office.</p> <p>At spoil bank the erection of cupolas is being carried on and excavation works done in connection with this place.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> Personnel are comfortably billeted from A.D.S. forward and there are no complaints. Rations are being distributed according to a systematic plan.</p> <p>Application made to A.D.M.S. 1st Aust Div for issue of infantry mittens for the bearers in the left R.A.P. as they sustain cuts and abrasions to their hands in their long carry through the very narrow sap leading from this R.A.P. to Mt SORREL Relay Post.</p> <p>Capt HILFORD A.G. evacuated to main Dressing Station suffering from trench fever.</p> <p>Two medical officers were detailed for temporary duty with 2nd A.S.A Bde & 9th Inf Bn.</p>	

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VOORMEZELE	4/8/17		<p>Today again has been quiet and without incidents, the following patients have been through the A.D.S for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers nil. Other Ranks Sick 35. Wounded 3.</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> Motor transport stand at A.D.S is almost completed. Progress has been made in erection of second NISSEN hut. Shell proof covering over three cupolas (walking a.d.s for stretcher cases) is almost complete. Cookhouse completely renovated & interior whitewashed.</p> <p>With the acting S.A.S.M. 1st Aust Divn & of 8th Army Tramway Coy made a tour of inspection of tramway system, with the object of making arrangements for the evacuation of wounded by motor tramways in the event of heavy casualties - Trucks prepared for carrying stretcher cases taken from A.D.S Voormezele to Spoil Bank for trial trip.</p> <p>Weather miserable cold with drizzly showers - Heavy showers during night.</p>	
VOORMEZELE	5/8/17		<p>There is nothing of importance to report today. The following patients have been through the A.D.S for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers nil other Ranks Sick 24. Wounded 3.</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> Further progress has been made in all works. The topping off of New Station for treatment of stretcher cases is approaching completion. Stand for M.F.C Cars is finished and a second stand to be used by our own cars is far advanced.</p> <p>Good work has been done in cleaning up and whitewashing</p>	<p>26</p>

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VOORMEZEELE	5/3/18		<p>A Corporal and two Sappers of Engineers have been engaged on works in connection with the completion of Cupolas (4) for treatment and stowing of walking wounded. Work is being continued at SPOILBANK.</p> <p>Of Tramway Company despatched three trucks to location at MIDDLESEX ROAD to be at disposal of Officer in charge of forward area.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> One other rank severely wounded (shell wound back, buttocks legs and arms) at wagon loading post at VERBRANDEN HOUSE.</p> <p>Heavy artillery duels in early hours of the morning - no casualties.</p> <p>Weather. Fine Sunny.</p>	
VOORMEZEELE	6/3/18.		<p>Another quiet day. The following patients have been through the A.D.S. for 24 hours ended midnight.</p> <p>Officers Sick 1. — Other ranks Sick 31. Wounded 8</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> Second motor stand completed. This is for use of motor Ambulance Cars attached to unit.</p> <p>Second NISSEN Hut completed. Further progress towards completion of protective covering of three Cupolas for stretcher cases.</p> <p>Engineers proceeding with erection of 4 Cupolas for walking wounded. Good progress is being made with erection of Cupolas at SPOILBANK.</p> <p>With Major Willis I made a tour of inspection of left sector.</p> <p>Tramway Company is erecting a switch for stowing of trucks at</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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VOORMEZELE.	6/2/18		<p>ZWARTELEENE Relay Post (I. 29 S 4/2). There was some shelling in the vicinity of LARCHWOOD.</p> <p>The Veterinary officer inspected the horses at the unit's transport lines today (The Brasserie) and reported that they were in excellent condition.</p>	
VOORMEZELE.	7/3/18		<p>Casualties for 24 hours ending midnight - Officers wounded 11. Other Ranks Sick or wounded 151. Casualties from Gas chiefly among members of the 9th Rm A.S.F. accounted for a busy forenoon. Total casualties from Gas Shells are as follows for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers 11 other Ranks 145.</p> <p>The gassed cases began to arrive shortly after breakfast - about 8.30 am - the more severe cases, those suffering from burns about the body, were dressed here and put into pyjamas. The lighter cases were sent on to Main Dressing Station by car and light railway. By the latter method of evacuation we were enabled to evacuate about 50 patients (sitting) cases.</p> <p>Lieut. Rayner O.C. 8th Army Tramway Coy and No. 311255 Sgt Parker A. No. 1 Section. 8th Army Tramway Coy rendered admirable and valuable assistance in the collection and transport, by motor tramway, of the casualties from the forward area. The sergeant collected and brought down no less than 65 cases from the vicinity of the Central R.A.P. These patients were in this manner brought down much more quickly and expeditiously than they would have been by the ordinary method of evacuation.</p>	

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VOORMEZEELE	7/3/18		<p>These saving in carrying to our personnel was immense and especially as only one of our beavers stationed at R.A.P. escaped being gassed. 7 of our own beavers were gassed in R.A.P.</p> <p>As regards the evacuation of casualties the situation was well in hand by 12 noon.</p> <p>Constructional work is proceeding satisfactorily.</p> <p>Capt YOUNG was sent to 9th Bu A.I.F. to replace Capt PHILLIPS evacuated suffering from Gas.</p> <p>Capt WATCH was sent to SPILT BANK to take up Capt YOUNG'S duties, and MAJOR SAVAGE returning from leave stationed at H.D.S. VOORMEZEELE.</p> <p>Seven (7) Oranks (Stretchers Beavers) have been evacuated suffering from Gas.</p>	
VOORMEZEELE	8/3/18		<p>Today has again been quiet. The following are the casualties for 24 hours ending midnight.</p> <p>Officers Nil. Other Ranks Sick 34. Wounded 14.</p> <p>Major General Sir HAROLD B. WALKER, K.C.B., D.S.O. G.O.C. 1st Aust Div. visited and inspected the H.D.S. at Voormezeele in the forenoon. He was accompanied by the A.D.M.S. 1st Aust Div. He gave certain orders re constructional work that is going on here viz. Camouflaging of NISSON huts, and additional bursters on the roof of Cupolas reserved for treatment of stretcher cases. These orders will be carried out as soon as the</p>	

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VOORMEZELLE	8/3/18		<p>the necessary material can be obtained.</p> <p>Lieut Prior sub-area Commandant visited A.O.S. this forenoon and allotted a piece of ground to the unit to be used for the cultivation of vegetables.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> Capt LILFORD. P.G. who was evacuated on 3rd inst rejoined the unit.</p> <p>One other rank severely wounded on 5/3/18 died from wounds at 2nd CCS</p>	
VOORMEZELLE	9/3/18		<p>Today has been quiet & there is little of importance to report.</p> <p>Casualties for 24 hours ending midnight are Officers 11, other Ranks Sick 28, wounded 19.</p> <p><u>Constructional works</u> is proceeding satisfactorily both at A.O.S. and SPILLBANKS.</p> <p>One of the personnel of this unit skilled in gardening was detached to begin operations with a view to the production of vegetables.</p> <p><u>Personnel</u> opportunities were given to personnel of recording votes in connection with Queensland State Elections.</p> <p>Very heavy shelling in vicinity of LARCH WOOD Dressing Station.</p> <p>Many shells bursting on top of earth covering tunnel - one blowing in Officer cookhouse - very few casualties from this shelling.</p>	

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VOORMEZEELE.	10/3/18		<p>The day has been rather quiet. The following cases have passed through for 24 hours ended midnight. Officers wounded, 1 Other Ranks sick 19 wounded, 46.</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> The amount of work done today has not been great as most of the forenoon and early afternoon was taken up in relieving the bearers in the forward area. A motor car ^{stair} has been completed and camouflaged at the wagon loading post at VERBRANDEN House by the Engineers. Foundation for the formation of a motor car switch has been laid at the A.O.S.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> The stretcher bearers of this unit in forward area were relieved by bearer sub-divisions of 1st and 2nd Field Ambos. After relief they returned to A.O.S. where improvised hot baths were available for them. One section kept at A.O.S. and one section stationed at the Poisseville.</p> <p>Arrangement made for construction work, i.e. erection of aipolas to begin tomorrow at the junction where tramway lines from Left Sector and Central Plat converge. The aipolas will be erected at Molans Dump under the top outer lip of one of the craters on Hill 60.</p> <p><u>Casualties.</u> included, in above are 33 cases gassed (shell), 1 Other Ranks died of wounds (shell wounds multiple).</p>	<p>11</p>

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VOORMEZELE	11/3/18.		<p>Day passed quietly but heavy shelling in forward area at night. 8 direct hits by hostile artillery on light tramway leading from right R.A.P. to NORFOLK LODGE.</p> <p>The following casualties have passed through A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight.</p> <p>Officers wounded 2. Other Ranks sick 51 wounded 12</p> <p>Constructional work proceeding satisfactorily. 20 bearers were sent to the vicinity of MOLEN DUMP to work at construction of cupolas in outer lip of one of the craters on Hill 60 for the storage of wounded, so that sufficient wounded may be collected here, if necessity arises, to run them through to A.D.S. by motor tramway. I am making arrangements to have this fatigue party accommodated at LARCH WOOD in the tunnels at the Dressing Station, so that they will be near the scene of their work and no time lost in the long march to & fro the A.D.S., about 4 miles each way.</p> <p>Ground allotted to this unit for the production of vegetables cleared, manured & shell holes filled, & tilling operations commenced at the Brasserie. Soon as the plough is pushed with at the Brasserie, the ground at A.D.S. VOORMEZELE will be ploughed.</p>	

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VOORMEZELE	12/3/18		<p>Heavy shelling by the enemy in the forward area. The following have passed through A.S.S. for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers wounded 2. Other ranks. Sick 52. Wounded 27.</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> Further progress is being made with all works in hand at A.S.S. VOORMEZELE. SPOILBANK and MOLEN DUMP.</p> <p>Swivelling boards for walking wounded, have been placed along the route from ZWARTLEENE to LARCH WOOD. Others will be erected at an early date along the other routes of evacuation.</p> <p><u>General.</u> I inspected SPOIL BANK. MOTOR LOADING POST (VERBRANDEN HOUSE) LARCH WOOD (Collecting Post) and ZWARTLEENE Reamer Relay Post and work in progress at MOLEN DUMP this afternoon. There was general shelling in the forward area and some brisk shelling in the vicinity of MOLEN DUMP, one shell exploding on the bank in the neighbourhood of our working party. No casualties. On right sector the tramway line was broken in 5 places between Right R.P.P. and NORFOLK LODGE relay post.</p> <p>Culvert made over drain near cupolas for stretch cases by an Imperial Labour Company.</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> At A.S.S. VOORMEZELE the sandbag holding earthworks around stretch cases cupolas camouflaged.</p> <p>At Brasserie and A.S.S. ground allotted for production of vegetables being cleared, levelled, manured and tilled. Cookhouse re-whitewashed and floor tiles red oiled.</p>	

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VOORMEZELE	13/3/18		<p>The day has been moderately quiet so far as casualties are concerned. The following having passed through A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight officers sick 3. Other ranks sick 40 wounded 18.</p> <p><u>Constructional work.</u> Good progress is being made at A.D.S. VOORMEZELE. Spoil BANK and at MOLEN DUMP. At A.D.S. switch for motor ambulances in course of construction. Ground is being dug up for cultivation of vegetables. Cupolas for walking wounded are nearing completion and nothing now remains but to have them sandbagged and camouflaged. Cupolas at SPOIL BANK are all erected and are being floored with duck boards. The bank in rear of the Cupolas is being cut into a less acute slope by the instructions of the G.O.C.</p> <p>Sufficient space has been excavated at MOLEN DUMP to allow of the erection of the first Cupola. Points have been put in on the line leading to the Central R.A.P. The first step in the construction of the switch which will link up this line and that leading down from ZWARTELEEN.</p> <p>I visited SPOIL BANK and Relay post & R.A.P. Right Sector & found all gasproof doors in good condition - thence by OLAF AVENUE to Central R.A.P. thence back by MOLEN DUMP and VERBRANDEN MOTOR loading post.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> 20 Additional bearers from 1st Aust F. Amb. reported for duty at A.D.S. to replace 20 of our bearers employed on Cupolas at MOLEN DUMP.</p> <p>Towards midnight heavy artillery fire in forward was observed.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J.B.</p>

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VOORMEZELE	14/3/18		<p>In early hours of the morning a number of wounded arrived and kept coming in up till 7am. Casualties occurred during a raid on enemy trenches (artillery fire reported yesterday) by our troops and an enemy raid against our trenches.</p> <p>Cases passed through A&S for 24 hours ending midnight.</p> <p>Officers sick - wounded, - OKanks sick 48 wounded, 45.</p> <p>Prisoners of War 5</p> <p><u>Constructional work</u>. Constructional work is proceeding well at various posts though somewhat hampered today by unfavorable weather conditions. Motor Switch is almost complete. Active gardening operations at A&S and BRASSERIE. At the latter place a respectable sized plot of ground has been turned over by plough and spade.</p> <p><u>General Remarks</u>. This morning I made a tour of inspection of Right Sector with Major Rutledge (O/C Forward Area) visited SPOIL BANK. NORFOLK LODGE RIGHT R.A.P. & thence by tramway to STELOI. Inspected collecting post at last named place & was pleased to find there quite a first class post consisting of two large cupolas which would shelter about 40 stretcher cases. This post is being held by two of our personnel in case of emergency and of there being any necessity to evacuate from right R.A.P. by this route. In the event of such emergency a Medical officer and sufficient personnel could be placed there and cars or horse ambulance wagons run up by road to the mound (the site of the post).</p> <p>Everything satisfactory at the BRASSERIE and a general all round improvement in the horse lines.</p> <p>Major RUTLEDGE. Officer in charge of forward area has reported</p>	<p>15</p>

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VOORMEZELE	14/3/18		<p>that the cupola for sheltering wounded, sick patient at motor ambulance loading post - VERBRANDEN HOUSE. has obliterated by hostile artillery fire this afternoon necessitating all patients having to be brought to tramway siding on Middelste Road - where two runners are stationed. These runners report to Major RUTLEDGE at SPOIL BANK when a motor ambulance is required - it is deemed inadvisable at present to have motor ambulance waiting further up than SPOIL BANK.</p>	
VOORMEZELE	15/3/18		<p>Day comparatively quiet. The following cases passed this AOS for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers Sick 1 wounded. 1 ORank Sick 18 wounded. 17. Dies of wounds one Other Rank. Prisoners of war Nil. <u>Constructional work</u> in progress at SPOIL BANK and MOLEN DUMP switch line being laid down at latter place and should be completed tomorrow. Our carpenter is working on right sector making doors of various relay post dugouts gasproof. at AOS VOORMEZELE new Messen hut completely tarred and sand spread over tar in blotches to form a camouflage. Cupolas for walking wounded sandbagged about 4 feet high and earth banked in between cupolas to form zarebas to stop any bomb bursts or shell splinters. Loop for motor ambulances completed. Plot of ground at AOS now ready for vegetables. Plot at Brasserie being ploughed and tilled.</p>	

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VOORMEZELE	15/3/18		<p>This morning with Major RUTLEDGE I visited abandoned motor loading post at VERBRANDEN HOUSE. LARCH WOOD. ZWARTLEEN Revers Relay Post and MOUNT SORREL Revers Relay Post. Returned along train tracks to MOLEN DUMP and inspected the works there. Then proceeded to loading post of English Field Ambulance at 1 22 D. of 4 (28. 1/40.000) where Major RUTLEDGE has made arrangements for loading of patients coming from LARCH WOOD.</p> <p>I have asked above to obtain permission to have a cupola erected here as this spot at present is a much safer loading post than VERBRANDEN HOUSE. The carry from LARCH WOOD is not so far and this neighbourhood is much healthier (as far as hostile shelling is concerned).</p> <p>Two of our personnel have been billeted here and load any patient arriving from LARCH WOOD on to a FORD car which is stationed at this point.</p> <p>Two runners still stationed at MIDDLESEX ROAD to intercept any wounded who may be brought down via MOLEN DUMP by trolley.</p> <p>Active hostile shelling in forward area. about midnight (15/3/18) alarm reached. Adv. that gas shells were falling about one mile away - personnel all informed to be on the 'qui vive' in case vicinity of station was shelled.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>

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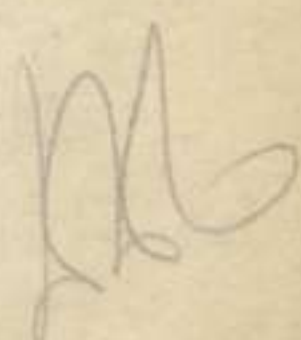
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VOORMEEZELE	16/3/18		<p>Day was very quiet. The following cases have passed through R.A.P.S for 24 hours ending midnight:</p> <p>Officers Sick - wounded - Other Rank 29 sick wounded 20.</p> <p>Constructional work at various posts is proceeding satisfactorily and as expeditiously as possible. Loop line at MOLEN DUMP is now completed at A.P.S. VOORMEEZELE cupolas for walking wounded being sandbagged and vegetable plot being tilled. At Brasserie plot also being tilled.</p> <p>General with Wagon & visited temporary motor loading post used by us by Courtesy of 50th Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. Hence to LARCH WOOD MOLEN DUMP and back to Spoil Bank by tramline connecting with IMPERIAL walk. This route will be useful as a path by which walking wounded from Left and Central R.A.P.S could pass down to Spoil Bank collecting post. This route as well as Old Avenue I propose to mark with the necessary directing boards. Old Avenue could be used by walking wounded as an alternative path from Central R.A.P.</p> <p>Dam keeping open as many lines of evacuation and alternative routes as possible as each and every one is always liable to be blocked and interrupted by shell fire. We cannot put our faith to the motor tramway route as it crosses Verbrandermolen Road at Transport corner, a most unhealthy spot and is likely at any time to be shelled out of existence. While however it remains intact it will be very valuable as a means of evacuation.</p> <p>This is why I have asked for cupolas to be constructed near the English Field Ambulance loading post to form another loading post to replace our former motor loading post at VERBRANDEN HOUSE.</p>	

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VOORMEZELE	17.3.18		<p>Day comparatively quiet & weather exceptionally fine with result that enemy had ten observation balloons up and subjected the forward and back areas to much shelling.</p> <p>One H.E. shell burst within 200 yards of A.O.S.</p> <p>At 10 pm a gas shell bombardment commenced - many shells falling about 3/4 mile away in direction of Spoil Bank and St Eloi. Personnel warned & guards four individual sleeping dugouts posted to be on the "qui vive" gassed cases from forward area commenced to arrive before midnight.</p> <p>The number of cases passing thro A.O.S. for 24 hours ending midnight</p> <p>Officers sick - wounded - other ranks sick 29 wounded 20, included in which are officers gassed - other ranks gassed, 9</p> <p>Major Rutledge of forward area reports that on night 16-17/3/18 shelling was very heavy round our temporary post at MIDDLESEX ROAD & that as a result of this the motor tramway was interrupted. Consequently all wounded were directed thro LARCHWOOD & two runners stationed at Middlesex Road were relieved.</p> <p>Constructional work progressing satisfactorily at various stations. at A.O.S. gas proof curtains erected on cupolas for stretch cases <u>General</u>. D.D.M.S. Australian Corps visited the A.O.S. VOORMEZELE this morning and inspected it. He reported adversely on the motor</p>	


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VOORMEZELE	7/3/18		<p>lorries that pass in the vicinity of the A.O.S. to collect men proceeding on leave & to classes as they are a source of danger to the A.O.S. as being likely to attract enemy shell fire.</p> <p>General SIR W. R. BIRDWOOD. K.C.B. K.C.S.I. K.C.M.G. C.I.E. D.S.O. A.D.C. Australian Corps Commander presented MILITARY MEDALS to eight members of this unit. These decorations were won during the Menin Road Battles in September & October 1917.</p> <p>Instructions to Gas Guard issued (attached to original)</p>	appendix 9
VOORMEZELE	18/3/18		<p>Gassed cases kept coming in until 5 am. all cases clear of the station by 5.15 am. although cases continued to come through at intervals during the day. As in the gas attack on 7th inst all the more serious cases were undressed and put in pyjamas and their clothing dumped at a suitable spot to be subjected to the necessary treatment before being returned to Ordnance. The cases came from a large number of different units in the Division.</p> <p>The following cases passed thro' A.O.S. for 24 hours ending midnight Officers sick - wounded - Other Ranks Sick 32 wounded. 14 Included in these totals are gassed cases.</p> <p>Constructional work is proceeding at Spoil Bank and A.O.S. Heavy shelling in the neighbourhood of MOLEN DUMP has interrupted the work there. The unit carpenter has returned and reported the completion of gasproof doors on all dugouts and relay post used by our personnel in the forward area.</p> <p>This morning visited the left sector Celling at LARCHWOOD. ZWARTELCENE. MT. SORREL and LEFT RAP. There is still a good</p>	

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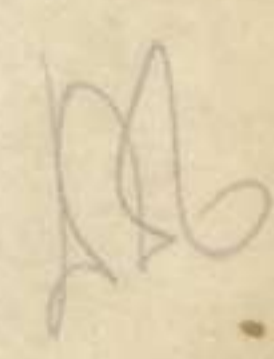
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VOORMEZELLE	18/3/18		<p>deal of work to be done in marking the routes for walking wounded, but provision is being made to carry out the work as expeditiously as possible. Heavy shelling in the vicinity of MOLTEN DUMP has hindered the work there.</p> <p>Occasional shelling in the vicinity of the A.D.S. VOORMEZELLE, D.D.M.S. 1st Aust Corps & A.D.M.S. 1st Aust Div inspected the forward area.</p>	
VOORMEZELLE	19/3/18		<p>The following cases have passed thro A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight Officers 1 die O.Ranks 32 wounded 107 includes 84 shell gassed cases slight shelling in vicinity of A.D.S. at intervals during day. shells falling within 200 yards of A.D.S.</p> <p>Most of the earlier part of the day was occupied in relieving the 1st and 2nd F arm bearers in forward area by bearers of this unit. The wet weather at present prevailing has interfered with work generally.</p>	

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VOORMEELE	20/3/18		<p>There is little to report today the following cases have passed thro A.D.S for 24 hours ending midnight</p> <p>Officers Sick wounded Other Ranks Sick wounded</p> <p>owing to heavy rain in possession & the bathing of 1st & 2nd F-amb bearers in the afternoon very little constructional work was done. all available personnel inspected for vaccination scars.</p> <p>Seven shells of high velocity fell in the vicinity of the Boersseme today & several of the same type (mostly duds) in the vicinity of of the A.D.S. I have issued a few simple orders to be observed in the event of heavy or continuous shell fire being directed on the A.D.S or Boersseme. (One copy attached to Original war Diary).</p>	Appendix 10
VOORMEELE	21/3/18		<p>at 4.30 am gas shells were heard in forward area. bombardment kept going till about 7am - at 4.30 am all personnel warned to be on qui vive for shell which might fall close to the A.D.S.</p> <p>The following cases passed through A.D.S for 24 hours ending midnight: Officers 1 Other Ranks 140 wounded 56 Sick - includes 116 gassed cases.</p> <p>Today has been very busy. Casualties from gas (shells), as well be seen from above figures, have been heavy. This afternoon I was compelled to call into requisition our horse ambulances to deal with the number of gas cases coming through - the nature of these casualties compelling us to make stretcher cases of the large majority.</p>	MB

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VOORMEZELE	21/3/18		<p>Constructional work at SPOIL BANK completed at A.D.S. Voormezele sandbagging of Cupolas for walking wounded completed and being camouflaged. one other Rank (Stretch Bearer) killed by shell whilst carrying a patient. Still heavy shelling in vicinity of A.D.S.</p>	
VOORMEZELE.	22/3/18		<p>Nothing of special importance to report today. The following cases have passed thro' A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight Officers Sick - wounded 1 other Sick 18 wounded 46. only about 3 shells fell in vicinity of A.D.S. Considerable falling off of shelling in forward area. This morning visited Spoil Bank thence via Imperial walk to Molen Dump Central R.A.P. and back along Olaf Avenue. the Bearer Relay post near the entrance to Olaf Avenue has been destroyed by a direct hit.</p>	
VOORMEZELE.	23/3/18		<p>Things very quiet. The following cases have passed thro' A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers - Sick 1 wounded other 537 + 10519. Today has been quiet. very little enemy shelling. this morning with 2nd and 1st Div. visited Motor Loading Post which will in future be referred to as Rutledge's post near LARCHWOOD thence to LARCHWOOD. ZWARTELEENE. MOUNT SORRELL. Left R.A.P. and back by MOLEN DUMP and IMPERIAL walk to SPOIL BANK. Constructional work is proceeding satisfactorily at the different posts.</p>	

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A.D.S. VOORMEZEELE	24/3/18		<p>Quiet. Cases passing thro' A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers NIL. Other Rankes 31 Sick, 11 Wounded.</p> <p>Under instructions from Adms. 135 Aust. Div. "C" Section was relieved of all duties at A.D.S. & present forward area and proceeded to take over M.D.S., A.D.S. & forward post in vicinity of WYTSCHAETE (See MAP- APPENDIX 7) - YONGE STREET from an Ambulance of 57 Aust. Div. 28 bearers of 135 Aust. 2. Amb. supplemented C Sec. party being under the command of Major Savage. Capt. Mitchell & Guide accompanied C Sec. (Movement order attached to Appendix 10). Capt. J. W. Deuster taken on strength of Ambulance.</p>	Appendix No. 7 Appendix 10
VOORMEZEELE	25/3/18		<p>Day very quiet. Cases passing thro' A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers NIL Other Rankes 15 SICK 6 WOUNDED. Under Adms. instructions (Amv. 135 of 24.3.18) left R.A.P. and Mount Dorrel Bearer Post were handed over to an Ambulance of the 37th Div. Personnel relieved from these posts (12) were billeted at Larch Wood and employed on fatigue work at MOLEN DUMP.</p>	
VOORMEZEELE	26/3/18		<p>Day quiet. Cases passing thro' A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers 1 Sick 2 W. OR 16 SICK (including 1 P.O.W) 22 WOUNDED. D. D. M.S. (Col. Manifold, C.B., C.M.G., I.M.S.) inspected station and bade personnel "Farewell" prior to his departure from Co. Co. visited forward area. Fatigue continuing at Spoilbank. Cases passing thro' Yonge St. A.D.S. for 24 hrs. ending 6 p.m. O.R. 3 Sick 5 Wounded.</p>	
VOORMEZEELE	27/3/18		<p>Moderately busy last night. Cases passing thro' A.D.S. for 24 hours ending midnight 27/28th. Officers - SICK - 11, OR 14 Sick, 27 W. CO. visited A.D.S. YONGE St. and forward post.</p>	RB
VOORMEZEELE	28/3/18		<p>Gas alarm given about 6 am. All precautions taken but no gas reached A.D.S. Out of 3 gassed cases admitted all 3 died. Evidently phosgene poisoning. Capt. Flock, R.M.S. 18 Pioneers evacuated thro' A.D.S. diagnosed "sub-deltoid abscess". Cases admitted for 24 hours ending midnight 28/29th. Officers 1 Sick 0 Rankes 21 Sick 33 Wounded (3 of whom died - gas). Busy throughout day.</p>	

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H.D.S. VOORMEZELE	29/3/18		Gas alarm again given during night, 4 cases being received - 1 of which died before 8.30 am. During the day gassed cases continued to come in, a total of 15 being received up till 6 pm. The majority of these were severe and resuscitating effort had little effect. H. Transport was inspected by me this morning & is in a fit condition to take the road. All defects, which are of a minor nature only, are being rectified. H. Transport is in a position to cope with an emergency move. Following cases passed thro' Voormezele A.D.S. for 24 hours ending 29/3/18. Officers Nil O.K. 15 Sick 4 wounded 11 Gassed. Died at A.D.S. 2. 1 from Gas 1 from S. wounds. Thro' A.D.S. YONGE ST. for same period Off. 1 Wounded. O.K. 11 Sick, 2 Wounded 16 Gassed.					
H.D.S.	30/3/18		Shelling between Voormezele & Vierstraat Brasserie consistent throughout day, resulting in a number of cases from 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn. Cases passed thro' A.D.S. Voormezele, 24 hrs. ending midnight 30/3/18. Officers 1 Gassed (Shel). Other Ranks 14 Sick, 7 wounded, 4 gassed (S), 1 Died of wounds at A.D.S. Thro' YONGE ST., A.D.S. Other Ranks 3 Gassed 9 Sick.					
A. D. S.	31/3/18		Day quiet. 6 Gassed (S). Passed thro' A.D.S. VOORMEZELE, 24 hrs ending 31/3-18. Off. 1 O.K. 14 Sick, 4 Wounded					
Strength Statement in Month ending 31.3.18.								
		O.	O.R.	Deficit	Surplus	O.	O. R.	REMARKS.
At 28.2.1918		11	235	Nil	1	2	9	* Include:
REINFORCEMENTS								1st Lt. A. L. Butler D.S.O.
EVACUATIONS							21	on detached duty
TRANSFERRED							6	Capt. A. V. Dymally
At 31.3.1918		13	217	- 1	* 3-0			In hospital.

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A.S.T. Toormyside	31/3/18		<p>General Comments on Contents of War Diary, for period dating from Mar 1st to 31st.</p> <p>(1) Preliminary Remarks</p> <p>I should like to record my deep appreciation of the valuable assistance we receive from Lt Col Gibson, Major Le Mesurier and other officers and N. CO's of the 12th Aust. I. Amb, when taking over the sector from them something that might be of value to us; maps, plans, scheme of distribution of personnel, blankets and shelters and any kind of information that would be likely to help us now, freely and generously placed at our disposal.</p> <p>This made the taking over a very simple process and if any other foreign unit should the same consideration for the incoming one as the 12th I. Amb did for us, it would, in my opinion, make for harmony and smooth and efficient working between units and diminish any likelihood of a hitch taking place during the period of changing over.</p> <p>(2) Constructional Work at A.S.T., Toormyside, Collecting Post at Sport Bank and Molen Bump.</p> <p>Our predecessors had done much valuable constructional work at the A.S.T. and Sport Bank. Three Cupolas protected by an overhead covering of concrete had been completed and it only remained for us to add the necessary layer of earth and concrete bursters on the top. Our own part of the A.S.T. is not finished, as, in accordance with G.O.C.'s orders, it still requires another layer of earth and bursters.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R.B.</p>

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A.S.S. Frommezeide	31/3/18.		<p>At Sport Bank, the 12th I. Amb has begun reconstructing positions for the erection of cupolas for the treatment and storage of patients. These cupolas have been put in by us and fatigue parties drawn from personnel of 1st and 2nd I. Amb. attached to us, working under the supervision of the Surgeon.</p> <p>We have also dug out positions for and put in cupolas in the bank of the Canal at Stone Camp. This work has not yet been completed.</p> <p>The idea of forming this post was that it might act as a storage place for wounded coming from the left and middle R.A.P.s, in the event of heavy casualties. This post being situated near the apex of the angle formed by the bifurcation of the tramway, which runs from A.S.S. Frommezeide to Mount Somel and Further Wood respectively, was regarded, at first, as a very advantageous position at which to collect wounded brought by trolley from the Left & Central R.A.P.s, particularly as the Tramway Co. agreed to run up a motor tractor and trucks to bring such cases down, should the necessity arise. The value of this route was demonstrated on one occasion, when a Sgt of the Tramway Co brought down 65 fagged cases on these trolleys right to the A.S.S. It would have taken considerably more than the hour and a half or less hours that it did, to have got these men down to the A.S.S. by the ordinary means of evacuation.</p> <p>However the heavy shelling to which this tramway was frequently subjected and the damage so often done to the line caused me to modify my first opinion as to its value and taught me that one could not pin one's faith entirely to it.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A.S.S.</p>

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A.S.T. Vormezelle	31/3/18		<p>Still as an alternative route of evacuation its value is beyond question.</p> <p>At A.S.T. Vormezelle, one Morser hut had been almost completed on our arrival. We have erected a strong since and there two huts have been used by us as a centre for treating "banned" cases, the patients being undressed in one and put into pyjamas and treated in the other.</p> <p>Other constructional work that has been done has consisted in the formation of two large stands for motor-cars, a section of the road by means of which cars would be enabled to turn round and make a circuit the width of four (4) cupolas for sick and walking wounded. These have been protected against bomb & shell splinters by means of sand bags and earth works.</p> <p>A large area of ground has been turned over by spade and plough, both at Vormezelle and at the Branserie and is ready for the sowing and planting of vegetable seeds. Unfortunately very little seed has been forthcoming. Most of the ground has been neatly fenced in. A lot of filling in of shell holes and levelling has been done in the vicinity of the A.S.T. and the place generally presents a neat neat appearance.</p> <p>The farm yards in the neighbourhood have also received attention, one at least of them having been fenced in and the surfaces of the farms needed and fenced up.</p> <p>Other work done in the forward area has consisted in the erection of gas proof domes to dug outs and the placing of ducking boards along the routes that would be used by "walking wounded".</p>	<p>28</p> 

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A.S.T. Pononguele	31/5/18		<p>(3) <u>Personnel.</u> I deeply regret to have to record the deaths of two members of our unit. Both succumbed to wounds received while on duty. One of them was Pte. King and Reynolds. The latter is buried at the A.S.T., Pononguele. To his remains we accorded all the honours we could under our present circumstances. His comrades of all ranks were present at the funeral service, which was simple and impressively conducted by Chaplain Wilson, C. of E. of 1st Bde.</p> <p>Two members of the unit - Ptes. Cook and Rogers have recently been awarded the Military Medal for acts of gallantry performed during the last month.</p> <p>We have had attached to us, horses from the 1st & 2nd A.F. Ambulances. These horses have worked in with our own men and have taken their share of forward work as well as of fatigues.</p> <p>(4) <u>Rationing.</u> The system of rationing has been excellent - and there has been no complaints. Every endeavour has been made by our D.O. to cater for the comfort and well being of all. The Appendix attached hereto will give an idea of the scheme of distribution that has been in force here.</p> <p>(5) <u>Health.</u> The health of the personnel has been good, pleasant climatic conditions as doubt having contributed greatly to this satisfactory condition of things.</p>	<p>RAC</p>

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A.D.S. Voormezele.	21/3/18		<p>Casualties</p> <p>There have been three occasions on which we have been busy for a few hours. The first occasion arose on the morning of Mar. 2nd when we had 29 casualties (wounded) between the hours of about 3.30 a.m. and 7.0 a.m. These casualties were the result of a raid by the enemy.</p> <p>On 7th March we had a busy forenoon with casualties resulting from an enemy gas attack. The number accounted for this cause were 6 Officers 11 O.R. 145, among whom were seen 7 of our own horses.</p> <p>On 10th March 33 passed cases were passed through the A.D.S. and on the 19th exactly from 84.</p> <p>On 21st March of 140 battle casualties accounted by us for the 24 hours we less than 116 were due to the effects of gas.</p> <p>It will thus be seen that gas accounted for a very considerable number of the battle casualties we have seen here during the last month. The enemy has been very consistently active with their form of weapon during our time of duty in this sector.</p>							
Summary of cases sent thro' A.D.S. FROM 12 th Aust. Div. MONTH of MARCH 1918.										
SICK		WOUNDED		SHELL GAS		DIED OF WOUNDS		DIED FROM SHELL GAS		Total of 41 off. 1516 O.R. 6 O.R. died at A.D.S.
O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	
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TOTAL No. of CASES PASSED THRO' H.D.S. VOORMEZELE 4 MARCH 1918.										
SICK		WOUNDED		GASED		DIED		PRISONERS OF WAR		Total: BRITISH: 43 off. 1784 O.R. DIED 11 O.R. P.O.W. 2 off. 5 O.R. H. Lake.
O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	
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OF

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FOR

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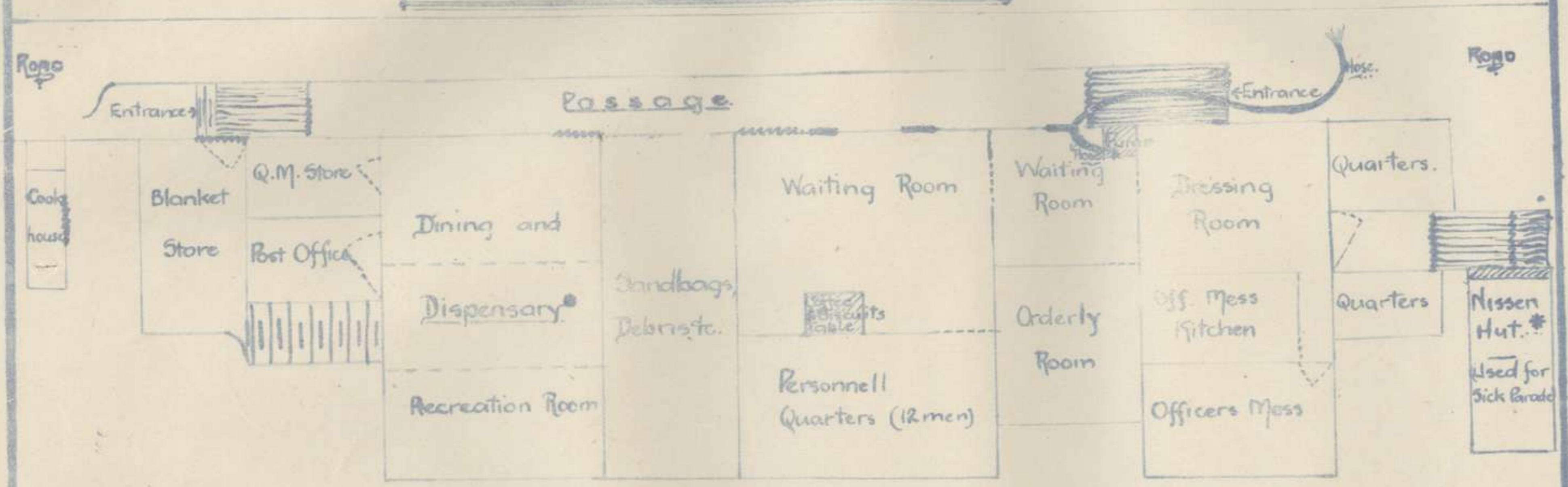
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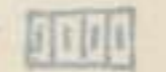
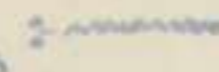

No.	Subject.
1.	Diagram of Advanced Dressing Station, VOORMEZEEL.
2.	" " Cupola dug-out for Stretcher cases, A.D.S.
3.	" " A.D.S. and environs.
4.	" " 1st Aust. Div. Sector.
5.	" Shewing methods of evacuation, Voormezeele sector. (to which is attached explanatory notes).
6.	" " Ration Distribution, " " (to which is attached explanatory notes).
7.	" of Wytschaete sector (taken over from 5th Div.).
8.	Graph shewing evacuations from A.D.S. VOORMEZEEL.
9.	Gas Orders for A.D.S.
10.	Precautionary orders in event of heavy shelling of A.D.S.
11.	Special movement order - Take over of Wytschaete.
12.	Diary of "C" Sec. detachment at A.D.S. YONGE St.

——— Diagram of ———
ADVANCED DRESSING STATION
 at
Voormezeele
 ——— Not to Scale ———

— MARCH 1918 —

3RD AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE



Ramps thus:  Steps thus:  Doorways, blanketed in case of gas attack, thus: 
 Windows, blanketed in case of gas attack, thus: 

NOTE:-
 1. The Nissen hut is on ground level.
 2. Dispensary is above the Dining Room.
 3. All other rooms underground.

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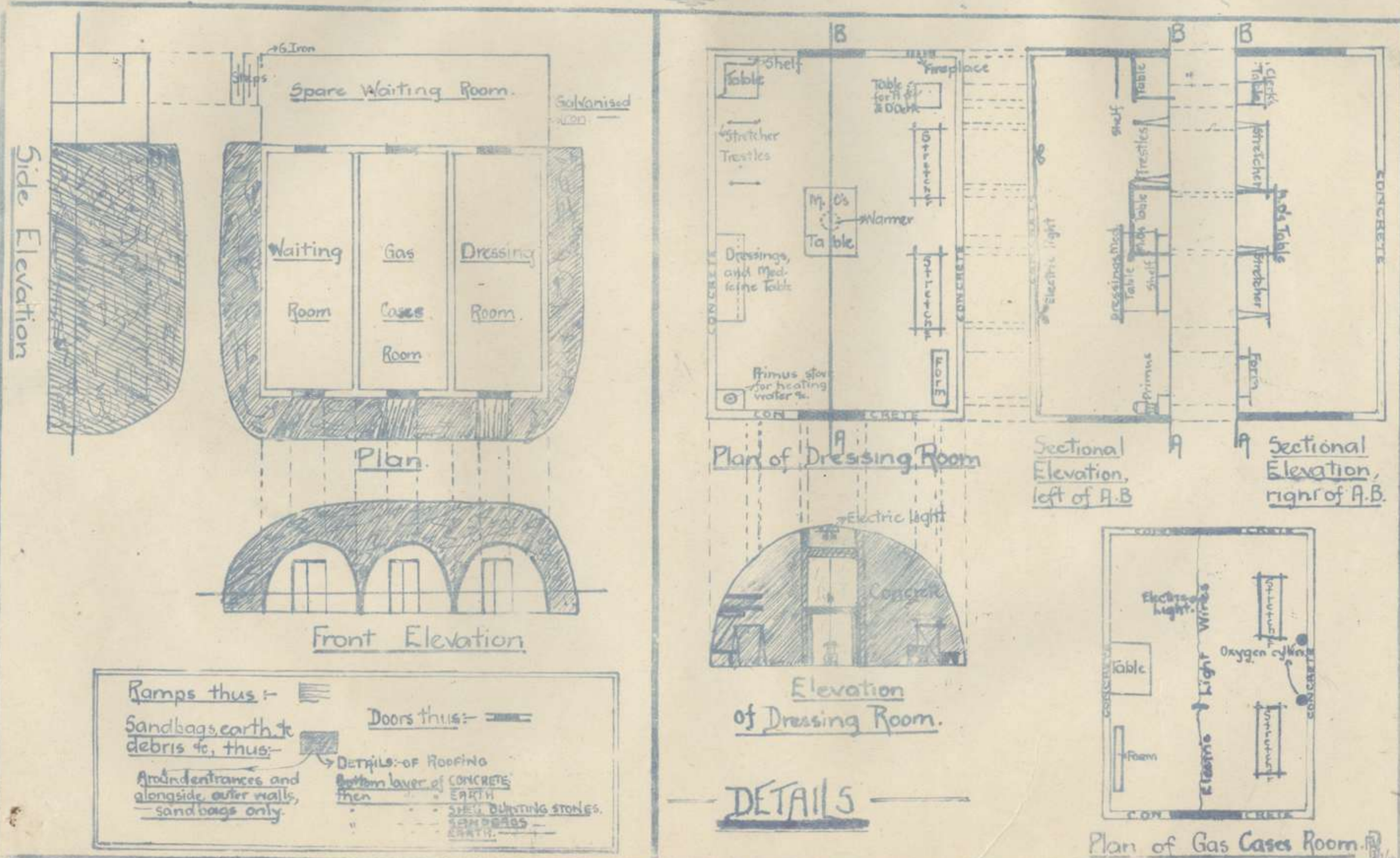
ADVANCED DRESSING STATION AT VOORMEZEELE

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STRETCHER & GAS CASES

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Ramps thus:

Sandbags, earth & debris to, thus:

Around entrances and alongside outer walls, sandbags only.

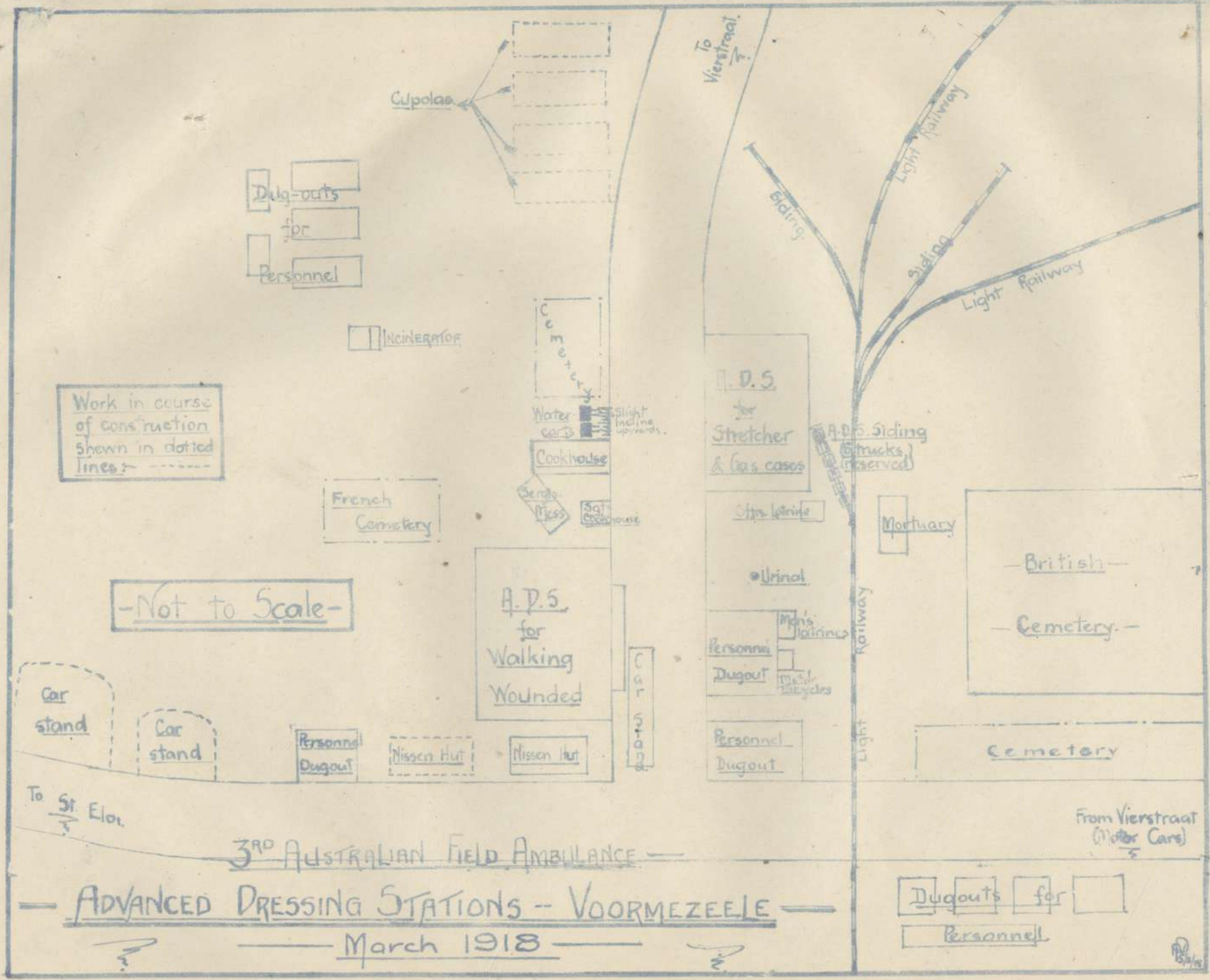
Doors thus:

DETAILS OF ROOFING
Bottom layer of CONCRETE
EARTH
SHEETS DRYING STONES.
SANDBAGS
EARTH.

DETAILS

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Work in course of construction shown in dotted lines:-

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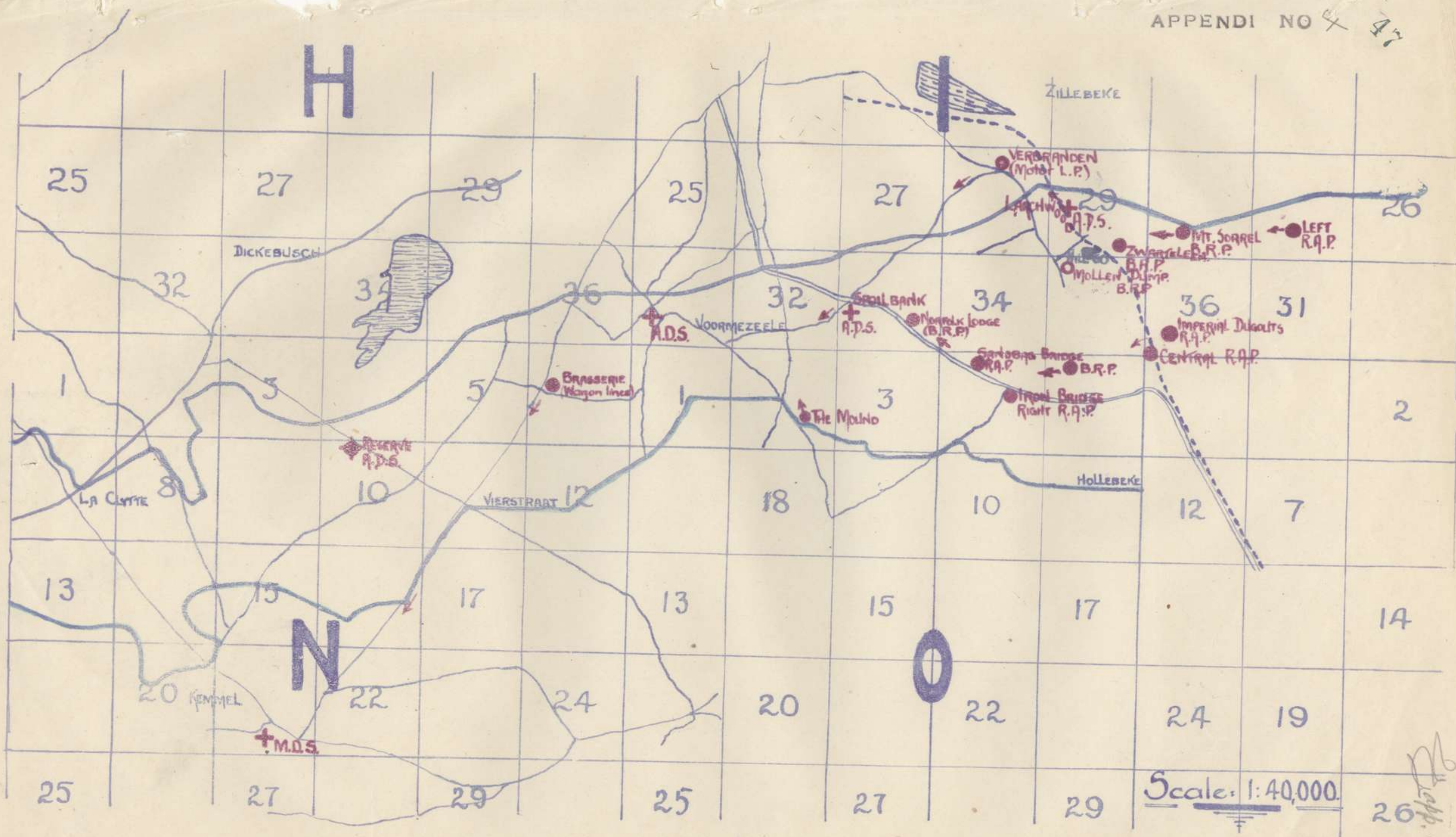
ADVANCED DRESSING STATIONS - VOORMEZELE

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From Vierstraat (Motor Cars)

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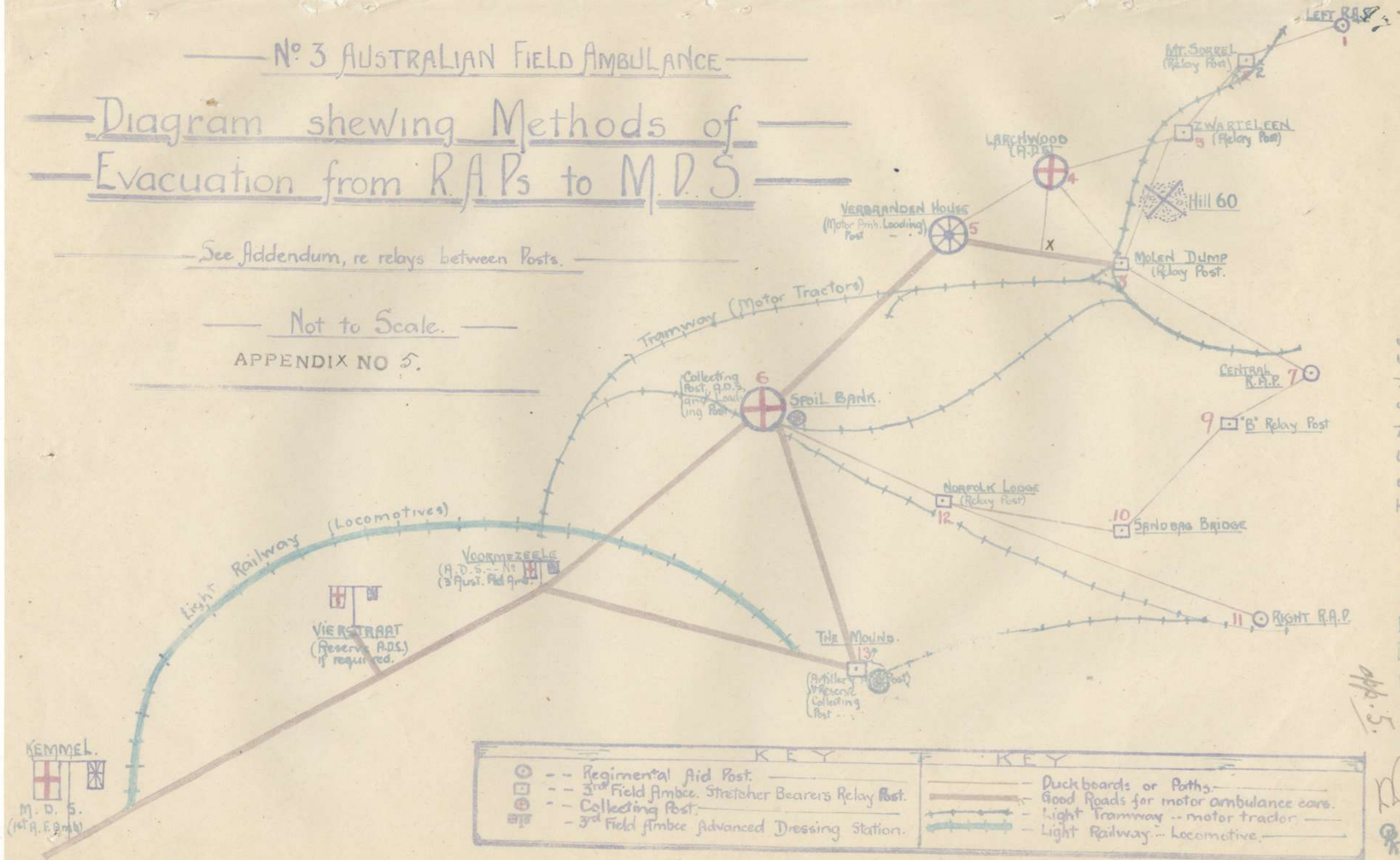
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Diagram shewing Methods of
Evacuation from R.A.P.s to M.D.S.

See Addendum, re relays between Posts.

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APPENDIX NO 5.



KEY		KEY	
	Regimental Aid Post.		Duckboards or Paths.
	3rd Field Ambce. Stretcher Bearers Relay Post.		Good Roads for motor ambulance cars.
	Collecting Post.		Light Tramway -- motor tractor.
	3rd Field Ambce Advanced Dressing Station.		Light Railway -- Locomotive.

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TRENCHES.

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APPENDUM TO "DIAGRAM SHOWING METHODS OF EVACUATION TO M.D.S." app. 5

1. 2 Squads (8 men) stationed here. Carry through a narrow winding sap about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, thence by tramway trolley about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to Bearer Relay Post marked "2".
2. 2 Squads (8 men) stationed here. Connected by tramway trolley with Bearer Relay Post marked "3" — about 1000 yds uphill grade. Loopline here to hold 4 trolleys —
3. 2 Squads (8 men) stationed here. Carry to Collecting Post marked "4" along duckboards about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, except when "4" is being shelled; when alternative route to "8" by tramway is made use of. Siding here to hold 3 trolleys —
4. Collecting Post. One Medical Officer (Bearer Capt.) and 13 other ranks (bearers and dressers) stationed here. Connect with wagon-loading post marked "5" by short duckboard track (about 500 yards) down old Menin Railway Cutting. When cutting is being shelled, the bearers make use of an alternative route, i.e. a duckboard track meeting Main Road at "X".
7. 2 Squads (8 men) stationed here — carry thro' sap 200 yards long, thence by tramway trolley (about 1500 yards) to bearer Relay Post marked "8". The alternative route is to bearer Relay Post marked "9", a carry through a communication trench of about 900 yards —
8. 1 Squad (4 men) stationed here. — connect by wheeled stretcher along good road fit for vehicular traffic, with Wagon Loading Post marked "5" about 1000 yards. Cupolas being erected here to store wounded during a rush until sufficient are collected to fill one train to haul to Advanced Dressing Station at Voormezele, by motor tractor along tramway. Loop line in course of erection here. —
5. 1 Squad, 2 Dressers and 2 Motor drivers (total 8) stationed here — to load motor ambulance car which waits in a camouflaged shelter nearby. Dressers attend to any local casualties or adjustment of dressings when required. Car moves on to Collecting Post marked "6" and on arrival there a motor ambulance immediately proceeds back to "5".
9. 1 Squad (4 men) stationed here. Collecting Post for local casualties and an alternative route from "7"; connects by carry of about 800 yards with bearer Relay Post "10".
10. 1 Squad (4 men) stationed here. Carry along duckboards about 750 yards to Bearer Relay Post marked "12".
11. 2 Squads (8 men) stationed here — connect by tramway trolley with Bearer Relay Post marked "12" about 1000 yards — alternative route by tramway trolley to reserve Collecting Post marked "13" about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles —
12. 2 Squads (8 men) stationed here to collect post marked "6" by tramway trolley about 750 yards or by carry along duckboards. —

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Collecting Post and Motor-ambulance Loading Post-- 2 Officers-one Major in charge of all forward area - and bearer Captain (in charge of bearers at posts '9', '10', '11', '12', and '13') and 8 other ranks, bearers and dressers, stationed here.

- 6 Motor ambulance stationed here, and on arrival of motor ambulance from motor loading post marked "5", proceeds to that post. Motor ambulance arriving from "5" collects any cases waiting here and brings them on to A.P.S. Voormezeede. Urgent cases are sent immediately to A.P.S. Voormezeede. If required, tramway trolleys arriving from bearer relay post marked "12" can be sent on to A.P.S. Voormezeede by tramway about 2,500 yards.

- 13 Aid Post for Artillery and local units with holding capacity for 30 patients - can be used as Collecting Post on alternative route from "11". At present, 2 men in occupation, and a car is sent from A.P.S. when required; on receipt of 'phone message from Signal Station nearby.

If it is necessary to use the alternative route from "11", a Medical Officer, bearers, dressers, and motor ambulances will be stationed here to cope with casualties arriving ~~from~~ from posts marked "10" and "11".

- A.P.S. Advanced Dressing Station, Voormezeede, to Main Dressing Station, Kemmel, by motor ambulances belonging to unit.

If station becomes congested with walking wounded and motor ambulances cannot cope with evacuation of these cases, the Light Railway (not tramway) services are requisitioned to evacuate the walking wounded to M.D.S. Kemmel (1st Flt. Ambee).

- Reserve A.P.S. Reserve Advanced Dressing Station, which can be used if occasion arises.

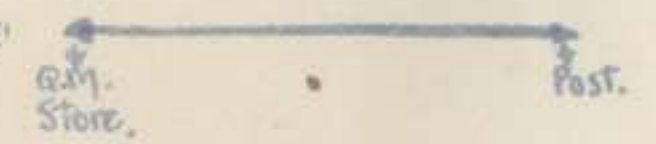
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Appendix 6.

Diagram illustrating the METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING RATIONS FROM Q.M. STORE TO PERSONNEL.

NOTE:

Each Post's Rations are separately shown i.e. a single line for each post, commencing at Q.M. store and terminating at its respective Post, thus:



COLLECTING STATION SPOIL BANK
(1 Corporal stationed here to see that rations go forward correctly)

A.D.S. VOORMEZELE
(1 Corporal stationed here)

Q.M. STORE (BRASSERIE)
{ All rations made up and bagged here for each post }

Brought in bulk by 3rd Field Ambulance Horse Transport.

A.S.C. DUMP VIERSTRAAT

MOTOR AMBULANCE LOADING POST VERBRANDEN HOUSE

Forward: to green line:- heavy shelling (spasmodic bursts) and occasional gas

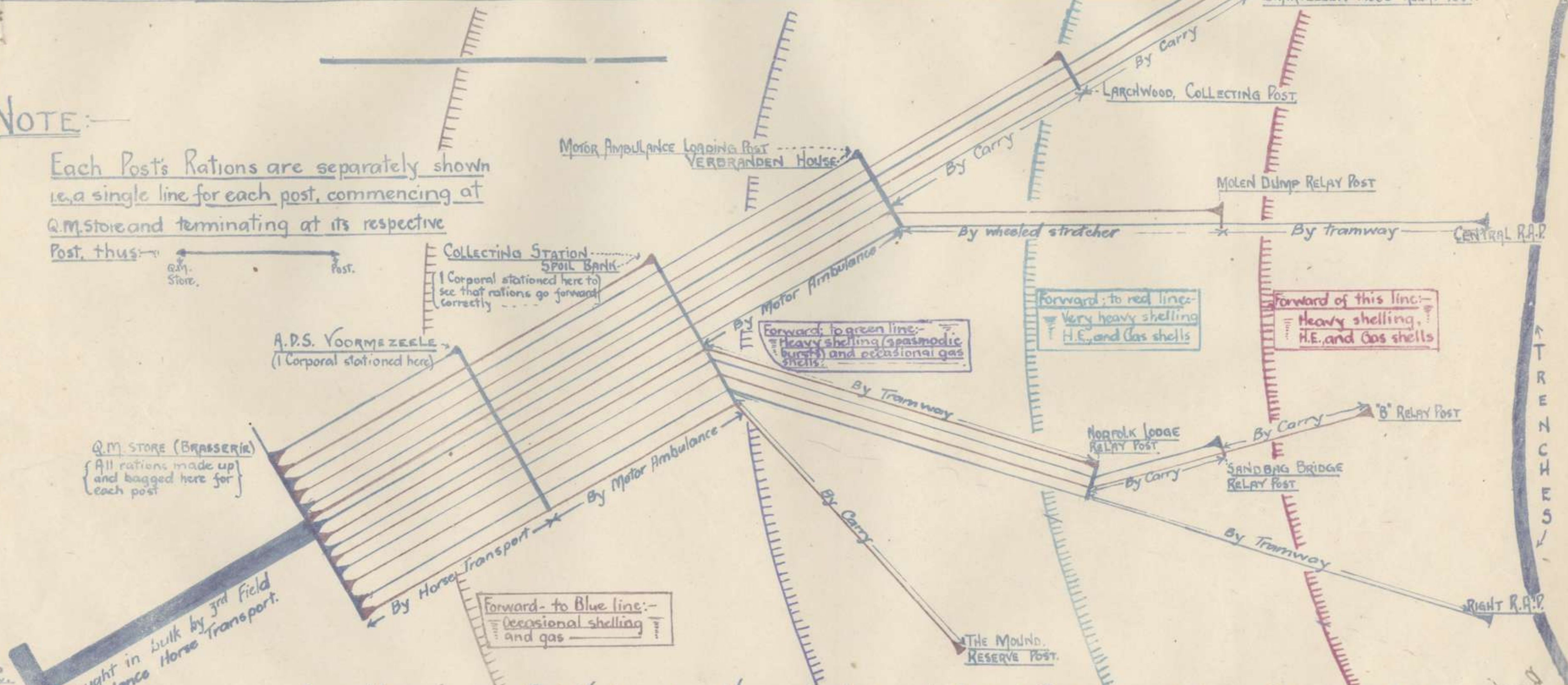
Forward: to red line:- Very heavy shelling H.E. and Gas shells

Forward of this line:- Heavy shelling, H.E. and Gas shells

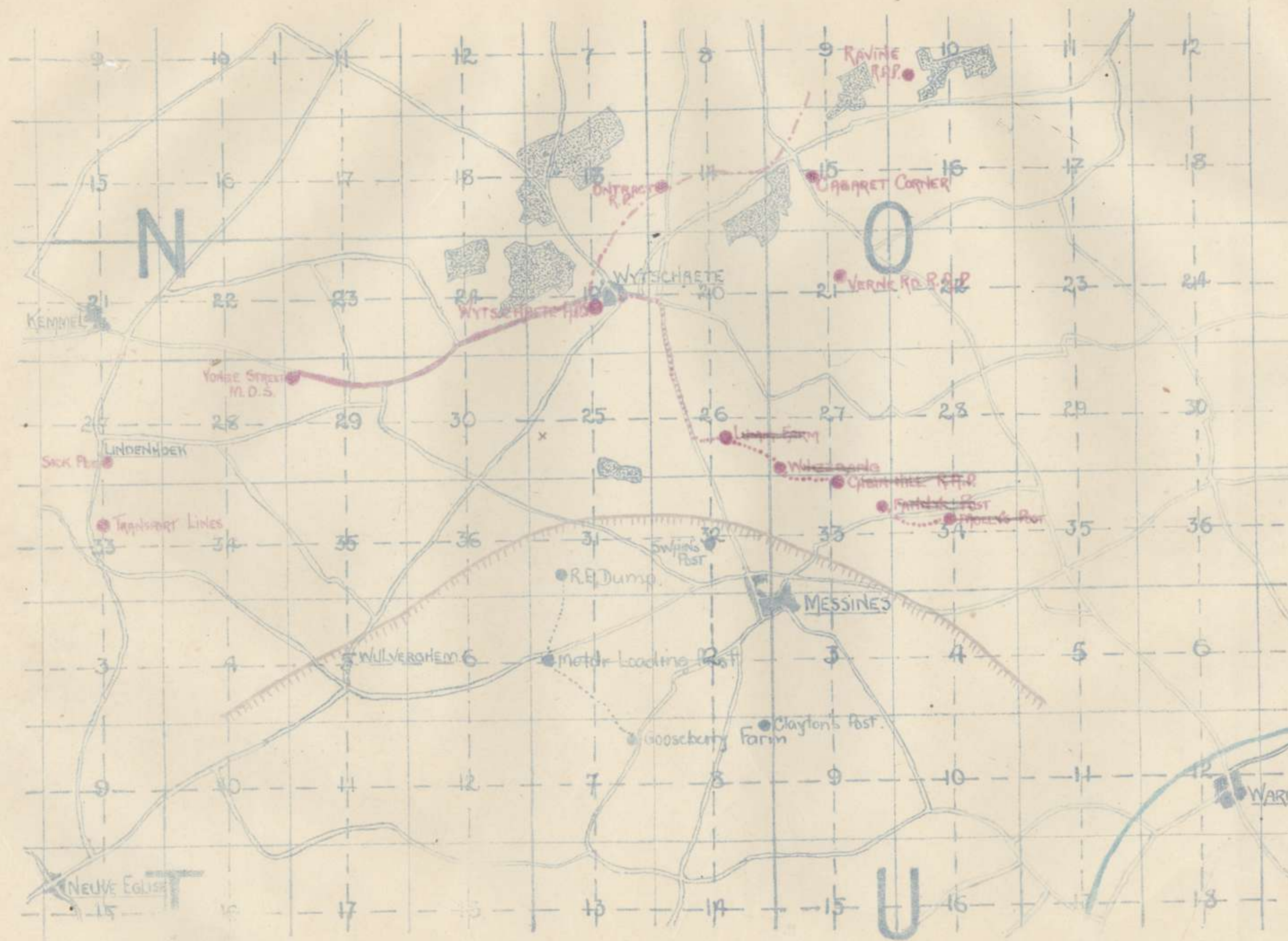
Forward- to Blue line:- Occasional shelling and gas

THE MOUND RESERVE POST

From Motor Loading Post, Verbranden House, (for Left and Central Sectors), and from Collecting Post, Spoil Bank, (for Right Sector), all rations are taken on by bearers. Each Relay Post is responsible for collecting rations for all posts forward, as well as their own.



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Tramline - - - - -
 Good Motor - - - - -
 Amb. Road - - - - -
 Hand carry - - - - -
 } In Red

Scale 1:40,000

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Divisional Boundary
 in brown.

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A.D.S. VOORMEZEELE

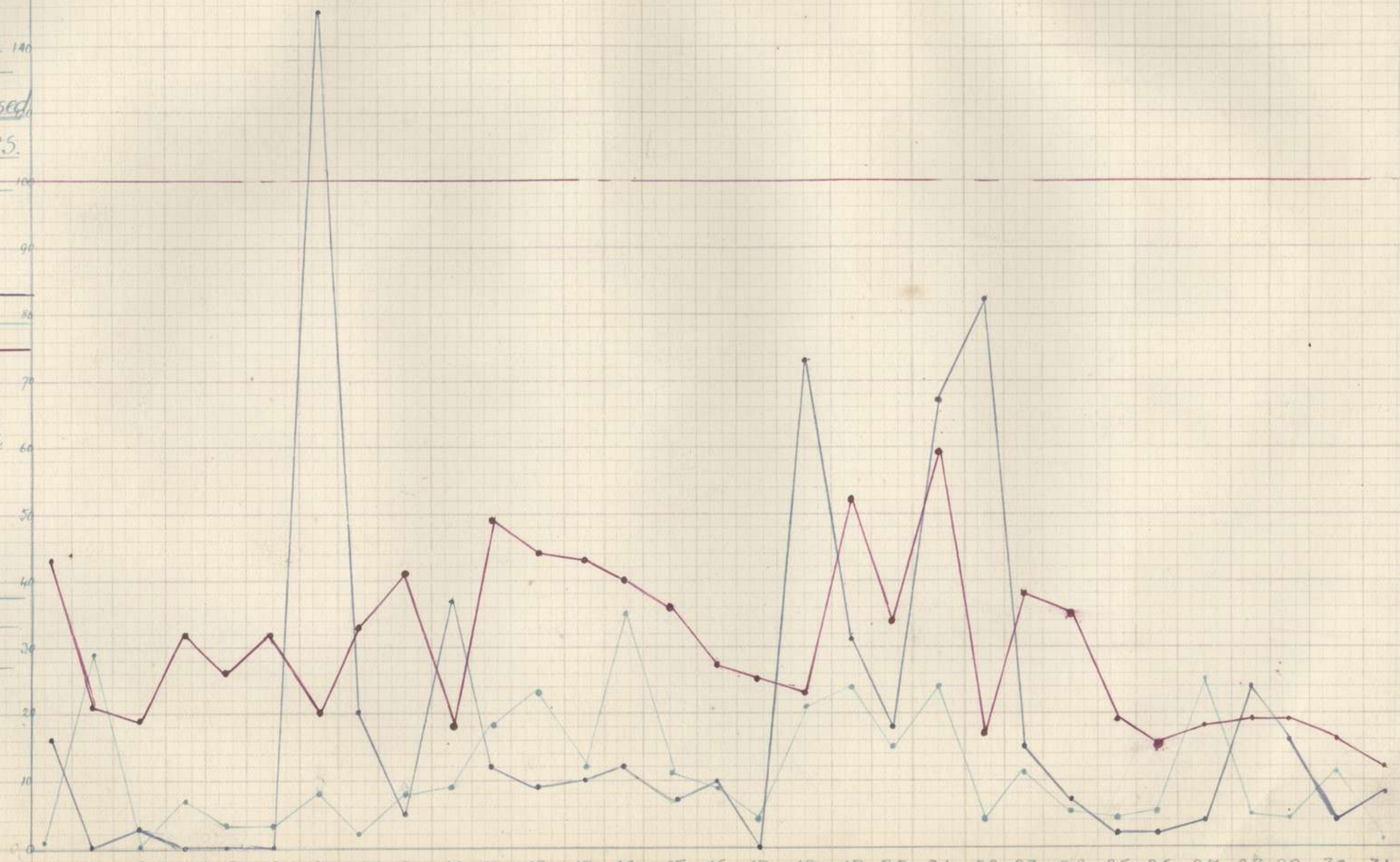
Graph showing the No. of Sick, Wounded, & Gassed cases passing thro' A.D.S. daily.

Gassed shown in black
Wounded " green
Sick " red

From 100 to 200: each square = 2
From 100 to 200: " " = 4

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TO WAR DIARY
FOR MARCH, 1918

24 hours ending 6 p.m. - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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G A S O R D E R S.

GAS GUARD:-

- L/Cpl. Burnett.
- Pte. Frayne.
- " Ferguson.
- " Kollosche. G.

ROUTINE:-

- Immediately a shell gas attack in the unit area is detected, the N.C.O. in charge of Gas Guard will :-
- i. Personally advise the C.O., Orderly Officer and Warrant Officer.
 - ii. Detail his guard to warn all personnel occupying dug-outs.
 - iii. Assure himself that all blanket doorways of dugouts are lowered and properly adjusted.
 - iv. When warning of a cloud gas attack is received, it will be promulgated as detailed in paras. i, ii and iii, supplemented by Strombos horns and rattlers.
 - v. Men in the exposed area will at once adjust their small box respirators. Men in dugouts will do so before leaving dugouts.
 - vi. It may be impossible to tell from visibility or smell that there is gas about, but the sound of the detonation of a gas shell is easily recognised - being similar to the sound of the falling of a 'dud' shell - and gas precautions should be taken immediately such a shell is heard to fall.

17TH MARCH 1918.

(Sgd) D.D. CADE Lieut. Colonel,

C.O. No 3 Australian Field Ambulance.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- oo0oo-----
- No.1. Major Hall
 - " 2. " Rutledge
 - " 3. Notice Board.
 - " 4. Gas Sentry Box.
 - " 5. Larchwood (Capt. Lilford.)
 - " 6. Standing Orders File.
 - " 7. Gas File.

Gas File.

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In the event of
HEAVY SHELLING OF THE A.D.S.

the following procedure will be adopted:

All ranks not on duty in connection with casualties or other special duties concerning the wounded, will vacate their dugouts during the intervals of shelling, and scatter, making for the Brasserie, where they will assemble to wait further orders.

All those on special duties mentioned above will stand by, keeping under cover as much as possible.

Mechanical Transport, under similar conditions, will proceed to Brasserie, and park in the vicinity.

One Despatch Rider will remain at A.D.S. with his motor cycle, under cover.

20.3.18.

L. Wade Lieut. Colonel.
 C.O. Nº 3 Australian Field Ambce.

Appendix 10

L. Wade

QUEENSLAND ELECTION.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS.

Electors absent from Queensland, Australia or service with His Majesty's Forces are entitled to vote at the above election to be held on 16th of March 1918 by nominating a person in Queensland for that purpose.

All members of the Forces absent from Queensland as above who have attained the age of 21 years are entitled to vote.

Electors should carefully read the nomination form and the directions and should then fill up the form which must be signed by the Elector in the presence of an officer commissioned or non-commissioned or soldier of the Forces with which such Elector is serving or in the presence of any other person appointed in that behalf by the Governor in Council.

Care should be taken that the name of the person nominated shall not be seen by the witness.

When the form has been filled up signed and witnessed it should be placed in the accompanying envelope and posted.

N.B. Nomination papers should be forwarded at once, and any not in the hands of the Assistant Returning Officer in London, by 13th March, 1918, will almost certainly be too late to be cabled to Queensland in time for the Election.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
409-410, STRAND, LONDON, W. C. 2.

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No. 3 Australian Field Ambulance
Special Medical Arrangement Order

by Lieut. Col. D. D. Cade, D.S.O., C.O. No. 3 Aust. Field Ambce.

"C" Section complete, under the command of Major Savage, plus bearers, consisting of the 20 bearers on fatigue duty at MOLEEN Dump and 6 to be added to that number of 1st A.F. Ambulance, will move tomorrow, 24th March, 1918, at earliest opportunity to Yonge Street.

"C" Section Tent Subdivision will be relieved from SPOIL BANK, and be replaced by two tent sub-division personnel, who will be withdrawn from LARCH WOOD.

Cpts. Mitchell and Grieve will accompany Major Savage.

The move to Yonge Street - Wytschaete is to be completed by 10 a.m. Monday 25th.

Major Willis will relieve Major Savage as early as possible tomorrow forenoon. Bearers to relieve "C" Sec. personnel on right Sector will accompany him.

Major Savage will also arrange to withdraw what "C" Sec. Bearers there are on the left sector. The numbers at the different relay posts can be cut down temporarily and Capt. Lilford can arrange to re-distribute the remaining personnel so that no posts will be left too weak in numbers.

D. D. Cade
.....Lt. Col.
C. O. No. 3 Aust. Field Ambulance.

Distribution:

Major Savage.
Major Hall
C. O.
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CONFIDENTIAL (ORIGINAL)WAR DIARY."C" SECTIONNo 3 AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.FROM 24/3/18 TO 31/3/18LIST OF APPENDICES.

No	SUBJECT.
1	Are of WYTSCHAETE Ridge taken over by a Brigade of 1 st Aust Divn & evacuated by Section No 3 Aust Field Ambce
2	Plan of Dressing Station at YONGE STREET
3	Plan of A.O.S. at WYTSCHAETE
4.	Methods of Evacuation from R.A.P. to Main Dressing Str (1 st Aust Ambce)
5	Method of Distribution of rations to various posts from Q.M. Stores.

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31.3.18
Date.....

MB

[Signature] Major

OC Section 3rd Aust F Ambce

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VOORMEZELE * YONGE ST	24/3/18	2pm	<p>All map references will be found on sheet 28. 1/40.000.</p> <p>Section complete of No. 3 Aust Field Ambulance moved out from A.D.S. VOORMEZELE under order from CO. No. 3 Australian Field Ambulance to take over the evacuation of sick & wounded from sector in front of WYTSCHAETE from an ambulance of 5th Aust Division.</p> <p>Arrived at 15th Aust Field Ambulance Main Dressing Station at 4pm and after unloading transport I returned the vehicles and horses less 4 horses, ambulance wagon and water cart to the Brasserie as it is just about the same distance from YONGE STREET as the stables at DAYLIGHT CORNER allotted to us.</p> <p>28 other ranks, stretch bearers, from No. 1 Aust Field ambulance also attached to the section.</p> <p>As the 15th F Amb are not moving until tomorrow accommodation is not too plentiful but all personnel have been comfortably housed and arrangements made to take over all posts by 10 am tomorrow.</p>	
YONGE ST AND WYTSCHAETE	25/3/18	5.30am	<p>2 officers & 44 other ranks left YONGE ST at 5.30am for forward area</p> <p>2 officers & 18 other ranks stationed at A.D.S. WYTSCHAETE and 26 other ranks (bearers 1st Famb) stationed at posts in forward area as follows:-</p> <p>RAVINE WOOD RAP 4. VERNE DUMP RAP 4. CABARET CORNER RELAY 8.</p> <p>ONRAET WOOD RELAY 8. PICK WOOD POST 2.</p> <p>1 horse Amb wagon and 1 water cart stationed at A.D.S. WYTSCHAETE.</p> <p>No Field Amb records being kept at this station (only nominal roll of 1st Famb) as all evacuations are to 1st Famb Main Dressing Station.</p> <p>* At present 2 MAC Cars & 2 unit sunbeams stationed here.</p> <p>Port's car reported for duty & sent to A.D.S. WYTSCHAETE.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">D. J. P. app. D.</p>

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YONGE ST AND WYTSCHAETE	26/3/18		<p>1st Aust Field Ambce relieved by 10 am and clear of station by noon.</p> <p>The following cases have passed through from 10 am to midnight. Other Ranks Sick 8 Wounded 7.</p> <p>Plan showing area taken over and posts herewith see Appendix 1.</p>	1.
	26/3/18		<p>Day very quiet. The following cases have passed through for 24 hours ending midnight Officers Nil Other Ranks Sick 12 Wounded 4.</p> <p>Sunbeam car returned to A.D.S. VOORMEZELE having been relieved by Ford car yesterday evening.</p> <p>Rough plans of ROADS YONGE STREET Dressing Station herewith see Appendix 2.</p>	2.
	27/3/18		<p>Day again very quiet the following cases have passed through for 24 hours ending midnight Officers Nil Other Ranks Sick 10 Wounded 8.</p> <p>More ambulance wagon returned to transport lines at Brasserie, as sufficient mechanical transport is available to cope with present evacuations. one Ford is stationed at A.D.S. WYTSCHAETE and 3 motor ambulances stationed at Dressing Station YONGE STREET.</p> <p>Rough plan of A.D.S. at WYTSCHAETE herewith see Appendix 3.</p>	3.
	28/3/18		<p>Day exceptionally quiet. The following cases have passed through for 24 hours ending midnight. Officers Nil Other Ranks Sick 16 Wounded 9, five of which are gassed.</p> <p>Plan showing method of evacuation from Regimental Aid post to Main D.S. (1st F Amb) herewith see Appendix 4.</p>	4.

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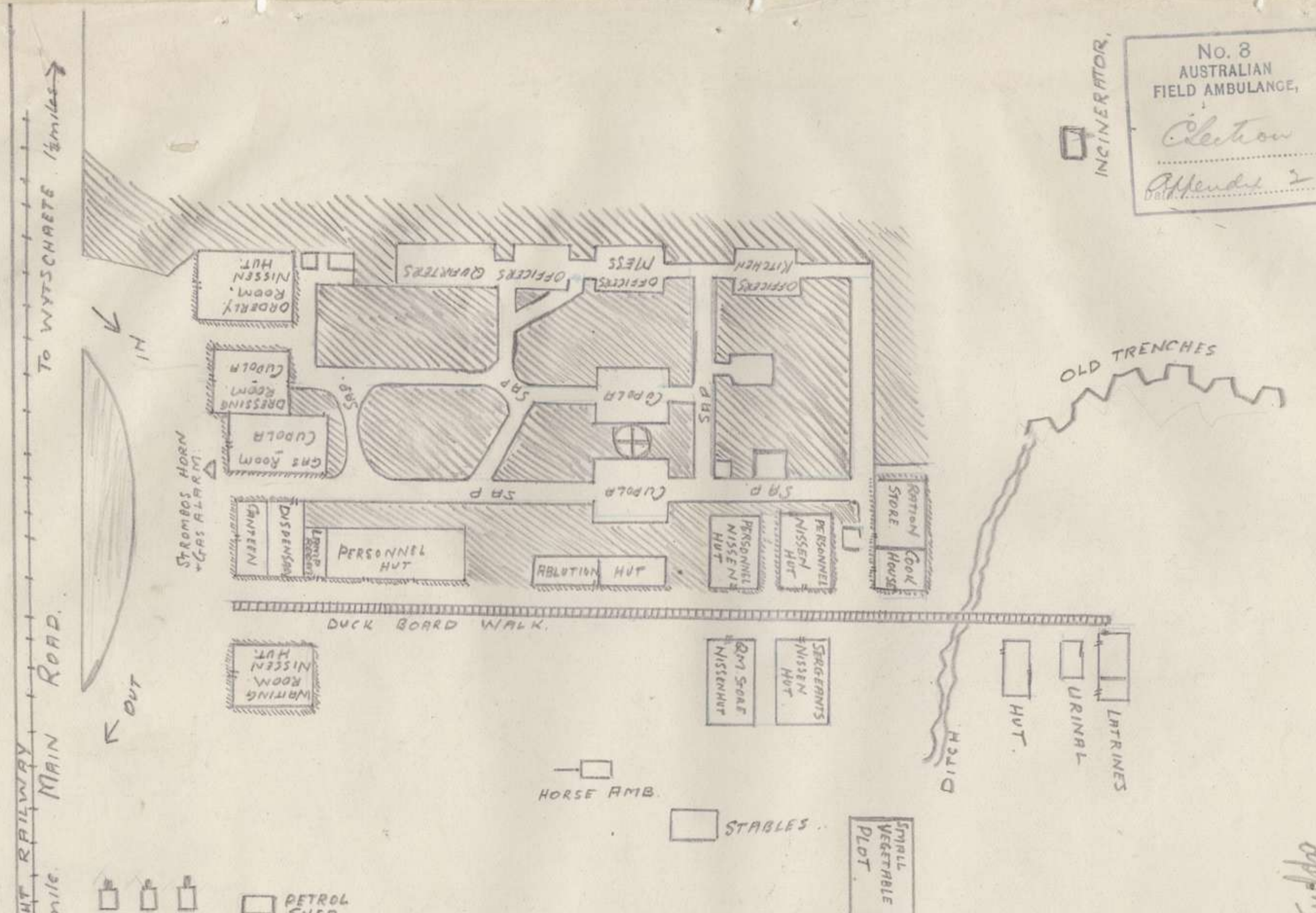
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YONGE ST AND WITSCHAUETE	27/3/18.		<p>Rather a large number of gassed cases through for the 24 hours ending midnight - One gassed case (phosgene) died on way to main D.S.</p> <p>Sick officers 11 other ranks 11. Wounded officers 1 other ranks 2. Gassed ORs 16. otherwise things moderately quiet.</p> <p>method showing distribution of Nations to forward area from Qm Stone Brasserie here with see appendix 5.</p>	5.
	30/3/18.		<p>The 24 hours ending midnight have been exceptionally quiet. The following cases have passed through during that period other ranks sick 9. Other ranks gassed 3.</p> <p>During the night a few gas shells + H.C. shells fell in close proximity to Qm Stone Yonge St without causing casualties or any damage.</p> <p>Four bearers (1st F. amb) at RAP RAVINE WOOD relieved by 4 bearers of 3rd F. amb.</p>	
	31/3/18		<p>The following cases passed through for 24 hours ending midnight Sick officers 1 other ranks 13. Wounded other ranks 2. Gassed other ranks 1. The day has been exceptionally quiet + there is very little to report.</p>	
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C. Section
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DRESSING STATION. YONGE STREET. (NOT TO SCALE)
 all Cupolas covered - all huts sandbagged.
 High earthworks (7 feet) between Cupolas and saps, thus
 each sap duckboarded on A frames.

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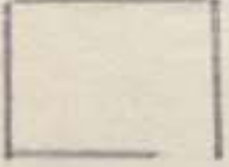
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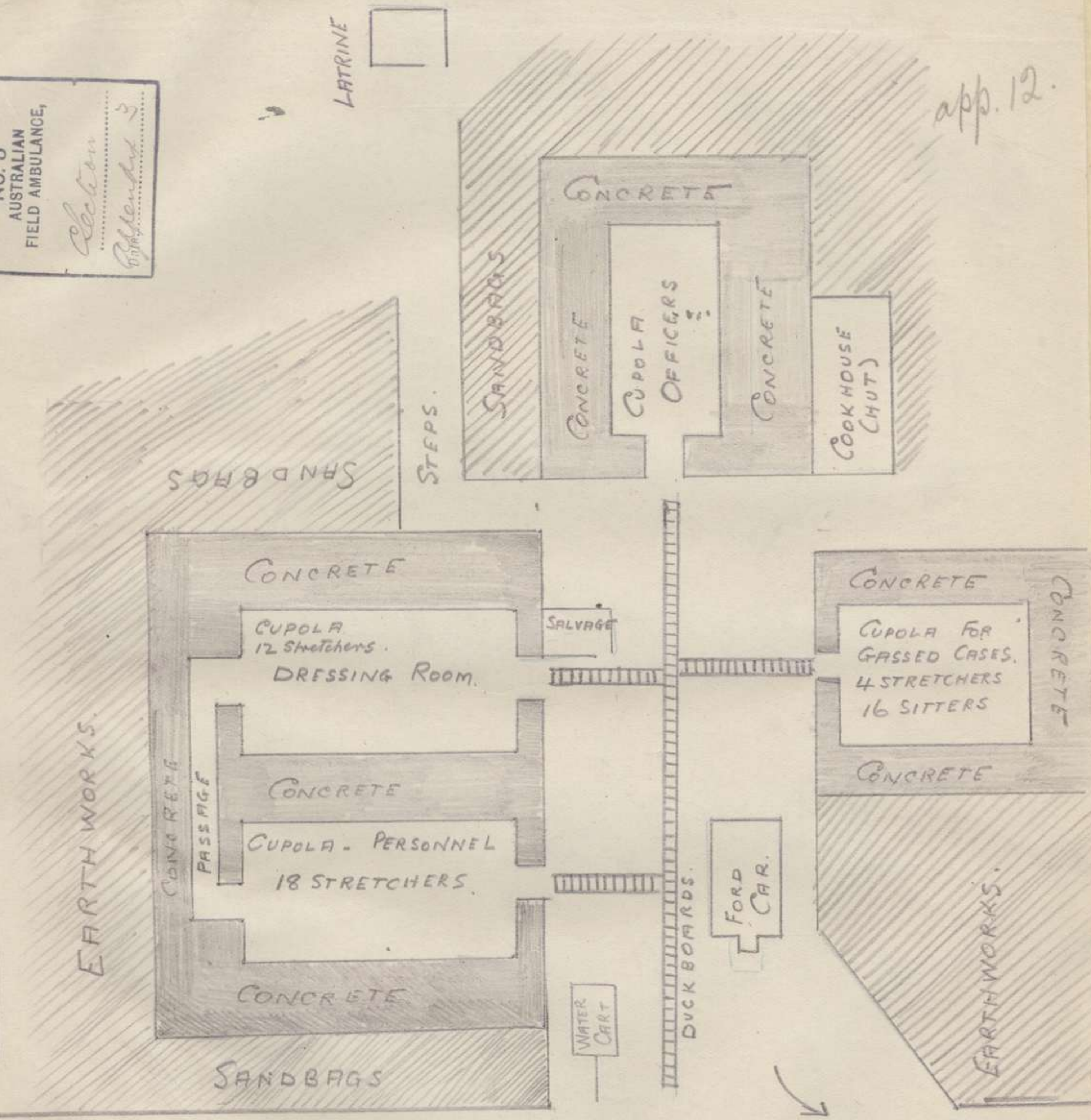
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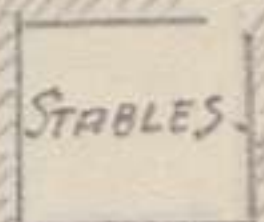
WYTSCHAETE VILLAGE RUINS.



MAIN ROAD TO YONGE ST 1 1/4 MILES →

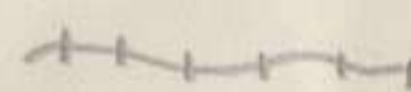

ROUGH PLAN A.D.S. WYTSCHAETE. Sheet 28 1/40,000. O.I.G. 2/8.
 CONCRETE SHOWN THUS 
 SANDBAGS AND EARTHWORKS SHOWN THUS 
 C Section No 3 Aust Field Ambulance. 27.3.18
 ALL DOORS GAS PROOF.
 Concealed from aerial observation by camouflage netting.

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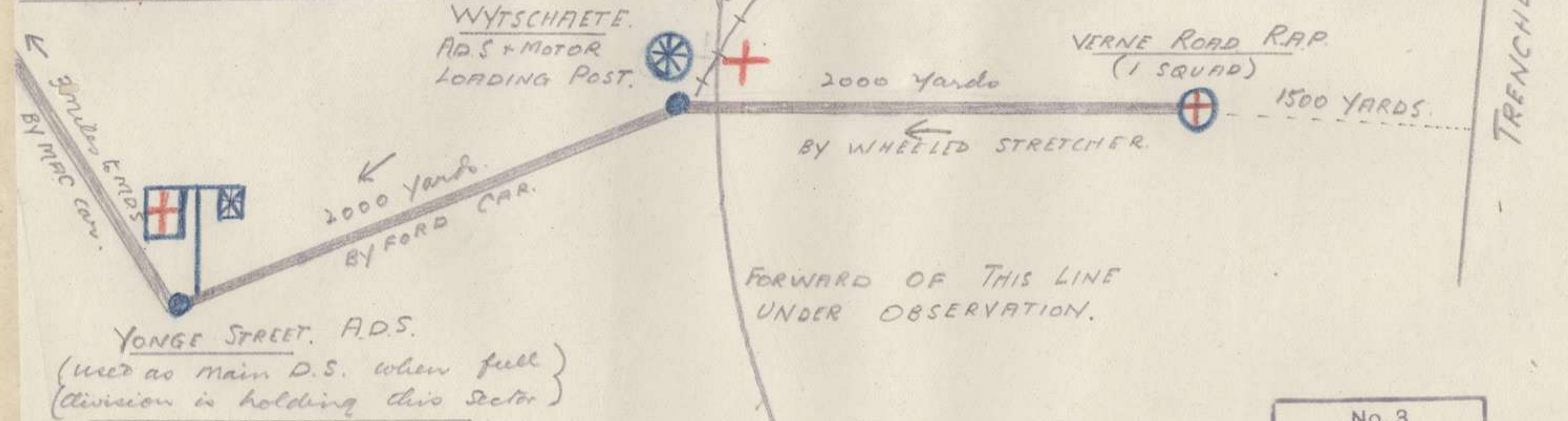
Plan showing Evacuation from R.A.P. to Main D.S. by Clection 3rd F. Ambie WYTSCHAETE RIDGE SECTOR.

Light tramline shown thus 
Roads fit for vehicles thus 

From { Ravine Wood to Cabaret Corner
Cabaret Corner to Ourat Wood
Ourat Wood to Wytchaete
by light tramway - alternative
by carry same route.

From Verne Road to Wytchaete
by wheeled stretchers

From { Wytchaete to Yonge St.
Yonge St to LA CLYTTE (M.D.S.)
by motor ambulance.



BY M.F.C. CAR.



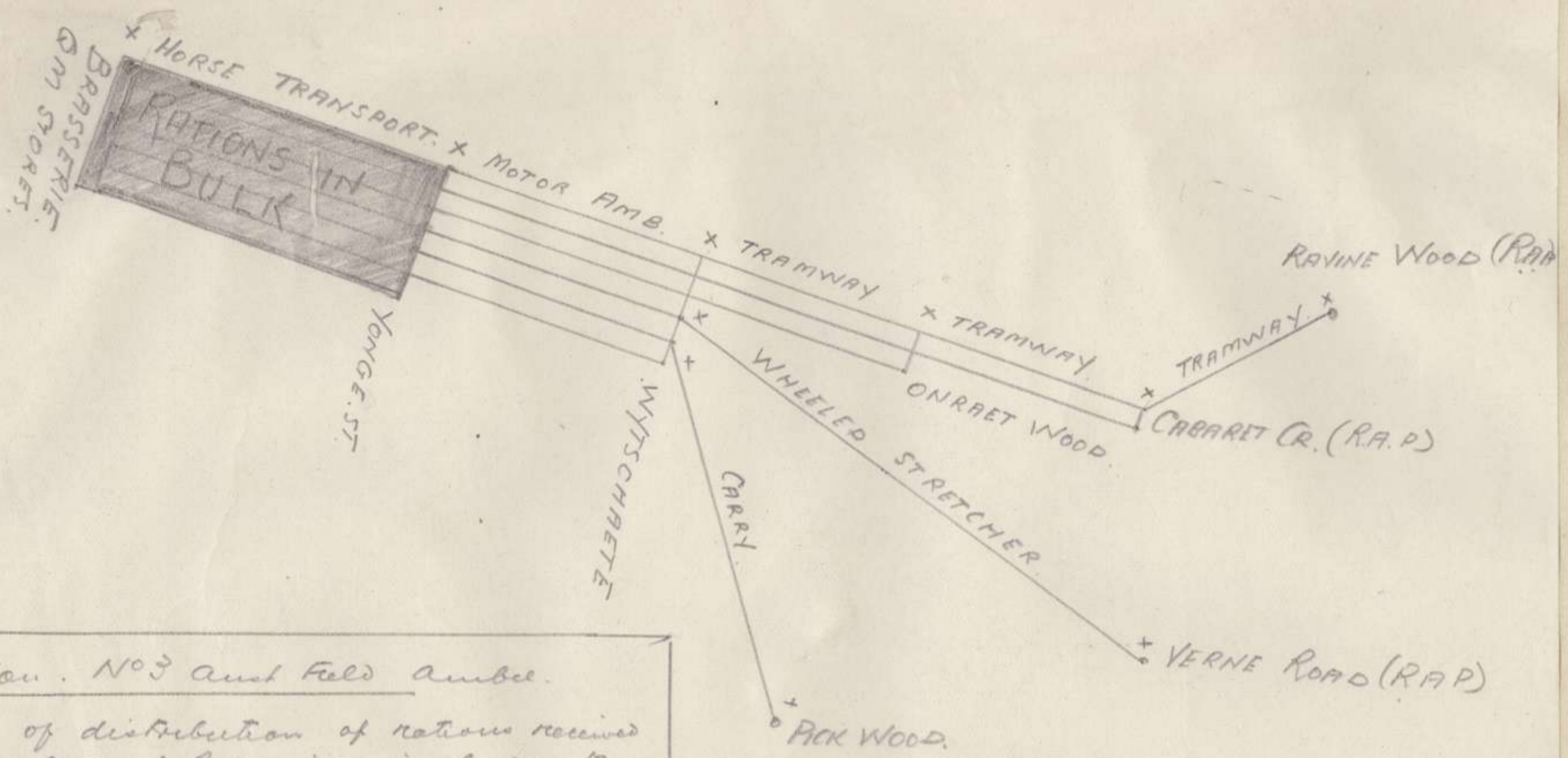
BY FORD CAR.

YONGE STREET. A.D.S.
(used as main D.S. when full)
(division is holding this sector)

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Method of distribution of rations received from Amstore at Brasserie in bulk to forward posts. Rations received daily from Am stores in bulk & bagged up at Yonge Street for posts and sent forward to WYTSCHAETE in returning motor ambulance. These collected by personnel at PICK WOOD and VERNE ROAD R.A.P. Personnel at ONRAET WOOD RELAY POST collect rations from WYTSCHAETE for personnel at CABARET CORNER and RAVINE WOOD R.A.P.

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Drugs Dressings and medical comforts are sent forward to Regimental Medical Officers in this manner also.

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