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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/2/17		Inspected "B" Section 13 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Field Ambulance Mametz Camp, also Divisional collecting Station S. 12. b. 7. 8. and R.A. P <sup>15</sup> at Bulls Lane and Pilgrim's Way.	
	2/2/17		D. M. S., 4 <sup>th</sup> Army and D. D. M. S. 1st Anzac inspected Main Dressing Station S. 22. d. 9. 6. also Prophylactic Treatment of Trench Feet at Townsville Camp.	
	5/2/17		Inspected Divisional Rest Station Becordel T. y. a 5. 5, Wagon Rendezvous S. 12. c. o. 8., Main Dressing Station S. 22. d. 9. 6, and Ambulance Trains. Supervised evacuation of wounded from front line.	
	7/2/17		Attended conference of A. D. M. S. at D. D. M. S. office.	
	8/2/17		Issued A. A. M. S. order No. 33, Circular Memo A. A. M. S. No. 10., Map showing R. A. P <sup>15</sup> etc, Medical Arrangements Disposition Report, copy of each attached.	
	10/2/17		Inspected Main Dressing Station, S. 22. d. 9. 6. and Div. Coll. Stn. S. 12. b. 7. 8.	
	11/2/17		A. D. M. S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Division proceeded on leave to England.	

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	14/2/17		D. A. S. M. O. 4th Aus. Div. inspected Div. bell line S12 & 7.8	
	16/2/17		Inspected "B" Section 13th Aus. F. Amb. F of d. Murrey camp	
	17/2/17		Inspected Forward Area Situation with Colonel Butler of 1st Anzac (D. S. M. O. office)	
	18/2/17		Inspected Ambulance Trucks, Ambulance Train, A. M. C. Forward at Bernafay S. 22 d. g. b. and Divisional collecting station S. 12 & 7.8. with Colonel Butler.	
	19/2/17		Attended conference of A. D. M. O. at D. S. M. O. Harewood	
	20/2/17		Inspected with A. D. M. O. 5th Aus. Division, Divisional collecting station S12. & 7.8. and proposed new Relay Post at Watling Road N32 & 2.7. also R. A. P's at chalk cliff N27. a & 1.1, Pilgrims Way, N26. C. 6. 1., Advanced Dressing Station North Herts.	
	22/2/17		Issued A. M. C. order No. 34 copy attached.	
	23/2/17		Colonel Barber A. D. M. O. 4th Aus. Div. Returned from leave. Detail from 13th Aus. F. Amb. proceeded for duty to Corps Sanitary Section Base.	

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	25/2/17.		A. D. M. S. office moved from Pommers Reservoir to Bazzeusi.	
	26/2/17.		Inspected 4 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Field Ambulance and 12 <sup>th</sup> Aus. F. Ambulance at Lavinelli.	
	27/2/17.		Inspected 13 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Field Ambulance at Beure.	
	28/2/17.		Inspected Medical Details 13 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Inf Bde. also equipment (Medicine) and Water carts of same.	
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*[Signature]*  
Colonel  
A. D. M. S.  
4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Division

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A.A.M.C. ORDER No.33 by Colonel G.W. BARBER, D.S.O., A.D.M.S.,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1. The O.C. Field Ambulance in charge of evacuation from the Front Line will make the following arrangements for distribution of personnel, stretchers, and blankets, and report completion by 10-2-17.

Location.	Normal Conditions.	Reinforcement conditions.	Stretchers.	Blankets.
R.A.P. N.27.a.8.1. Chalk Cliff	1 N.C.O. 12 O.R.	1 N.C.O. 32 O.R.	30	75
R.A.P. N.25.b.8.6.	1 N.C.O. 12 O.R.	1 N.C.O. 32 O.R.	30	75
R.A.P. N.26.c.6.1.	1 Off. 12 O.R.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O. 32 O.R.	16	32
North PLERS N.31.b.3.1.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O. 12 O.R.	1 Off. 1 N.C.O. 36 O.R.	35	64
D.C.S. S.12.b.	1 Tent sub-division. (B or C) plus 16 bearers.	1 Tent sub-div. (B or C) plus 1 N.C.O. 16 bearers.	100	200
DEUVILLE-DECAUVILLE Junction Hut	4 O.R.	4 O.R.	2	12
Wagon Rendezvous S.12.c.0.8.	2 O.R.	4 O.R.	6	12
QUARRY SIDING S.21.d.4.6.	1 Off. 4 bearers. 7 O.R. (tent sub-division)	4 O.R.	6	12
Main Dressing Station S.22.d.9.6.	3 Tent sub-divs. & remainder of bearers less detail to QUARRY SIDING, Ambulance Trn. & DECAUVILLE Railway.	1 bearer sub-division from another Field Ambulance.	100	460
Ambulance Train.	1 Off. 1 or more orderlies per truck.			

2. Instructions will be given that relay bearers will work from their post to the post in rear and will never return to their post without carrying stretchers and blankets in exchange for those they have handed over with the patients.

3. Necessary number of bearers will be detailed to travel on the DECAUVILLE Trains and be responsible for the care of the patients, and return to D.C.S. of a similar number of blankets and stretchers as have been brought down with patients.

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4. Officers in charge of Relay Posts and Divisional Collecting Station will be responsible that bearers return to their posts with stretchers and blankets. The Officer in charge Divisional Collecting Station will be responsible for the loading and unloading of DECAUVILLE trucks.

5. The Officer stationed at Relay Post H.26.c.3.1. PILGRIMS WAY, will be withdrawn if Battalion Headquarters are withdrawn from that Post from CHAMK CLIFFS.

In the event of the Right Brigade not being engaged R.A.P. WHITE CLIFF and R.A.P. PILGRIMS WAY will not be reinforced. In the event of the Left Brigade not being engaged R.A.P. H.25.b.8.3. will not be reinforced.

7. At the discretion of the O.C. Divisional Collecting Station walking cases will be sent to the Wagon Rendezvous FLEAS Road after arranging with the O.C. Field Ambulance.

8. Normal conditions will supervene as from date.

9. Reinforcement conditions will come into force on receipt of a message from A.D.A.S. to reinforce.

(sgd) G. W. BARBER, Colonel,  
A. D. M. S.,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
8-2-17.

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A.A.M.C. CIRCULAR MEMO. No. 10.Dated 8th February 1917.

1. All Medical Officers who have not already done so will make themselves conversant with D.M.S., 4th ARMY, 2/12 of 30th December 1916, D.R.Os 256 para 1001, 267 para 1033, 272 para 1051, 278 para 1064, all dealing with Trench Feet.
2. The Prophylactic treatment will be rigidly carried out, and Medical Officers who are not given facilities for same by O.C. Units, or have difficulty in carrying out the orders, will at once report the same to the A.D.M.S.
3. In the event of supplies of the ingredients for carrying out Prophylactic treatment not being available, Medical Officers will arrange for the feet to be washed with soap and add carbonate of soda to the water, vide attachment to D.M.S. 2/12 para (a).
4. The Prophylactic treatment is not in any way to supersede former methods of use in this Division, such as provision of dry socks, hot food and drinks, arrangement for exercise of feet, frequent rubbing of feet, regular inspections of feet and boots etc.
5. As regards treatment of early cases, it is essential that Medical Officers should arrange for Company and Platoon Commanders to send men showing early signs of Trench Feet to them at once. It has been proved that apparently severe cases can be cured and returned to the line by frequent rubbing of the feet for about 10 minutes every hour for several hours.
6. Medical Officers returning from leave should report to the A.D.M.S. immediately. If unable to report personally owing to Unit being too far away from Divisional Headquarters, a wire to that effect should be sent.
7. Medical Officers finding any difficulty in obtaining comforts, drugs, dressings, etc. will at once report the same to the A.D.M.S.
8. If men present themselves for treatment at Field Ambulances without a note from their own Medical Officer these men will be returned to their Medical Officer, or if the case is one of urgency a note will be sent to the O.C. Unit concerned.
9. Medical Officers are reminded that they must make a practice of reading Divisional Routine Orders daily. Orders are frequently issued which effect them or their patients or the health of their Unit.
10. Returns called for must be rendered promptly. R.M.Os are reminded that the following are required of them :-  
Daily Sick and Sanitary Report, including number of cases in R.A.Ps. or Rest Posts.  
Inoculation Report at 9 A.M. 26th day of each month.  
Weekly Report on Scabies, vide D.R.O. 281 para 1074.
11. Regimental Stretcher Bearers in action will not be allowed in rear of R.A.Ps.

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12. R.A.Os are reminded that they are responsible for their medical Equipment, Stretchers, Maltese and Water Carts, and will at once report any deficiency or damage to same to the A.D.M.S.

13. Patients will not be retained in R.A.Ps, Rest Station or Divisional Collecting Station longer than 48 hours. In anticipation of an action all these posts must be cleared. Patients may be retained in Divisional Rest Station for 14 days.

14. All Small Arm Ammunition must be removed from patients at the R.A.P. or Divisional Collecting Station. Numbers of patients have recently been allowed to travel as far as the Corps Collecting Station, BECOMDEL, with ammunition in their possession.

15. When evacuating Infectious cases from Battalions Medical Officers will ensure that the blankets are sent with the patient to the Field Ambulance, others being drawn from the Field Ambulance to replace them.

16. R.A.Os will forward broken stretchers to the Main Dressing Station as these can be exchanged for new ones.

17. Medical Officers in charge of R.A.Ps and Relay Posts will be responsible for maintaining authorised supply of blankets and stretchers at their posts.

Signed G.W. BARBER.  
Colonel.  
A. D. M. S.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



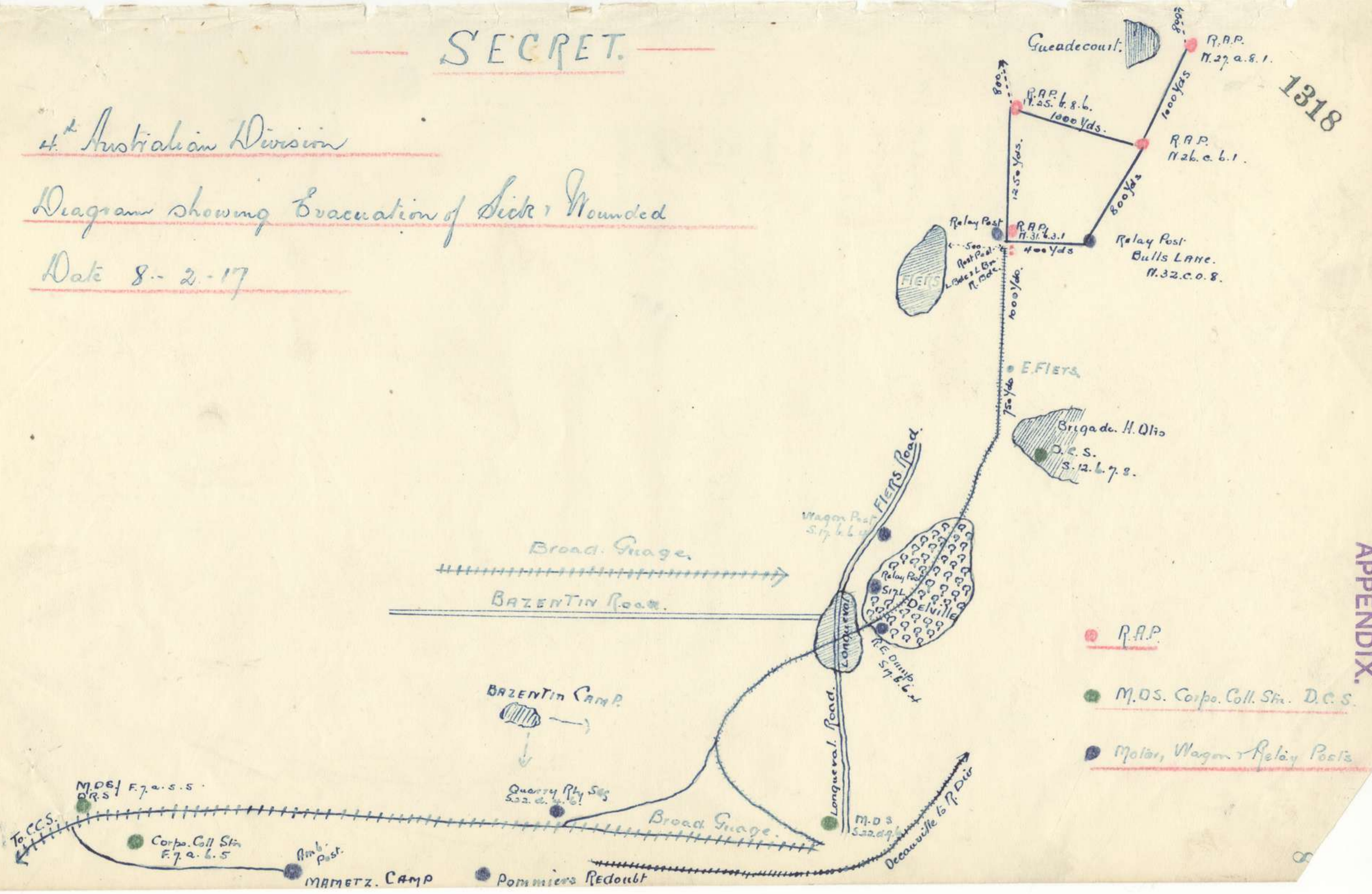
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Diagram showing Evacuation of Sick & Wounded

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Approximate Accommodation for Sick, Wounded and A.M.C.  
Personnel.

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	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Patitents</u>
CHALK CLIFF (when completed)	32	30
R.A.P. N.25.b.8.6.	13	15
Relay Post. N.26.c.6.1.	12	
Relay Post. BULLS LANE	16	
Relay Post. BULLS TRENCH	36	40
R.A.P.	6	6
D.C.S.	40	60
LONGUEVAL Junction Hut	2	8
Dug-out. DELVILLE WOOD	25	
Wagon Rendezvous	2	8
Main Dressing Station	2 Tent Sub- divisions and spare Bearers	300 (when tunnel completed )
QUARRY Railway Siding	1 Off 11 O.R.	80
Ambulance Train	1 Off. 1 or more Orderlies per truck.	12 lying and 12 sitting per truck.

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Left Brigade

M.A.Ps.	RELAY POSTS	D.C.Ss.	Motor & Wagon Posts and Ambulance Posts	Main Dressing Stations	EVACUATION
N.26.c.6.1. N.27.d.8.1.	N.32.c.0.8.		F.4.d. KALITZ CAMP		<u>From Line</u> By Hand Stretchers and Decauville via Div. Collecting Station to Main Dressing Station, S.22.d.9.6.; if Decauville out of action by Wagon from S.12.c.0.8.
N.25.b.6.6.		S.12.b.7.8.	S.17.b.6.4. R.H.Dump	S.22.d.9.6.	From M.D.S. S.22.d.9.6. by broad gauge Railway to Corps Collecting Station F.7.a.6.5., thence to D.R.S. or C.C.S. or by Motor Wagon to D.R.S. or C.C.S.
N.31.b.3.1.	N.31.b.3.1.		S.12.c.0.8. Wagon Rendezvous		From KALITZ CAMP by Ambulance Wagon or Car to Main Dressing Station, BECORDEL.
N.31.b.3.1.			A.1.b.8.3. POMIERS	F.7.a.5.5. BECORDEL	Reserve Bearers DELVILLE Dug-outs S.17.h. Requests for Reinforcements of Regimental Stretcher Bearers, Stretchers and Medical Supplies will be forwarded to O.C., M.D.S., S.22.d.9.6. or through Brigade Headquarters to Divisional Headquarters.
			S.21.d.4.6. QUARRY RAILWAY SIDING		

DISPOSITION

4th Aus. F. Amb.,	D.R.S. and M.D.S., BECORDEL F.7.a.5.5.
13th " "	"A" & "C" Sections ) Tent Sub-division ) Corps Collecting Station, BECORDEL F.7.a.6.5.
13th " "	"B" Section Tent Sub-division KALITZ CAMP F.4.d.
" " "	Bearer Divisions ) attached 12th Aus. F. Amb. S.22.d.9.6.
" " "	A. B. & J. Sections ) Main Dressing Station, S.22.d.9.6.
Dental Units, 19 and 27,	Divisional Rest Station, BECORDEL, F.7.a.5.5.
" " 37,	KALITZ CAMP
4th Aus. Div. San. Section,	KALITZ CAMP
Hoden Lorry Disinfector,	FRICOURT Baths.
No. 19 Advanced Depot,	Medical Stores, ALBERT
A. D. H. S. Office,	POMIERS REDOUNT.

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A.A.M.C. Order No. 34. by Major L.W. JEFFRIES, D.S.O. for A.D.M.S.,  
4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1. 'C' Section 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will march to BUIRE, and report for duty to C.O., 14th. Australian Field Ambulance at Corps Scabies Station on the morning of 23/2/17.
2. 12th. Australian Field Ambulance complete and Bearer Division of 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by 11 a.m. on 24/2/17 by 14th. Australian Field Ambulance and will march to billets in ALBERT.
3. 'A' Section 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by a section of 14th. Australian Field Ambulance at Corps Collecting Station BECORDEL by 1 p.m. on 24/2/17, and will march to BUIRE and take over control of Corps Scabies Station.
4. 12th. Australian Field Ambulance will move from ALBERT to LAVIEVILLE on morning of 25/2/17, and on arrival will immediately make arrangements for evacuation of sick of 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade, 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery and Divisional Troops.
5. 13th. Australian Field Ambulance (Bearer Division) will march from ALBERT to rejoin their Unit at Corps Scabies Hospital, BUIRE, on morning of 25/2/17.
6. Horsed Ambulance Wagons at MAMETZ Camp of 4th. and 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will rejoin their Units ~~en~~ by Noon on 24/2/17.
7. Dental Unit No. 37 at MAMETZ CAMP will rejoin 13th. Australian Field Ambulance at BECORDEL by Noon on 24/2/17, and will accompany 'A' Section to BUIRE.
8. 4th., 12th. and 13th. Australian Field Ambulances will be responsible for evacuation of sick of 4th., 12th. and 13th. Australian Infantry Brigades respectively pending further instructions.
9. East of MEAULTE all troops will move in file.
10. Orders for move of 4th. Australian Field Ambulance, BECORDEL, (who will be relieved by 7th. Australian Field Ambulance at Noon on 25/2/17) and 4th. Australian Sanitary Section will be issued later.
11. Duplicate receipts for stores and equipment handed over will be forwarded to the A.D.M.S., 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
12. A.D.M.S. Office will close at POMMIERS at 8 a.m. 25/2/17 and open at BAIZIEUX by 12 Noon. on the same day.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. Jeffries*

Major.

for A.D.M.S.

22/2/17.

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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| 2. O.C. 4th. Aus. Field Amb.    | 13. 'Q' 4th. Aus. Division.         |
| 3. O.C. 12th. Aus. Field Amb.   | 14. C.O., 4th. Aus. Div. Train      |
| 4. O.C. 13th. Aus. Field Amb.   | 15. D.M.S. 5th. Army.               |
| 5. G.O.C., 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde.  | 16. Town Major BAIZIEUX.            |
| 6. G.O.C., 12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. | 17. 4th. Aus. Sanitary Section.     |
| 7. G.O.C., 13th. Aus. Inf. Bde. | 18. C.O., Corps Scabies Stn. BUIRE. |
| 8. C.R.A.                       | 19. Town Major, BUIRE.              |
| 9. A.D.M.S., 1st. Aus. Div.     | 20. War Diary                       |
| 10. A.D.M.S., 2nd. Aus. Div.    | 21. Office file.                    |
| 11. A.D.M.S., 5th. Aus. Div.    |                                     |