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	Nov 1	10:30	<p>Visited the A.D.S. at Thistle Dump. Discussed with OC 8th Field Ambulance (Col Shepherd) possibility of advancing A.D.S. on to the Longueval-High Wood Road. Col Shepherd was against the proposal in view of the imminence of an action, & the difficulty of constructing adequate shelter in time. Arranged to send up 20 more horses to A.D.S. for sledges.</p> <p>Saw three sledges bringing in casualties; the sledges appeared to ride very easily & comfortably, & the wounded men themselves praised them. Capt. Irving of 8th Field Ambree stated that it was essential to have 2 horses per sledge for the journey from GOOSE ALLEY POST to THISTLE DUMP - about 5500 yards, Road from Swansea circus to Thistle Dump impossible for Motor traffic: Longueval to Montauban circuit to Corps M.D.S. at BECORDEL takes a motor ambulance from 7 to 12 hours there & back. 7 of our motor ambulances are in the Work shops & the remainder require overhauling. 27.M.A.C. refuse to send cars to Thistle Dump unless casualties are waiting there; this means that casualties may have to wait under very disadvantageous conditions at Thistle Dump for from 5 to 8 hours, while the cars are reaching the latter place. Col. Hardy, A.D.M.S. suffering from influenza.</p>	
	Nov 2		5 th Australian Division to be relieved by 2 nd Australian Division; Relief to start on 3 rd November	

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			<p>and to be completed by night of 4th and 5th. Official notification of move was received late in afternoon. Sent a preliminary notice to 8th and 14th Field Ambulances re relief by 2nd Australian Field Ambulances.</p> <p>Saw S.D.M.S. 1st Amzac at Corps M.D.S. BECORDEL, advised him that his proposal of evacuating light casualties by motor lorry to Contalmaison & thence by Charabanc was impossible owing to the fact that very few empty lorries pass THISTLE DUMP and also portions of the road between THISTLE DUMP & CONTALMAISON are impassable to motor traffic. Discussed possibility of using broad gauge railway line BECORDEL - BAZENTIN CIRCUS for the evacuation of lightly wounded.</p>	
Front	Nov 3.		<p>Major Fry DAIMS 2nd Australian Division came up. After discussing question of relief with him, got out Medical Order N^o 8. Six copies despatched by midday.</p>	
	9.15		<p>Corps A.A.M.C order N^o 36 received. Received ^{5th} Divisional Order N^o 86. Para 9 of which reads. "A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division will be in charge of the medical arrangements using units of either the 2nd or 5th Australian Divisions according as they are in line at the time"</p>	
		10pm	Corps A.A.M.C order N ^o 36 received.	

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	4.11.16		<p>Col. Hardy no better, went by motor ambulance to Corps M.D.S. Record. Major Folt & Adams to carry on during his temporary absence.</p> <p>Rode up to Thistle Dump reaching A.D.S. at 11 a.m. Found that Beamer Division of 5th & 7th F. Ambulances had returned Beams of 14th & 15th F. Ambulances, & that latter had reported back to their units. Beams now in the line are - Divisions of 8th, 6th & 7th F. Ambulances + 100 infantry Beams from 15th Bde.</p> <p>No sign yet of the remainder of 6th F. Amb., so would D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC "consider it advisable that 8th F. Amb remain in charge of front line evacuation if 6th F. Amb. do not reach Thistle Dump by 3 p.m." Instructed P.C. 8th F. Amb. to be prepared to carry on, & to hold back his motor-ambulances & horses.</p> <p>12 midday Detachment of 30 Beams of 15th F. Ambulance to report for duty with Corps collecting station, as per instructions from D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC.</p> <p>Col. Huxley with 1st Division of 6th F. Amb. reached Thistle Dump soon after noon & at once took over from 8th F. Amb. he reported that his horses were held up on road about 1 1/2 miles back & that he did not know whereabouts of motor-ambulances. He had not been informed & did not know that an offensive action had been ordered to take place tomorrow, & that his ambulance will be under the Administration of A.D.M.S. 5th Aust. Div.</p> <p>Informed Col. Huxley that by orders of G.S.O. 5th Aust. Div., the Ambulance sledges & horses were to be used in conveying trench ladders to the front, there being no other horses available at the moment.</p> <p>Wired D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC that 2nd Division motor-ambulances had not yet arrived, & that more cars were urgently needed to supplement the 3 left at Thistle Dump by 8th F. Amb.</p>	

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Adv. Div. H.Q. Carlton Trench	4.11.16.	12.45 pm 6.15pm	<p>Established A.D.M.S. office at Carlton Trench, wired Sgt. Falconer (Senior clerk) to come up immediately wire from Col Hardy at Brecordel "21 Heavy draughts with drivers, harness, Everigh-tires + feed, will report first thing tomorrow morning, fifth." Notified 6th Amb. accordingly.</p> <p>After considerable delay got through to D.D.M.S. 1st Arrazac on telephone. Reported progress: asked that motor ambulances should be hurried up, also that possibility of evacuating lightly wounded by returning railway trains should be attended to. D.D.M.S. instructed me to ring him up daily at 9 am + 9 pm while in the line! telephonic communication difficult.</p>	
Carlton Trench	5.11.16.	6.45 8.00am	<p>Major King G.S.O. II informed me verbally that "Zero time" tomorrow would be 9.10. am. Sgt Falconer reported. Visited A.D.S. Trench Dump at Col. Inosly out: instructed Major drivers to forward to me, a 2 hourly return of wounded, lying down, sitting up + walking: also to keep me fully informed of progress of affairs especially with regard to motor ambulances, charabancs + horses + sledges. 6th Amb. will detail an orderly for duty at Adv. Div. H.Q. Casualties passed this A.D.S. up to 8 am - Officers - Lying --- 5 Other Ranks Lying --- 44 Sitting --- 7 Sitting --- 47.</p> <p>9.10am (ZERO) 10.00am Only eight motor ambulances now at Trench Dump, reported this by telephone to D.D.M.S. 1st Arrazac also that at least 20 should be there - confirmed by telegram.</p> <p>6th Ambulance report arrival of 20 horses from 15th Amb. Brecordel: these with horses of 6th Amb should suffice for sledging casualties.</p>	
		10.10am	<p>(Verbally from G.S.O. I) enemy barrage light, casualties few so far as can be ascertained at present.</p>	

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		10.45	G.S.O. 1. advises that "7 th Bde say that front line is asking for stretchers" Wound 6 th 7-Amb to push up all available stretchers.	
		11 am	6 th 7-Amb report 50 Hoses available for sledges. 11 motor ambulances, 3 of which are on the road. 3. clear as lanes. Wound 8 th Amb. as above.	
		11.30 am	Further report of shortage of stretchers at front line: Wound 6 th 7-Amb to report what had been done.	
		11 am	Wounded through A.D.S. from 8 am to 11 am. Officers - Lying --- 2. Other Ranks - Lying --- 13.	
		12.10 pm	From 6 th 7-Amb. "Have sent up all available stretchers by Infantry bearers via Co 60 th Batt fatigue to replace as men are exhausted and shortage of stretchers due to sledges being used to carry tunnel ladders. etc." Reported above to Div. HQ, arranged with G.S.O. 1. 2 nd Division that 10 th Brigade Bearers should be relieved by bearers from 5 th Brigade. Wound CO 6 th 7-Amb accordingly.	Sitting --- nil Sitting --- 16.
		12.30 pm	From CO 8 th 7-Amb - "8 th Ambulance Tent Subdivisions with half transport arrived about noon. Billie by direction Town Major and Balance transport arriving today and motor Ambulances not arrived, awaiting instructions." Wound O.S. 8 th 7-Amb to proceed in accordance to movement schedule attached to Medical Order No. 26.	
		12.50 pm	Wound Admins. office at Fricourt Chateau to close down, & reopen at Ribemont as soon as possible.	
		1 pm	Casualties through A.D.S. from 11 am to 1 pm. Officers - nil. Other Ranks - Lying --- 4.	Sitting --- 19

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	6-11-16	1 20	Informed that 5 th Div H.Q. were handing over forthwith to 2 nd Div. H.Q. but received verbal instructions from G.O.C. 5 th Aust Div. to remain at Carlton Trench in charge of medical arrangements until relieved. Informed G.O.C. that I had wired A.D.M.S. office at Fricourt to close & reopen at RIBEMONT.	
		1 25	Received telephonic advice from FRICOURT that G.O.C. 27 th MAC refused to send Motor Ambulances to THISTLE DUMP unless casualties were already there. Wired this information to D.D.M.S. & pointed out that it took sometimes 4 hours for cars to reach THISTLE DUMP & that there was no accommodation for casualties. Also advised D.D.M.S. that I had been ordered to remain in charge at advanced H.Q. until relieved.	
		2 15	Visited THISTLE DUMP A.D.S. G.O.C. 6 th Field Ambulance reported progress satisfactory. D.A.D.M.S. 1 st Amge (Major Butler) & D.A.D.M.S. 2 nd Aust Divn (Major Fry) were at A.D.S. Asked Major Fry when he would be prepared to take over from me at Adv. H.Q.; after some discussion with D.A.D.M.S. it was decided that Major Fry would take over straight away. Returned to Carlton Trench & informed G.S.O. 1 (1 st Col Wagstaffe) that I was handing over to D.A.D.M.S. 2 nd Aust. Divn.	
		3 pm	Casualties through A.D.S. between 1 pm & 3 pm	Officers lying 1 Other ranks lying 19 Sitting 3 Sitting 37.
		4 pm	Left Carlton Trench to Fricourt Chateau, & RIBEMONT.	
RIBEMONT	6-11-16		Received 5 th Aust Divnl Order No 87 re movements of Division. 8 th & 16 th Field Ambulances to be brigaded for move. Wired them accordingly.	

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RIBEMONT	6-11-16		Saw DADMS 1 st Angac at Heilly. Asked under which Corps we should be while at VIGNACOURT. Received no definite reply. Was informed that all bearer divisions of 5 th Australian Division would remain behind when we moved to Rest Area. Informed DADMS that the 8 th Field Ambulance bearer division were still somewhere in front area under A.D.M.S. 2 nd Division, & asked that they might be given a rest.	
	7-11-16		Asked for instructions re evacuation of sick while at VIGNACOURT & was promised a definite statement on this matter. Saw A.D.M.S. 4 th Australian Division at VIGNACOURT & he could give very little information about the area. He has had the full personnel of 3 rd Field Ambulance under him while in the VIGNACOURT area. Learned (unofficially) that bearers of 8 th Field Ambulance had reported to Corps Main Dressing Station BECORDEL. 8 th Field Ambulance reported arrival at OLINCOURT CHATEAU.	
VIGNACOURT	8-11-16		Moved to VIGNACOURT & arrived 11 am Visited VIGNACOURT Baths: they are in a very poor condition & have accommodation for only six men at one time. Prepared a preliminary scheme for increasing accommodation & efficiency of Baths; hope to get them working tomorrow. Visited 8 th Field Ambulance at OLINCOURT & asked OC to prepare a plan for establishing a Divisional Rest Station of 50 beds. Wrote Col. Shepherd (OC 8 th F.A.) he could proceed on leave tomorrow. Wrote DADMS 1 st Angac for statement as to which Corps we are now working under.	

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VISNACOURT	8-11-16	3pm	OC 5 th Sanitary Section (Major Mattei) arrived. 14 th Field Ambulance less 2 tent subdivisions & Beaser Division arrived at RAINVILLE	
	9-11-16		27 Reinforcements arrived today. Attached temporarily to 8 th Field Ambulance. Arranged to open baths at Vignacourt & Fliscelles.	
	12-11-16		Divisional Sick-wastage has been very heavy lately, due to the extraordinary trying conditions under which the men lived while in the trenches. Diseases of the respiratory tract account for about 60% of the cases.	
	10-11-16		8 th F. Amb to-day opened a Div Rest Station at Obicourt. immediate accommodation in farm buildings for 52, tentage for a further 30.	
	11-11-16		Col. Hardy evacuated to No 2 H.Q. St. Hop. Amiens this morning. Recommendation for immediate reward received from 8 th & 14 th F. Amb.	
	14-11-16		Lyns battn. OC 5 th San. Sec. proceeded on leave	
	15-11-16		Divisional movement order received. 15 th Bde moves to Demancourt on the 17 th Capt Griener R.M.O. 55 th Regt, to act temporarily as Divisional Sanitary Officer A.M.C. order No 9 issued. 8 th F. Amb is to remain in charge of Div Rest Station. T. area	
	16-11-16		One tent-subdivision reported back to 14 th F. Amb at Rainville. Capt. Alcorn reported for duty. attached temporarily to 14 th F. Amb. S.D.M.S. 1 st ANZAC inspected Div Rest Station at Obicourt Chateau & he agreed to the erection of	

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VIGNACOURT	17.11.16		<p>ertain amount of Tent accommodation for patients Have had a number of improvised hot food containers constructed for use in front line Present position of A.M.C. units -</p> <p>8th F. Amb less bearer Division -- at Obincourt Chateau 8th Bearer Division -- Cops. M. & S. Becordel. 14th F. Amb less bearer Division + 2 Tent Subdivisions -- at Rainville, 14th Brigade 14th one Tent subdivision - - - - - at Demanecourt 15th Brigade 16th one Tent Subdivision - - - - - at Becordel 14th Bearer Division - - - - - at Corps Rest Station, Bourne 15th F. Amb less 30 bearers - - - - - at Cops. M. & S. Becordel 15th 30 bearers - - - - - at Corps Collecting Station Becordel</p>	
Ribemont	18.11.16		<p>A.D.M.S. office moved to Ribemont. Visited A.D.S. of 9th F. Amb. (Guards Division). The Guards have about 4000 yards convey to Longueval from the front line, casualties are then transported to horse ambulances which work between Longueval & Bernafay Wood. At Bernafay Wood another transfer is made to motor ambulances which convey casualties to Corps main dressing station. No use has been made of sledge transport or of the broad-gauge or Decauville Railways.</p>	

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Rebimont	19.11.16		<p>Visited A.D.M.S. Guards' Division at Maiden Post, also the A.D.S. at Bernafay Wood. On return issued Medical Order No. 10.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. ^A Division rang up & offered to return the sledges which we handed over to them on vacating the left sector front line. Accepted offer & intend to start sledges working as soon as practicable. Great objection to sledge transport appears to be that it is extremely hard on the horses, as many as 3 per sledge being needed over very bad portions of the carry.</p>	
	20.11.16		<p>Issued Medical Routine Orders. Sgt. Falconer (A.D.M.S. office) to the Quartermaster Sergeant to complete establishment.</p> <p>Private Richelli (Dispenser clerk) to the Corporal. General House V.C. visited Rebimont.</p> <p>Instructed Lt Col Tibbitt to enquire into the question of evacuating wounded by broad-gauge railway from "the Quarry".</p>	
	22.11.16		<p>H.Q. moved to Bernafay Wood.</p> <p>Capt. Voss & Capt. Finlayson wounded this afternoon.</p>	

W. Tibbitt
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BERNARAY WOOD	23.11.16		Arrived at 5 th Aust Div H.Q. + assumed duty of ADMS at 6 p.m.	
	24.11.16		Conferred with D.D.M.S. 1 st Anzac + with A.D.M.S. 4 th Aust. Div. as to methods of evacuation by rail + deamville tram lines. It was thought advisable that the 2 divisions should use separate deamville lines if possible + that the patients from both should be evacuated from the respective Advanced Dressing Stations by Broad gauge railway line to Corps Coll. Stn + Corps main Dressing Stn.	
	25.11.16		Started using deamville line to convey patients from A.D.S. to Quarry Siding. This saving a carry of about 1000 yards. Started this in the evening - Visited A.D.S. + posts of 14 th Aust. Div. also 3 Regimental Aid Posts found the accommodation at all except the A.D.S. distinctly poor, that at the Advanced Collecting post was better but at the R.A.P.s visited there was scanty accommodation for the personnel + scarcely any means of attending to patients except in the open.	
	26.11.16		Made suggestions to H.Q. re alteration in position of these R.A.P.s + as to the increased accommodation which was necessary.	
	28.11.16		Attended Conference of ADMS. 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th + 6 th Aust. Divs at office of DDMS 1 st Anzac - It was decided that 3 trains per day from Railhead at Quarry would be available for evacuation of wounded + sick from forward area to BECORDEL main Dressing Stn + Corps Collecting Stn. The provision of stoves for heating huts at A.D.S. allowed of 7.5p. That it was desirable as soon as possible to provide accommodation by tunnelling for 100 patients suffering from exhaustion or other mild illness, at or near Advanced Collecting Post. Housing arrangements for the winter to start with 7 new Huts. The Sanitation of the army to be conducted on an area basis. Sanitary Sections being located in Special areas + their O.C.s responsible for administration of Sanitation of the district.	
			78 cases of Typhoid sent passed through the A.D.S. today 31 being from 57 th Bn + 20 from 58 th - Close enquiry showed that whale oil had been used prior to going into the trenches but was seldom used there, practically none had come from boots. Very few had been served with hot food while in the trenches. The country being under enemy.	

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(These facts were represented to the G.O.C. of Div. same evening)

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BERNAFAY WOOD	28/11/16		observation makes it impossible to get hot food or anything else up by day - Forwarded ^{to DDMS} report of O.C. 5 th San. Section on Sanitary condition of the Divisional area. There have been 159 cases of Trench Feet through the A.D.S. today 93 being from 6-7 th B ⁿ + 34 from the 5-8 th . The total sick being 295 & wounded 40 from the Div. The great increase in the number of Trench Feet appears to be due to the onset of frost after the recent rains.	Appendix ①
	30.11.16		Forwarded to DDMS scheme of evacuation 70 cases of Trench Feet passed through the A.D.S. today. Some showing patches of gangrene. Some hours of delay appear to have occurred in sending some of these cases into the A.D.S. A Report on same has been called for from the Medical Officer of the 30 th B ⁿ none of the men affected appear to have worn warm gum boots. The MO of 30 th B ⁿ appear to have acted in good faith.	Appendix ②
<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">C. M. Kearne Col.</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">A.D.M.S. 5th Aust Div.</p>				

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<u>ADDENDUM TO WAR DIARY FOR NOV. /16.</u>				
BERNAFAY WOOD.	25/11/16.		Major ALCORN, A. left to report to 2nd Aust. Div.	
	29/11/16.		Major SAWERS, W. C. reported for duty and was detailed to 14th Aust. F. Amb.	
(sgd). W. W. Hearne. Col. A. D. M. S. 5th Aust. Div.				
(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month).				
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Map Reference Albert Combined Sheet.

A.A.M.C. of 5th Australian Division in front area will be relieved by A.A.M.C. of 2nd Australian Division on 3rd and 4th November.

- 1. Bearer Divisions of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance at present attached to 8th Australian Field Ambulance at S 10 c central will be relieved by bearer sub-divisions of 6th Australian Field Ambulance by noon of 3rd November. Bearers of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will thereupon rejoin their Unit at X 29 d 4.5

Bearer sub-divisions of the 15th Australian Field Ambulance at present attached to the 8th Australian Field Ambulance will rejoin their Unit at Main Dressing Station, BECORDEL, on 3rd November on being relieved by sub-divisions of the 7th Aust. Field Ambulance.

- 2. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance (S 10 c central) will be relieved by 6th Australian Field Ambulance on morning of 4th November and will move via Flat Iron Copse (S 14 c 4.2) and FRICOURT to Billets at ALBERT where they will spend the night of 4-5/11/16 Horse transport of 8th Aust. Field Ambulance will accompany its Unit to Albert on 4-11-16
- 3. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance (less one tent sub-division) at X 29 d 4.5 will be relieved by the 7th Aust. Field Ambulance on morning of 4-11-16 and will move via FRICOURT to ALBERT Billets where it will spend the night of 4-5/11/16. O.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will recall his transport in time to enable it to move with his Unit.
- 4. One tent sub-division of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will remain attached to Main Dressing Station, BECORDEL until further orders.
- 4. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will remain at Main Dressing Station BECORDEL until further orders.

Captain Hutchinsen and orderly will remain at Corps School of Instruction, ESCARDONNEUSE until further orders.

2 privates detailed for duty with No. 19 Advanced Depot of Medical Stores will remain detailed until further orders.

- 5. Motor Ambulances of 8th and 14th Field Ambulances will accompany their respective Units. Motor Ambulances of the 15th Aust. Field Ambulances will rejoin that Unit on afternoon of 4-11-16

- 6. 5th Australian Sanitary Section will be relieved by the 1st Sanitary Section on morning of 5-11-16 and will march to RIBEMONT via MEAULTE O.Cs 5th and 1st Sanitary Sections will mutually arrange for reliefs of details at Water Points:-

- 1 N.C.O. and 1 Private at Water Point BECORDEL (F 7 c 8.7)
- 2 Privates at Water Point, Montauban (S 27 c 4.2)
- 2 Privates at Water Point, CATERPILLAR WOOD (S 20 c 4.7)

- 8. (~~A.D.M.S. Office 5th Aust. Division will open at RIBEMONT on 5-11-16~~)

8 ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. ...
Major
for COLONEL.

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A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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2	Head Qrtrs "G"	No. 6	15th "
3	" " "AQ"	No. 7	5th San. Section
4	8th Fld Ambce	No. 8	A.D.M.S. 2nd Div.
		No. 9	" 1st Div.
		No. 10	" 4th Div.
		No. 11	D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac
		No. 12	File.

Move No.	Date	Unit	From	To	Route via	Relieved by
1	3-11-16	Bearer Divs 14th F.A.	S 10 c centre	X 29 d 4.5		Bearer Divs 6th FA
2	3-11-16	Bearer Divs 15th F.A.	S 10 c centre	BECORDEL		Bearer Divs 7th FA
3.	4-11-16	8th F.A.	S 10 c centre	Albert Billets	Flat Iron & Fricourt	6th FA
4.	4-11-16	14th F.A.	X 29 d 4.5	Albert Billets	Fricourt	7th F.A.
5.	5-11-16	8th F.A.	Albert Billets	Buire		
6.	5-11-16	14th F.A.	Albert Billets	Ribemont	Meaulte	
7.	5-11-16	5th San. Section	Fricourt	Ribemont	Meaulte	1st Sn Section

Amendment

For Albert Billets read Bellevue Farm Camp.

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A.A.M.C. Order No. 9.

1. The Division will move from the Training Area to the Corps Reserve Area on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th November, exchanging with the 1st Australian Division.
2. The 5th Aust. Field Ambulance less Bearer Division will remain at Divisional Rest Station, OLINCOURT CHATEAU until further orders.
3. The 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will remain at Y Corps Main Dressing Station, BECORDEL.
4. The O.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will detail one Tent sub-division with transport to proceed to DERMANCOURT via QUERRIEU on 17th inst. They will be billeted by 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade and will evacuate sick to Corps Rest Station BUIRE and to No. 1 N.Z. Stationary Hospital AMIENS.
5. The remaining personnel and transport of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will proceed to RIBEMONT on the 19th inst under orders of the 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
6. The O.C. 5th Aust. Sanitary section will detail 1 Corporal and one private to remain at VIGNACOURT with the Foden Lorry to carry out the disinfection of the blankets of the Division. Supplies will be drawn daily from R.S.O. VIGNACOURT. Coal for disinfector will be supplied under Divisional arrangements. Remaining personnel of 5th Aust. Sanitary section will travel to RIBEMONT on the 18th inst with Divisional H.Q.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

15th November.

H. S. Kellat
Major
for COLONEL.

A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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| 4. | 15th " |
| 5. | 5th Sanitary section. |
| 6. | D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac |
| 7. | 8th Inf. Bde H. . |
| 8. | 14th " |
| 9. | 15th " |
| 10. | War Diary. |
| 11. | File. |

A. D. M. S.	
5TH	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	307/1254
Date	16. 11. 16

This combined Incubator, Hot-water-Tank & Drying-room was built as an experiment, but the Division moved before it could be thoroughly tried out. The idea however promised very well, & there is no doubt that the hot air pipes passing from across the fire-grate into the drying room are a very great advantage.

H. H. Holt
Major
84th Bn & 2nd Div

18.11.16

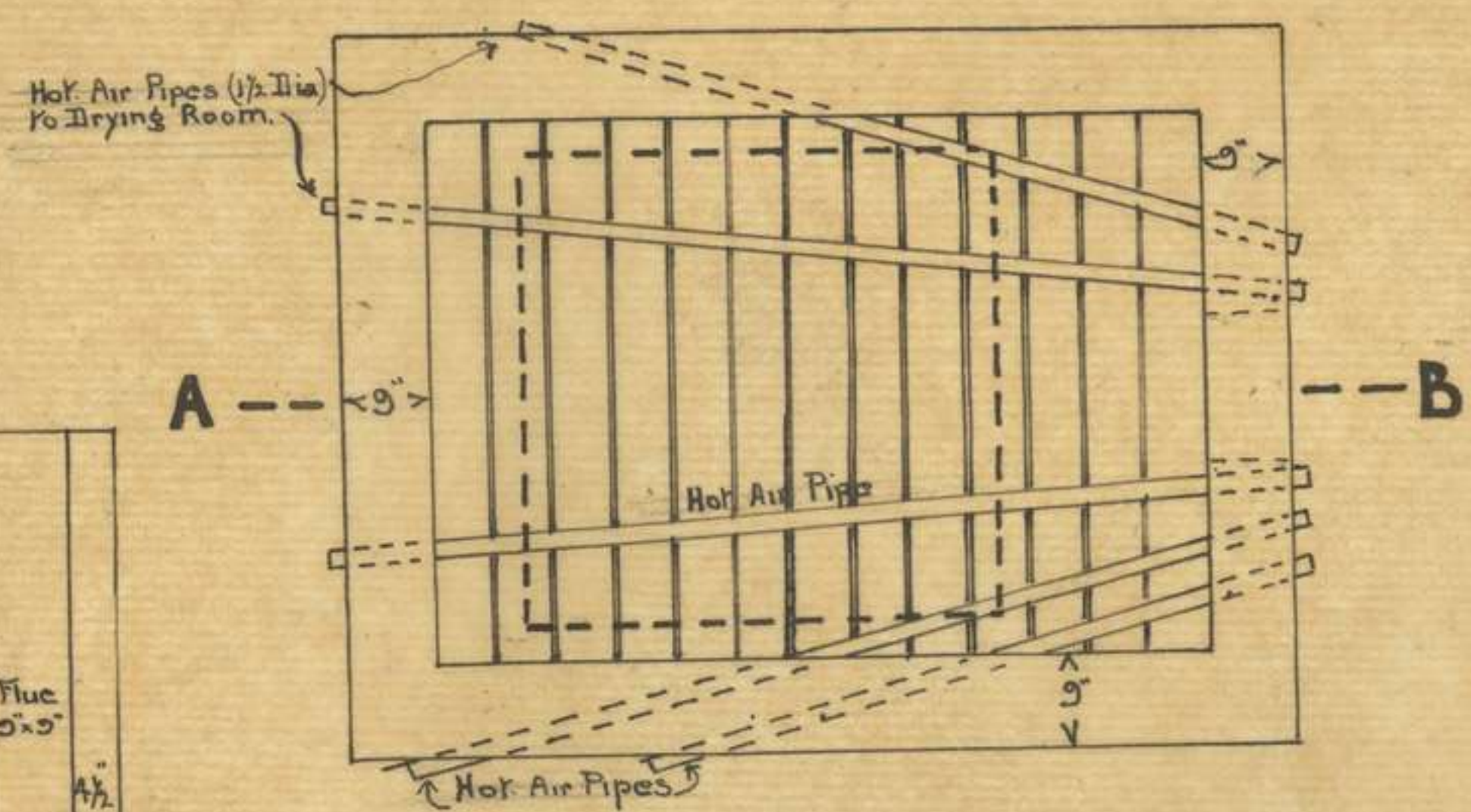
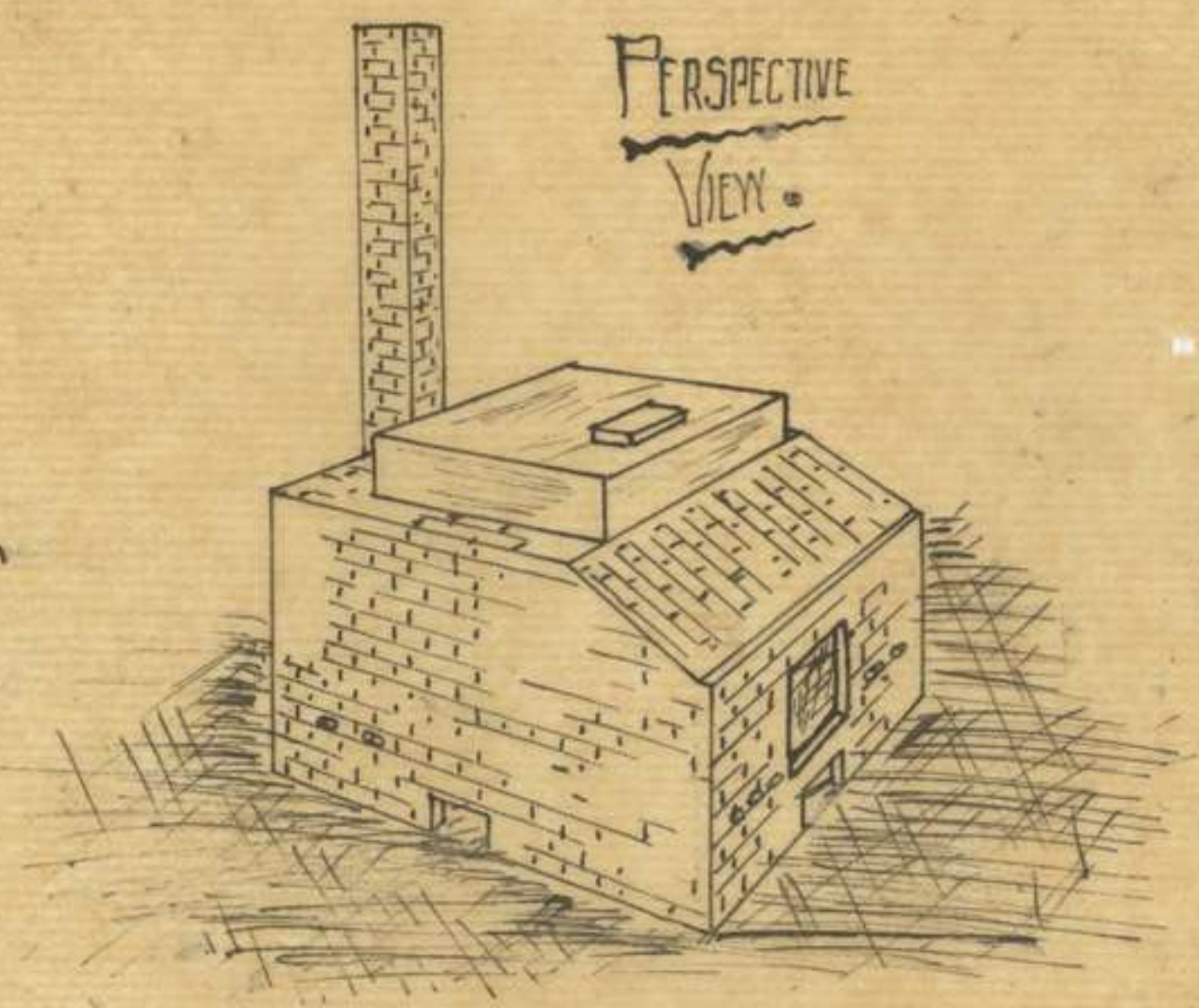
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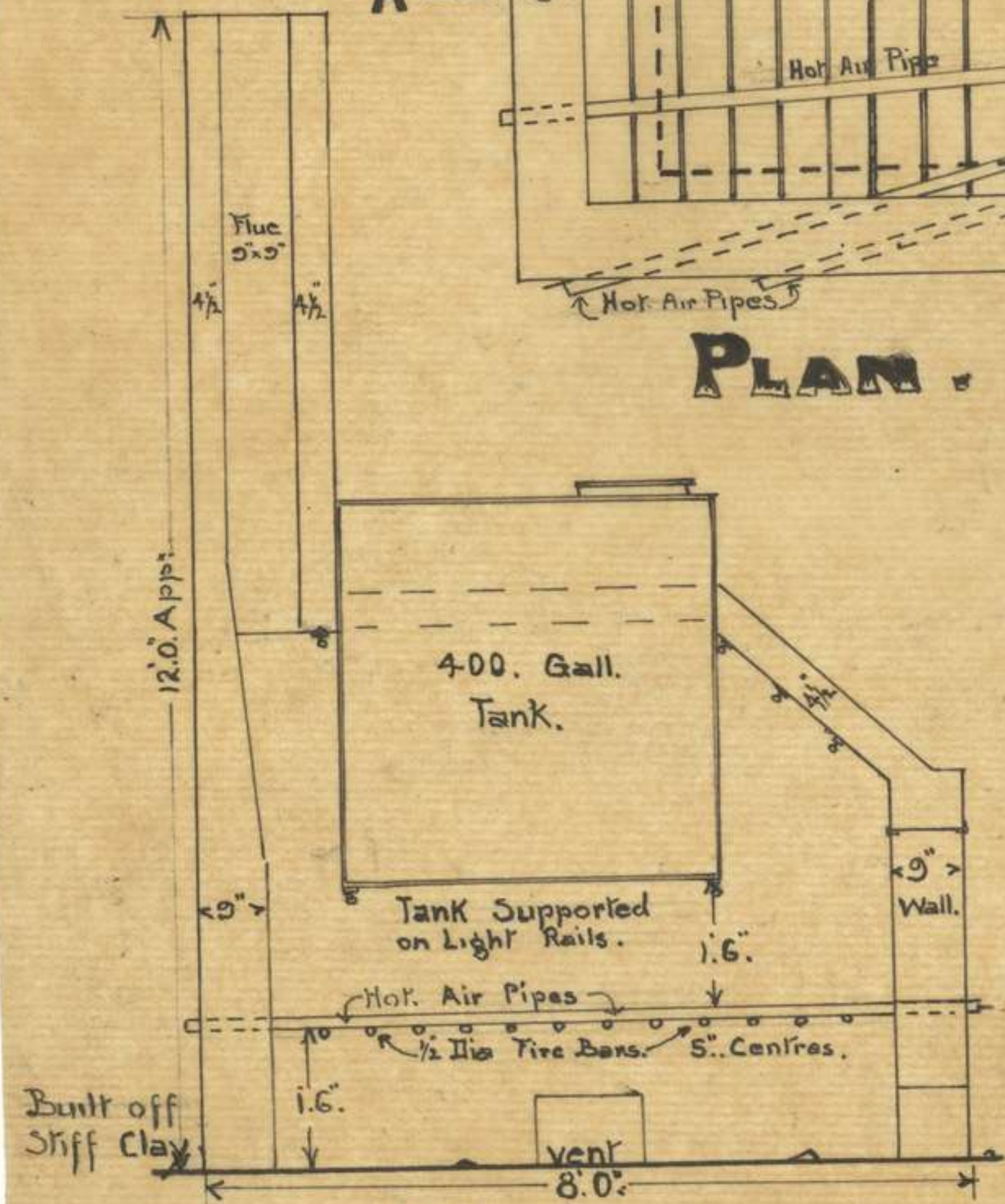
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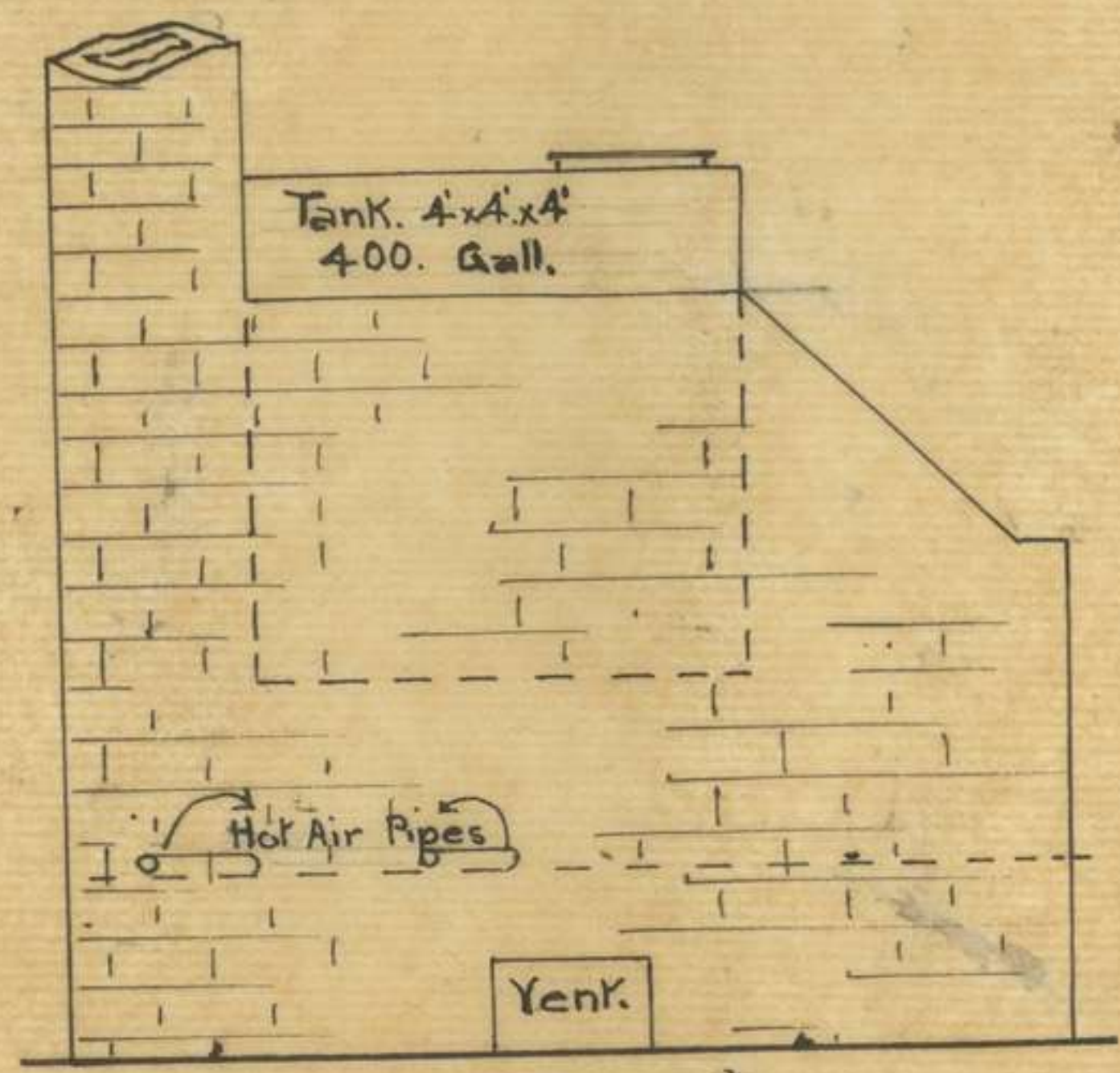
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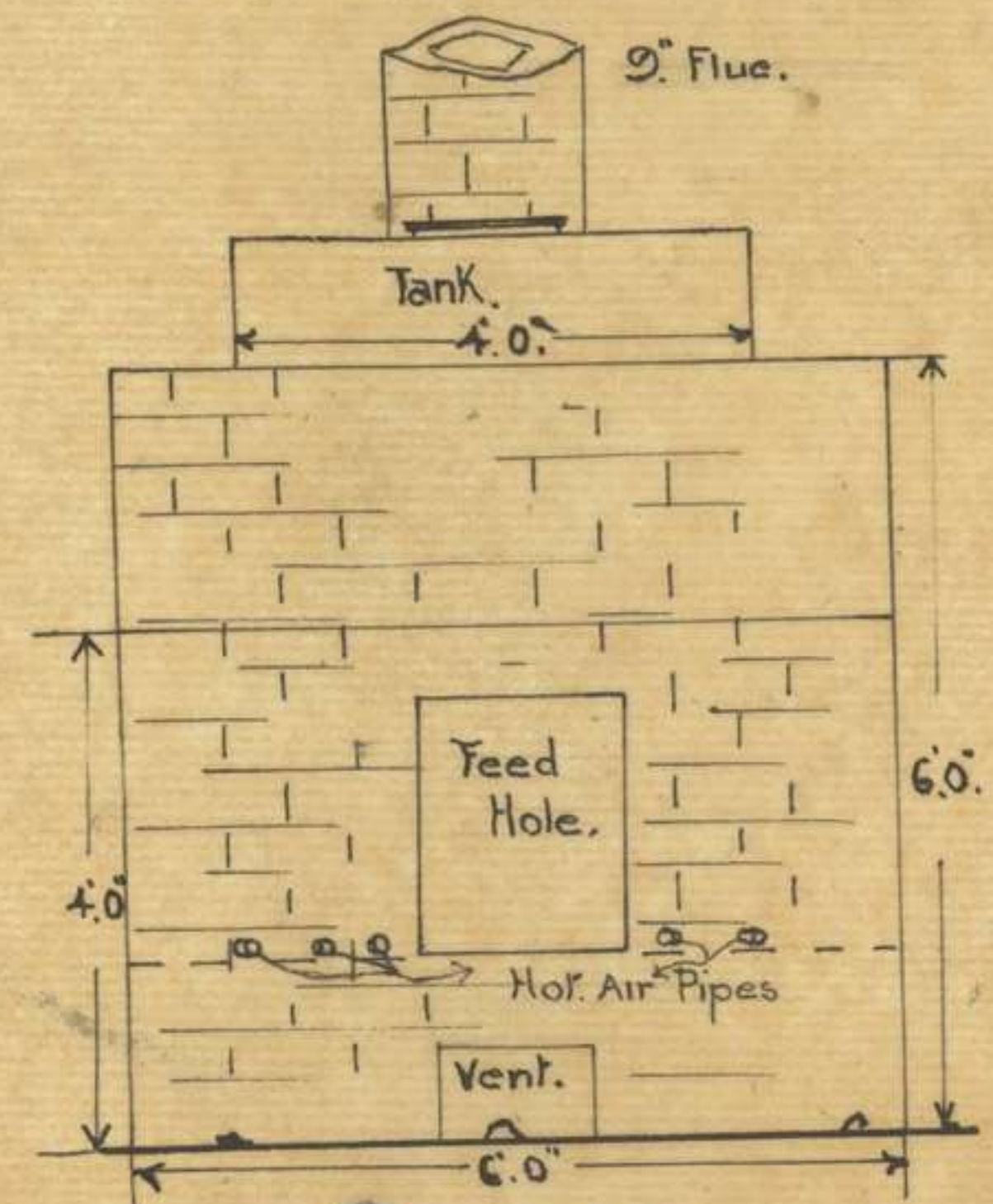
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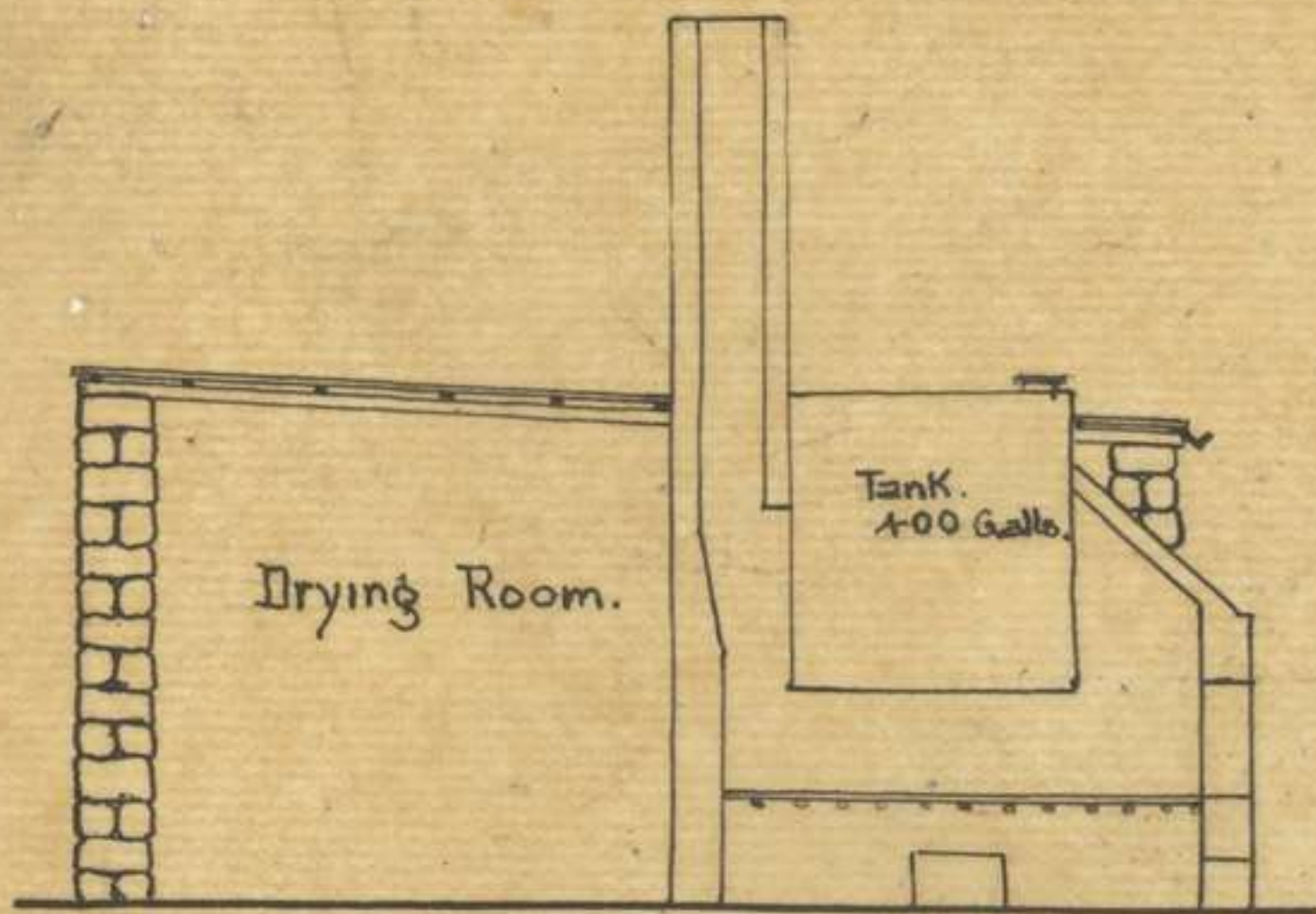
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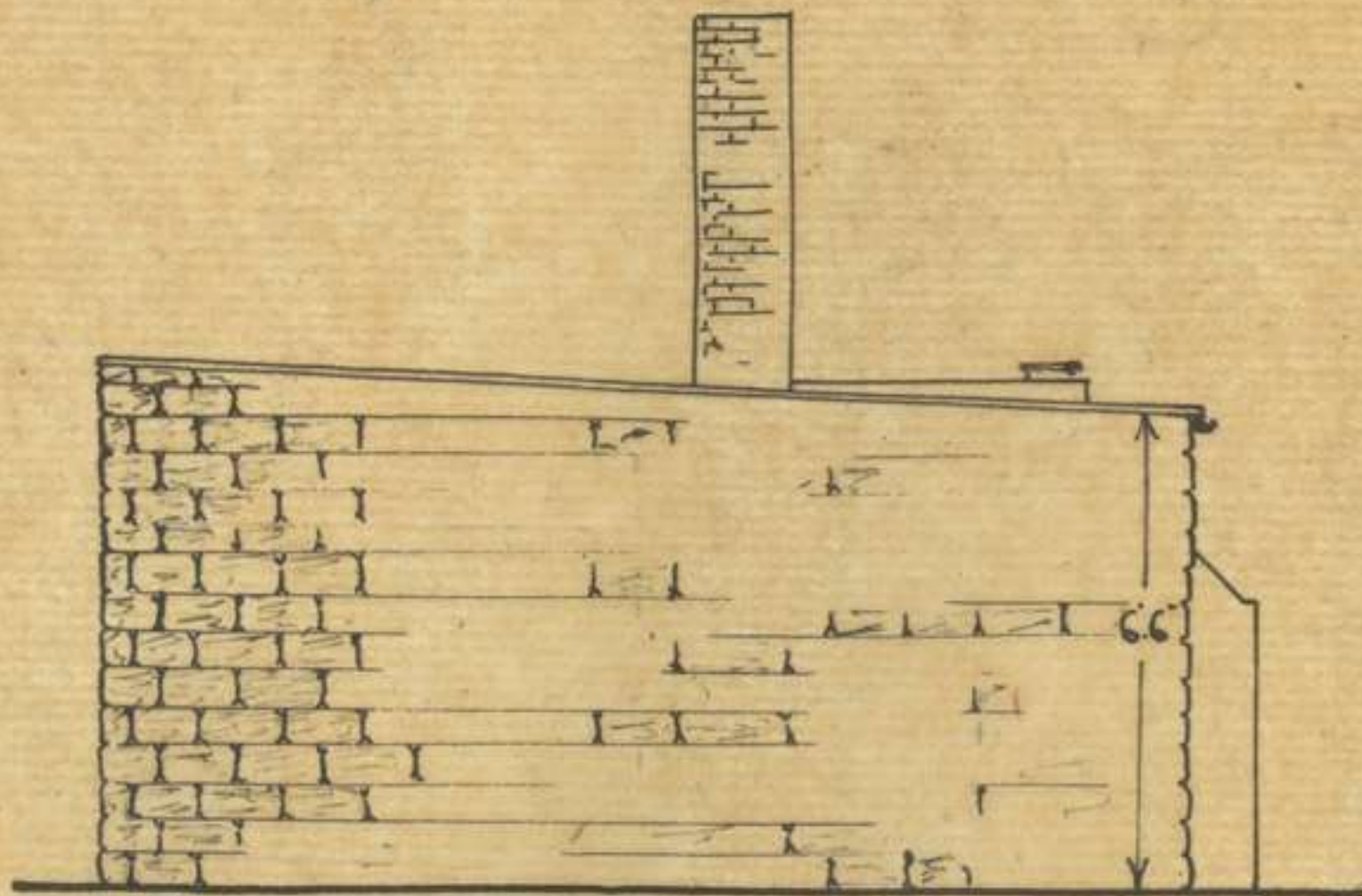
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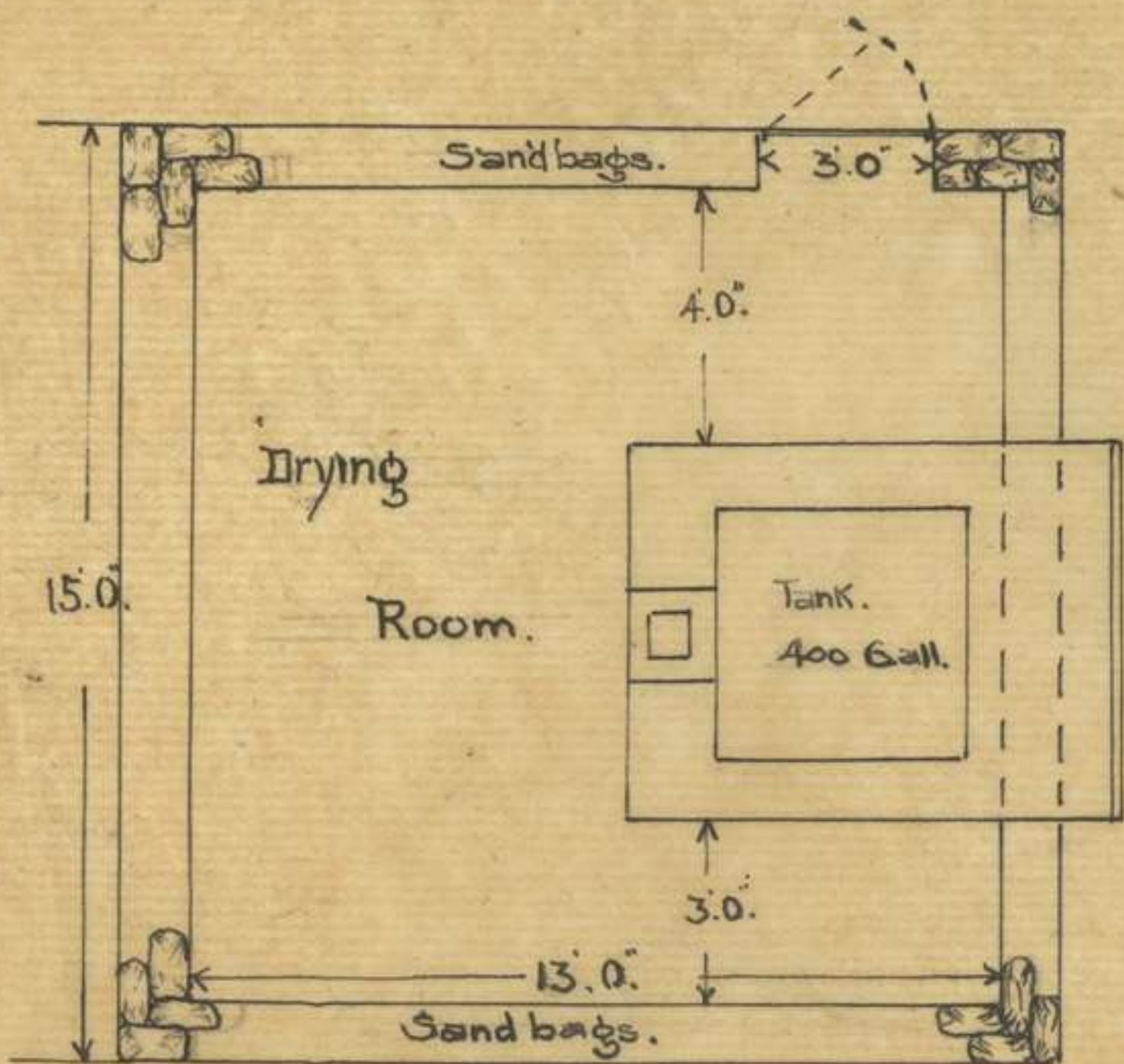
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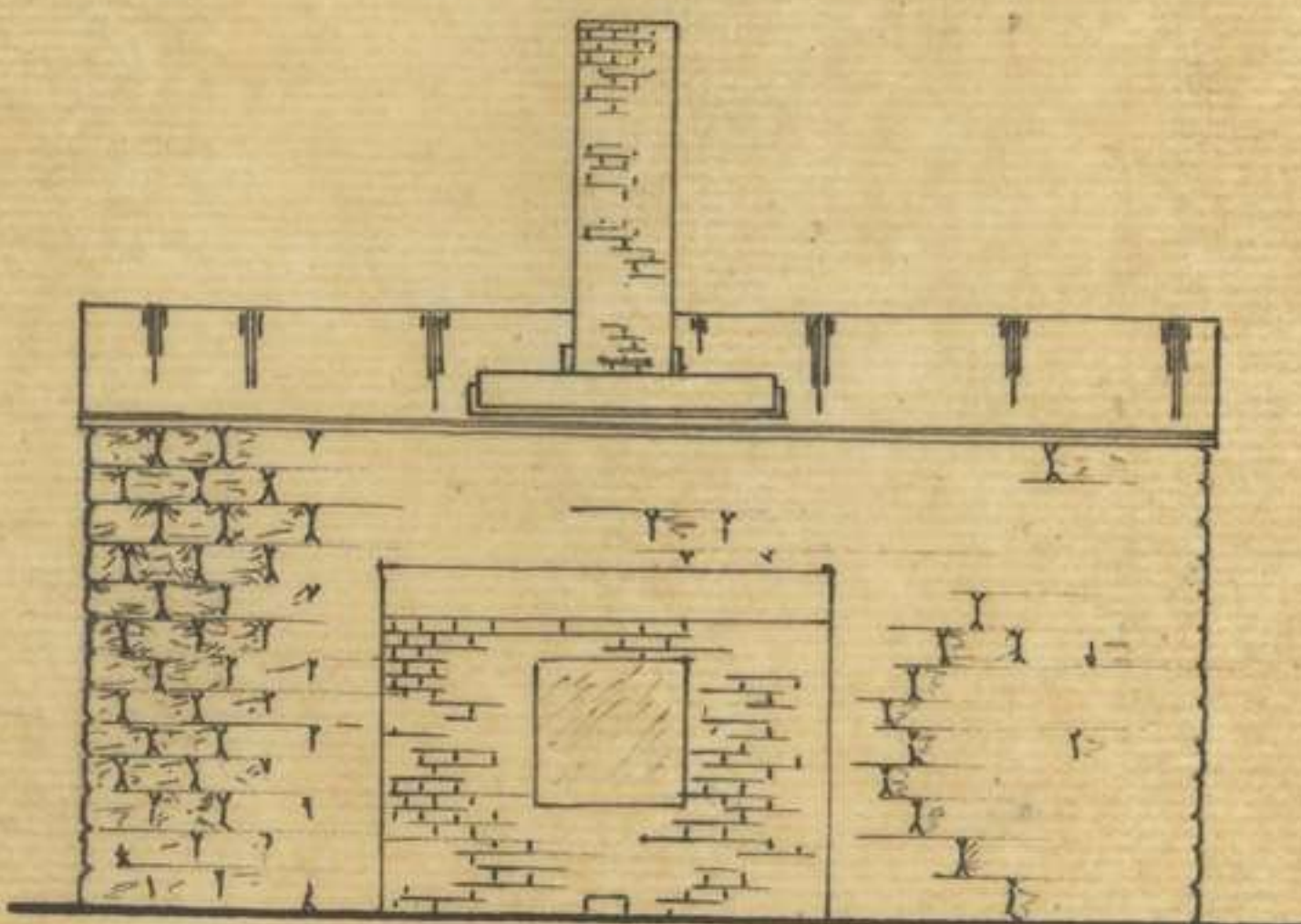
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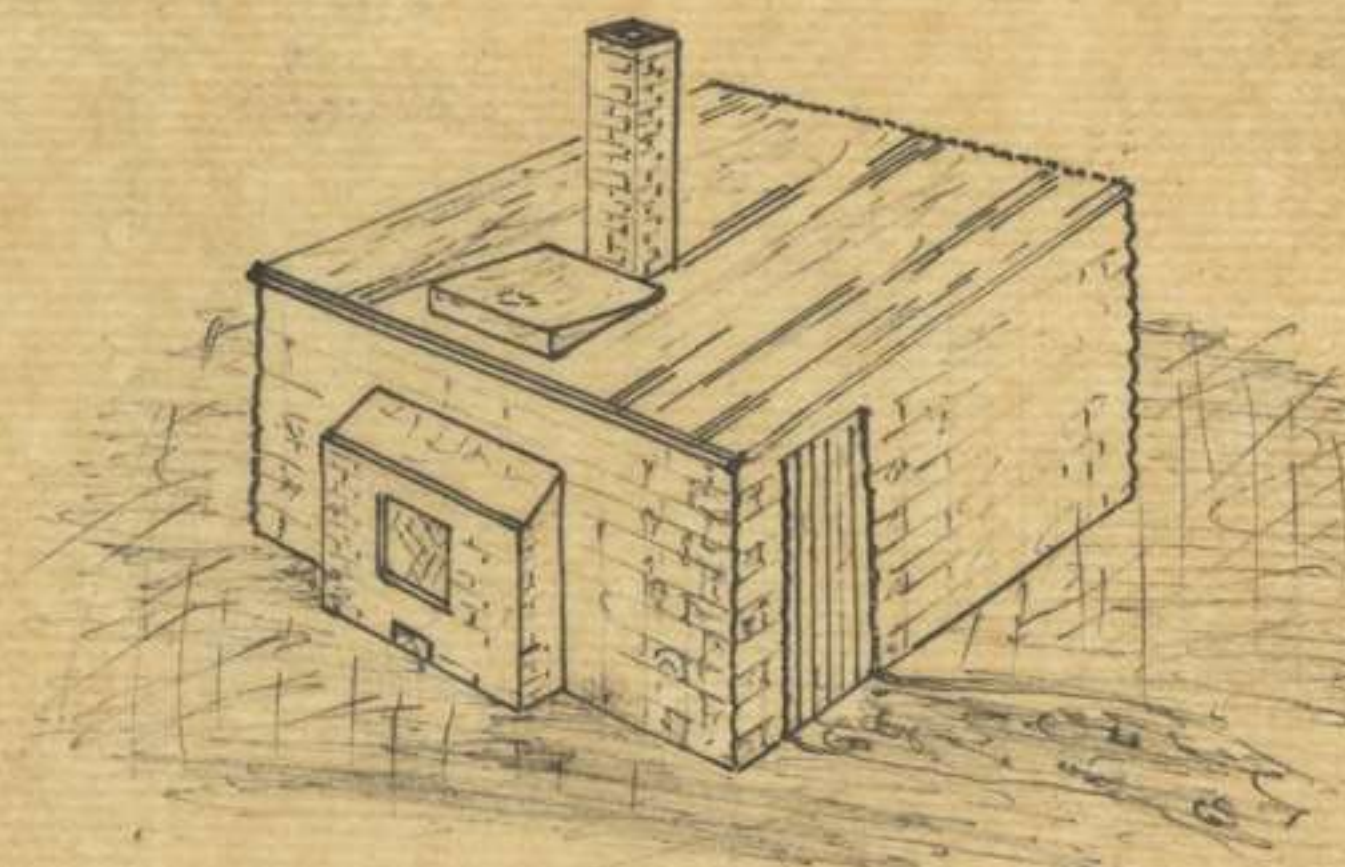
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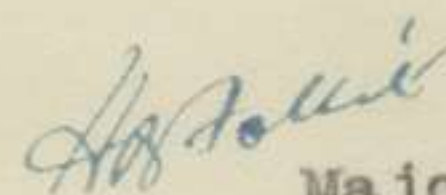
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A.A.M.C, Order No. 10 by Major H.H.B. Follit Acting A.D.M.S.
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1. The 14th Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 9th Field Ambulance (Guards Division) at BERNAFY WOOD. The following moves will take place.
2. Bearer Division of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance at present at BECORDEL will report to O.C. 9th Field Ambulance at BERNAFY WOOD at or before 12 midday of the 20th inst., and relieve a bearer division of the 9th Field Ambulance.
3. The remainder of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance personnel with horse transport and ambulances will move to camp at F 8 c central on 20th inst., and will bivouac there for the night 20/21st inst., O.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will detail an advance party to report to Camp Commandant at F 8 c central.
4. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance (less bearer division) will move from F 8 c central on the morning of the 21st inst., and proceed to BERNAFY WOOD and will take over the A.D.S. BERNAFY WOOD from 9th Field Ambulance. All stores and material taken over will be accounted for, and a detailed list in duplicate sent to A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division. This move to be completed not later than 1 p.m. 21st inst.,
5. Bearer Divisions of 8th and 15th Australian Field Ambulances will proceed to BERNAFY WOOD and report to O.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance not later than 12 midday of the 21st inst.,
6. O.C. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will issue instructions in accordance with this order to all bearers of the 5th Australian Division under his command.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major

Acting A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division

19th November 1916

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20th Nov. 1916

MEDICAL ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Major H.H.B. Follit, Acting A.D.M.S.
5th Australian Division.

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A.M.C. Water
Details

95. Attention is drawn to Medical Routine Order 89.
Notification must be sent without delay to A.D.M.S.
of any shortage of personnel in A.M.C. Water Details

Water.

96. Attention is drawn to extracts from 4th Army
Circular Memorandum No. 15, issued herewith.

Leg. Gear.

97. Attention is called to a suggestion of Capt. Close
R.M.O. 58th Bn. for providing waterproof leg gear
for troops. During recent tour of 5th Australian
Division in the Trenches, Captain Close utilised
strips cut from old waterproof sheets to form
gaiters, worn over puttees. He found that these
gaiters picked up very little mud, were light in
weight, & kept the legs dry.
A more extensive trial of this form of leg gear,
so far as the supply of old waterproof sheets
will permit, is advocated.

Appointments
& Transfers.

98. Major J.A. Newell, 8th Fld Ambce promoted Lt. Col.
& transferred to command 12th Aust. Fld Ambce.
Major M.L. Williams, 8th Fld Ambce promoted Lt. Col.
& transferred to command 1st Aust. Fld. Ambce.
Capt. F.C. Wooster 8th Fld Ambce to be tempy Major
vice Lt. Col Williams transferred.
Capt. A.R. Clayton 12th Fld Ambce to be tempy Major
and transferred to 8th Fld Ambce vice Lt. Col.
Newell transferred.

All above to be as from 30-10-16

Capt. K.H. Grieve R.M.O. 58th Bn. transferred
temporarily to be Acting O.C. 5th Sanitary Section
vice Major C. Luttei on leave.Capt. G.S. Elliott of 15th Field Ambulance to be
tempy R.M.O. 58th Bn, vice Capt. Grieve tempy O.C.
Sanitary Section.Major F.C. Wooster to be tempy O.C. 8th Field
Ambce vice Colonel A.E. Shepherd on leave.Capt. F.M. Hutoninson 8th Field Ambce tempy
detached for duty as M.O. Corps School of
Instruction, ESCARDONNEURE.Capt. A. Alcorn R.M.O. 31st Bn, tempy attached to
14th Field Ambce for duty.~~Capt. A. Alcorn R.M.O. 31st Bn~~Capt. T.R. Jagger tempy attached 15th Fld Ambce to
be tempy R.M.O. 31st Bn.,Capt. G.M. Barker 15th Fld Ambce attached tempy
to 8th Field Ambulance for duty.Promotions.

99. No. 8346 Sgt. D. Falconer A.D.M.S. Staff to be
Quartermaster Sgt to complete establishment
(as per 1st Anzac 78/82 of 5-11-16)
No. 5598 Pte C.E. Ricketts A.D.M.S. Staff to
be Corporal from date.

H.H.B. Follit Major

Acting A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

Following Extracts from 4th Army Circular Memo No. 15 are issued for information and necessary action:-

- (1) All sources of supply should be distinctly marked with Notice Boards showing whether the water is fit for drinking purposes or not, as under:-
 - (1) DRINKING WATER. (the measure of bleaching powder required per water cart for sterilizing purposes should be stated when the amount is known.
 - (2) ABLUTION WATER ONLY.
 - (3) WATER UNFIT FOR USE BY TROOPS.
- (2) A stock of these notices will be kept by the Divisional Sanitary Section so that they can be quickly obtained when required.
- (3) The following procedure should be adopted to chlorinate 2 gallon tins of water:-

If 1, 2 or 3 measures of bleaching powder are required to sterilize a water cart full of a given well water, then 1, 2 or 3 measures respectively of bleaching powder should be placed in one two gallon tin (stock tin marked "A") This tin is then filled with the well water and thoroughly shaken. One third of a pint (6 2/3 ozs.) of this concentrated solution from tin "A" should be added to each 2 gallon tin full of water, which can then be sent into the trenches or stored in billets. The water from these tins will be sterile in half an hour.

The stock solution (tin "A") should not be used after 24 hours.
- (4) Medical officers should occasionally test the tins for free chlorine half an hour after the stock solution has been added in order to ensure that the stock solution is of the exact strength.
- (5) Chlorinated Water should not be stored longer than 48 hours.
- (6) Medical Officer in charge of units, if in doubt as to the quality of a water, should apply through their A.D.M.S. for the Sanitary officer of their Division to examine the source and its surroundings.
- (7) Medical officers in charge of Units should invariably test all new sources of drinking water supply both for chlorine required for sterilization & for the presence of metallic poisons and will report results, giving map references, to A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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To: A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

Attached is the report of Acting O.C. 5th Sanitary Section on the sanitary condition of the Divisional area.

Conditions are steadily improving as the construction of latrines and incinerators proceeds.

The Sanitary Section are constructing the latrines themselves. This is not part of their routine duties, but it has been found that if this work is left entirely to Units, not only is a great deal of time wasted, but also the latrines themselves are frequently badly constructed.

I specially commend for your consideration Capt. Grieve's suggestion of having Battalion carpenters temporarily attached to Sanitary Section for the purpose of making themselves acquainted with the design and construction of latrines and incinerators.

There is undoubtedly a regrettable tendency amongst battalion and company officers to regard as superfluous, close attention to sanitary matters, while the Units are in the fighting area.

(Signed) H.B. Follit, Lt. Col.
D.A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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From C.O. 5th Aust. Sanitary Section
To D.A.D.M.S. 5th Aust. Division.

Report on Sanitary Conditions since Division moved into Line on 28/11/16

Inspections were carried out and the Camps occupied by 5th Divisional Units at Montauban, A.B.C,D.E. and F. camps were found to be in a disgracefully insanitary condition. No permanent sanitary structures in shape of latrines or incinerators were found anywhere.

LATRINES when present at all were of a very crude type - shallow pits with or without a rail - and inadequate in quantity. In several instances latrines were found piled ground high with excreta.

The TREATMENT OF REFUSE was found to be nil. Moist kitchen refuse was found lying in shell holes and on the ground. The amount of such refuse lying broadcast was indescribable.

WATER The water points at MONTAUBAN and LONGUEVAL were taken over immediately by 5th Aust. Sanitary Section and owing to the localisation of water sources no grave irregularities in water discipline have as yet come to our notice.

WORK DONE. Each camp has been visited personally by me. Instructions were issued re digging of temporary latrines pending the erection of satisfactory closed latrines. A fatigue party of 200 men was guided round the camps and parties detailed to construct temporary latrines at different points. Units were informed that box seats would shortly be available at the Sanitary Section Depot. 7000 feet of timber have been drawn by the Sanitary Section and the construction of latrine seats is now in progress. It is proposed to have carpenters from Battalions to report at our Headquarters for the purpose of assisting in latrine seat construction and also to learn the method of such construction. It is hoped that by thus providing Battalions with men versed in making latrine seats, the Battalions will eventually become enabled to construct their own latrines, as in theory they should now be able to, and so take considerable work from the shoulders of the Sanitary Section

Public Latrines are being erected and will be finished to-day at C.R.E. Dump. This is a public place with a large amount of traffic and was found to be in a disgracefully insanitary condition.

REFUSE Instructions have been given to Units in each Camp re the construction of shaft incinerators. One of these was constructed at Div. Head Quarters and is working excellently well. Inspectors reports show that each camp is providing itself with one of these incinerators and details from Sanitary Section are superintending their building. Large quantities of refuse have been buried by Units in their endeavour to cleanse their areas, but it is hoped that the incinerators will do away with this unsatisfactory method of disposing of refuse. The Divisional Area, though much improved is still in a very dirty condition.

WATER. Returns of the amount of water drawn at Divisional Water Points are kept by the men on point duty. Each Unit from the Division has the amount of water drawn daily noted down and the returns are seen by me daily. A check is thus kept on the amount of water drawn by any Unit for each 24 hours. The amount of water drawn by Divisional Units is fairly well up to the mark, and as all the water is chlorinated at the water points, the water of the Division may be pronounced to be drawn in a fairly satisfactory manner. Units not drawing a sufficient amount of water daily will be assumed to be obtaining water from an unsatisfactory source and A.D.M.S. will be notified accordingly.

28-11-16

sd/ K.H.Grieve Captain.
Acting C.O. 5th Aust Sanitary Section.

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SCHEME OF EVACUATION.

Medical Arrangements in Front Area are as follows:-

A.D.S. (14th Aust. Fld Ambce) BERNAFAY WOOD S 22 d 9.1

Wagon Loading Post S.W. Corner of Delville Wood S 18 c 3.9½

Delville Bearer Post S 12 d 1.3

Battery Bearer Post T 7 b central

Forward Collecting Post T 2 a 4.9

Regimental Aid Posts N 33 c 3.3)
 N 32 d 9.3) These map readings are
 N 27 d 3.3 (only approximate

Regimental Stretcher Bearers carry casualties back from the Front Line to these R.A.P.'s whence they are carried by Field Ambulance Bearers and Regimental Bearers to Forward Collecting Post. From the Forward Collecting Post they are again carried by Field Ambulance Bearers to Wagon Loading Post, where they are loaded into Horse Ambulance Wagons which convey them to A.D.S. at BERNAFAY WOOD.

In a few days time the Decauville Line should cut the route a few hundred yards above the Wagon Rendezvous and the cases will then be carried by trolleys to the A.D.S.

There are relay Bearer Posts at T 7 b central and at S 12 d 1.3. The site selected for dug-outs for Resting Station for Temporary Unfits is in the rising ground adjoining the Advanced Collecting Post at T 2 a 4.9.

From the A.D.S. wounded walk or are conveyed by trolleys on the Decauville Line to Quarry Railhead where they are handed over to 13th Aust. Field Ambulance for entrainment. Seriously wounded cases are conveyed direct in Motor Ambulances from A.D.S. to Corps Main Dressing Station, BECORDEL.

A stock of surgical dressings and medical comforts is maintained at each R.A.P. and Bearer Relay Post. Hot drinks are available at R.A.P.'s, Forward Collecting Post and Wagon Loading Post.

H.S. Fildes
for COLONEL.

A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

D.H.Q.

30th November 1916