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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	1.1.17		Instructed R.M.O.'s to evacuate to 7. Amb. Such patients from their Reg. Aid Posts as would not be fit to rejoin their units before marching out.	
	2.1.17		Instructed O.C. 14th Aust 7 Amb to send such patients evacuated to him from Reg Aid Posts as would not be likely to recover in 7-10 days to 14th Aust 'R' Rest-Camp + to retain such as would be likely to recover in that time + forward them per Motor Amb cars to new Billerica Area.	
	3.1.17		Capt. KIRKLAND H.E. 54th A.I.B. R.M.O. left for ENGLAND to report to AIF Administrative Officers en route to Australia. Capt. M. REDDIE R.G. from 14th Aust 7 Amb has been temporarily detached for duty as R.M.O. to this B.	
VIGNACOURT	4.1.17		Major MACGREGOR R.B. Major MACARTNEY G.W. + Capt. M. REDDIE R.G., in accordance with instructions issued from the office yesterday sat on a Medical Board to enquire into the mental condition of Lt. HORNE W. of 54th A.I.B.	
	5.1.17		Left RIBEMONT at 10 AM. reopened office here at 12 noon. Interviewed O.C. 2nd Aust San Section.	
	7.1.17		Visited Div. Rest-Camp OLINCOURT CHATEAU. Increased accommodation is required here, to provide for a total of 350 patients. 250 ordinary 50 emergency + 50 Scabies. am writing to recommend this be provided.	
	8.1.17		Visited R.M.O.'s of 29th 31st + 32nd Aust Inf Bns instructed them to look to messes put, + to see that medical comforts are provided for them who need them - arranged for disinfection of blankets of 29th Bn. by Foden Thrush disinfecter.	
	8.1.17		Reported to D.D.M.S. 14th Aust on existing medical arrangements at Artillery School NAOURS re prophylaxis of venereal disease -	
	9.1.17		Handed over duties temporarily to Major MACGREGOR, D.D.M.S. while away on leave - of Mr. Williams Case	
	9.1.17		2 Reinf. Med. Officers reported (Capt. HANSEN + Capt. LEEDMAN (R.)) Capt Hansen temp. attached to 14th Aust. Capt. Leedman posted as R.M.O. 29th Batt.	
	10.1.17		Maj. Mcgregor R.S. Maj. Saver W.C. + Capt. Jaeger sat on a Medical Board to enquire into mental condition of Lt. 29th Phot. BABBINGTON H.T. 32nd Batt.	

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VIGNACOURT.	11/1/14. visited OLINCOURT CHATEAU. 3 B.S.Rs. Reinforcements arrived, sent 18 to 14 <sup>th</sup> Fld. Amb, + 18 to 8 <sup>th</sup> Fld. Amb. Issued A.A.M.C. order no. 13.	appendix ①
	12/1/14. Copy attached. Inspected 14 <sup>th</sup> Fld. Amb.	
	13/1/14. attended Conference of A.D.S.M.S. at D.D.M.S.' Hd. Qrs. Issued an order to 2 <sup>nd</sup> San. Sect. to move to WARLOY on 15/1/14.	
RIBEMONT.	14/1/14. moved to RIBEMONT. visited 15 <sup>th</sup> Fld. Amb. at C.M.D.S. 15/1/14. Saw A.D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. + after consultation with him, issued A.A.M.C. no. 14 (Copy attached). Inspected "B" + "D" Coy's Pioneer Batt. + pronounced them "fit" to go back to duty in front area altho. boots were not as good as could be desired.	appendix ②
	17/1/14. Inspected A.D.S. BERNARAY + forward collecting posts. Evacuation of sick tended. same as it was 2 mos. ago.	
	18/1/14. Look over Front Line specially from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div.	
	20/1/14. Inspected camp at Montauban + found it much improved. Issued A.A.M.C. order no. 15 (Copy attached) after consultation with A.D.M.S. IV Aust. Div.	appendix ③
	21/1/14. Col. Hearne returned from leave. we inspected Buire Corp Rest Station which is now to be Corps Seabies Hosp.	

Ralph Gregor Haj.

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BERNAFAY. 22.1.17 WOOD	Inspected works on line of evacuation for casualties + furnished recommendations to D.H.Q. as per appendix (4) attached	appendix (4)
23.1.17	wrote to D.H.Q. requesting that works on R.A.P. at N 32 d 9.3 be expedited (appendix (5)), also that work on R.A.P. at N 34 C 3.9.	appendix (5)
	be put in hand & that work on R.A.P. at N 28 C 0.3. be expedited (appendix (6)), also that accommodation for patients be erected at S 18. b. 2. 8. (Albert Combined Shed) to give cover	appendix (6)
	while in event of them having to wait at junction of the two Decauville systems (appendix (7))	appendix (7)
24.1.17	Wrote D.H.Q. requesting that <sup>shell proof</sup> accommodation be provided at Advanced Dressing Station for 300 cases. (appendix (8))	appendix (8)
	Forwarded to DDMS <sup>1st Army</sup> a report on French method of Preventive treatment for Trench Foot (appendix (9))	appendix (9)
25.1.17	wrote to D.H.Q. requesting that the deep tunnel accommodation for Advanced Collecting Post be located near Blighty or trail trenches	appendix (10)
	also summarizing the accommodation required at each post Forwarded to D.H.Q. a draft of memo for issue by D.H.Q. to troops of the Division re Preventive measures against Trench foot.	appendix (11)
26.1.17	Forwarded to DDMS 1st Army a memo requesting his approval of Site selected by me for deep dugout accommodation for use as Advanced collecting Post	appendix (12)
	attended conference by D.H.Q. staff with Decauville Tramway Officer when facilities as outlined in appendix (13) were promised for evacuation	appendix (13)
	of casualties	

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BERNAFAY 28.1.17. WOOD	Forwarded to DDMS 1st Anzac & to DHQ. proposed scheme of evacuation of casualties	appendix (14)
29.1.17.	Forwarded to DDMS 1st Anzac & to DHQ 5 Am Div. proposed report on the medical arrangements for evacuation of sick & wounded in front area.	appendix (15)
30.1.17	Forwarded to DHQ 5 Am Div recommendation that where possible all units before moving into the line have a full day clear of fatigue duties	appendix (16)
31.1.17	attended conference of ADOMS at office of DDMS 1st Anzac methods of Subjects discussed included evacuation of Sick & wounded by Railway & by Dreamville, disposal of venereal cases pending interment (A.P.M., treatment of Dental cases, buttaf at ADS & 1st Anzac R. Rec. Lt. treatment of Scabies cases.	appendix (17)
	<del>forwarded to DDMS 1st Anzac monthly Sanitary Report - for the Camps of 2nd &amp; 3rd Divs at MONTAGU</del>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">C. C. Keane Col ADMS 5th Anzac Div.</p>	

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Appendix No. 1

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A.A.M.C Order No. 13 by A.D.M.S.

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1. 14th Australian Field Ambulance (less Bearer sub-divisions) & 8th Aust. Field Ambulance bearer sub-divisions will move to "R" Area with 5th Australian Division on 12th, 13th and 14th inst as under:-

(a) 14th Aust. Field Ambulance "A" Section tent sub-division less transport will entrain with 15th A.I. Bde at VIGNACOURT on 13/1/17 Transport "A" Section will move with transport of 15th A.I. Bde on 12th inst to FRANVILLERS and on 13th inst to RIEEMONT.

(b) 14th Aust. Field Ambulance "E" Section tent sub-division with transport will move by route march with 8th A.I. Bde on 13th inst to BONNAY, LA HOUSOYE LA NEUVILLE area & on 14th inst to RIEEMONT.

(c) 14th Aust. Field Ambulance "C" Section tent sub-divisions (less transport) plus bearer sub-divisions of 8th Aust. Field Ambce (less transport) will entrain with 14th A.I. Bde at FLESSELLES on 14-1-17 Transport "C" Section plus transport of 8th Aust. Field Ambce Bearers will move with transport of 14th A.I. Bde on 13th inst to RAINNEVILLE and on 14th inst to RIEEMONT.

2. On disentraining Sections will rendezvous at RIEEMONT.

3. On arrival at RIEEMONT same billets will be taken over as before.

4. O.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambce will detail 4 Motor Ambulance Cars to move with 8th A.I. Bde.

5. A.D.M.S. Office closes at VIGNACOURT on 14-1-17 & reopens at noon of same day at RIEEMONT.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Roy St. George*  
Major  
for A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

11th January 1917

- Copy 1 D.H.Q. "G"
- 2. " " "AQ"
- 3 D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac
- 4 8th Aust. Field Ambulance
- 5. 14th " "
- 6 15th " "
- 7 8th Aust. Inf. Bde
- 8 14th " "
- 9 15th " "
- 10 A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division.
- 11 A.D.M.S. 2nd "
- 12 A.D.M.S. 4th "
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Copy No. 13

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

A.A.M.C Order No. 14 by A.D.M.S.

1. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance, less bearer division, will move by route march on 18-1-17 to Corps M.D.S. where they will relieve 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance, less bearer division, will march from BECORDEL on 18-1-17 to A.D.S. BERNAPAY and take over A.D.S. A sufficient party to be sent ahead by Motor Ambulance to take over A.D.S. at 8 a.m. on 18-1-17.
3. Bearer Division of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will march from BELLEVUE FARM to A.D.S. BERNAPAY on 16-1-17 and relieve at 12 midday a bearer division of the 2nd Aust. Division.
4. Bearer Division of 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will march from Corps M.D.S. to A.D.S. BERNAPAY on 17-1-17 and relieve at 12 midday a bearer division of the 2nd Aust. Field Division.
5. Bearer Division of 8th Aust. Field Ambulance will march from RIBEMONT to Corps M.D.S. BECORDEL on 17-1-17 & on 18-1-17 will march to A.D.S. BERNAPAY under orders of O.C. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
6. Following intervals will be maintained on road:-
  - (a) 100 yards between Sections  
200 yards between transport of each Unit.
  - (b) East of FRIGOURT troops will move in file.
7. Motor Ambulances of Division now with 14th Aust. Field Ambulance less 1 Sunbeam and 1 Ford Motor Ambulance, to be kept by O.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance, will report to O.C. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance at Corps M.D.S. on 17-1-17
8. 48 hours rations will be carried in all cases.
9. O.C. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will be responsible for evacuation of sick and wounded from front line, and will receipt lists of all stores and material taken over at A.D.S. & Forward Posts. Copies, in duplicate, of these receipts to be sent in to A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.
10. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance, less bearer division, will remain at OLINCOURT CHATEAU and will be under orders of D.D.M.S 1st Anzac.
11. A.D.M.S. Office closes at RIBEMONT on 18-1-17 & will reopen at BERNAPAY at 11 a.m. of same day.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Roy W. Gregor*

MAJOR

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

15th January 1917

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|--------|----|---------------------------|
| Copy 1 | to | D.H.Q. "G"                |
| 2      |    | D.H.Q. "A"                |
| 3      |    | DDMS 1st Anzac            |
| 4      |    | 8th Aust. Field Ambulance |
| 5      |    | 14th "                    |
| 6      |    | 15th "                    |
| 7      |    | 8th Aust. Inf. Bde        |
| 8      |    | 14th "                    |
| 9      |    | 15th "                    |
| 10     |    | A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Divn.  |
| 11     |    | A.D.M.S. 2nd "            |
| 12     |    | A.D.M.S. 4th "            |
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 15 BY A.D.M.S.

1. The 14th Australian Field Ambulance (less Bearer Division) will move from CORPS MAIN DRESSING STATION on 22nd January, to relieve 1st Australian Field Ambulance and take over as a Scabies Hospital, "R" REST STATION, BUIRE.

Move to be complete by 10 a.m. Provision to be made for such accommodation of local sick as may be necessary.

2. No. 32 Dental Unit will accompany the 14th Australian Field Ambulance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

January 20th, 1917.

*Rufus Chegw* MAJOR.  
for A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

Copies issued to:-

- 1. Headquarters "G"
- 2. " " "A & Q"
- 3. D.D.M.S.
- 4. 8th Australian Field Ambulance.
- 5. 14th " " "
- 6. 15th " " "
- 7. A.D.M.S. 1st Australian Division.
- 8. " 2nd " "
- 9. " 4th " "
- 10/11. War Diary.
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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
22.1.17

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To H.Q. 5th Australian Division.

This morning I inspected work being done at T 8.c.5.9  
The Work is going on well, but is somewhat delayed through trouble  
in getting quickly enough supplies of galvanized iron.

I also inspected work at T 2 b 3.3. Here the cubicles  
for accommodation of 6 men are in my opinion too small. I would  
strongly urge that these cubicles be enlarged so as to allow for  
3 bunks on each side with passage between the 2 tiers of 3 bunks.

Would you please expedite the supply of materials for  
these works, also have suggested alteration made at T 2 b 3.3.

It is of the greatest importance that these works be  
completed quickly as we can on their completion use Decauville  
Train for evacuation of cases.

(Signed) W.W. Hearne Colonel.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
23.1.17

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From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.

Could the accommodation for R.A.P. at N32 d 9.3 asked  
for 3.12.16 be fixed up.

The accommodation asked for is shell-proof cover for:-

(a) 10 Stretcher Cases ) Wounded  
25 Lying Cases )

(b) R.M.O., (1) Medical Personnel 24 O.R.

The place at present being used has been blown in by  
shell-fire on (3 ) three separate occasions, the last being  
on 21.1.17 when 2 men were killed and 1 man was badly wounded.  
I consider this work is of the greatest urgency and trust you  
will expedite as much as possible.

(Signed) W.W. Hearne COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
23.1.17

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.

To-day I inspected

1. R.A.P. at N 34 c 3.9. All dressings have to be done in the open as the position now occupied is too small to accommodate a stretcher case. I understand it is proposed to tunnel from Battalion Headquarters near by to R.A.P. Could this work please be put in hand as it is urgently needed. The accommodation required is as specified in my Memo. of 3.12.16 for R.A.P's.

2. R.A.P. position at No 28 c 0.3.

Although work is proceeding at this position it needs to be very much expedited as it is far from being completed at present. The place at present being used as a R.A.P. affords no shelter at all against shell-fire and in any case is too small to be of much use.

Will you please treat the completion of these works as  
URGENT.

(Signed) W.W. Hearne COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
23.1.17

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From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.

I anticipate that in about 4 to 5 days time we will be able to utilize Decauville Train line for evacuation of cases. At the point where the forward Decauville links up with Steam Decauville Circuit (S 18 b 2.8) there is likely to be some delay in transferring cases to Steam Circuit.

Will you please therefore, have accommodation for 20 Cases erected at S 18 b 2.8, splinter proof only, and to be completed in 4 days time. Please treat this as urgent, as until this accommodation is provided, cases will have to wait in open, should there be delay in transferring to Steam Circuit, as is certain to be the case.

(Signed) R.S. McGregor Maj. for COL.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
24.1.17.

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.

On 23.1.17A.D.S. of 4th Australian Division situated about 200 yards further forward and to the left of our 5th Australian Division A.D.S. was shelled (4 Men Killed and 5 Men Wounded).

Our A.D.S. might at any time be heavily shelled and as we held up to 100 slight illness and slight Trench Foot cases, I consider it essential that we have shell proof accommodation.

Will you please go into this matter with a view to having shell proof accommodation for 300 erected.

*Paul H. Gage*

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

REPORT ON FRENCH PREVENTIVE TREATMENT FOR  
"TRENCH FOOT".

1. PROCEDURE.

A shed has been set apart near A.D.S. and at camp where all troops stay one night and usually one day also on journey to and also from Front Line Trenches. This shed is fitted up with 3 troughs and can treat 80 Men an hour at present. 3 More troughs will be ready in a few days time and will be installed on arrival. Water is heated in a large tank at back of shed and placed in troughs. Men wash their feet thoroughly with prepared soap and the hot water in the troughs. Their nails are then cut and cleaned, feet thoroughly dried and dusted with Powder. Clean pair of socks also dusted with powder are then put on.

The personnel for using the treatment is provided by A.D.S. who also provide a Medical Officer who personally superintends the whole treatment.

When being notified to come for treatment, Unit is told that each man must bring a towel and a clean pair of socks.

While in trenches feet are each day rubbed and dusted with powder and clean socks put on.

2&3. Before using treatment we were in rest in back area, so had no cases of trench feet.

Have only been using this treatment for 4 days, as before that we were unable to get material required. So far have had no cases of trench feet in men treated with process.

4. Powder does not appear to have any detrimental effect at all on feet.

5. Amount of ingredients required per Division per week:-

Powder Talc.	500 lbs.
Powd. Camphor	22 lbs.
Soft Pot. Soap	300 lbs.
Sodium Borate	35 lbs.

6. In my opinion the treatment is by a great deal the soundest yet put forward for treatment of Trench Feet, and I am sure it will be of very real value in the Prevention of Trench Feet.

24/1/17

*William Keam Col*  
ADMS 5 Aug - 1917

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
25.1.17

Appendix (10) 14

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.

After further inspection of this Divisional Area, I consider that the most suitable spot for the Forward Collecting Post with Deep Tunnelled Dug-outs is as stated in my memo of 3.12.16, in the vicinity of Mail or Blighty Trench, Map reference T 2 b central. At this point accommodation is required for 150 lying down cases.

To summarise, the accommodation required at various points is 4 R.A.P's, Deep Tunnel, at about:-

N 28 e 0.3.	N 34 e 3.9
N 32 d 9.3.	T 3 A 2.8

At each post, lying accommodation for 1 Medical Officer, and 32 Other Ranks, and sitting accommodation for 25 Other Ranks, also a kitchen and a dressing room, each about 10' x 8'.

1 Advanced Collecting Station, Deep Tunnel, at about T 2 b central. Lying accommodation for 2 Medical Officers and 150 Other Ranks, also 1 dressing room and 1 kitchen, each about 10' x 8'.

Relay Post at about T 8 e 5.9, splinter proof accommodation, completion of present work.

Circuit Leading Post at about S 18 e 2.9, Splinter proof accommodation for 20 lying cases.

Advanced Dressing Station at S 22 d 9.1, deep tunnel accommodation for 300 lying cases.

This work is pressing, as in the event of hostilities, an absolute break-down of medical arrangements would be inevitable with existing accommodation, and I would urge that it be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

*A. M. Kearne*

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

A. D. M. S.
5TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. 305/3625
Date 26.1.17

TRENCH FOOT.

Appendix (11)

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

1. Experience has shown that the man who keeps his feet warm does not get trench foot; it is therefore of greatest importance that men should walk about as much as possible, and so keep feet warm.
2. The earlier the onset of trench foot is detected, the more quickly it can be cured. Therefore, C.O's Units MUST MAKE CERTAIN that every man with foot trouble is at once sent to Medical Officer for examination and treatment.
1. Men are frequently seen sitting in front trench with knees bent. drawn up and the circulation is thus very much impeded, and these men suffer from very cold feet. This position should not be allowed, when not occupied with actual duty men should be actively moving about or if resting, should have legs as nearly straight as possible and if possible feet raised a little above level of body.

3. TREATMENT.      PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

(a) GENERAL.      (b) SPECIAL.

GENERAL.

1. Keep feet warm by movement.
2. Keep feet dry. (Duckboard walks, Gumboots & dry socks daily)
3. Keep men generally fit. (Hot feed, and Hot drinks as often as possible)

SPECIAL.

1. Before going to line, feet of all men will be treated with French preventive treatment for "Trench Foot" which is as follows:-  
  
Feet are washed in hot water using special French Soap. (Soft Potash Soap, Soda Borate and Campher)  
Feet are then thoroughly dried, nails are cut, and cleaned, and dusted with special powder, (Talc & Campher) and dry socks also dusted with same powder are put on.
2. Whilst in the line, feet of every man are to be rubbed daily, and dusted with powder.
4. The use of Whale Oil is to be discontinued while French preventive treatment is being used.

25.1.17

*Arthur Pearce Col*  
ADMS 5 Aus Div.



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Appendix (12)

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
26.1.17

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From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To D.D.M.S. 1st A.&.N.Z. ARMY CORPS.

After mature consideration, I have decided that the most suitable place for deep dug-out accommodation, for use as Advanced Collecting Post at position T 2 b 3.3.

I had decided this was the most suitable place previously, 2nd Australian Division thought otherwise. In any case no work has been done at either place.

C.R.E. 5th Australian Division has asked me to get your approval for this position, as then work will be carried on, should we for any reason leave this position.

*Allen Kearne*

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

A. D. M. S.
5th
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
305/369v
Date 27.1.17

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DECAUVILLE EVACUATION.

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Operating from 27.1.17 a Steam and Oil Tractor Decauville service will be running from Quarry to T 8 c and returning, one train every  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour under C.O. Light Railways.

This train will carry 10 Tons net per trip.

Forward of T 8 c. (Ambulance Siding) a service of hand pushed trucks will operate to Needle Dump under C.R.E. 5th Australian Division.

To-day two (2) Ambulance trucks will be sent to Ambulance siding at T 8 c 4.9 and will rest on siding.

Six (6) more Ambulance trucks are being built at Corps Workshops and will be handed over as soon as they are ready: these trucks will be kept at Ambulance siding (T 8 c 4.9)

Cases will be brought by hand to Needle Dump, from Needle Dump on empty ordinary trucks (hand pushed to T 8 c 4.9, where they will be loaded to Ambulance trucks and trucks brought to A.D.S. by Oil & Steam Tractors.

Empty Ambulance Trucks will be returned by trains to T 8 c.

There will be a telephone at T 8 c and if cases are collecting unduly, a special train can be asked for.

In about two (2) weeks time a special night train tractor service will be running from Quarry direct to Needle Dump and this service can also be utilized for evacuation of cases.

The minimum time from T 8 c to A.D.S. and back to T 8 c will be 3 hours.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
28.1.17.

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To D.D.M.S. 1st A.&.N.Z. ARMY CORPS.

PROPOSED SCHEME OF  
EVACUATION OF WOUNDED AND SICK.

Forward Battalion R.A.P.'s.

Right N 34 c 3.8.  
Left N 28 c 0.3.

Reserve Battalion R.A.P.'s.

Right T 3 a 2.9  
Left N 32 d 9.3

Bearer Relay Post:- T 2 b 3.3.

Ad. Collect. Post:- T 8 c 5.9

Circuit Post:- S 18 d 2.9

A.D.S.:- S 22 d 4.0

SCHEME OF EVACUATION.

(a) BY DAY.

Cases are carried by hand to forward R.A.P. by Battalion Stretcher Bearers, thence by Ambulance Stretcher bearers to T 2 b 3.3. Fresh Bearers carry to T 8 c 5.9 where Ambulance Medical Officer is situated.

(b) BY NIGHT OR MISTY DAY.

Cases are hand carried to Needle Dump and are there transferred to hand pushed or Oil Tractor drawn trucks and taken to T 8 c 5.9.

At T 8 c 5.9, eight (8) Ambulance trucks are held. Stretcher cases are evacuated on Ambulance trucks, walking cases in empty trucks by train to A.D.S.

Circuit Post is used in event of bad weather, when there is any delay in changing Oil Tractor to Steam Tractor.

From A.D.S. cases are, after receiving necessary attention, evacuated by Broad Gauge line at Quarry to M.D.S. BECORDEL.

It is proposed, when the requisite deep dug-out accommodation is provided, to move Advanced Collecting Post to T 2 b 3.3.

When this is done, evacuation of cases will be carried out chiefly at night, as this position can be seen by enemy.

An alternative evacuation in case Decauville train for any reason was unable to run, would be as follows:- Cases would be carried by Ambulance bearers from R.A.P. to T 8 c 5.9 (A.C.P.) thence by Horse Ambulance wagon to T 13 d 5.1 and from this point by Motor Ambulance Car to A.D.S.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
29.1.17.From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.Medical Arrangements for evacuation of Sick & Wounded in  
Front Area.R.A.P's (Forward Battalions)Right N 34 c 3.8  
Left N 28 c 6.3Reserve Battalion R.A.P's.Right T 3 a 2.9  
Left N 32 d 9.3

Forward Collecting Post (Medical officer)	T 2 a 3.6
Battery Relay Post	T 7 a 5.9
Deville Bearer Relay Post	S 18 a 3.3
Waggon Loading Post	S 18 c 3.9
Advanced Dressing Station.	S 22 d 9.1

Regimental Stretcher Bearers carry cases to R.A.P's, whence cases are carried by Field Ambulance Bearers to Forward Collecting Posts, where case is seen by Medical Officer of Field Ambulance.

From this point cases are again carried by relays of bearers from Bearer Relay Posts to Waggon Loading Post. Here cases are placed in Horse Ambulance Waggon which convey them to A.D.S.

From Advanced Dressing Station cases are after receiving necessary attention, loaded on to Train at S 22 d 8.3 and so to Main Dressing Station, BECORDEL.

Infectious Cases are evacuated direct by Motor Ambulance from Advanced Dressing Station.

A stock of Medical Comforts and Surgical Dressings, also Blankets and Stretchers is maintained at each R.A.P. and Field Ambulance Post.

Hot Drinks are ready at all times for wounded or sick at all Field Ambulance Posts.

When posts on Decauville line are completed evacuation will be as shown in scheme submitted 28.1.17.


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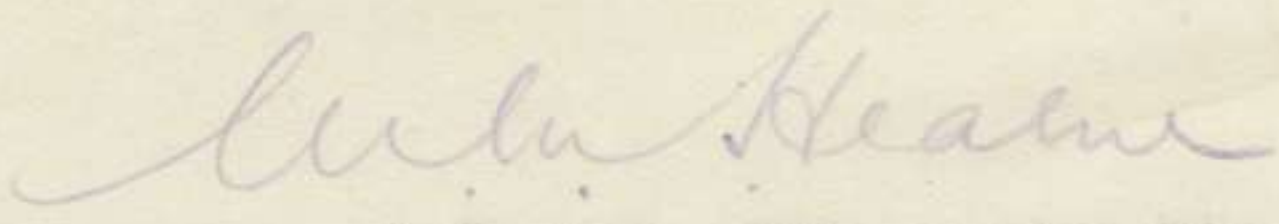
Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
29.1.17.

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To Headquarters, 5th Australian Division.

I am informed it frequently happens at present that Battalions who are doing fatigue duties, receive orders to move to front line and are not relieved of their fatigue duties till late on the day preceding the move.

I would strongly recommend that where possible all Units before moving to front line have a full day clear of fatigue duties. Could this be done? I am sure it would have a beneficial effect on our sick rate, which is at present high.

It would also give increased facilities for treatment of feet, as at present there is often not time to treat all the personnel of a Unit.



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MONTHLY SANITARY REPORT.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Div.  
31.1.17.

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC.

The general health & physique of the men is good, since the cold dry weather set in the men have been very cheerful, eat well and have improved in condition all round.

The Billets occupied during the early part of the month, before coming into the line were good, but in the "R" Area are rather limited.

- Bathing has been available frequently by a good percentage of the troops until the last week, when it has practically ceased owing to freezing of the water in the pipes.

The supply of clean underclothing has not been sufficient on some occasions.

Drying rooms are in use by Brigades and most battalions so that gum boots, socks etc. are now very efficiently dried. Disinfection is carried out by the Sanitary Section wherein occasion arises.

While in the back area a large percentage of the blankets of the Division were sterilized, but owing to shortage of fuel was not as complete as it would otherwise have been. The Clayton disinfecter is now in full operation at Euire and is meeting all demands.

A large number of men are infected with Vermin, but the prevalence of this nuisance is not marked as a general rule.

Cooking shelters in the camps are fairly good, also the variety and quality of the food, but an increase in the supply of green vegetables is desirable.

I attach report by O.C. 5th Div. Sanitary Section.

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Headquarters,  
5th Australian Divn.  
31.1.17.

From A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
To D.D.M.S. 1st A.&N.Z. ARMY CORPS.

MONTHLY SANITARY REPORT.

Report of C.O. 5th Aust. Sanitary Section for month ending 31st January, 1917.

WORK FOR MONTH. Public Latrine Construction. During the month 15 extra public latrines have been constructed under the supervision of 5th Aust. Sanitary Section. Latrines are placed at positions where such accommodation is required by the amount of traffic.

CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINE SEATS. For the purpose of having latrine seats constantly available for Units and for public purposes latrine seats have been constructed by Carpenters from Divisional Units under supervision of Sanitary Section.

DAILY INSPECTION OF UNITS. In Divisional Areas and reporting on conditions by personnel of Sanitary Section.

SUPERVISION OF WATER POINTS. Longueval, Montauban and Etricourt Waterpoints are being supervised by details from 5th Sanitary Section. All water removed from waterpoints is chlorinated by the men on duty. The water at each point is of good quality.

SUPERVISION OF CLEANSING OF EVACUATED CAMPS.

SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF SHAFT & TRENCH INCINERATORS.

In the area occupied by 5th Divisional Units it has been found necessary to devise an incinerator that will be efficient, easily constructed and requiring practically no material other than mother earth. This type of incinerator devised and introduced into Military Sanitation of this Division by 5th Sanitary Section has achieved excellent results and has wonderful powers of destroying refuse. It might be adopted with great advantage in a far wider field than is offered in a Division.

GENERAL AREA. Distinct improvement may be reported in connection with the Sanitation of this Division. A considerable area has been cleaned, latrine accommodation has been vastly improved by providing sheltered public latrines at congested spots and by providing facilities for the installation of trench and closed box latrines by Divisional Units. Considerable difficulty has been encountered in maintaining sanitary discipline owing to the constant movements of Units. Pressure has been brought to bear in instances of neglect of Sanitation with beneficial results, but it is found necessary to constantly insist upon the active co-operation of Commanding Officers.

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LATRINE ACCOMMODATION. is much improved. The number of unsatisfactory types of latrines is considerably reduced. All public latrines are of the deep trench and closed box type. Latrine seats of this type to the extent of over 350 have been installed in this Division by this Section and other of a less perfect, but still satisfactory type exist, bringing the number of closed latrines to some 400.

TREATMENT OF REFUSE. Incineration is now being carried out to a much greater extent than formerly. The Shaft and Trench Incinerator has proved of enormous assistance in the destruction of refuse in the Field. The notification of this type of incinerator by A.D.M.S. might be of great assistance to R.M.O's in ~~xxxxx~~ their difficulty in devising means of dealing with refuse. Further forward than Belville Wood, Waterlot Farm, and Cinchy (inclusive) incineration is not carried out owing to the exigencies of the tactical situation. In these forward areas the method of treatment recommended is burial in localised conservancy areas, but it is with regret that it must be reported that the treatment of refuse is not carried out satisfactorily by all Divisional Units. It is proposed to effect greater improvement during the coming month.

WATER. Is obtainable from the Waterpoints at Fricourt, Montauban and Longueval at each of which points 2 men from this section are stationed who chlorinate all water drawn at these points. Water is drawn in fairly satisfactory quantities by Units of this Division. During the last week no water has been available at Longueval owing to weather conditions.

BATHS. Baths are available at Bernafay, Montauban and Fricourt capable of bathing 100 men per hour. Foot baths are available at "E" Camp for 5th Divisional Units. Unfortunately the baths other than foot baths have been unable to carry on for some 5 or 6 days owing to severe frost.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Three cases of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis have occurred in this Division. Contacts were isolated and disinfection has been carried out by the 5th Australian Sanitary Section. The Foden-Thresh Disinfecter is stationed with and temporarily attached to 14th Australian Field Ambulance Administering Corps Hospital for the treatment of cases of Scabies at Euire.

(Signed) K.H. Grieve, Capt.  
O.C. 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.