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WAR DIARY

OF

A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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J.A. James
Major

Signature of Officer Commanding

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
5 th Corps School VAUCHELLES.	1.4.18.		Dental Equipment of 8 th 14 th and 15 th Aust. Field Ambulances sent to Red Cross Store No 3. A.G. F. ABBEVILLE.	
VAUCHELLES.	2.4.18.		Visited 5 th Aust. Div. Nucleus Wing at LIGNY and FLERS. to arrange for car or horse for use of M.O.	
VAUCHELLES.	3.4.18.		Lt. Col H.V.P. Conrick D.S.O. reported to Command 8 th Aust. Field. Amb. Capt P.E. Vass reported for duty & was posted to 8 th " " "	
VAUCHELLES.	4.4.18.		Orders issued for move of Medical Units of 5 th Aust. Div. to new area (appendix 1) 15 th Aust. F. Amb still under A.D.M.S. 3 rd Aust. Div.	(Appendix 1)
BLANGY-TRONVILLE	5.4.18.		5 th Aust Div H.Q. at BLANGY-TRONVILLE (Sheet 62 D. N.22. central). 5 th Div. Order 196 received & the following orders issued (appendix 2) 15 th Aust. Div F. Amb. rejoined the Div.	(appendix 2)

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BLANGY- TRONVILLE	6.4.18.		5 th Aust. Div. A.F.M.C. Order No. 9. issued (appendix 3). Weekly Sick wastage Return (appendix 3a)	(appendix 3). (appendix 3a)
	7.4.18.		Nominal Roll of Medical Officers and Medical Dispositions as at 6 p.m. (appendix 4)	(appendix 4).
	8.4.18.		Visited R.A.P.'s that of Right Batta in cellars of Chateau VILLERS-BRETONNEUX with good evacuation by wheel stretchers to Car Post O17.C.4.6. R.A.P. at O24 a.3.5 a shelter in the side of a hill with a heavy canopy over fields to Car Post at O17.C.4.6. R.A.P. at O1269.3. is well sheltered in a chalk pit just off the road with a good road for wheel stretchers to the Car post in HAMELET O6 d 1.6. R.A.P. P.161.7. is in a cottage on the outskirts of HAMELET. R.A.P. J3169.5. is an underground bomb proof shelter in VAIRE, evacuations can take place at night along the VAIRE - HAMELET Road, but this road is under observation from HAMELET and liable to be shelled. Alternate Route of evacuation is across suspension bridge at VAIRE by wheel stretchers and along Canal road to relay post of 10 th Aust. F. Amb & thence to BONNAY.	

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BLANGY- TRONVILLE	9.4.18.		Inspected SOMME CANAL as a possible route of evacuation, found to be of no use, owing to small bridges.	
	10.4.18.		Owing to wet weather + bad state of open trenches, cases of Trench foot are occurring. A supply of ingredients for French prophylactic treatment obtained + available today. A.A.M.C. order No 10. Medical Arrangements in the 5 th Aust. Div Sector, and Addenda to Medical Arrangements issued. (appendix 5)	(appendix 5)
BUSSY- -LES-DAOURS.	11.4.18.		5 th Aust Div. H.Q. moved to BUSSY-LES-DAOURS. 5 th Aust. Div. Order No 199 cancelled late night 10/11. Inspected site of dressing station at 7.1.5. outskirts of AMIENS. Suitable but in shelled area. Holding party of 14 th F. Amb. there.	
	12.4.18.		8 th Aust. F. Amb moved from GLISY to Wollen Mill in DAOURS. to open small D.R.S.	
	13.4.18.		Weekly Sick Wastage Return (appendix 6). Medical Dispositions and Nominal Roll of Medical Officers (appendix 7)	(appendix 6) (appendix 7)
	14.4.18.		Admitted S. 14.0R W. 11.0R. Evac. S. 6.0R. W. 11.0R. Remaining S. 4.0R.	
	15.4.18.		Admitted S. 19.0R. W. 1 off 20.0R. Evac. S. 15.0R W. 1 off 19.0R. Remaining S. 7.0R.	
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BUSSY- -LES-DAOURS	16.4.18.		A.D.M.S. attended a conference of A.D.S.M.S. at 3 rd Corps H.Q. DURY. Matter of discussion Arrangements of Medical Units in case of withdrawal.	
			Admitted S. 20.0R. N. 12.0R. Evac. S. 16.0R. W. 12.0R. Remaining S. 1.0R.	
	17.4.18.		Heavy enemy gas bombardment of VILLERS - BRETONNEUX. Accumulation of cases at Car Post O.7.C.3.5. By using most of the Ambulance Cars of the Div. the stretcher cases were taken to A.D.S. Aubigny, their clothing was removed & they were dressed in pyjamas & eyes treated c/ Lot. Bism's Saln. Walking cases were taken by cars & horse ambulance to A.D.S. AUBIGNY & from there to walking wounded station DAOURS where they received treatment before evacuation by M.A.C. lorries to Corps W.W. Station AMIENS. Six (6) motor ambulance cars were demanded from 24 th M.A.C. at 2.30 p.m. three (3) reported at 6 p.m. so most of the evacuation to Corps M.D.S. of stretcher cases was by Divisional Amb. Cars.	
	18.4.18.		Gas cases continued to come in all night & pyjamas ran short. 200 shirts 120 underpants & 200 prs of socks were secured from 15 th Inf. Bde Store. and a requisition for pyjamas & socks sent to Aust. Red Cross ABBEVILLE.	

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BUSSY - -LES-DAOURS	18.4.18.		For W.W. Station DAOURS. Complete changes of clothing for gas cases were obtained & these cases cleaned from all traces of gas. They are bathed, eyes washed with Sod Bicarb Soln. & Lij. Paraffin instilled, Stomach washed out with Sod. Bic. Soln. 5%. Revised Scheme of Medical arrangements issued for use in case of a withdrawal (appendix 8). Gassed clothing is to be treated in the Div. Taden Steam disinfecter.	(appendix 8)
	19.4.18.		Report on 40 gassed cases (appendix 9). These occurred on 17.4.18.	(appendix 9)
	20.4.18.		Weekly Sick wastage Return (appendix 10). Nominal Roll of Medical Officers and Medical Dispositions (appendix 11)	(appendix 10) (appendix 11)
	21.4.18.		5 th Aust. Div. A.A.M.C. order No 11 issued (appendix 12). 15 th Aust. F. Amb moved from DAOURS to LES ALENÇONS	(appendix 12)
	22.4.18.		15 th Aust. F. Amb. has opened a Div. Collecting Station at LES ALENÇONS tentage is being used and patients may be held 48 hours.	

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BUSSY-LES- - DAOURS	23.4.18.		Under instructions from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps dental equipment of dental units attached to Field Ambulances will be reduced to about 350 lbs. until further notice. No 2 Dental Unit attached to 5 th Aust. Div Reinforcement Wing. At 6 p.m. Heavy enemy bombardment of forward area with gas shells.	
	24.4.18.		Report attached (appendix 13) also disposition of Amb. personnel at posts. Gas casualties coming through all day, Lorry secured from Div. to assist in evacuations. Most cases taken to Div. Collect. Station* after treatment at gas centre DAOURS. Horse Amb. wagons used both by 14 th + 15 th F. Amb. and empty returning lorries as far as Div. Collect. Str. From here cases were sent to C.C.S. VIGNACOURT, and great assistance was given by motor lorries from "F" A.A. Bty. in this evacuation. VILLERS-BRETONNEUX retaken by enemy. Counter attack by 13 th Aust. Inf Bde. on South & 15 th Aust. Inf Bde. on North of village extra bearers sent to motor post at O17.C.3.6. VILLERS-BRETONNEUX retaken. Instructions to C.O. 8 th F. Amb. (appendix 14). Dental Units Nos 23 & 32 now working with their respective Field Ambulances 15 th F. Amb. & 14 th F. Amb.	(appendix 13) *15 th Aust. F. Amb.

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BUSSY - -LES-DAOURS	25.4.18.		Medical arrangements in 5 th Aust. Div. Sector (appendix 15) Div. under III Corps (appendix 15) for administration, pending rearrangement of Aust Corps boundaries. Evac. of wounded proceeding smoothly.	(appendix 15)
	26.4.18.		Report of C.O. 8 th Aust. F. Amb. on Evac. of wounded (appendix 16) Sketch map attached.	(appendix 16)
	27.4.18.		Medical Dispositions & Nominal Roll of Medical Officers (appendix 17) Monthly Sanitary Report (appendix 18) Sick Wastage Return for week ended noon 27/4/18 (appendix 19) Instructions to C.O. 13 th Aust. F. Amb. (appendix 20)	(appendix 17) (appendix 18) (appendix 19) (appendix 20)
	28.4.18.		5 th Aust. Div. again comes under Aust Corps. Corps boundary, Southern limit, to grid line Sheet 62D. U.6 centre to T.2. centre. Report of C.O. 8 th Aust. F. Amb (appendix 21)	(appendix 21)

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BUSSY- -LES-DAOURS	29.4.18.		<p>Special Medical Arrangements (appendix 22)</p> <p>Copy of memo to D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps re N.C.O.'s Water Details attached to Divisional Units (appendix 23)</p> <p>R.M.O.'s emphasize the loss in efficiency, that Regimental Medical work would sustain if trained A.A.M.C N.C.O.s are returned to Field Ambulances.</p>	<p>(appendix 22)</p> <p>(appendix 23)</p>
	30.4.18.		<p>A notable feature in the work of A.A.M.C. personnel has been their cheerfulness & high state of morale, indeed this is true of the whole of the Australian Corps. Probably their morale has never been at better pitch.</p> <p>Notes on the work of the Main Dressing Station (appendix 24)</p> <p>Graph showing wounded admissions & Sick Evacuations (appendix 25) (" 25)</p>	<p>(appendix 24)</p> <p>(" 25)</p>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
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3.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 9. (and Medical Arrangements).
3a.	Weekly Sick Wastage Return.
4.	Medical Disposition & Nominal Roll of Officers.
5.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 10.
5a.	Medical Arrangements.
6&7.	Weekly Sick Wastage Return, Disposition & Nominal Roll of Officers.
8.	Medical Arrangements.
9.	Report on Gas Casualties.
10.	Sick Wastage.
11.	Disposition and Nominal Roll of Officers.
12.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 11.
13.	Report of C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance on Forward Work.
14.	Order issued to 8th Field Ambulance re Counter attack.
15.	Medical Arrangements.
16.	Report C.O. 8th Field Ambulance on Forward Work, with Map showing positions of posts.
17.	Disposition and Nominal Roll of Officers.
18.	Monthly Sanitary Report.
19.	Sick Wastage Return.
20.	Instructions issued to 13th Field Ambulance.
21.	Report on Forward Work of 8th Field Ambulance.
22.	Special Instructions in event of withdrawal.
23.	Re A.A.M.C. Water Details attached to Units.
24.	Report on work of Main Dressing Station.
25.	Graph showing Sick evacuated and wounded admitted to Field Ambulances.

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MOVE OF MEDICAL UNITS OF 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION to NEW AREA.

On receipt of instructions from 5th Australian Division H.Q. the following orders were issued to Field Ambulances.

4 p.m. WARNING ORDER.

To 8th & 14th Aust. Field Ambulances.

"WARNING ORDER AAA Field Ambulances will be prepared to move with their respective Brigade Groups AAA Time of departure, route and destination will be notified later." Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

5.3 p.m. EMBUSSING ORDER.

To 8th Field Ambulance & Sanitary Section.

"1. The personnel of the 8th Aust. Field Ambulance will embus with 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade on VAUCHELLES-LOUVENCOURT RD. at 7 p.m. to-night, 4.4.18.

Transport will be in readiness to move at a moments notice.
Z. Route and destination to be notified later.

2. Personnel of 5th Aust. Sanitary Section will em-bus with the 8th Aust. Field Ambulance and will for the present, move under the orders of C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

3. C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance will get into touch with Staff Captain, 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade. Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION."

5.55 p.m. MOVE OF TRANSPORT.

To C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

"Transport of Brigade Group moving to-day will move independently under Officers at earliest possible moment AAA Concentrate at BUSSY-LES-DAOURS on the road or in the woods H.34.b. Sheet 62d AAA 8th Field Company, 8th Field Ambulance and 18th A.A.S.C. will accompany Brigade Group AAA Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION."

6.25 p.m. EMBUSSING ORDER.

To C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.

"14th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group will embus at LOUVENCOURT-ACHEUX Road facing South West head of Column ACHEUX at 5.30 a.m. 5th inst. AAA 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will move with 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group C.C. will get into touch with Staff Captain 14th Brigade AAA Detailed instructions re move of Transport will be issued later AAA O.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will detail ambulance car to report to O.C. 14th Aust. Field ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Artillery Brigade at AMPLIER to-night AAA This car will accompany Artillery on move AAA Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION."

9 p.m. MOVE OF TRANSPORT & ROUTE.

To C.C. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.

"Route for 14th Brigade Group by bus ACHEUX-LEALVILLERS-ARQUEVES-PUCHEVILLERS-AMIENS AAA Debus DAOURS then march AUBIGNY AAA All transport of 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group including 14th Field Ambulance will move by road to BUSSY on 5th inst., AAA Movement to commence at 5 a.m. AAA Most suitable route from billeting areas should be taken AAA BUSSY Sheet 62d H.35 AAA D.H.Q. closing VAUCHELLES 10 p.m. tonight re-opening BLANGY-TRONVILLE CHATEAU" Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION."

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5th APRIL, 1918.

ON RECEIPT OF DIVISIONAL ORDER 196 ORDERS WERE ISSUED AS UNDER.

8 p.m. To 8th Australian Field Ambulance.

"In accordance with 5th Australian Divisional Order No. 196 you will come under the orders of A.D.M.S. 58th Division until further instructed. Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION"

8 p.m. PRELIMINARY ORDERS.

To 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.
15th " " "

"Preliminary Order. AAA 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will take over Cavalry Field Ambulance Dressing Station at N.28.c.5.3. and forward posts on 6th inst. by 10 am AAA Advance party of 1 complete Section will report by 8 a.m. to O.C. Station AAA Detailed instructions will follow later AAA Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION".

"Preliminary Order. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance (less 1 tent sub-div.) which will remain at DAOURS) will take over Cavalry Field Ambulance Dressing Station at AUBIGNY & forward posts AAA Advance party of 1 complete section will report at 8 a.m. on 6th inst. AAA Main relief to be complete by 10 a.m. AAA Detailed instructions to follow AAA Sgd/ A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION."

10 p.m. A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 9 ISSUED, re relief of 3rd CAVALRY DIVISIONAL FIELD AMBULANCES.

Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
6th April, 1918.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 9.

Map reference, Sheet 62d, 1/40,000.

1. In accordance with 5th Australian Division Order No. 196 the following medical re-arrangements will take place.
2. The 15th Australian Field Ambulance less 1 Tent Sub-division, which will remain at DACOURS will take over the Cavalry Field Ambulance Station at AUBIGNY and forward posts by 10 a.m. on 6.3.18.
Advance Party of 1 Section will report to O.C. Cavalry Field Ambulance by 8 a.m. on 6.3.18.
3. A Divisional Collecting Post for Walking Wounded will be established at DACOURS.
Arrangements will be made with D.D.M.S. 3rd Corps for motor lorries to evacuate these cases from DACOURS to Main Collecting Station at AMIENS-ALBERT-DACOURS ROAD N.1.b.1.5.
In the meantime cases will be evacuated by cars and wagons of the unit as may be available.
4. The 14th Australian Field Ambulance will take over the Cavalry Field Ambulance Dressing Station at N.28.c.5.3. by 10 a.m. on 6.3.18.
Advance Party of 1 Section will report to O.C. Cavalry Field Ambulance Station by 8 a.m. on 6.3.18.
5. A Divisional Collecting Post for walking wounded will be formed at N.29.c.5.3. and arrangements will be made with D.D.M.S. Corps for motor lorries to evacuate cases to Main Collecting Post at ST. ACHEUL.
In the meantime cases will be evacuated by cars and wagons of unit as may be available.
6. Stretcher cases will be evacuated by M.A.C. cars from AUBIGNY & N.28.c.5.3. to Casualty Clearing Station at NAMPY & PICQUIGNY.
7. The following forward posts have been in use up the present:-
 - NORTH SECTOR. AID POST at HAMLET.....O.8.d.5.8.
AID POST at FOUILLOY.....O.10.d.5.8.
 - SOUTH SECTOR.
1 Medical Officer & 16 Bearers with 8 wheeled stretchers and one car at O.28.c.9.8.
8 Ambulance Wagons, 1 car and 1 bearer squad at O.28.c.4.4.
8. The 8th Australian Field Ambulance will until further orders, come under the A.D.M.S. 58th Division with the 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group.
9. Instructions as to the move and destination of the 5th Australian Sanitary Section will be issued later from this office.
10. Receipts in duplicate for all stores taken over will be forwarded to this office.
11. A.D.M.S. Office will open at 8 a.m. at BLANCOY-TROUVILLE, N.21.c.9.9. on 6.4.18.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Downey
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

- Issued at 10 p.m. to:-
1. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 2. 14th " " "
 3. 15th " " "
 4. 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

P.T.O.

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7. D.D.M.S. 3rd Corps.
8. D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
9. 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10. 14th " " "
11. 15th " " "
12. S.S.O.
13. A.D.M.S. 3rd Australian Division.
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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
6th April, 1918.

To C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
C.O. 14th " " "
C.O. 15th " " "

Reference 5th Australian Division A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 9 and instructions from D.D.M.S. 3rd Corps, the following medical arrangements will take place.

1. The 15th Australian Field Ambulance will occupy Advanced Dressing Station at AUBIGNY and forward posts, with 1 tent sub-division in reserve at DACOURS.
2. The C.O. 14th Australian Field Ambulance will form a Walking Wounded Collecting Post at DACOURS.
Will establish 1 Section at Advanced Dressing Station at N.28.c.5.3.
Will inspect Main Collecting Post at M.l.b.l.5. with a view to taking it over if required.
3. Motor Lorries will evacuate walking wounded from DACOURS and also if necessary from N.28.d.5.3.
These cases will be evacuated to PORT de PARIS on old site of 48th Stationary Hospital, whence they will be entrained for Casualty Clearing Station at HAMPS. In the event of their being unable to be taken to PORT de PARIS, they will be sent via Main Collecting Post, M.l.b.l.5. to Casualty Clearing Station at PICQUIGNY.
4. 24th Motor Ambulance Convoy Headquarters is at AMIENS and an M.A.C. Park has been established at LONGREAU. Motor lorries also work under control of M.A.C.
5. No. 15 Advanced Depot Medical Stores is situated at HAMPS.
6. Medical Comforts will be drawn from ^{SALEUX} ~~SALEUX~~, S.W. of AMIENS.
7. Walking Wounded Collecting Posts have also been established at LONGREAU, and ST. NICOLAS, T.S. central and will be used if necessary.
8. Under present conditions the main lines of evacuation will be through AUBIGNY.

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A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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D.M.S. 4th Army.

A. D. M. S.,	
5TH	
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	010/32
Date	6.4.18

Appendix. 3A.

WEEKLY SICK WASTAGE RETURN.

The following are the numbers of the 5th Australian Division evacuated S I C K to Casualty Clearing Stations for week ending 6.4.18.

<u>U N I T.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
5th Div. Headquarters.	-	2.
29th Battalion.	-	6.
30th Battalion.	-	15.
31st Battalion.	1.	13.
32nd Battalion.	-	9.
8th Machine Gun Coy.	-	2.
53rd Battalion.	2.	15.
54th Battalion.	-	6.
55th Battalion.	-	14.
56th Battalion.	1.	22.
14th Machine Gun Coy.	-	4.
57th Battalion.	1.	13.
58th Battalion.	1.	6.
59th Battalion.	-	9.
60th Battalion.	-	10.
15th Machine Gun Coy.	-	3.
25th Machine Gun Coy.	1.	-
5th Pioneer Battalion.	-	27.
13th A.F.A. Brigade.	-	7.
14th A.F.A. Brigade.	-	2.
5th D.A.C.	-	5.
5th Div. Engineers.	-	14.
5th Div. Train.	-	3.
5th D.T.M.B.	-	3.
5th Div. Signals.	-	8.
8th Field Ambulance.	-	1.
14th " "	-	1.
H.&M.T.M.B.	-	4.
5th Mob. Vet. Section.	-	1.
<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>225.</u>

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

Appendix 4.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.MEDICAL DISPOSITION OF MEDICAL UNITS AS AT 6 p.m. 7.4.18.

Map reference, Sheet 62d. 1/40,000.

POSTS.	LOCATION.	UNIT.
REGIMENTAL AID POSTS.	P.1.c.1.7. O.12.b.9.3. O.30.d.7.3. O.24.a.3.3. O.23.c.2.8. O.23.a.5.7.	
RELAY POST.	O.23.c.8.7.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
WAGON LOADING POSTS.	HAMLET.) O.17.c.4.8.)	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
ADVANCED DRESSING STN.	AUBIGNY.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
1 Tent Sub-Division in Reserve & Transport.	DAOURS.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
WALKING WOUNDED STATION	MAIRIE, DAOURS.) N.6.c.8.2.)	14th Aust. Field Ambulance.
8th Aust. Field Ambulance.	BOVES. (Under A.D.M.S. 58th Division.)	
5th Aust. Sanitary Sect.	BOVES. attached 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.	

D.H.Q.
7.4.18.

J.H. James for
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Divn.,

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE DIVISION.

ON SUNDAY, 7.4.18.

UNIT.	RANK & NAME.	REMARKS.
A.D.M.S.	Colonel M.H. DOWNNEY, D.S.O.	
D.A.D.M.S.	Major J.A. JAMES.	
<u>5th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. CONNICK, H.V.P.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major CLAYTON, A.R.	
	Major WALSH, R.W.W., D.S.O.	
	Major STEINLE, K.N.	
	Captain HOWARD, A.J.	
	Captain VOSS, P.E.	
	Captain BARRISKILL, J.R.	M.O. 5th Div. Nucleus Camp.
	Captain JAMES, F.H.	
	Captain BROWN, K.S.McA.	
	Captain GRAY, J.	
	Captain RUSSE, B.D.	No. 2 Aust. Dental Unit.
	Hon. Lt. & Q.M. McFADYEN, C.M.	
<u>14th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. THOMPSON, C.W., M.C.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major STRACHAN, J.C.P.	
	Major BEARD, R.J.S., M.C.	
	Major WISLEY, C.H.	
	Captain FINLAYSON, M.R.	Leave to HOME, 24.3.18.
	Captain FAY, P.W.	
	Captain PITTMAN, E.E.	
	Captain WRECKNER, E.W.	
	Captain WELLSCH, G.C.	Tempy. R.M.O. 55th Batt.
	Captain McGLASHAN, J.W.	
	Captain STEWART, J.	
	Captain WILCOX, S.H.	No. 32 Aust. Dental Unit.
	Hon. Capt. & Q.M. WHEELER, R.P., M.C.	
<u>15th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. SMITH, K., C.M.G.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major HARRIS, J.D.	
	Major McLELLAND, R.S.	
	Major PEARCE, J.V.	
	Captain SMITH, W.L., M.C.	
	Captain LESOUER, A.W.	
	Captain APPLEFORD, S.T.	
	Captain WILSON, J.S.	
	Captain ROBERTSON, G.O.	
	Captain SUTTON, A.F., O.B.E.	No. 33 Aust. Dental Unit
	Hon. Capt. & Q.M. LACY, M.W.	
<u>REGIMENTAL UNITS.</u>		
<u>5th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
29th Battalion.	Captain MAUDSLEY, H.F., M.C.	
30th Battalion.	Captain RAILTON, S.A., M.C.	
31st Battalion.	Captain JAGGER, T.R.	
32nd Battalion.	Captain WOODS, E.W.B., M.C.	
<u>14th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
53rd Battalion.	Captain HAWTHORNE, W.S.	
54th Battalion.	Captain LEHMAN, C.H., M.C.	
55th Battalion.	Captain WELLSCH, G.C.	Temporary R.M.O.
56th Battalion.	Captain GIBSON, S.G., M.C.	

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES.

ON SUNDAY, 7.4.18.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>RANK & NAME.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
<u>Regimental Units.</u>		
<u>15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.</u>		
57th Battalion.	Captain BEITH, D.M.	
58th Battalion.	Major GUEST, J.V.R.	
59th Battalion.	Captain YOUNG, J.R.	
60th Battalion.	Captain DOIG, K. McK., M.C.	
<u>Field Artillery Brigades.</u>		
<u>13th A.F.A. Brigade.</u>		
	Major WILKINSON, J.W.	
14th " " "		
	Captain ROBINSON, C.F., M.C.	
<u>5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column.</u>		
	Captain HILLSTROM, C.O.	
<u>5th Australian Divisional Engineers.</u>		
	Captain COX, L.B.	
<u>5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.</u>		
	Captain MACKAY, N.J.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Train.</u>		
	Captain LANGAN, A.M.	

SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES.

5th Aust. Field Ambulance.....1 M.O. Surplus.

CASUALTIES.

5th Aust. Field Ambulance. Lt. Col. H.V.P. CONRICK from No. 2 Aust. Command Depot, Weymouth on 27.3.18.

Captain P.E. VOSS from No. 8 Australian General Hospital on 27.3.18.

D.H.Q.
7.4.18.

COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
10th April, 1918.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 10.

Map reference Sheet 62d, 1/40,000.

Reference Plan of Operations G.16/4254 and 5th Australian Division Order No. 199.

1. The C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance will arrange to clear wounded from the P.A.P's of the 8th & 14th Australian Inf. Brigades.
2. The C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance will send 1 Bearer Captain and 1 Bearer Sub-Division to report to C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance at Advanced Dressing Station, AUBIGNY by 5 p.m. on 10.4.18.
He will also place at the disposal of C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance:-
 - 2 (two) Sunbeam Ambulance Cars (with 4 drivers and 4 Orderlies).
 - 3 Wheeled Stretchers.
3. The C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will hold his Bearer Sub-divisions in readiness to move forward on receipt of orders to the A.D.S., AUBIGNY, where they will come under the orders of the C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
He will also place at the disposal of the C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance:-
 - 2 Sunbeam Ambulance Cars (with 4 drivers and 4 orderlies).
 - 1 Ford Ambulance Car & driver.
4. The Ford Ambulance Car of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance attached at present to A.D.S. will be placed at the disposal of the C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance.
5. The scheme of evacuation will be as laid down in this office "Medical Arrangements" dated 10.4.18.

W.H. Downey COLONEL.
A.D.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVN.,

Issued at 4 p.m. to:-

1. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. 14th " " "
3. 15th " " "

Copies to:-

4. D.D.S. 3rd Corps.
5. D.S. 4th Army.
6. Headquarters, 5th Aust. Div., "G"
7. 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
8. 14th " " "
9. 15th " " "
10. A.D.S. 3rd Australian Division.
11. A.D.S. 53th Division.
- 12/14. War Diary.
15. File.

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Appendix 5.A 20
Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
10th April, 1918.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN 5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL SECTOR.

Map reference, Sheet 62d, 1/40,000.
AMIENS, 17. 1/100,000.
ABBEVILLE 14, 1/100,000.

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

8th Aust. Field Ambulance at Div. Rest Station, GLISY.
14th " " " at Div. Walking Wounded Collecting
Post, DAOURS.
15th " " " at Advanced D. Station, AUBIGNY,
and the following Forward Posts:-

CAR LOADING POST.	HAMELET, O.6.d.1.6.
" " "	O.6.a.6.5.
" " "	O.18.a.7.7.
" " "	O.17.c.4.6.
RELAY POST.	O.27.c.8.7.
R.A.P.	J.31.b.9.5.
"	P.1.c.1.7.
"	O.18.b.9.3.
"	P.13.a.0.1.
"	O.24.a.3.5.
"	O.30.c.5.4.

COLLECTING POST for Reserve Brigade is at O.13.d.2.9.

CORPS MAIN DRESSING STATION, at ST. ACHEUL (^{55^B} 43rd Field Ambulance)

CORPS WALKING WOUNDED STATION, at PORT DE PARIS, AMIENS.

CASUALTY CLEARING STATIONS at NANPS.
at PICQUIGNY.

ADVANCED DEPOTS MEDICAL STORES. No. 13 at NANPS.
No. 14 at PICQUIGNY.
No. 18 at LONGPRE LES CORPS SANITS.

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH, BRITISH RED CROSS, at FREVENT.

MEDICAL PORTS RAILHEAD, at SALEUX.

MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOY AND LORRIES. Headquarters, 24th M.A.C. at
Corps Main Dressing Station, ST. ACHEUL.
A central post is established under an M.C.O. at LONGEAU Cross Rds.
where a certain number of cars, busses and lorries are situated.
A reserve of lorries is also held at the Corps Walking Wounded Stn.
PORT DE PARIS, AMIENS.
Requests for cars and lorries will be sent through this office.

EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.

From LEFT R.A.P. at J.31.b.9.5. cases are taken by
wheeled stretcher across SOULE CANAL whence they are taken by
wheeled stretcher to CarLoading Post opposite HAMELET at O.6.a.6.5.
and thence by Ford Ambulance Car to A.D.S., AUBIGNY. As an altern-
ative, cases may be sent through 10th Aust. Field Ambulance A.D.S. at
BONNAY.

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From other R.A.Ps, by hand carriage and wheeled stretcher to Car Loading Posts and thence by Ambulance Cars to Advanced Dressing Station, AUBIGNY.

Divisional Ambulance Cars will evacuate stretcher cases from A.D.S. to Corps Main Dressing Station.

Divisional Ambulance Wagons will evacuate walking wounded cases from Advanced Dressing Station to Walking Wounded Collecting Post at DAOURS, whence they will be directed to Lorry Loading Post at H.S.C.4.0. and taken to Corps Walking Wounded Station.

EVACUATION OF SICK.

Sick will be evacuated by Divisional Ambulance vehicles to the Corps Walking Wounded Station. Sick (stretcher cases) will be evacuated to Corps Main Dressing Station.

Slight cases will be sent to Divisional Rest Station, GLISY, where they will be retained, treated to recovery and returned to their units. Records will be kept as per detailed instructions from this office.

MARKING OF ROUTES.

C.O. Forward Field Ambulance will be responsible for the marking of routes and posts.

RECORDS.

These will be taken at Corps Main Dressing Station and Corps Walking Wounded Station as laid down in "Medical Arrangements, 3rd Corps No. 29."

BLANKETS & STRETCHERS.

A sufficient supply exists at all posts. Further supplies will be indented for on Corps Main Dressing Station.

TRENCH FOOT POWDER & SOAP.

These are being supplied to Brigades. At HAMELET Car Loading Post arrangements have been completed for washing & treatment of feet of men in the line.

ALTERATION IN DISPOSITIONS.

Special instructions (SECRET) are being issued from this office regarding possible alterations in sites of Advanced Dressing Station and Divisional Walking Wounded Collecting Post.

W. H. D. ... COLONEL.
A.D.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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SECRET.

Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
10th April, 1918.

To C.O. 5th Aust. Field Ambulance.
C.O. 14th " " "
C.O. 15th " " "
C.O. 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

Reference this office "Medical Arrangements" of 10.4.18.

In view of a possible retirement, suitable sites are being selected on the line of evacuation to Casualty Clearing Station for the future establishment of Dressing Stations &c., and arrangements made for immediate occupation when required.

The following sites have been selected for Corps Medical Units and will not be occupied by Divisional Units unless under instructions from Corps through this office :-

SCHOOL HOUSE.....SALOUEL.

SCHOOL HOUSE.....LONGPRE.

SITE OF 47 C.C.S.....MONTIERRES.

In event of the necessity for withdrawal of Advanced Dressing Station and Forward Post:-

1. The 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will fall back through DACOURS to selected site at SCHOOL, N.L.B.1.5. Junction AMIENS-ALBIENS-DACOURS Rds. This site will in the meantime be held by small party of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. The present Walking Wounded Collecting Post run by 14th Aust. Field Ambulance at DACOURS will become an Advanced Dressing Station and the C.O. will immediately get his bearers in touch with R.M.C's.
3. The C.O. 5th Aust. Field Ambulance will under instructions from this office clear his Divisional Rest Station patients, and his station will become an Advanced Dressing Station.

He will arrange with C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance to clear such of the R.A.P's as may be necessary.
4. The 5th Aust. Sanitary Section will remain at OLISY until further orders.

M.H. Downey

A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. COLONEL.

A.D.M.S.
5TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
05/35
10/4/18

*Appendix 6*WEEKLY SICK WASTAGE RETURNS

The following are the numbers of the 5th Australian Division^b evacuated SICK to Casualty Clearing Stations for week ended 13/4/18.

<u>U N I T.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.Ranks.</u>
29th Battalion	-	4
30th "	-	2
31st "	-	3
32nd "	-	4
8th A.L.T.M.B.	-	1
14th Brigade H.Q.	-	1
53rd Battalion	1	7
54th "	-	11
55th "	-	12
56th "	-	4
14th M.G.Co	-	3
15th Brigade H.Q.	-	1
57th Battalion	-	4
58th "	-	13
59th "	1	37
60th "	1	40
15th M.G.Co	-	4
15th A.L.T.M.B.	-	1
5th Pioneers	-	7
13th A.F.A.	-	4
14th A.F.A. A.F.A.	-	1
5th D.A.C.	-	2
25th M.G.Co	1	3
5th Div. Engineers	-	3
5th Div. Train	1	1
5th Sanitary Section	-	1
TOTAL	5	174.

M.A. Downey COLONEL,

13/4/18.

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

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Appendix 6

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

DISPOSITION OF MEDICAL UNITS AS AT 6 p.m. SATURDAY, 13.4.18.

Map reference, Sheet 62d, 1/40,000.

POSTS.	LOCATION.	UNIT.
REGIMENTAL AID POSTS.	J.31.b.9.5. P.1.c.1.7. O.12.b.9.3. P.13.a.0.1. O.24.a.3.5. O.30.c.5.4.	
RELAY POST.	O.23.c.8.7.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
WAGON LOADING POSTS.	HAMELET. O.6.d.1.6. O.6.a.6.5. O.18.a.7.7. O.17.c.4.6.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
ADVANCED DRESSING STN.	AUBIGNY.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
1 Tent Sub-Division in Reserve & Transport.	DAOURS.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
WALKING WOUNDED STN.	MAIRIE, DAOURS. N.6.c.8.2.	14th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Divisional Rest Stn.	WOOLLEN MILL, DAOURS.	8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Medical Aid Post.	BLANGY-TRONVILLE. (Q.1. O. Rks. 8)	8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Collecting Post. (Reserve Bde).	O.13.d.2.9.	8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
5th Aust. Sanitary Sect.	DAOURS.	

D.H.Q.
13.4.18.

J. H. James
Major Gen. COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE DIVISION.

ON SUNDAY, 14.4.18.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>RANK & NAME.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
A.D.M.S.	Colonel M.H. DOWNEY, D.S.O.	
D.A.D.M.S.	Major J.A. JAMES.	
<u>8th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. CONNICK, H.V.P., D.S.O.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major CLAYTON, A.R.	
	Major WALSH, R.W.W., D.S.O.	
	Major STEELE, K.W.	
	Captain HOWARD, A.J.	
	Captain VOSS, P.E.	
	Captain BARRISKILL, J.R.	M.O. 5th Div. Nucleus Camp.
	Captain JAMES, F.H.	
	Captain BROWN, K.S. M.C.A.	
	Captain GRAY, J.	
	Captain RUSE, H.H.	No. 2 Aust. Dental Unit.
	Hon. Lt. & Q.M. McFARREN, G.M.	
<u>14th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. THOMPSON, G.W., M.C.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major STRACHAN, J.C.P.	
	Major BEARD, R.J.S., M.C.	
	Major WESLEY, G.H.	
	Captain FAY, F.W.	
	Captain PITTMAN, R.E.	
	Captain PROCKER, E.W.	
	Captain McOLASHAN, J.W.	
	Captain STEWART, J.	
	Captain WILLCOX, S.R.	No. 32 Aust. Dental Unit. On Leave to NICH.
	Hon. Capt. & Q.M. WHEELER, R.P., M.C.	
<u>18th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. SMITH, K., C.M.G.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major HONRIS, J.D.	
	Major McLELLAND, R.S.	
	Major FRANCE, J.V.	
	Captain SMITH, W.L., M.C.	
	Captain LESQUEFF, A.W.	
	Captain APPLEFORD, S.T.	
	Captain WILSON, J.S.	
	Captain ROBERTSON, G.O.	
	Captain SUTTON, A.J., O.B.E.	No. 23 Dental Unit.
	Hon. Lt. & Q.M. SCHOFIELD, A.F.	
<u>REGIMENTAL UNITS.</u>		
<u>8th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
89th Battalion.	Captain MAUDSLEY, H.F., M.C.	
90th Battalion.	Captain RAILTON, S.A., M.C.	
91st Battalion.	Captain JAGGER, T.R.	
92nd Battalion.	Captain WOODS, E.W.R., M.C.	
<u>14th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
83rd Battalion.	Captain HAWTHORNE, W.S.	
84th Battalion.	Captain LEEMAN, C.H., M.C.	
85th Battalion.	Captain MACKAY, H.J.	
86th Battalion.	Captain GIBSON, S.G., M.C.	

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE
DIVISION, ON SUNDAY, 14.4.18.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>RANK & NAME.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
<u>REGIMENTAL Units.</u>		
<u>18th Aust. Inf. Brigade.</u>		
57th Battalion.	Captain BEITH, R.M.	
58th Battalion.	Major GURST, J.V.R.	
59th Battalion.	Captain YOUNG, J.R.	
60th Battalion.	Captain DOIG, K. McK., M.C.	
<u>Field Artillery Brigades.</u>		
13th A.F.A. Brigade.	Major WILKINSON, J.W.	
14th " "	Captain ROBINSON, C.F., M.C.	
<u>5th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column.</u>		
	Captain HELLSTROM, C.O.	
<u>5th Australian Divisional Engineers.</u>		
	Captain COX, L.B.	
<u>5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.</u>		
	Captain FINLAYSON, M.R.	
<u>5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.</u>		
	Captain WELLSCH, G.C.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Train.</u>		
	Captain LANGAN, A.M.	

SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES.

5th Aust. Field Ambulance.....1 Medical Officer SURPLUS.

NEED ASUALTIES.

14th Aust. Field Ambulance. Captain FINLAYSON, M.R. to be R.M.O. 5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion, 12.4.18.
 Captain WELLSCH, G.C. to be R.M.O. 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion, 12.4.18.

18th Aust. Field Ambulance. Hon. Lt. & Q.M. SCHOFIELD, A.F. from No. 3 A.S.H. on 7.4.18.
 Hon. Captain & Q.M. LAGY, R.W. to No. 3 A.S.H. on 12.4.18.

55th A.I. Battalion. Captain MACKAY, H.J. from 5th Pioneer Battalion to be R.M.O. 55th Battalion on 12.4.18.

D.H.O.
14.4.18.

J.A. James
Major Gen COLONEL.
 A.P.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
18th April, 1918.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL
SECTOR.

Sheet 62d & AMIENS 17.

In the event of the necessity of withdrawal from front line, the following re-arrangements of medical units will take place.

1. The 15th Australian Field Ambulance will fall back from A.D.S. AUBIGNY and Forward Posts to ALLOUVILLE, where it will open up as an M.D.S.

2. The Divisional Walking Wounded Collecting Post at DAOURS, (14th Aust. Field Ambulance) will become the Advanced Dressing Stn. This will be retired if necessary to a site already selected and where the Unit transport is parked, at N.4.c.8.1.

3. The 8th Australian Field Ambulance will fall back from their present location at WOOLLEN HILL, DAOURS, to a site selected at BUSSY-LES-DAOURS.

One tent sub-division will open up at N.4.c.8.1. as a Divisional Collecting Station. This personnel will be supplemented if required by further tent sub-division personnel from the 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

4. EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.

As heretofore to Corps Main Dressing Station at ST. AGHTUL and Corps Walking Wounded Station at RUE PORTE DE PARIS, AMIENS.

Should these stations be moved West of Amiens as result of heavy shelling of AMIENS and its environs, cases will be evacuated in Divisional Cars and Wagons to the M.D.S. at ALLOUVILLE, via BUSSY LES DAOURS - QUERRIEU - ALLOUVILLE Road, where they will be evacuated under Corps Arrangements to Casualty Clearing Station.

The bearer sub-divisions and Ambulance vehicles of the 8th Aust. Field Ambulance will be at the disposal of the C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.

5. The 5th Aust. Sanitary Section will move to BUSSY LES DAOURS.

6. These arrangements will hold good while the Division remains in 3rd Corps, and afterwards until further orders.

7. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. Downey COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVN..

Issued to:-

1. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. 14th " " "
3. 15th " " "
4. 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

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6. D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
7. H.O., 5th Australian Division.
8. 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
9. 14th " " "
10. 15th " " "
- 11/13. War Diary.

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From Captain S.T. APPLEFORD, A.A.M.C.

To C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.

re GAS CASUALTIES 17.4.18.

Herewith report asked for by D.A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division. I examined and interrogated about 40 gassed cases (all stretcher cases) at the A.D.S. at AUBIGNY. The majority of them belonged to the 54th Battalion, A.I.F.

SYMPTOMS. The eyes in every case were affected and caused intense pain. The lids were swollen, the conjunctival red and injected. There was copious lachrymation. Vomiting occurred in all cases and at frequent intervals. The 5% soln. of Sod. Bicarb was immediately rejected. The vomiting was composed generally of bile and mucus, in the worst cases of practically pure bile. Coughing was general and troublesome. Headache was generally intense. Pulse always soft and rapid averaging about 104. In one case the rate was 120. Sneezing. None were heard to sneeze and on enquiry none complained of it.

CAUSES OF THE CASUALTIES. Practically all the patients were unanimous in stating that the gas did not take them unawares. They had their masks on almost as soon as the alarm was given. The majority of the patients wore their masks continuously for three hours and then took them off because they were told they could do so; some by their Sergeants; other received the order from those next them i.e. the order was passed along. One Officer who I believe was Lieut. A.A. ASKHAM, 54th Battalion, A.I.F. stated that he gave that order to his men. He was not very communicative and was very ill. These men said they could smell the gas still about, after removing their respirators but thought it was not sufficiently strong to do them much harm. They seemed confident they could have worn the masks much longer had they not received the order to remove them. There was no sneezing and they did not remove their masks on that account. In other cases the men stated that they kept their masks on for half an hour and then removed them but replaced them when they found the gas still about. These latter seemed to be in more or less detached parties and were inconvenienced by having to move from one location to another or by having to "dig-in". All these cases were gassed in and around VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.

18.4.18.

Sgd S.T. APPLEFORD, Captain.
 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

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Appendix 10.

WEEKLY SICK WASTAGE RETURN.

The following are the numbers of the 5th Australian Division evacuated S I C K to Casualty Clearing Stations for week ending 20/4/18.

<u>U N I T.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.Ranks,</u>
29th Battalion	-	5
30th "	1	7
31st "	1	6
32nd "	-	9
53rd "	-	5
54th "	-	9
55th "	-	1
56th "	1	11
57th "	-	5
58th "	-	9
59th "	-	14
60th "	-	10
8th M.G.Co	-	1
15th M.G.Co	-	2
25th M.G.Co	-	2
8th A.L.T.M.B.	-	1
14th A.L.T.M.B.	-	1
5th Pioneers	1	5
5th D.A.C.	-	2
5th Div. Engineers	-	1
15th Field Ambulance	-	2
5th Div. Signals	-	2
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TOTAL	4	108.
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J.A. James for
major COLONEL,

21/4/18.

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

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE DIVISION,

ON SUNDAY, 17.4.18.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>RANK & NAME.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
<u>REGIMENTAL UNITS.</u>		
57th Battalion.	Captain BEITH, H.M.	
58th Battalion.	Captain VOSS, P.E.	
59th Battalion.	Major McLELLAND, R.S.	
60th Battalion.	Captain DOIG, K. McK., M.C.	
<u>Field Artillery Brigades.</u>		
13th A.F.A. Brigade.	Major WILKINSON, J.W.	
14th " "	Captain ROBINSON, C.F., M.C.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Ammunition Column.</u>		
	Captain HULLSTROM, G.O.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Engineers.</u>		
	Captain COX, L.H.	
<u>5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.</u>		
	Captain PINLAYSON, H.R.	
<u>5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.</u>		
	Captain WELLSCH, G.C.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Train.</u>		
	Captain LANGAN, A.M.	

SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES.

8th Aust. Field Ambulance.....	1 DEFICIENT.
14th " " "	2 DEFICIENT.
15th " " "	1 DEFICIENT.

CASUALTIES.

Captain J.R. YOUNG, R.M.O. 59th Battalion evacuated wounded 16.4.18.
 Captain W.S. HAWTHORNE, R.M.O. 53rd Battalion evacuated wounded (Gassed) on 17.4.18.
 Captain E.H. LEBMAN, M.C. & Bar., R.M.O. 54th Battalion evacuated wounded (Gassed) on 17.4.18.
 Captain S.G. GIBSON, M.C. R.M.O. 56th Battalion, evacuated wounded, (Gassed) on 18.4.18.
 Captain J. GRAY, Temp. R.M.C. 56th Battalion, evacuated wounded, (gassed) on 19.4.18.
8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 Captain J. GRAY to Temp. R.M.O. 56th Battalion vice GIBSON on 18.4.18.
 Major STEELE, K.N. to temp. R.M.O. 56th Battalion vice GRAY, on 19.4.18.
14th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 Captain J. STEWART to temp. R.M.O. 54th Battalion vice LEBMAN on 17.4.18.
 Captain E.E. PITTMAN to temp. R.M.O. 53rd Batt. vice HAWTHORNE on 17.4.18.
15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 Major R.S. McLELLAND to temp. R.M.O. 59th Battalion vice YOUNG on 16.4.18.
 Major J.V.R. GUEST from R.M.O. 58th Battalion to 8th Aust. Field Amb.
 Captain P.E. VOSS from 8th Aust. Field Ambulance to R.M.O. 58th Battalion.

D.M.G.
21.4.18.

P.A. James for
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Divn.,

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Appendix II5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.DISPOSITION OF MEDICAL UNITS AS AT 6 p.m. SATURDAY, 20.4.18.Map reference, Sheet 62d, 1/40,000.

POSTS.	LOCATION.	UNIT.
REGIMENTAL AID POSTS.	J.31.b.9.5. P.1.c.1.7. O.12.b.9.3. P.13.a.0.1. O.24.a.3.5.	
RELAY POST.	O.23.c.8.7.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
WAGON LOADING POSTS.	HAMELET. O.6.d.1.6. O.6.a.6.5. O.18.a.7.7. O.17.c.4.6.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
ADVANCED DRESSING STN.	AUBIGNY. (2 Tent Sub-Divisions)	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Ambulance H.Q., 1 Tent Sub-division & Transport.	DAOURS.	15th Aust. Field Ambulance.
WALKING WOUNDED STN.	Mairie, DAOURS. N.6.c.8.2.	14th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Divisional Rest Stn.	WOOLLEN MILL, DAOURS.	8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Medical Aid Post.	BLANGY-TRONVILLE. Off. 2. O.Rks. 12.	8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Collecting Post. (Reserve Bde.)	O.13.d.2.9.	8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
5th Aust. Sanitary Sect.	DAOURS.	

D.H.Q.
20.4.18.

W.H. Downey
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE
DIVISION, ON SUNDAY, 21 17.4.18.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>RANK & NAME.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
A.D.M.S. D.A.D.M.S.	Colonel M.H. DOWNEY, D.S.O. Major J.A. JAMES.	
<u>8th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. CONRICK, H.V.P., D.S.O. Major CLAYTON, A.R. Major WALSH, R.W.W., D.S.O. Captain HOWARD, A.J. Major GUEST, J.V.R. Captain BARRISKILL, J.R., M.O. 5th Div. Nucleus Camp. Captain JAMES, F.H. Captain BROWN, K.S. McA. Captain HUSE, B.B. Hon. Lt. & Q.M. McFADYEN, C.M.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u> No. 2 Aust. Dental Unit.
<u>14th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. THOMPSON, G.W., M.O. Major STRACHAN, J.C.P. Major BEARD, R.J.S., M.O. Major WESLEY, G.H. Captain FAY, F.W. Captain FRECKER, E.W. Captain McGLASHAN, J.W. Captain WILLCOX, S.H. Hon. Capt. & Q.M. WHEELER, R.P., M.C.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u> No. 32 Aust. Dental Unit.) On Leave.)
<u>15th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. SMITH, K., C.M.G. Major NORRIS, J.D. Major PEARCE, J.V. Captain SMITH, W.L., M.O. Captain LESQUEF, A.W. Captain APPLEFORD, S.T. Captain WILSON, J.S. Captain ROBERTSON, G.O. Captain SUTTON, A.J., O.B.E. Hon. Lt. & Q.M. SCHOFIELD, A.F.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u> No. 25 Dental Unit.
<u>REGIMENTAL UNITS.</u>		
<u>8th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
29th Battalion.	Captain MAUDSLEY, H.F., M.O.	
30th Battalion.	Captain HAILTON, S.A., M.O.	
31st Battalion.	Captain JAGGER, T.R.	
32nd Battalion.	Captain WOODS, E.W.H., M.O.	
<u>14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.</u>		
53rd Battalion.	Captain PITTMAN, E.H.	
54th Battalion.	Captain STEWART, J.	
55th Battalion.	Captain MACKAY, N.J.	
56th Battalion.	Major STEELE, K.H.	

forward.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
20th April, 1918.

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 11.
 ap reference GEd. 1/40,000.
ALIENS, 17.

In accordance with 5th Australian Division Order No. 201 and D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS Medical Instructions No. 11 the following medical re-arrangements will take place as from 9 a.m. 21.4.18.

1. The C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance will:-
 - (a) Take over from the C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance the Advanced Dressing Station at AUBIGNY, O.9.a.3.7. and Forward Ambulance Posts.
 - (b) Take over from the C.O. 13th Aust. Field Ambulance the Advanced Dressing Station at LA NEUVILLE, I.33.b.2.0. and Ambulance Posts forward of this, between the SOMME CANAL and the Northern Divisional Boundary.
- (2) C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will on relief, move to PETIT CANYON, G.30.a.6.2. where he will open up a Divisional Collecting Station.
 Until the site at PETIT CANYON is vacated by the 13th Aust. Field Ambulance the C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will remain at DAOURS.
3. The C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance will form his present station at DAOURS into a Main Dressing Station. He will be prepared to move this station in case of necessity to a site already selected at N.4.c.9.1.
4. The Ambulance Post maintained by the 8th Aust. Field Amb. at BLANGY-THONVILLE, O.22.d.1.9. will be expanded if necessary, into a Main Dressing Station, should the evacuation of wounded via DAOURS become impossible.
5. Stretcher cases will be evacuated by cars of the 3rd H.A.C. from Main Dressing Station, DAOURS, to Casualty Clearing Station at VIGNACOURT.
 Walking Wounded will until further orders be also evacuated by cars of the 3rd H.A.C. to Casualty Clearing Station, VIGNACOURT.

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6. Field Ambulances will move with Mobilization Table equipment of Stretchers and Blankets, surplus to be handed over to relieving unit or returned to Dump at No. 5 M.A.C. VILLERS-BOCAGE.

7. A List of all stores and equipment handed or taken over will be forwarded to this office in duplicate.

8. 5th Australian Sanitary Section will come under the orders of the D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

9. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.A. James. MAJOR.
for COLONEL.

A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 11 p.m. to:-

1. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. 14th " " "
3. 15th " " "
4. 5th Aust. Sanitary Section.

Copies to:-

5. D.D.M.S. IIIrd Corps.
6. D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
7. D.M.S. Fourth Army.
8. Headquarters, 5th Aust. Divn.,
9. 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10. 14th " " "
11. 15th " " "
12. S.S.O.
13. 5th Div. Signal Coy.
14. A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.
15. " 3rd " "
16. " 4th " "
17. " 8th Division.
- 18/20. War Diary.
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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
31st April, 1918.

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AMENDMENT TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 11.
Map reference 62d, 1/40,000.

Reference para. 2.

15th Australian Field Ambulance will open as Divisional
Collecting Station at LES ALENGONS (G.29.d.O.5.) not PETIT CAMON.

W.H. Downey COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

Issued to all recipients of A.A.M.C. Order 11.

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8th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL OF MAIN RIGHT SECTOR. April 22nd, 1918.

A.D.S. AUBIGNY. 1 Off. 44 O.R. 2 Cars.

Left Sector. Left R.A.P. (J.31.b.6.4.) 8 O.R. 2 Wheeled Stretchers
 Centre " (O.6.b.7.6.) 4 O.R.
 Right. " (P.7.a.1.1.) 8 O.R.
 Wagon Loading Post (O.6.d.1.6.) 1 Off. 9 O.R. 1 Motor Car.

Right Sector. R.A.P. (O.24.a.central). 4 O.R.
 Wagon Loading Post (O.17.c.3.6.) 1 Off. 9 O.R. 1 Car.

DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL ON MAIN LEFT SECTOR.

A.D.S. LA NEUVILLE. (I.33.d.6.4.) 1 Off. 14 O.R. 1 Car.
 A.D.S. (L.P.) (I.30.a.6.1.) 19 O.R. 1 Car.

Sgd/ V. CONRICK, Lt. Colonel.
 C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

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REPORT BY LIEUT. COL. CONRICK, D.S.O., C.O. 8th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE.

8.12.p.m. 23-4-18.

Major CLAYTON, A.D.S. AUBIGNY reports severe Gas shelling round A.D.S. from 6 p.m. No casualties in Ambulance personnel; have evacuated A.D.S. buildings temporarily and moved to Road 300 yards nearer FOUILLOY. All horses released from Advanced Dressing Station, Stables, and driven to place of safety, up hill nearer DAOURS. Some horses and six of personnel have been sent back to Ambulance H.Q. at Woollen Mills, DAOURS. Few casualties are coming through.

3.p.m. 24-4-18.

A.D.S. AUBIGNY removed to O.9.a. central, only urgent dressings and splints applied at present, and post used as Relay Car Loading Post, as it is so close to M.D.S.

Present strength of personnel:- 2 Off. 6 O.R. 12 attached.

Casualties- 4 Gassed.

At 12-30 p.m. all casualties had been evacuated and position was quiet. The personnel and packs, all animals and vehicles have been removed from School House Building and only some dressings and drugs left there. These can be obtained and used later.

Further gassing by shells from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. this morning 24.4.18. at and around O.24.a.central.

Some gas shells at and around AUBIGNY at 6 a.m. to-day 24.4.18. No further casualties.

From last nights gas two horses are casualties, but can be worked.

Two horses wounded have since been destroyed.

One horse ambulance (8th Field Ambulance) was injured about the body, but has been removed to Woollen Mills, DAOURS and is reparable.

Two Ambulance Cars (Sunbeam) of 14th Field Ambulance were injured and removed to 14th Field Ambulance H.Q. and are unfit for road at present.

One Sunbeam Ambulance Car has been replaced by 14th Field Ambulance.

Two further Ambulance cars (Sunbeams) are at present attached to A.D.S. from 15th Field Ambulance.

I should like to bring to your notice my appreciation of Major A.R. CLAYTON, A.A.M.C. in charge of A.D.S. AUBIGNY. The casualties in personnel, horses and vehicles were in no way his fault; on the contrary, he acted with commendable promptitude and decision and had the men wearing masks very soon after the shelling and personally directed the evacuation of the personnel and horses to a place of safety. While leading two horses himself, a gas shell exploded at his feet and caused him to stumble and injure a finger. He has remained at duty. I consider that the small number of casualties is due to his sound judgment.

Captain K.S.M. Brown at Car Loading Post, Hamlet, also acted with promptness and removed his post and personnel, as shown, and suffered no casualties.

Disposition of Ambulance personnel on 23-4-18 and 25-4-18 attached.

Sgd/ V. CONRICK, Lt. Colonel.
C.O. 8th Aust. Field Amb.
3 p.m. 24.4.18.

8th Australian Field Ambulance.Disposition of personnel on Main Right Sector. April, 25th 1918.

A.D.S. at (O.9.a.central) 2 Off. 18 O. Rks. 2 Motor Ambulances.
Left Sector. Left R.A.P. (J.31.b.6.4.) 8 O. Rks. 2 Wheeled Stret.
 Centre " (O.6.b.7.6.) 4 O. Ranks.
 Right " "
 & Wagon L Post. (P.7.a.1.1.) 1 Off. 13 O. Rks. 1 Motor Amb.
 R.A.P. 30th Batt. (O.6.d.7.8.) 4 O. Ranks.
Right Sector.
 Wagon L. Post. (O.17.c.3.6.) 1 Off. 17 O. Rks. 1 Motor Amb.

Disposition of Personnel on Main Left Sector.

A.D.S. La Neuville. (I.33.d.6.4.) 1 Off. 14 O. Rks. 1 Motor Amb.
 A.D.S. (L.P.) (I.30.a.6.1.) 7 O. Rks. 1 Motor Amb.
 R.A.P. (J.22.d.2.3.) 4 O. Rks.
 Relay Posts. (J.28. central)
 (J.26. central) 9 O. Rks.

Sgd/ V. CONRICK, Lieut. Colonel.
 C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

URGENT.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division.
~~3-5-18.~~
24. 4. 18

To C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade will counter attack at 8.p.m. today. Frontage 2,000 yards. General Direction S.E. from vicinity O.24. to British Line System from point 500 yards S. of VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road to Gridline 19.central.

Please reinforce Motor Post at 9.17.c.3.6. with car and 6. squads. As advance proceeds establish necessary relays forward of Motor Post. Maintain circuit of cars between Motor Post and A.D.S. If additional bearers required obtain from C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.

(Signed) M. H. DOWNEY. COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

Copies to C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.
H.Q. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
25th April, 1918.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN 5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL SECTOR.

1. DIVISIONAL UNITS.

8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Headquarters at 'COLLENI' HILLS, DAOURS.
ADVANCED D. STN. AUBIGNY.
ADVANCED D. STN. LA NEUVILLE.

posts:-

and following forward

REGIMENTAL AID POSTS.

O.24.a.central.
P.7.a.1.1.
O.6.b.7.6. and O.6.d.7.8.
J.31.b.6.4.
J.22.d.2.3.

BEARER RELAY POSTS.

On roads in

J.22.central.
J.22.central.
O.23.

MOTOR POSTS.

O.17.c.3.6.
P.7.a.1.1.
I.50.a.6.1.
O.15.d.8.9. (For reserve Brigade).

14th Aust. Field Ambulance.

AID PRESSING STATION. at the FAIRIE, DAOURS, H.6.c.8.2.
AMBULANCE POST. at H.5.a.7.8. RUSBY.
AMBULANCE POST. at H.22.d.1.9. BLANGY-TROUVILLE.

15th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Divisional Collecting Station at LES ALENCONS (CHATEAU).

2. CASUALTY CLEARING STATIONS.

Nos. 50 & 61 Casualty Clearing Stations (both at VIGNACOURT)
and No. 4 at BERNOIS - Receiving in rotation.

3. ADVANCED DEPOTS MEDICAL STORES.

No. 13 at RAMPES.
No. 14 at PICQUIGNY.
No. 18 at LONGPRE LES CORPS SAINTS.

4. AUSTRALIAN BRANCH, BRITISH RED CROSS.
At FREVENT.

5. MEDICAL COMFORTS RAILHEAD.
At SALEUX.

6. MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOY.

Headquarters of 3rd Motor Ambulance Convoy at VILLERS-
BOCAGE. H.Q. 24th M.A.C. ST. ACHEUL (while under IIIrd Corps).

7. GAS TREATMENT CENTRE.

Maintained by 14th Aust. Field Ambulance at DAOURS.

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8. FOOT TREATMENT CENTRES.

At WOOLLEN HILL, BAOURS and MOTOR POST, HAMELET.

9. SCABIES TREATMENT.

At the baths at BAOURS, special treatment will be given by medical personnel to Scabies cases before return to their units.

10. EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.

(a) From R.A.P.'s South of the SOMME by hand carriage and wheeled stretcher to Motor Posts, thence to ADVANCED DRESSING STN. and MAIN DRESSING STATION by Divisional Ambulance Cars and Wagons.

(b) From R.A.P. North of the SOMME by bearer relays to Motor Post HAMELET, and thence by car to A.D.S. AUBIGNY or by bearer relays to Motor Post at I.50.a.8.1, and thence by cars to ADVANCED DRESSING STATION, LA NEUVILLE or ADVANCED DRESSING STATION, BONDAY.

(c) From the MAIN DRESSING STATION stretcher cases will be evacuated in M.A.C. cars to Casualty Clearing Station and Walking Wounded in returning empty transport or Ambulance Wagons to Div. Collecting Station, LES ALINGONS.

11. EVACUATION OF SICK.

(a) Stretcher cases will be evacuated by M.A.C. cars to C.O.S. WIGNACOURT.

(b) Slight cases will be retained and treated for a period of 48 hours if necessary, at the Ambulance Post at N.5.a.7.8. BUSSY.

12. SPECIAL CASES.

All N.Y.D.N., N.Y.D Gas, S.I.V., and Ophthalmic cases will be evacuated in M.A.C. cars direct to No. 12 Casualty Clearing Stn. at LONGPNE.

Dental treatment will when necessary be given by the Dental units attached to the 14th & 15th Aust. Field Ambulances.

13. BLANKETS & STRETCHERS.

A sufficient supply is maintained at all posts. Further supplies if urgently required may be obtained by indent, counter-signed by D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS on Ord M.A.C.

14. RECORDS.

These will be kept at the Main Dressing Station & Div. Collecting Station as laid down in this office A.25/40 d/21.4.18.

15. ALTERATION IN DISPOSITIONS.

Special instructions (Confidential) will be issued from this office regarding possible alterations in sites of Dressing Stations.

W.H. Downey
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIV.

To A.D.M.S.

On night of 24/25th inst., operations by 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade and other units were carried out against VILLERS-BRETONNEUX. R.M.O's of 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade Battalions moved up and established R.A.P's in Chalk Pit O.17.c.2.6. site of W.L.P.

Cases began to arrive soon after 10 p.m. 24th, the largest number coming down between midnight and 6 a.m. 25th.

Approximate evacuations for 24 hours ending 10 p.m. 25th was 190, a large proportion being walking cases. Approximately 70-80 of the enemy were evacuated through this post.

Owing to change of A.D.S. AUBIGNY and lack of facilities at new post in open field, cases on 25th were not delayed at A.D.S. but sent straight through by car to M.D.S. DAOURS. Car then reporting back to Wagon Loading Post O.17.c.7.4.

Ambulance wagons were used for evacuation of sitting cases and considerable use was made of unwounded prisoners as stretcher bearers.

Wheeled stretchers were used for collecting of cases from FOUILLOY, -VILLERS BRETONNEUX Road and vicinity by Ambulance and regimental bearers.

No report is to hand from Captain BROWN re evacuations from Wagon Loading Post P.7.a.1.1. but they were so few as to be comparatively negligible.

26.4.18.

Situation much quieter. One car was able to deal with all cases at Wagon Loading Post O.17.c.2.6. Two cars were sent to CORBIE about 5 p.m. to remove casualties of 14th A.I. Brigade.

Disposition:- Personnel A.D.S. AUBIGNY. 2 Off. 26 O. Ranks.
Chalk Pit Post,
O.17.c.2.6. & 1 Off. 17 O. Ranks.
forward.

Hamelet & Forward. 1 Off. 31 O. Ranks.
Transport - 2 cars, 1 Horse Ambulance at A.D.S. 1 car at Chalk
Pit, 1 car at Hamelet.

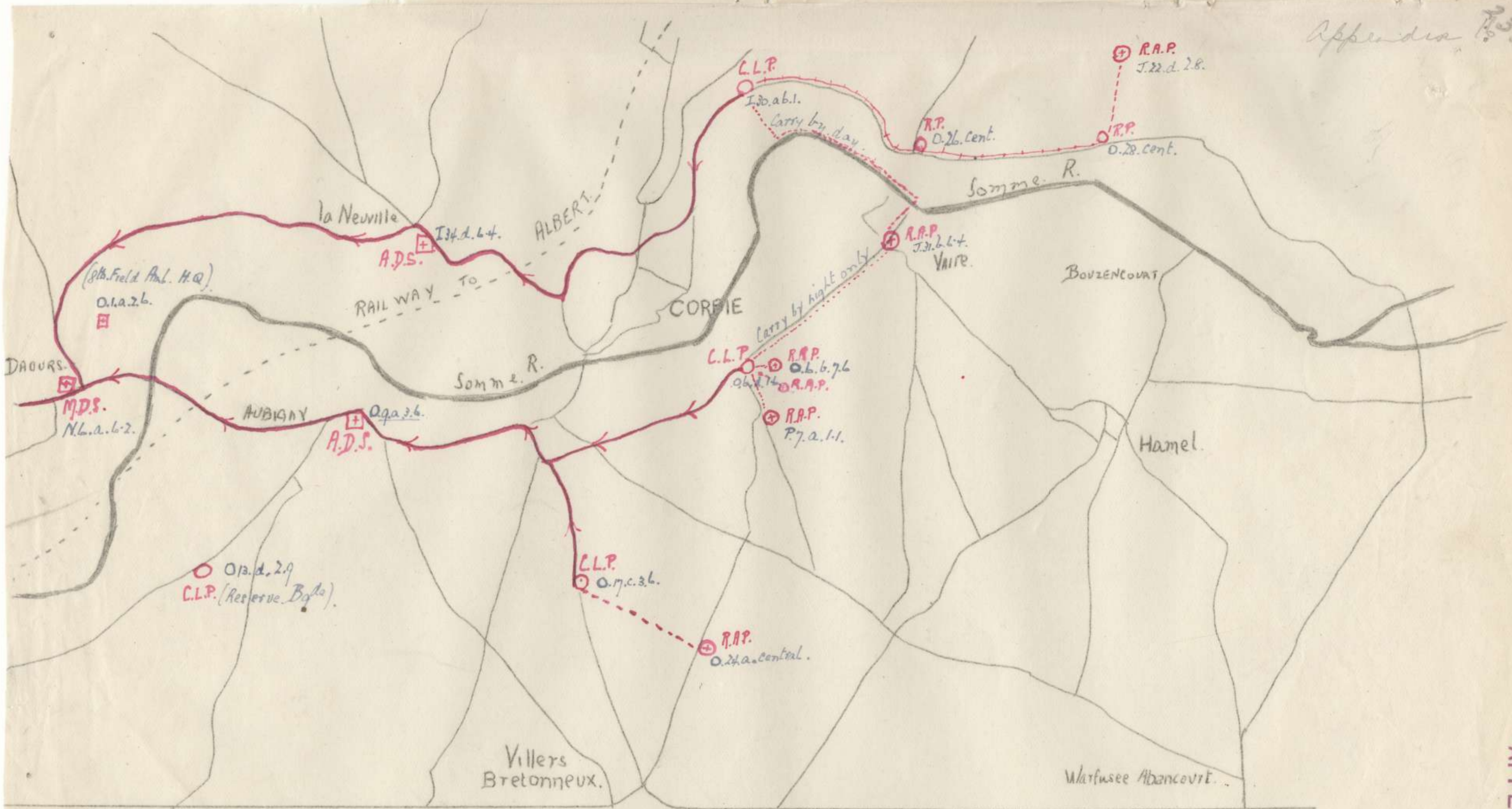
At LA NEUVILLE. Situation quiet. Disposition as before.

Sgd/ V. CONRICK, Lieut. Col.
C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Ref. Para 1. of above.

R.A.Ps. were not pushed forward of the Chalk Pit, O.17.c.2.6. as there is no suitable shelter between VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and that point. This meant an unnecessary numbers of R.M.Os. congregated at the one position. No action was taken in the matter as this was a temporary arrangement, the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. being relieved by a unit of the 4th Aust. Division on 28th inst.

M. James for Col.
major
A.D.M.S. 5th Aust Div.



- Ambulance bar route
- - - - - Ambulance carrier
- Hand carry
- ⊞ M.D.S. + A.D.S.
- Relay Post + bar Loading Post
- ⊕ R.A.P.

Medical Arrangements of 5th Australian Divn Sector

A.D.S. + Forward Post	8th Aust. Hd. Amb
M.D.S.	14th
D. Colly Stn.	15th

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Appendix 17.

DISPOSITION OF MEDICAL UNITS AS AT 6 p.m. SATURDAY, 27.4.18.

Map reference, Sheet 62d, 1/40,000.

Line held:- From J.23.d.7.0. to P.25.c.1.2.

POSTS.	LOCATION.	UNIT.
REGIMENTAL AID POSTS.	O.24.a.central. P.7.a.1.1. O.6.b.7.6. O.6.d.7.8. J.31.b.6.4. J.22.d.2.3.	
RELAY POSTS.	On road in J.28.central. J.26.central. O.23.	8th Aust. Field Amb.
MOTOR POSTS.	O.17.c.3.6. P.7.a.1.1. I.30.a.6.1. O.13.d.2.9. (For reserve Brigade).	¹⁴ 14th Aust. Field Amb.
ADVANCED D STN.	AUBIGNY.	8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
MAIN DRESSING STN.	MAIRIE, DAOURS.	14th Aust. Field Amb.
AMBULANCE POST.	N.5.a.7.8. BUSSY. N.22.d.1.9. BLANGY- TRONVILLE.	14th Aust. Field Amb. 14th Aust. Field Amb.
DIV. COLLECTING STN.	LES ALENCONS (CHATEAU)	15th Aust. Field Amb.
5th Aust. Sanitary Section, DAOURS.		

D.H.Q.
27.4.18.

J.A. James for
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division. COLONEL.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE
DIVISION, ON SATURDAY, 27.4.18.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>RANK & NAME.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
A.D.M.S.	Colonel M.H. DOWNEY, D.S.O.	
D.A.D.M.S.	Major J.A. JAMES.	
<u>8th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. CONNICK, M.V.P., D.S.O.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major CLAYTON, A.R.	
	Major WALSH, M.V.W., D.S.O.	
	Major NORTH, H.M.	
	Major GUEST, J.V.R.	
	Captain HOWARD, A.J.	
	Captain HARRISKILL, J.R.	<u>M.O. 5th Div. Nucleus Camp.</u>
	Captain BROWN, K.S.M.	
	Captain MARSHALL, C.C.	<u>CAPT. E.A. WOODWARD</u>
	Captain BUSH, B.B.	<u>No. 2 Dental Unit.</u>
	Hon. Lt. & Q.M. McFADYEN, C.M.	
<u>14th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. THOMPSON, G.W., M.C.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major STRACHAN, J.G.P.	
	Major BRAD, R.J.S., M.C.	
	Major WELBY, C.H.	
	Major SAWERS, W.C.	
	Major PARKINSON, C.K., M.C.	
	Captain PAY, P.W.	
	Captain FRECKER, R.W.	
	Captain McCLASHAN, J.W.	
	Captain WILCOX, B.H.	<u>No. 32 Dental Unit.</u>
	Hon. Capt. & Q.M. WHEELER, R.P., M.C.	
<u>15th Aust. Field Amb.</u>	Lt. Col. SMITH, K., C.M.G.	<u>Officer Commanding.</u>
	Major MORRIS, J.D.	
	Major PHARCE, J.V.	
	Major WELLS, J.C.	
	Captain SMITH, W.L., M.C.	
	Captain LESOURP, A.W.	
	Captain APPLEFORD, E.T.	
	Captain WILSON, J.B.	
	Captain SUTTON, A.J., C.B.E.	<u>No. 23 Dental Unit.</u>
	Hon. Lt. & Q.M. SCHOFIELD, A.F.	
<u>REGIMENTAL UNITS.</u>		
<u>8th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
29th Battalion.	Captain MAUDSLEY, H.F., M.C.	
30th Battalion.	Captain ROBERTSON, G.O.	<u>Temporary R.M.O.</u>
31st Battalion.	Captain JAGGER, T.R.	
32nd Battalion.	Captain WOODS, E.W.B., M.C.	
<u>14th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
53rd Battalion.	Captain PITTMAN, R.E.	
54th Battalion.	Captain STEWART, J.	
55th Battalion.	Captain MACKAY, B.J.	
56th Battalion.	Captain JAMES, V.H.	
<u>16th Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>		
57th Battalion.	Captain BRITH, B.M.	
58th Battalion.	Captain VOSS, P.E.	
59th Battalion.	Major McLELLAND, H.S.	
60th Battalion.	Captain DOIG, K. McK., M.C.	

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE DIVISION,
ON SATURDAY, 27.4.18.

UNIT.	RANK & NAME.	REMARKS.
<u>Field Artillery Brigades.</u>		
13th Field Artillery Brigade.	Major WILKINSON, J.W.	
14th " "	Capt. ROBINSON, G.V., M.C.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Ammunition Column.</u>		
	Capt. HELLSTROM, G.O.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Engineers.</u>		
	Capt. COX, L.B.	
<u>5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.</u>		
	Capt. FINLAYSON, M.R.	
<u>5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.</u>		
	Capt. WELLISCH, G.C.	
<u>5th Aust. Divisional Train.</u>		
	Capt. LANGAN, A.M.	

SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES.

8th Aust. Field Ambulance.....1 M.O. Surplus.
15th " " "1 M.O. Deficient.

C A S U A L T I E S.

8th Aust. Field Ambulance. Major K.N. STEELE, evacuated "Gassed" on 25.4.18.
Major H.M. NORTH from No. 1 A.G.H. on 24.4.18.
Capt. G.C. MARSHALL, from No. 1 A.G.H. on 21.4.18. Special qualifications:- Resident M.O. Perth Public Hosp. West Australia 12 Months., Resident Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital 6 months., Assistant O.P. Physician Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, 14 months. O.P. Surgeon Alfred Hospital, Melbourne 12 Mos., Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Alfred Hospital, 2 years. A.A.M.C. Reserve 8 1/2 years.
Captain H.A. WOODWARD from No. 3 A.G.H. on 27.4.18.
Major Steele returned to Ambulance, 28.4.18.
Captain F.H. JAMES to 50th Battalion vice
14th Aust. Field Ambulance. Major W.C. SANNES from No. 2 A.G.H. on 23.4.18.
Major C.E. PARKINSON, M.C., from No. 1 A.G.H. on 24.4.18.
15th Aust. Field Ambulance. Major JOHN CLARENCE WELLS from No. 1 A.G.H. on 24.4.18. Date of Gazettal in A.I.F. 14.1.15. C.M.F. Service, Nov. 1914 till 14.1.1915. Arrived France 30th March, 1918. Special qualifications, M.B., Ch.B. (Adelaide, S.A.)
Captain G.O. ROBERTSON to 30th Battalion vice Railton on 25.4.18.
30th A.I. Battalion. Captain S.A. RAILTON, M.C. evacuated Gassed on 24.4.18.

D.H.Q.
27.4.18.

M.H. Downey COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Divn.

MONTHLY SANITARY REPORT BY A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

1. HEALTH. (a) Has been good under trying conditions. No sick could be held in Ambulance Stations, so evacuations are above normal.
- (b) Reinforcements have been few in number. 20 "B" class men have been sent to 5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion, of these 6 have been examined and returned to Base as quite unfit for forward area work.
2. BILLETS. In villages billets have been particularly good, but owing to hostile gas shelling; the villages are now mostly evacuated and men living in dugouts and shelters.
3. BATHING. (a) Men are bathed under Divisional arrangements at DAOURS AUBIGNY and CORBIE: changes of underclothing are given whenever available.
- (b) There is nox Divisional Laundry.
- (c) Gum boots have not be worn is this area.
4. DISINFECT-
ION. The Foden Steam Disinfector is working at Baths, DAOURS. It has been employed mostly in the treatment of gassed clothing.
5. FOOD. (a) Has been cooked in billets or in Battalion cookers.
- (b) Rations have been liberal and of excellent quality. Hot meals are sent up to the trenches whenever possible. The Rations have been varied and augmented by supplies of fresh foodstuffs procured locally.
6. WATER. Entirely from wells, these have been examined chemically, and the water found to be almost universally of good quality requiring, one scoop only. Diarrhoea has been very slight.
7. LATRINES. These are not satisfactory. Many men are using civilian latrines and other open pit and pole, also straddle trench. An endeavor is being made to provide flyproof seats over deep pit latrines. Refuse is disposed of by incineration or burial.
- There are numbers of dead horses scattered through the area. these have been located by the Sanitary Section and a Labor Company sent expressly by Army to dispose of them by burial.
- Manure. Horse lines are constantly moving. Where they are more or less permanent, instructions are being given for the stacking manure.
8. PREVALENCE
OF PREVENT-
ABLE DISEASE. 20 cases of Trench Foot occurred from 5th-8th April, all from 59th and 60th Battalions, these battalions had been in the line several days and in trenches with water and mud well above their ankles. The open nature of the country and the shallow depth of trenches, precluded movement and efficient massage of feet. Trench Foot powder and soap were procured and made available on the 10th April; foot bathing posts were established at HAMELET and DAOURS and since then their have been scarcely any cases. Weather conditions also have greatly improved.

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8. PREVENTABLE DISEASE. SCABIES undoubtedly exists but except where complicated with additional sepsis, men have not been evacuated. Cases of Scabies will receive a measure of treatment at the ^{Bata}s DAOURS before return to their units.

9 INFECTIOUS. Mumps 2 Scarlet Fever 1
Chicken Pox 1.
C.S.M. L.

Re case of C.S.M. This man was evacuated from Reinforcement Wing whilst on way to rejoin his unit.

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

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SICK WASTAGE RETURN.

The following are the numbers of the 5th Australian Division evacuated SICK for week ended 27/4/18.

<u>U N I T.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.Ranks.</u>
5th Div. H.Q.	-	1
29th Battalion	-	3
30th "	-	16
31st "	-	4
32nd "	-	6
14th Bgde. H.Q.	-	1
53rd Battalion	-	15
54th "	-	16
56th "	-	10
55th "	-	9
14th A.L.P.M.B.	-	4
57th Battalion	-	4
58th "	-	23 26
59th "	-	17
60th "	-	28
15th A.L.P.M.B.	-	1
5th M.G. Battalion	-	12
5th Pioneers	-	12
5th D.A.C.	-	2
5th Div. Engineers	-	6
5th Div. Train	-	1
8th Fld. Amb.	-	5
14th " "	-	1
5th Div. Salvage	-	1
Total	-	201

W.A. Downey Col nel;
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
27th April, 1918.

To C.O. 13th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Reference 5th Aust. Divisional Orders Nos. 203 & 204 dated,
26.4.18.

From ^{12 noon} ~~6 a.m.~~ 27.4.18. you evacuate from portion of front below
VILLERS BRETONNEUX ROAD to U.S.A.O.O. Sheet 62d.

Evacuation to 3rd Corps Stations as heretofore.

At ^{6 a.m.} ~~8 p.m.~~ 27.4.18. you will again come under command of A.D.M.S.
4th Australian Division.

M.A. Downey COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Divn.,

Copies for information to:-

- H.Q., 5th Aust. Division.
- D.D.M.S. Australian Corps.
- A.D.M.S. 4th Aust. Division.

- D.D.M.S. IIIrd Corps.
- H.Q., 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- War Diary.
- File.

A. D. M. S.
5TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
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Date.....

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29th April, 1918.

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

Herewith Daily reports for 27th & 28th inst.,

27th inst., MAIN RIGHT SECTOR.

Work running smoothly. Patients evacuated through A.D.S.
AUBIGNY. Wounded 99. Sick 25. Total 124.
Disposition as on 26th inst.,

MAIN LEFT SECTOR.

Relief of bearers carried out this morning.
Evacuations to M.D.S. 12.

28th inst., MAIN RIGHT SECTOR.

Situation quiet.

Patients evacuated. Wounded 25.
Sick. 13. Total. 38.

8th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

Disposition of personnel on Main Right Sector. April, 29th 1918.

A.D.S. AUBIGNY. (0.9.a.central). 2 Off. 27 O. Ranks. 2 M. Cars.

Left Sector.

Centre R.A.P. Hamlet (0.6.d.7.8.) 8 O. Ranks.

Right R.A.P. & Embankment (0.12.d.9.3.) 4 O. Ranks.

C.L.P. (0.12.d.9.3.) 1 Off. 5 O. Ranks. 1 M. Car.

Vaire R.A.P. (J.31.b.6.4.) 8 O. Ranks. 2 Wheelers.

Right Sector.

C.L.P. (0.17.c.3.6.) 1 Off. 10 O.R. 1 M. Car.

R.A.P. (0.17.d.9.7.) 4 O.R. 2 Wheelers.

Disposition of personnel on Main Left Sector.

A.D.S. La Neuville (I.33.d.6.4.) 2 Off. 19 O.R. 1 M. Car.

C.L.P. (I.30.a.6.1.) 7 O.R. 1 M. Car.

Relay Post (J.28.central) 9 O.R. 2 Wheelers.

(J.26. central)

R.A.P. 29th Battalion. (J.22.d.2.3.) 4 O.R.

Sgd/ V. CONRICK, Lieut. Colonel.
C.O. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

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Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
20th April, 1918.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AS PER PARA. 15 OF
"MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN 5th AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL SECTOR" d/25.4.18.

In the event of a forced withdrawal of our troops, the following re-arrangements of Field Ambulances will take place.

1. The forward Field Ambulance will fall back from the ADVANCED DRESSING STATIONS at AUBIGNY and LA NEUVILLE and forward posts, via Ambulance Post at N.5.a.7.8. to LES ALTECONS, where it will open up as a Divisional Collecting Station, with one tent sub-division.
2. The present DIVISIONAL COLLECTING STATION at LES ALTECONS will become the MAIN DRESSING STATION.
3. The present MAIN DRESSING STATION at DAOURS (or at alternative site N.4.c.9.1.) will become the ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.
4. The O.C. Divisional Collecting Station will hold his bearer sub-divisions and transport in readiness to go forward and be at the disposal of the C.O. Forward Field Ambulance.
5. Evacuation from Advanced Dressing Station to Main Dressing Station will be by Divisional Ambulance vehicles, and from Main Dressing Station to Casualty Clearing Station by F.A.C. cars and lorries, and also if necessary by returning empty transport.
7. All records will be kept at the Main Dressing Station and Divisional Collecting Station.
8. These re-arrangements will hold good while the three Brigades are operating in the Divisional Area.
If a Brigade be detached, or detailed as a Reserve Brigade for special purposes, and be therefore accompanied by a Field Ambulance.
 - (a) The Field Ambulance will be that forming the Divisional Collecting Station.
 - (b) A tent sub-division of the Field Ambulance forming the Main Dressing Station will take over and maintain the Divisional Collecting Station.
 - (c) The Bearers and transport of the Field Ambulance forming the Main Dressing Station will be at the disposal of the C.O. Forward Field Ambulance.

W. H. Forney COLONEL.
A.D.C. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVN.,

Issued to:-

1. 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. 14th " " "
3. 15th " " "

Copies to:-

4. Headquarters, 5th Aust. Divn.,
5. D.D.C. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
6. 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
7. 14th " " "

8. 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
9. A.D.C. 3rd Australian Div.,
10. " 4th " "
- 11/13. War Diary.

14. File.

Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
29th April, 1918.

To D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

RE WATER DETAILS ATTACHED UNITS.

Attached are samples of correspondence on the matter of the return of A.A.M.C., N.C.O. Water Details from Battalions to Field Ambulances, in accordance with A.I.F. Order 1000.

In order to avoid great inconvenience to Battalions at a time when changes were inadvisable, I have allowed R.M.O's to retain the services of these N.C.O's until 30.4.18.

I submit that it is essential in the interests of the service that N.C.O's Water Details should be trained A.A.M.C., N.C.O's.

- (i) An N.C.O. necessarily obtains his promotion for efficiency in some arm of the service. It is therefore fallacious to suppose that an N.C.O. of an Infantry Battalion will efficiently replace an N.C.O. of the Medical Service.
- (ii) A.I.F. Order 1000 will deprive a Division of 18 trained combatant N.C.O's.
- (iii) In the event of an N.C.O. Water Detail becoming a casualty, a new and ~~entirely~~ untrained N.C.O. will have to take his place.
- (iv) If an A.A.M.C. N.C.O. be transferred to the strength of a Battalion and subsequently be evacuated wounded, he may eventually be returned to his or another Battalion. In such a case he would take his place as a combatant N.C.O. and thus be a loss to both arms of the service.

I should be glad if you will place this matter before the D.M.S., A.I.F. with a view to his consideration and further instructions.

COLONEL-
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Divn.,

On 21.4.18. consequent on the 5th Australian Division coming under AUSTRALIAN CORPS again for administration, the Advanced Dressing Station (14th Aust. Field Ambulance) at DAOURS became MAIN DRESSING STATION and WALKING WOUNDED STATION. A gas treatment centre had also been established here on 18.4.18.

At 8.15 a.m. on 24.4.18. 60 Walking Cases were at the Station awaiting evacuation; a lorry was secured from Divisional H.Q. to assist. Wire at 7 p.m. from C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance reporting that MAIN DRESSING STATION was clear.

Since 6 p.m. 23.4.18. approximately 700 wounded had been treated, 400 of these being gassed cases. Wire from C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance 9 a.m. on 25.4.18. a further 250 wounded treated since 7 p.m. 24.4.18. 50 of these being gassed. Evacuations proceeded smoothly and there was no undue congestion at anytime. During the period noon 23.4.18. noon 27.4.18. 1062 gassed cases were treated at the Divisional Gas Centre. Of these 625 were evacuated and 437 treated and returned to their units. Of the men returned to duty 168 received ~~appropriate~~ appropriate treatment for their eyes etc.

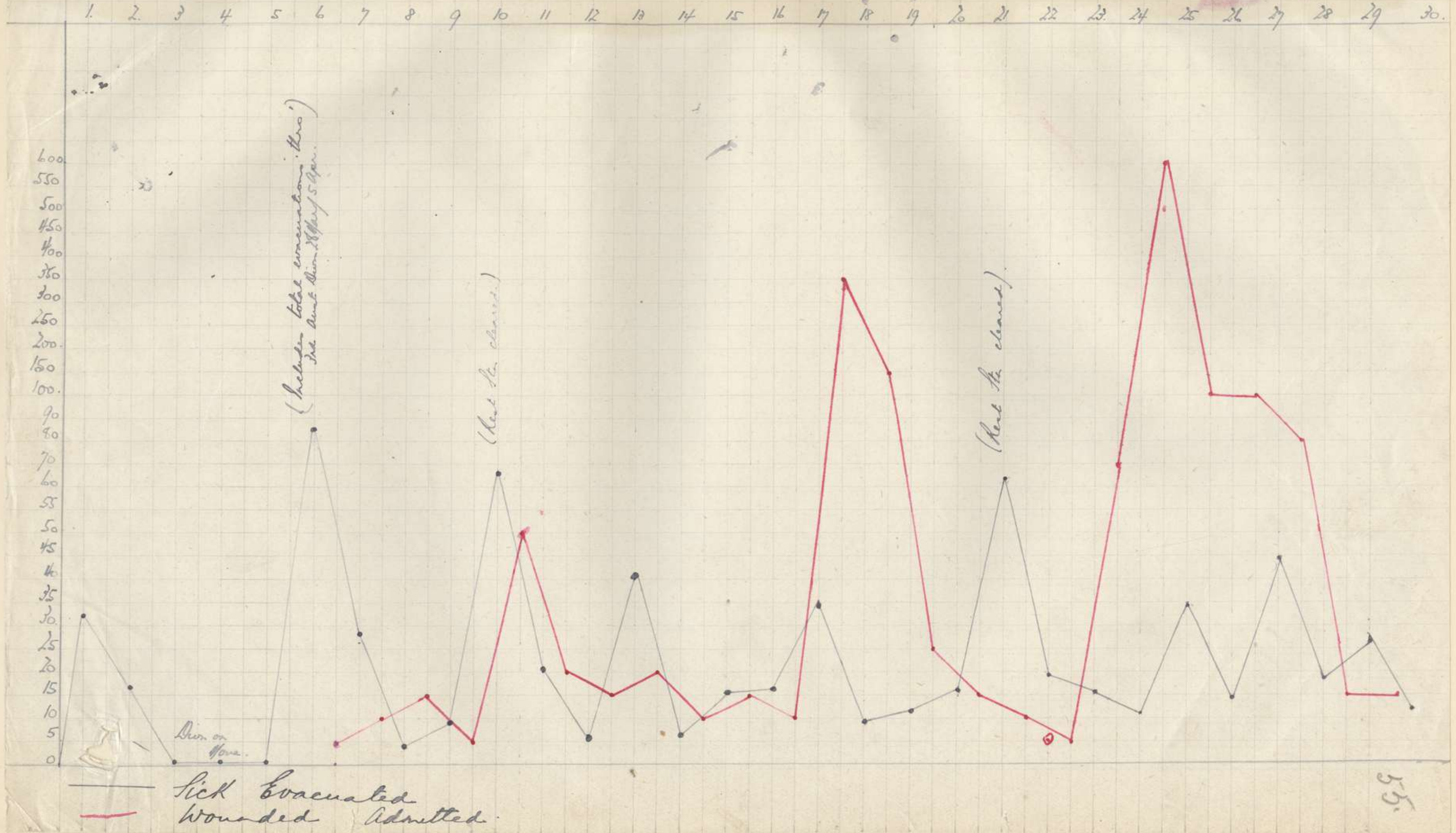
269 were bathed treated and received a change of clothing before return to their units. This speaks highly for the efficiency of the Officers and personnel in charge of the gas centre.

In conjunction with the Divisional Baths at DAOURS, a system for the treatment of scabies is instituted. Men are inspected when coming for a bath and cases of Scabies picked out or Scabies cases are sent specially for treatment.

Observations on this treatment so far indicate that a good percentage of cases may be expected and the other cases are much relieved. Details of the treatment will be given in Diary of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.

On 29.4.18. the D.M.S. 4th Army inspected MAIN DRESSING STN. (14th Aust. Field Ambulance). He believed the station to be too far forward. This question presented itself when the MAIN DRESSING STN. was first fixed on. A site at BUSSY was inspected but rejected, on account of bad roads leading to and from it, this post is however retained for use if necessary. All the horse transport of the 14th Australian Field Ambulance and all spare personnel are in BUSSY or at Ambulance ^{STN} N.4.c.7.4. so that the equipment of the MAIN DRESSING STN. and personnel is all that would have to be removed from DAOURS in case of necessity.

Graph showing Sick and Wounded admitted to Medical Unit for Month of 5th Australian Division of April 1918.



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To: A. P. No. 1.
5th Aust Division

Monthly Report
April 1918 55th Bn

I. Work of Bearers: First aid to wounded men,
extricating those buried!
The length of carry from out post
position to R. A. P. is about 2000 yds.
The Regimental Bearer's Work is made
more difficult & dangerous because
of the impossibility of removing
wounded men except under the
cover of darkness & having to carry
over-land!
Two bearers are attached to each platoon!

II. Prevailing Sickness: During first week
of the month there was a slight
prevalence of diarrhoea but this was
soon cleared up & few cases of
recurrence have been reported!

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All cases were treated regimentally!
A few cases of influenza are now
being treated!

General Health: Good -
A very small proportion of men have
attended daily sick parade!
Pattalion Rest Hut is stationed at
Daoua & 31 men were treated during
the month.
Eleven men were evacuated as a
result of sickness during the month!

Conditions of Troops - In out post
position no shelter is available, but
trenches are dug underfoot!
In subsidiary line positions are dug
in the roadside of Corbie-Hilliers.
The retrenchment road is covered with
iron & tarpaulins!

Food Supplies: In subsidiary line hot
food is sent forward from R. Q. M.
store at Daoua 3 times daily!

In out post positions hot food is supplied to men every night - The food is send forward in hot-food containers & petrol tins packed in saw-dust!

Rum is issued nightly!

Sanitary Conditions: ^{ster}unchangeable buckets for officers' latines which are exchanged every day. & deep pits for men with 77 accomodation before changing over all latine & urinal pits are covered in!

3/4/18

H. Mackay Capt
R.M.O. 55th Bn

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5th Aust. Div.

Monthly Medical Report.

General Health: Good: Daily average of attendance at sick parade was 25 + the number evacuated to hosp. other than wounded was 32. The most frequent disease was diarrhoea of a mild form + probably traceable to drinking water from unauthorised sources. During the month the Bn. has had a good deal of moving about + living in bivouacs, especially during the latter part, when the men have lived in shelters dug into hillsides + although the weather has been damp + fairly cold, the gen. health has not suffered. A few cases of influenza + minor diseases were kept in a billet till cured. Casualties amongst working parties were confined mainly to gas: twelve of the milder gas cases were kept in camp on 'no duty' + quickly recovered. Our camp was shelled once, with 3 deaths + 5 wounded. Food was good + agreeably augmented by vegetables, flour etc. bought from evacuated towns. Cooking was fairly good + no complaints. Baths were arranged twice during the month + change of clothes issued. About 40% of last issue was unfit for issue

but men have had an opportunity of washing their own clothes. Lice are prevalent.

Scabies. A few cases reported + on examination on 28.4.18, 20 men were found to be infected + these men were marched to M.V. Amb. + received treatment, including change of clothing + hot bath on two days with 3 day interval, 10 were treated with Ung. Sulph. + 10 with Ung. Sulph. + Liq. Calc. Sulph. These men will be inspected after five days + the result observed.

Lathines + disposal of rubbish has been mostly by open pits, as material was not obtainable for more suitable means. As much refuse as possible has been incinerated.

Water since beginning of move has been drawn mostly from certified wells, which have always been tested.

Reinforcements have arrived + are in fairly good physical condition: a few somewhat feeble + a few with more or less indefinite + chronic complaints.

In the Field,
2/4/18.

W. H. Kilgour
Capt. R.M.O.
5th Aust. Pioneer Bn.

of casualties ³ was well carried out. The instrumental bearers suffered casualties, owing to a lot of their work being carried on under direct observation. After the battn was relieved, the men were billeted in a village and for some days were in a somewhat exhausted state and ^{the} their feet suffered owing to the continued exposure to the wet while in the trenches. Massage of the feet was carried out daily by the A.M.C. personnel and great improvement resulted. While here the men had to work in the vicinity of the front line at night, necessitating a march of ten to twelve kilometres daily. This of course resulted in more foot trouble which in the way of abrasions + blisters. Later the battn moved from the village to a bank where they were digging in, the working parties

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logos active on the battn sector the whole time, and furthermore no overhead cover was provided for the men. As a result sickness was considerable and quite a number of trench feet cases ~~was~~ occurred, as well as bronchial + chest trouble brought on by exposure to the wet. A regimental hospital was established in Corbie at the Transport lines when cases of such a nature, slight ^{cases} of trench feet, colds etc were treated, this hospital being under the supervision of two of the A.M.C. detail of the Battalion. The R.A.P. was established in a quarry within easy distance of the front companies and foot trench was kept with the Field Ambulance so that the evacuation

being carried on all the time. On the 26th of the month, the enemy attacked and the Brigade went forward and did a successful night counter-attack suffering but few casualties. Two days later, it was necessary to rectify a gap in the line and this was carried out successfully but casualties were much heavier. The R.A.P. was again located in a quarry, and was well in touch with Field Amb. by gas motor ambulance. The greatest drawback was that the R.A.P. was too far behind the scene of the operation. Reconnaissance carried out with a view to finding a more suitable spot further forward was of no avail, the country being flat and offering no cover. This difficulty of evacuation to the R.A.P. was a good deal obviated, however, by

APPENDIX

Report on Work of A.M.C. Detail
60th Battalion during month of April 1918

The Battalion at the beginning of the month was not fresh, ~~and~~ but the health generally was good. At this period they were billeted in a village within easy marching distance of the line and were engaged during the day digging reserve trenches around about Corbie. About three days after arriving at this village, the enemy attacked in force and the entire brigade was rushed up to counter-attack. The weather was wet and owing to circumstances, the counter-attack was not carried out. At dusk the Battalion moved over the crest of the hill and dug in on the forward slope. They were there for five days, during which time it rained almost incessantly. The enemy

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Establishing relays⁵ of regimental
bearers and all things considered,
evacuation of wounded was rapid.

The work of the A.M.C. detail
thru out was of the highest order and
helped the medical officer through some
rather strenuous times. In this
connection I would like to bring to
notice the services of the A.M.C.
N.C.O. who has always proved a
great help to a battⁿ and
an invaluable worker under the
most trying circumstances.

Generally speaking, the health of
the battⁿ has been good, the
main troubles being for troubles, bronchial
and chest complaints, trench fever - a
few cases, and owing to lack of
bathing facilities skin troubles chiefly
scabies.

Throughout all moves, sanitation

has been looked to, trench and
bucket latrines being in use & incineration
of rubbish has been carried out wherever
possible.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed
upon regimental bearers for their
very gallant and unselfish conduct
during all operations, and from the
very nature of their work they
suffered heavily. Frequently they went
~~forward~~ forward with stretchers
in broad daylight and rescued
wounded men under heavy M.G. fire
and shell-fire.

The men now, are cheerful, and have
apparently recovered their normal spirits.
Sick parades are small and no
serious complaints are prevalent. Scabies
and other skin trouble are perhaps the
most frequent cases.

Kennedy Capt
RMO 6049th

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5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters,
2nd May, 1918.

From R.M.O., 5th Aust.M.G.Bn.
To A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Div.

I joined this unit as first R.M.O. on 15th April, 1918. Previously the machine gunners had been run on a company basis, but now having been formed into a Battalion, a R.M.O. was allotted. As might have been expected, with the exception of the 15th Company, the A.M.C. organization was practically nil. At the 15th Company there was an A.M.C. N.C.O. and a fairly good supply of material and drugs.

A place was selected close to Battalion Headquarters at FOUILLOY, and a start was made in getting together equipment. As the members of the unit were spread over a Divisional front, it was impracticable to organize a R.A.P. for front line work. It was arranged that wounded should be conveyed to the nearest R.A.P. for treatment. In one case where a group of men were some distance from a R.A.P. a detail was sent up to treat minor wounds. From the nature of the disposition of the companies it was impossible to allot men as stretcher bearers.

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Latrines. In the forward area where material was impossible to obtain at the time, the deep trench system was introduced. Each days amount of excreta was covered with earth and chlorine of lime. We have now been fortunate in securing box seats with fly-proof covers. Urinals of the deep covered in type have been erected close to each latrine.

Refuse. All waste food, empty tins etc are carefully collected and burned every day, except when it is impossible to light a fire. In this case all refuse is buried.

Equipment. Necessary equipment was secured from 14th Aust. Field Ambulance through by indent through A.D.M.S.

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5th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Headquarters,
2nd May, 1918.

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M.G. BATTALION

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Monthly Narrative

53rd Battalion - A.I.F.

2-5-18

To A.D.C.

Another month has passed & the health of our men remains good in spite of rather unseasonable weather. Their spirits also are high & morale good, whether from the approach of spring or from the successful issue with which we have emerged from our recent engagements. The stretcher bearers are in good trim & have had only a short carry, over reasonably easy terrain. There is no prevailing illness at present, sporadic cases of trench fever come in from time to time. Hot meals have been regularly sent up to the trenches in the hot boxes, and are undoubtedly a great boon. Sanitation is simplified by the porous & easily worked nature of the soil and also by the undulating nature of the ground. Our aeroplanes which are constantly overhead at a low altitude pour earshot down until dusk, put considerable heart into the boys and the success of our AA Lewis gunners was also much appreciated by their mates & company officers.

R. Pittman Capt.
R.M.D (acting).

54th Battalion, A.I.F.
2-5-18

To

A.D.M.S.
5th Aust. Divn.

Reference Circular N^o 5d/10.
-1-18 and A14/44 of 1-5-18.

This report refers specially
to the last part of the month,
from 17-4-18, the day I joined
the Battalion.

On going into the line
from reserves on the 20-4-18
four new stretcher bearers were
appointed, to act for each company
and of these there was only one
who understood the work.
The old ones having been gassed
some few days previously this
man was put in charge and
the work was carried out
satisfactorily.

The length of sally was
about 2000 yards, and though
the enemy fire was rather
severe there were no bearer
casualties, and the total casualties

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for the Battalion were light.
No special difficulties were
encountered.

Prevailing sickness. Slight
cases of influenza and a
few cases of bronchial
catarrh, due probably to gas.

General health of troops is
excellent, and shock parades
are very light.

After coming out of the
line on the 26th the men
were taken in hatches for
hot baths and a change of
underclothing. After four
days rest the Battalion re-
entered the line.

Rations are drawn from supply
and cut up at Rear Headquarters.

Dry rations are issued to
Company Quartermaster Sergeants,
who cut same up for each
of their company's posts.

These are carried in sand-

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bags, each containing 10 mens rations.

Wet rations are also drawn by company Q.M.S's and handed over to the company cooks and cooked under the supervision of the sergeant cook.

Two hot meals nightly are supplied. The first meal about dark which consists of hot food and tea, and the second which they get in the early morning.

A water cart is kept at B.H.Q from which supplies are drawn.

Sanitation. Buckets are provided in the front line supports and headquarters, the excreta being buried.

The sanitation is good.

J. Stewart Capt
R.M.O.

54th Battalion F.I.F

2/5/18

MONTHLY REPORT.
for month ending 30-4-18.

The Bde marched on 3/4/18 to
entraining point starting at 12.30
a.m. in steady rain & disentraining
on 4/4/18 commencing at 2.0 a.m.
The Bde then marched to BONNAY
& Batts went in to action.

Both men & horses were very
tired a long & uncomfortable
journey.

While in Bonnay the health of the
troops was fair with an increase
of diarrhoea which in investigation
could only be caused by a full
use of tinned foods & perhaps
winds.

Some casualties occurred preceding
the hostile bombardment but all
were due to premature bursts to
from our own Batts or Batts
our rear.

All ranks displayed great courage
during the bombardment the
drivers getting all surrounded
horses away to new waggon lines
under heavy fire.

The total casualties were 35.

In no case did horses have a long
distance to carry wounded as
most Batteries & waggon lines
were close to the front in BONNAY.
& in other cases wounded were
evacuated in creaks carts.

The Bde moved to vicinity of Hill
60 on 24/4/18 our Batts pulling
out under heavy fire with
casualties.

Since arriving in this area the
health of the men has been
splendid merely few slight
Influenza cases which are
treated in waggon lines
no complaints can be made.

about sanitation at either
Battalion positions or waggon lines.

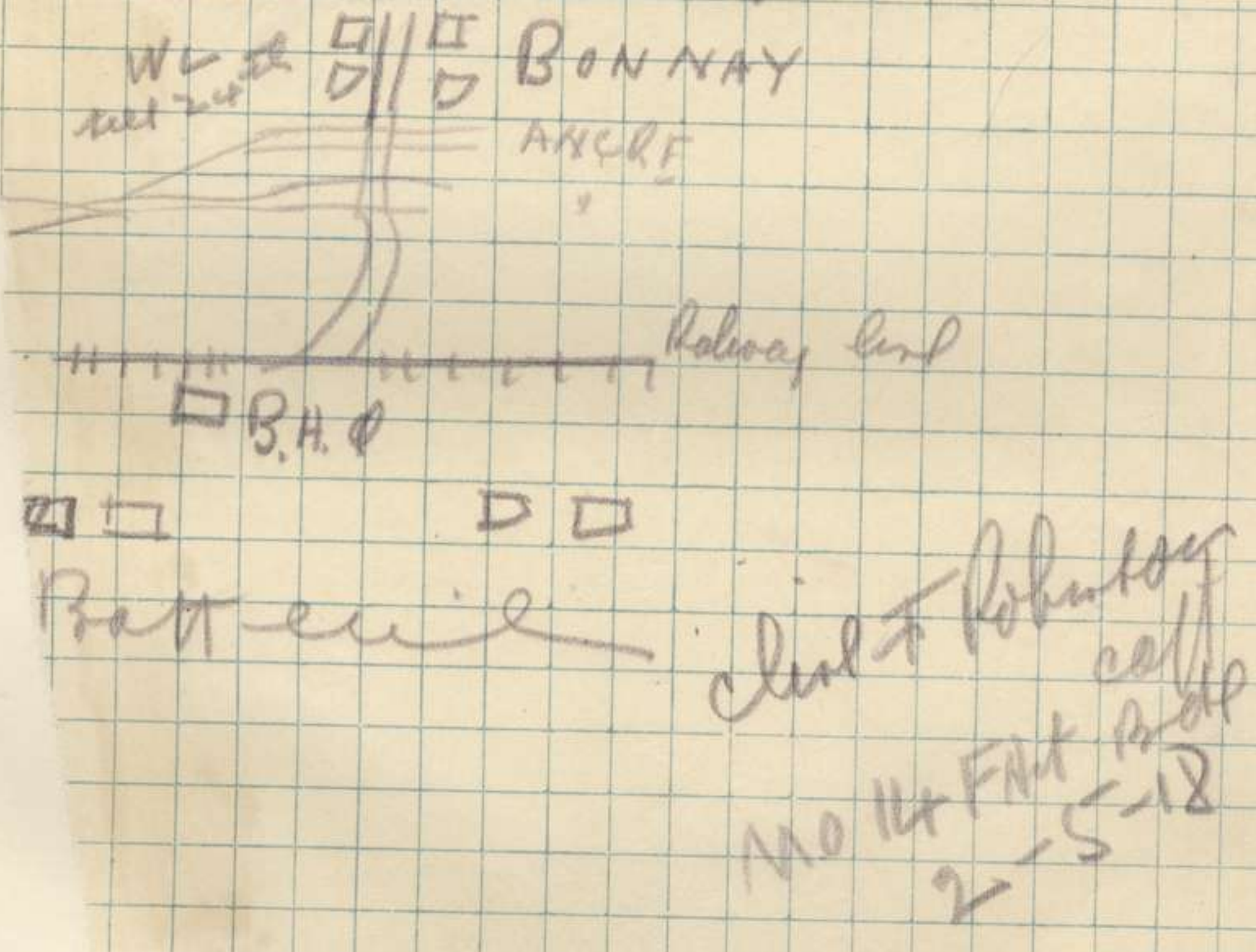
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11.0.13 Lt Col J. A. Byde

May April
Arrived ORVILLE (N of ALBERT)
30th March, billeted there till
4th and man evacuated with
pyrexia during period.
Marched from ORVILLE to
BONNAY 30 KM night 4th
5th no sore feet or
accidents. Batteries in line
on ridge in front of
BONNAY. B.H.Q. + aid
post sit^d in middle of
battery 800 yards or
near. Outbreak of typhoid

traced to H₂O from ANCRE
+ Cold change no evacuations.
Sanitation indifferent. Incinerators
impossible at battery + open
latrines no material available.
No evacuation of sick till
Morning of attack 24th.
Casualties for 24 hrs 70 men
+ 152 horses. Casualties
wheeled from battery along
Railway line in trucks
+ evacuated from motor
post near bridge over
Railway. Majority of
Casualties at WL near

BONNAY. "Whill Wagon
 line at " was able to get
 sick of all bigadd as B.H.4
 was midway since removal
 They attend F Hunt 3 km
 from WL, only 2 Medical
 evacuations during month.



Monthly Report (A.A.M.C)

5th Aust DAC
1st to 30th April 1918.

From 1st to 4th 5th DAC was at Amplies then marched by forced march to Allonville then to Bussy-les-saours which was reached on 7th. The Sections were bivouacked in the fields between Bussy-les-saours and saours and Headquarters were in the village of Bussy.

The health of the men during the march was good.

At Bussy a Rest Hut was opened on the 9th.

Sanitary arrangements were good & the men had very good bivouacs.

The Column left Bussy-les-saours on 28th and the Rest Hut was closed on the same date.

The number of men who were treated in the Rest Hut was 30.

From Bussy the Column moved on the 28th to the following locations -

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Headquarters H. 26. a. 4. 8 (Amiens 100,000)
N^o 1 Section H. 21. c. 4. 6 "
N^o 2 Section H. 22. a. 8. 8 "

A rest hut was not opened here as there was no available cover during the month. There were

the following casualties:
Killed Officers of 2
Wounded - 10

The number of evacuations for the month was 18.

During the month the S.A.A. Section was detached from the rest of the Column and one of the water details was attached to it. In addition the R.M.O. visited the S.A.A. Section every two or three days.

On the 30th Corporal Haffner the N.C.O. water details returned to 14th Field Ambulance in compliance with 5th Aust. Div. Routine Order N^o 187.

The food has been satisfactory.

Stellstrom Capt
R.M.O. 5th T.A.C.

59th Battalion.R. M. O's. Narrative Report April 1918.

On April 1st the battalion was at Bonnaing in Billets. Having previously done strenuous marching the main trouble was sore feet of which there were upwards of 30 cases.

April 4th. Battalion came into contact with the enemy before Hamet. R. A. P. was established in the eastern end of the village. The R. A. P. was satisfactory in every way and evacuation was easy. There were few casualties.

April 9th. The battalion was relieved & marched to Corbie and thence to Blangy Ironville on the 10th. There were still numerous cases of sore feet, perforce neglected to some extent in the period 4/4/18 to 9/4/18. Two days were spent at Blangy Ironville and from there the unit moved to a Reserve Line west of Villers Bretonneux, astride the line at the Bois de l'abbé.

From the 12th to 20th April this line was held by the battalion. The period was devoid of any ~~or~~ important medical incidents. Evacuation was easy. The R. A. P.

at first south of the line in O. 26. a. was moved north of the line O. 26. a 52. There were few casualties, none serious & evacuation was by car to Aubigny from the nearest point of the Aubigny Gentelles road.

On 15th Capt Young (R.M.D.) was evacuated wounded & replaced by Major McLeenan from 15th F. Amb.

Food water and sanitation were good and those with sore feet had rest and treatment at R. A. P and improved satisfactorily. On April 20th a new reserve line was taken up in O. 13. a. - a comfortable position for all ranks but heavy fatigue duty involving long daily marches was imposed and a few fresh cases of sore feet cropped up. Food water & sanitation were good.

On April 24th the Battalion moved up to take part in the Counter attacks of that date.

The Regimental medical arrangements were far from ideal. The R. A. P had to be established in the Quarry O. 17. c. 2. 5. No suitable space was available there and for the first and most busy night the R. A. P was a small piece of the chalk pit about 6 feet square & dressings had to be done in

3/ the open. The carry was a mile and a half on the average but fortunately the ground and the weather were both good and the casualties much lighter than was anticipated. Bearers worked with a will to get the wounded away quickly and the detail laboured on the R. A. P. with borrowed sandbags and covers this was enlarged so that in slack hours the detail and tired bearers might rest.

On the 25th the country east and south east of the quarry was explored for a more advanced position but none suitable was found. However after the 25th there were few casualties and no trouble was experienced in the carry.

The bearers were left 4 to a Company.

The unit was very well fed water & sanitation were good. There was of course no cover in the line but the weather was kind. There was practically no sickness. On the 28th the unit was relieved and returned to the reserve line in O. 13. a from this date to the end of the month the detail has had mainly to consider how all cases of sore feet might be eliminated there are still about ten cases of

4/ Sore heels but these are being kept off fatigues and soon there should be no cases of bad feet in the unit.

W. McLeod Major
of R.M.C.

3/5/18

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The AD 2nd
5. Australian Div.

From Rtd 29 Batt

Here with Report for April 1918.

The battalion left Vandellles at the beginning of April. After all night in motorbuses followed up by a 10 mile march in the drizzling rain, we were "billeted" in Bois de Gentelle. A wigwam camp sprang up in about 2 hours.

No men fell out during this march which is a good indication of the good health & stamina of the men; they had had no food since leaving Vandellles. We were 4 days in the Bois de Gentelle & had no casualties. Later on the batt. went into reserve at Lorbie where we remained for 12 days. Enemy shelled Lorbie persistently, but by luck our casualties were light. I visited a chemist shop in Lorbie & replenished my stocks of drugs & dressings.

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The battalion came into front line just West of the Somme on 21st April. R.A.P. is situated in a ravine about 200 yards behind the front line. Covered by a piece of canvas spread over a cutting in the hill. With my H.Q. stretchers bearers I proceeded to dig into the hill & have made a shell proof dugout 8 ft x 15 ft. Our casualties except during a brief attack have been light although we have had 2 good officers killed in patrol work. The Regimental bearers have a carry of 4 miles to 12 miles. If casualties are heavy at any time I have arranged for the support company's stretchers bearers to act as a relay to the Aid Post. During a raid carried out by us on our right flank I established a temporary

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aid post on the far outskirts of Sailly-le-Sec. This makes a carry of about 400 yards for the stretcher bearers from front line & reserve company ^{H.Q.} bearers carried through Sailly-le-Sec to ambulance relay post. This aid post would not do permanently as it is too far from the left company. I have always at my disposal a squad of Headquarters stretchers bearers who ^{live} near my aid post & are used at my own discretion. The men are living in fairly dry & good trenches. Two hot meals are sent up every night. Sickness is very slight & the few cases that I have had I have sent to my rest hut at rear Batt. H.Q. where after a few days, in most instances, they have been able to return to the line.

Sanitation throughout is carried out satisfactorily. Small pit latrines for the most part & soakage urinals. In a few instances we have obtained seats for latrines. Lime is used plentifully. Fuel refuse is burned deeply.

I cannot close this report without mentioning that all A.M.C. detail N.C.O. have according to an A.S.F. order, to be sent to the field ambulance. Without enlarging on this grievance I can only state that it leaves an R.M.O. of a battalion without a single fully trained man in any medical work as all other R.M.C. details were sent to 200 Ambulance some time ago. One fails to see any economy in the proceedings. Though the presence of C.O. 8th Field Ambulance I am unopposedly

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allowed to keep my N.C.O. whilst we are in this part of the line.

A. H. Mansley Capt
R.M.O. 29th Bult
2/3/18.

To A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division
from R.M.O. 30th Batt. A.I.F.

Monthly report in narrative

During the first 9 days of the month the Battalion was in reserve round AUBIGNY. On 9/4/18 the Battalion moved into the front line which in this sector consists of a series of outposts with strand on the bottom & covered in sheet iron. The support and reserve lines are practically identical with the front line. The men forward get two hot meals in the 24 hours one about 9 P.M. and another about 2.30 A.M.

Due to lack of clean changes of clothing & lack of facilities for bathing practically all the men have become lousy and although bathing & clean changes of clothing for the men are now being carried out it is impossible to get rid of the lice. These men can only be spared from the line a few at a time and when they return after being "de-loused" they become infected again from their mates and surrounding objects. To this I attribute the prevalence of Pyæmia which, in its early stages, accompanied other signs & symptoms of Trench Fever.

Considering the time they have been in the line & the prevailing conditions the health of the men is very good.

The Regimental stretcher bearers have been distributed as usual i.e. working with their Company headquarters as their base. The carry from the most forward post to the R.A.P. is about 2000 yards. The average carry from posts is about 1000 yards and for the longer carries the bearers work in relays.

While Captain RAILTON S.A. M.C. was in charge the R.A.P. was shelled out of two houses in the village of HAMELET on 16/4/18 by 8 inch H.E. - a direct hit on the house used. One patient was killed; none of the A.M.C. detail were injured. On 18/4/18 the R.A.P. to which the detail had moved was again hit by a 4.2 Yellow X gas shell & had to be evacuated. On this occasion there were no casualties though the shell hit the R.M.O.'s bed while he was fortunately in the next room. On the afternoon of 23/4/18 the enemy bombarded the village & surrounding country with gas shells yellow X & green X and in attending to the casualties the R.M.O. Capt RAILTON S.A. M.C. and 4 (four) of the A.M.C. detail themselves became casualties being gassed by the gas from the patients' clothing. The R.M.O. continued working till he could no longer see & was then evacuated by Capt BROWN 8th Field Ambulance who in turn was relieved by Major NORTH 8th Field Ambulance who carried on till relieved by Capt G.O. ROBERTSON 15th Field Ambulance on the night of 25/4/18. Since 25/4/18 the usual routine has been carried out.

As supplies of clean underclothing were unobtainable for some time after coming into the line, Major STREET

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 the C.O. of the Battalion arranged for the salvaging of a quantity of clean underclothing from the village which was given to the men going out for a bath who returned their dirty underclothing which was washed & dried ready for the next lot of men going for a bath.

Sanitation in the front line is difficult owing to the danger of observation by the enemy. For excreta tins are used & these are emptied at night into shell holes in the areas not under direct observation. The pit system of latrines is being used as it is impossible to use an incinerator on account of the necessity of ~~not showing~~ ^{not showing} the enemy any signs that the village is occupied.

C. O. Robertson Capt
 R.M.O. 30th Battⁿ A.I.F.

2/5/18

Copy sent to C.O. 30th Battⁿ A.I.F.

Monthly narrative of
AMC work with 32nd
Battalion. A.I.F. for
April 1918

At the commencement of
the month the battalion
was in reserve at
Louvencourt. The men were
in comfortable billets and
the general health was
excellent.

Then suddenly at short
notice we embarked and
after a long trip arrived
at Douars. When just
settling in billets orders
came again that we
should march to Bois de
Gentelles before dawn as
the enemy was expected
to attack.

Although the men had

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no sleep during the night
and no meals since
5 p.m. the evening before
there was no straggler
This speaks volumes for
their spirit and general
fitness as they were in
full marching order and
a drizzling rain fell all
through the six hours
that they took to cover the
distance - nearly 10 miles.

The battalion remained
here for several days holding
a support line on the
Extreme right of the British
Army. We were in touch
with the French on the
right. There were practically
no casualties during this
period as the artillery
fire was confined to
front lines and counter

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Battery work.
On the 8th we were relieved by an English regiment and after a spell at Blangy-Tronville for 48 hours, marched to the front lines just south of the Somme relieving the 60th battalion.

Here we remained for 12 days. Casualties were extremely light and sickness almost at a minimum. The regimental bearers had an easy carry of about 800 yards to the R.A.P. which was dug into the face of a quarry. The ambulance bearers there had a carry of about 700 yards along a good road to the A.D.I. in Hamelot where the ambulance cars

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picked up the cases.
On the 21st after relief by the 14th Brigade we marched to Sochie and after 24 hours in the town without casualty came into reserve north of the Somme.

One company was on the river defences with posts all along the north bank of the river, two held reserve lines north of Vaux and one was with battalion headquarters in a wood on a steep hillside.

The front remained very quiet except on the morning of the 24th prior to the German attack on Villars-Bretonneux he opened a very heavy bombardment of our sector with high

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explosive and gas.
The conditions were favourable for a gas bombardment with very slight breeze and damp mist. The men had their respirators on from 3.45 am. at intervals till 3 pm.

About 17 cases of gas-poisoning were evacuated and some 25 wounded.

Most of the gassed cases were caused by shells bursting alongside the men when their helmets were off.

The whole of this AMC details were evacuated.

They were camouflaged the aid-post with branches from a shrub nearby. A yellow cross gas shell must have burst there during the morning and the liquid

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been still contaminating the bushes.

Food supplies were excellent during the period and the med's menu was augmented by fish from the neighbouring lagoons killed by shell fire. Potatoes and green vegetables were also added from the gardens on the river flats.

Owing to the amount of movement the men were unable to get a bath with change of underclothing during April.

They consequently became very lousy though trench fever was almost unknown.

When the baths are renovated in barbie during the next few days this matter shall be rectified.

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Owing to the quietness of the sector every opportunity was afforded for fitting the whole area with fly proof, clean latrines.

Dead horses gave us a lot of trouble but were gradually dealt with before the hot days (at present the rule) commenced.

Eric Woods Capt
RMO 32nd
Battalion

3.5.18

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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			<p>On the 1st April, all three companies were together at Blairfaye, near Vanchelles. The 8th & 15th were very comfortably billeted in Messes Huts, in an old German Prisoner's compound, & the 14th were about 200 yards away, in the buildings of an aerodrome. The three companies were purely in reserve, & no work was undertaken.</p> <p>The food was not quite as good as usual, iron rations being very common, and Service biscuits largely taking the place of bread, which at the beginning was one loaf to eleven. Excellent latrine & cooking facilities were offered by the various outhouses of both sets of buildings.</p> <p>Influenza, with marked respiratory symptoms, collapse & high temperature appeared, resulting in six (6) evacuations from this cause. This epidemic only lasted the four days we were in this vicinity.</p> <p>On the 2nd April, all three companies moved into billets at Seclerville, about one (1) kilo away. Here the troops were fairly comfortably billeted in barns.</p> <p>On the evening of the 4th, the 8th Field Company ambussed for Haours. The 14th & 15th followed next morning.</p> <p>On the evening of the 5th, all three companies were very much crowded up in billets at Blangy-Fronville. Conditions here were bad, the men being very much overcrowded.</p>	

APPENDIX.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>On the 6th, the 14th Field Coy moved into billets in Aubigny. On the 7th, the 15th moved up to La Neuville, while the 8th remained at Blangy. - Fronville on back area work.</p>	
			<p>8th Field Coy :- Remained in Blangy - Fronville until the 20th, when they moved into a wool-factory situated in Hlaours. In the former place, the billets were far from satisfactory, owing to the numbers of different troops quartered in the vicinity, and the poor supervision of all sanitary matters. This was due to many units detached, without any medical officer, and a good deal of crowding. Evacuations were finally, through an 8th Field Ambulance post in the town. Difficulty was experienced in this, at first. For latrines, deep trenches with a long pole were used, the excreta being covered every 24 hours & the men being ordered to as far as possible cover their own excreta. This was difficult to carry out, owing to the number of units, which would use latrines meant for Engineers only. Straddle latrines were found difficult, owing to the small ground area of some of the billets, and the fact that they so easily collapsed, and also many different units using the one set of latrines, meant that they were used absolutely carelessly, and excreta rarely covered after defaecation. After moving to the woollen-mill, Hlaours, very satisfactory sanitation was able to be carried out. Water was drawn from tested French wells, chlorinated. Little diarrhoea occurred. Sickness, small. Five men were evacuated "gassed" on the 24th.</p>	
			<p>On the 29th, the billets and work of the 15th Field Company were taken over, their billets in Rocheville being occupied.</p>	
			<p>14th Field Coy :- Moved into very comfortable billets in Aubigny. The food was excellent, being largely reinforced by perishable goods left behind by the French population. Both poultry & fish also seem to have been salvaged. The same type of sanitation was again carried out, straddle latrines again proving unsatisfactory, mainly due to the sides collapsing, owing to the wet weather & the recently dug ground. French wells in the billets were tested, and the water proved satisfactory after chlorination. Sick Parades were held daily, in an upper room of one billet. Sickness was small in amount. On the 23rd of April, Aubigny was heavily shelled with gas shells, mostly mustard, during the afternoon.</p>	

APPENDIX. 84

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Par. II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>Direct hits occurred on the Orderly Room, the Officers' Mess, & several of the billets. As soon as possible, the company was got out into the fields, and in the evening were moved into billets, near the 15th F.C. in La Neuville. This was heavily gassed in the morning, largely this time, with Green cross & blue cross. As a result of these bombardments twenty four men were evacuated gassed, and two slightly wounded. (subsequently evacuated) In my opinion many of these casualties were avoidable, as eight of these men were seen collecting gear afterwards, in the Orderly Room, and adjacent billet, which had been struck by a gas shell. I saw myself many men, engineers and infantry, walking about in an area strongly smelling of gas, with no masks on, or merely the mouth piece, & nose clips used. I think this was largely due to the very bad example of Officers of many units, who were neglecting all the rules taught in Gas Discipline.</p>	
			<p>15th Field Coy:- This company was luxuriously billeted in the main street of La Neuville. The ordinary ration was again reinforced, by various means. Flour & potatoes were plentiful. The sanitation was excellent, owing to a number of fly-proof seats being recovered from a sanitary section's work shop. The water was drawn from various wells. A few casualties occurred during the month, ten being on account of the "gas attack" of the 24th. Sickness was slight. The A.P.S. was base of the billets along the main street and there parade was held, as a rule, about 11 o'clock in the morning. Evacuation to an A.P.S. of 8th Field Ambulance, in the same town.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;">L. G. box bapt R.M.O. 5 New Engineers</p>	

APPENDIX 233

1st A.P.M.C. & Aust. Div^y ^{Apr}

During the past month
our Batt 7 has spent most of the
time in a Reserve line.

About the beginning of the month
we shifted to support & spent 2 or
3 days there from there we went
back to Corbie for a few days.

In the morning of the 4th we had
about 50 casualties which we
managed to evacuate through the
R.A.M.C. Ambulance, but I had to
get the Batt Poineers to do
most of the carrying from
the R.A.P. to the A.D.S.

The S. Beavers were with their Company
Hd Qrs. in this position.

After we had had a couple
of days rest in Corbie we
moved to the Aubigny

reserve line & stayed there
till the night of the 24th April
up to this period there was very
little sickness at all & the men
who had to do a good deal of hard
work, were very fit. I
there is nothing of note to report
during this period.

On the night 24th - 25th April we moved
forward to counter attack at
Peller Submex & the R.A.P. was
established at the Chalk Quarry.

This position after the attack
was a long carry for the S. Bs
especially as they couldn't
go the direct route owing to
impure.

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The Regimental S.B.s were at the start with Coy H.Q.s but they were at any point at which they were needed.

A Hun sniper troubled our Bearers when they attempted to get to wounded men & when they were carrying & we had casualties among the Bearers.

The food has been on the whole excellent, & on the line you could hardly wish for anything better but food used to be sent up twice at night.

I would like to mention the fact that there were far too many M.O.s crowded together in one

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place there were the 4 1st Div. Brig. R.M.O.s and 14 1st Div. R.M.O.s & one M.O. in charge of the evacuation and above these two R.A.M.C. M.O.s.

~~There were~~
I consider that two medical Officers could have carried out all the work there with ease. Also I think it would be a good thing if an arrangement could be made with the engineers about the building of Aid Posts.

During the actual advance our casualties were extremely light & mostly consisted of M.S. bullets. But the following days we suffered from shell fire & had a lot of nasty wounds to deal with.

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The sanitation has been fairly
satisfactory all through.

During the month I have evacuated
12 sick to Hospital.

I have been able to keep the majority
of sick at a Sick Hut lately.

The condition of the men's feet
has been good.

Since we were relieved from the
line on the 29th, I have had a
great deal more sickness &
I attribute a lot to gas.

This appears to now be contained
in H.E. shells & in greater or lesser
amounts & there is very hard to
detect. Also when men were
forced to sit in shell holes they
were frequently burned from gas
in the crater.

The main condition is a Campylobacter
Colic & after vomiting.

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There has been a great deal of
difficulty until lately in
getting the men bathed &
issued with clean clothing.

3/5/18.

J. M. Smith, Capt
R.M.D. 57th BATT.

P.M.O. Monthly Report

I have to report that I relieved
 Maj. J. S. Ghent on 12/4/18.

At that time the battalion was quartered
 in billets at Dours & in the reserve line
 east of that village. There was some shelling
 in these positions including a heavy gas
 shell bombardment from which there were
 some casualties.

On 25th April the 58 Battalion moved up as
 reserve battalion to the attack on Villers
 Bretonneux. It held the front line trenches
 27 & 28th April being relieved on 29th and
 subjected to heavy shelling machine gun
 & rifle fire. Casualties moderate.

Some evacuations from gas - they seemed
 mainly effects of the gas shelling in the
 Dours line. Symptoms mainly noted
 were conjunctival, bronchial, gastric & skin
 lesions. Battalion was in billets & trenches
 at Dours.

R.A.P. at Villers Bretonneux in a chalk
 pit - subjected to shelling but no
 casualties in medical details.
 Conditions for dressing very limited.
 Evacuation by bearers to R.A.P. - thence
 to A.D.S. by ambulance car.

J. S. Ghent Capt P.M.O. 58 Bⁿ

From R.M.L. 56th Aust Bn.
To A.D.M.S. 5th Aust Div.

Herewith monthly report from
56th Aust Bn. As all the
medical details were evacuated
a little while before I replaced
the previous R.M.L. my report
dates only from the day I
joined the unit viz from 24th
to 30th ult.

F. H. James Capt

2/5/18.

Monthly Report 56th Aust Bn.
Dating from 24-11-18.

Owing to the small number of
casualties and the proximity
of the companies to the R.A.P.,
the work of the stretcher
bearers has been very light.
There was rarely any heavy
shelling and the tracks over
which they carried was good.

The general health of the troops
was good, the prevailing trouble
being sore feet.

The accommodation has been
fair; the positions usually
being dry and covered.

It was possible to serve hot
meals twice a day direct from
the cooker, owing to the sheltered
position. Sanitation has been good, trench
latrines being used behind the
positions.

2/5/18.

F. H. James Capt
R.M.L. 56th Bn.

2-5-18

31st BATTⁿ A.I.F.

To A.D.M.S. 5th Aust. Div.
From R.M.O. 31st Battalion

Report on work of A.A.M.C. attached to 31st BATTⁿ for month ending April 30th.

① Work of bearers. Regimental stretcher bearers carry to R.A.P. which is situated from 1000 to 1500 yards from line. No special difficulties are encountered as the track used is good + there are very few shell holes.

No movement is possible in the day time over most of the line held by the Battalion so all sick + slightly wounded cases come out to the R.A.P. at night. At only ^{one} part of the line have there been stretcher cases during the day and these were successfully brought out by the BATTⁿ Stretcher bearers.

Four regimental stretchers are attached to each Company and these are distributed one to each platoon or strong point. During the month one BATTⁿ Stretcher bearer has been wounded and one gassed. They were replaced in the companies by trained reserve stretcher bearers.

From the R.A.P. the wounded are removed by Field Ambulance S.B. who take them to the A.D.S. a distance of about 3 kilometres. Stretcher cases are taken on wheeled stretchers and there is no carrying. The road to the A.D.S. is good except for a small

patch of swampy ground. A patient would probably arrive at A.D.S. within 1 hour of leaving the R.A.P.

Prevailing sickness

General health of the Batts has been good. ^{cases of} No trench feet have been noticed and only four or five of scabies. A number of men have suffered from boils & carbuncles but the majority of these men have remained in the Batts for treatment. The majority of men evacuated were suffering from influenza. Trench fever and P.U.O. Very little diarrhoea during the month.

Conditions of living

During the month the Batts has been in the line for 22 days. The weather on the whole has been good and the men seem to have made themselves fairly comfortable in small dugouts which they have constructed in the strong posts. On an average about 3 or 4 men occupy one dugout. No movement is allowed in the day time over the greater part of the front and the troops sleep then. Each night seventy or eighty men are brought out of the line and bathed at Batts H.Q. These baths have been arranged by the Batts since taking over this part of the line and are greatly appreciated by the men. The remainder of the troops are employed on different duties during the night so that every man has a good deal of exercise during the 24 hours.

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The Battalion Cook house is situated about 1500 yards from the line and food is cooked here by the Company Cooks. Food is of good quality and is plentiful. A large quantity of potatoes and vegetables has been on issue. Two hot meals are taken to the troops at night by ration parties. Water is carried in petrol tins to the companies in the line.

Sanitation - All refuse is buried and latrines have been constructed where necessary.

During the month the last of the A.A.M.C. details attached to the Batts have returned to the Field Ambulance and the work has been carried on by men selected from the Battalion. These men have been trained in water duties and in March two of them attended a school at the 5th Div San. Sect. on the subject

J. R. Jagger Capt
R.M.O. 31st Batts