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**WAR DIARY**

OF

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

FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY.

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MAJOR  
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Signature of Officer Commanding

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Summary of Events and Information

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Place

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re-le  
Chateau

Jan

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Having arranged for an M.A.C. car to come from Mamberge to evacuate  
five urgent patients under my care, it arrived this morning.  
However when it came to the point of leaving their homes they all  
refused to be evacuated. Finally two cases were sent one an  
incomplete abortion & the other a fistula in ano.

A Circulars for distribution among the medical officers of the  
division have come to hand in which a scheme is explained  
for providing a number of Refresher courses for medical  
officers is explained. Each course is to last a month.  
The subjects for which instruction is to be given are

- General Surgery
- General Medicine
- Bacteriology
- Pharmacology
- Venerical Diseases
- Dermatology
- Ophthalmology etc.

The school is to be held in Charlevoix & Clinical work is to be

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Solve-le-Chateau	Jan		<p>had in a civilian hospital which is superintended by officers of the fourth army R.A.M.C.</p> <p>Two cases of diphtheria were reported, one by the R.M.O. of the 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Fellenies) + another at Hestind near the area occupied by the Pioneer Battalion. The former was evacuated the same day while steps are being taken to evacuate the case at Hestind. Both cases were civilians. The Sanitary Section have disinfected the billets + placed them out of bounds to troops.</p> <p>There has been much trouble with cars. Owing to the long evacuations (Mankenge + Charleroi) + the bad state of the roads the cars have broken down more frequently than has formerly been the case. Owing to the inability of the Motor Transport Coy. to obtain spare parts, the necessary repairs are not being carried out.</p> <p>A French company moved into the town this day. The remaining three regiments are billeted in surrounding villages. The medical officer who is not a qualified medical practitioner lives in this town. The interpreter attached at Div. H.Q. tried to come to an arrangement in the division of the civilian practice.</p>	Appendix 1.



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Sole-le-chatelain	Jan 2		<p>It was agreed that visiting patients should be attended to by the French doctor while the A.D.M.S. should attend to those unable to visit the medical officer. As the visiting patients are an easy matter &amp; take little time to attend to, the inconvenience is very slightly relieved as it is the visiting of the patient that takes up most of the time &amp; also the patient confined to bed is normally the more serious &amp; more difficult to diagnose.</p> <p>There is a further decrease in the number of med. officers in the division. The 8th Field Ambulance have only the Lt Col. in command and a Major. The 14th F.A. have two majors &amp; one captain while the 15th F.A. have a Major &amp; a captain at the ambulance H.Q. &amp; another two captains with a section running a hospital outside the divisional area.</p> <p>This shortage is due</p> <p>(a) to the departure for Aust. of four majors &amp; one captain</p> <p>(b) to the absence of six M.O.s attending a refresher course at the 3d A.S.H.</p> <p>(c) to two officers having been withdrawn to do Educational work namely Captain Trecker S.D.W. Educ Officer &amp; Captain Cairns to office of the Gen. of Educ.</p>	



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① to five officers being away on leave. However by the tenth of the month we hope to have the position greatly relieved.

During the morning a medical officer to one of the English labour battalions called & asked me if I would attend to the sick of his company which was billeted in this area. I agreed to do it. Medical Arrangement. (Appendix 2).

Appendix 2

4.

In the copy of the "Times" in hand today, it is notified that Colonel Downey, A.D.M.S. of this division, was mentioned in despatches, also that Colonel Sawers had received the D.S.O. There was a large attendance at sick parade this morning consisting mostly of members of the labour corp lately billeted in the town. I saw three civilians later on who were confined to their beds.

Two days ago a meeting was held at D.H.Q. to discuss the proposal emanating from fourth army for a competition of exhibits & sports to be held at Namur at a future date. The proposed program was mostly confined to best turned out wagons, cookers & guns etc. The meeting



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Solu-le-Chateau	4		<p>unanimously turned down the proposals for "spit + polish" performances as one member described them suggested that mounted sports should take their place. With a view to promoting efficiency with a view to this coming event, it was decided to have fortnightly mounted horse sports in the division. The next meeting is to be held in three days time.</p> <p>Last evening at 17.00 a lecture was given by Canon Masterman MAON "Democracy" special reference being made to <del>the</del> ① its History ② its Significance ③ its Dangers + Safeguards.</p> <p>It was given in the Divisional Cinema room which was comfortably filled. The lecture was most interesting + all were interested. At the end of the lecture, the speaker invited the audience to ask questions or make comments. Only one question was asked. The latter half of the lecture is to be given a few nights hence.</p> <p>It seems to be that this type of Public Instruction is the best for the troops. At present men are chosen from units for work in their respective units + though they probably form the best</p>	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Solde- Chateau (France)	Jan 14		<p>material available, they are not as competent (in my little experience) as they might <del>exp</del> be especially as most have "grown rusty" during their mentally indolent life on active service. Then again the average soldier with the prospects of an early return to Australia, finds it hard to settle down to study &amp; concentrate his mind on his work. The lack of material for Educational work (although a great deal has been done in this direction) is also felt. The difficulties in the way of efficiency in this work are well nigh insuperable &amp; wonderful strides have been made towards this end. But in consideration of all these of the difficulties the education officer labours under &amp; the difficulties the soldier experiences in absorbing the knowledge, compel me to come to the conclusion that the most efficient &amp; palatable way of receiving knowledge is through the medium of lectures such as Canon Masterman, <del>with suitable</del> speaking on subjects of general value to the soldier such as will broaden his point of view. I would suggest social subjects &amp; subjects of general &amp; industrial interest. Recommendation for Post-Bellum Army.</p> <p>Like all other Sundays on active service in France, one's attention is drawn to the fact that it is the Sabbath day by accident such as the church bells if one is billeted in a village.</p>	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Solore Chateau	Jan 5		<p>The weather continues dull + cold. Orders came through today concerning the return of 100 men from the A.M.C. of the division. They leave for England on the 9th inst. This will leave the A.M.C. very short indeed but General Diver has promised the A.D.M.S. that should the ambulance be so reduced in personnel as to cause serious shortage, then infantry men will be attached to help in other than technical work.</p> <p>Information is to hand the Captain Mackay with the 55<sup>th</sup> Bn has been awarded the M.C.</p> <p>Colonel Fry rang up this morning from Corps H.Q. to say that he was coming to the T Aust. Div. to take over the duties of A.D.M.S. Colonel Downey the present A.D.M.S. has received no information about the matter.</p> <p>Colonel Fry arrived this morning. No information regarding Colonel Fry's taking over the work of the A.D.M.S. has yet arrived.</p> <p>Last night an order came from Corps asking the division A.M.C. to provide 1 M.O., 1 N.C.O., + 35 men to go to Anenoye to load 150 stretchers cases on an ambulance train. The 157 a. were nearest being eight kilos away. Major Guest was spoken to over the phone to carry the matter through except in so far as providing a medical officer.</p>	
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Solea-Ce. Chateau			<p>Instructions arrived this morning for Colonel Bowney to return to Australia, an especial request having been made for his return by the South Australian Govt. Col Fry visited the 8th Field Amb in the afternoon on horse back.</p> <p>Captain Samshaw went to Eccles about four kilos away &amp; evacuated a female patient suffering from acute delusional insanity (paranoia). The French doctor attached to the regiment billeted in this area has gone supposedly to an internment camp in Turkey. We are once again the only source of medical help in the district.</p> <p>8 9.30 Colonel Bowney departed this morning for the battle field of Waterloo. He catches the Cologne-Boulogne Express at Charleroi tomorrow evening.</p> <p>10 30 Col Fry availed himself of a car from the 8th Field Ambulance to visit the 11th Brigade &amp; Ambulance. He returned in the afternoon. The Refresher course at Abbeville (3d &amp; 4th) has been truncated &amp; now those who were attending it are returning. Captain Pontier has returned from leave. The position is considerably relieved. The car question is not so acute but still the activities of the ambulance is somewhat restricted. Today a batch of 100 men from the ambulances of other A.M.C. units of the division left on their return journey to Australia.</p>	



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Solre le Chateau	8		This departure of so many men may cause some serious deficiencies but we hope to get over this trouble by having infantry men transferred to do the non-technical work.	
	9.		The Colonel attended a conference on the organisation of the post bellum army in the afternoon. Leave for officers in the divisional AMC has been considerably increased. All the officers at the refresher course in Abbeville (3 A.S.H.) have returned & the shortage of medical officers relieved.	
	10.		The Colonel is today visiting the 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> F. amb. by Ford car from the 8 F. amb. The ADMS. has made arrangements for the return of the 15 F. amb. Section at Barkinson to the amb. headquarters at Le Bodelux. B. section of the 14 <sup>th</sup> F. amb. will take up the work the 15 F. amb. section were doing in that area but will establish themselves at Beaumont. That at Barkinson, the reason being that the billet occupied by the 15 F. amb. section was a school which is to be resumed by the Dutch educational authorities in a few days time. In the meantime Capt Power with the NCO. & six men from will return to the 14 F. amb. & the Co. of the 15 F. amb. will detail a similar team to carry on their work at the Corps R.E. workshops at Jeumont. AdP.C. Order No. 1. Orders concerning the theft of army horses are becoming very strict & negligence in the posting of sentries fly stables & other precautions etc. if	Appendix 4.



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Solre-le-chateau	10		<p>leading to the loss of the horse will render the C.O. responsible &amp; liable to refund the cost of the horse.</p> <p>The civilian practice still flourishes. This morning I attended a girl of 21, a primipara, six months pregnant. She suffered a fall four days ago soon the following day the pains commenced. When I examined her I found an os scarcely dilated to the size of a shilling &amp; the bag of membranes burst. No advance was made in six hours &amp; as patient was fatigued morphine <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> gr &amp; I.D. was given. A good pair of axis traction forceps have been discovered from the belongings of a civilian practitioner &amp; if when the pains return advancement of the labour is still retarded, the forceps will be used.</p> <p>The findings of the Court of inquiry held into the relative to the destruction of two heavy draught horses of the 8<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance through shell explosion at Solre-le-chateau on 7-1-1919, attribute no blame to any person. While drawing a G. S. Wagon, a horse accidentally killed a dud S.G. enemy shell, causing it to explode. Both horses were killed &amp; the harness for the greater part destroyed.</p> <p>The weather the last three days has on the whole been fine, bright &amp; exhilarating. The snow still holds off.</p> <p>The six months fetus of the midwifery case I was attending was passed last night to the jubilation of the onlookers (13 neighbours) many cups of coffee were drunk.</p>	
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Solu-le-Chartrain	11	1000	The Colonel left this morning with Lt Col Sawers (C.O., 147 amb.) to visit the 14 <sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance.	
		1030	I wrote to the RMO of the labour battalion, a company of which is billeted here, informing him that a number of the men are appearing each morning on sick parade.	
			I have received a letter from the C.O. of the British Red Cross Hospital informing me that he is returning two patients who have recovered. The other civilian patients are all progressing.	
	12		The clanging of the bells reminds of the sacred nature of the day.	
			This morning Captain Cox, RMO, of the Tuguevillers called here. Leave for two days was arranged (leave to Brussels).	
			Case of vesical calculus to be evacuated.	
			ADMS returned from leave in France. Capt Cornshaw returned to 8 Fd Amb.	
	13		Communication received from C.O. 14 Fd Amb pointing out the increasing difficulty in providing men for all duties, and particularly for horse packets from decreasing personnel.	
	14		ADMS visited Amb Capt Hqs. Conversation with DDMS concerning the increasing shortage of personnel. Permission also obtained to transfer medical post from BEAUMONT to JEUMONT as the roads from the former place to CCS are difficult.	
			Communication received from OC 15 Fd Amb pointing out the difficulty of carrying out any programme of training over the	



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SOLRE LE CHATEAU	14		owing to shortage of personnel.	
"	15		Instructions issued to 14 <sup>th</sup> + 15 <sup>th</sup> Fd Ambs regarding the despatch of transport rendered surplus by reorganisation, to ABBEVILLE. Transport of 8 <sup>th</sup> Fd Amb had already been returned to Base by DADOS (Appendix 5). Communication addressed to HQs 6 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div regarding the threatened depletion of Ambulance Personnel (Appendix 6). Communication also to 5 <sup>th</sup> A. Div pointing out that personnel of 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust San Sect would be seriously depleted by next drafts to Australia, and asking that men from constant units be attached to San Section for training with a view to replacing deficiencies.	Appendix 5. Appendix 6.
"	16		ADMS visited Hospital at BEAUMONT and CRE Workshops at JEUMONT. Inspected medical arrangements at each place and also selected site for subsidiary hospital at the Clinac, Rue d'INDUSTRIE, JEUMONT.	
"	17 <sup>th</sup>		ADMS visited 6 <sup>th</sup> Fd Amb at SARRS POTERIES. Discussed proposed rearrangement of system of evacuation of sick.	
"	18 <sup>th</sup>		Nil	
"	19 <sup>th</sup>		ADMS attended Divisional Commanders Conference G.O.C. outlined scheme for drawing personnel from Bde groups in rotation for repatriation - one Field Amb being included in each Bde group. Communication from HQs 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div to effect that 15 men were to be attached to 5 <sup>th</sup> San Sect for training - vide entry for 15-1-19.	
"	20 <sup>th</sup>		Further recommendations in connection with the Peace	



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SOLREIE CHATEAU	20 <sup>th</sup> 1/19		Peace Despatches were forwarded to Durno 17 Gns as follows NO 8382 Pte WALKER B.G. 14 <sup>th</sup> Aust FA Amb recommended for MSM 9072 Pte LOVEDAY R.C. 8 <sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " M.M. Capt B.M. BEITH (formerly RMO. 63 Bn) recommended for Mention No 7735 Pte CUPIT EA 15 <sup>th</sup> Aust FA Amb No 4713 Sgt SHEPHERD CV 14 <sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " " " No 6645 Pte MUSMAN EB 8 <sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " " " No 6882 Pte MACKINTOSH KD 15 <sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " " "	Appendix 7.
			ADMS Order No 2 issued concerning the establishment of a Hospital Post at JEUMONT, the closing of the Hospital Post at BEAUMONT, and the rearrangement of the system of care of such	Appendix 8.
			Instruction issued for the interchange of Capt Gibson and Capt Duggle and the relief of the 15 <sup>th</sup> FA Amb detail at CRE Workshops JEUMONT	Appendix 9
			Instruction issued regarding despatch of a detail of 14 Officers and 5 ORs with equipment to accompany drafts of men proceeding to UK for embarkation to Australia on 25-1-19 and 3-2-19	Appendix 10
	21/1/19		ADMS visited 15 FA Amb at Les BOULEUX.	
	22/1/19		ADMS again visited 15 FA Amb. Inspected proposed quarters for 15 FA Amb in AVESNES	
	23/1/19		Ruling from GOC Durno that hereafter establishment for education purposes be 1 sgt and 1 opt per field ambulance, 14 <sup>th</sup> FA Amb to retain 1 sgt + 2 opts at present holding appointments.	



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SOLRE LE CHATEAU	24/1/19		Capt Gray and 5 OR. joined demobilisation draft at BEAUMONT	
	25/1/19		On order of DDMS. Capt Brutton RMO 20 Bn was instructed to report for duty to No 5 CCS MAUBERGE. Owing to shortage of M.O.s it was arranged that RMO 32 <sup>nd</sup> Bn perform duties of RMO 30 Bn also.	
	26/1/19		AAMC order No 3 issued moving 15 F Amb to billets in AVESNES	Appendix 11.
	27/1/19		Routine only	
	28/1/19		do Monthly Sanitary Report (Appendix 12).	Appendix 12.
	29/1/19		ADMS visited 15 F Amb New quarters in AVESNES found satisfactory	
	30/1/19		Routine only	
	31/1/19		ADMS. visited 14 F Amb. Letter from DMS AIF received pointing out that opportunities for post-graduate study would be limited and not available for every M.O. This referred to all M.O.s (Appendix 13)	Appendix 13.



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11.	Return of A.A.M.C. personnel to Australia.
12.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 3.
13.	Monthly Sanitary Report.
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Appendix 1

To Headquarters,  
5th. Australian Division

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I beg to draw attention to the shortage of Field Ambulance cars of this Division.

Sick have to be collected daily from distant areas over every bad roads. The C.C.Ss are situated at MAUBEUGE and CHARLEROI and all V.D. and Eye cases have to be evacuated to CHARLEROI.

The inevitable result is that many cars are out of action. At present only 7 cars are running out of a total of 21.

The main difficulty about keeping a working minimum of cars is due to the fact that M.T. Companies cannot secure spare parts for the Sunbeam and Ford cars.

I have asked D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps to supplement our cars by the temporary attachment of M.A.C. cars, but this is apparently impossible at present as M.A.C. cars have their troubles also.

The collection and evacuation of sick is being carried out with the greatest difficulty and to the detriment of the patients themselves.

I should be obliged if attention could be called to this serious state of affairs with the object of expediting the despatch of spare parts and the early repair of accumulating wrecks.

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2/1/19

W.H. Downey COLONEL  
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Appendix 2

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.  
3/1/1919.

## MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

### 1. COLLECTION OF STORES.

Medical Stores will be drawn from No. 18. Advanced Depot Medical Stores by the Division on FRIDAYS.

The 14th and 15th Field Ambulances will submit their indents each Tuesday to 8th Field Ambulance. 8th Field Ambulance will consolidate indents and submit to A.D.M.S. on Wednesday for approval.

8th Field Ambulance will send consolidated indent on Thursday to A.D.M.S. either by D.R. (or by car taking patients from BARBENCON. and will collect stores on FRIDAY.

If possible a lorry will be obtained for this purpose.

### 2. V.D. CASES.

These will be sent to hospital at BARBENCON, whence they will be taken by M.A.C. car to Medical Inspection Room. HAM-sur-HEURE.

Field Ambulances will show these cases as evacuated to C.C.S. in their A. & D. Books and on A.F.V. 3185.

Field Medical Cars should be clearly marked "RECORDED".

### 3. OPHTHALMIC CASES.

Cases for Ophthalmic Centre will be sent to Hospital at BARBENCON each SUNDAY. From BARBENCON they will be sent to 6th Army Ophthalmic Centre, to reach there by 1000 each MONDAY.

The number of cases will not exceed 10 per week in the Division.

Attention is drawn to MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. FOURTH ARMY re. these cases.

### 4. SICK CIVILIANS.

Cases requiring evacuation will be sent to British Red Cross Hospital. MAUBLUGS. On receipt of notification Officer i/c Hospital will send ambulance car to collect patients.

*John R. ...*

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

Issued to C.Os. Field Ambs.

C.C. 'B' Section. 15th Field Amb.  
BARBENCON.

Copy to D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.



Reference attached list of questions relative to the organisation of R.A.M.C. units with a division .

- (1). The present organisation of field ambulances as Divisional units, three per division, and commanded by the A.D.M.S. as a group has always been proved satisfactory.
- (2). Yes.
- (3). I consider the present arrangement satisfactory.
- (4). (a) I consider that the present anomaly of the D.D.M.S. Corps having similar rank (Colonel) to that of his A.D.M.S. should cease. He should have the rank of Brigadier-General . This would not only increase his status but increase his power to help the Divisional Medical Services.  
(b) The practice of attaching a dental unit to each field ambulance, as is done in the A.I.F. has proved to be of incalculable value.  
(c) I like the two section establishment of a field ambulance, recently adopted in the A.I.F. The advantages are that each section is commanded by a Major, and the Commanding Officer is independently in command of the unit as a whole. Under the 3 section establishment we had the anomaly of the C.O. being in command of "A" section as well as being in command of the unit as a whole. If the 3 section establishment is continued after the war then each section should have a Major or Senior Captain in command and the Lt. Colonel should have a small compact Headquarters and be independently in command of the unit as a whole.  
(d) A matter worthy of consideration is the organisation of a divisional Bearer Company as a separate establishment from the three field Ambulances. This company would be composed of trained stretcher bearers with junior Officers in the proportion of one per six squads and a Major in command. Personnel would be detailed from the company in accordance with the requirements of the operation in hand. The Field Ambulance would be composed of trained tent-division personnel, just as the tent subdivisions are under the present establishment. Lt Colonel and proportion of senior experienced officers on the establishment. Thus bearer Captains (or <sup>Lieutenants</sup> ~~sergeants~~) could look forward to promotion in due course with appointment on field ambulance staffs.  
(e) The Australian Corps practice of forming a resuscitation team in one of the Divisional Field Ambulances has proved to be a most important factor in saving lives near the firing-line, lives which should otherwise be lost before they could get to a Casualty Clearing Station & The resuscitation team is composed of 1 Major, 1 Captain and 4 trained orderlies ( 1 and M.C.O.) from the tent division. It is available always for work at the M.D. Station or A.D. Station as considered advisable by the A.D.M.S. It deals with all cases of severe shock, bad wounds, and cases requiring blood transfusion etc. .

A. D. M. S.,
5TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. E18/61
Date. 4-1-19

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



R.A.M.C. with a Division.

Assuming that the size and organisation of a Division will not differ materially than that which now obtains:-

1. State generally what alterations, if any, could advantageously be made to the organisation of R.A.M.C. units with a Division?
2. Are you in favor of the retention of a Sanitary Section in a divisional organisation?
3. Do you consider that the A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. of a division should be officers on the establishment of Divisional H.Q., or would you favour the formation of a separate H.Q. for R.A.M.C. of a Division similar to that of Divisional Engineers?
4. Have you any other proposals or suggestions to put forward with regard to the general organisation and composition of R.A.M.C. Units with a Division?



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To Headquarters ,  
5th Australian Division.

With reference to suggestions regarding "Post Bellum" Army.

I agree in general with the statements of Colonel DOWNEY DSO and append the following additional remarks under the headings of the respective questions.

2. The Divisional Organisation of Sanitary Sections is satisfactory but has been disorganised in practice owing to the fact that there has been no Sanitary Section with Corps to supervise Corps Areas. In consequence Sanitary Sections have been withdrawn from Divisions and have been allotted areas which do not coincide with Divisional areas. Lack of co-operation between A.D.'s.M.S. and sanitation officers has resulted. The Divisional organisation of Sanitary Sections can only be maintained only by the formation of a sanitary section to be attached to Corps and to supervise the Corps areas.

4. The proposed formation of a bearer unit on a three company basis is strongly recommended. Experience in this campaign has proved that the present bearers of the Field Ambulances of one Division are not numerically sufficient to cope with the heavy casualties of medium warfare. Bearers have been borrowed from Field Ambulances of other Divisions in some cases and from fighting units at other times. Both expedients have been unsatisfactory. Further in quiet times men of unit could be usefully employed as carrying parties in working parties.

A n urgent requirement is that commissioned rank be given to the senior bearer Sergeant in each Field Ambulance under the present system or in each bearer company of a bearer unit. Medical officers have to be disposed, both according to medical necessities, and again as officers in charge of bearer dispositions. Medical necessities cause frequent changes in posting of medical officers who therefore find it difficult to learn to know their men. Further reinforcement Medical officers join Field Ambulances frequently without even an elementary knowledge of drill, and no knowledge of military operations. A non combatant officer in charge of bearers would provide for a permanent officer in charge of bearers would know his job.

With regard to transport a lighter type of horsed ambulance wagon is necessary. These ambulance wagons are chiefly required in operations for making cross country where motor ambulance cars cannot travel. The present wagon is balky topheavy construction which weighs 2½ tons when loaded and is rubber tyred and therefore exceptionally heavy for pulling on soft ground. 2 Heavy Draught Horses are provided for each wagon. In operations four horse teams at least are necessary sometimes six horse teams. To provide such teams and their reliefs unit transport is insufficient and horses have to be borrowed. An ambulance wagon built low on a chassis ~~type~~ of the type of a pontoon wagon and drawn by four horses would be very serviceable.

Signed. H.KENNETH FRY. COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.



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Appendix 4  
Headquarters, Copy No. 15  
5th. Aust. Division.  
10th. Jan. 1919

OPERATION ORDER No. 1.

by  
Colonel H. K. FRY D.S.O.  
Commanding A.A.M.C. 5th. Aust. Division.

Reference Map VALMONTIENNES 1/100000  
NAMUR 1/100000

The following redistribution of Medical Units will be made.

1. On 11th inst. O.C. 15th. Aust. Field Amb. will send 1 M.O. 6 C/RS and one Sunbeam Car with driver and orderly from 15th. Aust. F. Amb. to JEUMONT and relieve similar detail of 14th. Aust. F. Amb. at Corps R.E. Workshops. Detail of 14th. Aust. F. Amb. at JEUMONT will rejoin 14th. Aust. F. Amb. at SAUTAIN the same day.
2. On 12th inst. "B" Section 14th. Aust. F. Amb. with 1 Sunbeam car will proceed to BEAUMONT and establish a hospital of 50 beds at No. 24 Rue GRAND PLACE. O.C. "B" Section 15th. Aust. F. Amb. will send all hospital material surplus to establishment from BARBENCON to 24 Rue GRAND PLACE, BEAUMONT on the same date. Moves to be completed by 12 noon.
3. On 13th inst. O.C. "B" Section 15th. Aust. F. Amb. will send attached M.A.C. car to report to O.C. "B" Section 14th. Aust. Field Amb., BEAUMONT for duty. On same date "B" Section 15th. Aust. F. Amb. will march from BARBENCON to LES BODELEX and rejoin H.Q. 15th. Aust. F. Amb.
4. On and after 13th inst. "B" Section 14th. Aust. F. Amb. will be responsible for daily collection of sick from Corps Heavy Artillery and Light Horse in the CORPS area, and for Divisional School at BARBENCON.  
Attached M.A.C. car will be used for evacuating venereal cases to Medical Inspection Room HAM-sur-HEURE by 2 p.m. daily.  
O.C. 8th, 15th. and "A" Section 14th. Aust. F. Amb. will arrange for venereal cases to be sent to BEAUMONT for evacuation by this car as far as possible.
5. O.C. "B" Section 14th. Aust. F. Amb. will re-open Blue Light Depot at BEAUMONT with prominent sign visible by day and night.
6. Copies of receipts for stores handed over will be forwarded to this office.
7. Field Ambulances acknowledge.

Copies to:

1. D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps
2. H.Q. 5th. Aust. Divn "G"
3. " " " " "Q"
4. O.C. 8th. Aust. F. Amb.
5. O.C. 14th. " "
6. O.C. 15th. " "
7. "B" Section 14th. Aust. F. Amb.
8. 8th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

- H. K. Fry*  
COLONEL  
A.D.M.S. 5th. Australian Division.
9. 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde
  10. 15th. " "
  11. Town Major BEAUMONT
  12. " " BARBENCON
  13. Office
  - 14-16 War Diary.



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15-1-19.

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To O.C. 14th. Aust. Field Amb  
O.C. 15th. " " "

Appendix 5

Transport rendered surplus by recent reorganisation of units will be sent to ABBEVILLE in accordance with attached Corps Admin. Memo. Units 14 that with exception Ambulances of Division will join Corps Convey at AVESNES on 17th. inst. instead of BEAUMONT on 16th. inst. as stated in para 6. of the above instructions.

On 15th. inst. 14th. Field Amb. will recover surplus transport handed in to D.A.D.O.S. 5th. Aust. Divn. and will draw 8 L.D. Horses from 14th. A.F.A. Bde. LISSIES.

On same date 15th. Field Amb. will draw 8 L.D. Horses from 13th. A.F.A. Bde. SAINS.

Party joining convey from 5th. Aust. Division will be made up as follows:

	W.O.	Transport-Divers	H. Amb. Wagons	G.S. Limbers	Water Carts	L.D. Horses
14th. Field Amb.	-	4	1	1	1	8
15th. " "	1	4	1	1	1	8
	1	8	2	2	2	16

On 17th. inst. 14th. Field Amb. party will be sent to AVESNES in charge of a W.O. who will hand over same to W.O. Transport, 15th. Field Amb. at 3 p.m. at Town Major's office AVESNES, and obtain receipt for horses, harness and vehicles.

The W.O. Transport 15th. Field Amb. 1/C combined 15th. & 14th. Field Ambs. surplus transport will report to Officer i/c Corps Convey at AVESNES; the same day. This W.O. will also be responsible for obtaining at ABBEVILLE separate receipts in duplicate for horses harness and vehicles of 14th. & 15th. Field Ambs. and delivery of same to the respective O.C. of these units.

Duplicate of receipts will be forwarded to this office.

(Sgd) H.K. FRY Colonel  
A.D.M.S. 5th. Australian Division



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5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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15-1-19.

To Headquarters, 5th. Aust. Division  
D.D.M.S. Australian Corps.

The present establishment of a Field Ambulance Personnel is as follows:-

	M.O.	Q.M.	W.Os.	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls	O.R.	Total
Tent Division	4	1	2	3	2	4	28	44
Bearer Division	2	-	-	-	2	2	79	85
Horse Transport (less Batmen)	-	-	1	-	1	1	17	20
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Education Staff	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Total	6	1	3	3	6	8	129	156
Attached A.A.S.C.M.T.	-	-	-	-	1	1	11	13
Total	6	1	3	3	7	9	140	169

On the 13th. inst., Field Ambulances of this Division gave the following returns:-

8th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

	M.O.	Q.M.	W.Os.	S/Sgts.	Sgts.	Cpls.	O.R.	Total
Tent Division	3	1	2	2	1	3	23	35
Bearer Division	2	-	4	2	2	1	76	81
Horse Transport (less batmen)	-	-	1	-	1	1	15	18
Batmen	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Education Staff	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Total	5	1	3	2	5	6	118	140
Attached A.A.S.C.M.T.	-	-	-	-	1	1	9	11
Total	5	1	3	2	6	7	127	151

14th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

	M.O.	Q.M.	W.Os	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls.	O.R.	Total
Tent Division	4	1	2	3	4	2	19	35
Bearer Division	2	-	-	-	2	1	62	67
Horse Transport (less Batmen)	-	-	1	-	2	-	19	22
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Education Staff	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Total	6	1	3	3	9	4	104	130
Attached A.A.S.C.M.T.	-	-	-	-	1	1	12	14
Total	6	1	3	3	10	5	116	144



15th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

	<u>M.O.</u>	<u>Q.M.</u>	<u>W.Os.</u>	<u>S/Sgts.</u>	<u>Sgts.</u>	<u>Opls</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tent Division	6	1	1	4	3	3	28	46
Bearer Division	3	-	-	-	1	2	59	65
Horse Transport (less Batmen)	-	-	1	-	1	-	17	19
Batmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Education Staff	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
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	9	1	2	4	6	6	109	137
A.A.S.C. M.T. attached	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
Total	9	1	2	4	6	6	118	146

It will be seen from these returns that the Three Field Ambulances have 99; 61; and 87 O.Rs respectively in Tent and Bearer Divisions for Hospital work and other duties. Of these numbers the following minimum personnel must be employed.

Hospital duties	20
Wagon orderlies	7
Cooks and assistants	6
Wood fatigues	5
Q.M. Fatigues	5
Clerical & orderly duties	5
Sanitary duty	2
also on leave	6


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The ambulances therefore hold at present only 30 to 50 men to understudy essential men, to supply general fatigues, men for detached duty and guard and with allowance for sick men.

Men awaiting demobilisation in 1915 class are as follows:

8th. Aust. Field Ambulance	58
14th. " " "	15
15th. " " "	30

If these men are demobilised before reinforcements can be obtained from some source, Field Ambulances of this Division will be incapable of performing military duty.

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



5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.T.4/69.  
19-1-19.To Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division.*Appendix 7*PEACE. DESPATCH. Reference your A.59/1122. d/15-1-1919.


The attached recommendations for Honors and Awards are forwarded please.

The following is the order of merit.

<u>HONORS.</u>	No. 8382.	Pte. B.G.WALKER.	14th Field Amb.
	No. 9072.	Pte. R.C.LOVEDAY.	8th " "

<u>MENTIONS.</u>	Captain. B.M.BEITH.	late. RMO. 53rd Battalion.
	No. 7735.	Pte. E.A.CUPIT. 15th Field Amb.
	No. 4713.	S/Sgt. C.V.SHEPHERD 14th " "
	No. <del>XXXX</del> 6645	Pte. E.B.MUSMAN 8th " "
	No. <del>XX</del> 6882	Pte. K.D.MACKINTOSH 15th " "

There are no amendments to recommendations forwarded on the 6th inst.

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



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14th Aust. 8382. Private  
Field Basil George  
Ambulance. WALKER.

Since joining the unit in May 1916 this man has constantly performed work of the highest order of skill and efficiency on the nursing duty staff of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance. His duties have frequently been carried out under conditions of extreme difficulty and danger, in which circumstances he has always shown gallantry and resourcefulness. During the last six months of hostilities his trained ability was employed in assisting in blood transfusions. The officer i/c Divisional Resuscitation Team has remarked of his work during the latter period that he is the most efficient and helpful operating assistant ~~with~~ met with in a long experience of civil and military practice.

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

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## AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

8th Aust. 9072 Private Roy  
Field Chester  
Ambulance. LOVEDAY.

During the attack on the Hindenburg Line from September 29th 1918 to October 2nd 1918 this stretcher bearer was one of a squad carrying between the railway embankment east of BELLICOURT and a wagon Loading Post on the road west of BELLICOURT, this carry was about 2 kilo's in length and owing to the heavy casualties, both Australian and American, numerous trips were made under very trying conditions, such as night carries, unbroken wire entanglements, heavy rain and slippery mud. The carry was under enemy observation, the squad was fired upon by enemy machine guns during 12 trips, and the whole track was continuously under heavy shell fire. These difficulties were overcome only by the inspiring effect this man always has on a squad, and mainly by his dogged perseverance and devotion to duty there was no hitch in the evacuations from his squad post. He has been a stretcher bearer in every action of his division, and the high standard of his work has always been an example to the men with whom he has served.

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3rd Aust.  
General  
Hospital.

Captain.  
Bruce McNeil  
BEITH.

Late R.M.O.  
53rd Aust. Battalion

This officer performed gallant and efficient service as R.M.O. to the 53rd Australian Battalion during the period July to October including the battles of Peronne and Morlancourt and the attack on the Hindenberg Line at BELLICOURT. The officers of the battalion speak with highest admiration of his work throughout this period. In the attack on the Hindenberg Line near BELLICOURT on October 1st 1918 Captain Beith successfully organised the work of dressing and evacuating wounded of his battalion under heavy shell fire though more than half of his A.M.C. details and the ambulance personnel attached to him had been killed or wounded. This Officer has also rendered extremely good service with the 57th Battalion A.I.F. and the 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

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This Officer's name has been checked with the latest A.I.F. Staff and Regimental List.

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15th Aust. 7735. Private  
Field Edwin Albert  
Ambulance. CUPIT.

From February 25th 1918. until the cessation of hostilities this man has been continuously with the Ambulance as a stretcher bearer. He has not missed an action since joining the ambulance on 11-10-1916. He did excellent work at BELLICOURT towards the end of September, working continuously for 36 hours under heavy machine gun fire, and under very trying weather conditions. His courage and devotion to duty in times of stress have always been conspicuous.

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Despatches.

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

14th Aust. 4713. Staff Sergeant  
Field Cyril Vere  
Ambulance. SHEPHERD.

This N.C.O. has been with the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance since 26-2-1916.

Throughout he has been conspicuous for his continuous devotion to duty and for his skilled ability in connection with the clerical work of this unit. This was especially marked during the period from September 1918 to present date. During the period of active operations his position called upon him to assume considerable responsibility and his work was of the utmost value to the unit. His loyalty and self-sacrifice has been characteristic during the whole time of his service with the unit.

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8th Aust.  
Field  
Ambulance.

6645.

Private.  
Ernest Bruce  
MUSMAN.

During the Allied Advance from VILLERS BRETONNEUX to the West of PERONNE from the 8th August to the 7th September 1918 this stretcher bearer showed the utmost bravery and ~~indefatigable~~ indefatigable energy. Particularly at HARBONNIERES this amn in charge of his stretcher squad succeeded in evacuating wounded under the heaviest artillery fire. Again at MONT St. QUENTIN the track was under heavy fire, but by his devotion to duty and his contempt of danger, his squad worked continuously until the work of evacuation was accomplished. This man is a particularly good stretcher bearer, his example is always of the best, and his services in general have always been highly commended by his various officers.

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5th Australian Division.

15th Aust.  
Field  
Ambulance.

6882.

Private  
Kenneth Dalrymple  
MACKINTOSH.

This amn has been with the unit as a stretcher bearer continuously from February 25th. 1918 until the cessation of hostilities. He first joined the unit on 24-2-1916, and since then has not missed an action in the line. He did excellent work at VILLERS-BRETONNEUX in April and again at PERONNE in August-September. His courage and fine example to his companions are worthy of special recognition.

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5th Australian Division.



Appendix 8

5th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 2.20/1/19Map reference. NAMUR 1/100,000

1. On 21st. inst., a Nursing duty Detail of 8th. Aust. Field Amb. will together with No. 112 Dental Unit proceed to JEUMONT and open a Hospital of 20 beds at the CLINIQUE, RUE de L'INDUSTRIE - B.S. 50.62.

2. O.C. 14th. Aust. Field Amb. will transport all hospital beds from 24 Rue Grande Place BEAUMONT to the CLINIQUE, JEUMONT by 2 p.m. on 21st. inst.

3. On 22nd. inst M.A.C. car attached 14th. Aust. Field Amb. BEAUMONT will be sent to report for duty to 8th. Aust. Field Amb. JEUMONT by 12 noon. After which time 8th. Aust. Field Amb. will be responsible for clearing of sick of the following Corps units-

"K" Siege Park	EROUVELINNES
93 & 25 R.G.A. Bdes.	SOERRE-sur-SAMBRE
Corps Mounted Troops	HANT WILHEMS
76 R.G.A. Bde.	MONTIGNIES
14 " "	MALAISE
68 " "	Chateau LEERS et POSTEAU

4. On the 22nd. inst O.C. 14th. Aust. Field Amb. will withdraw "B" Section detail from BEAUMONT with the exception of 1 M.C.O. and 2 men to form Blue Light Depot at present site 24 Rue Grande Place.

O.C. 14th. Aust. Field Amb. will be responsible for clearing daily sick from the following units, in addition to the 14th. A.I. Bde Group-

5th. Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing	) BEAUMONT.
Corps Heavy Art. H.Q.	
62nd. Labour H.Q.	
Corps P.T. & R. School	) BARBENCON
81st. Labour Coy.	
5th. Aust. Div. Train	LEUGHIES
5th. Aust. Pioneer Bn	BEAURIEUX
1st. Aust. Tunnelling Coy.	RANCE.

5. After 22nd. inst. 8th. Aust. Field Amb. SERS POTERIES will receive all V.D. & Ophthalmic cases from 14th. & 15th. Aust. Field Ambs. and transfer them to JEUMONT for transport to C.C.S. CHARLEROI.

14th. Aust. Field Amb. will also transfer all cases for evacuation to C.C.S. MAUBEUGE to 8th. Aust. Field Amb. SERS POTERIES.

In all cases, admitting Field Ambs. will record cases and mark Field Medical cards "RECORDED".

6. Field Ambulances acknowledge.

## Distribution:-

8th. Aust. Field Amb.  
 14th. " " "  
 15th. " " "  
 D.D.H.S. Aust. Corps  
 HQ 5th. Aust. Division  
 H.Q. Aust. Corps Heavy Artillery.

*C. P. R. R. R.*  
 my. in COLONEL  
A.D.M.S. 5th. Aust. Division



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Appendix 9

To O.C. 15th Australian Field Ambulance.  
 O.C. 8th do do do  
 O.C. 5th do Divisional Train.  
O.C. Corps R.E. Workshops, JEUMONT.

20th January 1919.

On the 23rd inst O.C. 15th Australian Field Ambulance will send Captain DIGGLE J.I. to be posted as R.M.O. 5th Australian Divisional Train LEUGNIES vice Captain S.G. Gibson MC tempy R.M.O.

On relief Captain Gibson will report for duty to Officer in Charge 8th Australian Field Ambulance Detail at the CLINIQUE JEUMONT. O.C. 15th Australian Field Ambulance will supply transport.

The same day the detail 15th Australian Field Ambulance at the Corps R.E. Workshops JEUMONT will be withdrawn and Officer in Charge 8th Australian Field Ambulance will take over medical attention of Corps R.E. Workshops and also supply a Blue Light Depot.

M.A.C. Car stationed at JEUMONT will remain and be attached to 8th Australian Field Ambulance detail for duty.

Copies to H.Q. 5th Australian Division.

A.D.M.S.

D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.

5TH

14th Australian Field Ambulance.

AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

6.17/72  
 20.1.19

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



Appendix 10

To C.O. 8th Aust. Field Amb.  
C.O. 15th " " "  
S.M.C. 88th Aust. Bn.  
D.F.M.S. Aust. Corps. }  
W.C. 8th Aust. Division. }  
S.C. 15th A.I. Brigade. } for information.

RETURN OF OFFICERS AND MEN TO AUSTRALIA.

1. In accordance with 8th Aust. Division. A57/1172. d/12-1-19. A57/1241. d/12-1-19. and A57/1475. d/12-1-19. No. 6. and 7. Drafts will be despatched to HAVRE en route to AUSTRALIA.
2. Each Draft will be composed of 1000 Officers and other ranks. Draft No. 6. will ~~be referred to as~~ "EMBARKATION QUOTA No. 6." Draft No. 7. will be referred to as "EMBARKATION QUOTA No. 7." respectively.
3. The Demobilisation MOVEMENT CARD. ( See Annexure "B" Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation General Instructions No. 8.) should be filled in accordingly for every officer and other rank proceeding with these quotas.  
If supplies of AIF FORM 541 are not available in time, typewritten pro-forma should be used.
4. Nominal Rolls in duplicate will be taken by the Senior Officer or S.M.C. in charge of each unit party. These rolls will be collected at the place of concentration by the Draft Conducting Officer, who will retain one copy and hand the other to the Senior Officer of the Draft proceeding to Australia.  
Copies of nominal rolls in triplicate must be forwarded to this office by units not later than 9.00. on the date prior to the day of concentration.
5. Drafts will be concentrated at the 8th Aust. Division Reinf. Wing. BRANKMONT by 3.00. on the following dates:-  
No. 6. Draft on January 25th-1919.  
No. 7. Draft on February 3rd-1919.
6. Drafts will entrain with four days rations. The S.M.C. will make necessary arrangements to place these rations on the train. The unexpired portion of the day's rations only will be carried by unit quotas. The Divisional Reinforcement Wing will arrange to draw 24 hours additional rations for each draft on the day prior to concentration.
7. Officers will take their complete kits and other ranks will proceed fully equipped with the exception of box respirators. The taking of steel helmets is optional vide demobilisation General Instructions No 8 dated 22/12/1918. Ordinary winter clothing will be taken on the scale laid down in S.M.C. 5105 with the addition of one blanket per man for use on the voyage. Special winter clothing vide S.M.C. 5105, Table 3, will not be taken. Any coats sheep skin lined, will be exchanged for ordinary great coats.
8. PAY. (a). The necessary funds to pay personnel of No 6 Draft must be obtained from the Divisional Paymaster before the 23rd inst. Units will ensure that every man proceeding on draft is paid prior to their concentration.  
(b). Personnel of No 7 Draft may be given a double pay ( if their credit exists) on the pay issue day prior to their concentration.



(2).

9. Quotas will include no A.A.M.C. personnel except 1 Officer and N. Other Ranks for medical care of troops during the journey from Division to Depot in U.K.

These Officers and Other Ranks will remain in the U.K. under Orders of D.M.S. A.I.F. pending return to Australia.

10. This A.A.M.C. Detail will be drafted as follows:-

EMBARKATION QUOTA. No. 4.

Captain J. SPAY.  
S. Other Ranks.

15th Aust. Field Amb.  
Heading priority list  
of 15th Field Amb.

EMBARKATION QUOTA. No. 5.

Captain F.W. VOSS.  
S. Other Ranks.

R.M.C. 88th Batta.  
Heading priority list  
of 8th Field Amb.

11. C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will send M.O. to relieve Captain VOSS. as R.M.C. 88th Battalion on 27th January.

On relief Captain VOSS will report to C.O. 8th Aust. Field Amb. for duty.

12. Details proceeding from 15th and 8th Aust. Field Ambulances will be supplied by C.Os. of their respective units with the following articles of unit equipment.

Stretchers	1.
Med. Companion.	1.
Surgical	
Haversack.	1.
Water Bottle	1.

Medical officers in charge of each detail will be responsible for this equipment. They will give receipts for same and also must obtain receipts for them when handing over the equipment in U.K. Depots. (Authority D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps. P.7/8. 4/18-1-18 and 18-1-18.)

13. C.Os. 15th and 8th Aust. Field Ambulances will despatch respective details.

*John D. Gray*  
COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.



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*Appendix II*

**5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.**

**A.A.M.C. ORDER  
No. 3.**

26/1/19.

Map reference VALENCIENNES 1/100,000.

On 28th. inst 15th. Aust. Field Ambulances will move from present billets, LES BODELEX, to billets in Rue de France AVESNES. L.5.20.46.

Unit hospital will close at LES BODELEX and reopen at AVESNES the same day.

Completion of move will be reported to this office.

Distribution

H.Q. 5th. Aust. Division

D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps

15th. Aust. Field Amb.

14th. " " "

8th. " " "

C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Division

15th. Aust. Inf. Bde

14th. " " "

8th. " " "

Town Major AVESNES.

*[Signature]* COLONEL  
A.D.M.S. 5th. Australian ~~Division~~



Appendix 12

Headquarters,  
5th Aust. Division.  
27/1/19.MONTHLY HEALTH REPORT BY A.D.M.S. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.1. HEALTH.

General health of the troops continues to be very good. The number of cases of Influenza is not now in excess of the ordinary *under* febricula amongst troops. A few cases of diarrhoea constantly occur. These cases are usually of a minor severity and do not appear on returns as admissions to hospital. The incidence of Venereal Disease is still seriously heavy; venereal infection largely occurs during leave and it is not considered that instruction and prophylaxis are defective within the divisional administration.

2. BILLETS.

The billeting conditions are those described as holding at the end of last month. They are satisfactory.

3. BATHING.

The Division having been settled in billets for the past month, the bathing facilities have improved. The percentage of personnel bathed in all Units is large, but it is pointed out that in some Units all men are not bathed and issued with clothing every week. This should be effected.

4. DISINFECTION.

*under* In cases of infectious disease disinfection has been carried out under supervision of the 5th Aust. Sanitary Section. Owing to the continued lack of the Foden Disinfector proper routine disinfection of blankets and clothing is not being carried out. It is again pointed out that the lack of this Disinfector is a serious deficiency.

5. FOOD.

Cookhouses and cooking are satisfactory. The quality of food is good and the quantity sufficient, but the shortage of butter issue is considered unfavorable in the present winter conditions. Shortage of vegetable issue is also a source of complaint during the past month.

6. WATER.

Water supply remains as reported last month. In the present weather conditions the probability of men taking unchlorinated water from unsupervised sources is small. The occurrence of cases of diarrhoea is however ascribed to infection from water.

7. LATRINES.

These are universally of box-seat type. The erection of public latrines has been continued.

8. MANURE.

When not taken for agricultural purposes, this is stacked.

9. PREVALENCE OF PREVENTABLE DISEASES.

Reference is made above to the incidence of Diarrhoea and Venereal Disease. The incidence of Scabies, though small, would be still further reduced by increasing the percentage of troops bathed as suggested above. The condition of troops in respect to lice is satisfactory.

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No epidemic disease is to be reported; A few cases of measles have occurred amongst the civil populace, also one case of Diptheria. Amongst troops an isolated case of Chicken Pox is reported.

A. D. M. S.
5TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. ....
Date. ....

*[Signature]*  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

COLONEL.



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Appendix B.

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.O.32/77  
31-1-19.

To all Medical Officers.

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The following letter from D.M.S. A.I.F. d/25-1-19.  
is forwarded for your information:-

" From personnel enquiries received, it would appear that some misapprehension exists as to the scope of the A.I.F. Education Scheme for medical officers.

Primarily, it is designed to allow Medical Officers who have been out of touch with their profession through the nature of their service, regaining a certain amount of familiarity with Surgical and Medical detail prior to return to civil life. In the second place it is hoped to allow junior Medical Officers a chance to do the hospital work which their enlistment soon after graduation has debarred them from obtaining.

The calls of the service as a whole and the needs of medical attention for troops during demobilisation will make it impossible for all Medical Officers to be afforded opportunity to do Post Graduate work, so that a selection will be made by the D.M.S. and recommendations forwarded to the Director-General, Repatriation and Demobilisation. Each application will be considered

on its merits but special consideration will be given to the case of those medical officers who have had long service in the field with out opportunity of doing hospital work. Efforts have been made to initiate a similar scheme in Australia for the benefit of those medical officers who are compelled, through the exigencies of the service to return, but sufficient information is not yet to hand enabling any announcement to be made. "

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

COLONEL.



From 1st January to 31st January 1919.

To C.C.S.	Influenza	Scabies.	Diarrhoea.	V.D.	Average
	& P.U.O.				weekly
					Strength

H.Q.  
3/2/19.

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



5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4-1-1918

LOCATIONS OF MEDICAL UNITS.

Map reference.      VALENCIENNES)  
                         NAMUR                      1/100,000.

A.D.M.S. OFFICE.

SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU (Namur)

8TH Field Ambulance

SARS POTERIES (Namur)

14th " "

SAUTAIN.5.C.2.05.(Namur)

15th " "

LES BODELEX. (Valenciennes)

5th Sanitary Section.

SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU.

No. 2 Dental Unit.

SARS POTERIES.

No.32 " "

SAUTAIN.

No.23 " "

LES BODELEX.

No.101 " "(att.D.A.C.)

SEMERIES. (Namur).

To D.D.M.S. Aust Corps.  
S.O.A.D.S. do  
H.Q. 5th Aust Division.

*V.A. Earnshaw Capt.*  
for COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Aust. Division.



5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

11/1/19.

LOCATIONS OF MEDICAL UNITS.Map Reference

VALENCIENNES	}	1/100-000.
NAMUR		

A.D.M.S. Office	SOLRE. LE. CHATEAU. (NAMUR)
8th Field Ambulance.	SARS POTERIES. (NAMUR).
14th do do	SAUTAIN. S. C. 2. 05. (NAMUR).
15th do do	LES BOBELEX. (VALENCIENNES)
"B" Section 14th do do	MOVING TO BRAUMONT. 12th
8th Sanitary Section	SOLRE. LE. CHATEAU. (NAMUR)
No 2. Dental Unit	SARS POTERIES.
No. 32 do do	SAUTAIN.
No 23 do do	LES BOBELEX.
No 101 do do (Attached D.A.C)	SEMERIES. (NAMUR).

To D.D.M.S. Aust Corps.  
S.O.A.D.S. do  
H.Q. 5th Aust Division.

*W. Earnshaw Capt.*  
for COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.



## 28/Y/19.

Map Reference VALBONNENES  
HAMUR

1/100,000.

A.D.M.S. Office	SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU	(Namur)
8th Aust. Field Ambulance	BARS POTERIES.	"
" " " "	& CLINIQUE, JEUMONT.	"
14th Aust. Field Ambulance	SAUTAIN.	S.C.E.O.S. "
18th Aust. Field Ambulance	LES BODELEUX.	(Valenciennes)
5th Aust. Sanitary Section	SOLRE-LE-CHATEAU.	(Namur)

No. 2	Dental Unit	SARRS POTERIES.
No. 25	" "	LES BODELEX.
No. 32	" "	SAUTAIN.
No. 101	" "	SENNERIES.
No. 112	" "	JEUMONT.

To D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps  
H.Q.A.D.S. " "  
H.Q. 5th Aust. Division.

COLONEL.

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

18/1/19

Map Reference VALENCIENNES )  
HAMBUR )

 $1/100,000$ 

A.D.N.S. Office	SOLRE-le-CHATEAU	(Namur)
8th. Aust. Field Ambulance	SARS POTERIES.	"
14th. " " "	SAUTAIN	5.C.2.05 "
14th. " " " ("B" Section)	BRAUMONT	
15th. Aust. Field Ambulance	LES BODELEX.	(Valenciennes)
5th. Aust. Sanitary Section	SOLRE -LE-CHATEAU	(Namur)

No. 2 Dental Unit	SARS POTERINS.
No. 23 " "	LES BODELEX
No. 32 " "	SAUTAIN.
No. 101 " "	SEMERINS (Namur)

To D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps  
S.O.A.D.S. " "  
H.Q. 5th. Aust. Division

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



5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION .SICKLY WASTAGE FOR WEEK ENDING 4-1-19.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>NO.</u> <u>MEN</u>
5th Div Head Qrts.		2
30th Battalion		3
31st do		3
32nd do		3
53rd do		4
55th do		1
56th do		5
57th do		3
58th do		2
59th do		8
5th Pioneer Batt .		3
5th M. G. Batt	1 Off.	5
5th D.A.C.		1
5th Div. Eng.		3
5th Div. Train		1
5th Div. Sigs.		1
5th M. T. Coy		1
8th Field Amb .		2
13th Field Art . Bge		4
14th do do do		1
5th Div . T . M . Bty.		2
		<u>1 - 58</u>

TOTAL1 OFFICER -58 OTHER RANKS.

*M. H. Downey*  
COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION



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5th Australian Division.

WEEKLY SICK WASTAGE FOR WEEKS ENDING 11TH JANUARY 1919.

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>NUMBER.</u>	
	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>O.R.'s.</u>
31st Battalion	-	7
53rd do	1	3
55th do	-	6
56th do	-	3
14th Bge L.T.M.B.	-	1
57th Battalion	-	8
60th do	1	6
5th Pioneer Batt.	-	3
5th Mac. Gun Batt.	-	4
5th B.A.C.	-	4
5th Div. Engrs.	-	3
5th Div. Sigs.	1	-
5th M.T. Coy	-	3
14th A.F.A. Bge	-	4
	<u>3</u>	<u>50.</u>

GRAND TOTALS.OFFICERS.

3

OTHER RANKS.

50.

11-1-19.

*M. P. Jay* Colonel.  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.



5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WEEKLY RETURN OF SICK AND WOUNDED ENDING 18TH JANUARY 1919.

UNITS.	OFF.	O/Rs.
5th D.H.Q.	1	-
30th Batt.	-	2
31st do	-	3
8th A.L.T.M.B.	-	1
53rd Battalion	1	1
55th do	-	4
56th do	-	5
14th A.L.T.M.B.	-	2
57th Battalion	-	1
58th do	-	1
59th do	1	10
5th Pioneers	-	2
5th Mach Gun Batt.	-	2
5th D.A.C.	-	3
5th Div Engineers	1	1
5th Div. Sigs.	-	1
5th M.T.Coy	-	3
13th A.F.A.Bge	-	2
15th Field Ambulance	-	1
9th A.M.T.M.B.	-	3
	<u>4</u>	<u>48.</u>

Grand Totals. 4 Officers and 48 other ranks.

18th January 1919.

*[Signature]*  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division. COLONEL.

5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Weekly waste of sick and wounded week ending 25th January 1919.

Unit.	Off.	O/Rs.
5th D.H.Q.	1	1
30th Battalion	-	2
31st do	-	1
55th do	-	3
56th do	-	3
57th do	-	1
58th do	1	2
59th do	-	1
5th Pioneers	-	3
5th M.G.Batt	-	2
5th D.A.C.	-	1
5th Div Sigs	-	4
5th Div Engs	-	1
13th A.F.A.	-	3
9th A.M.T.M.B.	-	1
28th A.A.S.C.	-	1
5th Div Traffic C'trol	-	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>31.</u>

TOTAL 1 OFF. & 31 OTHER RANKS.

25th January 1919

*[Signature]*  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division. COLONEL.



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## 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## JOURNAL ROLL OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICE OF DIVISION.

Saturday 4/1/19.

UNIT.	NAME.	RANK.
A.D.M.S.	Colonel W.H. Downey DSO	
D.A.D.M.S.	Major G.K. Parkinson M.C.	Leave till 18/1/19
5th Aust; Field Amb.	Lt-Col Clayton A.R. DSO	Commanding Officer
	Major McLelland H.B.	
	" North H.B.	
	Capt. Barnshaw P.A.	Temp. at ADMS Office
	" Woodward H.A. MC	Temp M.C. 5th DAC
	" Britten H.H.	Leave till 5/1/19
	" Gibson H.G. MC	Temp M.C. 5th D.F.M.
	" Ruse B.B.	No. 3 Dental Unit
	Hon. " A.G.M. McFadyen C.H.	Leave till 9/1/19
14th Aust Field Amb.	Lt-Col. Sawers W.C. DSO	C.O. Leave till 2/1/19
	Major Wesley C.H.	Temp. Commanding
	" Birch J.B.	
	Capt; Uren C	Temp RMO 14th A.F.A.
	" Stewart J	Temp at No 3 A.G.H.
	" Liggins W.L.F.	Temp RMO 55th Bn
	" Power R.P.	
	" Wilcox S.H.	No 52 Dental Unit
	Hon Lt & Q.M. Baber H.J. MM	Leave till 26/1/19
15th Aust Field Amb.	Lt Col Walsh R.W. DSO	Leave till 3/2/19
	Major Guest J.V. H	Temp. Commanding
	" Coppleson V.M.	Temp at No 3 A.G.H.
	Capt. Gray J.	Do
	" Diggle J.L.	Do
	" Robertson J.H.	
	" Le Souef A.W.	Top att. Aust Corps
	" James W.A.	
	" Meagher F.R.	
	" Sutton A.F.	No 23 Dental Unit
	Hon Lt & Q.M. Summerfield WH.	

## REGIMENTAL UNITS.

## 5th Aust Inf Brigade

55th Battalion	Capt	Downer	H.C.	
31st "	"	Oakley	W.C.	
32nd "	"	Woods	E.W.B.	MC

## 14th Aust Inf; Brigd.

(53rd Battalion	Capt	Allport	R.B.	
55th "	"	Brent	L.P.	Temp. at No 3 A.G.H.
56th "	"	James	F.H.	MC

## 15th Aust Inf Bde

56th Battalion	"	Robertson	C.O.	
58th "	"	Voss	F.H.	MC
59th "	"	Jamieson	H.H.	



Unit	Rank & Name	Remarks.
<u>Field Artillery Brigades</u>		
15th A.F.A. Bn.	Major Wilkinson J.W.	Leave till 21/1/19
14th " "	Capt Hollstrom C.C.	Capt Uren temp RMO
5th D.A.C.	.....	Capt Woodward Temp RMO
5th Div. Eng.	Cox L.B.	
	Spranger H.	
5th Pioneer Bn.	" Symonds H.	
5th Div. Train	.....	Capt Gibson S.C. temp RMO
5th Mach. Gun Bn.	" Wallisch G.C.	
5th Div. Reif. Wing	" Christie D.	
No 101 Dental Unit.	" Gawley S.M.	No 101 Dental Unit att. 5th D.A.C.

CASUALTIES.

5th Field Amb.	Major Guest J.V. transferred to 15th Field Amb. dated 30/12/18
	Major Coppleson V.M. Transferred to 15th Field Amb. dated 30/12/18
14th Field Amb.	Capt. Coogrove C. MC proceeded to report D.M.S. AIF. for return to Australia dated 29/12/18.
15th Field Amb.	Major J.D. Morris & Major R.F. Craig returning to Australia struck off strength dated 1/1/19.
	Major J.V. Pearce proceeded to report D.M.S. A.I.F. returning to Australia 4/1/19.
5th Div. Train;	Major S.T. Appleford proceeded to report D.M.S. A.I.F. returning to Australia dated 29/12/18.
5th D.A.C.	Capt. R.W.B. Cairns proceeding to report A.I.F.H.Q. dated 4/1/19.

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



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THE AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

MONTHLY ROLL OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICE OF THE DIVISION.

Saturday 11th Jan. 1919.

UNIT.	RANK & NAME.		REMARKS.
A.D.M.S.	Colonel	H.E. Fry D.S.O.	
D.A.D.M.S.	Major	C.H. Parkinson M.C.	Leave till 12/1/19.
<u>8th Aust. Fld. Amb.</u>			
	Lt-Col	Clayton A. J.	DDO Commanding Officer
	Major	McLelland H. A.	
	"	North H. H.	Temp. at No 3 A.C.H.
	Capt.	Warrshaw F. A.	Temp. at A.D.M.S. Office
	"	Woodward R. A.	Temp. M.C. 5th BAC
	"	Britten H. H.	
	"	Russ R. H.	No 2 Dental Unit
	"	Gibson H. C.	Temp. M.C. 5th Div Trn.
	Non.	" A.C.M. Ho Fyden C.H.	

<u>14th Aust. Fld Amb.</u>			
	Lt-Col	Hawera W. G.	DDO Commanding Officer
	Major	Wenley C. H.	
	"	Birch J. B.	
	Capt.	Uren C.	Temp. R.M.O. 14th AFA
	"	Stewart J.	Temp. at No 3 A.C.H.
	"	Power R. P.	
	"	Wilcock H. H.	No 32 Dental Unit on leave
	Non Lt. & Q.M.	Bober H. H.	Leave till 26/1/19.

<u>15th Aust Field Amb.</u>			
	Lt-Col	Walsh R. W. W.	DDO Leave till 3/2/19.
	Major	Guest J. V. H.	Temp Commanding
	"	Coppleston V. H.	Leave till 24/1/19.
	Capt.	Grag J.	Leave till 14/1/19.
	"	Wiggle J. L.	Temp at Corps R.E. Workshops
	"	Robertson J. R.	
	"	Le Gall Souef A. W.	Temp. Att. Aust. Corps
	"	James W. A.	
	"	Meagher F. P.	
	Non-Lt & Q.M.	Mumterfield W. H.	

REGIMENTAL UNITS.

<u>8th Aust Inf Brigade.</u>			
8th Battalion	Capt	Downer H. G.	
9th	"	Cokeley W. G.	
10th	"	Woods A. W. B.	MC

<u>14th Aust Inf Brig.</u>			
14th Battalion	Capt	James Allport H. B.	
15th	"	Liggins W. L. F.	
16th	"	Brant L. P.	also with 15th Bn.
17th	"	James F. H.	MC

<u>15th Aust Inf Brig.</u>			
17th Battalion	Capt	Robertson C. C.	
18th	"	Voss F. R.	MC
19th	"	Jameson H. H.	



UNIT	RANK & NAME	REMARKS
Field Artillery Brigades		Leave till 31/1/19.
15th A.F.A. Brig.	Major Wilkinson J.W.	Capt Uren Temp R.M.O.
14th " "	Capt Hellstrom C.O.	
5th D.A.C.	.....	Capt Woodward Temp R.M.O.
5th Div. Eng.	Capt Cox R.B.	
5th Pioneer Bn.	" Symonds H;	
5th Div Train	.....	Capt Gibson R.O. Temp R.M.O.
5th Mach Gun Bn.	" Wellisch C.O.	
5th Div. Reif. wing	" Christie D;	
No 101 Dental Unit.	" Gawley S.M.	No 101 Dental Unit att. 5th D.A.C.

CASUALTIES.

Colonel M.H. BOWNEY DSO Proceeded to England for return to Australia 9/1/19  
 Colonel H.K. FAY DSO Reported from England and assumed duties as A.D.M.S. 9/1/19  
 Capt. LIGGINS W.L.M. Transferred to 55th Battalion as R.M.O. 8/1/19  
 Capt BUTTON A.F. No. 33 Dental Unit - Proceeded to England for duty 7/1/19

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*J. H. L.*  
 CLERK  
 A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.



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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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

SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 1919.

UNIT	RANK & NAME.	REMARKS.
A.D.M.S.	Colonel H.K. Fry DSO	
D.A.D.M.S.	Major C.K. Parkinson MC	
<u>8th Aust. Field Ambulance</u>		
	Lt-Colonel Clayton A.R. DSO	Commanding Officer
	Major McLelland H.S.	
	" North H.M.	
	Capt. Earnshaw P.A.	
	" Woodward E.A. MC	Temp. M.O. 5th D.A.C.
	" Britten E.H.	" " 30th Bn
	" Gibson S.G. MC	" " 5th Div. Train
	" Ruse B.B.	No. 1 Dental Unit.
	Hon. " & Q.M. McFadyen C.H.	
<u>14th Aust. Field Ambulance.</u>		
	Lt-Col. Sowers W.C. DSO	Commanding Officer
	Major Wesley C.H.	
	" Birch J.B.	Leave till 1/2/19.
	Capt Uren C.	Temp. M.O. 13th A.F.A. Bge
	" Stewart J.	
	" Power R.P.	
	Lieut. Adam W.	No 32 Dental Unit.
	Hon. do & Q.M. Baber H. MM.	Leave till 26/1/19.
<u>15th Aust. Field Ambulance.</u>		
	Lt-Col Walsh R.W.W. DSO	(Leave till 3/2/19.)
	Major Guest J.V.H.	(Commanding Officer.)
	" Coppleson V.M.	Tempy do do
	Capt. Gray J.	Leave till 24/1/19.
	" Wiggle J.L.	At Corp R.E. Workshop forward.
	" Robertson J.R.	Leave till 2/2/19.
	" Le Souef A.W.	do do 4/2/19.
	" James W.A.	
	" Meagher F.R.	
	Hon Lieut & Q.M. Summerfield W.H.	Leave till 3/2/19.
	do Herbert F.T.	No 23 Dental Unit.
<u>REGIMENTAL UNITS.</u>		
<u>8th Inf. Brigade (Aust).</u>		
30th Battalion	Capt. Downer H.G.	Leave till 28/1/19.
31st do	" Oakley W.G.	
32nd do	" Woods E.W.B. MC	
<u>14th Aust Inf. Brigade</u>		
53rd Batt allion	Capt. Allport R.M.	
55th do	" Liggins W.L.F.	
	" Brent L.P.	also with 55th Battalion.
56th do	" James F.H. MC	
<u>15th Aust. Inf Brigade.</u>		
57th Battalion	Capt. Robertson G.O.	
58th do	" Voss P.E. MC	
59th do	" Jamieson H.H.	



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UNIT.	RANK & NAME	REMARKS.
<u>Field Artillery Brigades.</u>		Leave Till 21/1/19.
15th F.A. Brigade	Major Wilkinson J.W.	Capt. Uren Temp R.MO.
14th do do	Capt. Hellstrom C.O.	
5th D.A.C.	.....	Capt. Woodward temp R.MO.
<u>5th Div. Enghs.</u>	Capt Cox L.B.	
<u>5th Pioneer Bn.</u>	Capt. Symonds H.	
<u>5th Div. Train.</u>	.....	Capt Gibson S.G. tempy R.MO.
<u>5th Mach. Gun Bn.</u>	Capt. Wellisch G.C.	
<u>5th Div. Rein. Wing.</u>	Capt Christie D.	
<u>No 101 Dental Unit.</u>	Capt Gawley E.M.	attached 5th D.A.C.

CASUALTIES.

Lieut. Adams W. reported from England for duty with No 32 Dental Unit (14th Aust Field Ambulance) 13/1/19.

Lieut. Herbert F.T. reported from England for duty with No 25 Dental Unit (15th Aust Field Ambulance.) 16/1/19.

SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCIES.

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*M. J. G.*  
COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. 5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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5TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

MONTHLY ROLL OF THE MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION. SATURDAY 25TH 1919.

UNIT.	RANK & NAME.	REMARKS.
A.D.M.S.	Colonel H.K.Fry DSO	
D.A.D.M.S.	Major C.K.Parkinson MC	
8th Aust. Field Ambulance.		
	Lt-Colonel Clayton A.R. DSO	Commanding Officer
	Major McLelland H.S.	
	" North H.M.	At CLINIQUE, JEUMONT.
	Capt. Earnshaw P.A.	
	" Woodward E.A. MC	Temp. M.O. 5th D.A.C.
	" Britten E.H.	" " 50th Btn.
	" Gibson S.G. MC	At CLINIQUE, JEUMONT.
	" Buse B.B.	No.2 Dental Unit.
	Lieut. Nattrass J.A.	No.112 " "
		(at CLINIQUE, Jeumont.)

14th Aust. Field Ambulance.		
	Lt-Col. Sawers W.O. DSO	Commanding Officer
	Major Wesley C.H.	
	" Birch J.B.	Leave till 1/2/19
	Capt. Uren C.	Temp. M.O. 13th A.F.A.Bde
	" Stewart J.	
	" Power R.P.	
	Lieut. Adams W.	No.32 Dental Unit.
Hon.	do & Q.M.Baber H. MM	Leave till 26/1/19.

15th Aust. Field Ambulance.		
	Lt-Col. Walsh R.W.W. DSO	(Leave till 3/2/19)
	Major Guest J.B.H.	Commanding Officer
	Capt. Robertson J.R.	Temp. do do
	" LeSouef A.W.	Leave till 2/2/19.
	" James W.A.	do do 4/2/19.
	" Meagher F.R.	
Hon Lieut.&	Q.M. Summerfield W.H.	Leave till 3/2/19.
Lieut.	Herbert F.T.	No. 23 Dental Unit.

REGIMENTAL UNITS.

8th Inf. Brigade (Aust)		
30th Battalion	Capt. Downer H.G.	Leave till 29/1/19.
31st do	" Oakely W.G.	
32nd do	" Woods E.W.B. MC	

14 Aust. Inf. Brigade.		
53rd Battalion	Capt. Allport R.M.	
55th do	" Liggins W.L.F.	
	" Brent L.P.	also with 55th Battalion.
56th do	" James F.M. MC	

15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.		
57th Battalion	Capt. Robertson G.O.	Leave till 7/2/19
58th do	" Voss P.E. MC	
59th do	" Jamieson E.H.	



UNIT.	RANKS & NAME.	REMARKS.
<u>Field Artillery Brigades.</u>		
13th A.F.A. Brigade	Major Wilkinson J.W.	Leave till 28/1/19
14th " "	Capt. Hellstrom C.O.	Capt. Uren Temp. R.M.O.
5th. D.A.C.		Capt. Woodward Temp. R.M.O.

18th Army A.F.A. Bde Capt. Farroll J.P.

5th. Div. Engrs. Capt. Cox L.B.

5th. Pioneers. Capt. Symonds H.

5th. Div. Train. Capt. Diggle J.L.

5th. M.G. Battalion. Capt. Wallisch G.C.

5th. Div. Reinf. Wg. Capt. Christie D.

101  
No. 222 Dental Unit. Capt. Gawley E.M. Attached 5th. D.A.C.

### Casualties.

#### 18th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Capt. J. SPAY. proceeded with " No 4 Embarkation Quota " to U.K. 24/1/19  
Major V.M. Coppleson transferred to No. 3.A.A.H. 24/1/19.  
Capt J.L. Diggle to be R.M.O. 5th Aust Div. Train 23/1/19.

Lieut. J.A. Kattrass. with No 112 Aust. Dental Unit. Reported for  
duty with 5th Aust. Division from U.K. 19/1/19.

### Surplus.

ONE.

*Kenneth Dry*  
A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division. COLONEL.



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R.M.O.s. MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY. 1919.



Report of work carried out by  
 HMC Detach. attached 31<sup>st</sup> Inf Bn.  
 for month of January, 1919.

During the past month the Bn has  
 been at rest in an area with plenty  
 of billets accommodation: in consequence  
 of this the men are housed more  
 comfortably probably than they  
 ever have been before and are always  
 able to dry their clothes easily, and  
 obtain hot water for washing, and  
 bathing, and a good fire to sit  
 by at night. The health of the  
 unit has in consequence been good.

The only serious diseases are  
 influenza and Venereal Disease: of the  
 latter some few cases are traceable  
 to local infection but the majority



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occur in men recently returned from  
leave in France and U.K.

Supplies of rubber sheaths and Blue label  
outfits are always available at  
the R.A.P. for Officers and men, but  
there are still some - even after  
four and a half years of modern  
warfare - who refuse to realise  
the virtues of Prophylaxis.

During the month three men were  
evacuated seriously ill with influenza  
and Bronchitis but in each case  
they were men who had been  
ill for several days without  
reporting the fact.

Throughout the month Sick Parades  
have been small the character  
of the complaints as a rule  
slight.



The greater part of the time and resources of the Detachment have been spent in treating the civilian population who are suffering pretty heavily in the way of Influenza, Diarrhoea and Branchio Pneumonia. The work is interesting in that it calls for a good deal of improvisation and the people seem grateful for what is done for them — even to the extent of consenting to keep their windows open and allowing patients running high temperatures to drink cold water.

During the month the Troops have been regularly paraded to Bathurst and issued with fresh clothing. A per Disinfecton for Blankets and Clothing is under construction.

W. D. Schuler  
RMO 31st Bn



Monthly report AAMC  
work with 32 Bato<sup>n</sup>  
for January

For the whole month we were  
located at Sans Poteins in  
comfortable billets.

Health of troops excellent only  
about four coming on sick  
parade per day.

Routine work, sanitary &  
medical was carried out

Civilian sick occupied  
most of our time sending at  
any hour with only  
trifling complaints.

Eric Woods Cap

RMO 32 B<sup>n</sup>

4.2.19



Monthly Report for  
January 1919.

Location:- "Sury" Belgium

General Health.

This has been good for the month, the average on sick parades being 3 daily.  
For the first 3 weeks of the month influenza was practically absent. But appeared again during the last week.  
The examinations for the month numbered 11. 2 Officers and 9 other ranks.  
The men are all very comfortable in their billets, and there is no overcrowding.  
A rest house was started but stopped, as the men were more comfortable in their billets and could be looked after better than in a rest house.

Sanitation:

This has been completed: Public Latrines have been erected in the loins and are box seat type with ~~by~~ this receptacles. The refuse then being carted away and buried.  
An Incinerator has been completed and is in fully working order.  
Manure is carted to a dump.

Venereal Disease:

This has been nothing very great. Gonorrhoea is being treated in the Battalion for 10 days if not free then Regt.



are evacuated, all sores on penis are evacuated.

Prophylaxis

Wash outs are given whenever wanted and a good supply of French letters are now on hand for sale to the troops.

Civilian population is being attended to as required. The town's supply of drugs etc being used entirely.

Pluacypot. Capt.

R. M. O

53<sup>rd</sup> Bn.

A. I. P.



5/2/19

from R.M.O. 55th Bn A.I.F.  
 to A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division  
Monthly Health Report for January

evacuations for? Influenza six cases  
 " " Venereal Disease 16 cases  
 1 of these cases was ? Syphilis  
 15 " " were ? Gonorrhoea

The health of the battalion during  
 this month was excellent - mainly  
 because of excellent, dry, warm  
 billets, plenty of sport & good food.  
 Lectures on Venereal Disease and its  
 prophylactic measures were delivered  
 by me to all men of battalion &  
 also to 14th A.T. L.M. Battery and  
 12th Aust. Tunnelling Company.

I have established a Blue light depot  
 which is kept busy.

also I am gradually having examined  
 by the local Civilian Doctor the women  
 of the village whom I suspect of  
 Venereal Infection. Suspicious cases are  
 at once evacuated to Charleroi for  
 treatment at Civil Hospital  
 V.D. inspections of battalion show that men are  
 not concealing disease

M. Higgins. Capt A.A.M.C.



Monthly Medical Report 56/54th, Battn  
January 1919

The Battalion is still stationed at Sivrey, and fairly comfortable. The weather is very mild and every day the battalion transport brings in a good supply of wood for the billets and to supplement the issue of coal for the cooks. Leave is granted into Charleroi on a basis of 20 officers and 24 O.R. weekly, and the allotment of UK leave is fairly generous.

Each morning there has been an inspection of the battalion, but owing to difficulty in obtaining a parade ground this has been cut out and Company parades substituted. Each company is inspected daily and then the men for education are marched off to their various classes, and the remainder do rifle exercises, physical training and organised games.

On January 7th, we were informed that we would have to evacuate the Brewery as they intended reopening it. This building was used as a billet for a whole company and, as there was no more room else where in the town, it was found necessary to move the battalion. Two neighbouring towns were inspected and Solre St Gery, about eight Kilos away towards Beaumont, was selected.

On the 9th, the battalion moved across, no men falling out on the march over.

After the men had settled down it was found that they were very much better off than at Sivrey. The townspeople were very friendly disposed towards the men, a large number arranging private billets with beds.

Arrangements were also made for a good supply of wood from the Communal forest. The only disadvantage is that there is no large hall in the town in which dances and concerts can be held for the men but negotiations have been made for the erection of a large hut which may serve the purpose. A battalion Reading Room has been opened, well warmed and supplied with books periodicals and writing materials.

The battalion Concert Party is also in excellent form and gave three performances in Beaumont which were greatly appreciated.

Rations earlier in the month were rather short owing to transport difficulties but these improved greatly later on. On account of the large diminution in the number of cases in hospital the supplies of comforts have been very much more generous than usual.

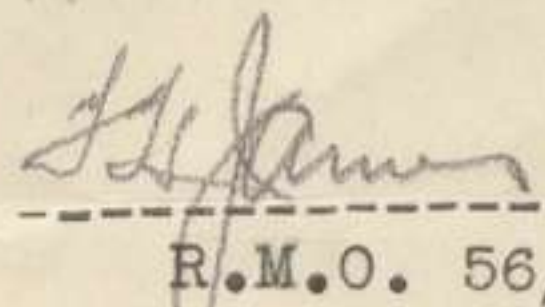
Sanitary conditions in the area have been very good; the village being principally on a hill, soakage is good. The latreens which had been in use at Sivrey were transported over at the first opportunity; in addition to these a further 18 seats were obtained making about thirty fly proof seats in all. Good urinals have been erected and grease traps with all cook houses.

Some difficulty was encountered in arranging for baths for the men; during the month only two baths could be arranged at which each man received a clean change of clothing.

The general health of the men for the month has been excellent. Cold weather with heavy snow and frosts set in on about the 23rd, and large numbers of the men developed an acute Bronchitis. This was not severe, clearing up in about a week and not as a rule interfering with the man's duties.

The total number of evacuations from the battalion for the month has been only ~~22~~ 13, amounting to only 1.7% of the average strength of the unit. Of these 7 were venereal cases none of which had been contracted in the town. A Blue Light Room has been maintained at which early treatment has been given at all hours and French Letters have been sold at cost price, three pence each. No cases which had received early treatment at the Battalion Blue Light Room during the month contracted Venereal Disease.

4/2/19

-----Capt.  
R.M.O. 56/54 th. Battn.



58th BATTALION A. I. F.

6/2/1919.

A.D.M.S.,

5th Aust. Div.R.M.O's MONTHLY REPORT.

The Battalion has remained in Billets, DOURLERS, occupied on 8th December 1918. The health of the troops has continued to be very satisfactory.

There has been no epidemic disease, with the exception of a number of cases of common colds and coughs.

Capt. P.E. VOSS MC., who was R.M.O. since 12/4/18 severed his connection with the Battalion on 28th January 1919.



*Power*, Capt.

R.M.O., 58th Battalion A. I. F.



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During the month the Battalion was still billeted in SEMOUSIES.

PREVAILING  
SICKNESS  
CIVILIAN.

Early in the month there was quite a lot of Civilian sickness consisting mostly of Influenza, Tonsillitis, Scabies, 3 Cases of Venereal Disease. (2 since have left the Village) and One case of Cancer of the Breast (since sent to MAUBERGE Hospital and successfully operated on) Towards the end of the month the sickness has decreased almost to nothing.

## MILITARY.

There has been very little sickness amongst the soldiers the little there has been was Influenza and Tuberculosis. Evacuations to Hospital during the first two weeks of the month were heavy as till then no Regimental Hospital had been established. As soon as one was, the number of evacuations decreased considerably.

VENEREAL  
DISEASE.

There have been several cases during the month. All contracted in U.K.

## PROPHYLAXIS

This has been improved. Forms notifying location of "Blue Light Depots" and giving advice on V.D. have been put up in prominent places in each Company, the Transport Lines, and in the R.A.P. Also all necessary preventives have been procured. A Notice has been put outside the R.A.P. the effect that Prophylactic treatment can be had here.

## SANITATION

Some work has been done improving the sites of Latrines and now they are all that can be desired in this saturated area.

A.M.C.  
DETAILS

Sgt. Read (Sgt. i/c of R.A.P.) left for Australia, Cpl. Hallett being now i/c. The details have worked very well during the month.

BATTALION  
WORK.

Very little Military work has been done. Most of the time has been devoted to Sport. The Battalion has had two shooting Competitions with the 6th Regiment of Chasseurs and on both occasions gained an easy victory. In Inter-Battalion Matches it has won every Match excepting one which was a draw. In the Brigade Cross Country Running competition of the two runs the Battalion got in the first 1st, 2nd, & 4th. and in the second 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. In Australian Rules Football it has won every Match. In other Sport it has been very successful, the men are taking a great interest in their Sport, and have trained very well.

*Sgt. M. Jamison*

Capt.

R.M.O. 59th BATTALION A.I.F.



59th BATTALION A.I.F.DECEMBER MEDICAL REPORT.  
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At the beginning of the month the Battalion was billeted in the outskirts of FAVRIL en route to the present area. Whilst there the troops were largely employed in Salvaging.

SICKNESS. In this area the sickness was mostly confined to a few Influenza Cases. Evacuatio<sup>s</sup> were few. A few Civilians were attended here.

BILLETS. Were quite good, only <sup>a few</sup> being damaged by Shell Fire. Civilians were very good to the men and made them as comfortable as possible. Battalion moved forward to SEMOUSIE<sup>s</sup> on 7th December. Bille<sup>t</sup>s here were even better than at FAVRIL and the men soon got comfortably settled down. From the first a good deal of work had to be done in Sanitation, with this exception very little was done before Christmas. Christmas passed very quietly, the men had a very good Xmas Dinner. After Xmas the Battalion started to devote its time to Sport, Football, Cross Country Running, Shooting, & Tug of War.

SICKNESS. Towards the end of the month the Medical Details were kept very busy with the Civilians, mostly Influenza. There were 10 Soldiers evacuated for Influenza and 24 others for <sup>other</sup> different reasons. Otherwise the health of the troops was good. During the month there have been 4 Medical Officers with the Battalion.

*88. 56. Jameson*

Capt.

R.M.O. 59th BATTALION A.I.F.



H.Q. 5th. Aust. Pioneer. Batt.  
1st. February. 1919.

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

Monthly Medical Report for Month ending 31st. Jan. 1919.

GENERAL HEALTH. The general health has been very good during the last month., ther being very little sickness.

CLEANLINESS. The Men have had frequent bathing, and change of clothes, only one case of Scabies having reported.

VENEREAL DISEASE. Venereal Disease which during the early part of the month was assuming fair proportions, has considerably diminished within the past fortnight, one fresh case reporting during the latter period. Every convenience for Prophylax has been arranged, and the Men have all been warned of the prevalence of Venereal Infection among the surrounding Towns.

RECREATION. Football and other athletic games have been indulged in. The social welfare of the soldiers is also being looked after.

QUARTERS. The men have comfortable quarters, and appear to be in good spirits.

(Sgd) H. Symonds. Capt.  
R.M.O. 5th. Aust. Pioneer. Batt.



5th Aust. Machine Gun  
Battalion  
31/1/19.

To. A.D.M.S. 5th Aust Div<sup>n</sup>  
From: R.M.O.

During the month the Battalion has been located at St Remy Chaussee, as during December 1918.

For the most part, work has been of a steady, regular, almost monotonous type. Each day has always been the counterpart of the previous one.

The health of the men has been nothing short of excellent and in consequence, there have been very few evacuations. There have been no prevailing disease of importance. There were two cases of chickenpox during the month, both of a very mild type. There has been practically no diarrhoea and no influenza.

V.D. has not been excessive and the prophylactic station has been well patronised.

Sanitation has been in the same state as in December. Latrines have been of the box type or trench latrines, being perfectly sanitary for this time of the year.

The water supply has been from wells and has been satisfactory. The absence of disease has roughly shown the sanitation to be adequate.

The civilian population has been attended to, as in past months. One is almost frequently, worried by some civilian at an awkward hour 'to come to see a case that is very ill'. On arrival, as often not, it is found to be of the most trifling nature. A walk of perhaps 6 kilos altogether, at an awkward hour, to see some petty complaint does not add to one's good humour.

All things considered, the month's work has been rather of a monotonous character.

W. W. W. East  
R.M.O. 5th M.G. Bn.



Lo 2350 M.S.  
5th Aust Div

3/2/19

### Monthly Report of 5th Aust Div

Appointed RMO of 5th Div  
Train Jan 23rd - 7 Div Train  
situated at Feigniss-  
Man in excellent health  
of great contrast between  
the civilian & military  
population of the town  
practically the whole  
of the former are down  
with influenza &  
the troops are entirely  
free.  
Plenty of Recreation  
provided for the troops.  
Demobilisation proceeding

RMO 5th Aust Div Train  
L. Duggan

### RMO's Monthly Report

5th Australian RMO's Report for January 1919

Location: H.Q. }  
1st Section }  
2 " } Sumerus  
S.H.A. }  
9th & 10th I.M. attached

During the month the health of the troops has been  
good & there has been no prevailing disease.  
The troops are well billeted & have plenty of garments  
as plenty of fuel is procurable. Influenza has  
practically disappeared & also the number of V.D. cases  
have diminished to nil.

Rations during the month have been very good with  
with exception of vegetables which still show a  
decided shortage.

All troops have been bathed & also received clean  
changes of clothing.

Uniforms in use and of fit type owing to the supply  
of new type being unobtainable.

During the explosion of a few fire men were



induced resulting in one death from injuries  
 The evacuation for the month

Officers

Of Ranks

14

Drugs are still short.

Mr. [unclear]

31/1/19

RMW 5th D.A.C.



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for  
January 1919

5<sup>th</sup> Aust: Division Reinforcement Wing

The health of the troops during the month has been satisfactory.

There have been a few cases of influenza among troops passing through on draft, but no epidemic.

During the month the Horse Concentration Camp has been attached to this unit.

The horse lines are situated some distance from the billeting area and the manure is collected and removed by Belgian Farmers.

A Blue Light establishment is being run and the results appear to be satisfactory.

There has been no epidemic of disease among the civil population.



W. Christie  
Capt A.A.M.C.  
R.M.C. 5<sup>th</sup> A.D.R.W.