

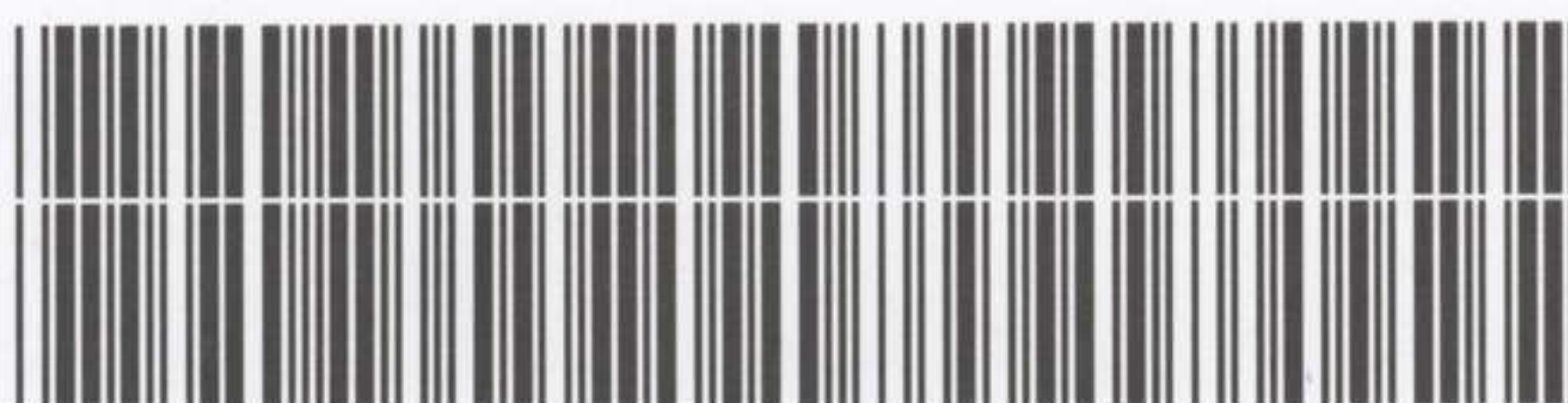
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<p><u>RENESECURE</u> August 1st, 1917.</p>	<p>Administrative Memorandum No.170 received from Headquarters 2nd Australian Division with reference to supply arrangements in New Area. Circular sent to all R.M.O's shewing Equipment they should hold to complete their Establishment. R.M.O's instructed to Indent for all shortages and advise this Office on Completion. 1st Anzac Circular received from D.D.M.S. with reference to Enemy's New Gas Shell. Evacuated Sick: 17</p>	
<p>" 2nd.</p>	<p>Circular received from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac re Resume on treatment of cases of Gas Poisoning. Captain MATTHEWS O. reported to 6th Australian Field Ambulance to assume duties of Q.M. Vice Lieut. & Q.M. DRUMMOND J.R. transferred to Headquarters, A.I.F. - LONDON. Memorandum received from 2nd Army thro' Headquarters, that A.A.M.C. Personnel are not to be employed in the working of Divisional Baths. Evacuated Sick: 27</p>	
<p>" 3rd.</p>	<p>Memo received from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac informing that all S.I.W. Cases will be sent to No.15 C.C.S. - HAZEBROUCK. Captain McMAHON L.L. reported back from leave. Advice received from D.D.M.S. that a small outbreak of Dysentery has occurred at ETAPLES, and to make a close inspection of all recent reinforcements: Sent out in a Circular to all R.M.O's of Division. Evacuated Sick: 23</p>	
<p>" 4th</p> <div data-bbox="369 1310 674 1596" style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>A.D.M.S., 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.</p> </div> <p><i>ayed Sutton bol.</i></p>	<p>Revised Establishment of horses for a Field Ambulance received from Headquarters. Riding Horses to be reduced from 11 to 5 and surplus to be handed over to various Units in the Division. D.D.M.S. wire received notifying that all Eye Cases be sent to No. 15 C.C.S. HAZEBROUCK. Evacuated Sick: 27</p>	

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<u>RENESECURE</u> August 5th, 1917.	Memo received from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac that owing to large quantities of Chloride of Lime at the Base, same to be used as a Disinfectant. Maps of New Area received from "G" Branch 2nd Australian Division and distributed to three Field Ambulances and Sanitary Section. Evacuated Sick: 33	
" 6th.	Each Field Ambulance instructed to arrange accommodation to treat 50 patients or upwards. More Circulars received from Headquarters with reference to Enemy's New Gas Shell. Rest of day quiet. Evacuated Sick: 42	
" 7th	Major MOLLISON returned from leave. Approval for Captain & Q.M. BLACKLOCK J.W. to return to Australian received from 1st Anzac. Application from Captain V.F.CROWE 2nd Australian Dismounted Ammunition Column to return to Australia, forwarded to Headquarters. Memo received from D.D.M.S. that all S.I.W. Field Medical Cards be marked "S.I.W" Memo from Headquarters: Eight vacancies for Summer Rest Camp are allotted to A.A.M.C. commencing 13th inst. Evacuated Sick: 37	
" 8th.	List of 2nd Army Area Commandants received from Anzac. Wire received from A.D.M.S. 1st Australian Division: 3 Hospital Marquees Swiss Cottage and 1 C.S.L.Tent at 3rd Australian Field Ambulance, V 8.a.5.9. - 7th Australian Field Ambulance instructed to send one G.S.Wagon to collect same. Memo from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac: All empty Soda Syphon Bottles to be returned immediately, and all stocks of Jacks and Edwards' Cat-gut to be returned to the Advanced Depot of Medical Stores. Evacuated Sick: 48	

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<p><u>RENESCURE</u> August 9th, 1917.</p>	<p>Memo received from D.D.S. & T instructing that 1st Australian Sanitary Section return Lorry be returned to Supply Column and exchanged for a Ford Box Car. Wire received from Headquarters re Cookery School to be held at GOUGH HUTS - AVELUY on the 19th instant. 5th and 6th Australian Field Ambulances to send One Cook each. Evacuated Sick: 41</p>	
<p>" 10th,</p>	<p>5 A.A.M.C. Reinforcements reported and were posted to 7th Australian Field Ambulance. Congratulations received from Army Corps Commander on 7th Australian Field Ambulance returning 1037 lbs. of Dripping to Railhead during the Month of July. Three Field Ambulances instructed to erect signboards in a conspicuous site. Evacuated Sick: 13</p>	
<p>" 11th.</p>	<p>5th Australian Field Ambulance advised of a Lecture by the Gas Officer to be held at their unit on the 13th instant. Complaints received that the Australian Pattern Boot is not water tight. Field Ambulances asked to furnish a report as to their opinion of the Australian Boot. Evacuated Sick: 29</p>	
<p>" 12th.</p>	<p>D.A.G.- A.I.F. No. 51/35 received from Headquarters re all Surplus N.C.O's to be returned to the Base and no further promotions to be made in A.A.M.C. until these N.C.O's have been absorbed. Circular received from Headquarters giving Train Arrangements for Summer Rest Camp - Field Ambulances notified that men selected for leave to the above Camp are to report to EBLINGHEM Station at 10 a.m. Evacuated Sick: 25</p>	

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<p><u>RENESECURE</u> August 13th, 1917.</p>	<p>Instructions sent to each O.C. Field Ambulance to examine all Officers' Pay Books and certify that they are not over-drawn. Advice received from Headquarters that W/O AITKIN 1st Australian Field Ambulance has been appointed Lieut. & Q.M. 7th Australian Field Ambulance Vice BLACKLOCK J.W. returning to Australia.</p> <p>Evacuated Sick : 14</p>	
<p>" 14th, 1917.</p>	<p>Circular received from "G" Branch 2nd Australian Division re Regulations for D.R. Letter Service in this Area. Memo from D.D.M.S. notifying that Galactose will not be issued in future. Circular on "Precautions against Dysentery - Drinking water Supply" received from D.D.M.S. and forwarded to Headquarters recommending that same be inserted in Divisional Orders. Evacuated Sick: 29</p>	
<p>" 15th.</p>	<p>7 A.A.M.C. Reinforcements reported to the Division and were posted 3 to 7th Australian Field Ambulance and 5 to 5th Australian Field Ambulance. Letter sent to Headquarters recommending that picked men in Battalions be trained as Stretcher Bearers. Evac. Sick 16</p>	
<p>" 16th.</p>	<p>Nominal Roll of Surplus N.C.O's in A.A.M.C. this Division forwarded to Headquarters. Movement Order received from H.Q. and sent to 3 Field Ambulance, asking that completion of despatch to the Base, of these Surplus N.C.O's be notified. Circular sent out to all R.M.O's of Division asking if they are in possession of (1) R.A.M.C. Training. (2) Field Service Regulations (11). (3) Treatment of Injuries in War.</p> <p>Evacuated Sick: 26</p>	

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<p><u>RENESECURE</u> August 17th, 1917.</p>	<p>Memo received from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac: All supplies of Dentures to be entered in Soldier's Pay Book as follows: F.U. = Full Upper, P.U. = Partial Upper, F.L. = Full Lower, P.L. = Partial Lower. Sent to O.C's Field Ambulances for communication to Dental Officers. Letter forwarded to Headquarters 2nd Australian Division recommending that Chiropodists be appointed in each Infantry Battalion, in view of the Winter Months approaching. Evacuated Sick: 30</p>	
<p>" 18th.</p>	<p>File received from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac with reference to procedure to be taken with Portuguese Troops. Administrative Memorandum No. 172 received from Headquarters, with reference to Ground Sheets and Water Proof Capes. Rest of day very quiet. Evacuated Sick: 22</p>	
<p>" 19th.</p>	<p>Major C.C.ROSS reported back to the Division and assumed duty with the 6th Australian Field Ambulance. Revised Mobilization Stores Table received from Stationery Depot and Filed. Evacuated Sick: 9</p>	
<p>" 20th.</p>	<p>Circular re Gas Helmets for horses received from Headquarters and passed on to 3 Field Ambulances for information. 7th Aust. Field Ambulance instructed to prepare a board to examine 2 Officers of 7th Australian Infantry B'de. at 10 a.m. on 21/8/17 as to fitness for Infantry Indian Army. Also a board for 2 p.m. on 22/8/17 to examine 10 "P.B" men from Headquarters. 15 Evac. Sick</p>	

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<p><u>RE-ESCURE</u> 21st August, 1917.</p>	<p>Wire received from headquarters, 10 p.m. requesting that Representative Representative from A.D.M.S. meet A.A. & Q.M.G. at 9-15 a.m. on 22nd August and Campagne in connection with Ceremonial Parade to be held on 23rd inst. O.C. 1st Australian Sanitary Section instructed to return One Riding Horse to 2nd Australian Mobile Vet. Section as they no longer hold an establishment for same.</p> <p>Evacuated Sick, 14</p>	
<p>22nd August, 1917.</p>	<p>Major CHAPMAN 5th Australian Field Ambulance proceeded on leave to ENGLAND. Major FRY D.A.D.M.S. 2nd Australian Division proceeded to CAMPAGNE with A.A. & Q.M.G. to discuss matters regarding Ceremonial Parade on 23rd inst. Conference O.C.'s Field Ambulances held at Headquarters at 5 p.m. with reference to Ceremonial Parade on 23rd inst.</p> <p>Evacuated Sick. 9</p>	
<p>23rd August, 1917.</p>	<p>A.D.M.S. & D.A.D.M.S. attended Ceremonial Parade this Morning. Memo sent to 3 Field Ambulances instructing them to have the tops of all Ambulance Cars Camouflaged at once. Allotment of 13 Vacancies for leave to 2nd Army Summer Rest Camp distributed to Field Ambulances as follows:- 5th Aust. Field Amb. 1 Officer and 3 Other Ranks. 6th Aust. Field Amb. 5 Other Ranks, and 7th Aust. Field Amb. 4 Other Ranks. Captain F.F. McMahon R.M.O. 21st Aust. Infantry Battalion proceeded on leave to Paris for 4 days.</p> <p>Evacuated Sick. 23</p>	
<p>24th August, 1917.</p>	<p>Memo received from Headquarters re suggestion on temporary interchange of duties between Transport Sergeants of A.S.C. and Transport Sergeants of A.M.C. A.D.M.S. and Sanitary Officer inspected billet of 17th Australian Infantry Battalion where one case of Diphtheria had occurred. Rest of day quiet. Evac. Sick 10</p>	

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<p><u>RENESECURE</u> 25th August, 1917.</p>	<p>D.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. 1st Anzac called at this Office at 11 a.m. on their way to inspection of 7th Australian Field Amb. O.C's of Field Ambulances with A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust. Division were present at a Conference held at Headquarters to arrange a Site for Divisional Parade on the 29th instant, when Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France will inspect the Division. D.A.D.M.S. 2nd Australian Division visited 18th, 19th and 20th Australian Infantry Battalions. Evacuated Sick. 25</p>	
<p>26th August, 1917.</p>	<p>D.A.D.M.S. rode out with the A.A & Q.M.G. 2nd Australian Division to see site selected for the Divisional Parade on the 27th instant. A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. visited 6th Australian Field Ambulance to inspect xxxxxxx P.U.O. cases. 3 Field Ambulances instructed to send candidates selected to proceed to 2nd Army Summer Rest Camp, to report at EBLINGHEM Station at 9-30 a.m. on the 27th instant. Letter received from 1st ANZAC advising that Captain DOUGLAS R.M.O. 18th Australian Infantry Battalion is to be posted for duty with the 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Captain DOUGLAS being in hospital at 5th Aust. Field Ambulance, O.C. 5th Aust. Field Amb. instructed to notify this Office when he will be fit to transfer to No. 1 Aust. C.C.S. Evacuated Sick. 8</p>	
<p>27th August, 1917.</p> <p><i>Agnd Sutton bol</i></p> <div data-bbox="135 1592 462 1834" data-label="Text"> <p>A. D. M. S., 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.</p> </div>	<p>Captain BATEMAN and 12 Other Ranks of A.A.M.C. this Division proceeded to 2nd Army Summer Rest Camp for 10 days. Day very showery.- A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. proceeded to the Divisional Parade at 9-30 a.m. this morning. Memo sent to 7th Australian Field Ambulance advising that their Transport will not be required at Ceremonial Parade on the 29th instant. Evacuated Sick. 15</p>	

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<p><u>RENESECURE</u> August 28th, 1917.</p>	<p>A.D.M.S. attended Conference held at D.D.M.S. Office - HAZEBROUCK at 10-30 a.m. Subject discussed - Trench Foot. Lt.Col. BLACK J.J. 7th Australian Field Ambulance returned to Unit after visiting Base Records at ROUEN. 7th Australian Field Ambulance instructed to form an Ambulance Post at S 29 Central to collect any sick that may fall out on the Ceremonial Parade to-morrow, 29th instant. Advice received from Headquarters that Major MATTEI C. O.C. 1st Australian Sanitary Section is to be transferred for duty in ITALY. Wire sent to D.D.M.S. asking advice re substitute for Major MATTEI. Wire sent to O.C. 6th Australian Field Ambulance requesting that Captain FRASER A.C. be detailed to act as D.A.D.M.S. D.A.D.M.S. during absence of Major FRY. Evac.Sick 9</p>	
<p>August 29th, 1917.</p>	<p>A.D.M.S. & D.A.D.M.S. proceeded to Ceremonial parade and inspection by Commander-in-Chief of British Armies in France, at 9-30 a.m. at CAMPAGNE. Wire received from Headquarters notifying that A.D.V.S. 1st ANZAC will inspect horse lines of 6th Australian Field Ambulance at 4-15 p.m. to-day. 6th Australian Field Ambulance advised accordingly. Major FRY H.K. D.S.O. D.A.D.M.S. proceeded on leave to ENGLAND. Captain FRASER A.C. 6th Australian Field Ambulance reported to take up duties as D.A.D.M.S. during his absence. Captain & Q.M. J.W.BLACKLOCK 7th Australian Field Ambulance proceeded to report to A.I.F. H.Q's. LONDON, prior to his return to Australia. Captain R.O.DOUGLAS R.M.O. 18th Australian Infantry Battalion reported to No. 1 Aust. Casualty Clearing Station for duty. <i>Evac Sick 11</i></p>	

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RENESCURE	30/8/17	--	<p>Wire received from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac that Consulting Physician, Second Army will lecture on "Treatment of Gassed Cases" on 1st September at Cinema Hall - HAZEBROUCK. All Medical Officers of the Division notified by Circular and Brigadiers of 5th, 6th & 7th Australian Infantry Brigades asked to afford all facilities to R.M.O's to attend above lecture.</p> <p>Circular sent to R.M.O's requesting their attendance at a Conference to be held at Headquarters' "B" Mess at 3 p.m. on 31st inst.</p> <p>Evacuated Sick : 10</p>	
	31/8/17	--	<p>Day very showery. 13 A.A.M.C. reinforcements reported to the Division and were posted to the 5th Australian Field Ambulance. Conference on "Trench Foot" held at H.Q. "B" Mess at 3 p.m. to-day. D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac, A.D.M.S. Division and 25 Medical Officers of the Division were present. 6th Australian Field Ambulance collected One L.D. HORSE from 5th Australian Field Ambulance making their Horse Establishment complete.</p> <p>Evacuated Sick. 12</p>	

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