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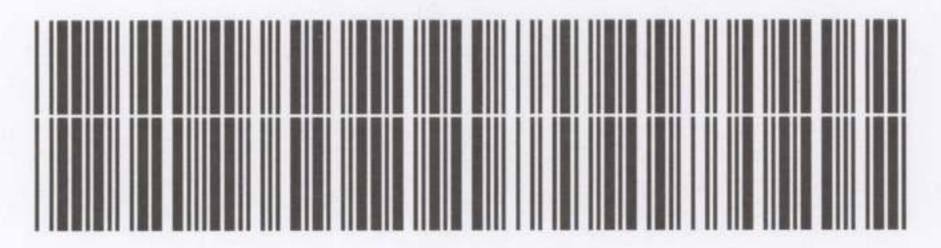
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CALAIS.	1918 Feb.1	st.	Field Ambulances of this Division situated as follows :-	
1/100,000. NIELEES- LES-			5th.Aust.Field Ambulance (CALAIS 1/100,000) AFFRINGUES.	
BLEQUIN.			6th. Do. Do. VIEIL MOUTIER.	
			7th. Do. BRUNEMBERT.	
			Capt.H.J.ORR, R.M.O., 25rd.Battn evacuated sick to No.53 C.C.S.	
	Feb.5	th.	5th.Aust.Field Ambulance moved from AFFRINGUES to SAMETZ.	
			Capt. J.F.PATRICK, 5th.Aust.Field Ambulance evacuated suffering from Measles.	
	Feb.9	th.	Memo from 'A' 2nd. Aust. Divn. Capt L. HARBECK, No. 22 Dental Unit, attchd. 5th. Aust. Field Amb.	
			to be transferred to ENGLAND vice Capt H.W.R.KELLY from No.64 Dental Unit, ENGLAND.	
			Capt.R.FRASER, No.24 Dental Unit, attchd, 7th.Aust.Field Amb. to be transferred to ENGLAND	
AFRICA			vice. Capt.A.J.GALL, No.68 Dental Unit, ENGLAND.	
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6			R.G.BURNARD, 6th. & 7th.Aust.Field Ambulances.	
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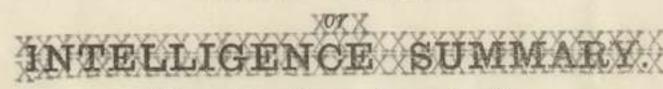
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t Appendices
	191 Feb.1		D.A.D.M.S. proceeded on leave to PARIS, from 12-2-18 to 19-2-18. Major E.L.HUTCHINSON, D.S.O.	
			6th.Aust.Field Ambulance Acting D.A.D.M.S.	
	Feb.1	3th.	Major A.L.BUCHANAN, 5th.Aust.Field Amb. appointed C.O. 2nd.A.A.H. and to to to be Temp.Lieut.Col.	
			A.D.M.S.inspected A.A.M.C.personnel of all Battalions of 5th.Aust.Inf.Bde.	
	Feb.1	4th.	A.D.M.S.inspected A.A.M.C.personnel of all Battalions of 6th.Aust.Inf.Bde.	
	Feb.1	5th.	Report sent 'A' 2nd.Aust.Divn.on 5th.& 6th.Bde. Inspections.	A
			Memo re chlorination of water KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK	B
	Feb.1	7th.	Instructions issued to all Units re Sanitation duties of water details etc.	
	Feb.1	8th.	A.D.M.S. attended conference of D.B's M.S. & A.Ds.M.S. at 4th.Army Headquarters.	
	Feb.2	Oth.	W.O T.RUDD, 1st.A.D.H. appointed Q.M. & Hon.Lieut. 6th.Aust.Field Ambulance vice Capt.	
			E.L. MATTHEWS invalided.	
	Feb.2	lst.	Fourth Course Corps Medical Officers School attended by Capt.D.WOOD, 6th.Aust.Field Amb.	
			Captains G.H. CAMERON & A.B. STEELE 7th. Aust. Field Amb. & Capt. P.J. CAMPBELL, 5th. Aust. F.A. Bde.	
	Feb.2	5th.	Capt. J. W. FARRAR, R.M.O., 4th. Aust. F. A. Bde. appointed Registrat to No. 3 A.G. H. and to be Temp.	
			Major.	
			Medical Instructions No 2 received from D. M.S. Ab huncley Afford A6945 Wt. WII422/MII60 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14. A6945 Wt. WII422/MII60 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	191 Feb. 2		Medical Instructions No.2 received from D.D.M.S., Aust.Corps, re XXXXXXX relief of 3rd.Aust.	
			Divn by 2nd.Aust.Divn.	
	Feb. 2	86th.	A.D.M.S.proceeded on leave to PARIS for eight days. Lieut.Col.A.H.MOSELEY, D.S.O., C.O. 6th.	
			Aust.Field Ambulance a/A.D.M.S.	
	Feb. 2	8th.	A.A.M.C.Order No.10 issued re relief of A.A.M.C. 3rd.Aust.Divn.by this Division.	E
			Medical Arrangements for forward area issued.	F
			Nominal Roll of men sent to Base during February 1918.	8
			Returns reference sick wastage of the Division during February 1918:	H.
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Appendix" A".

Headquarters, 15-2-18.

D.H.Q. 5th.A.I.Brigade 2nd · Aust. Division.

5th.A.I.Brigade Inspection reference Medical Establishment.

this inspection carried out on the 13th.inst. brought out the following points which should be rectified.

1. In some instancesit appeared that men had been thrown in to make a full parade denoting that the full establishment had not been kept up. Care should be taken that the same men, if suitable for the work, should be maintained and any vacancies immediately filled up so that the new men can be trained by the R.M.O.

The men appeared to be fairly well trained in infantry drill but as the word of command was not good. In all cases the dressing was very bad.

3. Careful selection of men for the different details did not seem to have been sufficiently considered as an analytical chemist was found of 17 was amongst Sanitary detail instead of water detail. An undersized boy

4. Almost without exception the hands and nails of men these men were not satisfactory. The hands of the sanitary details especially shewed that they had borne the brunt of most of the dirty work sanitary work work.

It was apparent that water details have not been used, in many instances as laid down in 'F.S.Regs. Part II' and therefore their training must be expedited, as it is of great importance to the health of the Unit. that the water used by the troops must be thoroughly tested and treated. Was non existent. This N.C.O. will be supplied without delay.

Well turned out. In no instance was an inventory board with the cart and in some instances part of the eart equipment was wanting.

R.A.P's. were very good and reflect credit on the R.M.Os. Medical the 20th.Battalion. One pannier has been missing for 5 months and not It is recommended that a result of the sart of the sart of the sand in some instances.

9. It is recommended that a parade of Regimental Medical Establishment be held at regular intervals whenever conditions of the service permits.

Sgd A.E. SHEPHERD Colonel,
A.D.M.S.

2nd.Australian Division.

Appendix"A"

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters, 15-2-18.

D.H.Q. 6th.A.I.Brigade.

6th.A.I.Brigade Inspection reference Medical Establishment.

This inspection carried out on the 14th. inst. brought out the following points which require retification.

1. The men appeared to be well drilled in Infantry Drill, but often deficient in Stretcher Drill. Some R.M.O's. do not seem to have taken command of the men themselves but have relied too much on the N.C.O's.

2. The order of parade was not adhered to by some Units and dressing was very faulty.

3. Many men were unshaven and dirty. Hands and nails did not seem to have been sufficiently carded for. Sanitary details shewed that they had borne the brunt of most of the dirty Sanitary work and there was evidence of them having been used for supervision and inspection work.

4. In one Battalion 3 N.C.O's, were deficient.

5. There was evidence that Water details had not been specially trained and utilised as laid down in "F.S. Regs. Part II". The training of the new details must be expidited as it is of the utmost importance that the water supply of troops must be carefully inspected, tested and treated.

6. The dress of the men was not uniform - some with belts and others without.

7. Maltese Cart. Vehicle, horse and harness on the whole was very well turned out but cart equipment was not complete.

8. R.A.P's. were very good and reflect credit on R.M.O's.

9. It is recommended that a paradex of Regimental Medocal Establishments be held by Pattalion Commanders at regular intervals whenever possible.
10. The arrangements by Brigade were excellent, each Battalion in turn being reached well on time.

Sgd. A.E. SHEPHERD Colonel A.D.M.S.

2nd.Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Hoadquarters,
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Modical Officers will be instructed not to give any countenance to the use of water from shell holes or streams, even though the specious argument is brought forward that there are facilities for boiling it.

This matter will be taken up as one of Battalion discipline

through all ranks.

Whilst it may be reasonable to argue that water from these sources can be rendered inocuous by boiling, this system has so far led to all sorts of abuses creeping in and the enforcement of water discipline, which is the only way by which sickness can be reduced, is rendered impossible.

The incidence of Diarrhoea is getting serious and can only be checked by cutting off all sources of supply except those of authorised water points. This may entail more labour in the conveyance of water but it will rapidly repay itself in the

increase of effectives in a lattalion.

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A.D.M.S.

2ND. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters, 15-2-18.

D.H.Q.

The civilians are receiving constant payment for the billets and it would seem a fair thing for them to keep them in reasonable repair. If they cannot do this, at all events an arrangement should be made for Wattle daubing and thatching to be carried out by troops and reasonabe expenses retained from the billeting fees.

Suitable fagots are available in the woods, mud is plentiful and a little lime could be obtained - straw is also available for

In all areasm there are a number of sheds and outhouses in bad repair which could be made available for billets and so prevent the overcrowding of men which now often prevails.

This matter requires consideration not only for the troops now in occupation of billets but for future Divisions who may occupy the same area.

Sgd. A.E. SHEPHERD Colonel A.D.M.S. 2nd.Australian Division.

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Carro Commandant,

A. D. M. S.,

DIVISION.

2nd AUSTRALIAN

The following instructions will be put into execution by all

Units :-

FODER LORRY - Blankot storilisation.

(a) oden worry to be under control of wrigade wanitary Officer shilat in Frigade Area.

Trigade canitary Officer will arrange direct with B.H.Q.

r garding mothods of effecting greatest officiency.

(b) Ironing of uniforms would be best carried out at the baths under surervision of Ode. anitary Officer. This will be sipple ented by Ironing carried out by Battalions.

It is considered that ironing is very essential as etherwise

"dolousing" will be quite ineffective.

(c) Fer onnol for work of Toden to be supplied by Field about noes

whonever rossible.

(d) eserve of blankets to be a tablished by Frigado and supplemented from Field Ambulances whenever ressible. The blan et reserve would enable the Foden to work longer hours.

(o) Overnight proparation and early lighting up in the morning

to be supervised by one of A.A.L.C. personnel.

- (f) Tests to be instituted to see if sterilisation without the crates is officient. The evidence up to the present has proved that storilisation is not complete unless the cratos are used.
- BATHI. (a) B.S.U. will inspect Baths and arrange with B.H.C. any methods of improving the officioncy of bathing and issue of clean clothes and ironing of uniforms. Caro should be taken by Battalions that men actor being bathed are not put into same billets as men who have not hoon bathe'.

(b) Underclothing should be shaken and brushed be ore issue to

romove dea! lice.

(c) air ercentage of clothing issued at baths in unserviceable owing to ohrinkage and wear. Two ron shuld be on duty to collect this clothing and obtain other in replacement.

(d) Detection of skin diseases. 2 A. . M.C. con will be stationed at each baths to roport such cases to R.H.O. of unit concerned and

send carbon cony to B.J.O..

S.O. 977 states t at the Dattalion Commander will ensure that 1... . O. thoroughly inspects every man in his charge naked at the aths

at frequent intervals.

(e) Froming roc should be established at all baths, and tunics, breeches and mittees ironed sistematically whilst the men are being bathod. In each it alien 4 or 5 men should be specially trained for ironing so that they could be available at baths.

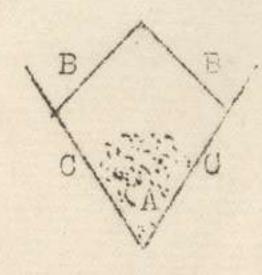
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BRILL JI JAMITATIO. A sanitary medical officer has been appointed for each brigade. e will supervise the sanitation of the rigade an adviso rigade of any necessary defects or improvements. E.S.O. will remort direct to .D.H.S. on each Saturday the work done during the week and submit recommendations for improvement.

the relation of B. J.O. to R. ... O's. will be purely advisor an should serve admirably for the diffusion of ideas found to be of

value by other L.H.O's.

Trigade unitary Officer will maintain close touch with divisional Cannitary Officer so as to ensure there will be no clashing of met ods.

Ther will endoavour to interest Erigado and Battalion officers in the sanitation of the unit. If Brigado, Commany and Platoon officers understand sanitary laws and do their duty there will be no difficulty in unit senitation.

F.J.R. part II rage 119 & 113 is quite definite that the responsibility for sanitation rests on the commander of ever unit and for tion and that a knowledge of sanitation and the best means of prosprying health is incumbent on every officer and soldier.

R.G. ITAL SAMITAR. DETACREMIA. The duties of tress men a o laid down in F.S. R. Lar II pages II & 114, Sub para 4 states that the R.L.O. is responsible to the Unit Commander for the officient performance of the work of the Regimental Sanitary Detachments. To do this he must have control of those men. They do no other work except in connection with sanitation. atigues are supplied from Unit to do the work.

anitary personnel must be specially selected, intelligent men if they are to carry out their duties officiently. They are to be used

as sanitary olice and for supervision of the sanitary work.

5. IEGI, MATE: DETAILS. These mon come under the jurisdiction of the R.M.O. and should also be s ecially selected intelligent men. Their duties are as under :-

(i) ator police for the detection of breaches of regula ions

regarding the uso o drinking water.

(ii) Junervision of the water supply - including chlorination and nurification.

(iii) To take charge of all apparatus an stores connected with water

supply of the unit.

(iv) lesting, labelling and picketing all sour es of water surply: arranging water sun ly to billets for drinking purposes and for water bottlds.

(v) Junervision of washin of dixios and mess tins, scalding of water bottles and cleaning of scrubbers and drying cloths.

(vi) tor detail personnel deal direct with the A. . C. and should not be used for any work except, under the order of E.H.O..

(vii) A school of 4 days duration will be hold at an early date: this will be for instruction of sanitary and water details in their dutios.

Atte tion is drawn to 4th. Army Standing Order 785.

REGILENTAL STRUCTORL DEAT S. R. Those non sh uld be specially selected, intelligent men, capable of high standard of training. They should be placed under the orders of the R.H.O. for training purposes. Their duties are laid down in F.J.R. nart II ra o 118. Maliphis

Colonel,

2nd. Australian Division.

APPENDER E10
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters, 28th. Feb. 1918.

A.A.H.C. ORDER NO. 10 BY LIEUT.COLONEL A.H.HOSELEY, D.S.O. a/A.D.L.J.

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In execution of D.D.M.S. Instructions No. 2 d/25-2-18 the following movements will take place:-

5th.Aust.Fiold Ambulance will relieve the 10th.Aust.Field Ambulance at M.D.S., PONT D'ACHELLES on 4th.Harch 1918.

Advance Party of 1 Tent Sub-division will report to C.D. 10th.Aust.Field Amb. at PONT D'ACHELLES on 3rd.prox. and relief will be completed by mid-day on 4th.March 1918.

6th.Aust.Field Amb. will relieve 11th.Aust.Field Amb. at WESTHOF & Advance Party (1 Tent Sub-division 7th.Aust.Field Amb.) will report on 4th.prox.to C.J. 11th.Aust.Field Amb. Relief to be complete by 12 noon on 6th.Harbh 1918

Advance Party will be under Command of C.O. Oth.Aust.Field

Amb. from taking over till 12 noon on 8th. prox.

at NIEPPE, 36/B.16.c.7.7. Advance Party will take over A.D.S., UNDERHILL FARM, T.18.d.5.3. and THE BREWERY, C.1.d.4.5. on 7th. prox. Further details of this relief to be arranged by C.O.'s concerned. All arrangements will be made & C.O. 6th.Aust.Field Amb.will be responsible for evacuation of casualties from 12 noon on 8th.prox., when relief will be completed.

7th.Aust.Field Amb.will relieve 6th.Aust.Field Amb. at WESTHOF D.R.S., T.19.b.4.5. Relief to be completed by 19 noon on 8th.prox.

Transport has been arranged whereby a motor lorry will carry the Ambulance equipment necessary for carrying on the D.R.S.till unit transport arrives.

2nd.Aust.Divn.H.Q.lorry:3-3-18. 5th.Aust.Field Amb.equipment under guard to L.D.S.
PONT D'ACHELLES

4-3-18. 10th.Aust.Field Amb.oquipment H.D.S., PONT D'ACHELLES to THE CASTLE, AFFRINGUES, LUMBRES Aroa.

5-3-18. 7th.Aust.Field Amb.oquipment under guard to D.R.S., WESTHOF.

3rd.Aust.Divn.H.Q.lorry:5-3-18. llth.Aust.Field Amb.equipment from WESTHOF to D.R.S.
VIEIL HOUTIER 6th.Aust.Field Amb.

6-3-18. 6th.Aust.Field Amb.oquipment under guard from D.R.S. P. T. O. VIEIL HOUTIER to M.D.S., NIEPPE

APPENDIX. E.
7-3-18. 9th.Aust.Fiold Amb.equipment from M.D.S., NIEPPE to BRUNEMBERT.

Field Ambulances will move with Brigade Groups.

Transport will move with Brigade Groups :-

5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. on liarch 2nd. 1918.
6th. Do. " " 4th. "
7th. Do. " " 6th. "

Arrangements will be made with Brigade H.Q.

C.O.5th.& 7th.Aust.Field Amb.will make arrangements with 5th.& 5th.Brigado H.Q. respectively for the movement of Advance Parties to New Area.

A.D.M.S.Office will close at NEILLES-LES-BLEQUIN at 10 a.m. on Harch 8th.1918 and re-open at RAVELSBERG at same hour.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. APPEND

Hoadquarters, DIVISION. 28th.Fob.1918.

HEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

1. All R.M.C.'s will arrange to empty their Battalion Rost Stations of patients two days before their Battalien moves out of this Aroa, so that any Soldier who will not be fit to move with Dattalion will not be ovacuated to Field Amb. at the last momont.

2. Blankets borrowed from Field Ambulancos by R.H.O.'s (12, for which authority was given by this office) will be roturned to the Field Arbulance from which they were drawn :-

5th.Aust.Inf.Bde.Battalions on Feb.28th. " Mar. 2nd. Do. 6th. " 4th. Do. 7th.

6th. Aust. Fiold Ambulanco will hand over all D.R.S. Stores, equipment, and patients to incoming Unit, including 420 blankots and 114 stretchors

3. 7th.Aust.Field Ambulanco will rotain 80 and roturn the romainder of the blankets borrowed from 6th.Aust. Field Arb. to that Unit on the 3-3-18.

5th.Aust.Field Amb. will draw 60 blankets from 6th.Aust. Field Amb.on 1st.prox. Those blankets drawn from 6th.Aust. Fiold Amb. will be handed over to incoming Unit with patients and receipts obtained. C.O.7th.Aust.Fiold Ambulance will withdraw equipment & blankets lent to Feden lerry on 5-5-18.

4. Field Ambulances will hand over 3 Soyer stoves each and each Field Ambulance will take over from outgoing Unit at now Forward Stations 200 blankots and 3 Soyer stoves and 9th.Aust.Fiold Amb. will hand over to 6th.Aust.Field Amb. in addition 114 stretchers.

48 hours rations, at least, for patients will be handed

over to incoming Unit.

Field Ambulances will atrange for attention to, and

transport of sick on the move to New Area.

For all stores handed over & taken over receipts will be obtained and given and copies sent to this office in duplicate 24 hours after completion of the move.

Scabios cases in the New Area will be transferred to D.R.S., WESTHOF, T.19.b.4.5..

Eye cases will be sent by Units of this Division to M.D.S., PONT D'ACHELLES, B.8.b.2.5. on Fridays & be transported by 5th.Aust. Field Amb. to HONT-DE-CATS on Saturdays 9.30 a.m. cars awaiting their examination to transport them back to 5th. Aust. Field Amb.

Cases for C.C.S. to No.2 A.C.C.S., TROIS ARBES.

Wasserman blood reactions will be delivered to this & office before 11 a.m. on Londays & Thursdays with full necessary particulars

All R.M.O.'s whose Units are out of the line will arrange to form Battalich Rost Stations and keep as many cases as convenient at their Battalien Aid Posts. No serious, infectious, or contagious cases will be retained.

Dontal Units will move with their respective Ambulances and commonce work.

C.O. Field Ambulances will provide accommodation.

Om Embellon major Fridout. Col.

2MD. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Distribution :-Headquarters 'G'.

> D.D.H.S., AUST.CORRS. 5th.Aust.Fiold Amb.

6th. Do. 7th. Do.

A.D.L.S., 3rd.Aust.Divn.

All R. M.O. 's 2nd. Aust. Divn.

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NOMINAL	ROLL	OF	MEN	SENT	TO	BASE	FOR	MEDICAL	BOARD	
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9-2-18.	No.	6380 Pte. 6874 " 4653 Cpl. 5191 Pte. 4370 "	P. G.R. E.	NEASLEY	24th.A.I.Battalion do do do do do
12-2-18.	No.	6517 - Pte.	M .	ARMOUR	17th.A.I.Battalion
17-2-18.	No.	4433 Pte.	W.	GODFREY	18th.A.I.Battalion
21-2-18.		3714 - Pto. 2164 - " 2154 - "	G.H.	CARSON HAY JENKINS	2nd.Aust.Pioneer Battalion do do
27-2-18.	No.	3508 S/Bgs. 3617 Pte. 2068 "		DUNN RUSSELL ALEXANDER	2nd.Aust.Pioneer Battalion do do
28-2-18.	No.	218 / Pte. 3758 " 1531 / "		LOVE ANDERSON KETCH	20th.A.I.Battalion 23rd. do 23rd. do



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



Return of sick wastage by Brigades for week ending February 9th 18.

	Admitted.	To Duty	To CMC.S.
5th A.I. Bde.	93	29	84
6th A.I. Bde.	33		46
7th A.I. Bde.	68		57

Return of sick and wounded wastage by Divisions for week ending February 9th 18.

		Offi		to Base Other Sick	ranks WDED	Tota Sick	ls Wded	Sick % to Strength.
lst	Aust Div.	-	-	111	1	114	1	.68
2nd	·do	4	-	173	1	177	1	1.04
3rd	do	4	1	90	16	94	17	• 54
4th	do	35	2	59	59	64	61	•37
5th	do	-		60	13	60	18	.30

Headquarters. 15/2/18.

Signed. A.E.SHEPHERD Gol.
A.D.M.S.

2nd Aust Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Return of sick wastage by Brigades for week ending February 16th 18.

	Admitted	To Duty	To C.C.S.
5th A.I. Bd. 7th A.I. Bd.	e. 35	25 12 . 8	41 27 20°

Return of sick and wounded wastage by Divisions for week ending February 16th 18.

			vacuate cers		ase ranks.	10 mm	tals	Sick %
		 Sick	Wded.	Sick	Wded	Sick	Wded	Strength.
lst	Aust		2	135	5	139	7	.82
2nd	do	3	-	167	-	170	-	•98
3rd	do	4	5	135	34	139	39	.80
4th	do	3	13	119	77	122	90	. 70
5th	do	4	-	112	27	116	27	. 59

Headquarters. 22/2/18.

A.E.SHEPHERD Colonel.
A.D.M.S.

2nd Aust Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. OFFICAPPENDIX H. 16 Return of sick wastage by Brigades for week ending February 23/18

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		Admitted	To Duty	To C.C.S.
5Th 6th 7th	A.I. do	Bde. 63 51 59	26 9 21	16 23

Return of sick and wounded wastage by Divisions for week ending February 23rd 1918.

	Off:	9	to Base Other Sick	Ranks Wded	Tot		Sick % to Strength.
1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th		- 3 1	139 79 119 105 122	3 36 25 17	149 82 122 106 124	3 39 26 18	.87 .52 .69 .59

Headquarters. 1/3/18.

Signed A.E. SHEPHERD Col. A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Weekly health report for week ending noon 1/2/18.

Strength. 14658.

Principal cause of admission. P.U.O. 33.

The general health of the troops is good and with more favourable weather, tranch foot has ceased altogether.

Diarrhoea. 159 cases reported sick during the week, which is much the same as usual.

Trench Foot 1 case admitted during the week.

Scabies 35 cases admitted.

V.D. 9 cases. Gonorhoea 8. Syphilis Primary 1.

Blankets sterilised. are not shewn but have been comparatively few owing to move of Division

Headquarters. 3/2/18.

Signed D.M. EMBELTON

Major,

for Colonel. A.D.M.S.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Strength 17146.

Week ending noon 8/1/18

Principal cause of admission. P.U.O. 69
The general health of the troops is good but owing to impoverished condition of many of the billets sick admission rate is higher than might be anticipated.
The absence of adequate D.R.S. accommodation has been the cause of higher evacuation percentage than normal.
Diarrhoea. 124 cases reported sick which shows a KMXXXX slight

higher evacuation percentage than normal.

Diarrhoea. 124 cases reported sick which shows a KKIKK slight decrease. Sources of water supply here unauthorised are legion and the only difficulty is to control especially with detached units the use of unauthorised supply and to ensure chlorination.

Scabies 34 admitted. It has taken some time to get dismantled baths into working order, but these are now going in each subarea and accommodation should be more than ample. Disinfection of blankets has begun in ernest but one thresh was broken in course of delivery and has not yet reached the division.

V.D. 27 cases admitted and evacuated.

Gonorhoea 20
Relapse. Gonorhoea 5
Syphilis 1

patients statement.

Contracted.

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In 12 cases no phrophylactis treatment was used. For local leave steps have been taken to prevent infection. E.T. rooms are established at Boulogne and St 6mer also in a central site in Brigade area and each battalion.

Blankets fumigated 800.

Headquarters. 19/2/18.

Signed. B.M.EMBELTON. Major

for Colonel.
A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Weekly health report for week ending noon 15/2/18.

Strength 17223

Principal cause of admission. P.U.O. 38 Scabies 35.

G noal health. Good and improving.

Diarrhoea. 109 cases shewing a decrease.

Scabies. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable baths and constructing a D.R.S. the evacuations have been large but now cases are being transfer to the suitable baths

large, but now cases are being treated locally at the D.R.S.

D.R.S.

V.D. 16 cases evacuated.

Syphilis 6. Gonorhoea. 7
Soft sore. 3

Contracted at. Bondon 8.

Paris. 6 Calaiss1 Repapse 1.

Water supply.

The question of water chlorination has received more marked attention and sources of water better controlled.

Baths,

Men bathed. 5,100.

The ironing of onder clothes has also begun and some Units have had all their clothes ironed.

Headquarters.

Signed A.E.SHEPHERD. Colonel.
A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Weekly health report for week ending 22/2/18.

Strength 17494.

Principal cause of admission. Scabies. 50

General health. Good The evacuation rate is more satisfactory owing to being able to hold cases admitted.

Diarrhoea. 117 cases.

Scabies. 50 cases admitted during the week. Disinfection has proved more difficult in the area than anticipated. Battalions are nearly up to strength which means no surplus blankets and therefore disinfectors can work only in the daytime for about 10 hours. The area extends over 120 sq miles and with the day only at our disposal we cannot cart blankets to the lorries but send the disinfectors to the Unit. Owing to the state of the roads the Foden lorry has been bogged for days at a time and at such an angle as to prevent getting up steam to work or right herself Disinfection of clothing at DESVRES railheal for transfer to the Laundry is unsatisfactory. The steam available is at low pressure and does not kill the eggs, also it will not disinfect the requisite number of garments. The engineers have put in a considerable amount of work on this disinfector but it is quite unsatisfactory. A thresh has been detached temporarily for this purpose. The underclothing received from Army during the last fortnight is absolutely unsatisfactory, shrunken, frequently damp, often dirty or badly washed and live eggs of vermin are not uncommon. Other skin diseases 2.

V.D. 30 cases. Gonorhoea.

Gonorhoea. 24

Syphilis 3 Venereal Warts 3.

Aqquired at United Kingdom 18.

Paris Boulogne

St Omer

Recurrent cases 6

Prophylactic measures are employed at Boulogne and St Omer for men on leave.

Baths. 7003 bathed for week ending 22/2/18.

Blankets fumigated. 4383.

12 to 20th February. Foden Lorry was taken off blankets and worked to disinfect laundry clothing at Desvres.

Thresh No 2 was broken in courde of delivery and has just reported a few days ago to the 5th Brigade for duty. This explains the small number of blankets disinfected for week ending 22/2/18.

Headquarters. 24/2/18.

Signed A.E.SHEPHERD. Colonel. A.D.M.B.2nd Aust Division.

SECOND AUGTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters. 11th obruary 1

C.R.A. 2nd Aust Division.

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th Aust Field Ambulance.

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Attached return will be forwarded to you fortnightly, as it will be of value in comparing sick rates of the units of your command and enable you to assist in checking sick wast age.

A high rate of any of the diseases named in any particular unit requires investigation by the C.O. in conjunction with R.M.O. so as to enable the cause of such high rate to be remedied. With the medical service, it would be of inestimable value in minimising the sick wastage of the Division

For example :- The return shows a special high rate of diarrh cases reporting sick and also evacuations by 5th and 7th Brigades as compared with other units and it is shown that the high rate applies especially to 19th. 20th. 25th. and 27th Battalions. The percentago of cases evacuated from 6th Brigade to the number reporting is too high. It is considered that there are too many cases of diarrhoea in the Division. High rate of Scabios tronch foot and P.U.O. is shown by 25th. 24th. and 19th Battalions respectivel

With regard to P.U.O. a high percentage of these cases are afterwar diagnosed as trench fever and it has been proved that this disease is communic ed by lice. The high total of P.U.O. in 5th Brigade is partly due to R. O's of that Brigade diagnosing almost all cases as P.U.O. whereas in the other Brigades a percentage are reported as Trench Fever.

It is considered that intelligent co-operation by Brig.de and Battalion Commanders with the medical service would be of inestimable value

in minimising the sick wastage of the Division.

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2nd Aust Division.

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AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. SECOND

Hoadquarters, Feb. 17th. 1918.

2nd.Aust.D.H.Q.

C.R.A.

C.R.E.

2nd.Aust.Divn.Signal, Coy.

5th. Aust. Inf. Bdo.

6th.

7th. Do.

2nd . Aust. Pioncer Battn .-

2nd.Aust.Divn. Train. -

Do.

22nd . Machino Gun Coy.

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8th. Do.

REMARKS.

- Total sick of 5th.Aust.Inf.Bdo.Group practically equals that of the 6th. & 7th .- Aust. Inf. Bdos togothor.
- 19th., 24th., &-26th. Battalions account for almost "half of the Scabios cases of Infantry Frigados. :: -:
- Diarrhooa incidence is much higher in 5th. & 6th. . than in 7th. Aust. Inf. Edo, being especially high in-24th. Battn, and secially low in 22nd. 26th. Battalions & 5th. A.F.A.Bdo.
 - 4. V.D. cases of 7th.Aust.Inf. Edc. more than double the total of 5th. & 6th. Aust. Inf. Bdos. -

COLONEL,

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AND DIARRHOEA INCIDINGE.

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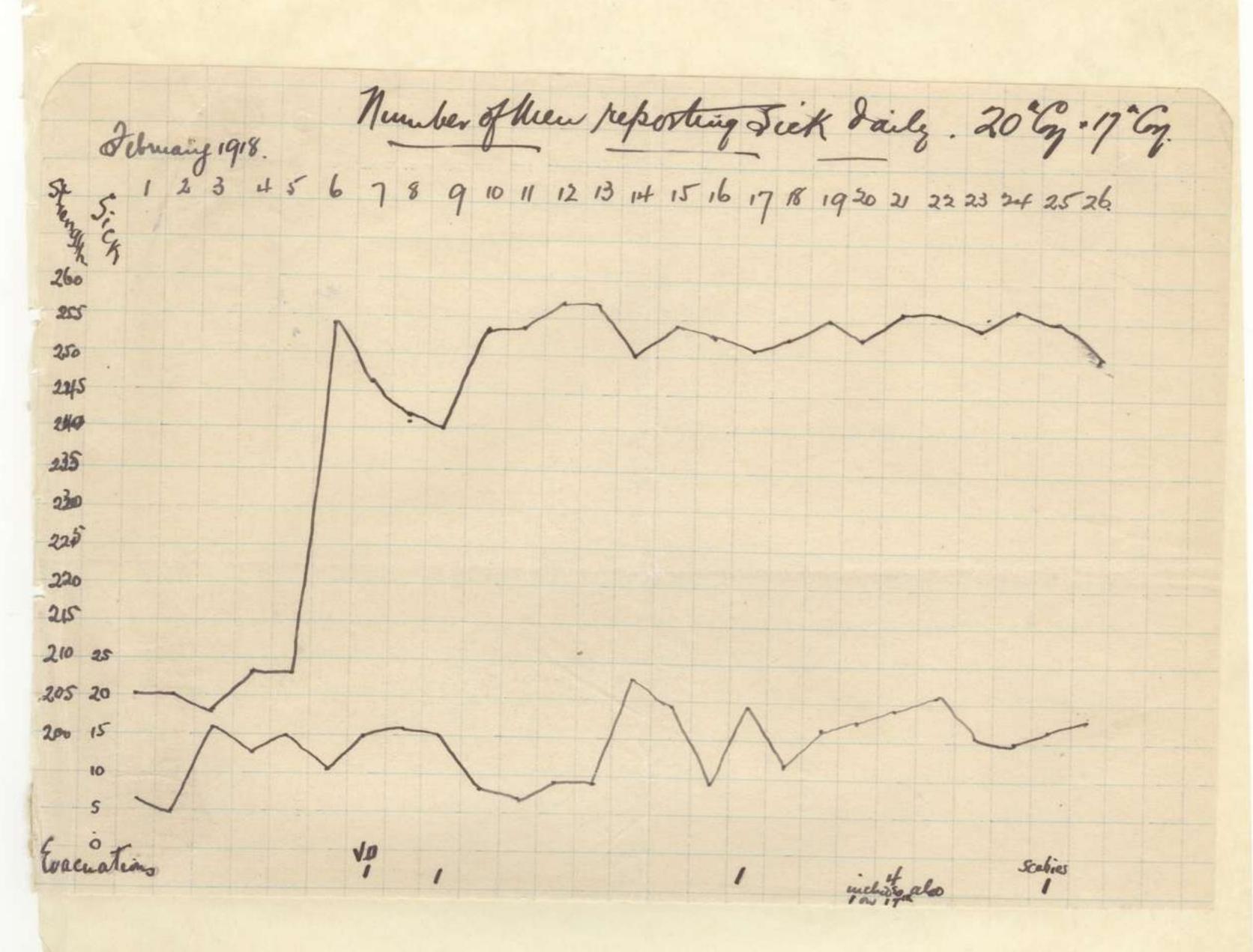
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Appearemoix 24 To A.D.M.S. 2nd. Australian Diwision. Report for compilation of War Records. 1. Medicals details of an Offensive. This is not applicable to my unit. 2. Condition of Men of Unit. The health of the men has been good on the whole during this month notwithstanding that part of it was spent under conditions none too favourable. The efficiency of the unit has been good. Only a few men have been unable to carry tout their duties and then only for a few days at a time. The food issued has been first class and the cooking very satisfactoryeven on arrival at the end of a day's marchthough the unit have no Travelling Cookers. The food has also been Owing to difficulties as regards bathing facilities the men have not been so fortunate this month in obtaining baths and clean Ex A Sanitary Fatigue is detailed by each Coy. under the orders of the M.O. These men carry out the details of Smanitation very satisfactorily. Fly-proof latrines were not obtainable for the 20th Coy.'s lines but these were erected by the Sanitary Fatigue. Urine Pits were arranged near each set of latrines also Grease. traps at each cookhouse. The men of this unit do very little marching and hence only two or three men during the whole month have had to be treated for their feet and in each case it was only a minor trouble. The feet Only one case of V.D. and one of Scabies have occured during the 3. The water details attend on every occasion to the chlorination of the water, and see that the inside of the water-carts are cleaned Between these times they carry out any treatment ordered for the men of each Coy. and also inspect their feet. For your information, please. Clydet avis Caph R.M.O. 2nd. Aust. Div. Train. In the Field. February 26th. 8918. RCDIG1013235 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL



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27th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

26th February 1918.

A.D.M.S., 2nd Australian Division.

MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY 1918.

During the month the Battalion has been resting in the CREMAREST - BELLEBRUNE Area. This district is only sparsely nonulated, with the result that the four commanies were widely separated from Battalion H.Q. The distance of the furthest billet was approx. 7 kilometres. This separation influenced our Medical arrangement and two R.A.P's were established, one at BELLEBRUNE for 'A' Coy and H.Q., and the other at CREMAREST for the remainder of the Battalion.

The health of the troops remained good throughout the period and the men are now in fine condition. Serious sickness was almost absent although a number of slight cases of diarrhoea occurred. The majority of these cases originated from the MESSINES and RED LODGE Area,

The water supply was good and usually needed only one scoop of B.P. for chlorination.

Sanitation at first was not good but was greatly improved as time went on.

Conking arrangements were satisfactory, the field kitchens being used.

Baths were erected by the Battalion Pioneers at BELLEBRUNE and were availed of by the 28th Battalion in addition to our own men.

Blankets were put through the Foden Lorry.

Recreational Training has been a marked feature of the afternoon parades and has hemmed to put the men in good heart.

N. Machael & Captain, R.M.O., 27th Australian Infantry Battalion.

APPENDIX 28

Headquarters, 28/2/18.

Resume of A.A.M.C. Work 1/2/18 to 28/2/18.

During the month the Battalion has been at rest at HENNEVEUX. Here they were billeted among the various farms which were very comfortable on the whole.

Advantage was taken on the rest to complete the innoculation

of the Battalion, 266 men being innoculated.

The health of the men was good, the sick parade averaging about twenty per day, and thirty two men were kept and treated at the "Rest Hut". During the time we head three route marches - 15 Kilometres, 25 Kilometres, and 16 Kilometres, all men finished shewing the general standard to be good.

Water Details - These men carried out their work extremely well, testing over 37 separate water supplies and generally exercising good water control throughout the Unit - Our Water Cart won the Brigade competition.

Lectures were given to the whole Battalion on Venereal Disease. The work done by the A.A.M.C. Details has been exceptionally

good.

FEBRUARY, 1918.



To :- A.D.M.S.

2nd Aust. Division.

The health of the men of this unit has been satisfactory, there being the average evacuations to Field Ambulances of cases suffering with various complaints. Very few cases of Scabies, Venereal or Diarrhoe a have been observed, probably due to the men exercising more care in regard to their cleanliness whilst in camp and on leave, and also in regard to water for drinking.

During the month the Companies have been separated, each having a certain work to do, but also a certain amount of time off for recreation.

The men have all been comfortably accommodated in huts, reasonably fed and also provided with amusement.

A few men have been paraded for purposes of a Medical Board on account of overage and inability to carry on.

27:2:18.

2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion.

War Deary February Medical 1918.

4th A. F.A. Brigade.

Teb. 1st. Brigade omoved out from the line in front of Warmeton Arrived in Merris area (Hazebrouck 5A hay) + stayed for 3 days in This area Starting from this area on teby 3rd the Byde moved next day to Renescure area, arriving about 2pm hext day moved to warrans near Lumbres (Hozebrouck 5A). hest day to Journey (Calais 13). arriving about 2pm. Non One man evacuated during the trip with an injury to leg from 9.5. Wagon

Journey Small village & the meno billets scattered about in barns & at food distances apart. Billet consist of barns Some billet were andenned

2 CAPPENDIX. 31 and on Feb. 9th, The 10th Battery movied to Clerques (Calais 13). about 5 Kelometres from Bøde HQ. The billets at Clerques were excellent. men have all their horses mi stables pravorkrow Sick Parade each day Consisted in seeing the sick of 11th & 104 Batteries at Byde HQ at 9. am Then ride to Bas Loquin (Calais 13) to see 12th Battery 4. from there to Clerques. Takes all the morning A few men with Sore feet from blistering after the march Frevalent diseases _ huld attacks of fever like influenza settling down after a few days. ho infections diseases A long load of wen were allowed have each day to Boulogue

Baths Baths were erected for the Did artillery at Olynines. Hot water showers

GEFAPPENDIX. 32 then average a bath about every 6 days. Lood Same as in The line. men did not have facilities for buying food the same as When in the line. All batterie established Their own canteens Aust" vule Rugby football Hayed every wed . Saly Sunday weather. hield but favily wet. water Jupply from running Stream starting from hell. just above the lown. Water very good Health of men excellent. Brigade up to Thrength exactly leb. n.th. At Laman Capt auc 16.2.18

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Divisional Engineer Headquarters, March 1st. 1918.

MEDICAL HISTORY. Month of February 1918.

During the whole of this month the Divisional Engineers have been in rest billets.

The 7th Field Company at COLEMBERT, 6th at LONGUEVILLE, the 5th at BAINGHEM le COMTE and the Divisional Signal Company at NIELLES-lez-BLEQUIN.

During this period though leave to BOULOGNE has been liberally given there have not been any cases of venereal disease contracted either there or in the villages. This is due to an effective venereal prophylactic system carried out in each company by the medical details. In a battalion it was invariably the case that we lost at least \frac{1}{2} % of the men when under similar conditions last year.

Soon after arrival in this area we had to evacuate a case of lobar pneumonia whom I was called out to see at 9-30 one night.

Another similar case occurred the last week of the month.

What few sick who needed constant attention but were not serious enough to evacuate under the circumstances (there being no Divisional rest stations) were treated in the R.A.P. at COLEMBERT. Here at one time we never had more than four cases.

Throughout the month the general health has been satisfactory though we have had a fair share of diarrhoea, only one case of which had to be evacuated as "Dysentry "? and which has not yet returned.

In one instance I found that the stock solution for chlorination was not being used in a section where there were several cases, Of course owing to the distance between the companies and not in the least of a civilian practice that occupied a considerable amount of time I could only visit the sections rarely.

However one finds that one does not need to pay the assiduous attention to sanitation that it is essential to maintain in an infantry battalion. Most of the field company officers take a lively interest in this matter.

On the 12th instant I had to evacuate Captain NOEDL, 7th Field Company with a provisional diagnosis of early T.B. Pneumonia. A few days later Lieutenant KERNAGHAN of the same Company was evacuated with a provisional diagnosis of gastric ulcer. Both of these officers were eventually evacuated to Boulogne.

The most interesting medical work during this period has been amongst the German prisoners and escort at Nabringham. However, these cases do not concern the medical history of the unit, still, I will mention in passing that I have treated and evacuated four cases of chronic Bright's Disease; once case of Paroxysmal Tachycardia, one fatal case of PHTHISIS, one strangulated Inguinal hernia, and one fatal case of acute Nephritis. The case of Paroxysmal Tachycardia was in the escort.

The visitation of the companies was as follows:- 7th, at COLEMBERT at 9 a.m., also the 7th T.M.B.; 11 a.m. - the 6th, at LONGUEVILLE (before which the P.O.W. Compound, at 10-30 a.m.); the 5th, at BAINGHEM-1e Comte about 11-45 a.m.

There is little of interest to mention during this month, however, I might mention that the medical details have all worked well and have willingly devoted a considerable amount of their time in attending upon sick civilian cases. One case in particular, where careful nursing was essential. Sapper Tamblyn, medical detail of the 7th Company proved himself an excellent and painstaking nurse. There was a gase of Lobar Pneumonia in a child of 2½ years, which threatened to be fatal. However, due to the careful nursing of this soldier, recovery is now complete.

On the second last day of the month I reduced a dislocated shoulder by manipulation by Kocker's method.

Out total evacuations for the month are

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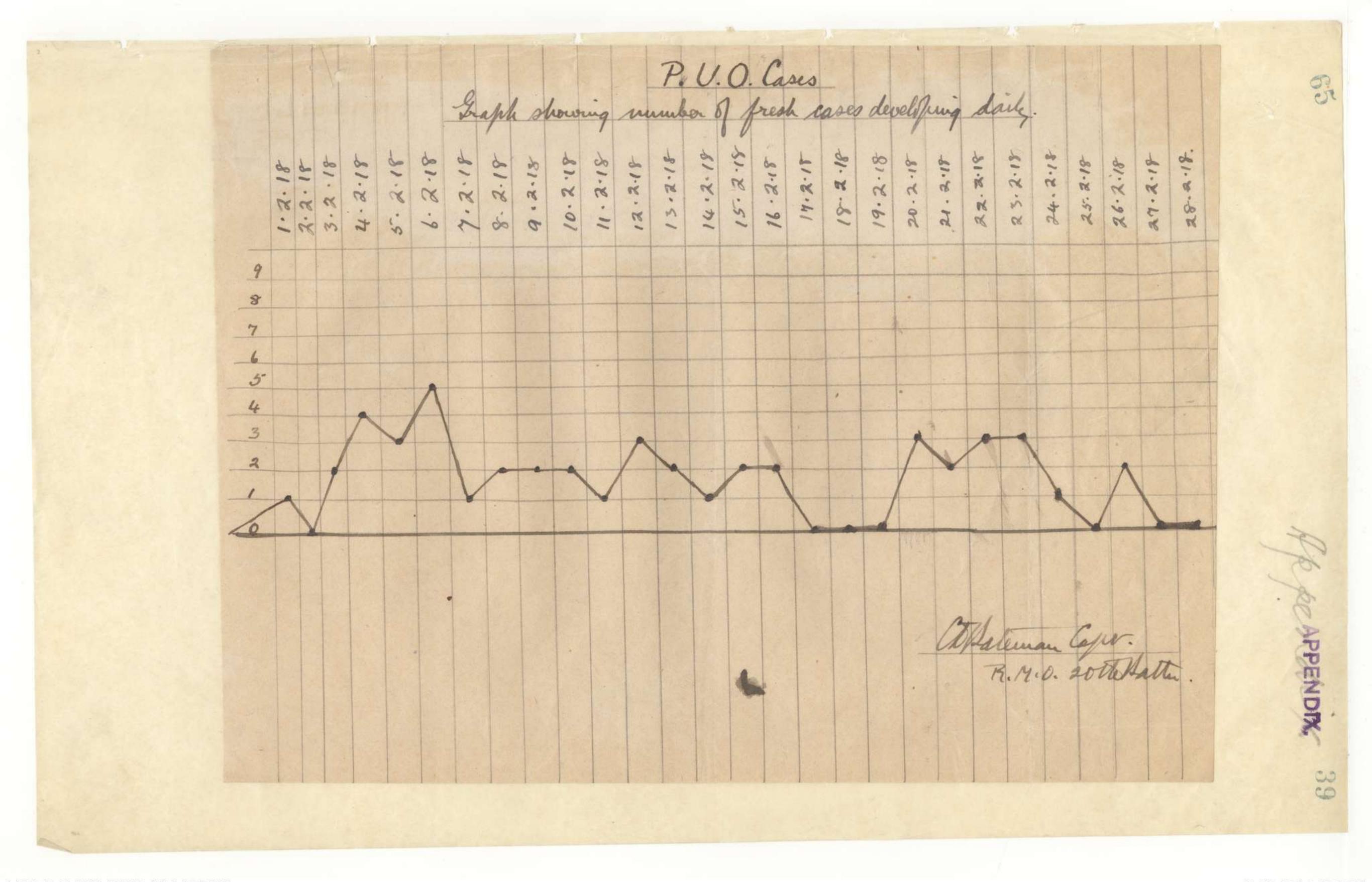
R.M.O. Second Australian Divisional Engineers.

with rome Hessian and esobra latime sear lids They were all made fairly fly-proof. Adequate number of wrinals and grease Traps were built. Tolid refuse from Kitchen, was collected by neighbouring farmers for their The water for the unit was drawn from a well. A permanent daily fatigue of three men pumpes this water into water earl where is was chlorinated. The water was tested and one scoop. ful out found necessary for otherwation, bridges were issued forbidding use of water from any other source and Regumental huletary Police were responsible Her the carrying out of these orders. How water was provided by cooks for washing of mens discues after all hor meals. During the grass mouth, the men's food has been excellent, roash and boiled mean with extra supplies of vegetables, sugar de. replacing the monotonous stews. on arriving in My new area, Brigade Sally were built but owing to certain delays were not available for thei Sattation for labour Ten days. This was a great pity as the men had

not butter had buth for some Time before lewing the last comp. The men were, generally speaking, very dirty and long, underclothing and tunic collars greasy and dirty. Hoils on neck as collar level were prevalent and numbers of men had boils on their bodies. Avrangements were made for men to wash their collars with soop and water and clean Them with bengine. P. V. D. cases increased daily but the undjoints of these twining out to be influential attacks, oul a few turners definitely Trinch On the second day of the mouth a Hattalion Hospital was commenced. R.A.P. was situated in a bown which was large and sing. Stretcher, were raised a couple of feet from the straw, making beds for y patient. Owing & large us. of 1.0.0. cases paleasses were obtained dud Tra beds made on the steraw, accomodation being provided eventually for 19 patients. Clean changes of clothing for miconing patients were gov from Brigade Hather. Two dozen Jugamas were got from Red bross per 5 th Ales. Field. Ander Patients of ponged themselve. down on admission & Horps in a lute on a waterfroof sheer. magazures, reading maller

and daily papers were bought out of regimentel funds. A special cook was made available for Hatter. Horp. and with hedical comforts and light dier foodstuffs from the Ambulance, twent but good food for the patients. At the end of a week to 10 days those was a marked decrease of boils in the unit and P. U. O. easer gradually became fewer in number. On the 13th Fele. the Medical Estableshman of Univ was inspected by A.D. 14. S. in presence of bu the 14th Fele. The remaining two Ambulance detalls (Z/Chl. Jakeman and Pte Claque) were returned to the 5 th Auss. Field Ambulance. The men brawn from the Satter. To replace these surleulance details are Cearming their job quite On the 24 th 4 ele. The water details were lectured to and instructed in chlorination of water ete. by the Divisional Lambary Officer. on the 21th Feb. stretcher drill instruction was given to R. M. D's av & the Aun. Het. Amby A special stretcher squad has been formed in the Batter for the Drujade Sports, composed on the Brigade Sports, composed one S.B. from each Coy.

Torres of three O. Pi's were mountated with T.A.B. for



During month of February 1918 the 19th Australian Infantry Battalion occupied billets in village of Seninghem, just routh of main St. Omer - Boulogne road and twenty miles from Boulogne. The battalion marched into billets after detraining at Lumbres on the evening of 31st January 1918.

During the period systematic training was carried out and inter-company and inter-battalion competitions

and games took place.

The weather for the time of the year was good and the health of the men consistently fair. Dearrhoea and respiratory cases formed the bulk of the sick

a Vattalion rest station was established for the

accompadation of a small number of mild cases

Baths were obtained at regular intervals but the Condition of the clothes supplied at times was not all that might be desired. Blankets were disinfected at the end of the month.

The cooking was satisfactory and the kitchens

were kept in a clean condition

Sanitary arrangements were hampered by lack of material and latrines were crude, 50% only being fly-proof. Pets, with one or two exceptions, were used.

During the month a change was made in the personnel of the water-duty details. The a.a.m.c. details attached returned to the Field ambulance and their places filled by men from the unit.

The Villet- used as a R.A.P. was comfortable and

adequate.

5" A. FABLe a.D.m.s. 2nd Australian Division Monthly War Diary. Olw the 1st of talmany, this Bryade same out faction and proceeded by road to 2 nd Diversional Olest area, being billettet at alquines. Here, during the month, training and re-organisation has been carried out the fitness of troops being good. Sports, etc. have been frequently good, and though a unit rest station was established, only about 16 cases were here treated. Prophy lactie measures for V.D. were available at a sommenient spot in the unit area, but only three cases of Gonowhoea were evacuated the source of there cases being Paris. not good at first, the barns etc.

being in a very delapsidated and disty state « il was some tune before these were made sanitary. The water supply was good, carts being felled at the main water point & water clorinated before use. All men were frequently bathed at the alguines Baths and potenty Clean underclothing was supplied Cases fremmer and scabies were rare Comforts and Mankets were adequately supplied by the hild Ambulances and means of evacuation frick to hospital were satisfactory Je Campbell Caps 5" A. F. A. Bde.

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SUMMARY OF WAR DIARY.

(February, 1918.)

REGIMENTAL AID POST - attached 2nd.Aust.Divl.Ammtn.Column.

On the First of the month the Column left its position in the STEENWERCK - NIEPPE AREA, and marched out to the REST AREA. During the whole of the journey, which lasted for five days, only three (3) Cases were evacuated of whom two were Accidental Injuries.

On arrival at the Rest Area the R. M. O. resumed duty after an absence of eight days on furlough; and Captain. Cameron who had been acting R.M. O. during that period returned to the 7th. Field Ambulance.

In the Rest Area Headquarters and the 1st. Section of the Column were billeted in REBERQUES, while the 2nd. Section and the "S.A.A. Section" were billeted in the villages of ROUGEMONT and FOUXOLLES respectively.

On the whole the Billetting accommodation was adequate, although not so good as in the Camps which have been built nearer to the Front.

In each Section Water Carts were able to be filled at running Streams, which on examination proved to contain good drinking Water.

Sanitary Accommodation in these Villages was inadequate, but - - materials for further Latrines were drawn from the Sanitary Section 7th . Aust . In . Brigade .

During the month 19 cases have been evacuated. This number included 6 cases of Scabies, one of Diarrhoea, two V.D. Cases and four Accidental Injuries. Of the Scabies cases, three were recent arrivals from Base, and it would seem likely that traces of the diseases were visible before the men left the General Base -Depot. One of the V.D. Cases was a relapse. Already five of these 19 men evacuated have returned to duty, including the sole case of Diarrhoea.

The 7th.Aust.Field Ambulance have sent a Car each day to clear evacuations, and this system has proved very satisfactory. But it has been found that the system of obtaining Medical Stores by handing Indents to the Orderlies of these Cars is not so - - satisfactory. I t would appear that such indents do not - receive the same attention as those delivered in person by one of the details attached to this Unit.

Drugs and tablets are seldom, if ever, supplied in the quantities asked for. Every care is taken in this Aid Post to ensure that no Medical Stores are wasted, and the Indents for further stores respresent the minimum of our requirements. distribution of the contraction identification about the Albert Alber swanishasustonopiaesta.

The Civil Population have again been making full use of the R.A.P. Patients varying in age from 2 xyears to 82 have been treated, and the cases include one of Pneumonia, and the extraction of a piece of cartridge from a boy's hand, which latter had been previously seem by the Civil Doctor in the neighbouring Town.

During the month the personnel of the R.A.P. have been transferred from the A.M.C. to the strength of the 2nd.Aust.D.A.C. I take this opportunity of recording the excellent work which has been done by my details viz :-8650.Pte.Power T.S.

8648.Sgt. Mitchell 7854.Pte. Coppel

J.S. E.G.

Par Jant. Major aans.

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Medical War Diarry 17 # Batun A. I.F. Leb Juary 1918. were relapses, (two) training medical personnel has been carried out as Devery the month the battalion has been out in rest + training on the 13th of the month Three companies + H.G. billetes the ADMS inspected in Contomby and one company Strefcher bearers, Sanitary at, Sening Den. details waterdetails, medical Billets for the men were in orderlies, maltere Cait most cases foor but have and Rap been considerably improved four water details, a during the month. Corporal & three men talling The Health of the troops has been good. Beyond the usual coughs and colds there have row the 5th Field ambulance + one water detail returned been no prevailing diseases. to the ambulance and The water supply in this was replaced by a man area is good, no somels from the battalion. scoopful of lime her water cost and there have been In addition to visiting Brilade battes at Seninghem two companies fixed up 28.2.18.

22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - MEDICAL WAR DIARY, FOR MONTH OF FEBY, 1918

BATTALION Officers, 51. O.R's. 925. TOTAL. 976.

MOVEMENT. During the Months of February this Battn. has been billeted at SELLES, (Rest Area)

WORK DONE. Preparatory and general training - as well as Specialist Training in all branches of Infantry work.

DESCRIPTION SELLES is an area of undulating country, surrounded by ranges of hills, mainly agricultural and pastoral, freely watered by swiftly running streams.

WEATHER. Good to excellent, with about one week of actual rain.

DEALTH Very good.

SICK PARADE. 15.5.

CASES EVACUATED Trench Fever. 2.

TO AMBULANCE. Trench Feet.

Diarrhoea.

Gestro-Enteritis. 1.

Respiratory.

Rheumatism.

V. D. Gonorrhoea. 2.

V. D. Syphilis.
Scabies. 12.

Others. 7.

TCTAL. 24.

(a) LATRINES .-

DENTAL CASES.

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WORK DONE. REST STATION.

Was established. Extra Plankets and Medical comforts were drawn from 6th Field Ambulance. Daily average in Station for month - Totalled 6.

The establishment of this Rest Station saved much wastage

DELLETS.

The Billets in this Area are good and clean. Owing to the scattered area, 12 sq. miles, over which this Battn. is billeted, it was impossible to hold a daily inspection of all Billets, but tri-weekly inspections were held. Light duty men, under the supervision of the sanitary men of each Company, cleaned the Billets daily.

SANITATEON OF AREA.

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These were all of the Box Pit type. Cans were unprocurable. Pits were dug 18" x 12" and 4' deep, and Boxes with Lids placed over them. It was impossible to dig deeper, owing to striking water at that level.

(b) URINALS.- These were of Tin Soakage-Pit type, and were built beside Latrines, and also as close to Billets as possible. These worked well.

(c) SWILL & KITCHEN REFUSE. All this was taken by local farmers as Pig-feed.

(d) INCINERATORS. - Simple Field Incinerators were used, and owing to good weather experienced, worked well.

(e) DISPOSAL OF TINS. - On arrivel in this Area, all tine were burnt and piled, or used for soskage Pits, but during the month Brigade collected all tins, and they were taken away to Solder-collecting Depot.

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APPENDIX.

MEDICAL WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1918 (contd)

Commandant, are a necessity.

SANITATION OF AREA. GREASE-TRAPS .- Simple Box Type, with perforated bottom and Straw strainer, were used.

SUGGESTIONS.

In connection with Sanitation in these Areas, which have been occupied by Troops for over three years, I was struck by the absence of any sanitary preparation.

A simple Incinerator, such as was so common in the SOMME Rest Areas, is badly needed.

Supplies of Timber, Hessian, and Calvanized Roofing Iron, for the erection of Latrine accommodation of a permanent nature, is highly desirable, more especially as summer draws near.

Urine and Night soil time, which could be drawn from Area

WATER SUPPLIES. All Wells and Pumps in the Area were tested, and no supplies were found requiring more than 2 Scoops of Chloride of Lime. Numerous streams were also tested, and it was found that the reaction of this water in good weather was markedly Blue with one scoop. When it rained, the change was most remarkable, and so all running water was considered unfit for drinking purposes. It was found also that Middens, Pig-Sties, Cowsheds & Letrines drained into these streams when there was any rain. Pumps were used in preference to ordinary drawwells, but certain of these were placed out of bounds owing to their proximity to the usual manure dump. Faults in wells were also shown to water details.

RATIONS.

The issue of all Rations was good. There was a decrease in the amount of sugar and tea, which was greatly missed by the men. The bread supply was good, and there was a much more liberal supply than in January. Meat was up to its usual high standar a while extra vegetables were obtained locally from farmers. Bacon was only fair.

BATHS.

CLEAN

This Battn. was fortunate in being very close to the Brigade Baths, and most men had a hot bath at least once a week. The water-heating appearatus was inadequate, so that the numbers passed through in one day could have been doubled had the supply been better. This fault is at present being rectified by quadruplicating the heating Apparatus.

CLEAN CLOTHING.— This has been decidedly unsatisfactory.

During the first half of the month, the clothing was not clean, and complaints were made by the men, which were found to be correct. The clothing actually contained Lice and their eggs. Improvement was shown towards the end of the month. The supply of clothing was also inadequate. On their last visit to the Baths, this Battn. was supplied with Shirts and Socks only. There were no Singlets or Under-pants.

CLOTHING.

Opportunity was taken by me for inspecting men for skin r rashes while at the Baths, and a few cases of unreported Scabies were noted and sent away for treatment.

MEN AT SCHOOLS.

INSPECTION

OF MEN.

It was found in this Fattn. that quite a number of men who so away to small special schools of 2/3 weeks duration do not receive opportunities for bathing, and often come back to Battn. never having had a bath or change of clothes while away.

UNIFORMS.

During the month, Tunics and Breeches were ironed as part of routine treatment for Scabies and Louse-prevention. Two extra Irons were drawn from Brigade.

BLANKETS.

One visit was paid to this Battn. by THRESH Portable
Disinfector, and 1150 Blankets were fumigated. Two clean
Blankets were drawn from Ambulance when sick were evacuated.

INSPECTIONS.

The Battn. Details who work under R.M.O., Stretcher-Bearers, Water details, Sanitary Squad, and Medical Officer's Orderlies, were inspected by A.D.M.S., 2nd AUST. DIVN 14.2.18.

APPENDIX.

MEDICAL WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY, 1918, (contd)

INSPECTIONS.

The 6th Brigade Sanitary Officer paid 5 visits to this Battm. and his advice and suggestions were most useful.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL. During the Month 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R's. attached from 6th Fld.

Ambulance for water duties wire returned to their Unit.

They were replaced by 5 men from the Battn. one of whom had been with 6th Field Amb., and transferred to this Battn.

3 others had been Regtl. Stretcher-bearers of at least 12 months standing, while the 5th man is a male nurse in civil life. These 5 men have been instructed in their duties, and have also been given a course of elementary nursing in first aid.

RECIMENTAL STRETCHER-PEARERS. A double squad (32 men) have been trained in duties of Regtl. Stretcher-bearing during the month.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. A 1-day school for water details from 6th Brigade Area was held at SELLES on 26.2.18. by O.C., Let Aust. Sanitary Secn. The water details of this Battn. attended.

CIVILIAN SICK.

Civilian sick have been visited and treated in their homes, medicines and dressings being supplied from Battn. stock. A mild epidemic of Broncho-pneumonia occurred among the young. Two cases of failing heart in elderly people were treated. One case of Pulmonary T.B. and two cases of tubercular glands of the neck, as well as one case of Primary enemia, were sent to BOULOGNE for Hospital treatment.

The suggestion is offered that all cases for treatment should report to the MAIRE, except in cases of extreme urgency. A good deal of time could be saved also if those cases which could be brought to the M.C. visited a central Depot, where a fixed hour for consultation could be arranged between the Maire and the M.C.

1.3.18.

M. Jimmono Major, R.M.O., 22nd Battn., A.I.F. MEDICAL

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Trep top 1 at mo octh Events and Information	Remarks ar references Appendice					
FROMENTE	L.Feb.	,lst.	The 21st Battalion having taken over the Billets at FROMENTEL, BULESCAMP, and HARLETTES on the night of 31st Jan./1st Feb., the Billets were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition for the most part. In a few cases the earth floors were damp. By the use of straw,						
			waterproof, and paliasses any danger from this source was greatly obviated.						
			Temporary trench latrines were constructed adjacent to Billets.A trick incinerator was available at "C"Company, HARLETTES, for refuse.An incinerator was made at "D"Company, BULESCAMP, to dispose of refuse there.						
ii .	- 11	-2nd.	The water point was at ALQUINES and consisted of a spring coming out from the side of a hill. The water had been tested on previous day by an N.C.O.of Water Details and was found to be very good. The blue colour in first cup of Horrock's set was not discharged after half an hour.						
			The chlorination of water - 1 Scoop to water cart - was carried out by water details, and only water from water carts was used in the unit for all purposes. R.A.P. established at Hqrs Billet and subsidiary R.A.P. at "D"Company Hqrs.						
11	11	3rd.	No suitable billet could be found for Battalion Rest Station. Where possible men were detained in Billets and attended to by the Water Duty Details - One attending to "A"Coy, One "D"Coy, & One "B"&"C"						
11	11	12th.	Companies. No cases of infectious disease were found existing among the civilian population. L/Sgt E.J. Caudwell, Ptes Henderson, and Moore were transferred from A.A.M.C. to 21st Bn.4.2.18. L/Sgt Caudwell carries out the duty of N.C.D. in charge of Water Details.						
			Latrine Seats were supplied through Prigade Sanitary Officer By use of these deep pit latrines were established.	3					
11	11	16th.	The unit was bathed at the Baths of 5th F.A.Bde, A.I.F., at ALQUINE.Fresh clothing and socks were provided.	-					
11	11	18th,	Stretcher Bearers, Water Details, and N.G.O- Medical Officer's Orderlies were inspected by A.D.M.S., 2nd Aust.Division.						
11	10:	19th.	Capt.R.L.Poulton R.M.O.granted English Furlough.Relieved by Capt.A.J.Reye, 6th Aust.Field Amb.						
"	- 11	21st.	Extra Latrine Seats provided through Brigade Sanitary Officer.Latrines were rendered flyproof by seat lids and sand-bagging of sides of boxes.	57					

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Place	Date	Hour	PERIOD 1st TO 28th FEBRUARY 1918. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks a references Appendic
FROMENTEL.	Feb.	,2lst	None in the latter half. Cases exacuated to Hospital were chiefly scabies and influenza. Several cases of venereal disease weree evacuated. These were contracted in London or Paris. It was not possible to trace	
			any venereal cases to local infection.	
"	11	25 th	. Unit Bathing Parade at 5th Bde Baths, SENLINGHEM. 603 All Ranks were bathed and provided with clean underclothing and socks.	
11	19	26 th	Battalion was put through gas in Corps Gas Trenches beyond HARLETTES. No casualties.	
	n .	27th	Battalion practised attack on Wood, outside HARLETTES.R.A.P. established just behind J.O.T. Stretcher Bearers showed good knowledge of first aid treatment of wounded.	
			R.M.O. (Temp.) 21st Battalion A.I.F.	
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28th Battalion A.I.F.

A.M.C Work with the 28th Battalion.

During the Month the Battalion have been in Billets in

LE WAST.

There has been a decided improvement in the health during this period. The total number of the cases evacuated to Field Ambulance being 26.

There is little of interest to report.

In accordance with A.I.F.Order, A.M.C details attached to this Unit were transferred to 7th Field Ambulance., and the following men from the Battalion selected in their place.

No.231 Pte Briggs E 4700 " Gooper E -9914 " Sawyer N.B 4894A " Sorenson E

No. 217 L/CPl Brown J.W was transferred from 7th Field Ambulance and taken on strength of this Unit.

These men have received a course of instruction in their new

duties .

The training of Regimental Stretcher Bearers has been carried out as usual. Lectures on First Aid being given by the M.O. Lectures were also given to all men of the Battalion on Venerbal Disease and on Sanitation to N.C.O's.

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WAR DIARY OF MEDICAL UNIT OF 24th BATTALION, A.I.F.

On January 31st the A.M.C. took over a small room in village of LOTTINGHEM to serve as R.A.P. A small stove was procured and shelves built and the place made moderately comfortable. Permission to use a Nissen Hut near LOTTINGHEM Station was obtained, and this was lined with heesian; stretchers, blankets and medical comforts were got and it was converted into a small hospital to accomodate 12 patients. The Companies were very scattered, "D" Coy. being over a mile from R.A.P., so that it was necessary to hold two sick parades each morning, one at R.A.P. and one at "D" Coy's billets. The R.M.O's inspection was done each day on horseback. The water in all the billets was tested and each well labelled stating the amount of chloride of lime necessary for chlorination. As all Companies with one exception ("D" Coy, whose water supply was drawn by watercart) drew water direct from wells by means of dixies, the method of chlorination became a matter of some difficulty. To obercome this a R.S.B. was placed on guard at each well. His duties were to make up a stock solution of chloride of lime each morning and to see that all water drawn was chlorinated. The water details were all engaged in work at R.A.P. and Hospital, and could not be spared for this duty. A Syllabus of Training extending over 14 days was drawn up for stretcher-bearers and reserve stretcher-bearers. (Attached is copy of Syllabus.) The chiropodists also were given a course of lectures and practical work. On Feby. 14th the R.S.B. Sanitary details and medical details were inspected at R.A.P. by A.D.M.S. On Feby. 15th the A.M.C. datails attached to battalion were returned to 6th Field Ambulance and their place was taken by hattalion men, 3 of whom were chosen from stretcher-bearers. L/Cpl.Jones originally R.M.O's orderly was promoted to Cpl. and put in charge of these men. The health of the men is now very good. Early in the month diarrhoea was very bad amongst the troops. On Feb. 18th we began to treat all cases of diarrhoea that reported in the Battalion Hospital, and kept them more or less isolated. At the present time there is very little diarrhoea indeed in the Battalion, only an occasional case reporting on sick parade. Scabies was also very bad in the battalion early in the month but now there are fewer cases reporting. On night's of 14th, 15th and 16th February, all the men's clothing was ironed in the billets with a view to destroying lice and vermin. The whole battalion has been inspected for venereal disease, skin disease and bad feet. The number of cases of venereal disease detected was very low indeed, but a fair number of cases of skin disease was Picked out.

Donald W Coutts Major RMO 24th Batt.

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OF TRAINING FOR BATTALION STRETCHER-BEARERS.

- Outline of general duties of S.B's in and out of the line,
- Brief outline of .-(a) Anatomy
 - (b) Physiology.
- 3. The heart, its functions. (a) Blood circulation (via arteries & veins)
 - (b) Arterial and venous haemorrhage. c) Internal and external haemorrhage.
 - (d+ Arrest of external haemorrhage (pressure points)
 - (e) Compression by tourmiquet
 - (f) Kinds of tourniquets.
 - (g) Treatment of internal haemorrhage.
- 4. Fractures and their treatment.
 - (a) Causes
 - by Varieties
 - (c) Signs of fracture Early treatment
 - e) Splints
 - f) Moving of patient
- 5. Bandages and bandaging.
 - (a) Description of varieties
 - (b) Applications.
- 6. Wounds.
- (a) Description of nature
- (b) Dressing of same
- 7. Bearing.
- (a) Moving of wounded
- (b) Carrying of wounded (Gassed cases)
- 8. Improvising.
- a) Tourniquets
- b) Splints
- c) Bandages and dressings
- d) Stretchers
- 9. Course of Practical training in Field
 - a) With supplied material
 - (b) By improvising of material
- 10. Examination.

Honald & Coults Major RMO 24th Batt.

25th. Australian Infantry Battalion A.D.M.S. 2nd. Australian Division. Medical War Diary for month of February 1918 for The Battalion has been in rest for the month in an area "A" Company and Headquarters details, signallers runners et

25th. A.I. Battalion. used very little for billetting in the past and never to the same extent. A large number of billets are in use and scattered over a

wide area. Average ration strength for month 890.

occupy one village where 12 separate billets are in use. Measles cases have been evacuated from two of "A" Company's billets but the outbreak has been very limited, only give cases. The men in these billets, 58 in all, are completely isolated and the whole of "A" Company's area has been put out of bounds to the remainder of the Battalion.

"C" Company and the Transport have as a billet and old

brewery situated on the outskirts of "A" Company's village.

"B" Company is just under a mile away and occupies two large farm-houses both of which have a none too plesant midden in the centre of the yard. In one of these billets there was a case of diptheria but no furthur trouble.

"D" Company is about a mile and a half from Battalion Headquarters and occupy four farm-houses which are all widely

separated.

little weakness.

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Health: - Attached is a tabulated return of evacuations and diseases. Two of the five measles cases were definate and three sent away as N.Y.D. Measles?.

Four V.D. One venereal was of long standing. Two

Gonorrhoea and one Syphillis, all contracted in England. There was only one evacuations for P.U.O. although there were a large number of cases reporting about 30 in all and a very peculiar feature was that an extraordinary high percentage were from "A" Company, especially the two billets in which the measles cases were. When these billets were isolated the P.U.O. cases were treated in the billet with Sod. Sal. and Quinine and all recovered after two or three days. Temperature, some being up as high as 103, when temperature settled down they seemed quite fit with very

SANITATION: - As this area had been used very little as a billeting area there was practically no latrine accommodation and only one small incinerator. Since arrival we have put in Fifty-one box latrine seats and thirteen "kangaroo" seats also four incinerato i.e., one per Company. The Sanitary details are arranged as follows: - 1 Sgt. in charge and four 0/Rs. on Headquarters and 1 0/R per Company, who looks after the whole Company area in conjunction with line pioneers.

This arrangment I consider more satisfactory than having

eight men on Headquarters.

Battalion Rest Station: - An old estaminet is being used and up to ten patients can be kept. The great majority were P.U.O. and about fifty men were treated. About 80% being returned to their Companies, the remainder having eventually to be sent to the Field Ambulance.

Blue Light: - A small compartment has been set aside for preventative treatment and the leave lorry drops the men there every night. Round about 150 have received treatment and not a

single case has developed venereal disease.

Bathing Arrangments: - On arrival here there was no bathing accommodation for the men and battalion, both had to be arranged. The boiler in a disused brewery was used for heating the water and from it is run into a vat where 15 men can bath at a time and as many as 230 can be put through in a day.

The prelimenary washing takes place in a trough of chlorinated water. While the men are being bathed two flat irons

are in use on their tunics and breeches.

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TABULATED RETURN

-	Trench Fever	P.U.O.	Diptheria.	V.D.	Measles.	Scabies.	Pi	uerisy.	Rheumonia.	Deafness.	Weils	disease	Cystitis	Nephritis
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Septic Throat.

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