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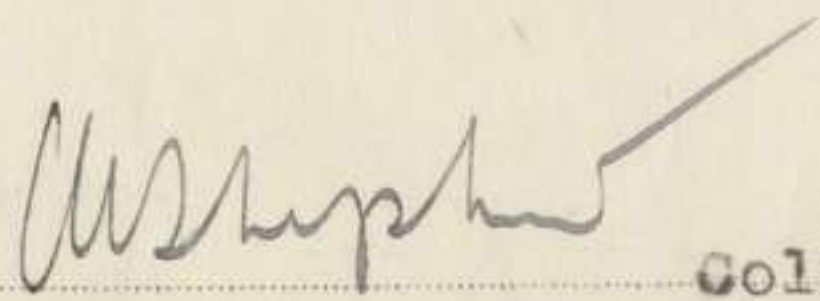
WAR DIARY


OF

A.D.M.S., "B" Australian Division until noon 19th April 1919
S.M.O., Australian Corps, from noon on 19th April 1919

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>MARCINELLE.</u>	1.		R.M.O. 2nd Aust. Tunnelling Co instructed to report to C.O. "B" Aust. Divl. Field Ambulance for duty. C.O. "B" Aust. Divl. Field Ambulance to be responsible for medical attention of 2nd Aust. Tunn. Coy.	
	2.		A.A.M.C. order No 1 issued. (APPENDIX No 1) Captain F.G.T.C. DEGRESPIGNY appointed medical officer to Quota No 28 to assemble on 6th April 1919.	APPENDIX 1.
	3.		Major PARKINSON C.K. assumed duties of D. ADMS. "B" Aust. Division. Embarkation Quota No 26 entrained at CHARLEROI. A.A.M.C. allotment 1 officer and 5 other ranks. Captain GIBSOB S.G. M.O. to Quota. No 101 dental unit attached to 5th DA.C. demobilised. Personnel despatched to report S.O.A.D.S. LONDON.	
	4.		Instructions issued for 5th Aust. Sanitary Section to be reduced to "B" Cadre forthwith. All attached personnel to be returned to their respective units and remainder of unit to be amalgamated with No 2 Aust. Sanitary Section. Dental Unit No 35 attached 2nd Aust. Tunnelling Co demobilised. Personnel despatched to United Kingdom.	
	5.		A.A.M.C. order No 2 issued regarding reporting of M.O's. (Appendix No 2.) No 4 Dental unit attached 6th Aust. Field Amb. demobilised. Personnel despatched to SO.A.D.S. LONDON.	APPENDIX 2.
	6.		assembled at "B" Divl. wing CHARLEROI. Quota No 28 entrained. Train inspected by D.A.D.M.S. Allotment 1 officer and 3 Sgts, 76 other ranks (5th Aust. Division), Captain De Crespigny medical officer to the Quota. Captain D.G. MAY transferred to A.G.B.D., LE HAVRE.	
	7.		Quota No 28 entrained. Train inspected by D.A.D.M.S. who reported favourably upon sanitary conditions of same. Captain C. JAMES & Capt. MATTHEWS O. entrained for U.K. with other personnel of "B" Cadres of 5th & 7th Aust. Fld. Amb. respectively.	

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MARCINELLE.	8		<p>8/14/15th Aust. Fld. Amb. moved from WALCOURT to MONT SUR MARCHIENNE . 15th Aust. Field Amb. reduced to Cadre "B". Remainder of personnel of 8/14/15th Aust. Field Amb. amalgamated with 5/6/7th Aust. Fld. Amb. and formed combined unit called "B" Div Group Field Ambulance under command of Lieut-Colonel A.R. CLAYTON DSO . Lieut-Colonel SAVAGE V.W. DSO proceeded to report D.M.S, A.I.F. LONDON for disposal. Instructions issued for Captain BRITTEN, R.M.O. 5th D.A.C. to assume duty as R.M.O. 5th Aust. Div. Artillery. to report Captain ROBERTSON R.M.O. 14th A.F.A. Bde auxiliary to C.O. "B" Aust. Divl. Field Amb. for duty.</p>	
	9.		<p>Quota No 31 assembled at "B" Aust. Divl. Reinforcement Wing . A.A.M.C. allotment officer to Quota. (5th Aust. Division). Captain EARNSHAW P.A. medical Major SOLLING, Captains, Power, Le Soeuf, and Lamrock proceeded to report to D.M.S., A.I.F. LONDON for disposal.</p>	
	10		<p>Quota No 31 entrained for LE HAVRE. Captains COX L.B. and BARRETT A.H. proceeded to report to D.M.S. A.I.F. LONDON. "B" Cadres 8th and 14th Aust. Field Ambulances entrained en route to U.K. WOODWARD.</p>	
	11.		<p>Captains ROBERTSON & KEKING proceeded to report to D.M.S. A.I.F. LONDON . Dental Units 2, 22, and 23 demobilised and personnel proceeded to report to SO.A.D.S. LONDON.</p>	
	12.		<p>Major THOMPSON and NEWING proceeded to report to D.M.S.A.I.F. LONDON. 3,000 Blue label outfits received and units notified to collect when required.</p>	

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MARCINELLE.	13		<p>Embarkation quota No 33 assembled at "B" Aust. Divl. Reinf. Wing . A.A.M.C. allotment, 1 medical officer, 2 Sgts, and 54 other ranks. Captain TEMPLEMAN Medical Officer to Quota. Advice received that Captain DANIEL PL. admitted to hospital ex PARIS leave . Captain BALDWIN A.H. detailed as R.M.O. 6th A.I. Bde Battalion vice Captain DANIEL P.L.</p>	
	14		<p>Major LOWE G.B., D.A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust. Div. proceeded to report D.M.S. A.I.F. Quota No 33 entrained for LE HAVRE. Instructions issued to C.O. "B" Aust. Divl. Field Ambulance to relieve Captain SYMONS R.M.O. 7/8th A.F.A. Bde, who will proceed as M.O. to Quota No 36.</p>	
	15		<p>Captain HOWARD and remaining personnel of "B" Cadre 5th Aust. Sanitary Section reported to "B" Aust. Divl. Reinforcement Wing enroute to United Kingdom.</p>	
	16		<p>Quota No 36 assembled "B" Aust. Divl. Reinf. Wing . Allotment of A.A.M.C. 1 Medical Officer, 6 Sgts, 68 other ranks. Medical Officer to Quota Captain E.L. SYMONS. C.O. "B" Aust. Divl. Fld. Amb. instructed to relieve Captain S.G. DOWNER R.M.O. 8/15th A.I.F. Brigade Battalion, who is appointed medical officer to Quota No 38.</p>	
	17		<p>Quota No 36 entrained for LE HAVRE. R.M.O. 8/15th A.I. Bde Battalion to undertake the care of sick of 5th Aust. Div. Engs. Captain HOBSON G.E. to report O.C. "B" Aust. Divl. Field Ambulance for duty. Medical equipment of 5th Aust. Div. Engineers to be collected by "B" Aust. Divl. Field Ambulance and returned to Advanced Medical stores.</p>	
	18.		<p>Captain HOBSON G.E. instructed to proceed with Quota No 38 vice Captain DOWNER who will remain as R.M.O. 8/15th A.I. Bde Battalion. Captain DANIEL P.L. rejoined from hospital and resumed duties of R.M.O. 6th A.I.F. Bde Battalion. Captain BALDWIN A.H. returned to "B" Aust. Field Ambulance for duty.</p>	

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MARCINELLE.	19		<p>From 12 noon, Colonel SHEPHERD A.E. DSO, A.D.M.S. "B" Austg Division assumed duty as S.M.O. Aust. Corps.</p> <p>Offices of D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps and A.D.M.S. "A" Aust. Division ceased to function. Lt. Colonel MORLET C. appointed S.M.O. A1 and A4 Group. Major SUTTON M.G. D.A.D.M.S. "A" Group assumed duty as Asst. S.M.O. Aust. Corps.</p>	
	20.		<p>Gold dull day.</p> <p>Lt. Colonel MORLET S.M.O. A1 A4 Group visited S.M.O. Aust. Corps. to discuss deduction of 2nd Field Ambulance to "B" Cadre on 26/4/19.</p> <p>Quota No 38 assembled "B" Aust. Divl. Reinf. Wing.</p> <p>A.A.M.C. allotment 1 medical Officer, 6 other ranks.</p> <p>Medical Officer to Quota Captain HOBSON G.E.</p>	
	21.		<p>Quota No 40 (A4 Group) assembled "B" Aust. Divl. Reinf. Wing.</p> <p>A.A.M.C. allotment 1 medical Officer, 21 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Captain MORTON A.E. Medical Officer to Quota.</p> <p>102nd Dental Unit demobilised and personnel despatched to report to S.O.A.D.S.W LONDON.</p>	
	22.		<p>Fine day but cold.</p> <p>Allotment 1 Officer and 6 Other Ranks received for A.I.F. Quota No 46 assembling 3rd prox. A4 Group. Captain ALLEN T.G. R.M.O. 4/12 A.I. Bde Battalion appointed medical officer to the Quota.</p> <p>Remaining horses of "B" Aust. Divl. Field Amb. despatched to Base. No horses now on charge either A Or B Group Ambulances.</p> <p>S.M.O. visited D.M.S. No 4 Area at NAMUR. Asst S.M.O. visited "A" Group Field Amb.</p>	
	23		<p>Warm sunny day.</p> <p>Quota No 40 (Capt. Morton medical Officer) entrained.</p> <p>S.M.O. and Asst S.M.O. visited "B" Aust. Fld. Amb. to discuss amalgamation.</p> <p>Aust. Corps Medical Routine Instructions No 1 issued.</p>	APPENDIX 3.

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MARCINELLE -----	24		<p>Dull cold day, with hail in the afternoon. 5th 5th and 6th A.I. Bde Battalions having amalgamated Captain ALLPORT R.M. appointed R.M.O. of combined unit. Captain DANIEL P.L. instructed to report to C.O. "B" Divl. Field Ambulance for duty. Quota No 41 entrained for LE HAVRE. Captain BALDWIN A.H. medical officer to Quota. The allotment of A.A.M.C. was 1 medical officer and 6 Other Ranks. C.O.'s "A" and "B" Field Ambulances called to discuss final arrangements of amalgamation.</p>	
	25.		<p>Dull cold day. Major PARKINSON C.K. D.A.D.M.S. "B" Aust. Div. proceeded to report to D.M.S.A.I.F. LONDON for disposal.</p>	
	26.		<p>Drizzling rain falling. Heavier in the afternoon. 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance reduced to Cadre "B" and attached to "B" Aust. Divl. Field Ambulance. Remaining personnel of "A" Divl Group Ambulance amalgamated with "B" Divl. Field Ambulance at MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE under the command of Lieut- Colonel A.R. CLAYTON DSO. No 84 Dental Unit attached to "B" Aust. Divl. Field Ambulance but to remain in operation at present location (CHATELET). A receiving and evacuating Centre established at CHATELET by O.C. "B" Aust. Field Ambulance. 3 medical Officers and "B" Cadres 2 and 12 Field Ambulances remain to locally administer the post. Orders issued for 2nd Aust. San. Section to reduce to Cadre "B". Mob. stores and equipment to be handed into D.A.D.O.S. Aust. Corps Troops on 28/4/19, medical equipment to No 18 Advanced Depot Medical Stores CHARLEROI. Remaining personnel of 2nd Aust. San. Section to be attached to "B" Aust. Field Ambulance. 6th 6th Aust. Field Ambulance reduced to "A" Cadre.</p>	

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MARCINELLE.	27		Fine sunny day but cold. Raining later on. Quota No 43 (A1 Group) assembled at "B" Aust. Divl. Reinf. Wing. Captain HART Medical Officer to Quota. The A.A.M.C. allotment was 1 Officer and 42 Other Ranks. Headquarters Aust. Corps closed at NOON. Command of all A.I.F. Units in No 4 Area passed to G.O.C. "B" Aust. Divl. Group.	
	28.		Wet day, some hail. Quota No 43 entrained for LE HAVRE. Major GUEST J.V.H. proceeded to report to D.M.S. A.I.F. LONDON. At 9am command of all A.I.F. troops in No 4 Area passed to Brig. General E.F. MARTIN CMG DSO VD. S.M.O and staff attached to Brig. General Martin's staff from that hour and date. 2nd Aust. San. Section reduced to "B" Cadre.	
	29.		Lt.Colonel CULPIN E. O.C. 12 Aust. Field Ambulance proceeded to United Kingdom to report D.M.S. A.I.F. LONDON for disposal. 6th Aust. Field Ambulance reduced to "B" Cadre. Raining steadily all day.	
	30.		Raining steadily all day. Captains DANIELS, HYETT and ALLEN C.G. proceeded to report D.M.S. A.I.F. LONDON. Quota No 44 (B2 Artillery) assembled at "B" Aust. Divl Reinf. Wing. Captain NOWLAND R.E. MC medical Officer to Quota. A.A.M.C. allotment 1 Officer and 5 Other ranks. D.M.S. No 4 Area called to discuss future medical arrangements of Aust. Corps Group.	

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5/6/7th Australian Field Ambulance) |
| 2. | "B" Australian Division A.A.M.C. Order No.2
(Re-posting of Divisional R.M.O.) |
| 3. | Australian Corps Medical Routine Instructions No.1
(Amalgamation of "A" Div Group Ambulance with "B" Div
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"E" AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters.
2/4/19.

A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 1.

1. (a) The 8/14/15th Australian Field Ambulance will be reduced to "E" cadre forthwith.
 (b) Medical and surgical equipment will be returned to No 18 A.D. Medical Stores CHARLEROI. Receipts as laid down in A./D.M.S. Circular 4.D. 5/1 of 7/2/19 will be forwarded to this office.
 (c) Ordnance equipment will be handed in to D.A.D.O.S.
 (d) Red Cross stores will be handed to 5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance and receipts forwarded to this office.

2. The 8/14/15th Australian Field Ambulance will proceed on 8/4/19 by route march to MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE when "E" cadre will be attached and other personnel will be amalgamated with 5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance to form a combined unit to be called "B" Divisional Ambulance.

3. On completion of amalgamation Lieut. Colonel A.R. CLAYTON DSO will take command of "E" Divisional Ambulance.

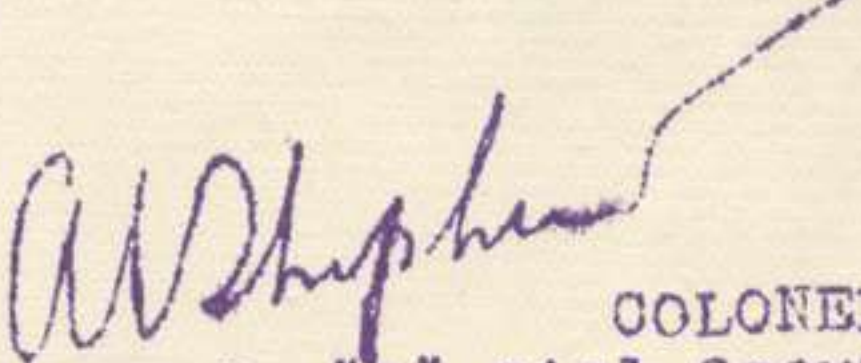
4. After 8/4/19 the O.C. "B" Divisional Ambulance will be responsible for :-
 - (a) Collection and evacuation of "B" Divl. sick.
 - (b) Maintenance of hospital accommodation for Divl. group.
 - (c) Detailing medical boards for completion of A.I.F. form 536.

5. No's 2, 23, ~~101~~, 112 Dental units will be attached to "B" Divisional Ambulance.

6. Field Ambulances acknowledge.

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 A.D.M.S. "E" Divl Group.

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"B" AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 2.

Captain DOWNER H.G. P.M.O. 8th Brigade Battalion will take over duties of P.M.O. 8/15th A.I. Brigade. Captain POWER R. P.M.O. 15th A.I. Brigade will report to this office.

On arrival of 5th Machine Gun Battalion and 5th Pioneer Batt. at Nalines Captain MEAGHER will assume duties as P.M.O. both battalions. Captain LE SOUEF will report to this office.

Captain MORAN P.M.O. 4/5 A.F.A. Brigade will arrange to take over duties of Captain BARRETT P.M.O. 36 H.A. Brigade forthwith. Captain BARRETT will report to this office.

C.O. 5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance will detail an officer to act as P.M.O. 7/8th A.F.A. Brigade. This officer will take over equipment of 8th A.F.A. Brigade. Captain SOLLING and Captain LAMROCK will report to this office.

C.O. 5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance will detail an officer to relieve Captain COX P.M.O. 5th Aust. Div. Engineers. Captain COX will then report to this office.

Captain MAY P.M.O. 5th Aust. Div. School will report to this office forthwith.

C.O. 8/14/15th Aust. Field Ambulance will instruct Captain EARNSHAW P.A. to proceed as Medical Officer with Quota No 31 in place of Major WILKINSON.

Captain OAKELEY P.M.O. Corps School JEUMONT will attend sick of Corps Mounted Regiment and Corps Cycle battalion daily at HAUTES WIHERIES. Captain SPOWLEY *P.M.O. Corps Mounted Regiment* will report for duty at *5/6/7th Aust. Field Amb.*

C.O. 5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance will arrange *sick parade* daily for 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion. Captain *NEWING P.M.O. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion* will report for duty to C.O. *5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance.*

On the movement of the 5th A.D.R.W. from BEAUMONT Camp in VMEC P.M.O. will report for duty to C.O. 5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Captain LIGGINS P.M.O. 53/55th Aust. Battalion will assume duties of P.M.O. 14th Aust. Brigade Battalion. Captain ALLPORT P.M.O. 56th A.I. Battalion will report for duty to C.O. 5/6/7th Aust. Field Ambulance.

C.O. 5/6/7th Aust. Field Amb. will arrange to collect medical equipment of the following units for return to store.

- 15th A.I. . Brigade Battalion
- 5th Machine Gun Battalion
- 36th A.H.A. Brigade.
- 7th A.F.A. Brigade
- Corps Mounted Regiment.
- 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.
- 56th A.I. Battalion

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On returning this equipment to A.D. Medical Stores one copy of receipts will be forwarded in each case to C.O. unit concerned for his unit records.

Of the officers concerned above instructed to report to this office, Captain MAY will receive instructions to proceed for duty to HAVRE and the remainder to report to D.M.S. A.I.F. for educational leave.



COLONEL.

A.D.M.S. "B" Australian Division.

Distribution.

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 "G" Branch E Divl. Group
 "A.O." "I Divl. Group.
 A.D.M.S. "A" Divl. Group.
 A.D.M.S. 3rd Aust. Div.
 8/15th A.I. Brigade.
 14th A.I. Brigade
 5th Mch. Gun. Batt
 5th Pioneer Batt.
 4th A.F.A. Bde
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 8th Do
 5th Aust. Div. School
 5th Div. Engrs.
 C.O. 5/6/7th Aust. Field Trb.
 C.O. 8/14/15th " " "
 Corps School JEUMONT
 Corps Mounted Troops & Cyclists
 2nd Aust. Pioneer Batt.
 5th A.D.F.W.
 38th H.A. Brigade
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Headquarters,
23rd April 1919

MEDICAL ROUTINE INSTRUCTIONS No 1.

1. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will be reduced to B Cadre on 26th April 1919.
All equipment and medical stores will be handed in as previously laid down.
Field Cooker will be handed over to "B" Australian Field Ambulance.
2. B Cadre, 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will be attached for duty to, and all other personnel of "A" Div. Group Field Ambulance will be amalgamated with "B" Aust. Div. Group Field Ambulance.
3. From 26th April 1919, C.O., "B" Aust. Div. Field Ambulance will be responsible for evacuation and collection of sick of all Australian troops in No. 4 Area and will establish a receiving and evacuating centre at CHATELET where Admission and Discharge Books will be kept.
4. All cases not likely to be fit for duty within 48 hours will be evacuated to C.C.S.
5. No. 84 Australian Dental Unit will be attached to "B" Aust. Div. Field Ambulance but will continue dental work at present location.
No. 18 Australian Dental Unit will be demobilized forthwith
6. 6th Australian Field Ambulance will be reduced to A Cadre on 26th April 1919 and to B Cadre on 29th April 1919.
7. Field Ambulances and Sanitary Section acknowledge.

W. H. P. H.

Colonel,
S. M. O.,
Australian Corps

Distribution

G. & A.C., Aust. Corps
 G. & A.C., "B" Aust. Division
 S.M.O., A1 & A4 Groups
 S.M.O., "C" Group
 D.H.S., No 4 Area.
 D.H.S., A.I.F.
 S.O.A.D.S., A.I.F.
 A.A.G., A.I.F.
 A1 & A4 Bde Groups
 B2 & B5 Bde Groups

A Div. Group Field Ambulance
 B Div. Group Field Ambulance
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