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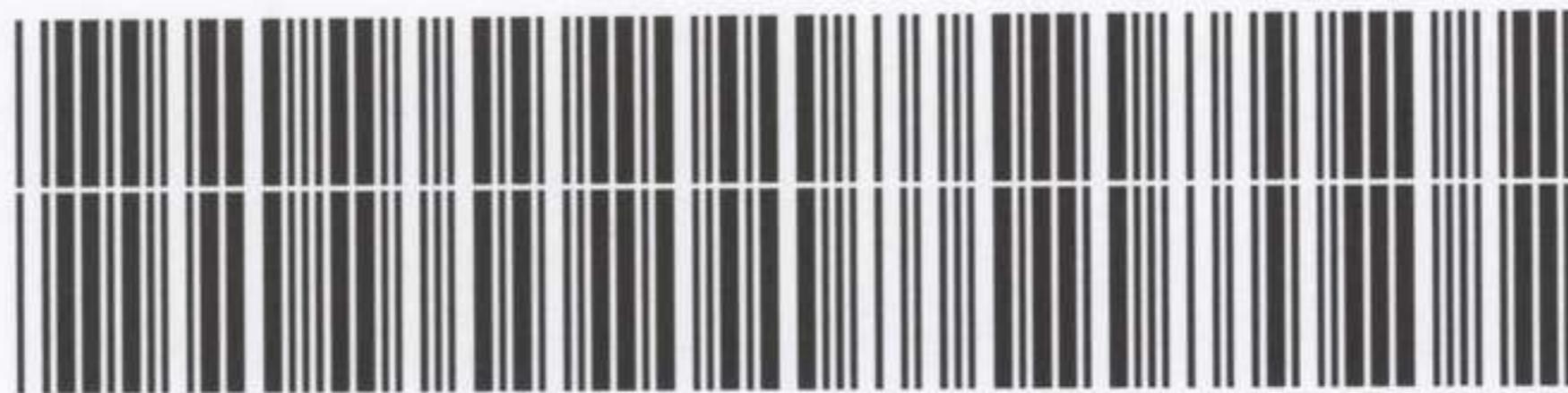
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

Medical, Dental & Nursing

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October 1916



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## WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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## VOLUME VIII

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELS	1/10/16		Received ADMS 387/16 "According to 1st Anzac 78/55 d/15 <sup>th</sup> May 1916, the following personnel has been withdrawn from Field Ambulances, making the establishment now 246 instead of 248: - 1 Sergeant A.S.C. (H.T.) 1 Driver A.S.C. (H.T.). Ambulances will retain the Sergeant who Army ANC cannot be retained by the A.S.C. Depot, & will show him as Supernumerary to Establishment. The position on falling vacant will not be filled again! In accordance with above No. 76 Sgt-DUNN AJ is transferred to Supernumerary list of NCO's & No. 70 Driver CHENOWETH E is transferred from the Transport to Bearer Subdivision.	W.H.A.
	2/10/16			W.H.A.
	3/10/16		22 other Ranks joined as reinforcements, these include 2 corporals No. 7798 Cpl WILSON H.G. & 7903 Cpl STERNBERG S. neither of whom knows anything of cooking <del>which which is</del> Temp? Cpl MARTIN therefore continues to discharge the duties of Cpl Cook.	W.H.A.
	4.10.16		No. 49 Temp? Cpl Packston Peiper Blackman P.O. reverts to his substantive rank of L/cpl or from 30.8.16 on ceasing to perform the duties of Packston Corporal "B" Section. No. 5-A Cpl Cambridge C is transferred to "B" Section tent Subdivision as Packston Cpl.	W.H.A.
			Letter (61) to ADMS. 1st Anzac asking that 6 Supernumerary NCO's be transferred to other units.	W.H.A.
	5.10.16		of the 22 Reinforcements which joined the unit on 3.10.16 4 have been allotted to Regimental Details, the remainder to A B & C Sections of the unit.	W.H.A.
	6.10.16		The 4 reinforcements allotted to Regimental Details left to join their respective units.	W.H.A.
	11.10.16		The issue to & training of personnel in use of Gas Respirators small is nearly complete.	W.H.A.
			Received court-orders from ADMS 14. Advanced dressing stations were moved from the area with instruction to hand over	
			Dressing Stations Advanced dressing stations open to 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Field Amb.	
	12.10.16		In accordance with these orders the O.C. the various stations were issued with the orders attached. BEDFORD HOUSE Advanced Dressing Station was handed over to 4 <sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance. 2 officers & 37 other ranks subsequently reporting back to this unit. The Advanced dressing station was handed over at 8 p.m.	1 Draft
	13.10.16		Forwarded to ADMS 14. Aust-Div a scheme for evacuation of sick & wounded from the area served by 1st Aust-Div in the YPRES Salient planned to avoid the necessity of passing through YPRES. Map attached. Railway deposit Advanced Dressing Station, Little Gati & Pruischau collecting posts were handed over to 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust F. Amb about 10 p.m. 2 officers & 50 other ranks returned to H.Q. at midnight.	W.H.A.
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	15.			W.H.A.

## WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of events and information
RENINGHELT	14.10.16		BRANDHOEK main dressing H-H was handed over to 6 <sup>th</sup> Amb-F. Amb at 9 a.m. 3 officers & 46 other ranks returned to HQ.
STEENVOORDE	15.10.16		marched out of Camp at Reninghelst which was handed over to 6 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb at 9.30 A.M. with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inf Regt under Brigad orders & arrived at STEENVOORDE at 4 P.M.
NOORDPEENE	16.10.16		marched out of STEENVOORDE at 8.30 a.m. & arrived at NOORDPEENE at 5 p.m.
EPERLEQUES	17.10.16		marched out of NOORDPEENE at 8.30 a.m. arriving at EPERLEQUES at 6 p.m. Capt-Lient R.C.
	18.10.16		RUTTER reported for duty as Quartermaster from RAS EL TIN convalescent Depot.
	17.10.16		Capt J.C. MAYO left the unit transferred to No. 2 Amb-Gen. Hospital.
	19.10.16		Capt MCKILLOP A reported to the unit for temporary duty.
	19.10.16		Capt MCKILLOP A soon sent under ADMS instruction to 9 <sup>th</sup> Amb-Inf B-S to which he had been posted to duty as M.O. Capt TEAGUE & other rank left as advance party in Motor Amb Car 24071.
	20.10.16		Started polling on the Military Service Referendum Oct 1916.
			5 motor Amb Cars left for VIGNACOURT at 7 a.m. to join no. 1 Convoy going to VIGNACOURT.
			Continued polling on the Military Service Referendum Oct 1916. Was unable to post Ballot papers same night as no Field Post Office was available. Entained at ARQUES +
ERGNIES	21.10.16		Stranded out of station at 2330.
	22.10.16		Arrived at ST RICQUIER at 0945. Detained & marched to ERGNIES arriving at 1515.
	22.10.16		All horse drawn transport left at 0930 to march with Brigade Transport to 15 <sup>th</sup> Corps Area.
	24.10.16		Two Motor Ambulance Cars reported at 0800. One Ford Car broke back axle near GORONFLOS.
	30.10.16		Lef by Motor Amb. at 1 p.m. arrived at BIRE at 5 p.m. marched to DERNANCOURT.
			marched to POMMIERS Camp arriving at 8.30 p.m.
	31.10.16		Took over ADS & advanced post from 87 <sup>th</sup> Inf Field Amb. placing 1 officer & 6 stretcher Squads at North Flers & Bull trench collecting posts respectively 2 squads per each being supplied to the corresponding Regimental Aid Posts. 1 officer & 7 squads at E.FLERS collective post. 1 squad at the Wagon Rendezvous & the balance of the Ambulance at the ADS between BERNAFAY WOOD & LONGUEVAL. 1 Sunbeam & 1 Ford Car & 3 Horse drawn Amb. wagons reported from 12 <sup>th</sup> Amb-F. Amb. also 3 Sunbeam Cars from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amb-F. Amb.
			3 Sunbeams & 1 Ford Motor Amb. Cars reported from 14 <sup>th</sup> Amb-F. Amb. also 3 Officers & 111 other Ranks as extra Bearers.
			Debarked the stretcher bears at Advanced post - note fresh bears.
			Attached is statement of Officers & OR transferred & evacuated to D.R.S. & CCS respectively through the F. Ambulance during the month.

Mr. M. Heame Lt-lvl  
C.O. 2 Amb-F. Amb

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## 1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## Appendix N° 1

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2nd. Australian Field Ambulance,  
11/10/18.

To.

The following has been received from the A.D.M.S. 1st. Australian Division:-

"A.A.M.C. ORDER NO. 110 BY COLONEL STURDEE C.M.C.V.D.A.D.M.S."

- "1. The 2nd. Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by the 4th. and 2 5th Australian Field Ambulances on the 13th and 14th. inst.

The Advanced Dressing Station at RAILWAY DUGOUTS (Sheet 28 I.21. c.1.8.) and the Main Dressing Station at BRANDHOEK (Sheet 28 G 12 b.8.8.) will be taken over by the 5th. Australian Field Ambulance the relief of the former to be completed by 2400 on the 13th. inst., and of the latter by 0800 on the 14th. inst.

The Advanced Dressing Station at BEDFORD HOUSE (Sheet 28 I 26 a.2.8.2.) will be handed over to the 4th. Australian Field Ambulance; relief to be completed by 0900 on the 13th. inst.

The wagon rendezvous at LILLEGATE will be closed and the Town Major of YPRES notified.

2. The 1st. Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by the 13th. Australian Field Ambulance by 0900 on the 14th. inst.

3. Baths will close at 1800 on the 13th. inst., and details will return to their units the same evening.

4. 450 blankets, 150 stretchers, and two wheeled stretchers will be taken by each Field Ambulance; all surplus will be handed over to the relieving unit together with other equipment and stores above establishment; a receipt being obtained and a copy being sent to this office.

5. The 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. Australian Field Ambulances will move with their respective Brigade Units Groups, under the orders of O.O's.C. Of Infantry Brigades. The Dental Sections will move with the Field Ambulances to which they are attached.

6. Water Wards will be knowledged relieved as instructed in Order No. 51 by D.D.M.S. 1st. A.A.M.C.A.C. and will rejoin their units

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Signed) A.R. STURDEE COL.

A.D.M.S.

11/9/18.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Similar orders have been issued in the other Divisions concerned and parties from the incoming Field Ambulances may be expected shortly. O.O.C. BEDFORD HOUSE and RAILWAY DUGOUTS

Advanced Dressing Stations, and BRANDHOEK Main Dressing Station will arrange with them for the above outlined exchanges.

In store at Headquarters of this Field Ambulance are 250 blankets and 21 stretchers. In order that this unit shall be equipped with the blankets, stretchers, and wheeled stretchers required under para 4 of A.A.M.C. Order above quoted, it will be necessary for the O.O. Railway Dugouts A.D.S. to bring away with him 23 stretchers and 4 wheeled stretchers and also to ensure that the 3 Horse Drawn Amb. wagons are equipped with their full complement of blankets and stretchers.

The O.O. Bedford House will require to bring 20 stretchers and 2 wheeled stretchers. The O.O. Brandhoek Main Dressing Stn., will require to bring 50 stretchers and 150 blankets and also to ensure that all motor ambulances have their full complement of stretchers and blankets. It is presumed that all personnel have already been issued with their 2nd. blanket each.

All blankets, stretchers and wheeled stretchers surplus to the above and all other stores and equipment above establishment will be handed over to the incoming unit, receipts being obtained and forwarded to this office. All trench maps will be handed over.

Lillegate and Krusraat Collecting Posts will be administered by the O.O. Railway Dugouts A.D.S.

*Armitage* Lieut-Col.  
C.O. 2nd. Australian Field Ambulance

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## Appendix No 2

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1st Australian Division.2nd Aust. Fld. Amb.  
13/10/16.

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To,  
A.D.M.S.

1st Aust. Divn.

Herewith I submit a scheme for evacuation of sick and wounded from the area at present served by the 1st. Aust. Divn.

Regimental Aid Posts exists at Railway Cutting I.29.C.3.6., Sunken Road I.28. d 1.3. and Bluff I 33.A.9.9.

Advanced Dressing Stations at Railway Dugouts I 21.c.2.8. and Bedford House I 26.A. 8.2.

Tram lines run from Sunken Road to the YPRES-DICKEBUSCH Road at H.24.A.9.5.and from Bluff Regimental Aid Post to join the first line near TROIS ROIS About 300 yards north of Bedford House.

Patients brought along either of these lines can be conveyed by trolley to within 100 yards of the KRUISSTRAAT Collecting Post at H.24.A.6.9. Here are 5 bomb-proof dugouts and in the ruined buildings adjoining ample room for more.

A short carry from the tram terminus or rather from the point where the tram cuts the YPRES-DICKEBUSCH Road can be comfortably performed by wheeled stretchers, and after dressing at KRUISSTRAAT Post conveyance would be by Motor Ambulance Cars along the road marked in heavy pencil lines either to BRANDHOEK Main Dressing Station or any other site which may be selected.

I would strongly urge that the KRUISSTRAAT Collecting Post be developed into an Advanced Dressing Station, it would not only serve the left of our line, but, also relieve the right in the event of Bedford House being overburdened.- Furthermore there is another system of tram lines serving the area on our left which converges upon KRUISSTRAAT, and which would enable cases in an engagement in that area to be sent through to that station and so relieve pressure on the other Advanced Dressing Stations.

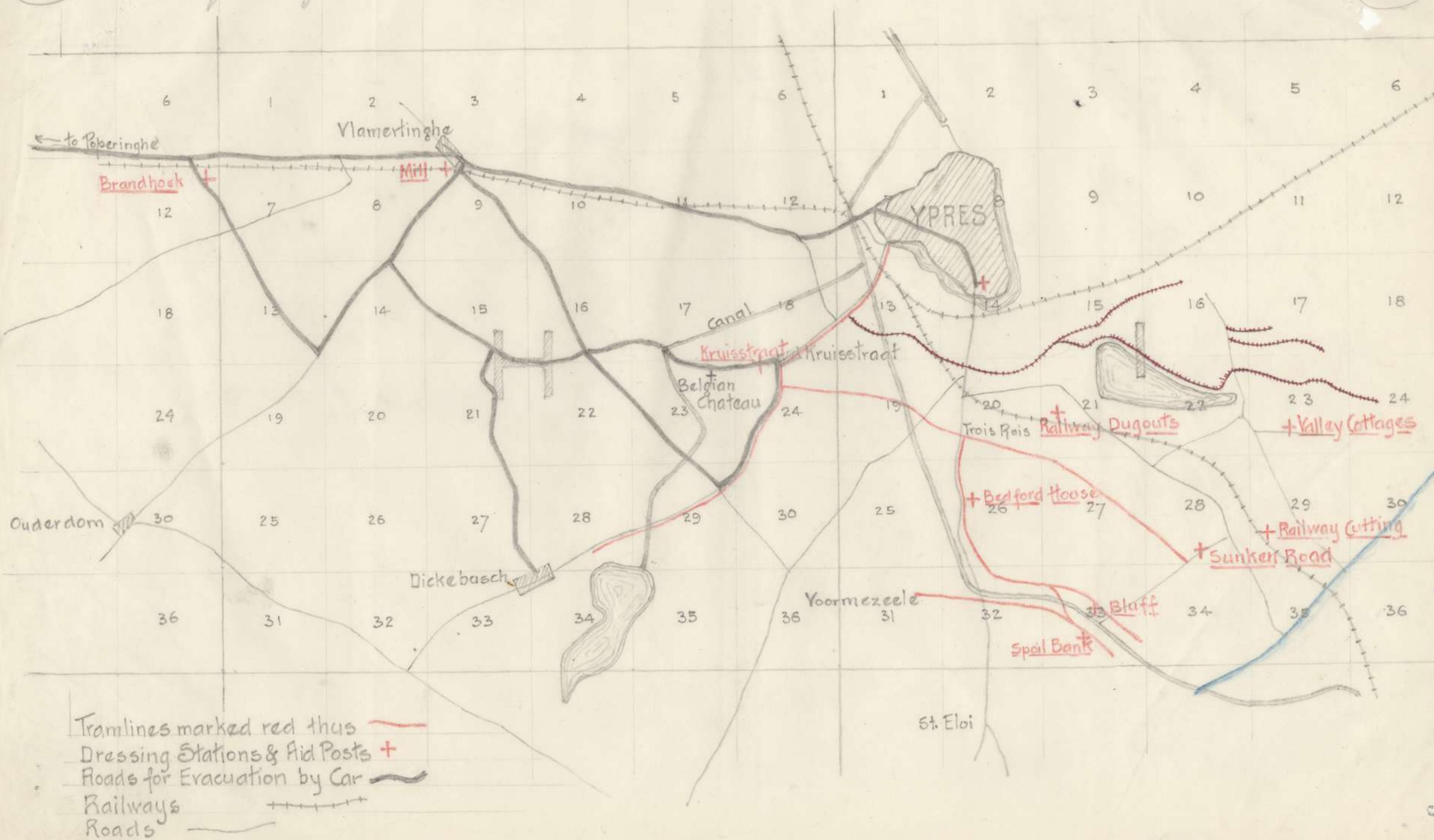
I regard KRUISSTRAAT as the key to the whole position as regards evacuation clear of YPRES.

Lt-Col,  
C.O. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

13/10/16.

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RETURN OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKSTRANSFERRED AND EVACUATED TO D.R.S. & C.C.S. THROUGH THIS AMBULANCE

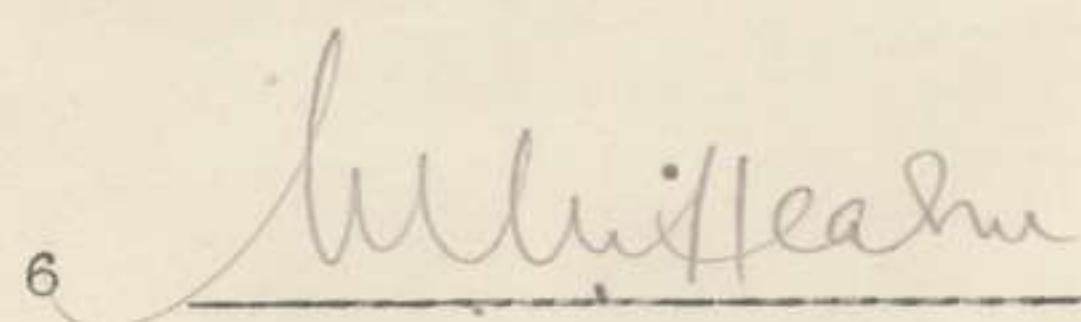
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

----- OTHER RANKS -----

----- OFFICERS -----

Date	D.R.S.		C.C.S.		D.R.S.		C.C.S.	
	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded
1	8		16	15			1	2
2	8		8	14			1	1
3	14		11	4	1			
4	18		16	4				
5	18		14	19			1	1
6	31		12	1				
7	14		13	6			1	1
8	17		6	1				
9	16		8	5			1	
10	12		18	18				1
11	9		12	8			1	
12	15		21	5			2	2
13	22		5	15				
14	28		7	6				
15	1		1					
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26			32					
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28			20				2	
29			9					
30	10		9					
31	30		13				3	
Total	280		367	121	1		15	6

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Lt. Col.

O.C. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.