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# WAR DIARY

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WIPPEN-HOEK.	1/10/17.		This Ambulance (less Bearer Subdivisions) handed over the 1st Aust.Divisional Rest Station to the 3rd Aust.Field Ambulance, in accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No.25, and marched to H.27.C.1.9. to take over the 1st Anzac Corps Main Dressing Station from the 13th Aust.Field Ambulance. Only severe cases requiring attention are treated here under ordinary circumstances, and then sent on to Remy Group C.C.S's. Appendix No.1. <del>and</del> the standing orders being a general outline of the working of the Main Dressing Station.	Bo Kay/11/17
C.M.D.S.	2/10/17.		Capt.S.O. COWEN reported to this Unit for duty from Base.	
"	"		Three Officers and 97 O.R's of the 12th Aust.Field Ambulance marched in and came under administration of this Unit until they were required as Stretcher Bearers up the Line.	Wm
Appendix No.2.	3/10/17.		Orders again published re "Screening of Lights on account of raids from hostile aircraft". (Under orders from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac a reserve of 16 large Ambulance cars will be formed of the 4th & 5th Aust.Divisions Ambulance Cars, and to be held at C.M.D.S. at the disposal of (A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust.Division. <i>These cars duly reported.</i>	Wm
"	"		At 2200 orders were received for 1 Medical Officer and necessary personnel to man the Ambulance train running between YPRES & REMY SIDING, from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Divn. in his AM/279.	
"	4/10/17.		Orders received from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Division for 28 P.B. men to report to O.C. YPRES Entraining Centre for duty.(A.D.M.S. AM/161).	Wm
C.M.D.S.	4/10/17.		0130 AM/165 dated 4/10/17 was received by phone from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Division :- Arrange to send one Bearer Division in Reserve at C.M.D.S. to report to O.I/c Ambulance Post at BELGIAN Battery Corner in lorries to leave C.M.D.S. at 0800. 2 Officers and 99 O.R's left here at 0800.	Wm
"	"		In accordance with A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Divn Instructions, Major.E.W. GUTTERIDGE and 10 O.R's proceeded to YPRES Railway Station for duty on the Ambulance <sup>train</sup> leaving from here at 0800, of this number only 1 Officer & 4 O.R's were required, the other 6 rejoining here.	Wm
"	"		28 P.B. men were despatched on lorries from C.M.D.S. to report to an Officer of the 6th Aust. Field Ambulance at YPRES Entraining Centre for duty.	Wm
"	1130		D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac verbally instructed that the Stretcher Bearers of the 13th Aust.Field Ambulance, (1 Officer & 89 O.R's), be sent for duty to the A.D.S. MENIN ROAD, where they were sent to report to Lieut-Col.BRENAN,M.C., leaving here at 1200 in lorries.	Wm
"	1820		49 O.R's of the 1st Aust.Field Ambulance bearers proceeded to the A.D.S. for duty under verbal instructions from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Division.	Wm
"	1630.		1 Officer & 74 O.R's, stretcher bearers of the 15th Aust.Field Ambulance reported here to be at the disposal of D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac.	Wm
"	2100.		Priority wire received from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Divn (AM/170 d/4/10/17), to send all available reserve bearers to the A.D.S. Walking Wounded YPRES MENIN ROAD. 2 Officers & 74 O.R's of the 15th Aust.Field Ambulance were sent up in motor lorries. These are all the bearers in the C.M.D.S.	Wm

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C.M.D.S.	5/10/17.		No entry.	
	6/10/17.		do	
	7/10/17.		do	
	8/10/17.		Capt. COWEN proceeded to the A.D.S. for duty with 1st Aust. Field Ambulance, owing to a shortage of Medical Officers there.	Wm/10/17
	10/10/17.		Capt. YOUNG proceeded to the 5th Aust. Infantry Bn, as R.M.O. vice CARLILE on leave.	
	10/10/17.		Under orders from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division, the personnel at the C.M.D.S. DICKEBUSCH handed over the C.M.D.S. to the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance, and marched to LANDOUVER FARM at G.21. b.5.8. The stretcher bearers of this Unit were brought down from the A.D.S. MENIN ROAD in motor busses to LANDOUVER FARM. <i>arriving there at 1200 and</i>	Wm
G.21.b.5.8.	11/10/17.		This Unit is evacuating the sick of the troops in the area of the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.	Wm
	12th to 17th.		No entries.	
	18/10/17.		Under orders from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division, 25 men are to report daily for 3 days to A.D.S. YPRES for duty. They leave LANDOUVER FARM at 0700 in lorries provided under arrangements made by D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC.	Wm
	21/10/17.		Medical Arrangements Operations No.6. received from D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC through A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division. (Appendix No.3).	Wm
	"		Letter No.110/16 from this Unit to A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division stating approximate requirements. (Appendix No.4).	
	"		Administrative Instructions re Location of Transport, Dumps, Water Supply, R.E. Stores, Ordnance, Pack animals, and Battle Stores. (Appendix No.5).	
	22/10/17.		A.A.M.C. Order No.28 d/22/10/17 was received at 1820 directing Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY & 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance to take over A.D.S. YPRES, and the Medical Arrangements for the evacuation of the Forward Area. Preliminary Instructions No.3., Series 6, for method of Evacuation received from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division. Maps have been drafted showing the route. <i>It is attached to appendix No.6</i>	Wm
	23/10/17.		Special Movement Order for taking over the A.D.S. and Evacuation of the Forward Area issued to all Officers & N.C.Os. concerned. (Appendix No.6).	Wm
	24/10/17.		Stretcher bearers proceeded forward in motor busses to YPRES, LILLE GATE, (MICA TUNNEL). This Unit, less the bearer Division, moved by March Route to the Advanced Dressing Station at I.7.c.5.7. YPRES, where the administration of the line was taken over by Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY at 1000 from the 13th Aust. Field Ambulance. The whole of the Evacuation of the Forward Area behind the Front held by 1st Aust. Division, was passed to Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY at 1000. The scheme	Wm



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	24/10/17.		of Evacuation is as described in Appendix No. 6, and Diagramatic Map, being portion of Square D Sheet 28.N.W. 1:40,000 The Quartermaster's Store and Transport are parked at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER with the major part of the stores and the records of the unit. One Tent Subdivision of the 1st Aust. Field Ambulance has reported to BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER for duty, and is evacuating the sick of the 1st Aust. Division in the neighbourhood of YPRES. No. 18 Aust. Dental Unit has reported for duty at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER.	W. May at Col
YPRES. I.7.C.5.7.	25/10/17.		The stretcher bearers of the 1st Aust. Field Ambulance ( 2 M.O's & 60 O.R's) have marched to YPRES, and are situated at MICA TUNNEL Dugouts, LILLEGATE. The stretcher bearers of the 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance ( 2 M.O's & 60 O.R's), have reported and are situated at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER. These two Bearer Divisions are Reserves at the disposal of Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY., O.C., A.D.S. YPRES. The arrangements for 26/10/17 are as follows :- 6 Horse Ambulance Wagons will be on the run between the WAGON LOADING POST and the MOTOR LOADING POST instead of four, and if the casualties are very heavy the WAGON LOADING POST will be temporarily advanced to D.26.b.6.4. There will also be 6 Motor Ambulances on the forward circuit. If extra stretcher bearers are required Major. A.F. JOLLEY will telephone to A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division, who will call on the O.C., A.D.S. YPRES. Only 20 cases have passed through the A.D.S. to-day.	W. May
	26/10/17.		The scheme of Evacuation remains the same. Nineteen (19) stretcher cases two hundred and twenty six (226) sitting cases passed through the A.D.S. to-day. The stretcher bearers of the 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance have been brought up to the MICA TUNNEL Dugouts, YPRES. A party of Engineers are busy improving the Regimental Aid Post. A party of Infantry erected and sand-baged a Cupola shelter at the WAGON LOADING POST, but immediately the thing was erected it was shelled and knocked down. Capt. R.P. YOUNG has been detailed as O.C., Ambulance Train. The train reported at the A.D.S. Siding at 1100 and was loaded with 226 walking wounded, mostly Canadians. TRAIN DEPARTED 12.00 The second train arrived at 1700 and departed at 1730, carrying 81 sitting wounded.	W. May
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	October 1917.		The undermentioned Honours & Awards have been awarded to Members of this Unit during month of October 1917:-	
			No.131 Sergt. STEWART.J.McD. Distinguished Conduct Medal.	
			No.18a " LIGHTBODY.J. Military Medal.	
			No.161 Corpl. MARR.L.G. " "	
			No.49 " BLACKMAN.P.O. " "	
			No.5296 Pte. WHELAN.D. " "	
			No.273 " BEVAN.P.T.J. " "	
			No.145 L/Cpl. LANG.W. " "	
			No.186 " <del>KANE</del> POTTER.J.H. " "	
			No.86 " DOWSETT.R.W. " "	
			No.1573 Corpl. MITCHELL.T.W. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.attached 7th Bn.A.I.F. Military Medal	
			No.9599 Pte. PAYNE.P.J.G. do do " "	
			No.2048 Corpl. PAYNE.A. 1st Aust.D.S.C. attached 2nd Aust.F.Amb. Military Medal.	
			No.3571 Dvr. WAKEFIELD.W. do do " "	
			No.2360 " CALVERT.A.D. do do " "	
			No.175 Cpl. NILSSON.P.O. Bar to military medal. 2nd Aust. Field ambulance	
			Casualties for month of October 1917 :-	
			Wounded. 11 O.R's.	
			Sick. 29 O.R's.	
			Reinforcements taken on Strength:-	
			O.R's 21.	
			Personnel rejoined from Hospital:-	
			O.R's 19.	







1st ANZAC CORPS MAIN DRESSING STATION.STANDINGORDERS.

By Lieut-Colonel.W.E. KAY. C.O.,  
1st October 1917.

1. All cases to be evacuated to REMY GROUP C.C.S's.
2. Attention is drawn to Corps Medical Arrangements, Order No.5., and to 2nd Army Circular re treatment of wounds in Field Ambulances.

3. DUTIES - MEDICAL OFFICERS ON DUTY.

1. To see all cases coming here by cars or train, and take off those requiring :-

- (a) Redressing for haemorrhage.
    - (b) Splinting for fracture.
    - (c) Resuscitation from shock.
    - (d) Badly gassed cases.

- All other cases will be passed on to REMY GROUP C.C.S's., after inspection.

- Any patient who will stand the further journey to C.C.S. will not be taken out of the car.

- As few dressings as possible to be done.

- No patient is to be allowed to pass here with a tourniquet affixed.

2. To do sick parades for surrounding Units.

- All hospital cases go to REMY GROUP C.C.S's.

4. SECTION DUTIES.

Day duty from 8.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. "A" Section.

Night duty from 8.30 p.m. to 8.30 a.m. "C" Section.

Gassed cases. "B" Section.

5. BOOK-KEEPING.

A record is to be kept of the number of men on Sick Parades daily, also particulars of the number of Sick cases evacuated to C.C.S.

Particulars of those removed from cars and treated.

(Sgd) W.E. KAY. Lieut-Colonel.,  
1st Anzac Corps Main Dressing Station.  
(2nd Australian Field Ambulance).



(Appendix No.2).

SECRET.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
October 3rd. 1917.

2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

The following extracts from para. 2. of D.D.M.S.  
1st ANZAC Medical Instructions No. 38 of 2nd.inst, is forwarded  
for your information :-

" A reserve of sixteen large Ambulance Cars, formed  
by eight from the 4th. and eight from 5th Australian Divisions  
will be held at the Corps Main Dressing Station, 28-H.27.c.2.8.  
These cars will report at C.M.D.S. at 4 p.m.- 3.10.17,  
and will be at the disposal of A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust.Division."

(Sgd) (W.J.STACK. Major,)  
for Colonel.A.D.M.S.  
1st Australian Division.



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(Appendix No.3)

In reply please  
quote No.110/16.

2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

21/10/17.

From C.O., 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

To., A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Division.

Reference Evacuation of the Forward Area.

Having investigated the present method of evacuation employed by the 4th Aust.Division, and taking it for granted that I do not have to supply any personnel for duty at the Station on Menin Road, I consider I could have the evacuation carried out by my own Ambulance with the following additional help :-

1. BEARERS. The whole bearer divisions of both the 1st. and 3rd. Aust.Field Ambulances. When not actually in the line these bearers could be held in reserve at the RAMPARTS-YPRES and at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER.

At present 90 bearers are employed in the line, and I consider that in busy times, twice this number would be required. i.e., two bearer divisions. This leaves one bearer division in reserve.

2. HORSES & HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES.

- (a) Four Ambulance wagons and six four horse teams (24 Horses).

- (b) Two water carts with two horse teams.(4 horses)

This would give me sufficient horse teams to run six Ambulance wagons continuously with 8 hour reliefs, and sufficient water carts and teams to keep the R.A.P's and the A.D.S. supplied with water.

3. MOTOR AMBULANCES.

Six extra " Sunbeam" Motor Ambulances with orderlies.

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This does not take into account, requirements of drugs, dressings,blankets and stretchers, which I cannot ascertain until I receive a list of stores to be handed over by Lieut-Col.WELCH.

(Sgd) W.E. KAY. Lieut-Colonel.,  
C.O. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.



FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL H.Q's.

21st October 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL  
INSTRUCTIONS No.1. Series No.3. dated 20th October 1917.

TRANSPORT.

First Line Transport will be located in vicinity of  
CAFE BELGE.

DUMPS.

Main Divisional Dump is situated at H.22.b.9.2.(BARMY DUMP).  
Advanced at WESTHOEK, J.7.b.5.3.  
Brigade Dump is situated at D.22.d.6.5.(CEMETERY DUMP).

WATER SUPPLY.

Main water point, I.12.c.5.5.

Tested wells are located at -

D.27.d.7.7.

D.27.a.7.7.

8 water carts are at disposal of Brigades.

R.E. STORES.

Main Dump, KRUISSTRAAT.

Advanced Dump at D.27.a.7.4. (St. JOSEPH).

ORDNANCE.

Normal supply of Ordnance stores will be continued but an  
Advanced Dump will be established at (H.28.c.1.1. (DICKEBUSCH)  
vide A.D.M.S. AM/350.

PACK ANIMALS.

Units will detail following animals to report to Lieut.  
SMITH. A.A.S.C., at I.14.o.6.9. (outside LILLE GATE) at 1600  
on 23rd instant.-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	18
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.	18
3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	18
Each Fld. Coy. Engrs.	1
1st Pioneer Bn.	3

1 N.C.O. to accompany each Brigade Group and 1 ~~par~~ man  
per animal. Nose bag, grooming kit and 1 bucket to accompany  
each animal. Pack saddles will be provided. 48 hours rations  
to be carried.

Above personnel and horses will be temporarily detached  
from Units and will be controlled by Lieut. SMITH.

BATTLE STORES.

To be drawn at Advanced Ordnance. Relieving Brigades will forward  
return of ammunition, stores, etc., taken over on relief, to  
Divisional Headquarters 24 hours after hand over is completed.

(Sgd). F.E. COPPLESTONE, Capt for Lt-Col.  
A . A . & Q . M . G .  
1st Australian Division.



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(Appendix No.3 Continued).

2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.  
22/10/17.A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division.  
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In continuation of my 110/16 d/21/10/17., I would like to add the following to my requirements :-

1. As I have no Corporal Farrier I have only one Farrier for duty, and would be glad to have one Private Farrier from another Field Ambulance to report to BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER at 1000 on 24th. inst.

2. I would like a Transport N.C.O. to come from each Ambulance to look after his own horses while in the line.

3. The following is a list of the main articles handed over by Lieut-Colonel. WELCH at the A.D.S. :-

BLANKETS. At A.D.S. YPRES ... 184.  
In Forward Area ... 280.  
At Belgian Bty Corner. 100.

STRETCHERS. At A.D.S. YPRES ... 67.  
In Forward Area ... 236.  
At Belgian Bty Corner. 50.

SPLINTS. Assorted. At all posts about. ... 40.  
Drugs, dressings, and Medical Comforts ... Q.S.

Re Splints. I am indenting on the No.2 Canadian Advanced Depot, Medical Stores for the following splints, this morning :-

	INDENTED FOR	Supplied.
Thomas Leg Splint.....	50	
" Arm " .....	20	20
Robt. Jones Arm Splint..	15	10
Wooden back splint leg.	40	50
Hinged reversible arm splint..	20	
Wooden internal Angular arm splint	50	50
Flat wood, forearm splint ...	50	20

#### RE BLANKETS & STRETCHERS.

I have not indented for these as I understand I can obtain them from the C.M.D.S. on an order from D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC.



(Appendix No. 4.)

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy No. 10.

A.A.M.C. Order No. 28.

-By-

Colonel, R.B. HUXTABLE. D.S.O., V.D., A.D.M.S. 1st Australian Division.

Map reference :- Sheet 27 1 : 40,000.  
 Sheet 28 1 : 40,000.

1. The 1st Aust.Div. will relieve the 4th Aust.Siv. in the line on 23rd inst. and night of 23/24th inst.

Lt-Col. 2. (i) The C.O. 2nd Aust.Fld.Amb. will take over Medical  
 W.E. KAY. Arrangements for the clearance of the Divisional Forward Area at the A.D.S., YPRES, and all forward posts from 13th Aust.Fld.Amb.

- (ii) He will have at his disposal :-

Bearer Divisions of 1st Aust.Fld.Amb. and 3rd Aust.Fld.Amb.

Two horsed ambulance wagons with 3 teams of 4 horses from both 1st Aust.Fld.Amb. and 3rd Aust.Fld.Amb.

One water cart & 4 horses from both 1st Aust.Fld.Amb. and 3rd Aust.Fld.Amb.

3 Sunbeam Cars from both 1st and 3rd Aust.Fld.Amb.

- (iii) His Hdqrs will be at A.D.S., YPRES, with horse lines at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER.

- (iv) Moves to be completed by 10 a.m. on 24/10/17 by mutual arrangement between C.O's concerned.

Lt-Col. E.T. 3. 1st Aust.Fld Amb. (less bearer divn) will move to BELGIAN  
 BRENNAN.M.C. BATTERY CORNER on 24th inst., and will arrange for collecting and evacuation of the sick of all 1st Aust. Divnl. Units in the CANAL and adjacent areas.

Lt-Col. A.G. 4. 3rd Aust.Fld.Amb. (less Bearer Divn) and Details at Corps  
 BUTLER.D.S.O. Central Bureau, will remain at D.R.S. WIPPENHOEK.

5. Dental Sections will be located as follows :-

No. 3 at C.M.D.S. DICKEBUSCH.  
 No. 5 " D.R.S. WIPPENHOEK.  
 No. 18 " 1st Aust.Div. Reinforcement Camp. CAESTRE.

6. Attention is drawn to Medical Arrangements 1st Anzac, Operations No. 6. Copies of which have been issued to Fld Ambces. Instructions contained therein are to be carefully adhered to.

7. A.D.M.S. Office will close at SCOTTISH LINES at 10 a.m. on 24/10/17 and will re-open at RENINGHELST at the same hour and date.

8. A C K N O W L E D G E .

Issued at 1800  
 D.H.Q.  
 22nd October 1917.

(Sgd) W.J. STACK, Major  
 for Colonel., A.D.M.S.  
 1st Australian Division.



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2nd AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.SPECIALMOVEMENTORDER.

By Lieut-Colonel.W.E. KAY. C.O.,  
23rd October 1917.

2nd Australian Field Ambulance will move out of Landouwer Farm to the A.D.S. and line in accordance with the following orders :-

1. Capt. Green in charge of 2 horse ambulance wagons, 4 G.S. wagons, and 2 water carts, filled, will move out at 1400 to-day 23rd.inst., to Belgian Battery Corner.

Wagons and loads will be parked at Belgian Battery Farm house. Horses and horse ambulance wagons will be left at Belgian Battery Horse lines.

The unexpended portion of 24 hours rations will be carried for horses and men.

2. Capt.Flock in charge of the Bearer Division of this Ambulance will move out at 1530 to-day, 23rd.inst., in lorries to Lille Gate, Ypres (Mica Tunnel) where he will establish a Reserve Bearers' Resting place.

2 Cooks will accompany this party with enough cooking material for 100 men, including 1 oven.

Water. 50 filled petrol tins to go with this party.

Rations. Each man will carry the unexpended portion of to-day's rations, and an additional 24 hours.

3. The remainder of the Ambulance will move out by march route to Belgian Battery Corner at 0600 to-morrow 24th.inst.

Major.Gutteridge in charge of "B" Section Tent Subdivision on arrival at Belgian Battery Corner will immediately have this Section's equipment taken to A.D.S. YPRES, and unpacked, being ready to start work by 1000.

Water. 1 water cart filled, will accompany this party.

Rations. The unexpended portion of the Day's rations will be carried.

4. Capt.Davis in charge of 10 men of "C" Section Tent Subdivision will remain behind to clean up the Camp.

23.10.1917.

(Sgd) W.E. KAY. Lieut-Colonel.,  
C.O. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.



(Appendix No.6.)

2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

24/10/17.

To -  
 A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Divn.  
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I beg to report that BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER and the ADVANCED DRESSING STATION - YPRES were taken over this morning at 1000 in accordance with your instructions of 22/10/17.

Major.A.F. JOLLEY is the Officer in charge of the Forward Evacuations, and is situated at D.26.c.1.3., and reports that Evacuations from the Forward Area is being arranged as follows :-

1. R.A.P. for two Battalions in the Line is at SODA WATER FACTORY ZONNEBECKE. (Map location - Sheet 28.D.22.c.o.o.)

Ambulance personnel at this post comprise Captain FLOOK and eight stretcher squads. From here the carry is along the road to the Corduroy Track, North of the Main YPRES Railway Line in D 21.d. central, thence along the Corduroy Track North of the Railway line and along the road to the Wagon Loading Post at D.25.b.2.1. as marked blue on the accompanying map.

2. WAGON LOADING POST.

Ambulance personnel here consists of Captain COWEN, one squad and one runner.

Evacuation from here is by Horse Ambulance wagon to the MOTOR LOADING POST at C.29.d.6.1. thence by Motor Ambulance to the A.D.S. YPRES.

3. RAILWAY DUMP.

Ambulance personnel consists of Major.A.F. JOLLEY, 10 squads, 1 Batman, and one runner. The trip from SODA WATER FACTORY to the Wagon Loading Post is made by one carry without relays, the squad then returning to RAILWAY DUMP whence a new squad is sent to SODA WATER FACTORY.

Cases have been coming down satisfactorily during the day, forty three (43) cases have been passed through this A.D.S. since taking over at 1000 to-day.

4. RESERVES.

The following personnel have reported to me as Reserves :-

1st Australian Field Ambulance.

2 Officers - 60 O.R's now situated at MICA TUNNEL Dugouts  
 LILLEGATE.

3rd Australian Field Ambulance.

2 Officers - 60 O.R's now situated at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER.

All horses, horse drawn Ambulances, water carts, Motor Ambulances, and personnel required to be attached to me under your instructions have duly reported, and are being used in relays as occasion arises.

One Tent Subdivision of the 1st Aust. Field Ambulance has reported for duty, and is located at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER doing sick parades under Captain HUMPHRIES, and evacuating the sick of the 1st Aust. Division in the vicinity of YPRES.

No.18 Aust. Dental Unit has reported for duty at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER and is established there.

(Sgd) W.E. KAY. Lieut-Colonel.,  
 C.O. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.



