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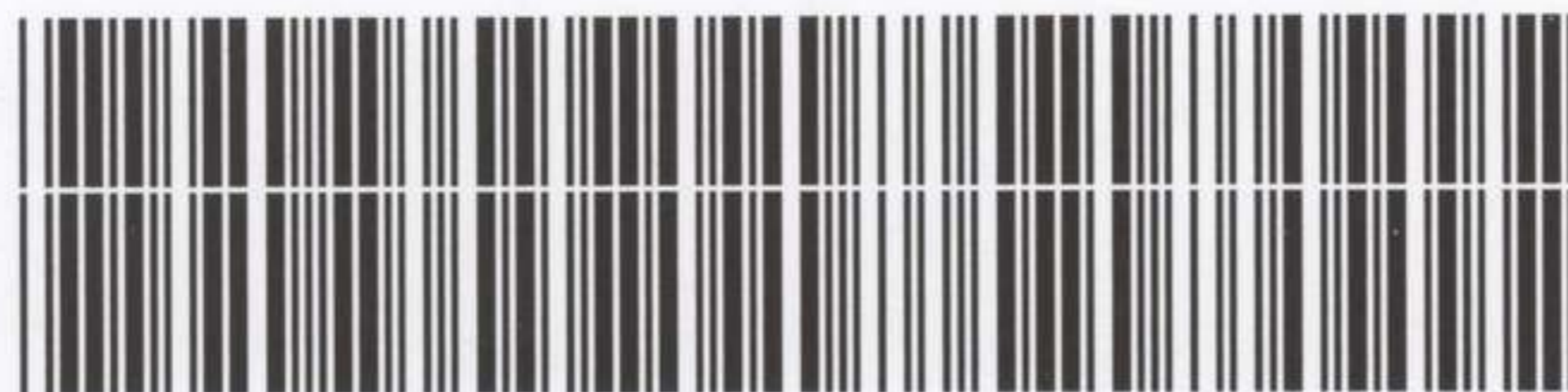
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WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian Field Ambulance

FOR

February 191*8*

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2ND AUST. FIELD AMB
No. 1

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
D.R.S. BAILLEUL.	1/2/18.		Took over from the 11th Aust. Field Ambulance 160 patients, the majority of whom were 3rd Aust. Div. personnel. Many minor repairs and construction works carried out at the D.R.S., several wards being overcrowded, the beds were rearranged to make possible a thorough cleaning out and overhaul of these places. The station was rearranged to hold 200 patients including 50 in convalescence. The allotment of wards is as shown in Appendix No. 1.	W.K.
"	2/2/18.		During the 24 hours 29 patients were admitted, and 2 were evacuated to C.C.S. 1st Aust. Div. admissions amounted to 10.	W.K.
"	3/2/18.		Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY proceeded on leave to England. Major H.C. NOTT assumed command. 176 patients remained in hospital, of whom 159 are Australians, the admissions were 24, discharges to duty 15, evacuations to C.C.S. 13.	W.K.
"	4/2/18.		172 patients remained in hospital, of whom 155 are Australians, there have been 23 admissions, 10 discharges to duty, and 17 evacuations to C.C.S.	W.K.
"	5/2/18.		176 patients remained in hospital of whom the majority are Australian, there have been 25 admissions, 10 discharges to duty, and 11 evacuated to C.C.S.	W.K.
"	6/2/18.		174 patients remained in hospital, 27 were admitted, 13 evacuations to C.C.S., and 16 discharges to duty.	W.K.
"	7/2/18.		143 patients remained in hospital, 16 were admitted, 27 evacuations to C.C.S., and C.R.S. and 20 discharges to duty.	W.K.
"	8/2/18.		141 patients remained in hospital, of whom 131 are Australians. there have been 14 admissions, 7 discharges to duty, and 9 evacuations to C.C.S.	W.K.
"	9/2/18.		149 patients remained in hospital, of whom 136 are Australians, there have been 32 admissions, 14 evacuated to C.C.S. & C.R.S., and 10 discharges to duty.	W.K.
"	10/2/18.		154 patients remained in hospital, of whom 138 are Australians, there have been 22 admissions, 12 evacuations to C.C.S. & C.R.S. and 5 discharges to duty.	W.K.
"	11/2/18.		158 patients remained in hospital, of whom 146 are Australians, there have been 26 admissions, 8 evacuations to C.C.S. & C.R.S., and 14 discharges to duty.	W.K.
"	12/2/18.		144 patients remained in hospital, of whom 136 are Australians, there have been 10 admissions, 11 evacuations to C.C.S. & C.R.S., and 13 discharges to duty.	W.K.
"	13/2/18.		Major M.G. SUTTON proceeded on leave to Paris. The D.R.S. BAILLEUL was inspected by the D.M.S. 4th Army, and the D.D.M.S. Australian Corps. Both Officers expressed themselves pleased with the conditions prevailing in the Station.	W.K.
"	14/2/18.		152 patients remained in hospital, of whom 144 are Australians, there have been 16 admissions, 7 evacuations to C.C.S. & C.R.S. and 8 discharges to duty.	W.K.

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D.R.S. BAILLEUL.	15/2/18.		All Medical Details rejoined this unit from combatant units to-day. Many transfers from these ranks have been approved. The Station was inspected by the G.O.C., 1st Aust. Division, who was very pleased with the method in which the D.R.S. was conducted, particularly with the condition of the horse lines and harness.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	16/2/18.		169 patients remained in hospital of whom 157 are Australians, there have been 21 admissions to hospital, 5 evacuations to C.C.S. & C.R.S., and 8 discharges to duty.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	17/2/18.)		The average of patients remaining, etc., remains the same.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	18/2/18.)			<i>W.K.</i>
"	19/2/18.		Capt. A.J. BOTHAMLEY joined this unit from the 1st Aust. C.C.S. Capt. S.O. COWEN left this unit to join the 1st Aust. C.C.S. under instructions received from A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	20/2/18.		Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY returned from leave and resumed command. Capt. A.J. BOTHAMLEY is detached to the 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn. as temp. R.M.O. Capt. T.R.E. DAVIS is detached to the 5th Aust. Infantry Bn. as temp. R.M.O. The official photographer attended, and photographed the personnel of the Unit.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	21/2/18.		Capt. R.A.R. GREEN proceeded on leave to England.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	22/2/18.		Major M.G. SUTTON rejoined from leave to Paris. Capt. E.M. McCAFFREY was transferred from temp. duty as R.M.O. with the 6th Aust. Inf. Bn. as Temp. R.M.O. 5th Aust. Inf. Bn., and Capt. T.R.E. DAVIS rejoined this Unit.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	23/2/18.)			<i>W.K.</i>
"	24/2/18.)		No entry.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	25/2/18.		Orders were received from the A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division relative to the impending move from the D.R.S. Bailleul, to the D.R.S. & Scabies Station, KEERSEBRON.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	26/2/18.		The Unit Annual Dinner, followed by a Concert, given by the Unit Concert Party "The Sundowners," took place in the evening starting at 5.30 p.m. The expenses were met by Regimental Funds. The Unit was fortunate in securing a large hall in the neighbourhood for this occasion, and 300 places were occupied by present and past members of the Unit, and guests. Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY took the chair. D.H.Q. was represented by Colonel R.B. HUXTABLE, D.S.O., V.D., A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division, and Major H. LEE, D.S.O., M.C., D.A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division. Corps Headquarters by Major R.B. CHAPMAN, D.S.O., D.A.D.M.S. Australian Corps. The dinner was followed by the Concert programme. The performance was particularly creditable as it was the maiden performance of the party, which will now be a standing institution of the unit. The evening was most successful and the thanks of the C.O., and members of the Unit to those responsible for the success were duly promulgated in Unit Routine Orders.	<i>W.K.</i>
"	27/2/18.		The 1st Aust. Divisional patients amounting to 122 approximately will have to be transported from the D.R.S. Bailleul, to the D.R.S. Keersebron. Arrangements for carrying out this move	<i>W.K.</i>

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D.R.S. BAILLEUL.	27/2/18.		are well in hand. About 50 Scabies cases are to be taken over from the 1st Aust. Field Ambulance, (1st Aust. Divisional Scabies Station) and transferred to the Scabies Station, Keersebron, which will be run by this Unit. Move to be complete by 10 a.m. on 1.3.18.	W.Kay/GC
"	28/2/18.		A special movement order issued by Lieut-Colonel W.E. KAY is appended herewith, as appendix No. 2.	W.K.
			During the month the following were evacuated to hospital Sick :- To C.C.S. 4 O.R. to D.R.S. 19. Rejoined from Hospital 24. Reinforcements taken on Strength 3 O.R. Transfers Off 1 O.R. 10.	W.K.

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BAILLEUL.

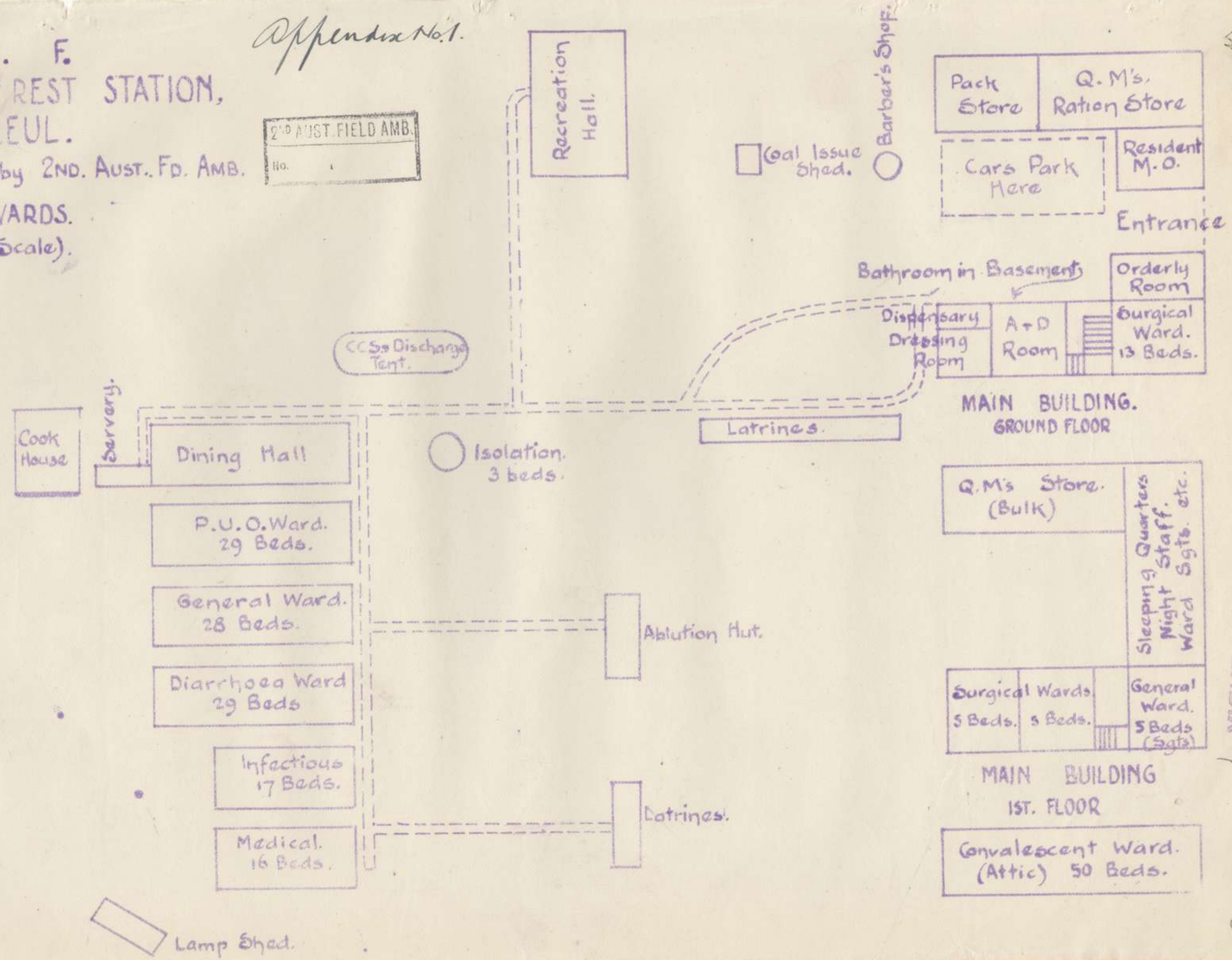
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PLAN OF WARDS.
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APPENDIX



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Appendix No. 2 to 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance War Diary-month ending 28.2.18.

2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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No. 1

SPECIAL MOVEMENT ORDER.

By Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY. C.O.,
28th February 1918.

In accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No.32, the 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance will move out of the D.R.S., BAILLEUL, in the following order :-

1. ROUTINE.

Reveille	...	6.30	a.m.
Breakfast	...	7.0	"
Fall In	...	8.0	"
Move Off	...	8.30	

2. Major H.C. NOTT in charge of "B" Section, will move off at 8.30 a.m. to KEERSEBRON CAMP, and take over the Scabies Camp, and prepare to immediately receive 100 patients from RAVELSBERG CAMP.

3. Major E.W. GUTTERIDGE in charge of "C" Section will march out at 8.30 a.m. to MCGILLIGAN CAMP, and take over the D.R.S. and prepare to receive 120 cases immediately from the D.R.S., BAILLEUL.

4. Capt. T.R.E. DAVIS with 1 Sergt., and 6 O.R.'s, will take charge of lorries leaving BAILLEUL at 8.30 a.m. and take over from O.C., 1st Aust. Field Ambulance, the patients of 1st Aust. Division at RAVELSBERG, giving a receipt. He will immediately transfer them along with their packs to KEERSEBRON CAMP, in motor lorries.

5. Major F. LOVEGROVE in charge of "A" Section will move out of the D.R.S., BAILLEUL at 10 a.m. leaving behind sufficient N.C.Os. and men, in charge of 1st Aust. Divisional patients to load them into lorries during the morning.

6. Transport under W.O. MANSELL, will move out of BAILLEUL at 10.15 a.m. and proceed to KEERSEBRON CAMP.

7. No.3 Dental Unit will move with "A" Section, and set up in MCGILLIGAN CAMP as soon as possible.

8. Men will carry packs. Blankets will be brought on parade rolled in water-proof sheets, when they will be stacked and brought on later in lorries.

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

Appendix No. 3

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to
2nd Australian Field Ambulance War Diary for month
ending 28 . 2 . 18.

MEDICAL REPORT.

The number of cases admitted to the D.R.S. from 1st to 25th February 1918, was 482, of these 238 were returned to duty during that period, averaging 10 to 12 days in hospital. 206 were transferred to C.R.S. (1st Aust. C.C.S.) and 47 sent to C.C.S.'s for evacuation to the Base.

Prevailing Diseases. P.U.O. was by far the most prevalent disease; 114 cases having been treated. The usual type was one in which the temperature on admission was 100°, falling to normal about the 3rd or 4th day, and then running an uneventful course to recovery, the patient getting up about the 6 or 7th day, and after a couple of days of convalescence being discharged to duty. In some cases a secondary small rise of temperature occurred about the 4th day after the temperature became normal. These fevers were accompanied by the usual symptoms of a mild pyrexia and exhibited no unusual manifestation. The so-called Trench Fever is included under the P.U.O. diagnosis and accounts for about a third of the cases of P.U.O.

Another type of pyrexia was noticed in which the temperature for a week perhaps ranged between 100° and 102°, with a morning drop to the normal region. The usual pyrexial symptoms were present sometimes accompanied by a mild diarrhoea. These cases were usually evacuated to the C.R.S. as being possibly a mild typhoid or para-typhoid and therefore requiring longer treatment and convalescence, than could be given them at a D.R.S.

Some of the apparently mild fevers seemed to leave the heart in a weak and irritable condition and the point is raised as to whether all the obscure P.U.O.s. should not be given a more lengthy convalescence than is usually possible in a D.R.S.

Besides these cases of P.U.O. there were 36 cases diagnosed as Influenza, but these numbers should not be taken as definite as there is usually a good deal of overlapping between P.U.O. and Influenza.

TREATMENT.

These cases were treated variously with Sod. Sal. grs 10 T.D.S. or Quin. Sulph. grs. 3, and Aspirin grs 5 T.D.S. or Aspirin gr 10 T.D.S., but no marked difference was observed which ever method was adopted.

An initial dose of Calamel seemed to have good effect in bringing down the fever in many cases.

TONSILITIS.

There were 18 cases of Tonsillitis, of the follicular type usually. These cases yielded well to treatment by painting with glyc. ac. tann. supplemented by H 2.0.2 gargles.

BRONCHITIS.

Lang troubles were comparatively rare, there being only 17 cases of bronchitis treated, and these cases were on the whole, mild and yielded easily to treatment, with the stock expectorant mixture.

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DIARRHOEA.

Only those cases of diarrhoea were retained for treatment which were passed through the diarrhoea centre as not being due to Amoebae or B.Flexner. 16 cases were treated and this consisted of dietetic treatment, combined with an initial dose of Ol.Ricini. or Calamel while in some instances was followed by Pil.Plumbi.C.Opio or Mist.Bism. Co. T.D.S. These cases usually recovered in a few days, but showed a tendency to relapse if the diet was increased too rapidly; and the convalescent period was longer than the usual run of diseases, the cause of the weakness resulting from the diarrhoea.

FURUNCULOSIS.

8 cases were treated successfully with Boracic foment, and incisions when necessary.

S.T.A.

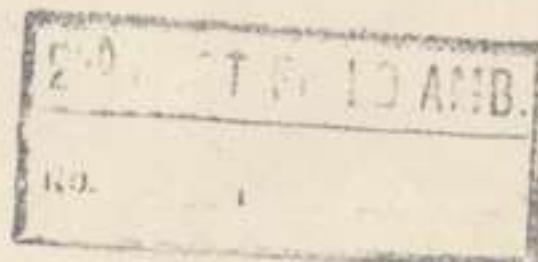
S.T.A. mostly occurring on the face and hands were treated with boracic foment until nearly healed. These cases rarely clear up under 7 days. 26 cases were under treatment.

DIPHTHERIA.

4 cases of diphtheria were evacuated from sick parade, and it remains to the credit of the M.O. in charge of these parades that although many sore throats were admitted to D.R.S. not one true case of diphtheria was admitted.

WAR CASUALTIES.

One aeroplane bomb fell in the town on the night of 19th, and the casualties were treated and evacuated by the Ambulance. They consisted of one killed and two wounded.

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to
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Q.M'S REPORT.

I have to report that for the month of February ration supplies were satisfactory, excepting for 3 days when there was a shortage of potatoes, but carrots, bought locally were issued in lieu. Meat was of good quality and full quantities received. Bread was received in better condition than previously, there being a decrease in percentage of broken loaves.

The usual ration allowance was augmented by drawing extras such as Flour, Milk, Oatmeal, Baking Powder, Sugar, Tinned and fresh fruits, sweet biscuits, etc., from Field Supply Depot.

This was rendered necessary for diets of patients in the D.R.S. which we were controlling during the month.

An issue of 3 cases of eggs was made by A.S.C. originally supplied by an English Egg Fund. These were issued to patients only.

Fuel for the month was received according to scale. We have also been drawing 6,600 lbs. of coal extra per week for authorised fireplaces, these being principally in the wards.

Fat returned for the month was 10 drums, approximately 500 lbs. The daily average number of rations drawn for the patients has been 159 and personnel 230, and attached 55. Ordnance supplies have been satisfactory except for the delay in the delivery of a few articles such as jackets, S.D. and hats felt.

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REPORT OF 3rd AUST. DENTAL UNIT. attached 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.

Work was commenced on Feb. 1st, at Bailleul, under exceptionally good conditions, well lighted rooms, originally fitted out by a Canadian Dental Unit, being taken over by us. At first, the parades were very large and were drawn from the 1st Bde, most of the Divisional and Corps Units which were billeted around the Bailleul District, as well as from the 2nd Bde. The Dental Officer at the time attending to that Bde. having been evacuated sick.

After the first fortnight 2 more Dental Officers moved into the area, and with the return of the officer attending the 2nd Bde. the parades were reduced to reasonable numbers, and were drawn chiefly from the 1st & 2nd Battalions, and Bde. Units. The Supply Column and the Divisional Train, and the D.R.S. Much mechanical work was done especially repairs to dentures, though this was interfered with to some extent owing to the shortage of Plaster of Paris.

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HORSE TRANSPORT.

1. WAGONS. During the past month advantage has been taken of our comfortable circumstances to repair and refit most of our wagons. 2 horse ambulance wagons have been to the I.O.M. Workshops, and have had many minor repairs and new tailboards fitted, which was very necessary after our spells in the line.

Three G.S. wagons have been completely overhauled and tightened up and re-painted, as well as 3 Limbered wagons, and these now look very well.

One G.S. wagon was condemned by the I.O.M. and sent to Base, and we have since received a new one in exchange.

2. HORSES.

These have been in very good order and condition during the month and are feeling very fresh. They have all kept in excellent health, only one "heavydraught" being sent to the Mobile Vet. Section, and that ^{with} ~~has~~ an old ulcerated sore leg. We have had no losses and are up to full strength.

3. HARNESS.

Our harness is in very good condition, although the leather is beginning to wear now after 3½ years active service. The work of keeping the metal parts bright entails a lot of drudgery which has been cheerfully borne.

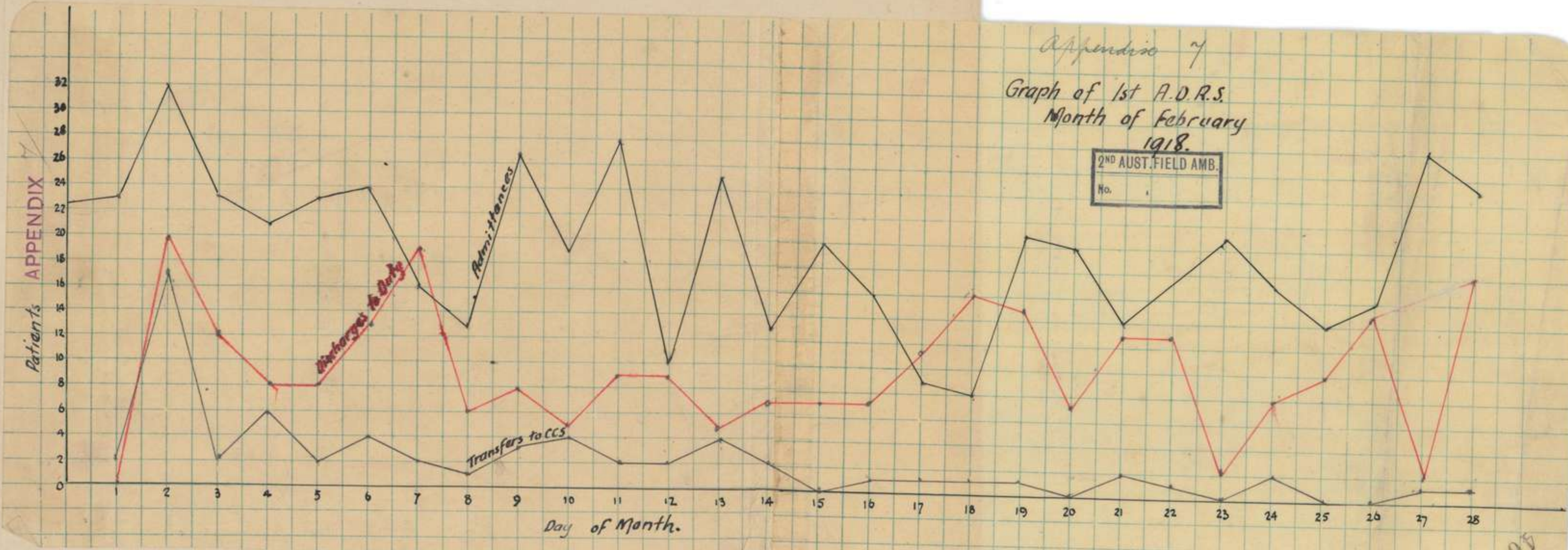
4. ROUTINE.

Work was rather heavy this month as we found on coming to Bailleul that much work had to be done for the Sanitary Officer in charge of the town, as well as our own routine work for the D.R.S. So that on an average we had 8 teams a day on duty. These included 2 teams for street brooms, each of two horses, one four-horsed team for sanitary tank, and G.S. Wagons for fuel and coal for patients, as well as teams constantly employed in filling water carts from a point about 1½ miles away.

In addition the Divisional Headquarters called on us on the 12th & 13th for G.S. teams to cart wood from the Floegsteert Forest to Divisional H.Q. so that we found ourselves fully employed. This extra work entailed an alteration in routine by which we had grooming and cleaning before breakfast instead of in the fore noon, as the teams often had to be at work at 9 a.m.

Inspections were held by the G.O.C. 1st Aust. Division on the 18th inst. and by the A.F.M. Corps on the 15th, and in both instances the inspecting officers expressed themselves as being ~~xxx~~ very satisfied with the condition of the stables, horses, harness, and vehicles.

Capt. R.A.R. GREEN has been acting as Transport Officer and together with W.O. MANSELL have worked hard to obtain the success which has fallen to their lot.



APPENDIX No. 8

TO 2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE WAR DIARY - MONTH ENDING

HONOURS & REWARDS.

No.18a. Sergt.J.A. LIGHTBODY. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 20.9.1917, and on the three days following, at CLAPHAM JUNCTION, on the MENIN ROAD, outside YPRES, he was in charge of stretcher bearers, and his personal example of coolness and courage, and his untiring energy in clearing the front line of wounded under very heavy shell fire was of the greatest value to the Regimental Medical Officer of the 6th Aust.Infantry Battalion.

He worked unceasingly for 40 hours, refusing rest, until the front line was absolutely clear of wounded. His pluck and determination was the admiration of all who saw him.

(Report by Capt.COCKBURN, R.M.O. 6th Aust.Infantry Battalion attached).

To :- C.O.

3rd Aust.Field Ambulance.

I wish to submit to your notice the name of Sergt.LIGHTBODY, of the 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance, with a view to having him recommended for a distinction.

He has been working at my Aid Post for the past 40 hours, assisting in carrying in the wounded and directing their evacuation from here. He has set an excellent example to all ranks, and his assistance has been invaluable to me.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.

(Authority A.D.M.S.1st Aust.Divn. H56/179,d/15/10/17).

No.161. Corp.L.G. MARR. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

He was in charge of stretcher bearers during the action of the 20.9.17., and for three days following.

His work was of a particularly fine character, and throughout he displayed magnificent courage and resource. On 20.9.17, he was carrying from the R.A.P's to CLAPHAM JUNCTION and thence to the HOOGE AID POST, which area was continuously under a hurricane of shell fire, and during that time his good cheer and staunch determination was a constant spur to the stretcher bearers.

He was mainly instrumental in getting rations and medical equipment up to the forward areas from the supply depots at HOOGE TUNNEL, thus contributing largely to the care of the wounded.

The report of the O.C., 3rd Aust.Field Ambulance is attached :-

Cpl.MARR was at 1st Relay Post when I was there, where he organised the relief of bearers forward, and the forwarding and distribution of rations and medical equipment, ensuring in a remarkable way the provision of regular meals and nourishment for the wounded and his bearers.

In addition he carried for 60 hours under conditions of great danger and difficulty, showing the highest form of courage and staunch determination.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.

(Authority A.D.M.S.1st Aust.Division H56/179,d/15/10/17)

No.49. Corp.P.O. BLACKMAN. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at GLENCORSE WOOD outside YPRES, on 20.9.17.

While in charge of a party of stretcher bearers he showed the greatest disregard for shell-fire, in his untiring efforts to rescue wounded.

On one occasion during the heavy shelling, an H.E., bursting close to him, buried three other men by his side, and he immediately set to work to dig them out, and succeeded in carrying them all, single handed, to a place of safety.

His gallant act was carried out under a hail of enemy shells and machine gun fire, and he undoubtedly saved the lives of these men.

His work for the ensuing two days was of the highest class, refusing rest until the line was cleared. He set his squad a splendid example of courage and determination under the most trying circumstances.

AWARD - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. H56/179., d/15/10/17)

No.5296 Pte.D. WHELAN., 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at CLAPHAM JUNCTION, on the MENIN ROAD, YPRES, on 20.9.17.

He carried stretchers under heavy shell-fire, refusing rest and quite regardless of danger, till the front line had been cleared of wounded, only then reporting that he himself had been slightly wounded.

The R.M.O. 6th Aust.Infantry Battalion reports :-

To :-

C.O. 3rd Aust.Field Ambulance,

I wish to bring to your notice the actions of Pte.D. WHELAN, of the 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance, during the action of the 19th, and 20th. inst, he brought in many wounded through the enemy barrage, and has displayed the utmost bravery and devotion to duty, and has as all times set an excellent example to all the bearers in this area.

He has now been carrying cases continuously for 40 hours.

AWARD - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. 1st Aust.Division H56/179, d/15/10/17).

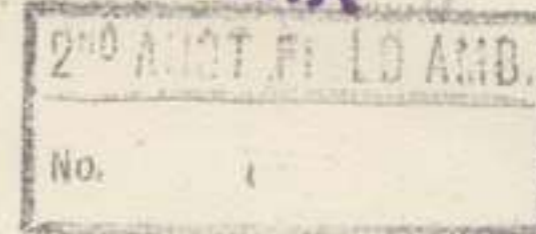
131a Sergt.J.McD.STEWART, 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For continued conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at GLENCORSE WOOD, in front of YPRES, on 20.9.17, and for the three ensuing days.

He continually led his stretcher bearer squads under heavy barrage fire of H.E., and gas shells, often having to act as stretcher bearer himself to fill up gaps caused by casualties.

It is considered that his energy, initiative and judgement has saved the lives of many men, to whom delay would have been fatal. He worked continually for 36 hours, refusing rest, and has on previous occasions by his splendid example and devotion to duty, acted on a high incentive to his stretcher bearers.

AWARDED - DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. AM/194., d/13/10/17)



3571. Dvr. W. WAKEFIELD. 1st Aust. Div. Supply Column attached 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

During the action commencing on 20.9.17, and three ensuing days he drove his car from BIRR CROSS ROADS and THE CULVERT to the A.D.S. along the MENIN ROAD. During most of this time the road was heavily shelled both by H.E. and Gas Shells, but he continued to work coolly and untiringly, and helped materially in successfully evacuating the wounded from the Loading Post at the CULVERT to the A.D.S.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority D.A.G., 1st Aust. Division 91/423, d/30/9/17).

2048. Cpl. A. PAYNE. 1st Aust. Divnl. Supply Column, attached 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the MENIN ROAD, YPRES, on 20.9.17, and on the three ensuing days.

He was in charge of motor ambulances running from the A.D.S. to BIRR CROSS ROADS, and the CULVERT, and although this road was under heavy shell-fire, and often barraged he managed to maintain the car service between these two points without any cessation, thus materially assisting in the evacuation of the wounded to the A.D.S.

This road was under enemy observation, and was often strewn with dead and wounded horses and mules, but Corpl. PAYNE by his absolute disregard of personal danger and fine example of untiring energy maintained a fine ambulance car service over this road for four days.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority D.A.G., 1st Aust. Division 91/423, d/30/9/17).

2360 Dvr .A.D. CALVERT, 1st Aust. Divnl. Supply Colm. attached 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the MENIN ROAD, YPRES on 20.9.17, and for the three ensuing days he drove a motor ambulance from the A.D.S. to the CULVERT and BIRR CROSS ROADS often under heavy shell-fire and through barrages.

His cheerful example in volunteering for extra work and his personal disregard of danger did much to maintain a good service of motor ambulance evacuation between these two points.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority D .A .G .1st Aust. Division 91/423, d/30/9/17).

186 L/Cpl. POTTER.J.H. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at BELLEVARDE RIDGE, outside YPRES, on 5th October 1917.

While driving a horse ambulance wagon containing ten wounded men, it was capsized and the horses wounded by the explosion of a shell. This Driver along with Dvr.E. CHENOWETH immediately set off under heavy shell-fire, and returned with fresh horses and wagons, and removed the wounded to a place of safety, thus undoubtedly saving the lives of many, he displayed the greatest gallantry while working continuously for thirty hours under heavy shell-fire, and by his dogged devotion to duty did much to maintain the line of evacuation of the wounded of this Division.

His splendid example while under fire has always been a stimulus to his men.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. Divnl. Memo. d/22/10/17).

145 L/Cpl. LANG.W. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty while in charge of a horse ambulance wagon at BELLEVARDE RIDGE, near YPRES on 6.10.17.

When returning to BIRR CROSS ROADS with a load of wounded, a large shell landed on the wooden road just ahead of the team, and rendered the road impassable. Leaving his horses in charge of the orderly he immediately set to work under heavy shell-fire to rebuild the road, and after working for over half an hour he managed to make the road passable, and thus was enabled to evacuate his load of wounded.

He displayed the greatest gallantry while on duty under shell-fire, and although subjected to many difficulties and dangers, he managed by hard work and devotion to duty to maintain this link in the line of evacuation of wounded of this Division. He always sets a fine example to his men when under fire.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. Divnl. Memo. d/22/10/17).

86 L/Cpl. DOWSETT.R.W. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at MENIN ROAD outside YPRES on the two following separate occasions :-

On 27.9.17 he was in charge of a bearer relay post, he was heavily shelled, and with great coolness and bravery kept his men together, dug out those who had been buried, organised stretcher squads from Infantry near by, and brought in the wounded under constant heavy fire.

On 4.10.17, while in charge of a bearer subdivision he rescued wounded continuously for three hours under exceptionally heavy shell-fire.

Throughout he set a splendid example of bravery and coolness under fire to the rest of the men.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. Divnl. Memo. d/22/10/17)

273 Pte. BEVAN. P. T. J. 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.

While in charge of stretcher squads at MENIN ROAD near YPRES on 4.10.17, for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.

Under exceptionally heavy shell-fire he repeatedly rescued wounded and buried men.

He set a splendid example throughout to the remainder of the bearers by his courage and devotion to duty.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. Divnl. Memo. d/22/10/17)

128 L/Cpl. C. A. HOSKIN. 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the ZONNEBEKE ROAD, near YPRES, on 26.10.1917.

This N.C.O. was in charge of a stretcher squad on a post where heavy shell-fire was of almost constant duration. By his unselfish devotion to duty, and untiring energy, he maintained this important link in the line of casualty evacuations, sticking to his post after his shelter had sustained a direct hit, directing his men and setting them a fine example of coolness and devotion to the interests of his wounded patients.

His work was of the greatest value, and his example as on many previous occasions in the line, a fine incentive to the less experienced bearers.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Divn. H6/70, d/5/12/17).

9067. Pte. F. CRAWFORD. 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at ZONNEBEKE, near YPRES on 26.10.17.

This man was one of the Stretcher squads' which, despite the heavy shelling, with H.E. and Gas Shells to which the road was subjected, managed to carry many patients for 48 hours on end, along a very difficult track to a place of comparative safety at the WAGON LOADING POST.

Pte. CRAWFORD'S disregard of personal danger in order to further the interests and attend to the comfort of his patients was a continual incentive, and example stimulating all those who saw him at work, as it has always been on every occasion on which he has been in the line.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Divn. H6/70, d/5/12/17.).

No.13764 Pte.T. DARLEY. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at ZONNEBEKE, outside YPRES, on 26.10.1917.

Pte.DARLEY showed the greatest coolness under heavy shell-fire, while in charge of a stretcher squad. His untiring energy and contempt of personal danger was the main incentive which enabled his squad to bring many men through barrage fire, to the Wagon Loading Post.

He worked on unremittingly for 48 hours until himself gassed, and slightly wounded in the neck.

He has been stretcher bearing since this Division came to France, and on every occasion his example of coolness and absolute devotion to his patients' interests in places of great danger, has been a fine example to all around him.

AWARDED - MILITARY MEDAL.
(Authority A.D.M.S.1st Aust.Divn.H6/70, d/5/12/17).

No.12 Sergt.F.F. EDDIE, 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

For continued good service and devotion to duty in the Theatre of War for period 26/2/17 to 9/9/17.

By his hard work, reliability, and thoroughness he has maintained a state of great efficiency in the orderly room work, which has been of the utmost value to the unit, and the various Os.C. under whom he has worked.

He was previously Mentioned in Despatches on 5/6/17., since when his work has been equally valuable, and his energies untiring.

His thorough knowledge of the work past and present, combined with his reliability, making his services invaluable at all times.

AWARDED - MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.
(Authority A.I.F. List 279.,d/1/1/18.)

No.21. Sergt.C.E. MAINE. 2nd Aust.Field Ambulance.

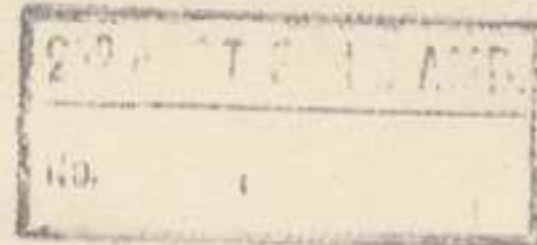
During the period 26/2/17 to the present date, Sergt. MAINE has acted as Sergt.Steward to this Unit, and has shown great devotion to duty and keenness.

During the absence of our Quartermaster,(Sick),the work of the Quartermaster's Department mainly devolved on him, and he carried out these duties with marked ability.

In the operations of the Unit during the times which include the taking of HERMIES,DOIGNIES,and LOUVERVAL, and at the fighting at BULLECOURT in April and May, he never tired in his ceaseless energies to ensure the comfort both of the men of this Unit, and the patients who passed through our hands.

His energy and reliability made him a great mainstay at all times.

Mentioned in Sir. D. HAIG'S Despatches.
(Authority A.I.F. List No.279., d/1/1/18).



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WAR ESTABLISHMENT-ALTERATION OF.

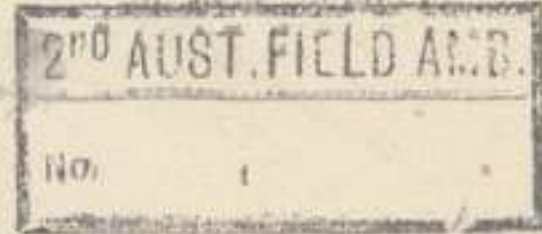
The following promotions have been made to complete establishment, (vide A.I.F. Order No.1026 dated 18/12/17) :-

No.21	Sergt.(Steward)	MAINE.C.E.	to be R.Q.M.S.,(W.O. Class II) as from 18/12/17.
No.235	" (Nurs.Duty)	WILKINSON.H.B.	to be S/Sgt.(Nursing Duties) as from 18/12/17.
No.12	" do	EDDIE.F.F.,	to be S/Sgt.(Nursing Duties) as from 18/12/17.
No.38a	" (Dispenser)	COOTE.N.,	to be S/Sgt.(Dispenser) as from 3/2/18.

APPENDIX NO. 10.

TO

2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE WAR DIARY.

NOTES ON PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1st to 28th, 1918.

After handing over MDS, Yonge St., Kemmel, to the 14th Australian Field Ambulance on the 31st January, we proceeded to Bailleul and took over from the 11th Aus. Field Ambulance the buildings and billets used by them as a DRS. On taking over we found ourselves installed in a very fine building (formerly used as a museum) with about 150 patients, mostly belonging to 3rd Australian Division. Most of these were in hutments (vide plan in Appendix No. /) and fairly comfortable, every patient having a stretcher, and many of them having beds with sheets and counterpanes. The officers and men were in billets round the town, the men ~~xxx~~ in the upper floors of a school-house, the officers and many of the NCO's in very comfortable billets round the town.

We immediately set to work to clean up the building and renovate the bedding and reconstituted the arrangement of the beds to make more room in the wards, thus rendering the patients much more comfortable. Gradually the 3rd Australian Divisional patients were discharged, and the 1st Australian Division admissions increased till at the end of the month we had about 110 patients of 1st Aus. Division out of a total of 150. When we moved out to our next camp at Magilligan these patients had, unluckily for themselves, to be transferred and found themselves in quarters much less comfortable than before the move.

The prevailing diseases and their treatment are dealt with in appendix No. 3.

An excellent feature of the DRS ~~xxxxxxx~~ was the Recreation Rooms for personnel and patients, where many games of quoits, cards, etc., etc., were provided in a warm room and life thus made livable for the convalescents. Several concerts were given to the patients in the hall. The personnel of the Ambulance have benefitted much by their stay in the town for a month, their health has been very good and their spirits high. Coming as it did after a spell of six weeks in the line this stay in town in comfortable quarters gave the men a good chance to clean and renew their clothes and kit.

They were given plenty of opportunities for sports and amusement, football matches and entertainments being arranged and culminating in the Annual Dinner and Concert held on Feb. 26, in a large hall left vacant in an English DRS. This function was a marked success, everybody agreeing that it was the best dinner and most successful concert ever given by this unit.

Inspection of the DRS was made by the D.M.S. 4th Army Surgeon General O'Keefe on the 15/2 and by the G.O.C., 1st Aus. Div., General Sir Harold Walker on the 19 Feb; both visitors expressed themselves pleased with the DRS, and with the Unit, the G.O.C. being especially pleased with the stables of the Horse Transport.

Leave was fairly plentiful during the month and as many officers NCO's and men as could be spared were sent on leave, many to Paris and the South of France, which place has been increasing in favor with the men as a place in which to spend their 14 days' leave, of course the great majority still go to the United Kingdom.

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An official photograph of the Unit was taken on the 20th Feb, by the official photographer of the A.I.F. for the purpose of war records, but we have not yet seen the results.

On the 1st March at 10 a.m. we handed over the DRS at Bailleul to the 13th Aus. Field Ambulance and marched out to the DRS at Macgilligan Camp, 1½ miles away, taking over from the 4th Aus. Field Ambulance the Scabies Station at Keersebron as well as the DRS above referred to. Acting under A.D.M.S. orders we transferred all the patients of 1st Aus. Division in DRS, Bailleul, and the Scabies Station, Ravelsberg to the DRS and Scabies Station at Keersebron during the course of the 1st March. This involved much work and worry and was not too good for the patients, but was in the end successfully accomplished.

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GENERAL REPORT ON WORK OF 2ND AUST. FIELD AMBULANCE WHILE ADMINISTERING D.R.S. AT BAILLEUL.

PERSONNEL.

As the Unit had just returned from a spell of 6 weeks at Front Line Posts, where the work though not onerous nor exceptionally dangerous, was nevertheless monotonous, the work at the Station was lightened as far as possible by distribution among among all the personnel of the Ambulance, the tent sub-division being augmented by men from bearer sections when necessary, thus leaving a fair amount of time for recreation, which was availed of for football matches, etc., with neighbouring Units.

During the period of rest the health of the unit was materially improved. Training was undertaken as far as possible in short periods, the strength of the unit was greatly augmented during the month by the rejoining from combatant units of 10 medical details, and 3 reinforcements were also taken on the strength.

DAILY ROUTINE OF REST STATION.

REVEILLE	...	7 a.m.
BREAKFAST	(personnel)	8. "
do	(patients)	8.30 a.m.
Parade.	(personnel)	9. 0 "
DINNER.	(patients)	12. 0 noon.
do	(personnel)	12.30 p.m.
Parade for discharges.		2. 0 "
Transfers into Wards.		2. 0 "
TEA	(patients)	4.30 "
TEA	(personnel)	5. 0 "
SUPPER	(patients)	7. 0 "
LIGHTS OUT		9. 0 "

FEEDING & COOKING.

A dining hall was available when both personnel and convalescent patients were accomodated. Food was transferred from cook-house to a serving shed, the queue passing along the serving counter, and filing into the hall. Patients at a separate sitting were previously supplied at a separate window with feeding utensils. Jam, margarine and cheese were the only rations placed "In the Whole" on the table, this method ensued a minimum waste and all food was served hot and fresh. (see also Q.M's report appendix No. 4)

BATHING ARRANGEMENTS & CLEAN LINEN.

A bath room with tub baths was installed in the basement, and a permanent supply of hot water maintained. Every patient on admission was bathed and issued garments for garment with clean clothes. Tunics and breeches were ironed.

Pyjamas for bed patients were issued in the wards. Every patient on discharge was bathed and reissued with clean underclothes. All washing was done at the Divisional Laundry. This includes ward linen and comforts fund material.

WATER SUPPLY.

All water had to be carted from a water point about 1 1/2 miles distant, and stored in tanks at the station, there was no shortage.

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SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

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Latrines on bucket system and faeces burnt. Urine disposed of in soakage pits. The sanitary work of military establishments of the town were also undertaken by the horse transport and personnel, including the street sweeping with horse sweepers.

Cookhouse waste was disposed of by arrangement with the Town Major. The sanitary condition of the station was excellent, see also Appendix No. 4.

RETURNS.

The work of this department was fairly heavy, double sets of books having to be used. As, however, the Division was in support area only, the stream of patients was very regular and at all times routine work was maintained.

All A. & D. Books were kept and returns consolidated in the Orderly Room by Return Clerks, Army Forms W3210 being collected at stated periods. These forms were made out in duplicate in the A & D Room, one copy being immediately posted as notification to patients' unit, the other was filed in a special set of pigeon-holes (by dates) until discharged, or transfer, and then posted to units as a notification of final disposal.

There were thus in Orderly Room Army Forms W 3210 filed in order of dates of admission for every patient in the D.R.S. as long as he remained, and a perfect check of patients coming and going maintained. All discharges and inter-ward transfers also passed through the A & D Room at 2 p.m. daily and the Indicator Plan thus kept always up-to-date. This system of returns has been in use by this Unit when administering Rest Stations for some months, and has ~~seemed~~ proved exceptionally satisfactory and efficient, mistakes in A & D Books are reduced to a minimum, and prompt notification of units ensured.

DISCHARGES TO DUTY.

A nominal roll from the A & D Room was handed to each NCO in charge of party, this was in addition to posted notification.

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

The period in rest was utilised in complete overhauling of all ambulances, which were kept off the road for long periods to enable all drivers to do all maintenance and cleaning. Repairs of any magnitude were exceptionally few, reflecting great credit on the NCOs and drivers, as practically all front line work for previous six weeks were done by the motor transport of this unit,

All collection of sick of the Division and transfers from DRS to CCS were carried out by the cars on duty.

Appendix 11

2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE WAR DIARY

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GENERAL NOTES.

The D.R.S. taken over by this Unit on 31.1.18 was conveniently situated in a large building in the town of Bailleul. The wards were situated as shown in appendix No. 1. ~~Wards~~ some in the main building, and some in 5 huts at the rear. A recreational hall was established in a separate building in the rear.

The majority of the personnel were billeted in a large building about 100 yards from the D.R.S.

One Medical Officer, as A & D Officer, was billeted on the premises, and was always within call.

The transport lines were established in sheds about 300 yards distant on the outskirts of the town.

The motor ambulance wagons were parked in the courtyard.

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HORSED TRANSPORT.

See appendix No. 6 .



SALVAGE.

Particular attention was directed to the salvage of fats and paper. For full report see appendix No. 4 .

SPECIAL DISEASES AND MEDICAL REPORT.

See appendix No. 3 .

PROMOTIONS

See appendix No. 9

GRAPHS.

No 7
These are attached to show A. & D.'s for month. Wastage of Unir was practically nil.

MOVEMENT ORDER.

See appendix No. 2 .