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**WAR DIARY**

OF

SECOND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

FOR

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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAYONVILLERS.	14/8/18.		1st Aust. Div. Line has remained stationary. Posts and relays the same as yesterday. Received offer from Light Railway Officer to run down Walking Wounded from C.C.S. at X.21 to BATONVILLERS. Nothing tangible arranged.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	15/8/18.		Preliminary arrangements for hand-over of A.D.S. to 4th Division. Advance Guard proceeded to camp site in J 34, a 8.2. (Sh. 62.) BOUZENCOURT.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	16/8/18.		A.D.S., BAYONVILLERS handed over at 6 a.m. today to 4th Aust. F. Amb. Bearers have reported back to A.D.S. during night. Whole unit assembled at BOUZENCOURT from Line, A.D.S., and Waggon Lines. Camp site in open paddock under trees on edge of River SOMME.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
BOUZENCOURT. 62D/J34, a. 8.2.	17/8/18.		Collecting sick from 2nd Inf. Brigade in CERISY area. Men of unit cleaning up and resting. Good swimming facilities. Camp site reopened and sanitary arrangements installed. During the day 2nd Brigade moved back to HAMELET area; this unit remained stationary.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	18/8/18.		Collected 2nd Brigade sick. Re-equipping, cleaning-up and resting.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	19th - 20th.		<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> Parades, fatigues, and swimming. Collecting 2nd Brigade sick.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	21/8/18.		Bearer Division under Maj. DAVIS and Capt. ELLIS moved out to billets in 62D/Q 30 with 2nd Brigade, attached to them for purposes of move.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	22/8/18.		Capt. HAINS, C.C. sent to 2nd A.F.A. Brigade as temp. R.M.O. vice Capt. KIRKLAND on leave. At 7 p.m. today H.Q. of unit moved to Hospice, FOUILLOY to administer Corps Gas Centre and Divisional Collecting Post. 4 Sunbeams and 1 Ford attached to 1st F. Amb. for Forward Evacuations. Took over at Hospice from 15th Aust. F. Amb.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
Hospice, FOUILLOY.	23/8/18.		Successful attacks by the Division this morning at dawn. Line advanced about 2 miles. This ambulance dealt with gassed cases only. Very few cases passed through this station for first 24 hours of operations. "A" Section Tent Subdivision (Capt. LILLEY and 12 O.R.s) sent to Q 26, new Main Dressing Station, to be attached to 3rd F. Amb. for duty.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	24/8/18.		For 24 hours ending noon today 101 gassed cases from Corps have been passed through the Station, as well as local Sick Parades of 60 daily.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	25/8/18.		Capt. A. J. BOTHAMLEY returned from leave to U.K. today. Capt. BOTHAMLEY, A. J. to 2nd Aust. San. Sec. as Temp. O.C. Orders received to open a Forward Divisional Gas Centre at 2 p.m. tomorrow. This closes as a Corps Gas Centre at noon today, but continues to function as a Div. Gas Centre until 2 p.m. tomorrow. A great number of gassed cases are passing through. From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. 340 cases passed through, mainly from 2nd Brigade.	<i>W. H. G.</i>
"	26/8/18.		At 4 a.m. today H.Q. and "A" Section Tent Subdivision moved to Q 26, a. 9.9., and established a Gas Centre with 3 Marquees as wards, which were dug in as protection against bombing. At 2 p.m. orders to hand over to 15th F. Amb. received. At 7 p.m. personnel from this Centre moved out to old camp site at BOUZENCOURT J 34, a. 8.2.	<i>W. H. G.</i>

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## APPENDIX 1.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT.  
 (Period to 14/8/18.)

So far the month may be divided into two periods;

(a) A very quiet period of preparation for handing over of D.R.S. at LONGUE CROIX.

(b) A period of feverish activity occupied in moving from the HAZEBROUK Sector to the SOMME and in participating in the successful advance at present taking place.

(a) The beginning of the month found us still running the D.R.S. and Scabies Station at LONGUE CROIX, which we had occupied for three months, and making every preparation for staying the winter in that position. With that point in view we had obtained the elements of four Nissen huts and ~~some~~ large square iron huts to act as winter quarters for the men and for a dining-recreation room. About the 3rd, however, we were warned of an approaching move to the SOMME, and in consequence we made preparations for handing over to an English ambulance.

This was finished on the 3rd, and we moved out at 10 a.m., leaving behind us 50 patients of the 1st Australian Division. The unit marched out complete from LONGUE CROIX to BLARINGHEM to billets, and was attached for the purpose of the move to 2nd Brigade Group. At Blaringhem we spent two days resting and swimming, and getting ready for entraining.

With the exception of the Billeting Officer, and the cars, which proceeded overland on the same day, we entrained complete at ARQUES on the 7th at about 4 p.m., on a composite strategic train ~~containing~~ containing:-

2nd Field Ambulance.  
 1 Company 1st Pioneer Bn.  
 1 do 6th Battalion.  
 1 do 8th Battalion.

with myself as O.C. Train.

We detrained at HANGEST SUR SOMME at about 3 a.m. on the 8th, and marched on to billets at St OUVEN on the Nievre River, a distance of about 12 kilometres. Here we rested for about 12 hours, and were then moved to billets just east of AMIENS, a distance of about 25 kilometres, the men being bussed over in motor lorries and the horsed transport travelling by road. The men reached billets in LES ALENCONS and PETIT CAMON by about 3 a.m. on the morning of 8th August. There they rested for about another 12 hours, when the bearers were again set on the move under command of Major HEYDON, to advance with 2nd Brigade to within two miles west of VILLERS - BRETTONEUX.

At 7 a.m. on the morning of the 9th inst. I received orders that the rest of the Ambulance was to be at 62D/W 24, d.o.4. at 9 a.m. on the same day. This being impossible we did our best, and reached the spot (a deserted Ambulance Camp) at 11.20 a.m. on the 9th. At this time I happened to open a despatch for the 1st F.Amb. which informed them that I was opening an A.D.S. at BAYONVILLERS (25 kilometres ahead) at 11 a.m. on the same day. This being impossible we again did our best, and by dint of running the bearers and a tent subdivision up to the A.D.S. by relays of cars we managed to establish an A.D.S. at BAYONVILLERS by 2 p.m. on the 9th, and to establish connection with units of the 2nd Brigade in the field at about the same time. The disposition of the bearers and the A.D.S. and the method of evacuation to M.D.S., WHITE CHATEAU ( ) will be found in my report to the A.D.M.S. for that day (appended to Original only), and for the following days.

An attack with a successful advance was made by the 2nd Brigade on the 9th, and again by the 2nd and 3rd Brigades on the 10th, and the 1st Brigade went into the line on the 11th, since when things have been stationary, and casualties light.

At 11 a.m. on the 13th we received orders to move out again with 2nd Brigade to CERISSY Area, the move to start on the 14th, and to be completed on the 15th, but this has again been postponed 24 hours, so that we are at present awaiting orders to evacuate the A.D.S. which is to be converted into an M.D.S. for the 4th and 5th Divisions, for the forthcoming advance.

(Sgd) W.E.Kay, Lt. Col. C.O. 2nd A.F.Amb.





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## APPENDIX 1. (Continued)

C.O.'s MONTHLY REPORT,

16th to 31st August, 1918.

After handing over the A.D.S. at BAYONVILLERS to 4th F.Amb. on 16th we moved out at 9 a.m. to banks of SOMME at J 34, a.8.2. (BOUZENCOURT) where we spent pleasant days swimming and cleaning up and re-equipping the bearers after the spell in the line. During these days we evacuated the sick of 2nd Brigade to C.C.S..

On 21st August the division again moved up to the line for another attack. The Bearer Division of this Ambulance under Major DAVIS and Capt. ELLIS moved up to the A.D.S. at Q 30, a.4.6., to be attached to 1st F.Amb., who were to clear the front line. Appendix No. by Major DAVIS gives a striking account of their work done on this occasion.

On the 22nd the Tent Divisions of the Ambulance moved to Hospice, FOUILLOY, to open a Divisional Collecting Station and a Corps Gas Centre., to receive gassed cases from 1st and 3rd Divisions.

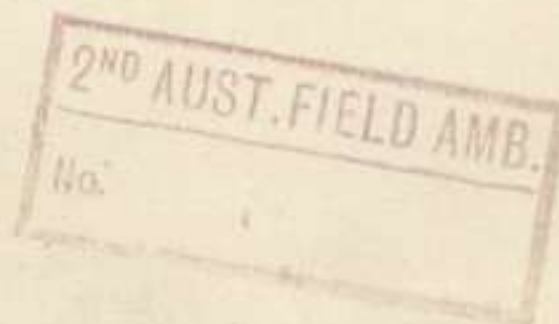
The building was in excellent order and very suitable for the work. At first very few cases came through, only 40 - 50 for the first 24 hours. On 23rd Capt. LILLEY and one Tent Subdivision were urgently called for to help the 3rd F.Ambulance, who were running the Main Dressing Station, close up to the A.D.S., to keep pace with the advance.

On the 24th we were suddenly overwhelmed with a rush of gassed cases, beginning at about midday. From this time till midday next day we put through 8 Officers and 522 O.R.s, mostly from 2nd Inf, Brigade, and practically all suffering from Mustard Gas poisoning, and with their eyes blinded. These were treated by bathing with a solution of Sod. Bicarb., and washing out eyes and throat with same solution, making the patients drink some of it, then placing some parafin or castor oil in the eyes. The patient was then dressed in a new suit of clothes, and despatched to C.C.S..

During the day we received advice to establish the Gas Centre further forward, by the next day. On 26th at 4 a.m. we accordingly began to move, and opened up a new Div. Gas Centre at Q 26, a.9.91. At 2 p.m. on that day, after a very strenuous morning's work, the centre was handed over the same evening at 10 p.m. to the 15th F.Amb., and the complete unit assembled again at J 34, a.8.2., during the morning of 26th-27th, the bearers having returned from the Front Line under Maj. DAVIS.

On moving forward the Gas Centre to Q 26 we were ordered to leave one Tent Section at Hospice, FOUILLOY, to do Sick Parades, and as a holding party. The "B" section Tent Subdivision is still detailed under Maj. SUTTON at FOUILLOY, while the rest of the unit ~~XXXXXXXX~~ is re-equipping and cleaning up.

(Sgd) W.E.Kay. Lt.Col.  
C.O. 2nd Australian Field  
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Q.M.'s REPORT..

During the month of August moves have been many and varied, entailing a greater variety of duties and responsibilities than have been experienced for the past three months.

It has been a more or less continuous series of packing and unpacking, establishing new quarters, and generally endeavouring to do our small share in the good work that has been going on during the past month.

Notwithstanding so many moves the supply of rations has been wonderfully well maintained, and dumps have been readily accessible. Both quantity and quality are well up to standard, a full percentage of rations being at all times available.

As has often been said before, - the difficulty experienced during these moves is the supply of hot meals to the men at the end of the journeys, through the want of a travelling cooker. This certainly is one of the most needful and useful adjuncts to the present equipment of a Field Ambulance.

Another item of considerable usefulness would be a travelling dispensary, in which stocks of drugs, dressings, splints, etc., could be carried, which would be always available and easily accessible. Under present conditions only a small quantity can be carried, and should it be required while on the move it is not always accessible without possibly deranging a loaded waggon. Battalion requisitions could be usefully completed both in quantities and varieties. As it is no provision is made for the transport of dispensary supplies whatever. A unit could then carry sufficient stores to meet the demand of an A.D.S. or M.D.S. at a moment's notice.

Salvage:

On account of the recent rapid advance quite a deal of good work has been done in the matter of gathering of salvage.

Ordnance Supplies:

These have been readily available and up to the standard of quality.



(Sgd) Reg. Rutter. Capt.  
Q.M., 2nd Aust. F. Ambulance.

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HORSED TRANSPORT REPORT.HORSES.General Condition: Excellent.Evacuations: Nil.Sick: One H.D. with Septic Knee due to kick — is to be seen by Veterinary Officer today.FODDER.Oats: Very good quality.Hay: Excellent.Grazing: For most of the month has been very good — mostly on old farmed country, with mixed meadow and clover hay crops.

A chaff cutter has also been obtained from the Green Cross Society, and this has been of much use, providing excellent fresh chaff for mixing with the Oat feed.

WORK DONE.

This has been very great during the month — the roads travelled being the following:—

LONGUE-CROIX to BLARINGHEM. BLARINGHEM to ARQUES. A train journey thence to HANGEST-SUR-SOMME. From HANGEST by road to ST-OUEN. Thence to LES-ALLENCONS and thence to VILLERS-BRETTONEUX. Here a short stay was made for a few days, and though bombing was severe in the district, no casualties resulted. The Horse Ambulance Waggon during the stay here, were used for evacuation of Wounded from Waggon posts to A.D.S., and proved most useful on the bad roads. From VILLERS-BRETTONEUX we moved to BOUZENCOURT our present location, having come back to here from FOUILLOY.

The weather and roads have both been excellent for travelling, and water easily obtainable everywhere en route.

WAGGONS.

Practically no repairs of any kind except the most trivial were needed after all this travelling with heavy loads.

HARNESS.

This has been broken in one or two cases, but on the whole has done its work very well, and is still in good condition.

PERSONNEL.Changes:

Warrant Officer. MANSELL. has left for Transport Duty to Australia.

Lance-Corporal. ROBINSON. has also left for Australia.

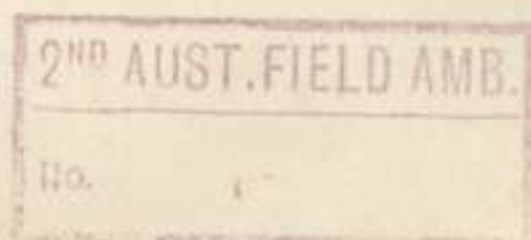
Sick:

Drivers. CASHMAN. and CHENOWETH. are being replaced by two Temporary Drivers during evacuation.

INSPECTIONS.

Three times by Veterinary Officer.

(Signed) T. Earls Davis. Major.,  
Transport Officer,  
2nd Australian Field Ambce.





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DENTAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

During the month of August there was much activity and movement of troops, in consequence of which the dental work accomplished was much less than it might otherwise have been. It seems inevitable that under such conditions the dental work must be held up, and it would be useless to attempt anything but emergency work.

We left the D.R.S. in which we had been established for over three months on 3rd August to camp at BLARINGHEM till the 6th, when we entrained for the SOMME Area. Then while the Ambulance went forward with the division the Dental Unit remained with the other Dental Units of the Division at RIVERY, rejoining the Ambulance at BOUZENCOURT on the 19th. From there we marched to the Hospice at FOUILLOY, where we were able to open up and commence work on the 23rd. Thus from the 2nd to the 23rd August we did practically no work, with the exception of such cases as we were able to treat or give relief with the small emergency kit which we carry whilst on the move.

During the month we attended to 109 cases, and the work done included 34 extractions, 50 fillings, 24 repairs to dentures, and 20 dentures. 5 cases of Ulcerative Gingivitis are at present under treatment.

During such conditions as obtained during the month the value and necessity of special transport for dental equipment, which can remain always with the unit, becomes very apparent. Whilst Ambulances

do everything possible for Dental Units in the matter of transport, there are many times when the dental unit must be detached and must then, under present conditions, become more or less a burden upon the ambulance which is responsible for the transport.

(Sgd) Arthur Douglass, Capt.  
No.3 Dental Unit.





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SPECIAL MOVEMENT ORDER, by Lt.Col. W.E.Kay, D.S.O., C.O.,

Reference Sheets 27 & 36A.

2nd August, 1918.

1. In accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No. 44 of 31/7/18, and 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 119 of 1/8/18. the 2nd Aust. Field Amb. will move from D.R.S. at U 5, a.9.3. to BLARINGHEM, B 16, b.7.2..  
March Route will be LONGUE CROIX - WALLON CAPPEL- U 19, a.6.1 LYNDE - BLARINGHEM.

2. Routine will be:-  
Reveille 6.30 p.m.  
Breakfast. 7 a.m.  
Fall in Fatigues. 7.30 a.m.  
Fall in Marching Order. 9.30 a.m.

3. Capt. BOTHAMLEY with "C" Section Tent Subdivision will form an Advance Guard, and proceed from EBLINGHEM on afternoon of 2nd Aug. to Billets at B 16, b 7.2..

4. Main body of Ambulance will move out complete at 10 a.m.. All O.R.s will carry packs. Blankets will be rolled in waterproof sheets and stacked alongside the Orderly Room before 9 a.m.. Water-bottles will be carried full.

5. Major DAVIS will remain behind for three hours to ensure cleanliness of camp, and to settle claims.

6. Sgt. TONKIN and 2 O.R.s will be attached to incoming unit for discipline and duty, until all Australian patients have been discharged. They will then report to O.C. incoming Unit for return to this unit.

(Sgd) W.E.Kay, Lt.Col.  
C.O. 2nd Australian F.Amb.

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APPENDIX G.

SPECIAL MOVEMENT ORDER? by Lt.Col. W.E.Kay, D.S.O., C.O.

6/8/18.

1. In accordance with 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 120 of 5/8/18. the Ambulance will move put for entraining today. Routine will be as follows:-

Reveille.	7 a.m.
Breakfast.	7.30 a.m.
Fall in Fatigues.	9 a.m.
Transport Lunch.	9.45 a.m.
Transport Move Off.	10.30 a.m.
Lunch Remainder.	10.45 a.m.
Fall In Marching Order.	11.15 a.m.
Move Off.	11.30 a.m.

2. Blankets will be rolled and stacked behind the ambulances of the respective sections before 9 a.m. parade. Each bundle will be clearly marked on the outside with man's name and section.

On detraining all blankets will be again rolled for transport as before.

3. Unexpended portion of days' ration and full waterbottle will be carried on the man.

4. Major HEYDON will remain behind to ensure cleanliness of camp and to settle claims.



(Sgd) W.E.Kay, Lt.Col.  
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APPENDIX 7.

SPECIAL MOVEMENT ORDER, by Lt.Col. W.E.Kay, D.S.O., C.O.,

16/8/18.

1. In accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No, 47 of 15/8/18 the 2nd Aust.F.Ambulance will be relieved at A.D.S., BATONVILLERS, and will march out in accordance with the following routine:-

Reveille.	6.30 a.m.
Breakfast.	7 a.m.
Fall In.	7.30 a.m.
Move Off.	8.a.m.

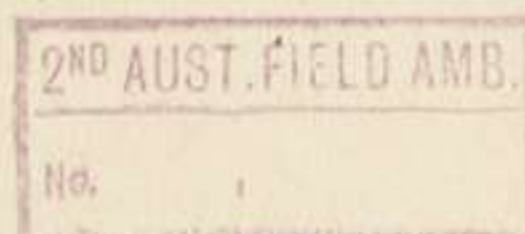
2. Capt. RUTTER i/c Transport and Rear H.Q. will act as Advance Guard and move from 62D/Q. 30.c.8.4. to J 34, a.8.2. on afternoon of 15th and prepare camp.

3. Bearer Division will be collected during night of 15th - 16th at A.D.S., BAYONVILLERS, and will move off with H.Q. of Ambulance at 8 a.m.

4. Capt.HAINS will superintend reception of Bearers from Front Line on night of 15th - 16th, and the packing of "A" Section equipment onto G.S. waggon before 6 a.m..

5. Capt. LILLEY will be responsible for leaving the camp in a clean and orderly condition.

(Sgd) W.E.Kay, Lt.Col.  
C.O. 2nd Aust.Field Amb.





APPENDIX 8.SPECIAL MOVEMENT ORDER.

by Lt.Col. W.E.Kay, C.O.  
21st August, 1918.

In accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No. 40, and 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde Order No. 124, the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will move out in accordance with the following orders:-

1. The Bearer Division under Major T.R.E.DAVIS will move out tonight at 7 p.m. with 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde, and will be at the disposal of C.O. 1st Aust.F.Ambulance.
2. Bearers will leave packs and blankets at Q.M.'s Store, and will move out in Fighting Order, carrying W.P. Sheets, waterbottles filled, and 24 hours rations, to pass starting point in HAMEL village at 8.15 p.m.
3. On the afternoon of 22nd inst. S.Sgt. PATTISON will send 4 Sunbeams and 1 Ford Car for the purpose of evacuation from front line, to report to C.O. 1st Aust.F.Amb..
4. W.O.Mansell will hold 3 horsed ambulance waggons in readiness at Hospice, FOUILLOY, to be at the disposal of C.O. 1st Aust. Field Ambulance.
5. At 9 a.m. on 22nd inst. W.O.Goode with advance guard will leave J 34, a.8.2., and proceed to Hospice, FOUILLOY, and prepare for advent of Main Body.
6. The remainder of the Ambulance will move out at 5 p.m. on 22nd inst., and proceed to Hospice, FOUILLOY, route via VAIRE - HAMELET, and take over Divisional Gas Station and Div. Collecting Station, and will be prepared to hold 50 patients.
7. Capt. Lilley.C.M. with 1 N.C.O. and 6 men will remain as rearguard to ensure cleanliness of camp.

(Sgd) W.E.Kay, Lt.Col.  
C.O. 2nd Australian F.Amb.





APPENDIX No. 9.  
to  
2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE WAR DIARY FOR MONTH  
OF AUGUST 1918.

REVIEW OF THE WORK DONE BY THE BEARERS.

1. On 21st August 1918, the Bearers of 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance (106), moved to the A.D.S. on the East West Road.  
 Capt. O.J. ELLIS and Self that night attached 3 squads of Stretcher Bearers to each Battalion of the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade to report for duty with the R.M.O.  
 On 22nd inst. the Wagon Loading Post was formed at La <sup>FLAQUE</sup> ~~HAGUE~~ Dump to which place Bearers had to carry patients. This Dump and the road leading to it was very frequently shelled both with light shrapnel, heavy shells and gas. The Bearers did excellent work and we also were able to make great use of German Prisoners as Stretcher Bearers.
2. The casualties during the operation were 4 Bearers wounded, and 24 Gassed. Several of the Germans carrying wounded were killed and wounded by enemy shell-fire.
3. There were 4 recommendations for bravery among the Bearers of this Unit.

*Paul Davis*

Major.  
2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.

31.8.18.

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ADMRS 1st Aust Div.

In accordance with your order of today I have established an ADS at BAYON-VILLERS, and have so far today evacuated 270 cases.

We managed to establish communication between RMOs and our bearers at 4 pm. This afternoon, I have just returned from the R.A.P.s, & they are now clear of wounded consequent on a diversion made by 2nd Bde this afternoon. Disposition at present are as follows:

- ADS at W2. a 99.
- Right Way Load Post W.G.C. 22 (4 men & 1 empty Wagon).
- Centre Way Load Post W11 a 1 (1 off. 4 men).
- Detached Way Load Post

X 13. d. 9. 4 Lt. Col., A.A.M.C.  
G.C. 2nd Field Ambulance.  
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R.A.P. 5th & 7th Bns. X 13 d. 9. 4.  
R.A.P. 6th Bn. X 21. d. 1. 3.  
R.A.P. 8th Bn not yet settled, but is in about same position as 6th Bn.

Major HEYDON is i/c of forward evacuation, assisted by Major SUTTON, Capt. HAN. He has about 90 bearers between HARBONNIERES & the R.A.P.s, and considers them more than sufficient.

I have in reserve at A.D.S. 120 Bearers of 3rd F. Amb, & 116 ~~117~~ Bearers of 1st F. Amb. You will thus see that I am quite well supplied with stretcher Bearers. Motor Transport.

I have at present just about sufficient M.T. for the cases now in hand but if any further casualties

Lt. Col., A.A.M.C.  
G.C. 2nd Field Ambulance.  
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occur I would require at least one Motor Lorry for lightly wounded cases apart from packers

Urgent Requirements

Blankets 200  
Stretchers 100

(We brought a small reserve of these things, but they have all been used up)

I have tried to obtain them from the M.D.S., but do not know yet with what success, as we have had no result so far

I urgently require also Medical comforts, & Med. Stores such as Shell Dressings, Gaze, Splints, Jint etc.

Lt.-Col., A.A.M.C.  
O.C. 2nd Field Ambulance  
Aus. Imp. Force.

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I am in communication with 2nd & 3rd Bde H.Q.s but have not yet located 1st Bde H.Q.

I think we have the position now well in hand, except in the matter of stretchers, blankets, medical comforts, medical stores.

W. E. Kail

Lt. Col. A.A.M.C.  
O.C. 2nd Field Ambulance  
Aus. Imp. Force.

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RMS 1st Aust. Div.

2ND AUST. FIELD AMB.

19/8/48

The evacuation of 1st, 2nd & 3rd Bde. is proceeding satisfactorily. All RMOs are reported to be clear by 11pm this afternoon and the evacuation to RMS is being satisfactorily coped with.

At about 9am this morning we received orders from 7th Flamb. and with their assistance we have managed to keep all clear, but have really had no reserve at any time.

With regard to supplies we received a few quantities this morning from 3rd Flamb. and Capt. Kettle was successful in obtaining more from RMS, so at present we have ample for all requirements.

We are working in anticipation of an attack by 3rd Bde.

2ND AUST. FIELD AMB.

3rd Flamb. bearers under Capt. LILFORD were sent forward this morning at 5.30 am to Maj. HEYDON, who attached a certain number of squads to each RMO of 3rd Bde.

This arrangement is working satisfactorily.

In anticipation of a movement by 1st Bde. Maj. SOUTHEY went forward with bearers of 1st Flamb. at 1 pm today and has attached squads to each RMO of 1st Bde. in anticipation of an attack. Thus all the bearers Johnson (less 5 mixed squads of 2nd & 3rd Flamb. kept at RMS for fatigue) are at present in forward areas attached to respective Brigades under their own officers, and under supervision of Maj. Heydon. During the day we have established a new Wag. Load.



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2<sup>ND</sup> AUST. FIELD AMB.  
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post at X21C. 5.9. in  
the site of a recaptured CCS.  
This post is well forward and  
is in charge of Maj Sutton.

We are in touch with all  
brigades and all RNIOs have  
been notified of the positions of  
our Way Load Posts.

Since establishing the AOS  
at BAYONVILLERS the no of  
cases dressed and evacuated  
to CCS are as follows:-

up to 9 am on 9th. 270  
up to 9 am on 10th. extra 278.  
up to present time. 309.  
Total to present time 857

Position of posts is at present.

AOS. Bayonvillers  
Way Load Post for stragglers. GUILLASOL  
W.9. C.3.2.

Way Load Post X13. d.4.9.  
Adv. Way Load Post. X21. C.5.9.  
R.A.P.S. 3rd Bde. 9th Bn X23 D.5.5  
10th " X28 D.4.7  
11th " not def. known  
12th " X21. D.9.9

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No.

3rd Bde 5th Bn }  
7th Bn } at CCS at X21 ~~d.1.2~~ c.5.9.  
6th Bn. X21 d.5.5.  
4th Bn. X27. C.0.0.

1st Bde BTPs. are of course not  
yet fixed, as they have not  
yet gone into line, but they  
are at present all within  
cannon distance of Way Load  
Post on X.13.

W. J. Kall  
Lt. Col.  
Co. 2nd A. F. Amb.

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2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMB

NO. 11/8/18.

7.38 pm

A.D.S. 1st Aust Div.

The attack today passed off ~~today~~ with no undue number of casualties. All R.A.P.s have been kept clear, and evacuation from here to M.D.S. has been easily coped with.

In accordance with your AM 16 of yesterday, all my cars have been pooled at A.D.S., Warrigulla. I have had no difficulty with M.T. question.

Thus A.D.S. has today dealt with 548 cases 24 hours ending 6 pm tonight (240 of these since 6 am, and 23 gassed cases included)

Locations are as follows.  
9th Bn R.A.P. x 22 d. central  
10th Bn. " x 28 p. 4.7  
11th Bn. " x 22 c. central  
12th Bn. " x 29 p. 6.2.

Other locations are unchanged. 1st Bde is not yet in line, so locations of R.A.P.s are not yet fixed.

W. Kay

Lt Col

C.O. 2nd Aust. F. Amb

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Kellie P. S. P. 10/10 "plight" gas



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at X20. p. 8.4. 2 off. 71. OKs.  
 9th Bn RAP at X22. d. 3.5  
 10th Bn RAP at X22. d. 0.7  
 11th Bn " " X23. c. 6.2.  
 12th Bn " " X15. d. 8.2  
 Relay at X22. d. 3.2.

5th Bn RAP at X28 p. 2.3  
 7th " " at X27. d. 1.1.

Officers in charge of Forward Posts are now with their respective bearers, and I have given all instructions necessary for the forthcoming change-over.

Lt. Col., A.A.M.O.  
 O. C. 2nd Field Ambulance,  
 Aus. Imp. Force.

2<sup>ND</sup> AUST. FIELD AMB  
 No. 17/8/18

6.30pm

AMWS 1st Aust Div.

On our sector the day has been very quiet. Cases dealt with for 24 hours are as follows:

6pm 11/8/18 to 5am 12/8/18	72
6am 12/8/18 to 6pm 12/8/18	36
24 hours Total	108

The day has been spent in reorganising the stretcher squads, and they are now with their respective brigades and under their own officers, the larger percentage of them in reserve and resting.

We have early hoped with evacuation to MDS with our own cars.

The site in Starbonnierus: I have looked round the village myself, and Maj. Lee made an exhaustive search yesterday afternoon in conjunction with Bde



2ND AUST. FIELD AMB  
14/8/18

6.30pm

ARMS 1st Aust Div

The day has passed off  
quietly with this section. 25 cases  
have passed through the  
ARMS for 24 hours ending today.

Arrangements have been  
completed for handling men  
in Forward Areas.

I have made arrangements  
for the handling of  
Hutchins 50, Blanket 50,  
van, apartment of dunks  
and drawings to 1st A.F.  
Amb.

Locations are as follows

10th Bn RHP.	x 23. c. 16. 1
Relay at.	x 28. b. 3. 8.
11th Bn RHP.	x 28. b. 3. 9.
12th Bn "	x 15. d. 7. 3.
9th Bn "	x 15. d. central
5th Bn "	x 28. b. 3. 2

Others unchanged  
~~no work~~

2ND AUST. FIELD AMB

13/8/18

6.30pm

ARMS 1st Aust Div

Today has been quiet  
on whole section. The ARMS  
has dealt with 37 cases  
only for 24 hours ending  
6pm today.

An offer has been  
made by van R.E. officer  
of Light Railway running  
past old C.C.S. to evacuate  
wounded on his trains  
whenever they run, to a  
point on W.H. d. on  
Harbombers - Bayouville  
Road, but I did not make  
any arrangements with him,  
as I thought our arrange-  
ments would probably not  
suit the incoming unit.

Locations are as follows.

1st Bn. RHP.	F. 6. a. 1. 8.
2nd Bn "	x 28. b. 4. 8
3rd Bn "	F. 6. c. 7. 3
4th Bn "	x 28. a. 7. 8.

Relays for 1st & 3rd Bns at  
F5 cent. & F4. a. 1. 1.



2ND AUST. FIELD AMB.  
 No. 15/8/18

A.M.S. 1st Aust Div.

The day has passed off quietly, 41 cases having passed through this ADS. Lt. Horn, ending 6pm today. We have seen Lt. Col. McGregor, and have made arrangements for handing over the post in forward area, and a pickup the night, and this ADS in the early morning. I am handing over all stores possibly to mob. table.

Bearers of 2nd & 3rd F. Amb. will be relieved tonight, and those of the 1st F. Amb. early in the morning.

Billeting Officer has arranged a camping site in CERISY area. Exact location will be notified on arrival.

Sites of RAPs etc are unchanged.

W. K. R. R.