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WAR DIARY

OF

A. D. M. S. 2nd AUSTRALIAN Div.

FOR

NOVEMBER 1918.

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WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELLOU - sur SOMME	1/11/18.		Visited 6th Aust Field Amb. and found matters very satisfactory.	
	2/11/18.		As there is a probability of a further move of Divisions in the near future the order for 6th Aust Field Amb to move to VAUX was cancelled. Meeting of Ambulance Q.M's. held at this Office, instructions given that all deficiencies be made up without delay. No difficulties being experienced by Q.M's regarding supplies.	
	3/11/18.		Arrangements made for inspection of all Regimental Medical Establishments on 5/6/and 7th inst. The Regimental Medical Establishments, Rest posts and equipment was found satisfactory with the exception of a few minor points which are being adjusted. The transfer of A.A.M.C. Water Details being proceeded with. Rumours are persistent among French Civilians that an Armistice has been signed, and official arrangements have been made by the Local MAIRIE.	
	4/11/18		Arrangements were made with 3rd A.G.H. for 15 tent subdivision men of Ambulances to receive nursing instruction. Although this arrangement was made with the cognisance of D.D.M.S. instructions have been received that the personnel must be withdrawn as Corps does not approve. This training would have been of great value to the N.C.O's and men selected.	
	5/11/18.		Regimental Medical Establishments 5th and 7th Brigade inspected.	
	6/11/18.		Regimental Medical Establishments 6th Brigade Pioneer, and M.G.Battn. inspected.	
	7th/11/18		Regimental Establishments 4th and 5th A.F.A.Bde. and 2nd D.A.C. inspected.	

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BELLOY - Sur-SOMME	5th.		Notification received from D.H.Q. for Major V.W. SAVAGE 3rd.Aust.Field Amb. to be Temp.Lt.-Colonel and to command 6th.Aust.Field Ambulance. Major D.M. EMBELTON D.A.D.M.S. 2nd.Aust.Div. to proceed to 1st.A.G.H. and Major F.L. WALL "MC" 7th.Aust.Field Amb. to be D.A.D.M.S. 2nd.Aust.Div. Major E.P. BARBOUR 1st.A.G.H. to be posted 7th.Aust.Field Amb. vice WALL	
	7th.		Notification received that Major C.F. PITCHER 3rd.A.G.H. to be posted to 7th.Aust.Field Amb. vice Major J.C. CAMPBELL to Australia.	
	8th.		Memo received from D.D.M.S. Aust.Corps reference inspection of Dental Units by S.O.A.D.S. pointing out efficiency of services could be increased and that accommodation must be demanded from 'Q' branch of Division.	
	11th.		Wire received from "G" branch stating that armistice was signed at 5 a.m. and that hostilities would cease at 11 a.m.	
	12th.		Major W.J. STACK DSO reported to this Division for duty and was posted 7th.Aust.Field Ambulance.	
	14th.		Memo. received from "AQ" reference suspension of promotion of officers	
	15th.		Memo. from "AQ" notifying that Major A.T. DUNLOP DSO will report to this Division for duty from 2nd.Aust.C.C.S.	

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	16/11/18.		Instructions 1/2/3 (G.Branch) received.	
	17/11/18		Attended Conference at D.H.Q. re move to the RHINE. A.A.M.C. Order No 45 issued.	
	18/11/18		Conference of Ambulance Commanders held at this Office, and details of march arranged. The weather for past week has been very cold, bright and sunny but hard frosts.	
	19/11/18		Much milder weather. G.Branch instructions received stating Division would entrain for FRESNOY Area on 21/11/18. A.A.M.C. Order No 46 issued.	
	22/11/18.		5th Aust Field Amb. moved arriving at BOHAIN 23rd inst. All trains were late in starting and the trip took from 18th 24 hours instead of 8 hours as anticipated.	
BOHAIN.	24/11/18		Divisional Headquarters moved to BOHAIN. 6th and 7th Aust Field Ambs. entrained at HANGEST.	
	25/11/18		6th and 7th Aust Field Ambs arrived at BERTRY. 5th Aust Field Amb. moved to MAZINGHIEN by route march.	
	26/11/18.		5th Field Amb moved to PRISCHES Area. 7th Field Amb to MAZINGHEIN. The weather was very bad for marching as the roads were in a very muddy condition. Several trains including that of 7th Aust Field Amb. and supplies were delayed XXXX owing to	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			explosion of a mine West of CAMBRAI, causing shortage of food supplies for 2 days.	
	27/11/18.		6th Aust Field Amb marched to FAVAIL. 7th Aust Field Amb marched to Le Petit FAYT.	
	28/11/18.		6th Aust Field Amb. marched to BOULOGNE. Meeting of Ambulance Commanders at 1700 re allotment of 6 Medical Officers Australian General Hospitals Refresher Course.	
	29/11/18.		Following Medical Officers sent to Refresher Course. 1st A.G.H. CaptS MENDELSON CAMERON. MILLETT. and HARPER. Tp No 2 A.G.H. Majors STACK and RAYSON. Visited 5th and 7th Field Ambs, and Dental Units.	
	30/11/18.		Visited 6th Aust Field Amb and Dental Unit. Meeting of Ambulance Commanders and all R.M.O's. Desires of R.M.O's regarding Post Graduate courses and further Medical experience prior to Demobilization discussed. All M.O's feel that it is necessary to brush the work up before starting practice. Whilst all wished to get to Australia as early as possible they desired to take advantage of an Opportunity to improve and extend their Medical knowledge. Refresher course at Military Hospital considered inadequate as does not include Midwifery and diseases of women and children.	

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WAR DIARY APPENDIX

OF

A.D.M.S. 2nd.Aust. Division.

FOR

NOVEMBER

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
17th. November 1918

A A M C ORDER No.45.

Information :-

The advance of 4th. Army to the Belgian - German frontier is to be carried out in three stages as under :-

- (a) From present line to the approximate line FRANCHIMONT - HETTER - CHATELET - JUMET.
- (b) From the above line to the approximate line DEYFELDT - SALCHETEAU - REGNE - VILLERS ST. GERTRUDE - OCCQUIER.
- (c) From the above line to the Belgian - German frontier from about DEYFELDT on the right to about FRANCHEVILLE on the left.

The BELGIAN - GERMAN frontier will not be crossed pending further orders.

Each Corps is moving forward on a two Division front each Division on a separate road.

The Australian Corps is to be concentrated in LE CATEAU area before moving forward to the Rhine.

1. Ambulances will be prepared to move with their respective Brigade Groups to LE CATEAU area at any time after 19th. inst. (inclusive.)
2. Ambulance Commanders will get in touch with Brigade H.Q. and make necessary arrangements for clearing sick of Brigade Group en route.
3. C.O. 5th. Aust. Field Amb. will detail a large ambulance car to move with 2nd. Aust. Div. Artillery group.
4. No dumps will be left in the present area. A Divisional Dump will be formed in LE CATEAU area. It is not desired to take forward sick or unsound animals and extra baggage.
5. FIELD AMBULANCES ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. J. Murphy

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
2nd. Australian Division.

Distribution :- Normal.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

G.O. 5/6/7th Aust Field Amb.
G.O. 1st Aust San Section.

A.D.M.S.
2nd AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION

Headquarters.
10/11/18.

22/1/48

WARNING ORDER

1. The move forward to Le CATIAU will take place 21/11/18 by train.
2. 6th Aust. Field Ambulance will entrain with 7th A.I. Bde. group at HANWIST. Ambulance Commanders will arrange details with 7th A.I. Brigade Hqs.
3. 1st Aust. San. Section will move with 7th Aust Field Amb.
4. Acknowledge.

W. Shepherd

Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
2nd Aust Division.

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S E C R E T
- - - - -SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONHeadquarters.
20/11/18.A.A.M.C. ORDER No 46.

The Division less Artillery is to move by strategical train to FRESNOY Area, commencing on 21st November.
For the move:-

- (a) 5th Aust. Field Amb. will move with 5th A.I. Bde. Group entraining at VIGNACOURT.
- (b) 6th and 7th Aust. Field Ambs. will move with 7th A.I. Bde. Group, entraining at HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
- 1st Aust. San. Section will move with 7th Aust. Field Amb.

There are no restrictions as to routes to Station.
All Units will detrain at BUSIGNY.

- 2. Units are to be billeted in FRESNOY Area as nearly as possible in the Groups laid down in D.H.Q. instructions No 3.
- 3. (a) Whilst in FRESNOY Area Ambulances will clear sick from their respective Brigade Groups.
(b) Sick of Artillery will be cleared by nearest Field Ambulance. [Group]
(c) Ambulance Commanders will arrange with Brigade Headquarters for accommodation to enable cases likely to be fit for duty within 48 hours to be retained. All other cases will be evacuated.
- 4. Ambulance Commanders will instruct dental units to open for dental treatment as soon as possible.
- 5. A.D.M.S. Office will close at BELLOY-sur-SOMME at 1800 23/11/18 and open in FRESNOY Area same date and hour.
- 6. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE.

DISTRIBUTION Normal.

J. H. Callaghan
for
Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
2nd Aust Division.

A. D. M. S.,
2nd AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.

Headquarters.
29/11/18.

G.O. 5/6/7th Aust Field Amb.

18/1/20

SICK EVACUATION CARTIGNES AREA.

1. Sick for evacuation from 6th and 7th Brigade Groups will be delivered by their respective Ambulances to 5th Field Amb. (LINIERES) by 1330 daily. 5th Aust. Field Amb. will evacuate whole Divisional cases to BUSIGNY or Le CATEAU. As far as possible cases for evacuation will be given lunch before arrival at 5th Aust. Field Amb. This procedure will commence on 30/11/18.
2. G.O. 6th Aust Field Amb. will be responsible for collection of sick from 4th and 5th A.F.A.Bdes. and 2nd Aust. D.A.C. on and after 30/11/18.
3. Requisitions for Drugs and Dressings will be sent by 6th and 7th Aust. Field Ambs. by noon 30/11/18 to G.O. 5th Aust Field Amb. who will consolidate and collect stores from Base Medical Stores BOMAIN or BUSIGNY.
4. G.O. 6th and 7th Aust Field Ambs. will each detail one large Car to report to G.O. 5th Aust Field Amb. at 1330 on 30/11/18 for duty while this mode of evacuation pertains.

W. Shepherd

Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
2nd Aust Division.

Captain. Arthur Poole LAWRENCE 6th Aust.Fld.Amb.

This officer displayed bravery and devotion to duty on 3rd., 4th., and 5th October, 1918, during the fighting in the Hindenburg Line North of St.QUENTIN, particularly during the assault on MONTBREHAIN, as bearer Captain 6th Aust. Field Ambulance. He maintained touch with Regimental Aid Posts in spite of heavy shell fire, his personal courage inspired many others; and his genius for selecting routes and loading posts resulted in a very rapid evacuation of wounded. His work throughout this period was quite outstanding: time after time he went to heavily shelled localities to extricate the wounded - he was always where the danger was greatest, where the casualties were occurring, and by his coolness and courage and example, rendered the most gallant service in a very difficult situation.

MILITARY MEDALS NOTIFIED ON 3-11-18 AS HAVING BEEN AWARDED.

No.6381 Pte.Joseph RHODES 6th Aust. Field Ambulance.

On the 3rd October, 1918, near ESTREES North of St.QUENTIN, this soldier proceeded to a wounded companion through 150 yards of heavy shell fire, dressed his wound and helped him to shelter. Later in the day he was alone at a Motor Loading Post, devoid of cover, and though wounded himself, he remained with a severely wounded man under heavy shell fire for over an hour, and tended him till he could be got away.

No 8169a Pte.Clarence THOMPSON 5th Aust. Field Ambulance.

On 5th October 1918, in the operations at the Hindenburg Line, North of St.QUENTIN. The enemy heavily shelled some Artillery Transport, overturning a waggon. At once this man dashed to the spot regardless of heavy shelling, cleared two wounded from the wreckage and carried them to the Regimental Aid Post. Owing to the extent of the shelling which was continuous and extensive in area, his behaviour showed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. He was accompanied by No 2807 Private (L/Cpl.) Basil Cecil BARWICK M.M. 5th Aust. Field Ambulance.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL NOTIFIED ON 3-11-18 AS HAVING BEEN AWARDED.

No 9434 Dvr. Claude HAYSON. M.M. 2nd. Aust. M.T. Coy. attd.6th Aust.F.Amb.

This soldier on 3rd October, 1918., during the fighting North of St. QUENTIN displayed great bravery under fire. Though he had already been driving continuously for 16 hours he repaired his tyres under shell fire, and replaced the back wheel which had been destroyed by a shell burst, thus ensuring the evacuation of 20 stretcher cases which would otherwise have been held up. He then went forward with his car through a heavily shelled village at night. The road was blocked with debris, but nothing daunted, he cleared a way for his car, and established a Motor Loading Post beyond the Village, through which he drove his car under shell fire until all wounded had been evacuated.

BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL NOTIFIED ON 3-11-18 AS HAVING BEEN AWARDED.

No. 2807 Pte. (L/Cpl.) Basil Cecil BARWICK 5th Aust. Field Ambulance.

On 5th October 1918, in the operations at the Hindenburg Line, North of St. QUENTIN on the road at TONCOURT, 300 yards from 18th Battalion Headquarters, the enemy heavily shelled some Artillery Transport, overturning a waggon. At once Private BARWICK dashed to the spot regardless of heavy shelling, cleared two wounded from the wreckage, and carried them to the Regimental Aid Post, Owing to the extent of the shelling which was continuous and extensive in area, this man's behaviour showed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. He was accompanied by No 8169a Private Clarence THOMPSON, 5th Aust. Field Ambulance.

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Monthly Sanitary Report for month of November 1918.

PHYSIQUE: Good. Reinforcements have been of good standard.

BILLETS: By the end of October billets had been improved & accommodation increased by re-billeting 23rd. Battalion at VAUX. The men were then all comfortable.

On arrival in BOHAIN area, billets were found to be very scarce and very dirty (i.e. in staging towns such as BUSIGNY, ST SOUPLET, MAZINGHEIN) Billets in CARTIGNIES area however were sufficient though very scattered.

Part of the Division spent over 30 hours on train journey between HANGEST and BERTRY.

CLOTHING: Satisfactory; great improvement noted in attention given to clothing in respect to washing of Tunics and Breeches and scrubbing equipment.

FOOD AND WATER: Rations good in BELLOY area. Most units invested considerable funds in purchase of fresh vegetables. While on the move the fresh meat ration was necessarily reduced considerably.

Water. In CARTIGNIES area more abundant and of better quality than in previous area. Chlorination is carried out.

LATRINES: were satisfactory in BELLOY area. In CARTIGNIES area no military latrines were found to exist and practically no timber was available for construction. Deep trench and rail system had to be used.

BATHS: ETC Satisfactory in BELLOY area but in CARTIGNIES area no baths exist and facilities for improvising are extremely rare owing to the complete manner in which the Bosche has removed all tubs, rails and timber. However baths will be working in each Brigade area by 3.12.18.

DISINFECTION: was good in the rest area. In the CARTIGNIES area Foden has been put in charge of a senior Ambulance M.O. and is working continuously on blankets.

HEALTH OF TROOPS: Very good. Epidemic of Influenza was at its height during first week of the month, and then subsided considerably for two weeks although a slight recrudescence has occurred during the last week. Locations of recrudescence are noted and are well in hand.

<u>SICK FOR MONTH.</u>	<u>Admissions.</u>	<u>Evacuations.</u>
	571.	405.
	<u>P.U.O. Admitted.</u>	<u>P.U.O. Evacuated.</u>
	319.	188.

DIARRHOEA: has given no trouble.

VENEREAL DISEASE: Still mostly contracted in United Kingdom. 1000 Blue Label packets have arrived and have been issued to units pro-rata.

V.D. ADMITTED: Gonorrhoea 37 Syphilis 8 Chancre 4. Sore on Penis 7 Gon. Orchitis. 1 Ch. Urethritis. 1

WHERE CONTRACTED: United Kingdom 29 Paris 7 Boulogne 1 St Ouen 5 Le Havre 2 Amiens 2 Flexicourt 1 Abbeville 2 Bertacourt 2 Vignacourt 1 Unknown 3 No Information 2 Relapse 4.

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COLONEL.
A.D.M.S.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ADMISSIONS OF:-

Date.	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26.
Enteritis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diarrhoea.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Group.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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19.11.18 Fleselles.

When I reported for duty with the Train on 19.11.18, I found the four companies widely scattered & disposed as follows: 15th Coy & Headquarters at Fleselles - 16th and 17th Coys at Frémont, about 4 kilometres away. & 20th Coy, a considerable distance away in the Northern area. Sick parades were held by me at the 15th, 16th & 17th Coys. The A.M.B. Corporal with the Medical stores was detached with the 20th Coy, whose medical needs were attended to by the nearest Field Ambulance. The billets of the 15th Coy, & the bivouacs of the 16th & 17th were clean & sanitary. Disposal of refuse & latrine arrangements were good. Horse lines were satisfactory. Manure disposed of by distribution over ploughed land. Sick were evacuated to the 5th Field Ambulance which was stationed at Fleselles. The feeding of the men was excellent & the health and spirits of the men of a high standard.

22.11.18 On the march.

Embarking at Vignacourt 22.11.18 with the 15 Coy. (I have been attached to this company during the march to the North) - we arrived at Bohain next day. The whole company was billeted in a large house which was taken over in an indescribably dirty condition. Fatigues were at once put on & the place was cleaned up as far as possible.

After two nights here the unit marched to Mozinheim - 25.11.18 - where the billets were shell-torn & insanitary - latrine arrangements were practically nil & as the unit only stayed the one night, not much could be done. This village was reached on 26.11.18 by easy marching from Mozinheim. Billets here are satisfactory - consisting of farm houses & barns. All are fairly watertight, clean, & comparatively free from vermin.

26.11.18 Prisches

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The cookhouse arrangements, & disposal of refuse have been satisfactory. Latrines were inadequate & fresh latrines and urine pits had to be dug.

The disposal of manure was at first unsatisfactory, as there was a large exposed heap which had been left by previous occupants, & the tendency was to dump manure on top of this. Instructions have been issued that this heap is to be covered by a layer of mud, & beaten flat - & that all manure is to be covered away & packed in a similar manner. The general health of the troops has been good. There have been very few cases of influenza & practically no diarrhoea. In view of the long & often irregular hours worked by A.S.C. drivers & loaders, it is difficult even in congenial surroundings to arrange adequate recreation - but the morale of all ranks is excellent.

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Frederick Harbour Major A.A.M.C.
RMO 2nd Div. Train

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 2nd Australian Pioneer Bn APPENDIX

From 1st Nov to 22nd Nov the Bn was billeted at Remois. The billets were not good, mostly being very airy and cold.

On 22nd Nov the Bn moved by train to BERTRY and thence to BOHAIN by foot. Billets at Bohain were satisfactory.

On 27th Nov Bn moved to P^t CAMBRESIS and next morning day moved to P^t le Fayt. Billets at P^t le Fayt were good.

Health of unit for Nov. was very good and only towards end of month when the Bn was moving were there many evacuations to Hospital.

Evacuations to Hosp were as under:-

Venerical disease	4
Other causes	12
P.V. O.	6
Accidental injuries	4
Rheumatism	3
Total	<u>29</u>

Linen, blankets, billets were kept in good order. The men were bathed and issued with clean clothing also all blankets were deloused.

RH Hudson Surgeon
 Remois. 2nd Pioneer Bn. 2.12.18.

From Remois. 2nd Pioneer Bn
 To H.D.M.S. 2nd Australian Div.

Attached Monthly
 War diary report

RH Hudson Surgeon
 Remois. 2.12.18



2nd Aust. Machine Gun Bn.

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 During the greater part of the month the unit was in the same rest billets as in October and conditions remained the same there being nothing worthy of special notice.

Upon 22.11.18 the unit commenced to move towards the Rhine.

While on the move the companies were separated and even upon arriving in the Piosches area only two of the four companies were billeted in the vicinity of Pon. H.Q. the other two companies being with other brigades a considerable distance away.

1.12.18.

J. F. Patrick
 capt.
 A.A.M.C.

To A.D.M.S. 2nd Austn. Division
From R.M.O. 4th A.F.A. Bde.

Herewith attached R.M.O.
Monthly Report and
War Diary for November
1918.

1/12/18.

H. C. Miller Capt.
R.M.O. 4th A.F.A. Bde.

Map References.

4th A.F.A. Bde.

Nov. 1918.

Molluio-au-Bois Sht 62^D B.7.

Bray " " L.15

Zertry Sht 62^C

Bde H.Q. W 86 8.6. 10th Bty 932 d 8.3. 11th Bty W 20. 12th W 86 8.8. 104th 932 d 8.1.

Peronne. Sht 62^C. 127.

Bihacourt C.C.S. R.21.a.

Zincourt J.24

Bohain Sht 62B D.21.

Amiens Sht 62^D M.13 etc.

Estrees Sht 62^C P.29.

Athies " V.7

Fresnoy-le-Grand. Sht 62B I.18.

St Souplet Sht 57B W.4a.

Cartignies Sht 57^A.

Bde H.Q. O.11.d 50.05 10th Bty. P.19.C. Central 11th Bty O.30.b.

12th Bty O.19. b and d. 104th Bty O.24 d.

A.D.M.S. office Cartignies Sht 57^A O.11a 8.5.

KLMO's Monthly War Diary
November 1918 4th M.A.F. A.M.S.
Nov. 1-7. a good deal of a type of
feverish coryza cases reported
here. This seems quite distinct
from influenza, several cases
of which have also reported.
Nov. 8th. Inspection by A.D.M.S.
2nd Division Divn. of medical
establishment and personnel.
Nov 10th At 9 a.m. Bde moved
off by road having evacuated
10 officers and 3 men suffering with
influenza, therefore the cases
unable to stand a trek.
remainder of sick cases carried
on G.S. wagons etc.
Bde arrived at Bray at 4 p.m.
thereby having stood the journey
fairly well.
Nov 11th. Bde moved ~~by road~~
by road to Derry, several
sick cases evacuated en route
at Perronne by an Australian
ambulance for there.
Billets at Derry found in
good condition most being
hissen huts with stoves.
Sanitary conditions good and

flyproof latrines already
in existence.
Nov 12th Health of men fair
no means existing for even
of sick. Several cases of influenza
Nov 14th Capt A.C. Draker returned
from leave and took over duties
as RMO from Capt A.T. Baldwin
temporarily.
Nov 15th Visit made to Nos 5
and Nov 7 CCS at Bihcourt
for the purpose of obtaining
car for evacuation of sick.
These CCS unable to supply
car as closing down, also
stated CCS at Tinecourt to be
closing down and nearest
place of evacuation to be
Bohain or Amiens. Bde command
made to telephone to these
places and to D.O.M.S. Corps but
unsuccessful. Visited Staff
Capt 2nd Antm D.A. at ~~batres~~
^{chance} and application made that
a car should be applied
for to be attached to the
2nd D.A. while in this area &
on the move as we are so
far away from existing
hospitals etc. Application also made

together to a D.M.S. 2nd Division
Down.

Nov 16th. Capt A.H. Baldwin returned
to 5th Division F. Ambulance.

Inspection of Battery wagon
lines all found in good state.
During evening one influenza
case found to be dead. Pneumonia
and an orderly
sent by Bde to Staff Capt 2nd
D.A. to try and get ambulance
returned with motor lorry
but case considered too ill
to send that way in this
cold weather. Night spent
with man who was seriously
ill.

Nov. 17th Condition of man
slightly improved. Further message
to 2nd D.A. H.Q. regarding ambulance
car sent. Reply sent they were
doing their utmost to obtain
car. During ^{late} P.M. car obtained
from 5th Division Artillery and 3 men
evacuated. Pneumonia
case being in a critical
condition. It was necessary to
evacuate the man at all
costs as the Bde was
believed to be moving on the

following morning.
Ambulance driver stated that C.C.S.
at Tinecourt had not closed
down. Other P.A.O. cases
conspicuous.

Nov 18th to 25th During this period
there was very little sickness,
most cases being minor accidents.
Ambulance car attached to 2nd D.A. H.Q.
under control of P.M.S. 5th A.F.A. Bde
reported on 19th Inst but broke
down and did not report again
until 23rd Inst P.M. when a case of
fracture pelvis was received. Effort
had been made again to obtain
5th Div car to evac. This man and
influenza cases but without success
and a lorry was sent for to D.A. H.Q.
to remove same to C.C.S. but by the
time orderly reached D.A. H.Q. the
Ambulance had reported back. On the same
night car had to be again sent for
to evacuate an officer with fracture
of base of skull who died later on 28th Inst
On 24th Inst. and 25th Inst football
matches were played against 12th
Army Brigade.

Nov. 26th. Brigade moved off by road
at 9 a.m. to Fresnoy-le-grand arriving
there at about 4 p.m. 1 sick case

by Ambce car which called previous
to move and 1 case carried in car.
Brigade billeted in houses in the
town.

Nov 27th Brigade moved off by road
at 9 am. to St Souplet arriving there
about 1 pm. Troop billeted in houses
and old factory in low-lying
part of town. Rain and wind
in P.M. and billets not of best.
~~Eight~~ 4 cases from the Brigade
carried in Ambce during trek.

Nov 28th Brigade moved by road at
9 am. to Cartignies arriving there
at 14-30. Ambce car bringing five
cases (sick) along. Rain during most
of trek. Brigade billeted in comfort-
able farm houses about 3 Kms out
of the town. R.M. visited A.D.M.S.
Office in P.M. matter of scarcity of
boots in the Brigade discussed. Boots
are in a very condition and
in spite of repeated incidents
supplies not coming to hand.

Nov 29th Application made to 5th
F.C. Austn F. Ambces for drugs but
unable to obtain for a few days.
Great scarcity of these in Bde as only
very small quantities were able to
be obtained at 38th C.C.S. at Dincourt

to which we were evacuating while
at Tertry.

Arrangements made for sick parades
those of 10th, 11th and 12th Bty. to be held
at 10th Bty. and that of 12th Bty. at
12th Bty. Sick cases to be done by Ambce car
attached to Artillery Group.

Nov. 30th Sick evacua to be carried out by
6th F. Ambce car, as Artillery car returning
to 5th Field Ambce until Artillery moving
forward.

Capt. M. attended conference of Medical
Officers of Divn. convened by A.D.M.S.
at Cartignies. Discussion on Post Grad.
work and numbers taken of those
desirous of returning to Australia
as soon as possible. 13 M.O.s desiring
this. I decided for, if possible doing
hospital or Post Grad. courses in
England.

Medical Arrangements for while in
Advanced area discussed, V.D. prophylaxis
Rest billets etc. to be as in usual
Rest areas.

Further cases of sore feet from
worn out boots reported on sick
parades. This is now a daily
occurrence. Letter re this forwarded to
C.O. Bde on 23rd Inst & matter referred to A.D.M.S.
on 28th Inst.

Respectfully
Yours
Lieut. Col. J. H. A. Wade

RMC's Monthly Report.
November 1918 4th A.F.D. Bde

Health of Troops. There has been a certain amount of Influenza during the month in the Brigade. This has died out considerably toward the latter end. Where possible patients were kept and not evacuated, though a number were, these being mostly at times of the Brigade moving when it was impossible to carry them. Sick were kept in separate billets from the other men.

Food. The food has been good and no complaints have been heard regarding it. Kitchens have been kept under observation and messengers have carried out their duties to satisfaction giving as much variety as possible.

Latrines These have been of approved type throughout the month. They at all times having been found already constructed in the areas occupied except from 28th to 30th in Carignan area where Urinals do. ^{supplies of timber were not available for making same.}

Water Supply has been regular chlorinated, supply being obtained from tested wells and water points

Water Details. The 1st Lt and two men who had previously transferred from A.A.M.C. to Artillery, retransferred at the beginning of the month to A.A.M.C. 2 Ptes from the 5th Field Ambice (Ptes Jarman and Bishop) being sent out from that Ambice to the Brigade and attached to 104th and 12th Bties respectively, the former being particularly satisfactory in his work. Gun Mercie who had originally transferred from A.A.M.C. to Artillery being detail in 104th How Bty and unfortunately wounded in action in U.K. at time of transfers. He was a particularly good man, easily the best detail I have seen and it will be a pity if he is unable to transfer at a later date on his return and his services lost in the capacity.

Sanitary Details. Work of these men has been carried out to satisfaction.

A.D.M.S. Inspection at beginning of the month the R.M.C. and establishments were inspected by the A.D.M.S. 2nd Austn Divn.

Blankets Early in the month the blankets of the Brigade were

passed through a Foden Lorry.
Prophylaxis of V.D. These measures
have been obtainable at all
times during the month by all
ranks.

Sick Parades Until arrival at Cartigny
these have been held at a central
spot but when in this area
owing to distance apart of Bries
three Battery parade have been
held at one Bty and the 4th company.
Evacuation of Sick This has been the
outstanding trouble of the month.
While at Mollins - du - Bas evacs
were carried out by the daily visit
of a car of the 5th Field Ambce.

When at Tetry it was impossible
for some days to find any means
of evacs. 2 CCS about 7 kilo distance
were unable to send a car as
they were closing down, and application
was made to 2nd BATT for arrangements
to be made, application also
made to A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Div. Before
car became attached to the 2nd BATT
as it was later the matter became
acute a man being ill with
Pneumonia for 2 days before he was
able to be got away. After some time
did report a car belonging to 5th

Aust Div Artillery stationed at
Athies. At a later date after a
car was attached to 2nd BATT
under control of R.M.C. 5th M.A.F. A.D. it
broke down and a man with
a fractured pelvis had to kept for 24 hrs
until another car reported.
On trek up use of car was made
to carry up slightly sick cases
who would otherwise have had
to be evacuated when opportunity
en route occurred.

I have gone into this matter rather
fully endeavouring to show how
~~and how~~ difficult it is to
carry on without some sure
& certain means of getting rid
of sick cases when billeted miles
away from an Ambce or CCS
especially when almost daily
expecting orders to move forward.
I do not think that there has
ever been any cause for
complaint that the 2nd Div Artillery
has evacuated cases unnecessarily.
The number of evacuations
being relatively very few
and I do not think that the
Authorities can complain that
the request for a car to be attached

The Artillery Group was unreasonable.
Supply of Drugs. Difficulty also has been experienced in obtaining these. The 58th CES. at Dincourt which we were at Dentry supplied only a very limited amount and in some cases it was impossible to treat certain cases owing to certain drugs being unobtainable. Advice from CES. was received saying that indents should be countersigned by A.D.M.S. ~~Brigade~~ As it would have taken several days to receive countersigned indent back and ^{as the Bde was} almost daily expecting to move it was unfortunately not sent on for as it happened the Brigade remained at Dentry for 15 days. On reaching Cartignies indents were immediately submitted to 5th Aust'n Field Ambce to replenish stocks.

Inoculations. Ninety six inoculations were done during the month bringing the percentage up to 100% done in the Bde under 12 mths. 31 French Motor Battery men recently attached have yet to be done owing to supply ^{of TAB} having been exhausted.

Recreation. A. Y.M.C.A. outfit has been stationed with the Brigade for the greater part of the month. Football has been freely indulged in. An intra Div art competition is in hand. Baths organised bathing parades have become a thing of the past ^{since early in month at Moulin-au-Bois} as no facilities have existed in areas where Bde has been billeted but men are encouraged to bathe themselves on every opportunity. Parades clean clothes. There has been no issue of clean clothes since early in month at Moulin-au-Bois. Boots & Sore feet. There are a great number of men reporting with sore feet as a result of worn out boots. The matter has been brought urgently before the CO Bde and A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust'n Div. There appears to be great difficulty in obtaining supply of boots & material. ~~The Dental Officer~~ The Dental Officer has treated a number of men in the Bde but there still remain a number requiring attention.

1/12/18

H. Parker Capt.
R.M.D. 4th A.F. A. Bde

5th A4A Bde
1. 12. 18

A.D.M.S., 2nd Aust Division

Monthly War Diary.

During this month up to the 10th, the Brigade remained at rest in 2nd Div. area at Allonville. The men were comfortably billeted and satisfied. Training was carried out in the morning and afternoons were given to sport.

There was very little sickness in the batteries except a few cases of influenza in the 105th Bty. These cases were evacuated and contacts treated as far as possible. Daily evacuation of sick by ambulance car from the 5th Field Ambulance was satisfactory.

A prophylactic tent was established and treatment given in about 40 cases. Only 5 cases of venereal disease eventuated, but all these cases were reinforcements.

Early in the month, the water details were replaced by A.A.M.C. men from ambulance. This was received with evidenced satisfaction

as these men, besides attending to water duties, can also assist medically.

On the 7. 11. 18 the A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division inspected the A.A.M.C. details water and sanitary details of the Brigade.

On the 10. 11. 18, sudden orders were received to move back to the line. Staying at Cappy, we reached Tertiary 11. 11. 18 where we remained until the 26. 11. 18. During march, some trouble was experienced in evacuating cases, owing to there being no ambulances in the vicinity. On application to Division, a car for this purpose was attached to the Artillery and remained with us until arrival at Cartignies.

Whilst at Tertiary, medical supplies were difficult to maintain owing to lack of ambulances and our having to exist upon what scanty supplies the 58th C.C.S. at Tincourt could supply.

In this particular area, the 105th Battery alone was affected with influenza, about 12 cases being evacuated. Otherwise, sickness was practically nil.

The men at Tertiary, had
were comfortably billeted and had
plenty of chances of diversion in
sport etc. On the 26.11.18 the
Brigade moved via Fresnoy &
St Souplet to Cartignies where it
remains at present. During the month,
all blankets have been disinfested
and fumigated and men have had
frequent facilities of baths and clean
clothing.

Some trouble was experienced
with the limited supply of boots
available at D.A.D.O.S. resulting
in many instances in men being
unable to travel on the snow
other than in the Ambulance. Since
our arrival at Cartignies this trouble
has been remedied.

Also rations have been
becoming shorter and shorter during
the month, the cooks having
often difficulty in preparing meals
of sufficient quantity from the issue.
Only by canteen and private
purchases has this been mollified
to some extent. However realizing
that if this continues a 'discontent'

will grow amongst the men, D.A.D.O.S.
have taken the matter up, and
hope are that it will be
remedied. Practically every man in
the brigade was this month
examined and deficiencies as regards
inoculation were remedied, so that
inoculation of the unit is now
complete.

P. Campbell Capt
RMO
5th A.P. Bde

Dpr May 2nd D.A.C. A.I.F.

1-30 November 1918.

At the beginning of this month
the D.A.C. were at Paulamull
about 6 kilometres from Amiens.

The aed. post was situated in a
comfortable billet and had
plenty of space in which to
work. Very little illness was
present and the soldiers were
fortunate in escaping almost

entirely from ²the prevailing
epidemic of influenza. On the
8th inst an inspection of the
unit was made by the A.D.M.S.
of 2nd Australian division.

On the 10th inst the soldiers
moved from this area to
Cappel near Bray sur Somme.
The second days march brought
us to a village called Berne
between Peronne and St Quentin.
During this days march news
of the signing of the armistice
was received. The unit
remained at Berne for over
fifteen days very little of
interest occurring during that
period and illness being at
a minimum.

From this place the unit
moved by three stages
to the Cartigny area in
which the unit are

The R.A.P. is ³ again comfortably
situated in a billet and we
have a room in which to
work. In this area there
is a slight amount of work
to be done amongst the
and pupulaters there being
three cases of gastric
influenza. The pupulaters
are suffering somewhat from
the effects of scanty and
poor food.

Hubert G. D. Cape

R.M.O. 2 D.A.C. A.I.F.

Medical Way Diary
18th Bn A.I.F.
28/10/18 - 28/11/18

Oct 29. Water now being drawn from examined well in Vignacourt as pumping station at Canaples out of order & so water point unavailable.

Nov 2nd Muster parade of whole Bn & B. marched clear of town. Town searched for thieves practising their trade in the village. Bn sports held in afternoon.

Cooks & all Corp. making camp ovens to facilitate roasting of meat. Men being fed well. Higher illness in the Bn except for a few cases of influenza mild in type. Seven such cases evacuated to Field Ambulance up to Nov 2nd.

Nov 3rd Pumping station repaired & water again being drawn from water point.

Nov 5th Baths again working from yesterday. B, D & H Co's Corp bathed today & issued with clean clothing. Clothing of good quality & heavy winter

weight. Men living well though there is a shortage in issue of green vegetables & potatoes. Both being bought out of regimental funds from local growers.

A.D.M.S. inspection of S.B. Sanitary, Water & Medical details today.

Nov 7th Cases of influenza most markedly on the decrease. A.I.C. Corp bathed today.

Nov 11th Official bonification of men of armistice held out before Bn parade. Bn water details replaced by 4 A.A.M.C. details.

Nov 12th Brigade sports - all men in high spirits & physically & morally very fit.

Nov 16th Jorden's Room with unit. Every blanket in the Bn disinfected. Training & drill cut down to a minimum & sports indulged in every afternoon.

Nov 20th Foot inspection of the Bn by platoon commanders accompanied by Coy Chaplains. All cases requiring attention sent along

~~March along for treatment~~
 Nov 21st On Intraired at midnight
 at Vignacourt. Hot tea provided
 about 10pm for the men - On
 train until 12 mid. - One kilo
 marched clear of town of
 Bertuy & men given hot tea -
 March resumed & Bohain
 reached at 5.30. Men in food
 billets. Hot meal shortly after
 arrival - Few sore feet at
 sick parade on 23rd.

Nov 23rd Day spent in Bohain
 Nov 24th Sick parade 6.30 - At 9 am.
 march commenced - Liezenheim
 reached 1.20 pm. - Hot meal on
 arrival - Foot inspection 3 pm.
 & Cases requiring attention on
 sick parade at 4 pm. Good
 many cases of tender feet &
 few blisters - All bathed
 & washed in spirit & powdered

Nov 25th Sick parade 6.30 am. - Bad
 feet cases travelling on transport -
 March commenced at 9 am
 to Prisches - Five men fell
 out en route on account
 of feet - March completed on

having their equipment carried -
 Destination reached 1.30 am &
 hot meal shortly provided
 Men in comfortable billets but
 billets found in a disgusting
 condition from a sanitary
 point of view.

Nov 27th Influenza again prevailing
 disease. Seven cases evacuated
 today from the transport section
 Contacts being treated with prophyl-
 -actic doses of Quinine &
 segregated as far as possible
 Nov 28th In Prisches - Men resting,
 reports being organised.

M. Templeman
 R. Mid 18th Bn

Medical War Diary for November

23rd An.

The first three (3) weeks were spent in Resi Billees and the last week in marching en route for Rhineland.

On Nov. 1 the Battalion moved from St Vast to Vaux en Amienois and here the Billeting was excellent. Sanitary conditions excellent. Water supply poor.

Food was good and plentiful and with sport and drill the men's condition improved.

During this period the Battalion Water Details were replaced by a Sergeant and four men from Ambulances.

On November 11th the armistice was signed. This the service of the Regimental Stretcher Bearers were requisitioned to assist in Chirpody.

Nov. 22. Battalion marched out at 3 pm & entrained at Vignacourt at 8 pm.

Nov 23 Detained at Berting 3 pm. & marched 15 miles to Babin arriving there at 7 pm. Marching across rubble stone pines, very tiring. Billees here were fairly good, but the recent evacuation by the Germans had left this town in filthy condition.

Nov. 26 Marched out 9 am. Men carrying rifles & packs but no blankets. 2 Blankets per man were carried by transport. Arrived St. Souplet 4.30. Small shattered village. Billees poor.

Nov 27. Marched out 9 am arriving at Savil at 3 pm. Good Billees but no sanitary arrangements.

Nov 28. Marched out 9 am arriving at Pongy laise 12.30. Billees very scattered but excellent.

War Diary. November 25th Pm (continued)
The area of Pongé base has been a peaceful district during the war and now is in good condition.

Sanitation. No latrine present. Boxes & timber impossible to obtain. Saddle latrines were tried but owing to sodden nature of the ground proved unsuitable. Efforts are being made to secure poles for pit latrines.

Water Supply.

Barrels from wells after chlorination.

Health of Troops

The epidemic of Influenza has abated. The troops have stood the marching well. A few have blistered heels & many more complain of pain in Tendo Achille. Diarrhoea is increasing but the Company most affected were found to have neglected chlorination of Water Supply.

4-12-18

J. H. Daniel
Capt