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WAR DIARY

OF

A.D.M.S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

JANUARY

1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>FRANCE.</u>	<u>JANUARY, 1918.</u>			
STEENWERCK. Sheet 36.	1st.		11th. Aust. Field Ambulance relieved by 2nd/3rd. WESSEX Field Ambulance at D.R.S. STEENWERCK and personnel rejoined remainder of Unit operating D.R.S. BAILLEUL. Relief complete by noon (Copy of Order attached).	Appendix 1.
			Colonel WHITE., A.D.M.S. awarded C.M.G., (A.I.F. List. No.279, d/1-1-1918.), also Mention in Despatches (A.I.F. List. No.279 d/1-1-1918).	
			Major VICKERS., D.A.D.M.S. Mention in Despatches (A.I.F. List. No.279, d/1-1-1918).	
	2nd.		9th. Aust. Field Ambulance relieved by 3rd/2nd. WEST LANCS Field Ambulance at D.R.S. L'ESTRADE. On account of D.R.S's. L'ESTRADE and STEENWERCK handed over to 1st. ARMY, instructions were received to open up a D.R.S. at RAVELSBERG, with special accommodation for Scabies and Diarrhoea cases. Relief completed by 6 pm. (Copy of Order attached).	Appendix 1.
MERRIS. Sheet 36a.	3rd.		A.D.M.S. Office closed at STEENWERCK at 12 noon and re-opened at MERRIS at same hour.	
	4th.		10th. Aust. Field Ambulance relieved in Forward Area by 2nd/2nd. WESSEX Field Ambulance, and proceeded to billets at MERRIS to open Brigade Hospital. Relief completed by 10 am. (Copy of Order attached).	Appendix 1.
	5th.		Arrangements for clearance of Sick made as under :- 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance to clear from 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade. 10th. " " " to clear from 9th. " " " 11th. " " " to clear from 11th. " " "	
			D.A.D.M.S. inspected Sanitation of 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Area.	
	6th.		10th. Aust. Field Ambulance moved from MERRIS Area to SEC BOIS Area. Colonel WHITE., A.D.M.S. proceeded on leave to PARIS (8 days). Lieut.Col. PURDY J.S., Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance acting as A.D.M.S.	
			D.A.D.M.S. inspected Sanitation of 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Area.	

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FRANCE.	JANUARY 1918.			
	8th.		D.A.D.M.S. inspected Sanitation of 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade. <i>ww.</i>	
	13th.		Colonel WHITE., A.D.M.S. returned from leave. <i>ww.</i>	
	17th.		D.A.G., A.I.F., approval of No. 7/149, d/10-1-1918, received for Colonel WHITE., A.D.M.S. to return to AUSTRALIA, and appointment of Lieut. Col. MAGUIRE., Officer Commanding 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance to act as A.D.M.S. pending G.H.Q. approval. <i>ww.</i>	
	18th.		Colonel A.T. WHITE, C.M.G., V.D., A.D.M.S. 3rd. Aust. Division, proceeded to report to D.M.S., A.I.F., LONDON, Lieut. Col. MAGUIRE appointed act/A.D.M.S. <i>ww.</i> Result of Medical Examination of Division sent to Divn. Headquarters, "Q" (Copy attached).	Appendix 2.
	22nd.		Lieut. Col. F.A. MAGUIRE, Officer Commanding 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance appointed A.D.M.S. 3rd. Aust. Division with Temporary Rank of Colonel. (D.A.G., A.I.F., No. 148/01/45, d/22-1-1918). <i>ww.</i>	
	23rd.		Orders received for 3rd. Aust. Division to relieve 2nd. Aust. Division in Right Sector of Corps Front, between 27th. and 29th, January, 1918. A.A.M.C. Operation Order issued. (Copy of O.O. attached). <i>ww.</i>	Appendix 3.
	24th.		Colonel MAGUIRE., A.D.M.S. proceeded on leave to ENGLAND. Lieut. Col. CHAMBERS, Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance appointed act/A.D.M.S. <i>ww.</i>	
	26th.		Scheme for Evacuation of Sick and Wounded from 3rd. Aust. Divisional Area. (M.1/4/14) issued. (Copy attached). <i>ww.</i>	Appendix 4.

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FRANCE.	JANUARY.	1918.		
	27th.		General Sanitation Report. (Copy attached). <i>WV</i>	Appendix 5.
RAVELSBERG. Sheet 28. S.17.Cent.	29th.		10th. Aust. Field Ambulance relieved 7th. Aust. Field Ambulance at PONT D'ACHELLES M.D.S. <i>WV</i> Relief completed by 10 am. A.D.M.S. Office closed at MERRIS at 10 am. and re-opened at RAVELSBERG at the same hour. <i>WV</i>	
	30th.		9th. Aust. Field Ambulance relieved 6th. Aust. Field Ambulance at WESTHOF and opened D.R.S. Relief completed by 10 am. 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance was relieved at D.R.S. RAVELSBERG by 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance. <i>WV</i>	
	31st.		11th. Aust. Field Ambulance relieved 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance at NIEPPE, (B.16.c.8.8.) Relief completed by 10 am. 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance was relieved at D.R.S. BAILLEUL by 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance. <i>WV</i> <u>)))</u>	
<u>GENERAL.</u>				
<u>SICK WASTAGE.</u>				
<u>For week ending:-</u>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Sick % to Strength.</u>
5th. January, 1918.		6	142	.88
12th.	do.	8	145	.90
19th.	do.	6	109	.69
26th.	do.	8	170	1.08

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FRANCE	JANUARY, 1918.		<p><u>GENERAL</u> (continued)</p> <p>The general health of the troops remains good.</p> <p>The following show the numbers of infectious diseases occurring during the month within the Division :-</p> <p>Mumps - 5. Measles - 5. Venereal Disease - 68. Scabies - 248. <i>WV</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Wiped Vickers mags.</i> <i>no A.D.M.S.</i> <i>3. Ans. Div.</i></p> <p><i>3/2/18</i></p>	

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OF

A.D.M.S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

FOR

JANUARY**1918****LIST OF APPENDICES.**

- | No. | Subject. |
|-----|--|
| 1. | Operation Order No. 28 .29 (forwarded with December-
(War Diary) |
| 2. | Result of Medical Examination of Division. |
| 3. | A.A.M.C. Operation Order No. 30. |
| 4. | Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded from Third
Aust. Divisional Area. |
| 5. | General Sanitation Report. |

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Headquarters,
18th. January, 1918.

To
Headquarters,
"Q".

As a result of the Medical Examination of the Division just completed, I have to report as follows :-

1. The general Health is good. Minor ailments are fairly common, as would be expected in winter time. The men are comfortably billeted and the food is sufficient.
2. Skin Diseases are fairly prevalent especially Scabies and irritation due to lice.
3. The increased supervision of bathing and exchange of under-clothing outlined in your Circular Memorandum No. 82, should do much to reduce the numbers of these skin diseases.
In addition I would suggest that Units should make more use of irons for de-lousing clothes of men found to be infected with lice.
In this connection, could the following para be circulated to Units :-

"Any men found to be suffering from pediculosis will be at once sent for a bath and a change of underclothing. His outer garments (tunic, breeches, and puttees) must be ironed at Baths or by Battalion arrangements. His blankets must be sent the same day to Division Rest Station, (11th. Aust. Field Ambulance, BAILLEUL) where they will be exchanged for disinfected ones".

W. J. H. ...

Colonel.

WV/RWB). A.A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Copy No 20.....

Headquarters,

23rd. January, 1918.

A. A. M. C. OPERATION ORDER No. 30.

by

Colonel. F. A. MAGUIRE, A/A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

(Map Ref. Sheets 1/40,000.- 27, 28, 36, and 36a.)

1. The Third Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the Second Australian Division (less Artillery) in the Right (A) Sector of the Corps Front, between the 27th. and 29th. January 1918. to be completed by 10 a.m. 29th. January, 1918.
2. Command of the Sector will pass at 10 a.m. 29th. January, 1918.
3. Command of Brigade Areas will pass when relief of Front Line Battalions is complete.
4. The Boundaries of Brigade Areas are as when the Division was last in the Forward Area, except that PONT d'UNIERRE is not now included.
5. The 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade with the 10th. Aust. M.G. Coy. and the 10th. Aust. L.T.M.B. will take over the Left Brigade Area
6. The 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade with 11th. Aust. M.G. Coy. and the 11th. Aust. L.T.M.B. will take over the Right Brigade Area.
7. The 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade with the 9th. Aust. M.G. Coy. and the 9th. Aust. L.T.M.B. will be in reserve, arranging to take over nucleus garrisons and duties in COERS Zone from Reserve Brigade of the Second Australian Division.
8. The 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will relieve 7th. Aust. Field Ambulance at PONT d'ACHILLIS, movement to be complete by 10 a.m. 29th. January 1918.
9. The 9th. Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 6th. Aust. Field Ambulance at WESTHOP (T.19.b.4.5) ; movement to be complete by 10 a.m. 30th. January, 1918.
10. The 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will relieve 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance at NIERRE (B.10.c.8.8.), and all Forward Posts, relief to be complete by 10 a.m. 31st. January, 1918. Bearers will be in position by noon 30th. inst.
11. The 9th. Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance, movement to be complete before 10 a.m. 30th. January 1918.
12. The 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be relieved by 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance, movement to be complete before 10 a.m. 31st. January 1918.

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13. All details of reliefs will be arranged between Officers Commanding concerned. Officers Commanding Field Ambulances will arrange to take over from the out going Unit and hand over ~~the~~ to the incoming Unit all Medical Duties.
14. Completion of moves will be notified to this Office by wire.
15. All surplus tentage will be left standing in situ. With regard to equipment tentage at present standing, Officers Commanding Field Ambulances will mutually arrange to exchange the equipment where possible. No tentage should be struck unless absolutely necessary to complete Unit equipment.
16. Foden Lorry together with 750 blankets will be sent to 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance PONT d'ACHELLES (B.8.b.2.5.) at 11 a.m. 29th. January 1918.
17. Mobilisation and Unit Stores must under no circumstances be left in the Area, except as specified above under tentage. Area Stores will be handed over to incoming Unit.
18. Lists of all stores etc. handed over will be forwarded to this Office in duplicate. Area Stores to be shown separately and forwarded in accordance with this Office M.1/41 dated 13/12/1917. Lists to reach this Office 36 hours after completion of moves.
19. A.D.M.S. Office will close at MERRIS at 10 a.m. 29th. January, 1918 and reopen at the same hour and date at RAVENSBURG.
20. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued by _____ at _____)

W. W. Wickes Meyer
 COLONEL.
 Pro A/D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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| | 8. 10th. do. |
| | 9. 11th. do. |
| | 10. 3rd. Aust. Div. Signal Coy. |
| | 11. 3rd. Pioneer Batta. |
| | 12. 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. |
| | 13. 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. |
| | 14. 11th. " " " |
| | 15. 3rd. Aust. Div. Train. |
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| | 18. A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Divn. |
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SCHEME OF EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED FROM THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION FRONT.

(Map Ref. Sheets 36 N.W. and 28 S.W.)

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LEFT BRIGADE		RIGHT BRIGADE	
Left Battalion.	Right Battalion	Left Battalion	Right Battalion.
From GREY FARM R.A.P. ; U.10.a.4.4. along and boards track to MESSINES ROAD by hand carriage - thence by wheeled stret- chers to T.14.a.6.6., where cases are met by motor ambulances & con- veyed to A.D.S. UNDERHILL FARM T.18.d.5.3., thence to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.	From CRATER R.A.P. ; U.15.d.9.6. by trolley to HYDE PARK CORNER Relay Post U.19.b.5.7., thence by motor ambulance to UNDERHILL FARM A.D.S. T.18.d.5.3., thence to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.	From BURNT OUT FARM R.A.P. ; U.27.b.9.5. by wheeled stretcher or trolley to A.D.S. BREWERY C.1.d.4.5. thence to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.	From R.A.P. SURREY FARM C.9.d.4.4., via trenches to MOTOR CAR CORNER Relay Post C.8.c.9.0. thence by motor ambulance to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.

From M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES (B.8.b.2.5.) Sick and Wounded will be disposed of as under :-

- (1). By evacuation to No.2 C.C.S.
- (2). By transfer of Light Cases to Divisional Rest Station WESTHOF (T.19.b.4.5.)
- (3). Gas Treatment Centre will be located at M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES (B.8.b.2.5.)
- (4). REACTION CASES. to be sent to D.R.S. WESTHOF on Fridays before 3 p.m. for transfer to No. 50 C.C.S. the following day to arrive there not later than 9:30 a.m., not more than 15 cases to be sent to C.C.S. on any one day unless by arrangements made through this Office.
- (5). all Scabies Cases to be sent to D.R.S. WESTHOF.
- (6). Infectious Cases to be sent to No.7 General Hospital.
- (7). DYSENTERY CASES to be sent to Special Hospital at H.IGRDOORNE (near Bailleul).
- (8). DENTAL CASES. all dental cases to be sent to the nearest Dental Unit
Dental Units are situated as follows :-

No.45 Dental Unit,	att.9th.Fld.Amb.	-(T.19.b.4.5.)
No.56	" "	att.10th. do. -(B.8.b.2.5.)
No.46	" "	att.11th. do. -(B.16.c.8.8.)
- (9). MEDICAL BOARDS will be held at M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES every Monday at 2:30 p.m. commencing on 4/2/1918.
- (10). Officer Commanding 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance will arrange to clear sick from 9th.Aust.Inf.Bde. as from 27/1/1918.

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 Operation
 Order No.30.

APPENDIX. 4
Wifford Vickers Major

Wifford Vickers Major
 Lt. Col.
 A.A.M.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

SANITARY REPORTS ON THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AREA

For month ending ^{27th} JANUARY, 1918

1.
 - (a). General Health Fairly good.
 - (b). Physique Good on the average
Later reinforcements not generally of very high standard.
2. Billets Satisfactory
3.
 - (a) Baths 5 baths are available for the Division - men get a bath once every ten days
 - (b) Washing Most Units have ablution bowls.
 - (c) Laundry (Moolenacker and Palmer Baths have Laundries and Drying rooms where soiled clothes are left and clean change provided.
 - (d) Drying Room
4.
 - (a) Disinfection Carried out when necessary, Cresol used.
 - (b) Prevalance of Vermin Owing to adequate arrangements for bathing, vermin are not very prevalent.
5.
 - (a) Cooking All kitchens are under cover.
 - (b) Quality of Food Good.
 - (c) Variation of Food Diet Sheets are hung up in every Cook-house and meals are varied as much as possible.
6. Water
 - (1). Quality Good
 - (2). How sterilised By Chloride of lime.
7. Latrines Fly proof box type provided - in good condition
8. Undue prevalence of preventible disease Fair amount of diarrhoea still exists - number of cases decreasing.
9.
 - (a). Sanitary condition in Forward Area Division not at present in Forward Area.
 - (b). Infectious and preventible diseases. Scabies is diminishing - Venereal Disease is still prevalent.
The following are the figures of the infectious diseases occurring for the month :-

Diarrhoea	-	39
Scabies	-	220
Venereal Disease	-	58
Measles	-	2

∅ High numbers due to, inspection of Division - any doubtful cases sent to hospital.
 - (c). Baths.
 - i. Locations. Palmer Baths
Bailleul Baths
Locre Baths
Moolenacker Baths
Meteren baths.
 - ii. Disinfection Carried out at Palmer Baths & Moolenacker and Foden Lorry Disinfector (D.R.S. BAILLEUL)

Appendix 5

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- (d). Instructions in Sanitation Regimental Medical Officers give lectures to Sanitary Details, also inspectors from Sanitary Section give advice in their tours of inspection.
- (e). Training &c. Training continued and efficiency up to the standard.

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William V. Owen *Grawi* Lieut Colonel
A/A.D.M.S. 3rd Australian Division

D.H.Q.

27th January, 1918

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