

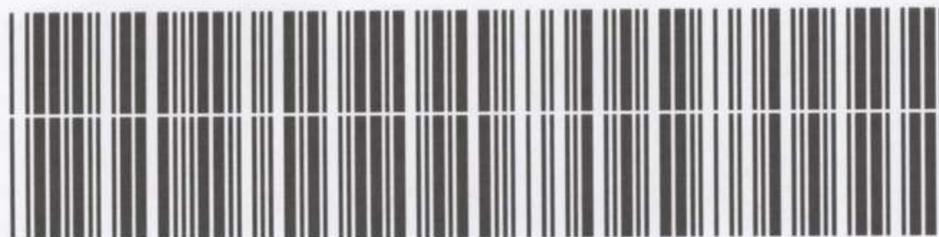
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FRANCE	DECEMBER	1918.		
1st	9 a.m.		"A" Division calling for a list of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year Medical students - Three names submitted.	
	12.20 p.m.		Re Australian Corps Circ. - EDUCATION - calling for names of Officers and O.Rs. recommended as lecturers - for Lectures - Political, Economy, &c.	
2nd	9 a.m.		Memo from Director of Remounts - relative to the selection and branding of brood mares.	
	10 a.m.		Circ. Memo. from A.A.G., A.I.F., re applications for discharges in United Kingdom to be considered by the Demobilization Authorities.	
3rd	9.30 a.m.		Circ. from Aust. Corps re EDUCATION - Proposal to establish a Corps Central School. Calling for a return of all undergraduate and Post Graduate University Students.	
	10 am		Conference at D.H.Q. - A.D.M.S. attended.	
	11 am		Approval received from A.A.G., A.I.F., for appointment of Major BARTRAM, R.D. (MC), to be D.A.D.M.S., 3rd Aust. Division.	
4th	4 pm		Circ. Memo. from "G" re Time Tables of Educational Subjects and Syllabuses of work. Military Work to be carried out for one and a half hours each working day of the week.	
5th	9.30 am.		Circ. Memo. from D.A.G., A.I.F., re report from A.P.M., A.I.F., London - Men on leave becoming acquainted with undesirable characters - employing, for the purpose of drugging and subsequent robbing, small tablets of the appearance of Saccharine - all men to be warned.	
			Circ. Memo. from D.A.G., A.I.F., re recommendations for confirmation of temporary Ranks.	
	11 am.		Circ. to R.M.Os. and Field Ambulances - Medical Boards to be assembled to examine all men whose health is considered likely to suffer by retention in France during the Winter. (Copy attached.)	App.1.

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FRANCE.	DECEMBER	1918.		
	6th	9 am	Circ. Memo. from "Q" reference to Official Correspondence - re setting out and writing of same.	
		10 am	Notes on the country from the Belgian Frontier to the Rhine received. Circular to Field Amb.	
		6 pm	3rd Aust. Division Order No. 113 received - 3rd Aust. Division to move from HALLENCOURT Area to the HUPPY Area. Warning Order to Units. (Copy attached).	APP.2.
			Memo to Ambulances re Medical Boards. (Copy attached).	APP.3.
	7th	11 am	A.A.M.C. Order No. 77 issued, and Amendment. (Copy attached)	APP.4.
		Noon	A.D.M.S. Circular No. 219 issued - re Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis - The precautions to be taken against same.	APP.5.
		2 pm	A.D.M.S. visited 11th Aust. Field Amb. and examined men unfit for further service in the Field.	
		3 pm	Circular Memos. received from "Q" relative to "CIVIL TRAINING" and Educational Scheme - Calling for nominations to attend various courses for various trades.	
	8th	11 am	Admin. Instruction from "A" received relative to move of Division to HUPPY Area - extracts sent to Field Ambulances.	
		1 pm	Circ. Memo. from A.A.G., A.I.F., re A.I.F. Order dated 25-1-1918 relative to scholarships for members of the A.I.F.	
		3 pm	Memo. from "Q" advising that M.P. Drivers attached to Field Ambulances to be placed on the Leave Roster of a Field Ambulance.	
		4 pm	Memo. from D.D.M.S. asking for any records of cases of gas poisoning - information to show general character, etc. An estimate to be formed on the significance of this form of warfare both from a Medical and tactical point of view.	
			Circ. Memo from "Q" re applications for discharge in England - advising particulars are to be embodied in each application.	

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	8th	6 pm	Memo from "Q" advising Colonial mares are not to be branded.	
		6 pm	Memos. to 9th and 10th Aust. Field Ambs. re alteration of date of Medical Board. (Copy att)	APP. 6
	9th	9 am	Reference issue of third blanket per men - No action to be taken at present.	
		10 am	Memo. from "A" Division relative to the attachment of one Officer from Infantry Units to Field Ambulances - This Officer to be capable of organizing sports, etc.	
		Noon	Memo. to D.E.O. advising it is proposed to establish a small Class at each Field Ambulance of instruction in practical Pharmacy - Asking could information be obtained of number of men in Division desirous of attending.	
		3 pm	Instructions from D.A.G., A.I.F., for the transfer of Major BRUMMITT to England for return to Australia.	
		4 pm	D.M.S. 4th Army advised no vacancies at present at MICHELHAM Convalescent Home.	
		6 pm	Memo. from "Q" relative to Courses for Meat and Food Inspectors' Class suitable for men who have been sanitary Inspectors or practical Butchers.	
	10th	Noon.	A.D.M.S. Office closed at HALLENCOURT and reopened at OISEMONT.	
		2 pm	D.D.M.S. Med. Instruction Routine No. 8 received - (1) Make arrangements for provision of Hospital accommodation in accordance with A.A.M.C. Standing Orders, Section II, para. 8. (2) Arrange for a higher standard of comfort at Field Ambulances for patients. (3) Ensure Blue Light Posts are established. (4) Ensure bathing facilities for Division. (5) Discipline in Medical Units.	
		3 pm	A ruling from Aust. Corps relative to Leave for Officers to England for special duties &c. and Post Graduate courses. The matter for post graduate courses for members of the A.I.F. is still under consideration, and the decision arrived at will be communicated to all Units.	
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FRANCE, DECEMBER 1918.				
	10th	4 pm	Memo. to R.M.Os. - Calling for report on the occurrence of Influenza with reference to its occurrence among Transport personnel. <i>(Copy att)</i>	APP.7.
	11th	Noon	Memo. to Ambulances reference to leave for A.A.M.C. men attached to Units. Leave to be given from A.A.M.C. leave allotment.	
		2 pm	D.A.G. Circ. Memo. No.151/02/62 - Relative to temporary promotions being made by Officers authorised, where establishments provide.	
		3 pm	The following Officers of Units are selected to deal with Repatriation and Demobilisation:- Major J.S. Smyth - 9th Aust. Field Amb. Capt. R.M.W. Webster (MC) - 10th Do. Major E.S. Meyers - 11th Do.	
		5 pm	D.D.M.S. Sanitary Instruction No.9 received - Sanitary Secs. to come under Corps Administration on arrival in "A", "B", "C", "E" and "F" Areas.	
	12th	9 am	"Q" Admin. Instruction No.67 advising Units of the following Leave arrangements, Location of Reinforcement Wing, Ordnance, etc. Ambulances advised. D.M.S. 4th Army advises no vacancies at present at MICHELHAM Convalescent Home.	
		1 pm	Memo. from D.A.& Q.M.G. Aust. Corps - re deficiencies of equipment not considered necessary to carry - Indents will be submitted to D.A.D.O.S. for such articles and marked "suspend issue". Circ. Memo. from D.A.G., A.I.F., advising that Defence Dept. had sanctioned that men when returned to AUSTRALIA be disembarked and discharged in Military District in which their homes are situated. Report from D.A.D.M.S. on inspection of 11th Bde. Battalions. Today I visited R.M.Os. of 11th Bde. Battalions. A detailed inspection of billets and transport lines was not carried out, but the following points were noted:-	
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	12th	1 pm	<p>1. Billets are scattered, necessitating a considerable amount of walking about to cook-houses, Latrines, etc.</p> <p>2. Villages in every case have poor accommodation - not so much the billets themselves - surroundings and approaches also. Owing to the wet weather many of the roads are inches deep in slush, and approaches to billets are in the same condition.</p> <p>3. Transport lines are in the same condition.</p> <p>I would submit that, in view of the season, the following provisions are urgently required:-</p> <p>a. Extra change of socks, and, if possible, boots for all men.</p> <p>b. Drying room for each Coy. in the Battalions, (and similar Units elsewhere.).</p> <p>c. Extra fuel for drying purposes.</p> <p>d. Trench Boots for all transport and sanitary personnel.</p>	
	13th	Noon	Memo to "A" relative to preliminary inspection of billets in Divisional Area (see above report) and suggesting provisions to be taken. (Copy attached).	App. 8
		1 pm	Memo. to Ambulances notifying that Units will be in present locations until after Christmas.	
		2.30 pm	A.D.M.S. examined "Unfit" men at 10th Field Ambulance.	
		3 pm	Advising the D.D.M.S. that Medical Officers in this Division have no records of Gas Poisoning.	
	14th	9 am	Circ. Memo from "Q" re Forfeiture of Pay to be reckoned from date of first investigation.	
		2.30 pm	Conference held at 10th Bde. H.Q. A.D.M.S. attended - subject "Demobilization - Repatriation".	
	15th	9 a.m.	Memo from "Q" - Procedure for men to be sent to Base Prisons.	
		1 pm	Memo to "A" Ref. men proceeding on leave to PARIS - considered necessary to make special provision for Venereal Prophylaxis. (Copy attached).	App. 9

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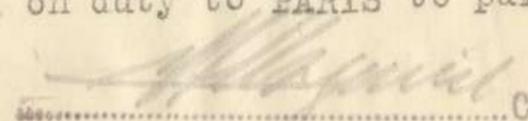
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FRANCE, DECEMBER 1918.				
	15th	2 pm	Memo to "A" advising Lt. STEELE (E.O.) has been appointed Representative of A.A.M.C. on the Committee of Exhibition of Work.	
		2.30 pm	Ref. entries on A.F. B-122 - enquiries on Illegal Absentees not to be entered.	
		6 pm	Circ. Memo to R.M.Os. on the Influenza Epidemic - further to report furnished by them on this matter, advising the arrangements made by Division for the drying of clothes, etc. (Copy attached).	App.10
	16th	1 pm	Memo to D.A.G., 3rd Echelon, asking for disposal of A.F. W-3185. For Historial and Statistical purposes.	
		2.30 pm	A.D.M.S. examined "Unfit" men at 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.	
		6 pm	Memo from D.D.M.S. asking for report done by Medical Services for French Civilians - Re medical aid during war, and more especially during the period of the recent advance.	
			Pamphlet from Department of Repatriation and Demobilization, notifying its position and administration.	
	17th	2 pm	A.D.M.S. examined 3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn. "Unfit" men at 10th Field Amb. - 17 sent to Base.	
		5 pm	Memo from "Q" advising the allotment of Baths to Brigades. Brigades will make allotment to Units within Areas.	
	18th	9 am	Australian Corps General Staff Circular No.40 received - subject, Reorganization of Field Ambulances on a 2 section basis.	
			Col. L.W. BOND (DSO), C.O. 10th Aust. Field Ambulance, proceeded on duty to PARIS to purchase urethral syringes for the use of men for venereal prophylaxis.	
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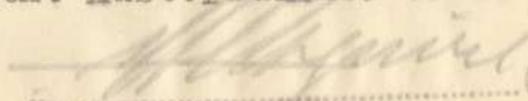
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	18th	2.30 pm	Memo from Aust. Corps, D.D.O.S. - re issue of paillasses during Winter months. Asking for number required. Replied 580.	
		6.30 pm	D.D.M.S. advising Aust. Red Cross Depot established - MARCHINELLE. Report from D.A.D.M.S. on inspection of 9th A.I. Brigade and Pioneer Battalion. I visited R.M.Os. of 3rd Pioneer Bn., 33rd Bn., 34th Bn., 35th Bn. The billets and general conditions were in every case good - much better than in any other Brigade areas, and in every case an improvement on the last area. The 34th Bn. were for a week in BUIGNY, where billets were bad, but yesterday moved to MIANNAY, which is good. Despite the better class of billets, the R.M.Os. reports on health of men emphasised the difficulty of getting clothes, and particularly boots and socks, dry. To this was attributed most of the sickness in Battalions. Slight Catarrhal conditions chiefly. General health is good - as yet no Rest Posts have been established, nothing suitable having been found, and R.M.O's. suggest that men are more comfortable in billets, and as infectious (Influenza) cases are evacuated at once, are not a source of danger. There seems to be a decided disinclination amongst the R.M.O's. to insist on suitable accommodation for Rest Posts, and with the present difficulty in regard to billets, it is a point in question whether these should be insisted upon. The V.D. problem is causing some concern. Only one R.M.O. reported a marked increase, but all ask for French Letters to be supplied in large quantities. I would suggest that another endeavour be made to secure 5000 at once, and steps be taken to ensure a constant supply. Everything points to an increased demand. Several cases contracted in OISEMONT Area before the move were reported from this Brigade also. I would suggest that a 'Blue Light Room' be opened in this town by 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance. The Baths at FENQUIERES have been held up for three days for want of a few small parts. These Baths are urgently needed for 33rd. and 35th. Battalions.	
	19th	Noon	Circ. Memo. from D.M.S. Fourth Army reference proposal to publish next year, Paper containing scientific observations on Malaria.	
		2 pm	Instructions from A.A.G., A.I.F. for Q/M.&.Hon. Lieut. MAXWELL, 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to be returned to AUSTRALIA.	
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	19th.	2 pm	Memo to Aust. War Record Section asking for statistics to compile a narrative dealing with the Medical services of the Division.	
		4 pm.	Memo issued - instructing the transfer of Captain FAITHFULL to 3rd. Aust.Div. Engineers vice Captain WEBB, to 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	
		6 pm	Memo from "Q" Division advising that Railhead from 20th. instant will be at OISEMONT. Major H.A. WYLLIE, MC. A.A.M.C. reported for duty and posted to 9th. Aust.Fld.Ambulance.	
	20th.	9.30am	Memo from G.H.Q. asking for recommendations as regards summer issue of Khaki Drill shorts, Memo from "Q" Division - reference A.I.F. War Pictures - Lt. COOLAHAN, is selected to represent the Publicity Section of War Records re sale of these.	
		10 am	Memo from G.O.C., stating that he considers a great deal more assistance be given to Transport personnel in order to maintain a high standard of efficiency in Transport.	
		Noon	Memo from A.A.G.&I.F., advising that an additional Dental Unit be attached to each Division. Memo to R.M.O's. Divisional Units to advise this Office of the amount of Dental Work required for men of their Units. Instructions issued for 'Blue Light Room' to be opened at OISEMONT. Major C.M. SAMSON, M.C. & Bar proceeded to England in accordance with D.A.G., A.I.F. instruction.	
		2 p.m.	A.D.M.S. visited 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance and examined men unfit for further service in the Field.	
		4 pm	Memo from 9th. Aust. Fld.Amb. advising that a suspect C.S.M. case of 35th. Battalion evacuated to No.2 Stationary Hospital ABBEVILLE. Memo passed to Sanitary Section for action and report- Report forwarded and passed to D.D.M.S. Aust.Corps for information.	

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	21st.	9 am	New English Leave Allotment for A.A.M.C. - Officers two per week - Other Ranks 24 per week.	
		6 pm	Circ. Memo from D.H.Q. "Q" re compilation of Demobilization Form No.534 para; 5. General Remarks para;	
	22nd	9 am	Memo to D.D.M.S. to advise if there are any vacancies available at MICHELHAM Home.	
			Reference Pamphlet relative to Narratives of Operations, ruling received from "A" advising - (1). A.A.M.C. are entitled to take part in this competition. (2). Narrative must necessarily be written up from an Infantry Brigade point of view.	
	23rd.	9 am	Report furnished to D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps relative to work done by Medical Units of Division amongst the civilian population since the arrival of the Division in France.	
		10 am	Memo from this Office to D.M.S., A.I.F. advising that a packet of 1,000 'Blue Light Outfits' has been received, also advising that Venereal infection in this Division arises from three main sources:- England, Scotland and France, and requesting that 750 'Blue Light Outfits' be supplied to this Division per week starting at once. (Copy attached.)	App.11
			Memo to R.M.O. 3rd. Aust. Divisional Wing forwarding a packet of 1000 'Blue Light Outfits' and to arrange that every man going on leave from Division is given a opportunity of obtaining one or more of these Outfits if he desires.	
			To R.M.O's. of Division advising action taken with regard to 'Blue Light Outfits' - see above, (Copy attached)	App.12.
		11 am	Major BARTRAM,, D.A.D.M.S. proceeded on 14 days leave to England.	
		4 pm	Recommendations on the summer issue of Khaki Drill Shorts by A.D.M.S. stating most desirable for the comfort and the efficiency of the troops. Recommended for all dismounted men.	
	24th	9 am	Memo from D.M.S. Fourth Army advising Major BRANSON of 48th. C.F.S. to perform duties of consulting Physician.	

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	24th	11 am	The following wire from General BIRDWOOD begins AAA I send most hearty greetings and good wishes for Xmas to every member of the A.I.F. for all can, indeed look back with satisfaction to the magnificent work that has been accomplished AAA I trust that all may have many a still happier Xmas and prosperity for many a year to come when they reach their Homes AAA Ends	
	25th	Noon	Civil Training Circular No.18 received. 1915 personnel selected to proceed to Wing on 26th. instant and then entrain for A.G.B.D. Le Havre.	
		6 pm	Memos. from "Q" calling attention to the necessity for any men proceeding to England, except on Ordinary Leave, being provided with written authority shewing full instructions and nature of duty.	
	26th	9 am	Memo from A.A.G., A.I.F. advising - (1) A.A.M.C. personnel returning to AUSTRALIA for Demobilization, or any other cause, are liable to be required to perform A.A.M.C. duty on the voyage. (2) Officers to return on above reasons will report to D.M.S., A.I.F. - other ranks to, A.A.M.C. Depot FOVANT. Australian Corps Circular forwarding notes on a lecture on Demobilization and Repatriation. Instructions to Officers responsible for filling in A.I.F. Form 534. Monthly Sanitation Report forwarded to D. D. M. S., Aust. Corps (copy attached)	App. 13.
	27th	9 am	Demobilization Memorandum No.1 received, reference to application for discharge in a Military District other than that of Enlistment.	
		10 am	Australian Corps Education Circ. relative to surveying, received.	
		10-30am	A.A.G., A.I.F. Memo. - advising approval given for transfer of Captain WEBSTER to England.	
		4 p.m.	Demobilization Memoranda, relative to Reconstruction Problem received, and the resettlement of the Army.	

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	27th	6 pm	Memo from A.A.G., A.I.F. 51/75 - reference to post Graduate Course for Medical Officers at Australian General Hospitals. Advising that this course will only last four weeks instead of six weeks.	
	28th	9 am	Memo from "Q" 3rd. Aust. Division - dealing with Leave for members of the A.I.F. to BRUSSELS - G.R.O. to be issued on the subject shortly.	
		4 pm	Memo from A.D.M.S. to Field Ambulances - relative to the present shortage of Ambulance Cars and restrictions to be placed thereon for the use of such cars - No cars to be sent outside the Division Area, except to No. 3 A.G.H. or No. 2 Stationary Hospital.	
	29th	9 am	Circ. Memo from "Q" - Proposed to hold parades for the presentation of Medals to members of Third Australian Division about 6th. January, 1919 on which day H.R.H. Prince of Wales will carry out the presentations. Circ. Memo. from "Q" - dealing with applications for - (1) Discharge in a country other than Australia. (2) Early repatriation. Memo to Field Ambulances from A.D.M.S. relative to G.R.O. 3377 - Losses of Motor Bicycles - precautions to be taken.	
		1 pm	Memo from D.D.M.S. asking whether any Field Ambulance is carrying out abortive treatment for Gonorrhoea.	
		7 pm	Memo from "Q" instructing that all ranks reporting to England for duty will previously report to D. H. Q. for written instructions.	
		10 pm	10th. A.I.B. advised per phone - Foden Lorry finished with by Brigade and instructions to Driver of Lorry to proceed to 33rd. Battalion.	
	31st	1 pm	Memo from A.D.M.S. to "Q" Division recommending issue of RUM to be made available to all troops for NEW YEARS DAY. Recommendation approved - Units advised.	

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

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DECEMBER 1918.LIST OF APPENDICES.

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3.	Memo. to Ambulance Commanders re Medical Boards.
4.	A.A.M.C. Order No.77 and Amendment.
5.	A.D.M.S. Circular No.219.
6.	Memo to 9th & 10th Field Ambulances re alteration of date of Medical Board.
7.	Memo to R.M.Os. re Influenza; special reference to be paid to Transport personnel.
8.	Preliminary Inspection of Billets.
9.	Men proceeding on leave - special provision for Venereal prophylaxis.
10.	Circ. Memo to R.M.Os. reference provision made by Division for Influenza epidemic.
11.	Memo to D.M.S., A.I.F., re venereal question.
12.	Memo to R.M.Os. re Blue Light Outfit.
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14.	Charts on Sick Wastage.

W. H. Quinn
Colonel
A.D. M.S. 3rd Australian Divn.

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Regimental Medical Officers
Commanding Officers
Field Ambulances.

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MEDICAL BOARDS.

1. Medical Boards will be assembled as under to examine men considered by R.M.O's, Unfit for duty in the Field for health reasons :-

- (a) 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (TAILLY) at 9-30 a.m. SATURDAY, 7/12/18 for 11th. Bde. Group.
- (b) 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (BRAY) at 9-30 a.m. MONDAY, 9/12/18 for 10th. Bde. Group.
- (c) 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (NEUVILLE-au-BOIS) at 9-30 a.m. TUESDAY 10/12/18 for 9th. Bde. Group.

2. Consideration is to be given particularly to cases of men whose health is considered likely to suffer by retention in FRANCE during the winter.

3. Cases considered Unfit by the Board will be held at the Field Ambulance and reviewed by the A.D.M.S. at 2 p.m. on the day of the Board.

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9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
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The Division will move in 48 - 72 hours to a neighbouring area.

Commanding Officers Field Ambulances will send an officer with the Staff Captain of Brigade to choose a hospital site in the Brigade Area. They will hold one tent sub-division in readiness to proceed 24 hours ahead of brigade and open a Hospital.

All cases at present in Hospital not likely to be fit to return to duty within 7 days from to-day, will be at once evacuated to No. 3 A.C.H. All other cases will be transferred to the new Hospital by Ambulance arrangements.

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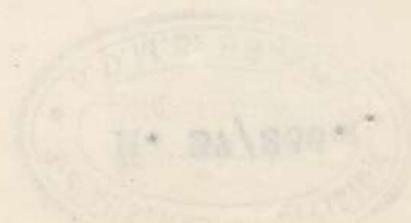
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9th. Aust. Field Ambulance,
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AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
No. 37/267.
A.D.M.S. BRANCH

Reference this Office M. 37/266. Officers appointed to Medical Boards will be instructed as follows :-

The object of Medical Boards at present is to send men to Base to the Standing Medical Board for classification. There are many men in the Division suffering from minor disabilities, e.g., deformities, old wounds, etc., which have been present either prior to enlistment, or for some considerable time. These men have been able to carry on perhaps in lighter jobs. It is not intended that these men should now be treated as compassionate cases and sent to the Base on sentimental grounds. They must carry on and be repatriated in their category.

The only men who will be considered are men whose health is likely to suffer if retained in France during the winter. Of these, any men suffering from a disease as F.B. or Mitral regurgitation (uncompensated), or D.A.H. of such an extent as to incapacitate them, should be admitted direct to Hospital by order of the Board and evacuated in the usual way.

Please ensure that the Medical Board is instructed accordingly.

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A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

A. A. M. C. ORDER No. 77

Map Ref: Sheet VIGNACOURT, 1/100,000

INFORMATION :-

(a). The Third Australian Division (less Artillery) will move to the HUPPY AREA by road on dates to be notified.

(b). Brigades will occupy areas as shown on attached map, (issued to ambulances only) 9th. A.I. Brigade Headquarters will be at MAISINIÈRES, 10th. A.I. Brigade Headquarters at MARTAINNEVILLE, and 11th. A.I. Brigade Headquarters at RAMBURES.

(c). Divisional Headquarters will be at OIGEMONT.

- (1). Field Ambulances will move under orders of their Brigade Group
- (2). 3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section will move under orders of 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group.
- (3). ACKNOWLEDGE - (Field Ambulances only).

A. A. M. C.

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1st. AMENDMENT TO A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 77

Cancel Para: 2 and substitute the following:-

"3rd. Australian Sanitary Section will move under orders of Camp Commandant, 3rd. Aust. Divnl. Headquarters".

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A. D. M. S. CIRCULAR. No. 219.

Attention is directed to the possibility of the occurrence of CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS amongst the troops.

Cases of this disease have already occurred amongst the civilian population within 12 miles of HALLENCOURT.

(1) The predisposing causes of C.S.M. are :-

1. SEASON. - It is a winter and spring disease.
2. SEVERE WEATHER of all kinds.
3. Causes temporarily lowering resistance, especially fatigue, alcohol, wet and cold.
4. Overcrowding in billets and halls.
5. Antecedent epidemic of Influenza.

Every Medical Officer will at once take precautions against the occurrence of C.S.M., and the bring the necessary steps strongly under the notice of his Commanding Officer.

(2) PRECAUTIONS -

1. Keep the possibility of C.S.M. constantly in mind.
2. All Catarrhal conditions of upper respiratory passages must be inspected daily, and all cases of inflamed, or injected throats treated with sprays or gargles of disinfectant, e.g., Potassium Permanganate solution.
3. Billets must be kept clean, well ventilated, and men spaced out as much as possible.
4. Extra blankets, if necessary and available.
5. Immediate isolation of all suspects and contacts, who should be examined regularly for the presence of the meningococcus in the posterior nares.

Any case of suspected C.S.M. among the troops or civilians will be notified to this Office by wire. In wires the disease will be referred to as "No. 5."

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To-
Commanding Officer
9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
10th do
Regimental Medical Officers.



MEDICAL BOARDS.

Reference this Office M. 37/266 dated 5th. inst.,
relative to Medical Boards. -

Please cancel para: (1), sub-paras: (b) and (c) and
substitute the following :-

(b). 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. at 9-30 a.m. FRIDAY, 13/12/1918 for
10th. A.I. Brigade Group.

(c). 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. at 9-30 a.m. THURSDAY, 12/12/1918
for 9th. A.I. Brigade Group.

Place where Boards will be held will be notified by
Officers Commanding Field Ambulances to their respective Brigades
for the information of Units.

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8th. Dec. 1918.
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[Signature] Colonel-
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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To-
Regimental Medical Officers.
C.O.'s. Field Ambulances.



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~~15th.~~ A report is to be rendered to this office by 6 p.m.
instant on the occurrence of Influenza in your Unit, with
special reference to its occurrence among Transport Personnel.

Please state definitely your opinion on any
special incidence of the disease, if it proves to fall particularly
on any one section of the Unit, and any recommendations you may
have to make re this, e.g., extra boots, extra hot drinks or hot
food, provision for drying boots and clothes, detailing of extra
personnel to relieve or assist men specially exposed to risk, etc.

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10th. December, 1918.
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To-
" A "

3rd. Aust. Division.



A preliminary inspection of billets in the divisional Area shews that the billeting is on the whole of a poor standard. In wet weather all approaches to billets are inches deep in slush and mud. As many billets border on farmyards, etc., this mud is carried right up to the doors of the billets. The transport lines are in most cases worse than the yards and roads.

In view of this, and having in mind the possibility of a great deal of wet weather, and the presence of Influenza amongst the men, it is strongly recommended that steps be taken as soon as possible to minimise the effect of these conditions on the men.

The following provisions are very strongly recommended:-

1. Extra change of socks, and if possible, boots for all men.
2. A Drying Room for each Company of each Battalion, and for each unit of similar size.
3. Extra fuel for drying purposes.
4. The issue of Trench Boots for all Transport and Sanitary personnel.
5. Special provision should be made for the Transport personnel. Extra men should be detailed to assist them if necessary, and hot drinks, and if possible hot food, should be available to all transport men on return to lines after a duty trip, and at the end of the days work.

Headquarters-
13th. December, 1918.
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W. H. H. H. H. Colonel-
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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To-
" A "

3rd. Aust. Division.

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As many of our men are going to PARIS on leave, it is considered necessary to make special provision for venereal prophylaxis.

The following procedure is recommended :-

- (1). All men going on Paris Leave should be assembled at the Divisional Reinforcement Wing the day before and instructed by a Medical Officer on Venereal Prophylaxis and warned of the risks.
- (2). Each man should be given a Prophylactic outfit and instructed how and when to use, and the object of the treatment.

The Outfit to be complete should consist of :-

- A small male syringe.
- A supply of 2 grain tablets of potassium permanganate.
- A supply of tubes of Calomel Ointment - up to 6.

Each man then has a complete "Blue Light outfit".

In order to supply this it is necessary to obtain a supply of glass syringes. It is thought, that in PARIS these might be procurable at 2 - 3 francs each. It is suggested that a Medical Officer be sent to PARIS to obtain a preliminary supply - say 100, and to arrange through the Divisional Canteen Representative, Mr. MONTAGUE, 30 Rue d'HAUTEVILLE, for a further supply to be forwarded if found necessary.

If this is approved, could authority be given please, for an Officer to proceed on duty to PARIS on 17th. instant, returning on 19th, and a sum of up to 350 francs be supplied from Divisional Funds for the purchase of syringes.

Lt-Col. L.W. BOND, D.S.O. is recommended as the Medical Officer to go and arrange matters.

Headquarters-
15th. December, 1918.

W. J. Bond
Colonel-
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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To
Regimental Medical Officers
Commanding Officers
Field Ambulances

The report by Regimental Medical Officers on the INFLUENZA epidemic and their expression of opinion has proved of great value.

1. Instructions have been issued by Division to all Commanding Officers in regard to the arrangement for drying of clothes and boots, the requisitioning of extra fuel for drying purposes, the obtaining of extra sox and boots, and provision of extra hot drinks and extra assistance for transport personnel.

The provision of Gumboots for transport personnel is being proceeded with. Efforts will also be made to obtain waterproof capes for transport.

A great deal can be done by the Regimental Medical Officer in this matter. He is the responsible adviser of the Commanding Officer on all matters affecting the health of the men. This includes food, billeting and clothing. He should use all his influence in these matters, particularly in regard to the issue of hot drinks soup, etc, at a late hour (20.00 to 21.00) before men turn in. If this is done the issue of RUM to transport personnel is not considered necessary.

The question of close billeting and crowding of billets must be governed by the amount of space available, but representations should be made to this Office, if conditions are bad.

R.M.O's will report to this Office on any of these matters where in their opinion conditions are not yet satisfactory.

A. Maguire

COLONEL
A.D.M.S. 3rd Australian Division

HEADQRS.
15th December, 1918
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3rd Pioneer Batt. 3rd A.M.G. Batt information

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To-
D. M. S., A. I. F.,
Administrative Headqrs., A.I.F.,
130 Horseferry Road,
London, S.W. 1.



A packet of 1,000 'Blue Light Outfits' has been received by this Office from A.I.F., Admin., Headqrs., Horseferry Road.

The outfit is considered to be of great value to Units in the Field.

Venereal infection in this Division arises from 3 main sources :-

- (1). BRITISH ISLES.- particularly, London and Edinburgh.
- (2). FRANCE.- PARIS.
Other towns outside the Divnl. Area.
Towns in vicinity of the Division.

By far the greatest proportion is from the British Isles.

Blue Light Rooms are conducted by the Division in all Units, and in all large local centres, e.g., ABBEVILLE. For the latter town over 80 men a day are treated.

It is desired to supply every man going on leave from the Division with at least one 'Blue Light Outfit'. As the average leave is 500 per week in France and England, it is requested that supplies be made available at the rate of 750 Outfits a week for the Division. This will meet all demands, both of men going on leave and men who desire local issue.

An application has been made by our Divisional Headquarters for the purchase of 10 gross of 'French Letters', which will also be available to the men on purchase. There is a big demand for these from the men.

Would you please advise if 750 'Blue Light outfits' could be supplied per week, starting at once ?

Headquarters-
23rd. Dec., 1918.
FAM/RWB.

[Signature] Colonel-
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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To-
Regimental Medical Officers



BLUE LIGHT OUTFITS

A limited supply of 'Blue Light outfits' consisting of three tubes of Calomel ointment, in a small cardboard box, with full instructions printed on it has been received.

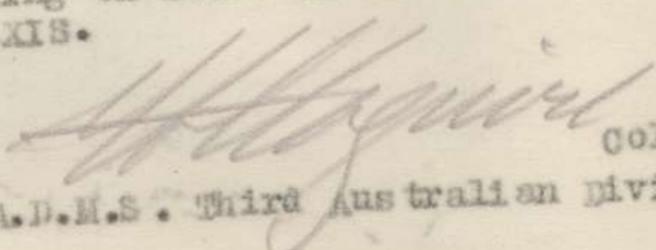
These have been sent to 3rd. Divn. Wing, Aust. Reinf. Camp with instructions to R.M.O. of Div. Wing, that these are to be made available on request, to any man proceeding on leave.

Further supplies have been asked for and it is hoped shortly to supply each R.M.O. with 'Outfits', in addition to above arrangements.

An order has been placed for a large number of 'French Letters', which should be available to Battalions on purchase, at the rate of 3d. each, very shortly.

Every man before proceeding on leave is to be thoroughly instructed in VENEREAL PROPHYLAXIS.

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Colonel-
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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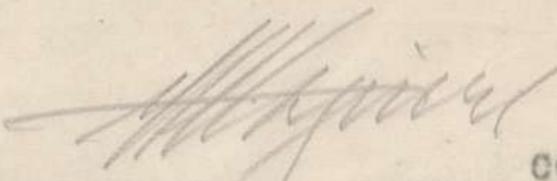
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SANITARY REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 26th DECR. 1918.

- 1. General Health. Fair. Influenza epidemic diminished. One case of C.S.M. occurred - all necessary precautions taken as regards disinfection and isolation.
 - 2. Billets. On the whole, poor.
 - 3. (a) Baths. Four baths in Divisional area. These are allotted to Brigades, and allotments given by Brigades to Units in Group.
 - (b) Washing.) Condition of clothing received lately generally
 - (c) Laundries.) good.
 - 4. Disinfection. Work with Foden lorry has been continued.
 - Prevalence of Vermin. Nil.
 - 5. Cooking. Good.
 - Quality of Food. Good.
 - Variation of Food. Good.
 - 6. Water.
 - (a) Quality. Good.
 - (b) How sterilised. Chloride of lime.
 - 7. Latrines. All fly-proof box type in use.
 - 8. Undue prevalence of) Nil.
 - preventible disease.)
 - 9. Infectious and other) Number of venereal cases 27-11-18 to 26-12-18.
 - preventible diseases)
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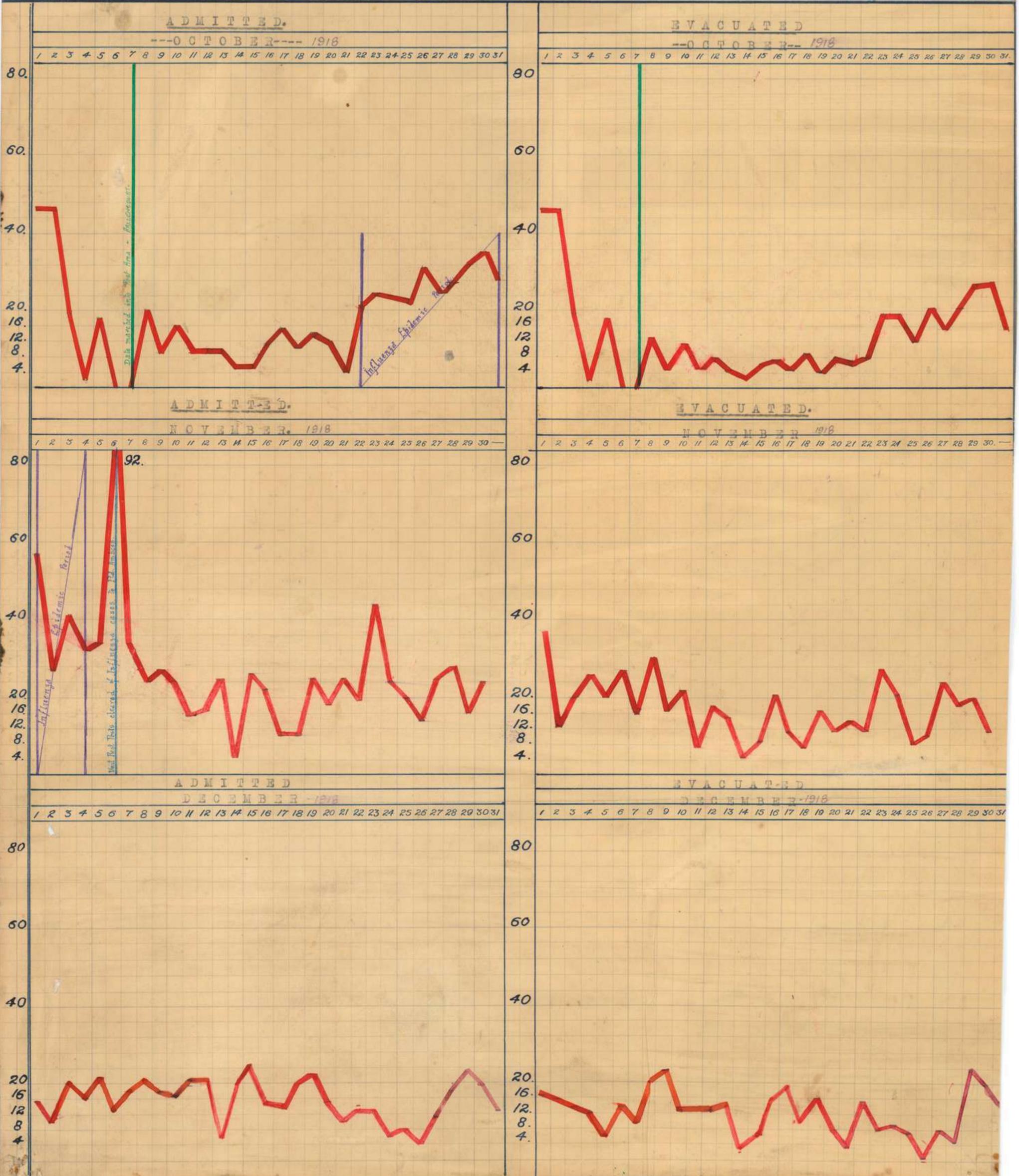
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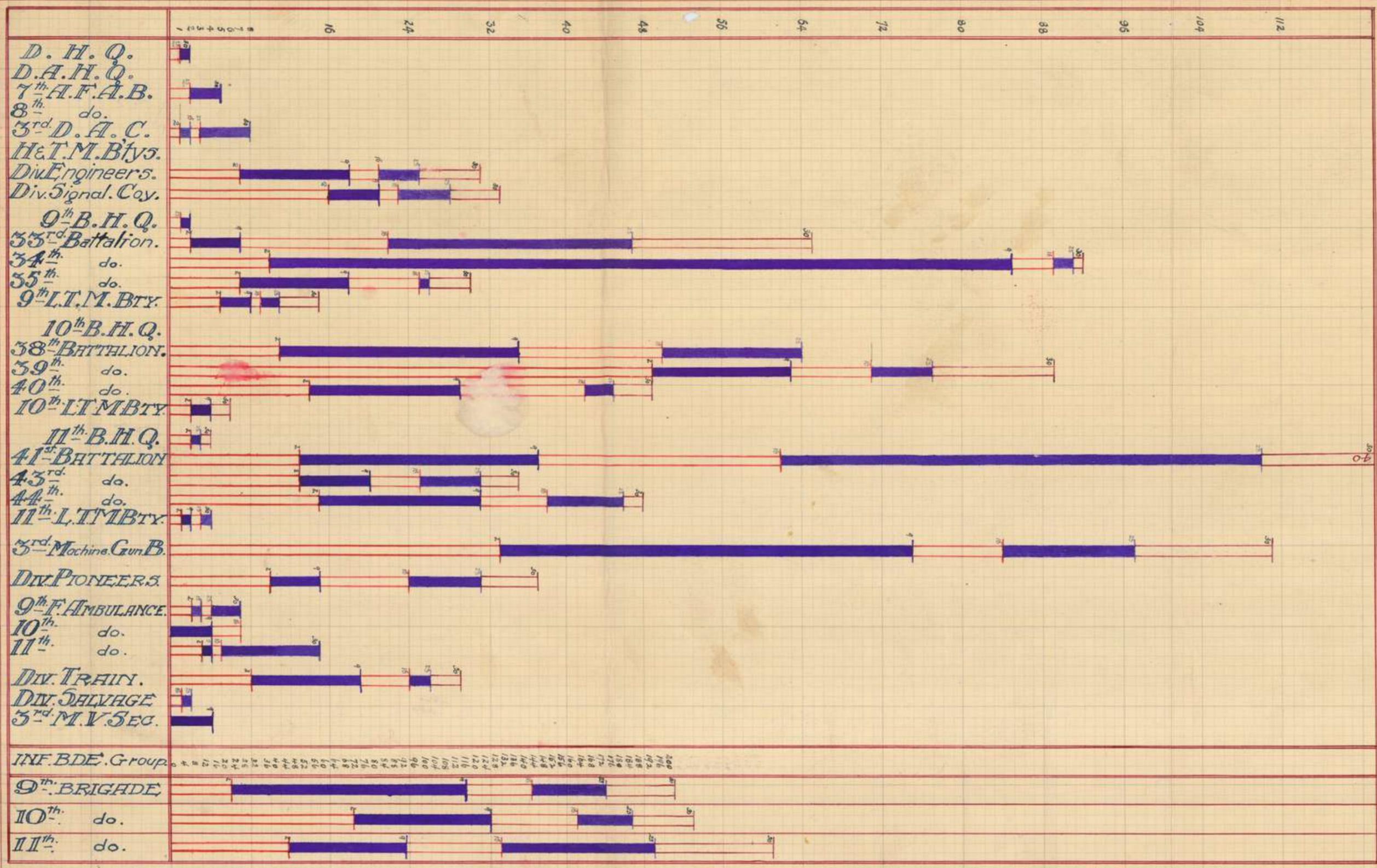
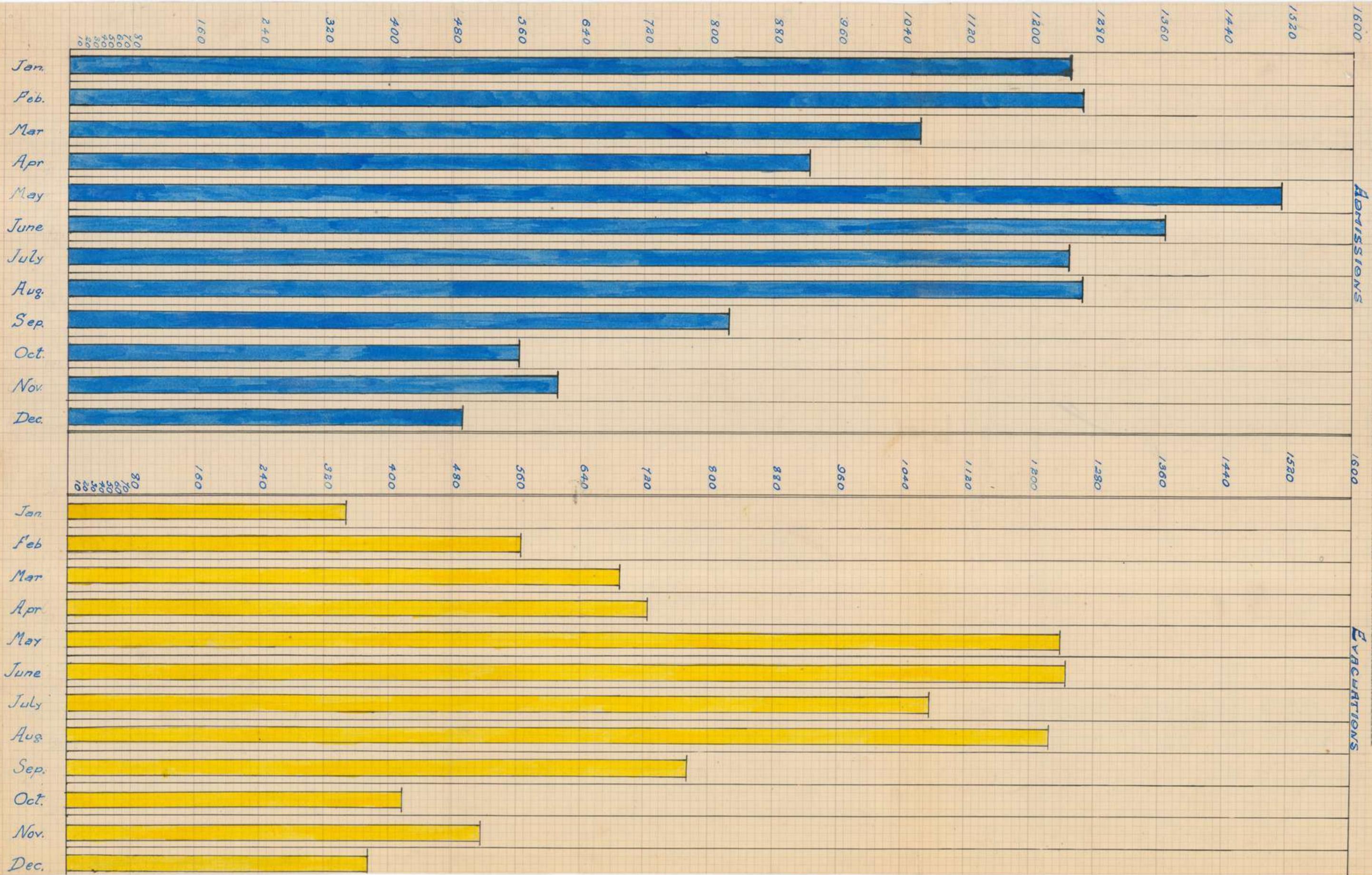


CHART SHOWING WEEKLY SICK ADMISSIONS TO FIELD AMBULANCES FROM 26-10-18. TO 30-11-18

GRAPH SHOWING MONTHLY ADMISSIONS OF SICK AND WOUNDED AMBULANCES AND EVACUATIONS TO C. O. S.

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>War Diary of A.A.M.C. Detail 40th Battalion A.I.F. for December 1918.</u></p> <p>Up till Dec. 11th. the detail was stationed at EPAGNE—the Battalion being at this place and EPAGNETTE and BAUCOURT. Facilities for medical work were good and the sick men not numerous. Venereal Disease showed itself in numbers above the average but we were able to deal with them and some cases cleared up. Companies were lectured regarding V.D. and the preventive measures were carefully and fully explained.</p> <p>On December 11th. the Unit moved to TOURS on VIMY and the neighbouring villages of WRCOURT and HAMICOURT. The billets occupied were considerably inferior to those we had at EPAGNE and in addition the companies were widely separated. From the medical aspect it was not possible to work from a single R.A.P. The main station was established at TOURS and a second one was placed at WRCOURT. There was a place for a Rest Hut, while at EPAGNE we had a good room and it could well hold a few cases. Very rough accommodation was available for Blue Light purposes and it has been extremely difficult to systematically carry out the treatment.</p> <p>Fortunately few cases of sickness have reported. On account of the difficulty of treatment it was necessary to evacuate several V.D. cases since we came to TOURS.</p> <p>A large number of the Battalion have been inoculated in order to bring the percentage so protected up to 100%. For the month. Evacuated to Hospital 20</p>	

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			<p>Treated at Rest Hut (EPAGNE) 9</p> <p>V.D. No. of cases treated. 10</p> <p>No. of cases evacuated to hospital 5</p> <p><u>Water Detail.</u> The Routine Work was carried out satisfactorily. During the month Pte. Breerton returned after being away sick and according to instructions Pte. Bell returned to 10th Field Ambulance.</p> <p><u>Food.</u> Of good quality and generally well cooked.</p> <p><u>Sanitation.</u> At EPAGNE latrines of a good type were in position when we arrived but in our new area we had nothing of this kind. Boxes have been short and it has been extremely difficult to instal fly proof latrines. However the sanitary squad has carried out its duties in a satisfactory manner.</p> <p><u>Boots.</u> Latterly there appears to have been some difficulty in keeping boots well repaired and some men had to go about with defective boots for some days.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.....<i>J. deed</i>.....Captain R.M.O. 40th Battalion A. I. F.</p>	

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44th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

WAR DIARY.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING 31.12.18.

A. IN AN OFFENSIVE.

No applicable.

B. GENERAL MEDICAL MATTERS.

1. Condition as regards fitness.

During this period of rest the men have reached a high standard of physical fitness due to good food and exercise in the way of short route marches, physical training and football.

2. General Health.

The average number on sick parade has not been more than six per day for month. This shows the very good health of the Battalion. The most common complaints have been boils, next come injuries sustained in the football field, these injuries have only been trifling.

3. Food, Cooking, Washing, Clothing, Boots.

FOOD. The Battalion has been provided with the full Army Ration with an additional supply from the Comforts Fund and the Battalion Funds.

COOKING. Excellent and the standard has been maintained by competitions between the different Company Cookers.

WASHING. parades are made to the Divisional Baths and each man has a bath at least once a week.

CLOTHING-BOOTS. Both satisfactory.

4. Fitness for Marching. No man fell out from any route march during this month.

C. DETAILS OF WORK OF WATER AND SANITARY SQUAD.

The men of these squads understand their duties and responsibilities and are working well.

W A Luke CAPTAIN. A.A.M.C.
R.M.O. 44th Battalion. A.I.F.

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R.M.O.'s diary for
month ending 26/12/18



Introductory

At the beginning of the month the Battalion was in the Villages of Warlus and Aveleyes but on the 9th December they moved by route march to the Village of St. Maucant and Bondlainville a distance of about 15 miles.

Headquarters and 'B' and 'C' Coys are in the former village and 'A' & 'D' Coys at the latter the transport being in a small village between the two. The two main villages are two miles apart which makes it necessary to have two separate R.A.P.s.

General Health

Food. Sick parades averaged about 50 before the move, but in present area, about 10 per day. Prevailing complaints Influenza in the other area practically absent here. Cough, colds, boils and minor injuries. Diarrhoea has been prevalent here probably due to men drinking water that was not authorised or due to the French wines.

Fitness & regards

marching.
On the route to this village no men fell out, but men who were likely to had been placed on special duties which enabled them to get a rest. Owing to weather

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conditions no route
marches have been
held in this area.

Food Cooking and Clothing

Generally very satisfactory
The Xmas dinner was
a marked success

There has been a
slight difficulty in
obtaining sufficient
food for some
of the men.

It is hoped in the next
few days to issue
all sanitary men with
two pairs of boots

The transport are
practically all so
supplied.

Baths at Huppy a
distance of about
2 kilometres
Satisfactory.

Rest Hut

Due to no suitable place being available no rest hut has been established in this area.

Sick rate has been low and so far the need for one has not been felt.

Work of Sanitary & Water Details

Satisfactory.

One water detail is looking after the water supply in each village the supply being from tested wells which require one scoop of B.P. to the water cart.

The sanitary squad are at present burying all refuse no incinerator is in the village the

material for building
one cannot be obtained.
Box latrines are
used in all cases.

General Remarks

The Sick parade is
very low at present
and that is probably
due to the fact that
owing to the educational
work few parades
are held lasting
more than the one
hour in the morning.
The ~~influenza~~ epidemic
of influenza seems
to have died out
probably owing to fresh
area where no
civilians are affected.
The P.M.S. is holding
a first aid class
in conjunction with
the educational scheme
and so far it has
been well patronised

In conclusion it
may be said that
the battalion is
contented and in
good health and
spirits.

J. B. Smith Cpr

R.M.O.

41st Bn.

A.I.F.

28/12/18

San Diary - December 1918.

R.M.O. 43rd Battalion

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This month has been very uneventful - We moved from Verzy to Rambureselles, & here, as in all French villages of this type, sanitation is in a very elementary stage - latrines & drainage systems had to be instituted afresh. -

1st Company of the Battalion was situated in Trauslay, about 2 kilometres from headquarters, & consequently a medical hut had to be started there as well. One of my A.M.C. men

was put in charge of it - Sick parades were conducted in the two places. -

Whether it be that the men have become acclimatised to the winter, or whether the mildness of the winter accounts for it - still the fact remains that never have I seen less sickness at this time of the year. In addition it is impossible for men to keep their feet dry - the streets & approaches to billets &c are one mass of mud & water - Apart from a few mild influenza cases &

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3. the ordinary coughs & colds - there is practically no illness at present.

The area baths are situated here, & although they do not exactly fulfil all that is asked, still regular bathing is helping a great deal to diminish skin infections - such as scabies & furunculosis. Compared to a few months back when we first came out of the line, these skin troubles show a marked decrease.

With Y.M.C.A. assistance, hot drinks were served out nightly.

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Amos [unclear] Capt
RMO 4th Div Am.

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War Diary for December 1918



General Medical Matters

1. The condition of the unit as regards fitness is generally speaking very good. Training during the month has been very light and consisted mostly of short route marches. A good deal of time has been spent in organized games and has kept the men in a pretty fit condition.

2. General health has been very fair and though evacuations have been fairly frequent there have been no serious outbreaks of any one complaint.

One case of hoos occurred in the unit and contacts have been reporting daily for gages and inspection. So far no other case has appeared.

Influenza has been responsible for most of the evacuations. Next to this comes injuries from organized games. There were three evacuations also from Gonorrhoea.

There were twenty-three evacuations during the month as shown below

Influenza 7

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Injuries at organized games	6
Scouring	3
Curbs, spinal meningitis	1
Septic Arm	1
Conjunctivitis	1
Chol. Blis. Media	1
Ventral Hernia	1
Eczema	1
Jaundice	1

Sick parade and evacuation charts attached

3. Food - Good Varied
 Cooking - Excellent
 Washing - During the early part of the month some difficulty was experienced in arranging baths but later arrangements were made for weekly baths for the whole of the unit
 Clothing - Bath clothing in a satisfactory condition Underclothing changed with every bath, and is in good order. Arrangements are being made for issue of gum boots and capes for those men continually exposed to wet.
 Boots - in good condition

War Diary (Contd)

4. Route marches have formed a great part in the training of the men but have not been over great distances. There have been very few complaints as regards foot condition and all feet requiring attention have been attended to.

5. There have been no special inspections during the month.

Works of Water + Sanitary Details

Water detail consists of one N.C.O. and three men who have attended to testing and chlorination of water.

Sanitary detail consists of one N.C.O. and eight men (two per Coy). They have constructed latrine urinals and have built an incineration in the village. They have also built grease traps & attended to removal of refuse from kitchens etc.

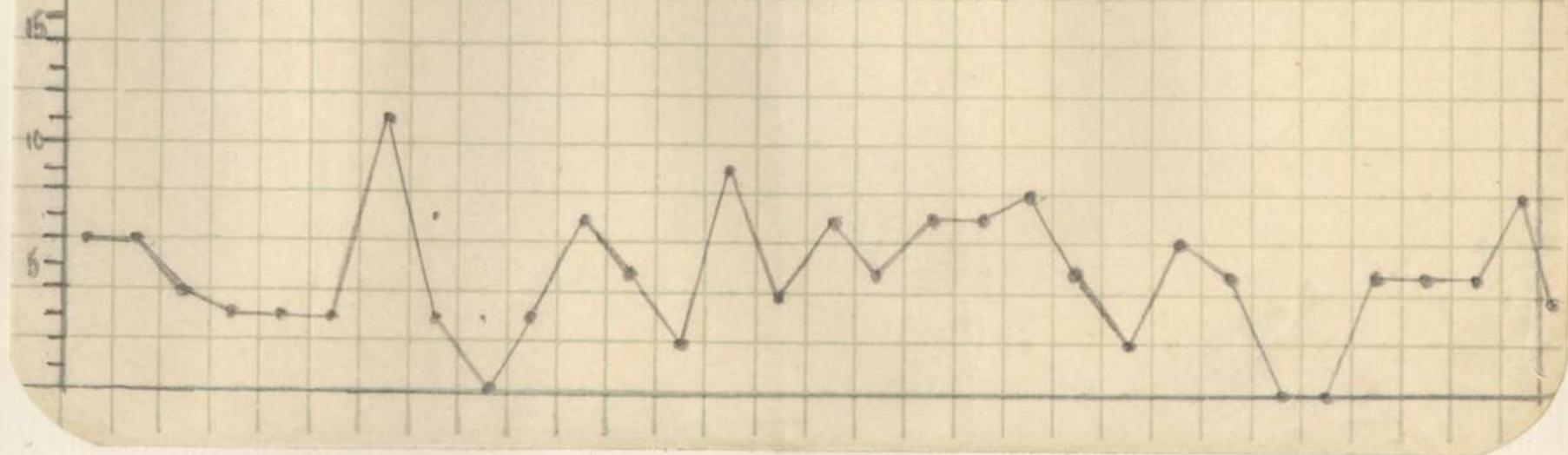
Malcolm Capt
RMO 35th Bn

December 1918

Sigs Panses Chart

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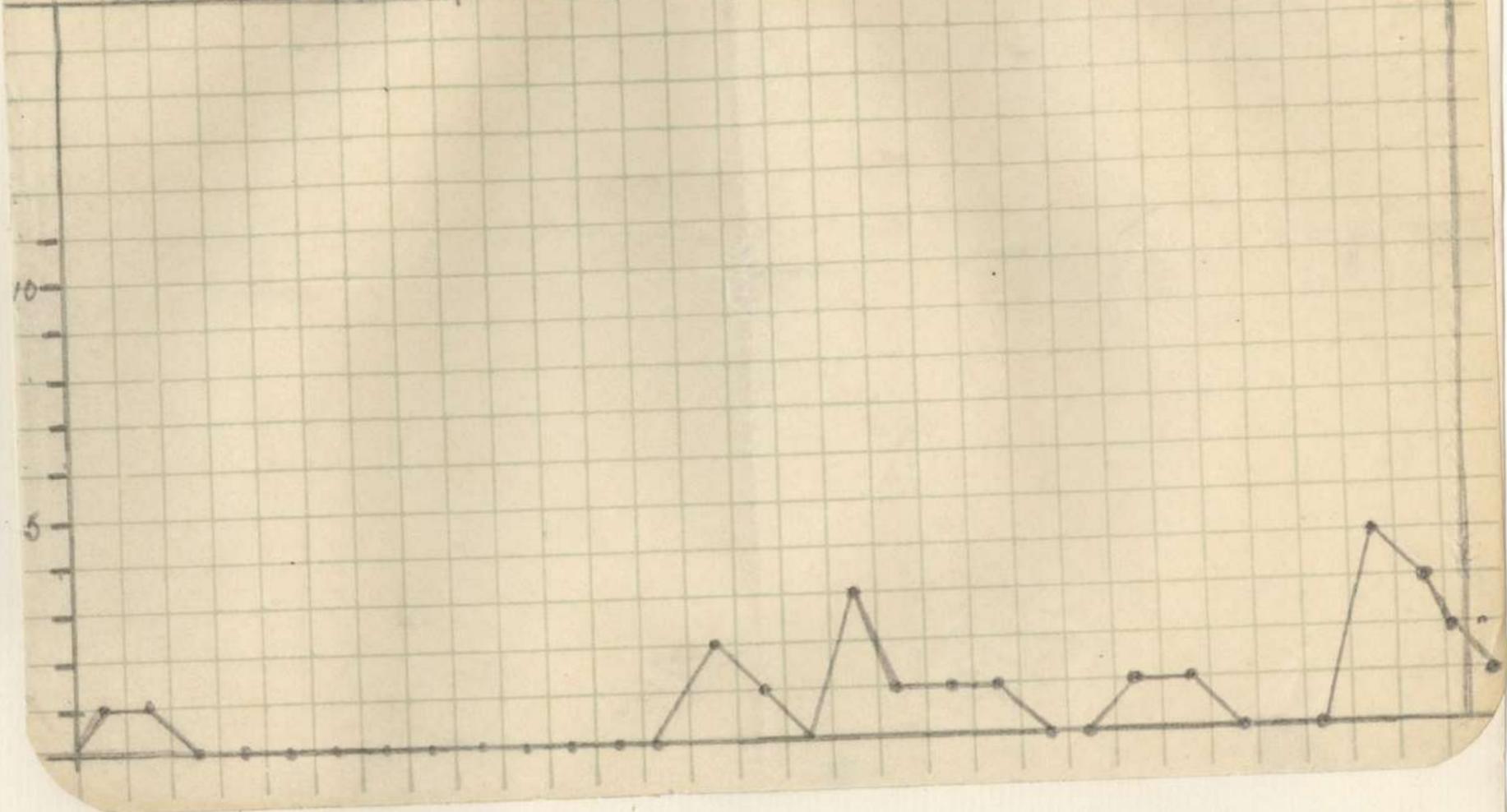
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War Diary for December



December 1st The battalion was quartered at the village of Hocquincourt.

Nothing of any importance developed while in the village during this month.

There were several cases of influenza in the battalion but nothing of any importance: these were of a mild type, not of the serious type that we had in November. Total number of men evacuated to hospital was 25 for the month of December. There were a few cases of scabies of cases to be exact. Besides the influenza cases that were evacuated, the rest of the cases so dealt with were of a general character.

The early treatment for gonorrhoea cases showed good results: the penis massage with argyrol seems to me to be a very good method of treatment.

I had a peculiar case where I opened a boil on a man's leg, (just a simple boil): after being opened it bled very much & the man lost a good deal of blood before reporting. It took a good deal of pressure & the use of forceps to stop the bleeding. I think this case must have been one of the natural "bleeders". I evacuated him to hospital.

Another interesting case was that in which a boy was passing small amounts of blood stained urine, with large clots of blood stained mucus. He had a good deal of pain with the condition. I tried to follow this case

but I lost sight of him.

The water supply for the battalion was brought from Hallencourt: it was of very good quality & no cases of diarrhoea were reported.

About December 11th the battalion moved from Hocquencourt to this village of Bouillancourt.

The whole battalion could not be quartered in this village so one company is quartered in a village about 1 1/2 kilometres from here. The billets for the men are very good taking everything into consideration.

The educational scheme is going on well these days. The classes are well attended.

There are 3 men who are going to study medicine & so I am giving them preliminary lectures on Anatomy & Physiology.

I myself am lecturing to the men on Inorganic Chemistry.

We also have a Debating Society on the move. We have had some very good evenings, & the men seemed very interested in it.

At Christmas time the men had a very good time. They had a very good & nice dinner, geese, pork, etc also a good supply of beer: all these goods were bought out of regimental funds.

At New Year also this was repeated: everything that can be done to make this period of waiting pleasant for the men has & is being done.

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Taking it all round the health of the men is very good. On coming to this village the bathing of the men was a problem but we solved it by sending the men down to the village of Blangy where they get very good baths every week: the baths are situated at the saw mills down there.

The men also have had a good supply of fire wood for their billets from this source also.

Their comfort has been looked after very well. Their blankets have lately been fumigated. Also the water supply now is obtained from Blangy: it is very good water & requires only one scoopful of ichloride.

I have lectured the men again on Venereal disease & its prevention.

In this direction we have suffered very little. A Blue light apparatus has been established.

L. J. Allsop Capt
R.M.O. 39th Bata

War Diary - Medical Notes

33rd Bn A.I.F.

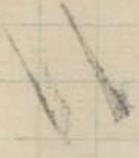


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10th Sick Parades during this period have been very heavy indeed, but evacuations are not correspondingly numerous: the total attendances at the former being 287 while the latter numbered 8.

Evacuations - of these evacuations I was a case of double inguinal hernia of months standing, retained with the unit to permit of a septic condition of the R foot clearing up preparatory to operation. I was a case of intractable adenitis of the groin suspected of being luetic in origin. Another was a mild Bronchial Catarrh in an unsatisfactory billet; this case was returned to his unit 2 days later, has been quite satisfactory since. The other 5 evacuations were cases of Febrile Cold + Bronchial Catarrhal conditions whose treatment demands greater facilities than were available.

10th Dec 1918



1st - 7th predominant affections - The milder pulmonary conditions (Coryza, Tracheitis Bronchial Catarrh) are still the prevailing sicknesses, & are responsible for most of the invalidity in the Bn. Babs & minor septic troubles still account for a large number of attendances at Sick Parade. Improving toenails with chronic infection of the perionychial tissue are not uncommon. Sprains Contusions & Abrasions are frequent sequelae of the organised games, but are seldom serious.

V. D. All men before proceeding on leave are advised to make full use of all prophylactic conveniences available.

A fair number of men avail themselves of the facilities offered by the Bn R.A.P. & all infected men are receiving vigorous systematic treatment, the position in respect of V. D. generally is improving throughout the Bn.

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8th - 14th The general health throughout the Bn as far as attendances at Sick Parades was an index thereto has undergone a marked improvement.

During this period 148 men presented themselves on Sick Parades + there were 8 evacuations.

Evacuations Of these evacuations 3 were returned within 72 hours of their leaving the Bn in a condition quite fit to carry on with light duty + Bn treatment.

Four men were evacuated chiefly as being unfit to undertake the 10 miles march from Citermes to Chépy.

One intractable case of urethritis - probably of gonorrhoeal origin was also evacuated as likely to be aggravated by the march.

Predominant Diseases. These are still minor pulmonary affections + states of debility consequent thereon. In many cases of *Coryza* + *Ichteula* there followed a state of profound debility.



WAR DIARY
Medical Officer. 38th Bn

Decr 1918.

General health. The end of Novr showed a marked decrease in the Influenza epidemic & only three isolated cases of the disease have occurred in the battalion this month. There has been no other epidemic of any sort, the principal cause of sick parading being colds. A few of these running on to Laryngitis were evacuated. The average daily sick parade was 18.

Total number evacuated to Hospital 27.

included 4 Venereal, & 4 Rheumatism Billets. The move from Soret to present area at Vesnes-en-val on 10th inst was a distinct change for the worse as regards the men's comfort. At the present time when it is raining six days out of seven it is impossible for the

men to keep ² their feet dry.
~~Therefore~~ In my opinion the
extra pair of boots per man is
wisely needed. Only by drying
boots close to a fire can the
one pair be dry next day & it is
only a proportion of the men who
are able to do this. With three
months wet weather to look forward
to, constant wet feet must have
the effect of lowering men's resistance
to any prevailing epidemic & also
rheumatism. Even with extra
fuel for drying rooms, these cannot
always be adjacent to all billets
& the men must wear their boots
to their billet last thing at night,
probably through puddles in the
dark & awake next morning to
put them on wet.

Sanitary. On arrival at present
area A+B at Wetmore, there were
no latrines in this village, although
it has been a billeting area

for some time. Timber has just arrived now for their erection. Venereal Disease, has shown a marked increase during the month. Chiefly Gonorrhoea, & most cases of this have responded to treatment well in the Battalion. Three cases of chancres were evacuated which looked specific. Men do not take much advantage of prophylactic treatment. Arrangements are now being made to have French letters available on sale to men. Nuts these are now forthcoming & will be of much benefit to the men for Educational & recreational purposes.

W. Davies Capt
RMS 385m

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Today the men were spoken to on the present state of Venereal Disease in the Battalion.

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For the month ending 28-12-18



Owing to the unimproved conditions obtaining at present, a full "offensive" report has to be submitted.

With regard to B (General Medical matters)

- 1/ The Fitness of the men, is satisfactory
- 2/ The General Health, is good.
- 3/ The Food, is ample & well cooked

Clothing is satisfactory

- 4/ The Fitness for marching, is satisfactory
- 5/ The inoculation of the whole Bn with TAB was effected towards the end of Nov last.

With regard to C (The Laundry & Water details)

Everything is quite satisfactory

N. H. Bridge Capt.

A/R MO 34th Bn

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War Diary for December

R.M.D. 3rd Div Train A.A.L.C.

In an Offensive

No Offensive during month of December

General Medical Matters

1 Condition as regards fitness. Able to carry out A.S.C. Duties

2 General Health Good
average sick parade & evacuations 8

3 Food, cooking, clothing, Washing, Boots. Good

4 Fitness for marching. As an A.S.C. unit has not been called upon to march.

5 Reports of special inspections, marches etc. Nil

6. Details of work of water and sanitary Details

Water is drawn from an official source and adequately chlorinated

Sanitation satisfactory
J. D. Hillman Capt
R.M.D. 3rd Div Train

8th - 14th 24
characterised by dyspnoea + profuse
perspiration on slight exertion, anorexia
+ cough without signs in the chest.

On investigation the cases who exhibited
these symptoms were found to have been
more or less severely gassed.

March from Citeaux to Chépy

This move took place 9.12.18 + was
preceded by a thorough examination of
the Bn as regards physical fitness. In
the end 28 men were weeded out as
unfit to carry their Pack + Equipment.
Arrangements were made with the
Transport Officer to have these articles
carried with the result that this
march was performed by the entire
Bn without hardship or discomfort.
Only one man fell out at a point
2 1/2 miles from Chépy + was carried
to his destination in the Horse Ambulance
which followed the Bn. One man of
the 35th Bn was picked up en route
+ carried to Chépy. It was

8th - 14th evacuated to hospital on 10.12.18.

Billets in Chépy these were inspected
on the morning of 10.12.18 + found
to be very generally satisfactory;
much more so than those at Citeaux.
Water Supply Samples of water
from all the wells in Chépy were
collected immediately on arrival.

The wells are all deep + fairly
well situated to avoid surface
seepage + contamination by surface
water + drainage. When examined
+ tasted the water was found to be
of good quality + quite satisfactory
for cooking + consumption.

The village This was observed to be
better built, more sanitary + cleaner
than Citeaux.

V.D. Prophylactic + Therapeutic treat-
ment still being vigorously carried
out.

15th - 21st Probably by reason of the improved
billets the general health of the P.M.
continues to improve slightly, judged
by the number of evacuations
Sick Parades. Of these 155 men presented
themselves & of these it was deemed advisable
to evacuate 3.

Evacuations. One officer suffering from
postfebricular weakness & a peridental
abscess was evacuated. One case of
Jaundice was sent to hospital. This
soldier had a gleet (acquired in England)
when he rejoined the P.M. & the relapse into an
acute condition would appear to have been
due to overindulgence in alcohol against
advice the possibility of reinfection being denied.
The third case evacuated was diagnosed
influenza.

Predominant Diseases - Minor Respiratory
affections are still rife but Boils & Skin infections
are increasing. This would appear to be due
to the difficulty in providing bathing facilities
for the men.

15th - 21st Games & Recreations The inclemency of
the weather & the impossibility of securing
suitable grounds have largely prevented
indulgence in field sports.

For 3 afternoons & evenings the Y.M.C.A.
Cinema provided amusement for the troops.

Boots The position in regard to footwear
has somewhat improved but is not yet
satisfactory.

V.D. After Church Parade on Sunday
15. 12. 18 a short secular sermon on
certain sexual matters was delivered by
the P.M. R.M.O. This has apparently
resulted in more men who have "taken
a risk" submitting themselves for
prophylactic douches & in earlier
reporting of infected individuals.

So far no case of local infection has
been traced.

12th - 25th The general health of the Bn still
continues to show improvement.
Sick Parades 13 men presented them-
selves on these parades & 3 have been
evacuated.

Evacuations One man was evacuated
suffering from an indurated sore on
his penis suspected of being luetic.
This sore had appeared 2 days before
reporting & the last admitted sexual
intercourse occurred in England.

A second evacuation was that of a soldier
complaining of indefinite pain in the
left side & presenting signs of movable
left kidney. The third man sent to
hospital was suffering from Trachoma
Xmas Festivities Ample provision &
exceptional weather enables these to
be carried out enjoyably & without any
serious contrabands of any kind.

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W. J. C. Capt.
A.M.O. 32nd Pm

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Engineers in billets in Hallucomt area (Somme).

C.R.E.'s H.Q. & transport at Moiret in good billets situated on a slope.

The three companies were situated equidistant about 1 1/2 kilos - 9th at Wery 10th at Foulami le sek & 11th at Forceville.

Plus laid at H.Q. & visited companies daily.

From 1st to 14th there was very little sickness the average no on sick parade being 4 at each Company.

The three villages mentioned were of very poor class & as there was considerable rain all were in a particularly muddy state. Billets in most cases were

farms which with the addition of straw and various coverings to the walls were made fairly comfortable. Taken all through the weather was warm & wet but very little training was required of the troops the greater part of the time being occupied with the Education Scheme but weather permitting two route marches a week were indulged in. In this respect dry boots were the main trouble. There being no civilian doctors & considerable civilian sickness there took some attention on the part of the Pluo. On 14th the Division moved to Huppy area

CRE's HQ at Ousement & the 9th & 10th Companies at Bernapri, Agnesville & Moyensville. The two latter were out of reach of the Pluo & were attended to by the ambulances while the Pluo ~~stayed~~ himself to the 11th at Bernapri 7 miles distant, D.H.Q. sick parade & the civilian. As regards the latter the prevailing complaints were worms (ascariasis chiefly) and pregnancy, as before. The companies were on improved billets & on the whole sickness very slight though many required dental treatment a special dental unit being arranged for

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to billet at Discharge to
attend to mine & other
outlying units

Quintanilla Capt
plus
3rd Divisional
Engineers

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War Diary



31.12.18.

The influenza which was accounting for so many men being on sick parade. Showed a marked falling off. About the middle of the month when we moved from Licount, in the Somme Valley, to Huppy which is an open village on the high lands. The new billets are now warmer & more comfortable.

There has been but one or two cases of rheumatism though we have had a lot of rain & the ground is always wet & muddy.

The sending away of most of the aged men & some of the younger men who were suffering from this complaint would probably account for this satisfactory state of affairs.

A. Maclean
a.p.m.

3rd Aust Limer Batts.

A. I. M. S.

The 3rd A.M.G. Bn. until Decr. 9th occupied billets in HORNOY. Billets were good and comfortable and surroundings clean and sanitary. Health of the Battalion was good.

On Decr. 9th the Battalion marched to a new billeting area at RAMBURES - 16 Kilos. from HORNOY. B.H.Q. and 23rd Coy were billeted in VILLEROY - 1½ kilo. distant from RAMBURES. The RAP was established at RAMBURES with a subsidiary RAP at VILLEROY, and sick parades were held in both villages.

Billets were fairly good, warm, dry and comfortable, but with the onset of continuous wet weather, the surroundings were very wet & muddy - manure heaps outside billets were practically common to all. Straw was at once available and kept freshly laid. One billet which was lousy, was reported to 3rd Sanitary Section and cleaned out and deloused under their directions.

General health continued to be good. With the wet weather, Coughs, Colds and myalgic pains were the prevailing complaints. There were a few sporadic cases of Influenza. Intestinal complaints & V.D. were few. Prophylactic measures against V.D. were available at RAP.

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lice and Scabies were not in evidence.
Dulls were reduced to a minimum,
and mornings were mainly occupied by the
Educational Scheme and afternoons devoted to
Sport. A keen class averaging 36 was held
at the RAP daily in First Aid with special
bearing on its use in civil life & occupations.
Fitness for marching was on the whole
good. On the 16 kilo route march in full M.O.
from HORNOY to RAMBURES, only 4 men fell out -
2 from sore feet and 2 debilitated from recent
sickness. A list of 40 men who would not
stand continued route marching was prepared
in the event of a movement by road.

Food and Cooking arrangements were
excellent and Cookers and Cookhouses clean.

Bathing parades were held at Owl
Baths at RAMBURELLES

Blankets and kits were disinfected by
Fresh Disinfectors. 21st - 23rd Dec.

Condition of Boots was not very
satisfactory, owing partly to negligence of
men in the care of boots, but mainly to
insufficient supplies of new boots and
material for repair. Facilities for drying
boots were useless in the muddy environs of
billets and wet feet were always in
evidence on Sick Parades.
Water Supply was good. Source was

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from wells at HORNOY, RAMBURES and
VILLEROY - requiring 1 scoop. Water duties
were well carried out.

Sanitation Considering the condition
of billets. Surroundings, was good. Latrines
and billets generally were well kept and
sanitary principles applied throughout the
Battalion.

Innocent, Capt.
R.M.O. 3rd AMCSB.

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1 General medical matters

1. Influenza

There were 38 influenza cases chiefly in one section, the majority of the cases were very acute.

15 were evacuated to hospital 1 case died.

The treatment was immediate isolation and bed rest of all cases.

Fogging and nasal douching with weak solution of pot permanganate of whole of D/A C.

The majority of the men have slight catarrh of the upper respiratory passages.

2 Venereal disease

As soon as the unit moved into this area on Dec 10th

a fine light room was established and no cases of venereal disease reported.

There were several cases of men reporting with slight white discharge which cleared up in 2 or 3 days and no other symptoms or signs. A weak solution of pot permanganate was the solution used so I could not find out exactly what was the cause.

About 10-12 reported for wash outs daily.

3 As regards other diseases there were very few except accidental injuries were evacuated to hospital.

4 Medical supplies etc

During the month medical supplies & medical supplies were very difficult to obtain

CLS which were the nearest medical unit 49.5 kilometres away could not supply them and so I had to send to Australian Ambulance 17 kilometres away to obtain supplies.

Ambulance for evacuating sick were obtained from M.A.C 5 kilometres away.

II Condition as regards fitness
food

III Food clothing, washing clothing boots etc
The food ration was a little short but good

Clothing was good being washed by local inhabitants

Boats

The boat situation was a little difficult for boots not being suitable in all cases and leather being very difficult to obtain and men were going about with very poor boots but the matter has been rectified

IV A weekly venereal inspection was carried out but no cases of venereal disease found

At the monthly medical inspection the men were found to be very clean, no cases of scabies and very few cases of lice

V The sanitary and water details are working satisfactorily
The sanitation is good

The water details men have been A.M. Cronin right through

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Pharmacy Dept
D. R. 30/1/19

In addition there has been a
civilian practice has been being
no civilian medical office
I hold an outpatients department
from 2-3 in the afternoon and
visit bed patients the rest of the
afternoon

Due to the difficulty of obtaining supplies
I could not order drugs from my own
store, so as there was a local pharmacy
I ordered prescriptions from him, it
was a little difficult at first
but now things are running smoothly.

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Greene left
at 3.30 pm

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Since the Armistice was declared the above brigade has been stationed at Brancourt and Hautmont.

- (9) Very little difficulty has been experienced in obtaining comforts, but medical supplies & dressings can be obtained only with great difficulty & inconvenience. Indents have been signed by the R.M.O. and countersigned by H.D.M.S. but only small quantities were obtained. This has resulted in the work of the Rest Post and "Sick Depot" being seriously hampered. Inoculations of the brigade is now due but owing to vaccine being unobtainable this work is held up.

B (1) On the whole men are fit.

(2) The most prevalent diseases which have occurred during the month are boils, & various respiratory troubles.

(3) Rations are light but of good quality. Cooks manage to vary the meals fairly well with the rations at their disposal.

Winter clothing has been issued to all ranks. As on previous occasions field service boots have had a bad effect on men's feet. These boots have never given satisfaction.

This unit established a 'Rest Post' on the 5th December and have admitted and discharged some 12 patients. During the month 8 men were evacuated to the C.C.S. The unit experiences great difficulty in the transport of sick to C.C.S.

G. Each battery has attached to it a trained sanitary detail, and an H.M.C. water detail and the former detail attends to the general cleanliness and disinfection of latrines, cookhouses etc.

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They also attend to the construction of incinerators, urine pits, grease traps, and latrines.

When the source of water supply is other than a military water tank, the water detail make periodical tests and see that the water is properly chlorinated in the water carts.

J. C. Lamrock,
Capt
A.M.O. STAB.^{de}

27/12/18.