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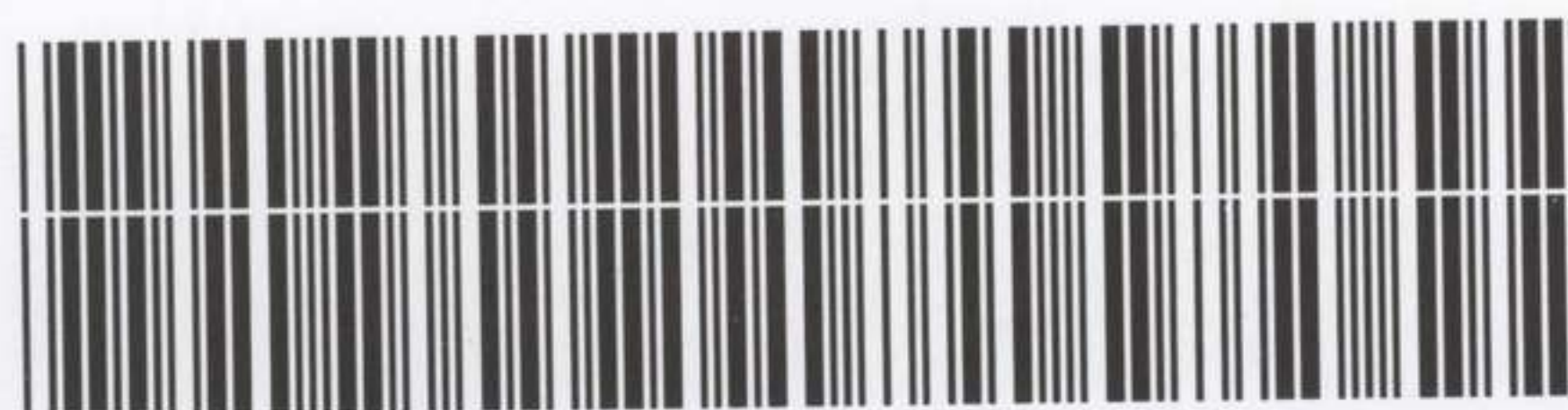
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Signature of Officer Commanding *W. Campbell Esq*
Adj. Q. 7th Aust. Fld. Amb.

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On Main AMIENS- VILLERS-BRETTONEUX Road.
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1st. August, 1918.

The day was very quiet. In the evening heavy rain fell, making the work of the stretcher bearers in the forward area very heavy. The following numbers of sick, wounded and gassed passed through during the day :-

<u>Sick.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Gassed.</u>
26	28	1.

2nd. August, 1918.

More heavy rain fell during the day. The American troops were withdrawn from the forward area, having completed a week's tour in the front posts without sustaining any casualties. They worked very well in the line and expressed themselves as being "tickled to death" at the novelty of the situation.

Capt. A.L. McLEAN, 5th. Aust. Field Amb., ceased to be attached on rejoining his unit. Capt. C.I. DAVIS, 5th. Aust. Field Amb., was attached for duty.

<u>Sick.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Gassed.</u>
37	26	1.

3rd. August, 1918.

Capt. A.H. CROWLEY rejoined unit from Australian Corps Gas School.

<u>Sick.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Gassed.</u>
39	13	4.

4th. August, 1918.

A Conference of the C.O.'s. of the 2nd. Aust. Divisional Ambulances with A.D.M.S. was held to discuss the impending operations. The outlines of the scheme of the evacuation of wounded were laid down by the A.D.M.S., 2nd. Aust Division. The whole of the proposed operations was still being kept very secret and Zero day, as yet, was unknown to those participating. In the Operation Orders, Zero day was known as Z day, the day prior to that as Y day and the day before Y day, as X day.

In the evening, the C.O., 7th. Aust. Field Amb., attended a Conference of 5th. A.I. Brigade and was thus able to obtain a general idea of the military INTENTION which was, in this Sector, that the 5th. and 7th. A.I. Brigades supported by Tanks and with the 6th. A.I. Brigade in support, should jump off at Zero hour and reach the objective known as the GREEN Line, just immediately to the East of LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE and reaching down the Railway Line. They were expected to reach this objective between Zero plus 2 hours and Zero plus 2½ hours. At Zero plus 4 hrs. the 5th. Aust. Division was to pass over this line and reach its objective, the RED Line, just West of the villages of VAUVILLERS, FRAMERVILLE and RAINECOURT.

<u>Sick.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Gassed.</u>
51	24	1.

5th. August, 1918.

The R.M.O.'s. of 5th. A.I. Brigade met C.O., 7th. Aust. F. Amb. at Amb. H.Q. and the method of evacuation to be adopted during Operations was discussed with them. In Appendix, attached, is a copy of the instructions given to each R.M.O. Great stress was laid on the importance of

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importance of collecting the cases together and waiting until the Ambulances came along to collect them.

<u>Sick.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Gassed.</u>
143	17	3.

6th. August, 1918.

The R.M.O's. of 7th. A.I. Brigade met C.O. 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. in Conference and the method of evacuation to be adopted was explained to them.

In the afternoon, notification was received that this day was X day.

During the day each R.M.O. of the 5th. and 7th. Bdes. was supplied with three (3) squads of bearers, each squad carrying 2 stretchers and 2 blankets. In addition, each R.M.O. was supplied with a Red Cross Flag and 2 Signboards. The bearers were supplied with 3 days' rations. Owing to the great number of troops in the area, accommodation became very limited and the 8th. Aust. F. Amb. were accommodated in various posts held by this unit.

Two (2) men of the unit were evacuated wounded (gassed).

<u>Sick.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Gassed.</u>
62	22	19.

7th. August, 1918.

Y day.

In the early morning, the roads through and in front of VILLERS- BRETTONEUX were reconnoitred by C.O. 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and Capt. Fay, M.C. (to be in charge of Motor Transport during Operations) with a view to utilizing them as evacuating routes for Ford cars during the action. Owing to the wet weather of 5th. and 6th. insts. Ford Car track out to Cameron's Post was impracticable, except for an empty car. In addition, the road through O.36.a. was in a very bad condition. However, the weather was improving and it was hoped that by Z day, the road might become passable again.

Of course, the possibilities of the utilization of the Main Road were not overlooked, but it was the unanimous opinion of all combatants consulted, that this road would be impassable for many hours after the action had commenced.

During the early morning, extra blankets and stretchers which had been sent up on the previous night were got into position and the various dumps established.

In Appendix, attached, is Operation Order.

Detailed instructions were written for each Officer controlling a part of the Operation. Copies of these instructions are attached as Appendices. In addition, each Sergeant having responsible duties to perform, was instructed personally and written instructions were given him.

The C.O. 7th. Aust. Field Ambulance was responsible for the following :-

- (1). To clear the area from the "Jumping Off" Line up to the GREEN Line (the objective of the 2nd. Australian Division).
- (2). To establish a Motor Loading Post in the vicinity

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vicinity of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT, which could be converted into an A.D.S. after notification had been received from A.D.M.S., 5th. Division, that the RED Line, the objective of the 5th. Division, had been captured.

- (3) To get forward as soon as possible Motor Ambulances and Horsed Ambulance Wagons to enable the C.O., 15th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to evacuate wounded from the RED Line.
- (4) To establish a large dump of blankets, stretchers and dressings for the use of the 5th. Division at Motor Loading Post in the vicinity of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT, as soon as possible after Zero hour.

In addition, C.O. 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was responsible for the evacuation to the M.D.S. until the new A.D.S. was opened at WHITE CHATEAU (O.26.d.O.4.) after the capture of the GREEN Line. He was then responsible for the evacuation to this A.D.S. Later, on the capture of the RED Line, and the consequent conversion of the Motor Loading Post in the vicinity of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT into an A.D.S. he became responsible for clearance from this A.D.S. to the WHITE CHATEAU which now became the Main Dressing Station.

He was also responsible for the administration of the Walking Wounded Dressing Station at BLANGY-CABARET, N. 28.c.4.4. and also for the selection of a site for W.W. D.S. in the vicinity of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT, after the capture of the RED Line.

The resources placed at the disposal of the C.O., 7th. Australian Field Ambulance were as follows :-

Unit.	Off.	O.R's.	Motors.	Horsed	Blan-	Stret-
				Ambces.	kets.	chers.
				Large.	Small.	
7th. F. Amb.	6	200	5	2	2	1315 860
5th. "	4	100	3	1	3	
6th. "	3	100	2	1	3	
8th. "			3	1	3	
14th. "	1		5	-	3	
15th. "			4	2	3	
TOTALS.	14	400	22	7	17	1315 860

The Tent-Division of the 15th. Fld. Amb. which administered the W.W.D.S. at BLANGY-CABARET is not included in these figures.

During the day the C.O. 15th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was seen and the whole Medical Arrangements for the cooperation of 2nd. and 5th. Divisions were discussed.

The weather was fine and the tracks soon dried so that the Ford cars were able to negotiate the Mud Tracks.

<u>Sick.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Gassed.</u>
47	17	8

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7th. August, 1918. to ~~8th~~ 8th. August, 1918. Midnight.

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By midnight all preparations were completed and all bearers medical stores, blankets and stretchers were posted. Fortunately the wet weather of the previous few days had cleared up and the night was fine and dry.

The first accident occurred when one of the Ford cars, detached at Cameron's Post, broke a torque rod. However, it was mended and the car was able to carry on for the remainder of the day, following. *The Americans reported back to their H.Q.*

8th. August, 1918. Z day.

At 4-20 a.m., Zero hour the barrage opened with a terrific crash. Fortunately, the retaliatory bombardment was non-existent, and the one thing of which we had the greatest fear, i.e. an intensive Gas bombardment as the men formed up on the "Jumping Off" tape, did not eventuate.

At 5-20 a.m. (Zero plus 1 hour), all the cars and wagons moved forward from their stations. The Ford car stationed at Cameron's Post (O.24.c.0.2.) moved forward to Kent R.A.P. (P.19.d.7.2.) arriving there about Zero plus 1 1/2 hours and soon after 4 Horsed Amb. Wagons arrived at this point from the Tunnel Motor Loading Post (O.27.d.3.8.).

Everything moved forward exactly as arranged and on time, although some considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the horses past the heavy guns and 18 pounders. A very thick fog was present at this time and it was impossible to see more than 20 or 30 yards ahead. On the Right side, the 5 Horsed Amb. Wagons that were intended on this Sector, got lost in the thick fog and went straight down the Main Road, arriving at P.26.c.0.4. about Zero plus 1 1/4 hours. However, they were soon able to get a load of cases and return to the Tunnel (T.M.L.P.). Meanwhile, at Zero plus 1 the Ford cars had pushed along the selected road on the Right Sector, but it was found to be quite impassable in O.36.a. owing to large shell holes and the damage done by Artillery during the night. Consequently all the Horsed Amb. Wagons on the Main Road were redirected along this track and the Ford cars switched on to the Main Road.

At Zero plus 1, a Ford car reached P.26. Half-an-hour later it was pushed on to P.27. and it was thus on a level with the "Jumping Off" tape.

The thick fog was still persistent at this time and consequently all the benefits which were expected to arise from having large Red Cross Flags posted over the R.A.P.'s were nullified. At this stage no definite news could be obtained as to where the attacking force were, but things were apparently going very well as droves of German prisoners were coming back along the Main Road. These prisoners were equipped with stretchers and carried out wounded (both British and German).

Throughout the action cars and horsed wagons were pushed on as far as possible behind the advancing Infantry in order to lessen the work of the Regimental and Ambulance stretcher bearers.

On the Left Sector, at Zero plus 1 1/2 hours, a Ford car pushed on from Kent R.A.P., closely followed by some

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some Horsed Amb. Wagons and wounded were evacuated from the Cross Roads in P.21.c. by these vehicles at Zero plus 2. Beyond this point the road was impracticable for the Ford cars, but H.Amb. Wagons continued working along the route, reaching P.28.b.0.5., about a mile from WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT, at approximately Zero plus 4 hours.

On the Right Sector, the Sector was cleared with Horsed Amb. Wagons which gradually worked further and further along this track, reaching V.3.c., near Marcelcave, a bout Zero plus 3 hours and clearing along the main MARCELCAVE-LAMOTTE Rd. at Zero plus 5 hours.

The most successful route of evacuation, however, was along the main road. Soon after the battle started, large numbers of pioneers and Engineers commenced to mend the road and the work they did was beyond all praise

On the whole, though, the road was surprisingly little damaged and it was quickly repaired. One could not help comparing the condition of the roads after this advance with that of the roads during the retreat of the Germans in March, 1917.

All available cars were rushed along the main road and the R.M.O's. and stretcher bearers grasped the altered situation and speedily evacuated the bulk of the cases toward the main road, where they were gathered up by cars.

Dumps of stretchers and dressings were established along the main road at various points and Red Cross Flags erected. The wounded were instructed to show points.

For the first two hours great difficulties were experienced owing to the thick fog. This then lifted and everything proceeded rapidly and smoothly.

The C.O's. of 7th. and 15th. Aust. Fld. Ambulances had arranged to meet at the Cross Rds. at P.27.d. at Zero plus 3 hours or failing that at outskirts of WARFUSEE at Zero plus 4 hours. Owing to the alteration of the evacuating routes, the C.O. 7th. A.F.Amb. was unable to arrive at the first rendezvous, but at Zero plus 4 hours, C.O. 15th. Aust. Fld. Amb., C.O. 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb., Capt. J.H.B. Brown, M.C., Officer in Charge of Horse Transport and Capt. Fay, M.C., Officer in Charge of M.T., met and discussed the situation. We were all satisfied that the evacuation of the 2nd. Aust. Division was proceeding quite smoothly and now our attention had to be directed to the evacuation of the 5th. Aust. Division, who were passing through the 2nd. Div. at Zero plus 4.

Capt. Brown, M.C. reported that the dump of blankets and stretchers which he was bringing along the top track in 2 G.S. Wagons, could not arrive until Zero plus 5 hours owing to the bad road. A message was therefore sent and a Large car arrived at WARFUSEE with 40 stretchers and 80 blankets at Zero plus 4 1/2 hours. Half-an-hour later the 2 G.S. Wagons arrived.

Capt. Fay, M.C. had brought along a Ford car, arriving at WARFUSEE at Zero plus 4 hrs. The fact that this Unit was able to get a Ford car into WARFUSEE at Zero plus 4 hrs., a Large car at Zero plus 4 1/2 hrs., a Horsed Amb. Wagon at Zero plus 5 hrs. reflects great credit on the

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the Pioneers and Engineers who mended the road.

A Motor Loading Post was established at P.29.c.7.4. at Zero plus 4 hrs. and arrangements made to convert it into an A.D.S. as soon as the RED Line was reached by the 5th. Division. This M.L.P. was established at the R.A.P. of the 152nd. Inf. Regt. who had vacated the place about 2 to 3 hours earlier. Our Artillery had considerably damaged the outhouses, but the cellars and dug-outs were quite intact. All the Ford cars were now got up to work forward of this place, whilst the Large cars were now directed straight to the A.D.S. at WHITE CHATEAU. This M.L.P. was not considered very satisfactory, so the village was searched for a better place. The Field Hospital of the 152nd. Inf. Regt. was found at the far end of LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE (P.30.d.0.4.) and it was decided to open this place as an A.D.S. as soon as the 5th. Division reached their objective. Once more I should like to pay tribute to the road-menders. At Zero plus 5 hrs. a Sunbeam (Large) car went through LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE up to Q.25., but the road was so bad that it was considered that the road between WARFUSEE and LAMOTTE would be impassable for at least 12 hours, yet, at Zero plus 7, a Large car got through without difficulty. At Zero plus 5, a few cases of the 5th. Division commenced to drift through and they were redressed and evacuated by Large car.

Lt. Col. Walsh, C.O. 15th. Aust. Fld. Amb., was informed of the location of the proposed A.D.S. and it was ready to receive cases as soon as the 5th. Division reached their objective. Many of the cases of the 2nd. Div., hit in the vicinity of WARFUSEE, were brought direct to the new M.L.P. and by Zero plus 6 hrs., practically all cases of the 2nd. Div. had been collected. A few Germans were still lying about, but they were picked up soon after.

At 3 p.m. (Zero plus 11), having received instructions from A.D.M.S., 5th. Aust. Div., a Signboard marked "A.D.S." was hung outside the Field Hospital of the 152nd. Inf. Regt. at P.30.d.0.4. and cases brought up by Ford cars were evacuated to the M.D.S. at WHITE CHATEAU.

At 5 p.m. the M.L.P. at P.29.c.7.4. was handed over to Major Norris, 15th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and at 6 p.m. he converted this post into a Walking Wounded Dressing Station.

Between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. the Walking Wounded were loaded on returning M.T. vehicles and deposited at the W.W.D.S. at WHITE CHATEAU.

As official records were not being kept by the unit, it is impossible to state the numbers of wounded who passed through the unit. An attempt was made to keep an unofficial record, but this was made impossible at night owing to the enemy bombing.

Undoubtedly, the official figures will be shown by the units who administered the Main Dressing Stations and Walking Wounded Dressing Stations during the period.

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During the day, very fortunately, there was fine weather which greatly facilitated the collection of the wounded. At 7 p.m. notification was received from the A.D.M.S., 2nd. Aust. Division, that Operations might be forthcoming on the following day and so the three (3) Bearer Officers, Capts. Cameron and Newing and Major Campbell interviewed the Staff Captains of the 5th., 6th. and 7th. Brigades, respectively, to obtain particulars of the proposed Operations. As the Operations were conducted with so much secrecy, no definite information was forthcoming. However, the 3 squads of bearers attached to each R.M.O. remained at their posts and the remaining squads were placed on call with the Bearer Officers. The R.M.O.'s. were instructed to send a runner in case of any movement occurring during the day. However, no call was made.

The night of 8/9th. was quiet except for the bombing by the enemy and numerous casualties occurred.

9th. August, 1918.

10 a.m. Instructions were received from A.D.M.S., 2nd. Aust. Division that C.O. 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. would be responsible for clearing the line to A.D.S. if an advance was made.

11 a.m. Capt. W.J. Newing received orders to proceed to P. 35. central which was the Assembling place for the 6th. Brigade. The 6th. Brigade was now attached to the 1st. Div. and the evacuation of their wounded came under the administration of the C.O. 2nd. Fld. Amb.

3 p.m. At this hour Capt. Cameron, with bearers of 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. proceeded to the Assembling place of the 5th. Brigade at Q.33. and at 3-30 p.m. Major J.C. Campbell with bearers of 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. proceeded to the Assembling place of the 7th. Brigade at W.3 central. During the evening it was heard that the 1st. Aust. Div. was suffering rather heavy casualties and so 6 cars were lent to the C.O. 2nd. Fld. Amb. who had established an A.D.S. at BAYONVILLERS. These cars and our own Hosed Amb. Wagons picked up many cases from the 1st. Div. Area from the R.A.P.'s. HARBONNIERES to LIHONS. All the R.M.O.'s. of the 2nd. Division were now close to the A.D.S. and so all their stores were replenished. Salvage parties were sent back along the territory captured by the 2nd. Division to collect any blankets and stretchers that had been overrun. Also dumps of 50 blankets and 50 stretchers were established at HARBONNIERES and the new Wagon Loading Post of 5th. Division at W.4.c.6.0.

All the drugs and dressings from the A.D.S. at N.26.d.1.3. and Tunnel Motor Loading Post at O.28.d.8.8. were carted up to the new A.D.S. at P.30.d.0.4. during the afternoon and evening, so that a very large supply of drugs, dressings and splints was established by nightfall.

The Y.M.C.A. established buffets at the A.D.S. at P.30.d.0.4. and at the W.W.D.S. at p.29.c.7.4. and they were of the greatest benefit to the patients.

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The car routes were reconnoitred before the action as near as possible to the front line and the Horses Ambulance Wagons under Capt. J.H.B. Brown, M.C. were got in readiness for the action. Four (4) Horses Ambulance went along main rd. and were posted at Cross Roads at Q.28.d. at 4 p.m. whilst 5 others went along to the M.L.P. at W.4.c.6.0.

The Brigade moved up some little distance behind the front line of 5th. Division and passed through them at 4.30 p.m. and the advance proceeded regularly. Squads were left at the Adv. Motor Posts to act as liason between these posts and the bearer Officers.

At Zero plus 1/2 hour Major J.C. Campbell formed an Adv. Amb. Post at X.1.d.6.8. and touch was rapidly established with all the Battalions of 7th. Brigade. At Zero plus 1, Capt. Brown got his Horses Amb. Wagons up to this Post and the evacuation proceeded normally. On the Left Sector the cars were pushed forward to the Cross Roads in R.25.c. and cleared practically for the R.A.P. of the 18th. Bn. which was established at R.25.c.2:5. Numerous casualties were sustained by this Bn. but they were rapidly evacuated by the Large cars, 4 extra being put on the main road.

Meanwhile the Adv. Amb. Post on the Left Sector had been established at W.6.a.6.3. in the vicinity of the Ford car post as the cases of the 17th. Bn. were evacuated by this route.

At Zero plus 1 a German Motor Ambulance was located at X.8.d.3.7. but an attempt to start the engine was unsuccessful.

During the evening a large number of cases were evacuated from the 1st. Div. Area (mainly 2nd. Brigade). The cases of the 5th. and 7th. Bns. were evacuated through the Post at X.1.d.6.8. and those of the 6th. and 8th. Bns. were picked up along the main HARBONNIERES-LIHONS RD.

One (1) O.R. was wounded in action.

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6 a.m. At this hour the Ford cars were advanced to X.1. but as there had been considerable shelling in the vicinity during the afternoon and evening and the area was crowded with German Shell dumps, it was decided to move the Post to a house on the outskirts of VAUVILLERS (X.8.c.6.4.) where there were some very safe cellars.

Wheeled stretchers could now be used on both Sectors for the evacuation of the wounded.

In the evening of the 10th. the 10th. Inf. Bde. on the Left did a stunt which cost them severe casualties. As a result several cars of this Unit were detached and a large number of cases were evacuated from the 3rd. Division (including 63 stretcher cases).

The night bombing on the 10th. was also very severe and numerous casualties were caused and evacuated by this Unit.

In the evening of the 10th. the German Motor Amb. was salvaged.

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The Brigade again attacked at 4 a.m. Wheeled stretchers were used to convey stretchers from the R.A.P.'s. to VAUVILLERS.

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and when congestion arose at VAUVILLERS a Large car was run into the village and the congestion was soon cleared. Capt. R.G. Burnard and party took over Walking Wounded Dressing Station at WAREUSEE (P.29.c.7.4.) from 13th Aust. Fld. Amb. This station had been handed over to 1st Aust. Fld. Amb. by 15th. Aust. Fld. Amb. on relief of 5th. Division.

Major F.L. Wall, M.C. rejoined the unit from detached duty as Actg. D.A.D.M.S., 2nd. Aust. Division.

12th. August, 1918.

At 6-30 a.m. a direct hit was obtained on the Advanced Amb. Post at VAUVILLERS almost completely wrecking the house. Fortunately nobody was injured, but a Ford car was buried amongst the debris and completely wrecked. In the Afternoon the Adv. Amb. Post was moved to X.15.a.8.8. where there were good huts sunk below the ground level.

No alteration was made in the disposition of the Left Sector. Very few casualties passed through during the day.

13th. August, 1918.

Very quiet day with few casualties. At 6-30 p.m. the 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was relieved and the C.O. 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb. took over the administration of the forward area.

Throughout the operation we were favoured with very fine weather which facilitated to a very great extent, Ambulance Operations.

The bearer-division of the Ambulance, cars and horsed ambulance wagons, were detached under the command of the C.O. 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and the tent-division moved to WHITE CHATEAU, taking over the administration of the Main Dressing Station from the 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. at 9 p.m.

Capt. ~~Erskine~~ C.I. Davis ceased to be attached. ~~Capt. A. H. Crowley was detached to Nucleus Camps of Div. as M.O. in charge.~~ The following are the numbers of sick & ~~wounded~~ wounded who passes through the W.W.D.S. between 11th. & 13th. August. Sick 24 Wounded 27.

14th. August, 1918.

The WHITE CHATEAU was a very suitable place for a Main Dressing Station in comparatively good order. Four rooms were equipped as Dressing Rooms. One of these rooms was set apart ~~xxxx~~ for the use of the Corps Resusciation Team under Major Holmes a Court, 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. The out-houses were set apart as a Gas Centre. Fortunately very few Wounded and Gassed cases passed through.

Capt. A.H. Crowley was detached to Nucleus Camps of 5th., 6th. and 7th. Brigades as M.O. in charge.

At this time 10 M.A.C. cars were attached to the Unit for the evacuation of patients to the C.C.S's. at VECQUEMONT.

15th. August, 1918.

Very few casualties came through.

~~16th. August, 1918.~~ Very few cases came through.

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15th. August, 1918.
Capt. D.A.A. Davis was attached for duty as M.O., 2nd. Div. Reinforcement Wing.

16th. August, 1918. Very few cases were coming through.

17th. August, 1918. " " " " " "

The fine weather still continued. On the evening of the 7th. the Unit was relieved by the 92nd. Field Ambulance (British) and the Tent-Division marched to BUSSY-les-DAOURS in the 7th. A.I. Brigade Area.

The following are the daily numbers of sick and wounded who passed through the M.D.S. while it was administered by the Unit.

	Sick.	Wounded.
14th.	25	14
15th.	11	11
16th.	20	18
17th.	6	1

18th. August, 1918.
Early in the morning the bearers rejoined the Unit from 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb., arriving in buses from the forward area. The men were very tired and spent most of the day sleeping. No. 7963, M.T. Dvr. W.R. MAIDEN was wounded in action on the evening of the 17th. while detached with 6th. A.F.Amb. and died of wounds the following morning (18-8-18). Information was received on 19th. inst. that this driver had been awarded the Military Medal for his initiative and gallantry during the operations of 17-7-18.

19th. August, 1918.
Opportunity was taken of getting the men to clean and mend their clothing and their equipment was checked.

20th. August, 1918.
The C.O. proceeded to Australian Records Section, 3rd. Echelon, with a Sergeant Clerk, to check the Unit records, and Major J.C. Campbell acted as C.O.

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20th. August 1918 to 26th. August 1918.

20th. August.

The sick of the 7th. A.I. Brigade were collected each morning from the units of the Brigade who were billeted in and around the village.

A hospital was opened in the Maire and a number of cases were kept there. Arrangements were made to accommodate 50 patients, if the necessity arose.

21st. August.

The men were given Gas Drill in the ~~afternoon~~ morning and in the afternoon the men engaged in organized recreation.

22nd. August.

The bearers were reorganized in squads of four, according to size, etc. and their clothing and equipment was inspected, the deficiencies being made good.

23rd. August.

During the day a bathing parade was held. Brigade sick were still being collected.

24th. August.

Very few caes were being received from the 7th. Brigade Units.

25th. August.

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26th. August.

There were no special Medical features during the stay of the unit at BUSSY - les - DAOURS.

The C.O. reported back from his inspection of the Unit's records at Australian Section, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q.

McCampbell Major
Acting C.O. 7th. Australian Field Ambulance.

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BUSSY-les-DAOURS.	27th. August, 1918.		<p><u>27th. August, 1918.</u></p> <p>In the morning part of one Section's equipment and other surplus material, as well as the men's packs, were dumped at the 7th. Brigade Dump at CORBIE.</p> <p><u>11-30 a.m.</u></p> <p>The remained, of the Unit, less transport, under Major J.C. Campbell, embussed at VECQUEMONT and debussed at Q.22.c. 8.7. about 2 p.m. They then proceeded to K.17.b. central and took over the site from 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Transport moved independently and arrived about 8 p.m.</p> <p>Unfortunately the weather was wet and a rather miserable night was spent by the men.</p>	

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28th. August 1918. X.17.b. central. (Sheet 62D).
Lt. Col. A.M. WILSON, C.O., was admitted to hospital, sick.
The unit was instructed to open a Main Dressing Station at BRAY. An ex estaminet at the entrance of the town was used as a Dressing Station and a reserve room was held as a resuscitation room, if necessary.
The M.D.S. was open to receive patients at 2 a.m., 29-8-18.

29th. August. BRAY.
Very few casualties were coming through.
2 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Station at BRAY was closed as a Main Dressing Station and a M.D.S. was opened by the 6th. Aust. Field Ambulance at CAPPY.
During the 12 hours, 12 wounded (British) and 2 P.of W. passed through the M.D.S.

The Station at BRAY now became the GAS CENTRE for the 2nd. Aust. Division. Supplies of clothing were drawn in order that patients might be changed after treatment and arrangements were made for an extra supply of Oxygen to be drawn.

Major F.L. Wall, M.C. rejoined from 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb.
Capt. P.L. Daniel " " 19th. A.Inf. Bn.
Capts. J.H.B. Brown, M.C. and P.L. Daniel were detached to 6th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

30th. August.
1 p.m. "C" Section Tent Sub-Division, with Transport Details, proceeded to 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb. (M.D.S., CAPPY) to await instructions to proceed ahead to establish a new M.D.S.

31st. August. HERBERCOURT.
12.30 p.m. Instructions were received that the Station at BRAY was to be closed and so the remainder of the Unit moved off at 1-45 p.m. and marched to the Advanced Dressing Station near HERBERCOURT where they were billeted for the night. Shortly after arrival, the enemy shelled the area with H.E. Fortunately, none of the members of the Unit were wounded.

"C" Section Tent Sub-Division, also Capts. J.H.B. Brown, M.C. and P.L. Daniel, rejoined the Unit.
The INTENTION was that if the operations on the following morning were successful, the 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was to move further ahead, and the Station at HERBERCOURT was to become a Main Dressing Station.

Only 8 Gassed cases passed through the GAS CENTRE at BRAY.

Twenty seven (27) men proceeded on leave to United Kingdom during the month and 4 to Paris.
Five men were evacuated sick and 5 rejoined unit during the month. Four O.R's. were wounded, 2 were wounded (gas-sed) and 1 O.R. died of wounds (2nd. M.T., attached) during the month.
Strength of Unit at 31-8-18-- Officers 10 O.R's. 221.

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J.C. Campbell Major

Acting C.O. 7th. Australian Field Ambulance.

OPERATION ORDER, 6-8-1918.

In the event of extensive operations in the Divisional Area, the following Procedure will be adopted.-

1. Major Dunlop with Captain Cameron and Captain Park with a Bearer Subdivision of the 5th Field Ambulance and one Bearer Subdivision of the 6th Field Ambulance will be responsible for the clearing of the left Brigade.
They will arrange the evacuation north of the main road.
2. Major Campbell with Captain Newing with a Bearer Subdivision of the 7th Field Ambulance will be responsible for the clearing of the right Brigade and he will arrange the evacuation south of the main road.

All Bearers will carry 24 hours rations, and, in addition, their 24 hours iron rations, filled water bottles, and each squad will have one large water bottle.

3. Tunnel Motor Loading Post will be controlled by Captain Burnard.
4. Captain Fay will be in charge of all Motor Transport and will supervise running of Motor Ambulances.
5. Captain Brown, M.C. will supervise the Horse Transport. He will make arrangements for the establishment of a stretcher dump for the use of 5th Division (about Zero plus 4) as near as possible to P.28.d.8.3.
6. C. O. 5th Field Ambulance will supervise the working of the A.D.S. (for stretcher cases) at N.26.a.1.3. and through the A.D.M.S. will issue orders for it to cease work and pack up.
7. Major Norris will administer the Walking Wounded Station at N.27.c.
8. Detailed instructions will be issued to all concerned.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKING OF A.D.S.

1. Will be under the direction of Major Dunlop D.S.O.
2. Cases will be inspected in the cars and only removed if necessary, other wise they will pass through direct to M.D.S.
3. Two large cars will remain in reserve at N.26.d.1.3 to be at the disposal of C.O.A.D.S., but he may call on other cars if absolutely necessary.
4. Cases will not be recorded.
5. Cases need not be given A.T.S..Arrangements have been made with M-D M.D.S.
6. C.O.A.D.S.will maintain liason with Walking Wounded Station.
7. When orders are received to move A.D.S. he will instruct the detailed party to pack up and proceed to A.D.S. (White Chateau) where they will remain on call to C.O.7th.Field Ambulance. (The detailed party ONLY will move).

Lieut Col.
C.O.77th.Aust. Field. Ambulance.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MAJOR J. C. CAMPBELL.

1. You will be responsible for the evacuation of wounded south of main road (Behind 7th Brigade). up to Green line.
2. You will have working with you on Bearer Subdivision of the 7th Field Ambulance and one Bearer Subdivision of the 6th Field Ambulance.
3. You will establish your Headquarters at Clupin's Post at the beginning of the action and erect a Red Cross Flag.
You will establish at your Headquarters a dump of fifty stretchers and fifty blankets, eight bags of Dressings and some splints. You will establish dumps of fifteen stretchers at the R. A. Ps. of the 26th, 27th and 28th, replenishing your store for the cottage, bringing your total up to forty again.
4. Three squads of Bearers have already been posted with each R.M.O. of the 7th Brigade, each squad carrying two stretchers and two Blankets. R. M. Os. have been supplied with Red Cross flag
5. The Bearers attached to R.M.Os. will maintain liaison between you and them.
6. R.M.Os. will post the flag and signboards and notify you of their approximate position.
7. About Zero plus one, one Ford Car will attempt to approach your R. A. Ps. and later, four Horses Ambulance Wagons and three Ford Cars.
8. You will try to push vehicular traffic along mud track shown on your map as far as possible.
9. R.M.Os. have been instructed to collect cases round their R.A.Ps. and you will arrange their removal.
10. You will arrange to thoroughly search the crops.
11. It is hoped that
 - (a) Vehicles will be pushed along road to P.35. by Zero plus 4.
 - (b) A large car loading post established near the ~~Advanced~~ Advanced Ambulance Post by Zero plus 4
 - (c) That a large car loading post will be established at V.5 at zero plus 6.
12. You will arrange for a good dump of Dressings and ~~splints~~ splints at the Advanced Ambulance Posts, also signboards.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAPTAIN CAMERON.

1. You will be responsible for the evacuation of north of the main road.
2. You will have working with you Captain Park, a Bearer Sub-division of the 5th Field Ambulance and a Bearer Subdivision of the 6th Field Ambulance.
3. You will establish your Headquarters at KENT R.A.P. At the beginning of the action and erect a Red Cross Flag. You will establish at your Headquarters a dump of fifty stretchers and fifty blankets, eight bags of Dressings and some splints. As soon as possible you will arrange to establish a dump of twenty stretchers at the R. A. P. of 19th and 20th Battalions. You will reinforce your blankets and stretchers from a dump you will establish at Camerons Post.
4. You will post Captain Davis at Cameron's Post with one squad of Bearers. He will erect a Red Cross Flag and arrange for the evacuation and treatment of local casualties. You will establish a Dump of forty blankets and forty stretchers there, and Captain Davis will forward them to you on demand.
5. Three squads of Bearers have already been posted with each R.M.O. of the 5th Brigade, each squad carrying two blankets and two stretchers. R. M. Os. have been supplied with a red cross flag. The Bearers will maintain Liaison. ~~with~~
6. The R.M.Os. will post the flag and signboards and notify you of approximate position.
7. About Zero, plus one, one Ford car will attempt to approach your R.A.P. Later four Horses Ambulance wagons and three Ford cars.
8. You will try to push vehicular traffic along tracks shown as far and as early as possible.
9. R.M.Os. have been instructed to collect cases round their R.A.Ps. and you will arrange removal.
10. You will arrange for parties to thoroughly search the crops.
11. It is hoped that
 - (a) Vehicles will be pushed to P.28.c by Zero plus 4.
 - (b) A large car loading post will be established as near Advance A balance Post as possible.
 - (c) By Zero plus 4, a large car post will be established near Warfusee.
12. You will arrange for a good dump of Dressings and Splints at the Advance Ambulance Posts, also signboards.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAPTAIN J.H.B. BROWN, M.C.

1. You will be in charge of all horse transport.
2. You will have at your disposal about eighteen horsed Ambulances
3. You will detail nine Horsed Ambulance Wagons of 5th Division to report to the Tunnel at intervals of ten minutes, leaving A.D.S. at Zero. They will be used to convey Walking Wounded from the Tunnel to Walking Wounded Station (Blangy Cabaret). If Walking Wounded are not arriving they will be parked in hollow near Tunnel
4. You will detail nine horsed Ambulance Wagons of 2nd Division to work in forward Area. These will leave the Tunnel at Zero plus one. Sergeant Bagshaw and 5 going to the left, and Sergeant Troope, M.M., and four to the right. These will be used for Walking Wounded if Ford Cars are running, otherwise they will be used for stretchers.
5. You will arrange to deposit 200 stretchers and 200 blankets as near P.28.d.5.3. as possible about Zero plus 4 for use of 5th Division, and also 50 stretchers and 50 blankets for use of Second Division. They will be posted under a guard and a Red Cross flag erected.
6. The Transport Sergeants will act as Gallopers, Bagshaw "Left" and Troope "Right"
7. You will inspect and report on practicability of main road.
8. By Zero plus 6, the Divisional Area should be nearly clear of the Walking Wounded and in that case you will direct the Horse Ambulance wagons of Second Division to fill up with Walking Wounded and pull out, unless they are being used for stretcher cases. At the same time the 5th Division Horse Ambulance will be moved forward and posted as near Stretcher Dump as possible.
9. Any breakdown you will report to the C. O. 7th Australian Field Ambulance.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAPTAIN BURNARD.

1. You will be in charge of Tunnel and Motor Loading Posts.
2. Captain Fay with Transport Sergeants will be in charge of Motor Transport.
3. W. O. Brown will arrange the Traffic Loading of the cars.
4. Walking wounded will be collected at O.27.d.4.4. and not allowed in the Tunnel. They will be dressed in the open under the supervision of

They will be conveyed to the Walking Wounded Station at BLANGY CABARET by Horsed Ambulance Wagons, and Motor Ambulance will take the first few loads of wounded and then the Horsed Ambulance. Afterwards walkers will only fill up spare room in Motor Ambulances.
5. You will arrange to have dressed properly as many cases as possible. If there is a rush it is better to send down to A.D.S every third carload insufficiently dressed, giving instructions to car driver of this.
6. The Tunnel must be kept clear.
7. You will be notified by C. O. 5th Australian Field Ambulance when to direct all cases, both walkers and stretcher cases to the white chateau. You will then tally up all dressings, stretchers and blankets, which you will hold pending receiving instructions from me.
8. Sergeant Steele will be in charge of the clerking. He will keep a tally of all cases passing through, giving names of Office if possible. When the T.M.L.P. is closed he will go over to the A.D.S. white Chateau and make arrangements to carry on. It is most important that 5th and 7th Brigade in quarry be informed at zero plus two, and thence hourly. Special runners will be obtained.
9. You will arrange to have a proper supply of Dressings.

Lieut. Col.,
C. O. 7th Australian Field Ambulance.

In the event of the Division being involved in an extensive operation, the following procedure will help you to clear your cases,-

1. you will have three squads of Bearers attached to you. Their functions will be,-
 - a. Maintain liaison with Advanced Ambulance Posts and yourself.
 - b. To assist you in collecting cases round your R. A. P.
 - c. To act as carrying party for your Medical Stores.
2. You will be provided with a Red Cross flag which you will erect over your R. A. P. and also a signboard (x(Red Cross) Post) and also one signboard "Walking Wounded" which will be erected intermediately between your R. A. P. and Advanced Ambulance Post.
3. Your object will be to collect cases round your R. A. P. for which you may use the attached Bearers. The Ambulance will come along as soon as possible and collect from your R. A. P.
4. AS soon as you have fixed your position, inform the Advanced Ambulance Post in writing.
5. If you want any help, inform the Advanced Ambulance Post (Maintain touch with your B. H. Q.). At the Advanced Ambulance Post they will have bags of Dressings containing,-
 - a. 30 Shell Dressings.
 - b. 1 lb of wool.
 - c. 3 dozen Bandages.
 They will also have blankets and stretchers in reserve and splints.
6. Establish if possible your R. A. P. near a Road, especially roads running along near top and bottom of the Divisional Sector. It is improbable that the main road will be open for some time after Zero.
7. Advanced Ambulance Post on the left will be at York R.A.P. (Captains Cameron and Park), "On the right near CULPIN'S POST, probably just south near main road. A Red Cross Flag will be erected over each of them.
8. On the left, as soon as possible, subject to advice and approval of C. O. Battalion, 30th R.M.O. will establish R.A.P. near P.21. Central, and 19th Battalion R.M.O. near P.26 Central. As soon as established they will set about the formation of a stretcher dump of twenty stretchers at each of these posts.

Later it would be convenient if the R.M.Os. of 17th and 18th Battalions pushed on to these posts and then pushed forward as soon as practicable and establish a stretcher dump at the R.A.P. (approximately P.22 Central and P.28 Central.)
9. On the Right. Subject to advice and approval of C. O., R.A.P. may be established near Battalion Headquarters before stunt, and a dump of fifteen stretchers established. Later if 25th and 26th moved forward with B. H. Q. and establish an R.A.P. near B.H.Q. and make arrangements with Major Campbell re the establishment of a stretcher dump.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO O.C. WALKING WOUNDED STATION.

1. All cases of Walking Wounded will be removed from lorries, Hhorsed Ambulance Wagons and Motor Ambulances (except cases travelling in a car with stretcher cases) at the BLANGY-CABARET, until orders to the contrary.
A man will be posted on the road to stop these cases.
2. They will be redressed only if necessary.
They will be recorded, given A.T.S. and Casualty wire rendered through C. O. A. D. S.
3. Casses cases will not be recorded, but will be sent direct to St ACHEUL.
4. After treatment they will be despatched direct to the X^o C.C.S. CROUY.
Ten Motor Lorries and one Motor Ambulance will be at the disposal of the O. C. Walking Wounded Station. Passing Motor Lorries will be stopped, and wounded loaded on board and conveyed to the C. C. S. CROUY. Written instructions previously prepared will be given to the drivers.
5. Twelve stretchers and twentyfour blankets will be posted at this station for the cases that need to be converted into stretcher cases.
6. C. O. A. D. S. (N.26.d.1.3) will maintain liaison between A.D.S. (N.26.) and Walking Wounded Station.
7. O. C. Walking Wounded Station will be prepared to move at one hour's notice, and will receive orders from the A.D.M.S. 2nd Australian Division through C. O. A. D. S. (N.26).
8. After removal he will leave a rearguard for stores and instructions to re-direct returning Motor Transport.

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On the night of August 7th., 1918, I was in charge of a Bearer Division of the 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and a Bearer Sub-Division of the 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Capt. W.J. Newing, 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb., was with me. We took our post at the R.A.P. of the 22nd. Bn. at O.36.b.8.6.

The Right Brigade R.A.P's. were established as follows :-

- 25th. Bn. P.31.b.30.95.
- 26th. " O.36.d.8.7.
- 27th. " P.31.b.2.5.
- 28th. " P.31.central.

Each R.M.O. had three (3) squads of bearers attached to him from the 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. with 6 blankets and 12 stretchers, and, in addition there were dumps of 15 stretchers at each R.A.P., and 40 stretchers and 50 blankets were held by me, as well as a reserve of splints and bags of dressings.

Just after the barrage opened I went with Sgt. Schwab "D.C.M.:M.M." to the mud road running through O.36.b. and O.36.d. along which we proposed to evacuate the casualties of the Right Battalions. We then posted 4 squads of bearers in trenches there under Sgt. McColl of the 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and collected stretcher cases there. We also collected stretcher cases at O.36.b.8.6. pending the arrival of transport.

At Zero plus ~~xxxxxxx~~ 1.15 hours, we received word that Ford cars and Horsed Amb. Wagons were on the VILLERS-WARFUSEE Road in O.30.b. and we began to evacuate stretcher cases and walking wounded by that route. As no transport had come along the road on the Right, I evacuated the stretcher cases collected there to the VILLERS-WARFUSEE Road and sent the walking wounded straight back through the village. Sgt. Bagshaw reported to me at Zero plus 1-30 hours, and I instructed him to reconnoitre the road running through O.36.b. and O.36.d. and bring up Horsed Amb. Wagons, if possible. At Zero plus 2, Sgt. Bagshaw brought up 4 Horsed Amb. Wagons to the post at P.36.b.5.1. and the evacuation commenced down that road.

Most of the bearing was done by German Prisoners.

Post at O.36.b.8.6. was clear at Zero plus 2 hours and I then sent Capt. Newing to P.31.b.30.95. to direct the evacuation on to the VILLERS-WARFUSEE Road.

At Zero plus 2-30, I went to the post at O.36.d.8.7. where there was some congestion and helped Capt. Tymms and at Zero plus 3, advised him to push and I remained and cleared the post. At Zero plus 3-45, I went forward, evacuating cases along the road by Horsed Amb. Wagons, until we reached the MARCELCAVE- WARFUSEE Road.

The R.A.P's. were by this as follows :-

- 25th. Bn. P.33. central.
- 26th. " V.5.a.0.2.
- 27th. " P.35.a.2.4.
- 28th. " P.35.c.2.6.

At Zero plus 5-30, all R.A.P's., except the 28th. Bn., were clear and Motor Ambulances were completing the evacuations from this post.

I left Sgt. McColl, 4 squads of bearers of 6th. Fld. Amb., with Capt. Tymms, in case casualties should occur on the Right. I reported to the A.D.S. at WARFUSEE with the remaining squads at Zero plus 6-30.

On August 9th. I was instructed to take Capt. Howell and squads of the 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. from LAMOTTE-en-SANTERRE to W.5. where the 7th Brigade was collecting for an attack and make arrangements for the evacuation of their wounded. The attack was to be made by the 27th. Bn. on the Left and the 25th. Bn. on the Right.

The Brigade moved off at 16.00, Zero time being 16.30, and the front of the attack was from X.1.c.0.10. to X.7.c.0.0.

We followed behind the 26th. Bn. to the north of HARBONNIERES and at Zero I left Capt. Howell with the bearers in trenches at X.1.d.2.8. while I went on with Sgt. Schwab to select a suitable post.

We selected a position at the Cross Roads at X.1.a.6.8. where there were some dugouts and good roads for evacuation. The Right Sector was being shelled very heavily so that the wounded naturally came our way.

We were established there at Zero plus 1/2 hour and got into touch with the Bns. (except the 25th.) at once.

I had sent Sgt. Martin back with 2 squads to maintain liason with the Motor Loading Post on the HARBONNIERES - PROYART Rd.

Capt. J.H.B. Brown M.C. arrived at Zero plus 1 with Horsed Transport and the evacuation proceeded without any congestion.

The casualties were not heavy and at Zero plus 2, with Sgt. Schwab, I went forward to locate the R.A.P.'s. more accurately.

R.A.P.'s. were established as follows :-

25th. Bn.	X.15.a.3.8.
26th. "	X.8.c.9.6.
27th. "	X.8.b.3.4.
28th. "	X.1.d.8.8.

I established a Bearer Relay of 2 squads for the 25th. Bn. cases at X.15.a.8.8., in addition to the squad already posted with the 25th. Bn.

During the night a good number of stretcher cases came in, mostly from the First Aust. Division (5th. & 7th. Bns.) who had passed through the 25th. R.A.P. and the Ambulances were kept busy to 3 a.m., 10-8-18.

Sgt. DeGaris reported with Ford cars at 6 a.m. on 10-8-18.

There had been a good deal of shelling about the post during the afternoon and evening and the area was crowded with shell dumps, so at daylight on 10th. inst I went into VAUVILLERS with Sgt. Schwab and we selected a position in a house with a series of safe cellars into which stretcher cases could be easily carried, at X.8.c.4.4.

On August 10th. there were very few casualties.

On August 11th. the Brigade again attacked at ~~04.00~~ 04.00. The positions of the R.A.P.'s. were as follows :-

25th. Bn.	X.8.c.9.6.
26th. "	X.15.b.9.5.
27th. "	X.8.b.3.4.
28th. "	X.10.a.6.6.

I posted 2 squads as a Relay for the 28th. Bn. at X.9.b.2.5.

Wheeled stretchers were used largely and the evacuation was greatly facilitated by them.

Sneezing gas was largely used by the enemy this morning.

Evacuation from VAUVILLERS was carried out by Ford cars until a Daimler was sent to remove the congestion. There was a very large percentage of stretcher cases amongst the casualties this morning.

All wounded were cleared by 11.00.

August 11th. was quiet and the day was spent in improving the post.

Early in the morning of August 12th., the enemy shelled VAUVILLERS with heavy Artillery and obtained a direct hit on our post, bringing the house almost completely down at 06.30. Nobody was injured, but a Ford car belonging to the 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was buried and severely damaged. That afternoon we shifted to a position at X.15.a.8.8. where there were good quarters below the ground level.

The 13th. was quiet with very few casualties and I handed over the post to Major Hutchison, D.S.O. of the 6th. Aust. Fld. Amb. at 20.00 and reported back to A.D.S.

Major

7th. Australian Field Ambulance.

The ¹⁰⁹ past month has been more eventful than usual, as would be expected in consideration of the active operations in which the Division has been engaged.

Moves. The Transport as a whole has moved six times, details of which are shown in attached Table.

Evacuation of Wounded. Our Horsed Ambulances have been extensively employed during the month for this purpose. During the period Aug 1-13 while we were evacuating the Forward Area, our wagons were used continually to supplement the motor ambulance cars. A Special Report covering the period Aug 7-13 is attached.

During the period Aug. 13-17 our 3 wagons were attached to the 6th Aust. Field Ambulance while they were clearing the Forward Area. They were not used however & were returned to us on the 17th.

During the period Aug. 26-31 our 3 wagons were attached to the 5th Aust. Fld. Ambulance to assist in clearing wounded. They worked first between HERBÉCOURT & CAPPY, later between FUILLEIRE & HERBÉCOURT. They were returned on the 31st.

Casualties Men - nil

Horses - one horse each of 5th & 6th Aust. Field Ambulances were slightly wounded while attached to us.
one of our sides was killed by shell fire on Aug 9th.

Fodder. has been adequate during the month. Grazing has been frequently available, owing to the fact that we have been working in Forward Areas.

Horse Lines. have been for the most part in the open. To minimize danger from shellfire & bombs the horses have been well scattered & where possible have been protected by means of banks, shellholes etc.

Equipment. On the 20th Aug. while we were at BUSSY a complete inspection of the Transport was made by the Q.M. Duns' equipment, harness, vehicles were inspected & found to be fairly satisfactory. All shortages have now been made good & necessary repairs made.

J. W. Brown. Capt
Transport Officer 7th Australian Field Ambulance

Attached are ① Table of Moves during month
② Notes on Evacuation of Wounded during period Aug. 7-13.

Table of moves of 7th Australian Horse Transport during the period August 1-31²⁶

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DATE	MOVE		DISTANCE		ROUTE	TIME TAKEN	REMARKS.
	FROM	TO	MILES	KILOS.			
Aug. 8.	BOIS de PENDRE (about 1k. S. of GLISY)	LAMOTTE en Santerre	9	16	VILLERS-BRETTÉ WARFUSÉE-Abancourt	3 h.	
Aug. 13.	LAMOTTE	WHITE CHATEAU (2 m. from VILLERS-B on AMIENS Rd)	5	9	WARFUSÉE - VILLERS-BRET.	2 h.	
Aug. 17.	WHITE CHATEAU	BUSSY-les-Dours	6	10	AUBIGNY-DAOURS - VECQUEMONT	2 h.	
Aug. 27.	BUSSY	MORCOURT	14	22	VECQUEMONT-DAOURS - AUBIGNY-FOUILLOY - HAMELET-VAIRE - HAMEL-CÉRISY	5 h.	
Aug. 28	MORCOURT	BRAY-sur-Somme	6	10	MÉRICOURT - ETINHEM	2 h.	
Aug. 31	BRAY	HERBÉCOURT	6	10	CAPPY	2 h.	

Extract from Operation Order, 7th. Australian Field Ambulance, 6-8-18.

Instructions to Officer in Charge of Horse Transport.

"

Capt. J.H.B. Brown, M.C. will supervise the Horse Transport.

He will make arrangements for the establishment of a stretcher dump for the use of the 5th. Division (about Zero plus 4) as near as possible to p.28.d.8.3.

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August 6th. To assist in the evacuation of wounded during subsequent operations ~~the~~ Horse Ambulance Wagons from other Units, were attached to the c.o. 7th Aust. Fld. Amb. as follows:-

5th Aust. Div:- 3 wagons each from 8th, 14th, 15th Aust. Fld. Ambs. making 9 in all

2nd Aust. Div:- 3 wagons each from 5th, 6th Aust. Fld. Ambs. making with our own 2 wagons 8 in all.

There were thus 17 wagons pooled at the disposal of the c.o. 7th Aust. Fld. Amb.

August 7th. In accordance with my instructions from the c.o. 7th Aust. Fld. Amb.

I made the following arrangements in preparation for the attack on the 8th.

① In connection with the establishment of a dump of stretchers & blankets in the vicinity of WARFUSÉE-ABANCOURT.

140 stretchers & blankets were loaded on 2 G.S. Wagons (4 horse teams) & were posted at CAMERON'S POST just after dusk. They were left there under guard & the teams brought back to the TUNNELS for the night.

② The 8 2nd Aust. Div. wagons were posted in the vicinity of the TUNNELS about dusk & parked for the night

③ The 9 5th Aust. Div. wagons were instructed to leave Transport Lines ^{onwards} at intervals of 10 minutes so as to arrive at the TUNNELS from 5.30 am on 8th inst

After instructing the Transport N.C.O. as regarded their functions during the operations of the next day, I ~~left~~ moved to the TUNNELS.

August 8th. Still in accordance with my c.o.'s instructions I proceeded as follows:-

① In connection with dump of stretchers & blankets.

I moved off at 3.30 am on horseback from the TUNNELS with a 5th Div. Sgt. We reached CAMERON'S POST about 4.15 am having been delayed by shelling on our track. We were fortunate in not losing some of our stretchers & blankets as several ~~stretchers~~ shells fell within 30 yards of the wagons, where they were parked. They were protected however by a high bank.

I had intended to get ahead of the field guns before the barrage opened but as the guns opened at 4.20 am this was not possible. The guns were firing right across the track, so we had to wait till daylight before proceeding further.

About 5.30 am we proceeded forward to the N. of Villers-Butheneux heading our horses between the batteries of field guns. After passing NENT R.A.P. we were lost in the thick mist for about an hour, but eventually found our way

to the FOUILLOY-WARFUSÉE Road & proceeded down this in the direction of

WARFUSÉE. When about 1 mile from Warfusée we struck across country to the main VILLERS-WARFUSÉE Road & reached the vicinity which had been selected for the dump at about 8.15 am. I marked the place (a ranch house) with a red + sign & sent the Sgt. back to bring up the 2 G.S. Wagons.

The c.o.'s of the 7th & 15th Aust. Fld. Ambs. arrived soon afterwards, & I then sent on to WARFUSÉE to select a site for an Advanced Dressing Station.

This was found in the shape of a German R.A.P. on the right hand side of the road just after entering the village, & the 2 G.S. Wagons, coming up soon after

sent out in the this place & the stretchers & blankets dumped here. by 109, slightly later than my set time, but early enough for all practical purposes.

② 5th Aust. Div. Wagons. From 5.30 am onwards, these 9 wagons worked between the TUNNELS Loading Post & the BLANGY CABARET Walking Wounded Post. (see Plan I) carrying walking wounded. These were all clear by about 11 am & later the wagons were handed over to the C.O. 15th Aust. Fld. Amb, he having established his A.D.S. - WARFUSÉE

③ 2nd Aust. Div. Wagons.
④ 4 wagons under Sgt Bagshaw were told off to assist in the evacuation of the Right Side sector. These wagons reported to Major Cambell, at CULPINS POST, at 6 am. They carried stretchers & walking cases from there back to the TUNNELS & later worked further forward along the MARCELCAVE Road as far as the railway line. About 11 am all wounded were cleared, & they proceeded from this point to the A.D.S. WARFUSÉE, where they were parked.

⑤ 4 wagons under Sgt. Trope M.M. were told off to assist in the evacuation of the Left Side sector. They reported to Capt. Cameron at KENT RAP at 6 am & carried back w. of Vickers Buttrons to the TUNNELS Loading Post. Later they worked further forward as far as the FOUILLOY-WARFUSÉE Road & all cases being clear by about 11 am, they proceeded down this road to the A.D.S. WARFUSÉE, where they were parked.

Nothing further was done on the Pth.

August 9th. Hearing about midday that the Prisoner was to advance again at about 4.15 am, the following arrangements were made with the Hand Amb Wagons

① R.C. Bde. Sector. I had arranged to meet Major Cambell at 3 P.M. at BAYONVILLERS with 4 wagons & to move up with him, as the sector seemed to present difficulties. From information received, we had expected that the evacuation of wounded would take place through HARBONNIERES & along the road to BAYONVILLERS. Therefore, not finding Major Cambell at BAYONVILLERS, I thought he must have moved forward through HARBONNIERES & followed up with the 4 wagons along this route in search of him. As a matter of fact he had moved up with the Bde. to the N. of the village, & therefore I had some trouble in locating him. By the time we had reached HARBONNIERES a large number of 5th Div. casualties were coming through from the right, & I detached the wagons to take a load of them back to Bayonvillers. At the loading post on the western outskirts of Harbonnières some confusion was caused owing to the locality being heavily shelled while the wagons were being loaded. No casualties occurred, however. Hearing Sgt. Bagshaw in charge at this post, I rode on through Harbonnières & turning N. after passing through the village, eventually located Major Cambell at a point about 1000 yards W. of FRAMERVILLE. I then returned & brought up the wagons to this point, the first cases being taken away by 6 P.M. They were able to successfully deal with the stretcher cases from then onwards & were practically cleared by about 10 P.M. They carried across country to a Field Loading Post on the HARBONNIERES - PROTART Road. See Plan III. These wagons were relieved in the morning, as by the time Field cars were able to reach Major Cambell's Post.

3 ② Light Bde Secfor. Capt. Cameron took 4 Wagon on 10th 109th Lt Bde advance. They were posted at a loading Post in the gully on the main ST QUENTAIN-AMIENS Road & carried back along this road to the A.D.S. LAMOTTE. The casualties were not excessive, & the wagons were set back at 8 P.M. to the A.D.S. where they parked for the night.

August 10th During the night one Horse Line on the outskirts of WARFUSÉE were shelled & we decided in the morning to move them to the eastern outskirts of LAMOTTE. This precaution was proved to be justified, as, during the day, the 15th Fld. Amb. Horse Line at WARFUSÉE, adjacent to where we had been, were heavily shelled, & several casualties occurred both to men & horses.

August 11th During the night we received information that the German were again making a short advance at 4 am. This made practically no difference to our plan of evacuation, Ford cars being now able to get as far forward as necessary. Nevertheless our 8 wagons were held in readiness at 4 am at the large Car Loading Post near HARBONNIÈRES & were used as follows. Some carried stretcher cases from Major. Campbell's Post w of FRAMERVILLE to the large Car Post to assist the Ford Cars while the rush was on, & some carried walking wounded from the large Car Post back to the A.D.S. WARFUSÉE. Only 2 or 3 trips were necessary & wagons were returned to lines by noon.

August 12th - nil

August 13th - At 5 pm all wagons & teams were handed over to C.O. 6th Aust. Fld. Amb.

BOYENVILLERS

16.8.18.

J. W. Brown. Capt.
Transport Officer 7th Aust. Fld. Amb.

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Monthly Report by Quartermaster, 7th. Aust. Fld. Ambulance.
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Rations for the month were drawn mostly from the 17th. A.A.S.C. and no difficulty was experienced in obtaining same.

Total number of rations drawn was 11, 441, out of which 1,485 were for consumption by patients and 287 for consumption by personnel ~~by~~ of American Field Ambulance, attached to this unit.

Bread ration averaged about 80%; fresh meat ration averaged about 65%; other commodities were up to usual standard.

Medical Comforts were drawn as required and issued to patients at A.D.S. and to Brigade R.M.O's.

A moderate Comforts were drawn from Aust. Comforts Fund and distributed to personnel.

Supplies were drawn from Red Cross, at intervals, for patients.

Repairs to boots were not as numerous as in previous months, owing to the Unit's frequent moves. The same applies to the tailor.

(Signed) O. Matthews Q.M. & Hon Capt.

7th. Australian Field Ambulance.



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APPENDIX 12

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NOTES ON MOTOR TRANSPORT: 7th Australian Field Ambulance, DURING THE PERIOD August 1st to 31st. 1918.

The month has been as strenuous a one as has ever been experienced, but the cars have stood up to the work required of them in a remarkable manner.

Other than slight damage done by shell fire, and quite ordinary mechanical troubles there is nothing to report.

Dvr W.R.MAIDEN was wounded in action on the night of the 17th August and died of wounds the following day. This driver had rendered most valuable services, and had done practically continuous Forward Area work for about 7 weeks.

The mileage is extremely high, but owing to the nature of the work it is impossible to furnish any accurate mileage and petrol consumption returns.

Ford 54733 and Sunbeam 44855 in replacement for Ford 24109 and Daimler 9108 evacuated on the 2nd. inst., reported on the 11th inst.. Both these cars have been running very satisfactorily.

Five Sunbeam springs have been fitted, this is moderate when the condition of the roads is considered.

Neither of the Daimlers has given any trouble.

On the 11th inst. a German Motor Ambulance was salvaged by this Unit; other than Magneto Wires being disconnected it was in good running condition. We utilized this car in the evacuation of wounded until the 25th instant when it was sent to Army Headquarters. This German Car was a Four Cylinder Audi fitted with Zenith Carburettor and ZU4 Bosche Magneto.

Signed R.E.DeGaris Sgt.
7th Australian Field Ambulance.



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1000 yds

- = made roads
- = mud tracks
- = railway

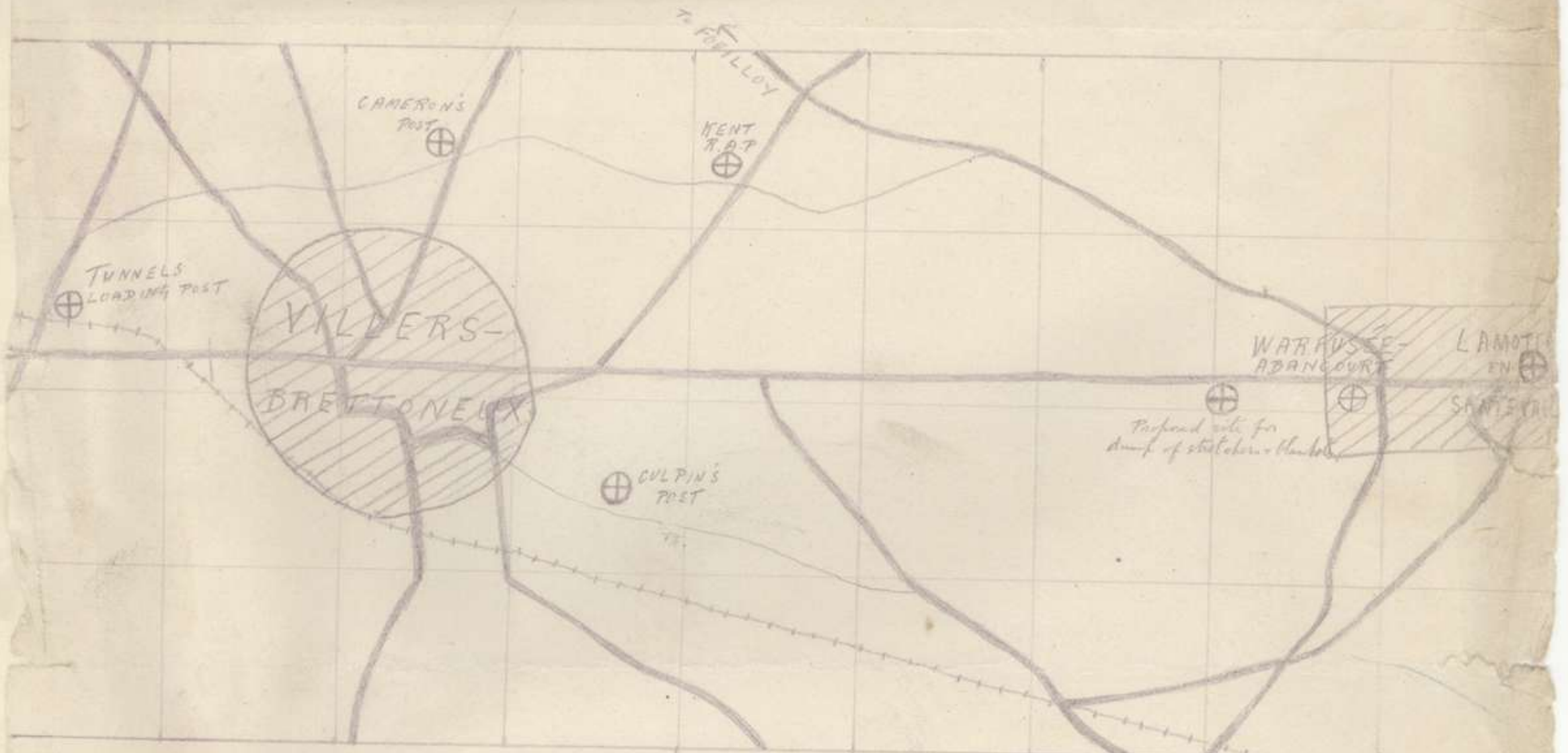
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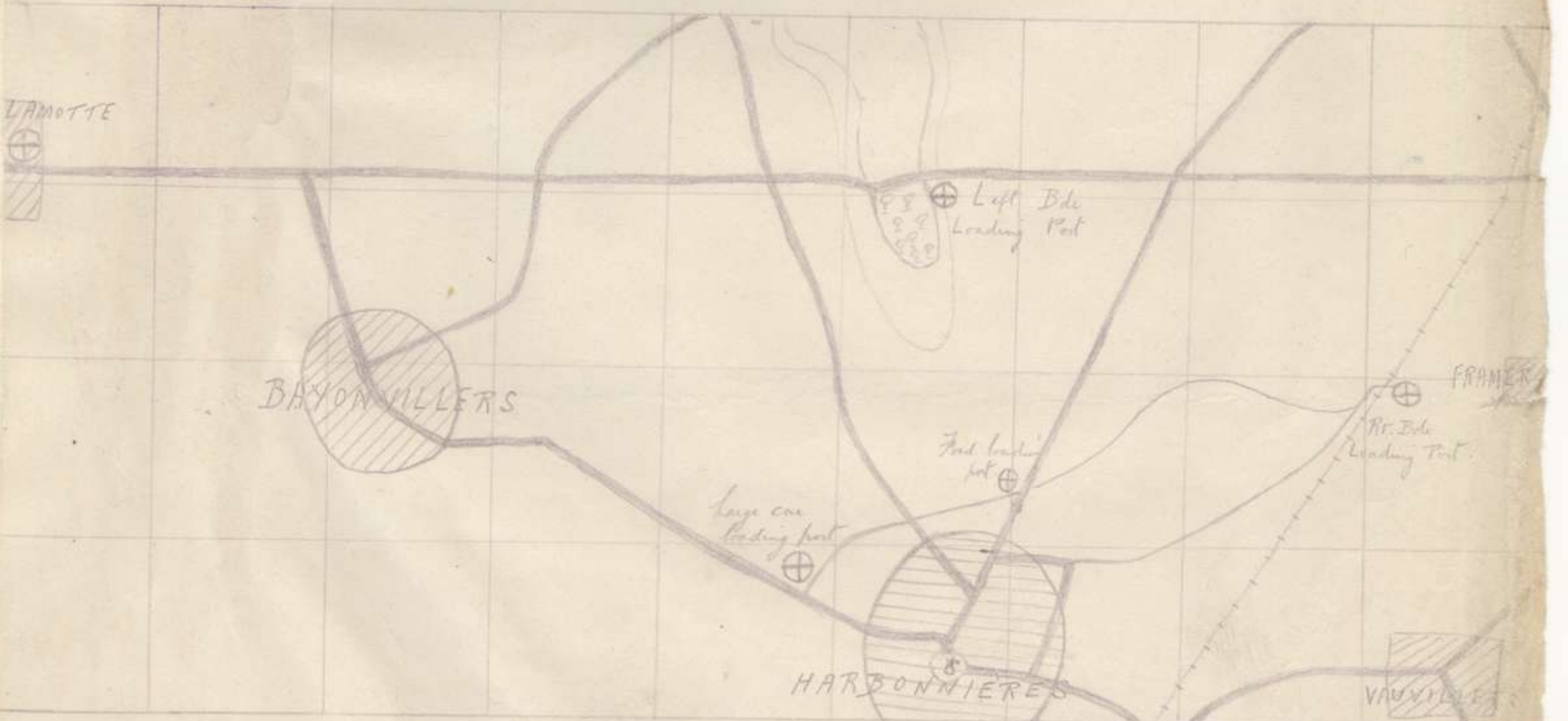
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↑ PLAN I covering operations on August 6th & 7th.



↑ PLAN II covering operations on August 8th.



↑ PLAN III covering operations on August 9th & 11th.

