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WARLOY	1st.		Town Major Warloy gave orders for Officers' Billet to be vacated and mess to be evacuated in favour of English Artillery Headquarters. Capt. J.R. Andersen reported for duty from No. 3 Australian General Hospital.
do.	2nd.		Officers redistributed in Billets. Capt. F.R. Forster with No. 34 Aust. Dental Unit sent to No. 3 Aust. General Hospital for temporary duty.
			M.A.C. arrangements still unsatisfactory. Proceeded to with A.D.M.S. to VILLERS BOCAGE and arrangement made with a M.A.C. Officer for three or four cars to be posted at Main Dressing Station, WARLOY with a relay at BEAUCOURT. Same officer of M.A.C. called at M. D.S. WARLOY in the afternoon and asked Ambulance Officer how many cars were required at M.D.S. - most
do.	3rd.		unsatisfactory.
do.	4th.		Operation Order No. 7 issued. (Appendix No. 1) Cars sent to BARLY to collect packs of personnel, as bearers were requiring kit. Town Major unloaded six civilian refugees with goods and chattels on the Officers' Mess without warning.
do.	5th.		Six other ranks evacuated wounded. - two slightly. Capt. R.L. Forsyth returned from temporary duty with 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion. Town bombarded in morning at 7 a.m. One shell pierced roof of stretcher case Dressing Room. Another burst a few feet from the wall and broke all windows. Room cleared and working again by 8 a.m. Casualties from district came in in numbers. At 10 a.m. it was discovered casualties were coming in from the line and it was found that heavy fighting was in progress. About 100 cases were now at Main Dressing Station. Three M.A.C. cars had left some time before and no more had come up. Urgent wire sent to M.A.C. and repeated to A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Division. By 11.30. a.m. the buildings and yard were full with over 200 cases including a large number of stretcher cases. Permission obtained from Curé to use the church near by as shelter for wounded. This relieved the congestion. All ambulance cars were working forward and all ambulance horse wagons were carrying light cases to 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance at TOUTENCOURT. Cars from A.D.S. for an hour were sent straight to 4th. Field Ambulance at TOUTENCOURT, but this had to be discontinued as cases were reported to be collecting at A.D.S. Sixty slight 'walking cases' volunteered to walk to TOUTENCOURT and were marched off. Other Walking cases were loaded on passing lorries and despatched to TOUTENCOURT. By 2 p.m. the M.D.S. was clear of walking wounded. Six more cars turned up from M.A.C. about this time, and other cars returned from C.C.S. from former trips. About 150 stretcher cases still remained, and cases were still coming in. The A.D.M.S. visited about 4 p.m. and promised more cars. From 6 p.m.

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WARLOY	April 5th.	(Con)	onwards about 30 more M.A.C. cars came on the circuit and cases began to clear rapidly, By 11 p.m. the M.D.S. was clear and patients were coming in slowly. From 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. nearly 1,000 cases were passed through. Owing to the uncertainty of C.C.S. organisation all cases were thoroughly dressed before being sent on. The Tent Subdivision personnel have been trained as 'teams' and one Medical Officer works three tables in the stretcher room and six dressers in the Walking Wounded room. Major Evans with "B" Section reinforced by a Detail from "A" section from night duty was in charge of the stretcher cases. Major Morlet with "C" section was in charge of Walking Wounded, and after 6 p.m. took stretcher cases in addition. Capts. Docker and Forsyth and Anderson assisted Major Evans, Capt. Jefferis assisted Major Morlet. Major Steele assisted with stretcher cases at 8 p.m. and carried on all night treating a steady flow of casualties.
do.	6th.		The lack of accommodation at WARLOY and the fact that the M.D.S. had been grouped by salvos of enemy fire on two occasions made it seem advisable to adopt the suggestion of the A.D.M.S. and move the M.D.S. to VADENCOURT CHATEAU. "A" Section, whose wagons were not unpacked moved to VADENCOURT at 10 a.m. "B" Section packed and moved at 3 p.m. leaving "C" section to carry on M.D.S. at WARLOY. At 9 p.m. "A" and "B" Sections were opened at VADENCOURT and the M.D.S. transferred. "C" Section then closed and packed.
VADENCOURT	7th.		"C" Section marched out from WARLOY at 10 a.m. and arrived at VADENCOURT at 10 45. a.m. It was intended that "C" Section should open on the ground floor for stretcher cases, "B" Section in the cellars for Walking Wounded, and "A" Section in a semi-underground kitchen as an emergency stretcher case dressing room. At 11.10 a.m. A.A.M.C. Order No. 86 was received, stating Unit to be relieved at M.D.S. by 5th. Australian Field Ambulance on night 7/8th. instant and move to billets under Brigade Orders. "C" Section therefore did not open. 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order received at 4 p.m. contained no orders for this Unit. A.D.M.S. visited at 4 p.m. and stated he wished the Unit to move to PETIT CAMON. Major Morlet went to explore possibility of finding Billets. At 10 p.m. orders received from A.D.M.S. and Brigade to move to PETIT CAMON on 8th. instant. The 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance arrived about 5 p.m. and it was arranged that the hand over of M.D.S. be made at 8 a.m. on 8th. instant.
do.	8th.		6th. Field Ambulance visited at WARLOY WARLOY re relief of Bearer Division. Relief was to be completed by 11 a.m. on 8th. instant. Major Morlet returned at 2 a.m. and reported billets possible for larger portion of Unit at PETIT CAMON. Major Morlet went on at 9 a.m. to complete billeting arrangements.

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VADEBOURNE	April			
	8th.	(Con)	It was intended to move at 1 p.m. but bearers had not reported. Unit finally marched out at 2 p.m. Capt. Docker remaining to bring on bearers who had not yet reported. main body arrived at PETIT CAMON at 5.30. p.m. remainder at 6.30. p.m. Unit is now under orders of A.D.M.S., 3rd. Australian Division.	
PETIT CAMON.	8th.		A.D.M.S., 3rd. Australian Division issued an order for Unit to detach two cars to 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	
do.	9th.		Equipment of men and Unit inspected and latter repacked. A.A.M.C. Operation Order No. 39 from 3rd. Aust. Division. to relieve 10th. Aust. Field Amb. at A.D.S. LA NEUVILLE on 10th. instant.	
do.	10th.		Detail of "B" Section under Major T.C.C. Evans and Capt. H.W. Tilling marched out at 10 a.m. to take over A.D.S. LA NEUVILLE. Movement complete by 1 p.m.	
	11th.		Operation Order No. 8 issued covering this move. (Appendix No. 2.)	
do.	12th.		Unit Training. Drill and Gas Drill in mornings. Recreation in the afternoons.	
do.	13th.		No entry.	
do.	14th.		A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Div. No. 5/236 received. Capt. J.R. Anderson posted as R.M.O., 45th. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Capt. Forsyth posted as R.M.O., 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Major L.G. Tassie posted to 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance from 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Postings dated 16/4/1918.	
do.	15th.		No. entry.	
do.	16th.		All posting of Medical Officers ordered on 14th. are now complete.	
do.	17th.		No entry.	
do.	18th.		No entry.	
do.	19th.		Detail of "A" Section relieved "B" section at A.D.S., LA NEUVILLE.	
do.	20th.		A.A.M.C. Order No. 42 3rd. Aust. Division received. A.D.S., LA NEUVILLE to be taken over 3th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	
do.			Unit inspected in 'Marching Order' by A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Division.	
			Military Medals awarded to Ptes. McKillop, Welsh, Ross, Jarrett, Smith, E., and Seibert for operations of the 5th. instant. (Copies of Recommendations are attached as Appendix No. 3)	
do.	21st.		Unit inspected at 2 p.m. by the Corps Commander and D.D.M.S. Military Medals presented to S/Sgt. Weymouth, Ptes. King, Ritchie, Mappin, Moore, Ludbrooke, and Sgt. Schryver received his D.C.M.	
			Detail of "A" Section rejoined the Unit from A.D.S. LA NEUVILLE having been relieved by 8th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	

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PETIT CAMON	April 22nd.		13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade moved to Support Area. Arrangements for collection of sick made. Wire No. B.R. 608 received from A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Division "13th. Aust. Field Ambulance - "Your Unit will remain in present position but be prepared to move at short notice."	
do.	23rd.		D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps visited Unit. Conference of Officers Commanding Field Ambulances at A.D.M.S., Office . 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance to form Divisional Collecting Station at PETIT CAMON.	
do.	24th.		Permission of A.D.M.S. obtained to carry out practice operation on 24th. instant to practice 'keeping touch'. (Appendix No. 3 & 4) Practice operation commenced at 9 a.m. At 10. 10 a.m. wire No. M.C. 115 received from A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Division "13th. Aust. Field Ambulance - Your Unit is attached to 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade for orders, AAA. Be prepared to move at once AAA Send Officer to report to Headquarters, 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade immediately AAA Treat this matter as very urgent" Retire order 'urgent' sent out to practice operation. Brigade visited at once. Orders received for Bearer Division to proceed to BLANGY TRONVILLE at once. Bearer Officer to proceed in advance to report to Brigade at Railway Cross Road West of BLANGY TRONVILLE. Officer Commanding to report to A.D.M.S., 8th. Division at GLISY. Unit marched in from practice operation at 12. 15 p.m. Bearer Officer despatched at 12 noon. Bearer Division marched off at 12.30. p.m. "B" Section Tent Subdivision left at PETIT CAMON to hold billets in accordance with instructions of D.D.M.S. Australian Corps. "A" and "C" section Tent Subdivisions marched out at 1. 30. p.m. with instructions to halt at fork in roads West Of GLISY in the absence of definite orders <i>from higher authority.</i> O.C. reported to A.D.M.S., 8th. Division at 1. 30. p.m. A.D.M.S. ignorant of arrival of Brigade. Line of evacuation indefinite. Advised to see O.C. 24th. Field Ambulance at BLANGY TRONVILLE. At BLANGY TRONVILLE Railway Crossing Bearer Captain had failed to find the Brigade Representative . O.C. 24th. Field Ambulance not certain of latest Ambulance Disposition. A.D.S. at Prisoners Cage North of BLANGY TROWVILLE certain. Former car post at ABBE in BOIS de l'ABBE withdrawn. Found Brigade Headquarters and obtained approximate position of Battalion of the Brigade vide map attached as Appendix No. 5. <i>Map No. 1.</i> Bearer Division arrived at BLANGY TRONVILLE 2. 30. p.m. in the meantime. Capt. H.W. Tilling marched out with three squads to post with 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Capt. E.N.B. Docker took nine squads to post three with 50th., 51st., and 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalions respectively. O.C. visited A.D.M.S., 8th. Division GLISY and reported action taken.	

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BLANGY TRONVILLE	1918 April 24th. (Con)		<p>No orders for Tent Subdivisions, so advised to proceed to CAMON, posting a Clerk at IIIrd. Corps Main Dressing Station (Stretcher Cases) and IIrd. Corps Main Dressing Station, Walking Wounded at ST. ACHEUL and AMIENS respectively. Advised to send all Transport to CAMON. Tent Subdivisions West of GLISY instructed accordingly.</p> <p>At 5. 30. p.m. Capt. Tilling reported bearers posted with 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Three more squads required as bearer relay. These squads posted and motor ambulance post formed in conformity on BLANGY TRONVILLE-AUBIGNY Road. On return at 7. 30. p.m. Capt. Docker reported squads posted with 51st. and 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalions. 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion not in position but squads left at 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion with instructions to join the 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion on arrival.</p> <p>Capt. Tilling and 2 O.R. ranks reported to 24th. Field Ambulance Officer i/c A.D.S. North of BLANGY TRONVILLE. Billets secured for remaining bearers and officers in BLANGY TRONVILLE. At 9 45. p.m. O.C., 24th. Field Ambulance reported 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade was about to attack. Visited Brigade at once and learned that 50th. 51st. and 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalions were to attack south of BOIS l'ABBE at 10 p.m. Battalions already moving up to attack. Remaining bearers ordered to 'stand to' and in the meantime attempt made to reconnoitre roads in an ambulance car. Road blocked with guns with immobilised tractors, 24th. Field Ambulance reported cars able to reach a RED CHATEAU, but position uncertain. Brigade arranged to wire Battalions to send guides to RED CHATEAU as soon as communications opened up.</p> <p>Bearers and Cars ^{protected} to RED CHATEAU now located. Bearer squads returning from 51st. and 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalions picked up and taken up by Capt. Docker with remaining bearers as guides. Relay posts established en route, Wire sent at 10 p.m. to CAMON summoning Tent Subdivision personnel and all Horse Ambulance wagons to BLANGY TRONVILLE.</p>	
do.	25th	2am	<p>Capt. Docker reported bearers posts established with two relays in communication with R.M.O. 51st. Australian Infantry Battalion, and with Regimental Bearers of 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Rumour received that R.M.O., 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion 'Missing' Horse Ambulance wagons and Tent Subdivision Personnel reported about this time. In meantime road to GENETELLES was reconnoitred without favourable impressions, Horse wagons moved up shortly after - roads heavy and four horse teams required. Therefore only one wagon of these could be used, Brigade visited and asked to supply more horses. Wounded in the meantime were coming in steadily. About 6 a.m. line was reconnoitred and touch obtained with all Battalion Headquarters. Capt. Sewell, (R.M.O. 50th.) definitely 'Missing'. 51st. and 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion Casualties clearing back very well. 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion casualties collected in</p>	

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BLANGY TRONVILLE	April 25th	9.30. a.m.	<p>cellars in CACHY to which point R.M.O., 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion had moved.</p> <p>Car post pushed beyond RED CHATEAU several hundred yards and shortly after arrival on arrival of 12 horses from Brigade Transport, horse wagons pushed well forward to S.E. corner of ABBE WOOD. Major L. G. Tassie reorganised bearers in consequence and bearers from rear relays thus relieved were sent forward more particularly to clear cellars in CACHY.</p> <p>In the morning 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion were withdrawn from Reserve line North of ABBEWOOD. Six squads of bearers who had not worked were thus relieved as line of evacuation established on 24th. instant was no longer necessary. Major D.M. Steele, MC. and Capt. R.E. Jefferis moved up from CAMON to A.D.S. in Prisoners' Cage in accordance with instructions of A.D.M.S., 8th. Division.</p> <p>At 5.30. p.m. the line of evacuation was reported clear though casualties still coming down regularly. About this time one Ambulance wagon (Horse) received a direct hit, Killing the wagon orderly (No. 13366 Pte. WEBBER, W.S., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance) and wounding all four horses - one severely which had to be destroyed later.. Horse wagons were therefore stopped from going over crest West of ABBE WOOD.</p> <p>About 6 p.m. Capt. R.L. FORSTYH R.M.O., 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion came in wounded. Capt. H.W. Tilling went up and relieved him. Capt. R.H. Crisp of 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion also established with 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion by this time so with Brigade Permission R.M.O. 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion was relieved for the night.</p> <p>At 6 p.m. Capt. Docker took forward six squads relieved from previous line of evacuation of 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion and 5 squads made up from "A" and "C" section Tent Subdivisions and relieved all bearers on line of evacuation South of BOIS l'ABBE. Relief complete by 10 p.m. and bearers given a hot meal. About 800 wounded were cleared during this action. Wounded were sent down to A.D.S. North of BLANGY TRONVILLE. Capt. H.W. Tilling came out with 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion during the night.</p> <p>No. 16694 Pte. Graham, A.J., "A" Section Killed in Action.</p> <p>No. 175 Pte. King, L.W., MM. " Wounded (Shell wound head) Died at M.D.S. at 10.45. a.m.</p> <p>No. 16121 Pte. Banks, R.G. "A" Section " (Shell wound right upper arm Died at M.D.S. at 11. 45. a.m.)</p> <p>No. 16261 Pte. Campbell, H.A.M. "A" Section. (Wounded and remained on duty .</p> <p>No. 912 Cpl. Temple, M.H. "A" Section Wounded -Shell wd. left upper arm evac. C.C.S.</p>	
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BLANGY TRONVILLE:	1918 April 26th.		<p>R.A.P.'S. combined of 49th., 50th. and 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalions under Capt. R.H. Crisp alone located in sunken road in eastern end of BOIS L'ABBE. Advanced Collecting Station of 24th. Field Ambulance now located once more at ABBE in the wood. Position reconnoitred and cars able to proceed almost to the R.A.P. Capt. G.P. Arnold rejoined the combined R.A.P. New line of evacuation formed with six squads of bearers carrying to motor loading post under railway arch west of VILLERS BRETONNEUX with one relay of wheeled stretchers. Bearers, Horse wagons and cars withdrawn from old route leaving an outpost of two squads to carry to new line of evacuation if necessary. Completed at 4 p.m. Casualties slight during the day. Orders received from A.D.M.S., 8th. Division for "B" Section Tent Subdivision to move from PETIT CAMON to CAMON. Order approved by A.D.M.S., 4th. Australian Division and order to this effect sent to Major T.C.C. Evans.</p> <p>No. 1261 Sgt. Schryver, F., DCM.MM. "B" Section (Wounded Shell wd. scalp) evacuated to C.C.S. No. 1678 Pte. Martin, J. " " " " " Head " " " No. 2944 Pte. Merritt, S.L., "C" " " Killed in Action.</p>
do.	27th.	2pm	<p>Casualties still not very heavy.</p> <p>A.A.M.C. Order No. 87 received from A.D.M.S., 4th. Australian Division. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance bearers to relieve 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance Bearers by midnight, 27/28th. instant 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance to relieve 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance by 10 a.m. 28th. instant. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance to be responsible for the evacuation from the Forward Area till 10 a.m. 28th. instant. O.C., 24th. Field Ambulance no instructions re relief so arranged to relieve as soon as required at A.D.S. and at ABBE. Tent Subdivision 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance and Bearer Division 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance reported at 5. 30. p.m. Tent Subdivision sent to A.D.S. to open if necessary. 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance bearers relieved 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance bearers at R.A.P. and relay post at 9 p.m.</p> <p>Operation Order No. 9 and addendum thereto issued. (Appendix No. 6)</p> <p>No. 143 Cpl. Wither H.C., "A" Section (Slight shell wd. cheek) wounded and evacuated. No. 8817 Pte. Markey, F.C. "A" " (Slight wound arm (l) " " "</p>
do.	28th.		<p>At midnight R.M.O., 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion reported R.A.P. evacuated without relief. Discovered R.M.O.'s. of 12th. Brigade had taken over R.A.P.'s. of English Units relieved by the Brigade. Location of new R.A.P.'s. obtained and Capt. McKay, M.C. of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance notified and bearers reported accordingly. Arranged with 24th. Field Ambulance for 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance Tent Subdivision to take over A.D.S. at 8 a.m. 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance marched in at 9. 30. a.m. On completion of relief 13th. Aust.</p>

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Signature: M. G. J. Lieut. Colonel. Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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OPERATION ORDER NO: 7

by

Lieut. Colonel H. K. FRY., D.S.O.,

Comdg., No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

Reference Map Lens, No. 11 1/100,000.

1. In accordance with 4th. Australian Division A.M.C. Order No. 84 dated 3-4-1918, Bearer Division of 4th. Australian Field Ambulance is detailed for duty with 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. Bearer Division, 4th. Australian Field Ambulance will concentrate at H.Q., 4th. Aust Field Ambulance, TOUTENCOURT at 9 a.m. on 4th. April 1918.
3. "A" and "B" Bearer subdivisions attached to 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will move out from WARLOY at 7 a.m. on 4th. instant to report to H.Q., 4th. Australian Field Ambulance.
4. Officer Commanding "A" and "B" Sections, 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance ACKNOWLEDGE:

3rd. April 1918.
Issued at 10. 15. p.m.

(Sgd.) H. KENNEDY FRY, Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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Lieut. Colonel H. K. FRY., D.S.O.,

Comdg., No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

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Map Reference AMIENS, Sheet No. 17 1/100,000.

In accordance with A.A.M.C. Operation Order No. 39 of 3rd. Australian Division dated 10th. April 1918, detail of "B" Section, 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will take over Dressing Station held by 10th. Australian Field Ambulance in LA NEUVILLE at 1 p.m. 11th. April 1918.

This detail will be responsible for the clearing of casualties of 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade in LANEUVILLE and CORBIE:

(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY,

Issued at 1 a.m.
11th. April 1918.

Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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A.A.M.C. Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 12-4-1918.

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	No. Honour or Date Reward	(To be left blank)
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	7969	Private Augustin Frederick <u>SIEBERT</u>	Pte. SIEBERT when in charge of a squad of stretcher bearers at a relay post North of BUIRE on April 5th. 1918, rendered invaluable service in directing the work of squads at the post in evacuating wounded. By his stirring example and untiring devotion to duty, he stimulated the efforts of the bearers for a period of 24 hours under constant and heavy shell and machine gun fire, when on the verge of exhaustion. He succeeded in maintaining the rapid evacuation of wounded who would have been exposed to great danger by the least delay.			
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	13322 3814 7964	Private James <u>McKILLOP</u> Private James Thomas <u>WELSH</u> . Pte Herbert Leo <u>JARRETT</u> .	On the 5th. April 1918, Pte. McKILLOP, Pte. WELSH and Pte. JARRETT formed a stretcher squad and were stationed at an R.A.P. North of BUIRE when a heavy enemy barrage closed down on the area prior to an enemy attack. The barrage was so severe that troops moving up to support were held back for the time, and all traffic in the area suspended. Meanwhile a congestion of casualties was occurring at the R.A.P. and wounded were accumulating in a dangerous area without shelter. These men volunteered to attempt to carry back through the intense shell and machine gun fire. Contrary to all expectation, they successfully accomplished their journey. Their gallant action set a high standard of morale, and the evacuation of casualties back went on rapidly from this time.			

Lieut. Colonel.
Comd'g. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	13640	Private William <u>ROSS.</u>	Pte. ROSS was stationed with a stretcher squad at a bearer relay post between LAVIEVILLE and BUIRE on April 5th. when the area was subjected to a heavy bombardment preparatory to an enemy attack. Seeing many casualties occurring among troops coming under the barrage as they were passing up in support, Pte. ROSS went out to their assistance under the heaviest shell fire. He showed the greatest coolness and resource in dressing the wounded and placing them in whatever shelter was available until he was able to return later with bearers and supervise their evacuation to the Dressing Station.	Lieut. Colonel, Comm'dg. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.		
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	17442	Private Edward <u>SMITH.</u>	On April 5th. 1918 Pte. SMITH worked without rest for 24 hours stretcher bearing between the relay posts North of BUIRE and LAVIEVILLE. The line of evacuation on which he was working was over particularly heavy ground which was swept by enemy machine gun fire. His quiet courage and indomitable will inspired his squad to further efforts when they were all but exhausted. In this way he was instrumental in keeping the evacuation going, through a very severe and trying period, when any delay in clearing casualties would have kept the wounded without cover in a heavily shelled area.			

APPENDIX

13th. Australian Field Ambulance:

EXERCISE OPERATION ORDER NO: 1

No. Reference Map AMIENS No. 17 1/100,000. In the Field, 23rd. April 1918.

Date OUTLINE OF OPERATIONS: The British hold a line on the S.W. edge of the wood running S.E. from ALLONVILLE.

The "Y" Infantry Brigade will take over the part of the line from the bend of the wood $\frac{1}{4}$ " South of the final "E" of HAYETTE, eastwards to the angle of the wood $\frac{1}{6}$ " South of the "Q" in the 90 contour, on the night of the 23rd. 24th. instant. "A" and "B" Battalions will take over the front line. "C" and "D" Battalions will be in support on the PETIT CAMON-ALLONVILLE Road. "A" and "C" Battalions on the right and "B" and "D" Battalions on the left.

The 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will concentrate on the same night behind PETIT CAMON and will be responsible for clearing the Brigade Casualties.

Major L.G. Tassie will act as R.M.O., "A" Battalion.

Capt. H.W. Tilling, " " " " "B" "

Capt. R.E. Jefferis " " " " "C" "

Capt. E.N.B. Docker, " " " " "D" "

At zero hour on the morning of the 24th. the Brigade will attack. "A" and "B" Battalions will advance and capture "GREEN" line extending from the point where the 90 contour cuts the "V" of ALLONVILLE Eastward of the point where the same 90 contour meets the wood. "C" and "D" Battalions will at the same time move to the old front line.

At $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after zero hour "C" and "D" Battalions will advance through "A" and "B" Battalions to the BLUE line on the track, midway between the BOIS de MAY and the ALLONVILLE-QUERRIUEUX Road, from the point where the 80 contour cuts the track eastwards to the point where the same track splits on the 70 contour.

At 1 hour after zero hour, "A" and "B" Battalions will advance through "C" and "D" Battalions to the final objective - the RED Line on the N.E. Edge of the BOIS de MAI from the point where the track passing through the "M" of MAI cuts this edge to the eastern extremity of the wood.

1. During the advance the H.Q. of the Ambulance will remain at PETIT CAMON. R.M.O.'s. will advance with their Battalion Headquarters.

Owing to the rapidity of the advance, wounded will not be cleared back to PETIT CAMON but will be collected at sheltered posts as near roads as possible. Such posts will be marked by a strip of white bandage, tied on a stake, and location of post sent back to H.Q.

In order to ensure communications, at least one squad of bearers will remain at each R.A.P. after it has been evacuated, until relieved by a Field Ambulance Officer.

2. At 6 p.m. today, two squads of bearers of "A" Section, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be posted with each R.M.O. "B" and "C" Section Bearer Subdivisions will remain with H.Q.

Before Zero hour each R.M.O. will notify Field Ambulance H.Q. of exact position of R.A.P. and any change of location will at once be notified in a timed message.

3. At $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after zero hour six squads of bearers of "B" Section will move from H.Q. and four squads will reinforce R.A.P.'s. of "A" & "B" Battalions. R.M.O.'s. of "A" and "B" Battalions will send forward two squads to reinforce R.A.P.'s. of "C" and "D" Battalions on arrival of these squads.

4. At 1 hour after zero hour "C" Section Bearer Subdivision will march out from H.Q. to the S.W. corner of the wood north of the "NV" of ALLONVILLE. On arrival at this point, bearers of "C" Section will relieve bearers of all R.A.P.'s. On arrival of relief, all R.M.O.'s. and all bearers will march to the motor ambulance post.

NOTE: @ Where a motor ambulance post will be established.

Fields under crop will not be crossed.

Edges of crop will be skirted in single file.

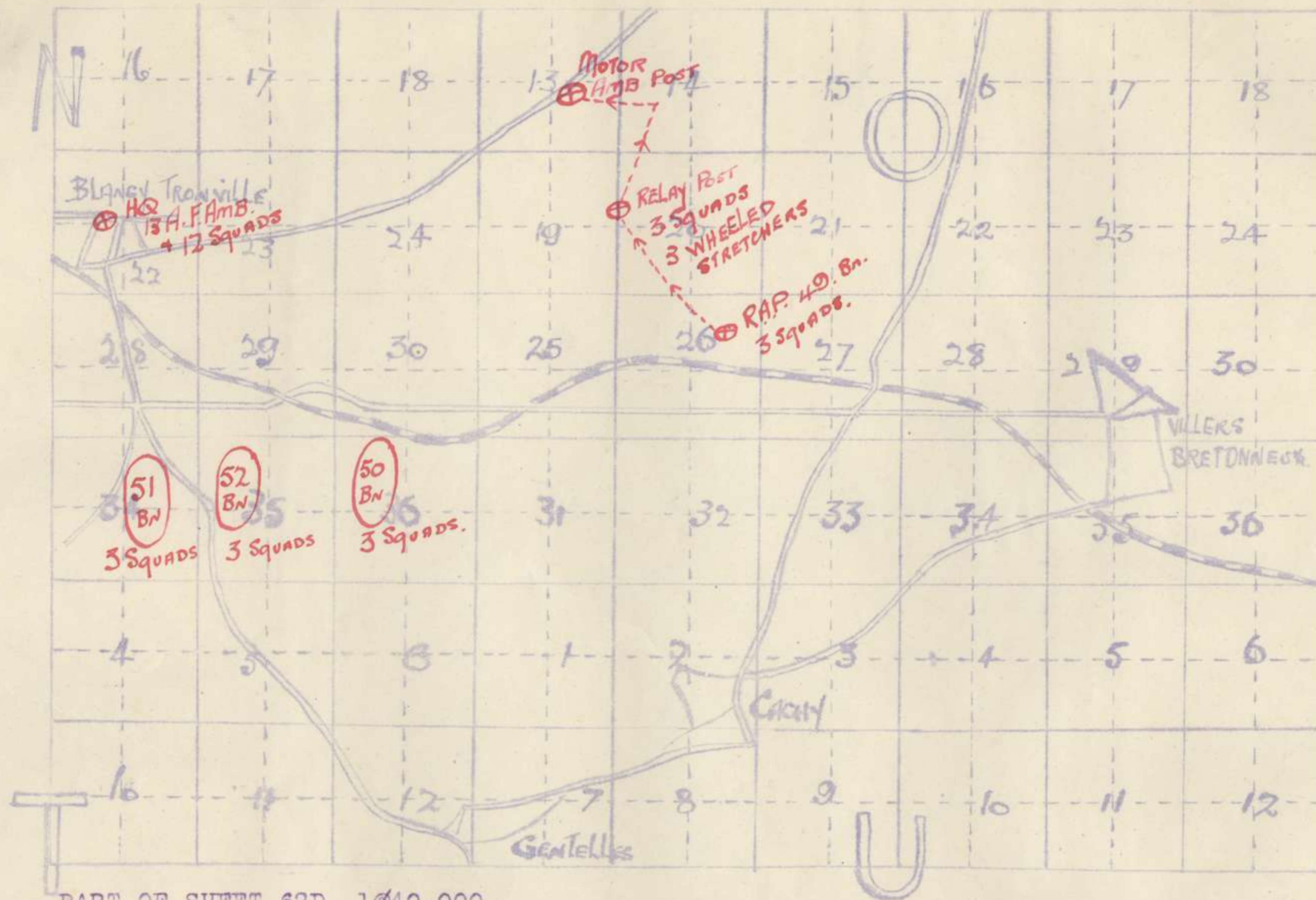
ZERO HOUR will be 9 a.m.

(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY, Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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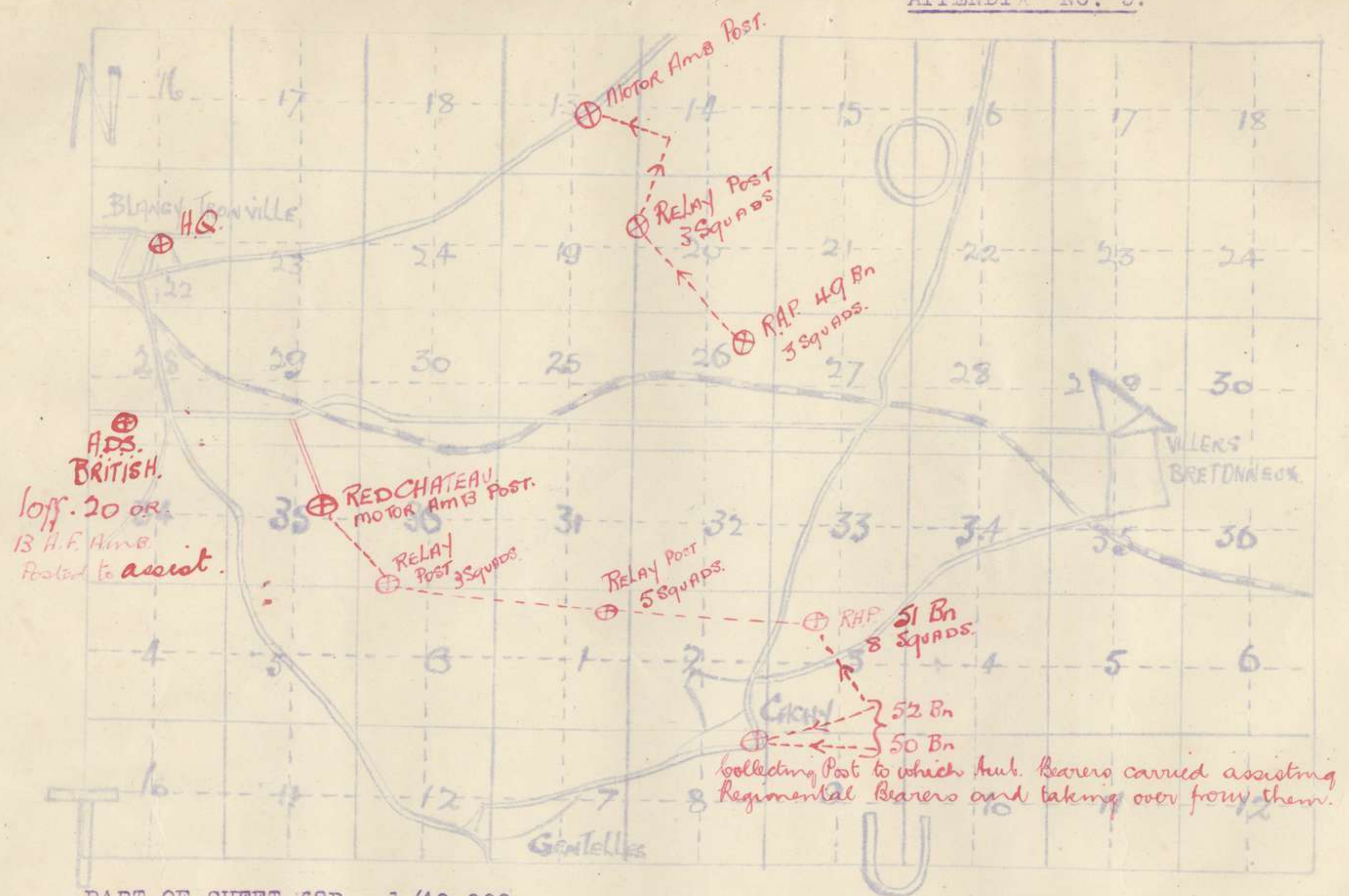
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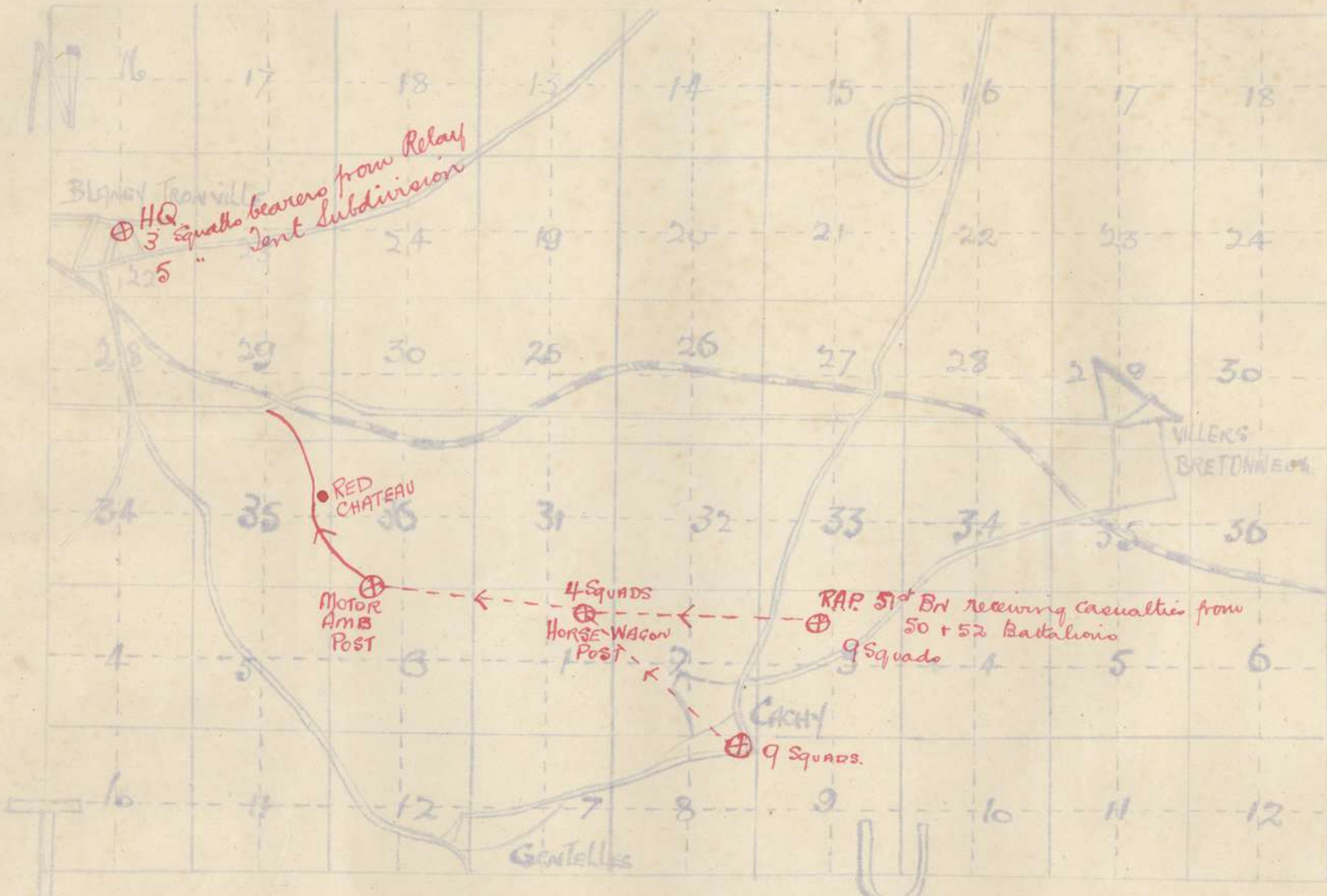
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Disposition 13 Aust. Field Ambulance

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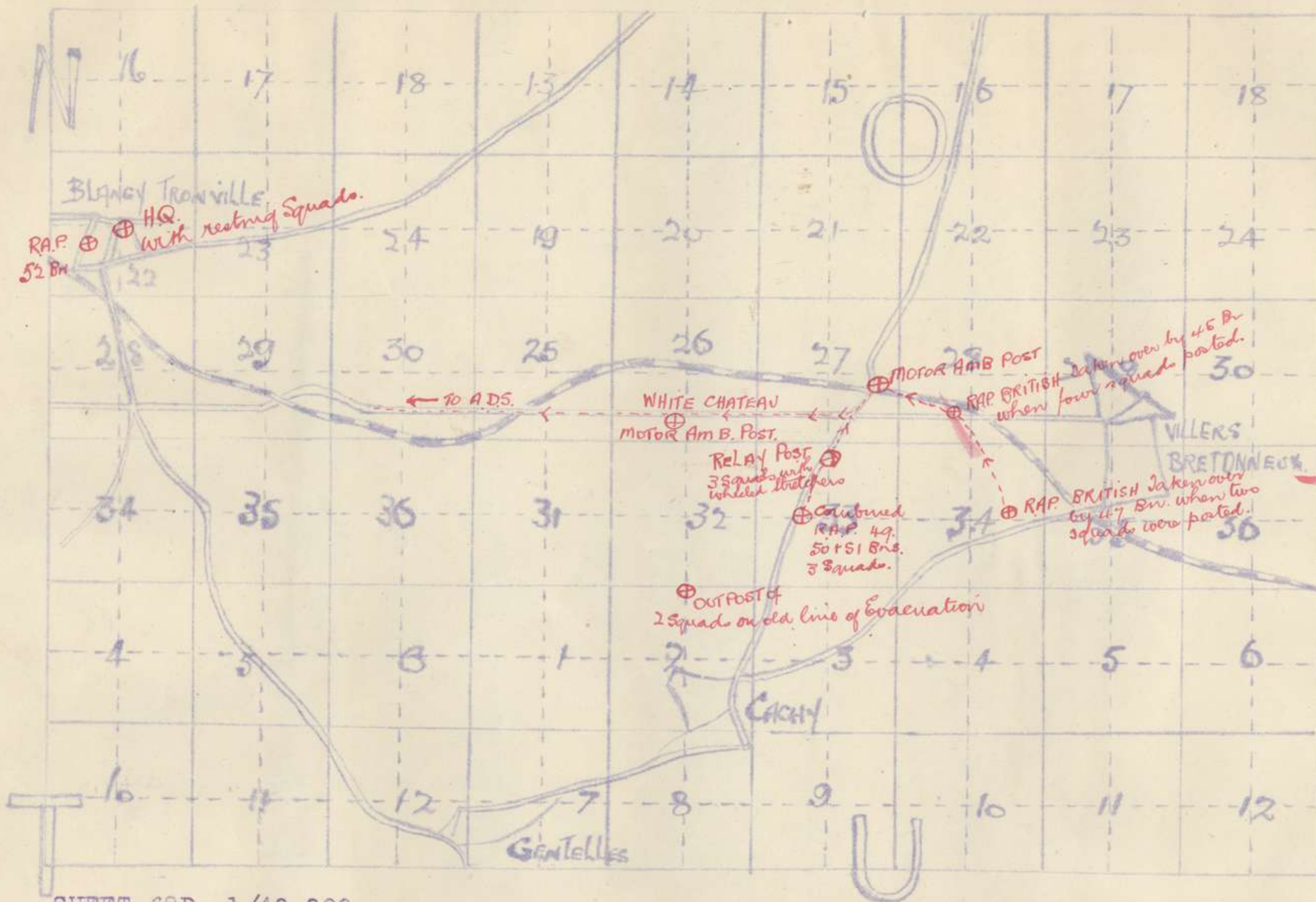
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3 pm. 26. 4. 1918.

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APPENDIX: 6.

OPERATION ORDER NO: 9

by

Lieut. Colonel H. K. FRY., D. S. O.,

Commanding No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

Reference Map No. 17 AMIENS.

In accordance with 4th. Aust. Div. A.A.M.C. Order No. 87 dated 27th. April 1918 :-

1. Bearer Division of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance will relieve Bearer Division of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance in the Line. Movement to be completed by Midnight 27/28th. April 1918.
2. 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance will take over from 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance. Movement to be completed by 10 a.m. 28th. instant.
3. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance Personnel in BLANGY-TRONVILLE will march to SALOUEL on relief, leaving BLANGY at 10.15. a.m. and marching via GLISY and LONGEAU.
4. Advance Party under the Command of Major L.G. TASSIE will proceed to SALOUEL by Ambulance Car.
5. 2 N.C.O.'s. and 4 O.R.'s. will report to Q.M., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance at CAMON at 9 a.m. on 28th. instant. Q.M. will take over Ambulance sites at LONGEAU CROSS ROAD and at RUE PORT PARIS, AMIENS at 10 a.m. giving receipts for stores taken over, and posting one N.C.O. and two men as a holding party at each post.
6. "B" Section, Tent Subdivision and Horse Transport, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will march to SALOUEL on 28th. instant leaving CAMON at 2 p.m.
7. No. 19 Dental Unit will report to Major L.G. TASSIE at SALOUEL at 12 noon on 28th. instant. This Dental Unit will remain attached for temporary duty with 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

27th. April 1918.

Issued at 9. 20. p.m.

H. K. Fry
Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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| 1. Orders. | 5. Q.M., 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. |
| 2. A.D.M.S. | 6. War Diary. |
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ADDENDUM TO OPERATION ORDER NO: 9

by

Lieut. Colonel H. J. PHILLIPS, D. S. O.,

Commanding No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

1. In all paras for "BALOCH" read "ALLOUVILLE"
(Auth. A.D.R.S., No. S.R., 845)

2. Delete para 8 and substitute the following:-
"One S.C.O. and two men will report to C.M., 13th Aust. Field
Ambulance at CANON at 9 a.m. on 28th. instant. C.M. will take
over Ambulance site at Rue de PORT PARIS, ANIENS at 10 a.m.
giving receipts for stores taken over and posting the S.C.O.
and two men as a Holding Party."

Issued at 6 a.m.
28th. April 1918.

Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

Copies to all recipients of Operation Order No. 9.

