

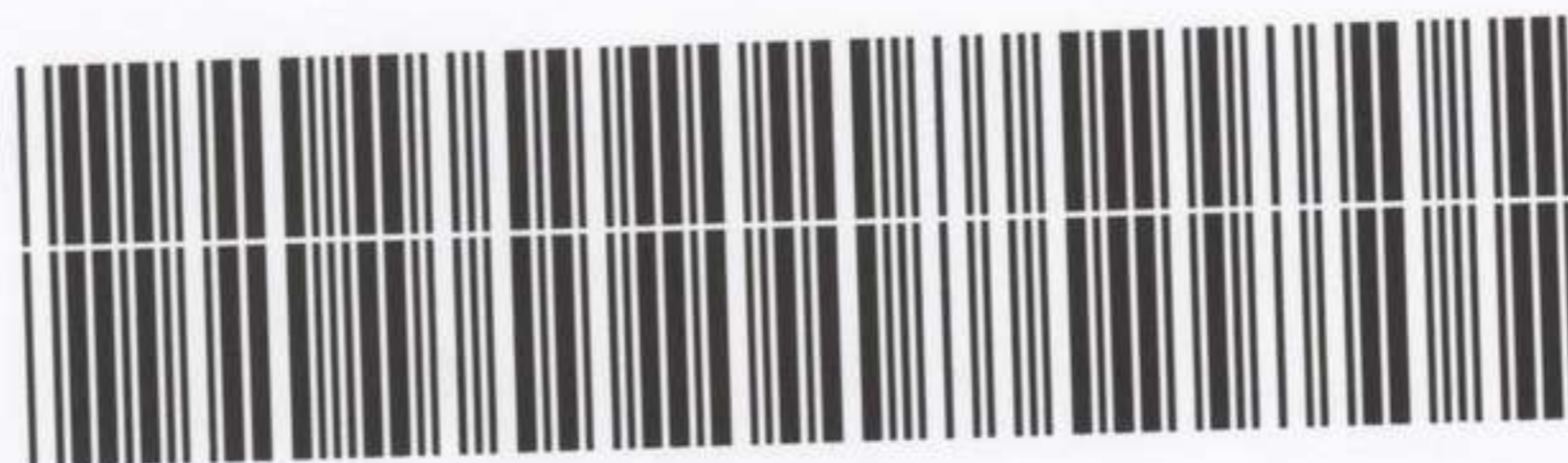
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October 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Friday	Oct. 1. 15	Total no. of Sick admitted to Hospital	
		and evacuated sick on Left Flank. Wadden Pt.	220
		do -- at B. Sect. Popes Post	247
		do at Rest Gully	<u>145</u>
		Total to date.	<u><u>612</u></u>
		wounded attended at Wadden Pt.	643
		" " Rest Gully	21
		" " Popes Post.	<u>46</u>
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mon. Oct. 3 rd		Four cases of mumps admitted - arrived at Anzac with reinforcements on 28 th Sep. they informed me there were many cases on the Transport coming from Australia - many cases of mumps were left in Egypt and some in Lemnos - These cases were among the reinforcements attached to the 18 th B ⁿ	
	Oct. 4 th	Some men of No. 2 General Hospital arrived here as far as I could learn without instructions we put some up for the night.	
	Oct. 5 th	Saw A.D.M.S. this morning, informed me the D.M.S. M.E.F. would arrive & inspect us by day.	

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Wed.	Oct. 6 th	Inspection did not come off. Three men of the no. 2 a.g. H attached to my unit for discipline and rationing.	
Fri.	Oct. 8 th	Sgt. Campbell evacuated last night suffering from Enteric - Sgt. Stewart Martin evacuated 5-day suffering from acute appendicitis. Cpl. C.W. Smith promoted Sgt. vice Campbell evacuated. - Pte. Stanley to be Pte. Stone Cpl. vice Smith promoted. Cpl. Stevenson to be Sgt. Stewart vice Martin evacuated. Pte Curtis to be Pte. Stone Cpl. vice Stevenson promoted.	

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9-10-15.		<p>Storm last night - rain & S.W. wind 4 of the tents blown down - the loose soil does not give the pegs a good grip. A case of mumps admitted yesterday of the 17th Bn. was not in contact with the other cases. Notified that all cases for evacuation must be sent down to A.C.C.S before 11 am except emergencies. Cpt. Cook Edbrooke evacuated sick yesterday Had a large inguinal hernia on the right side had it before the S.G. War. Was transferred to 5th Field Amb. and was therefore not medically examined by us</p>	2 nd Remf.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Pte Carmithers evacuated sick yesterday complained for some weeks about piles. On examination he was found to have two little piles about the size of half a pea. This condition made him very hypochondriacal - and as he was unable to carry out his duties satisfactorily on account of this condition I evacuated him.</p>	
10 th	Oct.		
11.	Oct.		
12.	Oct.	<p>Pte. Hoole evacuated today with recurrent diarrhoea. One Supt. & 18 men of a. a. unit attached to my unit for duty men engaged in widening our road according to instructions.</p>	

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13 th	Oct.	as result of competitive examination Pte. Smith was appointed Opl. Cook and Edbrooke evacuated.	
14 th	Oct.	Capt ^m Davenport went into Hospital yesterday with jaundice. Am making arrangements to terrace on W. of road to put up another Tortoise tent yesterday case of Scarlet fever reported - Put up a bell tent as an isolation hospital orderly specially detailed and all precautions taken.	
17 th	Oct.		
15 th	Oct.	attended lecture delivered by Col. Sir Victor Horley	

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16 th Oct.		The Sgt. & 21 men who were attached to my unit, by order of A.D.M.S. left to-day for No. 1. A.C.C.S. Resume fully.	
17 th Oct.		Capt. James admitted into Hospital last night with diarrhoea. Have 110 pts in hospital - Have reported to A.D.M.S. that Eggs have not been procurable since October 7 th . Complain since 14 th and diarrhoea since Oct. 11 th . This is serious as the majority of the sick are suffering from diarrhoea and jaundice. It seems strange that although eggs are not procurable as a medical comfort, the men of my unit - were able to purchase them at 2/- per dozen.	

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18. Oct.		Visited by Col. Feltham to-day. Capt. Davenport evacuated to-day.	Case of mauler admitted.
19 th Oct.		Pte. Timmins 20 B ² collapsed after amblyopia injection. One case of Diphtheria admitted. Requisitioned 3 bell tents for isolation hospital to be erected N.W. of Camp.	
20 th Oct.		A.D.M.S arranged to do away with advanced post at Walker's Ridge and transfer it to end of Sap at head of Rest gulley. In future the S.B. from the 20 B ² will bring stretcher cases to this spot and transfer them to our unit. Care of Diphtheria doing well in Bell tent specially pitched.	

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		Pte. Robinson to assist Sgt. Banner whilst Sgt. Coppin is sick.	
21 st Oct.		Four more cases of Diphtheria admitted	
22 nd		Another case of Scarlet fever ^{& diphtheria} admitted.	
24 th Oct.		One a case of Diphtheria admitted.	
26 th		Site for isolation tents progressing all (7) diphtheria cases evacuated to-day. I have had lately to speak to Major Phibbs O.C. T3 Section. with regard to the way he is carrying on his duties. The D.D.M.S & A.D.M.S have called my attention to the careless way in which his returns are made.	

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		<p>He does not seem to realize his responsibility. He signs returns without assuming himself of their correctness and is very lax in the examination of those passing sick. I have warned him that if these conditions continue I shall have to transfer him to another unit and put some one in charge who can carry on in a satisfactory manner. He came to see me later and expressed the opinion that he would rather apply for a transfer to some other medical unit.</p>	

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	28 th Oct.	Captain James of no C Section was evacuated to-day, probably suffers from enteric.	
	29 th	Captain Savage is much better shall keep him here until quite convalescent. Have made all arrangements for tentage	
	30 th Oct	200 cases should the necessity arise. yesterday call came from Wre Gully - a number of men overcome with fumes of ammonia after explosion of mine. accompanied by Maj Mosely and Capt Chapman proceeded to spot and carried	

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		<p>out the necessary treatment. One man was very injured so bled from the temporal gave Strychnia injection and Art. Resp. but failed to revive the two cases we treated. Would suggest that all men connected with explosives to be taught the 1st aid treatment of asphyxia.</p> <p>Took into Hospital for observation. 21 Col. Elliott and 7 other men who were asphyxiated at the same time. All doing well.</p> <p>Two cases were brought in from the 13th L.H. had been shelled. Had them thoroughly dressed in Station and</p>	

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31 st Oct.	→	<p>ant-tetanic given. To be evacuated this morning.</p> <p>Pte. Banks-Smith was up before me yesterday for insolent behaviour etc. gave him 7 days No. 2 Field Punishment and 7 days stoppage of pay.</p> <p>H. Col. Elliott R.S. who was in the explosion yesterday and suffocated is much better to-day and should be fit in a few days. The men ^{who were with him} were all discharged to-day.</p> <p>H. Col. Elliott discharged to-day, quite fit.</p>	

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