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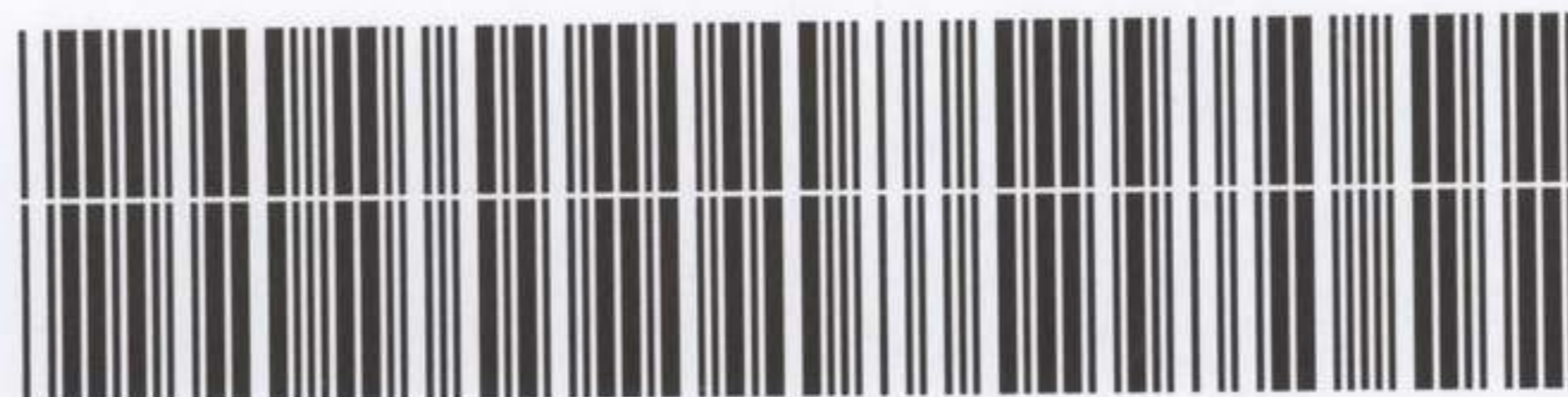
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WAR DIARY

OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

FOR

JULY 1918

Signature of Officer compiling *M. J. Smith* Lieut.Col.

Signature of Officer Commanding *M. J. Smith* Lt.Col.

WAR DIARY

5th Australian Field Ambulance. Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M.5. & 2.5.	1st	July,	Camp duties and sick parades carried out. 15 Tent Shelters were taken over from 2nd D.A.C. in order to increase accommodation for personnel leaving tents at present used available for patients. Acting under verbal instructions from A.D.M.S. 50 patients are to be retained at Ambulance HQ for a period of not more than 48 hours. This cancels previous arrangements in this respect. No cases to be kept at Brigade Nucleus Camps. Instructions to this effect have been issued to O.C. "C" Section responsible for the medical arrangements of these places. Visited "C" Section post during the afternoon - found work proceeding satisfactorily. Boats, bridges and overhead wire carriage are in good order and ready for use.	
	2nd	July,	Camp and Hospital duties carried out - 47 Patients at 9 a.m. remained in Hospital. The prevailing disease appears to be Influenza. Received warning from A.D.M.S. to hold bearers of "A & B" Sections ready to move forward. Instruction issued accordingly for bearers to move to 7th Fd.Amb. at 2 hours notice in charge of Captain Davis. Captain Davis to return to unit if not required by O.C. 7th Aust.Fd.Amb. Secret orders received with reference to forthcoming operations on 2nd Aust. Divn. Sector from 5th & 6th A.I.Brigades. Party of 1 Off. 1 N.C.O. and 9 O.R.'s proceeded to the vicinity of "C" Section Post where the Prime Minister of Australia with the Minister for Navy Australian Commonwealth addressed a gathering of 2nd Aust. Divn troops. Captain Lowe was the Officer in charge of this party. Standing Orders for procedure in event of bombardment of camp site issued. (App. No.1.)	App. 1.
	3rd	July,	Number of patients in Hospital 47 for the most part suffering from the prevailing epidemic of Influenza. Camp and Hospital Duties carried out. Remaining Bearers of "A & B" Sections despatched under Captain Davis to O.C. 7th Aust. Field Amb. (50 O.R.'s in all) One N.C.O. & 10 O.R.'s of 19th Batta reported for duty during absence of bearers. 4 of these men remained with this portion of the unit and 6 being despatched to Major Appleyard. Field oven under construction at camp at H.Q. unit. completed. Visited A.D.M.S. - Several names submitted as representatives of this unit to play Association Football against a French Regimental team on Friday 5th July at a place to be notified later. 2 Horse Ambulance Waggon and one Daimler Car despatched to 7th Aust. Field Ambulance during the evening.	
	4th	July,	Number of patients remaining in Hospital 28. Camp and Hospital duties carried out. Visited O.C. 2nd Aust. MT Coy. - Arrangements made for transfer to this unit (2nd MT Coy) and replacement of Sergeant Segur at present N.C.O. 1/0 Motor Ambulance Transport 5th Aust. Fd. Ambulance. Visited "C" Section during the afternoon and found everything correct and satisfactory.	
	5th	July,	Number of patients in Hospital 27. Camp and Hospital duties carried out. Sergeant Segur left unit during forenoon and replaced by Sergeant Yearlly. Motor Ambulance sent to 7th Aust. Fd. Amb. returned with Corporal Wilson., also 2 Horse Ambulance Waggon. During afternoon party.	

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M.5.c.2.5. M.18.a.5.6.	5th July.		of 5 Other ranks journeyed to Division to form part of Representative Team (Soccer) to play against French team of 74th Division at Sains-en-Amienois. A good close game which resulted the 2nd Aust.Divn team being the winners by 2 goals to 1. I accompanied the team along with Captain Boddam - 2nd D.H.Q. and Captain James of this unit.	
	6th July.		Camp work and Sick parades carried out. 37 patients remaining in Hospital. During the morning I accompanied a/A.D.M.S. & D.A.D.M.S. on visit to Medican Chef, 37th Division A France. The Medican Chef explained the French System of Divisional evacuation of sick and wounded going over routes and giving figures of personnel of Divisional Stretcher Bearers Unit. Major McMaster in bed was suffering from an attack of P.U.O. Sergeant Morris and 36 bearers of "A" & "B" Sections returned during the afternoon from 7th Fd.Amb. "A" Section Bearers remained at this camp as before and "B" Section bearers returned to previous camp at M.18.a.5.6. Second Horse Ambulance Waggon returned from 7th Fd.Amb. - Weather dry and dusty.	
	7th July.		Camp & Hospital Routine work carried out. 36 patients remaining - Weather hot and dry. Visited sick "C" Section and found all correct.	
	8th July.		Camp and Hospital Routine carried out. 41 patients in Hospital. Part of 70 other ranks proceeded to Divisional Baths, Lamotte and were bathed and received partial change of clothing. 13 Squads of bearers still remain at 7th Fd.Amb. Weather dull and very close.	
	9th July.		Camp and Hospital Routine carried out. 21 patients remaining in Hospital. Influenza epidemic appears to be subsiding somewhat - 4 squads of bearers reported from 7th Aust.Fd.Amb.	
	10th July		Camp and Hospital duties carried out. 20 Patients remaining in Hospital. Tents in camp "cutched"	
	11th July.		Camp and Hospital Routine carried out. 23 patients remaining in Hospital. Gas Drill carried out at 10 p.m. - ½ hour march in dark in gas masks. This drill was also carried out at "C" Section.	
	12th July.		Camp and Hospital Routine carried out. Captain Lowe proceeded for 1 day to Rouen by car. 22 patients remaining in Hospital. Captain McLean rejoined from detached duties with 17th A.I. Battn. Gas masks of unit fitted with new "Triplix" Eye piece.	
	13th July		Arrived from detachment at D.H.Q. at 1 p.m. and took over command from Major A.T. Dunlop. DSO at 5 p.m. An Association Football xxxxx team from 3rd Zouavre, 37th French Inf.Divn played a Divisional Representative team on our ground at M.18.cent. and were defeated by 2 goals to nil. Captain McLean to "C" Section post at M.18. for temporary duty.	
	14th July		Same location. Dull and very oppressive weather. A.I.F. List No. 353 - Captain G.B.Lowe to be Major. This officers service with the A.I.F. have extended to nearly 3 years, The greater part of which has been spent in the Field, with the 2nd Aust.Division.	
	15th July		3 Other ranks posted to hold A.A.M.C. Dug-outs at M.5.d.1.7.	

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M.5.c.2.5. M.18.a.5.6.	16th		Maj or McMaster and Captain McLean to O.C. 6th Field Ambulance for temporary duty - No 2909 Sergeant A.A.Preston to Aust. H.Q. London for training in A.F.C. Instructions A.D.M.S. to give medical attention to 105th Labour Company at N.15.d.4.7. Unit paid. To A.D.M.S. IN referen ce to completion of M.D.S. Dug-out by Engineers - This work to be put in hand.	
	17th		Inspection of Horse Transport by G.O.C. 2nd Aust.Divn and A.D.M.S. The former expressed himself as very satisfied with the turnout (A pp. 2.) No. 4187 Pte. Baty M. to No. 1 A.G.H. transferred. One Horse Ambulance Waggon with 4 horse team to 7th Field Amb. for temporary duty. During the day filling up emergency road dug-out with trestles etc., in case of urgent need of use of same. Casualties No. 51 Pte. Sisley D.M. (Gassed) and No. 15867 Pte. Broderick J. (G.S.W.back) evacuated.	App. 2
	18th		Orders issued for drill with S.B.R. at night for the next three nights at "C"Section and H.Q. . No.2860 L/Cpl. Sanders J.(Gassed) evacuated. Captain Beare to 20th Battn as T/R.M.O. Captain Park rejoined unit from special leave to U.K. All available Officers & men on special night march with S.B.R's. The new "Triplix" eye piéee fitting certainly adds to the efficienc y of the S.B.R.	
	19th		A.D.M.S. seen in reference to finishing off of Dug-out by Engineers. Matter referred to C.R.E 4th Aust.Division. Road excavated of A.A.Battery filled in and levelled off. Circular memo in reference to recent Inspection of Horse Transport by G.O.C. received and copy attached to appendix. (App. No. 2.)	App. 2
	20th		"C" Section at M18.a.5.6. relieved by "B" Section Tent Sub-Division.	
	21st		Captain C.I.Davis to Corps Gas School for course of instruction.	
	22nd		Pte. Peachenoff evacuated to C.C.S. (Dysentery) - There is a good deal of Diarrhoea in the area. Special Standin g Orders issued for treatment and isolation of Diarrhoea patients.	App. 3.
	23rd		4 Other ranks reinforcements taken on strength.	
	24th		Visit Major Ellis - Pathologist 4th Army - Swabs taken P.R. from all Diarrhoea cases and instructions issued to M.O's of lines of action to be follow ed in these cases. A n umber of Diarrhoea cases still coming to D.C.S. of which seven have been evacuated to C.C.S. as Dysentery. Major Dunlop pers onally inspe cted the sanitation of two camps from which cases have been evacuated and reports to sanitation to be satisfactory.	
	25th		No. 3240 Pte. Barr J.C. & No. 102 Pte. Oliver F.O. ev acuated wounded (Gassed) Sappers arrival to complete Dugout at altertive M.D.S. No. 298 Pte. Raybould R.H., No.2837 Pte. Carver B.W.B., 4712 Pte. Brison R.W., No. 6232 Pte. Nelson W.H. evacuated wounded (Gassed)	
	26th		Major Dunlop to 5th C.C.S. Crouy in reference to Blood Transfusion. W.O. Long to Valence on leave.	

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M.18.a.5.6. M.5.c.2.5.	27th		No. 150 Pte. Royce A .R. taken on strength from No. 1 A.G.H. - Captain C.I. Davis rejoined from detachment with Aust. Corps Gas School.	
	28th		No. 3135 Cpl. Fookes W.F. to Aust Corps Gas School - Other ranks 4 reinforcements reported and taken on strength. Major Dunlop, to A.D.S. 5th Aust. Divn. in reference to Blood Transfusion	
	29th		Lieut. Col. W.L. Crowther to Aust. Corps Gas School. Memo. Capt. Park in reference to selection for team to England of Cricketers on August 5th. This Officer saw the A.D.M.S. in reference to the matter and names of Officers selected forwarded on 30/7/1918.	
	30th.		Capt. H.W.L. KELLY to PARIS on leave. One other rank taken on strength reinforcement. At 10 p.m. telegram from A.D.M.S. in reference to probable Gas attack on Div. Section - all steps taken at Divisional Collecting Station to prevent surprise or casualties. A.D.M.S. notified of 5 cases Dysentery from Z Special Coy. R.E. and need for water cart there reported to him.	
	31st.		Capt. Davis went again to "Z" Special Coy. R.E in reference to their sanitation - Corporal 5602 LEACH M.R. attached supernumerary to establishment.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Standing Orders for procedure in the event of Enemy Bombing or shelling.
2	Copy of letter received from A.D.M.S. in reference to Inspection by G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Divn. of Unit Transport.
3	Standing Orders for the prevention of spread of infection among Diarrhoea cases.
4	Standing Orders for Medical Officers
5	Instructions to Officers in reference to Official Correspondence.
6	Standing Orders to Medical Officers on duty at A.D.S. & M.D.S.
7.	Standing Orders in reference to compilation of F.M.Cards.
8.	Salvage Reports for month.
9.	* Report of Ambulance Movements, Personnel, etc., etc., in accordance with your memo of 6th inst.,
10.	Quartermaster's Report for month.
11.	Transport Officer's Report for month.

* This is a reply to Medical Memo. 1/2 issued by War Records Section & has therefore been detached & placed with unit file.

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Enemy Shelling.

In the event of gas shell or other bombardment in, or in close vicinity of camp personnel and patients will scatter into neighbouring fields. Gas N.C.O's will ensure that standing orders, with regard to Gas shell holes are complied with before troops are allowed to camp and remove respirators.

..... Lieut. Col.
O.C. 5th Australian Field Ambulance.

(COPY) From A.D.M.S . 2nd Australian Division

Headquarters
19/7/18

② C.O. 5/ 6/ 7th Aust Field Amb.

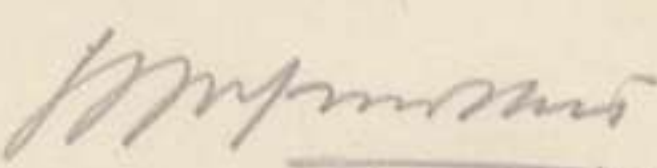
The following remarks on recent inspection of Ambulance Transport Lines are forwarded for information

1. Horse standings on the whole were satisfactory.
2. Horses were found to be in excellent condition and well cared for. A number ~~xxx~~ of horses require hogging.
3. Vehicles on the whole were very satisfactory and reflect credit on the Units, except that hooks and pole plates where friction occurs are not yet polished
4. Harness. 5th Field Amb. was very creditable indeed, and was easily the best in the Division. 6th Field Amb. some sets were in very good condition but others not at all satisfactory. 7th Field Amb. was not at all satisfactory, the leather being coated with oil and dirt, and the metal showing want of care. Many minor repairs were required both in 6th and 7th Field Amb.
5. The G.O.C. is determined that the Transport of all Units in the Division must be brought up to a common standard of excellence, and Ambulance Commanders will pay special attention to the matter. Arrangements are being made by G.O.C. to have Transport available at D.H.Q. as a pattern, and all Units will have an opportunity of viewing same, so that they will understand what is required of them.

(Signed) A.E. Shepherd. Colonel
A . D.M.S.
2nd A ust Division

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STANDING ORDERS.FOR THE PROTECTION OF SPREAD OF INFECTION AMONG "DIARRHOEA" CASES.

1. Orderlies in charge to frequently ~~to~~ wash their hands in warm water, using Carbolic Soap, scrubbing brush and Biniodide solution 1 in 5,000. Nails ~~to~~ be kept short and free from dirt, white gown, changed daily, to be worn on duty.
 2. Patients kept in Hospital are to be given ample clean water and soap for washing after defecation. Lint is to be used for drying hands, which is to be subsequently burnt.
 3. Each patient is to be provided with separate mess gear which is to be marked and boiled for ten minutes after each meal and then kept under dust proof covers until required for use.
 4. No water is to be used for drinking which has not been previously boiled in addition to chlorination.
 5. A separate Bell Tent is to be used for serving out meals to these patients.
 6. Bed pans when not required are to be kept in large containers provided, in a solution of Cresol. (One drachm to the pint of water)
 7. Brush for cleaning pans to be attached by a cord to patients latrine, and kept under solution when not in use.
 8. In dry weather the ~~the~~ dust in ^{the} neighbourhood of latrine is to be kept down by moistening with cresol solution. Latrine also to be well sprayed.
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9. All blankets that have been used for Diarrhoea cases by patients are to be fumigated on their discharge.

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STANDING ORDERS FOR ALL MEDICAL OFFICERS.

On joining unit all Medical Officers will apply for, if not already in his possession:-

- (a) Standing Orders A.A.M.C. Australian Corps.
- (b) A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust. Division. Instructions for guidance of all Medical Officers.
- (c) Manuel of Injuries and Diseases of War.
- (d) G.S. 452 - Memo on Gas Poisoning in Warfare.

he should already be in the possession of:-

- (a) R.A.M.C. Training.
- (b) Field Service Regulations Part 2.

These publications contain substantially the necessary information for his guidance in the field. They are supplemented and amended from time to time, in G.R.O's., A.R.O's., Medical Instructions Army & Corps, etc., which are posted on the Board in Officers Mess, and back numbers of which, are available in the Orderly Room files. These files are available at ALL TIMES. for Medical Officers and such on joining the unit will make themselves acquainted with same.

Each Officer on joining shall at once read Unit Standing Orders and initial same of page 1.

All Officers after reading matters posted up for their information in the Mess, will place their initials in space set apart for them. Unit Standing Orders are to be read and carefully noted for action when applicable, by all Unit Officers.

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Lieut. Col.
O.C. 5th Australian Field Ambulance.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS IN REFERENCE TO OFFICIAL
CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Such correspondence at all times is to be submitted through the proper channels, for transmission to higher authority: i.e. Through unit Orderly Room, to A.D.M.S. and so through the successive stages to its destination.
2. Such communications are to be as brief as possible and to deal with one subject only. Where more than one subject is under discussion, each should be embodied in a separate memo.
3. Whenever possible reports etc., should be typewritten and only on one side of the paper.
4. On every memo and report the date and unit are to be clearly shown. "In the Field" may be added after the unit - as a rule no other location is necessary - under no circumstances is the name of the town or village to be stated.
5. At the head of the correspondence the Officer or Officer to which it is addressed is inserted. Immediately after that, is the reference: i.e. matter under discussion, authority under which the report is submitted, or number of communication to which it is in answer. With an interval comes the body of the memo which is to be written clearly and as correctly as possible.
6. The name and rank of the sender in all cases is inserted at the conclusion of the memo.

W.D

W.D. Murray
Lieut.Col.
O.C. 5th Australian Field Ambulance.

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STANDING ORDERS - MEDICAL OFFICERS ON DUTY AT M.D.S. & A.D.S.

1. F.M. Cards are to be carefully and correctly filled in as laid down in Unit Standing Orders - Treatment given and surgical notes will be entered and cases requiring operation at C.C.S. marked "Urgent - Operation required"
2. Every care will be taken to lessen and prevent "SHOCK" in wounded cases - A special room whenever possible is set aside for severely shocked patients where they will be treated. Treatment for such cases, as laid down in "Manual of Injuries & Diseases of War" will be carried out. In all cases Blankets (3) are to be warmed and folded as laid down in page 24 & 25 and applied to the patient. Other necessary treatment as Saline (when indicated), warm sweetened drinks, hot water bottles etc., will be given.
3. Any case for operation will be referred to O.C. before such is undertaken.
4. No case is to be sent from Field Ambulance with a Tourniquet still applied - Haemorrhage is to be checked and if necessary the vessel ligatured.
5. Anaesthetics are not to be given unnecessarily - Structures can be divided with little pain after extensive laceration and contusions of tissues while the patient is under Morphia, or 1% Novocaine may be used. If an anaesthetic has to be used the Surgical Operation should be as complete as possible.
6. All wounds except those marked "O.K. - C.C.S." will be taken down and redressed. Fractures will, in all cases be immobilised by appropriate splints. Thomas' Thigh Splints will be used on all Fractures of the Femur except where there is extensive laceration of the Buttocks. In the latter cases the long Liston Splint is to be used.
7. Saline (Standard Solution with Glucose or Citrated Blood is to be given to cases of severe haemorrhage. The former should be given Intervencously by the Subcutaneous method. The latter by an officer experienced in the necessart Technique.
8. Gas cases will, whenever possible, be treated separately from other patients at A.D.S. and sent at once to Gas Centre (Divisional) All such cases should be evacuated as stretcher cases - Clothing in Yellow Cross cases to be removed for steralization. Oxygen administered when indicated - Alkaline treatment for eyes and internally. 1% Alcholic Solution of Picric Acid for exposed parts of the body where splashed by the gas liquid. Eyes are not to be bandaged, only by a shade of lint to be used over the eyes.

Officers will use the "Manual of Injuries & Diseases of War" as a work to which reference can be made and treatment will be based on the lines laid down in this Manual.

24-8-1918.

W. D.
Lieut. Col.
O.C. 5th Australian Field Ambulance.

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FIELD MEDICAL CARDS (A.F.W-3118).

It is of great importance that all such cards shall be correctly and fully filled in by M.O. in charge of the case.

1. Name and number of casualty. Former to be in BLOCK letters - Unit to be filled in in all cases.
2. Nature of Casualty, i.e., whether wounded, Sick or Accidentally Wounded - the description which does not apply is to be struck out. Every care is to be taken that "Accidentally Wounded" and "S.I.W" are not classed as "Wounded".
3. Two diagnosis should not be entered on F.M. Card - they more acute should be marked and if the case is to be evacuated a note of any other diseases should be made on the portion of the card allotted to Field Ambulances.

In the case of any Infectious diseases A.F.W-3110 is to be completed and forwarded with the F.M. Card to the C.C.S.

"Accidental Wounded" cases may be "probable" S.I. Cases - Should the M.O. in charge of the case have any reason to think that the injury is S.I. or the result of negligence on the part of patient or any other person the card should be marked "Accidentally Wounded-? S.I" and be sent to the Special Hospital for investigation into the circumstances. Obviously "Accidental Wounds" will be evacuated to C.C.S in the ordinary way. Any documents accompanying these patients should be forwarded under a separate cover addressed to O/c-Special Hospital.

Diagnosis may if necessary be altered in a Field Ambulance but a Non-Rattle Casualty must not be altered to a Rattle Casualty. The term "Shell Shock" is not allowed, N.Y.D-Nervous ~~ness~~ only is to be used and this diagnosis is not to be made on patient's statement alone. The diagnosis of "Wounded-Gas" should not be made at the Field Ambulance unless the signs and symptoms are undoubted. The diagnosis of "N.Y.D-Gas" is allowed to be made.

Alterations in Diagnosis of SICK casualties may be made - such alterations to be initialled by the M.O. responsible.

4. Anti-Tetanus Serum if not already given will be injected and amount noted on F.M. Card. Morphia also will be noted as regards dosage and time when given.
6. Notes on extent of wounds etc. with date are to be entered on F.M. Card in space allotted for same and if a re-dressing at M.D.S. is unnecessary this should be stated also.
6. Any special treatment as Saline, Anaesthetics, Transfusion of Blood etc. are to be noted on the card.
8. When filled in the F.M. Card is to be placed in its Waterproof envelope A.F.W-3118a and inner retaining flap folded down over the contents.
9. Every card is to be signed in full by Medical Officer who treats the casualty.
10. Every Officer is responsible that his initials are placed in A. & D. Book opposite the cases seen by him who pass through the Ambulance

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..... Lieut. Col.
O.C 5th Australian Field Ambulance.

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Salvage Valuation - 5th Field Amb. - Week Ending 4-7-18

No.	Article	Value		
12	Shirts	1	16	0
4	Cardigans	1	0	0
2	Great coats	2	0	0
2	Tunics	1	0	0
1	set Equipment	1	0	0
12	pr socks		6	0
4	" underpants		8	0
2	steel helmets		12	0
1	pr gum boots		15	0
4	sted helmets	1	4	0
2	Rifles	8	0	0
2	pr puttees		4	0
		£	18	5 0



Salvage Valuation - 5th Field Amb. - Week Ending 25-7-18

No.	Article	Value	No.	Article	Value
2	18pdr shell case	16-0			
12	" shells	24-0-0			
6	S.B. Rs.	1-16-0			
1	coil wire	2-6			
		<u>26-14-6</u>			



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5TH
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

RETURN SHOWING QUANTITY OF BY PRODUCTS SALVED DURING

Date.....

WEEK ENDING JULY 25th 1918.

Unit	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons
5th Aust Field Amb.	84	18	283
6th do	23	35	160
7th do	28	35	128
Total.	135	88	571

C.O 5th Aust F. Amb.

For information.

Headquarters.
25/7/18.

W. Shephard
Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
2nd Aust. Division.

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To O/c,
5th. Australian Field Ambulance.

Herewith report of Quarter Master's Branch of this Unit for month ending 31st July 1918.

RATIONS. The rations for the month have been very fair in quality and quantity has been in most cases up to the present British Ration Scale.

The Bread ration has been excellent throughout the month while the fresh ~~finest~~ meat ration has only been fair. The shortage however has been made up with Preserved meat, M. & V. and Park and Beans and the personnel have had two meat meals almost every day.

VEGETABLES. During the first eight days of the month the vegetables ration was very poor indeed but since then a full ration of vegetables was issued almost every day.

FORAGE. Owing to the facilities for grazing horses in this area the hay ration was reduced this month to the following scale:-

Heavy Draught	reduced from 14 lbs to 13 lbs.
Light Draught	" " 11 " 10 "
L. D under 15 hands	" 10 " 9 "

Quantity of green feed issued periodically greatly augmented the fodder ration.

FUEL. Fuel supplied has been sufficient to meet all requirements.

SALVAGE. Salvage by Products returned to A.S.C.

Fat Class "A"	lbs.	50
Paper	"	162
Cardboard	"	131
Jam Cartons	"	815

Empties Returned.

Petrol tins and cases, Drums, Sacks and James cases etc. 100% returned and receipts held.

ORDNANCE SUPPLIES. D.A.D.O.S. has promptly supplied all demands made by this unit during the period.

SALVAGE. General Salvage to the value of £54:19:0 was returned during the month.

AUST. RED CROSS SOCIETY. The Aust. Branch, B.R.C. Socy. have supplied all demands in a highly satisfactory manner.

MISCELLANEOUS. Herewith Lists of menus as served to patients and personnel during the period.

List of articles received from Australian Comforts Fund:-

Cricket Ball	1.
Soaps, Toilet - bars	184.
Needles, gramophone	400

The work of the staff in this Branch of the unit has been excellent.

1/8/1918.

Sgd. C. James, Capt & Q.M.
5th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

Diet List for 1-7-18

<p>Patients</p> <p>oatmeal Porridge Fried Bacon Tea</p> <p>Boiled Meat " Potatoes " Onions No 2 Rabbit Boiled cornflower & Fruit Tea.</p> <p>Salmon Boiled Tapioca & Custard Tea</p> <p>7 PM Cocoa & Milk Biscuits (Fancy)</p>	<p>Personnel</p> <p>Breakfast - oatmeal Porridge Fried Bacon Tea</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Boiled Meat " Potatoes " Onions Tea</p> <p>Preserved Meat salad Tea.</p> <p>8 PM Soup</p>
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James left at 9 PM
5th Aust Field Amb

Diet List for 26-7-18

Patients 36

Personnel 68

Breakfast

Oatmeal Porridge
Fried Bacon
Tea

Oatmeal Porridge
Fried Bacon
Tea

Dinner

Minced Meat
Boiled Potatoes
" onions
" Carrots
No 2 Roast Fowl
Boiled Tapioca
Custard
Tea

Minced Meat
Boiled Potatoes
" onions
" Carrots
Tea

Tea

Meat Pie
Pork + Beans
No 2 Boiled Rabbit
Boiled Rice
Tinned Fruit
Tea

Meat Pie
Pork + Beans
Boiled Rice
Tea

8 PM soup

Ration Biscuits

7 PM Cocoa + Milk
Biscuits Fancy
M.C.

6 James Cuff + 9 PM
to the post field etc

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Diet List for 20-7-18

Patients

Personnel

Breakfast

Oatmeal Porridge
Fried Bacon
Tea

Oatmeal Porridge
Fried Bacon
Tea

Dinner

Fresh Meat - Stew
Potatoes
No 2 Roast Fowl
Cornflour
& Custard
Jelly
Tea

Fresh Meat - Stew
Potatoes
Tea

Tea

Boiled Rabbit
Boiled Rice
Tinned Fruit
Tea

Bearded Meat
Boiled Rice
Tea

7 PM Coffee + Milk
Fancy Biscuits

8 PM Tea
Ration Biscuits

M.C.

1/2 lb Bacon
Sgt for Capt + 8 AM
2nd Aust Fls Ambce

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Diet List for 31-7-18

Patients 40

Personnel 72

Breakfast-

External Porridge	External Porridge
Fried Bacon	Fried Bacon
Tea	Tea

Dinner

Stewed Steak	Stewed Steak
Roast Potatoes	Roast Potatoes
No 2 Boiled Rabbit	Broody & Rice
Boiled Parsnips	Tea
Mustard	
Jelly	
Tea	

Tea

Meat Pie	P. Meat Pie
No 2 Salmon	
Cornflour	Boiled Rice
+ Jam	Tea
Tea	

7 P. Cocoa + Milk	8 P. Soup
Biscuits fancy	Portion Biscuits
(6 James Capt + 9 Dr)	
10th Field Amb	

To Officer Commanding,
5th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

Herewith my report on the Transport Section of this Unit for the month ending 31/7/1918.

As the unit has not had to change its location there is little to be recorded this month outside the usual daily routine. Owing to the nearness of the Ration dump and water point a minimum of time has been spent on these two duties. One G.S. wagon has been supplying biscuits boxes and tins to O/c, 4th Aust. Sanitary Section at CAGNY daily. On the night of 3rd two ambulances (Horse) were sent to the O/c 7th. Aust. Field Ambulance and one wagon on the night of the 17th inst. Both of these tours of duty were accomplished without mishap. Forage has again been cut down this month, Hay being now 8 lbs per horse in all classes and oats - Heavy Draughts 13; Horses 15 hands and over 10 lbs, and horses under 15 hands, 9 lbs. It now remains to be seen how the horses will fare on this reduced ration when put on the authorised ration only and are not able to obtain any grazing or "grouted" hay. A small amount of oil cake has been on issue on several occasions but is of a variety which the horses do not fancy very much. We have several times taken advantage of the flats on the banks of the River Somme for Grazing purposes. Owing to the large number of horses there the grass is now very closely cropped but a gallop round and a roll is greatly appreciated. The drivers take the opportunity of a swim while the horses are free.

The general health and condition of the horses is excellent and the usual minor injuries have been remarkably few this month. Two horses were evacuated during the first week - one having a fractured cheek bone due to a kick received last month and the other suffering from debility. The former was one of our best horses though a troublesome one but the latter was never of much use and always a kicker. We have drawn three Heavy Draught horses from remounts all of which are of good type and in fair condition. One noticeable feature of these horses from Remount Depot is that their tails are always docked very short and in addition the hair is clipped short so that this organ is neither useful or ornamental and in these summer days when the flies are everywhere so numerous such horses are tormented unmercifully by these insects. Whether this is performed to assist cleanliness is not quite clear as the V.O's seem to think it unnecessary for this and we have no difficulty in keeping long tails clean. We are trying to overcome this condition by making out of light hessian a sort of net to cover the body. Every vehicle has been overhauled, repaired, and repainted, some having been sent to the I.O.M. for these repairs. The harness is all in first class order. We do not now use oil but scrub the stitches white and then rub in soft soap, this being the method now recommended.

The health and spirit of personnel has been excellent and practically none have been off duty during the month.

The G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division made an official visit to the section and after a thorough inspection of all parts expressed himself as very pleased with what he had seen, also saying that he had "no comments to make". We later received an official communication that he had judged it the best in the Division.

The D.A.D.V.S., 2nd. Aust. Division inspected the Section a few days later and also commented very favorably on what he had seen. The Australian Official Photographer visited us on the 29th instn. and took several photographs which should add considerably interest to the Records of this Section when available.

31/7/1918.

A. Shawe
Major,
Transport Officer, 5th Aus F.Amb.