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# WAR DIARY

OF

*11<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance*

FOR

*Month of October 1918*



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*McWorth Major*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*McWorth Major General*



# WAR DIARY

or

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1st	6p.m. 11 p.m.	We are still administering the A.D.S. and WALKING WOUNDED M.D.S.. The American personnel were withdrawn. A.A.M.C. Order No 75 received which advised that the 9th Australian Field Ambulance would have charge of the A.D.S. at BONSSOY and we would have charge of the M.D.S. at ST EMILIE. One Tent Sub-Division of the 10th Field Ambulance were to be attached and would manage the Walking Wounded.	app 1 Appendix
	2nd	10a.m.	We opened formally as a M.D.S. Information was received that the 3rd Australian Division would be relieved during the night 2nd/3rd October, and that on relief, Ambulances would join their respective Brigade Groups.  Owing to the Medical Arrangements of the 50th Division being incomplete, the wounded resulting from the morning's operations were brought unexpectedly to our Station. By 1 p.m., however all had been evacuated. Ambulance moved out from St Emilie and proceeded to DRIENCOURT where we stayed the night.  During the night word was received from Brigade as to the order of march to PERONNE.	App 1  App 1
	5th		The Ambulance moved out from DRIENCOURT and proceeded by route march to PERONNE. From here we went by train to AIRAINES ( ABBEVILLE Area) and detrained at 10 p.m. A short march of 3 kilometres brought us to TAILLY in which village we are to be billeted.	1st
	6th		We are to be billeted in the grounds and outhouses of a spacious Chateau.	App 1
	8th		Captain MATTERS reported to 3rd Australian Div. Engineers as A/R.M.O.	app 1
	9th		Brigade Hospital was opened. For the necessary accommodation for this purpose personnel were moved from billets to tents.	app 1
	16th		Memorandum received that all A.M.C. details who had been absorbed by Field Ambulances, would be returned to their respective Units.	App 1





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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TAILLY	17th		D.D.M.S. Australian Corps visited the Unit today.	App 1
	18th		Captain MACLURE was detailed as Acting R.M.O. 44th Battalion for 14 days.	do
	20th	10.30 a.m.	The Ambulance was inspected by the G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Division.	do
	26th		Colonel LEWERS proceeded to England on leave.	do
	27th		Major PHILLIPS has been transferred to 1st Australian Convalescent Depot and left Unit today.	App 1
	30th		Major PHILLIPS has been awarded the Military Cross.	App 1
	31st		Arrangements were made with the 9th and 10th Field Ambulances to pass on as many Influenza patients to them as possible, we in return taking other patients.	App 1



*R. Smith*

Major.

Lie ut. Col.



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x 5.	Papers, Orders, etc., in connection with moves from ST EMILIE to PERONNE thence to TAILLY (ABBEVILLE AREA.)

x. Appendices to Original Copy of War Diary.

*A. B. W. Smith*

Major.





NOTES OF INTEREST FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918.

For notes for 1st and 2nd. October attention is drawn to Appendix 1 of the War Diary for September.

- 1st. We are still administering the A.D.S. and Walking Wounded M.D.S.. From information contained in A.A.M.C. Order No74 received at 3p.m. it became apparent that the American personnel would be withdrawn during the day. The American personnel were withdrawn at 6 p.m. At 11 p.m. instructions were received (A.A.M.C. Order No 75) that the 9th Field Ambulance would have charge of the A.D.S. at RONNSOY, we would have charge of the Main Dressing Station and would have the assistance of 1 Tent Sub-Division of the 10th Field Ambulance to manage the Walking Wounded.
- 2nd. 10 a.m. We opened formally as a Main Dressing Station, the 10th Field Ambulance (1 Tent Sub-Division) taking charge of the Walking Wounded. Very few wounded are coming through. Evacuations from forward area to M.D.S. and from M.D.S. to Casualty Clearing Stations are running smoothly. Word was received that the 3rd Australian Division would be relieved during the night 2nd/3rd October and that on relief Ambulances would join their respective Brigade groups.
- 3rd. We intended this morning to move off to Brigade Area at 10 a.m. but owing to the Medical Arrangements of the 50th Division being incomplete, the wounded resulting from the morning's operations were brought to our station unexpectedly. This influx kept up till midday. The Walking Wounded which had been closed, had to be reopened in order to maintain system and avoid congestion, which so easily occurs when stretcher cases and walkers are admitted in the same building, either for dressing or record purposes. However by 1 p.m. all cases had been evacuated and things became normal again. The D.D.M.S. 13th Corps visited the M.D.S. and it was finally arranged that we would hand over tomorrow. Amongst the Walking Wounded this morning, was a fair percentage of enemy wounded. Their wounds were mostly due to hand grenades and bombs. Several unwounded prisoners were requisitioned to carry wounded from the A.D.S. to the M.D.S. Six of these were left behind at the Dressing Station by the guard either through ignorance or in the belief that they were wounded. These remained on our hands until a guard finally took them to the P.O.W. Cage. From information received, it was apparent that the Division would be going out for a rest in a day or two.
- 4th. Ambulance moved out from ST EMILIE and proceeded to DRIENCOURT and rested there the night. During the night, word was received from Brigade as to the order of march tomorrow to PERONNE. We were camped for the night in some old huts in DRIENCOURT. The strain under which the men had been carrying on for the past few days visibly relaxed. The bearers in particular have had a strenuous time and the different sections have met with varying fortunes. Those attached to the 41st and 44th Battalions had perhaps the most laborious and eventful times. It does not often fall to the lot of Ambulance bearers to be called on to carry wounded under direct and heavy machine gun fire, and a prey also to enemy snipers while so performing. Yet such was the experience in these last operations. All the roads and avenues of evacuation were at all times subjected to constant and heavy shelling.

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4th(contd.) A large number of American wounded were evacuated also through our R.A.P.'s. All things taken into consideration the bearers were extremely fortunate. Our total casualties were 1 man killed(at BONY) and 3 wounded, one of which remained at duty.

5th. Reveille was at 5.30 a.m. and breakfast at 6 a.m. We were to be ready to move off at 7.30 a.m. However word was received that postponed the fall-in until 10.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Ambulance moved out from DRIENCOURT and marched to PERONNE. Full packs and equipment were carried. The distance was about 8 kilometres but the march was taken in easy stages. We arrived at PERONNE at 1.15 p.m. A wait of 2 hours resulted before the train steamed out. The journey was of special interest as it embraced a kaleidoscopic view of the terrain won during the advance since August 8th.

### TAILLY.

The train arrived at AIRAINES (ABBEVILLE Area) at 10 p.m. at which place we detrained. From here we proceeded by route march to TAILLY where we are to be billeted. We arrived there at 11.30 p.m. Billetting parties who had been sent out the day previously, had the different billets mapped out and so no delay was occasioned in placing the different sections in their respective billets.

6th. We are located in the grounds and outhouses of a spacious Chateau.

The chateau itself is surrounded by beautiful grounds, symmetrically laid out, the charm of which is enhanced by the luxuriant and abundant tree growth.

7th. The time to be spent here is to be given to resting, recreational training, and the reorganisation and reequipment of Unit. Various parties commenced making tennis courts, cricket pitches and football grounds to enable an early start to be made with sporting competitions.

8th. The weather has been consistently dull and threatening since we arrived. A little rain fell this morning but during the afternoon the sky cleared a little. Acting upon instructions received from A.D.M.S. Captain MATTERS reported to 3rd Divisional Engineers as Acting R.M.O.

9th. Owing to the outbreak of "Foot and Mouth" Disease amongst horses, the village of ALEU (nearby) has been placed out of bounds.

Personnel were moved from billets in Chateau grounds to tents, in order to free the buildings for a Brigade Hospital. The tents are pitched in the southern portion of the grounds.

A Unit dinner which had been held in mind for some time past became at last possible and this evening a meal was provided on the lawns. The men were given a five-course dinner prepared during the day by the Ambulance cooks.

The cooking of five courses embracing fish, soup, roast meat, puddings and the preparation of jellies and custards, for 220 men represents an effort worthy of mention in the culinary annals of Field Cookery, and reflects great credit on all concerned, especially the cooks. The 41st Battalion kindly gave the services of their band which helped considerably to enliven the proceedings.

10th The cricket pitch and tennis court were sufficiently ready to allow of games today, and healthy exercise was provided. We received 3 reinforcements from A.G.B.D. They are old members of the unit who had been invalided.

11th. "Foot and Mouth" Disease appears to be spreading as several other villages and farms have been placed out of bounds.

12th. Sports programme was commenced yesterday with cricket contests





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between sections. The men have shewn considerable enthusiasm over the sports. Copies of Educational Scheme were received to day. A movement is already on foot to provide classes amongst Unit during rest periods and winter months, and then later to fall in with the A.I.F. Scheme. It is anticipated that an early start will be made. The weather is very unsatisfactory.

14th.

We have converted the loft of an outroom of the Chateau into a comfortable recreation, writing and reading room. Tables and forms have been secured from AIRAINES and there is ample accomodation for indoor amusements.

15th.

The cricket competitions were conclude to day and were won by "A" Section. 4 men were sent to a Brigade Signalling School at LALEU.

16th.

Major PHILLIPS proceeded to PARIS on leave. A memorandum was received from A.D.M.S. that all A.M.C. details who had been absorbed by Field Ambulances under A.I.F. Order No 1000 would be returned to their respective Units. This will affect about 15 men of this Unit. As we are now 15 under strength a big gap will be made should these men leave. Advice was received that Major Phillips had been transferred to No 1 Australian Convalescent Depot. He will report after completion of leave and will be replaced by a Medical Officer sent from the base. The Foden Lorry reported for duty to fumigate the blankets of 11th Brigade Units. Advice was received that D.D.M.S. Australian Corps would visit Ambulance tomorrow.

17th.

D.D.M.S. Australian Corps visited the Unit today and inspected billets, Hospital etc.

18th.

Captain Maclure was detailed as Acting R.M.O. of 44th Battalion for 14 days.

19th.

The day was very quiet. Nothing of interest to report.

20th.

The Ambulance was inspected by Major General GELLIBRAND, C.B., D.S.O. G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Division.

21st.

Nothing to report.

22nd.

During the week all gas masks have been thoroughly tested and different sections have been passed through the Gas Chambers at Brigade.

26th.

Col. LEWERS proceeded to England on leave. Major Phillips returned from Paris. Captain KENIHAN who is the sports representative, attended Divisional Meeting on behalf of the Unit.

Major Phillips proceeded to 1st Australian Con. Depot. Captain Macallum relieved Captain Maclure as A/R.M.O. 44th Battalion. Capt. Matters returned to Unit from A/R.M.O. 3rd Div. Engineers M.T. Dvr attached to this Unit was awarded a bar to his Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry near PERONNE on 6/7th September. He drove his car continually for 48 hours evacuating wounded under heavy shell fire

28/9/1918.

Advice received from Division and Brigade re Sports Meetings. A Football Tournament has been inaugurated and the Unit will take part under the Australian Rules Competition.

30th.

Major PHILLIPS W.J.E. previously attached to this Unit has been awarded the Military Cross.

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Influenza patients are coming through in fairly large numbers, and our accommodation is being taxed. Arrangements have been made to pass on as many of these as possible to the 9th and 10th Field Ambulances, we in turn receiving other patients from them.

## GENERAL.

## PARADES etc.

First Parade has been at 9.30 a.m. This is a Muster Parade with practically all ranks parading. At conclusion of C.O.s inspection the Parade is marched to the Fields at the rear of the Chateau and the various phases of company, sectional drill etc. rehearsed. Special duties are then dismissed and drill carried on for until 12 o'clock.

N.C.O.s classes have been formed and are instructed during the week by Major Meyers and Captain Stump.

The Hospital is staffed by the Tent Sections only, each section's tour of duty lasting one week.

## RECREATIONAL TRAINING, SPORTS, INDOOR AMUSEMENTS etc.

These have been well catered for and every assistance and encouragement given.

Two cross country runs from 2 to 4 miles have been undertaken, one in competition with Brigade Units and the other between sections. Cricket, football and tennis have been played regularly and so far the Unit has been very successful.

An Athletic Sports Meeting will be held on Friday 2nd Nov. on grounds at rear of Chateau, and will be of an inter-sectional nature.

Indoor amusements etc have been provided. Debating and Literary

Societies have been inaugurated. These have proved highly interesting. On the opening occasion, impromptu speeches were called for and a dozen responded:

The first debate was held on 23rd inst, the subject being "Should the Medical Profession be state controlled?" It was very well attended.

Bridge and euchre tournaments have also drawn large attendances, and prizes have been awarded the different winners.



*Robert Major*  
Lieut. Col.

31.10.18

Major.



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--- 11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.---

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918.



Satisfactory progress to report during the month in Q.

Owing to the Ambulance being in a rest area during practically the whole of the month, with the exception of ordinary routine, nothing untoward happened.

The equipment and clothing of personnel has been brought up to date and the greater part of the Winter Issue of clothing, etc., has now been issued.

## FOODSTUFFS., A.S.C.

According to rations authorised, percentages have been well up to the average of previous reports. Extra rations such as potatoes and vegetables have been purchased out of Regimental Funds to give variety and augment the daily ration.

## D.A.D.O.S.

Owing to extra demands for winter clothing and the usual extra demands of the Unit being out of the line, considerable quantities of clothing and equipment have been drawn throughout the month of October. Particulars as follows:-

Jerkins leather	200	Chevrons service	1020	Color Patches	100.
Tents C.S.L.	3	Rattles Trench	6	Straps chin	30
Blocks brake	6	Stoves primus	3	B.B. R.	26.
Braces prs.	40	Nose Bags	45	Boots ankle	46
Shoes horse	40	Brushes Dandy	12	Basinsx,	
				enamel	20
Puttees	120	" Horse	12	Tin funnels	6.
Pantalons	34	Paint lbs	56	Plates enamel	30
Jackets	30	Linseed Oil gals.	1	Mincing machines	2.
Ladles	6	Balancer Spring	1	Meat chopper	3
Wheeled stretchers	1	Brushes W/Carriage	6	Harness Brushes	18
Collar Head	14	Flannelette yds	120	Woollen vestd	200.
Drawers woollen prs	200	Blankets G.S.	247	Cases palliases	90
Bugles	2	Coats sheepskin	21	Puttees prs	120
Holdalls Empty	108	Boots F.S. prs	28	Gloves leather	21
Gloves worsted	207	Sweaters M.S?	13	Shields hand M.C.	2
Waistcoats cardigan	100	Overalls M.C. suits	2	Horse rugs	45
Covers limber	4	Poles limber	1	Pots for Soyers	3
Elbows(Soyers)	3	Piping	3	Rake	1.

## AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.

For the fitting up of a temporary hospital to accommodate 50 patients, also a recreation room for same, an increased quantity of supplies and extras were drawn from this source, and has had the effect of greatly increasing the comfort of patients. The following items were received:-

Deck chairs	5	Playing cards	44 pcks	Mugs enamel	30	Pillow slips	50
Oil heaters	1	Books	30	Magazines	12	Plates (enam)	24
Stoves primus	2	Tooth brushes	24	Draughts sets	3	Gramophone	1
Gramophone		Pillows	12	Med. glasses	4	Tooth paste	24
records	12	Toilet soap	24	Pyjamas c/s	1	Primus prickers	
needles	200	Hospital bags	100	Shirts	24	U/Shirts	24
Socks prs	24	Cornflour pcks	6	Jam, tins	6	Fruit, tins	6
Chocolate cakes							
196		Matches, boxes	48	Stationery qty.		Dominoes, sets	3

These are for the exclusive use and benefit of patients.



## --- AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND. ---

The following articles were received during the month APPENDIX 29  
amongst personnel.

Cocoa, milk, c/s 3	Sugar, bags 2	Oatmeal c/s 1	Sauce bottles 20
Honey 1 case	Shirts & socks 1 case	Playing cards 5 pkts	
Curry powder pkts. 16	Football 1.		

Salvage

Waste paper 286 lbs.  
Cartons 19 lbs

Cardboard 91 lbs.  
Solder 6 lbs.

FAT RETURN.

Owing to the reduced ration of fresh meat in lieu of which to give variety, Preserved meat is made into rissoles, thus requiring a large quantity of Fat & as a consequence the return is low.

Amount despatched to railhead lbs 103.

Y.M.C.A.

A quantity of writing material was received and distributed amongst patients and personnel.

## --- 11th AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND. ---

Received 1 parcel containing socks prs. 27 for distribution to personnel

FODDER.

Supplies satisfactory from A.S.C. In addition to these supplies, authority was granted by S.S.O. to rent a grazing paddock. A good paddock has been secured in which our horses graze daily.

FODEN LORRY.

This was attached during part of the month. 2070 blankets were fumigated. The following availed themselves of the Lorry.

Battalions of the 11th Brigade	11th Training Battalion.
Brigade Headquarters	11th T.M. Battery
Brigade School	Brigade Signallers
11th Aust. Field Ambulance.	

HOUSING OF PERSONNEL.

Bell Tents are being used as Billets for personnel for whom it has been found impossible to provide Private Billets in the area. Wooden floors prepared by the 11th Field Coy. Engineers have been placed in each tent. Straw has been drawn from the A.S.C. and augmented by purchase to make them comfortable and has had the desired effect.

## --- ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES. ---

Stables to accommodate 44 horses are being erected by 11th Field Coy. Engineers, also Harness room and Feeding House now in course of completion will be availed of.

31.10.18



*W. North Major*  
for Lieut & Q.M.  
11th Aust. Field Ambulance.



NARRATIVE.

1. The low ground running from MARSEUIL via BRAY - DUACQ - LIERCOURT to LONGPRE and the Valley thence to RIVIERE forms the N. coast of SOUTHLAND. The whole coast is watched by coastguards whilst SOUTHERN Field Troops are being moved into the district as a precaution against a threatened landing from a NORTHLAND Port about 10 hours steam to the N.W.

2. The population of SOUTHLAND is of doubtful loyalty and in this district there are a number of sympathisers with NORTHLAND.

3. Armament and moral of both sides are equal and neither possesses a numerous or efficient air service.

4. On "A" Day the 3rd. Division (less Artillery) moved Brigade Groups from the South to THIEULLOY l'ABBAYE area (11th.Bdo); HORNOY area (10th.Bdo); LIOMER area (9th.Bdo).

The same day the coast was bombarded and a feint landing made by a NORTHLAND Expedition about 50 miles W. of MARSEUIL and orders were issued to evacuate all civilians within 5 miles of the Coast.

5. The 11th. Brigade Group moved from THIEULLOY l'ABBAYE area to close billets in ALLERY and KETIGNY in the following order of march, passing the starting point T.7.c.8.8. at 22.00 on "B" Day.

Advance Guard.	43rd. Battalion.
Main Body.	11th. Brigade Headquarters.
	41st. Battalion.
	1 Sect. 11th. Field Coy.
	44th. Battalion.
	11th. M.G. Company.
	11th. L.T.M. Battery.
	11th. Field Coy, less 1 Sect.
	11th. Field Amb.
	"C" Sub.Sect.S.A.A.Sect., D.A.C.
	25th. Coy. A.A.S.C.

6. Units were allotted close billets on "B/C" night as follows:-

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41st. Battalion.	} ALLERY.	11th. Fld. Coy. Loss	} METIGNY.
44th. Battalion.		1 Section.	
11th. H.G. Coy.		11th. Field Amb.	
11th. Bde. H/qs.		25th. Coy. A.S.C.	
11th. L.T. Bty.		"C" Sub. Sect. S.A.A.	
11 1 Sect. 11th. Fld Coy)		Sect., D.A.C.	

7. The 43rd. Battalion was on outposts on "B/C" night.

8. On "B/C" night the 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade moved to CITERNE - FRUCOURT, the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade to VERGIES = HEUCOURT and 39th. Brigade, 13th. Division (operating on Right of 3rd. Australian Division) to ARRAINES-QUESNOY.

9. Order No. 1 (attached) was received at 09.00 "C" day



EXERCISES.

NOTE:- Exercises are to be carried out by the Officers or Units in brackets at the end of each exercise.

1. Close billeting scheme for "C" Day (Capt. C.C.HILLARY and Assistant Adjutants of Battalions).
2. Road reconnaissance for march on "C" Day (44th. Battalion)
3. Orders for March and Advanced Guard, on "C" Day. (41st Battalion.)
4. Orders for Bivouac on "C" Day. (43rd. Battalion).
5. Selection of and orders for outposts "C" Day (41st. Battalion).
6. Selection and report on Defensive System as set out in para.8. of Order No. 1. (44th. Bn., also 11th.M.G.Coy)
7. Proposals for defence of SOREL and WANDEL (11th.Field Coy).
8. Requisitioning Scheme for removal of local supplies to D.R.T. at AVESNES (25th. Coy. A.S.C.)
9. Detail of Supply and Ammunition dumps (Capt.C.C.HILLARY and 25th. Coy. A.S.C. and "C" Sub.Sect.S.A.A.;D.A.C.)
10. Detail of Medical arrangements (11th. Field Amb).
11. Signal Service arrangements as planned on "C" Day - Div. H/Qs. at AUMATRE - (Lieut. H.W.GROVES and Officers Brigade Signal School.)





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NOTE.

1. The general situation is that of the TURKS on GALLIPOLI early in April, 1915, and the intention is to work out the general action to be taken under these circumstances up to the actual landing.

2. This will involve work by Brigade Staffs, &c., as well as by Units, for it is as desirable that schemes should be set by means of tactical orders &c. as that they should be solved by orders and reports in strict service fashion.

3. The more this preliminary work is done as it would be on service e.g. keeping war diary, working out every detail of communication, supply, questions of time and space - the better will be the basis on which to work out the tactical details after the landing has taken place.

4. All necessary assumptions will be made either in setting or solving each problem, subject to the condition that the assumptions fit in with the general tenor of this scheme.

5. Unless there are special reasons to the contrary, each scheme should be carried out by one Syndicate of not less than 3 officers and/or other ranks under a selected head, who will sub-allot the work, as required. The time allotted for the work should rarely exceed six hours and typing is not permitted except for Brigade or Battalion orders. Reports must be concise and, if possible, should be written on the face of the sketch or map. Information is not to be duplicated.

6. Every opportunity should be taken to instruct and test officers with reference to acting in a higher capacity e.g. normally: 2nd. in Command will act as Battalion Commander;

7. All solutions to reach this Office by 18.00 Friday 8th. inst.

8. For purpose of this scheme Battalions will be assumed to be at full war strength, viz.,

Battalion Headquarters.	150
4 Coy.H/Qs. @ 27	108
16 platoons H/Qs. @ 4	64
64 Sections @ 7.	<u>448</u>
Total.	<u>770</u>



TACTICAL EXERCISE.No. 2.

(Solutions to reach this Office by 15th. inst.)

1. Para 7 of Order No. 1 issued with this Office 87/44 of 3rd. inst., is cancelled and the following substituted.

"7. The Brigade boundaries are lines bearing N.E. through WANEL and BOIS DUDCIS both inclusive"

These amended boundaries will be taken into account in the following exercises.

2. NARRATIVE.

During 'C' Day and 'C/D' night 41st. Battalion occupy the outpost line and the other troops remain disposed as per Order No. 1.

On 'D' Day low flying air reconnaissance by NORTLAND aeroplanes were made along the coast Westward from AMIENS. In consequence orders were issued at 18.00 'D' Day for special precautions to be taken against a surprise landing in the near future.

3. EXERCISES.

(a) Dispositions in detail of each Battalion (to be forwarded by respective Battalions) at 06.00 on 'E' Day.

(b) Orders and instructions issued and action taken up to 07.15 'E' Day (Solutions required from each Battalion).

*L. A. Vasey.*

MAJOR.

Brigade Major 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.H.  
10-11-18.

To recipients of Exercise No. 1.

*Major Brummitt.*





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Operation Order No. "xyz"

Map Reference, Sheet 57 E 1-40,000  
 " Sheet 62 E "

Reference Brigade Order, No.1 Tactical Exercise.

The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will move from the ALLERY and METIGNY Areas and take up an outpost line, overlooking the coast on "C" day. The main body halting south of WANEL.

The advance guard will be composed of the 41st Battalion, and two sections of the 11th Machine Gun Company.

The outpost line of resistance will be along the general line- Wood S.8.b.,- S.10.b, central.

The Brigade boundaries are the WANEL - DUACQ Road, (inclusive) and a line running N.W. through Bois DUBOIS (inclus)

The line of resistance to be occupied by the main body is Cross Roads S.23.b.6.2. (inclusive) S.23.c.0.7. - Bois de DEBRINNE (exclusive).

The 11th Field Ambulance will establish an Advanced Dressing Station and evacuate casualties for the Brigade.

1. "B" & "C" Sections Tent Sub-Divisions will remain at METIGNY and a Main Dressing Station will be established on "C" day at 16.00.

Major North and Captain Stump and men composing the resuscitation team will be ready to carry on their duties.

2. "A" Section Tent Sub-Division will move at 15.50 on "C" day and proceed by way of ALLERY and WANEL to A.11. a.1.1. where an Advanced Dressing Station will be established.

3. Captain McCallum will be in charge of evacuations from Regimental Aid Posts to the Advanced Dressing Station, and will have at his disposal "A" & "B" Section Bearer Sub-Divisions; two Ford and one Talbot Ambulance Cars.

The motor loading post will be in the vicinity of, S.22.c.9.4. and evacuations will probably be via HALLENCOURT and the main HALLENCOURT-AIRAINES Road to the Advanced Dressing Station, thence to the Main Dressing Station.

Alternative route for motor Ambulance will be along the WANEL- AIRAINES Road to the Main Dressing Station.

Route for Walking Wounded, if necessary, the road from the motor loading post due south.

"A" & "B" Section Bearer Sub-Divisions will be disposed as follows :-

1 N.C.O. and 4 Bearer Squads to be attached to each R.M.O. of the 11th Brigade. These will report at 14.30 on "C" day, and move with R.M.O's when they move to their areas

The N.C.O's attached will ensure that Captain McCallum is immediately notified when the location of the Regimental Post is established and where any change is made

Each N.C.O. will take with him one wheeled stretcher and be responsible for it

5. An orderly will report to the 11th Brigade H.Q. to maintain communication with Brigade and will remain attached until further orders.

Also, specially trained signallers will be used to maintain communication between the forward area and the Advanced Dressing Station.

6. The Officer in charge of the forward evacuations will keep in close touch with R.M.O's and maintain communication





with the Headquarters of the Ambulance.

He will furnish frequent reports shewing :-

- (a) Changes of location and position
- (b) Location of personnel, transport, blankets and stretchers
- (c) Numbers of casualties specifying if possible the number of lying and sitting cases separately to be evacuated.

He will have for this purpose a despatch rider with motor cycle.

7. The Quartermaster will arrange the details of rationing and the water supply also the providing of extra blankets and stretchers.

8. The remaining Talbot Ambulance Cars will convey patients from the Advanced Dressing Station to the Main Dressing Station

"G" Section Bearers and remainder of Horse Transport and reserve stretchers will be kept at the Main Dressing Station and ready to move at once if ordered.



*[Signature]*

Major.

Acting C.O.,  
11th Australian Field Ambulance.

#### Distribution.

No.1.	A.D.M.S.
2	11th Bde. H.Q.
3	Quartermaster.
4	R.M.O. 41st Btn.
5	" 43rd "
6	" 44th "
7	C.O. "A" Section
8	" "B" "
9	" "C" "
10	" Resuscitation Team
11	Capt. McCallum
12-14	War Diary.
15	Office File.
16	Spare Copy.





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REFERENCE MAPS - 57E)  
62E) 1/40,000



1. (a) The enemy's warships have not been seen since "A" day and he has not repeated the bombardment of that day.

(b) The advance of the Australian Corps will be continued on "C" day with a view to occupying an outpost position overlooking the coast.

2. The 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade will move from the ALLERY and METIGNY Area and take up an outpost line overlooking the coast on "C" day. The main body halting S. of WANEL.

3. Moves will be in accordance with the attached march table.

4. The advance guard (Commander Lieut-Col. A.R. HERON, D.S.O. 41st. Battalion) will be composed as under:-

41st. Battalion.

2 Sections 11th. Machine Gun Company.

5. On the main body reaching its destination the advance guard Commander will dispose his force so as to cover the former until 06.30 "D" day, at which hour the outposts will be relieved.

6. The outpost line of resistance will be along the general line - Wood S.C.b. - S.10.b.central.

7. The Brigade boundaries are the WANEL - DUACQ Road (inclusive) and a line running N.W. through BOIS DUBOIS inclusive.

8. The line of resistance to be occupied by the main body is Cross Roads S.23.b.6.2. (inclusive) S.23.c.0.7. - BOIS de BERRIERE (exclusive).

This line will, if necessary, be occupied by the 44th. Battalion, 11th. Machine Gun Company, less 2 Sections; the 43rd. Battalion remaining at A.4.d. in Reserve.

9. The 1st. Battalion BLANKSHIRE Regiment is supplying outposts for 39th. Brigade, and the 2nd. Battalion BLANKSHIRES is earmarked to occupy the main line of resistance.

The 39th. Battalion is supplying outposts for 10th. Australian Infantry Brigade, and the 38th. Battalion is earmarked for the main line of resistance.

P.T.C.



10. For the purposes of the this move and pending operations the 11th. Light Trench Mortar Battery will be attached to Battalions as follows:-

Battery, less two Sections, to 41st. Battalion.  
One Section to 43rd. Battalion.  
One Section to 44th. Battalion.

11. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.

12. Brigade Headquarters will close at ALLERY and reopen at A.4.d.O.3. at 15.00 "C" day.

*E. A. Casey*

MAJOR.  
Brigade Major, 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

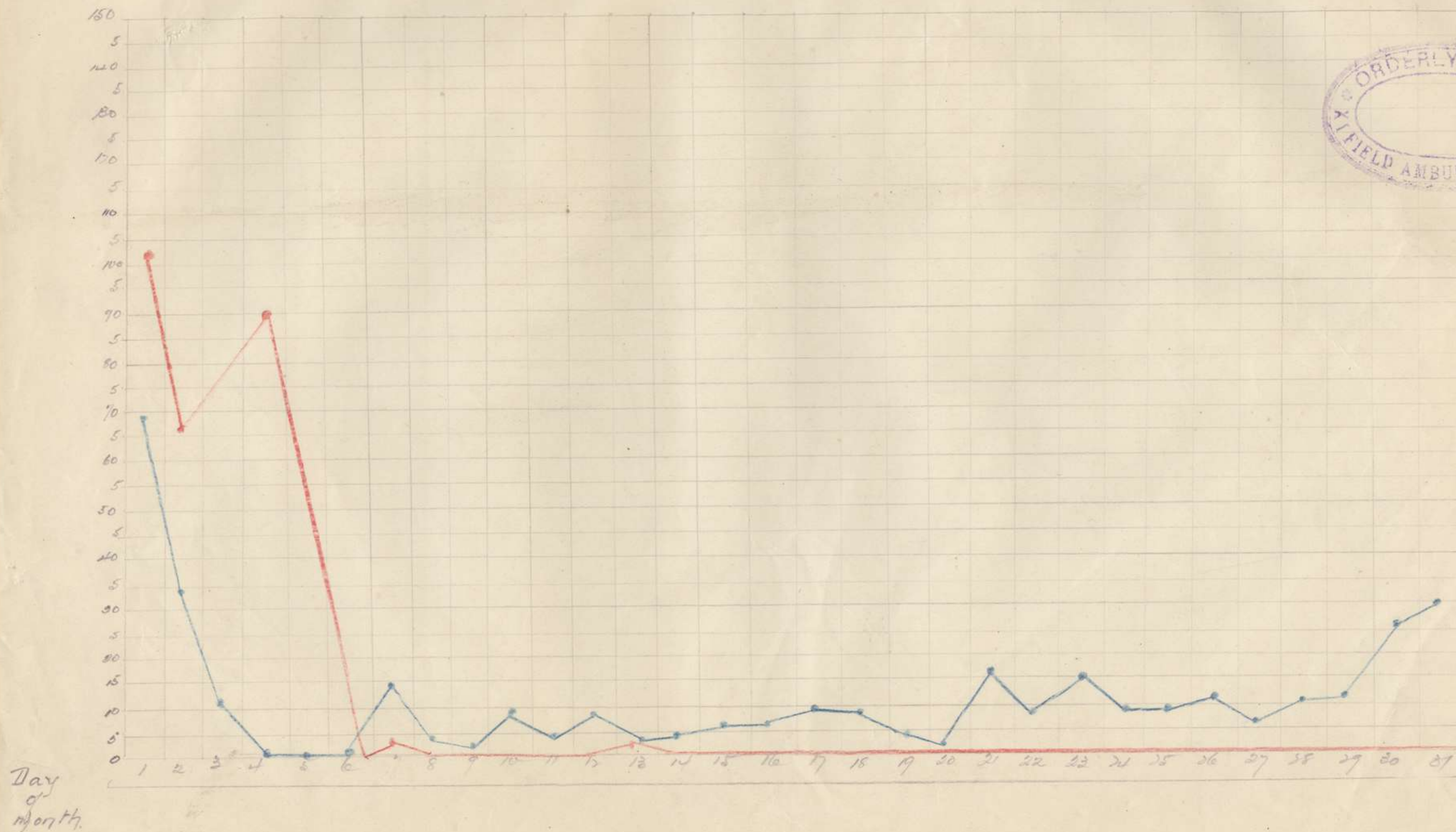
DISTRIBUTION.

- No. 1. 41st. Battalion.
- 2. 43rd. Battalion.
- 3. 44th. Battalion.
- 4. 11th. T.M. Battery.
- 5/6. 3rd. Australian Division.
- 7. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 8. 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 9. 30th. Brigade.
- 10. 11th. Machine Gun Company.
- 11. 11th. Field Company.
- 12. 11th. Field Ambulance.
- 13. 25th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 14. "C" Sub. Sect. S.A.A. Sect. D.A.C.
- 15. Brigade Signal Section.
- 16. File.
- 17/19. War Diary.



# Graph showing Admissions Sick and Wounded October '18.

Sick 183  
Wounded



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## OPERATION ORDER NO. 41.

1. ROUTINE. - 4.10.18.

Reveille -	7 a.m.
Breakfast -	7.30 a.m.
Fall in -	9 a.m.
Move off -	9.15 a.m.

2. Bearers and Tent Sub-Divisions will move in one party under Major BRUMMITT.
3. Horse Transport under Lieut. MAXWELL will move 100 yards in rear of bearers with 50 yards interval between every 6 vehicles.

## 4. Officers are allotted as follows :-

Bearers - Capt MATTERS.  
" MACLURE.

Horse Transport - ~~Horse Transport~~ Major PHILLIPS will accompany Lieut. MAXWELL with Horse Transport.

Officers moving with bearers will be unmounted ; with Horse Transport mounted.

Car. Capt. GODSON, Monsieur VEYSSIE, Capt. McDONNELL will travel on car mentioned in para 6.

5. 3rd Div. Resuscitation Team is allotted one M.A.C. car for removal of equipment to new site, M.A.C. car to report to O.C. 3rd M.A.C. at conclusion of move.
6. Men unable to march will be seen by Major BRUMMITT prior to fall in at a time and place arranged by him.  
1 Unit Talbot car allotted for carrying above - any surplus being taken in Horse ~~Transport~~ Ambulance. Nominal roll of all men carried to be handed in to Orderly Room before departure.
7. Halt will be made for lunch enroute.
8. Remainder of M.A.C. cars will move off as arranged verbally by C.O.
9. Destination. *to be notified later*

*W. Lewis* .....Lt. Col.

3.10.18.

C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Distribution.-

Officers Mess.  
Quartermaster.  
Warrant Officer.  
N.C.O. i/c M.A.C.  
N.C.O. i/c M.T.





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O.O.

41st. Battalion.  
 42nd. Battalion.  
 43rd. Battalion.  
 44th. Battalion.  
 11th. T.M. Battery.  
 11th. Field Ambulance. ✓  
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The following billeting parties will report to Staff Captain, Brigade Headquarters, 9 a.m. 4th. October.  
 Billeting Officer to be in possession of full particulars regarding strength, transport etc.

Each Battalion.	1 Officer 4 O.S.
11th. T.M. Bty.	1 M.C.O.
11th. F.Amb.	1 Officer 1 O.S.

42nd. Battalion will detail mounted M.C.O. to pick up Brigade Nucleus at Divisional Wing and guide to Units present location. M.C.O. to report to Divisional Wing, 9 a.m. 4th. October.

Four motor lorries will report to Area Commandant's Office, PERONNE, 9 a.m. 4th. October, to collect baggage, packs and blankets.

43rd. Battalion will detail 1 Officer to meet these lorries and superintend loading of all Brigade baggage.

Rear parties will be left at store PERONNE to clear packs of casualties which will not be taken to Units lines.

Q.M.S. will inform Supply Officer number of men so left. Supply Officer will arrange with Divisional Wing for rationing Rear parties.

Further instructions regarding next billeting area and orders for moves will be issued later.

CAPTAIN.

Staff Captain 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.M.  
 4/10/18.

NOTE. Billeting parties will carry 48 hours rations.





## --- 11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.---

Appendix No---

1. Billetting parties.
2. Warning Order (11th A.I. Bde.)
3. Move Order
4. Schedule "A"
5. Schedule "B"
6. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance Operation Order No 41.
7. Entraining State
8. Medical Instruction No 2.
9. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance Operation Order No 42



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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.WARNING ORDER.

Brigade Headquarters.  
4th. October, 1918.

Units of 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade will move off from bivouac area to PERONNE Railway Station and entrain, in the following order at the following times tomorrow:-

11th. Field Ambulance.	08.00
43rd. Battalion.	08.10
43rd. Battalion.	08.25
44th. Battalion.	08.40
41st. Battalion.	09.05
11th. T.M.Sty.	09.20
Bde. Hqs. & Sigs.	09.25
11th. Field Coy. (if moving with Bde.Group.)	09.30

Transport which will move at the same hour for train is expected to be Cookers, Mess Cart, Maltese Cart and Water Cart.

Full details will be notified later.

*R. W. Lakey*

CAPTAIN.

Staff Captain 11th. Infantry Bde. A.I.F.

A.J.M.  
4/10/18.

P.S. 43rd. Battalion will detail a Captain and Major to act as entraining Officer to personnel train, which leaves PERONNE at Noon, and the 44th. Battalion One Captain to act as entraining Officer to Transport train which leaves at 13.00.

Both these Officers to report to the Station at 10.30.

Troops will require to carry two meals.





## 11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE ORDER.

1. The 11th. Brigade Group will move from the BRIERCOURT Area to the HEOUCOURT Area by train and road on the 5th, 6th and 7th. instant.

2. Personnel and transport as per Schedule "A" will move by train.

3. Units will be located in the HEOUCOURT Area as follows:-

Brigade Headquarters.	Chateau	HEUCOURT.
41st. Battalion.		WARLUS.
42nd. Battalion.		VERGIES.
43rd. Battalion.		LALUE.
44th. Battalion.		HEUCOURT.
11th. T. Battery.		WARLUS.
11th. Field Coy.		L'ANDRE A'MOUCHE.
11th. Field Amb.		TRAILLY.
28th. Coy. A.S.C.		HEUCOURT.

4. Light railways are available as follows and will convey packs, blankets and stores together with a limited number of personnel to PERONNE Station.

1st. Train 09.00. 41st. Battalion and 11th. Field Company  
(Field Coy personnel not to exceed more than 60.)

2nd. Train 09.45. 42nd. Battalion and 11th. Bde. H/Co. (Bde. H/Co. personnel not to exceed more than 60.)

3rd. Train 10.30. 43rd. Battalion and 11th Field Amb. (Field Amb. personnel not to exceed more than 100.)

4th. Train 11.15. 44th. Battalion and 11th. T. Battery. (T. Battery personnel not to exceed 60.)

Light Railway trains will move from J.I.B.S.S.  
Each train will carry 300 personnel.

5. One motor lorry will be available to do one trip from Battalions to Light Railway.

Personnel not accommodated by Light Railway will move by route march to PERONNE Station arriving there one hour before departure of train.

Transport personnel by train will report to PERONNE Station 10.30.

6. LOADING PARTY. Messin 43rd. Battalion will detail a loading party of 8 Officers and 100 Other Ranks to report to Divisional entraining officer at R.F.C.'s Office FLAMICOURT (PERONNE) at 11.30

7. Entraining Officers of and above the rank of Captain will be supplied as follows:-

1st. Train.	41st. Battalion.
2nd. Train.	43rd. Battalion.
3rd. Train.	44th. Battalion.

Schedule "A" shows the times and of loading of trains.



MAJOR.

Brigade Major 11th.



SCHEDULE "A"

UNIT	Nature of vehicle.
11th. Bde. H/Qs.	1 Wagon G.S.Limb. 6 Riding Horses.
Brigade Sig. Sect.	1 Cart Maltese.
Each Battalion.	8 Riding Horses.
(a)	3 Field Kitchens.
	1 Officers Mess Cart.
(b)	1 Wagon. G.S.
	2 Carts, Water.
	1 Cart, Maltese.
	7 Pack Animals.
11th .M.G.Coy.	1 Field Kitchen.
	1 Cart Off. Mess.
	1 Cart, Water.
	5 Riding Horses.
11th. Field Coy.	1 Wagon. G.S. Limb.
	2 Cart Water.
	4 Pack Animals.
11th. Field Amb.	1 Wagon, Limb. G.S.
	1 Cart Water.
Div. Sig Coy.	1 Limb. G.S.Wagon.

- (a) Each Battalion will detail 1 Field Kitchen to accompany Battalion Transport travelling by Road.
- (b) 42nd. Battalion will detail 1 Water Cart to accompany transport travelling by road.
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SCHEDULE "B"

Personnel and Transport Trains.  
Units will entrain as under-

1. Personnel Train at 12.30.	11th. A.I.Bde. H/Qs.
PERONNE - AIRAINES.	41st. Battalion.
	42nd. Battalion.
	11th. M.G. Co.
	11th. Field Co. Engineers.
	Safe Custody Personnel.
Transport Train. at 13.30	PERONNE to LONGPRE.
Personnel Train. at 14.30	11th. T.M.Battery.
PERONNE - AIRAINES.	43rd. Battalion.
	44th. Battalion.
	11th. Field Amb.
	Divl. Sig. Coy.





SCHEDULE "B"Personnel and Transport Trains  
Units will entrain as under.

1. Personnel Train at 12.30

PERONNE - AIRAINES.

11th. A.I. Sde. H/Qs.  
 41st. Battalion.  
 42nd. Battalion.  
 11th. M.G. Coy.  
 11th. Field Coy. Engineers.  
 Safe Custody Personnel.

Transport Train. at 13.30. PERONNE to LONGPRE.

Personnel Train at 14.30

PERONNE - AIRAINES.

11th. T.M. Battery.  
 43rd. Battalion.  
 44th. Battalion.  
 11th. Field Amb.  
 Divl. Sig. Coy.

TRANSPORT BY ROAD.

Starting Point. Cross Roads I.3.e.1.4.

O.C. Column. Captain CARSTAIRS.

Time of passing Starting Point. 13.00

Order of March.

25th. Coy. A.S.G.  
 Brigade H/Qs.  
 41st. Battalion.  
 42nd. Battalion.  
 43rd. Battalion.  
 44th. Battalion.  
 11th. M.G. Coy.  
 11th. Field Coy.  
 Divl. Sig. Coy.

The following show the times of moves of personnel and  
 transport to the NEUCOURT Area.

11th. Machine Gun Coy. will entrain the following transport.

1 Field Kitchen.  
 1 Cart Off. Mess.  
 1 Cart Water.  
 5 Riding Horses.





11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.  
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Reference Operation Order No. 41 dated 3.10.18.  
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The destination will be Sheet 62c. J.3. central.

4.10.18.

*W. H. W.*  
.....Lt. Col.  
C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.



11th Aust Field Amb

Entraining State - Transport - 5 10 18

Personnel - 3 OR

Horses - 1 R. 4 LD = 5

Vehicles - 1 limber 1 water cart = 2.

W. Lewis R. Col

5/10/18

CO 11th Aust Field Amb



11th Aust Field Amb.

Entraining State - Personnel - 5.9.18.

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1/M Stewart

5/10/18

CO 11th Aust Field Amb.



11th Aust Field Amb

Horse Transport - Marching State - 5.10.18.

Personnel - 1 30

Horses - 5 11 20 = 36

Vehicles - 3 Amb. 6 GS wagons. 3 limbers. 2 water carts } = 15  
1 mallee cart }

5/10/18.

Mewers Lt Col

co 11th Aust Field Amb



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MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONS No. 2

Reference Administrative Instruction No. 51

1. The Third Australian Division, less Artillery, will move by train and road to HALLENCOURT Area on 5th, 6th and 7th October, 1918.
2. On arrival in the HALLENCOURT Area, the Division will be disposed of as under :-
 

Divisional Headquarters	HALLENCOURT
9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	CITERRE Sub Area
10th "	BAILLEUL "
11th "	HEUCOURT "
9th Aust. Field Amb.	NEUVILLE
10th "	BRAY
11th "	TAILLY
3. For the purposes of the Move Field Ambulances will move under orders of Brigades.
4. 3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section will join 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. at ENRONNE Railway Station in time to catch personnel train leaving at 17.30. and will move under orders of O.C. 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.  
On arrival in Rest Area Sanitary Section will remain attached to 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance until further orders.  
Personnel will report one hour before departure of train from Railhead.
5. On arrival in new area Field Ambulances will take action in accordance with Standing Orders A.A.M.C. Aust. Corps Section 2. sub-para. 8.

Headquarters,  
5th. October, 1918.  
JAC/POL.

*R.D. Barham Major* for COLONEL.  
A.D.M.C. Third Australian Division.

Distribution :-

9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.  
10th. do.  
11th. do.  
3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section.





OPERATION ORDER No 42.

Map Reference 62

1. PERSONNEL.

FALL IN. 10.30. a.m.

Major NORTH? Capts STUMP, MACLURE, McCALLUM will move with bearers to PERONNE station at a time to be communicated later.

Packs:- 1 blanket, 2 meals and iron ration will be carried by each man.

Water bottles to be felled before leaving.

Officers valises will be delivered at train.

2. TRANSPORT.

- (a) 1 cooks limber  
1 water cart  
1 hack

to report under N.C.O. detailed by Lieut MAXWELL, to PERONNE Station before 10.30 a.m.

- (b) Remainder of Transport:-

Fall in 10.30 a.m.

Move to starting point cross roads I 3 cl.4. passing starting point at 1 p.m.

Order of march:-

- 25th Coy A.A.S.C.  
Brigade Hdqrs,  
41st Battn  
42nd Battn  
43rd Battn  
44th Battn  
11th M.G. Coy.  
11th Fd. Coy.  
Divnl. Sig. Coy.  
11th Fd. Ambce.

Officer in charge of Transport move :- Capt KENIHAN.

3. MOTOR TRANSPORT.

Cars will convey baggage to PERONNE Station under orders of Q.M. moving later direct to join Unit at TAILLY (in ABBEVILLE Area)

1 car empty to report to Railway Station at AIRAINES as soon as possible and await arrival of Unit.

*W. J. Lewis*

Lieut. Col.

C.O. 11th Australian Field Ambulance.

Distribution:-

Copy No 1. Q.M. ✓  
2. W.O. ✓  
3. C.O.  
4. W.O. Horse Transport.

Copy No 5. Officers Mess.  
6. Off. i/c Transport  
7. N.C.O. i/c Motor " ✓  
8. *Aduty officer* ✓

