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Westhof Farm No. D.S.	31.7.17		The 11 th Aust. Infantry Brigade commenced a diversion of the line in the Messines Sector. Special arrangements were made at M.D.S. Westhof. by this Unit for the purpose of receiving patients. During the Operations, cases arrived regularly, and the scheme of work at the M.D.S. as laid down in Appendix No. 1. was carried out in all details. M.A.C. boats arrived regularly, and evacuated cases to No. 2. A.C.C.S.	App. No. 1												
Westhof Farm M.D.S.	1.8.17		Loaded over M.D.S. Westhof to 4 th Australian Field Ambulance. 3109 cases passed through. A.D. Books viz:- <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>A.I.F.</td><td>2810</td></tr> <tr><td>B.E.F.</td><td>251</td></tr> <tr><td>N.Z.F.</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Canadians</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Prisoners</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td><u> </u></td><td><u>3109</u></td></tr> </table>	A.I.F.	2810	B.E.F.	251	N.Z.F.	21	Canadians	7	Prisoners	20	<u> </u>	<u>3109</u>	HMW
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Bailleul	4.8.17		Look over Field Hospital, Rue de Musee, Bailleul from 9 th Australian Field Ambulance													
Bailleul	7.8.17		Lieut. Col. Downey & Capt. Dunstan returned from Paris leave													
"	9.8.17-13.8.17		Capt. Graves A/R.M.O. 35 th Battalion A.I.F. (Temporary Duty)													
"	10.8.17-20.8.17		Capt. Taunton. (Dental Officer attached) proceeded on leave to England.													
"	15.8.17		Major. H.J. Williams transferred to 9 th Aust Field Ambulance													
"	10.8.17-20.8.17		Major Chaplin proceeded on leave to Paris													





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Bailleul	15.8.17		A.C. Sections left Bailleul and moved to le Val. Restant. and Ecuire in Training Area by Train to Wizernes, and then marched to Ecuire being brigaded with 9 th Australian Infantry Brigade. A Field Hospital & Blue Light Establishment was opened.	App No 2. Movement Order N ^o . 11
Bailleul	17.8.17	27.8.17	Capt. Love proceeded on leave to Paris	
"	22.8.17		B Section handed over Field Hospital Bailleul to 4 th Aust. Field Ambulance and entrained with 11 th Australian Infantry Brigade at Steenwerck. Detrained at Wizernes and marched to Ecuire. 386 cases passed through A. & D. Books whilst holding Red Cross Bailleul.	
Ecuire	25.8.17		Handed over Field Hospital Ecuire to 9 th Aust Field Corp Ambulance, cases passed through A. & D. Books. 77.	
			Marched to Ouve Wiquin and took over Field Hospital from 9 th Aust Field Ambulance	App N ^o . 3. Movement Order N ^o . 12.
Ouve Wiquin	26.8.17		Capt. Smith detailed as A/R.M.O. Reinforcement Camp. Lumbres	
"	26.8.17		Capt. Dunstan detailed as A/D.A.D.M.S. 3rd Aust Division	M.A.W.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.

Medical arrangements for work at M.D.S., and D.C.P. WESTHOF.
during "Y". Operations.

WARDS:-

Hut "A".	Refreshment Room for Walking cases.
"B".	Admitting Ward for Walking cases.
"C".	" " " Stretcher cases.
"D".	Treatment Ward for Medical Cases.
"E".	" " " " "
"F".	Dressing Ward.
"G".	Treatment Ward for Surgical cases.
"H".	" " " " "
"I".	Dental Room.
"J".	Dispensary.
"K".	Ward for Moribund cases.
"Q".	Quartermasters Store.
"R".	Orderly Room.
"S".	Mobilization Stores.
"T".	Evacuation Ward for C.C.S.
"U".	" " " D.R.S.
"V".	Officers Ward.

OFFICERS DUTIES:-(a). Admitting Officer in Hut "B".

He will after examination of patients ensure that A.T.S. is given and all Clerical details taken, and will then allot cases as follows to:-

- (a). Dressing Ward.
- (b). Evacuation Ward for C.C.S.
- (c). " " " D.R.S.
- (d). Wards "G" and "H". for treatment.

(b). Admitting Officers in Hut "C".

He will after examination of patients ensure that A.T.S. is given and all Clerical details taken, and will allot cases as follows to:-

- (a). Dressing Ward.
- (b). Evacuation Ward for C.C.S. (Hut "T".)
- (c). Evacuation Ward for D.R.S.
- (d). Wards for "G" and "H". Treatment.
- (e). Ward for Moribund cases.

(c). Officers in Dressing Ward.

They will with the assistance of Orderlies redress all cases sent in from the Admitting Wards and will then allot the cases as follows to:-

- (a). Evacuation Ward for C.C.S.
- (b). Evacuation Ward for D.R.S.
- (c). Wards for Treatment.
- (d). Wards for Moribund cases.

OFFICERS DUTIES:-(d). Officer in Charge of Evacuation Ward.

He will see that all cases to C.C.S., and D.R.S., are evacuated as rapidly as possible, and arrange for the necessary number of M.A.C. Cars and Horse Ambulances. Cases to C.C.S., to be evacuated by cars provided by M.A.C.

Cases to D.R.S., Ravelsburg, and Baillieul to be evacuated by Horse Ambulance Wagons of 11th. Field Ambulance.

PERSONNEL AND THEIR DUTIES IN THE DIFFERENT WARDS:-Refreshment Room for Walking cases.

2 Orderlies to distribute food and Hot and Cold drinks to walking patients.

All food for patients in other Wards will be drawn from this Room.

Admitting Ward for Walking Cases.

- (a). Medical Officer in Charge whose duties have been enumerated.
- (b). 2 S/Sgt. Dispensers will give all patients A.T.S.
- (c). 2 Orderlies will assist Dispenser and mark Medical Cards and "T" on wrist and Forehead of Patients.
- (d). 2 Clerks will see that a Field Medical Card and Block Serial Card is filled in for each patient. They will also enter up the "A" and "D". Book.
- (e). 1 Orderly to assist Walking Cases and direct them to Wards.

Admitting Ward for Stretcher Cases.

- (a). Medical Officer in Charge as above.
- (b). 1 S/Sgt. to give A.T.S.
- (c). 1 Orderlies to assist S/Sgt.
- (d). 1 Clerks for F.M. Cards and "A" and "D" Book.
- (e). 1 Sergeant Clerk.)
1 Private Clerk.) For compiling Returns.

1 Orderly to supply drinks

Dressing Room.3 Dressing Tables.

1 Medical Officer and 3 Dressing Orderlies at each table.

1 S/Sgt to supervise Dressers.

1 Orderly to see that fresh lotions and clean water is provided at each Dressing Table.

1 Orderly to supply clean blankets, pyjamas, and socks.

1 Orderly to remove old dressings and clothing.

1 Orderly to keep hot water tank full and attend to the fires.

3 extra dressers for Walking cases.

Wards for treatment.

1 Medical Officer in Charge.

1 Orderly in each Ward.

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PERSONNEL AND THEIR DUTIES IN THE DIFFERENT WARDS:-Evacuating Wards for C.C.S.

- 1 Officer superintending all evacuations from M.D.S.
- 1 N.C.O. He will see that each patient is supplied with blankets above and below him, Hot Water bottles if necessary, he will examine each F.M. Card and see that it is filled in properly.
He will collect the Block Serial Tickets and enter each patients Serial Number, Name and Regiment in a book provided.
- 1 Orderly attending to patients, and supplying them with drinks if necessary.

Evacuating Wards for D.R.S.

- 1 N.C.O., duties as above
- 1 Orderly " " "

Bearers.

- 1 N.C.O will be in charge and will place:-
- 4 at Hut "C" for unloading stretcher cases from Ambulance Cars.
- 4 at opposite end of hut "C" for removing cases to Dressing Ward, Evacuating Ward, or Treatment Wards.
- 2 at exit of Dressing Ward to remove cases to Evacuating Ward and Treatment Wards.
- 4 For loading M.A.C. Cars from Evacuating Ward.

Cooks.

- 3 N.C.O's and 7 Other Ranks will provide regular meals for Personnel at M.D.S., and will supply a continual supply of food and Hot drinks for the Refreshment Room.

Clerks. (DAY).

- 1 N.C.O., and 2 Privates will be stationed at Orderly Room.
- 1 N.C.O. will be in charge of all Clerical Work in Admitting Room and will compile the Returns.
- 2 # Privates in Admitting Ward "B".) will make out F.M. Card
- 1 # Privates in Admitting Ward "C".) and Block Serial slip
-) for every patient, and
-) enter up "A" & "D" Book.
- 1 Private to assist Sergeants to make out Daily Returns.

Clerks. (NIGHT).

- 1 N.C.O., and 2 Privates to make out F.M. Card and Block Serial Slips for every patient.

Lighting Arrangements.

- 1 N.C.O., and 1 Private will see that all lamps are in working Order.

Pack Store. 2 Corporals and 1 Pte. to take charge of kits of men admitted for treatment.

..... *M. A. Downey* Lt. Major

Salvage. 1 Corporal will take charge of salvage.

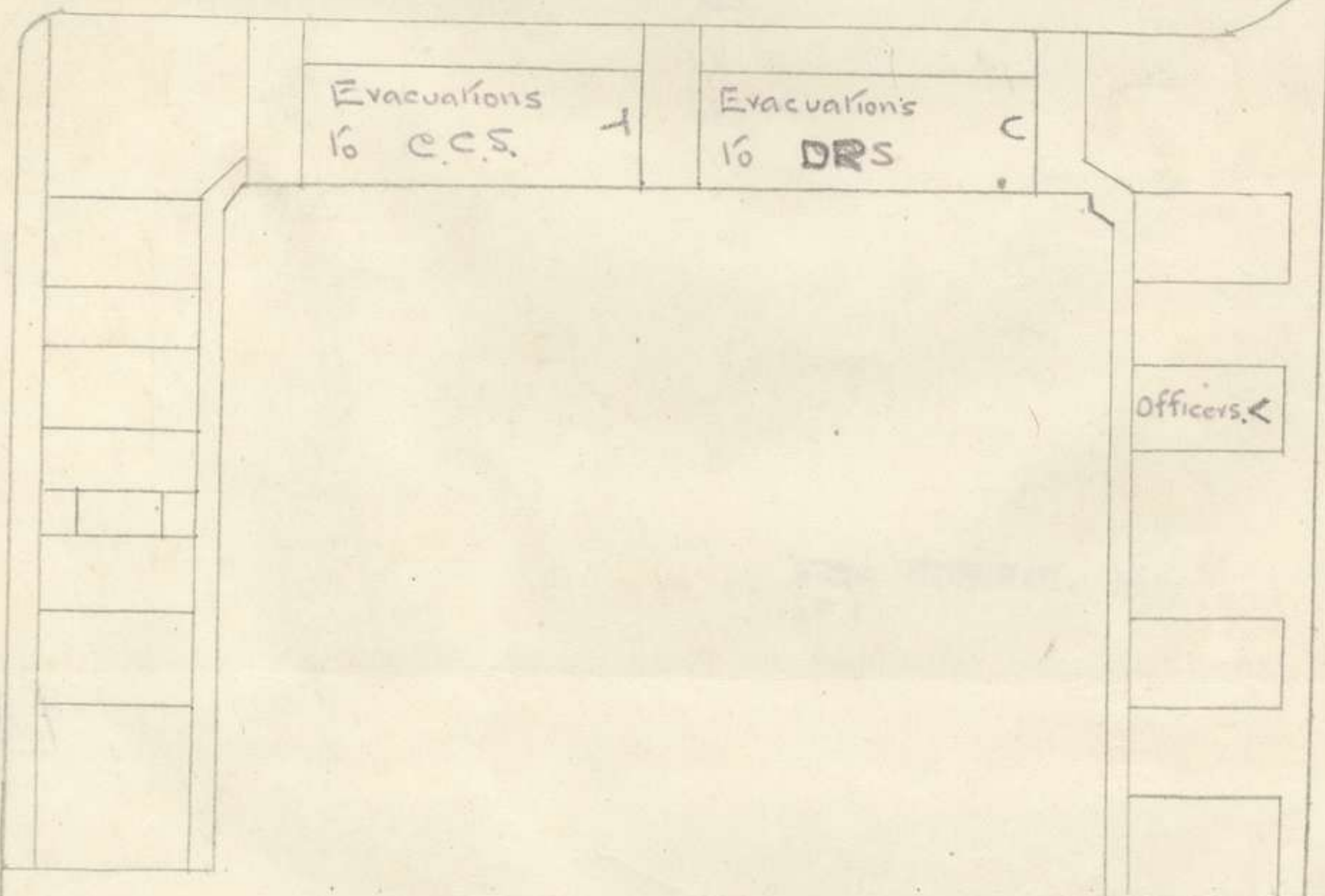
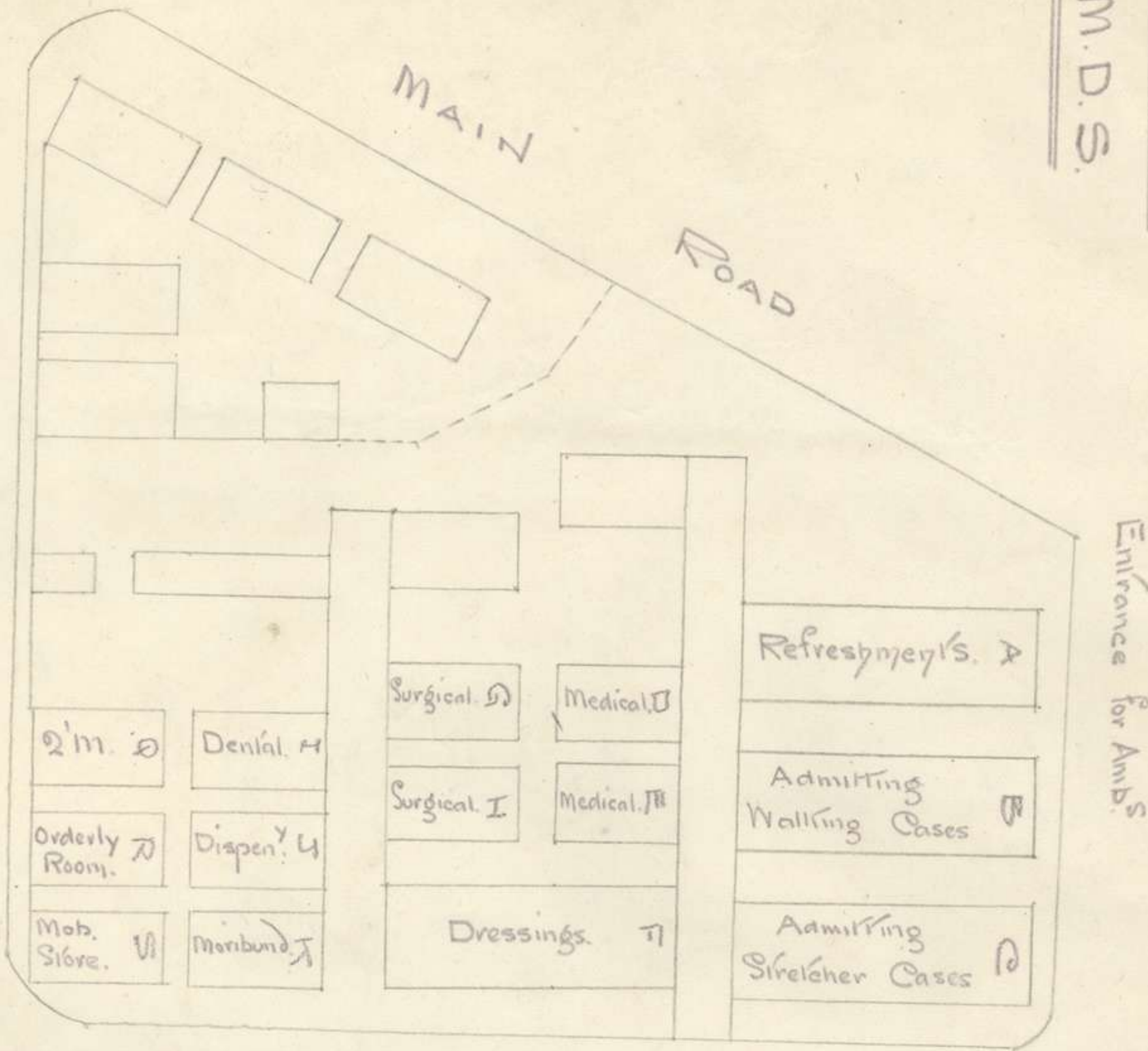
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Sanitary Fatigue. 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.R.

A.G.

NESTHOF

M.D.S.



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11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.

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OPERATION. ORDER. No. 11.

-----Reference Map HAZEBROUCK S.a. 1/100,000.-----

1. MOVE:-

"A". and "C". Sections complete will accompany 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade to WIZERNES by tactical train. The two Sections will form part of the Brigade Group.

2. TRAINS:-

- (a). Train for Personnel will leave BAILLEUL for WIZERNES on 15/8/17 at an hour to be notified later. Personnel will be at entraining point 1/2 hour before train starts.
- (b). Omnibus Train for portion of Transport, as detailed below, will leave BAILLEUL West Siding for WIZERNES on 15/8/17 at an hour to be notified later. Personnel and Transport as detailed will be at entraining point 1 1/2 hours before Train starts.
- (c). Entrainment will take place at BAILLEUL. Detrainment will take place at WIZERNES, where Unit will be met by Guide who will conduct them to their Billets.

3. TRANSPORT:-

Transport, less details for Omnibus Train, will move by road on 14/8/17.

- (a). Order. Immediately in rear of 9th. Field Company Engineers.
- (b). Time. It will pass the starting point at 11.5. a.m.
- (c). Distances. Distances of 100 Yards will be preserved between Units.
- (d). Starting Point. Cross Roads on BAILLEUL- METEREN Road. 1 Mile West of BAILLEUL and 2/3 Mile North of "A". in STEAM MILL.
- (e). Route. BAILLEUL-METEREN-HONDEGHAM. All Transport will march under orders of O.C., 869th. Coy. A.S.C.
- (f). Rations. Party will be rationed by Divisional Train.

4. DETAILS FOR OMNIBUS TRAIN:-

Personnel.-	1 Officer 2 Other Ranks.
Horses. -	4 Draught.
Vehicles. -	1 G.S.Limber, Cooks.
	1 Water Cart.

5. MECHANICAL TRANSPORT:-

This will proceed independently on 15/8/17 under orders of the Mechanical Transport Officer, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

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6. STORES AND EQUIPMENT:-

Sectional Stores and Equipment will be taken complete. All surplus Stores, and Stores not required in the Training Area will be left at Field Hospital BAILLEUL with "B". Section.

7. BLANKETS:-

One Blanket per man will be carried.

8. RATIONS:-

Rations will be taken for 15/8/17 plus Iron Rations. Rations for 16/8/17 will be delivered to Units in the new Area.

9. SUPPLY RAILHEAD:-

This will be as follows:- 9th. Brigade Group- LUMBRES from 16/8/17 inclusive.

10. FIELD HOSPITAL:-

On arrival in Training Area a Field Hospital will be established and a Blue Light establishment opened.

11. DISPOSAL OF SICK:-

Arrangements will be notified to the Unit later.

12. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS:-

These will be located at CAMPAGNE lez BOULLONNAIS.

M.H. Downey
.....Lieut. Colonel.
C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

Issued at 9 a.m. 14/8/17.

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11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.

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-----OPERATION. ORDER. No.12.-----

Map Reference. HAZWEROUCK, 5a.1/100,000.

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1. INTENTION:-

The 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will move into Area occupied by the 9th. Australian Field Ambulance at OUVIEWIRQUIN.
Move to be completed by 1.p.m. on 25/8/17.

2. ADVANCE PARTY:-

"C". Section with Transport will move out from present location at 11. a.m. on 24/8/17 and take over the Field Hospital and Blue Light Establishment at present run by the 9th. Australian Field Ambulance.

3. MAIN PARTIES:-

"A". & "B". Sections will move out at 10. a.m. on 25/8/17 with Sectional Transport.

4. MOTOR AMBULANCES:-

Cars will do usual routine visits to R.A.P.'s to collect Sick. They will then report to M.T. Officer 11th. Australian Field Ambulance at OUVIEWIRQUIN.

5. EXTRA STORES:-

Stores in excess of Mobilization Store Table will not be taken.

M.H. Downey

.....Lieut-Colonel.
C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

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