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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RED FARM	1/10/17		Look over 11 ANZAC M.D.S. at RED FARM (Sheet 28 G.S.d.7.5) from 142nd Hs. Amblee	App. No 1.
"	"		" Divisional Sick Post and Corps Gas Treatment Centre Brandhoek (Sheet 28 G.12	Movement Order No 13.
"	6-8-9) from 8th Field Ambulance. Narrative of Medical arrangement during offensive attached.	App. No 2
"	2/10/17		Captain Sweeney J.G. taken on strength.	Narrative
"	5/10/17		Captain Maxwell R.W. taken on strength from 1st A.A. H.	was
"	15/10/17		Captain Lawrence R.W. taken on strength	was
"	"		" Lewis E.H. taken on strength	was
"	21/10/17		Handed over C.M.D.S. to 13th Canadian Field Ambulance.	was
OUVE WIRQUIN	22/10/17		Entrained at Ypres for WIZERNES. Marched from WIZERNES to Ouve Wirquin where a Field Hospital was opened.	was
"	25/10/17		Captain Graves returned from 3rd Division Concentration Camp.	was
"	26/10/17		Lieut Colonel M.H. DOWNEY transferred to 5th Division as A.D.M.S.	was
"	"		Lieut Colonel R.W. CHAMBERS taken on strength as C.O.	was
"	"		The following M.C.O. and men of Unit were awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty side of Anzac. Routine Order. Para 1399 of 28/10/17:-	was
			No 13448 Sgt GARDINER H.J.	was
			" 12692 Plt ARNHEIM L.R.	was



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---OPERATION. ORDER. No., 13.---

---Map Reference, Sheet 28.1/40,000.---

1. INTENTION:-

The 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will take over Corps Main Dressing Station at RED FARM (G.5.d.7.3.) from the 142nd. Field Ambulance, and Divisional Sick Post and Corps Gas Treatment Centre at BRANDHORN (G.12.b.8.7.) from the 8th. Field Ambulance.

2. ADVANCE PARTIES:-

(a). Major CHAPLIN, Captain LOVE and 22 Other Ranks ("B". Section) with Sectional Transport will move out from present location at 3. p.m. 30/9/17 and take over Corps Main Dressing Station.

1/10/17
(b). Major MEEHAN, Major BRUMMITT and "C". Section with Transport will move from present location at 3. p.m. 30/9/17 and take over Divisional Sick Post and Corps Gas Treatment Centre.

3. MAIN PARTIES:-

"A". Section, remainder of "B". Section, and remainder of Unit Transport will report at Corps Main Dressing Station at 10. a.m. 1/10/17.

4. MOTOR AMBULANCES:-

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All Talbot Cars of the Unit will be handed over to O.C., 6th. M.A.C. (G.5.d.7.3.) at 10. a.m. 1/10/17.

5. RATIONS:-

Advance Parties will carry Rations for 24 hours.

6. STORES:-

Receipts for all Stores taken over from Stations will be in quadruplicate.

7. EVACUATION OF CASES:-

(a). Wounded will be sent by M.A.C. Cars from C.M.D.S. to C.C.S. at REMY SIDING.

(b). Slight Sick Cases will be transferred from Divisional Sick Post to C.R.S. at HILLHORN.

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

Issued at 2 p.m. 30/9/17.

Distribution:-

- Copy No., 1. A.D.M.S. 3rd. Aust. Div.
2. G.O.C., 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
3. C.O., 6th. Field Ambulance.
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6. War Diary.

NARRATIVE OF MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS AND WORK DURING THE YPRES
OFFENSIVE FROM 1st to 21st. OCTOBER, 1917.

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After resting at OUVÉ WIRQUIN for 4 weeks the Unit took over II. ANZAC Main Dressing Station at RED FARM (Sheet 28. G.5.d.7.3.) from 142nd. Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. Lieut-Colonel Downey being in charge. Also took over Divisional Sick Post and Corps Gas Treatment Centre at BRANDHOEK from 8th. Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. "A". and "B". Section Tent Sub-Divisions remained for duty at Corps Main Dressing Station and "C". Section Tent Sub-Division in charge of Major MEEHAN reported for duty at Divisional Sick Post and Corps Gas Treatment Centre. Officers were distributed as follows:-

At C.M.D.S. Lieut-Colonel DOWNEY, Major CHAPLIN, Captains SMITH, LOVE, and DUNSTAN.

At D.S.P. and C.G.T.C. Major MEEHAN, Major BRUMMITT, Captain SWEENEY.

On 3rd. October all Stretcher Bearers were attached with 9th. Australian Field Ambulance for duty in forward area. All Talbot Ambulance Cars were attached to 6th. M.A.C. The 2 Ford Ambulance Cars were attached to 9th. Australian Field Ambulance.

On 3rd. October, 10th. Australian Field Ambulance took charge of D.S.P. and C.G.T.C. at BRANDHOEK. "C". Section Tent Sub-Division remaining for duty.

The following were attached for duty at C.M.D.S.:-

(1st.Oct.)	Officers.	Other Ranks.	
	6.	76.	from N.Z.M.C.
		40.	from C.R.S. (light duty men).
		15.	from 22nd. Labour Coy. for burial duties.
(3rd.Oct.)	Officers.	Other Ranks.	
	1.	25.	3rd. Australian Sanitary Section
	1.	21.	New Zealand " "
	-	12.	10th. Australian Fld. Amblce.
Total attached.		Officers.	Other Ranks.
		8.	189.

The following were the Medical arrangements:-

In the Admitting Room Field Medical Cards and Buff Slips were filled in. 1 N.C.O. and 6 Clerks being on duty with 4 fatigues providing blankets.

In the adjoining hut hot drinks were given and warm clothing was provided where necessary. A.T.S. was injected and cases sorted out for - "E". Evacuations, "D". Dressing, "R" Requiring treatment in Resuscitation Room. 3 Medical Officers, 2 Staff Sergeant Dispensers, 6 Orderlies (2 for hot drinks) and 2 for fatigues were on duty in this room. The next hut was the dressing room where 6 tables were provided. 5 Medical Officers were on duty, 2 Orderlies to each table (1 for aseptic work) and 3 fatigues. In the Resuscitation Room were 1 Medical Officer and 2 Orderlies. One M.O. was on duty for special urgent cases that were not unloaded from cars.

In the Evacuating Room 1 N.C.O. and 2 Clerks were engaged collecting and marking the Buff Slips and completing any omissions on Field Medical Cards.

The Buff Slips were sent at intervals to Recording Office where 1 Sergeant Clerk and 3 Private Clerks were engaged for A.&D. Books and wires. Here also were received Buff Slips and records from forward area of deaths etc.

The rooms were warmed by means of Canadian Stoves and Oil Heaters. The latter often being placed under a Stretcher while the patient was being dressed which was very satisfactory.

In the Dispensary were 2 Staff Sergeants and 2 Orderlies. Supplies were promptly forwarded to forward area which entailed a large amount of work.

The Q.M. Store was manned by 1 Lieut. Q.M., 1 Sergeant and 2 Privates.

The Pack Store work was done by 1 N.C.O. and 1 Private in 12 hourly shifts.

The Mortuary and Cemetary work engaged 1 N.C.O. and 14 Other Ranks attached from 22nd. Labour Coy.

Orderly Officer's work was carried out by the Dental Officer, 46th. Dental Unit.

There was a good supply of Blankets and Stretchers which were supplied by Corps. The whole of the forward area was supplied with these.

The first Offensive was on the early morning of the 4th, October. Summary of cases admitted is shown at the end of this narrative:-

On 6th, October, the following marched out:-

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
2.	37. N.Z.M.C.
1.	25. 3rd. Aust. San. Sect.
1.	21. N.Z. " "
-	12. 10th. Field Ambce.
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4.	95.
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and the following marched in.:-

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
4.	53. 1/3rd. West Riding Field Ambce.
4.	39. 2/1st. East Lancs. Field Ambce.
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8.	92.
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total now attached being. Officers 11, O.R. 184.

On 6th, October all Stretcher Bearers were relieved in Forward Area by 66th. Division and returned to BRANDOEK with 11th. Infantry Brigade where a Field Hospital was opened. ~~At~~ "B". Section Tent Sub-Division moved to BRANDOEK for this purpose. Major MEEHAN from C.G.T.C. being in charge.

On 9th, October all Stretcher Bearers were again attached to 9th. Australian Field Ambulance for duty in Forward Area. Major MEEHAN took charge and Captains DUNSTAN and LOVE from C.M.D.S. moved with them for duty in Forward Area.

On 11th, October Major MEEHAN and Captain DUNSTAN whilst making medical arrangements were both wounded. Major BRUMMITT from C.G.T.C. went to Forward Area to replace Major MEEHAN.

The Second Offensive was on the early morning of 12th. inst. Summary of cases admitted is shown at end of this narrative.

The 3rd. Australian Division was relieved by 4th. Canadian Division on 21/10/17.

The Unit Casualties were:-

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed.	-	4.
Wounded.	2.	13. (of whom 3 Died of Wounds).

While all the men did splendid work under dangerous and trying conditions the following were awarded MILITARY MEDALS:-

No.13448. Sergeant GARDINER H.J.
No.12692. Private ARNHEIM L.R. (Died of Wounds).



R. H. Lambert Lt Col.
C.O. 11th Aust. Field Amb.

11th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

SUMMARY OF CASES ADMITTED AT CORPS MAIN DRESSING STATION,

II. ANZAC, FROM 1/10/17, TO 21/10/17.

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<u>Date.</u>	<u>ANZACS.</u>	<u>E. E. F.</u>	<u>PRISONERS.</u>
October, 1st.			
" 2nd.	67.	85.	-
" 3rd.	104.	27.	-
" 4th.	72.	37.	-
" 5th.	824.	75.	97.
" 6th.	202.	26.	76.
" 7th.	68.	103.	12.
" 8th.	28.	99.	3.
" 9th.	21.	112.	-
" 10th.	87.	356.	13.
" 11th.	55.	262.	3.
" 12th.	85.	194.	1.
" 13th.	432.	80.	15.
" 14th.	410.	100.	2.
" 15th.	216.	54.	5.
" 16th.	85.	60.	2.
" 17th.	102.	30.	-
" 18th.	92.	61.	-
" 19th.	125.	128.	-
" 20th.	70.	53.	-
	3145.	1942.	229.



J. H. Hunt Lt Col.
C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.



SUMMARY OF CASES ADMITTED TO THE ANZAC SECTION, Q.A.D., 14 NOV 1917

II. ANZAC, FROM 1/10/17, TO 31/10/17.

PRISONERS.

E. F. F.

ANZACS.

Date.

1st Oct.	2nd Oct.	3rd Oct.	4th Oct.	5th Oct.	6th Oct.	7th Oct.	8th Oct.	9th Oct.	10th Oct.	11th Oct.	12th Oct.	13th Oct.	14th Oct.	15th Oct.	16th Oct.	17th Oct.	18th Oct.	19th Oct.	20th Oct.	21st Oct.	22nd Oct.	23rd Oct.	24th Oct.	25th Oct.	26th Oct.	27th Oct.	28th Oct.	29th Oct.	30th Oct.	31st Oct.
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