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WAR DIARY

OF

15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MONTIERES	1/2-8-18		No entries necessary. RW	
	3-9-18		CAPTAINS H.W.B. CAIRNS and H. SYMONDS taken on strength as A.G.B.D. CAPTAIN J.L. DIGGLE and No. 9888, Lt/Cpl P.J. HORAN ceased to be detached to AUST CORPS GAS SCHOOL on rejoining Unit. No. 14014.	
			Pte R.S. MAITLAND rejoined Unit from Hospital as H.G.B.D. RW	
	4-8-18		CAPTAIN H.W.B. CAIRNS and No. 1579, Lt/Cpl H PAGE temporarily detached for course at AUST. CORPS GAS SCHOOL.	RW
	5-8-18		No. 6851, Dvr. R.S. CLARK transferred to H.A.O.C. A.I.F. and struck off strength - Authority - D.D.M.S.	
			AUST. CORPS memo P.3/270 dated 3-8-1918. RW	
PETIT BLANGY	6-8-18		CAPTAIN B. McN. BEITH transferred to 53 rd BATTALION as R.M.O. vice CAPTAIN E.E. PITTMAN transferred to this AMBULANCE - AUTHORITY - A.D.M.S., 5 th AUST DIVISION memo J.21/94 dt. 6-8-18 RW	
	7-8-18		No entries necessary. RW	
WARFUSSEE - ABANCOURT	8-8-18		No. 17153, PRIVATE W.G. TAYLOR killed in action near HARBONNIERES No. 14014, PRIVATE R.S. MAITLAND wounded in action and evacuated to C.C.S. RW	
	9-8-18		CAPTAIN J.S. WILSON seriously wounded in action in HARBONNIERES, removed to A.D.S., WARFUSSEE - ABANCOURT (7 th AUST. FIELD AMBULANCE) and died about 4-30pm No. 4306, Pte W.D. MARTIN, 15 th AUST FIELD AMBULANCE and No. 2-130, M.T. Dvr. H.O.W. BASEDOW, 5 th AUST. M.T. Coy attached 15 th AUST FIELD AMBULANCE	
			wounded in action and evacuated to C.C.S. No. 6878, Pte T.S. LAWRENCE slightly wounded in	

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	9-9-18		action but remained on duty. RN	
	10-8-18		No 2857, DR. S.V.D. BOWD and No 6859, DR. J.E. FOSTER killed in action at 12.30pm. No 6167 Lt/Colt E. ROGERS wounded in action and evacuated to C.C.S. No 7666, Driver H.J. BAIRD wounded in action but remained on duty. No 362, WARRANT OFFICER G.C. CARLOS reporting to A.I.F. Headquarters London, for transport duty to Australia struck off strength. - Authority - 5 th Aust Div memo A.54/4964 dated 9-8-18. CAPTAIN H.W.B. CAIRNS and No 1579, L/Cpl M. PAGE ceased to be detailed to Aust. Corps GAS SCHOOL on rejoining Unit RN	
PETIT BLANGY	11-8-18		No entries necessary RN	
	12-8-18		CAPTAIN H. SYMONDS temporarily detailed as P.M.O. 60 th Aust INFANTRY BATTALION. CAPTAIN W.L. SMITH, M.C. proceeded on leave to U.K. from 13-8-18 to 27-8-18. No 6011 Pte. W.T. WALDEN and No 15798 Pte. L.A. HILL evacuated to C.C.S. sick and struck off strength. RN	
	13-8-18		The following men being evacuated to C.C.S. are struck off strength - 1122 Pte R. STC. FITZSIMMONS, 18548, Pte. E.A. WOOD, 15527, Pte. C.N. BRACK, 19232, Pte. H.G. LAYCOCK and No 6879, Pte. T.S. LAWRENCE. RN	
WIENCOURT	13-8-18		15798 Pte. L.A. HILL No 15152, MT/DR. S.R.A. ARNOLD is attached from 5 th Aust M.T. Coy via DR. BASEDOW evacuated wounded. RN	

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WIENCOURT	14/15-8-18		No entries necessary. RN	
FOUILLOY	16-8-18		No. 6850, P/O G.W. CLAMPETT rejoined Unit from detachment to A.D.M.S., 5 th AUST. DIVISION RN	
	19-8-18		MAJOR J.V. PEARCE temporarily detached for duty with BLOOD TRANSFUSION TEAM; MAJOR S.T. APPLEFORD appointed R.M.O., 5 th AUST. DIV. TRAIN is struck off strength. CAPTAIN A.F. SUTTON, O. Y.C. No. 23 DENTAL UNIT proceed on leave to U.K. RN	
	19-8-18		CAPTAIN H. SYMONDS ceased to be detached as R.M.O., 60 th BATTALION, A.I.F. on rejoining Unit.	
			CAPTAIN H.W.B. CAIRNS temporarily detached for duty as R.M.O., 5 th AUST. INFANTRY BATTALION. RN	
	20/21-8-18		No entries necessary. RN	
	22-8-18		CAPTAIN W.L. SMITH "MC" transferred to No. 1 AUST. CONV. DEPOT as from termination of leave, viz. 24-8-18 is struck off strength as from that date. Authority - A.D.M.S., 5 th AUST. DIVISION J.6/83	
			CAPTAIN H. SYMONDS transferred to 5 th AUST. PIONEER BATTALION as R.M.O. is struck off strength. Authority - A.D.M.S., 5 th Aust Division J.10/83 dated 22-8-18. No. 3005, Sgt W.R.B. JOHNSON evacuated to C.C.S. and struck off strength. No. 9814 LCE/SGT E.A.S. MACDONNELL transferred from No. 1 A.D.H. is taken on strength vice No. 1851, LCE/SGT O.A. CROPLEY "D.C.M." RN	
VAIRE	23/24-8-18		No entries necessary. RN	
	25-8-18		CAPTAIN E.E. PITTMAN transferred to ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE, MONTE VIDEO CAMP, ENGLAND, is struck off strength. RN	

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OF

15TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE, A.I.F.

FOR

AUGUST 1918.

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| 6 | Report on Forward Evacuations in connection with 5th Aust. Div. Battle Instructions to A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division dated 11-8-1918. |
| 7 | Report on W.W.D.S. dated 12-8-18 by Major J.D.Norris to A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division. |
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Appendix to accompany WAR DIARY for August, 1918.

On morning 1-8-18 the Unit marched out from the M.D.S., QUERRIEU to MONTIERES where it joined up with the Advance Party who had established a Hospital of 50 Beds for Brigade sick.

While in this area preparations were made for Brigade Sports and recreations of all descriptions, but the Brigade was called into Action on 5-8-18 for the VILLERS-BRETTONEUX Advance.

A conference of Field Ambulance C.O.'s. was held at A.D.M.S.'s. Office on night of 3-8-18 and the plan of attack discussed.

It was decided to send the Bearer Divisions of each Ambulance with it's respective Brigade into Action under command of C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, who became C.O., Forward Evacuations of 5th Australian Division and was responsible for the evacuation of casualties of the 5th Australian Division to A.D.S. to be established in WARFUSSEE-ABANCOURT.

It was found very difficult to bring out orders of the O's.C. Bearer Divisions when the plans of attack were kept so secret and a lot was left to the initiative of the O's.C., Bearer Divisions (Orders to Bearer Divisions attached).

On the afternoon 5-8-18 the Bearer Divisions marched out to rendezvous as arranged, the Tent Division to the A.D.S. in N.26.d.1.3. (Sheet 62D, S.E.)

The C.O., Forward Evacuations was located at Brigade H.Q. at O.24.c.3.2. (Sheet 62D).

On morning of 7-8-18 at 4-20 the 2nd Aust. Division attacked and were to take the Green Line (see attached Map). At zero plus 1 hour the Bearer Divisions of 15th and 8th Australian Field Ambulances followed the rear guards of their respective Brigades. Considerable difficulty was experienced in maintaining touch on account of the intense smoke barrage and fog in the Valley. Considerable difficulty was experienced throughout the action in controlling the three Bearer Divisions, communication being so difficult on a wide front.

During the Action the Tent Division under Major Norris controlled the W.W.D.S. and advanced in accordance with instructions from A.D.M.S. (see Major Norris's report).

The area was handed over to the 2nd Australian Division when the Division leapfrogged through the 5th Australian Division on 11-8-1918 and the Ambulance withdrawn for a rest to PETIT BLANGY in the Brigade area.

On 13-8-18 the Division was to have come into Action again and the Bearer Division joined the Brigade in the WEINCOURT area. The Tent Division bivouacked in the area awaiting orders to open M.D.S. at GUILLACOURT but the Action was cancelled and the Ambulance withdrew to FOUILLOY HOSPICE taking over from the 17th ~~Australian~~ Division and ran the Station as a Gas Centre.

This Station was handed over to the 1st Australian Division four days later and the Ambulance marched out to VAIRE area to rest with the Brigade.

On 26-8-18 orders were received to take over M.D.S. at Q.26.a.8.5. from 1st Australian Division; the Bearer Division remained with the Brigade in the VAIRE area.

The Bearer Division under A.D.M.S. orders returned to the M.D.S. the following day.

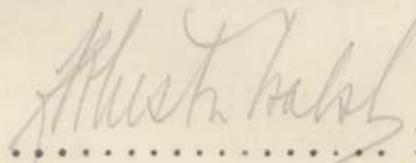
On 28-8-18 the Division again attacked and the Bearers went forward to the Brigade located at FOUCEAUCOURT and the Tent Division to vicinity of ESTREES and opened an A.D.S. This A.D.S. was only in action 20 hours when the Division side stepped North and it was necessary to establish a new A.D.S. at HERBECOURT. This A.D.S. was admirably suited and with plenty of good accommodation. The 15th A. I. Brigade were in the Line, 14th in Reserve and 8th in Support. Considerably difficulty was experienced in evacuating the Brigade as the whole area was overlooked by the enemy who constantly sniped the Ford Cars with whizzbangs, consequently the carries were very long.

279 Ford Loading Post was established in BARLEUX and Main Loading Post in FLAUCOURT. It was found impossible for the Brigade to attack on account of the Canal and marshy ground, so it was decided to attack PERONNE from the North and the 14th A.I. Brigade went round via FUILLERES. This Brigade attacked and the casualties were evacuated through Loading Post at CLERY. This was a Loading Post common to the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Divisions, consequently all cases were mixed up. The Brigade met with considerable opposition and casualties were numerous. The 59th and 60th A.I. Battalions of the 15th A.I. Brigade were called on to assist the 14th A.I. Brigade consequently the evacuation scheme became very mixed as it was impossible to get across the river anywhere except at FUILLERES and the distances covered were very great.

The 8th A.I. Brigade relieved the 14th A.I. Brigade and a new scheme was started since a bridge goes now across the Canal and Marsh at HALLE, a Main Loading Post was established.

The 15th A.I. Brigade afforded considerable difficulty to evacuate, the Battalions kept changing from North of PERONNE to the South and we could not keep pace with the Action, nor could information from Brigades be obtained as to where R.A.Ps. were. The reason why so much difficulty was caused in the Sector was that the Area in I.32 and 33 were under Machine Gun Fire and close observation, Machine Gun fire being only a few hundred yards away and the river was only able to be crossed by Cars in one place. Later on this route was opened and a Car Loading Post established but too late to be of any use as the Brigade again side stepped to the South and I was ordered to hand over the A.D.S. to the 10th Australian Field Ambulance and open up as M.D.S. at ESTREES on 5-9-1918.

Owing to the great activity and movement it has been impossible to make this Diary as complete as possible.



..... Lieut-Colonel,

C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

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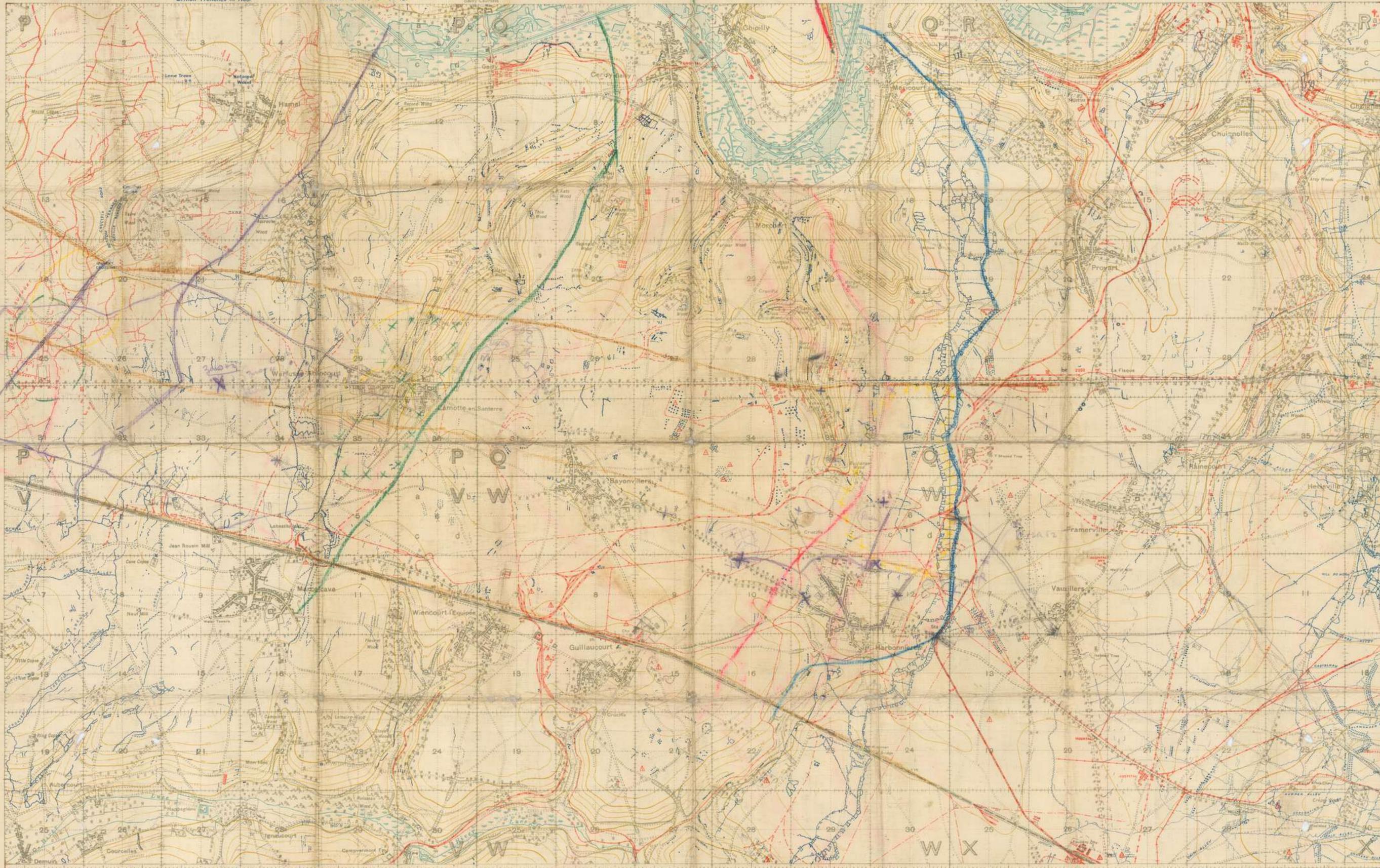
NOTE CHANGE OF COLOUR.
Enemy Trenches in Blue.
British Trenches in Red.

TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION
RECEIVED UP TO 7.7.18

FRANCE

EDITION 3 B. (Local)

SHEET 62^D S.E.



U.S.G.S. 2742

REFERENCE

- Any trench especially organized for fire
- Enemy Trenches
- Other Trenches
- Trenches (important ones are shown by thick line. Old or disused by dotted line)
- British Trenches
- Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle
- Enemy's Tracks

Buried Pipeline or Cable
 Airline
 Supply Dumps
 Ammunition
 Earthworks
 Dug-outs
 Huts
 Works reinforced by concrete

Gun Emplacements
 Machine Gun
 Trench Mortar
 A-A Gun
 Fortified
 Organized Shell Holes

Observation Posts
 Listening Posts
 Mine Craters
 Fortified
 Organized Shell Holes

Hedges, Fence or Ditch
 Ditch with Permanent Water
 Conspicuous Points
 (Position of point is trigonometrically fixed)

Houses
 Shrines

Railways
 Permanent
 Light
 Temporary
 Trench Tramways
 Normal Gauge
 Double
 Single
 Metric Gauge Railways or 60 cm.

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 METRES.
 ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

NOTE—The fact that a distance is not represented on the map does not necessarily mean that it is not there. It is only a question of the length of the scale of the map. It is to be assumed that there are obstacles in front of all the trenches (shown by thick line).

Scale 1:20,000
 Metres 0 500 1000 2000 3000 4000
 Yards 0 500 1000 2000 3000 4000

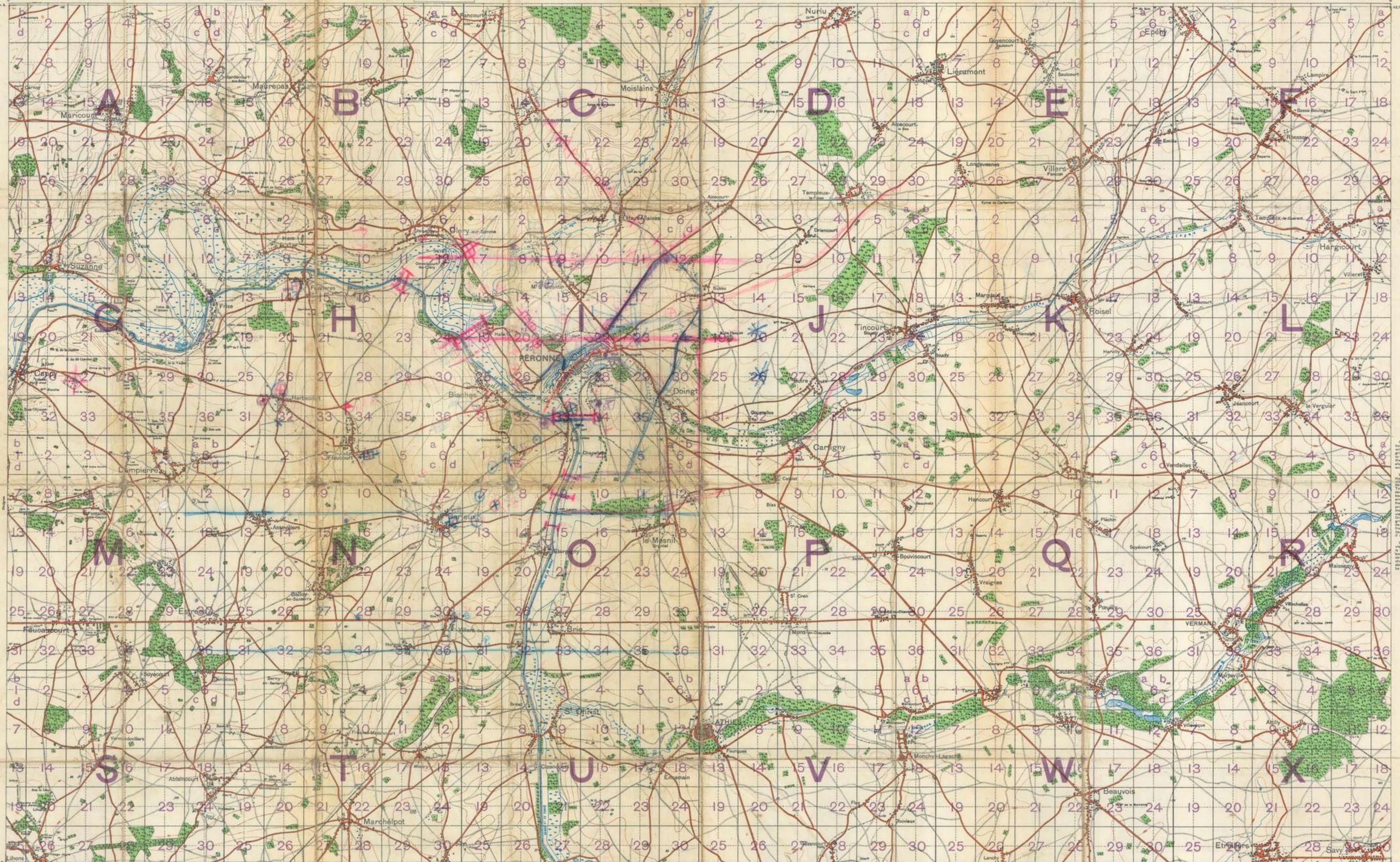
FIELD SURVEY BY S.E. (504) II-7.18

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On several maps an
bearing about the
grid lines which are
parallel to the East
and West edges of
the sheet. Bearings
shown always in
degrees from 0° to 360°

Grid bearings are
less than compass
bearings because of
the magnetic declination.
To find out what the
magnetic declination
is at a certain place,
and to convert the
grid bearing to the
compass bearing, or
vice versa, see the
value of that declination
from the
magnetic declination
of any point from
the magnetic declination
of the same bearing
bearing 100° to the
left.

On this sheet the mean
direction of a normal
compass is 20° E. but in
some places the
declination of each
compass is shown
above, and the true
bearing is shown
below.

REFERENCE

- Highs, Fences or Dikes
- Ditch with Permanent Water
- Contour Lines
- Oblique of point to centre of circle. Dot shows that point is trigonometrically fixed.
- Normal Gauge, Double
- Permanent Railway
- Light
- Man-Road

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES

1. The grid rectangles on the map, labeled A, B, C, etc., are divided into squares of 1000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is subdivided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as letters A, B, C, etc. (See Square No. 1 in next column).

2. To locate a point within a small square, consider the sides divided into tenths. The letter of the square is written from left to right, and the number of tenths is written from top to bottom, along the bottom side, using the letter of the first figure. Thus the point Z would be 63 (i.e. 6 divisions East and 3 divisions North from 63).

3. When more accurate reference is wanted (on the 1:50,000 or 1:100,000 scale) use only the same method but divide into 100 parts East and 47 parts North of origin (see column X, Page 1 of 62C).

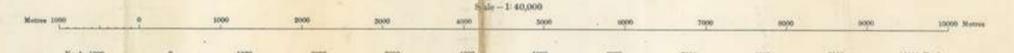
4. Use of the grid of 10; use either two or four figures. Do not use fractions (e.g., 4.5).



ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES.

TABLE FOR CONVERTING METRES TO FEET.

Metres	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
20	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
30	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108
40	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140
50	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173
60	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206
70	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239
80	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272
90	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305
100	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337



Colour Interval—
N.W. & S.E. 10 metres.
N.E. 20

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APPENDIX 10

15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.
4th August, 1918.

To/
Major J. D. Norris,
15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

Movement Order -
Reference Sheet - Map 62D, S.E.

You will proceed in charge of the Tent Divisions and Horse Transport, ~~less Horse drawn Ambulance Wagons~~, 15th Australian Field Ambulance, to A. D. S., N.26.d.1.3. and report to the Officer-in-Charge for duty.

Movement to take place on the night 5th/6th August, 1918.

Steel Helmets and Small Box Respirators will be worn; 48 hours rations, water bottles freshly filled and haversacks with toilet necessities will be carried. Packs with blanket will be left under guard at the School-house, MONTIERES.

Brassards sewn on the left sleeve and Identity Discs suspended around the neck to be worn by all ranks.

You will carry out all instructions issued you by the A.D.M.S., 2nd Australian Division, whilst in this Sector.

.....Lieut-Colonel,

C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.



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5th August, 1918.

To/
Sergeant W. G. Wiesener,
No. 5 Australian M.T. Company attached 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.

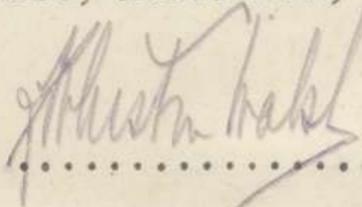
Reference - Movement Order - Reference Sheet, Map 62D, S.E.

You will proceed in charge of Motor Ambulance Cars on the night 5th/6th August, 1918, to A.D.S. - N.26.d.1.3. - and report to Captain Fay for duty. From this time and until further orders your personnel and Cars will be at the disposal of Captain Fay.

Steel helmets, and Small Box Respirators will be worn; 48 hours rations, water bottles freshly filled and Haversacks with toilet necessaries will be carried. Packs with blanket will be left under guard at the School-house, MONTIERES.

Identity discs suspended around the neck must be worn by all ranks.

All spare equipment will be left at the 15th Australian Field Ambulance dump at the School-house, MONTIERES, before departure.



..... Lieut-Colonel,

C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.



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15TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE, A.I.F.

Movement Order No. 2 by Lieut-Colonel R. Whiston Walsh, D.S.O. Commanding.
issued at 2 p.m. 5-8-1918.

Reference Sheet - Map 62D, S.E.

The 15th Australian Field Ambulance will move off on the night 5th/6th August, 1918 in accordance with Medical Instructions No. 2 in conjunction with the 5th Australian Divisional Battle Instructions.

The Tent Sub-Divisions and Horse Transport under Major J. D. Norris, will move to the A.D.S., N.26.d.1.3. and report to the Officer-in-Charge on night 5th/6th August, 1918.

The Bearer Division under Major R. F. Craig will move to the proximity of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade, on the night 5th/6th August 1918, with Wheelers, Stretchers, Haversacks with shell dressings and Water Bottles freshly filled as laid down in Mobilization Table together with Splints and Dressings as notified.

The Mechanical Transport under Sergeant W.G. Wiesener will report to Captain Fay at A.D.S., N.26.d.1.3. on the night 5th/6th August, 1918.

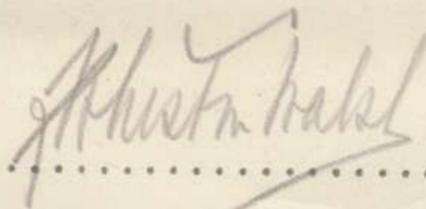
Horse Drawn Ambulance Wagons will report to Lieut-Colonel Crowther at A.D.S., N.26.d.1.3. on night 5th/6th August, 1918.

Steel Helmets and Small Box Respirators will be worn; 48 hours rations, water bottles freshly filled and haversacks with toilet necessaries will be carried. Packs with blanket will be left under Guard at the School-house, MONTIERES.

Brassards sewn on the left sleeve and Identity Discs suspended around the neck must be worn by all ranks.

The No. 23 Dental Unit will remain at the School-house, MONTIERES and the personnel of this Unit with 3 men from 15th Australian Field Ambulance will form the Baggage Guard.

The Quartermaster will arrange for 96 hours rations for this Guard of 5 Other Ranks.



.....Lieut-Colonel,
 C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

COPIES TO:-

Officer i/c Tent Divisions.
 " " Bearer Division
 Transport Officer
 O. i/c Mechanical Transport

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15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.
5th August, 1918.

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To/
Officer-in-Charge,
Bearer Divisions,
8th Australian Field Ambulance.

Reference - 5th Australian Division Medical Arrangements Nos. 1 and 2 in conjunction with 5th Australian Divisional Battle Instructions.

You will proceed with Bearer Division, 8th Australian Field Ambulance, on the night 5th/6th August, 1918 to the vicinity of AUBIGNY and bivouac.

You will report to C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance at 10 p.m. on the night 5th/6th August, 1918, at O.24.c.4.4. when further instructions will be issued.

You will notify C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance your exact location and any changes you may make while operating with the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Locations :- C.O., 15th Aust. Field AmbulanceO.24.c.4.4
8th Aust. I. Brigade HeadquartersO.24.c.3.2

You will take the following stores forward with you :-

- 7 Thomas' Splints
- 9 Posterior Leg Splints
- 18 Sandbags of Bandages
- 3 Sandbags Triangular Bandages
- 2 Sandbags of Gauze.
- 16 Sandbags Shell Dressings.
- 18 Internal Angular Iron Splints.
- 6 Sandbags of Cotton Wool.
- 3 rolls Gooch Splinting.

Also Wheelers, Stretchers, Haversacks with Shell Dressings and Water Bottles freshly filled as laid down in Mobilization Table.

Steel Helmets and Small Box Respirators will be worn, 48 hours rations, water bottles freshly filled and haversacks with toilet necessities will be carried.

Brassards sewn on the left sleeve and Identity Discs suspended around the neck to be worn by all ranks.

On arrival at 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Start Line you will detail one Bearer Squad with Red Cross Pennant to each R.M.O. of 8th Australian Infantry Brigade for contact duty during the advance.

You will advance in extended order in rear of the Brigade when it moves forward maintaining contact with R.M.Os. throughout.

Attention is specially directed to Fourth Army Standing Orders paras. 890 to 905.

You will furnish at once to C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance any enemy documents which may fall into the hands of the A.A.M.C. personnel. Special care will be taken that no documents are destroyed by prisoners.

Information from your Medical Post during the Advance must be sent back; to this end two runners will be detailed for each Bearer Medical Officer. Bearer Squads taking patients back should not be given these messages to deliver. The Map location at which the message is written must be included at the end of the message. The time and date of message must always be stated and a receipt obtained at the place of delivery stating the time received.

It is most important that SECRECY should be observed and the operation carried out as a surprise.

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All movements of troops will take place by night.

Clearing of the Wounded.

Your personnel will clear all Wounded from Regimental Aid Posts.

Prior to the establishment of Forward Medical Posts in definite locations, the general rule to be followed is that wounded will be brought to or near Roads, where they will be readily seen by Ambulances and other transport and collected.

If the situation demands that your personnel should not remain with the patients so left, flags or some other indicating mark should be fixed to direct the attention of returning transport to these wounded.

Crops that have been fought over will be carefully searched.

On arrival in the vicinity of the Green Line you will halt; locate one suitable spot for Car Loading Post, arrange system of Relay Posts with R.A.Ps., be prepared to evacuate the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade casualties, and await further instructions from the C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance before advancing beyond the Green Line.

The C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance will be located at A.D.S., WARFUSSEE-ABANCOURT.

from the Green Line

On receiving instructions to advance you will immediately send forward two Bearer Sub-Divisions, who will get into touch with R.A.Ps., arrange system of Relay Posts to suitable Motor Loading Post to be selected and arrange for the evacuation of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Wounded. The remaining Bearer Sub-Division will move forward in extended order over the Brigade Front searching the area for casualties and carrying these to the neighbourhood of Roads where they will be readily seen and collected by Transport.

You will forward to C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance all changes in location and location of system of Relay Posts.

From 10 p.m. night of 5th/6th August, 1918 until zero plus one hour, the C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance will be located at O. 24.c.4.4.

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Lieut-Colonel,

C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.



15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.
11th August, 1918.

To/
A. D. M. S.,
5th Australian Division.

Report on Forward Evacuations in conjunction with
5th Australian Divisional Battle Instructions.

(1) RECOUNTEL OF PLAN.

Attached instructions were forwarded to Os.C. Bearer Divisions and the following arrangements were made in conference with Os.C.

- (a) Bearers to get in touch with Brigades on night 5/6-8-18.
- (b) One Squad to be attached to each R.M.O. with pennant flag for contact duty.
- (c) Bearers to move forward at Zero plus one hour in sub-divisions 500 yards in rear of rear guard till the Green Line was reached where they were to select suitable Car Loading Post and connect this Post by a system of Relays with R.A.Ps.
- (d) To collect casualties during Advance and place them on or near roads, but not to lose position in Advance by so doing.
- (e) Await further instructions at Green Line from C.O., Forward Evacuations.
- (f) On receiving instructions to advance from Green Line to Red Line, two sub-divisions to go forward maintaining contact with R.A.Ps., the remaining Bearer Division to advance in extended order over Brigade Front searching for and collecting Wounded.
- (g) Near the Red Line to select two suitable Advanced Motor Loading Posts, work out system of relays to that Post for evacuation of Wounded, the remaining Bearer Sub-Division to be held in reserve.
- (h) Arrangements were made with the C.O., Forward Evacuations, 2nd Aust. Division to send forward to vicinity of P.28.d. 300 Stretchers and 400 Blankets and to push forward Ford Ambulance Cars and Horse Drawn Ambulance Wagons as soon as possible to this area.

It was mainly due to the absolute understanding and complete co-operation with the C.O., Forward Evacuations, 2nd Aust. Division, that the evacuations were carried through so successfully.

(2) RECOUNTEL OF EVENTS.

Bearer Divisions took up positions in accordance with instructions, except that the Staff Captain, 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, failed to meet the 15th Aust. Field Ambulance Bearers at the rendezvous, N.24.c.4.4. Major Craig then notified me and I arranged for him to remain where he was for that night, but to bivouac the night 6/7-8-18 in vicinity of O.26. and make contact with 60th Battalion, the rear guard of 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and to advance in rear of that Battalion to the Start Line.

At Zero the Brigade moved forward followed by respective Bearer Divisions, but owing to fog and dense smoke barrage it was difficult to keep contact.

On arrival at Green Line, contact was made with 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Battalions but failed with the 8th Brigade Battalions. I established Post at P.28.d.9.1.

I selected spot in WARFUSSEE-ABANCOURT in conjunction with Lieut-Colonel Wilson and the Stretchers and Blankets were

(2) RECOUNTAL OF EVENTS (Continued).

dumped at that spot at 8-30 a.m.

8th Aust. Field Amblice, Bearer Division then established at P.29.central. and 15th Aust. Field Amblice, Bearer Division established at P.34.c.

A.D.S. located at WARFUSSEE-ARANCOURT.

Main Road for VILLERS-BRETTONEUX open for Ambulance Cars at 8 a.m. First Car Load left Post at 8-55 a.m.

At 9-30, as I could get no confirmation of capture of Red Line and the barrage had been lifted for some time, I gave instructions to Bearer Divisions to advance cautiously in accordance with Bearer Instructions. I then proceeded forward and established my Headquarters at W.3.central.

The 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade R.A.Ps. were then situated as follows :-

57th and 60th Battalions W.9.c.5.7.

59th Battalion W.11.c.4.9.

58th Battalion W.3.d.9.6.

The latter Post had to be evacuated owing to shelling and was then located in BAYONVILLERS.

For the evacuation of this Brigade the following scheme was adopted -

Sunbeam Loading Post, 2 Cars, located at W.3.a.central.

Ford Car Loading Post at W.9.c.2.4. evacuating the 57th and 60th Battalions to A.D.S.

A system of Relay Posts between 59th Battalion R.A.P., W.11.c.4.9. and Loading Post W.3.a.central.

At this time two squads were placed at each R.A.P. and 8 Stretchers and 16 Blankets were put at each R.A.P., returning Cars bringing up shell dressings, splints, etc.

Reserve Bearers kept at W.3.central.

The 8th Aust. Field Amblice, Bearers were very late in coming up forward owing to confusion of location and Captain Brown having knee trouble he was not able to keep up and take charge.

At length, 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade Battalions located and suitable Posts established.

Sunbeam Car Loading Post at Q.29.c.8.4. clearing 32nd Battalion R.A.P. located at Q.36.b.2.6. and 30th Battalion R.A.P. at Q.30.c.2.4.

Sunbeam Car Post at W.5.c.2.5. evacuating 29th Battalion R.A.P. to A.D.S.,

Ford Car Post at W.6.a.4.4. evacuating 31st Battalion R.A.P. to W.3.a.

Reserve of Bearers, 8th Aust. Field Amblice, Bearer Division located at Q.28.c.4.4.

On the morning of 9-8-18 the 29th Battalion and 15th Brigade attacked at 11 a.m.

The 29th Battalion R.A.P. moved up to W.12.a. and the first cases were evacuated by Car through HARBONNIERES, but one Car was hit by shell siren so scheme was changed.

Sunbeam Loading Post was formed at W.10.a.6.9. and Ford Loading Post at W.11.b.8.7., this latter Post clearing 31st Battalion R.A.P. at W.6.a.4.4; and 29th Battalion R.A.P. at W.12.a.

The route was across country over tracks to avoid the town which was being heavily shelled.

Bearer Relay Posts were formed between R.A.Ps. and Ford Post.

The Loading Post at W.10.a.6.9. became the main evacuating centre and casualties started pouring in. Six Ambulance Cars and Nine Horse Drawn Ambulance Wagons were working from W.10.a.6.9. to A.D.S., WARFUSSEE-ARANCOURT and ~~four~~ Ford Cars between Loading Post W.11.b.8.7. and Sunbeam Post at W.10.a.6.9.

The 57th and 60th Battalions advanced and R.A.Ps. were established in W.17.c. Bearer Relays working between these R.A.Ps. to Loading Post at W.10.a.6.9. Later one Ford Car was placed at 57th Battalion R.A.P., W.17.c.

The Sunbeam Motor Post was the main channel of evacuation

(2) ²⁷⁹ RECOUNTAL OF EVENTS (Continued).

for 29th, 31st, 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th Battalions as well as all Units of the 1st and 2nd Aust. Divisions which then had no definite system in hand. Later on the system was taken over by the 2nd Aust. Division.

The only Post remaining constant throughout the Operations was the Post clearing 30th Battalion at Q.24.c.8.4.

Captain Brown detailed Captain Roberts to relieve Major Wells wounded in action.

Captain J.S. Wilson was seriously wounded in HARBONNIERES on the morning of the 9-8-18 at 11-45 and he died later at the A.D.S.

The 14th Brigade Bearers had no difficulties to overcome; they maintained contact with Brigade Units throughout the Operation and did not come into Action.

(3) DEDUCTIONS.

The task of controlling the evacuations of three ~~Brigade~~ Brigades in Action is almost impossible unless experienced Bearer Captains are in Action with the Bearer Divisions and suitable quick transport is at hand for C.O. Forward Evacuations. Communications between O.C. Bearer Divisions and C.O. Forward Evacuations is very difficult although each Bearer Captain had two runners each, the distances to be covered were so great that messages were considerably delayed.

The wait at the Green Line, as ordered, was a big mistake under the conditions on the 8-8-18 as the Infantry advance was so rapid that it was a great strain on the Bearers to catch up and make contact with the R.A.Ps., but once in contact with the R.A.Ps. and Loading Posts formed, the evacuations proceeded satisfactorily without any confusion or delay, even though the R.A.Ps. advanced contact could always be maintained.

Throughout the operations all ranks displayed untiring energy, great keenness and devotion to duty.

Alfred H. H. H. H.

.....Lieut-Colonel.

C. O., Forward Evacuations.

5th Australian Division.

To/
A. D. M. S.,
5th Australian Division.

Report on Walking Wounded Dressing Stations.

(1) RECOUNTAL OF PLAN.

Three Tent Sub-Divisions of 15th Australian Field Ambulance were placed at my disposal by C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance for establishment of W.W.D.S.

Emergency Surgical Equipment was prepared and packed at MONTIERES in view of move.

As all Field Ambulance Transport was detailed to move with my Column, emergency equipment was packed in minimum space per Section and loaded on top of Mobilization Store Equipment ready for removal at short notice.

Stores consisted of the following :-

Each Tent Sub-Division carried :-

- (a) Containers - Tin rectangular boxes filled with sterile emergency dressings and instruments.
- (b) Sandbags - packed with A.T.S. - 50 phials per Section, with dressings used for packing purposes.
- (c) Splints.

Staff Sergeant Dispensers and Staff Sergeants Nursing Duties of each Section in conjunction with Quartermaster's Staff were instructed to be prepared to unload any equipment required at short notice. By these means the Tent Sub-Divisions were ready to move off completely equipped to deal with all casualties up to 900 in number, pending the arrival of further medical stores from back areas.

No definite orders were received re replenishment of above Stores.

(2) RECOUNTAL OF ACTUAL EVENTS.

The 3 Tent Sub-Divisions with Horse Transport complete moved off from MONTIERES at 6 p.m. 5-8-18 proceeding to N.28.c. 5.4. They there reported to C.O., 7th Australian Field Ambulance and the next morning assumed duties of W.W.D.S. at N.28.c. 5.4.

This Station carried on as W.W.D.S. until new W.W.D.S. was established at WHITE CHATEAU and Walking Wounded diverted there.

Orders received from A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division, to close this W.W.D.S. at 12-30 p.m. 8-8-18 and to be in readiness to proceed to new site. Station finally closed and personnel ready to move off by 1-45 p.m.

While at this Station (N.28.c.5.4.) 328 cases were passed through.

On receipt of orders from A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division personnel, horse transport, less horse drawn ambulance wagons, and equipment moved off at 3-15 p.m. arriving at WARFUSSEE-BRANCOURT at 5-45 p.m. and W.W.D.S. was opened at P.29.c. 5.4. at 7 p.m.

Medical arrangements in accordance with D.D.M.S., Australian Corps and A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division, were issued for each Station - copies appended.

W.W.D.S. established at P.29.c.5.4. at 7 p.m. 8-8-18 and was carried on till 9 a.m. 11-8-18 when 15th Australian Field Ambulance was relieved by 1st Aust. Field Ambulance. During this period 1339 Walking Wounded cases were passed through and recorded. These were all given A.T.S. and returns rendered under the following headings :-

A.I.F. - 1st Aust. Division.
2nd " "
3rd " "
4th " "
5th " "

Canadian Corps.

Imperials.

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Patients requiring dressings before evacuation were dealt with

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 (2) RECOUNTEL OF ACTUAL EVENTS (Continued).

Casualties among personnel and horses at W.W.D.S.,
 P.29.c.5.4. as under :-

- 3 Drivers killed.
- 1 Sgt. Farrier Wounded and evacuated.
- 1 Driver Wounded and remained on duty.
- 1 Private Wagon Orderly wounded and remained on duty.
- 4 Horses killed.
- 4 Horses wounded.

The evacuation of Walking Wounded was carried out by attached Motor Lorries, Charabancs and Busses and where this means failed by commandeered returning empty ammunition Lorries.

(3) DEDUCTIONS.

(a) In Mobile Warfare the Mobile Table Equipment is largely so much excess weight carried.

(b) Adequate arrangements were not made against ~~entire~~ encroachment on W.W.D.S. of "B" Sector by Walking Wounded from neighbouring Sectors.

(c) Cases evacuated as Walking Wounded to this Station (P.29.c.5.4.) from Forward Area were in many cases deserving of more comfortable transport than that offered by Motor Lorries or G.S.Wagons.

(d) Estimated Walking Wounded casualties should be notified before action is commenced so that Medical Stores may be made up accordingly.

(e) The Cellars chosen in a demolished village proved unsuitable for the work which had to be done and evacuation was thereby considerably delayed although I consider best use was made of accommodation provided.

A plan is appended of arrangement of Tents which would be suitable for use as a W.W.D.S. in open warfare.

(f) In view of the number of Walking Wounded converted to Stretcher Cases at Walking Wounded Dressing Station, one Sunbeam Ambulance Car should have been attached to the W.W.D.S. if at all possible.

At both sites the Y.M.C.A. Buffet under Mr Harris was established and proved of the utmost value in providing comforts for wounded before commencing a long, tedious and uncomfortable evacuation.

Harris
Major.

O.I/c W.W.D.S., 5th Australian Division.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

- (1) While in this Station "B" Section will have charge of DRESSING ROOM.
- (2) Walking Wounded passing Westwards in Lorries, Horse Drawn Ambulances and Motor Ambulances will be unloaded at this A.D.S.
- (3) All cases MUST be seen by the Medical Officer on duty, given A.T.S. and recorded. Field Medical Cards completely filled in and signed by the Medical Officer must be sent with each case.
- (4) Evacuation is by Motor Bus and Motor Lorry to CORPS RELAY POST, at RIVERY (M.2, b, 0, 8.).
- (5) Gas cases will be unloaded and seen by the Medical Officer but not recorded. Field Medical Cards will be prepared and sent with the patient to M.D.S., ST.ACHEUL. Divisional Ambulance Cars will be used for the conveyance of these patients.
- (6) Any cases arriving at A.D.S. as Sitting cases and there considered by the Medical Officer to be Stretcher cases will be treated (Dressing, A.T.S., etc.) and sent by Divisional Motor Ambulance to M.D.S., ST.ACHEUL. These cases will NOT be recorded.
- (7) N.C.O. i/c Dressing Room will ensure that cases given A.T.S. are marked with a "T" on the forehead before being sent to A and D Room for purposes of record.
- (8) Ten (10) Motor Lorries have been detailed to report to this Station for evacuation of Walking Wounded to C.C.S. In the event of these not being on the spot when cases are awaiting evacuation, empty motor lorries passing Westwards will be utilised for the purpose. Drivers of Motor Busses and Motor Lorries which are attached here for duty will be given written Authority to convey Wounded to CORPS RELAY POST, RIVERY, and return. Drivers of Motor Lorries commandeered, will be given written Authority to convey Wounded to M.D.S., ST.ACHEUL.
- (9) The Warrant Officer will detail one man by day and one man by night to carry out the duties outlined in paras. 2 and 8. These men should be drawn from "A" and "C" Section Tent Sub-Divisions.
- (10) Staff Sergeant Nursing Duties, "B" Section, will make his own arrangements re day and night shifts.
- (11) SICK will be evacuated to CORPS RELAY POST, RIVERY, with the exception of slight cases who will be sent to D.C.S.
- (12) Casualty Wires will be sent direct to A.D.M.S., 2nd Australian Division and repeated to A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division from 6 a.m. to 12 noon; noon to 6 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. These wires should be rendered as soon after the period as possible and may be closed a little earlier to enable this to be done, if necessary - Authority - D.D.M.S., Australian Corps M.3/202.

..... Major.

Officer i/c Walking Wounded A.D.S., Blangy Cabaret.

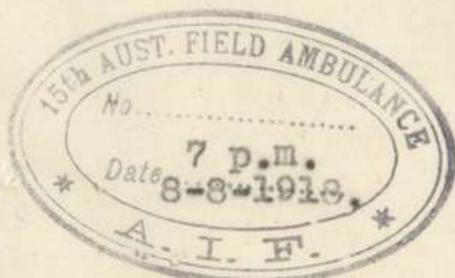
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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

- (1) Wile in this Station "C" Section will have charge of DRESSING Room.
- (2) Walking Wounded passing Westwards in Lorries, Horse Drawn Ambulances and Motor Ambulances will be unloaded at this A.D.S.
- (3) All cases MUST be seen by the Medical Officer on duty, given A.T.S. and recorded. Field Medical Cards completely filled in and signed by the Medical Officer must be sent with each case
- (4) Evacuation is by Motor Bus and Motor Lorry to CORPS RELAY POST at RIVERY (M.2.b.O.8.)
- (5) Gas cases will be unloaded and seen by the Medical Officer but not recorded. Field Medical Cards will be prepared and sent with the patients to the M.D.S., ST.ACHEUL. Divisional Ambulance Cars will be used for the conveyance of these patients.
- (6) Any cases arriving at A.D.S. as Sitting Cases and there considered by the Medical Officer to be Stretcher cases will be treated (Dressing, A.T.S. etc.) and sent by Divisional Motor Ambulance to M.D.S., WHITE CHATEAU. These cases will NOT be recorded.
- (7) N.C.O. i/c Dressing Room will ensure that cases given A.T.S. are marked with a "T" on the forehead before being sent to A and D Room for purposes of record.
- (8) Ten (10) Motor Lorries have been detailed to report to this Station for evacuation of Walking Wounded to C.C.S. In the event of these not being on the spot when cases are awaiting evacuation, empty Motor Lorries passing Westwards will be utilised for the purpose. Drivers of Motor Busses and Motor Lorries which are attached her for duty will be given written Authority to convey Wounded to CORPS RELAY POST, RIVERY, and return. Drivers of Motor Lorries commandeered, will be given written Authority to convey Wounded to M.D.S., ST.ACHEUL.
- (9) The Warrant Officer will detail one man by day and one man by night to carry out the duties outlined in paras. 2 and 8. These men should be drawn from "A" and "B" Section Tent Sub-Divisions.
- (10) Staff Sergeant Nursing Duties, "C" Section, will make his own arrangements re day and night shifts.
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[Signature]..... Major.

Officer i/c W.W.D.S., WARFUSSEE-ABANCOURT.



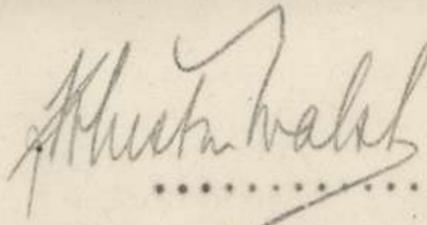
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15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.
13th August, 1918.To/
Major R. F. Craig,
O. i/c Bearer Division,
15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.MOVEMENT ORDER.

You will proceed in charge of 15th Australian Field Ambulance Bearer Division by route to be selected and rendezvous in 15th Australian Infantry Brigade area at W.22 and W.28.

You will report to Staff Captain, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade notifying your location. You will also notify your location to C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, who will be rendezvoused in WEINGOURT area.

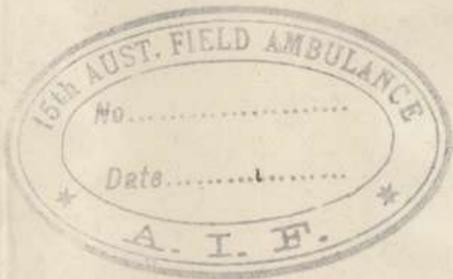
Your route must be South of VILLERS-BRETTONEUX - CHAULNES ~~area~~ Railway and you must not proceed East of a line running North and South through HARBONNIERES.

Steel Helmets and Small Box Respirators will be worn; unexpended portion of the day's rations plus 24 hours rations will be carried.



.....Lieut-Colonel,

C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.



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15TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE, A.I.F.

Movement Order No. 3 by Lieut-Colonel R. Whiston-Walsh, D.S.O.
Commanding.

The 5th Australian Division will attack at zero on a date to be notified later.

In accordance with instructions, A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, the 15th Australian Field Ambulance less Bearer Division will move to Q.26.a.8.5. and take over the M.D.S. and Gas Centre from 1st Aust. Divisional Field Ambulance.

The Bearer Division under Major R.F. Craig will move with the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade,

The Mechanical Transport under Sergeant W.G. Wiesner will move off independently.

Steel Helmets and Small Box Respirators will be worn; water bottles freshly filled; haversacks and pack with blanket will be carried.

Bressards sewn on the left sleeve and Identity Discs suspended around the neck must be worn by all ranks.

The M.D.S. will be administered by H "C" Section.

R. Whiston-Walsh

.....Lieut-Colonel,
C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

Issued at 1 p.m.
30-8-18.

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15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F. 28
20th August, 1918.

To/
Major R. F. Craig,
15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

The 5th Australian Division will attack at zero hour on a date to be notified later.

You will move with the Bearer Division of 15th Australian Field Ambulance with the 16th Australian Infantry Brigade.

You will be prepared to evacuate all 15th Australian Infantry Brigade casualties.

On the 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade reaching their objectives, you will select suitable motor loading posts and work out systems of relays of bearers with R.A.Ps.

You will be under the direct orders of A.D.N.S., 5th Australian Division to whom all demands for extra bearer personnel must be made.

Captain Fay will be O. i/c Mechanical Transport and will be located at the A.D.S.

You will arrange with the Brigade Major, 16th Australian Infantry Brigade, for march table of move and programme of attack.

One runner will be detached to 16th Brigade and 2 Squads will be detached to each R.M.C. of the Brigade for contact duty.

Mobilization table of equipment, stretchers, blankets and water bottles will be carried.

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94 hours rations, plus 94 hours iron rations, water bottles freshly filled and haversacks with toilet necessaries will be carried. Packs with blankets will be left behind under guard provided.

Brassards worn on the left sleeve and Identity Discs suspended around the neck to be worn by all ranks.

Robert [unclear]

C.O., 15th Aust. Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE, A. I. F.MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - M. D. S., and GAS CENTRE.

1. The Station will be administered by "C" Section.

2. EVACUATIONS.

Evacuations will be by M.A.C. to C.C.S., VECQUEMONT.

N.Y.D.N., N.Y.D. GAS., S.I.W., Venereal, Dysentery and Ophthalmic (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) to No. 19 C.C.S. LONGPRE.

3. RECORDS.

All records will be kept at this Station. Casualty wires will be sent to A. D. M. S., 5th Australian Division as follows -

6 a.m. to Noon.

Noon " 6 p.m.

6 p.m. " 6 a.m.

6 a.m. wire to show gas casualties for 24 hours.

4. DENTAL.

Dental cases will be sent to -

Australian Troops to Hospice, FOUILLOX.
Imperial Troops to No. 19 C.C.S., LONGPRE.



Alfred M. Baker
.....Lieut. Colonel.
C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.
28th August, 1918.

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To/

Major R. F. Craig,
O, i/c Bearer Division,
15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.

MOVEMENT ORDER.

The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack on a date and at zero hour to be notified later.

In accordance with instructions, A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, the Bearer Division, less Captain Scott, 4 Bearer Squads and 4 Runners detailed below, 15th Australian Field Ambulance, will move to 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Area on 29-8-1918, marching out from M.D.S. at 5 a.m. Breakfast for this party has been arranged for at 4 a.m.

You will detach for contact duty one Bearer Squad and one Runner under Captain Scott to each Battalion of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade on the night of 28th/29th August, 1918. Transport for this Party will be arranged by Sergeant Wiesener.

24 hours fresh rations plus 24 hours iron rations; water bottles freshly filled; Mob. Table equipment of Shell Dressing Haversacks and Medical Water Bottles freshly filled will be carried. Steel Helmets and Small Box Respirators will be worn.

Identity discs suspended around the neck will be worn by all ranks.

Brassards sewn on the left sleeve MUST be worn.

Twenty five (25) Stretchers and Fifty (50) Blankets with guard of 2 men will be conveyed by Motor Ambulance Car to M.26.c.2.3. (Sheet 62C); Cars to move out from this Station at 7 a.m. on the 29th August, 1918.

During the move you will take every precaution against enemy aircraft and hostile shelling.

All ranks are to be warned that enemy dug-outs and billets are NOT to be occupied as they are probably mined.

You will be responsible to and come under the orders of A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, until A.D.S. is formed by 15th Australian Field Ambulance in captured area.

You will evacuate the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade casualties to suitable Motor Loading Posts to be selected.

You will arrange with C.O., 14th Australian Field Ambulance to push forwardsufficient Ambulance Cars; Stretchers; Blankets; Dressings, etc. to meet your demands.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters will be located at FOUCEAUCOURT Church.

Advanced Divisional Headquarters will be located at Q.30.c.4.6. (Sheet 62D).

The Quartermaster, 15th Australian Field Ambulance, will ration your party until further orders.

Arthur Walsh
.....Lieut-Colonel,

C. O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A. I. F.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - A.D.S., HERBECOURT - H.26.c.7.2. Sheet 62C.

STAFF. Until further orders the Dressing Room will be conducted as follows :-

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. - "C" Section "Tent Sub-Division".
9 p.m. to 9 a.m. - "B" " " " " " "

A Hot meat meal will be kept for night staff for consumption at midnight.

Day and night staffs will arrange that the Dressing Room be mutually handed over in a clean and tidy condition.

A and D. All classes of π cases will be dealt with.

Walking Sick and Wounded will be evacuated by Motor Bus or Lorry to Walking Wounded Relay Post at M.D.S., CAPPY (G.27.c.3.7.)

Stretcher Cases will be evacuated by Divisional Ambulance Cars to M.D.S., CAPPY (8th Australian Field Ambulance).

Gas Cases will be evacuated to M.D.S., CAPPY - Stretcher Cases by Ambulance Cars - Walking Cases by Motor Bus.

RECORDS. All Walking Sick and Wounded will be recorded at this A.D.S. This does not apply to Walking Gas Cases.

DRESSING ROOM.

A.T.S. in doses of 1500 Units will be given to Walking Wounded only, at this A.D.S. as from 1-9-1918. The increased dose will be marked on Field Medical Card before evacuation of patient.

Cases before evacuation must :-

- (1) Be seen by M.O. on duty.
- (2) Have shell dressings changed for other more permanent dressings.
- (3) Have haemorrhage checked and fractures splinted.
- (4) Be covered above and below by two folds of blankets if Stretcher Cases.
- (5) Have F.M. Cards (filled in and signed by M.O.) attached to the clothing. Cards for Walking Cases must bear the Unit Stamp and be marked "C.C.S." with A.T.S. entry on the back. Cards for Stretcher and Gas Cases will not be stamped.

Provis Major.

Officer i/c A.D.S., HERBECOURT.

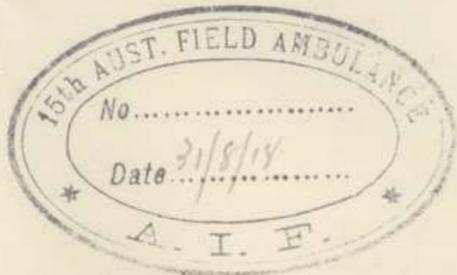
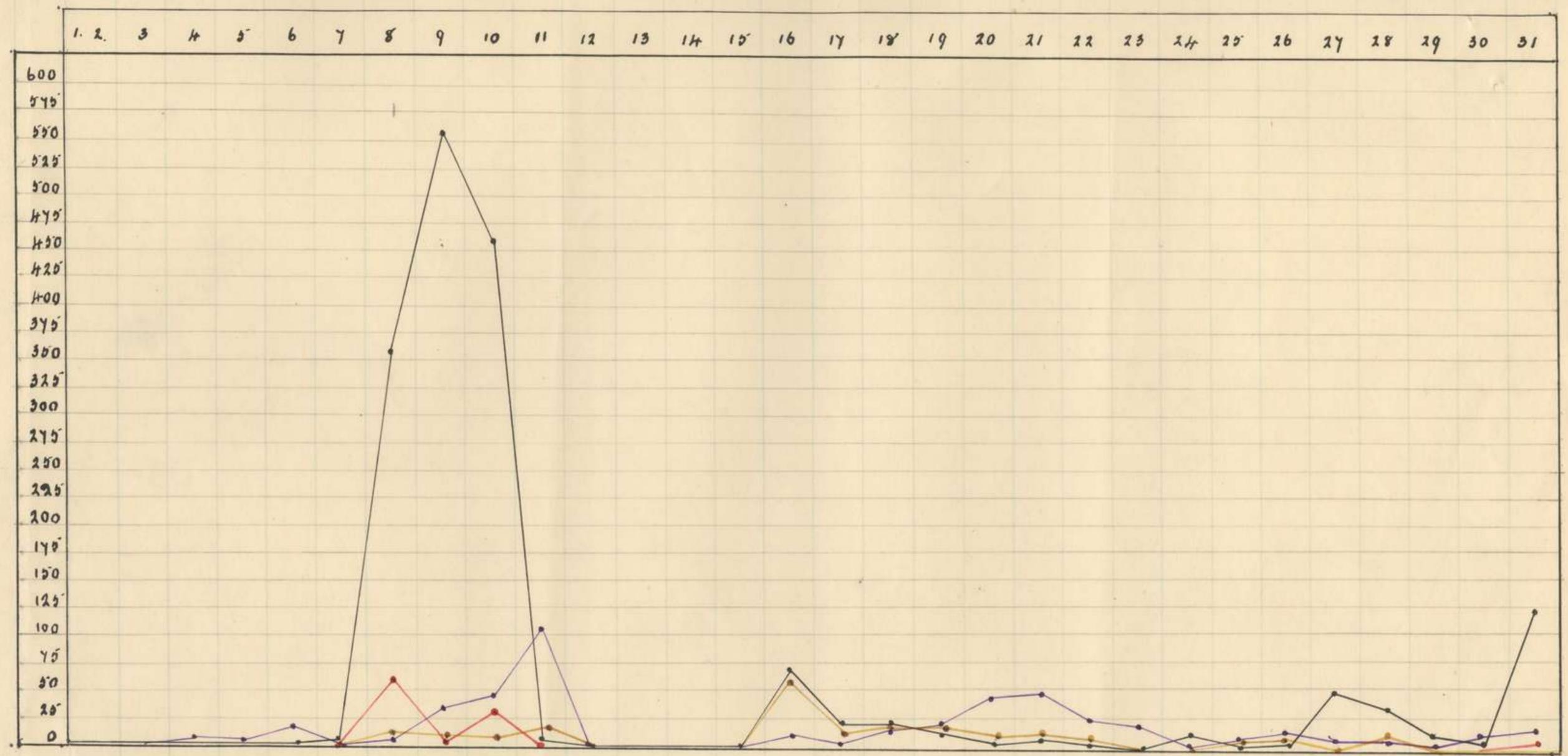


Chart showing Direct Admissions to 15th Australian Field Ambulance, during the month of August 1918.



WOUNDED SHOWN
 SICK
 GASSET
 WOUNDED P.O.W.

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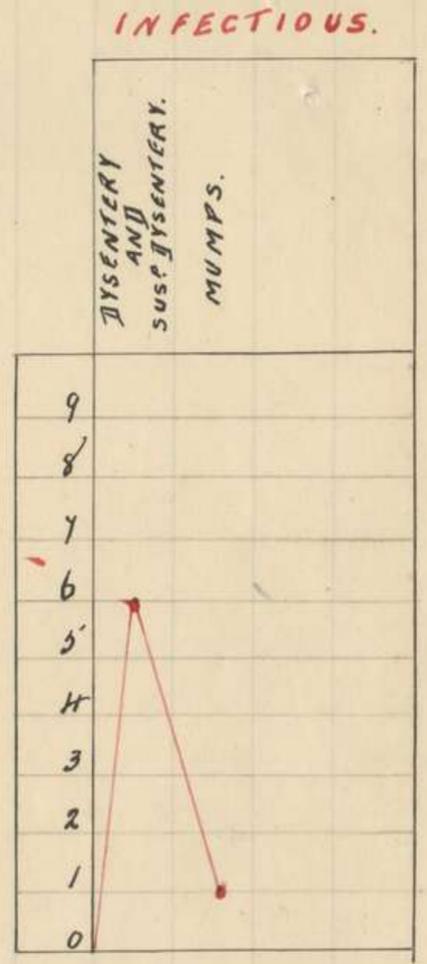
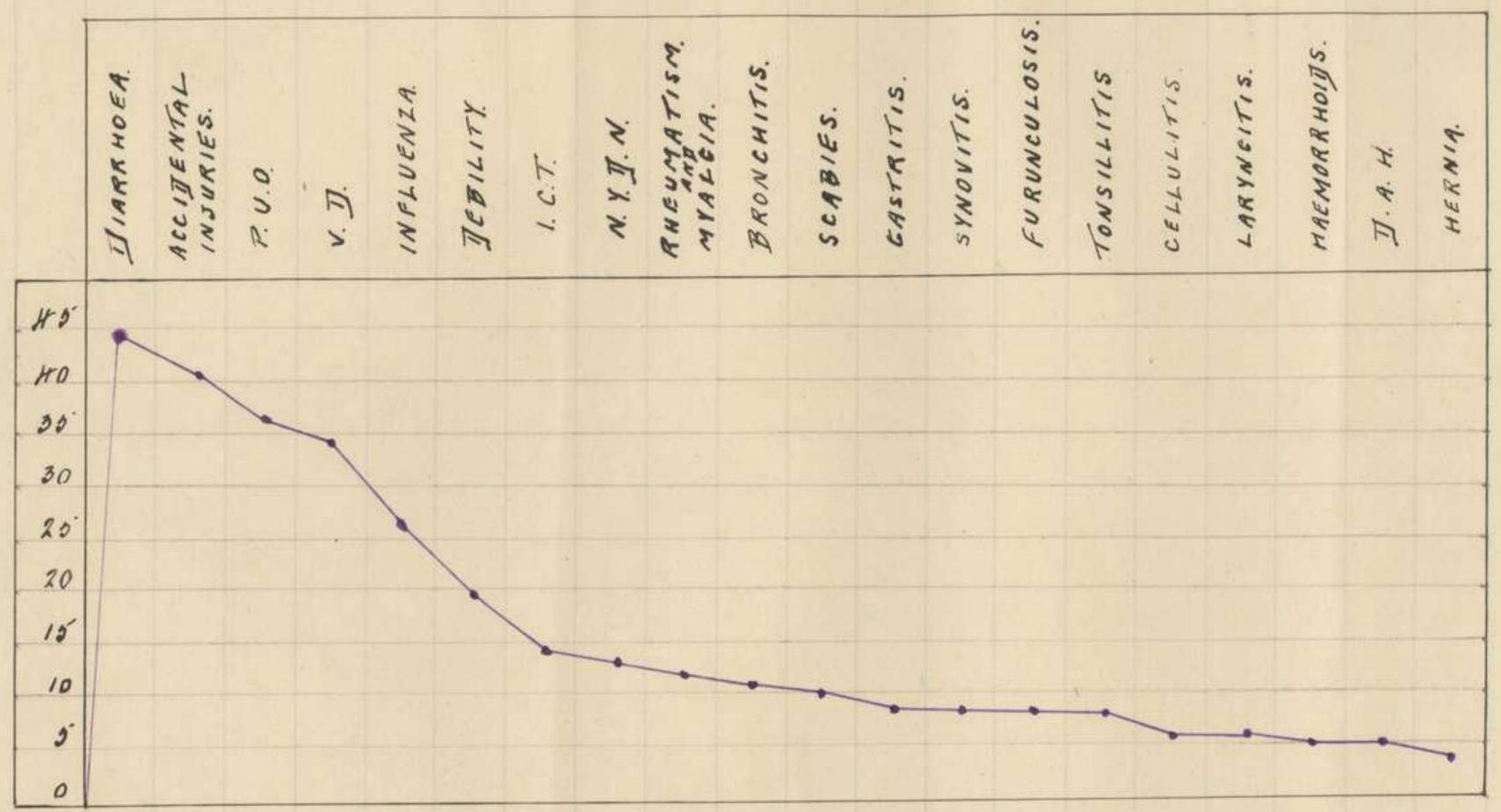
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TOTAL WOUNDED		1790
✓	SICK	456
✓	GASSET	179
✓	WOUNDED P.O.W.	99

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Graphs showing principal causes of sickness, passing through 15th Aust. Field Ambulance for month of August 1918.



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