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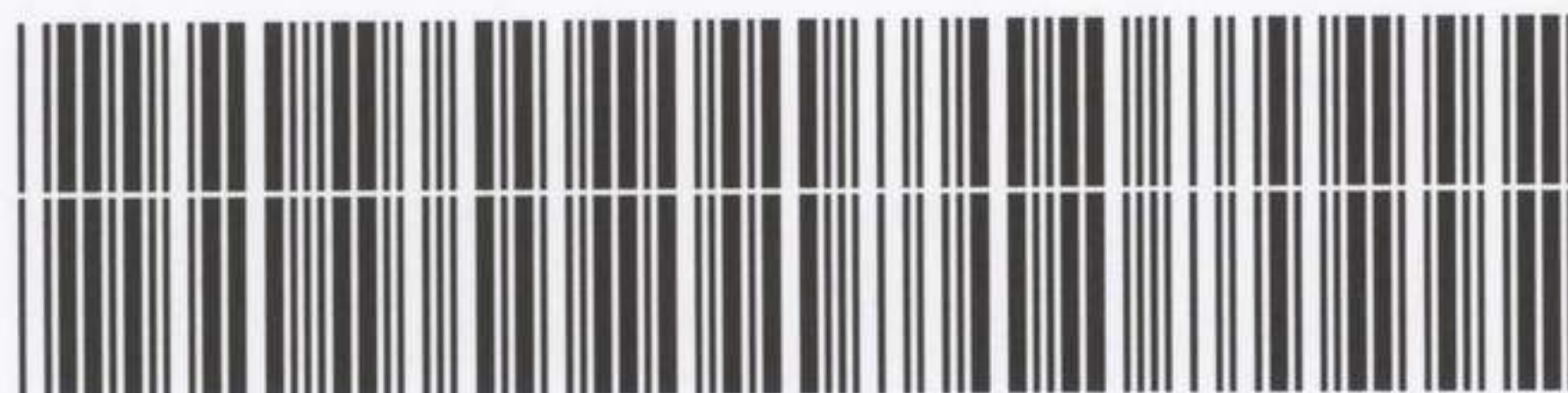
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WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information										Remarks and references to Appendices		
2 nd ACCS.	1/12/18		ADMITTED		EVACUATED		TRANSFERS		TO DUTY		DEATHS		REMAINING		
			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	
			3	69	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	2	5	318	
			WOUNDED ADMITTED		Operations		Analysis of Operations								
15		9		LIMBS		BODY		HEAD		2 (pent Eye)					
<p><i>Mentioned in despatches - Sgt D Haigh Dispatch 7/1/17 - Major A.S. Barton Major W.M. Fletcher Lt Col J.P. Webb Sister Cantock S/Messrs Attenlett Sisters A. May M. J. Procter & E.C. White + S/Messrs J.M. Mockridge + E. Rogers.</i></p> <p>Talents & Personnel given Special Dinner made up from Ham Pudding &c left over from Xmas Dinner. This night bitterly cold.</p> <p>Staff movements <i>S/Messrs M. Spriggins & Sister P. Field from 2 A.S. reported friendly. Major Barton returned from leave & Captain Long reported friendly.</i></p>															
2 nd ACCS	2/1/18		ADMITTED		EVACUATED		TRANSFERS		TO DUTY		DEATHS		REMAINING		
			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	
			4	56	7	118	2	261	
			WOUNDED ADMITTED		Operations		Analysis of Operations								
20		7		LIMBS		BODY		CHEST (pent)		4 (2 trac)		2		1	
<p>Col Mansford DDMS 1st Anzac visited the Station</p> <p>No 7 Aust. Field Ambulance Pipers Troupe gave a performance at the</p> <p><i>Staff movements</i></p> <p>Private Bennett returned from leave to this</p>															

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2 ND A.C.C.S.	3/1/18		ADMITTED		EVACUATED		TRANSFERS		TO DUTY		DEATHS		REMAINING		
			OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	OH	OR	
			4	84	9	.	.	6	334	
			WOUNDED ADMITTED		Operations		Analysis of Operations								
	7		2	LIMB				TRANSFUSION							
			1 (fract)										1		
<p>Monthly Report sent in 2.1.18. Day fine, snowed slightly through the night. Another Death Nilson has for Word purposes completed.</p> <p><i>Staff movements -</i> Private Lorrain McNeill proceeded on leave to Paris</p>															
2 ND A.C.C.S.	4/1/18		ADMITTED		EVACUATED		TRANSFERS		TO DUTY		DEATHS		REMAINING		
			OH	O.R.	OH	O.R.	OH	O.R.	OH	O.R.	OH	O.R.	OH	O.R.	
			4	91	4	150	1	6	.	6	.	.	5	263	
			WOUNDED ADMITTED		Operations		Analysis of Operations								
	16		4	LIMBS				BODY							
			3										1		
<p><i>Staff movements -</i> Sister W. Norman & Nurse F. Byson proceeded to Boulogne</p> <p>Awards - London Gazette Supplement Jan 1st 1918. "The King has been pleased to approve of the Distinguished Service Order to Major A.S.D. Barton for distinguished service in the field."</p>															
<p style="text-align: right;">W. Stacy. Lt. Col.</p>															

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			Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining			Wounded Admitted	Operations	Analysis of Operations
Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR					Limbs
2 Ales	25/1/18		2	77		69		4		3		1	7	263	7	2	1	1
<p>Staff Movements - S/Sgt. Bennett returned from leave to Paris</p> <p>Day fine, very cold. The Pierrot Troupe gave a performance at 701 Ales</p> <p>Good many cases Trench Nephritis coming in, some of them very bad indeed, requiring hot packs & very rigorous treatment.</p>																		
2 Ales	6/1/18			65		.		2		1		1	7	364	1	4	1	3
<p>Staff Movements - Major A. G. (227. A.S.C.) present in line</p> <p>21st Col Marshall & Major Day, (Australian Dental Corps) visited the Station.</p> <p>At present without a dental officer, S/Sgt. Thomson is carrying on very successfully.</p>																		

M. Day S. Col.

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			Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths			Remaining	
			Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	
2 A.C.C.S.	7/1/18			74	703	192		7		5		1		193	
			Wounded Admitted		Operations			Analysis of Operations							
				2		1								1	
			<p>Thaw set in, Hut to be used as Dispensary now completed. New kitchen satisfactory, kitchen staff given overalls & aprons, same to be washed by unit laundryman.</p> <p>Award His Majesty the King has awarded to Royal Red Cross ^{1st Class} Decoration to Mrs. Louisa Stone Head Sister A.A.N.S.</p>												
2 A.C.C.S.	8/1/18		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		
			Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	
				55						1		1		246	
			Wounded Admitted		Operations			Analysis of Operations							
				7		4				2				2	
			<p>Snowed heavily again today, very cold. Apparent with D.A.R.M.G. at Post Cooks Hqs, but car broke down near Baulmer.</p>												

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			Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths			Remaining	
			Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	
2 alls	9/1/18.		2	77	2	99		62		2		2		214	
			Wounded admitted		Operations		Analysis of Operations		Deaths		Remaining				
							Limbs				Body				
			20		13		8				5				
			<p>Staff Movement Officer at Lee (MT ASC) proceeded on leave to England Many went to Hiltre, Aust. Capt Hays to see D.A.M.G., had to get small Nissen Hut, no success. Snowed heavily most of afternoon</p>												
			Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		
			Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	Officers	O R	
2 alls	10/1/18		2	31					2	6		1		238	
			Wounded admitted		Operations		Analysis of Operations		Deaths		Remaining				
							Limbs				Body				
			3		12		9 + 2				3				
			<p>Thaw through the night. Heavy bombardment not far away at 12.30 am lasted 2 hours, no wounded coming in. Surgical work black. Great many pneumonia cases in. Many of personnel & officers have had colds.</p>												
			<p style="text-align: right;">B. J. May, Lt Col.</p>												

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			Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths			Remaining
			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR
2 A.C.P.	11/1/18		4	33	4	106		4		3		2		156
			Wounded Admitted			Operations			Analysis of Operations					
			NIL			2			Limbs			Body		
			<p>1 officer + 21 other ranks temporarily attached from the 39 Battalion A.I.F. proceeded to rejoin their unit. Private Samuels attached from 738 Employment Coy transferred sick to 500 C.S. Pneumonia becoming more prevalent, in the whole these cases do well, very few deaths to date. Some bad femur cases, these untidy work in these cases.</p>											
2 A.C.P.	12/1/18		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining	
			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR
			15	174	7	39				3		2	58	286
			Wounded Admitted			Operations			Analysis of Operations					
			16			6			Limbs			Body		
									4			2		
			<p>Thaw set in, the place is in a filthy state of mud & slush. Promotion of M.Sgt. W Lambert to be Warrant Officer Class II from 18/12/17 (A.I.F. Order 1026 + D.A.G. A.I.F. 21/202 of 8/1/18)</p>											
			<p>W. Stacy. Lt Col.</p>											

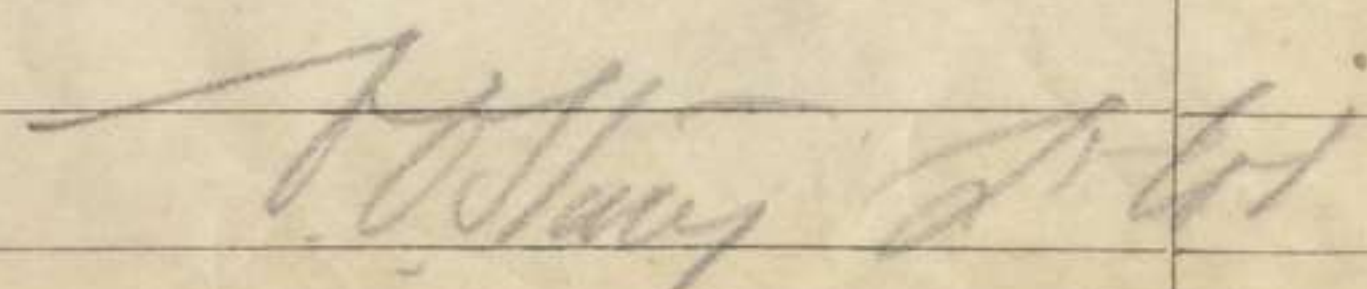
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2 All	13/1/18		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		Wounded Admitted	Operations	Analysis of Operations	
			Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.			Limbs	Body
			2	81				1					10	366	9	5	4	1
<p><u>Staff Movements</u> Private M A Cronin proceeded to Aust Corps School. L/Cpl J.C. Miller and Private J.W. Clarke + P. Johnson proceeded on leave to Paris. Ptes E. G. Linnier + C.P. Mitchell returned from leave Paris. Pte A. Samuels (attached) reported again for duty. Capt. Chaplain J.J. Webb proceeded to 1st Australian Div Artillery.</p> <p>The third Double Messon hut in course of erection being up owing to shortage of certain parts. All hut woods to be painted inside, & benches put down.</p> <p><u>Promotion</u> Private H.J. Martin promoted to Corporal from 10/10/17 Authority D.A.D. Army Sec 108 108910</p>																		
2 All	14/1/18.		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		Wounded Admitted	Operations	Analysis of Operations	
			Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.			Limbs	Body
			3	64	1	142		3	1			1	2	146	12	3	3	
<p><u>Staff Movements</u> Lt Col B. Quirk proceeded on leave to South of France. Privates L. Edmuth and A. Thompson returned from leave to England.</p> <p>Band of 2nd Div Pioneers played at the Station today.</p>																		
																		

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			Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		In Duty		Deaths		Remaining			Wounded Admitted	Operations	Analysis of Operations
			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR			Limbs	Body
2 all	15/1/18		2	79			2	3		1		1	2	220	7	7	6	1
<p>Thaw precautions preventing. Raining heavily. Ambulance Coy attached to unit from VINTAC for time being, no lorries allowed on the roads.</p>																		
2 all	16/1/18		2	65	4	124		5		5			151	5	3			3
<p>Staff Officer M. Crocker-Brown struck off strength 2/1/18. D.M.S. No. 93804</p> <p>Furious gale blew all night, some limbs blown down & damage done to roof + sides of shelter shed at the railway siding. Thaw precautions all lifted very awkward as regards supplies, fortunate in having good reserves.</p>																		

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			Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Admitted		Limbs	Body
2 Alls.	17/1/18		1	87			1	3				235		9	1			1
2 Alls.	18/1/18		8	196			1	6			7	425		10	13	8		5
<p>One of the chronic V.D. men attached to this station for duty sent back to detail camp for misbehaviour. The 50 men of this class have given very little trouble save splendid workers. The condition of many of them has very much improved since coming to the unit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. H. [Signature]</p>																		

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			Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Officers	O.R.	Admitted		Limbs	Body
	2 all 19/1/18		8	132					4		15	553		7	1			1
<p>Staff movements - Driver C.E. Lake 4/11 Bde Aust F. Artillery attached this unit proceeded to rejoin Aust Gen Base Depot</p> <p>Day dull mild; Station very full no train for 3 days, mostly with cases, P.U.O, Trench feet & Pneumonia, few wounded. Suitable T. feet cases are being retained & treated with high frequency with view to early return to duty.</p>																		
	2 all 20/1/18		3	78	11	334		2	2		7	293		12	5	1		4
<p>Staff leave Paris granted from 20/1/18 to 28/1/18 to orderly room Sergeant M Boster</p> <p>Train at 2.30 pm. Evacuated altogether 350 cases, 150 of those by being lying cases, the evacuation took 1 hr & 30 minutes which is quite time for such a number. The unit to be evacuated again T.A.B.</p> <p>Captain Coughfield (Dental Officer) & Chaplain Finneyan reported for duty from Havre at 6.30 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. H. Stacey, Lt Col</p>																		

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			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR			Limbs	Bodies
2 Accs.	21/1/18		2	65					1	5			8	353	14	13	9	4
<p><i>Staff</i> Leave to England 21/1/18 to 4/2/18 granted to Private A. Renney.</p> <p>The following sisters reported for duty: S/Messrs M. Carey & D. H. Birks (from No. 3 A.S.H.) & S/M A. M. Fuller (18CCS)</p> <p>Weather keeping remarkably mild. Thaw precautions to lifted for few hours.</p>																		
2 Accs.	22/1/18		3	72				1		10			11	411	12	3	3	
<p><i>Staff</i> Lt-Col B. Quick has been granted leave to visit Compiègne from 25/1/18 to 29/1/18 (Authority DMS Army - P/9/1053)</p> <p>Busy night in theatre & operations. Re including one foot injury to General Sims. 2 cases of paraplegia in hosp? at present. Major Barton removed foreign body in each case & relieved bone pressure on cord but cord injured in each case.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. H. L. Col.</p>																		

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2 all	23/1/18		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		Wounded		Operations		Analysis of Operations	
			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Admitted			Limbs	Body	
			3	64	4	181			3			10	291	6	2			2		
<p>Staff Capt. J. J. & Private Fenn + Barrett proceeded on leave to England. Capt. Miller + Lt. Clarke returned from leave Paris. Capt. Mills (admitted sick 20/1/18) evacuated to Base. S/Murse K. Pees proceeded to Nurses Home Abbeville. Sapper Shepherd 357 Elec + Mechanical Coy RE attached for duty.</p> <p>Morning light. Train at 6 am 13:15 cases evacuated.</p> <p>Major Day (Staff officer, Dental Corps) called.</p>																				
2 all	24/1/18		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		Wounded		Operations		Analysis of Operations	
			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Admitted			Limbs	Body	
			3	101					2			13	390	1	1				1	
<p>Staff Private E. J. Lorimer to be Acting Corporal. Lt. M. J. Kain proceeded on special leave to England.</p> <p>Day fine, wind, In hosp. 241. Admissions for to 8 am for 200 + 64 + 3 Officers. This is below the daily average.</p> <p>56 P.R. Convalescent patients reported for treatment + duty as General Duty + orderlies.</p>																				

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			Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR	Off	OR				
2 A.C.C.	25/1/18.		2	59	6	121	2	1	1			8	325	4	3			3
<p>Ref Private Albee M.T. ASC. attached 2 A.C.C. returned from leave England</p> <p>Day dull, mild. Went to Estaines to talk over 2 attached members of the unit arrested by the Town Guard. Ambulance Train at 8.30 am Evac: officers 6 OR 121.</p> <p>Several cases dealt with in Orderly Room.</p>																		
2 A.C.C.	26/1/18.		3	59			1		3			11	380	4	5		1	4
<p>Day fine & cloudless. Rang up D.M.S. office re having an ambulance car attached permanently to unit from V.I.N.T.A.C. request granted. Performance at night by Pioneer Troop from 6th Aust. F.A.</p>																		

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			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR			Limbs	Body	
2 All.	27-1-18		1	76	2	118			2		4			10	332	5	3	1	2
			<p>Cap. J. G. Quick returned from leave from South France. Sister M. J. Brown reported for duty from A.S.H.</p> <p>Day foggy & cold. Surgical work small in amount. Consent by V B^{cc} for painting of inside of hut wards being proceeded with, the white interior has greatly improved the light.</p>																
2 All.	28-1-18		1	77					1	4			2	10	403	14	2		2
			<p>Day fine & clear. Worked 3rd Part 7 A at home. Trench foot cases doing well on with high frequency treatment. Some are being treated with Iodine Baths.</p>																

J. J. King
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2 Acc.	29.1.18		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		Wounded Admitted	Operations	Analysis of Operations	
			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR			Limbs	Body
			2	59	3	123		4	2	2			7	333	6	12	9	3
<p>Staff Cpl. W. Jones & Ray room attendant the sergeant from 25th. Pte P. Samsone returned from leave to Paris Lyons Day five. General Burdwood visited the Station & went through the wards. He presented a letter of the R. Q. C. 1st class to the officer in charge (Miss Stone).</p>																		
2 Acc.	30.1.18		Admitted		Evacuated		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining		Wounded Admitted	Operations	Analysis of Operations	
			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR			Limbs	Body
			1	57					10		1	8	379	10	7	4	3	
<p>Staff Sgt. M. Barber returned from leave to Paris. Leave to Paris 11/18 to 18/18 has been granted to Pte W. A. Davidson Cap. at R. M. M. M. reported for duty from 58 Battalion A.I.F.</p>																		
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">A. H. M. S. C.</p>																		

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			Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR	Officers	OR				
2 all.	31-1-18.		38	140 379		97		1		7			11	414	96	6	4	2
			<p>Staff S/Sy. Bennett sick evacuated to base. S/Quar. Stephenson reported for duty from Rome.</p> <p>Heavy frost, very cold, dull. A. Train at 8.30 am. About 50 passed cases in hospital. Variety of Gas, Mustard. Col Sattar Consultant Physician visited the Station. Mrs McCarthy & Mrs Wilson, Matrons-in-Chief of the B & F & A & F respectively visited the Station & inspected some of the wards. There are persistent rumors to the effect that this unit is to be moved further back very shortly.</p>															
			<p>W. H. L. Col</p>															

WAR DIARY

OF

The Australian Casualty Clearing Station

FOR

January 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

1.

Copy of Report to D.M.S.

*At 7 HQ London for January 1918
containing description of the
months work under the following
headings -*

- (a) Administrative & General*
- (b) Quartermasters Department*
- (c) Medical*
- (d) Sanitation*
- (e) Surgery.*

2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station

Monthly Report to D.M.S. A.I.F., London.

(1) Staff Movements

	Additions to Strength	Struck off Strength	Proceeded on Leave	on tempy. Detach.	Retd. from tempy. Detach.	Transfers from Other Units	Evacuated to Base Sick
Officers	3	3	3			7	
O. R.		1	13				2

(2) Discipline

The discipline of the N.C.O.s and men on the Staff has been excellent.

The discipline of the men suffering from chronic V.D. attached here for treatment and duty (about 50 men to the 24th. and over 100 thereafter) has also been excellent on the whole. They have caused very little trouble as a rule, and have proved splendid workers. One man, for misdemeanour, was sent back to Details Camp, another was fined 5 and another 2 days' pay and a fourth was confined to Barracks 7 days. Except for these cases however no punishments were necessary.

(3) Admissions and Disposals for month

	Sick		Wounded	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Remained	1	212	5	67
Admitted during month	67	1972	9	371
Died " "		4		20
Transferred other C.C.S.	3	53		9
Evacuated to Base	47	1761	12	250
Discharged to Duty	8	86	1	25
Remaining Midnight 31/1/18	10	280	1	134

(4) Constructional Work

- 3/1/18 Nissen Hut for ward purposes completed
- 7/1/18 Hut for Dispensary completed
- 13/1/18 Erection of 3rd Nissen Hut delayed-shortage of certain posts
- All hut wards to be painted and linoleum to be laid down.
- 16/1/18 White painting inside wards has greatly improved light.

Total no. wounded admitted for month 280
 No. of ops performed requiring Gen. Anaest. 209
 Av = 1.8.

2nd Aust. C.C.S.
France
31/1/18

To Commanding Officer,
2nd. Aust. C.C.S.

From J.H. Pollard, Q.M. and Hon. Capt.

Sir,

Since my arrival and taking up the duties of Quartermaster of No. 2 A.C.C.S. I have inspected the whole of the camp area, and equipment etc., and found it necessary to make a few alterations in certain systems that come within the sphere of my duties.

The food question has received a considerable amount of attention during the month, and now that the new kitchen is in full working order a very great improvement has been made in the cooking and serving of the men's food. Central messing for staff and convalescent patients has been established. A weekly Diet Sheet has been drawn up each week and issued to all concerned. This has facilitated matters considerably, in the ration store and the cook house, and also provides for a varied dietary for patients and staff. Light diet is also provided at cookhouse for sick patients who are unable to take the ordinary diet. The ordinary Service Ration is supplemented by articles drawn from medical comforts. Copies of Diet Sheets attached.

Rations The undermentioned quantities of Service Rations were drawn from R.S.O., Caestre for the period from 1st. to 25th January 1918 :-

Bread	9450 lbs.	-	76	lbs per	100	all ranks
Fresh meat	9650 lbs.	-	78	"	"	"
Oatmeal	196 lbs.	-	2	"	"	"
Bacon	1797 "	-	15	"	"	"
Margarine	340 "	-	3	"	"	"
Cheese	320 "	-	3	"	"	"
Pres. Vegt.	130 "	-	1	"	"	"
Jam	1713 "	-	14	"	"	"
Tea	60 "	-	.5	"	"	"
Sugar	2120 "	-	17	"	"	"
Milk	960 Tins	-	8	Tins	"	"
Pepper	9 lbs.	-	.07	lbs.	"	"
Salt	160 "	-	1	"	"	"
Potatoes	4200 "	-	34	lbs	"	"
Onions	1820 "	-	15	"	"	"
Pickles	28 bottles	-	.23	"	"	"

Medical comforts The undermentioned quantities of articles were drawn for use of patients during 1st to 25th January 1918 :-

Arrowroot	160 lbs.	Champagne	48	Bottles
Ale	264 botts.	Coffee Essence	80	lbs.
Biscuits	144 lbs.	Cafe au lait	48	tins
Brandy	72 botts.	Custard Powder	270	lbs
Beans (dried)	448 lbs "	Curry Powder	12	"
Barley	304 lbs	Corn Flour	160	"
Cocoa	48 "	Chicken Essence	36	"
Cigarettes	150 "	Preserved Fruits	540	"
Baking Powder	68 "	Glaxo	720	"
Beef extract	673 "	Peas	448	"
Butter	504 "	Rabbit	280	Tins
Rum	34 galls	Oatmeal	630	lbs
Sago	400 lbs.	Lentils	420	"
Sugar	960 "	Flour	520	"
Sardines	144 "	Lemons	1	case
Stout	96 botts	Candles	72	lbs
Wine	30 "	Vermeccelli	50	"
Ox Tongue	336 lbs	Salmon	240	Tins

Tomatoes	216	lbs	Pickles	88	bottls
Milk	624	tins	Soda Water	48	"
Tea	372	lbs	Dried Veggies.	300	lbs
Matches	90	"	Soup	168	"
Whisky	60	botts	Cocoa	48	"
Fowl	48	lbs	Spice	24	pkts
Rice	160	"			

Equipment. During the month a tent repairer has been attached to this unit, and the articles, as laid down in G.R.O. 2996 have been drawn and issued. The work of tent repairing is now being carried out. 75 Folding beds and mattresses have been received and are now available for issue. A considerable of small articles to replace those worn out has been received. The equipment of Station is in fair and serviceable condition.

Building Two large hospital Nissen Bow huts have been erected during the month, also one Greenlees hut for C.O.'s office. One small Nissen hut is now on ground awaiting erection. Electric Power house has been completed and a 6-horse power petrol motor and Dynamo 3 K W complete for lighting purpose has been installed. This machine is now lying idle waiting for suitable lamps. X-ray engine has been shifted from X-ray room to power house and is working satisfactorily.

Painting A 1 and B 2 wards have been painted inside and A2 ward is almost completed. Commanding Officer's office has also been painted inside and out. Inside of kitchen has been whitewashed, also butcher's shop.

Laundry 14364 articles were sent to 4th Army laundry at Arques during the month. These articles have been returned thoroughly cleansed and satisfactory.

Salvage All articles of equipment and clothing taken from patients on admission are salvaged by Australian Corps Salvage Coy. A representative of this Coy. is attached to this unit for salvage purposes.

Camp Ground The camp site is kept clean and tidy.

Rivetting The work of erecting revetments around huts and tents has been resumed.

Red Cross Gifts Many articles of clothing have been received from the local representative and are greatly appreciated by the patients. Books, magazines, papers etc. were also received.

General Oilcloth supplied by Red Cross Society for operating theatre has been laid down and has made the theatre much more comfortable and warmer. Strips of oilcloth (also the gift of Red Cross) have been laid down the passage way of three wards.

Various concert parties from units camped in this locality have rendered us an evening's entertainments and also several bands have come along and given an afternoon's music. These concerts were greatly appreciated by all ranks. The Unit's Concert Party has rendered several concerts during the month. Unfortunately they have had to go into recess owing to the loss of the comedian, who has gone to the O.T.C., and several members being away on leave.

During the latter part of the month I found it necessary to reorganise the Q.M. Stores. The system of having different branches of stores under separate roof was unsatisfactory and too much waste of time, labour and material, as stores were scattered under 9 different roofs. I have now had erected and brigaded together four Swiss cottage tents. I will now be able to have all articles of rations, medical comforts, clothing, red cross stores and equipment under the one roof. This will facilitate issuing, and will be more economical in labour and material. A separate tent will be erected as a bedding and blanket store.

During the month 920 lbs. of dripping have been recovered and sent to Railhead. This has a commercial value of 322 Francs and works out at 9.5 lbs per 100 lbs of meat drawn.

During the month I have lectured the staff on "Food Economy" and "Prevention of Waste" - also "Care and Protection of Material and Equipment."

31st JANUARY, 1918.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1918.

During the first half of the month, the admissions for cases of Lobar and Broncho-Pneumonia and other diseases of respiratory tract were about the same as last month; also the severity of the cases was the same as last month. In the second half of the month, the number of cases of diseases of respiratory tract has been less, and the severity of the cases generally less than in the earlier portion of the month when the weather was more severe.

In the Second Half of the month the number of cases of trench fever and nephritis were less than in the first half. Cases admitted here as "P.U.O." were re-diagnosed, 2 as Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis and transferred to the special hospital (53 Casualty Clearing Station, 5 other cases turned out to be Enteric and are progressing favourably. In one case the diagnosis of Typhoid has been confirmed by Bacteriological Examination carried out at No. 5 Canadian Mobile Laboratory, and in the other four cases a Bacteriological Report is awaited..

Venereal Disease is perhaps, a little more prevalent than last month - Gonorrhoea being more common than Soft Sores or Syphilis.

Two cases of mumps were admitted and transferred to No. 7 General Hospital, also one case of Faucial Diphtheria (confirmed Bacteriologically).

(Signed)

W. M. A. FLETCHER.

Major.

A. A. M. C.

The O.C.

2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station

Sanitation The arrangements for cleanliness and disposal of refuse are as follows :-

1. Faeces and Urine There are 9 latrine sheds. They are provided with box seats, ventilators and cement floors, the latter suitably sloped for drainage. Seats and floors are scrubbed daily. Pans are emptied twice daily. A sufficient supply of toilet paper is provided. There are also two urinals. These were designed here, and consist of oil drums, placed sidewise, the upper side opened out. Each drum, separately fixed at a convenient height, is connected by down pipe with a receptacle drum placed upright, and these receptacles are emptied three times a day. The floors of the latrines are of sloping concrete and are washed daily. Both faeces and urine are removed by a farmer of the neighbourhood, and disposed of by spreading on fields, about a mile away from the station. But for spittoons and bed-pans provision has been made by which they are emptied and washed near the incinerator, and their contents are burnt there.

2. Kitchen refuse There are five grease traps at the kitchen and elsewhere, through all sullage water is passed. The grease is skimmed twice daily, and the residual solids are burnt in the incinerator.

3. Dry rubbish Dry rubbish is collected and carried to the incinerator. Tins and paper are separated and returned to salvage. Bottles are also separated, and ashes are sifted, the fine ash being used in the grease traps and the cinders saved for fuel.

4. Incinerator The incinerator was designed here and proves to be very satisfactory. It is built of brick, has a cement floor and a fly proof rubbish bin. A 100 gallon tank, built in, supplies hot water day and night for washing pans etc. and for the use of patients and personnel in the neighbouring ablution sheds.

5. Washing shed A special shed is provided for washing blood-stained linen and cook-house staff overalls. The floor (cement) and the bench are washed down daily. All waste water passes through a trap; the skimmings are burnt.

6. Ablutions There are three ablution sheds, having tin covered benches, cement floors and traps through the waste water passes. Benches and floors are scrubbed daily. In these sheds cold water showers are provided, but hot water showers are also provided in a separate bath-house. The bath-house has a cement floor and trap for waste water, and is in two compartments for officers and men respectively.

7. Drainage All drains from grease traps are boxed. Drains round latrines and ablution sheds are open bricked drains, and all the rain water drains are open. The disinfectants used are chloride of lime and cresol.

*(Signed) J. H. Hodgson, Corporal
In charge of Sanitation.*

TO O.C.,

2nd AUST.C.C.S.

During January the C.C.C.S. has continued to receive daily from the Corps, but the total of surgical work has been small. For the first half of the month Lt Col Quick Major Barton. and Major MacKenzie. did the theatre work, two teams as usual being on duty by day and one by night. Major McMahon assisted Lt Col Quick., and was in charge of the preoperative ward, he has since then been doing part of the day surgical work (with Major Barton) and for a week Capt Corfe was on night duty, now taken over by Lt Col Quick. Capt Corfe has now charge of the dressing room cases, and Major MacKenzie has been in charge of the Chest cases throughout. During the month 180 cases have passed through the theatre, including three Abdominal wounds; two of these have died, and one is still in hospital.

Increasing attention is being paid to the possibility of primary suture of wounds, and at the instance of the chief Consultant in France a further trial of Flavein solution both in these cases, and in those which after excision are not though suitable for immediate suture is being made.

(Signed) *Salcombe Quick* Lt Col

A.A.M.C.

No. A.T.S.
Inoculations
given in D.R.
for month of
Jan. 1918
500 units 450 units
34 23

No. of dressings
done for month of
Jan 1918
1346

No. of operations
26