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			admissions off	Evacuations O/R	Transferred off	Discharged O/R	Deaths off	Remaining off	O/R						
BLENDÉCQUES	1/9/18		off	O/R	off	O/R	off	O/R	off	O/R	off	O/R	off	O/R	
				25	1	41		17		14		1	57	51	
			wounded admitted		Operations										
			20		NIL					NIL					
			<p>Day cloudy with intervals of sunshine. Major Barton DSO & Team Major Mackenzie DSO & Team proceeded to 18 CCS for temporary duty. Capt Hansen & Pt. Parry of X Coy department proceeded to 58 CCS for temporary duty. Majors McManon & Bennett proceeded on leave to Italy.</p> <p>This morning I went to inspect site near Hondeghem, a good field with plenty of room. Went over former site near by, still some huts and outbuildings standing and in pretty fair order. No. 1 CCS are going on to their old site, and will be near us. Passed through Hazebrouck, the town is deserted and in a pitiable state, not an undamaged</p>												

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	1/9/18		house to be seen. Sisters still remaining, no orders regarding them yet.												
	2/9/18		admissions		Evacuations		Transfers		Discharges		Deaths		Remaining		J. J. Hart
			off	off	off	off	off	off	off	off	off	off	off	off	
			wounded admitted		Operations		NIL		NIL						
			<p>Day cool & cloudy, Sunshine at intervals. at 10.30 am left for Anafana to meet Rents Officer (no 5. Lt Molltram) met him and fixed up about fields, very good agreement. also spoke to him about Mr. Kotto of Noote Boome who has not yet been paid for his land, since taken by Germans, won back again by us a few days ago. He promised to pay on a note from me. Kotto is now in Normandy I fortunately know his address.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rang up SMS office</p>												

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Blandecques	4/9/18		<p>Day dull & fine intervals. Officers & exception of 2 moved to new site. Sisters ditto. Sister's quarters (8 Armstrong Huts, and 2 Marquet) moved up on F.W.D. (2) lorries & trailers, lent by IX Pontoon Park which also lent 2 sappers to help re erect the Sister's quarters. Sisters to occupy one of the ward brigades pro: tem.</p> <p>Roads Officer visited site re track for convoys, said he would only make a short road of 100 feet, this is not really sufficient, a plan sent in showing at least 230 feet will be necessary and this will probably be arranged alright.</p> <p>18 loads brought up through day. Probably 60 loads will be the total required to move the whole unit, excluding huts & Sister's quarters. Telephone promised for today by Signals, but nothing done yet except that a man came to try and put up a wire for the unit telephone; lines all over the place, water already laid on to camp, but</p>	

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ANA-JANA.	4/9/18		<p>pipes not tapped yet. Water point only couple of hundred yards away.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="4">OPERATIONS</td> <td colspan="4">Analysis of Operations</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">NIL</td> <td colspan="4">NIL</td> </tr> </table>	OPERATIONS				Analysis of Operations				NIL				NIL				
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ANA-JANA.	5/9/18		<p>Day close & cloudy, rain threatening. Rained heavily thro the night. Barrung accidents, fifty odd loads of material should be on the ground to night, brought from old site since Monday. Dispensary ready last night. Brigades should be complete by this evening and possibly electric light on. Sisters quarters should be completed by this evening. Necessary to register Officers. Mess. C XV Corps Cantens, at present at Blarneyham but likely to move to Bagebrouck shortly. Acting D.M.S. and A.D.M.S. Second Army visited the Station this morning also D.D.M.S. X Corps. & A.D.M.S., 29th Division. OC. 87. F.A. visited the Station & offered to send his stretcher bearers to help.</p>																	

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ANA JANA.			to send them on to 18. C.C.S. also 58 C.C.S. Roads officer called nothing done beyond what we have done ourselves as regards road making. Water and Telephone not yet on.	
	4/9/18		<p style="text-align: right;">At noon A.D.M.S</p> <p>2nd Army visited station and informed me this station was to go to V Army (General Berdwood's Army) & that we would go to the site now occupied by NO 8 C.C.S. at Elnes near Lumbel. In the afternoon visited NO. 8. C.C.S. and met S.C. The move will in all probability take place within a few days. All arrangements thro day have worked well & smoothly. There is to be an evacuation some time tonight (time now 8.45 pm) from Blendecques. Major Dickie's team & Capt Hansen & Ray sept returned from detachment. Very heavy storm accompanied by hail, and strong wind this afternoon. At 6 pm called at D.M.S office Blendecques on way back from Elnes to arrange for lorry transport for material from Blendecques site to present site. 70 loads so far have been brought from Blendecques</p>	
				<p style="text-align: right;">J.P.J.</p>

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			Admissions		Evacuations		Transfers		Discharges		Deaths			Remaining
			Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R	Off	O/R
ANA - JANA	7.9.18.		1	4	4	26							5	159
			OPERATIONS				Analysis of Operations							
			19				Chest Pent	Fract Limbs	Appendic ⁵	Miscell ^{ns}				
							2	2	1	14				
			<p>Day dull, cool. We received patients to 8 AM this morning and then switch off to ho. a.c.c.s again, not many patients after 10 p.m. 52 Gassed Cases have been admitted since opening. Since starting to receive (at 5 AM yesterday) we have received Officers. 9. O/R. 147. 2 NCOs and 43 O/R reported from 87th Field Ambulance to help generally around camp. Road making party started work this morning at 9 AM. 10 PM All lightly gassed cases are being transferred to 15th and 58th C.S.s. Rained heavily this the day, a very fine hailstorm at 1 p.m.. The old tents are not watertight & have given a lot of trouble. The Camp site a Blendeques now</p>											

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ANA JANA	7.9.1918		cleared except for the 3 Double Tissue huts, the dismantling of which was to be done by Army & German labor, but has not been commenced yet.												
	8/9/18		admissions		Evacuations		Discharged		Transferred		Deaths		Remaining		
			5	101	5	38			38	1	1	4	222		
			Operations				Analysis of Operations								
			69		36		HBOO ^L		Frac Limbs		Amp. Limbs		Miscellan ^s		
							1		5		1		29		
			Day dull, more rain threatening. Rained through the night. Ground becoming very sloppy. Saw roads officer who has promised to fix up a sleeper track from the road to the Reception tent. Duck boards laid in Peter's quarters, and kitchen building commenced last evening. All hands working remarkably well under very trying, and unpleasant conditions. The evacuations from Ana Jana												

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			Admissions		Evacuations		Discharges		Transfers		Deaths			Remains	
			OF	O.R.	OF	O.R.	OF	O.R.	OF	O.R.	OF	O.R.	OF	O.R.	
ANA. JANA.	9.9.18.		2	25	4	83		2			4				
			Operations				Analysis of Operations								
			18		10		Chest Pent	Amput ⁿ Limbs		Miscellaneous					
							1	2		7					
<p>Day dull heavy showers at intervals. Rained heavily at times during the night. Line of Beccaville laid along front of tent brigades to Cookhouse. Mortuary tent in working order. Electric light in most of wards. Sister 'C' office completed. OC's office erected. Store tent for QM stores in addition to the 2 marques already up. Road not completed yet, entrance to station in a mess in consequence ADMS XXIV Division called, says we can have some more men from 87 Field Amb, should we need them.</p>															
<p><i>V. V. Stanley Lib.</i></p>															

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ANA JANA	10-9-18.		1	21	5	38		38			1	1	3	178			
			Operations				Analysis of Operations										
			8				Free Limbs				Miscell ^{aneous}						
							2				6						
			<p>Morning showery, after which the clouds cleared, till towards evening strong wind blowing. Good work during fine spell today, and the Station looks well, in spite of a wet week. Not many cases coming in. This sector becoming quieter. Work done through the day. All spare tents & tent parts, spread out to dry & afterwards stored. All material collected and dumped near 2. M. Stores. Water storage tanks erected. Officer's mess kitchen erected. Sanitary area cleaned up, and temporary incinerator put in good going order. Buckboards laid throughout officer's quarters. Sister's quarters, tents tented. Stronger pegs obtained; bad holding ground for tent pegs. Drains dug, and start made to duckboard track in men's quarters. Tubs (2) of XI Mob Lab</p>														

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ANA JANA	10.9.18.		<p>in course of erection. Q.No. going through all stores and equipment. Only essentials to be kept on hand. Have indented for more new tents to replace old and leaky tents. Road leading into Station not yet completed, this work is being done by outside labor. Electric lighting in Camp now almost complete. Dist. Ramsay proceeded on leave to England.</p>																																											
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			<p>Raining heavily and incessantly, very heavy rain thro night. ADMS 2nd Army Lt Col Howell visited the station, said we would be moving to 5th Army shortly, date not known, locality probably somewhere near Aberville. Work retarded owing to heavy rains.</p>																																											

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ANA JANA	12 9	18	2	32		15				8		1	4	179
			Operations				Analysis of Operations							
					24		ABDO ^t		Chest pent		Frac Limbs		Append ^{cs}	Miscell ^{ts}
							1		1		4		1	17
<p>Rained heavily through the night. Still raining at noon. Ground very sloppy. Lorries sent out for more duckboards. Floor boards obtained for Marques in Sister's quarters. Ash track down centre of camp urgently required but till Roads dept have finished their job making the entrance & exit for Cars nothing can be done. Expecting orders to move any day now. P.M. Raining heavily. Few cases arriving</p>														
<p><i>J. J. Lacey. L. Col</i></p>														

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			admissions		Evacuations		Discharges		Transfers		Deaths			Remaining	
			OF	OR	OF	OR	OF	OR	OF	OR	OF	OR	OF	OR	
ANA JANA	13.9.18		2	48	2	15					1		2	163	
			Operations					Analysis of Operations							
			NIL					NIL							
<p>Day dull, rain threatening. This unit will probably be moving to St Venant about the 18th inst. to No 8 C.C.S. to occupy this site. 11 Gen buty orderlies reported for duty on 11th. Pay day today. Ashes being laid in cook house, and necessary places. Ground very sloppy. Went at 9 AM to v Army H Qs to see BMS, he was out. Saw ADMS and then went on via Aire to St Venant. This unit is to occupy part of a large block of buildings, formerly a lunatic Asylum. St Venant is demolished, the town is in a worse state than Hazebrouck. The asylum is very much knocked about, and will require a great deal of patching up before it will be of use as a C.C.S. No 1 acc is to occupy 1/2 the place. Troops of various</p>															

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ANA-JANA	13.9.18		Units, are at present billeted in the various buildings which are in a very filthy condition. An advanced Operating Centre from 54 CCS occupies the best portion of the Asylum. This part is to be handed over to No 1 aces and other blocks in addition.										
			Admissions	Evacuations	Transfers	Incharges		Deaths	Remaining				
			2	34		1		5	3		191		
			Operations			Knee Joint		Miscell ^{rs}					
			5			3		2			1		
	14.9.18.		Raining. Heavy showers thro the night. Not many patients arriving. Quiet in this sector. Start made E ash track the length of the front of the Camp. Thus AM took Puster 1/c and Surgeon Specialist to St. Venant. Decided on blocks for theatre, receiving Room Dressing Room, Pusters Quarters, preoperative, and postoperative wards Party of 24 men and a sergeant detailed to start cleaning up										

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			Admissions		Evacuations		Transfers		Discharges		Deaths			Remaining	
ANA-JANA	15/9/18		off	a/R	off	a/R	off	a/R	off	a/R	of	a/R	of	a/R	
			3	17					3				7	205	
			Wounded Admitted		Operations		Analysis of Operations								
			7		4		Miscellaneous								
							4								
			<p>Day dull, and threatening. Rained thro the night. More men sent to St Venant. Visited new site again. Working party at St Venant have made good progress with the block destined for theatre, receiving room, and dressing rooms, Windows mended and the place scrubbed out, first and second floors also cleared out of rubbish, & scrubbed out.</p>												
			<p>J. J. Gray. Lt. Col.</p>												

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			Admissions		Evacuated		Transferred		Discharged		Deaths			Remaining		
			off	of Rk	off	of Rk	off	of Rk	off	of Rk	off	of Rk	off	of Rk		
ANA-JANA	16-9	18.	6	109	4	68		3		4		1	12	238		
			Wounded Admitted			Operations			Analysis of Operations							
						28			Abdo ^L		Chest (pent)		Frac Limbs		Miscell ^{ns}	
									1		1		2		24	
<p>Day fine and clear. Visited DMS 5th Army. We are to move on the 19th. No 8 C.S. from Elmes to move in on the 18th inst. The equipment and material to be taken by train to St Venant & thence to the Asylum by means of 6 lorries to be detailed by Army plus the 2 belonging to the Unit. Went to St Venant, working party have done remarkably well. The various units billeted about the buildings have not moved out yet, but are all under orders. DMS has detailed a Car (Ambulance) from 19th, also given orders for telephone to be installed by that date. A party of 60 Engineers and Labor Battalion men ordered to clean up the place, have not seen this party yet, they are probably working on the blocks occupied by No 1 A.C.S.</p>																

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ANA SANA	16.9.18.		<p>D M S 2nd Army visited the Station, and expressed regret that this was leaving 2nd Army. A D M S 29 Division (Col Douglas V.C.) visited the Station. This officer has always been most kind, and has helped the Unit in many ways.</p>													
ANA-SANA	17.9.18.		Admissions		Evacuations		Transfers		Discharges		Deaths		Remaining			
			OP	OR	OP	OR	OP	OR	OP	OR	OP	OR				
			1	31	2	72	1	1		7		1	10	188		
			Operations				Analysis of Operations									
			L				Fract Skull		17 mps Limbs		Miscell ^{ns}					
							1		1		4					
			<p>Day fine. Heavy storm through the night. Major Mackenzie D.S.O. to proceed to 3rd Aust General Hospital for duty as Surgical specialist by bar to Abbeville, also Sister Kingon (S.A.N.S.) who is reporting to 1 South African Gen Hosp. Sister Shaw reported for duty (Anesthetist) yesterday vice Sister Kingon. Two lorries of material sent to St venant at 6.A.M.</p>													

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							Nil																		
			<p>Day cloudy, no rain. Camp dismantled for the greater part. Several lorry loads sent to St Venant. Party of Officers and O/Rs from 8th CCS arrived. Bined c 5ms 2nd Army at Chateau des Iles Bassell. Patients all got rid of today, the most serious cases sent to No 64. C.C.S. Decided to move Unit by lorries as train arrangements are not very convenient, and there are plenty of lorries available. This will save a double handling also.</p>																						
			<p>J. H. Gray Lt Col.</p>																						

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St VENANT SHEET 36A. P.9, D5.9	20/9/18		<p>Day fine. All hands busy getting rid of debris in the various blocks, and stowing equipment. Party from Labor Coy cleaning up Quarters. Theatre, and Dressing Room being painted, almost finished, windows repaired. S.M.S., Major General Gerrard. C.B. visited Station, also Corps Commander, and promised to send engineers to do all necessary repairs.</p> <p>Electric light wiring being done by 351 E and M Coy, assisted by men of Unit. Water supply, and pumping plant to be fixed up by Engineer, the machinery appears to be in fair order. The large Asylum Kitchen which was taken over by this Station has been put in working order and is working well. To clear Pato we have vacated = 65 lorry loads (including trailers)</p>	
			<p>B. May, Lt. Col.</p>	

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ST VENANT	22/9/18		<p>Day fine, cloudy strong cool wind blowing. Few German shells fell around Robecq thro the night, 2 kilometres from this Station. One of our Guns was firing somewhere in the same vicinity earlier in the evening. Party of Pastors, and 2 officers attended sports of 2nd Rgd. A.F.C. at Raclurghem.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">M. May Lt Col.</p>	
	23/9/18		<p>Day cold, cloudy, and showery with short intervals of sunshine. Staff officer of G. S. XI Corps called re fixing up of water supply. Officer to be in charge of this work will be Major Bradley, Subaltern Lt Grey. Major Bradley etc of electric lighting of Station. The large storage tank (6000 Gallons) is to be put in order at once, and the wells pumped out, & cleaned. Party from G. S. Dept working on repairs to buildings and party from 194 Labor Coy on cleaning up grounds, & removing debris. Most of Unit repainting & repairing windows cleaning up interiors of buildings, Sanitary arrangements</p> <p style="text-align: right;">M. May Lt Col.</p>	
			<p>things made for each block separately</p>	

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St. VENANT.	24/9/18		<p>Day fine and cool. German planes over thro night, no bombs dropped in this vicinity, one plane belonging to No 4 Squadron (AFC) crashed near this Station, pilot Capt McCoughroy, wounded ⁱⁿ the leg, not injured by the fall, plane only slightly damaged. The pilot brought down 2 out of 7 bombs, who were attacking him, very good progress being made by Engineers with the mending of various blocks. C R E visited Station this morning. BMS visited Station yesterday.</p>	
St. VENANT.	25/9/18.		<p>Day variable, showers and sunstine. Rained through night. BMS rang up to know if this Station would be ready to receive patients on Oct 1st. By that date hope to have accommodation for 200, may be more. Rang up C R E. & asked for more bricklayers. Wards cannot be equipped till the larger shellholes in roofs and walls have been mended, Officers ward being got ready today. Theatre, Dressing Room, and X Ray kept ready by tomorrow.</p>	<p>A. J. Gray, Lt. Col.</p>

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ST. VENANT.	26/9/18		<p>Day fine. In the afternoon went to Thierouanne & Army Hqs</p> <p>Two blocks capable of holding 240 cases now ready except for some windows, which should be repaired by tomorrow. The amount of repair work done by the bricklayers and Engineers and the men of the Unit since the 20th is surprising. Ward for officers now in good repair & equipped. Dispensary & Dental Dept. in working order. also X Ray, Theatre, & Dressing Room.</p> <p>Major McMahon & team proceeded to 3rd ACCS for temporary duty.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A. Tracy L. Col.</p>	

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SIVENANT	27/9/18		Day fine. More bricklayers put on. By Oct 1 st there should be accommodation for 400 available.	
"	28/9/18		Day fine. Repair work to buildings progressing well. Electric light nearly complete for Theatre and Dressing Room, and also in one block of wards. More oiled silk and 500 ft hessian obtained from C.R.C. The problem of screening lights with such a tremendous number of windows of large size, (9 x 4½ ft) will be a considerable work.	
"	29/9/18		Day cloudy Sunshine at intervals am, pm Showery. Men given a half holiday. Pay day. Work done through week very satisfactory. Two blocks practically completed as regards repairs, and a third well under way. Kitchen arrangements very good QM stores in good running order. Tents unpacked, dried and repacked. Enamel ware boiled and thoroughly cleaned ready for re-issue at any time. All blankets mattresses and bedding put through	William L. G. L.

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St. VENANT	29/9/18		desinfectors. Army Commander (Lt. Gen Birdwood) visited the Station & made an inspection.	
	30/9/18		Raining. Good deal of rain thro the night. the ² blocks containing 83 beds 170 stretchers ready for reception of cases, also 18 beds ready for officers. DMS visited the station and expressed satisfaction to work done in the last 8 days in the way of repairs. Station now ready for reception of 260 patients. Some of Staff helping No 1 A.C.C.S. inc, one Surgical team + one officer, and lady anaesthetist for Dressing Room.	
	31/9/18			J. J. Stary L. Col.

WAR DIARY

OF

2ND. AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

FOR

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1918.

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2nd. Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

1. STAFF MOVEMENTS.

	Reported for Duty.	Transferred to Other Units.	Proceeded on Temporary Detachment.	Proceeded on Leave.	
Officers.	1	4	5	3	
Sisters.	7	9	6	6	
Other Ranks.	7	2	13	12	9 Paris. 3 U.K.

11 Convalescent V. D. Patients reported for duty.
4 Other Ranks "1914" proceeded on furlough to Australia.

2. DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of N.C.Os and men has been excellent.

3. ADMISSIONS AND DISPOSALS FOR THE MONTH.

	SICK.		WOUNDED.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
Remaining Midnight 31/8/18....	-	90	1	97
Admitted during Month.....	18	241	19	356
Transferred fr. Other C.C. Ss... --	--	12	-	1
Died during the Month..... --	--	-	2	14
Transferred to Other Hospitals. 1	1	21	2	72
Transferred to Rest Stations... --	--	-	-	-
Transferred to Base.....	14	206	16	319
Discharged to Duty.....	3	38	-	40
Remaining Midnight 30/9/18.....	-	78	-	8

4. MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

Major A.S.D. Barton D.S.O., and Major MacKenzie D.S.O. with Surgical Teams proceeded to No.58 C.C.S. on 1/9/18 and returned on 6/9/18.

Majors McMahon and Rennick proceeded on leave to Italy on 1/9/18 and returned 16/9/18.

Capt. Hansen proceeded to No.58 C.C.S. on 1/9/18 and returned on 6/9/18.

Major Dickie, R.A.M.C. returned with Surgical Team to this Unit, on 6/9/18.

Major D.S. MacKenzie D.S.O. proceeded to No.3 Australian General Hospital for duty as Surgical Specialist.

Major McMahon and Surgical Team proceeded to No.3 Australian C.C.S. for temporary duty on 26/9/18.

Major Barton D.S.O. and Surgical Team proceeded to D.M.S. Fourth Army for duty.

5. GENERAL ITEMS.

On 1/9/18 new site at Hondeghem was visited. A good field with plenty of room. Some huts and buildings remain on our old Hondeghem site - all in fair order - about 150 yards away.

A satisfactory agreement was made with Rents Officer on the 2nd. re the new site.

Removal to new site (Map Reference Sheet 27, V.4, C 6.4) began on 2nd. No.11 Mobile Laboratory accompanied and assisted in the removal. Photographs of Blendecques camp were taken and over were subsequently sold to members of the Unit.

A splendid concert was given by Unit Concert party previous to leaving Blendecques.

On the 3rd. 43 marquees and 11 Bell tents had been erected and much material transported. The ground at new site is very uneven and entailed much time in levelling off.

Officers and Sisters moved to new site on the 4th. Arrangements made with Roads Officer re track in camp, for convoys. Water was already laid on to the camp but main not yet tapped.

Acting D.M.S., and A.D.M.S. 2nd. Army, D.D.M.S. X Corps, A.D.M.S. 29th. Division visited the Station on the 5th. inst. O.C. 87 Field Ambulance visited also and offered to send his stretcher bearers to help. Offer was accepted. Electric light was installed throughout the camp which was now ready for the reception of patients. D.M.S. 2nd. Army notified on 5th. to this effect.

2 Teams complete returned from temporary detachment to No.18 C.C.S. on 6th. inst. 50 patients received by 7 a.m.

It has taken roughly three and a half days to pull down, move, and open up on a site 12 to 15 miles distant with 8 lorries assisted by 2 lorries with trailers one day to carry Sisters' quarters.

Patients were received alternately in conjunction with No.1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

A.D.M.S., 2nd. Army visited the Station on 6th. inst. and gave intimation that this Station was to go to 5th. Army and would occupy the site of No.8 C.C.S. near Lumbres. I visited O.C. No.8 C.C.S. and D.M.S. 2nd. Army to make arrangements.

Patients were evacuated at Ana Jana Siding, which place was not very satisfactory owing to the nature of the roads. Marquees should be erected for shelter purposes between main line and siding and a telephone installed for the E.M.O.

By the 10th. inst. the following was completed:- Line of Decauville along front of tent brigades to cookhouse; mortuary, electric lighting of wards, office of Sister in charge, office of C.O., Store tents for Q.M., Officers Mess and kitchen, water storage tanks erected, sanitary Area cleared up, incinerator established, duck boards laid throughout camp, camp drained.

On the 11th. inst. Lt. Col. Howell, A.D.M.S. 2nd. Army visited Station and intimated that the next site would probably be near Merville and not near Lumbres.

11 Convalescent V. D. Patients reported for duty on the 11th.

Notification received on the 13th. that the Station would occupy a site at St. Venant in a large group of buildings formerly a Lunatic Asylum - one half to be occupied by No.1 Australian C.C.S. No.8 C.C.S. will occupy present site.

On the 14th. a start was made on cleaning out the buildings which were in a very dirty condition and knocked about by shells. The buildings for the different departments were decided on.

A party from R.E. and Labor Corps was detailed to cleanup new site on the 16th.

D.M.S. Second Army visited the Station on the 16th. and expressed regret at our departure from 2nd. Army. A.D.M.S. 29 Division (Col. Douglas V.C.) who has helped this Station in many ways also visited the Station.

On the 18th. camp at Hondeghem was dismantled and several lorry loads despatched to St. Venant. As train arrangements were not convenient it was decided to use lorry transport. 5 F.W.D. with trailers were lent by 9th. Pontoon Park. Old site was cleared by 6 p.m. on the 19th. 65 lorry loads (including trailers) having been transported.

On 20th. D.M.S. Fifth Army (Major General Gerrard C.B.), and XI Corps Commander visit St. Venant site.

Work at new site consisted of cleaning up grounds, mending windows, roofs and walls to render buildings rain proof. Theatre and Dressing Room were cleaned up and painted, and arrangements for water supply and electric lighting supervised under direction of C.R.E. XI Corps.

Inquiry was made by D.M.S. if this Station would be ready to receive patients on 1st. October. It is hoped to have accommodation for 200 patients or more by that date.

By 26th., Theatre, Dressing Room, X-Ray Department, and 2 blocks capable of holding 240 cases were ready and accommodation for 400 should be available by 1st. October.

The problem of screening lights with so many windows to be protected will be considerable work.

All tents have been dried and repacked, enamel ware boiled, and mattresses, bedding and blankets disinfected.

German shells fell around Robecq (2 kilometres from this C.C.S.) on the night of the 22nd.

The large hospital cross (50' x 30') has been laid out on a piece of ground opposite the main entrance. A black cross on white background is to be painted on the roofs of the buildings.

FURTHER PARTICULARS RE MOVES ARE INCLUDED IN THE Q.M.'s REPORT.

2nd. Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

1st. October, 1918.

C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Whilst the Station was receiving during the month the Medical Ward was mostly filled by Gassed Cases, Influenza and Trench Fever.

Of the Gas Cases the majority were not serious, and all cases were evacuated.

As regards the Influenza, about half were cured and discharged to duty. The remainder were evacuated either on account of relapse or post influenzallasthenia.

The Trench Fevers were mainly of the persistent low type pyrexia with obstinate shin pains and were evacuated.

There was one case which was thought to be Para-typhoid, (also suspected by Consulting Physician, 2nd. Army), who was unconfirmed bacteriologically. Unfortunately the diagnosis was not definitely established when the Station closed at Ana Jana.

There was one very acute Gastro-Enteritis, the man being in a critical condition on admission. The stools had been examined prior to admission with negative results. With stimulation, intravenous injection of Sod. Bicarb. Solution and dietetic treatment this man's condition was quite satisfactory when transferred to 64 C.C.S. when the Station moved.

There was one case of acute Stomatitis accompanied by marked oedema of tongue. This case cleared up well after an injection of diphtheria anti-toxin and local treatment.

Amongst the wounded Chest Cases, 3 were inoperable and died, and will be further mentioned in the post-mortem report. A third chest who had been out 2 days and was badly infected with maggots probably died at 64 C.C.S. after This Station had closed down. The remaining Chests did well and were evacuated to Base.

During the month 6 Autopsies were performed. Of these 3 were on chest cases, one having multiple wounds and gas infection. The other, besides a penetrating wound of chest, had a fracture of a transverse process and a severing of spinal cord. The third was moribund on admission, and at post-mortem examination extensive comminution of ribs and surgical neck of humerus and laceration of lung were seen. There were two examinations on Abdominal cases who died without operation. The sixth was a case of very extensive compound fracture of skull and disorganisation of brain tissue. In this case there were 4 radiating fractures from right frontal region (a) extending to cribriform plate of ethmoid, (b) to left temporal region (c & d) towards the mastoid processes. The calvarium of this case has been saved.

N. M. A. Hetcher

Major.

Physician.

2nd. Australian C. C. S.

Lieut. Col

O.C. 2nd. A.C.C.S.

1st. October, 1918.

C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

SURGICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

The total number of Operations performed during the month is 185.

This Total is 65.8% of Wounded admitted (excluding Contusions, Concussions, Gassed, Abrasions).

Of the 185 Operations performed -

106 were operated upon in the Theatre.

79 were operated upon in the Dressing Room.

In the Dressing Room, 297 Dressings were done for the month.

Four (4) penetrating Abdomens were operated upon, of which 2 were evacuated and 2 died.

Transfusion of blood was performed 3 times.

No Surgical work was done between September 1 - 5, as the Station was preparing for a move to a new site and again received wounded on September 6.

Surgical work again ceased on September 17 as the Station was preparing to move to its present position.

From the above it will be seen that for 18 days of the month it was not possible for the Station to carry on its Surgical work.

A. J. Coyle, Captain.

Surgeon.

2nd. Australian C. C. S.

Lieut. Col
O.C. 2nd. A.C.C.S.

1st. October, 1918.

C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

DENTAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

The total work during the month of September is small. This is natural owing to the two moves we have had during the month. However, no time was unnecessarily lost. On the first occasion a marquee was erected, and a Dental Surgery and Work-room established within a very short time after the arrival of the Dental kit. During our short stay here a little work was done, but there were not many troops in the vicinity and so the Dental parades were not large.

A few dental cases were evacuated from the line. Among these was a patient with a chronic maxillary sinusitis. As we knew that we were again moving in a few days he was evacuated to the Base without commencing surgical treatment at this Station.

Several cases presented with abscessed teeth for whom it would have been difficult to produce sufficient anaesthesia with a local anaesthetic. The teeth were in these cases extracted under nitrous oxide anaesthesia.

After about a fortnight in this place we moved to our present location. I am now very comfortably situated as I have three rooms of quite convenient size for Dental work at the top of the building in which the Operating Theatre and Dressing Room are. The only disadvantage is that it is on the second floor of the building.

I was ready to receive work the same day as I moved into the place.

W. G. Banfield

Capt.

Dental Surgeon.

2nd. Australian C. C. S.

Lieut. Col

O.C. 2nd. A.C.C.S.

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C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

REPORT ON X-RAY WORK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

- 1. Total Number of Cases examined.....43.
- 2. Number of Skiagrams.....20.
- 3. Analysis of Cases examined by X-Ray:-
 - (a) Abdominal Wounds penetrating..... 2.
 - (b) Chest Wounds penetrating..... 4.
 - (d) Head Wounds, penetrating or with frac. Skull.. 4.
 - (c) Knee Joint Wounds penetrating..... -
 - (e) Orbit or Eye Wounds..... -
 - (s) Spinal Wounds..... -
 - (f) Other Wounds and Injuries.....35.
- 4. Methods of Localisation of Foreign Bodies:-
 - (a) Screening and Skiagrams in two planes.
 - (b) Parallax Method of Screening.
 - (c) Triangulation Method.
 - (d) Strohlz's Method.

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Owing to frequent moves, this month's work represents only 9 working days.

Albert V.R. Hansen Captain.
Radiologist. 2nd. Australian C.C.S.

Lieut. Col
O.C. 2nd. A.C.C.S.

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2nd. Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

1st. October, 1918.

C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

DISPENSER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Herewith Report for the Month of September. Owing to twice moving during the month the total number of days worked only amounted to 12. The output from the Dispensary has, therefore, been considerably decreased.

Items.	Operating Theatre.	Dressing Room.	Wards.	Totals.
Flavine 1-1000.	4 gals.	1 gal.	1 gal.	6 gals.
Dakin's Solution.	3 gals.	2 gals.	1 gal.	6 gals.
B. I. P.	1 lb.	1/4 lb.	1/4 lb.	1 1/2 lbs.
Liq. Cresolis.	1 gal.	2 pints	1/2 pint	1 gal. 2 1/2 pints.
Aether.	27 lbs.	15 lbs.	1 lb.	43 lbs.
Chloroform.	9 lbs.	7 lbs.	--	16 lbs.
Tincture Iodine.	1 gal.	1/2 gal.	1/4 gal.	1 1/4 gals.
Paraffin Liq.	2 pints.	1 pints.	3/4 pint.	3 1/4 pints.
Wool.	45 lbs.	25 lbs.	30 lbs.	100 lbs.
Gauze.	2805 yds.	2052 yds.	1780 yds.	6637 yds.
Lint.	7 lbs.	6 lbs.	1 lb.	14 lbs.
Bandages 3".	20	23	6	49 doz. rolls.
4".	17	20	5	42 doz. rolls.
6".	4	6	1	11 doz. rolls.
Triangular.	1 1/2 doz.	4 doz.	3 doz.	8 1/2 doz. bandages.
Spts. Bin. Iod. 1-250.	1 pint.	3/4 pint.	--	1 1/4 pints.
Safety Pins.	16 tins.	11 tins.	3 tins.	30 tins.
Saline 18%.	2 galls.	1 1/2 gals.	1/2 gal.	4 gals.
Saline 5%.	2 pints.	1 gal.	1/2 gal.	3 1/2 gal.

In addition to above List, 20 prescriptions were dispensed for the Month of September.

V. R. Bellamy
 Pharmacist. Lieut.
 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

Lieut. Col
 O.C. 2nd. A.C.C.S.

1st. October, 1918.

C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

During the month of September the Unit was moved twice. First from Blendecques to Hondegghem and secondly from Hondegghem to St. Venant.

The first move from Blendecques to Hondegghem was commenced on Monday, 2nd. September. All equipment, stores, Sisters' quarters, local buildings, and material was transferred to new site by Saturday, 7th. September. Three Hospital Nissen Huts and a quantity of Decauville tramway was left on site at Blendecques. Six lorries were attached for the purpose of shifting the Station. In all 74 lorry loads of material etc. was transferred to Hondegghem.

The site at Hondegghem was roomy and sufficient but was very lumpy and needed a considerable amount of levelling. The work of the camp was proceeded with and by the end of the first week all canvas was erected, wards equipped, and patients were being attended to. Sisters' Armstrong Huts were erected and occupied by them. The following locally constructed buildings were also erected:- X-Ray Room, C.O.'s Office, Oil Store, main Cookhouse, Officers, Sisters and Sergeants Cookhouses, latrines and ablution sheds, Decauville tramway from main entrance, - to Cookhouse and Stores.

A circular road 220 feet long was commenced but was not finished during our stay on this site.

No arrangements were made, although directed by Director of Water Supply, for the supply of water for the use of the Station. All water required for cooking, drinking, washing of patients and Operations had to be carried by hand from a water point 300 yards away. I may point out that every assistance was offered by me to the Officer in charge of Water Supply. The main water line ran through the camp and only needed a fitting to connect the water supply to the camp. I had the water pipe, and tanks dismantled and transported from Blendecques. Carpenters and men to lay the piping to sites chosen were offered but for some reason or other the R.E. Officer took no action.

During our stay at Hondegghem a considerable amount of wet weather was experienced and all camouflaged tents leaked badly. These, 27 in number, were sent to salvage.

The two Nissen Huts and equipment of No. 11 Mobile Laboratory attached to our Station were also shifted from Blendecques to Hondegghem, and re-erected at the new site by me.

Supplies were drawn from St. Omer, Blendecques, and Bavénchove and needed a considerable amount of travelling by lorries

Second shift - Hondegghem to St. Venant.

On receipt of instructions of the transfer of No. 2 Aust. C.C.S. from Second to Fifth Army, the site chosen at St. Venant (Asylum) was visited by C.O. and myself on Sunday 15th. Sept. It was ascertained a considerable amount of cleaning up and repairs would be needed before the Unit could occupy the building. Therefore, on Monday a fatigue party of a N.C.O. and 10 men was taken to St. Venant and commenced cleaning up one of the buildings for the reception of the Station's equipment. The two lorries attached to the Unit were employed removing surplus stores etc. to the new site until orders were received to close down and pack up ready to move on 17th. September.

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An early start was made on the morning of 18th. September to dismantle the camp as it was ascertained that No.8 C.C.S. would move on to the site during that day. The work was retarded considerably owing to the presence of a number of patients awaiting evacuation. Train accommodation was made for the transfer of the Station's equipment. At midday on the 18th. Sept. 10 lorries reported to remove the Stations equipment. These were loaded together with our own two and as the train had not arrived with No.8 C.C.S. I despatched the lorries by road to St.Venant. They had unloaded their first load and returned and departed with the second load when the train pulled in with No.8 C.C.S. During the afternoon I ascertained from the Railway Officials that the train would be available to load my equipment at midday on the 19th., 24 hours after the lorries reported. During the evening a message was received that we could commence loading the train in the morning. As more than half the Station's equipment had been transferred to new site, and the congestion of lorries loading and unloading on a one way road, it was deemed advisable to remove the remainder of the stores by road, so as to give No.8 C.C.S. a chance to unload the train. Five F.W.D. with trailers attached were kindly lent by O.C., 9th. Pontoon Park, to assist removing our stores.

The site at Hondèghem was clear of our equipment and stores by 5 p.m. on the 19th. September. In all 65 lorry and trailer loads of equipment and stores were transferred from Hondèghem to St.Venant.

The following buildings were handed over to No.8 C.C.S.:-
8 Armstrong Huts, Oil Store, Kitchen, Ablution and Latrine Sheds, Officers, Sisters and Sergeants Cookhouses,

No.11 Mobile Laboratory remained on the site.

The members of the Unit and the V. D. Convalescent Patients worked exceptionally well, as the site was clear of our Station 40 hours after orders were received to close down.

The work of repairing the buildings at St.Venant is progressing satisfactorily, 20 R.E. assisted by some carpenters etc. of our own Unit doing the work. A party from a Labor Company was employed cleaning the ground of debris, our own men being employed cleaning the buildings and clearing them out ready to fit up as wards. The work is very tedious as there is rubbish strewn everywhere. During the last week considerable improvement has been made in the appearance of the place.

The Cookhouse has been cleaned out very well, and the oven and boilers are working satisfactorily. A great improvement has been made in the cooking of the meals.

Field Service Rations have been issued for the month and has proved satisfactory.

340 lbs. of Fat have been recovered during the month.

8,818 Articles were sent to the Laundry during the month.

Appended hereto is a List of Articles sent to Salvage during the month.

J.H. Holland Capt.

Quartermaster.

2nd. Australian C. C. S.

Lieut.

O.C. 2nd. A.C.C.S.

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APPENDIX

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LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL SALVAGED

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Marquee Hosp. large	1	Rifles	83
" " small	38	Cutlery- sacks.	3
Tent, Operating	2	Caps	30
Tents, C.S.H.	10	German boots odd.	13
Valises, hosp. marquee	26	Stretchers, Ambulance	52
" C.S.H.	44	Shovels, G.S.	2
Pin Bags, C.S.H.	23	Spurs - pr.	20
Pin Bags, hosp. marquee	54	Thomas Splints.	14
Tent Walls.	4	Panniers M.C.	8
Porchways, hosp. marquee.	10	Bedstead, iron.	1
Carriages, Stretcher Amb.	2	Puttees - pr.	200
Bicycles.	4	Boots - pr.	189
Oil Heaters.	2	Boots - odd	126
Lamps, Acet. hand.	4	Cardigans.	300
Lamp, F.S.	18	Kilts.	8
Primus Burners	20	Haversacks.	220
Braces - pr.	300	Mess Tins.	145
Shirts, flannel.	350	Mess Tin Covers.	100
Underpants.	150	Mattresses	5
Jackets, S.D.	280	Bayonets	80
Greatcoats.	80	Equipment - sets.	118
Trousers, S.D. - prs.	150	Small Arms Ammunition -sks	4
Breeches, M.S. - pr.	60	Helmets - steel.	247
Socks - pr.	300	Respirators, small box	240
Rags, Cotton. - sacks.	3	Water Bottles.	40
Rags, Woollen. - sacks.	2	Field Dressings.	30
Kit Bags.	10	Helves, T. E.	20
Thresh Disinfecter.	1	Breech Covers.	90
Valise.	20	Blades, T.E.	30
Ground Sheets.	40	Stretcher Slings.	180
Stretcher Pillows.	5	Water Bag.	1
Water Bottles.	100	Carpenter's Tool Bag.	1
Bolsters.	14	Fly Catchers.	12
Bed Covers.	8	Lamps, Bicycle.	23
		Beatrice Stove.	1.

J. H. Holland

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Quartermaster.

2nd. Australian C. C. S.

Lieut. Col

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D.G.M.S. No. D.G./72/1.
D.M.S., Second Army No. 27/533.

War Office,
Adastral House,
Victoria Embankment,
E.C. 4.
5th. September, 1918.

121/Medical/3434 (A.M.D.3).

Sir,
I am to state that the method hitherto adopted of referring to quantities of Tetanus antitoxin in terms of "doses" (i.e. 500 U.S.A. units) leads to confusion in view of the fact that the amount given for prophylactic purposes frequently exceeds this amount. I am therefore to say that, in future, amounts of the prophylactic serum should be quoted in all Returns, Indents, &c. as "phials of 8,000 units".

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) HERBERT DIXON. Major.
for Director General,
Army Medical Service.

D.G., A.M.S.,
British Armies in France.

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D.M.S., Second Army.

Forwarded for your information and communication to all concerned for necessary action and future guidance.

(Sgd) H.B.H. Ritchie, Major.
for Director General Medical Services.
British Armies in France.

10/9/18.

C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

For information and future guidance.

(Sgd) F.D.G. Howell,
for Major General,
Director of Medical Services.

H.Q., Second Army.
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D.G.M.S. No. D.G./78/69.
D.M.S., Second Army No.P.4/134.

D.M.S. Second Army.

In continuation of this Office No. D.G./78/69 dated 13.8.18; will you please issue instructions to all concerned that every application for Sick Leave on behalf of French Soldiers who are patients in British Medical Units, should be accompanied by a certificate signed by the O.C. of the Medical Unit, giving the following particulars :-

1. Rank and Name of Soldier.
2. Regiment or Corps.
3. Nature of Disability.
4. Whether Disability was contracted on Duty.
5. Duration of Treatment.
6. Opinion of O.C., British Medical Unit.
7. Name of the Place to which the Leave is desired.

(Sgd) M.B.H. Ritchie. Major.
for Director General Medical Services,
British Armies in France.

11.9.18.

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C.O. 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

For guidance and action when necessary.

(Sgd) F.D.G. Howell. Lt. Col.
for Major-General
Director of Medical Services.

H.Q., Second Army,
12.9.18.

D.G.M.S. No. D.G. 197/3.
D.M.S., Second Army No. 305/80.

D.M.S., Second Army.

It is notified for your information that a Field Medical Card should be made out for every patient admitted to a Medical Unit. These cards will accompany the patients on transfer from one Medical Unit to another.

In the case of those patients who are discharged to duty, &c. or die in Medical Units, the cards will be kept for three months, and then sent to D.A.G., G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon, for transmission to the Medical Research Committee. Under no circumstances will Field Medical Cards be destroyed.

(Sgd) F.B. Winfield. Major.
for Director General Medical Services,
British Armies in France.

10.9.18.

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C.O., 2nd. Australian C. C. S.

For information and necessary action.

(Sgd) F.D.G. Howell, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Director of Medical Services.

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D.M.S., Second Army No. 27/467.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF GUM INFUSION FLUID TO ARMIES.

1. The instructions contained in this Office No. D.G. Y. 2288/309 dated 13th. May 1918, are cancelled.

2. Gum Infusion Fluid will now be obtained as follows:-

(a) Second and Fifth Armies. A selected Advanced Depot of Medical Stores in each Army will obtain the requirements for its Army from the O. 1/c, Base Hygiene Laboratory, BOULOGNE, direct, and will return all empties there. The number of the Advanced Depot selected will be reported to this Office, and to the Base Hygiene Laboratory.

(b) First, Third and Fourth Armies. D's M.S. of these Armies will arrange to obtain requirements from No.15 Advanced Depot of Medical Stores, PREVENT, (Third Army), and will also arrange for the return of all empties to that Depot.

(c) D.M.S. Third Army, will arrange for No.15 Advanced Depot of Medical Stores to obtain stocks of the fluid from Officer 1/c Base Hygiene Laboratory, BOULOGNE, direct. Empties will be returned as fresh supplies are drawn.

3. Return of Empty Bottles. Up to now, only a small proportion of the bottles issued have been returned. New bottles are difficult to obtain and the supply of gum infusion fluid is dependent on the number of bottles in circulation. Unless these are returned quickly by Medical Units to the selected Advanced Depots, and from there to the Base Hygiene Laboratory, a plentiful supply of the fluid cannot be expected.

(Sgd) H.B.H. Ritchie, Major,
for Director General of Medical Services,
British Armies in France.

6.9.18.

C.O., 2nd. Australian C.C.S.

For information and necessary action.

No.11 Advanced Depot of Medical Stores is the Depot from which supplies will be obtained in this Area. Medical Units will ensure that empty bottles are returned as expeditiously as possible.

The D.G.'s instructions which are cancelled, vide para.1 of above, were circulated under this Office No. as above of 14.5.18.

(Sgd) F.D.G. Howell, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
Director of Medical Services.

H.Q., Second Army.
8.9.18.

DOUBLE SERUM FOR TETANUS AND GAS GANGRENE.

Reference this Office No. 27/479 of 4.6.18. The use of the Double Serum for Tetanus and Gas Gangrene should now cease.

(Sgd) F.D.G. Howell, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
Director of Medical Services.

H.Q., Second Army.
18.9.18.

1st. October, 1918.

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES FIFTH ARMY - CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 3.PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF WOUND SHOCK.

In a wounded man, shock may be present as an immediate effect of the wound (primary shock) or may come on secondarily as the result of exposure to cold or jolting during transport (secondary shock).

Primary Shock can be reduced and Secondary Shock can be largely prevented by appropriate methods.

The methods of treatment and prevention are simple and consist largely in restoring or preventing loss of body heat by the means indicated below.

(1) IN THE FRONT LINE.

Unnecessary loss of body heat is to be avoided. -

- (a) by disturbing the patient's clothing as little as possible.
- (b) by providing covering during transit. Each stretcher should be equipped with a blanket and ground sheet; the blanket is wrapped in the ground sheet and carried in the closed stretcher in order to keep it dry.

(2) AT THE REGIMENTAL AID POST.

Warming up should be practised in severe cases, and in all cases blankets &c. should be re-arranged as described in (3). Small hot drinks of hot tea and cocoa, well sweetened and containing a drachm of Sod. Bicarb. should be given to all wounded men admitted.

(3) AT THE ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.

The patient should have his outer clothes removed if these are wet. He should then be placed on a dry stretcher supported on trestles with a heating lamp beneath it. This Stretcher has three blankets prepared so that while the patient is warming up and being dressed, the blankets hang down and form a hot air chamber, and when they are folded over he has 4 layers of blanket both over and under him. The sides of the trestles should be covered with canvas or blanket so as to form a complete hot air chamber.

In cold weather, and in severe cases, well covered hot water bottles should be applied to the flanks and to the feet before evacuation.

The hot sweetened drinks with added alkali should be repeated. The addition of the alkali is to prevent the effects of acidosis which is associated with many cases of shock.

Excessive doses of morphia are to be avoided. 1/4 gr. given hypodermically is usually sufficient. In no case should this dose be repeated more than once before the transfer of the patient to a Casualty Clearing Station.

Adequate splinting is essential in fractures of the long bones, and in severe muscle injuries: fractures of the thigh and upper part of the leg, and all wounds of the knee joint should invariably be treated with a Thomas' Splint and extension.

(Sgd) R. S. Gibson. Capt.
for Major General.
Director of Medical Services.

H.Q. Fifth Army.
16.8.18.

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DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES FIFTH ARMY.
CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO.7.DMS., Fifth Army 89/61.NOTES

ON

THE TREATMENT OF FRACTURED FEMUR.I. EXTENSION:

- (A) Where operation on cases of fractured femur sent to Casualty Clearing Stations in Thomas splints with extension has to be delayed owing to the necessity of resuscitation, &c. care should be taken to relax the extension and remove the patient's boot as soon as possible after admission. Neglect of this precaution has recently been the cause of extensive pressure sores on the feet, and in some cases even gas gangrene has resulted.
- (B) Caliper extension has been unsuitable for transport as the calipers tend to slip and may injure the knee joint. Calipers should, therefore, be replaced by a strapping or glue bandage extension before evacuation of the patient to Base.
- (C) Sinclair's Extension glue has been found satisfactory provided it is not applied too hot.

II. STRETCHER SUSPENSION BARS.

All cases of fractured femur &c. treated on a Thomas splint should have the splint supported by two suspension bars on evacuation of the patient to the Base. One bar is used for slinging the end of the splint in the usual way; the second bar is used to support the ring of the splint so as to prevent it slipping up over the ischii and exerting injurious pressure on the perinaeum.

III. CARE OF SKIN OF CASES TREATED IN THOMAS SPLINT.

Pressure sores from the ring of the splint can be prevented by careful and frequent attention to the skin of the buttocks at the points of pressure, and by the use of soft soap or vaseline to soften the leather of the ring before it is applied. The skin at the points of pressure should be attended to at least every eight hours during the patient's stay in a C.C.S.

IV. TIME OF EVACUATION OF FRACTURED FEMUR CASES.

The general policy at the present time is to evacuate fractured femur cases to England as early as possible. Provided therefore that the patient's general condition is satisfactory, evacuation from C.C.Ss should take place within 48 hours of the initial operation. In these cases delayed primary suture will be performed at the Base or in England. If the patient has to be detained for any reason in a C.C.S. and delayed suture is performed there, evacuation should not take place until 8 days after such suture. If the patient cannot be retained for this length of time owing to military reasons, the sutures should be removed before evacuation: further suture will be performed at the Base.

(Sgd) S. Boylan Smith. Lt/Col.
for Major General.
Director of Medical Services.

H.Q. Fifth Army.
21.9.18.

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XV CORPS ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 95.

Precautions against "Trench Foot".

1. Wet and cold weather will involve serious casualties from "Trench Foot" unless prompt and efficient precautions are taken to combat this complaint.
2. The prevention of "Trench Foot" is mainly a question of discipline in enforcing comparatively simple precautions. It rests with Platoon, Company and Battalion Commanders to ensure that these precautions are observed and that casualties from this avoidable cause do not occur.
3. Cases of "Trench Foot" are confined to men not only in the line. Men in transport and wagon lines may also contract it, if proper precautions are not enforced. Officers i/c Transport and Wagon Lines are responsible that their men are looked after in this respect.
4. Cases of "Trench Foot" in a unit will be regarded as evidence of lax discipline and the Commanding Officer of the unit held responsible unless it can be shown that all practical precautions were observed.
5. Each Field Ambulance will report to the Division concerned or, in the case of Corps Troops units, the D.D.M.S. of the Corps every case of "Trench Foot" admitted. The Division will order an immediate investigation into the case and render to Corps "A" for the information of the Corps Commander a report on the pro-forma attached. Corps "A" will obtain similar reports in cases which occur in Corps Troops units.
6. The precautions against "Trench Foot" fall in two categories -
 - (i) General.
 - (ii) Local.
 - (1) The GENERAL MEASURES for prevention are the promotion of warmth and good circulation by :-
 - (a) A hot meal at least once in every 24 hours, and especially hot soup at night.
 - (b) Shorter tours of all duties of a stationary nature.
 - (c) Disposition of men, as far as the tactical situation permits so as to give movement to all in turn.
 - (ii) The LOCAL MEASURES for prevention are the care and protection of the feet :-
 - (a) The most important precaution is the regular provision of clean dry socks. Arrangements must be made to ensure that each man in the line, and elsewhere if the conditions demand it, changes his socks once in every 24 hours, and during particularly cold and wet weather twice in every 24 hours.
 - (b) Gum boots must be provided and worn by men who are compelled to stand in water. It must, however, be remembered that gum boots while sometimes necessary, are dangerous; and opportunities should be made for their removal with the utmost frequency and for the longest periods that the situation will allow. The interior of gum boots are always damp by reason of sweat condensation; adequate arrangements, therefore, must be made for drying them. Gum boot stores will be established near the front from which issues will be made. Men must not be allowed to march up in gum boots as they are injurious to the feet.
 - (c) Ordinary boots must be kept well softened with dubbin.
 - (d) Puttees must be worn loose otherwise they restrict the circulation.
 - (e) Men's boots must be easy fitting and must not be tightly laced.
7. Regular Foot Treatment Centres must be established where the men's feet can be attended to before and after a tour in the front line. Detailed instructions with regard to these are appended.

(Sgd) G. Frith.
Brigadier General.
D.A. & Q.M.G. XV CORPS.

20/9/18.

1st. October, 1918.

ADVANCED FOOT TREATMENT CENTRES.

1. Advanced Foot Treatment Centres must be established in each sub-sector far enough forward for parties of men in the lines to attend in such numbers that every man gets at least one treatment during his tour in the front line.

Foot Treatment Centres must also be established for support and reserve Battalions to carry out the treatment before going into and after coming out from the line.

Shelter and warmth are necessary in such Centres.

2. The personnel for these Centres will be furnished by R.A.M.C. and stretcher bearers trained for the purpose by Regimental Medical Officers.

The Battalion Chiropodist with his instruments will always be on duty at the Centre serving his battalion.

Each Centre should be floored with trench boards and be fitted with troughs over gutters leading the water away. Forms will be provided on either side of the troughs for ~~the~~ the men to sit on.

The following sizes have been found convenient:-

Trough 10 ft. long 12;inches deep. 12 inches wide at bottom and 15 inches wide at top. The trough is arranged with a fall to allow the water to run off.

Each 10 ft. form will seat 6 men.

A precipitation tank for waste water is required and a table for the chiropodist, and soap and powder must be provided.

A stock of dry socks will be kept at each centre.

The following Stores will be required:-

- Soyer Stoves. Nail Brushes.
- Nail Scissors. Bone and Orange Stick Nail Cleaners.
- Towels. Tins prepared for dusting powder.

3. TREATMENT. At the Foot Treatment Centre the feet will first be washed in hot water with ordinary soap. They will next be carefully dried and the nails attended to by the chiropodist. Finally the feet will be well rubbed with warmed Whale Oil until the oil has disappeared. The man is then ready to go into the line.

While in the Line each man will remove his boots and socks twice during each 24 hours. The men will be told off in pairs and each will be responsible for the feet of his comrade. He will first dry and massage the latter's feet from the toes upward; then rub the feet well with Whale Oil until the oil disappears.

4. The details of the treatment and the training of the personnel must be under the personal supervision of the Regimental Medical Officer.

While in Support and Reserve, Company Officers must see their own men treated and will be responsible that orders on the subject are understood and carried out.

Pre forms Report mentioned in par. 5 "Precautions against "Trench Foot".

Particulars of Cases of Trench Foot Admitted during period 9 a.m. to 9 a.m.....Division.

Unit. No. Rank and Name. Time in Trenches. Whether Oil was used. Whether long gum boots were worn. Depth of water in trenches occupied. How often while in trenches - 1. Boots were changed?. 2. Feet were rubbed. 3. Socks were changed. Whether hot food & drinks were supplied in the trenches.

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES - FIFTH ARMY.CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO.1.SURGICAL TEAMS.A. SURGICAL TEAMS MOVING TO UNITS WITHIN THE ARMY.

Surgical Teams transferred to a C.C.S. or Stationary Hospital within the Army area will consist of the following personnel:-

- 1 Surgeon.
- 1 Anaesthetist.
(May be replaced by a Nursing Sister trained in Anaesthetic Work).
- 1 Theatre Sister.
- 2 Theatre Orderlies.
- 3 Nursing Orderlies.
(One first class and two second class).
- 1 Batman.

Each Team will take with them the equipment and instruments in accordance with the attached List marked "A".

B. SURGICAL TEAMS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER ARMY AREAS.

Surgical Teams leaving the Army area will consist of the following personnel:-

- 1 Surgeon.
- 1 Anaesthetist.
(May be replaced by a Nursing Sister trained in Anaesthetic Work).
- 1 Theatre Sister.
- 2 Theatre Orderlies.
- 1 Batman.

They will not take instruments or other equipment with them unless orders to that effect are given.

The arrival and departure of Surgical Teams will be reported by Signal message and confirmed by D.R.L.S., the names of Officers and Sisters composing the Team, together with the number of orderlies being given in the latter case.

In the event of a Visiting Team being transferred from one unit to another, the unit from which it originally came will be notified of such transfer as well as this office.

Officers and Sisters when proceeding on Team Duty should all cases take camp kit - including beds - with them.

(Sgd) S. Boylan Smith. Lt. Col.
for Major General
Director of Medical Services.

Headquarters,
Fifth Army.
28th. July, 1918.

List "A".

LIST OF EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS TO BE TAKEN BY
SURGICAL TEAMS PROCEEDING TO UNITS WITHIN THE ARMY.

- 1 Operating Table.
- 1 Scindia folding dressing table.
(As supplied by B.R.C.S.).
- 1 Enam. Iron Jug (large).
- 2 " " " (1 quart).
- 3 " " " Bowls.
- 1 Instrument Steriliser.
- 2 Primus Stoves.
- 3 Small Enam. Dishes. Iron.
- 2 Enam. Iron Slop Pails.
- 10 Scalpels.
- 18 Spencer Wells Forceps.
- 4 Lane's Tissue Forceps.
- 3 Dissecting Forces.
- 1 Steriliser Forceps.
- 4 Scissors.
- 1 Aneurysm Needle.
- 2 Prs. Retractors.
- 1 Volkmann's Spoon.
- 1 Amputating Saw.
- 1 " Knife.
- 2 Tourniquets.
- 1 Needle Holder.
- 1 Pr. Intestinal Clamps.
- 1 Enema Syringe (for irrigating).
- Needles (various).
- 1 Infusion Apparatus.
- 1 Shipway's Ether Apparatus.
- 2 Anaesthetic Masks.
- 2 Drop Bottles.

This list is only intended to indicate minimum requirements which must be taken: additional instruments may be taken at the discretion of the Surgeon.
