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OF

2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

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			Wounded Admitted					Operations								
			NIL													
TOURNAI	I/12/18		<p>Dull cold day, with sleet and rain toward evening. New sites looked for. After a great deal of searching two sites were chosen, - one at Ath, and the other at Hal. The former is the civilian hospice. - no water or heating arrangements, - rather small too. The latter is part of a Convent, and at present occupied by 17 C.C.S. They are however, moving forward in a day or two. This presents great possibilities, though the narrow stairs are somewhat of a disadvantage. Personnel sleep in a neighboring building, wherein also the Q.M. Stores and Administrative block are situate. Water laid on.</p> <p>No possibility of moving forward until railway is down- probably some 10 days - hence. We are to evacuate from Tournai to-morrow.</p> <p>Major Matthews left on Special leave for England this morning. Capt. Pollard and Capt Caulfield to leave in the morning.</p> <p>Parcel of tobacco from Aust. Red Cross arrived to-day and was distributed amongst the smokers. Major Dickie R.A.M.C. called to day. No. 10 Stat. Hosp. are not far from Roubaix.</p>													

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			—	7	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	7	197	
Wounded Admitted									Operations						
NIL															
TOURNAI.	2/12/18.		<p>Dull cold day, with light rain toward evening. Arrangements had been made for cases to be evacuated from Tournai Railway Station; but were cancelled at 10.00 hours, owing to the train running off the line. Evacuations to proceed from Tournai however, in future. We are not to move forward until Railway Line is completed to Sites already marked out.</p> <p>Capt. Pollard & Caulfield proceeded to report to A.I.F. H.Qs. this afternoon.</p> <p>Visited the Ath Site in the afternoon. Quite a nice little place on looking over it carefully but needs sundry repairs to some of the buildings, especially one which was partially burnt out apparently as the result of a hit from a bomb or shell. The stairways are very narrow and the 2nd. floor entirely of small cubicles. Very good kitchen, not being used by the Fld. Amb. in occupation. Needs cleaning up. Remained of buildings very neatly and cleanly kept. Wards on ground floor- 4 in all- spacious and easily heated.</p> <p>Applied to D.D.M.S. III Corps for a loading party daily at the Station (Railway) to load Ambulance Train. All C.C.Ss. in this group pressed for bearers. I N.C.O. and 30 men detailed by D.D.M.S. for loading train at Station.</p> <p>Colonel Fairfax visited the C.C.S. in the morning.</p>												

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			—	160	2	83	—	—	—	5	—	1	5	290		
			Wounded Admitted						Operations							
			NIL													
TOURNAI	3/12/18		<p>Dull and dreary day. Small evacuation in the morning, from Tournai - 89 Patients in all. This is a very marked improvement on recent times as the evacuation from all the Tournai C.C.Ss. was over by 10.30 hours. Practically all the German notices in and about the Station have been obliterated now.</p>													
TOURNAI	4/12/18		<p>Rainy Day. Admitting heavily all day. 208 Cases admitted. No further word of moving. 4 O.R. Left to report to Sutton Veny. Sister Robin left to report to 25 General Hospital. Cpl. Faithful to report to Sutton Veny on his return from Italy. D.D.M.S. Corps advises that 1 N.C.O. and 30 men will report daily at Tournai Station for loading the Ambulance Trains. Some difficulty with the water in the early part of the day as the civilian authorities inaugurated a new programme of hours for supplying water- 0900 to 12.00, 14.00 to 18.00 hours daily. The small engine pump which supplies the tank over the Cookhouse Range is again in working order. From the tank, a sufficient amount of water can be drawn to cover the intervals when the main supply is cut off.</p>													

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			7	44	7	187	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	117		
			Wounded Admitted					Operations								
			NIL													
TOURNAI	5.12.18		<p>Another wet and miserable day. Evacuation abandoned owing to the train not arriving until well after dark. To start evacuating at 08.00 hours in the morning. Visited D.D.M.S. in the afternoon. He cannot give any definite information regarding the proposed move. Lt. Col. Adey O.C. 3rd. A.C.C.S. visited at mid-day. Water discovered running over from sink in A7 block. Found to be due to blockage of main drainpipe by 3 Military brushes. Notice in orders concerning mis-use of sinks. Small water pump beneath kitchen out of order.</p>													
TOURNAI	6.12.18		<p>Dull, cold, until 1000 hours, when the sun came from clouds and shed a gentle light on the surroundings. Very good evacuation by train this morning- 200 cases got away. Visited D.M.S. office to-day re probable move. There is a divergence of opinion between 4th. & 5th. Armies as to which of the formations Nos. 1 & 2 A.C.C.Ss. belong. We will move as soon as an agreement is reached. Water again erratic to-day. Area Commandant appealed to and he promises to remedy matters. A consignment of cap comforters kindly sent to us by O.C. A Coy. 2nd. Durhams. A report required by D.M.S. as to the general condition of British Prisoners of War (repatriated) on arrival here for treatment. Speaking broadly there has been all about them all obvious evidences of ill-feeding and ill-care for their general health. Quite a number have been Scabies Cases and very bad cases at that. 2 were in advanced stages of T.B. Monthly report dispatched D.M.S., A.I.F. First Ambulance train through to Brussels to-day. Rail has been through 4 days now.</p>													

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			8	141	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	13	257		
			Wounded Admitted						Operations							
			NIL													
TOURNAI	7/12/18		<p>Sunny Day. Receiving to-day. 189 patients admitted up to 7 p.m. Many are repatriated prisoners of war and have pyrdermia or scabies.</p> <p>Water again becoming a pressing question. The main has not yet been satisfactorily repaired, and one reservoir was left damaged by the Huns. This means that the town people have to be very economical in the use of the main supply. We are to receive water now between 1430 hours and 1730 hours daily. By filling the large boilers in the kitchen during these hours, a sufficiency is assured until the time the water is turned on next day. Town Major has taken the matter in hand.</p> <p>Chairs and furniture in the front of the building taken away by the Communal Authorities under letter of hand from the Burgomaster.</p> <p>"B" Class men dispatched to A.G.B.D. King George visited Tournai to-day. A very quiet reception but very enthusiastic.</p>													

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			1	56	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	14	307		
			Wounded Admitted						Operations.							
			NIL													
TOURNAI	8/12/18		<p>Beautifully sunny day. No evacuation to day though we could well have done with one. Water off all day- the matter vigorously put before the Belgian Mission by D.D.M.S. Promise of future supply assured. D.D.M.S. 3rd. Corps called this afternoon. He was undecided as to which of the two C.C.Ss. should move first. The move is to take place this week, one C.C.S. moving forward at a time. The site at Hal has been abandoned as the nuns wish to re-commence "school" there. Another site, then to be chosen. D.D.M.S. feels disposed to leave the matter of relative sites to "Q".</p> <p>Re the water. The large cistern in the yard at the back is merely a large surface well. The water has never been used for drinking purposes, but merely for washing and use in the boiler of the large furnace which supplies the driving power of the dynamos in the Engine House. Water is pumped to a tank in the buildings by a plant installed on the river bank by the Army. Thence it is pumped throughout the buildings for general use. This Army pump is now working, but there is a defect. The small pump beneath the cookhouse is still out of order owing to two bolts which fasten the groundplates being deficient.</p> <p>Oiled silk being available, a start was made yesterday on the windows in the corridors leading from the Receiving Block. Civilian labor is putting in windows round the wards and messrooms. They said, when appealed to, that they could only supply sufficient glass for this purpose and would have to let the corridors wait till later.</p>													

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			8	150	8	150	—	8	2	9	—	1	12	269		
			Wounded Admitted					Operations								
			NIL													
TOURNAI	9/12/18		<p>Fine day. Capt. Corfe and Mr. Beñlemey left for Paris this morning. Interviewed D.D.M.S. A new site seemed necessary in the neighborhood of Hal. , but on closer investigation it was found that the nuns were already running their school, and that sufficient space remained for a C.C.S. in the building. D.D.M.S. still undecided as to which C.C.S. is for Hal, and which for Ath. Army has left the matter for him to decide so things are still indefinite. Water plentiful to-day and a good store assured in case of emergencies to-morrow. Every morning for at least 2 hours we are to have an abundant supply.</p> <p>Large evacuation this morning from Tournai. Civilians who are working on the windows about the buildings asked to supply the necessary glass for wards where required.</p>													
TOURNAI	10/12/18		<p>Wet and dreary day. Heavy admissions toward mid-day and until 1600 hours. 230 all ranks admitted. Major Rennick and Capt. Speirs visited both the Hal and Ath Sites.</p> <p>Windows being blocked by civilians. Not a very ornamental procedure. Water mark better to-day, the supply coming on toward 11.00 hours and being turned off at 13.00 hours. No evacuation to-day. D.D.M.S. made a cursory visit in the morning. As yet no definite orders as to site and time of move issued. The C.O. and Capt. Vaughan returned back from leave about 1830 hours. Matron-in-chief of A.A.N.S. to visit the Station to-morrow.</p>													

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			Wounded Admitted					Operations																							
			NIL																												
TOURNAL.	II/12/18.		<p>Day dull and showery. Not receiving. Evacuation this morning. Major Minty under orders to proceed to England and thence to Australia. He will be a great loss to the Unit.</p> <p>During my absence on leave, Capt. Pollard (Hon. Capt. & QM.) left the Unit. Very awkward being without an Adjutant and a QM; at this juncture. Great numbers of sick on hand and the Unit may be moved any day. Some bad Broncho-Pneumonia cases in Hospital.</p> <p>Col. Fairfax Consulting Physician visited the Station. D.D.M.S. 3rd. Corps wishes us to meet him at 10 a.m. to-morrow to discuss matters generally.</p> <p>For 24 hours ending 8 A.M;</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Off</td> <td>O.R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Admissions</td> <td>7</td> <td>203</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Duty</td> <td></td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evac.</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deaths</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </table>														Off	O.R.	Admissions	7	203	Duty		4	Evac.	-	-	Deaths	-	-	
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			—	3	4	34	5	26	—	2	—	1	—	98	
			Wounded Admitted					Operations							
			NIL												
Tournai	12/12/18		<p>Day wet and foggy. Called on D.D.M.S. 3rd. Corps at 10 a.m. Nothing definite decided on re move except that Unit is to go to ATH. - 18 miles east of Tournai.</p> <p>Later. - Orders from D.D.M.S. that 50 Lorries would report at 7 a.m. on 13th. All cases in hospital were at once sent to No. 51 C.C.S. & No. 1 A.C.C.S. and work of dismantling wards and stacking equipment for transport proceeded with. An Officer sent to ATH with a sergeant and 3 men to get an idea of the plan of the building, - a civil hospital- that the Station is to occupy. The Officer also to go into the matter of billeting.</p> <p>Orders having come at noon, by 4 p.m. all patients, about 90, had been transferred, and the wards emptied of equipment. The men worked with great cheerfulness & rapidity.</p>												

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			Wounded Admitted					Operations						
			NIL											
TOURNAI.	13/12/18		<p>Day showery and miserable. 25 lorries reported at 7 a.m. and 25 more at 8 a.m. Loading proceeded with at once, and by mid-day 30 lorries were on the way to ATH. Inspected the new buildings - rather small and not very convenient and very dirty. The Fd. Amb. very slow in making a move toward clearing out the main building. By 2 p.m. the Unit, personnel and equipment was at the new location, and the last of the 50 lorries unloaded - the sisters, a cleaning up party, and 2 Officers alone being left at Tournai to come on to-morrow.</p> <p>This was the quickest move the Station has ever done, but the same amount of material is not carried now as was the case earlier in the year. 47 lorries practically carried everything including personnel. 3 lorries were loaded with wood and coal.</p>											
ATH	14/12/18		<p>Day showery. Established at Ath. Sisters arrived 3.30 p.m. Billets obtained for Officers. Work of cleaning up proceeded with, in the main buildings. Outbuildings still occupied by Fd. Ambulance. Wards scrubbed and re-equipped. Latrines being erected, and kitchen in main building being put in order. Part of one block has been recently very badly damaged by fire, and another block by shell fire, the latter only slightly. Roads about the place are in a bad state, and surface drainage requires attention, - matters for the C.R.E.</p>											

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			Wounded Admitted					Operations						
			NIL											
ATH.	15/12/18		<p>Day dull, rainy and threatening. Major Minty proceeded to England. Work of cleaning up the building being proceeded with - much to be done. The Fd. Amb. in occupation moving out to-day. Several wards already washed out and equipped Room for 130 beds, 360 stretchers in main building A separate block at present occupied by the Sisters consists of 10 rooms (which could accomodate 2 patients each) kitchen, lavatory, and pantry will probably be used later as an infectious block.</p> <p>Quarters arranged for Mobile Laboratory. Electrician fixing up electric plant and water heating apparatus, also 2 steam sterilizers. Good bath rooms both spray and plunge, hot and cold water; require attention and mending. These should be ready for use in a couple of days. The latrines are not serviceable with one or two exceptions, - others are being erected</p> <p>Washing will continue to be sent to St. Omer weekly.</p> <p>Water. Wells and pumps installed throughout. Water not drinkable. Drinking water being brought by water lorry from water filling point in the town. In addition to ordinary cases this Station has been ordered to take infectious cases - Suspected primary Syphilis, and other special Cases.</p>											

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			Wounded Admitted						Operations							
			NIL													
ATH.	16/12/18		<p>Day wet and cold. Hon. Lieut. & QM. Brooks, late W.O. Ist. Class at No. I A.C.C.S. is to come to this Station as QM. Preparations for the Men's Xmas dinner in hand. All windows in front of building damaged by shell fire are being repaired with oil-silk by our carpenters. Owing to III. Corps being on the move, it is of little use applying for any work to be done by C.R.Es. Department at present. Officers billets all appear to be satisfactory, also the nursing arrangements. Some of the people refuse any money which is unusual to say the least of it. No intimation from D.D.M.S. to date as to when we are to start receiving patients.</p>													
ATH.	17/12/18		<p>Day cloudy with short intervals of sunshine. Station ready for patients. No instructions from D.D.M.S. as regards reception of patients, or as to mode of evacuation. Roads in a very bad state. Electric light plant (belonging to Station) working well. QM. & Hon. Lt. Brookgate W.O. Ist. Class No. I A.C.C.S. reported yesterday. Demobilization forms for unit completed. Correspondence re International Correspondence Scholarship and unmatriculated Students qualified for University Courses completed. Mob. Laboratory, Capt. Dill O.C., ready to start work at any time. D.D.M.S. written to regarding roads, drainage and repairs to bathrooms.</p>													

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			3	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	133		
			Wounded Admitted					Operations								
			NIL													
ATH.	18/12/18		<p>Raining. Station all ready for patients. Sisters and orderlies allotted to the various blocks, duty roster for Officers drawn up. No instructions from D.D.M.S. Car sent to Tournai to collect rations and hospital linen. Shortage of sheets and towels owing to consignment from Laundry at Arquas going astray.</p> <p>At noon received a wire from D.D.M.S. dated Dec. 16th. asking if Station was ready to receive, and capacity.</p> <p>Started to take in cases. Not many coming to hand. Arrangements working well.</p>													
ATH.	19/12/18		<p>Day fine, cloudy strong breeze blowing. Surface of road into Station swept and gutter cleared. - great improvement. Corridors and rooms in sick Officers block being whitewashed. D.D.M.S. visited the Station. Called on C.R.E. with D.D.M.S. regarding completion of a hut to be used as dining room for personnel and convalescent patients. As regards V.D. Cases. Primary Syphilis, after being diagnosed by O.C. Mob. Laboratory will be given one injection and then sent on to Base. Gonorrhoea cases and chancroidal cases after diagnosis to be evacuated to Base. Infectious cases to be retained for treatment.</p>													

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			Wounded Admitted						Operations							
			NIL													
ATH	20/12/18		<p>Raining heavily. Not many cases in Hospital to date. In the Infectious Block, 1 Diphtheria Carrier, 1 true Diph. & 1 Mumps. Electric light & some alterations to be fixed up in the Sisters Quarters. The heating machinery for main block requires some attention by R.Es. Went with O.C. 25th. Fd. Ambee. to Brussels, and attended a ball given by the City to Allied Officers in the Historic Hotel de Ville. It was a fine spectacle. Very few cases arriving. Roads Officer inspected roads that require attention.</p>													
ATH	21/12/18		<p>Day cloudy - Rain threatening. 70 Cases in Hospital. 14 Convalescent V.D. Cases reported for duty & treatment - British. Room being prepared as sitting and reading room for convalescent patients. Influenza epidemic is subsiding but few cases coming to hand and they are of a mild type. 2 Cases of Pneumonia both slight. Diphtheria. 1 case doing well, and 1 doubtful case, test not yet completed. 4 Nephritis cases, 3 with haematuria. None have had any uraemic manifestations. 1 case of transverse myelitis.</p>													

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			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR
			8	65	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	13	254
			Wounded Admitted					Operations						
			NIL.											
ATH.	22/12/18.		<p>Day wet and cold. P.M. on an Ordnance Officer, whose body was brought in to the Hospital this morning. He had Atheromatous condition of coronary Arteries, and Arteries in general, and flabby Heart. Electric light completed to Sisters Quarters. Great shortage in Linen owing to truckload consigned from Laundry at St Omer having gone astray. Number of truck known so it will probably turn up in due course.</p> <p>Latrine arrangements for various classes of cases completed. Telephone installed but at present cannot get into touch with Corps or Army, which is very unsatisfactory.</p>											
ATH.	23/12/18.		<p>Day cloudy, weather shows signs of breaking. Truck of Laundry gear turned up, with seals broken, material not yet checked. Some difficulty as regards coal. Supply Officer hopes to remedy this before Christmas. Nothing done by Roads Dept. as regards the approaches to this Station.</p>											

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			Admissions		Evacuation		Transfers		Go Duty		Deaths		Remaining			
			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR		
			1	49	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	4	14	291		
			Wounded Admitted						Operations							
			NIL.													
ATH.	24/12/18.		<p>Day fine, at intervals occasional showers. Arrangements for Xmas well in hand. Aust. Branch of the Red Cross Society rendering every assistance possible. Every patient will receive a present consisting of a shirt a pair of socks, cigarettes, matches, and sweets &c. The personnel will all receive a box containing cigarettes, matches, handkerchiefs, &c. Decorating of Wards in full swing.</p>													
ATH.	25/12/18.		<p>Day fine and clear, till towards evening when a few flakes of snow fell. Patients and personnel very well catered for. Altogether just on 400 all told had to be fed. The work of the Sisters and N.C.Os. in connection with the dinner for 200 convalescent Patients is to highly commended. The wards were decorated by Sisters and Nursing Orderlies assisted by the Medical Officers. The dinner at 5 P.M. for the personnel and the Concert by the Unit Pierrot Troupe was a great success. All had a thoroughly Happy Xmas.</p>													

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			Admissions		Evacuations		Transfers		To Duty		Deaths		Remaining			
			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR		
			6	44	—	—	—	—	—	21 ^{4 RPOW} _{AWG}	—	—	20	310		
			Wounded Admitted						Operations.							
			NIL						NIL							
ATH.	26/12/18.		Day cold and miserable, thick fog, occasional showers. Work of cleaning up after Xmas. festivities proceeded with. Evacuation very necessary work Sisters and Nursing Orderlies becoming very hard.													
ATH.	27/12/18.		Day wet and cold. Capt. Spairs sent to Lille en route for XI Convalescent Depot, Rouen but having seen A/D.A.G. A.I.F. he was told to return to this Station and await further orders. A series of loud explosions in the vicinity of the Railway Station at Ath caused many casualties. About 21.00 hours 14 soldiers and 1 Civilian all more or less badly burnt, admitted. One man dead on arrival. Cause of origin of fire and explosions not yet definitely known. The men were all going on leave apparently.													

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			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR
			3	81	—	—	—	—	1	9	—	7	23	375
			Wounded Admitted					Operations						
			NIL					NIL						
ATH.	28/12/18.		<p>Day dull and wet. No evacuation since opening up. Station becoming rather crowded. Expect a clearance on 29th to Tournai. One of 14 men suffering from the effects of the explosion last evening died. Another one is expected to die, and three corpses charred beyond recognition have been brought to this Station. D.D.M.S. III Corps visited the Station. Men from Field Ambulances are to be lent for cleaning up purposes. Also several Ambulance cars are to be attached for evacuation purposes. Work at the Station will be relieved when No 1 Aust. C.C.S. opens up at Hal in a few days.</p>											
ATH.	29/12/18.		<p>Day cold and wet. No evacuation yet. D.M.S. Office on 27th promised one for to-day but nothing has been heard from the office since. Two wires sent stating figures, and urgency of the matter. Major Matthews to go to HAL to call on the D.D.M.S., and explain state of affairs to him. Stretcher cases will have to be refused, no bed space; Work very hard for Sisters and nursing orderlies. It is now 12 days since the Station started receiving, and there has not yet been an evacuation.</p>											

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			Admissions		Evacuations		Transfers		Go Duty		Deaths		Remaining				
			off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR	off	OR			
			5	12 1/2	—	—	12	166	2	8	—	1	13	324			
			Wounded Admitted						Operations								
			NIL						NIL								
ATH.	30th		<p>Morning fine ;later, day showery. 7 cars sent off to Tournai at 7 a.m; other cars to report and remain until Wednesday for evacuation purposes. Road making party working at the back of the Station. Road is to be widened so that cars can pass each other. Kitchen to be whitewashed, and cleaned up generally. Night staff given quarters in the one of the attics</p> <p>Concert tonight by the concert Troupe from the Middlesex Regt.</p>														
ATH	31st		<p>Day cold and showery. Attended Conference at D.D.M.S. Office Hal. A.Ds. M.S. of 8th, 15th, 55th, and 74th Divisions, and O.Cs. of No 1A.C.C.S. and No2 A.C.C.S. present. This Station after Jan. 2nd will take in infectious cases as hitherto from all 4 Divisions, and other cases from 8th and 74th Divisions. Nil A.C.C.S. to open at Hal on 2nd Jan. Five Ambulance cars from 22 M.A.C. to be attached pro.tem. to the Station more will be supplied if required, for evacuation purposes. Evacuating again to-day with 7 cars to 51 C.C.S. at Tournai, 75 cases disposed of thus through t the day. 60 Cases admitted for 24 hours to 09.00 hours. The men are holding a Dance in one of the Huts to celebrate the advent of the New Year tonight.</p>														

J. V. Stary
Lt. Col.

WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station.
FOR

December. 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
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4.....	Medical Report by Major Rennick.
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6.....	Dental report by Capt Patterson.
7.....	X Ray report by Capt Hansen.
8.....	Dispenser's Report.
9.....	Quartermaster's Report.
10.....	Orders to Move ,and the procedure adopted.
11.....	Circular re the location of Medical Units.
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13.....	Résumé on Formation ,and Movements of this C.C.Station by S/Sgt Baster.
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15.....	

2nd AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1918.

I. STAFF MOVEMENTS.

	Additions to Strength.	Proceeded to Other Units.	Proceeded on leave.		
			U.K.	France.	Italy.
Officers.	1	3	3	2	1
Sisters.		1			
Other Ranks.		5	22	1	4

2. DISCIPLINE.

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

3. ADMISSIONS AND DISPOSALS FOR THE MONTH.

British - All admissions etc.	Officers.		O.R.	
	S.	W.	S.	W.
Remained midnight 30/11/18.....	6		115	10
Admitted during month.....	60		1200	
Transferred from other C.C.Ss.....				
Died during Month.....			13	
Transfers during month:—				
(a) To other C.C.Ss.....	27		84	2
(b) To Rest Stations.....				
(c) To Base.....	22		797	
Discharged to Duty during month	5		75	2
Remaining midnight 31/12/18.	6		346	6

NOTES. In addition to above, the following Casualties occurred :—

	Remained.	Admitted	Trsf'd.	Base	Duty	Remng.
Belgians		1			1	
Civilians	2	3	2		1	2
French		22		22		
U.S.A.		2	1	1		

4. GENERAL ITEMS.

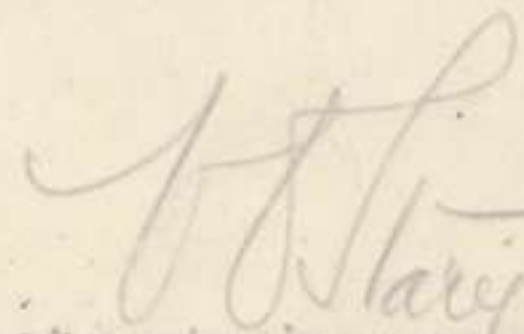
- I. The principal incidents of the month were :—
 - (a) The selection of a new Site.
 - (b) The dismantling of the C.C.S. at Tournai and moving to new site at Ath.
 - (c) Establishment of the C.C.S. in the Civil Hospital at Ath.
2. The selecting of a new site. After a great deal of searching, two sites were chosen, one at Ath, and the other at Hal. The former is the Civilian Hospice, — no water or heating arrangements and rather small. The latter is part of a Convent.
3. No possibility of moving forward until Railway is down —probably some 10 days.hence.
4. Orders received to the effect that this Station would evacuate from Tournai Railhead.

GENERAL ITEMS. (Continued.)

5. Application was made to the D.D.M.S., III Corps for a loading party daily at the Tournai Railway Station to load Ambulances Train for the Tournai Group of C.C.Ss.
6. Site at Ath visited by the C.O. and found to be quite a nice little place, after looking over it carefully, but needs sundry repairs to some of the buildings, especially one which was partially burnt out apparently as the result of a hit by a bomb or shell. The stairways are very narrow and the second floor entirely of small cubicles. The cooking arrangements are very good.
7. Eighty-nine patients were evacuated from this Station on the morning of 31st inst. The evacuation from the Tournai group was over by 10.30 hours.
8. Sister Robin left to report to 25 General Hospital 4/12/18.
9. Some difficulty experienced with water supply in the early part of the day as the Civilian Authorities inaugurated a new programme of hours for supplying water 0900 hours to 1200 hours and 1400 hours to 1800 hours daily.
10. C.O. visited D.D.M.S. in the afternoon of 5th inst. regarding the proposed move.
11. His Majesty the King visited Tournai to-day. A very quiet reception but very enthusiastic.
12. All men ("B" class) were despatched to A.G.B.D.
13. The D.D.M.S. III Corps called this afternoon. He was undecided as to which of the two C.C.Ss. should move first (this C.C.S. or No 1 Aust.) The move is to take place this week, one C.C.S. moving forward at a time.
14. Oiled silk being available, a start was made yesterday on the windows in the corridors leading from the receiving Block. Civilian Labour is putting in windows round the wards and messroom.
15. On 10th inst. Major Rennick, and Capt. Speirs visited both Hal and Ath sites.
16. Major Minty M.C. under orders to proceed to England and thence to Australia. He will be a great loss to the Unit.
17. During my absence on leave, Capt. and Q.M. Pollard left the Unit. Very awkward being without an Adjutant and a Quarter-Master at this juncture.
18. D.D.M.S. III Corps wishes C.O. and Adjutant to meet him on morning of 12/12/18 at 10 o'clock to discuss matters generally.
19. Orders received from D.D.M.S. III Corps that 50 lorries would report at 7 A.M. on the 13th inst. All cases in Hospital were at once sent to 51 C.C.S. and No. I A.C.C.S. and the work of dismantling wards and stacking equipment for Transport proceeded with.
20. Orders having come at noon, by 4 P.M. all patients had been transferred and the wards emptied of equipment. The men worked with great cheerfulness and rapidity.
21. Twenty-five Lorries reported at 0700 hours 13/12/18, and 25 more at 0800 hours, loading proceeded with at once, and by mid-day 30 lorries were on their way to Ath. By 19.00 hours the Unit, personnel and equipment, was at the new location, and the last of 50 lorries unloaded. This is the quickest move the Unit has ever done, but the same amount of material is not carried now as was the case earlier in the year. Forty-seven lorries practically carried everything including personnel. Three lorries were loaded with wood and coal.
22. Roads about the place are in a bad state and surface drainage requires attention.
23. Major Minty M.C. proceeded to England.
24. Several wards already washed out and equipped. Room for 32 beds.
25. Quarters arranged for Mobile Laboratory. Electrician fixing up Electrical Plant and water heating apparatus, also two steam sterilizers.

GENERAL ITEMS. (Continued.)

26. In addition to ordinary cases this Station has been ordered to take Infectious cases, - suspected Syphilis, and other special cases.
27. Hon-Lieut. and Q.M. Brooks, late W.O. 1st Class at No 1 A.C.C.S is to come to this Station as Q.M.
28. Preparations for mens Christmas Dinner in hand.
29. Demobilisation Forms A.I.F. 534 completed for this Unit yesterday 16th inst.
30. At noon wire received from D.D.M.S. III Corps asking if Station was ready for receiving and capacity.
31. Station commenced receiving patients, not many coming in arrangements working well.
32. As regards V.D. cases Primary Syphilis, after being Diagnosed by O.C. Mobile Laboratory will be given one injection and then sent to Base. Gonorrhoea cases and Chaneroidal cases after Diagnosis to be evacuated to Base. Infectious cases to be retained for treatment.
33. Fourteen Convalescent V.D. Patients (British.) reported for Duty and Treatment.
34. Influenza epidemic is subsiding but few cases coming to hand and they are of a mild type.
35. There are in Hospital 2 cases of Pneumonia, both slight, Diphtheria one case doing well and one doubtful case, test not yet complete, four Nephritis cases, three with Haematuria. None have had any uraemic manifestations. There is one case of transverse Myelitis.
36. A Post Mortem was held on Officer from IIIrd. Corps Ordnance, whose body was brought into the Hospital this morning. He had Athermatous condition of Coronary Arteries, and Arteries in general, and flabby Heart.
37. Latrine arrangements for various classes of cases completed.
38. Attended conference at D.Ds.M.S. Office at Hal. A.Ds.M.S. of 8th, 15th 55th and 74th Divisions, and Os.C. No 1 A.C.C.S. and No 2 A.C.C.S. present.
39. This Station after 2nd January will take in Infectious cases as hitherto from all 4 Divisions and other cases from 8th and 74 Divisions.
40. Arrangements for Christmas well in hand. Australian Branch of the Red Cross Society rendering every assistance possible. Every patient will receive a present consisting of a shirt a pair of socks cigarettes matches and sweets &c.
41. The wards were decorated by Sisters and Nursing Orderlies assisted by the Medical Officers. The work of the Sisters and Nursing Orderlies in connection with the dinner for 200 convalescent patients (altogether 400 patients had to be fed,) is to be highly commended.
42. D.M.S., 5th Army Office, on the 27th, promised to arrange for an evacuation for to-day but nothing has been heard from the Office since. Major Matthews to go to Hal to call on the D.D.M.S. and explain state of affairs to him. Stretchers cases will have to be refused; no bed space. It is now 12 days since the Station started receiving and there has not yet been an evacuation.
43. A series of loud explosions in the vicinity of the Railway Station at Ath caused many casualties. About 14 soldiers and 1 civilian all more or less badly burnt were admitted. One man dead on arrival. Cause and of fire and explosion not yet definitely known. By 8 A.M. the following morning another patient had died, and one more not expected to live. Later 3 corpses charred beyond recognition were brought to this Station.


Lt. Col.
 O. C. 2nd Australian C. C. S.

2nd AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

To :-
O.C. 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station,

HERewith MEDICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

The Medical work of the C.C.S. during the last month has been mainly the treatment of Influenza cases and of the Broncho-pneumonia complicating these. In the main the cases were less severe than in the preceding month.

22 Cases of Pneumonia were treated, 7 of these died. There was one case of very extreme toxæmia with Urticaria and Meningeal symptoms who died 24 hours after admission. P.M. showed general toxæmia and Broncho-pneumonia.

The other serious cases were chiefly French Nephritis. 14 of these were treated. In every case the dyspnoea and oedema has cleared up, and a sufficient excretion of Urine established before the patient was evacuated.

Otherwise the work was of the usual type.

W. H. Reunis
.....Major,
Physician,
2nd Australian C.C. Station.

2nd AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

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REPORT OF SURGEON SPECIALIST FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

To:-

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

Herewith report for the month of December 1918.

W. Matthews.....Major,
Surgeon Specialist 2nd A.C.C.S.

The surgical work done during the past month is divided into two periods due to the closing down of the Unit from the 11th to 15th of the month whilst it was moving from Tournai to Ath.

At Tournai that is from the 1st to the 11th of the month 11 operations were performed; these included two appendicectomy and one amputation of the eye, the result of an accidental bomb wound.

The rest were minor cases. In the Dressing room 203 dressings and 197 sub-dressings were done.

At Ath from the 18th to the 31st, 13 operations were performed, these included three abdominal sections- one for appendicitis one for an accidental bomb wound and one following a train accident, two operations for compound fractured femurs, and one for wiring the olecranon in a compound fracture of the elbow. The others were minor cases. Also 224 Dressings and 402 sub-dressings were done.

On the evening of the 27th 12 cases of severe burns were admitted from an accident on a train standing in Ath Station. These patients were all badly shocked and suffering seriously from general burns particularly of their hands and feet. The dressing day and night of these cases has entailed heavy work for the nursing staff, and I wish to express my appreciation of the way it has been carried out. Four of these cases have already been evacuated? Four have died and four remain in Hospital and of these last four three are dangerously ill. They have been dressed daily with 3% Picric in Paraffin.

W. Matthews.....Major;
Surgeon Specialist 2nd A.C.C.S.

To:- D.M.S. 5th Army.

RETURN OF DENTAL CASES TREATED IN NO 2 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY
CLEARING STATION DURING MONTH ENDED

- 31st. December. 1918.
1. Number of fillings..... 56
 2. Number of Extractions..... 255
 3. Number of Dentures sent down for repair..... Nil.
 4. Number of Sundries..... 356
 5. Number of Cases evacuated :-
 - (A.) To 5th Army Dental Centre..... 10
 - (B.) To Base..... Nil.
6. General Remarks :- (If necessary)
- (A.) Number of new Dentures..... 7
 - (B.) Number of repairs..... 33

/ /1918.

G. E. Paterson Capt
 Lt. Col.
 O.C. 2nd Australian C.C. Station.

MONTHLY REPORT OF DENTAL OFFICER, DENTAL UNIT NO 29

Having arrived at the C.C.S. on 26/11/18 to take over the Dental Unit from Capt. Caulfield, which was not done until the 30th, I spent the intervening time working with Capt. Caulfield at the C.C.S. and visiting Field Ambulances so as to get a fair idea as to how the work should be carried out. Since taking over this Unit four days a week have been spent visiting Field Ambulances, -during the month I have been visiting Six such Units, -where quite a large amount of work has been done.

On December 12th we received orders to remove from the Asylum at Tournai to Ath, all the Dental Kit was packed and transported in the one day to the Hospital where we are now situated. No Dental work was done for the first two days as the rooms allotted to me were not evacuated by the Field Ambulances who were in possession of the Hospital when we arrived, still no time was lost when the rooms were available and on the same day they moved out, the rooms were cleaned out and fitted up ready for work, patients presenting immediately.

The C.O. of This Unit allotted me very comfortable quarters a suite of three rooms with splendid light and easy access, close to the Receiving room. Patients are attended to in these rooms on the afternoons of the days I visit the Field Ambulances also all day Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays?

I have noticed a very large number of men parading with Ulcerative Gingivitis; most of these cases the mouths are in a very unclean state a tooth brush not having been used for very long periods; all cases though respond to treatment in a week to ten days, and patients readily see the necessity of keeping their mouths clean when fully explained to them.

The mechanical work has been held up this month owing to my mechanic being in England on 14 days leave.

At the beginning of the month very large number of mechanical cases were recommended for the Dental centre, new arrangements have now been made so that at the Field Ambulances and at the C.C.S. we attend to the mechanical work ourselves and not more than two cases a day are to be done.

L. E. Paterson

..... Capt. A.A.D.S.
O.C. 29th Dental Unit att. 2nd A.C.C.S.

2nd AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

To:-

O.C. 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station,

HEREWITH X-RAY REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

No of cases Radiographed 24
No of Skiagrams taken 36

Owing to frequent moves and cessation of Hostilities the plant was not used during the month of November 1918.

Resume of work done :-

YEAR.	NO OF CASES.	NO OF SKIAGRAMS.
1916	569	800
1917	3955	2202
1918	1764	1056
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TOTALS.	<u>6288</u>	<u>4058</u>

Albert V R Hauer
..... Capt.
Radiologist 2nd Australian CCC.S.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

To:-
O.C. 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station,

HEREWITH DISPENSARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

DRUGS.	OPT. THEATRE.	DRESSING ROOM.	WARDS.	TOTAL.
Biniodide Tabs.	50	-	50	100
Bandages	17 doz.	56 doz.	75 doz.	148 doz.
Lint	13 lbs.	10 lbs.	44 lbs.	67 lbs.
Wool	13 "	4 "	101 "	118 "
Dakins	1 gall.	4 gall.	1/2 gal.	5 1/2 gal
Lysol	2 pints.	2 pints.	1 pint.	5 pints.
Sod. Bicarb Sol.	80 ozs.	-	-	80 ozs.
Paraffin	1 pint.	1 pint.	5 pints	7 pints
Saline (1-19)	160 ozs.	2 gall.	-	3 gall.
Novocaine 1%	1 pint	-	-	1 pint
Gangu	5 lbs.	-	-	5 lbs.
Flavine	1 pint	2 pints	8 pints	11 pints
Ether	6 lbs.	5 lbs.	-	11 lbs.
Spt. Biniodide	1 pint	1 pint	-	2 pints
Gauze	10 doz.	1 doz.	48 doz.	59 doz.
Triangular Bandages	5 "	2 "	13 "	20 "
Paraffin c Flavine	1 pint	-	12 pints	13 pints
Safety Pins	2 tins	10 tins	26 tins	38 Tins
Peroxide of Hydrogen	-	3 pints	-	3 pints
Picric Soln.	-	4 "	6 pints	10 "
Jaconet	-	3 yds.	4 yds.	7 yds.
Soln. Hyd. Pirchlor	-	2 pints	-	2 pints
Z.O. Plaster	-	3	3	5
Eucalyptus	-	8 ozs.	-	8 ozs.
Ac. Carbol	-	1 "	4 lbs.	4lbs.
Argyrol 5%	-	1 "	-	1 ozs.
Atropine 1%	-	1 "	-	1 "
Boric Acid	-	-	1/2 lb.	1/2 lb.
Sod. Bicarb	-	-	6 ozs.	6 ozs.
Mag. Sulph.	-	-	10 "	10 "
Aspirin Tabs.	-	-	4 doz.	4 doz.
Anti Diphtheria }	-	-	60000 Vmts.	60000 Vmts.
Antitoxen }	-	-	-	-
Olive Oil	-	-	8 ozs.	8 ozs.
Caster Oil	-	-	40 "	40 "
Hypo Tab Striyoh	-	-	3 tubes	3 tubes
" " Morph.	-	-	6 "	6 "
Heroin	-	-	3 "	3 "
Pitratrin	-	-	3 boxes	3 boxes
Camphor	-	-	11 "	11 "
Iodine	2 lbs.	4 lbs.	5 lbs.	11 Lbs.
Pot. Chlor	-	-	1 "	1 "
Mist Expect	-	-	4 gall.	4 gall.
Mist Pot Sod	-	-	6 "	6 "
Hypo Tab Atropine	-	-	6 "	6 "
Omnopon	-	-	1 "	1 "
Camphor	-	-	3	3
Mist Aspirin	-	-	4 gall.	4 gall.
Soln. Hyd. Pirchlor	-	-	4 pints	4 pints
H 202	-	-	6 "	6 "
Mist. Sod. Sal.	-	-	7 "	7 "
Turpentine	-	-	1/2 pts.	1/2 pts
Lin Camph Co	-	-	1 lb.	1 lb.
" Saponis	-	-	1/2 lb.	1/2 lb.
Throat Brushes	-	-	9	9

DRUGS.	OPT.	THEATRE	DRESSING ROOM	WARDS	TOTAL
Quinine Tabs.	-	-	-	500	500
Enema	-	-	-	1	1
Soln. Morph 1/4gr.	-	-	-	2 ozs.	2 ozs.
A.T.S.	-	-	6	18	24
Vng. Sulph	-	-	2 lbs.	6 lbs.	8 lbs.
Sd. Pot. Permang.	-	-	-	6 gall.	6 gall
Mist Hexamine	-	-	-	4 "	4 "
Mixtures	-	-	-	- "	522

J. J. Stacy
 or Lieut. Col.
~~Pharmacist~~ 2nd Aust. C.C.S.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

To :-

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

HEREWITH QUARTER-MASTERS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

During the month the Unit was moved from Tournai to Ath, 34 kilos, the shift being carried out in 12 hours, and 47 lorry loads of material and equipment were transported. Our supply Railhead is now at Gheslingheim a distance of 12 kilos away. Field Rations for Patients, and Staff are drawn from here and for other services viz. Ordnance, Comforts, Laundry etc. we have to go to Roubaix and Lille which is rather far considering the state of the roads and bad weather. Notwithstanding our difficulties all supplies have been maintained.

The two motor lorries have been considerably overworked and have not had any time to attend to the Mechanism of their lorries. This is unfair to the driver as his engine is neglected and gives concern. A lorry is now temporarily attached to enable the lorries in turn to proceed to workshops for inspection and overhaul.

During the earlier portion of the month our Laundry was sent to St Omer by rail; this turned out unsatisfactory as the clean laundry took over ten days to reach our Railhead from St Omer.

The blankets etc. of this Station are in urgent need of Disinfection our Fumigator is still under repair in Ordnance Workshop at Fives. Arrangements are being made to obtain the services of a Foden double Thresh Disinfector to do the fumigating for a few days. Owing to the ~~xxxxx~~ transfer of this Unit to another Ordnance and the neglect of one Ordnance to advise that certain indents for clothing were cancelled our stock of clothing has been very low and difficulty has been experienced in clothing the Staff and attached men. Delay in Transport from the Base has aggravated this. It is however, hoped that soon ample stores will be available to supply the urgent needs of our men especially in Footwear owing to the wet weather.

It is intended to take stock of this Unit equipment at an early date in order that the actual state and quantities of our stores may be adjusted and render the Unit capable of any demands that may be made upon it in the near future.

The Q.M. branch has been very busy during the latter part of the month preparing for Xmas and New Year celebrations. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining supplies. We were however very successful and the Xmas Season is acknowledged by all as the most successful the Unit has had during its service abroad. A copy of a report on Xmas is attached.

Our Pierrot Troupe has been reformed in addition a small Orchestra has been organised, a very creditable Concert was given on Xmas Eve. It is intended to press on with these and run a series of entertainments during the winter months. Dances are being arranged with the recommended Civilian girls of the town. The first of these was held on New Years Eve and proved a huge success. We are the first Australian Unit to enter Ath. The conduct of our men has been exemplary and it is the intention of the Unit to provide mutual entertainments for the folk of the town.

~~This unit is hoped will be a great help to the morale of our men and assist them in their thoughts and aspirations as Citizens.~~

The Australian Red Cross Society has given us good assistance during the month.

[Signature]
.....Hon. Lt. & Q.M.
2nd. Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

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CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

The brightest and most successful Christmas Season experienced by the 2nd. Australian Casualty Clearing Station was the one just passed.

Situated in the town of ATH on Belgian soil with hostilities at an end, it was determined by all to make this, the fourth (fifth for some,) Christmas and the last away from home one to be remembered.

The difficulty of obtaining Christmas fare was the only hindrance, this however was successfully overcome, and Staff and Patients enjoyed to the full the Christmas of 1918.

Three hundred and five Patients were in Hospital, included in this number were fifty Australians, two of whom were Repatriated Prisoners on their way to the Base from Germany.

The festivities began with a Concert given by the Pierrot Troupe belonging to this Unit, on Christmas Eve. A number of Civilians were invited to this concert which was of an excellent standard, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A band belonging to the 2nd. West Yorks played Christmas Carols and selections in the Hospital about 11 P.M.

Christmas Day was a busy day for all directly concerned in the jubilation; including Staff 377 partook of the dinner. Eighty-nine Patients were unable to leave their beds, and they enjoyed the splendid dinner in their wards; the remainder were gathered in a large Mess room; one used by the enemy previously.

The hall was festooned with garlands, decorative papers, and holly, and presented a cheerful sight. At 12.30 P.M. all Imperial Troops and attached men sat down and were waited on by Australians. At 5 P.M. the Staff and Australian Patients partook of their dinner and were waited upon by the N.C.Os. of the Unit. Later at 7 P.M. the N.C.Os. themselves had their dinner. The Officers and Sisters messed together Xmas evening.

The wards of the Station were all neatly decorated and a spirit of goodwill and cheerfulness could be seen and felt on all sides. Christmas was a success.

The thanks of the Unit are again extended to the Australian Red Cross Society for the liberal manner in which they assisted us. A donation of 2/6d per patient in money was received also help in foodstuffs. In addition to this a present from the Australian Comforts Fund in Sydney was handed to each member of the Staff, and to each Australian patient was handed a Xmas box from the Australian Red Cross Society. As a present to the other patients a new shirt a pair of socks, and cigarettes were given.

The amount received from the Australian Red Cross was supplemented by Regimental Funds and the whole treat which was liberal in all items cost approximately 4 francs per head.

Christmas so happily spent provided a fitting finale to perhaps the most dramatic year it should be our lot to live through.

Included in the Toast of absent friends the loved ones overseas were not forgotten, nor were the former members of the Unit.

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(COPY.)

D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps, No 850/18.

1. No 2 Aust. C.C.S. will move from its present location in Asylum, Tournai, to civil Hospital ATH on 13th inst.
2. All patients now at No 2 Aust. C.C.S. will be transferred to No 1 Aust. C.C.S. before the move.
3. Lorries will be provided by IIIrd Corps as follows :-
 25 lorries will report at No 2 Aust.C.C.S. at 07.00 13th inst.
 25 " " " " " " " " " 08.00 " "
4. A loading party of 2 M.C.O.'s and 30 men will be provided by A.D.M.S., 8th Division and will report to No 2 Aust.C.C.S. at 07.00 13th inst. to assist in loading lorries under orders of O.C. No 2 Aust. C.C.S.
5. On arrival in ATH, No 2 Aust. C.C.S. will take over the Civil Hospital, which will be ready for taking over from 55th Division at 12.00 13th inst.
6. O.C. No 2 Aust. C.C.S. will forward to this Office proposed details of the move as soon as possible.

(sgd.) J.P. Crolius, Major,
 for Colonel
 A/ D.D.M.S.

H.Q., III Corps,
 12/12/18.

DISTRIBUTION :-

O.C. NO 1 A.C.C.S.
 O.C. NO 2 A.C.C.S.
 A.D.M.S. 8th Division.
 A.D.M.S. 15th "
 A.D.M.S. 55th "
 A.D.M.S. 74th "

"Q" III Corps.
 S.M.T.O. III Corps.
 D.M.S. Fifth Army
 O.C. 22 M.A.C.
 War Diary and
 File.

TO :-

D. D. M. S.,

IIIrd. Corps,

Orders were received at noon 12/12/18, and the following procedure was adopted :-

Arrangements were made with 51 C.C.S. and No 1 Aust. C.C.S. to take all patients. These patients were disposed of by 4 p.m. Various wards which were empty at the time of receipt of orders were immediately dismantled, and all material stored along corridors.

3. Stretchers. Stretchers were packed in front of Hospital in readiness for loading on morning of 13th. inst.

5. Billeting Arrangements. An Officer was sent to Ath, to warn the Unit of occupation that the 2nd Aust. C.C.S. would be moving in on 13th., and to secure billets for Officers and Sisters. This Officer reported back at 7 p.m. Billeting arrangements were not satisfactory owing to the Unit at present in occupation stating that they had not received orders to vacate the Civil Hospital.
13/12/18.

By nightfall the Unit should be in the new Quarters at Ath.

..... Lt; Col.

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D.M.S. 5th. Army No. 89/90.
D.D.M.S. 3rd. Corps No. 856/18

Now that Corps are settled down in their new areas, it is necessary to emphasize some points of general medical policy.

The absence of wounded and the concentration of formations makes the problem one of peace time administration and arrangements are now required for working on a peace basis.

At present, Medical Units are Divisional & Army, and must remain so, but Army has already agreed to lent certain Units to Corps, and Corps should reserve to themselves the power of allocating and administering such Divisional Medical Units as may be necessary for the proper functioning of the Medical Service.

The basis of administration must be by areas; that is to say it must be based on the number of men in an area irrespective of the formation they belong to. Medical Units, whether Fd. Ambulances or Casualty Clearing Stations, will consequently be located as centrally as possible in relation to troops whose sick are to be cared for and whose hygienic welfare is to be safeguarded.

The necessity for economising mechanical transport, and the daily increasing shortage of R.A.M.C. Officers renders the very early establishment of this principle imperative

The principal difficulties will be over Labor Groups, and the location of Medical Units will require serious consideration. The question of erecting hatted hospitals should be gone into where necessary so that the work can be done at the same time as the camps for the men. There will be more Labor Groups in some Corps areas than others, and, if necessary, Field Ambulances will be borrowed from such as have less demand for them on this Office being notified.

Field Ambulances should become "Hospitals" as much as possible and should be prepared to accomodate 1 to 1.5% of strength. C.C.Ss. and Stationary Hospitals on the same scale. This would provide hospital accomodation for 3% of strength.

C.C.Ss. & Stationary Hospitals should have arrangements for Convalescents, with physical drill and graduated exercises. Medical Officers of Units and Fd. Amb.s in an area should be pooled under the C.O. of the Ambulance, who should act as S.M.O. of the area and be responsible for the Medical and Sanitary care of the troops. He could distribute the duties amongst the Medical Officers so that they should do duty both with troops and in the Hospital.

Medical Officers should be in charge of Groups or Brigades, not of Units. Inspection rooms should be common to several Units and should have detention romms.

H.Qs.
5th. Army
17/12/18

(sgd) J.J. Gerrard
Major-General
D.M.S.

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A.D.M.S.
Division

For information and compliance.

H.Qs. 3rd. Corps
18/12/18

T.M. MacLaughlin
Colonel
A.D.D.M.S.

(COPY.)

Ds.M.S. , Armies

Will you please send a brief report to this office on the work done by the Medical Services under your administration for French civilians.

This information is required by the French and a copy of their memo showing the details they require is attached.

6.12.18.

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

NOTES ON BRITISH MEDICAL AID DURING
THE WAR, AND MORE ESPECIALLY DURING
THE PERIOD OF THE RECENT ADVANCE.

1. Gifts of Drugs &c and Medical material (blankets &c)
2. Prompt delivery on repayment system of drugs, &c and Medical materials to Municipalities or hospitals.
3. Organisation exclusively from British resources, or in conjunction with Municipalities and the French Military Mission, of Hospitals, Infirmaries, or Refugee Camps, &c.
4. Detailing temporarily certain doctors for attending the civil population.
5. Attending to civilians at their homes in re-occupied areas.
6. Admissions to Hospitals, treatment, Surgical Operations; Evacuation of wounded, sick or gas cases amongst the French, civilian & Military. Number of admissions divided if possible into the following categories : wounded, sick, gassed, if possible number of operations performed.
7. All other information which would appear to be of interest.

D.M.S. Fifth Army No 132/1.

For early report to this Office, please.

Headquarters,
Fifth Army,
11.12.18.
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(sgd.) W. Turner Capt. for
Major General
Director of Medical Services.

Distribution: D.Ds.M., Corps.
All Casualty Clearing Station.
All Stationary Hospitals.
All Advanced Depots Medical Stores.

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To:-

D.M.S.,
Fifth Army.

24th December 1918.

Reference your 132/I of 11/12/18., Herewith
please report on the work done by this C.C.S. for French
Civilians.

(1) Gifts of Drugs, &c, and medical material :-

DRUGS	QUANTITY
Tr Camph Co	10 lbs
Vin Specac	5 "
Tr Scillac	10 "
Ammon Carb	2 1/2
Syrup Tolu	7 lbs
Syrup Scillac	2 "
Tr Senegac	10 "
Win Terebinth	3 "
Lin Sapious	1/2 lbs
Lin Camph Ammon	2 1/2 lbs
Tr Sodii Mit	4 lbs
Aspirin Tab	120 Tablets
Sod Sal "	84 "
Quinine "	79 "
Vng Benzoi	3/4 lbs
Vng Ac Boric	1 1/4 "
Vng Sulphuris	1/2 "
Vng Hyd Ammon	10 ozs
Mag Sulph Xtale	7 lbs
Malt Extract	8 lbs
Tr Benzoin Co	1/2 lbs
Bismuth Carb	2 lbs
Glys Ac Tannic	1/4 lbs
Throat Brushes	7

(2)

Prompt delivery on repayment system of drugs, &c, and
medical materials to Municipalities or Hospitals:-

NIL.
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(3)

Organisation exclusively from British resources, or in
conjunction with Municipalities and the French military
Mission, of Hospital, Infirmeries, or Refugee Camps, &c.:-

NIL.
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(4)

Detailing temporarily certain Doctors for attending the
Civil Population:-

At Blendecques 38 Cases of Sickness were attended to by
visiting M.Os at different French Houses in the locality
These patients were visited daily until cured ; As many as
12 visits were paid to one particular case.
1 Case of Childbirth ; 1 Abortion, others mostly amongst
children -Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria,
Measles, and Tonsillitis.

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(5)

Admissions to Hospital, treatment, surgical operations, evacuation of wounded, sick or gassed cases amongst the French, civilian and military. Number of admissions divided into the following:-

	French Military			French Civilian			Gas	TOTAL
	Sick	Gassed	Wounded	Sick	Wounded			
Admitted	50	3	46	13	44		3	159
Died		NIL		1	5			6
Evacuated	19	3	30	1				53
Transfers	31		13	7	41		3	92
Discharged	3			4	1			8

Total Operations

performed under

Gen Anaesthetic

44

Dressings performed

1503.

B. H. H. H. Lt Col.,
C.O. 2nd Australian C.C. Station.

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TO:-

O.C. 2nd. Australian Casualty Clearing Station.

Herewith,

RESUME OF FORMATION AND SUBSEQUENT
OPERATIONS OF 2ND. AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

I. CONCENTRATION.

The 2nd. Aust. C.C.S. concentrated at ALBERT PARK, MELBOURNE, on 8th October 1915, where it remained until 23rd. November of the same year. It was placed under the command of Lt. Col. H.S. Stacy.

75% of the unit consisted of Melbourne men, and the remainder from N.S.W. Amongst the N.S.W. men were several who had been selected by the C.O.- such as a X-Ray expert (Sgt. Jones.) a splint manufacturer (Cpl. Alderton W.), and a Theatre attendant of the Sydney Hospital (S/Sgt. E.F. Bennett).

The Melbourne men were selected by Major Morton, O.C. A.A.M.C. Training Depot. These men were well trained in First Aid, and were considered suitable for this particular kind of work.

2. Personnel.

(a) Strength.

Officers 8, Other Ranks 86.

(b) Nominal Roll of Officers.

Lt. Col. H.S. Stacy	Commanding Officer.
Major J.W. Browne	Physician.
Major W.S. Sweet	Surgeon.
Capt. E.N. Allister	Physician.
Capt. R.F. Craig	Surgeon.
Capt. J.V. Pearce	Surgeon.
Capt. A.J. Collins	Surgeon & Adjutant.
Hon. Lt. T. Armstrong	Quartermaster.

3. Training.

The unit was trained at Albert Park. The N.C.Os and men were put through a course of Medical training. The men selected for nursing duties were split into three squads, each being detailed to attend a hospital daily. No 1 squad went to Melbourne Hospital, No 2 squad to St Vincents Hospital, and No 3 squad to Alfred Hospital. At these hospitals the men were made accustomed to Operating Theatre work, and were trained in general nursing duties. Lectures on Anatomy and First Aid were given both in camp, and at these hospitals.

The remaining men excluding those on special duties were put through field work, such as Stretcher drill, erecting and striking of marquees, and flag signalling.

4. Equipment.

The equipment of the Station consisted of War Mobilisation store Table of December 1914. (A.F. 1098-66). In addition an X-Ray outfit, two complete sets of Surgical instruments, and a splint making outfit were kindly given by the Australian Red Cross.

5. Embarkation.

On or about the 31st. October 1915, orders were received to the effect that the unit was to move off, not collectively, but in small parties, each to act as medical details to their respective transports. The unit was therefore split up into 6 parties, and detailed to the following transports:-

H.M.T.S. BAKARA.
H.M.T.S. WANDILLA.
H.M.T.S. BULLA.

H.M.T.S. Pt. MACQUARIE
H.M.T.S. PERSIC.
H.M.T.S. CERAMIC

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5. Embarkation. (Continued.)

These boats were due to sail between the 5th. and 23rd. of November 1915. Headquarters sailed on the last named transport.

6. Disembarkation.

Each party on arriving at an Egyptian port, was immediately sent to a detail camp at ZEITOUN, where the reconstruction took place. The last party arrived about the 20th December 1915 and the Unit remained here until the night of the 23rd.

7. Operations in Egypt.

(a) On the afternoon of the 24th December 1915, orders were received to move off to Ismalia, where the unit arrived on the morning of the 25th, with the exception of one Officer (Capt. Craig.) and a party of 2 N.C.Os. and 10 men who were detailed to proceed to Tel El Kebir, and act as a dressing Station. At Ismalia the Unit was given a concert hall which in a very short time was transferred into a very fine hospital holding about 100 to 150 stretchers cases. Marquees were erected on an allotment close by for the staff. About 200 cases were received at this place, consisting of the following diseases:- Diarrhoea, Para-Typhoid, P.U.O., Meningitis, and trench feet. The latter was the result of severe weather at Gallipoli.

These cases were evacuated to Base Hospitals at CAIRO, and HELIOPOLIS, by Ambulance train.

(b) On the 15th January 1916, orders were received to move to FERRY POST. Here the hospital was entirely under canvas, consisting of about 10 large Hospital Marquees with bell tents for the Staff. One special lined tent was erected for X-Ray work. The hospital was capable of holding about 100 Stretcher cases, and 150 walking cases. The cases received at this place were of much the same character as at Ismalia, and were evacuated to No 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital at Ismalia. Much difficulty was experienced at this place, in the working of the hospital, owing to the desert conditions i.e. sand storms, shortage of suitable water, and sanitation difficulties. The sanitation conditions were much improved by the C.O. under whose directions special latrines and urinal pits were established. Appended is a sketch of the type of urinal pit referred to.

Owing to the intense heat, it was found necessary to sink special pits for the preservation of Aether, Chloroform, and Serum.

At this site the Wiles Steam Cooker was found to be of inestimable value.

8. Transfer of unit to France.

On the 13th April 1916, orders were received to move off to France. On the 18th the hospital was taken over by the 14th Australian Field Ambulance. On the 19th, the unit entrained at Moascar for Alexandria, arriving at this place on the 21st. On the same day the unit embarked with the 11th British C.C.S. on the "Glen Gorme Castle"- a hospital ship, and arrived at Marseilles on the 27th.

During this voyage, a case of relapsing fever occurred with a member of the 11th C.C.S., and consequently, on arrival at Marseilles, both units were quarantined for a period of 22 1/2 days

368. Transfer of Unit to France. (Continued.)

On the 18th May the unit entrained for Rouen, arriving there on the 20th. There the unit was attached to the 1st. Australian General Hospital for rations. Fourteen days were spent here, and on the 1st June, 1916 the unit was transferred to a British Convalescent Depot. Here it remained until the morning of the 17th, when orders were received to entrain for Steenwerck. The unit arrived at this place on the 18th., where a site (sheet 36 N.W. A9 b13.) had previously been selected by the C.O.

9. Active Service Operations in France.

(A.) The building of the Hospital at Steenwerck.

The erection of the C.C.S. was immediately begun. This entailed a considerable amount of heavy work consisting of the transferring of material from Railway trucks, to the adjoining site; the laying out of the Station; the erecting of marquees on very rough ground; the making of an in and out road; the building of bridges and the sinking of wells to ensure a good supply of water.

This work was completed very quickly. three wells were sunk in convenient places, and two large tanks were installed on raised platforms, giving a sufficient fall to enable water to flow freely where needed. For the purpose of feeding these tanks, special pumps were attached to the wells.

A large Nissen hut was erected to serve for the Operating Theatre and X-Ray Dept.

The in and out road consisted of a solid plank track which proved most servicable and useful.

Two long rows of double marquees were erected, and Duck-boards placed through out the camp.

Later, when the hospital had begun to receive and evacuate patients, the necessity for a platform to enable easy loading of the Ambulance train, became apparant. With the approval of the D.M.S., 2nd. Army, a party of Royal Engineers was detailed to construct a suitable platform for the loading of patients. After a short period this platform was completed and ran the whole length of the C.C.S., a distance of about 200 yards. To make evacuations still easier, a system of light Deccaville tramlines were installed, running the whole length of the platform. From the platform, additional lines extended to turnstiles placed within the camp, whence lines ran in front of all the wards, and to the admission tent.

Right throughout the period at this site, the work of construction was continually going on. Huts were erected for the special departments of the C.C.S. - Mortuary, Q.M. Stores, Dental, Engine house, Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, Sisters Quarters, and Staff Quarters. At a later date, marquees were replaced by four large Latapee Huts, capable of holding about 30 bed cases. These were used for serious cases, and were of great value during very busy periods. The marquees thus displaced were re-erected on another part of the ground for walking cases.

In all four large blocks were established;

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|----------|------------------------|---|
| A. Block | Latapee Huts. | For serious medical & Surgical cases (lying). |
| B. Block | Large bow Nissen Huts. | For cases ready for evacuation |
| C. Block | Marquees | For special cases Gas, S.I.W. |
| D. Block | Marquees | For walking sick & wounded. |

The station was now quite a large establishment, capable of accomodating about 1000 patients? Owing to its proximity to the line, - about four miles-, and the railway, patients were able to be given early treatment, and quick dispatch to the Base hospitals.

The building of the hospital at Steenwerck. (Cont.)

On many occasions, cases were operated upon after 2 hours of being wounded. In this way many lives were undoubtedly saved.

(B.) The admission and disposal of patients.

The hospital opened on 19th July 1916, when nearly 900 cases - mostly lightly wounded - were admitted within ten hours, as the result of the Fluerbaix battle. The wounded consisted of men from the 4th. and 5th. Australian Divisions.

All these cases received treatment, and were evacuated within 24 hours by Ambulance Trains, with the exception of two who were unfit for travelling.

On or about the 1st. August the Station received patients alternately with No 2 British C.C.S. which was situated at Bailleul. These admissions consisted of mostly medical cases which increased throughout the following Winter. Quite a number of these cases were curable within a short period.

Orders were received from the D.M.S. 2nd Army to the effect that arrangements should be made for the accomodation of 1000 cases and that all such cases who could be cured within three weeks, were to be held, and discharged to duty as fit.

These arrangements carried through the Winter of 1916. and early part of 1917. Throughout this period the methodical and successful working of the C.C.S. was due to the excellent administration of the C.O. Lt. Col. H.S. Stacy.

In the treatment of the wounded, invaluable work was rendered by the X-Ray department under the supervision of Sgt. W. Jones; It is believed that this C.C.S. was the only one at this time in possession of an X-Ray outfit.

During the Summer of 1917, the Surgical work at the Station became much heavier; owing to the results of the battle of Messines, and the severe operations that followed.

During the month of June, 1625 operations under General Anaesthetics were performed. During the battle of Messines, a very large number of patients were handled. The total admissions for the Station for 3 months - June, July and August, - were 16357 including 1077 Gas cases. During the same period, 452 Deaths occurred at the Station. On one occasion four Ambulance trains were loaded within 24 hours, - the lightly wounded cases being dressed and immediately evacuated.

From this time onward the work of the C.C.S. considerably increased. From September 1916 to September 1917, 200 operations on Penetrating Abdominal wounds were performed. Of these 93 were evacuated to the Base, and 107 died.

The total admissions from the commencement at Steenwerck to the 31st. October 1917 were nearly 27000.

(C.) General Items.

On the night of Sunday 22nd. July 1917, two bombs were dropped in the hospital grounds from a German aeroplane, resulting in two of the staff being killed outright and 27 patients being wounded, of which three subsequently died.

This event it is believed, resulted in orders being issued to all hospitals in proximity to the line, to the effect that no hospital distinguishing lights were to be shown, and that as far as possible, all wards were to be protected from bombs, by way of revettments. These were therefore constructed around the wards of the C.C.S.

On several occasions the railway line running past the C.C.S. was shelled by the enemy.

For several months an observation balloon close to the Station was periodically shelled from an enemy high velocity gun. On many occasions shell fragments fell in the hospital.

General Items. (Continued.)

During the early part of the Steenwerck period, the Station was often visited by General Sir Herbert C.O. Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C., G.O.C. 2nd Army, with General Porter D.M.S. General Plumer was very much interested with the electric lighting plant, and the X-Ray department; and it is believed that later, mainly through his efforts, all C.C.S.s were issued with a lighting and X-Ray plant.

(D.) Personnel and Changes of Command.

Nursing Sisters (A.A.N.S.) were sent from Australian Base Hospitals in 1916 to this Station. The work rendered by these Sisters has always been of a very high standard, and has greatly contributed to the high standard of efficiency attained by the unit.

From time to time various members of the unit transferred to combatant and other medical units, the majority going to Officers training schools, and eventually obtaining commissions.

On the 1st. May 1917, the original C.O. Lt. Col. H.S. Stacy was relieved of the Command of this Station by Lt. Col. J. Ramsay Webb.

Lt. Col. Stacy proceeded to D.M.S., A.I.F. on 2nd. May, and on the 4th. embarked for Australia.

Under the command of Lt. Col. Webb, the unit was carried over the difficult period of the Summer of 1917.

On the 8th November 1917, the command was taken over by Lt. Col. V.O. Stacy. Lt. Col. J.R. Webb proceeded on 8.11.17. to D.M.S., A.I.F. for instructions re embarking for Australia.

From 21.8.16., Capt. (afterwards Major) E.H. Burkitt acted as Surgeon Specialist. After his departure to Australia on 6.9.17., the Surgeon Specialist at this Station was Lt. Col. B. Quick, who reported on 14.9.17.

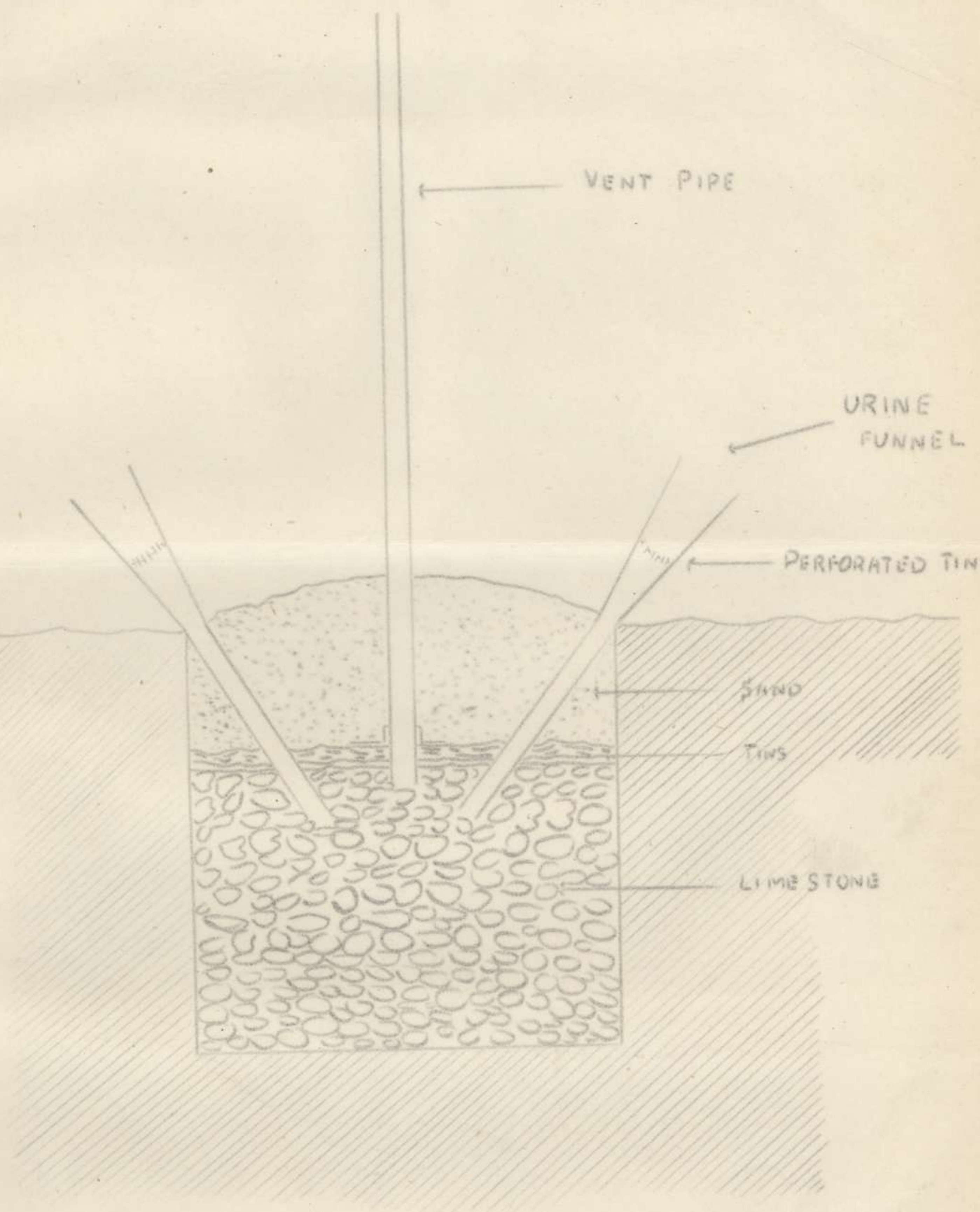
A nominal roll of original Officers and their movements to 31.10.17. is shown hereunder:-

Lt. Col.	Stacy	H.S.	Embarked for Australia 4.5.17.
Major	Browne	J.N.	Transferred to A.M.G. Details 20.7.16.
Major	Sweet	W.S.	Transferred to No 1 A.G.H. 20.7.16.
Capt.	Allister	E.H.	Transferred to No 1 A.G.H. 19.10.17.
Capt.	Craig	R.F.	With the Unit.
Capt.	Pearce	J.V.	With the Unit.
Capt.	Collings	A.J.	Transferred to 48th Batt? A.I.F. as R.M.O. 16.12.16.
Hon. Lt.	Armstrong	T.C.	Transferred to No 1 A.D.H. Bulford 2.8.17.

*Report compiled from information
supplied by*

M. Barker S/Sgt. 7305
2nd Australian C.C.S.

J. Stacy Lt Col
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In continuation of D.G./64/48 dated 16.10.1918., the following information regarding the present epidemic of Influenza will be communicated to all Medical Officers:-

1. The prognosis in cases of Influenza depends greatly on early diagnosis, and early hospital treatment. All men reporting sick with Influenza or P.U.O. should be sent to hospital or Field Ambulance at once.

2. There are two severe types, - one toxæmic, the other pulmonary. The first is characterised by high fever, slow pulse, and no disturbance of respiration. the physical signs appear often of no importance, and may show nothing but areas of varying size in which the breathing is weak. There may be a few crepitations or none. Yet many of these cases are of the utmost gravity.

The second is characterised by Bronchitis and Broncho-pneumonia accompanied by severe delirium, a brown tongue, a weak pulse, and cyanosis much deeper than the condition of the lungs would warrant.

3. It has been found that severe cases travel very badly. When a case is thought to be serious, it should if possible be retained.

4. Slight cyanosis on the third or fourth days is an ominous symptom.

4/II/18.

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Attention is drawn to the following points:-

TROOPS: The prevention of overcrowding and provision of adequate ventilation in billets.

Warm clothing, particularly at night.

Influenza cases must be removed hospital and not treated in quarters.

STATIONARY HOSPITALS AND C.C.Ss.

1. Influenza cases must be isolated.

2. Broncho-pneumonia cases should be isolated from simple influenza.

3. Wards and tents must be well ventilated and warmed.

4. Clothing, linen, utensils &c must be treated as for other infectious cases.

5. Attendants on cases of Broncho-pneumonia should wear gauze masks over mouth and nose when handling patients.

6. Visitors will not be allowed in wards except when absolutely necessary.

Headquarters,
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8.II.18.

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