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FRANCE.	APRIL,	1918.	
ST. GRATIEN	1st		<p>Major HORDERN, Representative Australian Red Cross Society, called at Office. His address is "Australian Red Cross, care - Town Major PREVENT" Promised to send a load of comforts including coffee and milk cocoa and milk, chocolate Cigarettes &amp;c. to M.D.S. at QUERRIEU to-morrow. - 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. advised, and instructed to distribute supplies to 10th., 9th., and 15th. Aust. Field Ambs.</p>
		5-30pm.	<p>D.A.D.M.S. and A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. returned from visiting M.D.S. 11th. Fld. Amb. They are in need of Field Medical Cards. D.A.D.M.S. obtained a supply of these from an old Ambulance site in CORBIE, about 200 - 300. A.D.S., LA NEUVILLE all correct. They went to CORBIE to find if any Army Medical Stores had been abandoned there by the troops that had withdrawn - Town Major CORBIE says "There are no stocks of Medical value now in CORBIE" Some palliasses and pillows still in C.C.S. in arch leading into Square. Some iron beds in a fit store just off road from CORBIE to LA NEUVILLE. 10th., 11th., and 15th. Brigades and 10th. Fld. Amb. at BONNAY all correct.</p>
		2nd. 11-am.	<p>D.A.D.M.S. visited R.M.O's. of 42nd., 43rd., and 44th. Battalions also Commanding Officers of 41st., 42nd., and 43rd., Battalions. Everything working smoothly - supplies are plentiful and evacuations satisfactory. 42nd., and 43rd. Battalions are just being relieved by 41st., and 44th. Battalions - the men are happy and contented and the place where bivouaced seemed more like a large picnic place.</p>
		6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> p.m.	<p>A.D.M.S. visited M.D.S., QUERRIEU and A.D.S., BONNAY and saw Officers Commanding 10th. and 11th. Fld. Ambs. Ample stores of stretchers, dressings, blankets and comforts. Lt. Col. CHAMBERS has fitted up an excellent Operating Theatre at the Main Dressing Station, in one of the rooms of the Cafe De L'ESPERANCE. It has large glass windows along one side giving excellent light. The room has been scrubbed and then limed with carbide and white-wash. Any major operation could be performed in this room. Arranged with O.C. 10th. Fld. Amb. to make a dump of stretchers Dressings blankets and rations in the neighbourhood of BRICK KILN (sht. 62 D. J. 20.a.).</p>
		3rd.	<p>Captain GUYMER, A.H. reported for duty - attached to 11th. fld. Amb. - D.A.D.M.S. visited Town Major CORBIE with O.C., 15th. Fld. Amb. and obtained permission to take from two pharmacies in the town such things that may be needed for the use of sick and wounded in the area.</p>



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	4th.		<p>Since being in this area, no cases of scabies or Venereal Disease have been admitted to Fld. Ambulances, unless they had such complications as prevented them carrying on - the reason being the liquid condition of the fighting and the necessity for every man being in the line.</p> <p>The enemy has attacked south of the SOMME and has taken HAMEL. He is also heavily shelling the CORBIE - VAUX road. It is reported that he is to try to take AMIENS to-day.</p> <p>The 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. has embussed at ALLONVILLE to go to BUSSY and DAOURS.</p>	
	4-pm.		<p>15th. Brigade placed under 3rd. Cavalry Division - orders issued as follows:- A.D.M.S. Order No. 37 (copy attached) 15th. Fld. Amb. to report to 15th. Brigade. 11th. Fld. Amb. to relieve 15th. Fld. Amb. 10th. Fld. Amb. to return one Bearer-Sub-Division to 11th. Fld. Amb.</p>	App. 401
	5th.	11-am	<p>105th. Fld. Amb. placed under orders of A.D.M.S. for duty with 3rd. Australian Division. They are to remain at LA HOUSOYE and to be ready to reinforce if called upon. D.A.D.M.S. 35th. Division (Captain FLEMING) called at the Office to make arrangements.</p> <p>To-day the enemy made a series of minor attacks from ALBERT TO LUCE with a concentrated attack of 3 divisions on the 4th. Aust. Division at DERNACOURT.</p>	
	6th.	10-am	<p>A.A.M.C. O.C. issued. 5th. Fld. Amb. to take over A.D.S. LA NEUVILLE from 10th. Fld. Amb. (Copy att.) D.D.M.S., and D.A.D.M.S. 7th. Corps visited Office to thank the A.M. Services of the Division for their work and to say good bye.</p> <p>11-am A.D.M.S. visited M.D.S., QUERRIEU and A.D.S. BONNAY - everything satisfactory.</p> <p>11-30am. G.O.C., Australian Corps assumes Command 7th. Corps Front 12 noon 6th. April, 1918.</p> <p>3-pm. Ordnance Lorries not to deliver stores to Units - Dump at PONT NOYELLES.</p>	App. 2
	7th.	10.am	<p>Australian Corps comes under Command of Fourth Army.</p> <p>11.am. D.D.M.S. Australian Corps visited Office.</p> <p>11.30am. A.D.M.S., and D.A.D.M.S. 1st. Australian Division called and D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps, A.D.M.S. 1st. Division and A.D.M.S. visited A.D.S's.</p> <p>2-30pm. D.A.D.M.S. visited Advanced Depot Medical Stores, BEAUMAL, as a result the following instruction was issued to 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. - "DRESSINGS AND SPLINTS, Ample stores of Dressings and Splints are now available at Adv. Depot Med. Stores, Shell Dressings are scarce, and it is particularly requested that as far as possible, their use be restricted to the first dressing done in the Field or at A.D.S's. O.C., M.D.S. will immediately make provision for dressings for 5000 cases and report completion. Urgent."</p>	



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ST. GRATIEN	7th	3:15pm	Divisional Order received that Light Horse Troop and Cyclist Battalion to be attached to Divn.	
		4 pm	Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded for 3rd Aust. Divisional Front, issued (Copy Att).	Apr 3
		7 pm	A.D.M.S. made representation to "Q" to obtain Chateau and grounds at H.10. Central on the West side of QUERRIEU - ST GRATIEN Road for Main Dressing Station - Reasons being:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It stands alone, sheltered by large trees.</li> <li>2. It is away from main and cross roads, and so less likely to draw fire.</li> <li>3. It has ample accommodation, and tents and marquees can be erected in the grounds for extra accommodation without drawing attention.</li> <li>4. It is on the direct and normal route of evacuation.</li> <li>5. It has a good water supply.</li> </ol> The present site in QUERRIEU is unsuitable as it is on the main and cross road and is very liable to be shelled out and so disorganise clearing of wounded.	
		10 pm	Instructions issued to 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to collect four refugees at VAUX and deliver to M.D.S. to evacuate to VILLERS BOCAGE.	
	8th	8:20am	Divisional Order received that 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. with Ambulance to relieve 104th. Brigade by 6 p.m. on 8th. April, 1918.	
		11 am	O.C., 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. called. D.A.D.M.S. told him the situation and <del>asked</del> <sup>asked</sup> him to detail two cars to report to O.C., 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. by 4 pm. to-day. He will also send two wheeled stretchers if possible. He is anxious to clear his own Brigade if they go into the line.	
		11:30am	Major LOWRY, (9th. Fld. Amb.) called. He wanted to get Trench Foot mixture. D.A.D.M.S. told him Whale Oil was available, but, that Lt. Col. JOLLEY (O.C., 9th. Fld. Amb.) should ask the Brigadier to impress on Units the necessity of taking off boots and socks twice a day and rubbing the feet even in the absence of whale oil or foot powder. A.D.M.S. and A.A. & Q.M.G. visited 10th. and 11th. Brigade Headqrs., and 10th. and 11th. Field Ambulances re the prophylaxis of Trench Feet in the Division. Arrangements are being made for supply of Camphor Soap Powder, which was not supplied in Third Army. Pending its arrival, now that we are in Fourth Army (from 7/4/18) whale oil is being used. Men are rubbing their feet twice daily.	



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	8th.	(continued)		
		11:30am	(cont) While out of the line on relief, every 72 hours men are sent back into billets in HEILLY and BONNAY. Arrangements were made this morning for all these men to be inspected by a Medical Officer from a Field Ambulance, and for Medical supervision of the treatment of their feet.	
		2 pm	11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to disinfect dirty clothing.	
		4 pm	Instructions issued to R.M.O's. as regards "Prevention against Trench Feet" (copy att.)	h. 59/09 App. 4
		5 pm	Instructions received for 104th. Brigade (reserve Brigade to Division) to move to HEDANVILLE.	
		7 pm	Divisional Order No.85. - 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. to relieve 104th. Brigade. 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambulance advised location at PONT CAMON.	use
	9th	11 am	D.A.D.M.S. visited R.A.P. 40th. Battalion, Forward A.D.S. and A.D.S's. HEILLY and BONNAY and 10th. and 11th. Brigade Headquarters - Remarks satisfactory.	
		12 noon	General Staff Circular No.77 A. re "Defence against Gas" - ST. GRATIEN IN the PRECAUTIONARY ZONE.	
		5 pm	A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Division attended Office.	
		7 pm	O.C., 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. advised ample supply splints and dressings.	
		8 pm	List of returns and reports received from D.D.M.S. Australian Corps. Medical Arrangements (Australian Corps) No.4 and 4th. Army Operations No.15 received. (Returns similar - as before (copy att)) D.G.M.S. precis on last 10 days War-fare - Mobility of Medical Units to be maintained	App. 5
	10th.	7 pm	Operation Order No.39 issued - 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to take over A.D.S. LA NEUVILLE. - Move to be complete 6 pm 11/4/1918. (copy attached).	App. 6
		10 pm	Amendment issued for Scheme for Evacuation of Wounded (copy attached).	7
	11th	11 am	D.D.M.S. Australian Corps visited Office.	
		11:30am	D.D.M.S. and A.D.M.S. visited M.D.S. QUERRIEU - Everything satisfactory.	
		2:30pm	A.D.M.S. and O.C., 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. inspected Chateau on ST. GRATIEN Road (new site for Main Dressing Station) with a view to taking over premises.	
		9 pm	Instructions issued re stretchers - 114 to be taken as Mobilisation Store Table.	use



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	12th	12/noon	D.D.M.S. and S.O., A.D.S. visited Office and discussed the detachment of Dental Units. It was finally decided to have them returned and established at the Reinforcement Camp. Copy of wire sent to Officer Commanding No.3 Aust. General Hospital, below:- "Warn Dental Units No's. 45, 46, and 56 to be prepared to move AAA Staff Officer A.D.S. "transport (Lorry) to collect Units".	
		2: pm	Instructions received from D.D.M.S. Australian Corps re positions of Medical stations in the event of retirement or advance. Repeated to Field Ambulances for future guidance. Field Ambulances to submit Disposition Report of Blankets, Stretchers and Personnel daily. - ( copy of pro-forma attached).	app. 8
		5: pm	3rd. Aust. Division Operation Circular No.5 - received with map attached, re scheme for retirement.	
	13th	2: am	Situation report received advising strong indication hostile attack from SOMME to south MOREUIL - Repeated to Field Ambulances.	
		10: am	A.D.M.S. visited Main Dressing Station and inspected arrangements. Then with Lt.Col. CHAMBERS, visited CARDONNETTE, RAINNEVILLE, COISY and POULAINVILLE re the site for a Main Dressing Station for use in case of withdrawal - decided on COISY. A.D.M.S. visited 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance at PETIT CAMON.	
		12: noon.	A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. 4th. Australian Division visted Office re Medival Arrangements for 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade - 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance to arrange.	
		2:30. pm	O.C., 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. attended A.D.M.S. Office - arranged for presentation of Fire Society Medal to Pte. DAVIDSON.	
		5: pm	A.D.M.S. Operation Order No.40 issued - A.D.S., HEILLY to be taken over by 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance. 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to make one Tent Sub-division available to 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance. (copy of order attached).	app 9
		6: pm	Move complete - 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance from QUERRIEU to Chateau on ST. GRATIEN Road - H.10.a.9.4. Amedment to Scheme of evacuation of sick and Wounded, issued (copy attached).	" 10



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	13th.	9:pm	Administrative Instruction No.34 received - Issued as an Amplification and Summary of Instructions already issued.	
		10:pm	Instructions received from Headquarters "G" re Reserve Brigades.	
	14th.	5:30pm	Memo from S.O.,A.D.S. re disposal of Dental Units :- No. 56 Dental Unit. - 3rd. Div. Wing. Australian Reinf. Camp. No. 46 " " - 5th " " " " No. 45 " " - To be temporarily attached to 11th. Aust. Field Amb.	
		9:20pm	D.M.S., Fourth Army Circular Memorandum No.65, - Allotment Casualty Clearing Stations :- ( VIGNACOURT. Australian Corps - ( PERNOIS, ( LONGPRE.	
	15th.	11:am	G.O.C., with A.D.M.S. inspected Main Dressing Station - satisfactory. D.A.D.M.S. visited A.D.S., BONNAY, - Everything satisfactory.	
		4:pm	Memo sent to 11th. Aust.Fld.Amb. to collect sick and wounded of 4th. Aust. Pioneer and 45th. Battalions.	
		5:pm	Special attention directed to stores issued to American Troops.	
	16th.	9:45am	D.A.D.M.S. visited Forward A.D.S., and R.A.P's. of 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, Relay Post 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance in VAUX and QUARRY near SAILLY- <del>sur</del> Les-Sec. Also visited R.M.O's. of 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade. All R.M.O's. advised that sickness is very low. There has been a small amount of Diarrhoea which no definite cause could assign. Few men from each Battalion have been troubled with sore feet. The men are in good spirits and there is no sign of fatigue or strain.	
		3:pm	Extracts from 5th. Army memos: received from Fourth Army - issued to Ambulances (copy attached)	
	17th	11:am	Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance visited Office - arrangements made for a limited number of scabies to be treated at M.D.S. Memo sent to R.M.O's. of 10th. and 11th. Aust. Inf. Bdes re same.	



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	17th.	11:30am.	Memo to 4th. Australian Division asking them to provide Medical attention at Divisional Reinforcement Staging Depot, ALLONVILLE,	
		2:pm.	Memo from D.D.M.S., Australian Corps - re transfers of A.A.M.C. personnel to combatant Units to be approved by D.M.S., A.I.F. - Copies sent to Field Ambulances and Hdqrs. "Q"	
		7:pm	Information received re Enemy Gas Bombardment on III Corps - Heavy casualties inflicted on 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. D.A.D.M.S. accompanied by Divisional Gas Officer visited Corps Main Dressing Station, 55th. Field Ambulance - ST. ACHEUL. <span style="float: right;">WV</span>	
	18th	9:am	Report forwarded to Headquarters "G", "Q", D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps as follows :- " The following report is furnished on casualties of this Division passing through 3rd. Corps Main Dressing Station and Walking Wounded Collecting Station.- The numbers that passed through these stations were as follows :- Other Ranks. - 33rd. Battalion. 167. - 34th. Battn. 24. - 35th. Battn. 23. - 36th. Battn. 2. - 9th. A.L.T.M.B. 6. - 9th. Aust. M.G.Coy. 25. Officers.- Total 6. Other Ranks Total 247. Gassed cases admitted to C.M.D.S. for past 24 hours up to 6 a.m. this morning - Officers 14. - Other Ranks 287. Gas Shelling commenced at about 4:30 a.m. 17/4/18 and continued until 9:30 a.m. then at intervals of 30 - 60 minutes, and then commenced again ending about 1: p.m. Very few casualties arrived at C.M.D.S. before 2:30 p.m. - the early ones were slight, but later arrivals were more severe, conjunctivitis - very marked and very painful - was a marked feature, very little blistering noticed. Many cases had a history of vomiting and Diarrhoea. The Medical Officer at C.W.W.S. states that in his opinion the mortality would probably be 20 - 30 percent. The symptoms suggest Mustard Gas mixed with Phosgene - delayed symptoms. Most of the shelling was in VILLERS BRETONNEUX and the wood close to Battery positions,, Many of the men were gassed in the cellars in the village, some were in the trenches. The 53rd. Battalion suffered severely - probably about the same extent as the 33rd. Battn. <span style="float: right;">WV</span>	
		10:30am	Officers Commanding 10th. and 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. attended Office - Gas shelling and treatment were discussed - Operation Order No.41 issued in consequence. (copy attached). D.A.D.M.S. visited C.C.S's. in reference to further progress of Gassed cases of 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, and furnished report as follows :- <span style="float: right;">WV</span>	



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	18th	7. pm	<p>Reference 'Gas Casualties' admitted 17th/18th instant. - Further to this Office SM.18/7/4 of even date. From enquiries at Casualty Clearing Stations at PICQUIGNY and LONGPRE, the following information was obtained :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Less than 2% were considered too bad to send to the Base. These cases have chest symptoms and their general condition is not good. No man with chest symptoms was sent on.</li> <li>2. The symptoms, at first attributed to Phosgene, in the light of later information can mostly be explained by a high concentration of Mustard Gas - though it is practically certain that Phosgene was present.</li> <li>3. The most marked feature was the intense pain caused by the eye lesions which was out of proportion to the extent of the swelling and inflammation.</li> <li>4. No deaths have occurred.</li> </ol> <p>This information covers observation of cases until 12-30 p.m. today (18th inst) and is the opinion of at least six medical officers, most of whom were seen independently.</p>	
		9-40pm	<p>Report from Headquarters "G" - "Gas Shell Bombardment" as follows:- "The following extracts from a "Report of Gas Shell Bombardment against VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and vicinity on 17th April are forwarded for information:-</p> <p><u>"Wind</u> - 3 miles per hour.</p> <p><u>Nature of ground etc.</u> - Woods, trenches and ruined buildings (containing cellars).</p> <p><u>Nature of bombardment.</u> - 4-30 am. to 12 noon - in two periods with ½ hour interval.</p> <p><u>Shells and Gas.</u> - From 5000 to 7000 shells were used of 77 mm, 105 mm, and 155 mm, calibre, containing mustard gas and phosgene.</p> <p><u>Casualties.</u> - Total casualties exceed 1000 and appear to have been caused through Officers and men removing their respirators after 3 or 4 hours because there was very little smell of gas. In some cases the men say they were ordered to take off their respirators.</p> <p><u>Persistency.</u> - Gas could be smelt and eyes were affected 12 hours after the bombardment.</p> <p><u>Remarks.-</u> - The absence of pronounced smell misled officers and men who thought that the concentration was not great, and therefore not dangerous - although instructions issued recently anticipated the conditions produced. It is proved that the absence of pronounced smell cannot be taken as a guide."</p>	



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	18th.	10pm	Memo from Headquarters "Q" advising accommodation that will be occupied by 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on rejoining the Division.	
	19th.	10 am.	D.M.S., Fourth Army Routine Order No.1. "FOOD COOKING OF", received - copy sent to Headquarters "Q".	
		4 pm	Advice received from A.D.M.S. 58th. Division - Captain MAILER, R.M.O. 33rd. Battalion Gassed, evacuated.	
		6 pm	Total admitted - 9th. Aust. Inf. Brigade - through Corps Main Dressing Station, III Corps - Gassed, 514.	
		11 pm	Wire from Headquarters "Q" for 11th. Aust. Inf. Ambulance to collect Bath, Hessian and Malthoid from R.E. Dump. Bath to be delivered to Main Dressing Station. This is for the treatment of Scabies cases - Baidouche - 6 hot showers. These are of a very useful pattern simple to work - thermo syphon principle and use little fuel. D.M.S., Fourth Army Circular Memo. No.66 received. - Arrangements for Fourth Army Mechanical Dental Centre.	<i>WV</i>
	20th	9. am	Confidential memo from G.O.C. received, re unfounded rumours of the withdrawal of the Division from the present line - Steps to be taken to warn all units that the rumours are not correct. Extracts issued to Ambulances for promulgation to all ranks. (copy attached)	<i>WV</i>
		11 am	Major WILEY, for C.O. 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. attended Office - Arranged for Medical Officer to visit Reinforcement Staging Depot, ALLONVILLE to examine men, to inspect the sanitation of the camp. The system of thoroughly examining men at the Reinforcement Wing or Staging Camp has been carried out by this Division since January last. It amply repays the time taken, as it picks out unfit men. They are then seen by A.D.M.S. and if he considers they are unfit, they are sent to the Base for Board and re-classification. On an average, two or three a week are sent back. Men with Scabies, Venereal Disease and lice are picked out also and sent to Hospital. These are usually early cases which have developed since leaving Base. In conjunction with D.A. & Q.M.G. arranged for erection of Bath for 300 men per day at Main Dressing Station.	<i>WV</i>
		2. pm	Memo issued to Ambulances advising Medical Comforts available at VIGNACOURT.	
		3. pm	A.D.M.S. and A.A. & Q.M.G. visited Main Dressing Station 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to arrange re bathing of Scabies cases. D.D.M.S. advised - Corps Commander will inspect Dressing Station of Division to-morrow.	<i>WV</i>



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	20th.	3 pm	A.A.M.C. Operation Order No.42 issued - LA NEUVILLE to be handed over from 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance to 8th. Aust. Field Ambulance from 9th. A.m. 21st. April, 1918 (copy attached). This is in consequence of this sector being taken over by 8th. Brigade to free 13th. Bde. for a counter attack if necessary at VILLERS BRETONNEUX.	Apr 14
		5 pm	Copy of Corps Medical Instructions No.11 forwarded to Field Ambulances and Hdqrs, "Q" - Advising:- (1) 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to take over Advanced Dressing Station LA NEUVILLE and Forward Posts south of the Grid Line. (2) Field Ambulances to move with Mob. Stores only. (3) Sanitary Section Areas - Sanitary Officer to come under orders of D.D.M.S. Corps from 9 a.m. 21st. April, 1918. (Reference para: 2 - 72 stretchers and 180 blankets will be carried.	
		6 pm	Venereal Disease Cases - Instructions issued that only secondary Syphilis cases to be evacuated. Gonorrhoea cases to be sent to the nearest Field Ambulance daily for treatment. This is being done to keep men who are still fit to fight, as the general position is very uncertain still and the enemy is believed to be massing for an attack. The cases of Gonorrhoea are responding excellently to the daily treatment, but any man with any complications at all which interferes with fighting capacity, is at once evacuated in the usual way.	WV
	21st.	9 am.	Memo received from Hdqrs. "Q" advising allotment at Baths to take effect from 23/4/18. Field Ambulances to arrange with Staff Captains of respective Brigade Groups, (copy issued to Field Ambulances.)	
		10 am	Memo from D.M.S., A.I.F., re Staff, A.D.M.S., to be recognised as members of A.A.M.C. - passed to Headquarters "Q".  Re scabies Patients arriving at Field Ambulances without blankets - Hdqrs. "Q" issued a instructions to units that blankets must accompany patients for disinfection - They are then sterilised in Foden Lorry.  Memo from 10th. Aust. Infantry Brigade asking for Dental arrangements - Replied - Dental Unit established at Main Dressing Station.	
		2 pm	Corps Commander inspected Main Dressing Station 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance - Expressed himself as very pleased with all arrangements and complimented Lt. Col. CHAMBERS - Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	WV



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Place FRANCE, Date APRIL, 1918.

21st. 6 pm.

Instructions issued to Field Ambulances re dumping non-essentials in order to facilitate rapid transport - A.D.M.S. to issue orders when necessary ( copy attached). *in 22/2/71*

Application - Q.M. & Hon. Capt. McDERMOTT, N.J. for promotion to rank of Q.M. & Hon. Major - Returned to 10th. Aust. Field Amb. advising D.A.G., A.I.F., ruling.

9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. advised Unit located at QUERRIEU - D.M.S., Fourth Army and D.D.M.S. Australian Corps advised. The 9th. Brigade has been away from the Division operating South of SOMME at CACHY, GENTELLES and VILLERS BRETONNEUX. The 9th. Field Ambulance has been with them. The G.O.C. 9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. called at this Office to express his appreciation of the very fine work done by 9th. Field Ambulance during this period of heavy fighting. They returned to the Division to-day.

7 pm

Instructions to 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to transfer Capt. McDONNELL, S.A. to 43rd. Battalion, vice Capt. ROSS-SODEN, J.L. to 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. - the latter is run-down and needs a rest. *WV*

22nd 11 am

Instructions issued to 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to hold a Medical Board on an Officer and N.C.O. of the 3rd. Aust. Motor Transport Coy.

3 pm

Memo sent to D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps asking for the return of one of the Dental Units from the Australian Reinforcement Camp. - Extra Dental assistance is necessary.

4 pm.

Situation of Medical Units from ~~XXX~~ D.M.S. Fourth Army, received.

Memo received from Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. advising arrangements made with O.C., 8th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to continue our evacuations of Right Sector via SAILLY-Les-SEC and VAUX, SMITH FARM. Our Right Boundary is now North of the SOMME, but it is far more convenient to evacuate the Regimental Aid Posts situated at J.24.central., J.21.c.3.8. and Relay Posts at J.26.central., and J.28.central., down these valleys onto the SAILLY-Les-SEC-CORBIE Road, to the Motor Post at SMITH FARM, thence to A.D.S., BONNAY. Otherwise they must go over the ridge North, exposed to view and with a mile and a half hand carry. A.D.M.S. 5th. Aust. Division agrees with this arrangement.

8th. Aust. Field Ambulance to supply 20 Bearers and one car to assist, as they have two R.A.P's. in these villages also. *WV*

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FRANCE.	APRIL, 1918.			
	23rd.	10 am	A.D.M.S. visited A.D.S. BONNAY and with Lt.Col. MACARTNEY visited Forward A.D.S. (Smith Farm) Relay Posts at VAUX and SAILLY-Les-SEC, and R.AP's. of 41st., 43rd., 29th., and 32nd. Battns. in the walleys running North from the SOMME. The area North of the SOMME is now in the area of 5th. Aust. Division, but 3rd. Aust. Division are still controlling the clearance with the help of one car and 20 men of the 8th. Aust. Fld.Amb. - All quiet and working satisfactory.	
		11 am	D.A.D.M.S. arranged with Lt.Col. CHAMBERS that fifty extra cases should be treated at M.D.S. O.C., 11th.Fld.Amb. to arrange direct with R.M.O's. of 9th. Brigade to send, daily, 25 men suffering from Scabies for treatment.	
		12 noon	Field Ambulances advised location of "Corps Field Punishment Compound" (on AMIENS Road - Sh/62D. L.18.a. S.W. of POULAINVILLE).	
		3 pm	Instructions from Headqrs. "Q" re recommendations for Honours and Awards, submission of.	
		5 pm	Memo from Headqrs. "Q" - repeated to Field Ambulances - re <u>Horses</u> , difficult to replace, every attention and care to be paid to conservation of. - Copy of memo as follows:- "HORSES". "It is becoming increasingly difficult to replace horses evacuated or destroyed. This Divn. for instance, has been unable to obtain any remounts (except a few for Artillery) for over a month. It is therefore very desirable that every possible attention be paid to the conservation of horseflesh, both in the matter of care and attention to the animals, and particularly in regard to the grouping of horses in small numbers wherever that is at all possible, instead of having the whole of the animals of a unit grouped together on one lot of horse lines. These instructions not only apply to the Divisional Units, but also to all Units within the Divisional Area, or administered by or under the control of the Division."	
		5:30pm	Memo from D.D.M.S. Australian Corps repeated to Field Ambulances - <u>MOTOR AMBULANCES</u> - To economise in use of. ( copy of memo as follows:-) "The state of the reserve of Motor Ambulances is giving cause for anxiety. It is at present extremely low and with the replacements and wastage which are now going on, will shortly be negligible.- "It is, therefore, necessary for Armies to economise in the use of these vehicles the replacement of which from home is a matter of difficulty. The use of Motor Ambulances in forward shelled areas should be avoided and horsed ambulances should be extensively employed as possible".	



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FRANCE.	APRIL.	1918.		
	23rd.	5:30pm	(continued).  It is rather peculiar to get these two instructions, one issued by Army "Q" and one by Medical Services at the same time. According to these, neither cars nor horses are to be exposed to risk in the forward area. How then are patients to be got out? It seems to be due to lack of co-ordination in issuing of instructions by higher authority. I am of opinion that light cars are the best means of forward evacuation - from Motor Posts to A.D.S. Ford cars can not infrequently be pushed right up to R.A.P's. at night. This seems to me a most practical method of clearing as the cases seem a great deal of time in getting back and with two men (Driver and Orderly) bring back 2 or 4 cases, instead of 4 bearers for each case. This conserves man-power, which after all is one most valuable asset.	
		11:20pm	D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps advised empty lorries instructed to call for Walking Wounded at QUERRIEU - AMIENS Road - 10th. and 11th. Field Ambulances advised. These lorries are returning empty to their parks. By arrangement with S.M.T.O., Corps, they are stopped, loaded with Walking Wounded (if any are waiting) and despatched to Corps Walking Wounded Relay Post, after which they return to their park. It is a very sound principle and in accordance with F.S. Regs.	
	24th.	3.45am	Very heavy bombardment was opened by enemy on 5th. Aust. Division and 8th. British Division fronts. From SOMME to VILLERS BRETONNEUX and HANGARD. A heavy counter-bombardment was opened at the same time. HEBILLY - BONNAY - CORBIE Line was heavily shelled with H.E. and Gas. Enemy attacked and at 9 a.m. had occupied VILLERS BRETONNEUX, the line running P.25.central - O.24.b. - round West of VILLERS BRETONNEUX to railway line and thence along railway line to V.6. to old line.	
		9.45am	D.A.D.M.S. went forward with O.C. 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance and D.A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Division re relief of 3rd. Australian Division by 4th. Australian Division, but was recalled by A.D.M.S. on receipt of the above news. On return D.A.D.M.S. reported as follows:- " Visited 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and arranged for report on Gas Cases to be sent to A.D.M.S. 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. are sending to Corps for 500 extra blankets. Visited 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. on the FRANVILLERS-BONNAY Road. They moved from BONNAY early this morning on account of the Gas shelling. They are now carrying on the work of the A.D.S. from this spot.	



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FRANCE.	APRIL,	1918		
	24th	9.45am	<p><u>D.A.D's.M.S. report continued</u> Major METCALFE and 2 orderlies were wounded in BONNAY - and the Motor Transport Sergeant was killed. About 120 casualties have passed through, mostly from back area, not many from the line. BONNAY, HEILLY and CORBIE are reported full of gas. The post at HEILLY has been moved out to the position selected on the FRANVILLERS-HEILLY Road. All communications with Brigades are cut. D.R. reports about 100 killed and wounded in the 11th Aust.Inf.Bde.</p>	
		10.20am	<p>Wire sent from this Office to 9th Aust.Fld.Amb. to be prepared to move within a half and hour Tent-subdivisions to move separately with full equipment.</p>	
		11.20am	<p>Memo from O.C. 11th Aust.Fld.Amb. advising that 10th Aust.Fld.Amb. require extra motor Amb. stated that 11th Aust.Fld.Amb. could not supply any - could 9th Fld.Amb. send some. M.D.S. advised the number of Gassed Casualties admitted up to 11 a.m. - 17. Memo received from 10th Aust.Fld.Amb. advising casualties not too numerous - at present not in touch with HEILLY A.D.S. (Time 9 a.m.)</p>	
		11.30am	<p>Divisional Order No.88 and D.D.M.S. Aust.Corps - Medical Instructions No.12 - re relief of Division by 4th Aust. Division on 27/4/18 - held in abeyance for the present on account of the above attack.</p>	
		2.30pm	<p>A.D.M.S. visited 9th, 10th and 11th Fld.Amb. - 11th Aust.Fld.Amb. at M.D.S. has made provision in the open for gassed cases. 10th Fld.Amb. has moved A.D.S. to the fields in tents, alongside FRANVILLERS-BONNAY Road 300 yards South of AMIENS-ABBERT Road. (This once again confirms the principle that all 9th Aust.Fld.Amb. is in readiness to move (dressing stations should be outside towns or villages (where they are alone and their work is not likely (to be exposed to interruption by shelling or (bomb attacks. <i>WV</i></p>	
	25th	11am	<p>D.A.D.M.S. visited 10th Aust.Fld.Amb. and 11th Aust.Inf.Bde - A.D.S's now situated as follows in the Forward Area :- MERICOURT - SMITH FARM(Right Sector) - FRANVILLERS ROAD - HEILLY. Dead Horses found on BONNAY-FRANVILLERS Road, and report sent to Hdqrs "Q" on the matter. 11th Aust.Inf. Bde. arranged to look into all matters of this kind and sanitation (generally) in their Area. <i>WV</i></p>	



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FRANCE,	APRIL, 1918	25th 4pm	Medical arrangements issued re Corps Relay Post for Walking Wounded at F.9.a.5.5. near FLESSELLES - To be operated by Tent Sub-division, 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance under the administration of Corps. ( Copy attached.) <i>18/1/15</i>	<p><i>Apr 16</i></p> <p><i>17</i></p>
		5 pm	Monthly Sanitation Report. (copy attached). R.M.O. 3rd. Div. Amm. Col. instructed to attend to sick in rear Wagon Lines of 7th. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.	
		8 pm	Extract Special Order by G.O.C., 3rd. Australian Division. - "The THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION AND FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION at MERICOURT, l'ABBE and DERNANCOURT, the NEW ZEALAND DIVISION AT SERRE, and at a later date the FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION South of the SOMME, all performed most valuable and gallant service during the latter stages of the German attack on the SOMME. With their aid the enemy's progress was definitely checked, and by the vigour of their Defence all his attempts to continue his advance have been repulsed with the heaviest losses to his Troops". <i>WV</i>	
		26th 9 am	Total Gas Casualties for period 6 am 24th to 6 am 26th - Officers 11.0/Ranks 114. Medical Arrangements Fourth Army Operations No.18 received - re Mobile Laboratories - No.19 VIGNACOURT for this Area - Units advised. Memo received from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps advising D.M.S., A.I.F., instructs that, Comforts for Field Ambulance personnel to be drawn from Australian Comforts Fund and not Australian Red Cross Society.	<p><i>18</i></p>
		3 pm	A.D.M.S. called on D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps. The general situation was discussed.	
		5.30pm	A.A.M.C. Operation Order No.43 issued - 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance to take over station PETIT CAMON and form Divisional Collecting Station. (copy attached).	
		6 pm	9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. to send 400 blankets daily to 11th. Aust. Fld. Ambulance for disinfection. 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance to discontinue disinfecting underclothing - such to be sent to D.A.D.O.S. Application for transfer, Captain THOMAS, H.A. R.M.O. 35th. Battalion to Base, - forwarded and recommended to Headquarters "Q". <i>WV</i>	



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FRANCE	APRIL	1918.		
	26th	6.30pm	Circular to Town Majors re Sanitation (latrines) - forwarded to D.D.M.S. Australian Corps asking whether deep pits with proper box latrines are not satisfactory.	
		11pm	Instructions issued to 9th. Aust.Fld.Amb. to collect sick of 9th. Aust.Inf.Bde. Group, daily.	
	27th	12noon	Memo from Staff Officer, Australian Dental Services, advising:- 1. Dental Units No.56 available for duty in Divisional Area. 2. Dental Unit No.102 for duty with D.A.C. reported at Le Havre - awaiting instructions. A.D.M.S. instructed that - 1. Dental Unit No.56 to proceed to report for duty with 9th.Aust.Fld.Amb., Collecting Station at PETIT CAMON. 2. Dental Unit No.102 to proceed to 3rd. Australian Divn. Wing Reinforcement Camp.	
		5 pm	Instructions issued to R.M.O., 3rd. D.A.C. to attend sick parades of 108th. Army Brigade, RFA.	
		7 pm	As a result of inspection of villages in Divisional Area by D.A.D.M.S. - Report forwarded to Headquarters "Q" pointing out Units not carrying out 4th. Army Standing Orders, No.782 - 828.- 920 - 966. re Sanitation and Water. (copy attached). <i>thru 18/20/18</i>	Apr 19
		10pm	Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded from Divisional Front, issued (copy attached). <i>thru 18/20/18</i>	" 20
		11pm	Instructions issued as regards admission of "Gassed Cases" to Main Dressing Station. - Condition of patients to be noted and information obtained from him as to how gassed &c. - Reports to be forwarded to this Office - Copy sent to Headqrs. "Q" (copy attached). This is a new departure and is initialed from this Office. The underlying principle is that the gas mask affords a perfect protection against gas and if any Officer or man is gassed the onus of proof rests on him that he took the necessary precautions. It is considered that except under the following exceptional cases no man should be gassed. (a) Gas shell bursting in a cellar or room where a man is. (b) Gas shell bursting unexpectedly close to (within 10 feet) of a man and splashing him with gas. (c) After 12 hours exposure in a gassed area, when human endurance may reach its limit re wearing mask. A fourth condition may be added where an area is covered with mustard gas during night, and where sun comes out many hours later gas evaporates. Men may be caught this way and eyes may be affected. For the tactical situation may not allow complete withdrawal of troops.	" 21



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FRANCE	APRIL, 1918.			
	28th		Memo from D.D.M.S. advising Australian Red Cross Depot now located at PERNOIS. Memo from Headquarters "G" re emergency routes being used by wheeled traffic - contrary to instructions - Units instructed accordingly.	
		4 pm	Amendment to A.A.M.C. Operation Order No.43 issued. ( copy attached).	uw
	29th	10am	D.D.M.S. Medical Instructions No.6 received - re Ammonia Capsules - One box per Officer N.C.O. and man of Artillery Units. R.M.O's. Artillery Units to be issued with supply from Field Ambulances to meet demands. Field Ambulances instructed accordingly.	
		6 pm	Memo from Headqrs. "G" advising 2nd. Australian Division to be relieved by 47th. Division B.E.F., to be complete by 2/5/1918.	uw
	30th	9 am	Circular issued to Town Majors re Sanitation - Latrine accommodation - pits to be three feet deep and used straddle fashion. D.D.M.S. instructs this only refers to conditions when no material is available. Instructions from Headqrs. "Q" - Withdrawal of 36th. Battalion from 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade in order to form a Training Battalion in England - Personnel of 36th. Battalion to be transferred to other Units of 9th. Brigade. R.M.O. 36th. Battalion to report to 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance and to be taken on the strength of that Unit - Medical equipment to be sent to 9th. Aust.Fld.Amb.	
		11am	9th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No.27 received - to relieve the 11th. Aust.Inf.Bde. in the Forward Area on 30/4/1918 1st and 2nd. May, 1918 - Memo sent to 9th.Aust.Fld.Amb. to collect 11th. Bde. sick.	
		12.30pm	D.M.S., Fourth Army, accompanied by D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps visited Office and proceeded together with A.D.M.S. to M.D.S. 11th. Field Ambulance and inspected Divisional Collecting Station at PETIT CAMON.	
		2.30pm	Memo from S.O., A.D.S. received asking D.A.G., A.I.F. for Dental Unit No.102 (to be attached to Artillery) to proceed from Base forthwith to join this Division for duty. Copy of Admin. Instruction No.38a from D.H.Q. "Q" - re reporting of Gassed Cases ( see page 16. April 17, 11. p.m.)	uw

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Place FRANCE Date APRIL Hour 1918.

30th 7 pm

Memo to Ambulances advising Medical Comforts to be drawn from Railhead on giving 48 hours notice - Q.M's. to attend Office to discuss the question. *W*

G E N E R A L

Sick and Wounded Admissions.

<u>D A T E</u>	<u>Number of SICK Admt.</u>	<u>Number of Wounded Admit.</u>
<u>APRIL-</u>		
From 1st. to 6th.	135	394
" 7th. to 13th	197	280
" 14th. to 20th	169	743
" 21st. to 27th	184	399
" 28th. to 30th	119	37
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COLONEL-  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.



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OF

A. D. M. S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

*(You also Apr. Appx  
incl in May. Appx)*

No.	Subject.
1.	A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No.37.
2.	A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No.38.
3.	Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded 3rd. Australian Divisional Front. <i>(Amended)</i>
4.	Instructions to Regimental Medical Officers - "Prevention of Trench Feet".
5.	D.A.M.S. Precs on last ten days Warfare - Mobility of Medical Units to be maintained.
6.	A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No.39.
7.	Amendment of Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded.
8.	Disposition Report of Stretchers and Blankets and Personnel of Medical Units.
9.	A. A. M. C. OPERATION ORDER No.40.
10.	Amendment to Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded.
11.	Extracts of Fifth Army Memos received from Fourth Army.
12.	A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No.41.
13.	Confidential Memo from G.O.C. re unfounded rumours of the withdrawal of the Division.
14.	A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No.42.
15.	Instructions <del>is</del> issued to Field Ambulances - Equipment - re dumping of non-essentials.
16.	Medical Arrangements re Corps Relay Post for Walking Wounded.
17.	Monthly Sanitation Report.
18.	A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No.43.
19.	Inspection of Villages in Divisional Area by D.A.D.M.S.
20.	Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded 3rd. Australian Divisional Front. <i>(Amended)</i>
21.	Instructions issued as regards Admission of Gas Cases to Main Dressing Station.
22.	Amendment to A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER NO.43. <i>(Withdrawn)</i>



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Copy No. 11

Headquarters,  
4th. April, 1918.

*App. No 1*

A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No. 37.

by  
Colonel F.A. MAGUIRE, A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Map Ref. AMIENS 17. 1/100,000.

Reference Divisional Headquarters No.C.H.J. 105 of even date - Transfer of 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade to 3rd. Cavalry Division, the following re-distribution of Medical Units will take place immediately.

1. The 15th. Aust. Field Ambulance is Brigaded with the 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade. The Officer Commanding will at once get in to touch with Brigade at BONNAY and Unit, less one Section will move at once under orders of G.O.C. 15th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Remaining Section will be relieved as soon as possible by the 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance and on relief will rejoin its Unit.

2. The Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance will relieve the 15th. Aust. Field Ambulance at the Advanced Dressing Station HEILLY and Forward Posts and will be responsible for all clearance in the HEILLY - BUIRE Sector.

3. All Medical equipment of 3rd. Aust. Division at HEILLY will be taken over by 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

4. The Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance will at once return one Bearer subdivision of 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance at present under his orders to Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

*5. Ambos to acknowledge.*

*F.A. Maguire* COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

FAM/RWB.  
Time. 6. pm.

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5th. April, 1918.

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A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No. 38.

by

Colonel F.A. MAGUIRE, A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

1. The 5th. Australian Field Ambulance will take over the Advanced Dressing Station, LA NEUVILLE, on the 5th. April, 1918 and relieve the Tent Subdivision of the 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. The 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance Tent subdivision on being relieved will report to Advanced Dressing Station, BONHAY.
3. Details of relief to be mutually arranged between Officers Commanding concerned.
4. The Officer Commanding 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be responsible for the clearance of cases from the 7th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
5. The Main Dressing Station is situated at QUERREYU.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE. (Field Ambulances only).
7. Completion of relief to be reported to this Office by wire.

*F.A. Maguire*  
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Headquarters,  
7th. April, 1918.

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SCHEMES OF EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED FROM THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FRONT

LEFT FLANK.

From R.A.P., BUIRE,  
(West end of Town) by  
hand carriage to  
RIBEMONT, - thence by  
Motor Transport to  
A.D.S., HILLY - thence  
by Motor Transport to  
M.D.S. QUERRIEU.

LEFT SECTOR.

From R.A.P., MERICOURT,  
(J.10.a.2.9.) by hand  
carriage to Forward  
A.D.S. (J.9.b.1.8.) -  
thence by Motor Transport  
to Relay Post HILLY  
STATION, (J.7.d.6.3.) (From  
R.A.P. at J.9.d. by hand  
carriage to HILLY STATION)  
- then by Motor Transport to  
A.D.S. BONNAY, - thence by  
Motor Transport to M.D.S.  
QUERRIEU.

RIGHT SECTOR.

From R.A.P., J.19.d. and  
R.A.P., J.27.a. both  
cleared by wheeled  
stretchers to Forward  
A.D.S. (I.30.a.8.2.) by  
Motor Transport to A.D.S.  
BONNAY or LA NEUVILLE -  
thence by Motor Transport  
to M.D.S. QUERRIEU.

RIGHT FLANK.

From R.A.P's. located at  
J.19.c.1.1. & I.35.c.2.3.  
by Motor Transport to  
A.D.S., LA NEUVILLE, -  
by Motor Transport to  
M.D.S. QUERRIEU.

Headquarters 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance, located at Advanced Dressing Station, BONNAY.  
do 11th " " " " " " Main Dressing Station, QUERRIEU.

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Advanced Depot Medical Stores:-

- M. A. C. No. 3. -
- AUST. B. R. C. S. -
- S. I. W. )
- H. Y. D. H. ) HOSPITAL.
- No's. 5 & 46 C.C. Stng.
- INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Medical Stores at PICQUIGNY and LONGPRE Les  
Corps saints, will be used.

- VILLERS BOGAGE.
- FREVENT.
- No. 12. C. C. S., LONGPRE.
- PICQUIGNY.
- Will be evacuated to nearest Cas. Clg. Stn.

(sgd) F.A. MAGUIRE. COLONEL.  
A.D.M.S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

App. No 4

Headquarters-  
8th. APRIL, 1918.

M. 59/49.

" PREVENTION OF TRENCH FEET "

The attention of all Medical Officers of the Division is directed to the question of "TRENCH FEET".

Arrangements are being made for the supply of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ material for Camphor Treatment. In the meantime all Medical Officers will make every effort to see that all available prophylactic means are adopted in the Units to which they are attached. It has been found that even such simple measure have loosening boots and puttees for a few minutes a couple of times a day has a very beneficial effect in reducing liability to "TRENCH FEET"

Arrangements have been made for Field Ambulances to detail an Officer to inspect men and supervise their foot treatment while in BONNAY and HEILLY, thus relieving R.M.O's. to this extent.

Regimental Medical Officers will report direct to this Office any want of attention to this matter among companies or platoons of their unit.

URGENT.

(sgd) F.A. MAGUIRE, Colonel  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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ALL R.M.O's., O.C., Fld.Ambs., Headqrs. "Q"  
Headqrs. Brigades. C.R.A.





D. M. S.,  
Third Army.

The experience of the last ten days of March demonstrates the paramount importance of medical units maintaining their mobility in the field.

Trench warfare and the desire to carry on surgical work to the highest degree of perfection has led casualty clearing stations to become large and immobile units, pushed as far forward as possible, thus diminishing the tactical importance of maintaining mobile main dressing stations at intermediate positions.

The consequence of this has been that in certain areas, Casualty Clearing Stations have had to abandon valuable equipment in retiring, that in some instances no main dressing stations had been opened in their place for the reception of wounded, and that the motor ambulance cars of the field ambulances have been employed in carrying the wounded back to Casualty Clearing Stations to the new positions of the latter further back. In consequence of the time lost in returning from these, the field ambulances cars have not been able to arrive in time to remove lying down cases collected at the collecting post by the bearer divisions, and many wounded unable to walk have been abandoned.

Much of this might have been avoided if the principle had been invariably adhered to of working the motor ambulance transport of field ambulances in collecting wounded from collecting posts to main dressing stations and no further.

Your attention is directed, therefore, to this importance of arranging that when casualty clearing stations are situated far back from the front line, as they ought to be in the present military situation, intermediate Main Dressing Station positions, which can be moved rapidly in echelon backwards or forwards as required shall be established by divisions or Corps, and that the motor ambulance transport of the field ambulances in the front area shall be employed for bringing wounded back only to these Main Dressing Station points.

The Motor Ambulance Convoys are intended for the purpose of working between Main Dressing Stations and Casualty Clearing Stations and should be employed for that purpose and not for general work in a pool with the motor ambulance transport of the field ambulance.

Should our front line in the course of pressure by the enemy be forced back, the withdrawal of the Main Dressing Stations will necessarily be in accordance with the general situation, but they should be established at suitable points in echelon during the withdrawal, so that there should always be a point to which the motor ambulance transport of the field ambulances can bring their wounded without having to go further back, and to which the Motor Ambulance Convoys can work without having to go further forward.

Please instruct D.Ds.M.S. of Corps and A.Ds.M.S. of Divisions accordingly.

G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon,  
2/4/1918.

(signed) A.T. SLOGGETT,  
D.G.M.S., British Armies in France.

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A.D.M.S.  
3rd. Australian Division.

For information and necessary action.

H.Q., VII Corps,  
5/4/1918.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX 625

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*App 625*

Headquarters,  
10th. April, 1918.

A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No. 39.

by

Colonel F.A. MAGUIRE, A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Reference 3rd. Australian Divisional Order No. 85 dated 7/4/1918.-

1. The 13th. Australian Field Ambulance will take over the Advanced Dressing Station, LA NEUVILLE, on 11th. April, 1918 and relieve the Tent Subdivision of the 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. Move to be complete by ~~12 noon~~ <sup>6 P.M.</sup> 11/4/1918.
3. The 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance Tent subdivision on being relieved will report to Advanced Dressing Station, BONNAY.
4. Details of relief to be mutually arranged between Officers Commanding concerned.
5. Completion of relief to be reported to this Office by wire.
6. The Officer Commanding 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be responsible for the clearance of cases from the 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
7. The Main Dressing Station is situated at QUERRIEU.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE (Field Ambulances Only)

*F.A. Maguire*

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Headquarters- *Apr. 10/18*

S.M.18/4/12.

10th, APRIL, 1918.

Amendment to A.D.M.S. Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded,  
issued under this Office S.M.18/4/12 dated 7/4/1918.

1. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Will be evacuated to nearest Cas. Clg. Stn.

2. ADVANCED DEPOT MEDICAL STORES.

The Medical Stores at PICQUIGNY and LONGPRE Les Corps Saints will  
be used.

3. S.I.W. ) Hospital - No.12 C.C.S., LONGPRE.  
N.Y.D.N. )

4. Nos. 5 & 6 C.C.S's. - PICQUIGNY.

5. DELETE - Nos. 4 & 20 C.C.S's.

(sgd) F.A. MAGUIRE, Colonel-

FAM/RWB.

A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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Return of number of Stretchers, Blankets and Personnel held at Medical Units of this Division at NOON 15th. June, 1918.

Medical Post.	Location.	Stretchers.	Blankets.	Personl. Of.	Personl. O/Rs	Personl. requ'd.	Evac. Routes.
<u>Left sector.</u>							
R.A.P. Left	O.24c.3.7.	10	30	-	8	8	Hd. Carg. to BRP. No.1.
B.R.P. No.1	O.29b.0.9.	6	21	-	8	8	" " " " No.2.
B.R.P. No.2	O.28b.8.1.	6	15	-	8	4	Whl. Str. to MLP. Tunnel
R.A.P. Support	O.22c.2.3.	6	20	-	4	-	Through Left "R.A.P"
<u>Right Sector.</u>							
R.A.P. Right	O.35c.2.8.	10	30	-	8	2	Whl. str. to B.R.P. Altntve. route to BRP. O.28b.8.1. by Whl. str.
B.R.P. Right	O.34b.3.6.	10	15	-	8	4	Whl. str. to MLP. Tunnel
R.A.P. Left	O.29d.1.1.	10	30	-	8	4	" " " BRP Quarry
B.R.P. Quarry	O.28c.8.4.	10	15	-	6	4	" " " MLP. Tunnel
M.L.P. Tunnel	O.27d.8.8.	40	46	2	20	-	Motor Amb. to ADS via Main VIL. BRETONNEUX - LONGUEAU Rd. or emergy Rd. to Rt. to Rlway line
46th. Battn.	GLISY	1	-	-	4	-	-
	BLANGY TRONVILLE	7	13	-	6	-	-
A. D. S.	N.26.d.1.8	84	189	7	70	-	-
A. D. S. (W.W)	N.27.c.3.3	-	-	2	36	-	-
Transpt. 11th.	N.31.a.	-	30	2	118	-	-
Headqrs. 9th.	M.5.c.2.5.	46	84	4	65	-	-
"B" Sec. Boar ) ore & Transpt ) 9th. Fld. Amb. )	M.18a.5.6.	23	36	2	90	-	-
A. D. S.	ST. ACHEUL.	267	880	10	132	-	-
<b>T O T A L.</b>		<b>536</b>	<b>1454</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>34</b>	
Walking Wounded	Collecting Post FLESSHELLES	20	60	2	31	-	

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A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

15/6/1918.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Headquarters,  
13th. April, 1918.

A. A. M. C. OPERATION ORDER No. 40.

by

Colonel F.A. MAGUIRE, A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

1. The Tent subdivision 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by a Tent subdivision 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance, at the Advanced Dressing Station, HILLY on 13/4/1918.
2. Move to be complete by 7 p.m. on 13/4/1918.
3. The Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be responsible for all clearance in the HILLY - BUIRE, Sector.
4. The Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance will make one Bearer subdivision, under a Bearer Captain and Necessary transport, available to the Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
5. Details of relief to be arranged between Officers Commanding concerned.
6. Completion of relief to be notified to this Office by wire.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE (Field Ambulances only).

*F. A. Maguire* COLONEL.

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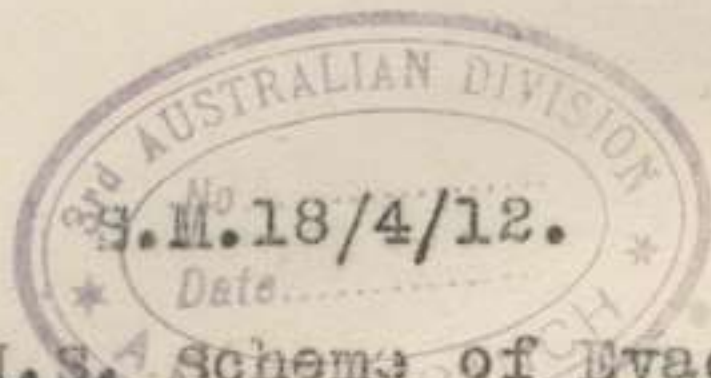
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Headquarters,  
13th. April, 1918.

*App. ho 10*

Amendment to A.D.M.S. Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded,  
issued under this Office S.M.18/4/12 dated 7/4/1918.

(Map Reference 62 D. )

Headquarters 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance, located at Main Dressing  
Station, CHATEAU, ST GRATIEN Road, at H.10.a.9.4.

*W. J. ...*  
A. D. M. S. Third Australian Division.

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Headquarters-  
16th. APRIL, 1918.

*App to 11*

To-  
 Officer Commanding  
 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.  
 10th do  
 11th do  
 13th do

The following extracts from memos: received from D.M.S. Fourth Army, are forwarded for your information and guidance :-

1. UNIDENTIFIED SOLDIERS ADMITTED TO FIELD AMBULANCES.-

In the event of it being impossible to identify a soldier who has died in a Field Ambulance, the Officer Commanding must communicate with this Office. Effort will be made to provide a camera, with a view to having the corpse photographed for purpose of identification.

The Officer Commanding Unit demanding the camera will hold himself responsible for the proper use of the camera and for its return to this Office.

2. D.M.S. FIFTH ARMY No.161/5.

It is observed that cases are arriving at Casualty Clearing Stations with the "T" indicating that A.T.S. has been given, marked on the forehead. Many cases had no mark and reported that it had been placed on the forehead, whence it had been rubbed off by the cap and the sweat on the forehead.

In this Army, the "T" indicating that A.T.S. has been administered must be marked on the back of both the wrists.

3. D.M.S. FIFTH ARMY No.29/4.

Attention is again drawn to G.R.O. 2384:  
No case is to be returned as N.Y.D.N. if there is any visible wound.

By wound is meant a visible lesion, such as tabulated in the A. & D. Book.

If nervous symptoms also demand attention, a note to the effect may be made in the proper place on the Field Medical Card but not in the space reserved for the diagnosis.

4. D.M.S. FIFTH ARMY No.21/22/4

Could you arrange for Medical Officers when sending in a head injury to intimate the hour at which the case was first attended. This information should be entered on the Field Medical Card.

P.T.O.-



D.M.S. FIFTH ARMY No. 9/98.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROTECTION OF ORDERLIES AT GAS CENTRES.  
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1. If large numbers of Mustard Gas cases have to be dealt with simultaneously Box Respirators must be worn.
2. Operating gowns must be worn, with the wrist bands bandaged closely to the wrists.
3. The Operating Gowns must be boiled immediately after removal.
4. The hands should be frequently rubbed with Chloride of Lime powder.
5. Bowls of dry Chloride of Lime should be provided in sufficient numbers to be easily accessible.
6. The face and neck should be washed in strong Chloride of Lime Solution on discontinuing work. A strong solution is obtained by putting as much chloride of lime into the water as it will dissolve.
7. Whenever possible a bath should be taken after working amongst cases of Mustard Gas (Yellow-cross) or Di-phenyl-chlor arsine (Blue-cross-shells ). Soap should be used freely in the bath.
8. Care should be taken to wash the hands before urinating, or to rub then with chloride of lime.
9. Mustard Gas may be carried in on muddy boots especially in cold weather. Similarly mud in the ambulance cars may retain the Mustard Gas. This can be neutralised by washing off the mud with solution of Chloride of Lime, or in the case of boots rubbing over with dry Chloride of Lime.

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NOTE:-

Dry Chloride of Lime and plain Soft Soap are sufficient antidotes for Mustard Gas.

Bicarbonate of soda, although convenient, is only really essential for dauching the eyes and nose.

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(sgd) F.A. MAGUIRE, Colonel-  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Headquarters,  
18th. APRIL, 1918.

A. A. M. C. OPERATION ORDER No. 41.

by  
Colonel F. J. MAGUIRE, A. D. M. S. Third Australian Division.

1. An Advanced Dressing Station has been established by the 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance, - 2nd. Aust. Division, in FRANVILLERS.
2. In the event of heavy gas or H.E. shelling of HILLY, the Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance will withdraw the Advanced Dressing Station at HILLY.
3. A Motor Post will be established, at a site to be selected by Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance, outside HILLY, and all cases will be evacuated to Advanced Dressing Station, FRANVILLERS.
4. Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance will make the necessary arrangements to evacuate all 3rd. Aust. Division <sup>CASOS</sup> sent to Advanced Dressing Station, FRANVILLERS, to Main Dressing Station - 3rd. Aust. Division - QUERRIEU.
5. The Tent sub-division withdrawn from HILLY will be sent to reinforce Advanced Dressing Station, FRANVILLERS, if required.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*F. J. Maguire*  
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS  
20th April, 1918

To  
Officer Commanding  
9th Aust. Field Ambulance  
10th do.  
11th do.  
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The following extract from memo received from D.H.Q. is forwarded for promulgation to all ranks :-

"The idea of the Division withdrawing from its present position under any circumstances whatever, is a mere unfounded rumour, and no such withdrawal was or is intended; the sole policy of the Division is, as already stated in the orders on the subject, to hold our present position and fight the enemy in that position to a finish. There are, moreover, ample reserves lying in support of this Division who are held in readiness to support it, in the event of our being attacked in strength".

Sd/ F.A. MAGUIRE COLONEL  
A.D.M.S. 3rd Australian Divn.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Copy No. 16

Headquarters,  
20th. APRIL, 1918.

A. A. M. C. OPERATION ORDER No.42.  
by

Colonel F.A. MAGUIRE, A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

1. In accordance with 3rd. Australian Divisional Order No. 27, and Australian Corps Medical Instructions No.11, of 19/4/1918, the following Medical re-arrangements will take place on 21st. APRIL, 1918. -

2. The Medical Arrangements for the area south of grid line, between squares - J.24. and J.30. westward to G.20.c.4.0., will come under the A.D.M.S. of the 5th. Australian Division.

3. The Advanced Dressing Station, LA NEUVILLE (I.33.b.3.0.) and all forward posts south of the grid line will be handed over by Officer Commanding 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance to Officer Commanding 8th. Aust. Field Ambulance, who will also arrange with Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance, re clearance of forward posts in this area, at present cleared by 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

4. Details of reliefs to be arranged between Officers Commanding concerned.

5. All Mobilisation Stores belonging to 10th. and 13th. Aust. Field Ambulances will be withdrawn from the area handed over. Stores in excess of Mobilisation Store Table will be handed over to incoming Unit, and duplicate copies of receipts sent to this Office. -

6. On relief, the details of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will return to their Headquarters.

7. Completion of relief to be notified to this Office by wire.

8. A C K N O W L E D G E ( Field Ambulances only).

*F.A. Maguire*

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A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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To  
Officer Commanding  
9th Aust. Field Ambulance  
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In future if it is necessary to dump non-essentials the following equipment may be dumped when ordered by the A.D.M.S.

- Hooks reaping, small ... 9
- Stools, close F.A. nests of 4 ... 6 nests
- Cases, bolster, tent 150
- Pads, surcingle 45
- Field Fracture Boxes 3
- Blankets and stretchers in excess of M.S.T.
- Palliasses, Pack saddlery Bags, sleeping Jackets,
- Pyjamas, Red Socks, Proportion of P.H. Helmets.

All other Mob. Equipment must be carried.

Sd/ F.A. MAGUIRE COLONEL  
A.D.M.S. 3rd Australian Divn.

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Headquarters,  
25th. April, 1918.

## MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Aust. Corps Medical Instructions No. 10 and D.D.M.S. Medical Instructions No. 13, the following arrangements for the utilising of returning empty lorries for the conveyance of walking Wounded will obtain :-

1. A Corps Relay Post for Walking Wounded has been established at 62E/F.9.a.5.5. (South of ALESSALLENS).
2. A Tent subdivision complete from 9th Aust. Field Ambulance has been detailed to operate this Station.
3. Instructions have been issued by Corps for all Mechanical Transport passing, to call at the following points to pick up Walking Wounded :-
  - i. LES ALLENCONS 62D/H.29.d.0.5.
  - ii. AMIENS-QUERRIEU Road 62D/H.16.d.2.8.
  - iii. BEAUCOURT M.D.S. 62D/B.12.a.6.2.
 and convey the wounded to C.C.S., VIGNACOURT, or in the case of ammunition lorries to Corps Relay Post (62E/F.9.a.5.5.) where they will be debussed and transferred to lorries proceeding past C.C.S.
4. Station to be administered by Corps.
5. The attention of Officers Commanding Field Ambulances is drawn to Fourth Army Standing Orders, Para: 896 (quoted below) and Aust. Corps Medical Instructions No. 10 para: 5, sub-para: iii and v., forwarded under this Office 3.M.18/1/10.

*A. H. Murray*, COLONEL.

A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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Fourth Army Standing Orders, Para: 896 -

"Collecting stations should, wherever possible, be located on return ammunition lorry routes. When cases are ready to be carried on returning empty ammunition lorries, a triangular Red Cross flag will be shown on the road by a man detailed by the officer in charge of the collecting station. On seeing this flag, lorry drivers will stop and pick up the cases."

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## SANITARY REPORT ON THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AREA

For month ending 26th. April, 1918.

1. (a). General Health Good.  
(b). Physique. Good.
2. Billets. Battalions in support - Accommodation is in cellars of villages, but men are mostly in small dugouts. In back areas villages are closely packed, but there is no overcrowding of men. There are a fair number of men under canvas and many in dugouts in quarries, sunken roads, valleys &c. On the whole the billeting conditions are healthy.
3. (a). Baths. The Division has been in this area for 30 days and during the past fortnight four baths have been erected, capable of dealing with all men that it was possible to spare for a bath. It has been found difficult to obtain full numbers of clean clothes, and the first supply of clothes received from ABBEVILLE Laundry had not been properly washed. Clothes received during the last week have been more satisfactory.
- (b). Washing. There has been very little opportunity for the erection of ablution benches. Men mostly washing in the streams.
- (c). Laundries. -
- (d). Drying-rooms. -
4. (a). Disinfection. Carried out when necessary, cresol used.
- (b). Prevalence of Vermin. Lice are becoming more prevalent, but it is hoped that the present system of bathing will deal with this matter.
5. (a). Cooking. Arrangements for cooking are on the whole satisfactory, though the cooks have considerable difficulty to contend with.
- (b). Quality of Food. Good.
- (c). Variation of Food. For some time fresh meat was difficult to obtain. Supplies are now more satisfactory. Food is varied as much as possible.
6. Water.  
(i). Quality. Good. Water is obtained either from wells in villages or from the Rivers ANCRE and SOMME. All wells requiring more than 2 scoops of bleaching powder, have a notice posted on them stating that the water is unfit for drinking purposes. Water from the Rivers ANCRE and SOMME, mostly give one scoop to the test.
- (ii). How sterilised. By chloride of lime and boiling.
7. Latrines. Deep pits are being used. A good many units have fly-proof box latrines in use and are constructing more as rapidly as the material is available.



Sanitary Report continued.

8. Undue prevalence of preventible disease. Owing to the difficulty in providing baths for men and the fact that two Brigades have been continuously in the line for the past 30 days, Scabies and Pediculosis have increased. This has further been aggravated by the fact that for the first fourteen days no cases of Scabies were evacuated from their units.

(9).

(a). Sanitary condition in Forward Area.

Fairly satisfactory - improving as box latrines become available.

(b). Infectious & Preventible diseases.

Scabies shows an increase. Venereal Disease a decrease - owing to the fact that there has been no leave for the past month.

The following are the figures of infectious diseases occurring for the month :-

Scabies	-	-	24
Venereal Disease	-	-	17
Diarrhoea	-	-	3
Mumps	-	-	2
Diphtheria	-	-	1
Measles	-	-	3

(c). Baths -

(1). Locations

BONNAY  
HEILLY  
H.11 Central, Sh/62D  
PONT NOYELLES  
11th Aust. Field Amb. H.10.a.9.4. Sh/62D

(2). Disinfection

The Thresh Disinfector on the Poden Lorry has dealt with all the underclothes of the Division. Disinfection of Blankets will now be possible as the disinfecting of clothes is no longer required.

(d). Instructions in/ Sanitation This has been mostly practicable.

(e). Training &c.

There has been very little opportunity for training.

  
COLONEL  
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27th April, 1918  
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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SECRET


Copy No. 15

Headquarters

26th. APRIL, 1918.

A. A. M. C. OPERATION ORDER No. 434  
byColonel F.A. MAGUIRE, A.D.M.S., Third Australian Division.  
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1. The 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance will take over the Ambulance Station at PETIT CAMON (Sh/62D/G.30.a.6.3.) from the detail of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
2. A Divisional Collecting Station will be opened and provision made for 100 patients. Patients will not be held longer than 12 hours.
3. Lightly wounded and mildly sick cases and men suffering from slight effects of Gas, will be sent to Divisional Collecting Station for observation. Cases fit to return to duty in 12 hours, will be sent to 3rd. Aust. Division Reinforcement Staging Depot, (Sh/62D/H.7.c.central). Transport of cases from M.D.S. to be arranged by 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
4. Cases unfit for duty at end of 12 hours will be evacuated to C.C.S. by returning ammunition lorries (vide Medical Arrangements issued under this Office No. S.M.18/1/15 dated 25th. instant).
5. All returns will be rendered by this Section to this Office, as laid down in this Office memo: S.M.18/11/5, (issued to Field Ambulances only).
6. Details of relief will be arranged between Officers Commanding concerned.
7. Relief to be complete by 10 a.m. 27/4/1918.
8. Completion of relief to be notified to this Office by wire.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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3rd. Australian Division.  
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From an inspection of various villages, roads, valleys &c. on the Divisional Area, it is obvious that 4th. Army Standing Orders Paras: 782 - 828. 920 - 966, are not being carried out.

The following instances are brought to notice:-

1. Faeces.- In many cases uncovered faeces are to be found near hedges and in the holes along the road, which have been constructed for drainage purposes. It is recognised that difficulties exist in the matter of providing latrine seats, but even if open pits are used, earth can be thrown over the faeces, and in less than 10% of the latrines inspected is this being done.
2. Horse droppings. - In many cases this is dumped in a field close to the lines and no attempt is being made to deal with it, and as a result the whole area is rapidly becoming a breeding place for flies.
3. Water.- It is found that water is sometimes drawn by men from wells which have been marked "UNFIT FOR USE". Also that men draw water from the River HALLUE, in spite of the fact that there is a Water Point 200 yards away.

These matters are fully dealt with in the standing Orders referred to.

The following suggestions are forwarded with the request that they be promulgated in such a way, that they are brought to the notice of every Officer, N.C.O. and man of the Division.

It is submitted that the matter is of such importance as to merit urgent and immediate attention.-

- (1). All faeces whether passed on the ground or into pits, must be at once covered with earth.
- (2). As soon as material is available, fly-proof latrines must be constructed.
- (3). All latrines must be of the deep pit type, that is, 8 feet or more, providing that material is available for covering them.
- (4). All horse droppings must be placed in heaps, not more than 20 ft. x 5 ft. x 3 ft. and close packed, or if possible incinerated.
- (5). All water must be chlorinated at its source.

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Map Ref. Sheet 62.D.

**SCHEME OF EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED FROM THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FRONT.**

(Previous scheme of Evacuation issued under this Office S.M.18/4/12, is cancelled).

LEFT FLANK	LEFT SECTOR	RIGHT SECTOR	RIGHT FLANK
From R.A.P. BLIRE, (D.29.b.3.1.) by hand carriage to LIBEMONT, (J.3.c.8.9.) - thence by Motor Ambulance through HELLY to A.D.S. at I.5.b.6.7. - thence by Motor Transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.	From R.A.P. (J.5.a.9.2.) by hand carriage to Forward A.D.S. at (J.3.d.5.2.) - thence by Motor Transport through BONNAY to A.D.S. (I.4.b.8.0.) - thence by Motor Transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.	From R.A.P. J.11.b.2.2. (Battn. in line) by hand carriage to Loading Post J.3.d.2.2. and R.A.P. J.13.c. Central (Battn. in support) - both cleared by Motor Ambulance via BONNAY to A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0. - thence by Motor Transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.	From R.A.P. located at J.22.d.1.8. by hand carriage to J.28. Central and R.A.P. J.21.c.6.4. by hand carriage to J.26.a.9.0. - both cleared by hand carriage to I.30.e.5.5. - then by Motor Ambulance to A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0. - thence by Motor Transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.

**INFORMATION :-**

Headquarters 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance located at Divnl. Collecting stn. G.30.a.6.3.  
 do 10th " " " " A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0.  
 do 11th " " " " M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.  
 No. 45 Dental Unit attached to 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance M.D.S.  
 No. 56 Dental Unit attached to 9th " " " " Divnl. Collecting station.  
 No. 46 Dental Unit attached 3rd. Divnl. Wing, Aust. Reinforcement Camp.

Corps Relay lost } sheet 62E/F.2.a.5.5.  
 Walking Wounded } (S. of ELLESSELLES).  
 Ophthalmic Centre, S.I.W. } No. 12 C.C.S.  
 N. Y. D. N. I.Y.D. GAS. } LONGPRE.  
 C. C. S's. ) - Nos 20 & 61 VIGNACOURT  
 No. 4 PERNOIS. }

Adv. Depot Medical stores - No.18 Longpre, No.14 PICQUIGNY.  
 No.19. Mobile Laboratory (Bao). - att'd. No.20 C.C.S. VIGNACOURT  
 M. A. C. No.3. - VILLERS BICAGE.  
 INFECTIOUS CASES - Nearest C. C. S.  
 Aust. Branch British } - PERNOIS.  
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- 42/44. War Diary.
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

App. No 21

Headquarters-  
27th. APRIL, 1918.

To-  
Officer Commanding  
11th. Aust. Field Ambulance  
3rd. Aust. Div. Gas Officer )  
Headquarters "Q" ) for information).

Arrangements will be at once made, that every case of Gas Poisoning admitted to Main Dressing Station, will ( if his condition permits ) be seen by an Officer detailed by Commanding Officer and the Divisional Gas Officer or his representative.-

His condition will be noted and the following information will obtained from him and placed on record:-

1. Where he was gassed.
2. How was he gassed - (drift, shell &c.)
3. Was he wearing his gas mask.
4. If so, how long.
5. If gas mask was removed, by whose orders.
6. What gas training has he had.
7. Has he been through gas for instruction.
8. Has he carried out individual practice with gas mask.
9. Did he see R.M.O. after gassed, if not, why not.

A report will be forwarded to this Office on each case embodying the above information together with a note as to whether the case is mild or severe, and disposal e.g., Divisional Collecting Station or Casualty Clearing Station.

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*App No 22*  
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Headquarters,  
28th. APRIL, 1918.

AMENDMENT TO A.A.M.C. OPERATION ORDER No. 43.

Delete Para: 4. and substitute the following :-

"Cases unfit for duty at the end of 12 hours will be evacuated to  
"C.C.S. by ALL lorries going in the direction of the C.C.S. (vide  
"Medical Arrangements issued under this Office S.M.18/1/15 dated  
"25th. instant."

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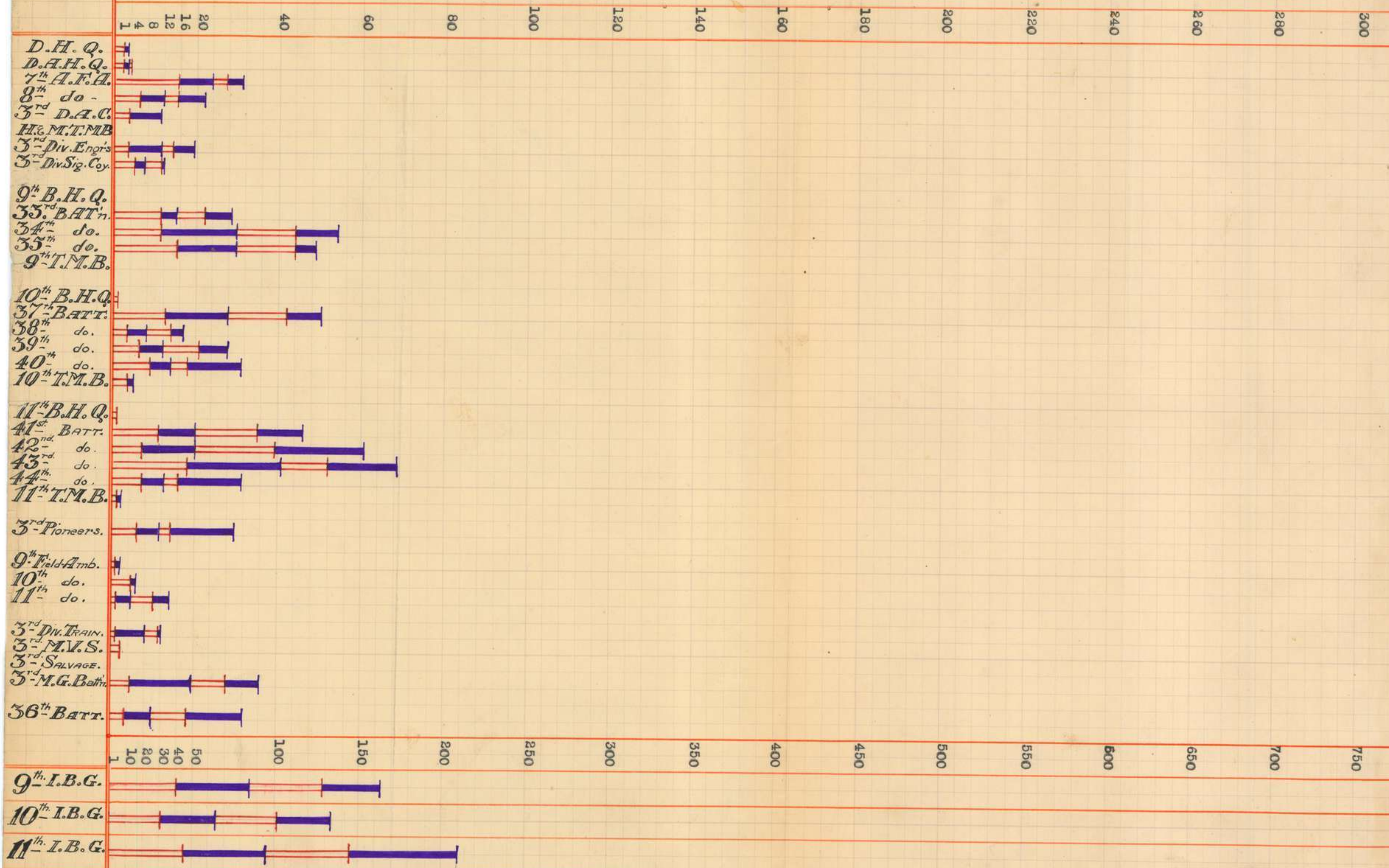




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*9th Brigade appt.  
No R.D.  
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