

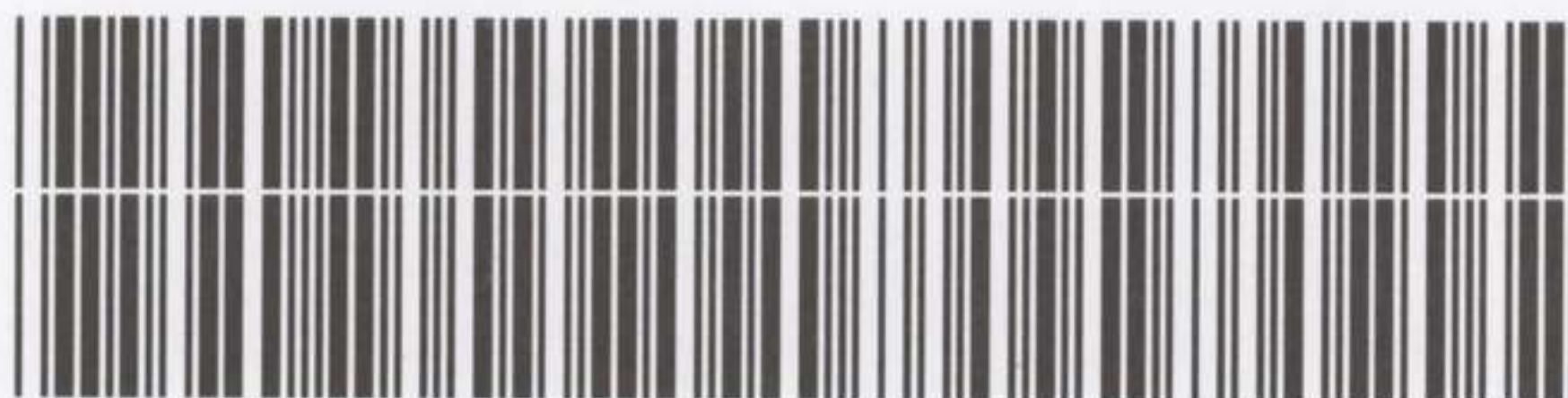
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FRANCE,	OCTOBER,	1918.		
	1st	8.30am	Armistice signed with BULGARIA and Hostilities ceased at noon .	
		9.30am	10th. Aust. Inf.Bde. patrols in western ruins of BONY.	
		noon	"G" wire received - Bdes. to continue vigorous action at once for possession and retention of remainder of Hindenberg System of Trenches and Tunnel. D.M.S. Fourth Army visited Medical stations this morning, accompanied by D.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. Australian Corps. A.D.M.S. together with Chief surgeon, American Corps and Divisional surgeon 27th. Division visited all Medical stations of Division.	
		2 pm.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 74 issued. - 3rd. Aust. Divisional Medical Units to relieve Medical Units of 27th. American Division. (Copy attached.)	App. 1
		5.45pm	Following from "G" - Division to take up best line from Canal in A.3.d., THE KNOB, BONY POINT and at junction with 14th. Bde. in 16.a.	
		8 p.m.	Medical Arrangements No.6, Third Australian Division issued. (copy attached.)	App. 2
		10 p.m.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 75 issued. (copy attached.) "G" wire received - begins aaa Contact patrol 5-45 p.m. reports line from flares and discs A.2.b.9.4., A.3.c.1.2., A.9.b.7.8., A.16.d.6.6., A.23.a.6.7., A.24.d.0.3. It is however known that patrols are operating East of Tunnel in A.10. & A.10.c. ends aaa	App. 3
		11 p.m.	D.D.M.S. Medical Instructions No. 59 received - Blankets and Stretchers in "A" and "B" Divisional Sectors surplus to Mob. Store Table to be returned to 3rd. M. A. C.	
	2nd	10 am	Circ. Memo: S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps - Speed Limit for Motor Ambulances, 15 miles per hour must not be exceeded.	
		12-20pm	Division to be relieved 2nd/3rd. October, 1918. by 50th. Division B.E.F. in line.	

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FRANCE,	October,	2nd.	1 p.m.	Numbers of stretchers and Blankets handed over by American Division - stretchers 331, Blankets <u>889</u>	
			3-40pm	Wire from "G" - 9th. Bde. Group to withdraw from sector this afternoon to Bivouac Area - repeated 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and added "9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. will not move till relieved"	
			6 p.m.	Medical Arrangements No. 7 Third Australian Division, issued. (Copy attached.)	App. 4
			10 pm.	From 3rd. instant, Leave Train will go to PERONNE due 15-43. Leave PERONNE for BOULOGNE 19-30.	
				Instructions issued from this Office - 7 A.A.M.C. personnel to proceed to divisional Wing en route for Australia on 6 months furlough.	
		3rd.	6 am.	A. A.M.C. Order No. 76 issued - re relief of 3rd. Aust. Division by 50th. Division B.E.F. - Ambulances to vacate present sites and join Bde. Groups. (Copy attached).	App. 5.
			3-45am.	9th. Bde. Group to move to HALLE Area, 10th. Bde. Group to move to HAUT ALLAINES Area, 11th. Bde. Group to move to DOINGT Area.	
			10 a.m.	A.D.M.S. Office closed at F.26.c.8.8. and opened at DOINGT at same hour.	
			5 p.m.	Instructions from "G" - cancelling move of Division to rest area. Units to stand fast in present sites.	
			8 p.m.	"Q" forwarding pro-forma for submitting applications for leave to places in ITALY.	
	9 p.m.	D.G.M.S. Circ. Memo; notifying that indents may be submitted to QUEEN MARY'S Needle-work Guild for Hospital Comforts and Medical Stores.			
4th.	9 a.m.	Instructions from D.M.S. Fourth Army to submit indents for Aural Speculum and Wool-carrier - One per Field Amb. per Division - 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to indent.			
	10 am	PERONNE Kit and Baggage Store to be cleared prior to move of Division to Rest Area.			

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<u>FRANCE October, 1918.</u>													
	4th.	Noon	Instructions issued for Foden Lorry to proceed to HALLENCOURT, south of ABBEVILLE to join Division on arrival in Rest Area.										
		6 p.m.	Instructions issued to 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb., Lt-Col. MACARTNEY Officer Commanding to proceed to LONDON for return to Australia on furlough - to cross on 6-10-1918. Authority D.A.G. A.I.F. wire. T564. D.D.M.S. Sanitary Instructions No. 7 received - Sanitary sections to rejoin respective Divisions and to come under orders of A.D.S.M.S. (vide Medical Instruction No.2.).										
		10 pm.	Reference articles sent to Salvage - Re property of civilians - Arrangements to be made with French Mission for disposal.										
	5th.	1 am.	Administrative Instruction No. 61 received. - 3rd. Aust. Division (less Artillery) will move by train and road to HALLENCOURT Area on 5th., 6th. and 7th., instants. Divisional Headquarters at HALLENCOURT; 9th. Bde. at CITERNE Sub-area; 10th. Bde. at BAILLEUL Sub-area. <i>11th Bde. Hencourt Sub. Area</i>										
			A.D.M.S. Medical Instructions No.2 issued. - Ambulances to move under orders of Bdes. (Copy attached.)	APP. 6									
		11 am.	A.D.M.S. Office closed at DOINGT and opened at HALLENCOURT at 5 p.m.										
	6th.	1-30pm	D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps memo: calling for return of 1914 personnel returned to Australia since 1st. September, 1918 - Return to be furnished fortnightly commencing 1st. October, 1918.										
	7th.	1 pm.	Field Ambulances located as under. :- <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>9th. Aust. Field Ambulance</td> <td>-</td> <td>Chateau, NEUVILLE au-BOIS.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th</td> <td>- do -</td> <td>- BRAY.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11th</td> <td>- do -</td> <td>- Chateau, TAILLY.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Memo; from Commandant A.I.F., Headquarters, advising Captain COLLINS, R.M.O. 37th. Bn. detained in ENGLAND as witness Court-Martial case.</p>	9th. Aust. Field Ambulance	-	Chateau, NEUVILLE au-BOIS.	10th	- do -	- BRAY.	11th	- do -	- Chateau, TAILLY.	
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	7th.	1-30pm	Despatch of Field Medical Cards to Aust. War Records Section, cancelled - vide D.M.S. R.O. No. 183.	
		3 pm.	Reference D.A.G., A.I.F., Memo: directing attention to new War Establishment, Field Ambulances. - re C.S.M.(W.O. Class II) submitted for Warrant Officer Class I. previously provided.	
		4 pm.	A.D.M.S. Circular No. 215 issued. (Copy attached.)	App. 7
	8th.	9 am.	A.D.M.S. visited ABBEVILLE to make arrangements for "Blue Light Room" - Instructions issued to Commanding Officer 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance to establish "Blue Light Room" - Place de la Pont des PRES. - Copy attached.	App. 8
		Noon	Lt-Col. JOLLEY, C.O. 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance visited Office and reported G.S. Wagon broken down and left behind in old area. Advised to see O.C. 3rd. Aust. Divisional Train and to give full particulars and to arrange with 9th. Aust. Fld. Coy. Engineers still at CAPPY to repair and bring wagon along.	
	9th.	9 am.	Letter from A.A.G. A.I.F., forwarding cable from Defence Department, MELBOURNE, re rumour the "Deferred Pay" is to be repudiated - rumour without foundation.	
		6 pm.	D. A.G. Circ. Memo: re 1914 personnel eligible for leave to AUSTRALIA, but do not desire to proceed there, to be given 75 days leave in the United Kingdom or any other place they desire. Copy to Ambulances to submit nominal roll.	
		6-45pm	Intelligence wire from "G" - Enemy resistance weakening on front of 3rd. and 4th. Armies. - Our troops approaching BOHAIN and BUSIGNY.	
		9 p.m.	Memo: to Ambulances to evacuate Eye Cases to No. 3 A.G.H. ABBEVILLE.	
		10 pm.	General Staff Circular No. 90a. "Training" received. Division to re-organise and train under Brigade arrangements.	

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FRANCE.	October,	1918.		
	10th.	9 a.m.	Memo: from "Q" - Complaints received - Fittings and stores in tanks left on Battle Field have been looted in many cases by our troops. Practice to cease. Copies to Ambs.	
		11 am.	Australian Corps Memo: referring to proposal to abolish Cookery Class at Corps School. Asking for report on suggestion. Replied to abolish.	
			Memo: issued by A.D.M.S. to Field Ambulances dealing with lines on which training is to be carried out by Field Ambulances during period in rest area. (Copy attached).	App. 9.
		8 pm.	Circular Memo: from G.H.Q. received. - re granting of three weeks leave to those who give blood in transfusion. Not to effect ordinary leave.	
	11th.	10 am.	A.D.M.S. visited 10th. and 11th. Aust. Fld. Ambs. - "Remarks,"satisfactory"	
		2 pm.	Reference 14 days leave to United Kingdom - C.O's. to make every effort to ensure those who have served longest in France without leave are given priority. G.H.Q. notifying that the above has not been carried out for the months August and September.	
		2-30 pm.	D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps visited Office relative to holding conference of A.Ds.M.S. at HALLENCOURT on 14th. instant.	
		3 p.m.	Major BARTRAM, A/D.A. D.M.S. visited 33rd., 35th., and 37th. Battalions. Health of troops very good - billets good but scarce - no Rest Posts yet available - sanitary arrangements hampered by lack of material but being effectively dealt with. Delousers for each Battn. not practicable, but very little Lice, - being dealt with by Regimental Tailors.	
	12th	3 pm	Instructions issued from this Office for "Blue Light Rooms" to be established in HALLENCOURT and AIRAINES by C.O's. 9th. and 11th. Aust. Fld. Ambs. respectively.	App. 10
	13th	10 am	Following from "Q" begins - 37th. Battalion was merged into the 38th. Battalion on 12th. instant.	
			Medical Arrangements Fourth Army, Operations No. 58 received. "Advanced Depots Med. Stores Aust. Corps Units to draw their supplies from No.13 Base Depot Med Stores ABBEVILLE.	

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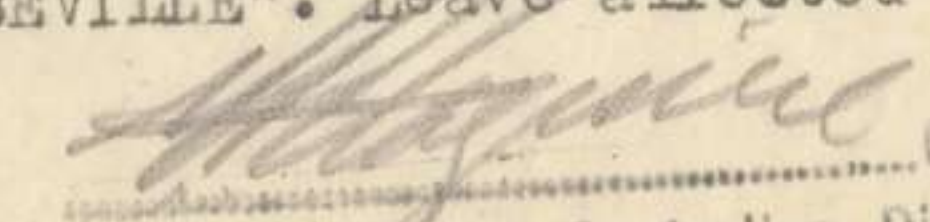
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<u>FRANCE, October, 1918.</u>				
	13th.	3 p.m.	Reference scheme for School for Sanitation for Other Ranks - To commence 21st. instant - To be held at AIRAINES under direction of 3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section - Allotment Battalions 2. Engineers 2. Train 1. Ambulances 1.	
		4 p.m.	Memo from C.R.E. advising limited supply of R.E. stores is being collected into a dump at FORCEVILLE.	
		8 p.m.	Headqrs. "G" forwarding Corps Memo; ref. Recreational Training.	
	14th.	9 am.	A.D.M.S. medically examined D.I.O. and forwarded memo, to "A" Divn. advising that he considers him unfit on account of Eye strain for present duties.	
		10-30am	Conference of A.Ds.M.S. held by D.D.M.S. at HALLENCOURT. Following subjects were discussed. 1. Venereal Disease. 2. Training. (a) School for M.O's. (b) Gas School (c) Resuscitation Team. 3. Ref. Dressing of patients from Line to C.C.S. 4. Reg. Medical Officers - Thomas' Splints.	
		Noon	Corps memo. relative to Recreational Training - Units to forward list of Material on hand.	
		4 p.m.	Candidates for Commissions in Infantry Battalions. Ruling re D.A.G. A.I.F. memo, 36/473 - N.C.O's. Medical Units to retain rank when posted to Infantry Battalions.	
		6 p.m.	Memo. from G.H.Q. drawing attention to increased number of Gassed Shells containing considerable quantity of H.E. used by enemy - Hard to distinguish. All ranks to be warned.	
			Memo. from "Q" Divn. advising T/Sgt. McCRAE appointed Cookery Instructor to the Division for purpose of giving instructions in Field Oven building.	
		8 p.m.	Re. G.R.O. 3124. - Units to indent at once for Frost Cogs.	
		9 p.m.	Administrative Instruction No. 53 received. "Leave to ABBEVILLE". Leave allotted in Bde. Groups according to strength of Units.	
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FRANCE	OCTOBER,	1918		
	15th.	9 am.	D.A.G. A.I.F. memo. 25/185 cancelling A.I.F. Order 1000 re "Employment of A.A.M.C. Personnel for Water Duties". Repeated to Fld. Ambs. and asked for a nominal roll of personnel returned to units under above quoted order.	
		10 a.m.	A.D.M.S. visited 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. - Brought memo. from "Q" Divn. re transfer of Major PHILLIPS to 1st. Aust. Convalescent Depot.	
		3 pm.	G.O.C. and A.D.M.S. visited 9th. 10th. Aust. Fld. Ambs. Memo. from G.H.Q. asking for suggestion on "Balloon propaganda" - Repeated to Ambs.	
		4 pm.	General Staff Circular 9la. received. "Training" Programme of work to be formulated on a day of three and a half hours net work.	
		5 pm.	Memo from D.A.G. A.I.F. 148/01/231 advising approval of appointment of Major BOND to C.O. 10th. Aust. Fld. Amb. vice Lt-Col. MACARTNEY - Repeated 9th. & 10th. Aust. Fld. Ambs.	
		7 pm.	Memo. to 10th. Fld. Amb. - send cases likely to be well in fourteen days to 9th. Fld. Amb. owing to lack of accommodation at Bde. Hospital.	
		9 pm.	Leave Allotment A.A.M.C. received from "Q" Division. - English Leave Officers three. Other Ranks seven per week - includes all Medical Officers of Division.	
	16th.	9 a.m.	Re G.R.O. 5200 - Visits to Ordnance and Salvage Depots ROUEN and HAVRE - Ambulances to send nominal roll of personnel desired to be sent. D.D.M.S. Medical Instructions, Routine No. 16 received - Memo. on "PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND EARLY TREATMENT OF V.D." received. "Instructions to Orderlies at Blue Light Rooms" received.	
		10 am.	Memo. from "Q" Division - Affiliation of A.I.F. Units with Australian Military Forces - Extract from A.M.F. Military Order 364 of 1918.	
		Noon.	A.D.M.S. examined Capt. LEAHY, 42nd. Bn. - recommended he be sent to Base for Med. Board for Classification.	

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FRANCE	October, 1918.			
	16th	1 pm	A.D.M.S. Circular No. 216 issued. (Copy attached.)	App. 11
		3 pm	Memo. to 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to make arrangements with 11th. Bde. for disinfection of blankets. Report number disinfected daily.	
		5 pm	Wire from "Q" Division. Extra Allotment of 1 Officer English Leave every Sunday.	
		6 pm	Memo to "Q" Division requesting that patients bring their own blankets to Hospital.	
	17th	9 am	D.D.M.S. Memo. - Patients discharged from 41 Stationary and No.3 A.G.Hospitals. and group at Le TREPORT to be sent to A.G.B.D. Le HAVRE.	
			Re request to D.D.M.S. for extra supplies of stretchers and blankets. No stretchers available - Extra Blanket has been authorised per man - request unnecessary.	
		10 am.	D.D.M.S. accompanied by A.D.M.S. and S.O., A.D.S. visited 11th. Fld. Amb..	
			Indents to be submitted for second blanket - Fld. Amb. instructed.	
		1 p.m.	Memo from this Office to "Q" reporting men not bringing blankets with them on admission to Hospital - Could instructions be issued for this to be done.	
			Cir. from "G" - Ref. Offensive operation, circumstances being favorable, as wind blowing in direction of enemy, attacking barrage to contain a quantity of Gas shells in order to reduce the fighting efficiency of the enemy.	
		4 pm	Memo from this Office to "Q" drawing attention to certain Units in this Division not complying with A.A.M.C. Standing Orders para II, sub para 8 - Ref. Rest Posts.	
		5 pm	Memo from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps forwarding report by Resuscitation Teams Committee for work done by Resuscitation Team during recent operations.	


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	18th	9 am	Circular from "Q" reference CIVIL TRAINING - schools of instruction - Units to forward applications for a school to be held at Ordnance Workshops, CALAIS, and for school at ALLERY 'care and Management of Horses'	
		10 am	Circular Memo from "Q" re issue of new Paybooks - Fld. Amb. to each detail two other Ranks to assist Paysgt.	
		4 pm	Memo to 9th Fld. Amb. instructing Major FITZPATRICK to be detailed as an extra assistant to the Divisional Resuscitation Team. Special order received from Division - Re Honors and Rewards - two Medical Officers awarded Bar to M.C.	
	19th	9 am	Ambulance Cars taking patients to No. 3 A.G.H. to take back men fit for duty. A.D.M.S. proceeded on 10 days leave to PARIS - Lt. Col. JOLLEY - C.O. 9th Fld. Amb. to be A/A.D.M.S.	
	20th	11 am	All baths in the Divisional Area were inspected by D.A.Q.M.G. accompanied by A/D.A.D.M.S. They were on the whole satisfactory, but the clothing supply, - re clean clothes was not satisfactory - Minor improvements in flooring and drainage were noted for attention by "Q" The dressing room accommodation at ALLERY is quite inadequate. Baths in 9th and 11th Bde. areas are not centrally situated and endeavour being made to find more suitable location	
			Letter of appreciation received from Commander Fourth Army, relating to work carried out by Australian Corps on and from 8th April, 1918. (date Aust. Corps joined 4th Army).	
			G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division inspected 11th Aust. Fld. Amb.	
		3 pm	Reference R.M.O's report "Sick and Sanitary" for week ended 20/10/18 - Prevailing Disease INFLUENZA.	
	21st	10 am	Memo from D.D.M.S. to report on the following:- (1). Whether satisfactory accommodation is provided for Field Ambulances and Rest Posts. (2). Fld. Amb. to be located centrally with Bde. Group. (3) Attention to 4th Army S.O. 966.	

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	21st	12 n/n	Cir. Memo issued to all R.M.O's and Fld. Ambs relative to INFLUENZA occurring amongst men in Battalions - to report any cases of Influenzal Pneumonia.	
	22nd	9 am	Memo from D.D.M.S. advising Medical Stores to be drawn from No. 13 Base Depot Medical Stores MAUTORT (near ABBEVILLE) 3rd Aust. Divn. day WEDNESDAY - Memo to Ambulances instructing that indents to be forwarded to this Office Mondays - stores to be collected by 10th Aust. Fld. Amb. and distributed.	
	23rd	10 am	Memo from "G" re to the issue of documents of a confidential or secret nature - sufficient precautions not taken to limit circulation in accordance with K.R. - Rep'd to F. amb Memo from "Q" re publication of names of Deserters .	
		2 pm	Memo from 11th Aust. Fld. Amb. re to extra accommodation for Hospital. D.A.D.M.S. phoned C.R.E. asking could 11th Fld. Coy. Engrs. undertake the work.	
		3 pm	Memo from "Q" re leave to DIEPPE and TREPORT for Officers only - allotment A.A.M.C. 5 for period of 10 days. A/A.D.M.S. visited 11th Bde. Units - Inspected Rest Posts and discussed the Influenza epidemic.	
		4 pm	Memo from Aust. Corps re recommendations for immediate rewards - drawing attention to para 44 of S.S. 477.	
		6 pm	Circular from D.H.Q. - re Aust. Corps Boxing championships to be held at ABBEVILLE on November 14th, 15th and 16th, 1918	
	24th	9 am	Memo from "Q" advsing arrangements had been made for sick returning from hospitals to be sent direct to Div. Reinforcement Railheads. Instructions issued from this Office for Foden Lorry to be sent from 11th to 10th Fld. Ambs. to disinfect blankets of 10th Bde.	
		2 pm	Memo to "Q" asking for authority to be granted for the issue of extra fuel to Fld. Ambs. for heating purposes in hospitals.	
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			<small>for heating purposes in hospitals.</small>	
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<u>FRANCE October, 1918</u>				
	24th	3 pm	Memo from "G" re reporting the landing of German Aeroplanes in our lines - wire to be sent to D.H.Q. locality where machine falls - Rep'd to Fld. Amb.	
		5 pm	Memo from "G" re to the position held by C.R.E. A.D.M.S. and Div. Train with regard to Units under command. Divisional Commander that the full functions of Regl. Command are vested in C.R.E. A.D.M.S. and C.O. Div. Train respectively.	
		6 pm	A.A.G., A.I.F. Cir. ref. return to Australia Officers fit for General Service whose retention in the A.I.F. is either inexpended or undesirable. Memo from "G" re. A.I.F. Order 1335 - Lt. F.W. JOHNS has been allotted to this Division	
	25th	10 am	Prospectus A.I.F. Educational Scheme received - Amb. supplied.	
		11 am	R.M.O. 41st Batt. advised case of Mumps occurring amongst civilian population in WARLUS	
		1 pm	Authority obtained from "Q" to draw 180 blankets from D.A.D.O.S. for patients	
	26th	10 am	Memo from "Q" instructing that all unauthorised revolvers are to be withdrawn and the wearing of same to be treated as a serious Offence.	
		noon	A.D.M.S. Cir. No.217 issued - re Medical Boards to be held at Fld. Amb. at 10 a.m. 1/11/1918 These Boards to classify all men unfit for further service in the field.	APP.B
		1 pm	Memo from 11th Aust. Fld. Amb. asking for a field cooker from 42nd Batt (disbanded) replied not possible.	
		2 pm	Wire from "A" Division advising 42nd Batt disbanded from 22nd. instant - Memo to 11th Bde. to instruct R.M.O. to report to 11th Aust. Fld. Amb. for duty.	
		3 pm.	Monthly Sanitation Report forwarded to D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps (copy att)	APP.B
		4 pm	Memo to "Q" for approval for the issue of Fresh Milk to Fld. Amb. for patients use.	
		6 pm	Memo to "Q" for approval for the issue of Fresh Milk to Fld. Amb. for patients use. Hospital opened by 10 th Fld. Amb. at GRANDSART	APP.B A.D. M.S. 3rd Australian Divn.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE	October, 1918			
	27th	10am	Conference of Fld. Ambulance Transport Officers held at this Office re to Divl. Transport Competitions and Sports to be held in HALLENCOURT Area on 5th 6th 7th Nov. 1918 Cir. Memo received re Divl Football Tournament - for these Competitions Division to be divided into Groups Amendments issued to Cir. Memo relative to Transport Com. and Sports - Transport to be held on 10th and Sports on 13th	
		11 am	Ruling from "Q" re to G.R.O. 5203 and A.I.F. Records Section Cir Memo ref. men doing Pictorial work for War Records - War records aSection to supply necessary certificates to those selected.	
		1 pm	Cir. Memo from D.A.G., A.I.F. entries to be made in soldiers paybooks re employment of soldier on return to Civil life	
		3 pm	Memo from D.D.M.S. to FACILITATE DENTAL INSPECTIONS for all Units - Arrangements for patients to attend - Repeated to Ambulances for Dental Officers Report	
	28th	2 pm.	D.A.G., A.I.F. memo advising approval of transfer Captain H. LEAVER to No.1 A.D.H. ENGLAND	
		3 pm	Memo from G.H.Q. re issue of maps - large scale maps to be cut out - small scale maps (1/100,000) to be used.	
	29th	noon	Medical Instructions No. 7 issued (copy attached)	App. 14
	30th	1 pm	D.M.S. FOURTH ARMY Cir. Memo received - relative to Influenza Epidemic - Copy forwarded to "Q" 3rd Aust. Divn. drawing attention to para 5 "A" - Precautionary measures - copies forwarded to R.M.O's for information and necessary action - A.D.M.S. Cir. 218 issued (att)	" 15
		6 pm	Reference Transport Competitions Eliminating Contests to be held by Fld. Ambs. at 2 pm on 4/11/18 at HALLENCOURT	

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[Signature]
Colonel,
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FRANCE	October,	1918		
	30th	9 pm	<p>Cir. Memo from D.A.G, A.I.F. received - relative to leave to members of the A.I.F. in lieu of Furlough to Australia</p> <p>3rd A.G.H. advised number of cases diagnosed Broncho-pneumonia for this Division since admission 35 out of about 80 admissions.</p>	
	31st	9 am	D.A.G, A.I.F. Cir. memo received re 75 days leave for 1914 personnel to come out of ordinary leave allotment.	
		6 pm	A.D.M.S. returned from leave.	

Atkinson

..... Colonel,
A.D. M.S. 3rd Australian Divn.

WAR DIARY

OF

A. D. M. S. THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

FOR

OCTOBER, 1918

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| 4. | Medical Arrangements No. 7., with Map.... |
| 5. | A.A.M.C. Order No. 76., together with report from C.O. 9th, Australian Field Ambulance on hand over to 50th. Division B. E. F. |
| 6. | A.D.M.S. Medical Instructions No. 2. with map of Rest Area. |
| 7. | A.D.M.S. Circular No. 215. |
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| 16. | Charts xxx etc. |

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[Signature]
 Colonel,
 A.D. M.S. 3rd Australian Divn.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX I

A. A. M. C. ORDER No. 74.

Map Ref. Sheet 62C. 1/40,000.

Medical Units of Third Australian Division will relieve Medical Units of 27th American Division as follows :-

1. Commanding Officer 10th Australian Field Ambulance will take over Main Dressing Station VILLERS FAUCON in two stages.
 - (a) Will relieve 105th American Field Hospital (C.O. Major STIVERS) at 3 p.m. 1.10.18. and occupy site.
 - (b) Will relieve 106th American Field Hospital (Major GAUST C.O.) at 10 a.m. 2.10.18.

Commanding Officer 10th Aust. Field Ambulance will be responsible for all records from 3 p.m. 1.10.18.
2. Commanding Officer 11th Australian Field Ambulance will take over Advanced Dressing Station and Walking Wounded Dressing Station ST. MILE by 10 a.m. 2.10.18.
3. Lt. Col. JOLLEY, C.O. 9th Australian Field Ambulance will be responsible for all clearance of Forward area after 10 a.m. 2.10.18., when all American personnel and cars will be withdrawn.
4. Lt. Col. JOLLEY will arrange to relieve three Bearer Officers in Forward area at once and will instruct them to report to C.O. 10th Aust. Fld. Amb. for duty at Main Dressing Station.
5. Major BOND L.W., D.S.O., 9th Aust. Fld. Amb. will make all arrangements necessary to open an A.D.S. in vicinity of RONNSOY and report completion to this Office.
6. Details of reliefs will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
7. All stores in excess of Mob. Store Table except American Red Cross stores will be taken over and receipts given. Special care is to be taken in regard to blankets and stretchers.
8. Original copies of all records and wires will be sent to this Office after 3 p.m. 1.10.18. Duplicate copies will be sent to Div. Surgeon 27th American Division till further notice.

Headquarters,
1. 10. 18
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[Signature]
AD. M.S. Third Australian Division.

COLONEL.

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Appendix

	R.A.P's.	Bearer Relay Post.	Motor Loading Post.	Motor Relay Post.	A. D. S. & W.W.D.S.	Main Dressing Station.	EVACUATION.
9th. A.I. Bde. Group	A.20.c.6.4. F.23.d.8.4. A.26.b.4.3.	A.26.a.2.4.	F.23.d.3.4.	F.22.b.1.6.			Hand carriage to Motor Loading Post - By motor Amb. to M.R.P.
10th. A.I. Bde. Group	F.17.b.7.6. F.18.d.3.4. F.18.a.8.2. F.18.a.7.4.	-	F.17.d.6.5.	F.22.b.1.6.	ST. EMILIE. (F.13.c.2.0)	VILLERS FANCON.	do. do. do.
11th. A.I. Bde. Group	F.30.b.2.8. A.27.a.3.5. A.19.b.6.3. A.26.a.2.2.	-	F.30.c.6.8.	F.22.b.1.6.			do. do. do.

Locations of Medical Units.

9th. Aust. Fl. & Amb. Hdqrs. at ST. EMILIE.
 10th. do. do. at M.D.S. VILLERS FANCON
 11th. do. do. at A.D.S. & W.W.D.S. ST. EMILIE.
 A. D. M. S. Office at F.26.c.8.8.

Cas. Clearing Stations - Nos. 12., 50., 53., and 58. located at TINCOURT.
 No. 2. Corps Relay Post - E-23.d.2.0.
 3rd. M. A. C. - BUSBY.

Headquarters, 1st. October, 1918.

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A. Hayman
 Colonel.

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

APPENDIX

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Copy No. *22*APPENDIX *2*A. A. M. C. Order No. 75.Map Ref. Sheet 62 C. 1/40,000.

1. The Advanced Dressing Station will open at RONSSOY (F.16.c.2.4) at 10 a.m. 2nd. October, 1918.
2. The 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will close Advanced Dressing Station ST. EMILIE and open as Main Dressing Station at same location at 10 a.m. 2nd. October, 1918.
3. The Walking Wounded Dressing Station will remain at ST. EMILIE (F.13.c.2.0.)
4. The Main Dressing Station VILLERS FANCON will close at 10 a.m. 2nd. October, 1918., 10th. Australian Field Ambulance becoming the reserve Ambulance.
5. Commanding Officer 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will detail one tent sub-division to report to Commanding Officer 11th. Australian Field Ambulance to operate the Walking Wounded Dressing Station (F.13.c.2.0), to report at 9.30 a.m. 2nd. October, 1918.
6. Commanding Officer 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will send all Main Dressing Station equipment and stores to Main Dressing Station ST. EMILIE, and will send forward all M.A.C. cars to report there on closing of Main Dressing Station at VILLERS FANCON.
7. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters;
1st. October, 1918.
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H. Maguire
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Issued at 10 p.m.

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9/11. 5th., 10th., 11th. Fld. Amb.
12. Div. Sig. Coy.
13. Liaison Pl.
14. 2nd. Aust. M. G. Bn.
15. 3rd. Div. Train.
16. A. D. M. S. 2nd. Aust. Div.
17. do. 5th. do.
18. do. 16th. Div. (B. E. F.)
19. Div. Surg. 27th. AM. Div.
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22/24. War Diary.
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Map Ref. - sheets 62C & 62B.1/40,000.

	: R.A.P's.	: Motor Loading Post	: Advanced Dressing Station.	: M. D. S. & W. W. D. S.	: Method of Evacuation.
9th. A.I. Bde. Group.	: A.15.a.8.3. : F.23.d.9.6. : A.26.a.8.2.	: A.15.c.7.6. : A.25.b.5.5.			Hand carriage to Motor Loading Post thence by motor transport to Advanced Dressing Station and Main Dressing Station.
10th. A.I. Bde. Group.	: A.8.c.2.1. : A.14.c.0.2. : A.14.c.0.9. : A.15.c.7.5.	: F.17.d.5.6. : A.15.c.7.6.	: F.16.c.4.3.	: F.13.c.2.0.	do. do. do.
11th. A.I. Bde. Group.	: A.25.b.4.0. : A.27.a.3.5. : A.27.a.3.3. : A.15.c.2.3.	: A.25.b.5.5. : A.15.c.7.6.			do. do. do.

Locations of Medical Units.

9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Hdqrs. at F.16.c.4.3.
 10th. do. do. at VILLERS FANCON.
 11th. do. do. at F.13.c.2.0.
 A.D.M.S. Office at F.26.c.8.8.

Cas. Clearing Stations - Nos. 12., 50., 53., and 58., located at TINCOURT.
 Entraining Point for Walk. Wd. - E.23.d.2.0.
 3rd. M. A. C. - BUSSU.

Headquarters,
 2nd. October, 1918.

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

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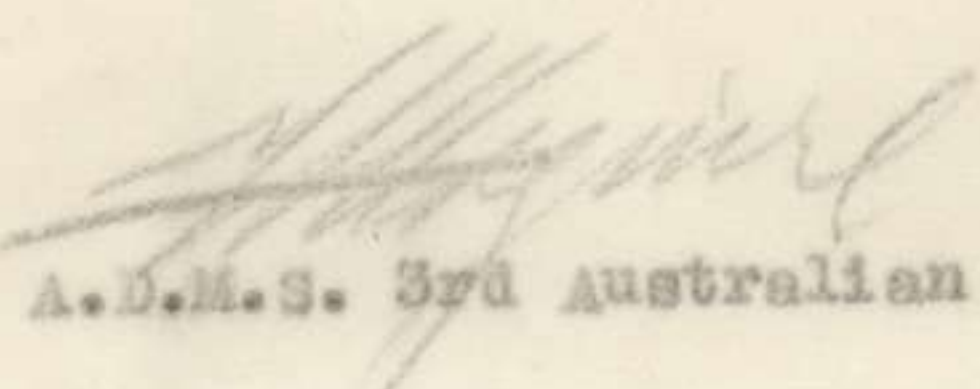
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A. A. M. C. ORDER No. 76APPENDIX 5

Map Ref. SH/ 62 C.

Reference "G" 3rd Australian Division wire No. 9.70 dated 2/10/18 - re relief of 3rd Australian Division by 50th Division, B.E.F.

1. 9th, 10th and 11th Aust. Field Ambulances will vacate present sites and join their Brigade Group by 9 a.m. 3/10/18, and will move under orders of Brigade.
2. Personnel of 3rd Aust. Divn. entraining point (Walking wounded) will rejoin Unit at the same hour.
3. All personnel and transport at present attached from units will be returned to Units by 12.00 on 3/10/18.
4. Commanding Officer 11th Aust. Field Ambulance will return all marquees Haldanes Oxygen Apparatus, wheeled stretchers, hand stretchers and blue blankets surplus to Mob. Store Table to Hdqrs. 3rd M.A.C. forthwith. Duplicate receipts of medical equipment returned will be forwarded to this Office.
5. On arrival in rest area Commanding Officers Field Ambulances will open Brigade Hospitals and arrange to hold not more than 50 patients for more than 48 hours.
Cases for evacuation will be sent to the nearest C.C.S.
6. Dental Units will rejoin their Ambulances to which they are attached forthwith.
7. A.D.M.S. Office will close at present location at 10 a.m. to-day and re-open at DOINGT at the same hour.
8. Field Ambulances ACKNOWLEDGE.


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

HEADQUARTERS
3rd October, 1918
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Issued at 6 a.m.

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" 6/7	C. R. A., C. R. E.
" 8	D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps
" 9/11	9th, 10th, 11th Field Ambulances
" 12	Div. Train
" 13	" Sig. Coy.
" 14	" Pioneer Batt
" 15	3rd M.G. Batt
" 16/18	War Diary
" 19	File

To-
A. D. M. S.,
3rd. Australian Division.

Reference your memo: S.M. 18/1/76 of 8/10/1918, I have to report as follows :-

D.D.M.S. relieving Corps visited the Unit about 3 p.m. on the 2-10-1918.

All information as to position of R.A.P's., M.L.P's. Advanced Collecting Posts and existing scheme of evacuation was outlined in detail.

From orders received it was understood that Unit would be relieved that night and arrangements were made accordingly.

Major GRAVES at his Advanced Collecting Post, F.17.d.6.5. was relieved during the night and moved out to rejoin his Unit.

Major GRAVES removed his stretchers and blankets in accordance with instructions.

About 7-30 a.m. on the 3-10-1918, a Lieutenant reported to A.D.S. stating he had come to relieve this Unit. A few minutes later a Major and some men reported at A.D.S. The Major explained he was to relieve forward evacuations.

At this time action was in progress and the first batch of wounded were coming in.

I offered to transport the Major and some of his men in two of my cars to forward post to relieve Major FITZPATRICK who had continued to carry on evacuation.

They arrived at BONY at about 8 a.m. By this time several cases had been sent down to A.D.S.

An order was sent by Despatch Rider about 7-30 a.m. to Major FITZPATRICK to rejoin his Unit. He handed over to R.A.M.C. Major and left at 8-30 a.m. on 3-10-18, picking up Major PHILLIPS en route.

Soon after the Major (R.A.M.C.) had been despatched to Major FITZPATRICK, D.A.D.M.S. 50th. Division reported to A.D.S. and apparently a few more R.A.M.C. Bearers or Tent sub-division men.

At this time cases were banking and full use was made of German prisoners to evacuate these cases.

As no stretchers or blankets had been brought into Major FITZPATRICK, or A.D.S. to my knowledge at this time, and judging from casualties they were required urgently, several were handed over.

Our stretchers were being used to evacuate cases. The Unit cars were utilised at same time to clear forward area.

About 9 a.m. D.A.D.M.S. reported that he considered things were satisfactory, and that incoming Ambulance would now carry on; so 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance personnel and cars were withdrawn.

Time about 9-30 a.m. on 3-10-1918.

The A.D. S. was handed over in a perfectly clean condition, as a squad of German prisoners was put on to clean up. I am under the impression that a Lieutenant then carried on at A.D. S. with a few personnel.

The handover was made under exceptionally difficult circumstances and all assistance possible was rendered to incoming unit to make a satisfactory evacuation.

Before leaving the A.D. S. about 100 German prisoners were collected under guard and left for emergency evacuation.

9-10-1918.

Sd/ Allan F. JOLLEY, Lt-Col.
C.O. 9th. Australian Fld. Ambulance.

MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONS No.2.

Reference Administrative Instruction No.61.

1. The Third Australian Division, less Artillery, will move by train and road to HALLENCOURT Area on 5th.6th., and 7th.October, 1918.
2. On arrival in the HALLENCOURT Area, the Division will be disposed of as under :-

Divisional Headquarters	HALL ENCOURT.
9th.Aust.Inf. Bde.	CITERNE Sub-Area.
10th. do.	BAILLEUL. do.
11th. do.	HEUCOURT. do.
9th.Aust.Fld.Ambulance	NEUVILLE.
10th. do.	BRAY.
11th. do.	TAILLY.

3. For the purposes of the Move Field Ambulances will move under orders of Brigades.
4. 3rd.Aust.Sanitary Section will join 10th.Aust.Fld.Amb. at PERONNE Railway Station in time to catch personnel train leaving at 17.30; and will move under orders of O.C. 10th.Aust.Fld.Amb. On arrival in Rest Area Sanitary Section will remain attached to 10th. Aust.Field Ambulance until further orders. Personnel will report one hour before departure of train from Railhead.
5. On arrival in new area Field Ambulances will take action in accordance with Standing Orders A.A.M.C. Aust.Corps. Section 2. sub-para.8.

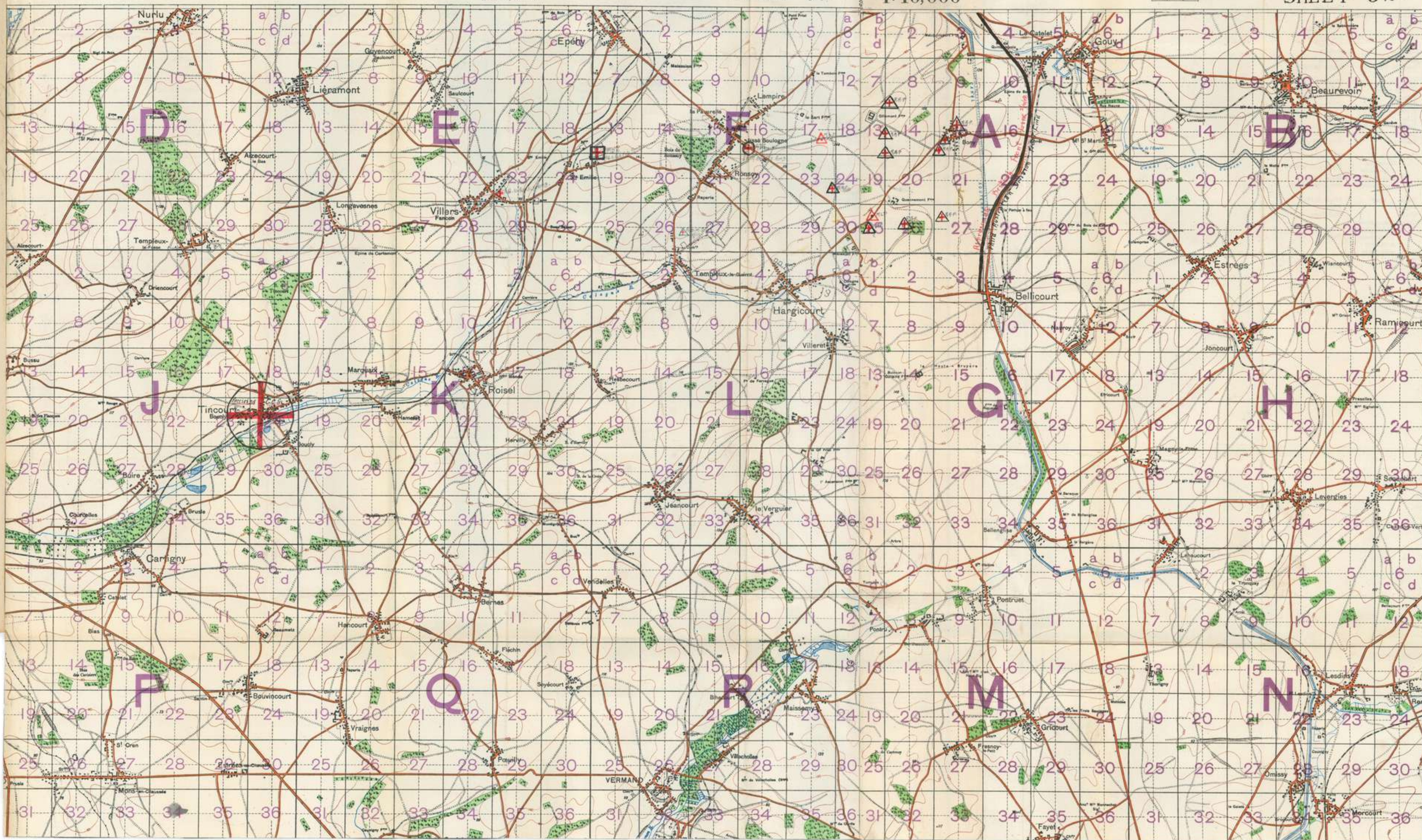
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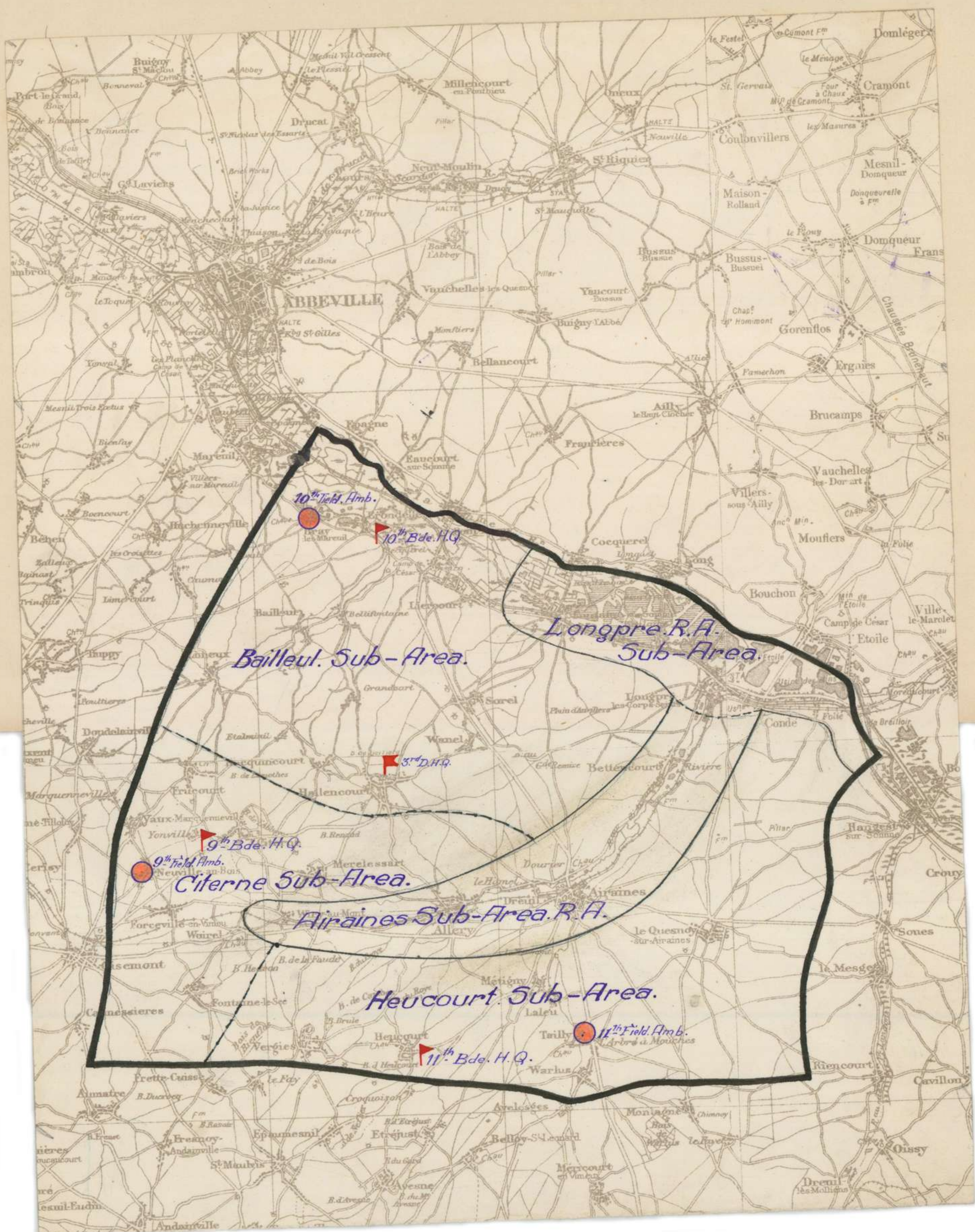
(sgd) R.D. BARTRAM Major for
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S.Third Australian Division.

Distribution.

9th. Aust.Fld.Ambulance.
10th. do.
11th. do.
3rd.Aust.Sanitary Section.
D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.

57°	57'	57"
62°	62'	62"
66°	66'	66"





APPENDIX

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A. D. M. S. CIRCULAR No. 215.1. REST POSTS.

Regimental Medical Officers will immediately take steps to establish Rest Posts to accommodate ten men for period of four days - every effort being made to keep sick evacuation to a minimum during period in Rest Area.

2. BLUE LIGHT ROOMS.

"Blue Light" Rooms will be established in Battalions at once, and thorough instructions issued throughout by R.M.O's as regards the prophylactic treatment of Venereal Disease.

3. INSPECTIONS.

Battalions will be inspected for any lice, scabies and Venereal Disease, and report rendered to this Office by noon 12th. inst. stating numbers observed, etc.

4. DELOUSING PIT.

R.M.O.'s will take steps to arrange construction of a delousing Pit in accordance with 4th Army R.O. 2127. Completion to be notified to this Office.

5. WEEKLY SICK & SANITARY REPORT.

The above report will be rendered on usual pro forma, commencing from to-day. Reports will reach this Office not later than 6.p.m. Saturday of each week.

6. WAR DIARIES.

Outstanding War Diaries for September, will be submitted to this Office not later than noon 12th. October, 1918.

7. DENTAL CASES.

Men requiring Dental Treatment will be sent to the Dental Unit attached to the Field Ambulance corresponding with the number of Brigade Group. All other cases will be sent to the nearest dental unit for treatment.

No. 45.	Dental Unit att/9th. Fld. Amb.	-	Chateau NEUVILLE su-BOIS.
56.	do. /10th. do.	-	BRAY.
46.	do. /11th. do.	-	Chateau TAILLY.

Headquarters,
7th. October, 1918.
FGL.

H. Maguire, Colonel.
A. D. M. S. Third Australian Division.

Distribution :- Copy to all R.M.O's - C.O's. Field Ambulances - H.Q. Inf. Bdes
"A" 3rd. Aust. Div., C.R.E.



APPENDIX. 8.

To,
Officer Commanding,
10th. Australian Field Ambulance,

"Blue light" room, ABBEVILLE.

Arrangements have been made with Base Commandant, ABBEVILLE for the erection of a small hut in place de la POMME des-PRES, ABBEVILLE, for use as "Blue light" room. It will be ready for occupation on 10th. instant.

Please arrange for party, one N.C.O. and four men, to be established there by noon 10th. instant, with necessary equipment and send an officer to the office of the Base Commandant to arrange billeting for these men.

"Blue light" room is to be kept open day and night, special precautions are to be taken to keep it and surroundings, clean.

All waste wool, dirty water, and dirty solutions are to be disposed of, by arrangement with the party emptying the adjacent latrines daily.

A "Blue" light will be displayed at night.

All men calling for treatment are to be treated irrespective of Units.

No records will be kept but a check kept on numbers treated.

Headquarters,
8th. October, 1918.
JAG/SOL.

W. H. Quire
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Copies to :-
"A" 3rd. Aust. Division.
Base Commandant, ABBEVILLE.
A.D.M.S., ABBEVILLE.
D.D.M.S. Australian Corps.

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



The period in this area is to be taken as an opportunity for thorough training.

Herewith is a memorandum dealing with the lines on which training is to be carried out by Field Ambulances of this Division.

Australian Corps Standing Orders, A.A.M.C., Appendices 1. and 2. are to be the basis on which a syllabus will be drawn up. The work will be covered by 15th. December, 1918. A syllabus of training will be drawn up and submitted to this Office.

The attention of all your Officers is to be directed to the attached memorandum and it is expected that the principles enunciated therein will be moulded on by all Officers.

Commanding Officers will arrange that all Officers during the period of rest, revise those portions of official publications laid down in this Office M. 40/69. Classes will be organised, if necessary, for this purpose.

The close co-operation of Commanding Officers in this matter should lead to a high standard of practical and theoretical knowledge being attained by all ranks under their Command.

Headquarters-
10th. October, 1918.
FAM/FGL.

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

Copies to -
"G" 3rd. Aust. Division.)
D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.) for information).

DURING PERIOD OF REST

APPENDIX 9



During the period of training in the Training Area, a practical scheme of work will be prepared for each week, and a programme drawn up for guidance of all concerned, based on Australian Corps A.A.M.C. Standing Orders, Appendices 1. and 2.

In approaching this period of training it is to be borne in mind that we are dealing with units that have been engaged for six months in practical work in the field.

The course of training to be undertaken here is therefore to be looked on more in the nature of a "refresher" course in those branches of work with which all ranks must necessarily have lost a certain degree of touch. The objects to be borne in mind in carrying out the work are then to obtain a standard of uniformity throughout the Units, and to brush up and consolidate the men's theoretical knowledge and its practical application to their everyday work. It is particularly desired to smarten them in every way, in dress, bearing, general turnout, discipline and saluting.

It is to be remembered that the work of a Field Ambulance may not necessarily always be of the same type as that done during the last six months.

The organisation of a Field Ambulance is very elastic, and the primary object is mobility. The Unit must be prepared at the end of its course of training to take its place in a Flying Column, in mobile warfare, as to return to work approximately to the conditions under which it has been working.

Foremost in our minds must be the necessity for hardening our men, by work in the open and by frequent route marches, at first without packs and later with increasing loads until full packs are carried. During this part of the work, foot inspections will be frequently held, and the boots, socks, and feet of every N.C.O. and man will be inspected by an Officer at the end of every days work, and oftener if necessary. It is hoped that within a period of six weeks from date all men will be able to march 20 miles in a day, with full packs up and finish in good condition and with no stragglers.

During route marches proper march discipline will always be maintained. In this connection attention is directed to :-
 F.S.Regts. Pt.1. chapter 3., Section 24 - 33 incl.
 3rd. Aust.Div. S.O. for war - Sect. 2. para: 7-15.
 R.A.M.C. Training - Chapter XI paras: ~~110-118~~. 110-118.
 F.S. Pocket Book, Chapter II. paras: 6 and 7.

All Officers are expected to be thoroughly familiar with these authorities and to enforce them on all route marches. Until these principles are thoroughly understood and enforced, the Unit is not properly trained to take its place in a composite column on the line of march.

Drill (squad, company and stretcher) will be laid down as part of the training. The primary object to be attained is again smartness and alertness, and prompt obedience of orders, rather than a machine like precision. It is desired that particular attention be paid to these points.

Tent pitching and striking will form part of the work laid down. All N.C.O.'s. and men must be able to pitch and strike a tent (Bell or Operating) and trench it properly, and account for all parts of the tent. This will be regularly practiced.

The soundest basis for efficiency is smartness of bearing and discipline. It is desired that Officers will impress this on their men, and see that they dress properly, wear their uniforms smartly and with proper adjuncts as colour patches, badges etc., and turn out daily shaven and thoroughly clean, with all equipment clean and all buttons properly fastened.

One of the chief tests of the discipline of a Unit is its smartness in saluting and paying compliments to its Officers and to Officers of other Units and other Branches of the service. This is to be impressed on all ranks and steps are to be taken to enforce this in Units. The example set by the Officers themselves and by the N.C.O's. is of great importance in this matter. It is as much a military offence for an Officer to fail to return a salute smartly and in the correct manner as it is for an N.C.O. or man to fail to salute.

Lectures will be given during the course of training and will be prepared beforehand by the Officers named in the syllabus. In preparing such lectures it is desired that they deal with general principles of the subject, as far as possible, with the special application of these to particular cases. Above all it is desirable that the lectures be made as interesting as possible, and that no lecture should exceed forty minutes duration. It is frequently profitable to invite or allow reasonable questions after the lecture.

Practice mobilisation, with loading and unloading of wagons, will be carried out at intervals. All N.C.O's. must know the section equipment in general and their own particular portion in detail, and be able to load and supervise the loading of the section wagons. A section should be able to load its wagons and move off complete in every detail within four hours of receiving orders to do so. This is to be aimed at.

In conclusion, it is desired that the Unit spirit be fostered and the men shown that the one object aimed at throughout the training is thorough efficiency in all Branches.

A large proportion of the men have recently joined up from reinforcements and they must be imbued with the Unit spirit and ideals which should be to do any work allotted to the Unit in the smartest way in the shortest time.

It is particularly desired that Officers Commanding should give this period of training their closest personal attention and by obtaining the co-operation of their Officers and N.C.O's. make the period one of value to the Unit and thoroughly prepare it for its next tour of duty in the Line, whether the work before us is of the stationary or the mobile type.

Headquarters-
10th. October, 1918.

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

To,
 Officer Commanding,
 9th. Australian Field Ambulance,
 11th. do.



" Blue Light " Rooms.

Arrangements have been made for "Blue Light" Rooms to be established in HALLENCOURT and AIRAINES.

Officers Commanding 9th. and 11th. Australian Field Ambulances will each detail a party of one N.C.O. and four men with necessary equipment to proceed to :-

- (a) 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. party to HALLENCOURT (Billet No. 454)
- (b) 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. party to AIRAINES. *{ Billet selected by Billet Warden*
 and establish Room by 1.p.m. 14th inst.
Billeting.
- (a) 9th. Aust. Fld. Amb. personnel will be billeted under arrangements made by this Office.
- (b) 11th. Aust. Fld. Amb. will make necessary arrangements to billet their personnel.

Rationing.

Units will make own arrangements.

"Blue Light" Rooms to be kept open day and night, special precautions are to be taken to keep them and their surroundings clean.

All waste wool, dirty water and dirty solutions are to be disposed of by arrangements with local sanitary detachments.

A "Blue" Light will be displayed at night.

All men calling for treatment are to be treated irrespective of Units.

No records will be kept but a check kept on numbers treated.

Headquarters,
 12th. October, 1918.
 JAC/RGL.

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

Copies to :-
 "A" 3rd. Aust. Division.
 Camp Commandant 3rd. Aust. D.H.Q.
 Area Commandant.
 D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.

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A. D. M. S. CIRCULAR No. 216.

1. LEAVE.

(a) Reference A.D.M.S. Circular No. 208. para. 1. dated 15.8.18. On and after 17th. October, 1918, vacancies for English Leave for all Medical Officers of this Division will be allotted by this Office.

Markation day - SUNDAYS.

Warrants will be issued and relief provided by this Office.

(b) The following from D.D.M.S. Australian Corps is repeated for information and necessary action :-

" It is reported that some Medical Officers on leave in the United Kingdom do not report to A.C.F. Administrative Headquarters, LONDON. Would you please ask Medical Officers under your command to report on arrival in LONDON to Medical Section, Room 9., in addition to Room 13. "

2. MEDICAL BOARDS.

Regimental Medical Officers will notify this Office by 12 noon 21st. October, 1918, the number of cases for Medical Board, in order that Boards may be arranged accordingly.

3. MEMORANDA and BOOKLETS.

(a) The following are forwarded herewith for information and guidance :-

- (a) Memoranda on Prevention and Early Treatment of Venereal Disease.
- (b) Instructions to A.A.M.C. Orderlies regarding Early Treatment of Venereal Disease.
- (c) Booklet "S.S. 455. "D.G.M.S. Circular Memorandum No. 16.

(d) issued to R.M.O's. and Field Ambulances.

Headquarters,
16th. October, 1918.

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

DISTRIBUTION:-

Copy to all R.M.O's., C.O's. Field Ambulances, H.Q. Inf. Bdes., "A", 3rd. Aust. Div., C.R.A., G.R.E. O's.C. Pioneer and 3rd. M.G. Battalions, 3rd. Aust. Div. Train.

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A.D.M.S. CIRCULAR No. 217.

MEDICAL BOARDS. -

Commanding Officers 9th, 10th, and 11th Aust. Field Ambulances will each convene a Medical Board to sit at Headquarters of Unit at 10 a.m. 1-11-1918.

Regimental Medical Officers will send all cases considered unfit for further military service in the field, with full Medical History to appear before nearest Board. -

Commanding Officers Field Ambulances will be notified at a later date, when A.D.M.S. will review cases considered unfit.

Headquarters-
25th. Oct. 1918.
JAC/RWS.

Alan J. Kelly. Lt-Col.
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

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MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONS No. 7.

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Owing to the increase of Influenza among the personnel of the Division, the following changes in medical arrangements will be carried out forthwith :-

1. Brigade Hospitals of the 9th. and 10th. Aust. Field Ambulances will become Influenza Centres.
2. Commanding Officer 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance will arrange to transfer all Influenza Cases to 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance, or 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
3. All non-infectious cases likely to be well within 14 days will be sent to 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
4. Arrangements re transfers of patients will be made direct between Commanding Officers concerned.
5. Clearance of Brigade Groups will be carried out as before.
6. All Influenza Cases will be treated as ~~infectious~~ infectious - necessary precautions will be adopted as regards disinfecting and isolating.

Headquarters-
29-10-1918.
JAC/RWB.

Alan J. Kelly Lt-Col.
A/A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Distribution:-
To- C.O's. Field Ambulances.
Copies to - "A" Division. D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.
Hqrs. Brigades. War Diary. File.

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A. D. M. S. CIRCULAR No. 218.1. INFLUENZA.

In future all cases reporting sick with Influenza will be evacuated from Battalion.

These cases will be treated as infectious, and necessary precautions adopted re disinfecting.

Attention is drawn to D.M.S., Fourth Army Circular Memo; enclosed.

2. NIGHT BLINDNESS.

The following from D.D.M.S. Australian Corps begins :-

"It is reported that certain Officers have been evacuated with a diagnosis of "Night blindness". Please instruct your Medical Officers that such cases will, in future be paraded to the A.D.M.S. with a view to a Medical Board in accordance with D.C.M.S., Circ. Memo; No. 24.

"Cases with definite ophthalmic lesion will be diagnosed as such and evacuated in the ordinary way".

This Office will be notified in the usual way of cases for Medical Board.

Headquarters-
30-10-1918.
RWB.

Alan J. Jones Lt-Col.
A/A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Distribution- All Regimental Medical Officers.
C.O's. Field Ambulances.

Copies to - "A" 3rd. Aust. Division.
Hdgrs. Brigades.
C.R.E. Train.



1. A grave form of influenza frequently complicated by broncho-pneumonia and oedema of the lungs is now prevalent in many parts of France, England and other countries. The case mortality from these complications is high - 20 per cent or over.

2. The disease is highly contagious, easily transmitted by the nasal and bronchial discharges in coughing, sneezing and spitting. It may also be transmitted by blankets, clothing, mess utensils and other articles.

3. The disease has not yet appeared to a serious extent amongst British troops in France, but administrative medical officers should take steps for careful observation of any indications of the extension of the epidemic and for bringing into operation at the earliest possible moment all possible precautions.

4. Cases have occurred amongst German prisoners of war. Arrangements should be made for strict medical inspection of prisoners after capture. Suspicious cases should be isolated and overcrowding of prisoners prevented as far as possible.

Precautionary Measures.

A. Troops in the Field and on L. of C.

- (i) The prevention of overcrowding and the provision of adequate ventilation in billets are of cardinal importance in limiting the spread and diminishing the severity of the disease.
- (ii) Warm clothing should be worn by night and day and exposure to inclement weather avoided whenever possible.
- (iii) Where influenza is epidemic; -
 - (a) public assemblies such as cinema shows, concerts, etc, should be prohibited.
 - (b) Towns should as far as possible be placed out of bounds to all troops, except those on duty.
- (iv) Influenza cases must be removed to hospital and isolated and not treated in quarters.

B. In Hospitals.

- (i) Influenza cases should be isolated.
- (ii) Cases of broncho-pneumonia should be isolated from cases of uncomplicated influenza and from all other cases. Where it is impossible to separate broncho-pneumonia cases from uncomplicated influenza, beds should be screened.
- (iii) Ample air space should be provided in wards and tents, which must be kept well ventilated and heated.
- (iv) Clothing, linen, utensils, etc., must be dealt with in the same way as in other contagious diseases.
- (v) Attendants on cases of broncho-pneumonia should wear gauze masks over nose and mouth when handling the patients.
- (vi) Patients should be confined to bed until all symptoms have disappeared and isolation should be maintained throughout convalescence.
- (vii) Visitors will not be allowed in the wards except when absolutely necessary.

H.Q. Fourth Army
82-10-18.

Sd/ R.T. POTTS, Lt-Col.
for Major-General
D. M. S.

To-

"A.Q."

3rd. Aust. Division.



It is desired to bring under notice para: V (sub-para: A) of the attached Circ. Memo. from D.M.S. 4th. Army, relative to INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

1. The following are the figures shewing the number of cases of Influenza occurring in this Division for period from 23-10-1918 to 29-10-1918 inclusive :-

23rd.	...	18
24th.	...	17
25th.	...	15
26th.	...	18
27th.	...	20
28th.	...	16
29th.	...	22

TOTAL - 126

2. In view of above precautions as under have been carried out by this Office. -

(1). Influenza Centres established at GRANSART
VAUX MARENEVILLE.

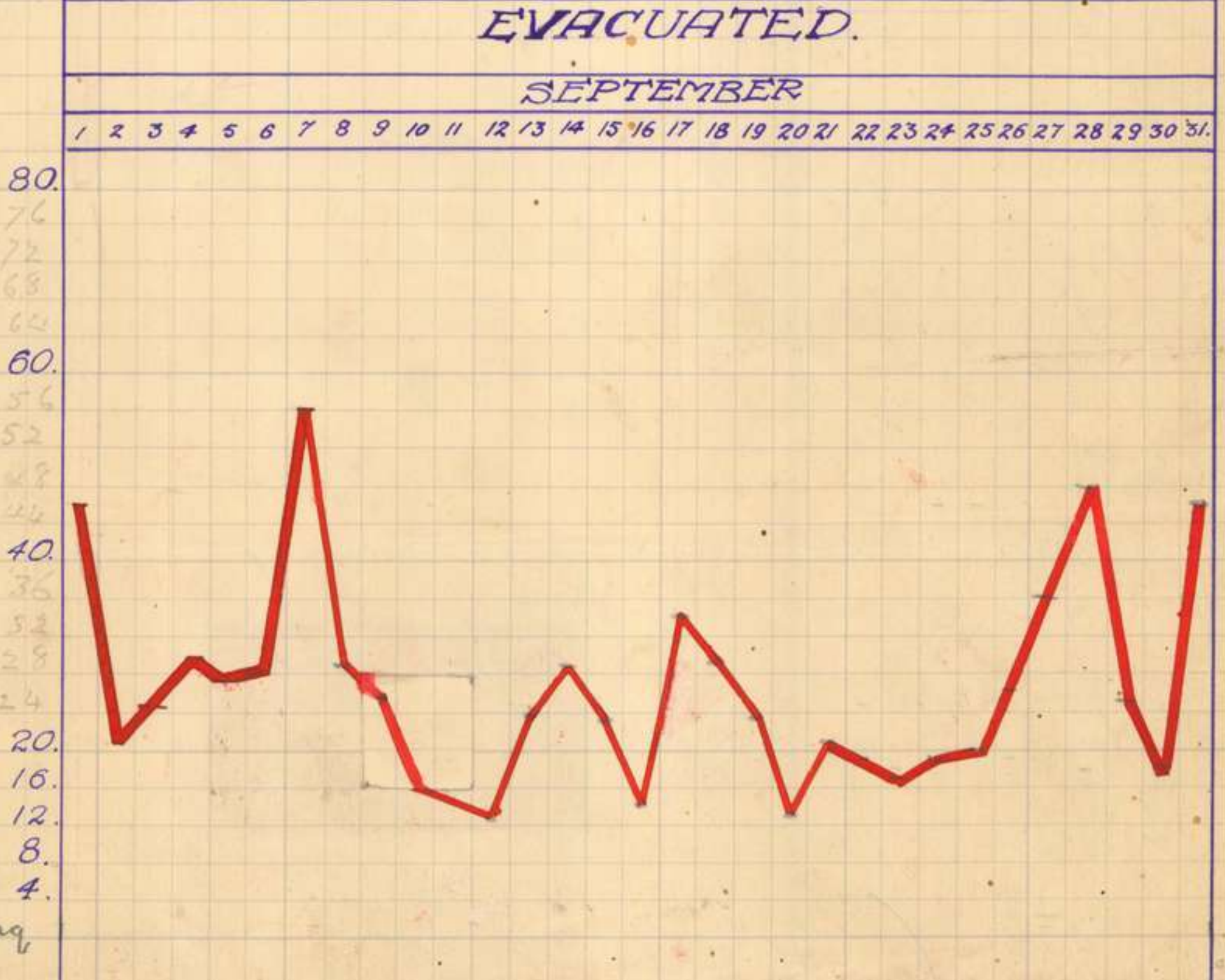
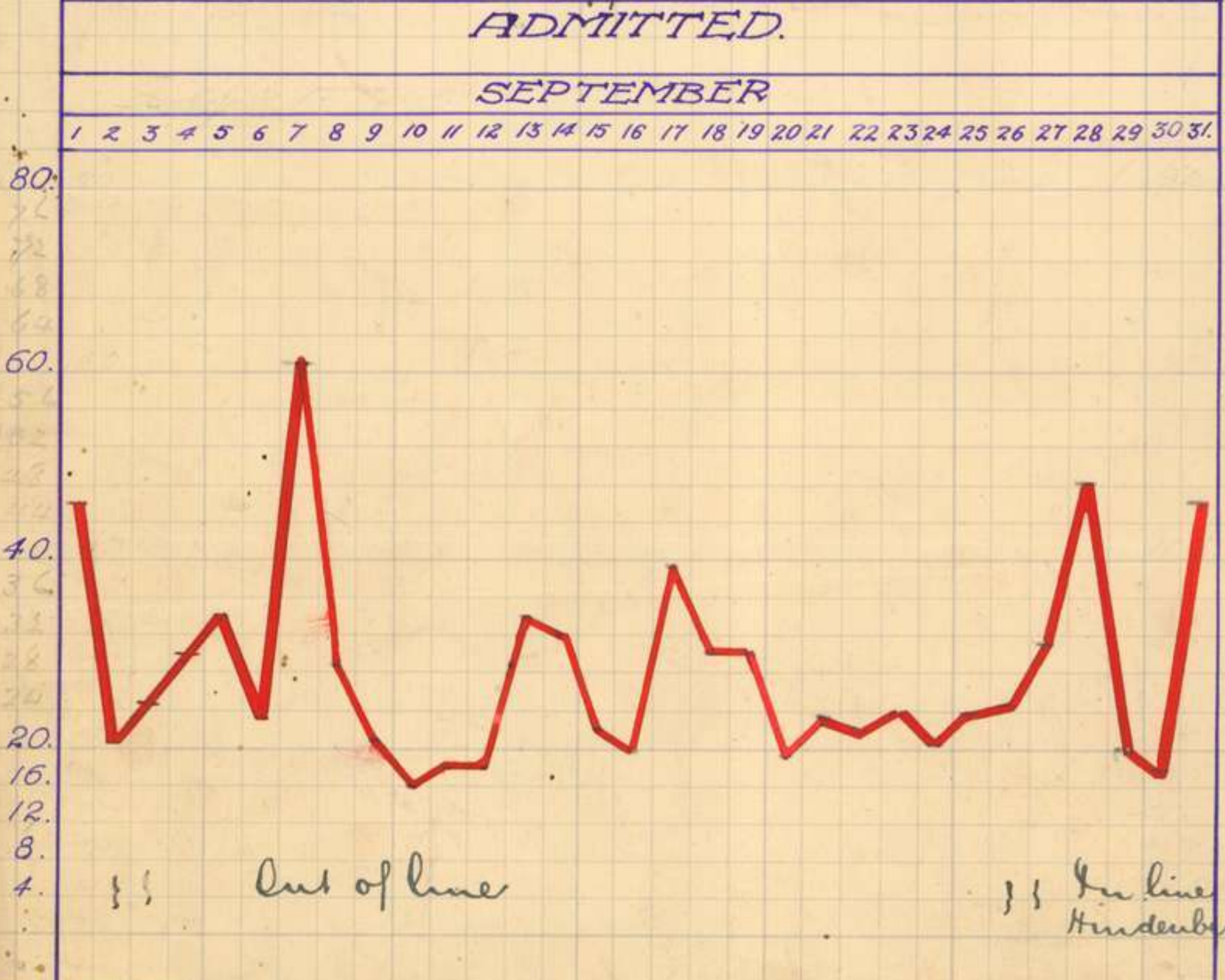
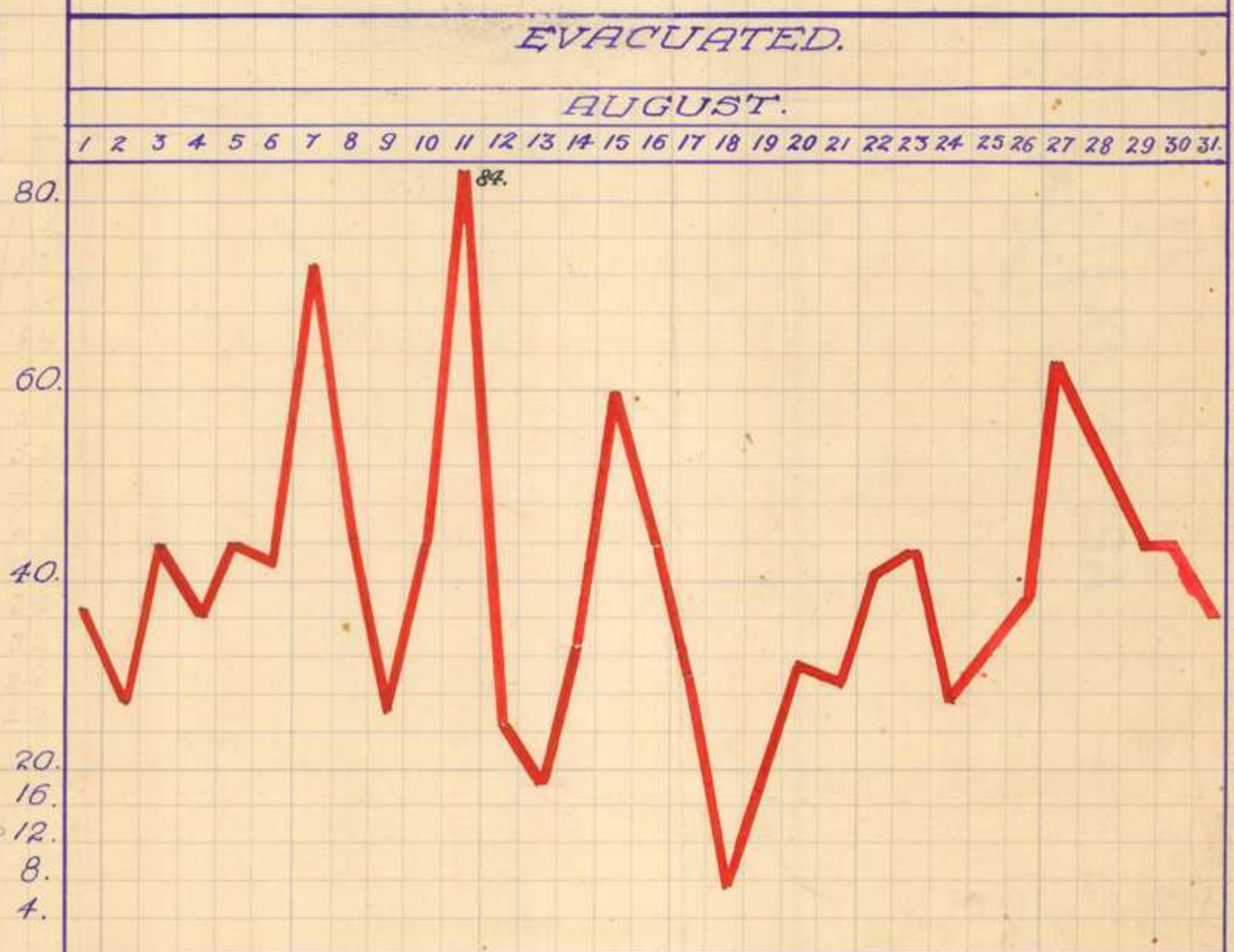
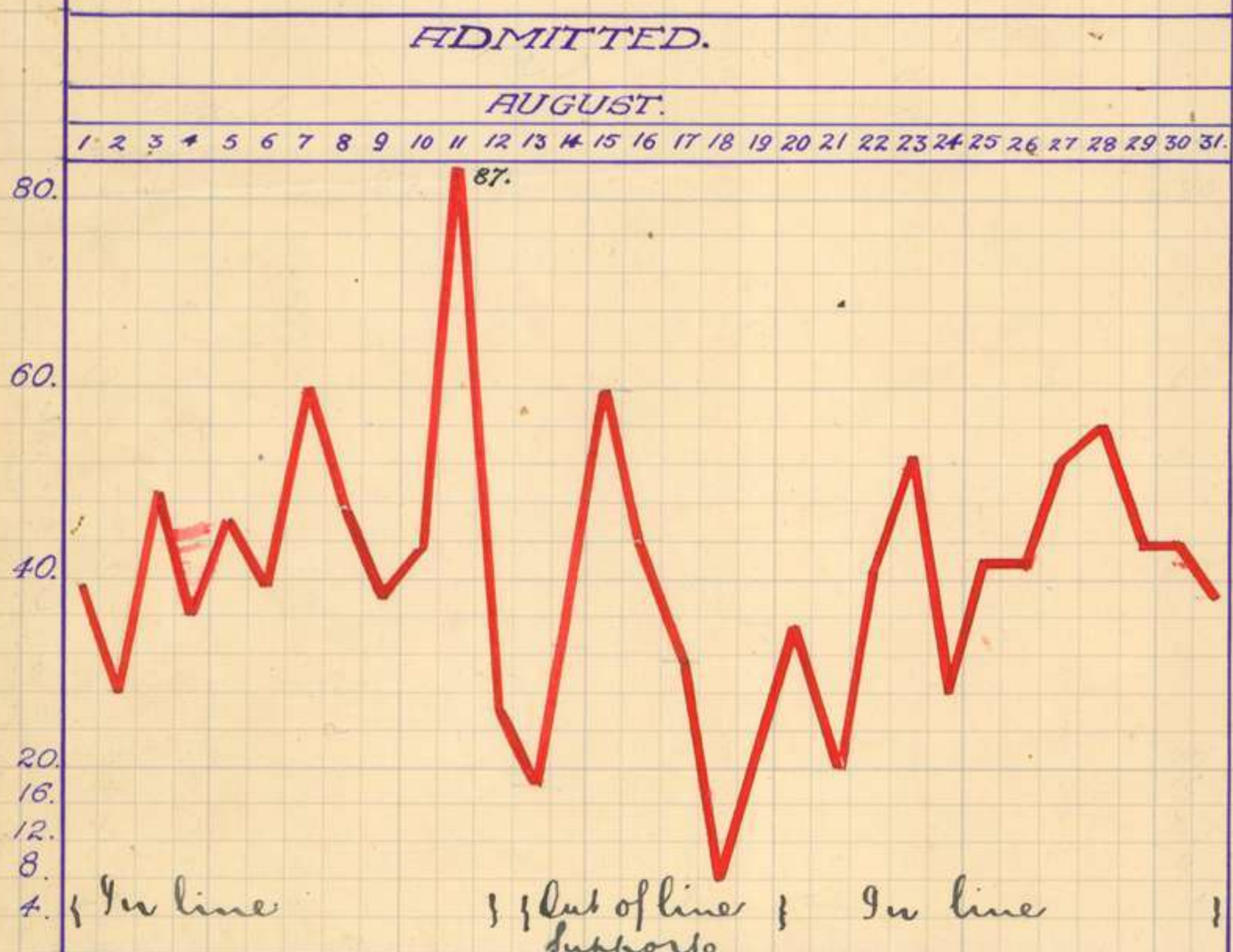
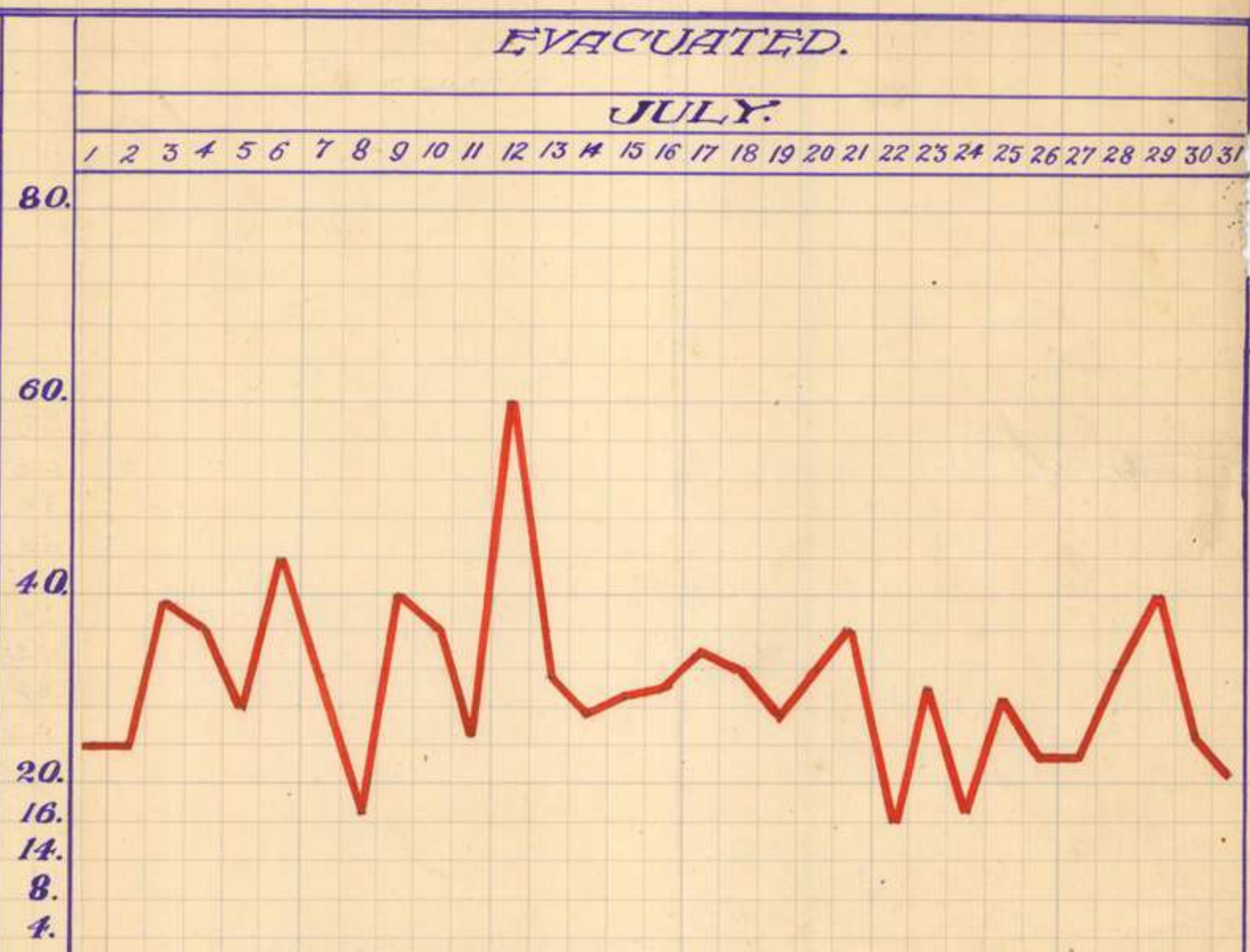
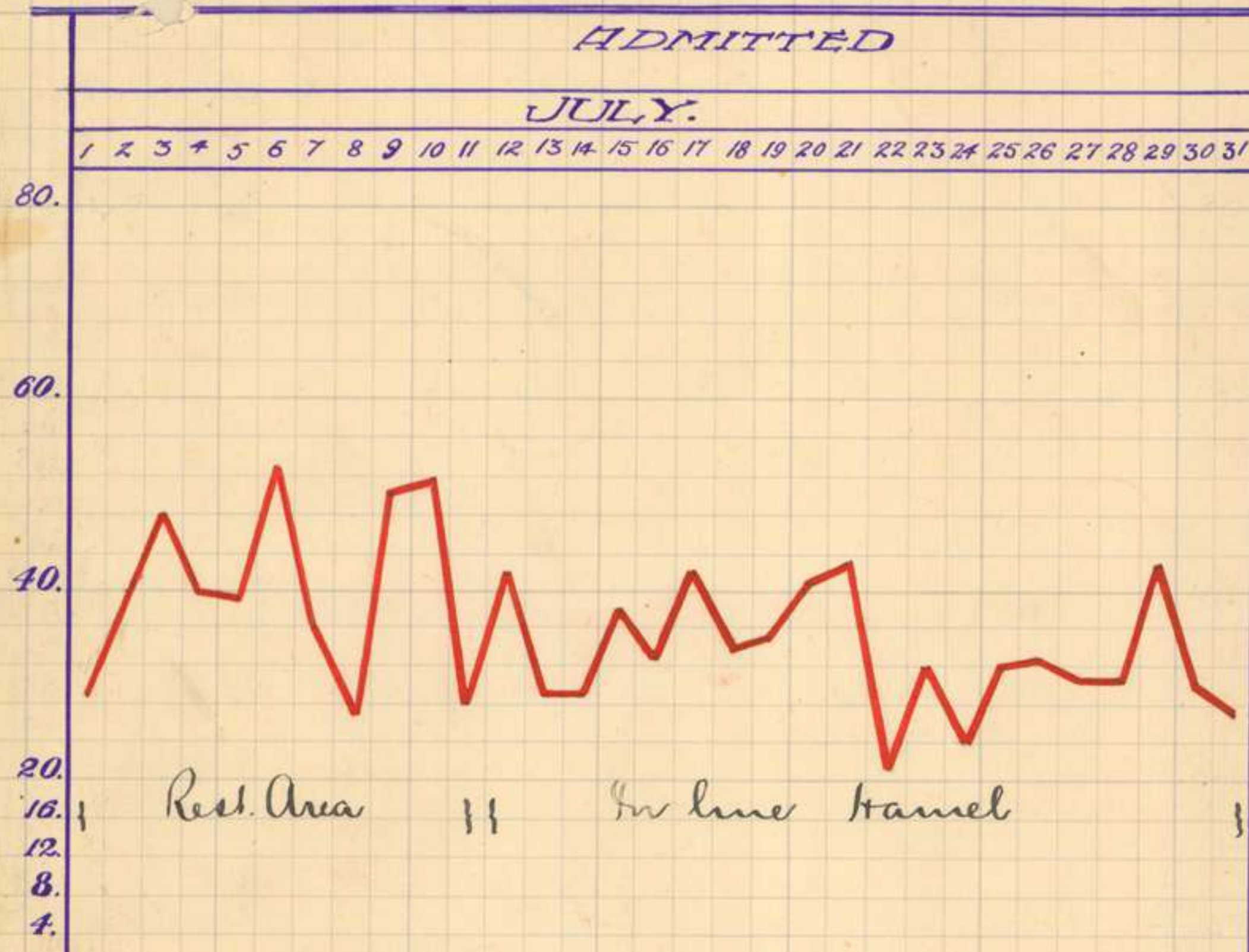
(2). R.M.O's. have been instructed to evacuate all Influenza Cases without delay, and treat these cases as infections.

3. It is requested that the Towns where the Influenza Centres are established be placed out of bounds to all troops except those on duty.
4. It is urgently submitted that the issue of extra blanket to all troops be expedited.

Headquarters-
30-10-1918.
JAC/RWB.

Alan J. Foley Lt-Col.
A/A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
 DAILY ADMISSIONS and EVACUATIONS of Sick.



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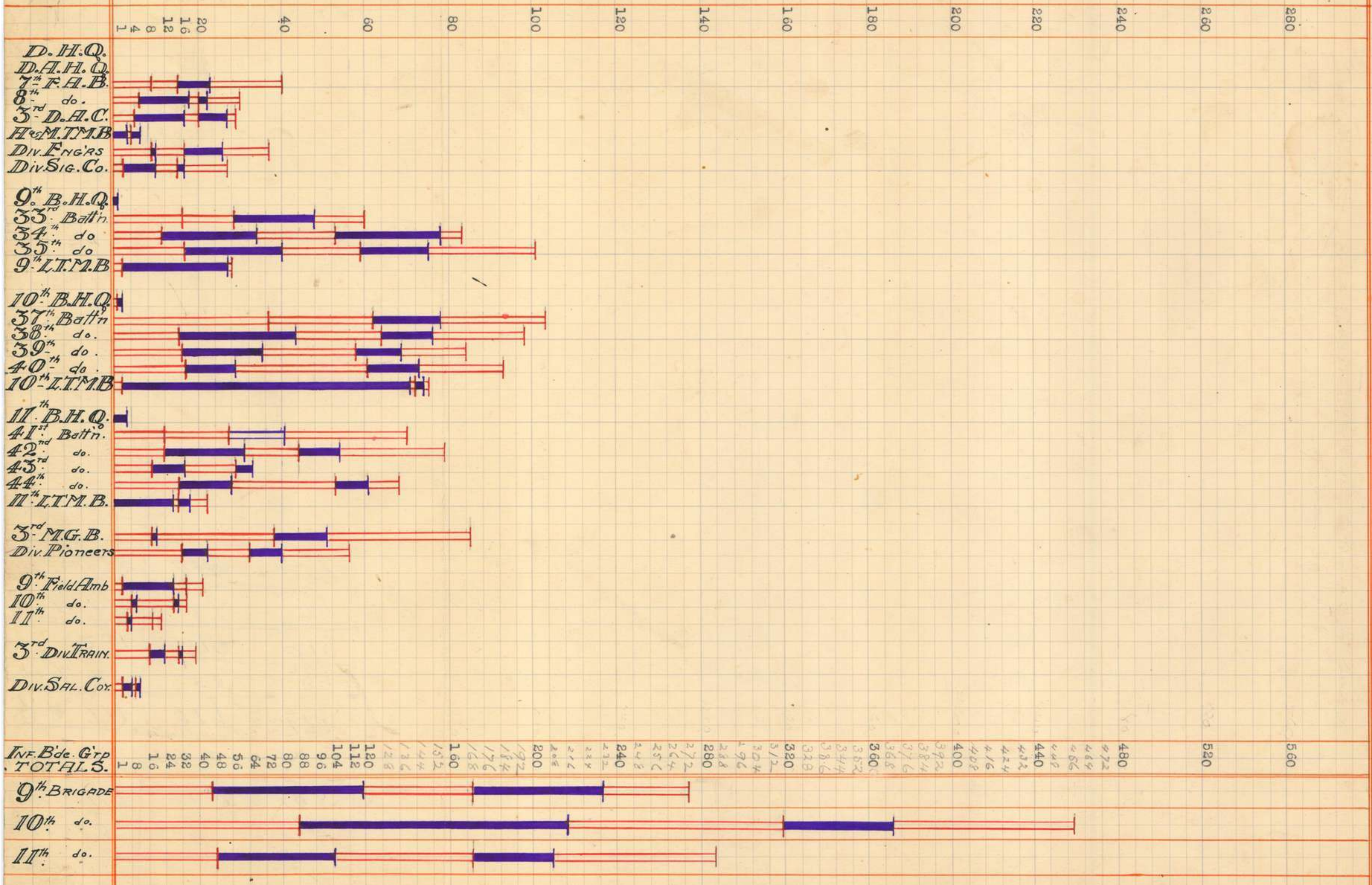
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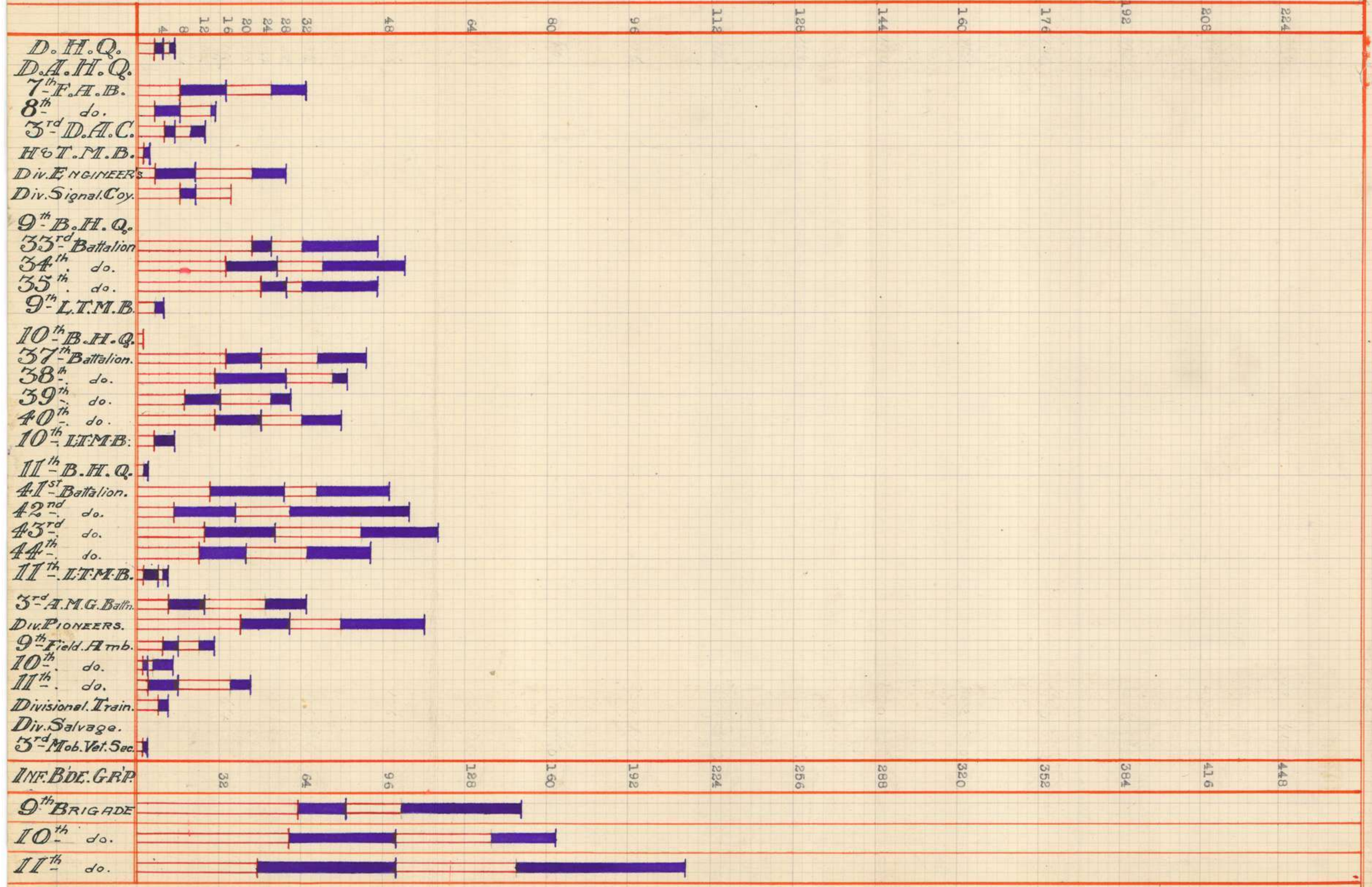
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GRAPH SHOWING SICK ADMISSIONS BY UNITS WEEKLY FOR PERIOD FROM 28/7/18. to 31/8/1918.



	9 th	10 th	11 th
3/8/18	46	88	48
10/8/18	73	129	57
10-8-18	119	217	105
17-8-18	52	102	66
19-8-18	171	319	171
24-8-18	60	53	39
	231	372	210
31-8-18	43	87	77
	274	459	287

GRAPH SHOWING SICK ADMITTED BY UNITS WEEKLY FOR PERIOD FROM 1/9/18 to 29/9/18.

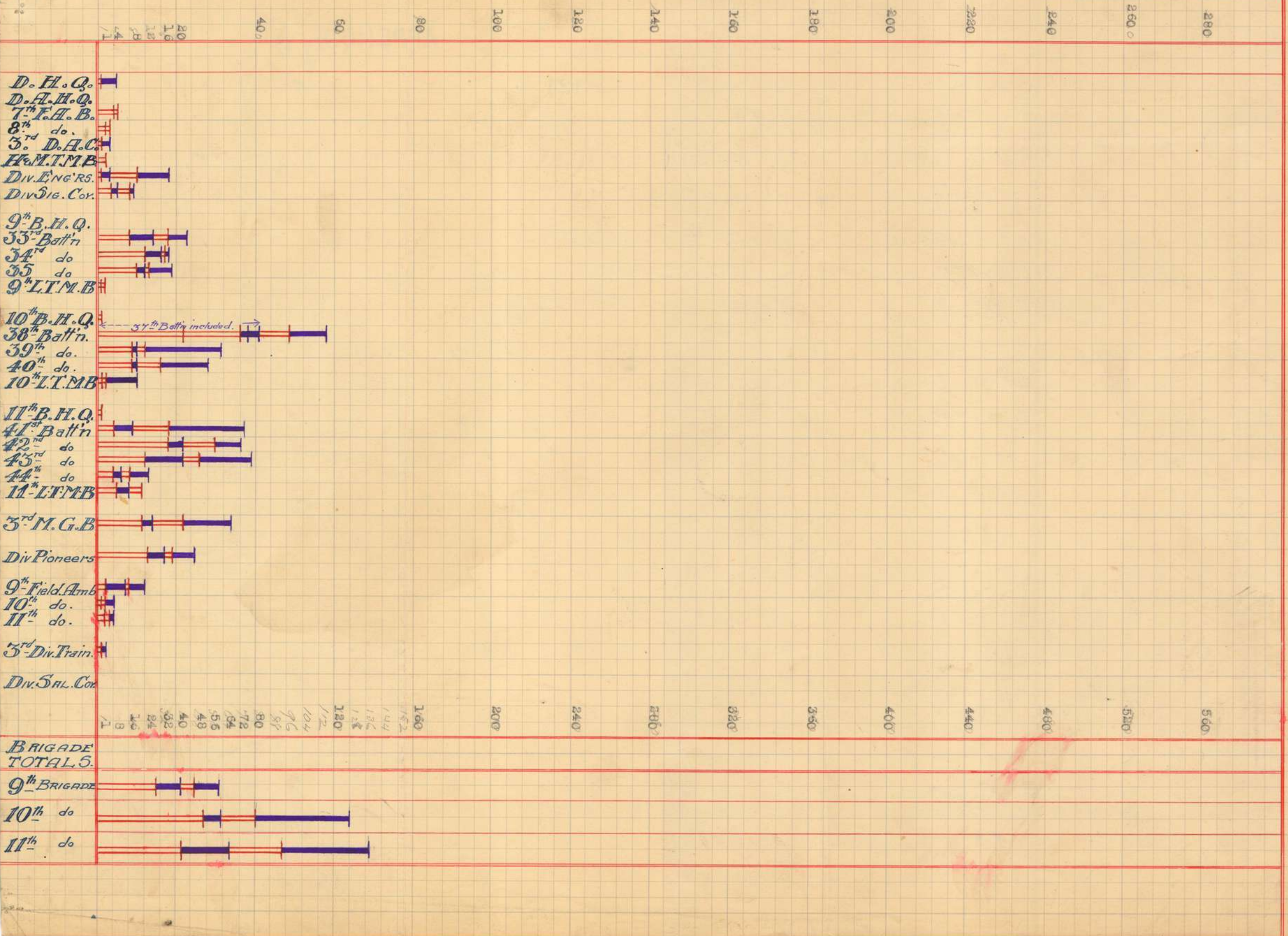


Repression ^{of} ~~the~~ Brigades

Week Ending	9 th	10 th	11 th
7-9-18	63	60	47
14-9-18	19	41	54
	<u>82</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>

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GRAPH SHOWING SICK ADMISSIONS BY UNITS WEEKLY FOR PERIOD FROM 29/9/18 to 26-10-18



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R.M.O. 43rd Battalion

Practically the whole of this month has been spent in rest billets.

Mitigny was the first village, the battalion was billeted in. Like most French villages of this class sanitary arrangements were nil.

Everything had to be made as material was very scarce, this was no easy proposition.



² After a few days - all latrines were box & flyproof. Insect traps & refuse pits were more easily constructed.

The billeting quarters were not very satisfactory - nearly all being damp. A liberal supply of straw counteracted this, but in many cases, the billets were not rain-proof.

Hot baths were obtainable at Alenay, a few kilos. away,



3 This, with clean changes, helped to lessen the number of mermis-infected men. I might remark, en passant, that some of the allegedly clean clothes issued from the baths, were found to contain live louse eggs in profusion. This was reported to A.N.M.S. & things improved.

A "blue light" room was established at the R.A.P. & this was patronised a little. There

4 were no venereal cases in the battalion during the month.

Up to a few days prior to leaving Mitiyay, the general health of the men was very good. Towards the end of our stay there, the influenza epidemic began to make itself felt. At first the cases were few in number, & owing to lack of accommodation, all were evacuated to Field Ambulance.

On 21st instant, the battalion moved to Verpès. Here much the same conditions prevailed as at our arrival at Ustipuy. Laboratories, ablution benches, cook-houses &c - all had to be made again. - It was here that we felt the full force of the influenza epidemic. In a fortnight there were well over 50 cases. - A battalion rest hut was inaugurated in a barn close to the R.A.P. This

proximity was necessary, as the two A.M.C. orderlies had to look after both places by day & night. Plenty of straw was available & by blocking up holes in the walls a fairly comfortable place was established. A special cook & kitchen were obtained & light diets were maintained. The 11th Field Amb. kept up an ample supply of comforts & light diets - The limit of

2 accomodation was fifteen.
 In spite of this, many men had to be
 evacuated from the battalion.
 Only two cases out of 26 treated
 in the rest hut, showed any
 pneumonic signs & these were
 evacuated immediately. - A
 peculiarity of the disease was
 its remarkably sudden onset;
 sometimes the man passed from
 a stage of well being to a stage
 high fever & pain in under an hour.

8. All billets were sprayed ^{with}
 coal-tar antiseptics, & a preventive
 dose of Sod-Sal frx. was given to
 all contacts every night for a
 week (when it was obtainable).
 Patients were isolated as soon
 as any signs of influenza were
 visible. %

Apart from this, there
 was practically no other sickness
 prevalent during the month.

A slight outbreak of conjunctivitis

9. which attacked 4 Officers & 4 men.
 By energetic dental treatment &
 isolation of men material, this
 was soon stamped out.

Eight scabies cases in the
 battalion were treated by a
 five days course of baths &
 sulphur ointment.

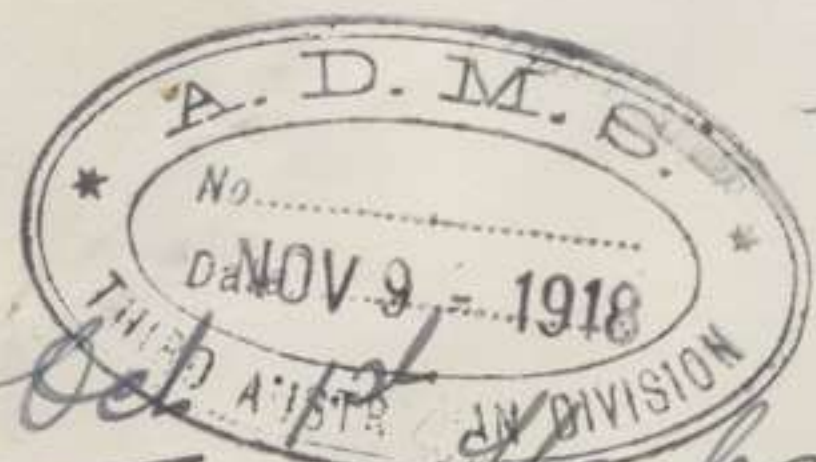
Water was obtained from
 running streams & tested wells.

1-11-18.

J. H. G. Gannell Capt.
 R.M.D. 43rd Bn

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War Diary ³⁴ October 1918

The battalion was in a system of trenches map Ref. Wiancourt F8a 95.22:

The severity of the fighting had eased off considerably but several machine gun nests were holding the battalion up: I had my regimental aid post in a trench just behind Bony. There were very few casualties that day & the men simply stalked the machine gun nests & forced them to retire or else made them casualties.

Our men in the line received too hot meals per day & there was plenty of drinking water supplied to the men: in fact the feeding of the men throughout the whole & deep of battle was excellent.

I was in communication with the ambulance & got plenty of supplies from them. The evacuation of wounded from this aid post was partly by man carriage & then by wheel to Duncan's post where the advanced relay post was.

The weather on this day was very fine & so materially helped the evacuations. On the morning of Oct 2nd I moved my R.A.P. to the village of Bony as the battalion had moved up to a position in front of the Canal. I established the aid post about 1/2 past 10 o'clock in the



Morning: there was no ¹²⁴ shelling prior to this: but later on there was considerable enemy shelling: it lasted all day: the fire was fairly heavy but luckily there were no casualties to speak of. I had my aid post in a pillbox, sufficiently large to accommodate about 30 stretcher cases: luckily there was no direct hit on it or else there would have been a different tale to tell.

This day also the men in the line received their usual 2 hot meals a day. There was a motor loading post close handy to me & therefore I had complete liaison with the ambulance.

We were relieved this night by an English battalion: they arrived rather late owing to suffering casualties on the way up.

I met the incoming medical officer & left him some supplies to go on with.

It was raining heavily this night.

We marched back from here to a map location F13a near St. Emilie from where we started to go up on Sept 29th. On the morning of Oct 4th we marched to a place map Ref 62° N.E. D22 to 55.95. There were very few dug outs about here so improvised shelters had to be made. We stayed here 2 days & then moved by light

railway to Peronne³ Oct 5th: from there we entrained about 6 pm & came down by train to Pont Kemm where we detrained & marched to the village of Hocquicourt (Oct 6th). The billeting accommodation was very limited & some of the billets were at first not too good, but by negotiation with the villagers the men were fixed up in first class style & their billets made very comfortable for them. The social side was thought of for them & sports & games of various kinds arranged & night entertainments provided.

Just after the battalion moved into the village, the influenza epidemic started amongst the villagers. Some had bronchial signs, with bleeding at the nose & headache & high temperatures. On Oct 14th I went on English leave & whilst away the epidemic spread rapidly both amongst the people of the village & the men of the battalion. 4 of the cases evacuated from the battalion have proved fatal, pneumonia complicating the disease. 79 ~~cases~~^{men} of ~~influenza~~ were on sick parade for the month & 49 were evacuated to hospital. I had no ~~precautions~~ risks with them.

I got them off to a warm bed as soon as possible.

All billets were disinfected with Carbolic solution & precautions taken as regards syringing the nose & using gargles.

The epidemic has eased off considerably.

The 49 evacuations were not all influenzas but the majority were.

I returned from leave on Oct 28th.

Casualties for month 2 Killed in action

1. wounded.

D. D. Allsop Cap^t

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Medical officer 38th Bn Oct 1918



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Oct 1-2 During this period the battalion being in action in vicinity of Bony, the Aid Post was situated at junction of Claymore Trench - Bony Ave in a deep German dugout. There were very few casualties & the only sick were 2 or 3 men showing signs of fatigue. The men were very well fed as they had been throughout the whole of the preceding operations.

2nd - 5th On relief after one day at Ronsoy the men enjoyed two days rest in Haut Allaines area which did them much good physically; some delayed gas cases being disposed of from there.

General Health Arriving in present rest area on night of 5-6th the 38th Bn - present C & S Coy were at Bailleul & Bellifontaine. Here for 10 days the health was excellent, everyone feeling the benefit of the change from the front line. Sick parades were small, averaging 10 for the battalion.

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& there was ^{2.} no epidemic of any sort. Sanitation in this locality was for a time rendered somewhat difficult owing to the shortage of material for box latrines but this was later obtained.

Baths The battalion was fortunate in finding showers with boilers installed at Bellifontaine in the battalion area & full use was made of these.

Amalgamation with 37th Bn, as far as medical arrangements go dated from 20th Oct when Capt. Harrison of 16th Fld Amb. acted as M.O. till end of month & the 38th Bn from this date was at Joul. Wavel.

Sanitation These villages were well supplied with sanitary arrangements & are in a clean (comparatively speaking) condition for French villages. The billets were good.

Influenza Towards the end of the month this epidemic became more serious in the unit & with heavy coughs

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Complicating the nervous type of
Influenza met with in the summer
treatment in billets & rest posts
was unsatisfactory. Few cases
were evacuated to Field Ambulances
in the last few days of the
month.
Beside this no epidemic was
experienced during the month.

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W. Davies Capt
RMS 3830

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35th Batt

was Drury in October



B. General medical matters

1. The condition of the unit as regards fitness is generally speaking good. During the month the unit has been in rest and condition has been kept up by training and organized games. The latter has been responsible for numerous casualties ~~but have~~ fortunately not turned out severe.
2. General health has been very fair. Towards the end of the month an outbreak of influenza occurred and was responsible for a few evacuations. At present time outbreaks has greatly diminished. Boils have been the second most prevalent condition but have now practically died out. Injuries occurring during the organized games too have been fairly frequent but fortunately none have been very serious. There were further evacuations during

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the month as follows:-

Influenza	4
P.U.O.	1
Unit Rib	1
Dislocation of Shoulder	1
Suppurating Tonsil	1
Scrub	1
Quinsy	1

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Sick parade and evacuation charts attached

3. Food **Good & varied**
Looking **Excellent**
washing
Arrangements have been made to have the whole unit bathed once every ten days. This has been carried out regularly during the month.
- Clothing **Outer clothing in a satisfactory condition, but inner clothing was issued during the month. Underclothing changed at every bath. Generally clean & in good condition.**

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3. (Contd.) ~~Boots~~ Boots In pretty good condition. Shortage of leather held up repairs for a few days but is now all right.
4. Men have not done a great deal of marching during the month but are generally fairly fit. There have been a few complaints as regards feet but mostly among reinforcements.
5. During the month a special inspection was held for lice, scabies and venereal disease. Only one case of scabies was detected, and none of lice or venereal.

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was busy (Continued)

C. One H.Q. and four men have been carrying out the water duties of the battalion. Recently an order for the replacement of them by A.C. M.C. personnel has been received, but has not yet been completed.

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Four men - one per company - under an H.Q. have been attending to the sanitation.

Corporal and three of the men attended a Sanitary School during the month.

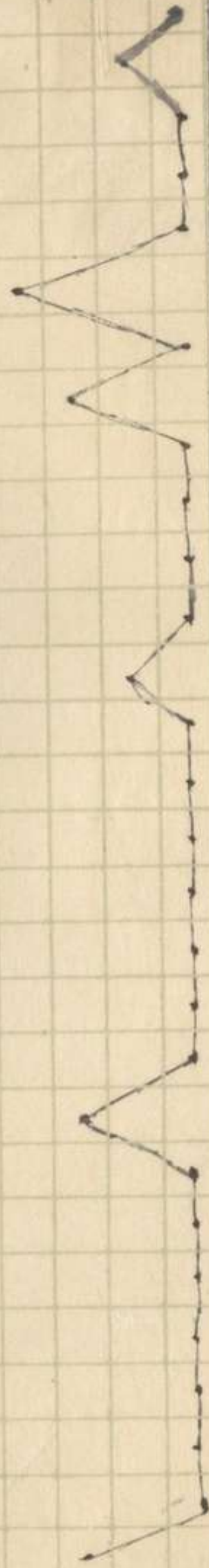
M. J. Cole Capt
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EVACUATION CHART

OCTOBER 1918.

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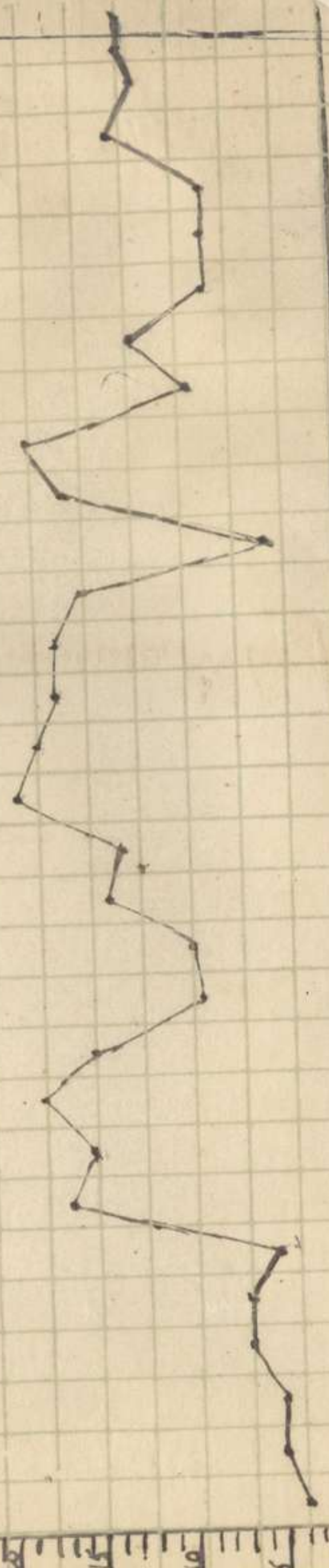
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SICK PARADE CHART

October 1918.

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A.D.M.S
310 Aus Div



Attached War

Diary for October.

Unavoidable late-

ness regretted.

C. E. Watson Capt
RMC
34th Bde

9.11.18

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MEDICAL WAR DIARY

31st Oct

28.9.18 to 28.10.18

Sept 28th

The Co remained in its previous position

155 Sept 29th

The Coy moved forward with the rest of the Division to continue the attack to be made on the HINDENBURG LINE by the 109th U.S.A. Div. Very heavy M.G. fire was encountered long before anticipated. The RAP was hurriedly established in a slightly sunken position (FLEET ST) at WIANCOURT F17 b87. This place was subjected throughout the day to very heavy shell and M.G. fire, and in it numerous casualties ~~were~~ occurred, though none to medical personnel. The attached field ambulance personnel

displayed consistent gallantry carrying constantly and unhesitatingly through M.G. & shell fire under direct observation.

Later FLEET ST became quite untenable and about 1500 the 'RAP' was moved a short distance to the rear and established in a trench ~~in a trench~~ at F17 b78. Here no shell fire was encountered but M.G. fire remained very heavy until after nightfall. Many casualties were dealt with during the day, including a number of U.S.A. troops.

Sept 30th

In conformity with the movements of the Coy, the RAP was moved at dawn to F23 d 8.4, occupying a small dug-out in the same line of trenches as the

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men. This was a reserve position, & in it the Bn remained until the afternoon of October 2nd. Very few casualties were dealt with here. Throughout these operations the ablest co-operation was afforded by Field Ambulance Officers & men. Supplies were ample & prompt. On October 3rd the Bn commenced to move by stages to the Rest Areas reaching FRUCOURT (Sheet VIGNACOURT) on October 6th.

Here, after some arrangement, all ranks were comfortably billeted. Owing to lack of accommodation, a rest post could not be established, but this difficulty was finally overcome. On October 11th an inspection of the Bn was carried out. One

undoubted and four doubtful cases of scabies were found. No cases of venereal disease were found.

Some difficulty was encountered in obtaining materials for a Russian Pit, but at the end of the month this was nearing completion. The use of flat-irons to minimise lice-infestation was instituted & throughout the month an ample bathing policy has been carried out.

Late in the month a dental inspection was carried out by the Dental Officer allotted to the Brigade group, who commented on the excellent standard of dental fitness of the Bn.

The chief difficulty has been to supply

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sufficient amusement to
entertain a whole
Batalion. The general
health has been
excellent though ad-
missions to Rest Post
on Oct: 27th showed
an increase in influenza

B. G. Watson Capt
RMO
34th Bn

War Diary of A.A.M.C. works in

Oct. 1918



Oct. 2/3. On this night the 33rd Bn was relieved by K. R. R. & marched out of the trenches east of Bouy. No official handing over of the R.A.P. was made as the incoming R.M.O. considered the R.A.P. in Quennemont trench near enough to the line & suitable for his purposes.

As this R.A.P. was situated some 600 yards at least behind the Motor Loading Post in Bouy this arrangement entailed a great deal of work upon the M.L.P. which should have been performed in an R.A.P.

During the night of 2/3 Oct. the Bn marched back to Capron Copse E 17 a 6.9 where a hot meal was provided for the men.

During the operations 29.9.18 - 2.8.18 the Bn transport had been located in this Copse

Oct. 3rd The Bn today marched back to Ville Wood (D 8 d 7.8) & accommodated themselves in billets & dugouts improvised from iron & wood collected from the neighbourhood.

4th The Bn rested in Ville Wood during this day & the camp area was cleaned up generally & improvements effected in the latrine & other accommodation.

24 men presented themselves on Sick Parade.

5th The Bn moved out of Ville Wood & was transported by light railway to Péronne. Arrived at Péronne a hall was made till nightfall & at about 2300 the Bn entrained for Arras. Train accommodation was satisfactory & sufficient for the men but 1 Kitchen & the Maltese Cart could not be put on the train & had to follow by road. This caused grave inconvenience from want of drugs etc when the Bn reached Citerne. There were 25 on Sick Parade this morning.



Oct 6th The bn reached Airaines at 0600
 His morning route marched to billets
 in Cierme. R.A.P. established + area
 inspected with a view to the establishment of
 latrine accommodation + C. Water tested
 % on Sick Parade.

7th Billets inspected - sites for latrines selected
 + deep pits dug for use until timber for fly-
 proof latrines is obtainable. As it was
 impossible to obtain a suitable billet for a
 Rest Post all infectious cases are to be evac-
 uated + any men (non-infectious) too sick to
 come to R.A.P. will be seen in billets.

8th - 15th Billets + cook houses inspected
 frequently + structural improvements
 made as material became available.
 Latrine accommodation improved by
 the provision of fly-proof latrines for
 each company - a public latrine near
 the Concert Hall + another near the Square
 Training systematically arranged for every
 morning - afternoons devoted to football
 + other field sports.

8th - 15th numerous minor casualties resulted
 from these field games but nothing of a
 serious nature. On 13-X-18 a 6 miles
 Paper Chase was held. Strict supervision
 of all Estaminets + Cafés maintained but
 few irregularities detected.

Maltese Cart reached Cierme 9-X-18
 + greatly relieved the inconvenience caused
 by shortage of drugs + dressings.

Sick Parade large, averaging 25 per
 diem but nothing of a very serious nature
 detected. A suspected case of Mumps
 evacuated 15-X-18

Blue light prophylactic station
 established
 Regimental S. P.'s instructed in the
 technique of ordinary R.A.P. work
 6 cases evacuated during the period
 under consideration.

8th Aust Lt A. B. de

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War Diary

For the month of Oct 1918



- A During the month of October, the above brigade has taken part in the general offensive. The R.M.O. attaches himself to whatever battery is most centrally situated, and attends to sick and wounded at battery positions. We have experienced great difficulty in keeping up supplies of drugs dressings etc. This is owing to distance from our Field Ambulances.
- B At present men are feeling and showing the effects of the strain of long continued action. Cases of respiratory troubles are very numerous, and the men in general are much debilitated. The ration allowance is good, cookhouses & ovens have to be improvised as the unit moves, but nevertheless reasonable cleanliness is always maintained. When possible ablution benches are constructed at each battery wagon line. When convenient changes of underclothing can be obtained at baths. Men have recently been issued with field service boots, and time will show if they prove as unsatisfactory as last year. During the month there has been no opportunity for either a medical, or dental inspection. These will be undertaken as soon as possible.
- C Each battery has attached to it a trained sanitary detail and a water detail man.

The former detail attends to the cleanliness and disinfection of latrines cookhouses etc.

They also attend to the construction of incinerators, urine pits, grease traps & latrines.

When the source of water supply is other than a military water tank, the water detail make periodical tests & see that the water is properly chlorinated in the water carts.

Periodical inspections of the water carts is also part of their work.

This unit has been unable to establish a 'Rest Post' for the month of October.

31/10/18.

M. Lawrock Capt.
R.M.O. 8th F.A. Bde. A.I.F.

A. D. Hall
3rd Light Division
War diary for



Nov diary for 7-10/18

B. General Medical matters:

1. Condition as regards fitness - Very good
2. General health - Good

The average daily number on picket parade 12.

The average number of vaccinations are 4.

3. Food & cooking - Good
- Washing, clothing & boots - Good

Washing is a difficult matter owing to the scarcity of water during latter part of month.

The supply of clean underwear is limited owing to the unit being so far ahead of Div. B. The need of many men having a change of underwear included in his kit has been very marked. The lack of a change of underwear has been responsible for a deal of discomfort through the men becoming lousy & unable to take measures to free themselves of vermin.

4. Fitness for marching - Unit being a mounted one, no marching is done.

5. General health of men is very good. A few mild cases of scabies.

C. Details of work of Water & Hygiene Details:-

Both sections are very satisfactory. All water has been drawn from stable pipes & filters, recylinders & tested.

Owing to limited transport the unit was unable to carry usual fly proof latrines.

Latrine latrines were dug from time to time & maintained in a satisfactory state.

28/10/18

J. W. H. G. R. P. M. C.
acting R. M. O., 3rd D. A. C.

Sheet 1

Report for War Diary

29/10/18

3rd Aust. Pioneers

October 1918

The general health of the men of this battalion while located at Liercourt has been good though there has been a prevalence of colds. Their condition as regards fitness is also good though there is a prevalence of rheumatism among the older men.

Several cases of influenza have occurred in the battalion during the last few weeks. Stringent preventive measures were adopted shortly after the first cases reported, e.g. 11gr. doses of Quin. Sulph. + gargle of Pot. Permang. twice daily to the whole battalion, also disinfection of billets with formalin + cresol.

Since these measures have been adopted the disease has been kept well in hand the no. reporting daily averaging from 1-4.

An isolation rest-post has also been established capable of holding 15-20 cases to which all men suffering from the disease are sent as soon as they report. Through the establishment of this rest-post the no. of

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Report for War Diary

3rd Aust. Pioneers

October 1918

evacuations has been small, five cases being evacuated altogether.

The duration of pyresia is, in the majority of cases, 2-4 days. The men are generally kept in rest-post for 3 days during convalescence.

The daily sick parades have been fairly small averaging from 10-20. The majority of these are either colds or bilis.

The sanitary arrangements for this battalion are fairly good. The kitchens are kept very clean + all refuse is buried. The billets are comfortable + kept clean + neat, all men having straw to sleep on. A number of billets have no private latrines but public latrines are handy which are used by the men. The latrines are all either Fly-Proof Box + Pipe type or Fly-Proof Box + Pan type, + are kept clean + tidy. Water for cooking + drinking purposes is obtained from pumps (chlorination: 1 scoop per water-cart). Water for washing purposes is obtained either from a stream running close to some billets or from pumps.

Bob Davies
Capt A.M.C.

Sheet III

Report for War Diary

3rd Aust Pioneers

October 1918

A small epidemic of diarrhoea occurred in C Coy of this battalion & lasted for 1 day. There were altogether 20 cases who reported. The probable cause was a faulty tin of bully beef in the stew. The men all recovered after 1 day's treatment. The cook-house was inspected & the water tested & all found O.K.

W. Davie
Capo R.A.M.C.

War Diary for month ending
October 31st 1918
3rd Inf. Bn.



Oct 1st H.Q. situated in front of influence
be-guarded together with 9th & 10th Inf. Cos.
23rd Co. in reserve near Longuevesnes. Casualties
were heaviest amongst the 9th Company
in front of Bony. On the 2nd all
companies & HQ moved back & on
the 3rd reached Buire. Health
of men good & only a few cases of
influenza occurring. A number of the
10th Co. were still suffering from the
effects of gas but only two had
to be evacuated after coming out of
the line. On the 5th we
arrived at Peronne and
detained at Avaines. H.Q. established
at latter place & the companies
billeted at Quenoy, 2 kilos distant.
A good deal of influenza was
prevalent amongst the civilians

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at Quenoy & a few cases
occurred amongst the troops.
Men were inspected for lice
after coming out of the line &
80% found to be lousy.
Baths were established.

19th October the Battalion moved
to Hornoy. Bullets in this
town are good but influenza
very prevalent amongst civilians.
A good many cases reporting
with this & at end of month
averaged 5 or 6 a day; the outbreak
now seems to be abating.
On 25th 300 men were
inoculated with T.A.B. vaccine.

Hornoy,
6/11/18.

T. W. Mansfield Capt.
Peronne 13 miles from Bn.

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War diary for October
 H.Q. R.M.B. 3rd Aust. Div. Engrs
 1st Regt. - Wagga Wagga Administration
 The unit was in the line at the commencement of the month.
 The main point of importance was some difficulty in obtaining ample water supplies for the forward area.
 On Oct 3rd the unit moved into near the companies remaining in their Brigade areas with the exception of the 9th Coy which was detached for duty and moved to Capping.
 On the 5th Oct. H.Q. 10th & 11th Coys moved by rail to rest areas.
 H.Q. here at Hellenmouth, 10th at Limewood, 11th at Kalea.
 On Oct 9th 10th Coy moved to Louisa to Sec, 11th Coy to Forcville, H.Q. to Waverel.
 9th Coy arrived at Waverel from Capping on Oct 13th.
 Billets in the village were scattered but on the whole good - sufficient space being available and all billets being dry.
 On the 9th Oct. the Medical officer was on leave and was relieved by Capt F. Mathers of 11th F. Coy.

Influenza was very prevalent affecting particularly the 10th & 11th Field Companies and men of H.Q.
 The cases were characterised by sudden onset, early rise of Temp to 103°-104°, falling by lysis in 3 to 4 days where no pulmonary complications were present. In cases where fever rates were heard on auscultation the progress was slow and these cases were evacuated to field ambulances. The Medical officer returned from leave on the 26th inst.
 On account of the number of cases rest posts were established at the 10th & 11th Coys - and all men unable to attend on sick parade were removed to these posts.
 On the 28th inst a case of measles was evacuated from 11th Field Coy and 4 men who slept in the same quarters were isolated. This man was a reinforcement and from the history it would appear that he contracted the disease in England.
 In consultation for T.A.R. was proceeded with in all Companies.
 17/11/16 R. M. O. P. Coy

A.D.M.S. 3rd Div

Here with



my war diary for
month ending
28th October 1916

G. J. Smith Capt
R. M. O.
41st Batt

28/10/16

Pend

41st Batt. A. I. F.
R. M. O's Diary for
month ending 28/10/16

Introductory.

On the evening of the
27th of September the battalion
left the rest area
near Douville and marched
into a bivouac area
in a gully between
Ronsay and Templeux.
They spent that night
and the next night
in that position
digging into the side of a
bank.

During that time there
was a little shelling
with mustard gas
and high explosive
and about 3 casualties
of each sort resulted
none were serious.

On the morning of the 29th the Battalion moved into action. They were hung up by posts which had not been cleaned up by the Americans before they reached the Village of Bomy and after these posts were cleaned up they did not make a general advance.

On the evening of October 2nd they moved back to the Bivouac area and the next morning they went still further back to near Haut All aims. On the morning of the 5th of October the Battalion embarked at Peronne and moved

to the Village of Warlu where they are at present situated.

A. In Action

(1) Approach March.

Batt marched with waterproof sheet and greatcoat.

Mules cart went as far as Bivouac area where it was used as R.A.P.

(2) Bivouac Area

Men were dug into side of bank.

A little gas (mustard) and H.E. shelling. 3 Casualties of each kind. Not serious.

(3) In the Line

The R.A.P. party consisted of

M. O. and Cpl Seaforth
12 bearers of 11th Hd Amb
under Sgt White.

The Chaplain and his
batmans lived with us
and the Padre was of
great assistance. He was
responsible for making
quite a comfortable
R.A.P. with the aid of
German prisoners and
what else he could get
hold of.

The R.A.P. party
moved separately
and their stores were
carried by hand and
by pack mule. The
latter was hit near
the R.A.P. by a machine
gun bullet but
not seriously.
When it was found
that the Batt was

hung up an R.A.P. was
established about a
couple of hundred yards
in front of Batt headquarters.

Position of R.A.P.

The R.A.P. was established
in a sunken road
the map location
being Sheet "Wiancourt"
F 30 a 2.6.

It was on a main road
and formed of a deep
cut in cutting covered
with the Maltese cart
cover.

The position was about
200 yards from B.H.Q.
and about 1500 yards
from farthest parts
of the companies.

No and Class of Casualties

The total casualties for the battalion were about 110 and 21 of these were killed several others died of wounds.

The casualties amongst officers and sergeants were high in proportion only 44 of the Battalion casualties came through the R.A.P.

During the first day over a hundred and fifty men were put through. These were mainly Americans who were badly hit and were practically all stretcher cases. The American walking wounded having got away earlier.

There were also a fair number of men from other battalions including the 5th division. Casualties after the first day were light but on the 2nd day a good many Americans were brought in. Some of these men stated they had been lying out four days. Class of Casualty.

No. of severe cases were few. Especially among Americans.

Broken thighs were very numerous, also there was a fair proportion of Abdomen and Chest wounds. The worst wounds seen were caused by Anti tank gun bullets. These bullets pierced tank and then caused very large ugly wounds.

There were a few gas casualties and also several men who were more or less affected by being inside a burning tank.
Sick wounds was very slight.

Evacuations

The Battalion cases were all collected within 24 hours most within six hours. The collection of American was very slow and great loss of life resulted. From R.A.P. the bearers carried about 300 yds to a car port where they were quickly removed. Later a car passed the R.A.P.

Supplies

These were very satisfactory. Owing to the team coming close to R.A.P. no difficulty in obtaining ally supplies was experienced.

Liaison with Field Ambulance.

Officers from 7th Ambulance visited R.A.P. each day and touch was kept by bearers with their ctn post.

B. In Rest Area

The Battalion is at present billeted in the village of Watus and Avelapes. The billets on the whole are good and the men comfortable.

(1) General Health

Food

Sick parades averaged 10 per day.

Predominant complaints.

P. U. O. Coughs

Minor injuries

Boils during last week absent at first.

fitness as regards training.

Food.

Average excused duty about 8

fitness as regards marching. Route marches of 12 miles with full packs have been held once a week.

None of men excused these marches averaged 15. Reason chiefly minor feet ailments from boots, boils and sickness.

Two batches of reinforcements totaling about 70 came in. About 20 of these men developed an acute pharyngitis with pyrexia within a day or two.

In rest but they quickly recovered.

Their billets were isolated and clean straw provided in any billets they had occupied. Arrangements were

made for all mess
times to be boiled and
drum, the last few days
there have been no fresh
cases. The epidemic was
limited to the new men.

Food Cooking Clothing.

The battalion is on
R of C ration which is
very light especially
as regards meat.
It has largely been
supplemented by the
purchase of fresh vegetables
and the food is satisfactory.
Cooking has been very
good and the
cook houses in
excellent condition.
This is largely due to
cook competitions with
prize money and exemptions

from Route March for
the best cook houses.

Special Inspection.

A special inspection of
all men was held
for Lice V.D. Scabies
and Feet.

The men were found
to be very lousy fully
50%

No V.D. detected
Scabies 15. These
were treated in
battalion with satisfactory
results.

Feet. A fair number
of toe nails and
corns were detected
and treated.

A large number of
men for dental
treatment reported.

on a special parade.
They have practically
all been fixed up.

Baths.

not satisfactory.
Brigade Bath is
at Ally about 7 kilos
march.

at first the baths
broke down and
only clean clothes were
drawn.

Baths were provided in
battalion but it was
nearly 3 weeks before
all men got a bath
fairly satisfactory now
but nothing is done at
baths to kill vermin
in outer clothing.

Rest Hut

A rest hut was
established for 10 cases
and it has been
very useful.

at present it contains
five cases but on
a good many days it
was full.

Blankets, Stretches
and comforts were
drawn from XIth Aid
Ambulance.

Blue Light Room

A V. D. lecture was
given to the men and
a blue light room
established at R.A.P.
So far 8 men have
availed themselves
of it. No cases

of venereal disease
 have been contracted
 in this area but
 several have reported
 as having got the
 infection whilst on
 leave or at schools.

Work of Sanitary and Water details.

The Sanitary Corporal
 Cpl Watkins was
 invalided whilst in
 the line and has
 just come back.

During his absence
 T/Cpl Barnes of the
 regimental pioneers
 carried on very
 satisfactorily.

Box latrines were
 made as soon as
 timber was obtained

An incinerator was
 already in the village
 and used to burn refuse
 Home manure was
 given to the French.

During the last
 few days the
 142nd BATT has
 been absorbed by
 this battalion and
 Captain Hill with their
 R.M.S. has carried
 out their sick parades
 so far, but so day
 he goes to the
 1102 Hld ambulance
 and from this day
 on all medical work
 will be done by me.

28/10/18 J. B. Hill
 R.M.S. BATT
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REFERENCE MAPS: 62 G N.E. and WIMCOURT.

27/9/18. On the evening of this day the Unit moved from the area of RED WOOD at J.15. central. to the vicinity of RONSSOY to be in position of the 29th. Whilst at RED WOOD the men had improved a good deal after a badly needed rest. Just prior to this move several severe Influenza cases had to be evacuated. After the move B.H.Q. and the R.A.P. were situated at F.21.c.2.7.

28/9/18. The Battalion remained in the position that they took up on the night of the 27th. Only a few sick were paraded.

29/9/18. The day opened fairly fine. Barrage started about 06.00 and at 07.00 the Battalion moved from its position near RONSSOY. We expected to reach the BROWN LINE North of GILLEMONT FARM about 08.30 and cross this point at 09.00. It was soon apparent that the attack had not progressed according to schedule, for apart from scattered shelling Machine Gun bullets were coming in our vicinity. The Battalion moved forward slowly and the last thousand yards of this approach march was made under considerable Machine Gun fire, and shell hole cover was necessary all the time. Ultimately B.H.Q. was formed in a shell hole at (WIMCOURT MAP) F.18.a.5.5. and the R.A.P. also in a shell hole adjacent. The Companies were distributed just ahead. The position was obscure, but there was no mistaking that the enemy was in considerable force and his Machine Guns were very active. I had with me 12 Stretcher bearers and a Corporal of the 10th Field Ambulance. I learnt from Major GRAVES that the Americans were responsible for the evacuation up till 17.00 and through that Officer I had received some locations of American Posts and Stations, but otherwise no administrative Instructions came into my hands. During the approach there were several casualties and these were sent back to RONSSOY. The difficulty was in regard to stretcher cases as they had to be carried a long distance under exposed conditions, and thus with each case the bearers were away a long time. As it appeared likely that we would be a long time in this location I used my ambulance bearers for some stretcher cases who received their injuries close to the R.A.P. I had hardly established my post before I had American wounded coming along freely in addition to those of my own Battalion. The walking wounded could be roughly directed, but the difficulty was the evacuation of the stretcher cases. All cases had to go out ~~xx~~ under Machine Gun fire and in addition to this the enemy was shelling the area heavily. Of my Headquarters Stretcher bearers who assisted only three returned to me on the following morning, the remainder having become casualties after several attempts to get back to the R.A.P. The supply of stretchers was soon totally inadequate and at stages I had to take cases off at the R.A.P. so that stretchers could be available in the line. In the afternoon I learned that an advance was contemplated, and my position then was that I was short of stretchers and my ambulance bearers were away with cases. However it was found impossible to ~~make~~ appreciably make progress so the position was eased as far as I was concerned. In the afternoon Captain CLARK of the 10th Field Ambulance visited my R.A.P. Towards evening rain fell and made the problem of wounded serious. I had about 10 stretcher cases and no facilities for moving them, and a message was sent to Brigade to this effect. So far as my own Battalion was concerned I was able to clear, but the problem arose owing to the large number of American wounded for whose evacuation at that time there appeared to be no arrangements. In the evening I decided to move over to a trench close at hand F.18.a.7.27 where Captain ALLSOP of the 39th Battalion was working. A small shelter served for stretcher cases and a dugout was used for the protection of the others and our personnel. From this on Captain ALLSOP and myself worked together, and this facilitated both treatment and evacuation. Our great trouble was still the shortage of stretchers and in spite of messages and the best efforts of the bearers this was not remedied until after daylight on the following morning. We were able to use some American troops who came along the trench, and thus the work of the bearers was somewhat eased. Towards evening a car post was established and the carry considerably shortened.

During the evening an American Medical Officer came to our R.A.P. and assisted with the cases of which a fair number passed through during the night. In spite of efforts made I did not clear my old R.A.P. in the shell hole until the morning of the 30th. My ambulance bearers worked well under trying conditions, one bearer was killed by shell explosion. Of my Regimental bearers quite a number became casualties. The Regimental carry was a short one. The day was a most trying one and our work was rendered especially difficult by the breakdown of evacuation arrangements.

30/9/18. The morning found ample stretchers available, and plenty of Americans were sent so that the large number of their wounded that came along were speedily dealt with and evacuated. After this the casualties were light. Captain ALLSOP, the American Medical Officer and myself worked together during the day, the R.A.P. not being moved. We had a quiet night and were able to get a rest.

1/10/18. Late in the morning as the Battalion had gone forward I moved my R.A.P. from F.18.a.7.2. to a dugout at A.8.c.1.5. where I was able to dress cases under favourable conditions. A few wounded passed through here but word came that the Battalion had further advanced so I had to move forward. That night a place for an R.A.P. was found in a cellar in BONY, A.15.c.7.5., but only a few sick were there seen. Cars ran right up to this post so that there was no difficulty in dealing with evacuations, and we were also close handy to the Companies.

2/10/18. In the morning I again moved my R.A.P. to a dugout in A.9.c.7.2. alongside Battalion Headquarters. This position was close up to the Companies which were in support to the 37th Battalion, no casualties came through during the day. In the afternoon measures were taken to treat the feet of the men which were becoming a little sore. In the evening the Battalion moved out of the Line to the old positions in RONSSOY. The Companies left their positions and by going in small party parties and keeping out of observation were able to reach their area in the early hours of the night. No casualties occurred during this last movement. Our total casualties for the operation were as follows:-

Killed in Action -	Officers	Nil	Other ranks	9
Wounded in Action -	"	5	"	66
Missing in Action -	"	Nil	"	2.

In looking back over the operation there are several points that call for comment.

The difficulties of evacuation in the opening phases have already been dealt with.

THE AMBULANCE BEARERS. These men worked very well. The carry was a long one and under fire most of the way. In spite of this the squads worked steadily throughout the first day and during a considerable part of the night which was dark and thus increased the difficulties. I wish to record my appreciation of their efforts.

The loading up of the ambulance bearers calls for comment. Blankets waterproof sheets and even gaiters were carried, in addition to 48 hours rations, and a supply of dressings, blankets and stretchers distributed among the men allotted to me. It appears to me that some of the personal equipment might easily be disposed of, for the carrying of so much of this hampers the bearers in their work. With regard to the 48 hours rations, I would suggest that arrangements be made with the Battalion's concerned to ration the men attached to the R.M.O. Generally speaking under the existing method the Ambulance men have little opportunity of obtaining either hot food or drink while a Unit is rapidly moving forward, also if the stay with the Unit is over 48 hours there is sometimes difficulty in the bearers obtaining their rations. 2

The innovation of the bearers bringing with them extra dressings and splints was a success, and in this case the extra equipment was of great value to the R.M.O. On 2/10/18 the Battalion moved from RONSSOY to AIZECOURT.

3/10/18. At AIZECOURT throughout the day. Foot inspection held.

4/10/18. Unit moved from AIZECOURT, and in the evening entrained at P-RONNES and reached BONT Remy in the early hours of 4/10/18.

5/10/18. After detraining Unit marched to Village of RONDELL nearby. From this time on the Battalion has been stationed here. Accommodation is limited but on the whole men are satisfactorily housed.

The regular sick parades have been held and a small Rest Hut conducted. There are also facilities for BLUE LIGHT treatment being given. Shortly after we arrived here an inspection of the Battalion was held for the detection of V.D., Scabies and Vermin, on this a report which was considered satisfactory was forwarded to the A.D.M.S.

The Companies have been given lectures in which instruction was imparted on the nature, incidence, and preventative measures of Venereal Disease.

THE HEALTH OF THE TROOPS: In the early part of the month sick were few in number, but during the past fortnight more men have been on sick parade and the evacuations to hospital have considerably increased. The Influenza epidemic is making its presence felt and has been the chief cause of hospital admissions.

BATHS: Facilities at BRAY have been available and the men have been regularly bathed.

FOOD: Food has been of good quality and well cooked.

WATER DETAIL: The routine work of the Water Detail has been satisfactorily carried out. Water has been tested and the necessary steps taken to render it fit for the use of the troops.

DENTAL INSPECTION: Captain ROEBUCK of the 10th Field Ambulance made an inspection of the Unit after we reached RONDELE. In 3 of the Companies the results were very satisfactory, but the remainder required considerable attention. Appointments are being made for the men with Dental defects and thus it is hoped to considerably improve the Unit in this important department.

SANITATION: The Sanitary Squad has carried out its work in a consistently efficient manner. Fly proof latrines have been difficult to obtain, but gradually these are being installed throughout the Unit.

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