

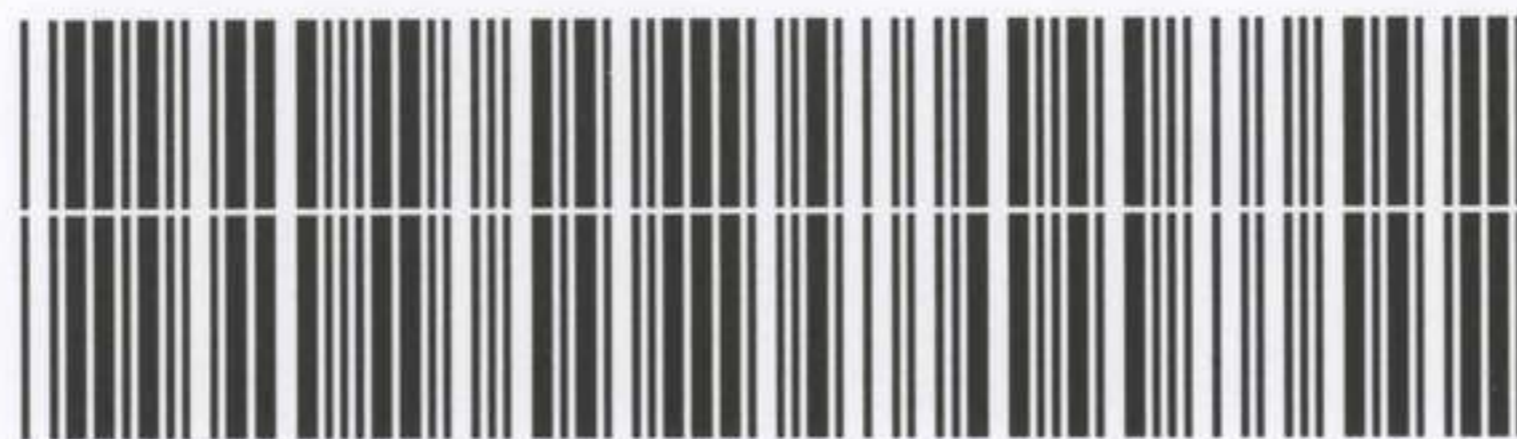
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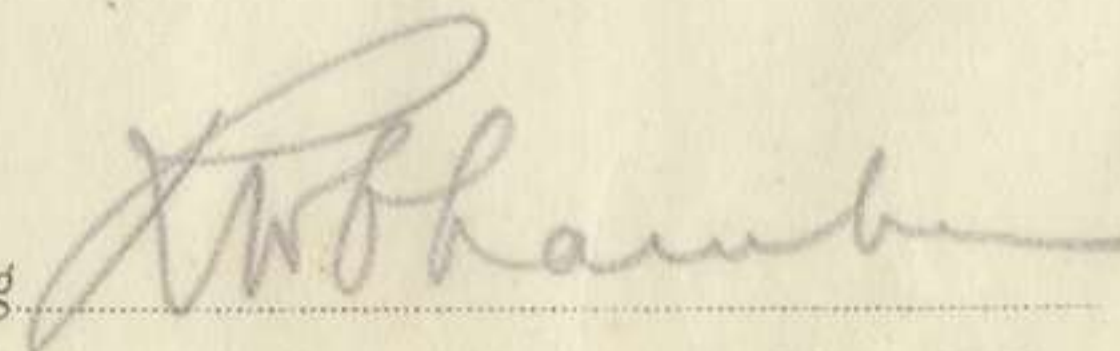
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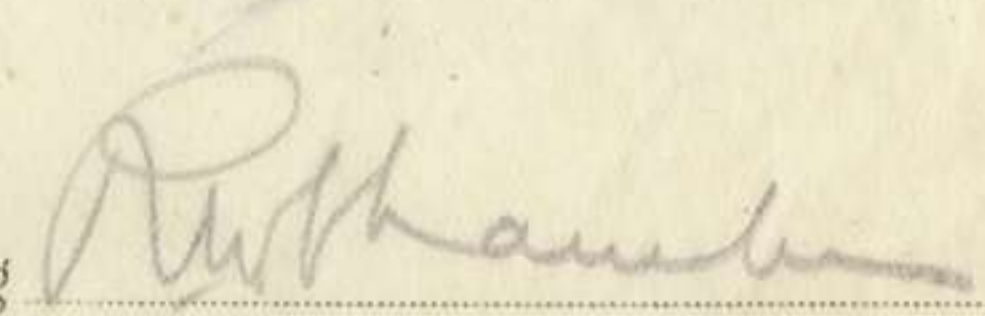
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APPENDIX

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Liaison Force H.Q. Sheet 62D 1/40,000. J.22.d.2.2	AUGUST	12	Liaison Force took over command of Sector, North Bank of Somme to L.8.central at 5 p.m. Issued A.A.M.C. Order No. 1, copies attached. See appendix No. 1. Visited 13th Aust. Field Ambulance H.Q. 62D/J.28.c.9.8. Issued Amendment to A.A.M.C. Order No. 1, copies attached. See appendix 1a. Issued A.A.M.C. Order No. 2, copies attached. See appendix 2.	1. 1a. 2.
		13.	Successful operation carried out last night by 13th Aust. Brigade in which they occupied squares Q.26 and 32, Sheet 62D, and line now runs along Northern Bank of Somme to outskirts of BRAY. 1 officer and 180 other ranks taken prisoner with only 5 wounded as casualties in 13th Brigade. Left flank of Division South of river Somme now protected.	
		11.30 a.m.	D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps called and gave instructions that he would shortly be withdrawing "A" and "C" Sections of 129th Provisional Field Ambulance, U.S.A., and also 2 Sunbeam cars for duty elsewhere. Acting D.A.D.M.S. visited A.D.M.S. 17th Division, which relieved 3rd Aust. Division on our right last night, to make arrangements with him that casualties from this Sector should pass through the M.D.S. near HAMEL, thus shortening the distance that our Divisional cars have been covering while evacuating to FOUILLOY. Walking Wounded Dressing Station is to be established at SAILLY-le-SEC by noon today by 13th Aust. Field Ambulance, and cases will then be evacuated by them direct to C.C.S. VECQUEMONT by busses. 6 busses reported to W.W. Dressing Station. Issued A.A.M.C. Order No. 3, copies attached, see appendix 3. "A" & "C" Sections 129th Prov. Field Ambulance moved to M.D.S. VILLERS-BRETONNEUX.	
		14.	Visited R.A.Ps. of 49th, 50th & 51st Battalions. R.A.P. 50th Bn. is not in a good spot as a considerable amount of gas still hangs about the quarry, and R.A.P. is not even splinter-proof. Advised R.M.O. to move to quarry at K.24.d. Considerable number of dead Germans and horses still unburied. It was arranged for "B" Section 129th Prov. Field Ambulance to open D.C.S. at Smiths Farm, I.30.b.3.5. to hold some slight cases. Issued Medical Arrangements as at 6 p.m. 14/8/18, copies attached, see appendix 4.	4.
		15.	A.D.M.S. visited Divisional Collecting Station at I.30.b.3.5. and saw O.C. "B" Section 129th	

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Liaison Force H.Q. Sheet 62D 1/40,000. J.22.d.2.2.	15.		<p>American Field Ambulance. Also visited A.D.M.S. 47th Division at HÉILLY. D.A.D.M.S. visited 13th Aust. Field Ambulance and Regimental Surgeon of 131st American Infantry Brigade, also A.D.S. at SAILLY LAURETTE, and found that cars could get over bridge to GAILLY on way to HAMEL M.D.S.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps visited the office and arranged that a Main Dressing Station for stretcher cases should be opened at noon on 16th instant at I.30.b.3.5.</p> <p>Issued A.A.M.C. Order No. 4, copies attached, see appendix 5.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
	16.		<p>A.D.M.S. & D.A.D.M.S. visited three battalions of 131st American Inf. Regt. to investigate the number of cases evacuated gassed as a considerable number of these are^{are} reaching the A.D.S. and showed no symptoms. The reason was due to an order which R.M.Os. said came from the American Gas Officer that any man who reported that he was gassed had to be evacuated whether he showed any symptoms or not. Advised that some revision of this order should be made so as to reduce the number of evacuations due to this. Also advised that some supervision over sanitation be made by them at once as this is in a very unsatisfactory condition.</p> <p>M.D.S. opened at I.30.b.3.5. at twelve noon, all stretcher cases from Liaison Force being evacuated through this station instead of through HAMEL M.D.S.</p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
	17.		<p>A.D.M.S. visited M.D.S. at I.30.b.3.5.; found accomodation poor but sufficient for quiet warfare. Arranged with "Q" Liaison Force for a loading party to assist. Also arranged to send another operating tent from H.Q. 13th Field Amb. to store cases.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
	18.		<p>A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. visited 1st and 3rd Bns. 131st American Inf. Regt. to find out what steps had been taken with regard to sanitation. As far as we could find out no action had been taken. The situation was once again explained to them; they stated that they had considerable difficulty in getting anything done in the matter by their Bns. A stock of latrine seats has been waiting for them at 13th Field Coy. Engineers dump for 48 hours. They have been notified on several occasions that they were there. They promised to have another try to get matters improved. We then visited the Regimental Commander and explained the situation to him, and he promised to have the matter attended to. An inspection of the area both back and forward showed a most deplorable condition, no effort apparently being made to do anything whatever to improve conditions. Shell holes were being used for refuse pits & latrines and in some instances they were in close proximity to kitchens.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. 3rd Aust. Division called to make preliminary arrangements for the relief of Liaison Force by 3rd Aust. Divisional units on nights 18th/19th and 19th/20th August.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Liaison Force H.Q. Sheet 62D, 1/40,000.	18.		D.A.D.M.S. inspected SAILLY LE SEC and SAILLY LAURETTE, which are reported to be in a most insanitary condition. Issued report on inspection, copies attached, see appendix No. 6. Issued A.A.M.C. Order No. 5, copies attached, see appendix No. 7.	6. 7.
J.22.d.2.2	19.		A.D.M.S. with D.A.D.M.S. 3rd Aust. Division and Lt.Col. McCartney O.C. 10th Aust. Field Amb. visited all R.A.P.s and M.L.Ps in forward area, and showed them the routes of evacuation.	[Signature]
	20.		Command passed from G.O.C. Liaison Force at 10 a.m., and the Force was disbanded.	[Signature]

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Lt. Colonel,
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OF

LIAISON FORCE

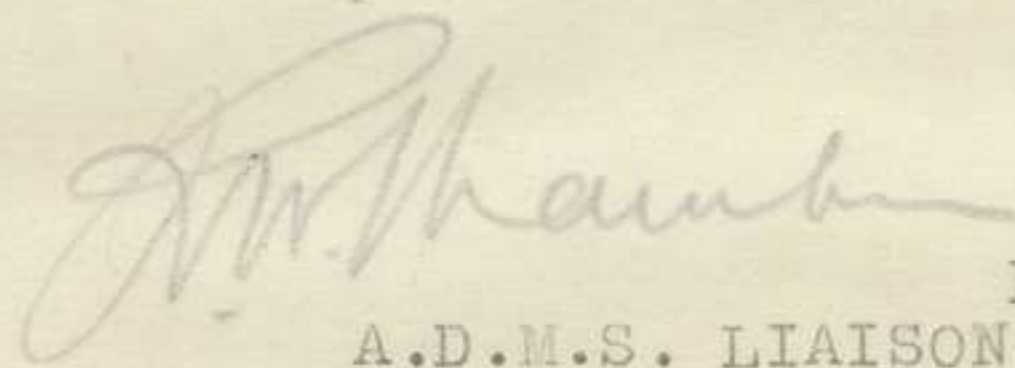
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3.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 3.
4.	Medical Arrangements as at 6 p.m. 14/8/18.
5.	A.A.M.C. Order No. 4.
6.	L.M.4/6. Sanitation of SAILLY-LAURETTE & SAILLY-LE-SEC.
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Liason Force

A A M C Order No. 1

Map Reference Sheet 62D, 1/40000

A force known as the "Liason Force" has been constituted from 5 p m 12th August 1918 with the object of carrying on the battle.

North of the River Somme and effecting a liason between Aust Corps South of River and 3rd Corps.

The Liason Force consists of 13th Aust Inf Bde + 131st American Inf Regt, with special units attached. Medical units are 13th

Aust Field Amb and 129th Provisional Field Amb U S A, which are under the administration of A D M S Liason Force.

All matters connected with personnel, except discipline and honours and awards, will be dealt with direct to A D M S 4th Aust Division and Div Surgeon, 33rd American Division.

Northern Boundary of Force - line running from L 8 cent to R 16 c 00, thence along BRAY-CORBIE ROAD to J 20 a 00.

Southern Boundary - Northern Bank of R. SOMME

I O C. 13th Aust Field Amb will be responsible for evacuation of forward area to M D S.

FOUILLOY - 0 10 a 97 Headquarters of

Ambulance will be at A D S. SAILLY-LAURETTE

J 36 d 8 3. One tent sub-division will remain

at M D S FOUILLOY - 0 10 a 97

II O b 129^d Provisional Field Amb. T U S. A. **APPENDIX** 6
will place at disposal of O b 13^d Aust.
Field Amb (a) Beaver Division complete
(b) 3 Large bars
(c) 2 Small bars

Headquarters of 129^d Prov. Field Amb will be
O I.30 b 3 S

III Stitches, Blankets and Medical comforts
may be drawn from M D S. FOUILLOY (O 10 a 99)
In event of extra supplies being required
these may be drawn from Corps Dump,
3^d M A C. CORBIE

IV ADMS Office is located at J 22 d 1.4.

V Field Ambulances acknowledge.

12th Aug 1918
7 p.m.

R. W. Chamberlain Lt Col.
ADMS Liaison Force

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2. "G" Liaison Force
3. "Q" " "
4. O D U S 3rd Div
5. O b 13^d Aust F Amb
6. O b 129^d Prov F Amb
- 7/9. War Diary
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Amendment to
A.A.M.C. Order No. 1.
Liason Force.

In para. I, Headquarters 13th Aust.
 Field Ambulance, for SAILLY-LAURETTE
 J. 36. d. 8. 3.
 read J. 28. c. 9. 8.

12th Aug. 1918.
 10 p.m.

R. Hawth Lt. Col.
 A.D.M.S. Liason Force.

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Liaison force

A.A.M.C. Order No. 2.

Map Reference Sheet 620 1/40000

1. C.C. 13th Aust. Field Ambulance will arrange
 - (a) to open 12th dressing station at J. 28. C. 9. 8 by 12 noon 13th instant; all records will be kept and all line items and returns rendered to this office. A.T.S. to be given here.
 - (b) that tent sub-division at present at FOUILLOY. M.D.S. O. 10. A. 9. 9. will report to Amb. H.C. J. 28. C. 9. 8. by 12 noon 13th instant.
 - (c) that stretchers and gassed cases will be sent to M.D.S. FOUILLOY. O. 10. A. 9. 9. 51st Field Ambulance is relieving 10th Aust. Field Ambulance by mid. night 12th/13th August.
2. Six buses are available for transporting mopping wounded from W.W. dressing station to C.C.S. These can be obtained on demand from Capt. Lock, 3rd Aust. M.T. Coy. VECQUEMONT.
3. Field Ambulances acknowledged.

12th August 1918.

11.30 am.

Exhibitions

1. A.A.M.S. Aust Corps
2. Liaison force
3. Q
4. A.S. 17th Regt
5. C.C. 13th F. Amb
6. C.C. 12th F. Amb
7. Lt. Col. 3rd AMT Coy
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Matthews Lt. Col.

A.A.M.S. liaison force

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Liason Force.A.A.M.C. Order No. 3.Map Reference Sheet 62D.In accordance with A.D.M.S. Aust. Corps B.R.I.
of 13th August 1918

1. 'A' + 'C' Sections 129th American Field Ambulance will report to M.D.S. O.29.d.7.7. by 9 p.m. tonight 13th inst., for duty with 4th Aust. Division.
2. O.C. 13th Aust. Field Amb. will return all personnel of 'A' + 'C' Sections 129th Amer. Field Amb. to their unit forthwith, but will retain at his disposal
 - 'B' Section Bearer Sub-division.
 - 3 Sunbeam Ambulance cars.
 - 1 Ford Ambulance car
 - 1 Motor bicycle.
 - 1 Horse-drawn Ambulance wagon.
3. 'B' Section tent sub-division 129th Amer. Field Amb. will remain at I.30.b.2.8.
4. Field Ambulances acknowledge.
13th August 1918.
3 p.m.

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2. G. Liason Force
3. A.G. " "
4. 129th Field Amb.
5. 13th Aust. Field Amb.
6. A.D.M.S. 4th Aust Div.
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Art Hunt Lt. Col.
A.D.M.S. Liason Force.

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M. Diary

Medical Arrangements, LIAISON FORCE, as at 6 p.m. 14th August 1918.

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Map Reference, sheet 62B, 1/40,000.

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	R. A. Ps.	Bearer Relay Post.	Motor Loading Post.	Advanced Dressing Station.	W.W. Dressing Station.	Main Dressing Station.	Divisional Collecting Station.	Evacuation.
Left Sector.	K.18.a.5.1.	K.16.c.9.4.	K.15.d.8.1.					By hand carry to K.15.d.8.1. through relay by day. Ford car stationed at K.23.a.5.1. at night with relay at K.15.d.8.1.
	K.23.b.7.1.							
				J.36.d.8.3.	J.28.e.7.7.	P.3.c.8.1.	I.30.b.3.5.	
Right Sector.	K.29.a.5.3.							Hand carry to K.34.c.7.0. Ford car to K.32.b.8.0. Sunbeam car to A.D.S.
	K.24.c.4.3.		K.34.c.7.0.					Stretcher cases from A.D.S. to M.D.S. by motor ambulance cars.
	K.32.b.8.0.		K.32.b.8.0.					Walking Wounded from W.W.D.S. to C.C.S. by bus.

DISTRIBUTION.

New motor loading post is being established at K.24.c.4.3.

13th Aust. Field Amb. }
 2 tent subdivisions } H.Q. & W.W.D.S. at J.28.e.7.7.
 1 tent subdivision....A.D.S.. J.36.d.8.3.
 129th Prov. Field Amb. }
 1 tent subdivision } D.C.S., I.30.b.3.5.
 No. 34 Dental Unit....with H.Q. 13th Aust. Field Amb.
 A.D.M.S. Office.....J.22.d.1.4.

No. 14 Adv. Depot Med. Stores...GROUY.
 No. 18 " " " " ...LONGPRE (Oxygen & Serum)
 Infectious cases...to nearest C.C.S.
 No. 12 C.C.S. LONGPRE...Ophthalmic, N.Y.D.N.,
 N.Y.D. Gassed, and S.I.W.
 Nos. 53 & 55 C.C.Ss, VECQUEMONT...Sick and Wounded.
 Aust. Branch B.R.C.S....PERNOIS.
 Gas Centre...O.10.a.9.7.

14th August 1918.
6 p.m.

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Lincoln Force
 A.A. M. to Order No. 4.
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1. O.C. 13th Aust. Field Ambulance will detail one Tent Sub-division complete to open a Main Dressing Station at I. 30. 6. 3. 5 by noon 16th inst.
2. 'B' Section tent sub-division 129th Prov. Field Amb. will remain at I. 30. 6. 3. 5. and be attached to 13th Aust. Field Amb.
3. Div. Collecting Stations will remain at I. 30. 6. 3. 5.
4. From noon 16/8/18 all stretcher cases will be evacuated through the M.D.S. & records kept there.
5. His baggage remains at FORTY, O.S.A. 97.
6. The necessary blankets and stretchers for the M.D.S. will be drawn from the Advanced Dressing Station.
7. Field Ambulances acknowledge.

15th August 1918.

6 p.m.

Distribution:

1. Lt. Col. J. G. G. G. G.
2. B. Lincoln Force
3. H.R.
4. A.C. M. J. 17th Div.
5. G. G. W. J. 47th Div.
6. O.C. 13th Aust. F. Amb.
7. O.C. B. Sect. 129th F. Amb.
8. O.C. 3rd M.A. G.
9. War Diary
10. Office file.

R. H. H. H. H.

A.A. M. S. Lincoln Force.

Liaison Force

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To: Headquarters (Q)
Liaison ForceSanitation - SAILLY-LAURETTE & SAILLY-LE-SEC.

On inspection of these towns it was found that although filled with debris from bombardment, there was nothing very likely to attract flies, or to make the towns unhealthy for billeting. Some tins & recent rubbish were thrown about, and some troops are already billeted there, the sanitary arrangements being in most cases satisfactory, but some central sanitary administration is required if troops are to occupy the area. The following suggestions are offered:-

(a) The villages should be policed to ensure that troops billeted there leave & keep their billets clean.

(b) The cellars & rooms possibly inhabitable should be cleaned out as soon as possible & numbered as billets.

(c) Public fly-proof latrines should

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be erected at either ends of the towns.

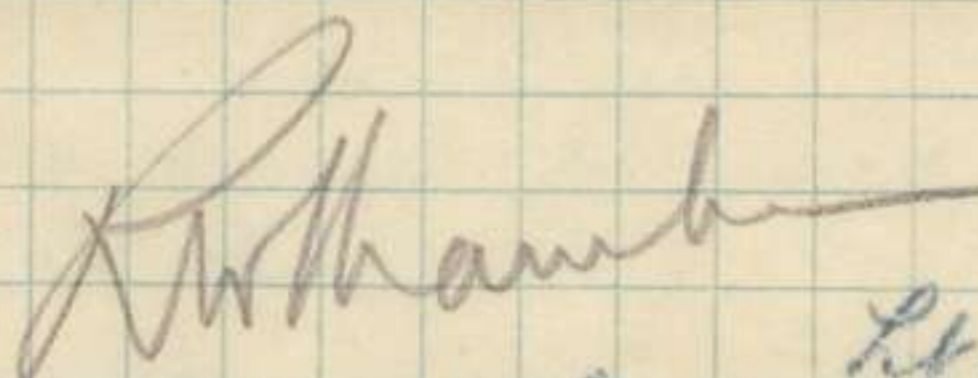
(d) An incinerator should be built and all units should bring their refuse to this.

(e) All wells should be tested and clearly marked; some are already done, but not all.

(f) Definite areas for horse lines should be mapped out.

In SAILLY-LAURETTE particularly there is a considerable amount of salvage, such as equipment etc., which it would be advisable to collect and dump at some spot.

18th Aug. 1918


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Division Order No. 5.
Map Reference Sheet 420, 440, 460.

In accordance with Division Order No. 5 and L.F. 130, and A.C. M. S. Aust. Corps Medical Instructions No. 46

1. The tent subdivisions of 134 Aust. Field Ambulance at W.W.D.S. J. 25. c. 7. 7. and M.D.S. L. 30. b. 3. 5 will be relieved by 9th Aust. Field Amb. by 6 p.m. 19th instant.
2. M.D.S. and Forward Posts will be taken over by 10 a.m. 20th August by 10th Aust. Field Amb. from 13th Aust. Field Amb.
3. 13th Aust. Field Amb. on relief will join 4th Aust. Division and be at disposal of A.C. M. S. 4th Aust. Division.
4. 'B' section tent subdivision 129th American Field Amb. will remain at M.D.S. L. 30. b. 3. 5. until 20th August. 'B' section will rejoin its section at L. 30. b. 3. 5. by 6 p.m. 19th August. Ambulance was attached to 13th Aust. Field Amb. will rejoin this section by 10 a.m. 20th August. 'B' section 129th American Field Amb. will join the 131st Regiment of AUSAFC on 20th August and on arrival will come under orders of 4th American Brigade.
5. All stores and maps to be handed over to incoming units and receipts forwarded to this office.
6. Field Ambulance's tent new bags.

15. August 1918
H. H. H.

Distribution

1. A.C. M. S. Aust. Corps
2. G. Liaison Force
3. HQ
4. A.C. M. S. 3rd Aust. Div.
5. A.C. M. S. 4th Aust. Div.
6. A.C. M. S. 5th Aust. Div.
7. A.C. M. S. 4th Div.
8. Liaison Force 3rd Div. M.S.
9. HQ. 4th Aust. Div.
10. O.C. 13th Aust. Field Amb.

W. H. H. H. Lt. Col.
A.C. M. S. Liaison Force

11. O.C. 129th Prov. Amb.
12. 'B' sub. do.
13. O.C. 3rd AMAC
14. Liaison Force
15. Office file.