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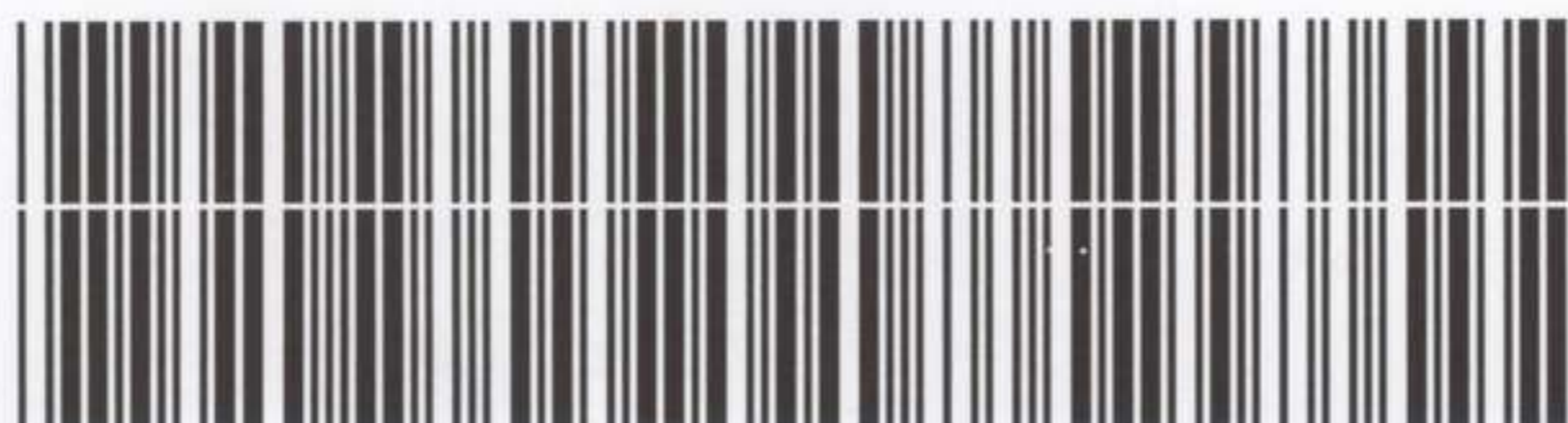
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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Medical, Dental & Nursing

Item number: 26/48/4

Title: 5th Australian Field Ambulance

November 1915



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
Nov. 1 st		Cold night - fresh morning - evacuated M. Col. Elliott - appeared rather nervous.	
" 2 nd		All admitted into Hospital and evacuated to have groundshells.	
" 3 rd		Reported to me that Staff Sergeant Beattie had an epileptic fit yesterday and was seen in that condition by Major Phipps and Captain Fygel. There is a history of his having had a similar seizure when at Walden Pt. The following are the numbers of Sick & wounded admitted into 5 th Field Ambulance during October Wounded 73, Sick 857. Total 930 Returned to unit 331, Evacuated 532. Remaining 67 = 930	

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Nov. 4 th		<p>Pte Smart AAR of B. Section, ^{1st} Coy. wounded by ^{shrapnel} bomb and admitted into hospital. Received orders to report daily to A.D.M.S. 1st Division whether any officers or men of his Division had been evacuated or not.</p> <p>no evacuations to-day on account of weather.</p>	
Nov. 5 th		<p>In anticipation of being called out to cases of suppuration after mine explosions I have had a Haversack prepared with the following contents:</p> <p>Petrinary Sol. in ampoules - Saline Sol. - Concent.</p> <p>Hypodermic and Saline infusion apparatus</p> <p>Roller & triangular bandages - compressed gauze for channelling and swabbing</p>	

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Nov. 6 th		Have pitched another Tordise Tent making 8 so far. no evacuations - Hospital ship away.	
	Nov. 7 th	at 2 p.m. received notice to evacuate. Visited the lines of the 19 th at Pope's.	
	" 8	no evacuations to-day. visited B. Section.	
	" 9	Evacuation to day - Father Murphy who was attached to us was seriously wounded yesterday evacuated.	
	" 10 th	Plts Parke & Parson of B. Section were evacuated yesterday.	
	" 11.	Went round with A.D.M.S to visit Courtney's and Steel's ridge - arranged with Maj. Phipps to send up one of his men to help Cpl. Leard of the 15 th	

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12 th Nov/15		<p>Have instructed Maj. Phillips not to retain more than 25 in-patients after evacuation, any over to be sent to the 5th Field Amb.</p> <p>also to have gas helmets etc in reserve for use of patients in hospital.</p> <p>Instructions given for funk holes to be made.</p> <p>Having a site made for operating tent.</p> <p>Have detailed Capt. Foyelle for duty with B. Section.</p> <p>Captain Savage det^d P.M.O. 18th to take up his quarters at Courtney's Post.</p> <p>Pte. Price of B. Section detailed for duty with Capt. Savage until relieved.</p>	

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Nov. 13 th - 15 th		Have given instructions to have a sample dugout constructed - to accommodate 4 men. On the recommendation of the A.D.M.S certified that Lt. Kern of the 13 L.H.R. who suffers from Chronic Rheumatism, was unfit for further service.	
Nov. 14 th - 15 th		Circular memo. No. 5. received notifying that deans should have maps attached showing areas of fighting - trenches - Front and Posts Dressing Stations - Lines of Evacuation etc.	
Nov. 15 th		Hospital state 132 - evacuated 20 after arranging with Lt. Col. Gordon of No. 1. General Hospital	

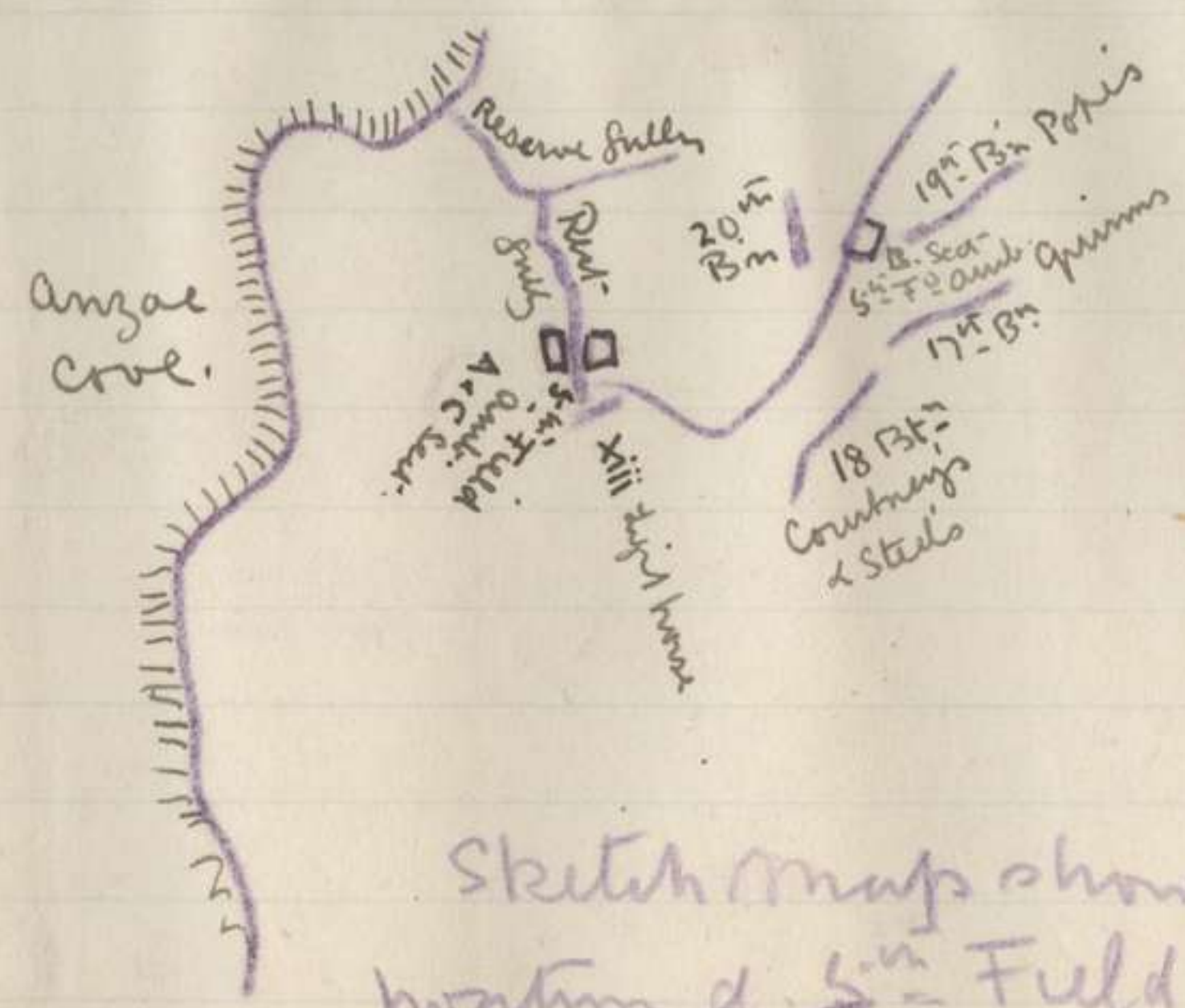
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		Have arranged for extra blankets etc. no extra blankets are available - all cases for hospital in future to bring their own blankets.	
Nov. 16 th		all suspected cases with pyrexia to be noted as P.U.O and classed as "infectious".	
Nov. 17 th		visited No. 7 Field Amb. with A.D.M.S. 150 pts in ^{Hospital} unit this morning.	
Nov. 18 th		152 1/2 pts in 5 th Hosp FD. amb. to-day very bad night - rain and wind - had packet on keep the tents up. Tortoise tents not suitable for this climate. Poles broken had to strengthen with old stretcher poles and rope, most of us had rain in	

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Nov. 19 th		notice received that 7 th Field Ambulance were ready and would carry on for the 7 th Brigade. Have withdrawn my post at head of Reserve fully. Evacuated yesterday & today.	
Nov. 20 th		Pte. Atkins sentenced to 7 days Punishment for insubordinate language to a Superior Officer. visited the 7 th Field Ambulance.	No. 2 Field
Nov. 21 st		attended meeting of Med. Society at Anzac subject - jaundice.	
Nov. 22 nd		Pte. Cochrill 3 rd Regt. up before me 5 days for being absent without leave.	warned

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		and care dismissed. with a.D.M.S. with a.D.M.S. a.N.S. Division at No. 2 Post.	
		no vacancies to day - Special evacuation of Maj. Gen. Legge and Lt. Coleman his a.D.C. the former with eyes the latter with Frankland.	
	Nov. 24 th	Yesterday received notice that arrangements were being made to send men of units to Mudros for rest. I have no such cases.	
	Nov. 25	G.M. & Lt. S.C. Francis leaves us, having been transferred as Lieut. to the 20 th Regt I have recommended as his successor Sgt Stewart Stevenson of this unit.	

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	26 th Nov	 <p>Sketch map showing position of 5th Field Ambulance and the relations of the troops it deals with.</p>	

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Sat. 27 th Nov		Severe storm last night. Unit O. K. no. 2856 1/cpl Floyd of Section 5 th F ^o and embarked on "Kanowna" for Rushikubi. 20/11/15 Instructed by A. D. M. S. (Col Smith) to keep my post site down to 50. That no more admissions are to be made into B. Section, all sick and casualties to be sent up direct to Rest fully.	
Nov. 28 th		Windy weather and much snow - Rum issue - would much prefer hot cocoa for the men.	

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	Nov. 29 th	<p>Heard from Lt Col. Blaney. G.S.O. 2nd Div. that the enemy were going to shell on the night. As the A.D.M.S. had just left. I sent word to B. Section to take in casualties and keep them. Asked Lt Col. Gordon of the No. 1 Casualty C. Station to take in 18 of my cases in order to give me more room - he consented and I made all preparations for casualties. In the afternoon Lt Col Hardy C.O. 6th Fd. Amb. having all his tents filled with casualties, asked me take in his overflow which I did.</p>	

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	Nov. 30.	<p>Evacuated 22 cases and notified B. Section not to take any further cases but send them straight here.</p> <p>Capt. M. Intyre reported for duty with me on Nov 28 and yesterday left to act as R.M. 23rd Bats.</p> <p>Captain Savage of this unit who had been acting as Temp. R.M. 18th Bats returned to duty yesterday, I have appointed him to C. Section temporarily.</p> <p>Sgt. Black of C. Section was wounded in trench by shrapnel, not serious.</p> <p>Cold but pleasant.</p>	

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