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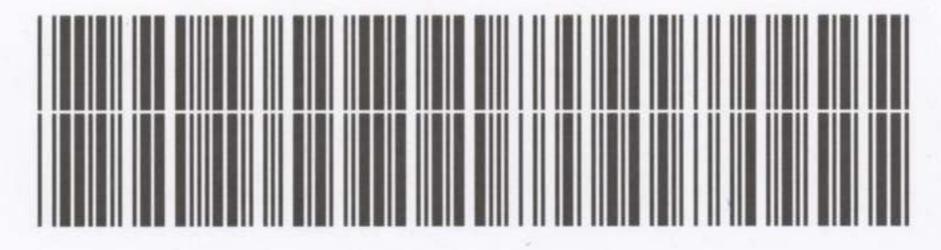
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBERG Sheet 28 S.17.Centra		19th.	D.D.M.S. % 1st Anzec Medical Instructions No 45 received also 2nd Aust D.H.Q. order No 156 re	
			relief of 3rd Aust Div by 2nd Aust Div.	
		-11	A.A.M.C. Order No 6 issued re relief of A.A.M.C. 3rd Aust Div by A.A.M.C. 2nd Aust Div	Α.
			D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac Medical Instructions No 46 received: - No 1 Aust C.C.S. to be Corps Rest Stn	
		12	Medical arrangements No 2 issued also Scheme of Evacuation of sick and wounded.	B & C
			Captain A.J.REYE. reinforcement Officer reported for duty and posted 6th Aust Field Amb.	
		15	5th Aust Field Amb took over from 11th Aust Field Amb A.D.S. at Underhill Farm T.18.d.5.3.	
			and A.D.S. Brewery C.1.d.4.5.	
			6th Aust Field Amb took over from 10th Aust Field Amb D.R.S. at Westhoff T.19.b.5.4.	
			7th Aust Field Amb took over from 10th Aust Field Amb M.D.S. at Pont D'Achelles B.8.b.2.5.	
		16	A.D.M.S. Office closed at Ravelsberg at 10 a.m. and open at same hour at Steenwerck.	
			From D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac all N.Y.D.N. cases will be sent to special Centre at No 62 C.C.S.	
teenwerck.		18	A.D.M.S. Office closed at Steenwerck at 12 noon and opened at Ravelsberg at same hour.	
s.17.Cent.		19	A.A.M.C. Order No 7 issued.	D.
*		20	Captain J.J.Rowan R.M.O. 24th Battalion brought before Medical Board in England and found	
			permantly unfit for General Service.	
			A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.	

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Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Par. II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

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VELSBERG heet 28	21/1	2/17	NO 3671 W.O. H.C.Meathrel 7th Aust Field Amb appointed Hon Lieut and posted No 3 A.A.H.	
	24		A.A.M.C. Order No 8 issued re changes in R.M.O's.	E
	31		Nominal Roll of A.A.M.C. Officers 2nd Aust Div.	F.
			Nominal Roll of Other Ranks sent to Base for Medical Board.	G.
			General Remarks.	H.
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APPENDIX. STOOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. Headquarters 11/19/17. A. A. H. G. Colonol. A.E.SHEPHERD A.D.E.S. 2nd Australian Division. R feronce aps Sheet 20 1/40,000 36 1/40,000 Co sequent on D.D.H.S. 1st Anzac Fed. Instructions 45 and 2nd Aust Div Order No 156 dated 10/12/17. the following redical ro- rrangements will take place. C.O. 5th Aust Field Amb will take over from 11th Aust Field Amb A.D.S. at Underhill Farm T.18d 5.3. and A.D.S. PRE ERY C.1.d.4.5. including all forward Medical posts of Right Divisional Sector of the Corps Front. Relief to be completed by 4 p.m. on 15th inst. C.O. Eth Aust Field Amb will arrange the proper flagging of routes of ovacuation and of all Aid and Relay Posts. 3. C.O. 6th Aust Field Amb. will take over from 10th Aust Field Amb D.R.S. AT ESTHOUF T.19.b.5.4. Rolief to be completed by 4 p.m. on 15th inst. C.O. 7th Aust Field Amb. will take over from 10th Aust Field Amb I.D.S. at PONT D'ACHELLES B.F.b.2.5. Relief to be completed by 4 p.m, on 15th inst. 5. All surplus tentage will be left standing in situ. "ith regard to Equipment tentage at present standing Ambulance Commanders will mutually arrange to exchange the equivalent. No tents should be struck unless absolutely necessary to complete Unit equipment. Ambulance Commandors will make necessary arrangements for the clearance of sick of their respective Brigade whilst enroute to New Area. C.O.6th Aust Field Amb will make arrangements to clear the sick of the Reserve Brigade in the New Area. Local sick parades at present being done by 5/6/7th Aust Field Ambs. will be handed over to incoming Units. Inoculations incomplete will be handed over for completion to incoming Units viz:-5th Aust Fld Amb. 23rd Light Ordnanco Torkshop 36-A.29.b.2.8. do 196 Land Drainage Coy 36.A.16.c.8.2. do 7th 3rd Aust Amm Sub Park. 28.8.29.a.7.2. 1st Anzac Corps Troops Supply Col 36.A.17.a.7.2. 8. C.O. 5th Aust Field Amb will forward on 16th inst a disposition report giving Officers, N.C.O's, and men at each post and system of roliof. A daily return of blankets and stretchors at A.D.S. and all forward posts will be forwarded to this office. Lists in duplicate of all stores equipment etc taken and handed over will be forwarded to this office within 24 hours after relief. Deports of completion of reliefs will be forwarded to this office 10. by wire. A.D.F.S. office will close at RAVELSBERG at 10 a.m. 16th inst and 11. open at same hour at STEPE PROF. ACKTO LEDGE. 12. Mahephen colonel. 2nd Aust Division. F.T.O. AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1016728 (2)

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SPOONED AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters.

MEDICAL ARRANGIMENTS NO S.

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Colonel A.E. SHEPHERD A.D.M.S. and AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Reference 1st Ansac Hedical Arrangements Operations No 7.

- 2. Nedical Situation is shown on appendix 1.
- Stations will be by hand carry, supplemented by trolly track wheeled stretchers, and whereever possible by Ambalance Magons From the Advanced Dressing Stations to Main Dressing Station by Motor Ambalance Cars. From Main Dressing Station to Casualty Clearing Station will be by Motor Ambalance Convoy Cars.

 Evacuations to Rest Station, either Corps or Divisional, will be by Divisional Motor Ambalance Cars.
- S. Arrangements will be completed to enable the Ambulance site at NIEPPE to be converted into a Main Dressing Station at short notice.
- Which is days will be treated in D.H.S. D.H.S. at Whither is days will be treated in D.H.S. D.H.S. at Whither will accommodate 250 cases, and PONT d'achters 100 cases. A Corps Rest Station is being established at SAA/N.4.b. Central. All overflow cases from D.R.S. and cases likely to be of a more pretracted nature will be sent to this station when opene officers wards in D.R.S. will be closed and all fresh cases will be sent to C.R.S. or if convalescent to Officers Respital LA MOTTH. Cases evacuated to the latter Hospital will be shown as evacuated to C.C.S.
- allotted to the Corps is No 2 Australian C.C.S. overflowing when necessary to No 33.
- S. GAS TREATMENT CENTRE. A small Centre will be esathlished at H.D.S. PONT D'ACHIELES.
- 7. ADVANCED DEPOT MEDICAL STORES. No 2 at No 2 C.C.S. SGA/ F.S.d.
- B. MOBILE BACT. LAB. No S. Canadian BAILLEDL.
- SPECIAL CASES. BCABIES. All cases of Scables will be treated at D.E.S. WESTHOFF.

 DISENTENY. Cases of Dysentery or Suspect will be sent to special Hospital HARDENDOORSE SE/S.S.d.S.

 OFFICHARMIC. All cases will be sent to N.D.S.

 ON Mondays. C.O. M.D.S. will make arrangements to forward these men to No SO C.C.S. on Tuesday afternoon. Duplicate Rominal Roll will be taken with patients. Total number of cases at M.D.S.

 will be wired to A.D.M.S. by S p.m. on Mondays.
- nont of Reserve Brigade. No 28 will open at Sth Aust Field Amb
 NIMPE for Dontal treatment of Flonsors, Engineers, A.S.C., D.A.C.,
 and NIMPE Sattalion of Reserve Brigade. No 24 will open at
 PORT D'ACHELLES for Dental treatment of Brigades in line and

11. Attention of Ambulance Commanders & R.M.O's is drawn to this office 22/20 dated 17/10/17 regarding Trench Feet.

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2ND AUST DIVISION.

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MUDICAL SITUATION.

RIGHT		DIVISION
R.A Ps. Right Brig	ado	U.27.b.4.8.
Loft Brig	ado	U.15.d.9.6. U.10.a.4.4.
Rolay & Ambulance Post	s.	U.21.d.7.0. U.14.d.8.7. U.14.a.6.8.
Advanced Dressing Stat:	ion.	C. 1.d.4.5. T.18.d.5.3.
Main Drossing Station.		B. 8.b.2.5.
Divisional Rest Station	2.	T.19.b.4.5.
SUPPORT DIVISION.	2.	Ambulance Sitos :- L'ESTRADE. STEEN EROK. BAILLEUL.
CORPS REST STATION.		36A/. F. 4.b.contral.
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LEIT BRIGADE Loft Battalion

From GREY FARM R.A.P.
U.10.a.5.6. along duckboards track to ESSINES
ROAD by hand carriage
thence by wheeled stretchers to U.14.a.6.8.
where cases are mot by
motor ambulance & conveyed to A.D.S. UNDFRHILL
FARM T.18.d.5.3. thence
to M.D.S. POUT d'ACHELLES
B.8.b.2.5.

Right Battalion

From CRATER R.A.P.
U.15.d.9.6. via ST IVES
AVENUE by hand carriage
U.14.d.8.4. Relay Post,
thence by
hand carriage to HYDE
PARK CORFER Pelay Post
U.19.b.5.7., thence by
motor ambulance to
UNDERHILL FAPM A.D.S.
T.18.d.5.3., thence to
M.D.S. PONT d'ACHELLES.
B.8.b.2.5.

Lof't Battalion

From BVRNT OUT FAFM R.A.P.
U.27.b.4.8. to LE TOUQUET
ROAD by hand carriage thence
along road to U.26.a.J.1.,
thence by motor ambulance to
A.D.S. BRE ERY C.1.d.4.5.,
via PLOEGSTREERT Village,
thonce to M.D.S. POHT
d'ACHELLES B.8.b.2.5.

BRITADF Right Battalion.

From Right K.A.F. SURFFY
FARM C.9.d.4.4., via
trenches to MOTOR CAR CORNER
holay Post C.8.c.9.0.,
thence by motor ambulance to
M.D.S. POHT d'ACHELLES
B.8.b.2.5.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION APPENDIX.

Headquarters. 19/12/17.

A.A.M.C. ORDER NO 7

By COLONEL A.E.SHEPHERD A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division.

A.D.M.S. Office closed at Steemwerck at 12 noon 18th inst and opened at Ravelsberg at same hour.

To all recipients of A.A.M.C. Order No6.

Sd/ A.E.SHEPHERD.

COlonel.

A.D.M.S.

2nd Aust Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX. E

Headquarters, 24th.December 1917

A.A.H.G. ORDER NO.8 BY COLONEL A.E. SHEPHERD A.D.M.S.

The following changes in R.M.O.s. of this Division will take effect from the dates shewn:

Capt. J.W. FARRAR 5th.Aust.Field Amb. to be R.M.O. 4th.Aust.F.A.Bde.

Capt. E.A. GUYMER 4th. Aust. F.A. Bde. is posted 5th. Aust. Field Amb.

Captain D.D.COUTTS 6th.Aust.Field Amb. to be R.M.O. 24th.A.I.Battalion vice Capt. J.I.ROWAN 15-12-17.

Captain C.N. MATHESON 7th. Aust. Field Amb. to be R.M.O. 27th. A.I. Batt. vice Capt. R.G. BURNARD 28-11-17.

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5th Field Amb.		CROWTHER W.E.L.H.	
	Major	BUCHANAN A.L. DUNLOP A.T. 18-1/1/2	18
	Captain	FRANCIS R.P.W.	
	M	LOWE G.B.	
	- #	BATEMAN C.D.	
	**	GUYMER E.A. 15-29/12	2/17
*****	11	WHISH G.M.	7/ 1
	**	DISHER H.C.	
6th Field Amb.		MOSELEY A.H. D.S.O.	
	Major	ROSS C.C. 27-10/1/	/18
	04-3	HUTCHINSON E.L. D.S.O.	
	Captain	McMAHON L.L.	
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	Ħ	WOOD D.	
	11	REYE A.J.	
7th Field Amb.	Lt Col	WILSON A.M.	
	Major	MOLLISON A.J.	
	"	WALL F.L. MC	
		McMAHON F.F 26-9/1/1	.8
	Captain	SHANASY J.A.	
	**	POULTON R.L. a/R.M.O. 21st Battn.	
	n.	POULTON R.L. a/R.M.O. 21st Battn. TEMPLEMAN C.G.	
	11	CAMERON G.H. a/R.M.O. 20th Battn.	
4th A.F.A.BDE	**	FARRAR J.W.	
5th A.F.A.BDE	H	CAMPBELL P.J.	
2nd D.A.C.	#	CROWE V.F.	
2nd Div Engrs	11	SANBROOK E.A.	
2nd A.D. TRAIN.	#	DAVIS C.I.	
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17th A.I.BATTN	•	McMASTER R.W. D.S.O.	_
18th do 19th do	Captain	CHECCHI c, 3-17/1/1 PORTER J.R.	.8
19th do 20th do	Major	HAILES W.A. D.S.O. 31-14/1/1	0
21st do	Captain	POULTON R.L. a/R.M.O.	.0
22nd do	Major	SIMMONS W.F.	
23rd do	Captain	ORR H.J.	
24th do	11	COUTTS D.D. 30-13/1/1	8
25th do	Major	POWER J.J. D.S.O.	
26th do		BIGNELL F.L.	
27th do	Captain	MATHESON C.N.	
28th do		HARPER J.C.M.	
No.4. Dental Un	nit Cant	POTTINGER H.W. att 6th Aust Field Amb.	
No.22. do	do "	HARBECK L. att 5th do	
No.24. do	do "	FRASER R. att 7th do 1-15/	1/18
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		nd Q.M. JAMES C.	
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Sd/ A.E.SHEPHERD. A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division.

APPENDIX. G

Nominal Roll of Other Ranks sent to Base for Medical Board during December.

6/12/17	586	A/Cpl	J.L.Parsons	2nd Aust D.H.Q.
6/12/17			W.Williams	23rd A.I.Battn.
13/12/17	6595	Pte	H.W.Marshall	27th do
14/12/17	3777		W.R.Cherry	27th do
19/12/17	6014		T. Bowman	17th do
21/12/17	371		F.J.Gilmore	25th do
28/12/17	6596		F.A.McMillan	17th do
do	1879		J. Batty	23rd do
do	4416		J.Elder	27th do
29 12/17	2919		G.E.Kinnear	7th Fld Coy Engrs.
do	5599		J.P.Lewis	17th A.I.Battn.
30/12/17	6467		F.J.Patena	
do	3306		J.W. Hawkes	
31/12/17	245			49th do attch 2nd A.D.H.Q.
07/10/1	わまり	TOO	G.G.Thomas	25th A.I.BATTN.

Dec 7/17. 2nd Aust Div in support of 3rd Aust Division (R) and 5th Divn. (L) in the line. Brigades located. 6th A.I.Bde at LOCRE. 7th A.I.Bde at NEUVE EGLISE. 5th A.I.Bde at STEENWERCK.

5th Bde. sick were cleared and evacuated by 5th Field Amb. at L'Estrade D.R.S. 6th Bde by 6th Field Amb. to Bailleul D.R.S. 3th Bde by 7th Field Amb. to STEENWERCK D.R.S.

Arrangements in each case were made for cars to call at Battalions daily to collect for evacuations.

5th Field Amb. L'Estrade D.R.S. were capable of holding 100 sick. 6th Field Amb. Bailleul. D.R.S. " 150 sick.

7th Field Amb. Steenwerck.D.R.S. " 100 sick. Thus there was ample accommodation for D.R.S. sick and evacuations were made to 1st A.C.C.S. and 2nd A.C.C.S. at Outersteene and Trois

Arbes. Bathing accommodation for troops was adequate and little difficulty was experienced in sterilisation of blankets and clothing. Laundry arrangements were quite inadequate and necessary clean clothing

had to be washed at Army laundry Abbeville.

The billeting accommodation was excellent and the time was given up to less rigorous training football matches and other sports. Canteens (Wet & Dry) were established in all camps and for the month 15th Nov - 15th Dec the men lived under most excellent conditions and were in the best of health and spirits.

Under Corps Order dated 11/12/17 the 2nd Division made arrangements

to take over line from 3rd Division.

5th Field Amb. took over evacuation of line from 11th Field Amb. and were relieved at L'Estrade by 9th Field Amb. H.Qrs. at Nieppe. L. A.D.S. Underhill Farm near Hyde Park Corner collecting posts at Dead Horse Corner and U.9.a.7.2. the former clearing the Right the latter the Left R.A.P. for the 2 Battalions Left Brigade in line.

Clearing R.Battn by carry and tram line. L.Battn by carry and then both by motor to Underhill.

R.A.P.'s situated 1400 yards from line. A.D.S. 5000 yards from R. and 6000 yards from L. No Ambulance M.O.

was located further forward than Underhill Farm. R.A.D.S. R.Bde was at Brewery Ploegstoert. This cleared only Batt(L) R.Bde from R.A.P. Though it supervised collecting post Motor Car Corner. Situated 2500 yards when in line. Hand Carry and Wheeled Stretchers Underhill Farm, Brewery, Motor Car Corner with Ambulance

stationed at each, sent patients direct to M.D.S. Pont D'Achelles (7th Field Amb.) 4 miles.

R.A.P.'s with exception of extreme left were commodious and comfortable capable of retaining patients and giving R.M.O.'s an opportunity for careful attention.

M.D.S. Pont D'Achelles in addition to M.D.S. was a D.R.S. carrying up to 150 patients and composed of Nissen Huts both large and small., from here patients were sent to D.R.S. Westhoff.

C.R.S. (1st A.C.C.S.) 500 patients.

C.C.S. (2md A.C.C.S.) and Officers D.R.S. La Motte.

7th Field Amb. took over Pont D'Achelles from 9th Field Amb and were relieved by 10th Field Amb.

6th Field Amb. took over D.R.S. Westhoff from 10th Field Amb and were relieved by 71st Field Amb. Units made mutual arrangements to suit each other in reliefs which were complete at 4 p.m. 15th inst.

FRONT LINE. Extended over 6000 yards and held by 4 Battalions in a series of posts. The conditions in the line were good. All saps duckboarded and those posts which did not have dry standings were quickly put in order by Battalions. Many posts were only held by night and men retired to better cover during the day. From the first day, when snow fell, the weather was cold and frosty, and most days the sun shone which lent a good deal to the high spirits of the men when compared to their first winter in France. In consequence of the cold a few cases of frostbite and Trench Fever occured. All ordinary anti-trench foot precautions were observed. Clean socks daily and foot rubbing with Talc Camphor Powder twice daily. No puttees worn except sandbags and rarely gum boots. Hot meals cooked near the line or 1000 yards behind, were liberally served. Most Battalions had * 2 hot meals interspersed with 3 hot drinks during day and night and

these were carried up in hot food containers.

The Talc and Camphor supply was at the outset limited by Corps to 500 lbs per Division per week in the line but this was found more than ample

for all requirements.

Foot washing was not always practicable but was carried out once every 4 days. All Battalions were uniformly keen in attention to detail and Officers generally realised their responsibility personally in this matter. Chiropodists To ensure mens feet being properly cared for. One Chiropodist per Company was appointed and carefully trained in the duties by R.M.O.'s.

Casualties have so far been very few (Jany 5th) Maximum day 11, and sometimes none at all. Clearing is therefore being done by \frac{1}{2} the bearers of one Field Amb who while they were in the line had every

comfort and attention.

Disposal of Sick. M.D.S. 7th Field Amb Pont D'Achelles

D.R.S. (1) 7th Field Amb Pont D'Achelles 150 cases and Gas Centre.

(2) 6th Field Amb Westhoff 225 cases. Scabies centre.

Corps Rest Station. 1st A.C.C.S. Outersteene. 500 cases including a few Scabies.

C.C.S. 2 A.C.C.S. Trois Arbes.

D.R.S.'s of Nissen Huts both large and small with dining and recreation rooms. Lighting and heating had to be improved and the sufficient supply of fuel has proved the only obstacle. Bathing at D.R.S. was quite inadequate but tubs were used and Water heating apparatus was erected by C.O. 6th Field Amb to deal with Scabies cases. For other cases use was made of Palmer baths and in case of 7th Field Amb. Pabot baths. Disinfection and Bathing. On Dec 5th 10 days before taking over A.D.M.S approached A.D.M.S. 3rd Aust Division with a view to discovering the facilities for bathing of men, laundry arrangements and disinfection. These were found hopelessly inadequate and then immediately representations were made to "Q Branch" that steps were necessary to obviate the conditions which would immediately arise in the new area. No steps were taken and as late as Christmas we found ourselves only able to bathe 1300 men damly, when the baths were worked at a maximum. This was rarely done and at the end of a week only 4000 men had been bathed, meaning a bath for the Division once a month. Disinfection was on the same footing relying practically on the efforts of a half worked Foden Lorry. Representations were made to work the Foden Lorry double shift. Sterilise the clothing done at our own laundry (3000 pieces daily) by Cresol disinfection and clothing above this to be only sterilised by Foden Lorry and sent to Army laundry. to bathe the men every 10 days (Div strength 18000) required 5400 garments daily. 2400 to be only sterilised. Foden Lorry would do this by working two days in eight at laundry the remaineder to be spent in doing blankets 80 per hour, 16 hours daily, this would do Division's blankets 36000 in 30 days. This plan was adopted Many 1st, but Jany 4th, Corps Foden Lorry was released to us for use and obvitated the necessity for Cresol sterilisation at the baths. Pabot Baths 600 daily Bathing.

400 daily. Nieppe

Palmer 150 daily. allottment. Jany 4th we handed over Nieppe Baths to 58th Division, and new baths are being established at Hyde Park Corner and Pont D'Achelles. Jany 1st A Corps conference took over from Jany 14th Bathing and Laundry in the Corps Area thus in future the chaos will not prevail. Bathing at the present moment is more inadequate than ever but in a few days should right itself. D.R.S. for sterilisation of blankets have had to rely on Hoden Lorry and this has sometimes presented difficulties.

Drying Rooms at Steenwerck laundry are only qualified to disperse heat and not dry clothes. These are however being renovated so as to double their capacity on which the utility of the laundry depends. With double capacity all Divisional clothes will be washed at the Steenwerck laundry.

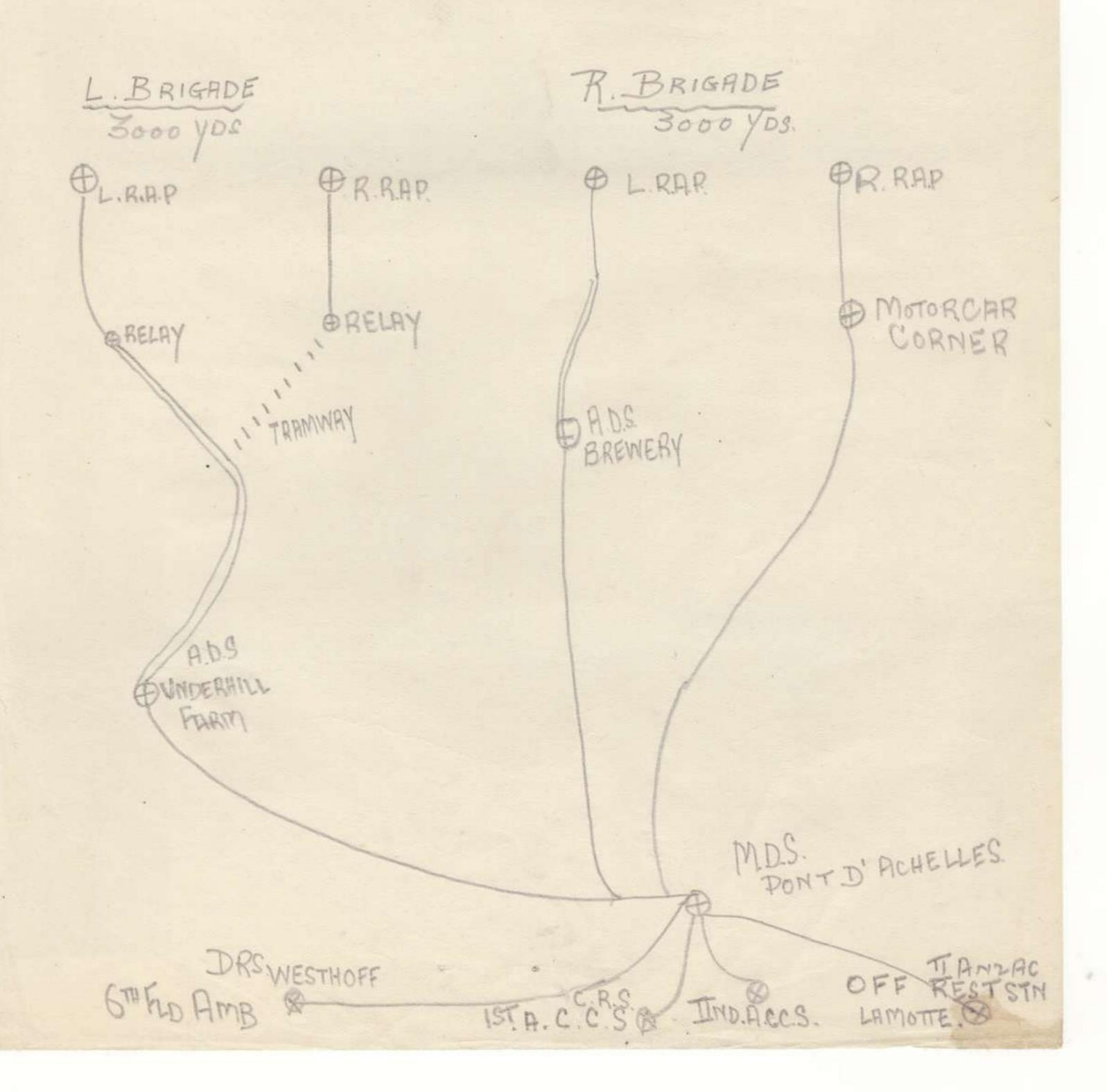
Ironing. has not yet been adopted at baths or in Battalions but

APPENDIX. H. (3) Orepresentations have resulted in the intention to have this carried out. Detached parties present the difficulty of ensuring that all ranks are bathed once every ten days. Men in some cases prefer to avoid ablution in the cold weather. Until it is regarded as essential and not optional Vermin and Scabies will abound. Efforts in this Division are in the direction of having this recognised. Scabies at present are overloading our Rest Stations 90 at present are in the D.R.S Westhoff.

Sick Parades. Daily sick parades in Battalions are averaging 25

in rare instances 50 parade.

Admissions and Evacuations for month. Evacuated. Admitted. Scabies. 158 89 . 31 Diarrhoea. Trench Foot. 20 56 56 * V.D. 474 Total 879



^{*} Very few local cases occur mostly this disease is acquired on leave in France or United Kingdom.