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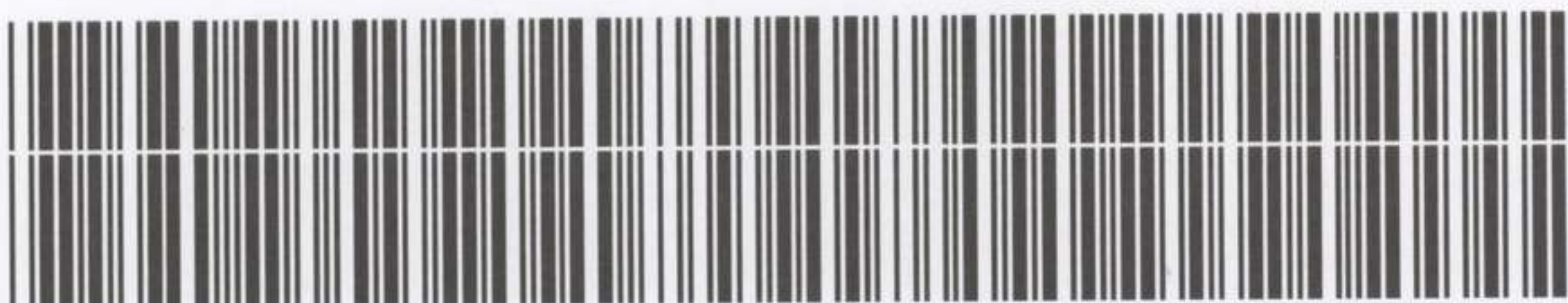
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAUCOURT	1st.		Cold and Dull. A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. 47th.Division arrived, details of handing over arranged. Handing over file forwarded and receipt obtained. Ambulance reliefs were carried out without incident G.D.C. 55th.Brigade forwarded a memo. to G Branch thanking 2nd.Aust Div. for the able co-operation of all units in connection with the relief of 7th.A.I.Brigade ie 55th.Field Amb. relieved 5th.Aust.Field Amb.	
BERTANGLES	2nd.		Perfect sunny day. H.Q. move to BERTANGLES completed 10.30 a.m. Capt. F.H.BEARE reinforcement officer reported for duty and posted to 5th.Aust.Field Amb.	
	3rd.		Hot sultry day very oppressive. Visited 5th., 6th. and 7th.Aust.Field Ambs. and Brigades. Found all comfortably settled 5th.Aust.Field Amb. at MONTIGNY, 6th. Aust Field Amb. at QUERIEUX, 7th.Aust.Field Amb. at RIVERY. Details of relief of 5th., 6th., and 7th. Aust.Field Amb. and moves to new location were carried out without special incident.	
	4th.		Fine all day. Considerable difficulty has been experienced to ensure that R.M.Os. newly appointed are conversant with the details of their duties. To obviate this I made arrangements with the S.M.T.O. to have the attached pamphlet printed "Instructions to Medical Officers" so that each officer can have a copy. It has taken 7 months to get these printed, the main cause of delay being that Corps wished to issue a pamphlet for all Divisions but did not arrive at a definite decision. Instructions received for Div.H.Q. to move to ALLONVILLE on 5-5-18. 5th.A.I.Bde. group (with 5th.Aust.Field Amb.) less 18th.Battalion received instructions to move from MONTIGNY to ALLONVILLE. Capt PATRICK and Capt WISH 5th.Aust.Field Amb. laid up with acute influenza apparently contracted at BAIZIEUX where 15 cases of influenza from 28th.Battalion were contracted a few days ago. The H. . of the Division has been established very comfortably in BERTANGLES Chateau.	A *

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ALLONVILLE	5th.	2pm	Move to ALLONVILLE Chateau - A.D.M.S. Office 2 rooms where we were established when last here. Move of 5th.A.I. Brigade group to ALLONVILLE completed without incident. 5th.Aust. Field Ambulance stationed in old Hangars close to the Chateau. Visited 5th.Aust. Field Amb. and found them comfortably settled. Weather variable but cold occasional showers. Warning order issued to Field Ambulances that Division would probably take over from 3rd.Aust. Division on 10-5-18.	
	6th.		Fine but dull - not cold - no wind. 7 cases evacuated from 20th.A.I. Battalion similar to influenza cases of 5th.Aust. Field Amb. and 18th.A.I. Battalion. Arranged with No. 20 C.C.S. to retain P.U.O. case and establish diagnosis between influenza, Trench Fever. C.C.S. reported that that cases were influenza.	
	7th.		Showery. Visited 3rd.Aust. Div. and arranged details of taking over. Visited M.D.S. and 6th.Aust. Field Amb. Cases have been sent to C.C.S. by 6th.Aust. Field Amb. with Tourniquet applied. Issued instructions for this to be stopped.	
	8th.		Fine day with little wind. Corps Medical Instructions No. 19 received 2nd.Aust. Div. Order No. 187 received. In accordance with above A.A.M.C. Order No. 19 issued. D.A.D.M.S. visited forward Medical Posts of 3rd.Aust. Div. Sector. Influenza on the increase, am afraid there will be a large number of infectives. Arrangements being made to retain such cases likely to be well fit for duty within 3 days - others must go to C.C.S..	B
	9th.		Warm and sunny day. Visited 7th.A.I. Brigade re Influenza cases and arranged with C.O. 7th, Aust. Field Amb. to select site for Div. Collecting Station so as to keep cases up to 48 hours and so prevent wastage.. Visited PETIT CAMON 3rd.Aust. Div. Collecting Station - no suitable building - patients being accommodated in bell tents. <i>Medical Arrangements issued for this sector</i>	C

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	10th.		<p>Fine sunny day. Visited No.13 Adv. Depot Med. Stores and arranged for drawing of ammonia capsules which Ambulances have been unable to draw. Inspected 2nd Aust. Div Staging Camp near FLESSELLES and arranged for Medical attention by Ambulance Post of 4th Aust. Div. Instructions issued for 7th Aust. Field Amb. to take over D.C.S. at PETIT CAMON on 11-5-18. and to retain cases for 12 hours. Cases able to walk and likely to be well in 48 hours to be retained by the Ambulance.</p> <p>May villages on the SOMME are very insanitary and as the various Divisions are a very short time in occupation no continuous scheme of sanitation is possible. To obviate this instructions as per appendix were issued and a copy sent to D.D.M.S. asking if some such system could be laid down for all Divisions.</p>	D
	11th.		<p>Fine but dull. Took over from A.D.M.S. 3rd Aust. Div. at 9.30 a.m. all Medical reliefs reported complete without incident. Div. H.Q. in Chateau ST. GRATIEN and comfortably housed. <i>Report concerning high incidence of sickness in Bath during past fortnight</i></p>	E
	12th.		<p>Cold and rainy. strong S.W. wind. Visited M.D.S. near QUERRIEU, A.D.S. FRANVILLERS BONNAY Road and D.C.S. at PETIT CAMON and found all in good working order. M.D.S. 5th Aust. Field Amb. situated in Chateau and stables with very good accommodation but little protection from shell fire. No shelling has yet come near this site. Baths are in existence and scabies are treated here for 48 hours.</p> <p>A.D.S. 6th Aust. Field Amb. tent accommodation only at present, personnel accommodation in dugouts in side of bank. Deep dug out for patients being constructed by Engineers and should be completed in a few days.</p> <p>Influenza is still very prevalent especially in 5th and 7th A.I. Brigades. Copy of report attached.</p> <p>Changes in officers see appendix</p>	F
	13th.		<p>Cold and wet. Scheme of Sanitary assistance to Area Commandants referred to on 10-5-18 was vetoed by D.D.M.S. as an interference with Army instructions that O.C. Sanitary Section would be medical adviser of Area Commandants. Area Commandants and Sanitary Section Commanders that I have spoken to all agree that such a scheme would be of assistance especially by providing</p>	W

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	13th.	Cont.	additional inspectors. Sanitary Officers have very large areas embracing many villages and it is impossible for them to make sufficient inspections. The scheme worked well in PLOEGSTEERT area where all the Area Commandants were under Divisional Control. Influenza epidemic still in evidence and I am afraid that with warmer weather and consequent dust nuisance that the epidemic may assume big proportions. memo in appendix G issued to R.M.Os.	G
	14th.		Fine and sunny - ground drying rapidly little wind. Major W.K. INGLIS reinforcement officer reported for duty and posted to 5th. Aust. Field Amb. supernumary to establishment.	
	15th.		Major A.P. DRUMMOND reported for duty as Medical Officer Div. Reinforcement wing to be attached 7th. Aust. Field Amb. and available for duty when called upon by D.D.M.S.	
	16th.		Fine and warm. Visited A.D.S. and Forward Medical Posts. Dugout shelters at A.D.S. and Motor wagon posts are making good progress, should be ready for use within a few days. As there has been a good deal of shelling just west of MERICOURT on the main road, arrangements have been made for a Motor Post just south of the village which enables ambulances to avoid the shelled road. It is considered that with more active operations MERICOURT would receive great attention from the enemy. Problem :- It is stated that a number of men in the Battalions who have rendered excellent service have become war worn and of little use to the Battalion. These men are not cases for boarding on medical grounds. Other cases are sent for boarding by R.M.Os. on the grounds of "Mental Weakness" with history of past epilepsy, dull intellect etc. which cannot be dealt with on Medical Grounds. The Unit Commanders agree that these cases are of no use to them but they show no reason for sending them to the Base. Reference sanitation of villages and co-operation of O.Cs. Units and R.M.Os. with Town Majors and O.C. Sanitary Sections. My 29/51 has been withdrawn and attached arrangements made Visited Town Major ST. GRATIEN explained scheme and inspected part of the village with him making suggestions for improvement. At the start of the war it was realised that the war would last several years and it seems a pity that arrangements were not made to systematically	H

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	16th.	Cont.	impress ^{one} the sanitary arrangements of villages as it is certain that most of these villages will be modernised after the war. For instance drainage is into a central village pond or ponds and each yard is arranged for all fluid to drain into central midden below the road level. A great source of danger would be removed if ponds and middens were filled in and fresh drainage system inaugurated with systematic removal of refuse. This would not be possible all at once and probably at first the French people would greatly object. In fact one can trace this action taking place as a common sense matter at the present time in portions of some villages.	
	17th.		Fine and warm. Visited A.D.S. and forward medical Posts and found all in good order and all preparations made for an offensive which will probably be made in the next few days by the Division. Major F.F.McMAHON 7th.Aust.Field Amb. evacuated sick.	
	18th.		Fine and sunny. Attack on Ville sur Ancre fixed for 2 a.m. 19th.inst. One extra tent sub-division and extra blankets and Amb.Cars ordered to report to A.D.S. Vicinity of M.D.S. shelled on 17th. and 18th. shell landing within 60 yards. A gun position put within 70 yards of this station probably has been spotted - a protest put in to Division and also D.D.M.S.. Gun positions emplacements also being made close to A.D.S. - protest made. Major W.R. INGLIS attached 5th.Aust.Field Amb. to be R.M.O 2nd.Aust.Div.Reinf. Wing and Major DRUMMOND will be super. to establishment.7th.Aust.Field Amb.	
	19th.		Fine and warm. Attack took place at 2 a.m. this morning and all objectives were gained, VILLE sur-ANCRES mopped up, the first wounded arrived at M.D.S. at 5 a.m. and continued without hitch till evening, 7 Officers and 263 O.R. casualties passed through and in addition 10 Off. and 7 O.R. prisoners. XXXXXXXXXXXX	

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	20th.		Fine and warm. Walking wounded prisoners have arrived at M.d.S. without a guard and are sent on in lorries without a guard. Drew attention of D.H. to the matter and stated A.A.M.C. would take no responsibility in the matter.	
	21st.		<p>Fine and warm. General SMYTHE left to take charge of 58th. Division. Gen. ROSENTHAL took over 2nd. Australian Division. Gen. SMYTHE has always taken a keen interest in A.A.M.C. and has always given great assistance. To economise use of Motor Ambulances and also to systemise the method of collecting drugs etc from Adv. Depot of Med. Stores the attached scheme was issued to all Field Ambulances and R.M.Os.</p> <p>It is considered that Medical Officers A.I.F. could obtain more general experience than is at present the case. The majority of younger M.Os. have had little experience of hospital practice and no civil practice experience. In addition their medical course has been cut short by one year and extra facilities arranged for passing the examination. The matter requires careful consideration as these men will be the standby for :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The present war (b) Possible future wars. (c) Civil and government practice in Australia after the war. <p>The younger men will be the backbone of the A.A.M.C. in future war as most of the older men will be too old. It is therefore important to give these men an opportunity of gaining experience in C.C.Ss. and General Hospital as soon as they can be spared from the Field. There is no chance of improving medical and surgical knowledge to any extent whilst R.M.Os. and with Field Ambulances and consequently they get out of touch with medical work. In my opinion a regular system of exchange from Field to Base and vice versa could easily be arranged and would tend to greater efficiency of the medical service during the war and prove of great value to the Commonwealth after the war. It is considered that the early great success of the A.I.F. Medical Service in this war was greatly due to the fact that the majority of our Australian Medical Officers were good all round men who were surgeons as well as physicians and had been accustomed to tackle any case that came along within reason.</p> <p>Capt. CHECCHI C. was evacuated sick memo. sent to 5th. Aust. Field Amb. to detail Major INGLIS to report Reinforcement Camp.</p>	
	22nd.		Fine and warm.	

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	23rd.		Very warm, strong N.W. wind with cloud of dust, very unpleasant. Major J.J. POWER D.S.O. R.M.O. 25th.A.I.Battalion evacuated gassed. Major F.L. BIGNELL 6th.Aust. Field Amb. evacuated gassed.	
	24th.		Cold showery. Conference of M.Os. 6th.A.I.Bde. held at A.D.M.S. Office. Duties of M.Os. and relation of R.M.O. to Battalion Commander discussed.	
	25th.		Fine and sunny day Corps Commander with D.D.M.S. inspected M.D.S. (5th.Aust. Field Amb.) and expressed himself satisfied with arrangements. Gen. BIRDWOOD took this opportunity to say farewell to the 5th.Aust. Field Amb. Officers. Div. Commander with A.D.M.S. inspected A.D.S. (6th.Aust. Field Amb.) and D.C.S. (7th.Aust. Field Amb.) The latter unit had a formal parade of the whole unit with transport. The turnout was excellent.	
	26th.		To obviate unnecessary delay in obtaining drugs and other Medical and Surgical Supplies the system outlined in this office was instituted and appears to be working well. Units report any special delay to this office and so I am kept informed of any shortage at Adv. Depot of Med. Stores.	I
	27th.		Fine and sunny. Influenza epidemic seems to be dying out. Very few cases reporting now. In two instances friction has occurred between R.M.O. and C.O. Unit which has necessitated the removal of the R.M.O. as the matter had gone too far for good work to be continued. In each case there were faults on both sides due to R.M.O. not maintaining the dignity of his position and in one case to the C.O. not recognising the position of R.M.O. as his adviser. Both cases were carefully considered and placed before the Brigadier who took steps to prevent recurrence of any similar incident with the succeeding R.M.O. In both cases the C.O. clearly recognises that the R.M.O. had carried out his duties excellently and the matter was largely a personal one. Another case came to my ears yesterday in which the C.O. told the R.M.O. that he must deal with the adjutant. I informed R.M.O. that he would deal with the C.O. direct and inform me of any further friction.	

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	27th.	Cont.	Many of the cookhouses : Batt., Bde, and Unit H.Q. are not so good as they might be. The attached instructions were issued and will be published in D.R.Os.	✓
	28th.		Fine and sunny. It is considered that the loup road north of CORBIE may be cut off by shell fire so as to be impossible for evacuation of casualties during the bombardment. As this concerns the 5th.Aust.Div. as well, I saw A.D.M.S. 5th.Aust.Div. and decided to recommend increased dugout accomodation along VAUX road at J.19.c.6.3. Major S.V. APPLEBYARD D.S.O. and Capt. E.P.BARBER reinforcement officers reported for duty and were posted to 5th. and 6th.Aust.Field Ambs. respectively.	
	29th.		Fine and sunny. X Ray coil salved from BUIRE C.O.S. condition very good - instructions as to disposal asked from D.D.M.S. Capt. C.G. TEMPLEMAN R.M.O. 18th.A.I.Battalion evacuated gassed. Capt. C.I.DAVIS 5th.Aust.Field Amb. acting R.M.O.	
	30th.		Fine and sunny.	
	31st.		Fine and sunny. A.D.M.S. , D.A.D.M.S. Majors A.T.DUNLOP 5th.Aust.Field Amb. F.L. BIGNELL 6th.Aust.Field Amb. and Capt. J.C.M. HARPER R.M.O. 28th.A.I.Battalion mentioned in De patches. <i>Scheme of evacuation of sick wounded.</i> <i>Sick Wastage Return</i> <i>Monthly Sanitation Report.</i> <i>List of men sent to Base for Boarding</i> <i>General Remarks.</i> <i>A.F.M.C Casualties</i>	K. L. M. N. O. P.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
8th May 1918.

A. A. H. C. ORDER No. 19 BY COLONEL A.E. SHEPHERD A.D.N.S.

Reference laps - 32 D 1/40000.

1. In accordance with Australian Corps Medical Instructions No. 19 and 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 187. The following medical arrangements will be made :-
2. Field Ambulances of 2nd Aust. Div. will relieve Ambulances of 3rd Aust. Div.. Reliefs to be completed by noon 11th. May 1918. Details of reliefs to be arranged between Ambulance Commanders concerned.
3. 6th Aust. Field Amb. will take over from 10th Aust. Field Amb. A.D.S. at I.4.b.8.0. and all forward medical posts. On relief C.O. 6th Aust. Field Amb. will be responsible for the evacuation to M.D.S. of all casualties from the Divisional Sector.
4. 5th Aust. Field Amb. will take over from 11th Aust. Field Amb. M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.
5. O.C. 7th Aust. Field Amb. will select a site for a Divisional Collecting Station within the Divisional Area, if possible, and report arrangements made to this office on morning of 10th inst.
6. Two complete bearer sections from 5th Aust. Field Amb. and one from 7th Aust. Field Amb. will report to O.C. 6th Aust. Field Amb. Time and place to be arranged between C.Os. concerned.
7. Receipts for all stores taken over (in duplicate) will be forwarded to this office within 48 hours after completion of reliefs.
8. 5th, 6th. and 7th Aust. Field Amb. will make adequate arrangements for clearing of sick of their respective brigades before moving from the present area and whilst en route.
9. A.D.N.S. Office will close at ALLONVILLE at 10 a.m. on 11th. May and reopen at ST. GERTRUDE at same hour.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

William Johnston Major
Colonel,
A.D.N.S.

2nd Australian Division.

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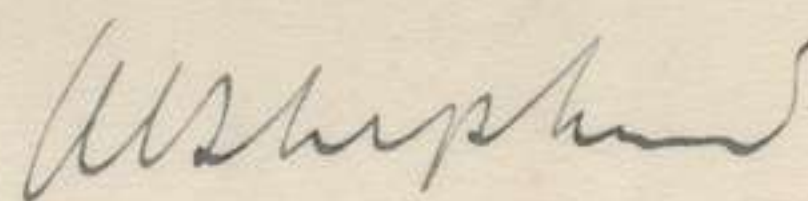
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9th May 1918. *B*ADDENDA TO A.A.M.C. ORDER No. 19.

7th. Aust. Field Amb. will take over Divisional Collecting Station at PETIT CANON ~~from~~ 9.30 a.m. 11, from 9th. Aust. Field Amb. Relief to be completed by noon 11-5-18.

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.2nd. Australian Division.

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SCHEME OF EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED FROM 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FRONT.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
No. 18/1/6.

Left Sector		Right Sector	
Left Battalions	Right Battalions	Left Battalions	Right Battalions
From Battalion in line R.A.P. at LURE (D.29.b.3.1.)	From Batt. in line R.A.P. at J.11.a.3.8. - From	From Batt. in line R.A.P. at J.17.b.3.8. - Cases	From Batt. in line R.A.P. at J.22.d.1.8. by hand carriage
From Batt. in support R.A.P. at HILLMONT - Cases evacuated by hand carriage to Motor Post at D.27.c.2.5. - thence by motor Ambulance through HILLMONT to A.D.S. at H.6.b.6.7. - thence by motor transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.	Batt. in support R.A.P. at MERICOURT - Cases evacuated by hand carriage to Motor Post at J.9.a.9.6. - thence by motor transport through BOLLAY to A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0. - thence by motor transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.	evacuated to Motor Post at J.9.a.9.6. - From Batt. in support R.A.P. at J.13.c. central by hand carriage to BOLLAY MERICOURT Road - thence by motor Ambulance to A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0. - thence by motor transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.	to Relay Post J.28.central thence by wheeled stretcher to I.30.c.6.5. - From Batt. in support R.A.P. at J.21.c.6.4. to Relay Post at J.26.a.9.0. - thence by wheeled stretcher to I.30.c.6.5. - thence by motor Ambulance to A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0. thence by motor transport to M.D.S. at Chateau at H.10.a.9.4.

1. C.C.Ss. VIGNACOURT No.20 and 31 MERICOURT No.4 when full evacuate to LONGPRE Nos.12 and 55.
2. Adv. Depot Med. Stores No.14 GROUY, No.15 VIGNACOURT, No.18 LONGPRE.
3. Laboratories :- Hygiene No.12 att. No.20 C.C.S. VIGNACOURT Bacteriological No.17 att. No.12 C.C.S. LONGPRE
No.22 LONGPRE No.19 att. No.20 C.C.S. VIGNACOURT.
4. M.A.C. No.5 M.A.C. DELMOY-sur-SOIRE
5. Dental Units No.22 5th Aust. Field Amb. M.D.S. H.10.a.9.4.
No.24 7th Aust. Field Amb. Div. Collecting Station, location of which will be notified later.
6. Ophthalmic Cases. Will be sent to 7th Aust. Field Amb. before 7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for transmission to No.12 C.C.S. LONGPRE by 9.30 a.m..
7. M.Y.D.H., M.Y.D. Gas & S.I. No.12 C.C.S. LONGPRE.
8. Sanitary Section. No.1 Aust. San. Sect. ST. ORMER.

Headquarters,
9th May 1918.

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W. J. Shepherd

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
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APPENDIX. D

Headquarters,
11th. May 1918.

D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps,

Most of the villages in the SOMME Area are insanitary and as troops do not remain long in one village there is no continuous system of supervision and control. The responsibility for general sanitation should rest on Town Majors and Area Commandants.

The attached order is forwarded for information and a suggestion for some similar action by all Divisions under Corps so as to obtain uniform action.

In addition to this a Divisional Order was issued that Unit Commanders were responsible not only for the sanitation of the Area occupied by the Unit, but also for that of the surrounding area not in occupation of definite units. This arrangement was in existence in PLOEGSTEERT area, apparently with good results, and Sanitary Officers have stated that it would be of great assistance ~~xxx~~ in their work.

A.E. SHEPHERD Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
2nd. Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters.
10th. May 1918

2nd. Aust. D.H.Q.
All R.M.Os. 2nd. Aust. Div.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th. Aust. San. Sects
Area Commandants,

At all times R.M.Os. of Battalions will act as Medical advisers on Sanitary matters and render all possible assistance to the nearest Area Commandant or Town Major.

On completion of each move to a new location R.M.Os. will at once get in touch with Area Commandants or Town Majors.

It is suggested that Area Commandants subdivide their area and arrange that sub divisions are brought under the control of Unit Commanders for sanitation. This would ensure that no part of the area is overlooked and is especially necessary where a number of small detachments exist, often not under an officer.

To enable R.M.Os. to render necessary assistance the Regimental water and Sanitary details would be utilised.

D.M. EMBELTON Major
for Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
2nd. Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

APPENDIX.

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Headquarters,
11th. May 1918.

D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps,

Report concerning high incidence of sickness in battalions
during the past fortnight.

The high admission rate has been solely due to P.U.O. (Influenza). The prevalent infective condition first appeared as a definite infection on May 2nd. when 30 men of 28th. Battalion slept in one billet at BAIZIEUX. 20 paraded sick next morning and of these 14 were evacuated. The remainder of the 30 were isolated and since then 11 cases have been admitted from this unit.

Following on this 2 Officers and 5 men of 5th. Aust. Field Amb. who dealt with these cases were reported sick and the O.R. evacuated to C.C.S.. The infection has manifested itself in other quarters as follows :-

5th. A.I. Brigade	17th. Battalion	6
	18th. "	6
	19th. "	11
	20th. "	25
	5th. M.G. Coy.	1
	5th. Fld. Amb.	24
6th. A.I. Brigade	21st. Battalion	4
	22nd. "	4
	23rd. "	1
	24th. "	4
	6th. M.G. Coy.	Nil.
7th. A.I. Brigade	6th. Fld. Amb.	28
	25th. Battalion	61
	26th. "	3
	27th. "	39
	28th. "	9
Div. Engineers	7th. M.G. Coy.	1
	7th. Fld. Amb.	14
	5th. Fld. Coy.	11
	6th. do	1
Div. Signal Company	7th. do	4
	2nd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion	5
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When the chief infection has been confined to a Company (20th. Battalion C) this Company was isolated in tents at a distance, gargling 3 times a day, 2 sick parades a day to detect early cases and all men feeling off colour to report sick at once.

25th. and 27th. Battalions are more generalised. Billets were set apart for retention of slight cases or suspicious, and only worst cases have been evacuated to C.C.S..

28th. Battalion still shows a high admission rate for the disease.

The Field Ambulance high admission rate is due to slight cases or suspicious being admitted for purposes of isolation and few of these were evacuated.

All men of Battalions have been bathed some 2 or 3 times, given clean clothes and all blankets fumigated during the interval of rest.

P.U.O. has been responsible for the admission and evacuation during past 8 days as follows :-

Total Admissions	443	Total Evacuations	282
" due to PUO	291	Evacuations due to PUO	203

Outside P.U.O. the incidence of disease is small.

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I would point out that exactly the same condition of Pyrexia was prevalent among the troops of this Division at the same time last year, which points to a vernal infection to which these men are predisposed.

With occupation of trench system the risk of spread should not be so great as where men are confined in a billet.

The course of sickness averages about 3 - 4 days and men should be fit for duty in 7 to 10 days.

The accommodation for holding these men is inadequate therefore a large number must go to the Base.

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.

2nd. Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,
12/5/18.

D.A.G., A.I.F.
D.H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div.
D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.

The following changes in Officers are notified for your information please.

Major ROSS C.C. 6th Aust. Field Amb. to be R.M.O. 2nd Aust. D.A.C. dated 11-5-18

Major BIGNELL F.L. R.M.O. 26th A.I. Battalion tempy. attached 6th Aust. 8-5-18 taken on strength 11-5-18.

Captain TYMMS A.O.V. 5th Aust. Field Amb. to be R.M.O. 26th A.I. Battalion dated 8-5-18

Captain BEARE F.H. tempy. attached 7th Aust. Field Ambulance taken on strength 5th Aust. Field Amb. dated 10-5-18.

Sgdz D.M. EMBELTON Major
for Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
2nd Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

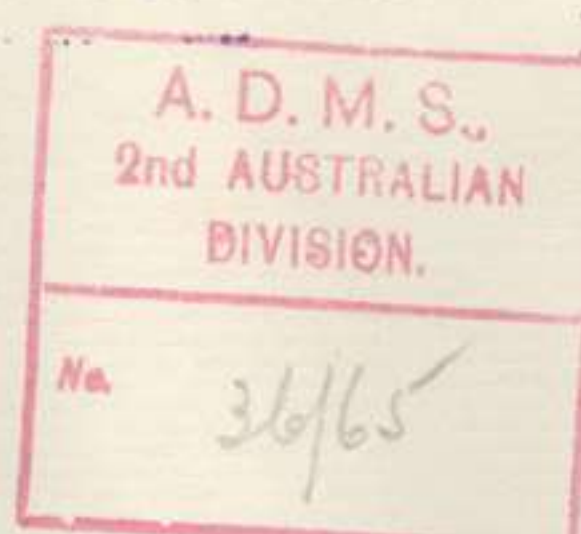
Headquarters,
15th May 1918.

D.H.Q.

5th., 6th. & 7th. A.I. Edos.

5th., 6th. & 7th. Aust. Field Amb.

All R.M.Os. 2nd. Aust. Div.



At present there is an epidemic of I.U.O. (Influenza) prevalent among the troops of this Division. During the past 10 days 500 cases have been admitted to Field Ambulances and others who remained with their units are not included in this number.

To limit the spread of the affection among troops the following measures should be adopted, with a view to preventing sick wastage and maintaining the fighting strength.

1. Keep men billeted in small parties and if the weather is favorable bivouac in the open air.

2. When one man of a party parades sick he should be placed in isolation also his contacts should not sleep with unaffected men. Incubation period 1 - 6 days.

3. As far as compatible with the military situation and accommodation only the more severe cases should be evacuated, as the course of this infection is 1 - 4 days, followed by lassitude and depression for 2 - 3 days.

Practically all cases are uncomplicated.

Milder cases will be fit for duty 2 - 3 days from the time of onset.

4. Medicinal treatment Prophylactic use of quinine is of doubtful value but used symptomatically it is indicated where practicable. The throats of contacts should be gargled thrice daily, and nasal douching simultaneously practised, with Pot. Permang. 1 - 4000.

5. Blankets of the evacuated men must be sent with the patient and a clean blanket obtained in exchange by orderly corporal or bearer squad, from Field Amb. which takes charge of the patient.

Special precautions should be taken to see that those infected blankets do not remain within unit lines.

Field Amb. Commanders will report particulars of patients arriving without blankets.

Unit representatives can always get a dated receipt from Ambulance orderly if they cannot get a blanket, and blanket will be returned later.

In so far as many units are concerned the epidemic has probably only just begun.

DM Finbelton Major
Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
2nd. Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

29/51/1

Headquarters,
14-5-18

D.H.Q.
All R.M.Os. 2nd.Aust.Div.

This office 29/51 is cancelled and following substituted .

It is considered that valuable assistance can be given by R.M.Os. to Area Commandants, Town Majors & O.C. Sanitary Sections, especially in regard to Sanitary and Water Supply supervision.

On completion of each move to a fresh area R.M.Os. will take the first opportunity to get in touch with Area Commandant or Town Major and also with I.C. Sanitary Section of the area, and confer with them regarding the most suitable method of cooperation and assistance.

By arrangement with Unit Commanders the services of sanitary and Water Details would be available for this purpose.

Unit Commanders have been notified to render all possible assistance. Vide 2nd.Aust.Div. Routine order 1696 dated 15-5-18.

A.E. SHEPHERD Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
2nd.Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

A. D. M. S.,
Headquarters.
16th May 1918.

C.O. 5/6/7/ Field Ambulance.
All R.M.Os 2nd. Aust. Div.

No. 5/1/57.

Confusion exists with regard to indents and supply of drugs etc. to R.M.Os. It is recognized that supplies should be available to suit the convenience of R.M.Os especially those attached to fighting units, but to keep an adequate supply on hand the following procedure will be followed.

1. R.M.Os will send a consolidated weekly indent to the nearest Field Ambulance by 12.00 on Monday.
2. Field Ambulance will supply indent by return immediately.
3. Field Ambulance will send consolidated indent to replenish supplies to A.D.M.S. Office for counter signature by 12.00 on Tuesday.
4. Field Ambulance to be detailed from time to time will collect the divisional indent from Advanced Depot Medical Stores on Wednesday, and see that drugs are distributed to Field Ambulances indenting.
5. Supplementary indents on Field Ambulances and Advanced Depot of Medical Stores will be met in cases of shortage due to emergency, but such indents will be as far as possible avoided by those concerned.
6. Where indents cannot be supplied immediately by Field Ambulance a note to that effect will be sent to the R.M.O. stating the earliest time he can expect the indent supplied, and a second notification as soon as indent is available, or else the stores will be delivered by Field Ambulances to R.M.Os.
7. When a R.M.O. sends in an indent which is not supplied and repeats indent again in an endeavour to obtain stores, he should refer to his original indent, and sign the second indent "duplicate".
8. When instruments or medical or surgical equipment is indented for, reason should always be given opposite the article, i.e. "first issue", "destroyed by shell fire" etc.
9. When drawing hydrogen peroxide from Advanced Depot Medical Stores a jar should be taken

A. J. Stephens

Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
2nd. Australian Division.

Headquarters,
26th. May 1918

2nd.Aust.D.H.Q.

Many cookhouses of the Division are not so satisfactory on the point of cleanliness as they might be.

The cooks and assistants employed in cookhouses are particularly dirty, as a rule, as regards dress. The issue of overalls is too small for the number of personnel employed as cooks. I have spoken to many cooks who state that the filthy uniform they were wearing was the only one in their possession. It is felt that man cannot be expected to take any pride or interest in their own appearance or their work under such circumstances. H.Q. cooks and cook houses are the dirtiest as a rule.

There is no reason why cooks and cookhouse should not be kept clean and orderly at all times, if C.Os. take sufficient interest to see that satisfactory arrangements are made as far as overalls and cookhouse appliances are concerned.

The attention of Unit Commanders should be drawn to the Arm Orders bearing on the matter.

It is advised that a board bearing the attached instructions should be placed in a prominent place in every cookhouse.

A.E. SHEPHERD Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
2nd.Australian Division.

I N S T R U C T I O N S T O C O O K S .

1. Food must be protected from dust, mud and flies.
2. Food stores and cookhouse will be kept scrupulously clean.
3. Nothing will be kept in cookhouse not connected with preparation or cooking of food.
4. Each cookhouse will be provided with :-
 - (a) Proper grease traps.
 - (b) Covered receptacle for refuse.
 - (c) Meat safe.
5. Cooking vessels, knives and similar utensils will be kept thoroughly clean. Earth must not be used for cleaning these articles.
6. Cooks and all personnel employed in preparation and cooking of food must take great precautions in regard to personnel cleanliness.
7. To enable para.6 to be carried out :-
 - (a) Basins soap and towel will always be available.
 - (b) Each man employed in cookhouses will be provided with 2 pairs of overalls.
8. All tanks and other receptacles for storing water for cookhouses will be kept covered to protect it from contamination.

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SECRET

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
SCHEME OF EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED FROM 2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL FRONT.

Reference Map Sheet 62D 1 - 40000.

A.D.M.S.
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AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.

No. 18/1/6

Left Sector.

Right Sector.

Left Battalion	Right Battalion	Left Battalion	Right Battalion
From Batt. R.A.P. D.30.b.8.2. at BUIRE to Motor Post D.29.c.9.8. to A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0. to M.D.S. H.10.a.9.4. Support Batt. R.A.P. RIBIMONT D.27.d.8.2. cases evacuated to Motor Post D.27.c.2.5. to A.D.S. HEILLY I.6.b.8.7. to M.D.S. H.10.a.9.4.	From Batt. R.A.P. J.5.d.9.4. to Motor Post ... Amb. Relay J.11.a.5.9. to A.D.S. I.6.b.6.7.. From Reserve Batt. R.A.P. J.9.b.8.2. by Motor Amb. direct to A.D.S. I.6.b.6.7. to M.D.S. H.10.a.9.4..	From Batt. R.A.P. J.17.b.3.5. cases evacuated by bearers and wheeled stretcher to Motor Post and Amb. Relay J.11.a.5.9. to A.D.S. I.6.b.6.7. or I.4.b.8.0. to M.D.S. QUERRIEU. Support R.A.P. J.17.a.2.2. by wheeled stretchers and carry to Quarry J.9.b.8.2. to A.D.S. I.6.b.6.7. to M.D.S. H.10.a.9.4.	From Batt. R.A.P. J.22.d.1.4. by hand carriage to Relay Post J.28.central by wheeled stretcher to VAUX J.26.a.9.0. Reserve Batt. R.A.P. J.21.c.6.4. to Motor Post J.26.a.9.0.. Cases from VAUX by Motor Amb. to I.30.c.6.5. (Amb. Post) and on to I.4.b.8.0. to M.D.S. QUERRIEU.

Reserve Brigade - Reserve Batt. R.A.P. I.23.d.3.8. Motor Loading Posts :- D.16.d.3.8., D.27.c.2.5., D.29.c.9.8. J.11.a.5.9., J.9.b.8.2., J.26.a.9.0., I.30.c.6.5.

Transport Lines. 5th A.I. Brigade R.H.O. 2nd Aust. D.A.C. H.6.b.7.6.
7th A.I. Brigade 6th Aust. Field Amb. I.4.b.8.0.

1. C.C.Ss. Nos. 20 and 81 VIGNACOURT
2. Adv. Depot Med. Stores No.14 CROUY
3. Laboratories:- Hygiene No.12 att. No.20 C.C.S. VIGNACOURT Bacteriological

4. M.A.C. No.5 BERTANGLES and BELLOY-SUR-SOMME
5. Dental Units. No.22 5th Aust. Field Amb. M.D.S. H.10.a.9.4.
No.4 6th Aust. Field Amb. A.D.S. I.4.b.8.0.
No.24 7th Aust. Field Amb. D.C.S. PETIT CALON G.30.a.8.2.
No.300 attached 2nd Aust. D.A.C. H.6.b.7.6.

6. Ophthalmic Cases. To be at No.12 C.C.S. LONGPRE Mondays and Fridays by 8.30 a.m.. Cases will be collected at and transport arranged by 5th Aust. Field Amb.
7. N.Y.D.N., N.Y.D. Gas & S.I.W. No.12 C.C.S. LONGPRE.
8. Sanitary Section. No.1 Aust. San. sect. ST. GRATIEN.

Headquarters,
31st May 1918.
DISTRIBUTION :- As for A.A.M.C. Order No.19.

Alph

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
2nd Australian Division.

No.5 Can. B. Lab. CROUY.

APPENDIX 4 21

Detail
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Return of sick and wounded wastage for week ending 4/5/18

5th A.I.Bde.	Admitted		To Duty		TO C.O.S.	
	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded
	34	12	4	-	33	74
6th A.I.Bde.	43	13	3	1	43	12
7th A.I.Bde.	72	12	1	2	61	12

Return of sick and wounded wastage by Divisions for week ending 4/5/18.

	Evacuated to Base Officers.		Other Ranks		Totals		Sick % to Strength
	Sick	Wounded.	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	
2nd Aust Divn.	4	2	171	103	175	105	.96
3rd do	16	3	187	61	203	64	1.17
4th do	5	22	130	307	135	329	.73
5th do	7	5	119	123	126	128	.74

Headquarters.
14/5/18.*W. S. H. H.*
Colonel.
A.D.M.S.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DI VISION.

Return of sick and wounded wastage for week ending 11/5/18.

	Admitted Sick	Admitted Wounded	To Duty Sick	To Duty Wounded	Sick	To C.C.S. Wounded
5th A.I.Bde	95	4	1	-	71	4
6th A.I.Bde	71	-	9	-	31	-
7th A.I.Bde	181	5	28	-	143	6

Return of Sick and Wounded wastage by Divisions for week ending 11/5/ 18

	Evacuated to Base Officers		Other Ranks		Totals		Sick % to Strength
	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	
2nd Aust Divn.	9	2	374	25	383	27	2.09
3rd Aust Divn.	13	17	239	250	252	267	1.45
4th Aust Divn.	6	11	161	122	167	133	1.03
5th Aust Divn.	5	6	175	84	180	90	1.07

W. Shipley

Colonel
A.D.M.S.
2nd. Australian Division

FORTNIGHTLY ANALYSIS OF SICK ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

PERIOD APRIL 19th to MAY 3rd 1918.

UNIT	Diarrhoea. Admtd.	Scabies.	V.D.	Trench Foot.	P.U.O.	Other Diseases.	Total Battn. Sick.
5th A.I.Dde.	-	-	-	-	4	13	17
17th Battn.	-	-	-	-	4	11	15
18th do	-	-	-	-	2	10	22
19th do	-	1	-	-	4	8	19
20th do	-	7	-	-	-	5	5
5th T.M.B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRIGADE TOTAL.	-	8	-	-	14	54	76
6th A.I.Dde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21st Battn.	1	2	1	1	2	15	22
22nd do	2	7	1	-	4	10	24
23rd do	1	1	-	-	6	22	30
24th do	3	-	3	-	5	20	32
6th T.M.B.	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
TOTAL	7	10	5	1	15	73	111
7th A.I.Dde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25th Battn.	-	1	1	-	5	9	16
26th do	-	2	2	-	10	14	28
27th do	-	-	2	-	3	9	14
28th do	-	2	1	1	18	13	35
7th T.M.B.	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
BRIGADE TOTAL.	-	5	2	1	36	47	95
Artillery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th F.A.Dde.	-	1	1	-	2	5	9
5th do	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
D.A.C.	-	1	-	-	-	4	5
Arty Batal	-	2	1	-	2	14	19
2nd Pioneers.	-	-	-	-	3	14	17
Engrs Sigs & D.H.Q.	-	-	1	-	1	9	11
A.A.S.C.	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
Misc.	-	2	-	-	2	7	11
2nd L.G.Btn.	1	1	-	-	8	15	25
3 Ambulances.	-	-	-	-	9	8	15

Totals for Division :-

Remained, Nil.
Admitted. 341
Evacuated. 314
To Duty. 23
Remaining. 4

V.D. Contracted at
U.K. 3.
Relapse. 2.
St OMER. 1.
PARIS. 3.
St POL. 1.
AMIENS. 1.
BOULOGNE. 1.
Le HAVRE. 2.

All but one of the Diarrhoea cases occurred in the 6th Brigade.
20th and 22nd Battalions account for half the total of Scabies.
Total sickness 6th Brigade is much higher than 3th and 7th.

H. J. Thorne Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
Second Aust Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

FORTNIGHTLY ANALYSIS OF SICK ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL
PERIOD May 3rd to May 17th 1918.

UNIT	Diarrhoea. Admtd.	Seabies.	V.D.	Trench Foot.	P.U.O. Diseases.	Other	Total Sick
5th A.I. Bde.							
17th Battn.	-	1	2	-	15	11	29
18th do	-	1	-	-	5	11	17
19th do	1	-	-	-	19	23	43
20th do	-	-	2	-	51	6	59
5th TMB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bde Total.	1	2	4	-	90	51	148
6th A.I. Bde.							
21st Battn.	1	-	-	-	10	6	17
22nd do	-	-	-	-	14	12	28
23rd do	1	-	-	-	19	7	38
24th do	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Bde Total.	2	2	-	-	43	25	108
7th A.I. Bde.							
25th Battn.	7	9	3	-	66	9	87
26th do	-	-	-	-	2	5	8
27th do	-	-	-	-	53	7	65
28th do	-	3	1	-	15	8	27
7th TMB.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bde Total.	-	12	4	-	136	29	187
8th A.I. Bde.							
29th Battn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31st do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32nd do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33rd do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41st do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42nd do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
43rd do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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82nd do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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86th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
87th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
88th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
89th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
91st do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
92nd do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
93rd do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
94th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
95th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
96th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
97th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
98th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100th do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals for Division.	4	744	88	123	9	2	1
Remaining.							

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,
23rd. May 1918.

All R.M.Os. 2nd.Aust.Div.,

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For some considerable time past the Admissions to Field Ambulances and Evacuations to C.C.S. have been above the average for the Corps and Army and during the past two weeks our figures have nearly doubled those of any other Division. This cannot be ascribed to P.U.O. but to General Sickness in Battalions and steps must be taken to prevent a continuation of this sick wastage.

R.M.Os. will :-

1. Avoid segregation under any circumstances.
2. Isolate infectious cases, (or contacts).
3. Retain slight cases while out of the line.
4. Make arrangements at Transport Lines for retention of convalescing men who have been discharged from Field Ambulances and who will not be fit for duty for 3 to 4 days.

Arrangements can be made by this office for these men to be seen daily until fit to return to duty.

Field Ambulances will give a note to each of these men temporarily unfit so discharged for presentation to Transport Officer of unit concerned.

This applies only to Infantry Brigades in the Line.

In other cases men reporting back to unit will see his medical officer.

Sick % per week evacuated to base during past fortnight.

Army Average
2nd.Aust.Div.

1.84
2.18

Extracting cases of P.U.O. from the list, our rate remains at 1.25% which is substantially higher than the total average for the Australian Corps all divisions which are working in the same way as this division.

C.Os. and R.M.Os. are requested to give this matter their attention.

Appended is a list showing the relative positions of Battalions in this matter.

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.

2nd.Australian Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Fortnightly Analysis of Sick Admitted to Hospital Period
17/5/18 to 31/5/18

UNIT	Dairr hoca. Admtd.	Scabies.	V.D.	P.U.O.	Other Diseases.	Total Batt Sick.
<u>5th A.I.Bdo.</u>						
17th Battn.	2	1	1	10	3	17
18th do	-	-	-	8	3	11
19th do	-	-	-	6	14	20
20th do	-	1	-	14	9	24
Bdo Total.	2	2	1	38	29	72
<u>6th A.I.Bdo.</u>						
21st Battn.	-	4	1	8	13	26
22nd do	1	7	-	19	7	34
23rd do	1	2	-	20	8	31
24th do	1	2	-	39	12	54
Bdo Total.	3	15	1	86	40	145
<u>7th A.I.Bdo.</u>						
25th Battn.	-	2	1	6	5	14
26th do	-	-	2	2	8	12
27th do	-	5	-	6	3	14
28th do	-	-	1	19	7	27
Bdo Total.	-	7	4	33	23	67
<u>Artillery</u>						
7th AFA Bdo.	-	1	1	-	2	4
8th do	1	3	4	-	4	8
D.A.C.	-	-	-	4	5	9
Art Total.	1	4	1	4	11	21
Pioneers.	-	-	1	19	7	27
Engrs Sigs & DEQ.	-	4	-	13	11	28
A.A.S.C.	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mias.	-	3	-	9	3	15
M.G. Battn.	-	2	-	7	8	17
3 Amb.	-	1	-	20	5	26

Totals for Division.

Reported. 128
Admitted. 484
Evacuated. 382
To Duty. 179
Remaining. 51

V.D. Contracted at.

1 DEFFE.
5 Relapse.
2 U.K.


6th A.I. Brigade total sick is too high, and is only partly accounted for by P.U.O. By deducting P.U.O. cases 21st 22nd and 24th Battalions show highest figures. Scabies is most numerous in 22nd Battalion.

Hqrs 5/6/18

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Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
2nd Aust Division.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SANITARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 1918.

PHYSIQUE. Good. Reinforcements generally good.BILLET S. A very large proportion of the Division is at the present time living in tents, bivouacs and trench shelters, also trench systems. Billets for many reasons are being avoided, under present weather conditions this is quite healthy and satisfactory and tends to diminish rather than increase the sick rate.CLOTHING is readily obtainable and of good quality. Summer has taken the place of winter issue.FOOD AND COOKING. The food is good, ration is plentiful. In addition units can supplement their ration with horse meat, though this has only occasionally, but satisfactorily, been availed of. Vegetables have been obtainable from local gardens under Divisional arrangements and have been greatly appreciated.COOKING. Has been satisfactory and as diverse as circumstances will permit hot meals are served in the line, in some cases cooks work within 1500 yards of the line.WATER. Is obtained from authorised water points, and wells in villages. Some use has been made, further forward, of Ancre, but as far as possible this is avoided. Where it is used it is tested several times daily for metallic and other poisons. All wells have been tested and labelled by Sanitary Section.LATRINES. Public latrines have been established in villages and box seats have been supplied to Trench systems, this has not been completed in regard to the new front line system taken over from the Enemy but is receiving attention.BATHS AND LAUNDRY. As the weather is warm no hot baths have been necessary, men have used lagoons and running streams with benefit. Clean changes of clothing have been adequate to demands. Baths are however available and allotments are made as a matter of routine and men may be forced to bathe at MERICOURT, HEILLY, QUERRIEU, and front line Battalions organise systems in villages such as WAUX whereby Battalion can be bathed.DRYING ROOMS. are not available and at present there is no necessity for them.HEALTH OF TROOPS has been good, except that a prevalent affection P.U.O. influenza in type, has caused marked increase of admission and evacuation rates for Division during the past month. 639 cases have been admitted and 481 evacuated from Field Ambulances. An endeavour is made to retain as many patients as possible within the Divisional Area compatible with mobility. The course of the P.U.O. infection is about 1 to 4 days, temperature 100 to 104. 5th., 8th. or 10th. days lassitude and weakness so that patient cannot return to duty till about 10 days. After the 4th. day temperature is unstable for a couple of days but no relapses as in Trench Fever have yet been observed. Practically all these men can shift for themselves after the 4th. day and are fit for duty on the 10th.V.D. 35 cases during the month which shows a decrease of 10 as compared with the previous month. Syphilis 5. Gonorrhoea 22. Hard Chancre 3 Soft Chancre 3. Sore on Penis 1 Balanitis 1. These cases were contracted at U.K. 12, Paris 5, Relapses 7 St. Ouen 2. Boulogne 1. Calais 1. Amiens 2 Allenville 1. St. Pol 1 Unknown 1. Sailly Sur Somme 1 Le Havre 1 Rouen 1.Headquarters,
26th. May 1918.

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.
End. Australian Division.

LIST OF MEN EXAMINED AND SENT TO BASE FOR BOARDING
DURING MONTH OF MAY 1918.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>
4089	Pte.	CONNELLY V.R.	19th.A.I.Battalion	6th.
764A	"	MAISON H.	22nd. do	6th.
8846	Dvr.	FORBES J.	5th.F.A.Bde.	9th.
7269	Pte.	MILLER J.R.	4th.A.I.Battalion	11th.
1932	"	CASEY J.	2nd.Aust.L.R.O.Coy.	11th.
25372	Dvr.	OWEN J.W.	3rd.Aust.D.A.C.	11th.
3129	Gnr.	CLIFTON C.	P.B. att. A.P.M.	11th.
5002	Pte.	KEMPSEY G.	22nd.A.I.Battalion	13th.
240	"	SIDBOTTOM H.W.	23rd. do	13th.
5094	"	TROWBRIDGE G.F.	21st. do	13th.
4385	"			
5904	"	WHITING W.W.	2nd.Aust.M.G.Batt.	13th.
8946	"	DONNELLY V.H.	6th.Field Coy.Engrs.	13th.
10227	Spr.	CURRY E.J.	5th. do	16th.
2146	Dvr.	SMITH W.	5th.A.F.A.Bde.	16th.
2354	Sgt.	CROWE J.	18th.A.I.Battalion	16th.
15	Dvr.	ANDREWS G.D.	25th.A.I.Battalion	16th.
6367	Pte.	SARDNER H.	5th.A.M.G.Coy.	23rd.
6918	"	HOLIEN N.J.	21st.A.I.Battalion	23rd.
11455	Bdr.	CUTHBERTSON K.N.	5th.A.F.A.Bde.	27th.
3394	Spr.	MULLARD C.H.	6th.Fld.Coy Engrs.	30th.
6878	Pte.	SANDISON T.H.	21st.A.I.Battalion	30th.
4211	"	SCOTT	21st. do	30th.
2223	Gnr.	WHELAN J.W.	5th.A.F.ABde.	30th.
	Idcut.	LINDSAY J.C.	20th.A.I.Battalion	31st.

considerable loss of men to the enemy. The loss of men to the enemy was a serious problem raised in this direction by mixture of French and British troops leaves a problem still to be solved.

During the month the Division spent from May 2nd. when it was relieved by 47th. Division till May 10th.-11th. when it relieved the 3rd. Aust. Div., in rest. Since then the Division has been disposed 2 Brigades in the line and one ~~unit~~ in support. Fighting has not been severe and the men are in excellent spirits and health. Divisional Strength:- May 4th. 18283, May 31st. 18249. Sick admitted to Field Ambulances during the month 1293 Wounded " " " " " " " 1107

The General health of the troops has been good despite the weekly percentage admission rate being 1.8%. This high rate has been mostly due to the fact that an epidemic of influenza has passed through the Division and is gradually passing away. The epidemic began with 30 men of 28th. Battalion in one billet reporting sick on one morning with a febrile condition, 14 were evacuated and some of the others subsequently. The Field Amb. men and M.Os. who handled these men were likewise attacked, but it did not confine itself to this source but appeared in other places. viz. 20th. Battalion where at first it appeared to be confined to one company. The 5th. and 7th. Bdes. suffered much more severely than the 6th. which has had not nearly so many cases. Altogether during the month 707 cases have been admitted to Field Ambulances due to this complaint. The course of this disease is as follows :-

Incubation :- A few hours up to 5 days.

Course - T 99 to 104 1 - 4 days.

4-6 days lassitude, weakness and unfit for duty.

Types :- (1) General Pains

(2) Severe headache and high temperature without body pains.

No relapses as in Trench Fever.

It is significant that a quite similar epidemic prevailed among the troops of this division ~~last year~~ during the same period 12 months previously.

Treatment :- Drug treatment unsatisfactory.

Prophylaxis :- Get the men out of billets and bivouac in the open air

Blanket disinfection and bathing. Gargle with mild antiseptic -

Pot. Permang.

The infection seems to be air borne and all the Units in the Division have been more or less affected.

Blankets of all sick are taken to Field Ambs. and disinfected.

WOUNDED. Out of 1107 wounded 449 have been gas cases, while if fighting were severe we would not expect this to be such an outstanding feature yet its importance is ever increasing and will grow most certainly as time goes on. While it is perhaps by no means least lethal, mustard gas is certainly the most hostile weapon and its depletion of our fighting strength is not perhaps fully realised.

Discipline seems to be an efficient remedy to a certain point in so much as some Battalions batteries during the last eight months have had no gas casualties while fighting in the same place and under same conditions as those who have almost completely evacuated their personnel. This will not however stop all casualties, the remedy lies in the future.

SANITATION. Bathing - largely hot shower baths have been unpopular and bathing in streams has been adopted much to the advantage of all personnel. In our present area there is ample opportunity for this when men are out of the line.

Clean Clothes have been amply supplied.

Blanket disinfection has been carried out unremittingly and the blankets of all personnel fumigated during the month. At present an improvised delouser is being tried with a view to establishing the same for each unit throughout the Division.

Latrines have been supplied largely by No. 1 Aust. San. Sect. (400 to this Divisional area during the month) This only reaches 1 1/2% for troops of the area. To establish a new system for a fighting division takes a considerable time with shortage of engineering supplies. The sanitary methods of French troops arouses a little criticism and the problem raised in this direction by mixture of French and British troops leaves a problem still to be settled.

VACCINATION

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EVACUATION OF WOUNDED AND DUGOUT CONSTRUCTION.

Evacuation of wounded in the present area presents many difficulties familiar to high ground where evacuation must be over contours for considerable distance in view of the enemy, where roads are heavily shelled and where personnel is limited (relying on Divisional ~~shelled~~ Stretcher Bearers). The policy is adopted here at the risk of cars, sending them where necessary up to the R.A.P.s and stationing them well forward, saving long carries by bearers and conserving personnel.

Dugouts for Wagon Loading Post, A.D.S. and M.D.S. are in course of construction to hold from 20 to 60 stretcher cases in each instance with 20 - 50 feet of headcover, built on a uniform pattern by Tunnelling Company under C.E. Corps with cooperation of adjoining and relieving divisions with D.D.M.S..

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2nd.AUST. DIV. A.A.M.C. CASUALTIES FOR MAY 1918.5th.AustField Amb.

No.2864 Sgt. I.T. LING
 3003 Cpl. R.L. WILSON attd.
 16698 Pte. A.S.H. PICKING

6th.Aust.Field Amb.

Major F.L. BIGNELL
 Capt. A.P. LAWRENCE
 No. 17921 Pte. C.E. SHANKS
 16270 " H. VAUGHAN
 10444 " W.L. DUNLOP
 14429 " W.R. WATERSON
 16191 " W.H. STONEY
 6536 " W.T. CARLYON
 13835 " V.S. THOMAS
 9032 L/C. D.M. WALLER
 18160 Pte. H.A. HAMMOND
 6315 " J.H. FLOYD
 16191 " A. WILSON
 16187 " S.O. OWEN
 14617 " W. NOLAN
 14355 " A.G. BUNKER
 9133 Cpl. S. CRAMER
 3233 Pte. W.R. HOPKINS
 17920 " E. STANLEY
 8738 " H.L. HENDLEY
 3225 Dvr. J.G. TYLER attd.
 1260 Pte. A. MARKEY
 17822 " A.F. LONGSHAW
 14422 " A.E. WARMAN
 15811 " R.L. FERGUSON
 5331 " S.L. CARRUTHERS
 1708 " H.W. JOHNSON
 3146 " S. ELMORE

7th.Aust.Field Amb.

Major F.F. McMAHON
 No. 6573 Pte. H.V. BARNES

R.M.O. 25th.A.I.Battalion

Major J. POWER

R.M.O. Reinforcement Camp

Capt. C. CHECCHI

R.M.O. 18th.A.I.Battalion

Capt. TEMPLEMAN

4th A.F.A. Bde.
Medical War Diary May 1918
May 1st Arrangements for relief of
5th A.F.A. Bde medical personnel at K.A.P.
and medical arrangements for
wagon lines sick parades cancelled;
owing to early relief of Brigade being
expected the change over was not considered
necessary. R.M.O. inspected wagon
lines of Batteries and visited R.A.P.
Lists of men in batteries due for inoculation
made out but impossible to proceed
with inoculation owing to being unable
to obtain sufficient T.A.B. from Ambulance
May 2nd R.M.O. visited all wagon lines
in A.M. Rain during night

May 3rd Ditto.

May 4th R.M.O. visited forward Battery
positions of 10th, 11th and 104th Bty and F.O.O.
of the 104th Bty. All being kept in good
sanitary and tidy condition. R.M.O. visited
R.A.P.

May 5th Inspection of medical stores and
equipment of Brigade. Quite a number
of pannier stores missing. This was
reported to the B.A.D.M.S. and soon after
R.M.O. joined Brigade but as essentials
were present no action taken.
The panniers are cumbersome and
practically useless possessions; to remedy

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this 2 ammunition boxes have been
obtained and fitted out with a supply
of drugs dressings and equipment
that can be got at easily and in
sufficient quantity to carry on for
some time. These are much more
useful than the panniers and if the
latter with certain equipment removed
could be stored at some place a
great saving of transport would
result. The present equipment of the
Brigade is in good order and condition.
The stock of drugs in hand covers all
ordinary requirements and I am
endeavouring to set by a small reserve.
May 6th 4th A.F.A. Bde relieved by 82nd Bde R.F.A.
during day, 10th and 11th Bties moving off
by road in P.M. to B30 a.b.c.
R.M.O. inspected wagon lines and found
same in sanitary condition for handing
over to incoming Bde. 4th A.F.A. Bde H.Q. moved
to 11th Bty W.D. for night of 6-7th May.
As the following points regarding the health
of the troops have been noted during the
stay in the present area. a. very few cases
of trench fever type have reported sick
those who did were invariably after
wet weather. all were of a mild type
and were well in 2 days time. Soda
Sal. was used in all cases up to 15 grs to 30.

in certain cases. Dover's powder appeared to give no beneficial results. A purgative seems in some cases where constipation exists to help. Only 1 case of P.U.O. was evacuated. By far the greatest number on sick parades reported for dressings. A large proportion of cuts about the hands from tins etc appear to get septic in this area. ^{cases of} Boils reporting remain about the same as in the Placpestert area. The septic conditions are hard to account for as the area is clean and almost virgin as far as fighting is concerned. All cases have done well under treatment of diarrhoea. Only 1 case reported another severe and was evacuated. During the first 10 days in the area a number of cases ^(brought from all batteries) reported with gastritis and an epidemic of diarrhoea was feared. All possible sources of infection were sought after but no satisfactory soln. was found. The epidemic of gastritis however died out and the only cause accounting for the condition seems to have been the change from one area to another. I can suggest no better solution.

May 7th. Remaining Batteries moved off by road in A.M. followed by Bde H.Q. at 1.45 P.M. Positions taken up as follows.

Bde H.Q. Sht 62nd C 19 C 6.3. approx. Batteries B 30 a, b, c.

Heavy rain in A.M.

May 8th. Sick parades held at Battery wagon lines. Sanitation inspected. Manure dump site selected. R.M.O. visited 5th A.F. Ambce to arrange for supply of stores and obtain boxes of ammonia capsules ¹²⁰⁰ which had been indented for on 2/5/18 as per order adms. 2nd Austn Divn No 11/26, only able to obtain 72. T.A.B. not available. Weather showery and humid.

May 9th. Bde Sick parade held at 15th Bty. Wagon Lines ^{for the future}. Arrangements made for evac. of Bde sick by cars of English Ambulance. 56th (A.T.N.) stationed at Montigny.

Weather fine and sunny all day.

Several cases of Influenza reported sick.

May 10th. Further cases of Influenzal type reporting. Owing to frequent changes in personnel of Sanitary Details a memo forwarded to Brigade asking for the matter to be placed on a more satisfactory basis. 2nd Divl A.C. orders 19/5/18 quoted.

May 11th. Inspection of wagon lines.

Sanitation satisfactory. Latrines flyproof where possible otherwise pits. Urinals in all lines. Manure dump satisfactory. Detailed inspection of 12th Battery cookhouse and billets. Mess tins in most cases in filthy condition, matter brought under notice of Battery O.C. & O.O.

Immunization T.A.B. of 11th Bty personnel completed
a few cases of influenza reported sick
May 12th Inspection of wagon lines and
detailed inspection of 10th Bty mess tent
- some in a dirty condition. Reinspection
of 10th Bty mess gear very little
improvement noted. Memo re this
matter forwarded to Brigade.

R.M.O. visited A.P.M.S. 2nd Austr. Division and obtained
locations of aid posts through which Batteries
could evacuate casualties if as expected
the Bde takes over from 108th R.F.A. Bde. On
return new orders came through stating
Bde to be taking over from 7th A.F.A. R.M.O.
visited 53rd Ambulance situated approx C22a62.
Location of aid posts in their area found
to be in close proximity to Battery positions
one being in Brele D.15a. which will clear
the 11th & 12th Bries situated just forward of Brele
and one at D15d.8.2. which will clear the
10th and 104th Bries. which are situated in D31 a x b.
Rain during night. Increase in number of Influenza
cases. the total number down with it being 9

Immunization of personnel of 10th Bty proceeded with.

May 13th Weather wet all day. Influenza cases
total 9. 2nd Div. Sig Co total increased to 6. 2 diarrhoea
cases reported. Health of men unsatisfactory but
as far as I am able to ascertain the conditions
in this unit are much better than in most.
R.M.O. visited R.M.O. of 7th A.F.A. Bde 2nd Bde. who
agreed to do the Brigade Sick Parade

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in the event of me going to the R.A.P. in
Brele. No increase in number of Influenza cases.
11th Bty moved to approx D30d.4.1.
14th May R.M.O. visited R.A.P. in Brele in A.M.
and arranged for relief of R.M.O. of 7th
A.F.A. Bde in P.M. no stores taken over.
4th A.F.A. Bde took over from 7th A.F.A. Bde
and H.Q. moved forward to
new position during P.M. at D13d.6.7.
R.M.O. remaining at H.Q. wagon lines on
account of the prevailing Influenza.
among the Batteries, Gun Crawford & and
Gun Langan medical orderlies being
sent forward with equipment to look after the R.A.P.
weather dull but fine. no further
cases of influenza reported. Cases in
2nd Div. Sig Co improving.

15th May. Weather hot and sunny all
day. Influenza cases improving.
During P.M. R.M.O. transferred equipment
etc to 11th Bty wagon lines as H.Q.
Medical post being a tent in a
wood at approx D30d.4.0. Inspection of
wagon lines. At 104th Bty manure not being
dealt with, as this had been the case
for some days in spite of repeated reminders
about it a memo forward to Bde H.Q. on
the matter.

16th May. Inspection of wagon lines. 104th Bty
moving to new position at H.6237. on
edge of swamp. Advised to move onto
a higher level on ridge immediately

behind. Advice acted on. 10th Bty W.L. remain-
-ing at B30 a 6.0 approx and 12th Bty at B30 a 7.0
In P.M. RMO visited 11th and 12th Forward
Bty. positions and R.A.P. all found in
good condition. Weather hot and sunny
no further cases of Influenza

May 17th Inspection of wagon lines of 10th
Bty. action being taken regarding disposal
of manure as referred to on 15th Inst.

Inspection of personnel of 11th Bty for Scabies
2 cases found; 10th Bty - 6. mild cases. Weather hot.

May 18th Weather hot until P.M. when
thunderstorm. Inspection of wagon
lines in A.M. 4 new cases of Influenza
reported sick. Scabies inspection 10th Bty - nil.

May 19th Fine and sunny. Inspection of
wagon lines in A.M. In P.M. RMO visited
11th & 12th Bty positions and R.A.P. conditions
found satisfactory.

May 20th Several new cases of Influenza
through the courtesy of Capt. Steele O.C. 11th
Bty wagon lines a tent was erected
along side medical tent in wood
3 cases being placed on this on bunk
type of Influenza prevailing includes
gastric symptoms with at times
diarrhoea. Inspection of 10th Bty proceeded
with.

May 21st Inspection of wagon lines of 10th
& 11th Bty. Comforts obtained from 5th
F.Amb. for men in sick tent.

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May 22nd Inspection of wagon lines of 12th
Battery. Disposal of manure not satisfactory
matter brought under notice of O.C. 12th

May 23rd RMO visited following positions
10th Bty 11th Bty 12th Bty. R.A.P. Breble and F.W.L. of
12th Bty all satisfactory.

May 24th Inspection of 12th Bty personnel proceeded
with inspection of W.L. of 10th 10th & 12th Bties
very slow progress made with disposal
of manure at last named. Envoies to be if
relieved by Langan at 10th Bty aid post during P.M.

May 25th Inspection of 10th Bty in A.M. In P.M. RMO
visited F.W.L. of 11, 12, & 10th Bties & Bty positions
of 11th & 12th Bties, R.A.P. Breble and H.Q. Bde.

During A.M. RMO. visited A.D.M.S. office and
information obtained regarding position
of RMO in a unit & his powers.
The two chief points having been the result
of conflict between the Bde Adjutant & myself.
I had been in the habit of ~~dealing with~~ the
CO Bde direct on any matter regarding
Reports on Sanitation, Health and ^{care} welfare
of Personnel etc. This had also been the
practice of my predecessors but I was
informed by the Adjutant that I was
out of order in doing so. RMO. stated
that RMO. was adviser to CO and
was entitled to ~~deal direct~~ with him.
2nd point was relative to an order
received to proceed forward and give
certificates to 2 men requiring examⁿ
before going to a Signalling School.

adms. ruled that as the medical ^{inspector} tent was placed by approval of Co. at wagon lines that cases for examn. should report to that place as it was quite impossible to carry equipment about to different positions for the purpose of examining these cases. Weather cool and fine.

May 28th Influenza epidemic practically ceased.

May 27th Inspection of W.L's of 10th & 12th Bties.
Weather cool and fine.

May 28th Inspection of W.L's of 10th & 11th Bties.
Weather fine.

May 29th Inspection of Kitchens at 10th & 12th Bties in Am. both in good state inspite of a bad report sent in by ^{Sgt} Cook from Dwn about 10th Bty Kitchen. This bad report was quite unjustified. In P.M. Rmo. visited forward positions of 10th 11th 12th & 10th Bties also Brigade R.A.P. at Breelle and ambulance post on Albert Amiens Rd. 15th London Field Ambce having relieved 55th Field Ambce 6 days prevly. Weather fine & cool.

Scalps ^{inspected} of 11th Bty - none found.
May 30th Supplies obtained from Ambce (5th Austin). Weather fine and sunny.

May 31st Weather fine and sunny.
Strength of Brigade. O. 34 O.R. 845 Reinft 04. O.R. 69.
Died 2 Wounded 6 Evacs. Sick 0.3. O.R. 14
Blankets Fumigated ⁸⁶⁸ - For month.

H.C. Fisher Capt
R.M.L. 14th A.F.A. Bde

To A.D.M.S. 2nd Austn Divn.
from R.M.O. 4th A.F.A. Bde

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Herewith attached Medical
War Diary and R.M.O. Report
for month ending 31/5/18.

31/5/18

H. Draker Capt.
R.M.O. 4th A.F.A. Bde

Hth A.F.A. Bde.
R.M.O. Monthly Report
May 1918

map Refs. Sht 62nd

Health. The health of this Brigade with the exception of an epidemic of Influenza about the middle of the month has been most satisfactory. During the epidemic a sick tent was set up with good results, only one case being evacuated. At no time were there more than 9 cases, down with it. Every precaution against infection was taken.

Sanitation. This has been quite satisfactory except for some difficulty at first in obtaining fly proof latrines.

The Sanitary details have at last been placed on a satisfactory basis. Kitchens &c are in good order, and the food good though the quantity supplied has not been great. A supply of green vegetables has been of great benefit even though it has been very scarce.

Aid Post. An aid post was established in Breche D 15 a 5.3. on 14/5/18 taking over from 7th A.F.A. Bde. It being considered wiser for the R.M.O. to stay at the wagon lines and look after the Influenza cases there I placed 2 of my details in

charge of the place. The ^{small} number of cases passing through the R.A.P. and the amount of sickness ^{although since} has justified this.

Very few casualties have occurred from the 10th & 12th Bties who are cleared by this post. The 10th & 104th Bties' casualties pass through an Ambulance Aid Post at D. 15 a 8.2. Shelling in the neighbourhood has not been great. Several casualties from Imperial Batteries in the neighbourhood have been cleared from this aid post. Cases have been evacuated by ^{amb.} cars first from the 55th F. Amb. and later ^{from} the 1/5 London F. Amb. All supplies and equipment have been obtained from the 5th Austro F. Amb.

Aid post is in a cellar about 20' x 12' with a proof entrance.

Reports obtained from Imple Ambul show that casualties passing through have been satisfactorily dressed & splinted by the orderlies in charge.

The aid post and forward Battery positions have been frequently inspected since 14th Inst. when the Brigade took over the positions.

Baths. Brigade personnel have had regular bathing parades in the Hallue River (near Frechencourt) B 30 which

is almost alongside the wagon lines besides the regular Parades good use of the river has been made for swims etc.

Clean clothes Clean clothes have regularly been issued at Bathing Parades

Scabies Inspection. At these parades the personnel have been inspected weekly for scabies. very few cases being found and these have done well under treatment.

Blanket fumigation. All the Blankets of the Brigade were put through a Jorden Lorry during the last week of the month.

Water Supply. This has been good and in all cases chlorinated.

Medical Equipment. This has been all been inspected and is in good order and condition. Supplies were obtained from the 5th Austn. F. Ambce.

Inoculation This has been proceeded with as men became due. A card system is being introduced and this will greatly help in keeping ~~keeping~~ trace of all inoculations as well as being ~~being~~ ^{opening up} history in minor form of all men in the Bde.

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Care of feet No trouble with bad feet has occurred and very few cases have required treatment. Each battery has a man detailed as a chiropodist who attends to feet under my supervision when such cases occur.

Water Details. These have given every satisfaction. Besides the Water Duty they have in turn acted as medical orderlies. No organised lectures have been given to them during the month, but instruction has been given them from time to time.

Anti Gas measures Tins of ammonia capsules have been supplied to the Brigade sufficient for a issue of 1 tin to each officer N.C.O and man. The Brigade Gas Officer has been notified and ^{has} agreed to keep a check on them.

Directions for use have been promulgated in B.R.O.

Recreation There has been every facility for Cricket, Football and swimming and advantage of each of these has been made good use of by the personnel. A Y.M.C.A. has been established

alongside one of the Battery wagon
lines and is ~~now~~ open to all troops.

There is a much better appreciation
of the importance of the A.M.C.
work etc in the Brigade than
there was at the end of last
month, and I think a good
relationship between the different
branches of the service has been
properly established.

The support and advice of the
A.M.C. and Austro-Divⁿ has been
greatly appreciated; from time
to time.

Returns for month.

Total Strength of Brigade as on 31st May 1918

O. 34

O.R. 845.

Number of Reinforcements O. 4. O.R. 69.

Casualties Died of wounds 2.

Wounded 6.

Evacuated Sick (including accidental
injuries) O. 3. O.R. 14.

Number of Blankets

Issued 868.

31/5/18

H. P. Disher Capt.
R.M.O. 4th A.T. A. Bde

5th AFABde

30.5.18.

To A.D.M.S.

2nd Aust Division

Monthly War Diary.

Until the 6th May, batteries were in action at LAVIEVILLE. During these last 6 days, enemy shelling was practically nil around gun positions, and there were no casualties.

On the 7th May the Brigade went into reserve and on 13th May took over from 8th AFABde. Batteries went into action in Ribemont area but owing to their scattered positions and to the impossibility of evacuating wounded to one particular spot, no R.P.P. was established.

Casualties have been very few 2 killed, 3 wounded.

Only on one night were the 14th and 15th batteries subjected to gas

but no casualties resulted.

The 14th and 15th Batteries were in position alongside R.P.P. in RIBEMONT, the 13th and 105th just in front of a motor loading point. There have been no inconveniences as regards evacuation of wounded.

During the 2nd Diversional Attack on VILLE-SUR-ANCRE, there were no casualties in this Brigade.

The health of the troops has been fairly good. An epidemic of an influenza type broke out in 105th Battery, but no more than 20 cases occurred. Contacts were isolated as far as possible.

Bathing facilities both at the gun positions and wagon lines were excellent, swimming parties being held frequently. Clean clothing has been issued to men weekly.

During this month, all blankets have been steam sterilized.

Following the losses in
Sanitary and Water personnel from
wounds, these details have been
again completed.

Cash Battery, this time in
action, had 2 gunners trained
in first aid and their work has
proved satisfactory and beneficial

A. Humphreys Capt
R.M.O.

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To A L M S.

2nd Australian Division

Report for Compilation of War Records

I Medical details of an offensive not applicable

II Condition of Men of Unit.

The Health of the men during the past month has not been good. an epidemic of an Influenzal type having made its appearance. It was not of a severe nature but sufficient to exempt men from duty for a period of a few days. The men were also injured owing to bomb explosions due to enemy action.

The companies are now out of the villages & the health ~~is~~ much improved.

Food has been ample plentiful and cooked & served in a satisfactory manner.

Bathing has been carried on whenever practicable a running stream at no great distance making this possible. Clean clothes have not been able to be issued as often or regularly as last month owing to the situation of affairs.

A Sanitary fatigue detailed by each Coy & under the supervision of the A.M.C orderlies have been able to put the sanitary matters on a proper footing. Latrines & urine pits & grease traps having been erected.

The feet of the unit are excellent & in good condition. One case of R. was reported during the month. Water is brought from a distance & proper measures are adopted for its chlorination before being issued to the troops. Water carts are clean.

For your information please

A B M C Calt
R.M.C 2nd Div
France

War Diary Report 31. 5. 18.
 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion
 To A.D.M.S. 2nd Australian Div
 During the month the unit has
 occupied shelters in the open, there
 being only small numbers in
 each place.
 The health of the unit was much
 better for April than this month
 perhaps due to change in temperature.
 Inflicenza accounted for
 many men being evacuated
 but the men being grouped
 in small parties no doubt
 prevented a higher evacuation.
 Bathing arrangements have been
 satisfactory, the men being very
 free from Scabies and other skin
 lesions except Boils which are
 prevalent.

D.H. Anderson
 Major.

2nd Aust M. G. Bn

War Diary for May 1918

Bn H Q moved to QUERIEU. 5th & 6th Coys also to QUERIEU. 22nd remained in line with English troops for some days.

7th Coy to a locality beyond LA MOTTE.

The Coy Chiropodists under these conditions carry on as a.m.c. details.

M. G. visited camps & advised re Sanitation ~~7-5-18~~ also arranged for Foden Ferry Disinfecta for 6th Brigade.

7-5-18. Visit 7th Bde Hqs. RIVERSIDE Foden.

Fatigue party supplied from 7th Aust T Amb 1 M.B. & 4 men, making the working more satisfactory.

8-5-18. M. G. 3 duties & include

5th 6th & 7th A. L. T. M. B's

2nd A. Div Sal. Coy

2nd A. Div Bathing Personnel

& attached units to our M. G.

10-5-18 Bn. moved to FRANKLERS

Billets taken over from 3rd Div. were in a filthy state. Report sent to Adms 2nd A. Div.

12th PVO (Influenza?) becoming prevalent

13th Village shelled a.m.

14th Coys moved to camping area near transport lines. Shortage of shelter cones, but weather good ~~about 300 men~~ in camp.

17th Reg. Med. Equipment received from 5th Aust. T. Amb. Instructions typed for ~~sanitary details~~

18th M. G. moved to Bn Camp.

20th Inspection re Scabies report showed about 5% mild cases.

21st Visit to Coy Hqs of Coys in line & adv. Bn Hqs. Unable to visit the whole line, as this would actually take some days.

San. Condu. of Rear Camps bad

23rd Two Sanitary Details & inspect & report on front line sanitation.

PVO practically disappeared since the men left the billets & went into bivouacs.

Stretch bearers Haveracks returned. Dtn as no S. B. & on Reg. Establishment.

25th Lecture to Coy Commanders re Sanitation & duties of Sanitary Personnel.

Instruction continued & class products
 26th Lecture & Coy Officers on Sanitation
 @ Duties of San. Personnel.
 27th An impromptu Sports afternoon
 successfully arranged.
 31-5-18 Camp Sanitation very much
 improved.

Note. The Machine Gun Battalion
 has now been together for the
 first time actually working as
 a Battalion - tho. of course ~~perhaps~~
 the large part are still in the line,
 but from the R.M.D. standpoint
 his various details have settled
 down to their proper positions, &
 are working satisfactorily.

(Bluebird sign R.M.D.)

SECOND AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.
-----Headquarters.
12th, May 1918.INSTRUCTIONS TO REGIMENTAL SANITARY DETAILS .

In general to inspect and report to R.M.O., matters connected with Sanitation, both in and out of the line, viz:- General cleanliness of Billets, Camps, Bivouacs, Lines and Adjacent area.

- i General cleanliness.
- ii Condition of latrines and urinals.
- iii Cook-houses and grease traps.
- iv Incinerators and disposal of refuse.

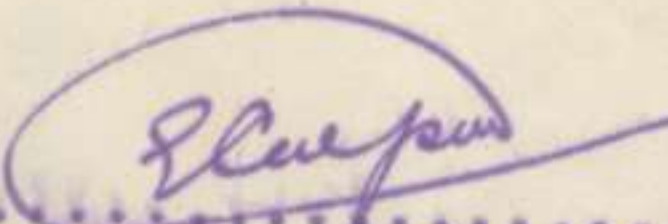
1. General Cleanliness. Billets to be clean and tidy, no food to be left uncovered, all refuse and waste matter to be removed.
2. Latrines. (a) Shallow trenches only to be used as very temporary methods in case of urgency, and when used excreta must be immediately covered with earth.

(b) Deep Trenches to be provided in camps and billets, at least 8 feet deep, every effort should be made to make these fly proof, boxes can often be salvaged for this purpose, when this cannot be done, earth should be immediately thrown on excreta.

Special attention is required to latrines for men actually in the line, if it is unsafe to use a latrine in the daytime, tins should be provided and emptied into a deep pit away from the trench at night

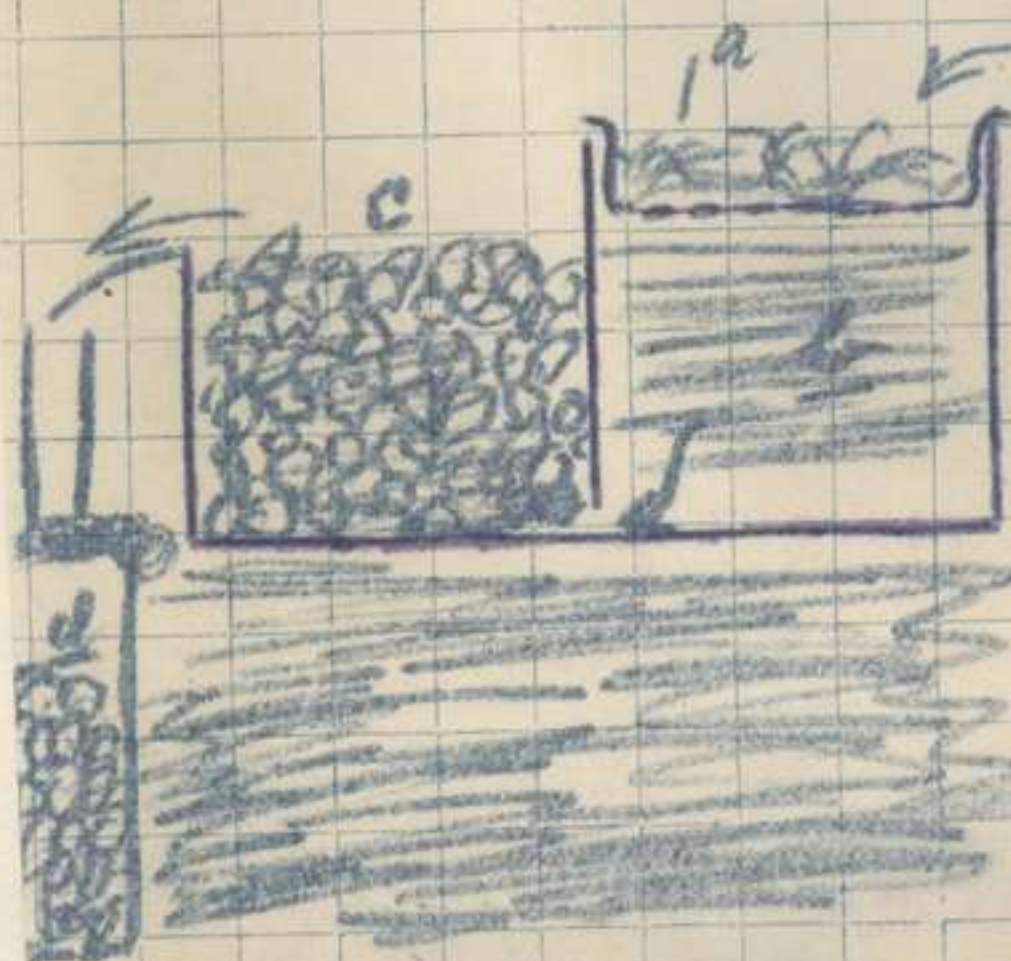
3. Cook-houses. Must not be near latrines or horse lines, grease traps to be provided. If material is not available for a proper grease trap, soakage pit as for urinals with a tin as a strainer, can be used pit must be covered to prevent rubbish being thrown in and to keep flies out. Strainer to be frequently cleaned and contents burned.
4. Incinerators. When there is none available, the best rapid improvised method is as shown in diagram- A shallow pit 4 to 6 feet in dia, shaped like a saucer, with a pyramid of stones or burnt tins in the centre. Wire netting can frequently be salvaged to rapidly construct an incinerator. When through exigencies a pit has to be dug for refuse, the refuse when disposed in it should be immediately covered with a layer of earth.

When fatigue parties are necessary apply to the Orderly Sergeant concerned. Attempts should always be made to improve an area whilst in occupation


.....Major.,
R.M.O., 2nd, Aust. M.G. Battn.,



INCINERATOR.



GREASE TRAP

Built of 2 biscuit boxes joined, or one with a partition

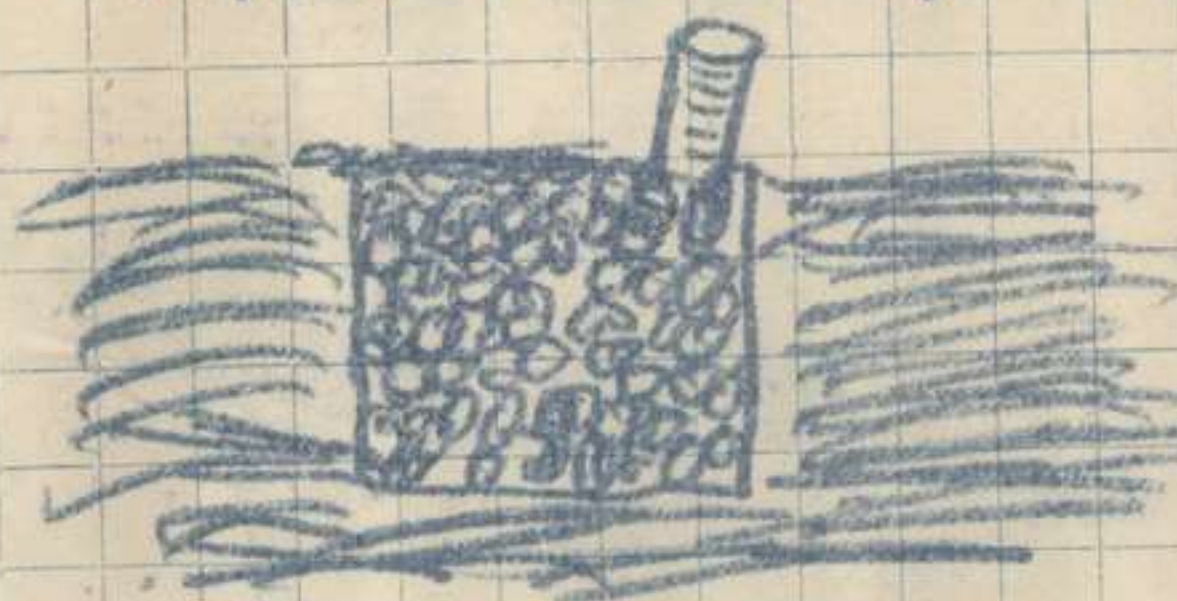
a Tin strainer & straw

b Fat rises on this side & can be skimmed off

c Second chamber filled with small stones or broken bricks. To be periodically cleaned

d Soakage pit. Filled with

stones, burnt lime (with the bottoms knocked out) or broken bricks, & covered over



URINE PIT

Medical War Diary
of the 18th Battⁿ
28/4/18 - 28/5/18

April 28th-30th: Whole battalion in Warloy - Men in comfortable billets - Sanitation, food & general health good

May 1st: At 2 pm. battalion marched to Bavelincourt. Packs & blankets were carried - Men all established in good dry billets - Hot meal served on arrival -

May 2nd-3rd: Whole battalion bathed at Beau-court - A clean change of underclothing was issued to each man -

May 4th: Battⁿ marched to Warloy & comfortably established in billets -

May 5th: Battⁿ attached temporarily to 47th Divⁿ - marched to Bois de Perignon & established in bivouacs - Shelters provided, straw plentiful, men comfortable & happy - Men out on digging & fatigue parties.

May 6th: Battⁿ marched to Freschen Court & men billeted

May 7th-8th: In Freschen Court - men resting completely.

May 9th: At 1.45 pm. battⁿ moved off to Franbiller's - then billeted for a short time & then moved out to Franbiller's lines where shelters were provided & men made comfortable

May 10th: At 8.30 pm. battalion moved off for front line to take over from the left Bⁿ of the right Bde sector. Two companies in front line & two in support -

May 11th: Water sent up in petrol tins - All company's cookers forward at Bⁿ H.Q. - Two hot meals sent to line in each 24 hours - Water tank situated at Bⁿ H.Q. which is filled each night by carts - Petrol tins filled here & sent up.

Clean socks sent up to line tonight.

Casualties: 1 O.R. Killed
1 O.R. Severely wounded
1 O.R. Lightly wounded.

: R.A.P. Cut in side of bank near Bⁿ H.Q. - Sandbagged front & sides - Iron roof with turps - Dimensions: 12 x 10 x 8 ft.

May 12th: 6 O.R. casualties
May 13th: Water being drawn by carts from R. Ancre at Meincourt tested daily for organic & metallic contamination - Front line relieved by support lines. Canteens

May 14th: Weather warm & dry - Health
& morale of troops good
Clean socks sent to line in night
with rations
Casualties for 24 hrs.

2 Officers & 22 O.R.

May 15th: 14 O.R. Casualties.

May 16th: 13 O.R. Casualties.

R.A.P. visited by D.A.D. M.S.

May 17th: 3 O.R. Casualties -

1 front line Coy relieved by one
Coy in support line.

May 18th: Severe storm in afternoon - front
line very wet as a consequence

May 19th: Attack at 2 am - Ground wet &
slippery - All our objectives gained
Casualties: Killed Wounded

Officers 3

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O.R. 13

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May 20th: Battalion relieved by 19th Battⁿ
& came into support trenches near
Meerab Wood.

May 21st: Casualties: 3 Killed 2 wounded
Complete change of clothing
provided - Food cooked at old
Bⁿ HQ & sent to trenches where
it is returned in Bannys Cookers.
Water sent up in petrol tins.

May 22nd: Men out on fatigue for four
hours of a night - Posting by

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day - sick parades held at 9 pm.
or earlier on a dull day - Health
of troops on the whole good - Some
few cases of 'sodden' feet who had
been reporting sick how well

May 23rd: Fatigues till each night - Men
& 24th very well - Light rain fell but
not sufficient to affect the condition
of the ground - Weather very much
cooler. Clean clothing for whole Bⁿ.

May 25th: Battalion relieved 19th Bⁿ in
the same sector as on previous
tour - Ground dry & firm - Two
Companies in front line & two in
reserve.

May 26th: Casualties for 24 hours:

1 O.R. Killed 1 O.R. wounded.

Clean socks sent to line.

Cooking & water arrangements
the same as on previous tour.

May 27th: 1 O.R. Killed 3 O.R. wounded -
Health of men very good but
few parading sick to R.A.P.

May 28th: Casualties:

5 O.R. wounded 3 killed

M. Kempster left
R.M.D. 18th Battⁿ

War Diary
For the month of May 1918
R.M.O. 20th Battalion.

1st May. Battalion in the line north of Albert, near Bouzancourt. The excavation in hill side for the R.A.P. has been completed and now is ready for timbering and roofing. The front was fairly quiet during the day and no casualties occurred. In the evening about dusk, the R.M.O. of the 23rd Royal Battalion London Regiment relieved me. The Battalion moved back to Warley. No casualties during relief.

At 11.30 a.m. next morning the Battalion moved out of Warley and marched to Fréchencourt. Sick parade held at 6 p.m. and a foot parade run through.

The men have been billeted in the usual barns. One billet which had especially dirty surroundings was condemned next day. Latrine accommodation poor

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except for two large public latrines. Town Mayor unable to give any assistance in supplying any latrine seats. Water supply O.K. The men were bathed whilst here and had a clean change of clothing.

4th May. Sick parade a few cases of P.O.D. were seen.

5th May. Battalion marched out of village at 8.30 a.m., moving to Cardonnette. A large no. of men fell out of the column during the march, complaining of influenza symptoms. Practically all of these came from C. Company. One of the platoons of this Coy. occupied the billet which had been condemned in Fréchencourt. This billet had a large moist midden heap in its courtyard. A rain storm caused it to overflow and the surroundings of billet became mucky.

Cardonnette is a dirty village. The weather

become increasingly warmer. Open latrines largely in use. Urinals put down and latrine seats indented for and material for building an incinerator. All billets were cleaned out and fresh straw put down.

P.V.D. cases increasing in number and though majority came from C. Company, odd ones also came from the other Coys. Dick parade held twice daily. Gangling parade held.

C. Company removed from village and isolated in tents in a wood. A small Battalion Rest hut established for mild cases of P.V.D. All severe cases of P.V.D. were evacuated at once.

7th May. At 9.30 a.m. Battalion marched out of Cambronne and billeted in a tent camp between Querien and La Houssoye, on the left side of the Amiens - Albert road. Weather remaining warm.

fine. A Coy. were bathed at Querien and obtained clean clothes. P.V.D. cases still prevalent.

10th May. A hot day. A lot of the men bathed in the canals during the day. At 7.45 p.m. the Battalion marched through La Houssoye and Boulogne to the Reserve Battalion position in a gully about 600 yds north of Vaux sur Somme. On approaching the gully the H.D. Coy. walked into a short sharp barrage of whizz-bang H.E. and shrapnel. One casualty only was received.

R.A.P., which was built into the bank and was splinter proof, was taken over from the R.M.C. of the outgoing Battalion. Some gas was hanging about the gully.

11th May. Evacuations of P.V.D. still going on in fair numbers each day. 50 odd cases were sent away during the fortnight. We relieved the 33rd

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Batter. which had recently attacked and advanced the line with other Batters of the Brigade some 850 yds and taken 300 prisoners. Their own casualties were slight.

14th May. After lunch the gully was shelled heavily with 4.2 instantaneous fire and 5.9 shells, causing 15 casualties of which several were severely wounded. No fractures bow. The dressing of the wounded was temporarily suspended owing to attention having to be given to repelling the trench store goat which was suffering from shell shock and had invaded the R.A.P.

15th May. Fourteen cases of P.V.D. were evacuated and the Battalion moved forward to occupy the front trenches in the evening, relieving the 17th Batter.

Nox seat latrine accommodation was ample at the Reserve Batter.

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position. Head Quarters Coy. had their rations cooked in the gully but the other Coys. had their food brought up at night in food containers. Water for Batter brought up from Transport line. Additional supplies were brought from Vaux-sur-Lomme and chlorinated at R.A.P.

Forward R.A.P. taken over from the 17th Batter, situated alongside 29th Batter R.A.P. and in the same gully as the 20th Batter H.Q. Large dugouts under construction here 3 divisions of R.A.P. about 12 ft by 10 ft. Room for about four stretcher cases.

During the next few days a few cases of P.V.D. were sent away but Company commanders say their men are feeling well and there is less sickness.

A few casualties occurred during the

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six days we spent here. All water is brought up from the transport lines. Fifteen latrine seats were put in position in the forward companies. The outbreak of Influenza has subsided and men are in good nick and the moral is excellent. 22nd May. In the evening the Battalion moved back to Reserve position again, being relieved by the 17th Battalion. Relief completed without any casualties. Early next morning we had five men wounded and one killed by a bomb which dropped in the gully. There are very few men sick now. During the last few days arrangements were made for a bathing allotment at the Heilly Baths and two Coys. were bathed there at night. The rest of the Battalion were bathed at Vaux-sur-Somme in improvised baths and ~~etc~~ clean changes of

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clothing got for them by the Battalion. A nautchmaster. men with suspicious rashes were collected from the local baths and given Sulphur treatments for a couple of days with hot baths. About five cases of suspicious rashes only were observed and treated. Whilst in this reserve position, one cook was brought up and placed in a recess in the bank of gully, cooking for the two companies which went forward working each night.

Arrangements were made at Transport Lines for accommodation for convalescent cases from Field Ambulances and mild sick cases from the Battalion.

28th May. In the evening the Battalion moved forward again to the front line and relieved the 17th Battalion. The front appears much quieter than when we first came in.

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Casualties for three days being two slightly wounded cases.

31st May. Fine warm weather prevailing and men in good condition.

W. H. M. O. 20th Hatter

A. I. F.

MEDICAL WAR DIARY.

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Period 1st May 1918 - 31st May 1918.

21st Bn. A.I.F.

1. 5.18 Battalion in line before Lavierville relieved by 56th Brigade B.E.F. R.A.P. situated at D.12. b. 80.10. (Sheet 62nd N.E. 120,000). Containing as stores Thomas splints 4. Leg splints 6. am splints 4. Gosh splints 15 doz. Roll bandages 7 doz. Wool 3 lbs. Gauze 73 yds. Shell dressings 5 doz. Line evacuated without casualties. Route march through Lavierville through Hennencomb to Warloy where unit billeted. Hot cocoa supplied by Y.M.C.A. at Hennencomb. Much appreciated by troops. Arrived Warloy 4 a.m. 2.5.18.
2. 5.18. Sick parade 8.30 a.m. at Warloy. Six cases found unfit to march. Two on account of Influenza. Four on account of sore feet. These cases transported to destination at a verrier by 6th Old Ambulance as per instructions from C.O. Amb. per 6th Bde. Midday halt, meal at Beaucourt. Three O.K. unable to proceed further (one asthenic, two under feet). These later brought on by 6th Old Amb. During remainder of march 4 O.K. fell out from 'D' Coy on account of corns & tender feet. These to complete march in own time. Billeted in verrier.
3. 5.18. Sick parade 9 a.m. Troops paid 11 a.m. Routine inspection. Billets left in bad condition by previous units.
4. 5.18. Pack inspection of unit. Box seats fitted to latrines lacking them.
5. 5.18. Stretcher bearers practised in bandaging 10 a.m. - 12 noon + 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Lecture to Sanitary Details on Sanitary Duties.
6. 5.18. Medical equipment of mallee cart overhauled & brought up to establishment. Routine inspection 10 a.m. Condition of billets cleaner. Majority of men's mess tins found in a very dirty condition. This is a too frequent occurrence in this unit. Attention of C.O. drawn to matter. Also to fact that O.C.'s Companies do not understand functions of Sanitary Details and hinder them considerably in their duties. Lecture stretcher bearers, bandaging 11 a.m. - 12 noon + 2 - 3 p.m.
7. 5.18. Conditions improved with regard to mess tins & Sanitary Details but still not satisfactory.

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MEDICAL WAR DIARY.

21st BN. A.I.F.

Period 1st May 1918 - 31st May 1918

7. 5. 18 Routine Inspection 10. a.m. Lecture stretcher bearers 11. a.m. - 12 noon. Practice in bandaging 2pm - 3pm. 3pm. Supervision of work of chiropodists + instruction of same in care of men's feet + necessity for frequent washing.
8. 5. 18 10 a.m. Routine Inspection. 11. a.m. - 12 noon. Stretcher bearers. improvisation of splints & their application. 2pm - 3pm. Elements of stretcher drill + carrying in gas masks.
9. 5. 18 By route march from Overview to support lines at Ribémont relieving 28th BN A.I.F. R.A.P. in cellar of restaurant at "Piccadilly Circus" Comorodious. Capable of being made gas proof but with little overhead shelter.
10. 5. 18 Bn Hdqrs moved out of Ribémont to dugout in bank on edge of town toward Lincerie. R.A.P. compelled to remain in Ribémont through lack of accommodation elsewhere. R.A.P. too far + out of way of troops to be of any real value.
11. 5. 18 On yesterday a few cases of Influenza from portion of 'D' Coy billeted in cellars in Ribémont. Light shelling of Ribémont with Phosgene + T. Stuff. at night. No casualties.
12. 5. 18 Heavier shelling with Phosgene + T. Stuff. A few cases lightly gassed from Pioneer Bn passed thro' R.A.P. Two more cases influenza.
13. 5. 18 Shelling of Ribémont with H.E. during afternoon + night. Destruction of no. 1's billet with loss of part of chlorinating tank case contents. operation of kit. R.A.P. struck by 77 m.m. but no casualties.
14. 5. 18 Groups bathed + given clean change underclothing. Relieved 22nd Bn in line night 14/15. 5. 18

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Period. 1st May 1918 - 31st May 1918.

21st Bn. A.I.F.

15. 5. 18. 350 shell dressings & a large quantity of other dressings brought up in anticipation of attack of 19. 5. 18. Only 6 stretchers available. Efforts being made by 6th Rd Amb to obtain more. R.A.P. at J. H. A. S. 9 (Sheet 62nd 1/40000).
16. 5. 18. Work being carried out by this unit at chalk pit at J. S. d. g. 4. with view to establishing at Bn Hdqrs & Sig Office for use of 22nd Bn in Sturt. In provision for Aid Post & amenable British Co. 21st Bn in the matter. Casualties 3 killed.
17. 5. 18. Brigade insist on the erection of Aid Post in Chalk Pit. This work carried out by fatigues from 21st under supervision of engineering officer. Evacuations. 1 wounded, 2 buried by shell explosion.
18. 5. 18. R.A.P. 3 at J. H. A. S. 9 & J. S. d. g. 4. fully equipped with Dressings, splints, bandage, Medical Comforts & stretchers & blankets. 16 gallons water at R.A.P. at J. H. A. S. 9. As R.A.P. forward was only 9ft by 7ft by 6ft (outside measurement) it was arranged with Capt Mackintosh that as many stretcher cases as possible be sent to my R.A.P. & all walking cases. Only urgent cases being attended to forward.
19. 5. 18. Attack commenced at 2 am. The first casualties commenced arriving shortly after & came without intermission until after midday. During this day 170 casualties were treated at 21st R.A.P. This Aid Post was also used as a Relay Post. ^{Three} ~~four~~ squads of bearers being stationed here. The N.C.O. in charge of these bearers did excellent work & showed himself to be very capable. Some dozen or more wounded German prisoners were treated here also. Six cases of fractured thigh were placed on Thomas splint & attached to suspension bars. Med. Sanitary Corporal was fully occupied supplying wounded & as often as possible bearers with hot Cocoa or Coffee.

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21st BN. A.I.F.

Period. 1st May 1918 - 31st May 1918.

- 19.5.18. Stretchers & blankets were returned regularly. There was difficulty in getting splints to replace those used. Requisitions came through well when bearers did not forget to deliver the requisition. Enemy prisoners were available for the carriage of a number of skeleton cases & attended to a number of wounded in the battle area. The work of clearing the battle ground of wounded was rapidly carried out and suffered no hindrance from enemy fire, as a large number of the earlier wounded had become casualties through shell fire. The men stating that it was the result of our own fire dropping short.
- 20.5.18. Another 25 cases passed through R.A.P. mainly from working parties during the early morning.
- 21.5.18. Str in La Boussoye Switch line having been relieved night 20/21.5.18. by 28th Bn. Line clean & provided with box seat latrines.
- 22.5.18. 107th vac. D.D.H. 3. Other diseases: 1. Rose measles.
- 23.5.18. 107th vac. sick.
- 24.5.18. Str in La Boussoye Switch trenches. French shelters available for all ranks.
- 25.5.18. Weather good. Attention of C.O. again drawn to condition of mess chairs.
- 26.5.18. 162 Officers & 70th evacuated with T.B.B.
- 27.5.18. 1 case mumps vac 27.5.18. This man was a contact of case previously evacuated from unit at Quercy. was recent arrival from infected camps in England.
- 28.5.18. Health of troops generally good. 66 O.K. sent to 6th Platoon for Dental treatment & for arrangement with by C.O. 6th Platoon.
- 29.5.18. Two cases sent for medical Board. 1. Defective vision. 1. D.D.H. approved by R.D.M.S. for transfer to base at base.
- 30.5.18. On night 31.5.18/1.6.18 21st Bn relieved 25th Bn in line. R.A.P. well stocked taken over at 7.5.18. 9.4. After last R.A.P. 22nd Bn
- 31.5.18.

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War Diary.

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A.D. 1918.

2nd Aust Div.

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WAR DIARY OF THE A. M. C. 24th BATTALION, A.I.F.

On May 1st the Battalion was relieved at MELLENCOURT and on May 2nd moved from MILLENCOURT to PONT NOYELLES via WARLOY - CONTAY - MONTIGNY. Went into billets at PONT NOYELLES.

The R.A.P. was established in a small stable. During our stay of 8 days at PONT NOYELLES the sickness was light, in spite of the bad sanitary conditions of the town, and most of our time was given up to the training of stretcher bearers. Daily lectures on first aid were given and competitions in dressing and carrying of wounded arranged. The men took great interest in the work.

On May 9th the Battalion went into the front line and we took over the R.A.P. in outskirts of BUIRE from the R.M.O. of 40th Battalion. This was a very fine R.A.P. ~~and would~~ and would have been capable of accomodating some 25 or 30 stretcher cases in case of necessity. It was a large cellar. One end partitioned off with hessian was used as Coy. Hqrs., and this had separate entrance by winding stairs. All other entrances had been blocked up and a new opening made in the brick wall on the western side of the cellar, and a deep sap leading down to this.

The floor space of the R.A.P. was about 15 feet by 25 feet.

On night of 14th/15th inst. the Battalion went into supports and R.A.P. was shifted to large cellar in MERICOURT L'ABBEYE. This was a fine strong cellar divided into three compartments, one of which was used as a temporary hospital. Some 8-10 sick men were kept here during our stay at this place.

On night of 18th/19th May we went into R.A.P., BUIRE again with R.M.O. of 23rd Battalion. At 2. a.m. on 19th the 6th Brigade attacked. Wounded began to come through about 12 o'clock and a steady stream kept going till about 2.50. About 3. a.m. we were very busy and the rush continued till about 4.30, when Hun wounded began to arrive. In all, about 30 wounded Huns passed through, the majority being stretcher cases.

On night of 20th/21st the Battalion was relieved, and moved back into bivouacs between FRANVILLERS and LA HOUSOYE, where the Battalion still remains.

In spite of the fine weather, open air and healthy life the men are living, the sick parades are fairly large, and daily cases of P.U.O. are being evacuated.

Donald W. Coutts. MAJOR
R.M.O 24 HBN

1-6-18
 To Adms 2nd Aust Div
 From RMO, 25th AI Bn

Re War Diary of 25th AI Bn
 for May 1918

On May 1st the Battalion moved
 from Tréhen court to Querrieu
 & on the 2nd from there to
 Pivery near Amiens.

At Pivery 2 men evacuated
 gassed.

On May 6th Influenza became
 prevalent amongst stretcher bearers
 & medical details & later throughout
 the Unit.

On the 9th 21 men evacuated from
 this cause.

On the 10th the Battalion moved
 up to Reserves at T13 CH9, (162 P44).

The R.A.P. was situated in a
 quarry on the hillside at the
 last location but had to be

shifted to a lower position on
 account of heavy shelling.

Its present position is on the
 road at base of hill & consists
 of space cut into road bank
 with tarpaulin cover overhead.

The Battalion remained in
 Reserve until the 20th when
 it moved up to Tréhen court.

The R.A.P. here was in a cellar
 on the West of the village & was
 fitted with gas-proof curtains.

On the 23rd the enemy shelled main-
 court for 4 hours, with "Mustard" &
 Phosgene shells as well as H.E.

The bombardment started about
 2 am.

The R.A.P. received 8 direct
 hits by gas shells.

Major Power the RMO, & 3 medical
 details were evacuated gassed.
 In all 1 officer & 61 o/s. evacuated.

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gained on that date.

Capt. Ymms came 26th Pm took over ~~the~~ R.A.S. temporarily, the R.A.S. from Mervin was changed to Chalk Pit 500 yds south of Mervin.

Capt. Daniel 4th F. Amb. relieved Capt. Ymms about 3 pm on the 23rd. The two medical details left with transport replaced them evacuated.

On the 24th - 25th of 4th were evacuated gained.

On the night of 25/26 the Pm moved up to front line, the R.A.S. being situated at J11 a 59 (62D 4000) 29th Capt. Whist from 3rd F. Amb. relieved Capt. Daniel as R.M.D.

On the 30th Capt. W. Bigger D.C.M. (C of E.) whilst riding a bicycle from the front line ran into a shell hole & received into about his mouth & nose & had to be evacuated.

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On the night 31st May / 1st June the Battalion was relieved by the 21st Pm.

The Relief was effected without incident.

The R.A.S. (Battle R.A.S.) was situated at J11 a 59 (62D 4000) in a small chalk quarry & consisted of an elephant iron arch with 3 layers of sand bags on top. Cover only fair. It had to be deepened to provide freer movement.

Cases were evacuated by wheelbarrow & hand carry to J11 a 65, 68. (62D 4000)

4 Stretcher Bearers from the 6th F. Amb. attached to post.

Cm. Whist Capt.
R.M.D. 25th I Pm.

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26th. Battalion.A.I.F.
.....Monthly War Diary for May 1918.

Battalion leaves line at D.24. approximately, Sheet 62D. on 1/5/18, proceeding to Behancourt, billeted there one night, then on 2/5/18 marches to Pont Noyelles and billeted for the night, on the 3rd. Battalion continues to Camon and remained there for three days in billets. The R.A.P. was established in a house in the village. Each evening Amiens bombed by night and shelled by day, many shells falling short of the town but none in the vicinity of the troops.

On the 6th. Battalion marched to Railway embankment M.24.a and b. near Glisy and dug in. While there the river gave ample opportunity for bathing and practically every man bathed several times with complete change of underclothing.

Major Bignell R.M.O. left the Battalion on the 8th. and Capt Tymms, 5th. Aus. Field Ambulance took his place.

A premature burst from a French long range gun close by killed one and wounded 3 of the Battalion on 10/5/18. Battalion relieved and marched from this area to Franvillers trench line system and remained in trench bivouacs for 10 days. Franvillers shelled several times and 3 of our men wounded also 2 French civilians killed and one wounded.

Battalion Rest Hut established there with 4-5 patients retained daily. Hut continued there on subsequent movement of Bn under care of Battalion medical orderly in touch with A.D.S. Franvillers and with R.M.O. by reports every 2-3 days.

On 20/5/18 Battalion goes in reserve on left of Buire-Ribemont sector. R.A.P. in bank outside Ribemont D.27.d.4.7.- small timbered and protected dug-out. Two additions added while there one in front and one at side. Four Field Ambulance bearers in shelter close by carry to Motor loading post on Heilly road D.27. c.2.5.

Very few casualties during the 6 days in reserve, although there was periodical enemy shelling and one slight gas bombardment causing 8 casualties, none severe. In addition 4 killed, 17 wounded by shell were seen at R.A.P.

Bathing facilities at Ribemont were availed of as far as possible and complete change of underclothing took place.

On 23/5/18 I was required to relieve Major Power, 25 th. Bn who was evacuated gassed. It was found necessary by me to evacuate about between 40-50 gassed men. Relieved by Capt. Daniels in the afternoon I returned to 26th. Battalion.

Mericourt had been gassed severely the previous night.

On 26/5/18 Battalion moved up into front line beyond Buire and Ville-sur-l'Ancre.

On 28/5/18 R.A.P. in cellar at D.24.d.3.8. moved to D.30.a.9.2 in quarry on right of far side of Buire. R.A.P. here was in a timbered sunken dug-out with double entrance. Four Field Ambulance bearers attached here with 3 wheelers. Old R.A.P. on near side of Buire retained as reserve R.A.P. with Battalion medical Corporal, also 6 Field Ambulance bearers in reserve attached here.

Evacuation takes place from R.A.P. (D.30.a.9.2.) by wheel stretchers to Motor post at Crucifix 200 yards near side of Buire (D.29.c.5.9.)- the Motor post of D.27.a.5.8. having moved up to this former position at Crucifix.

In reviewing month there has been little sickness and comparatively few casualties, gas or otherwise.

*Report for 24/5/18
on June Report*

A.D.C. Tymms

Captain.
R.M.O. 26th. Battalion.A.I.F.

To A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust. Div. May
Monthly Report of Bn.

On 30.4.18 Bn left Sappot Bn position near Rebeumont and was billeted in Bouchicourt for one night and day. Marched to Port Noyelle and on 2nd on to Remy about 2 Kil. from Amiens. There Bn was billeted in French hospital, most excellent billets. On the day after arrival in position. On 4th moved from Remy to position mid-way between La Houssoye and Bony being billeted in tanks. On 10th Bn moved into line to facing Rebeumont, we took over from 6th Brigade which who had just started, taking all sun, acre, and for the first few days the was a fair amount of shelling and the forward part of Bn was filled with gas, mostly mustard. On 26th moved back to the Rebeumont again as reserve Bn, then the 4 men living in trenches. Whilst at Remy a type of P.O. called "Zusman" became very prevalent about 50 men had to be evacuated as ~~compromised~~ we were under orders to be at any time within 40 minutes, about 200 cases came in Bn but only 40 cases which were kept in Bn rapidly became much and

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better being on duty again in 5 or 6 days. Otherwise the health of troops has been good. The P.O. appeared to be contagious and died in severity on the moving out from billets. 2 men were killed, 14 wounded and 7 gassed whilst in "line". The wounded was slight and line evacuation was good, from R.A.P. ~~sent~~ by wheeled stretchers direct to motor ambulances. At all times men obtained hot meals from the cooks.

A. Macdonald Capt

29.5.18. R.M.O. 27th Bn

28th Battalion A.I.F

DIARY May 1918.

There is little of interest to report for first half of Month
During attack by 6th Brigade on Villers Sur Ancre on 18.5.18
the Battalion was in Supports. KM A Reg A.P was established in a
dugout in a quarry near MERRICOURT Sheet 32 D . J.9.b.8.2

There was an ambulance relay post here and cases were then carried
to motor loading post in Merricourt, but only a few cases were evacuated
through this R.A.P.

The Battalion relieved 22nd in the Line on the ²⁰th 5.18.

R.A.P situated at J.5.d.9.4. Two bearer squads from 6th F.A car-
ried from here to motor loading point which had been established at
J.11.a 5.9. This R.A.P was well stocked with dressing and medical
comforts. On 25th the Battalion was relieved by 25th Battalion and
R.A.P at J.9.b.8.2 was again taken over until 31st May.

Ambulance Cars were now stationed at this point and cases evacuated
direct by car to ^{advanced} dressing station. Total of evacuations wounded
for month 38. During the month there was an outbreak of P.U.O (Influenza)
in the Battalion. 54 cases were evacuated from this cause and
there were also a number of milder cases treated in ~~line~~ ^{Camp}.

Prophylactic measures were instituted . Only severe cases were sent
away(except while in the line) the remainder being isolated. The
contacts were isolated as far as possible and a nasal douch and
gargle of permanganate used thrice daily. Attention was paid to
airing of bivvies and blankets

Cases discharged from Field Ambulance ^{were} to be treated for a few days
at Transport Lines whilst the Battalion was in the Line.

~~Arrangements were also made for convalescence.~~

Under these measures the epidemic appears to have largely disappear

In the Field.
1.6.18

JCM PayerCaptain.
R.M.O 28th Battalion A.I.F

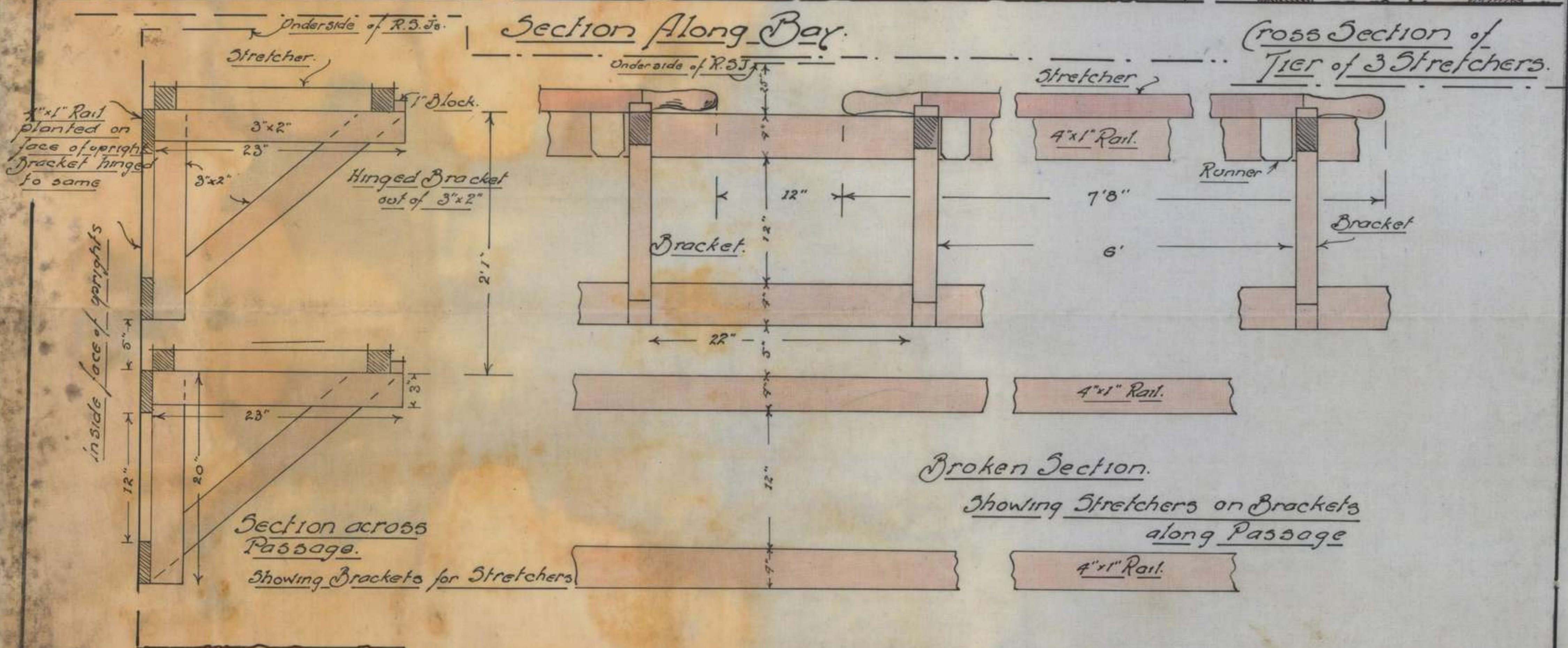
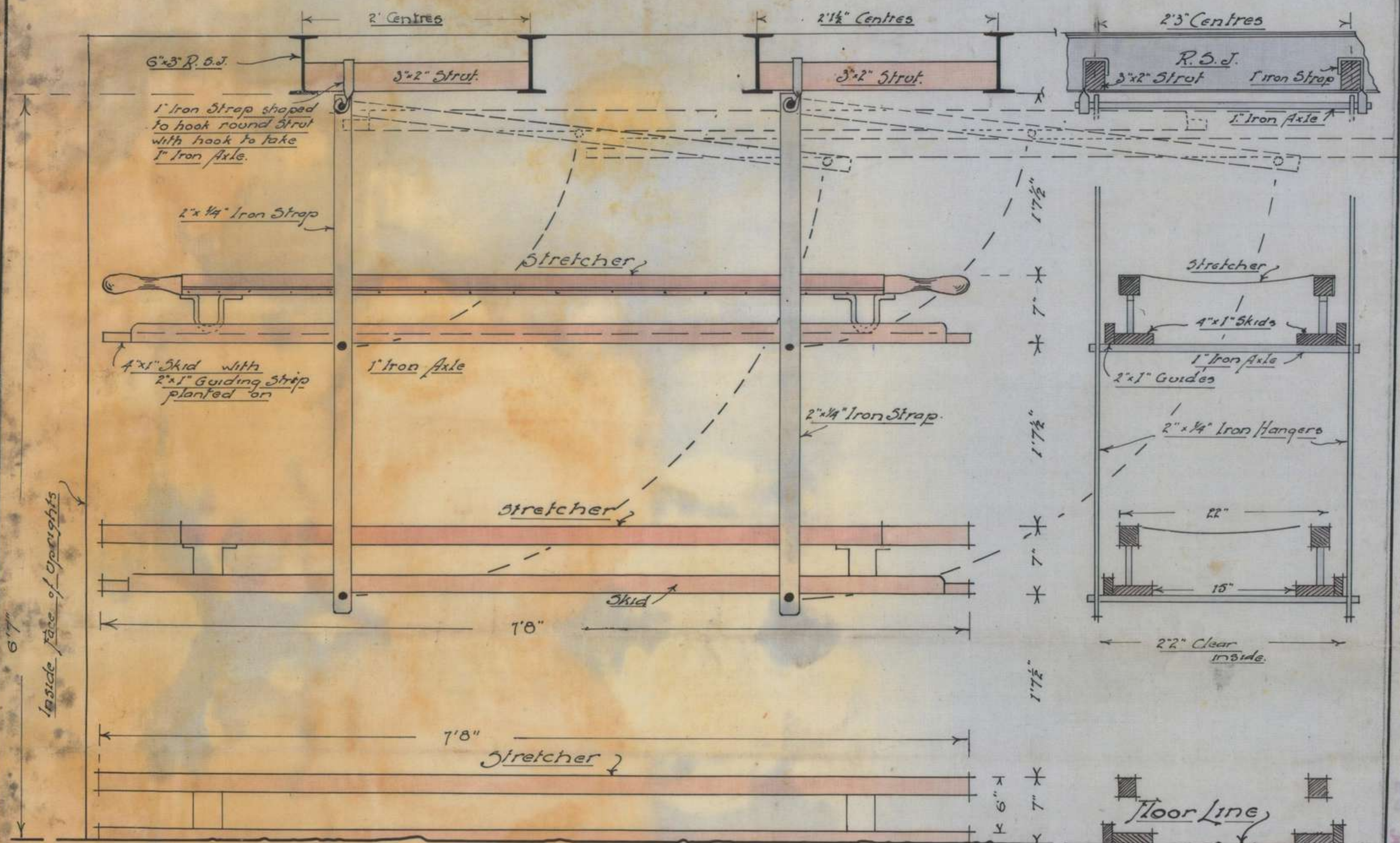
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Percentage
sick evacuations
for May 1918

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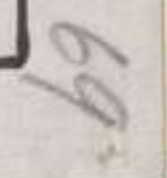
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— Details of Hangers & Brackets for Stretchers — — in Underground A.D. Dressing Station —



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Location Map of the GUIRE-RIBEMONT-MERICOURT SECTOR.

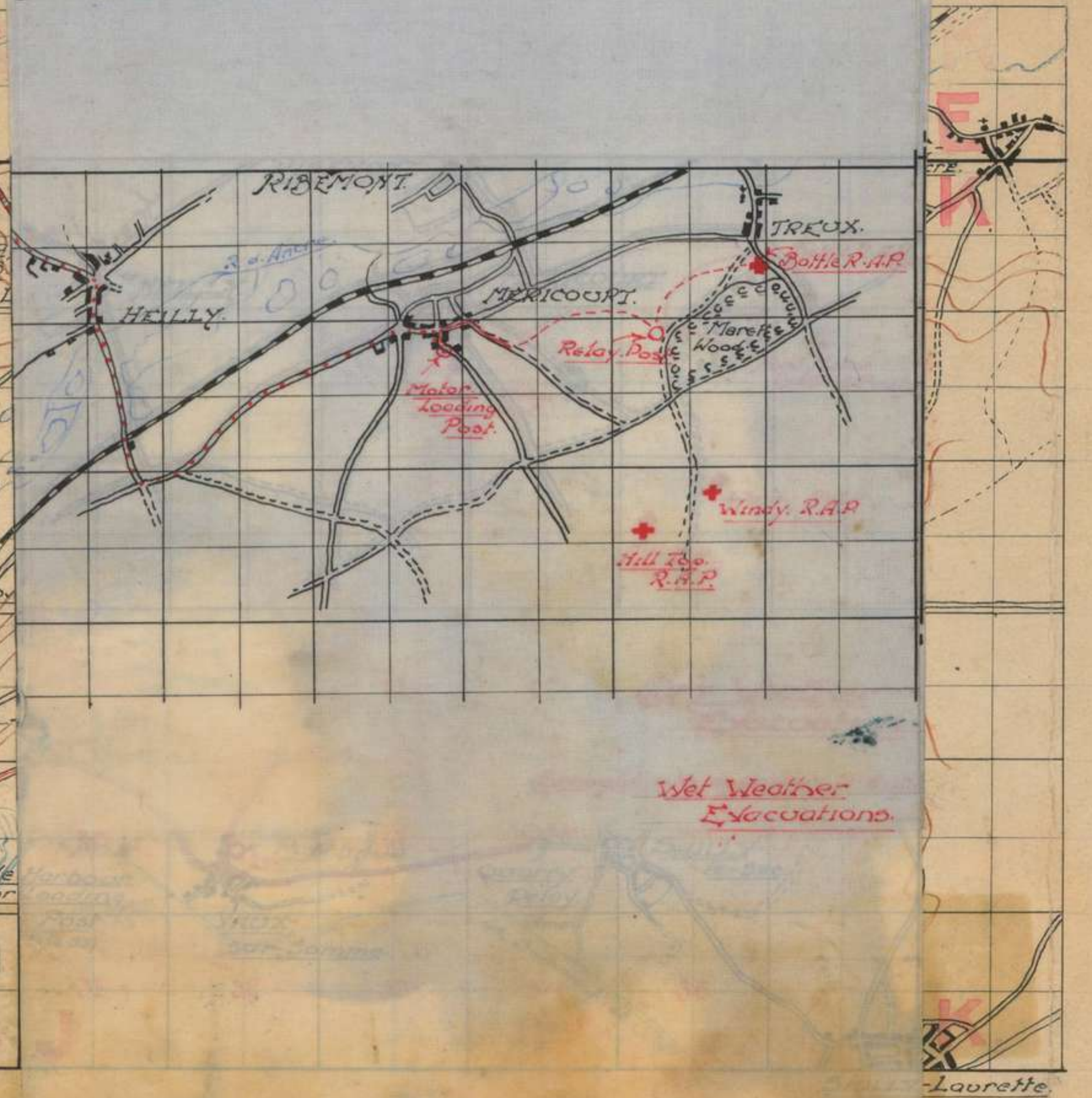
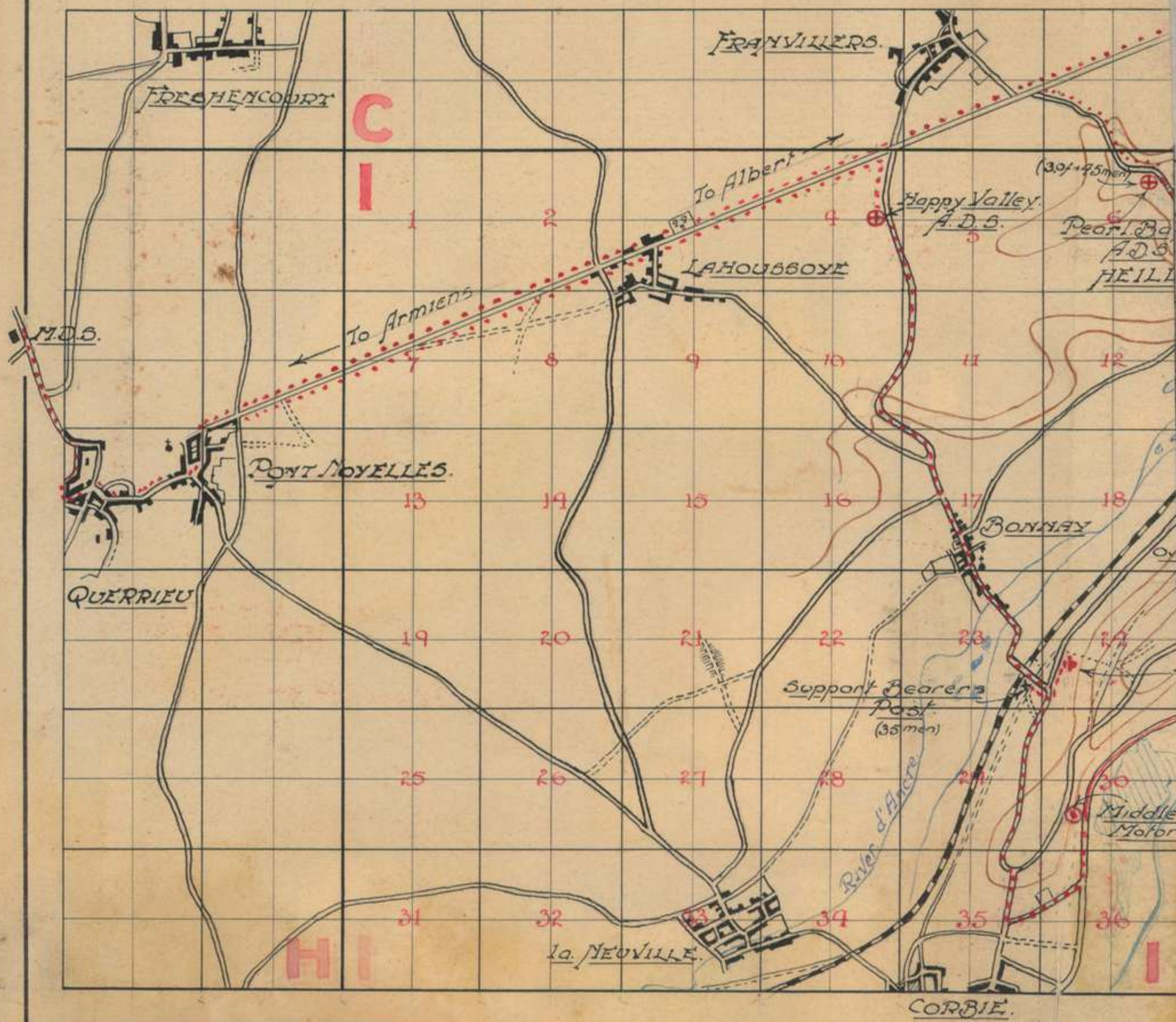
SHOWING:

R.A.P.s - Relay Posts - Motor Collecting Posts - A.D.S.s - M.D.S.s.

and Bearers (Carry & Wheel) & Car Evacuation Routes -

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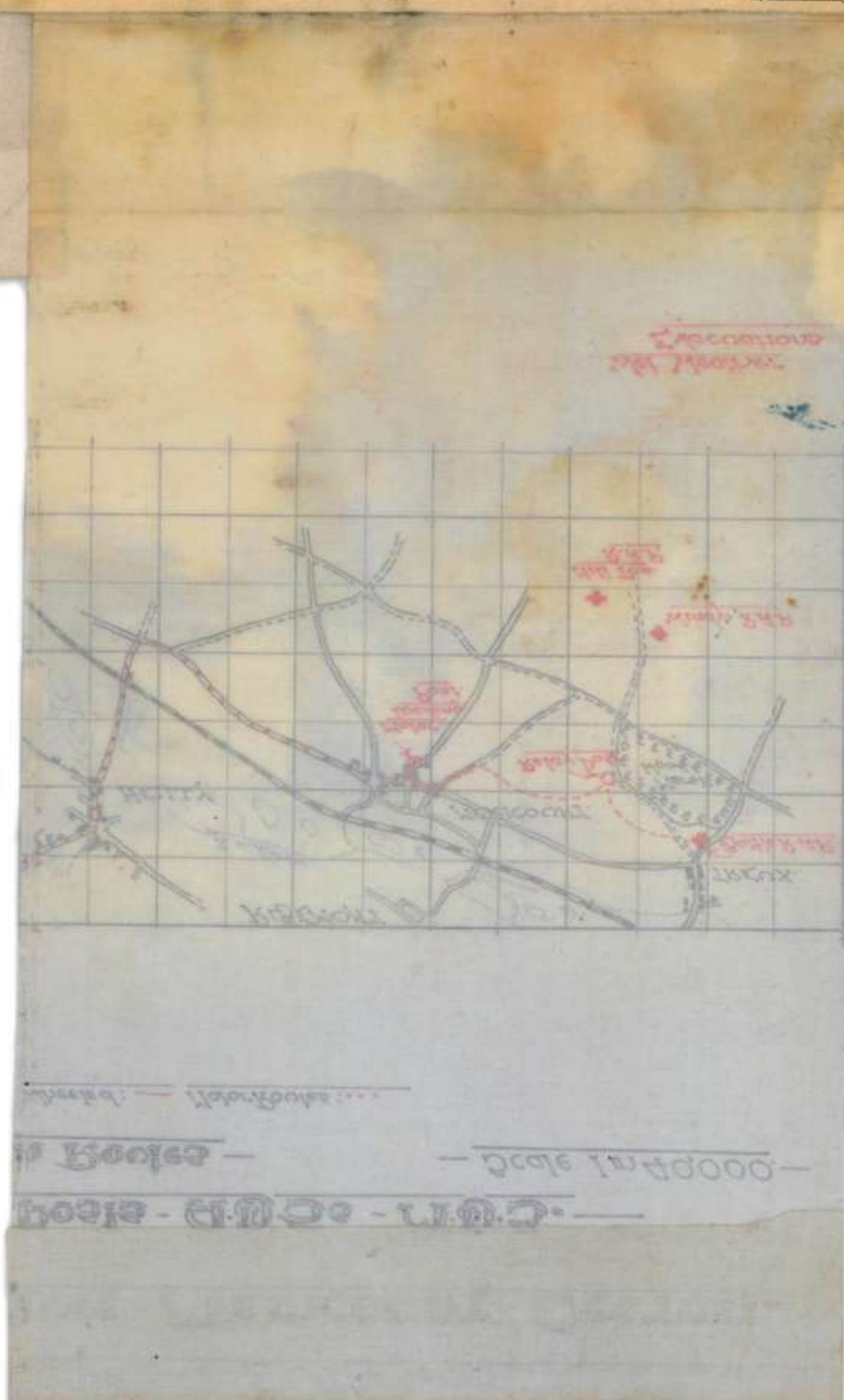
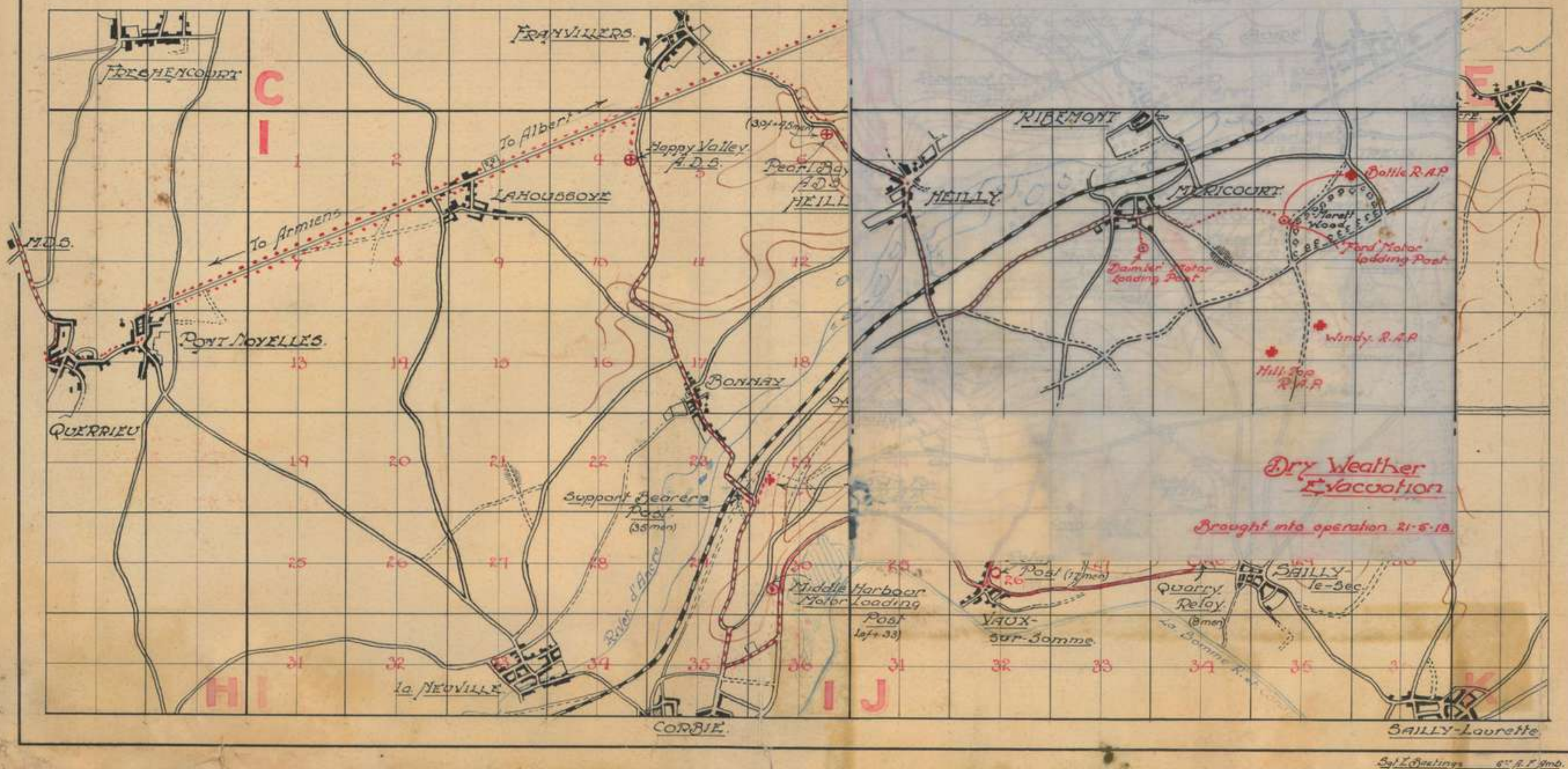


Location Map of the Boire-Ribemont Sector.

Showing:

R.A.P.s - Relay Posts - Motor Collecting
and Bearers (Carry & Wheel) & Car Evacuation

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Location Map of the BUIRE-RIBEMONT-MEDICOURT SECTOR.

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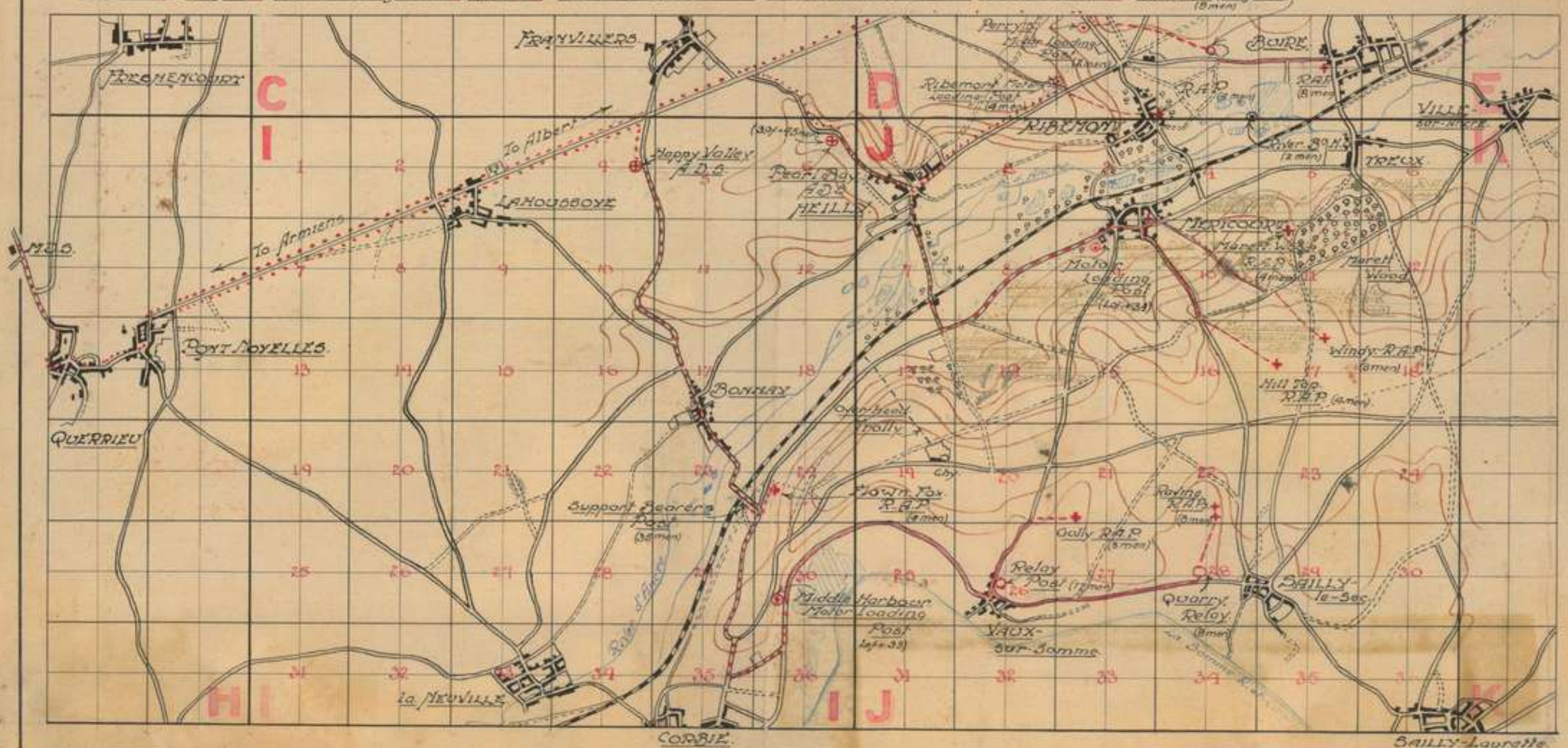
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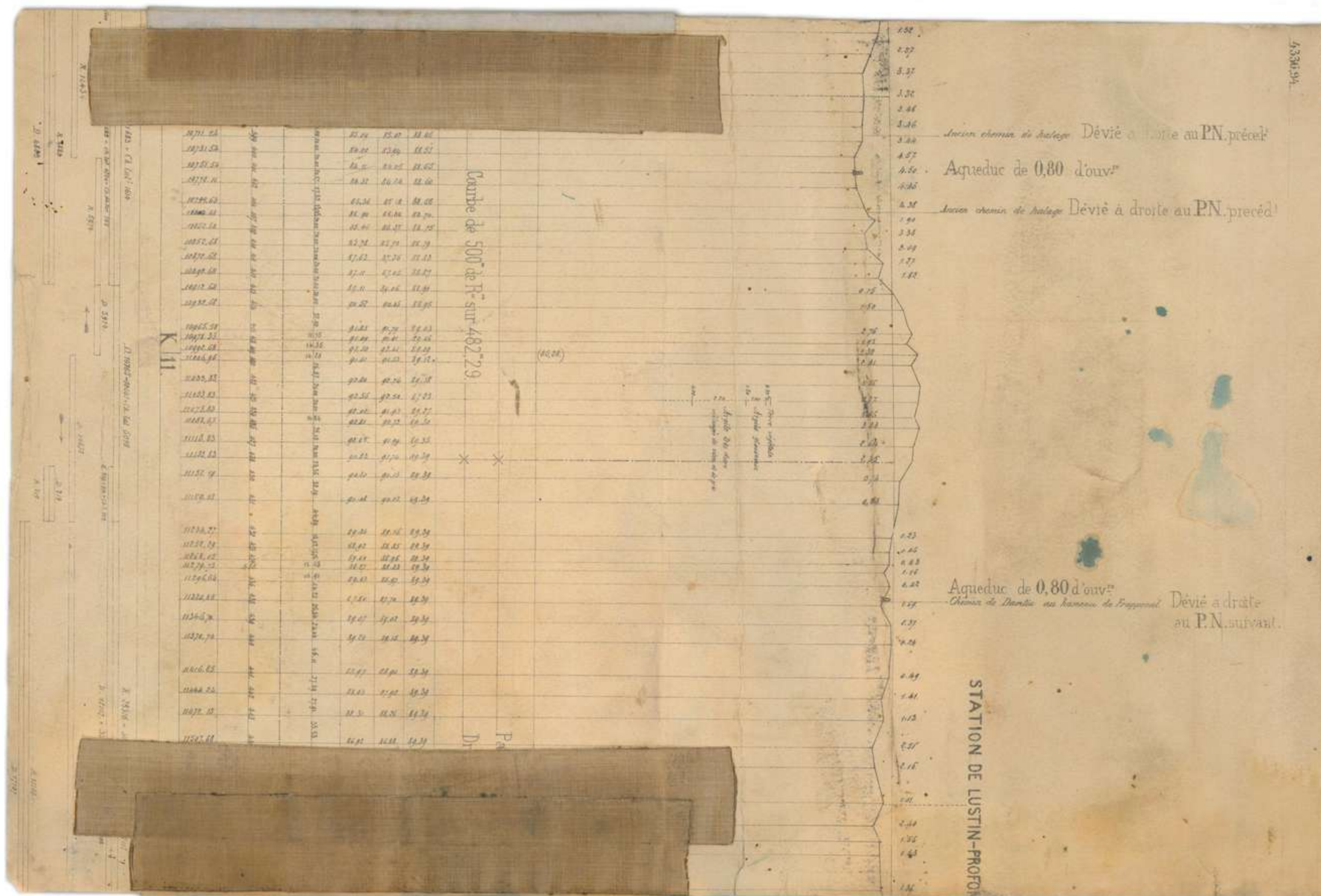
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Existing Routes etc. in Red.
Alternative Routes in Green (19-2-18 shown)

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Scale 1 in 40,000.



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S I C K W A S T A G E.

4th Australian Divisional Train A.I.F.

Analysis of Cases sent to C.C.S. from April- May 1918 (inclusive).

A.D.M.S.,
4TH
AUSTRALIAN DIV.
No.
Date.

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Month	Pyrexia N.Y.D.	Pulmonary Disease	Rheumatism	Diarrhoea	D.A.H.	Scabies	V.D.	Synovitis Knee	Accidental Injury	Miscellaneous Cases
April	3	2	1				3		1	
May	2		1					3	4	
June	10		1		3			1		2
July	5			1	2		3	1	2	4
Totals	20	2	3	1	5	-	6	5	7	6

C. FriendCapt.
R.M.O. 4th Aust. Divl. Train.

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