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| Shut 62 D. N. 20. D.<br>GLISY | 1/7/18. | 10.45am. | <p>Glorious weather.</p> <p>Attended a Conference at 4th Aust. Divisional Headquarters - Present - D.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. Australian Corps, A/A.D.M.S. 4th Aust Division, A/A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division. Subjects discussed were (1) Operations. In this connection my position for forthcoming operations was defined. As this operation is to be under G.O.C. 4th Aust Division the A.D.M.S. 4th Aust Division will be responsible for the evacuation of all casualties including those on this Divisional front. Practically however the A./A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division will make the disposition and carry out the evacuation. 6 M.A.C. Cars extra are promised for the M.D.S. One extra Charabanc, if possible, will be forwarded for walking wounded. D.D.M.S. laid stress on the fact that only the bearers of the Division would be available for the action, and that C.O's of the Ambulances would have to provide the full bearer division if called on. For duties at Ambulance headquarters one M.C.O. and 20 other ranks can be obtained on application to Divisional Headquarters.</p> <p>The D.D.M.S. also laid stress on the preparation and issuing of orders from A.D.M.S. Office. The last orders issued were discussed. <u>Orders</u> are to be differentiated from instructions information etc.</p> <p>P.U.O. D.D.M.S. spoke at length on this subject and of the necessity of not congesting the transport lines and nucleus Battalions with their Units sick. He condemned particularly 2nd Aust Divisional Memo 212. He insists that all such cases shall go in regular way to Medical Unit and if not recovered sufficiently be evacuated from the Divisional Area. He considers that the great consideration at the present time is that the mobility of the Division as a striking force shall not be hampered.</p> <p>During the afternoon, with the D.A.D.M.S., rode over the alternative route of evacuation across the Somme through M.18.a. to alternative M.D.S. at M.5.c.2.5. Inspected ambulance post at M.18.</p> |                                      |
|                               | 2/7/18. |          | <p>With O.C. 7th Aust Field Amb. discussed the routes of evacuation for L.Bde Sector. Posts and routes suggested by him should deal very adequately with the evacuation of the wounded. An estimate of extra bearers, waggons etc is to be submitted by 11 a.m. on the 2nd.</p> <p>Staff Captain 6th A.I.Bde. called in reference to (1) siting of Btn R.A.P's for the two assault Battalions. (2) Provision of a dump of stretchers near jumping off line so that all</p> <p>Fine and warm.</p>   |                                      |



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|       | 2/7/18. |      | <p>P.O.W. may be utilised in bringing down the wounded. Agreed to loan 60 stretchers for this purpose which are to be dumped in 3 lots to prevent wastage by shell fire. At 6.p.m. visited M.D.S. and discussed with C.O. 6th Field Amb. arrangements for action. C.O. 6th Fld Ambulance to forward 120 of his stretchers to the A.D.S. Also went into his requirements for extra M.A.C.Cars (6) This Officer recommended that all M.A.C.Cars with seriously wounded cases use the tow path of River SOMME, this to be arranged direct with O.C. 3rd M.A.C.</p> <p>At 11 p.m. operation orders of 7th Field Ambulance received. Extra requirements are 24 bearers each of 4 men, 4 horse ambulance waggons <del>XX</del> 2 <del>XX</del> 4 horse teams, 2 - 2 horse teams, 2 Ambulance cars. Orders to 5th and 6th Field Ambulance by which the former supply 2 bearer subdivisions and 2 waggons and 6 horses. The latter one bearer subdivision and an equal number of horses and waggons. All remaining bearers of 5th and 6th Field Ambulance warned to be ready to move up at one hours notice. Arranged also with C.O. 7th Aust Field Ambulance for relay of walking wounded by horse ambulance wagon between walking wounded post and M.D.S. thence by Motor Charabanc to No 2 Corps walking wounded relay post. Notification from D.D.M.S. that 2 extra M.A.C. Cars will report to M.D.S. on evening of July 3rd.</p> |                                      |
|       | 3/7/18. |      | <p>Warm oppressive.</p> <p>5th A.I.Bde Headquarters notified that one M.C.O. and ten men will be required for loading and general duties at headquarters 5th Aust Field Ambulance in place of bearers forward. This latter allotment to Field Ambulances of men from nucleus Battalions having been approved by the Division the day previously. D.A.D.M.S. Forward to inspect Brigade and Field Ambulance positions. Late in the afternoon to 4th Aust Divisional Headquarters to find both A./A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. out. 3 extra Daimler Cars sent to A.D.S.</p>  |                                      |
|       | 9.p.m.  |      | <p>Application to D.D.M.S. for 4 extra M.A.C. Cars to report to M.D.S. this promised, also discussed with D.A.D.M.S. Corps the evacuation of Walking wounded. C.O. 6th and 7th Field Ambulance notified of Zero hour during late afternoon.</p>   |                                      |



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|       | 4/7/18. |      | <p>Glorious weather.</p> <p>At 3-10 a.m. when action commenced the L.Bde Sector came under G.O.C. 4th Aust Division and evacuation of wounded under his A.D.M.S. to whom I was responsible. Wounded from 7th A.I.Bde who advanced their line also in conjunction with the attack used the same routes. The avacuation was remarkable prompt and successful. The shelling of back areas was extraordinarily light, and the Fords pushed forward almost to the line of the R.A.P. in use before the action commenced. At 10 a.m. almost all the wounded were out and between the A.D.S. and C.C.S. The Prisoners of War carried down many of the wounded using stretchers from special dumps. The balance of wounded were rapidly located and carried out by the Divisional Bearers. From Battle R.A.Ps at O.19.d.7.2. P.25.b.9.2. the wounded were relayed through P.19.c.2.5. and O.24.d.2.7. to Advanced ambulance post at O.24.c.2.3. To this post came also 7th A.I.Bde wounded from Battle R.A.P. at O.30.a.7.4. From this letter post all casualties were carried to Motor Loading post at O.23.c.4.1. (Ford cars)</p> <p>Visited forward area at 10 a.m. with G.O.C., found everything very quiet and evacuation almost complete. G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division visited M.D.S. at 11.a.m. and thence to C.C.S. group at CROUY. At latter location were several hundred wounded from very light walkers to severe stretcher cases. These casualties were from the 3 Brigades and also a few Americans. Their condition was very good due I think to 3 causes. (1) Promptitude of evacuation. (2) Warmth of the day and smoothness of car route along the tow path. (3) Splendid morale of all ranks. The evacuation from the M.D.S. to the C.C.S. passed without hitch - in addition to 12 M.A.C. cars attached, an extra 5 cars did one trip from the M.D.S. to CROUY. At 5.30 p.m. a brief report was forwarded to A/A.D.M.S. of the evacuation in this Divisional Sector. At 8.p.m. control of left Brigade sector passed to G.O.C. 2nd Aust Division and evacuation to A/A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Division. At 9.p.m. called the A/A.D.M.S. 4th Aust Division by Phone, and he appeared to be very satisfied with the days evacuations. At 5.15 p.m. Consultation with C.O. 7th Aust Field Ambulance in reference to rendering his daily report of stretchers and blankets. In view of the change during the days fighting this is to be rendered by 9 a.m. of July 5th. 9.p.m. Accentuated gun fire on the front O.C. <del>XXXXXX</del> 7th Fld Amb. notified of S.O.S. on 6th Bde front (later notified that this was not correct)</p> <p><i>Capt. H. J. ORR. R.M.O. Boufacement Camp evacuated C.C.S. P.W.O.</i></p> |                                      |



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|       | 5/7/18. |      | <p>Fine and warm.</p> <p>Operation Order No 92 4th Aust.Div. received at 9.15 a.m. This order dealt with readjustment of N.Divisional Boundary. A very quiet day on Divisional front. Casualties not above those of a normal day.</p>  |                                      |
|       | 6/7/18  |      | <p>Fine day</p> <p>Memo to C.O. 7th Field Amb. re notification of circumstances by which his personnel were gassed and if blame were attachable to any of the cases. 10 a.m. with D.A.D.M.S. to visit A.D.M.S. 37th French Division Colonel FERRAND - with him we went over the Medical Disposition of and evacuation from his own area, also alternative routes of evacuation over the AURE. With D.A.D.M.S. discussed the scheme of new evacuation from Left sector.</p>   |                                      |
|       | 7/7/18. |      | <p>Little overcast but warm.</p> <p>Copy 4th Aust Division Medical arrangements received.</p> <p>Medical arrangements No 2 issued.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. reconnoitred the new area with a view to establishment of R.A.P. dugouts but owing to mobility of front this cannot be definitely established yet. P.U.O. is still prevalent among the troops. Corps order forbids troops unfit to join their Units within 48 hours being retained at Unit lines, but must be admitted to Field Ambulance. Field Ambulances of Division are not allowed to retain more than 100 patients. Latrines. Arrangements completed for Engineers to supply box latrines instead of Army pattern (heavy and expensive)</p> |                                      |
|       | 8/7/18. |      | <p>Fine but dusty.</p> <p>Visited BLANGY TRONVILLE to inspect delouser. O.C. 4th Sanitary Section to inspect to effect certain improvements and oil drums to be substituted for stoves in use. (O.C. 4th Aust San Section notified of above later in the day)</p>  |                                      |

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|       | 8/7/18.  |      | <p>D.D.M.S. at D.H.Q. discussed general matters re (1) Barge service on the Somme for wounded between AMIENS and ABBEVILLE. (recommended by O.C. 6th Aust Field Amb) is not practicable owing to emergency bridges being too low - also Abbeville is outside Army area.</p> <p>(2) Walking Wounded are to be conveyed direct from A.D.S. W.W. Station to Corps W.W. relay post in the event of an action all recording of such cases to be done at A.D.S.</p> <p>(3) Wounded are not to be taken from cars at A.D.S. or changed into a second car unnecessarily. It will be sufficient for an Officer at the A.D.S. to inspect such cases and send them direct to M.D.S.</p> <p>C.O. 7th Aust Field Amb seen personally in reference to above 2 and 3 and instructions issued in reference to their observance. D.D.M.S. Medical Instructions no 28 received. R.M.O. 25th Battalion called in reference to move forward of central R.A.P. which is at present 3000 yards in rear of the line. He recommends modification of standardised medical dugout and left plans of same - matter referred to Engineers.</p> <p>Divisional Baths Officer brought to D.H.Q. samples of clothing from No 1 Area Laundry Abbeville. These returned as clean very unsatisfactory - one shirt was indescribably filthy with innumerable eggs of lice on it - sent by A/D.A.Q.M.G. to "Q." 4th Army.</p> |                                      |
|       |          |      | A little rain today.   |                                      |
|       | 9/7/18.  |      | <p>Captain Crowley A.H. Reported to Division and was posted to 7th Aust Field Amb. A.A.M.C. Order issued in reference to instructions D.D.M.S. no 28 whereby one subsection 7th Fld Amb. relieves same of 4th Fld Amb. at no 2 Corps W.W. Post DREUIL - Visited with C.O. 7th Fld Amb. no 2 Corps Relay Post in reference to relief - To A.D.S. and inspected dugout in course of construction.</p> <p>5th Aust Fld Amb notified to supply 7th Fld Amb with 5 Trench Shelters in lieu of Tentage taken to no 2 Walking Wounded Relay Post DREUIL.</p>  |                                      |
|       | 10/7/18. |      | <p>Dull and overcast.</p> <p>With D.A.D.M.S. to BOIS L'ABBE to see the working of French Regimental Medical system - Major</p>   |                                      |



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|  | 10/7/18. |      | GOBINOT showed us his Regimental Post and explained his Battalion evacuation - at this Post an American car was held for evacuating casualties. Regimental Medical Post was an excellent dugout, well appointed and exceptionally clean - Separate dugout for gas cases and ordinary wounded. The French Gas Mask for M.Os. and Officers was shown us and is an excellent piece of work. P.U.O.diminishing in numbers. Admissions not nearly so high.   |                                      |
|  | 11/7/18. |      | Fine but cool.<br>Captain PIGOTT reported from leave to U.K. - Several cases for boarding. Arranged with D.G.O. for triplex eye pieces to be fitted to the S.B.Rs. of personnel of 5th and 7th Field Ambulances at A.D.S. and M.18.a.5.6. during the morning of July 12th.  |                                      |
|  | 12/7/18. |      | Weather unsettled.<br>Saw R.M.O. 2nd Aust.Pioneer Battalion in reference to Dental Cases at BLANGY TRONVILLE - decided to Post a Dental Officer at BLANGY to deal with this Battalion and two reserve Battalions in the vicinity. Areas forward of VILLERS BRETONNEUX were inspected <del>XX</del> with a view to finding a suitable spot for R.A.P. of L.Battn. of R.Bde. - present R.A.P. being too far behind the line. As this ground is on forward slope facing the enemy 800 - 1000 yards from the line a site is difficult to obtain. Shelling of forward area light. Colonel SHEPHERD returned from leave 12 p.m. |                                      |
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|   | 13/7/18. |      | <p>Fine and clear day. Lt.Col. CROWTHER A/A.D.M.S. returned to his Unit. During the period of my absence it is considered that Lt.Col. CROWTHER carried out the duties of A.D.M.S. in a very efficient manner. During afternoon a ride was taken along the bank of the river amongst the horse lines. Dumps of manure in some places were being properly attended but in others Army Standing Orders were disregarded and manure dumped irregularly, with more accommodation for flies. Building manure into revettments is a common filthy practice which should cease. It leads to all sorts of abuses, instead of earthing the parapet manure is being dumped on the surface. The old midden question still gives trouble in vacated villages as it invited Units to dump manure and establish a fresh breeding ground for flies.</p>   |                                      |
|   | 14/7/18. |      | <p>Fine but dull. C.O. 7th Field Ambulance forwarded proposal for alteration of Ambulance organisation which is attached. It was intended to obtain the view of other Ambulance Commanders on the matter but in talking the matter over with D.M.S. it was stated to be utterly useless to suggest any alteration from present organisation. Inspected M.D.S. StACHEUL and found all satisfactory. M.D.S. in building of French civil hospital and specially adapted for treating patients. Large cellars available proof against almost any shell fire. Inspected 5th Field Ambulance Transport Lines and 5th Field Ambulance Headquarters and found all satisfactory. D.A.D.M.S. visited BAIRE WOOD, old German Trench system and the front of VILLERS BRETONNEUX with a view to finding a suitable spot for a dugout for R.A.P. <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> Flies are very prevalent all over Divisional Area due to a large extent to carelessness of previous divisions regarding manure disposal. Attention of A.Q. drawn to the matter.</p> |                                      |
|   | 15/7/18. |      | <p>Sunny, close and muggy. Inspected A.D.S. and all forward Medical Posts and R.A.P's. Found all satisfactory and in good order. Town Major GLISY called and various questions of sanitation were discussed.</p>   |                                      |
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|       | 16/7/18. |      | Heavy rain during night, later hot and very steamy and oppressive. Transport lines of Units near D.H.Q. are very unsatisfactory regarding manure disposal probably accounting to a large extent for the fly nuisance. Matter reported to D.H.Q. and action being taken.   |                                      |
|       | 17/7/18. |      | Very close, hot and muggy. With G.O.C. inspected Ambulance Transport Lines. 5th Field Ambulance Very satisfactory. 6th Field Ambulance Not so satisfactory, some harness very satisfactory and other sets dirty. 7th Field Ambulance. Harness very unsatisfactory, dirty and greasy. With all Ambulances the horse standings and lines were in satisfactory condition. Gas Bombardment by enemy during night, about 5000 gas shells. 174 casualties during period 6.a.m. to 6.a.m. <i>Capt. N.F. Howell</i> <i>Rein Officer reported for duty &amp; posted 6th Field Amb.</i> |                                      |
|       | 18/7/18. |      | Close and muggy. <i>Under authority</i> <i>Det. Asst. Major W.K. Inglis</i> <i>6th Field Amb. transferred to 3. A.S.H. for duty. Capt W.K. Inglis</i> <i>6th Field Amb. to 6th RUCO 22nd Bn. vice Capt Luc Mahon evacuated.</i>   |                                      |
|       | 19/7/18. |      | Close hot weather. Divisional Commander hit by a sniper 9.30 a.m. sustaining injury to right thumb and forearm with severance of ulnar nerve and artery. Instructions received from D.D.M.S. that a section of 129th American Field Ambulance would be attached to this Division for training.  |                                      |
|       | 20/7/18. |      | Hot and thundery. Reference attachment of American Ambulance section A.A.M.C. Order no 25 issued.   |                                      |
|       | 21/7/18. |      | Close - hot. Flies still very troublesome. Diarrhoea cases slightly on the increase. Divisional Commander again advised what steps to take re flies and sanitation. Visited 25th Battalion and talked with C.O. and R.M.O. over cooperation of C.O. and R.M.O. responsibility of Officers and men regarding Sanitation care of troops etc.  |                                      |

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|  | 21/7/18. |      | Found several matters to be adjusted re Sanitary and Water details which C.O. promised to adjust.  |                                      |
|  | 22/7/18. |      | Much cooler. Reference Diarrhoea R.M.O's advised that all cases must be sent to AMBULANCE vide A.D.M.S. memo A.Q.memo 219 issued on advice of A.D.M.S. A.D.M.S.memo issued to all R.M.O.s and D.H.Q.<br>A.D.M.S. visited 26th and 28th Battalions and talked with C.O's and R.M.O's as with 25th Battalion on 21st. 28th Battalion particularly low sick wastage for past two months, whilst 26th Battalion has had the biggest sick wastage in the Division apart from Influenza cases. C.O's advised to take special interest in their sick wastage and work of R.M.O. |                                      |
|  | 23/7/18. |      | Cool and showery. Visited M.D.S. re gas cases. 500 gas casualties as result of very heavy enemy bombardment. Visited A.D.M.S. 5th Aust Division and discussed sick wastage. At present a different interpretation of orders re holding sick by R.M.O's and Field Ambulances is made by each Division, with the result that the comparative statement of Corps and Army of sick wastage by Divisions is not worth the paper it is printed on. With A.Ds.M.Ss all making similar arrangements on the point the return would be very valuable.                              |                                      |
|  | 24/7/18. |      | Fine and clear. 129th American Field Ambulance marched in. Bearer section attached to 7th Aust Field Ambulance and tent sub-division to 6th Aust Field Ambulance. Visited Divisional Surgeon (A.D.M.S.) 33rd American Division and discussed the organization of American Field Ambulances, as compared with British. Also the arrangements made whilst Ambulance is attached to this Division.  |                                      |
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|       | 26/7/18. |      | <p>Showery. Arranged a meeting of A.Ds.M.S. 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Divisions to talk over matters of material interest, and especially that of sick wastage, uniform method of. with Corps instructions. Two American Battalions with M.G. Company and Supply Company attached to 5th And 6th A.I. Brigades. Visited No3 A.G.H. to see General ROSENTHAL who is making very fine progress. Discussed matter of sick wastage there but did not find any information to help from Divisional point of view as the period dealt with did not correspond.</p>   |                                      |
|       | 27/7/18. |      | <p>Cool, heavy rain. A.D.s.M.S. 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th Divisions met at 3rd Aust Divisional headquarters and talked over various points of interest especially sick wastage. It was decided that each Division should co-operate as far as possible in regard to D.D.M.S. instructions so that all would be on the same <del>XXXXXX</del> methods. For example some Divisions hold cases 48 hours in Field Ambulance, whilst other Divisions extend the time to 5 days. Some R.M.Os. evacuate all cases not likely to be well in 48 hours to Field Ambulance as laid down, whilst others hold lightly sick until they are well contrary to instructions. Some Divisions hold lightly sick at Transport lines, other do not. These matters affect the the Army and Corps returns of sick wastage considerably and it was considered advisable to bring the matter before the D.D.M.S. and if no alteration to instructions could be allowed those instructions must be literally interpreted and rigidly adhered to by all concerned. Instructions received from D.D.M.S. to enlarge accommodation at A.D.S. (walking wounded) and to combine the two A.D.Ss. D.D.M.S. arranging to provide hut accommodation. Discussed matter with O.C. 7th Aust Field Ambulance who will submit plans for the new arrangement. Fresh dugout accommodation has been arranged with C.R.E. for forward R.A.Ps., left and right R.A.Ps. of Left Brigade, and left R.A.P. of Right Brigade, as the line has moved too far forward for old R.A.Ps.</p> <p><i>Capt. McCabeon G. 4th Aust evacuated sick C.C.S.</i></p> |                                      |
|       | 28/7/18. |      | <p>Fine, but very wet and muddy under foot. D.M.S., A.I.F. and the D.D.M.S. Aust Corps visited D.H.Q. D.D.M.S. stated that it was no use having a meeting of A.Ds.M.S. as the Corps Medical Instructions must be carried out strictly and no deviation would be permitted. This is perfectly satisfactory from my point of view as all Divisions will be on a common footing and this Division has always interpreted the instructions literally. Attached are copies of D.H.Q. memo 219 which was drafted by A.D.M.S. <i>Capt. &amp; G.W. O. Matthews reported for duty with 7th Aust and vice Lieut. Pittman evacuated.</i></p>  |                                      |

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|       | 29/7/18. |      | <p>Fine and sunny. Australian War Records Section 30/77 dated 20/7/18 received, and necessary extracts from same forwarded to all R.M.Os. Officers of men of C. Section 129 American Field Ambulance have been at work since the 24/7/18 and have been doing good work. They are very keen and anxious to pick up the work. The Americans and Australians seem to get on splendidly so far. American R.M.Os have been visited and instructed action to be taken regarding evacuation, sanitation and water discipline. They are in close touch with R.M.Os. of the Division and doing good work.</p> <p>With C.O. 7th Aust Field Ambulance visited proposed site for new dugout R.A.Ps. as follows. Left Battalion Right Brigade 0.36.c.8. Right Battalion Left Brigade. P.25.d.1.8. Left Battalion Left Brigade P.20.c.9.2. Brigadiers of Brigades concerned and Cre were interviewed reference approval which was given and job put under way. It was noted that No 172 Company Tunnelers were installing a gas filter plant in Tunnel Dugout at 0.29.d.8.8.</p> |                                      |
|       | 30/7/18. |      | <p>Fine and warm. A.F.W. 3118 of Casualties are marked as in appendix. C.O., C.C.S. has found the system of great assistance, cases have been received at C.C.S. within 2<math>\frac{3}{4}</math> hours of time of being wounded. <del>Visited</del> D.D.M.S. re identical methods of sick evacuation by all Australian Divisions. Attached specimen order forwarded to other A.DsM.S. for their opinion before issuing.</p> <p>4th Australian Division taking over from French on our Right tonight. Arranged with A.D.M.S. 4th Australian Division at his request to receive 4th Aust Div cases at M.D.S. until they are settled in new M.D.S. In evening intense gas bombardment by our Artillery (10,000 shells)</p>   |                                      |
|       | 31/7/18. |      | <p>Very oppressive. Ford cars have been used well forward recently by this Division, and has proved itself of great service, in some sectors car has gone right to A.D.S. The car in good weather replaces horse ambulances and does much more work in speedy times, but of course in bad weather it is impossible to use car on the rough unmade slippery tracks well forward and horse transport must be used. The protests regarding gun positions near ambulance posts bore good fruit, and no further trouble has arisen.</p>   |                                      |

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# WAR DIARY

OF

A.D.M.S. SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

FOR

Month of JULY.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

A. D. M. S.,  
2nd AUSTRALIAN  
Headquarters,  
2nd July 1918.

No. 21/353

C.O. 5th. Aust. F. Amb.

Reference attached will you please arrange for 1 Officer and 10 men to parade at M., 18.a.3.3. at 3 p.m. 2-7-18 to be inspected, with details from other Units, by Prime Minister AUSTRALIA.

*W. M. Smith* Lieut. Colonel,  
a/A.D.M.S.  
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA,6th JULY 2ND. 1918.

1. At each locality, the troops are to be assembled in as compact a formation as circumstances permit, to enable the Prime Minister to address them if he so desires. No time will be available to alter the formation after the arrival of the party.
  2. The Senior Officer at each locality will be presented to the Prime Minister and will then present his most Senior Officers, as time will not permit of Junior Officers being presented.
  3. The assembly of Troops at each locality is not to be confined to the Unit named in tabulation. Representatives of any other Units which are billeted or located within easy walking reach of each locality are also to be assembled, by the Senior Officer, at the locality named.
  4. In every case, wherever possible, the troops are to be assembled under cover of woods or trees, so as to reduce the risk of enemy observation from the air.
  5. The aim should be to have representative parades rather than full parades, not more than a thousand men to be assembled at any one spot. Order of dress, turn-out, and formation to be adopted are left to the discretion of the Senior Officer at each locality.
- The A.D.C. to the Corps Commander will visit Commanders to arrange all other details.

In connection with the above, Nucleus Garrisons of the 5th., 6th., & 7th. A.I. Bdes will parade at M. 18.a.3.3. at 3 p.m. on July 2nd. 1918. Dress :- Drill order. The G.O.C. desires that as many Field Officers as possible be present and that special attention be paid to the parade and turn-out. The Corps Commander will be present and will arrive at 3.25 p.m. ~~at~~ and will depart at 4 p.m. Units will be accompanied by bands where possible.

(signed) E. BUSHELL, Major,  
D.A.A.G.  
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters.  
4/7/18.

TO A./A.D.M.S.  
4th Aust Div.  
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Reference Map Sheet 62 D.

Reference Operations July 4th 1918.

The evacuation of wounded from the Northern Divisional Boundary to P.25 Central, has been very complete and satisfactory.

As notified in 7th Aust Field Amb. Operation Order Battle R.A.P.'s were established at:-

O.19.d.7.2. and  
P.25.b.9.2.

In the vicinity of these R.A.P.'s and slightly forward small stretcher dumps were made in agreement with H.Q. 6th A.I.Bde, stretchers from these dumps were to be used by Prisoners of War to carry down stretcher cases. In this way such cases were delivered to Motor Loading Post very rapidly, and there was no hitch in the supply of stretchers, which very often happens when P.of W. carry down, and no stretchers go forward to replace them.

Conditions from Zero hour onwards until the bulk of the casualties were evacuated were excellent. Low visibility and very little hostile shelling.

The Ford loading post at O.23.c.4.1. was easily accessible, and there was no hitch in its work.

At 10.a.m. when I visited this area, the evacuation was practically complete.

Casualties from whole of Divisional Front until 5.p.m. were :-

|                |            |     |              |
|----------------|------------|-----|--------------|
| 2nd Aust Divn. | 9.Officers | 190 | Other Ranks. |
| 4th do         | 1. "       | 13  | " "          |

from the former total the number of 7th A.I.Bde wounded must be deducted 3 Officers 71 O.R.'s as this operation came under orders of G.O.C. 2nd Aust Divn.

I regret to say that 2.O.R.'s were killed and one wounded among the Divisional Bearers.

The G.O.C. 2nd Aust Divn. during the forenoon took the opportunity of visiting the wounded at M.D.S. and C.C.S.

Casualty telegrams and forms as desired have been forwarded to your Office.

The dispositions of Lt.Col A.M.WILSON and forward work of his Officers and men (also those attached) have been of a very high order.

Signed. W.E.L.H.CROWTHER.

Lt.Colonel.

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



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From C.O. 6th Aust Field Amb.

To G.O.C. 2nd Aust Division.  
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Statement of wounded passing through M.D.S. from  
6 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. 4/7/18.

|                      |           |           |                |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| <u>2nd Aust Div.</u> | Officers. | 9         |                |
|                      | O/Ranks.  | 186       |                |
| <u>4th Aust Div.</u> | Officers. | 1         |                |
|                      | O/Ranks.  | 12        |                |
| <u>British.</u>      | Officers. | -         |                |
|                      | O/Ranks.  | 4         |                |
| <u>American.</u>     | Officers. | -         |                |
|                      | O/Ranks.  | 1         |                |
|                      |           | <hr/> 213 |                |
|                      |           |           | Off. 10        |
|                      |           |           | Total O/R. 203 |

|        |           |          |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| P.O.W. | Officers. | 2        |
|        | O/Ranks.  | 34       |
|        |           | <hr/> 36 |

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Stretcher cases. | 111 |
| Sitting "        | 137 |

Speaking generally the majority of the cases were not severe.

Among the stretcher cases there were a large number of Machine Gun bullet wounds of the legs, which, while raising the aggregate number of stretcher cases did not materially alter the severity of the total cases.

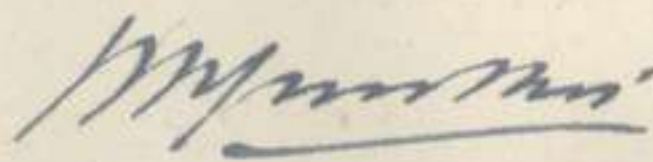
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Signed. H.L. St Vincent WELCH.  
Lt. Colonel.  
C.O. 6th Aust Field Amb.  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Amendment No 1.  
-----Headquarters.  
7/7/18.

L.Bde. R. R.A.P. has temporarily been shifted  
to O.24.c.2.3.



Lt. Colonel.  
A/A.D.M.S.  
End Aust Division.



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## MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS NO 2.

## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D.

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| Line.                                  | R.A.P.'s                   | Relay Posts.                              | Motor Posts.   | Adv Dressing Station.                             | Main Dressing Station.                               | Div Coll Station. | Evacuation.  |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------------------|--|
| L.Bde.                                 | P.19.d.7.2.<br>P.25.b.5.8. | P.19.c.2.3.<br>O.24.d.3.7.<br>O.24.c.2.3. | O.23.c.4.1. (Ford)<br>O.27.d.8.8. (Large cars)   | N.26.d.1.3.<br><br>Walking wounded<br>N.27.c.3.3. | M.14.d.2.2. St ACHEUL<br><br>Emergency<br>M.5.c.2.5. | M.5.c.2.5.        | Left Bde. From both R.A.P.'s through relays to Adv Amb Post at O.24.c.2.3. thence to Ford loading Post at O.23.c.4.1. thence through Tunnel Motor Post O.27.d.8.8.<br>Right Bde. From L. R.A.P. to Post O.23.c.4.1. and from R. R.A.P. through the relay O.34.b.3.1. to O.27.d.8.8. From O.27.d.8.8. to A.D.S. N.26.d.1.3. to M.D.S. M.14.d.2.2. |
| R.Bde.                                 | O.29.c.8.6.<br>O.34.d.9.6. | O.34.b.3.1.                               | O.23.c.4.1. (Ford)<br>O.27.d.8.8.  |   |  |                   | Walking Wounded from A.D.S. N.27.c.3.3. to M.D.S. M.14.d.2.2. by Horse Amb. or Charabanc. Thence to No 2. Corps Relay Post Sheet 62 E. N.30.d.0.4.   |
| Reserve Brigade.                       |                            |   | Motor stationed at Mairie BLANGY TRONVILLE Horse Amb. Wagon daily calls at GLISY X Roads (N.26.a.9.9.) 1100. BLANGY TRONVILLE Mairie 11.30. LE PETIT BLANGY Cabaret N.28.d.0.3. 1200. for A.D.S. |   |  |                   | Patients from Transport Lines and Nucleus Garrisons are seen by 5th Amb. M.O. admitted through M.18.a.5.6. and evacuated through St ACHEUL. M.14.d.2.2.  |
| Transport Lines and Nucleus Garrisons. |                            |   | M.18.a.5.6.  |   | M.5.c.2.5.   |                   |  |

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Bacteriological Laboratory. No5. Canadian Mobile. CROUY.

Ophthalmic Cases, will be sent to 6th Aust. Field Amb. by 7.30.a.m.  
Mondays for transport to No 12. C.C.S. LONGPRE by 8.30.a.m.,  
transport will be arranged by C.O. 6th Aust. Field Amb., vide this  
Office A.A.M.C. Order No 21. para.3.

N.Y.D.N., N.Y.D., Gas and S.I.W. to No12. C.C.S. LONGPRE.

C.O. 5th Aust. Field Amb. will arrange Medical and Sanitary attention  
for:-

- (a) Nucleus Garrisons at N.13. Central. ( 5th A.I. Bde. )  
N.14.d.7.7. ( 6th do )  
N.7.a.6.8. ( 7th do )  
(b) Transport lines for 3 Brigades.

All sick for evacuation will go to St ACHEUL.  
Scabies will be retained for 48 hours treatment at St ACHEUL.  
Australian Branch British Red Cross Society at PERNOIS.

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Distribution:-

5th Aust Field Amb. M.5.c.2.5.  
6th do M.14.d.2.2. (St ACHEUL)  
7th do N.26.d.1.3.

Sanitary Section. No4. Australian. San. Sect. CAGNY.

Dental Units. No22. 5th Aust Field Amb. M.18.a.5.6.  
No 4. 6th do M.14.d.2.2. (St ACHEUL)  
No24. 7th do N.26.d.1.3.  
No102. 3rd D.A.C. La MOTTE BREBEIRE.

No3. M.A.C. BELLOY SUR SOMME.

Advanced Depot Medical Stores. No 14. GROUY.

Indents will be submitted for countersignature on Tuesdays  
as usual. 6th Aust Field Amb. will collect Divisional  
Indent on Wednesdays and be responsible for distribution.

Headquarters.  
7/7/18

*[Signature]*

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

Distribution:-

D.D.M.S. Aust Corps. 2nd Aust Div Train.  
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5th A.I. Bde. 5 Copies. A.D.M.S. 5th do  
6th do A.D.M.S. 37th French Div.  
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C.R.E 2nd Aust Div.  
2nd Aust Div. M.G. Battn.

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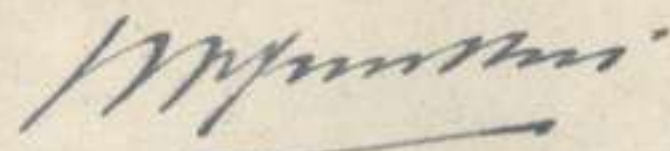


SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.**SECRET**Headquarters.  
9/7/18.A.A.M.C. ORDER No 24. By Lt.Colonel. W.E.L.H. CROWTHER. ~~NE~~ A/A.D.M.S.  
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In accordance with D.D.M.S. Medical Instructions No 28 dated 7/7/18  
one Tent subdivision and transport 7th Field Amb. will take over from  
one Tent subdivision and transport 4th Field Amb. No 2 Corps Relay  
Post Sheet 62 E. K.30.a.9.0.

Relief will be complete by 1200 10/7/18.

Details will be arranged between unit commanders concerned.  
No 2 Corps Relay Post will be under direct orders of D.D.M.S.  
as heretofore.

Lt.Colonel.  
A./A.D.M.S.  
2nd Aust Division.Distribution:-  
-----As per A.A.M.C. Order No 23 dated 26/6/18.  
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters.  
15/7/18.

Camp Commandant D.H.Q.  
5/6/7th A.I.Bdes.  
5/6/7th Field Amb.  
Dental Officers.  
All R.M.O.'s.

The following are the Dental arrangements to be as far as possible adhered to for 2nd Australian Division:-

GROUP 1. No 22 Dental Unit 5th Field Amb. (M.18.a.5.6.) will attend men from. (1) All transport lines of this Division less Divisional Artillery. (2) Nucleus Garrisons. (3) 2nd Aust Div.Train. (4) L.T.M.B. N.14.d.4.7.

GROUP 11. No 4 Dental Unit (N.23.a.1.1.) (2nd Aust Pioneer Battalion) BLANGY TRONVILLE. will attend men from Brigade Hqrs of Brigades in Line. O.25.c.5.3. O.25.c.8.4. Battalions located at N.22.a.9.0. (Reserve Brigade) N.28.b.3.5. (Reserve Brigade) 2nd Pioneer Battn. N.23.a.1.1. M.Gun Coy. N.30.d.8.0. Field Coys. Engineers. N.22.a.9.2. N.23.Central. O.25.d.3.7.

R.M.O.'s of Units in Group 11 will get in touch with Dental Officer at N.23.a.1.1. and find out number of patients they can send, and day and hour at which to send them.

GROUP 111. No 24 Dental Unit N.26.d.1.3. will attend men from. 2nd Aust.Divisional Headquarters Staff and attached. Brigade Hqrs GLISY. Battalion located at N.34.d.8.5. (Reserve Bde) O.28.a.1.8. (Reserve Bde) Battalions (Except Transport and Nucleus Garrisons) of Brigades in Line. M.Gun Coys. (except Transport) in Line. L.T.M.Bs. in Line.

No 100 Dental Unit LaMOTTE. 2nd Divisional Artillery.

Troops of other Australian Divisions will be given treatment only where it is immediately necessary.

British Troops. Urgent cases will be treated by Dental Officer concerned, others will be sent to C.C.S. for treatment.

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



The following is a statement of wounded admitted to M.D.S. from  
9.p.m. 17/7/18 to 2.30.p.m. 18/7/18.

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|                        | <u>Officers</u> | <u>O/Ranks.</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 17th A.I. Battn.       | 1               |                 |
| 18th do                |                 | 1               |
| 25th do                | 2               | 26              |
| 26th do                | 2               | 20              |
| 27th do                |                 | 2               |
| 2nd M.G. Battn.        |                 | 2               |
| 7th A.Fld. Coy. Engrs. |                 | 1               |
|                        | <u>5</u>        | <u>52</u>       |
| TOTAL                  |                 |                 |
| P.O.W.                 | <u>7</u>        | <u>7</u>        |

Gassed Cases admitted to M.D.S. from 10.a.m. 17/7/18 to  
2.30.p.m. 18/7/18.

|                 | <u>Officers</u> | <u>O/Ranks.</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 21st Battn.     |                 | 1               |
| 22nd do         | 3               | 107             |
| 24th do         | 2               | 2               |
| 27th do         |                 | 3               |
| 2nd Pion Battn. | 2               | 60              |
| 4th AFA Bde.    |                 | 8               |
| 5th Fld Amb.    |                 | 2               |
|                 | <u>7</u>        | <u>183</u>      |
| TOTAL.          |                 |                 |

4th Division.

7th M.T.M. Bty. Total 3



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters.  
21/7/18.

A.A.M.C. Order No 24 By Colonel A.E. SHEPHERD. D.S.O.

Reference Map Sheet 62 D. 1 in 40,000

The 65th American Brigade will be attached to the Aust. Corps. for training and will be accommodated in the Army System from 20th to 23rd inst. On 24th inst the Brigade Group will be attached to Divisions in the line.

In accordance with D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps Medical Instructions No 29 of 18/7/18.

1. "C" Section of 129 American Field Ambulance will be attached to this Division for training.

2. The bearer subdivision of "C" Section 129 American Field Ambulance will report to C.O. 7th Aust. Field Amb. at A.D.S. (Sheet 62D. N.26.d.1.2) by 11 a.m. on the 24th inst.

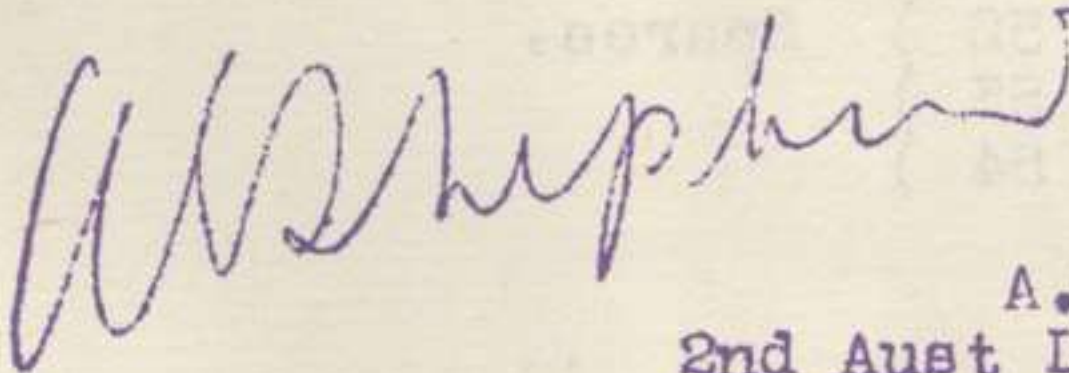
3. The tent subdivision of "C" Section 129th American Field Ambulance will report to C.O. 6th Aust. Field Amb. at M.D.S. (Sheet 62 D. M.14.d.2.2. St ACHEUL) by 11 a.m. on the 24th inst.

4. Ambulance Commanders will arrange for American personnel attached to them, to reinforce or relieve personnel at M.D.S., A.D.S., Motor and Bearer Posts, and to receive every facility for instruction in Ambulance work.

5. R.M.O's of the Division will take every opportunity of getting in touch with R.M.O's of attached American Regiments, and render all possible assistance in regard to duties of R.M.Os.

6. American medical personnel will invariably serve under the executive command of their own officers.

7. Rations for attached American Ambulance Section will be drawn daily from 129 Coy POULAINVILLE. The Section Commander will arrange to draw the whole daily rations and deliver the quota for Bearer subdivision to 7th Aust Field Amb at A.D.S.



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



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|          | 6     |   | do 'A.Q.'                             |
|          | 7     | } | D.M.S. 4th Army.                      |
|          | 8.    |   | D.M.S. Aust Corps.                    |
|          | 9.    | } | C.R.E. 2nd Aust Div.                  |
|          | 10.   |   | C.R.A. do                             |
|          | 11.   | } | 5th A.I. Bde.                         |
|          | 12.   |   | 6th do                                |
|          | 13.   | } | 7th do                                |
|          | 14.   |   | 5th Aust Fld Amb.                     |
|          | 15.   | } | 6th do                                |
|          | 16.   |   | 7th do                                |
|          | 17.   | } | 2nd Aust Div Train.                   |
|          | 18.   |   | 2nd Aust M.G. Battn.                  |
|          | 19.   | } | 2nd Aust Pion. Battn.                 |
|          | 20.   |   | 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy.                 |
|          | 21.   | } | A.P.M. 2nd Aust Div.                  |
|          | 22.   |   | A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust Div.                |
|          | 23.   | } | A.D.M.S. 4th do                       |
|          | 24.   |   | A.D.M.S. 5th do.                      |
|          | 25.   | } | A.D.M.S. 37th French Div.             |
|          | 26.   |   | Chief Surgeon 33rd American Div.      |
|          | 27.   | } | G.O.O. 35th American Brigade.         |
|          | 28.   |   | O.O. 129 American Field Amb.          |
|          | 29.   | } | Major EVANS c/o 129 American Fld Amb. |
|          | 30 to |   | 49 R.M.Os. 2nd Aust Div.              |
|          | 50    | } | File.                                 |
|          | 51    |   | Spares.                               |
|          | 52    |   |                                       |
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

G.O. 189 American Field Amb.  
G.O. 6/7th Aust Field Amb.  
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A. D. M. S. Headquarters.  
2nd AUSTRALIAN 21/7/18.  
DIVISION.  
No 18/1/9

Reference para. 2 A.A.M.C. Order 25. One Ambulance Wagon and One Water Cart will move with Bearer subdivision.  
Reference para. 3. One large and one small Motor Ambulance Car will move with Tent subdivision.

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

W. D.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
23rd. July, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 219.

Attention is drawn to the increasing number of cases of dysentery and diarrhoea occurring within the Divisional area which give cause for anxiety. Although the condition of sanitation is being rapidly improved flies are still very prevalent and are in a large measure responsible for the sickness above referred to. The Corps Commander desires that Unit Commanders take up this matter at once with the utmost energy as it is of vital importance that an epidemic of dysentery is prevented. With this object in view particular care will be taken of food, water and sanitation. It is considered that at the moment insufficient care is being taken in regard to the water supplies to the troops as evidenced by the frequent cases of water carts drawing water without the necessary water details accompanying the vehicles as laid down and the lack of a supply of chloride of lime being carried on the cart to enable chlorination as ordered. Unit Commanders will be held responsible that all water is chlorinated and that no water is drawn from unauthorised sources.

Food supplies must be carefully protected against contamination especially against flies.

The proper employment of sanitary and water details under the R.M.O. is the best safeguard to ensure that food, water and sanitation are satisfactory and it is important that Commanding Officers give every assistance to R.M.Os in the matter as laid down in A.Q. Memo No. 196 of the 19.3.18. Instructions regarding these details have been forwarded to R.M.Os. and it is important that Unit Commanders at once confer with their R.M.Os. and take all necessary steps to ensure that all precautions are being taken against the spread of diarrhoea and dysentery.

The attention of all officers should again be specially directed to FOURTH ARMY Standing Orders on -

1. Water A.S.O. 782 - 828
2. Medical A.S.O. 877 - 883
3. Sanitation A.S.O. 920 - 967.

Arrangements should be made by all Unit Commanders to see that the main principles of these Standing Orders are communicated to all ranks.

*D. A. Q. M. G.*  
Major,  
D. A. Q. M. G.

Second Australian Division.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Headquarters.  
21/7/18."A" Branch 2nd D.H.Q.  
All R.M.Os.  
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It is still found that in certain Units the proper Sanitary organisation does not exist. To keep the Divisional area in a sanitary condition is the duty of Officers and men themselves and while many Officers and men do all that is expected of them others are very negligent and break all rules of sanitation. It is the duty of Medical Officers of the Division to draw attention to these breaches of sanitary discipline which are inimical to the health of the troops. It is fully recognised that R.M.Os. and other Medical Officers cannot see frequently every or any part of the area in which their troops are disposed. Supervision once or twice daily is required. It is pointed out that Battalions do not occupy only forward areas, but they have Transport Lines, Nuclear Garrisons and at times schools which need supervision in this respect.

Insanitary conditions in one unit area affects the troops of another, flies for instance travel from one area to another, and everybody is concerned where insanitary conditions exist in one place: it affects all adjoining units.

Recognising the R.M.Os. particularly could not be in several places at once, it was laid down in A.Q. Administrative Memo 196 dated 19/3/18 (attached) a certain number of men in each Unit were to be taken from unit establishment, and used solely as water duty men or sanitary inspectors, as the eyes of the Medical Officer to daily inspect the whole units area and report faulty conditions to the R.M.O. of their unit, or where their own M.O. was not available to the Officer responsible for care of sick and sanitation of the section concerned. It would seem on enquiry that R.M.Os. have not availed themselves of this assistance, and have not used these men, particularly sanitary men, as inspectors, but allowed them to be used as fatigues merely for burying faecal matter, and other odd jobs akin to sanitation. There is every Military Authority for a stand upon the following statements upon which R.M.Os. are in future instructed to act.

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~~Water Details are water inspectors under control of R.M.O.~~ they are not only expected to follow the water cart and see that it is chlorinated but patrol their own and other Units areas adjoining to see that men do not use improper unauthorised water supplies. During last winter amazing water supplies were used especially by troops in the forward area. Spare water duty men are at the disposal of R.M.O. for running his R.A.P. Sanitary Details have nothing to do with Battalion Pioneers and the Pioneer Sgt must not answer for a Sanitary Corporal. They are quite distinct. Pioneers are under Battalion administration Adjutant or C.O. Sanitary details are under R.M.O., and take orders from him. Realising that less men than War Establishment lays down can probably in some cases do the work, the whole available details have not been demanded but they are at the disposal of the R.M.O. if he requires them. (A.Q. Order 196 dated 19/3/18).

With reference to Sanitary inspectors and Water duty men, there is no necessity that those should be with Companies to which they belong, they can be attached to R.A.P. or wherever the R.M.O. desires them (A.Q. Memo 196 dated 19/3/18) that is wherever they will do the work most efficiently.

MALTESE CARTS. Is ~~the~~ equipment on Battalion establishment for use of R.M.O. and is placed always at disposal of R.M.O. It is driven by a medical orderly who is attached to and under orders of R.M.O. (War Establishments) repeatedly state this.

Lance Corporal Orderly. Every R.M.O. is entitled to a Lance Corporal Orderly supplied by Unit to which he belongs, and in addition he has a batman under unit arrangement.

The following is a statement extracted from latest War Establishments for guidance of Medical Officers. Appendix 1.

A.Q. Administrative Memo. No 186 dated 19/3/18. Appendix 2.



N.B.

R.M.Os. will forward to this Office by July 31st 1918.  
~~the names, numbers and units~~ under of.

I. Water Details.

- (a) N.C.O.
- (b) Other ranks.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3. etc.

II. Sanitary Details.

Inspectors.

- (a) N.C.O.
- (b) Other ranks.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3. etc.

(c) Other men at their disposal.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4. etc.

III. Lance Corporal Orderly.

and they will state whether these men are being used as laid down herein and if not, why not?

Men for sanitary and water inspection, should be men capable of understanding what is required and capable of being taught.

No alterations in these personnel are to be made without consent of R.M.O. (A.Q.Memo 196 dated 19/3/18) and any alteration through casualties or otherwise will be notified to this Office.

*A. D. M. S.*

Colonel.

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



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

2nd Aust D.H.Q.  
 C.O. 5/6/7th Aust Field Amb.  
 All P.M.Cs 2nd Aust Div.  
 O.C. No 4 Aust. San. Section.



Headquarters.  
 23/7/18.

Amendment to Appendix 1 this Office 29/82 dated 21/7/18.

R.M.O. Machine Gun Battalion 1 Riding Horse will  
 be deleted.

*Dr E. M. S.* Colonel.  
*for* 2nd Aust Division.



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2nd Australian Division.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

Headquarters.

22nd June, 1918

Appendix 11/18/24  
A.D.M.S.  
2nd Australian Division

Ref. your 18/124 dated 12-6-18.

With reference to the

above memo I have to report as follows:-

- (1) Whether Field Ambulances are as at present constituted are satisfactory?

Had this question arisen at any time before the opening of the German Offensive, I should unquestionably have written, that the present constitution of a Field Ambulance is unsatisfactory. Just now it is difficult to forecast the role of a Field Ambulance, should the Division be on the Defensive. The function I think, would come under one of two headings:-

- (a) As formerly one ambulance, with bearer divisions from the remaining two, will evacuate the wounded from the whole Divisional Sector.  
(b) And which appears not improbable, each Ambulance will move with its Brigade Group, and deal only with such casualties as the group may sustain.

The second alternative I shall consider at once. Should this defensive role, take on any mobility, an ambulance will almost automatically, be formed into a Brigade Group, and for such work I think would be moderately well adapted.. It would have the disadvantage of having 3 Tent Sub-Divisions and only 120 bearers.

Conversations with R.A.M.C. Officers who have been through the recent retreat, have convinced me that, at such a time, and when moving with Brigade, the work done by Tent Sub-Divisions has been almost negligible. Time has not permitted their sub-divisions to erect a Dressing Station, or when they had done so, in certain instances, it was only to hurriedly move again with the loss of considerable amount of stores, and possibly to leave wounded cases behind. So the position arose that while 3 Tent Sub-Divisions were doing nothing, except to move with H.Q. to new positions, as brigade moved back, the bearer divisions were with 30 squads of bearers trying to cope with the whole wounded of the Brigade.

In any precipitate movement towards L. of C. the disorganisation effects all zones, as well as Divisions. In this way the evacuation simply became from Field Ambulance to C.C.S's and where the C.C.S's were no one knew. The M.D.S. apparently, very early in the operations ceased to exist - Under these circumstances a valuable plan would be, I think, for a site to be selected on a main road or corner and for Divisional Ambulance Cams to run the wounded back, and return for other loads - Once the cars start on a long journey to C.C.S. they may be considered as lost to the Ambulance for the time being. M.A.C. cars were in use moving C.C.S. personnel and patients to new positions or railhead. Such conditions should never occur again, but in the event of any hitch in the chain of car evacuation, the indication is to get ones casualties away from a chance of capture, and that question solved, the further transportation can be effected by M.A.C. when available or any returning motor vehicles.

My recommendations, therefore, for the Medical Services when Brigaded are as follows:-

- (a) One Tent Sub-Division complete with H.Q. Staff moves with Brigade.  
(b) Bearer Divisions are at the disposal of O.C. and moves with him, and is worked under his directions - Reinforcements to bring up bearer strength to 45 squads be obtained, if possible from ADMS. If necessary Tent Sub-Divisions to be used for this purpose.  
(c) All Motor Transport - 3 Horse Ambulance Waggon - 1 Water cart - 1 G.S. Waggon and 1 Limber moves with H.Q.  
(d) Transport of unit moves independently of unit, either with Brigade Transport under Brigade Transport Officer, with unit W.O., or under Unit Transport Officer and keeps about 5 miles in rear of unit, marching under orders of O.C. unit to a selected rendezvous each night - Such order to be delivered by D.R. to Transport Officer.

Field Ambulance evacuating all wounded from Divisional Sector with aid of Bearer Sub-Divisions of remaining two ambulances:- This should

be done, although with considerable difficulty while the Division presents an unbroken front and falls back gradually. Should any Brigade lose touch with its flanking brigade, the bearers attached would find themselves for a while, in the air, as regards car evacuation Ambulance Commanders would then I think, have to detail a proportion of their cars, and the Officer i/c of Bearers would have to act independently on his own line of evacuation. For such work, I think, the idea of Field Hospital and Bearer Companies of 3 sections, would be most valuable and easily worked.

In submitting these remarks sir, I realize that I may be touching on an aspect of the situation you do not require as I have confined my suggestions, to questions the German Offensive has brought into prominence. Should you require other matter and details with conditions prior to March 21st., a second report could be forwarded.

*M. J. M.*  
Lieut. Col.  
O.C. 5th Australian Field Ambulance.



Appendix 2.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Hqrs.  
19th March 18.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No 196.

Sanitary and Water Details.

The Sanitary Details and Water Details of Units are for the purpose of supervision and inspection under the R.M.O., and it is absolutely necessary that these men should be utilised for their special work only.

The minimum number of these details necessary for use solely for supervision and inspection under R.M.O. as stated below:-

|                    | Water Details   | Sanitary Details. |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Infantry Battn.    | 1 N.C.O. 2 men. | 1. N.C.O. 4 men.  |
| Pioneer do         | 1 N.C.O. 2 men. | 1. N.C.O. 4 men.  |
| Field Arty. Bde.   | 1 N.C.O. 1 man. | 4 men.            |
| D.A.C.             | 1 N.C.O. 1 man. | 1. N.C.O. 4 men.  |
| Div Engineers.     | 4 men.          | 4 men.            |
| Div Signal Coy.    | 2 men.          |                   |
| Divisional Train.  | 1 N.C.O. 2 men. |                   |
| Machine Gun Battn. | 1 N.C.O. 3 men. | 3 men.            |

The remaining water details will also be at the disposal of R.M.O. The balance of Sanitary details will be at the disposal of R.M.O. and will be used for Sanitary work only.

On no account should the sanitary or water personnel be changed without the consent of the R.M.O.

Signed. J.M.A. DURRANT  
Lieut Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
2nd Aust Division.

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| W.E. 14/5/18 | W.E. 14/5/18 | W.E. 14/5/18 | W.E. 14/5/18 | W.E. 14/5/18 | W.E. 14/5/18 | W.E. 14/5/18 | W.E. 14/5/18 |



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| UNIT             | WATER<br>Inspectors | DUTY<br>O.Rs.at<br>disposal as<br>requested. | SANITARY<br>Inspectors O.Rs at<br>disposal as<br>required. |          | L/Cpl.<br>Medical<br>Orderly. | Med.<br>OrdY.<br>Drv.<br>Maltese<br>Cart. | Horses.<br><del>XX</del><br>Rdg L.D. | Authority. |                                  |
|------------------|---------------------|--|--|----------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| Infty<br>Battn.  | 1. N.C.O.<br>2 mon  | 2 men.                                       | N.C.O.<br>1  | OR.<br>4 | O.R.<br>6                     | 1   | 1                                    | 1          | W.E. 17/5/18                     |
| Pion.<br>Battn.  | 1. N.C.O.<br>2 men. | 2 O.R.                                       | 1  | 4        | 6                             | 1   | 1                                    | 1          |                                  |
| F.A.<br>Edo.     | 2 O.R.              | 3 O.RS.                                      |  | 4        |                               | 1   | 1                                    | 1          | 1014 WE.amended to<br>June 1918. |
| D.A.C.           | 1. NCO.<br>1 man    | 1 O.R.                                       | 1  | 4        | 2                             | 1   | 1                                    | 1          | W.E.642 4/8/17.                  |
| Div<br>Engrs.    | 4 O.Rs.             | 2 O.Rs.                                      |  | 4        | 4                             | 1   | 1                                    | 1          | W.E. 1/8/17.                     |
| Div Sig<br>Coy.  | 1.N.C.O.<br>2 Mon   | 1 O.R.                                       |  |          |                               |   |                                      |            | W.E. 27/2/18                     |
| Div<br>Train.    | 1.N.C.O.<br>2 mon.  | 1 O.R.                                       |  |          |                               | 1   | 1                                    | 1          | W.E. 4/8/17.                     |
| M.Gun.<br>Battn. | 1.NC.O.<br>3 mon.   |  |  | 3        |                               | 1   | 1                                    | 1          | W.E. 2/4/18.                     |

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

A. D. M. S.  
2nd AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
12th. June 1918

C.O. 5th. Aust. Field Amb.  
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It has frequently been stated that the present system of Divisional Medical Service could be improved upon. I should be pleased if you would consider the matter and make any suggestion regarding :-

1. Whether Field Ambulances as at present constituted are satisfactory.
2. Any other system of medical service for the Division which, in your opinion, would be more suitable.

A.D.M.S.

D.A.D.M.S.

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



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

I respectfully submit to your consideration these remarks on Establishment of Field Ambulances.

The alterations which I am suggesting have been brought before my notice on account of the following facts :-

1. Under present conditions the great time ( often sixteen hours ) that elapses before a wounded man receives efficient operative treatment and also the great reduplication of dressings whereby a man is addressed at the R.A.P., A.D.S. and M.D.S. before being operated upon. This in my opinion is inimical to the best interests of the patients and also wastes time and surgical dressings.
2. The great wastage of Medical Officers when the Division is out of the line and also in nearly every case when the Division is in the line ( usually one Ambulance being in reserve ). This occurs often when C.C.S's. and General Hospitals are unable to cope with the work on hand.
3. The wastage of life in highly trained Medical Officers who are frequently killed or wounded whilst doing work which could be just as efficiently performed by combatant Officers ; and, in addition, I believe that Medical Officers are unnecessarily exposed in the Forward Area without being able to treat patients there in a satisfactory manner.
4. The large number of Medical Officers in a Division ( especially in Field Ambulances ) that are not doing "legitimate" medical work. If the numbers of hours spent on "legitimate" work by Medical Officers in Ambulances were contrasted with the hours worked in Base Hospitals the result, I think, would be startling.
5. In the Field the large number of horses does not give an adequate return for the quantity of fodder and the number of personnel required to look after them.
6. The large quantity of equipment that is carried by a Field Ambulance and is rarely used.

A Field Ambulance is practically the only unit that has not markedly changed its Establishment since the commencement ~~since~~ of the War and I would like to suggest the introduction of :-

- (a) Bearer Companies under Non-Medical Officers who will be responsible for the evacuation of the wounded from the R.A.P's. to the Brigade Collecting Post.
- (b) A Senior Medical Officer who will be attached to the Brigade Headquarters with whom the Brigadier could consult on matters respecting the health of the troops, sanitation etc. He would be responsible for the establishment of a Brigade Collecting Post to which the wounded would be conveyed from the R.A.P's. There the cases would be sorted out ( Medical and Surgical ) and sent direct to the Mobile Field Hospital. Only dressings of the very greatest urgency would be done. He would have an Assistant Medical Officer who would assist him at a Brigade Collecting Post and would serve as a reinforcement Medical Officer and also attend the attached companies of the A.A.S.C. and Engineers.



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- (c) Divisional Ambulance Convoys which would come under the direct control of the A.D.M.S. who would be responsible for clearing the cases from the Brigade Collecting Post to the Mobile Field Hospital. Should the S.M.O. Brigade require Motor Ambulances to work forward of the Brigade Collecting Post he could obtain same by direct application to A.D.M.S.
- (d) Mobile Field Hospitals ( one (1) per Division ) in which the Medical Officers do medical and surgical work and thereby the wounded are much earlier operated upon and the strain considerably relieved on the C.C.S's. and General Hospitals.

Discussing the scheme in detail:-

On general scheme see Appendix 1.

- (a) R.M.O's. are absolutely indispensable, but I believe that they should be selected more on the grounds of temperament and personality than Medical qualifications. Men with very special Medical and Surgical qualifications are more or less wasted as R.M.O's.
- (b) Bearer Companies. The Brigade Company of stretcher-bearers would be under the control of the S.M.O., Brigade, who is responsible to A.D.M.S. The Company would be commanded by a Lieutenant ( Non-Medical Officer ) who could be obtained from a good general duty Sergeant of a Field Ambulance. The Lieut. Bearer Officer could arrange and post relays and superintend evacuation of wounded from the R.A.P's. to the Brigade Collecting Post. He would report any difficulties to the S.M.O. and apply to him for reinforcement stretcher-bearers.

Suggestion Establishment and Equipment of Bearer Company  
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- (c) The S.M.O., Brigade, would have under his control three (3) Horsed Ambulance Wagons for use in the Forward Area and also for following Battalions when the Brigade moves. He could obtain Motor Ambulances from the Divisional M.A.C. if necessary to assist in the Forward evacuation. The duty of the S.M.O. in the Forward Area would be to establish a Brigade Collecting Post for sorting the cases and also to receive from the R.M.O's. and Bearer Officers reports during action and transmit them to A.D.M.S., if necessary.
- He would keep a supply of dressings and splints to replenish stores of R.M.O.
- He would have an Assistant M.O. to work night shift. This Officer would be available if a R.M.O. were evacuated and also he could attend to the sick of attached A.A.S.C. and Engineers.
- (d) Divisional Ambulance Convoys. I should suggest that all cars be placed under the direct control of A.D.M.S. I believe that this would be in the best interests of the service in that it would prevent overlapping and also the A.D.M.S. would be better able to control the sending of M.Ambulances into workshops etc. For suggested Establishment see Appendix 3.
- (e) The Mobile Field Hospital. This Field Hospital would be equipped mainly to do efficient surgical work but one or two small sub-sections could be detached at any time to receive Medical cases or run a Scabies hospital. The Medical sub-section would be small and very mobile and without any excess equipment.
- The site would usually about five (5) miles from front line.

For Establishment and Equipment see Appendix 4.



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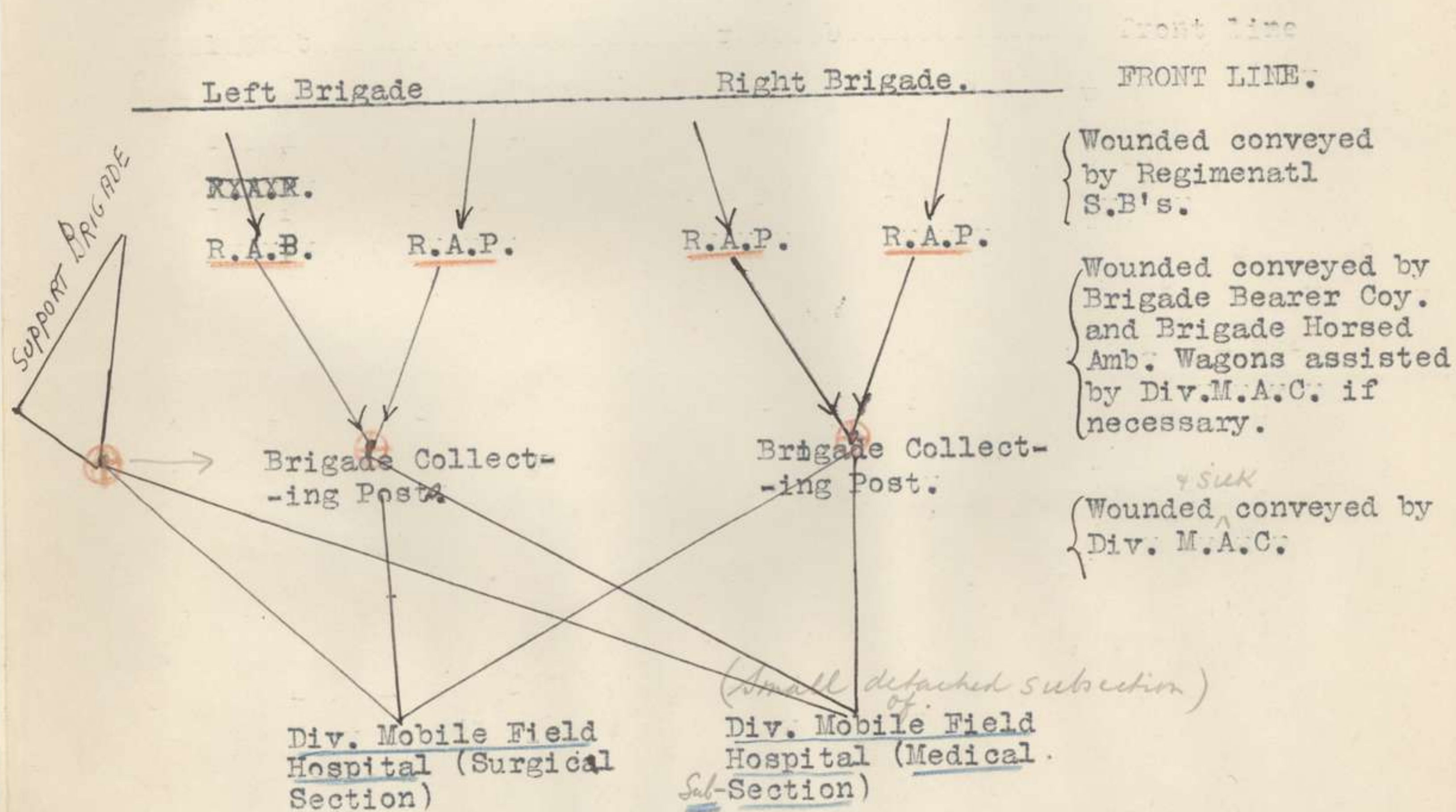
See Appendix 5.

In conclusion, Sir, I realize that many of these suggested alterations will have to be very considerably modified but I am sending them to you after due consideration and discussion with my Officers and also with other Officers with whom I have been associated during my 2½ years continuous service with a Field Ambulance.

*A. M. Wilson* Lt. Col.

C.O. 7th. Australian Field Ambulance.



Appendix 1.Diagram Showing Suggested Scheme of Evacuation.



Appendix 2.

Es-tablishment and Equipment of Bearer Company

Bearer Section.

Officers .

- 1. S.M.O.
- 1. Assistant M.O.
- 1. Lieut. Bearer
- Officer (Non-Medical) 105 O.R's.

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Other Ranks.

- 4 Sergeants ( 2 General Duties; 1 Clerk: 1 Q.M.S.)
- 2 Corporals ( General Duties )
- ( 96 Stretcher-Bearers; 2 Cooks; 1 Clerk; 4 Gen. Duties; 2 Batmen ).

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Transport Section.

Personnel.

- 1 Sergeant.
- 8 O.R's. (Drivers)-- includes 6 Drivers for vehicles; 1 for spare horses; 1 spare Driver.

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Horses.

- 9 H.D.( 1 spare )
- 5 L.D.( 1 spare )
- 2 R.

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Vehicles.

- 3 Horsed Ambulance Wagons.
- 1 G.S. Wagon.
- 1 G.S. Limbered Wagon.
- 1 Water Cart.

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Total.

Officers.

Other Ranks.

Horses.

3 ( 2 of whom are M.O's ) 120

16.

(222).

Equipment.

- Field Medical and Sur gical Panniers.
- Field Dressings.
- Splints.
- 24 Stretchers.
- 48 Blankets.
- Small supply of the commoner drugs and dressings.

(? 4 horse teams unless arrangements could be made to obtain them from Brigade transport.)



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Appendix 3.

Suggested Establishment of Divisional Motor Ambulance Convoy.

Vehicles.

12 Large M. Amulances.  
3 Motor Omnibuses.  
6 Ford Ambulances.

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Personnel.

1. Warrant Officer.  
2. Sergeants.  
2. Corporals.  
38. Drivers.

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1 W.O. 42 O.R's. (Drivers)

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The Motor Ambulances will be equipped with blankets and stretchers and in addition the A.D.M.S. should have a Divisional Reserve of 72 stretchers and 150 blankets.



Suggested Establishment of Mobile Field Hospital.

Officers.

10 Medical (including C.O.  
and Registrar)  
1 Q.M.

Other Ranks.

1 Warrant Officer.  
1 Q.M.S.  
4 S/Sgts. ( 3 Nursing  
1 Dispenser)  
3 Sgts. ( 2 Clerks  
1 Gen. Duties)  
8 Cpls. ( 2 Packstore.  
2 Gen. Duties.  
2 Nursing.  
2 Cooks.)  
76 O.R's. ( 32 Nursing.  
32 Gen. Duties.  
2 Clerks.  
4 Cooks.  
6 Batmen)

11 Officers.

1 W.O. 92 O.R's.

Transport.

Vehicles.

4 Three (3) ton lorries ( two  
with Water Cart trailer)  
1 Light tender with Water  
Cart trailer.

1 Box Ford Car.

Personnel.

1 Sergeant.  
1 Corporal.  
7 Drivers.

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Total Establishment.

Officers.

11 (10 M.O's.)

Other Ranks.

1 W.O. 101 O.R's.

Vehicles.

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(To this might be added 2 trained Sergeants anaethetists; also the  
Denatl Section). *Dental Section might work with S.M.O. Brigade or  
field Hospital.*

Equipment.

Modified Ambulance Equipment with sufficient apparatus and instruments  
to do good surgical work. All cases requiring skiagraphy would have  
to be sent to a C.C.S. if a Mobile one was not available.



Appendix 5.Number of Medical Officers to a Division:

|   | <u>Suggested Scheme</u> | <i>Present System</i><br><u>Old Scheme.</u>  |
|---|-------------------------|--|
| (A.D.M.S. and<br>D.A.D.M.S.)  | 2                       | 2  |
| { 12 Bns., Pioneer,<br>Engineers, M.G.Bn.,<br>Artillery (2 Brigades,<br>D.A.C.) | 15                      | 18 The R.M.O's. of A.S.C. &<br>Engineers withdrawn. These<br>Coys. would be looked after<br>By S.M.O. Brigade.<br>R.M.O., M.G.Bn. also with-<br>drawn. |
| Sanitary Section.   | 1?                      | 1 An engineer could do most<br>of the work under the<br>supervision of D.A.D.M.S.  |
| 3 S.M.O's. and Assistants   | 6                       | -  |
| 3 Field Ambulances  | -                       | 27   |
| 1 Mobile Hospital.  | 10                      | -  |
|   | <hr/> 34(? 33)          | <hr/> 49   |

This represents a saving of 15 Medical Officers per Division.

|                     | <u>Other Ranks</u><br><u>Suggested Scheme.</u> | <u>Old Scheme.</u>                                    |
|---------------------|--|---|
| 3 Bearer Companies. | 360  | ---   |
| 1 Mobile Hospital.  | 102  | ---   |
| 1 Div. M.A.C.       | 42   | ---   |
| 3 Field Ambulances  |  | 693 (including 39 M.T.<br>attached)                   |
|                     | <hr/> 504                                      | <hr/> 693   |
|                     | <hr/>  | <hr/>   |
| Horses.             | 48 ( <i>? 66</i> )                             | 135 - <i>66 if 4 horse teams with<br/>ambulances.</i> |
| Motor Vehicles.     | <u>Motor Vehicles.</u><br>21                   | 27  |



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

A. D. M. S.,  
2nd AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.  
No 18/2/4

Headquarters.  
30/7/18.

C.O. 5/6/7th Aust Field Amb.  
All R.M.Os 2nd Aust Division.  
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A.F.W. 3118 of Casualties will in future be  
marked and filled in as per specimen attached.  
It is found that this system has greatly  
assisted C.C.S.

Copy to.  
A.D.M.S.  
3/4/5th Aust Divns.

*W. J. P. [Signature]*  
Colonel.  
A.D.M.S.  
2nd Aust Division.

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Army Form 3118.  
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Field Ambulance Notes.  
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Date of wound or  
onset of illness }

|               | Time  | Remarks.                       |
|---------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Wounded       | 07.00 | Dressed by stretchers bearers. |
| R.A.P.        | 08.00 | Dressed by R.M.O.              |
| Adv Amb Post. | 09.00 | Not dressed.                   |
| A.D.S.        | 10.00 | Not dressed.                   |
| M.D.S.        | 11.00 | Redressed.                     |
| C.C.S.        | 12.00 | -----                          |



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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters.  
31/7/18.

A.A.M.C. Order No 26, by Colonel, A.E. SHEPHERD. D.S.O.

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

1. Sick and Wounded of 65th American Brigade Group remaining in Army System after 24/7/18 will be evacuated direct to Main Dressing Station or through nearest Ambulance Station which will provide Ambulance transport on demand.

2. Oxygen. Attention is drawn to D.M.S., Fourth Army R.O. 62 and 98. Cylinders authorised are distributed in Corps Area as follows:-

|                       |              |         |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
| Main Dressing Station | St.ACHEUL.   | 80 c.f. |
| do                    | Les ALENCONS | 80 c.f. |
| do                    | QUERRIEU     | 60 c.f. |
| Support Division.     |              | 20 c.f. |

If a further supply is very urgently required at one Main Dressing Station, cylinders should be borrowed from other Main Dressing Stations and replaced by immediate indent on Advanced Depot Medical Stores.

3. Ambulance Commanders will arrange for instruction in duties of R.M.Os to be given to the junior Officer of 129 American Field Ambulance whilst attached to this Division.
4. R.M.Os will evacuate all Gassed casualties to Field Ambulances.
5. R.M.Os will indent for Sodii Bicarb in solution and arrange for early treatment of gas casualties as far forward as possible.
6. Field Ambulances and R.M.Os will have in their possession at all times the following list of splints.

|   | F.Amb.  | R.M.Os.  |
|---|---------|----------|
| (1) Gooch Splinting.                    | 8 Yards | 4 Yards. |
| (2) Thomas Knee and suspension bars.    | 22      | 2        |
| (3) Long List                           | 12      | 1        |
| (4) Internal Angular Arm.               | 10      | 2        |
| (5) Barbours leg, C.foot & side pieces. | 3       | 2.       |

7. Temporary substantive promotion of N.C.Os and Privates under Circular Memo 51/40 D.A.G., A.I.F., dated 2/2/18., will only be made to next higher grade.

For example. a Lance Corporal will not be promoted to Temporary Sergeant, but will become Temporary Corporal.

8. Each Field Ambulance will detail a detachment ready for duty at C.C.S. as laid down in 4th Army Standing Order 903.

9. Attention is directed to 4th Army Standing Orders Part 1. All Medical Officers will make themselves thoroughly acquainted and conversant with the instructions contained in the following Sections.

- (1) "Water" S.O. 732 - 828
- (2) Medical S.Os. 877 - 919.
- (3) Sanitation S.Os. 920 - 937.

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24 do 5th do  
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| R.H.Os.  | F.Amb.       |
|----------|--------------|
| 4.Yards. | *****8.Yards |
| 8        | SS           |
| 1        | 18           |
| 8        | 10           |
| 8        | 3            |

7. Temporary promotion of N.G.Os and Privates under Circular Memo 5140 D.A.G., A.I.F., dated 2/8/18, will only be made to next higher grade.  
For example, a Lance Corporal will not be promoted to Temporary Sergeant, but will become Temporary Corporal.

8. Each Field Ambulance will detail a detachment ready for duty at G.O.C.  
Attention is directed to 4th Army Standing Order Part I. All Medical Officers will make themselves thoroughly acquainted and conversant with the instructions contained in the following sections:  
(1) "Water" S.O. 132 - 138  
(2) Medical S.Os. 277 - 319  
(3) Sanitation S.Os. 320 - 387

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## MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. No 3. SECOND AUSTRALIAN

Line Held:- P.21 Central to U.5. Central. Reference Map Sheet 62 D.

| Line.      | R.A.Ps.        | Relay Posts. | Motor Posts.     | Adv. Dressing Station. | Main Dressing Station |
|------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| L.Bde.     | L.P.19.d.7.2.  | P.19.c.5.5.  | O.24.c.0.2.      | N.26.d.1.3.            | M.14.                 |
| n          | Kent RAP.      | Diggers      | Camerons         |                        | d.2.2.                |
|            | R.P.25.b.4.8.  | Relay        | Post (Ford)      |                        | StACHEUL              |
|            | York RAP.      | O.24.d.2.6.  | O.27.d.8.8.      |                        | Emergency             |
|            |                | Villers      | Tunnel           |                        | M.5.C.2.5             |
|            |                | Relay        | Post (Large Car) |                        |                       |
| R.Bde.     | L.O.36.b.8.6.  | O.30.c.8.7.  | O.24.c.0.2.      |                        |                       |
|            | Culpins        | Hedge Relay  | (Ford)           |                        |                       |
|            | Post           | O.29.b.7.1.  |                  |                        |                       |
|            |                | Cottage      |                  |                        |                       |
|            |                | Relay.       |                  |                        |                       |
|            | R.O.35.c.0.5.  | O.34.b.7.5   | O.27.d.8.8.      |                        |                       |
|            | Valley RAP.    | Valley       | (Large Car)      |                        |                       |
|            |                | Relay.       |                  |                        |                       |
| Line Sup   | L.O.24.c.0.2.  |              |                  |                        |                       |
| port Btms. |                |              |                  |                        |                       |
|            | R. O.29.a.5.1. |              |                  |                        |                       |
|            | Chateau RAP.   |              |                  |                        |                       |
| Line Re-   |                |              |                  |                        |                       |
| serve Bts. | L.O.29.a.5.1.  |              |                  |                        |                       |
|            | R.O.28.c.7.5.  |              |                  |                        |                       |
|            | Chalk Pit.     |              |                  |                        |                       |

Walking Wounded.

N.27.c.3.3.

Reserve  
Brigade.

"MAIRIE"- Blangy Tronville.  
Also horse ambulance wagon  
daily calls at GLISY X Roads  
(N.26.a.9.9.) at 11 a.m.  
Blangy Tronville "MAIRIE"  
11.30. a.m. Le Petit Blangy  
"Cabaret" 12 noon. N.28.d.0.3.  
thence to A.D.S.

Transport  
Lines and  
Nucleus  
Garrisons.

M.18.a.5.6.

M.5.c.2.5



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Divisional  
Collecting  
Station.

Evacuation.

M.5.c.2.5.

L.Bde. From both R.A.Ps through two relays to FORD loading post at 0.24.c.0.2. Thence to TUNNEL Motor Loading Post 0.27.d.8.8.

R.Bde. L.Btn. From R.A.P. through two relays 0.30.c.8.7. and 0.29.b.7.1. to FORD loading post at 0.24.c.0.2. Thence to Tunnel Motor Post.

R.Btn. From R.A.P. through relay at 0.34.b.1.5. to Tunnel Post 0.27.d.8.8.

From 0.29.a.5.1. to point on Ford Car route at 0.23.c.5.0.  
From 0.28.c.7.5. to Tunnel Motor Loading post.

From Tunnel Loading Post (0.27.d.8.8. by large car to A.D.S. (N.26.d.1.3.) to M.D.S. (M.14.d.2.2.).

From N.27.c.3.3. by horse ambulance or charabanc to M.D.S. (M.14.d.2.2.) Thence to No 2. CORPS RELAY POST (Sheet 62.E. N.30.d.0.4.)

Patients from TRANSPORT LINES & NUCLEUS GARRISONS are seen by 5th Field Amb M.O. admitted through M.18.a.5.6. to M.5.c.2.5. and evacuated through M.14.d.2.2.



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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS No 3.

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EMERGENCY ROUTES OF EVACUATION

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1. In case bridge at O.25.c.8.4. were to become impracticable.

(a) In dry weather.

(i) Large cars would continue to evacuate to A.D.S. by mud road from O.22.c.2.0. running west to O.20.c.2.0. thence to O.30.c.2.7.

(ii) Otherwise by mud road from O.26.d.5.4. to O.25.b.5.7. to O.30.c.2.7.

(b) In bad weather.

Along CACHY - FOUILLOY road to O.22.a.7.4. to AUBIGNY to BLANGY TRONVILLE to A.D.S.

11. In case of enemy attack along valley in O.35 and O.34 thus throwing TUNNEL POST and East end of VILLERS BRETONNEUX road entirely out of action:-

The emergency routes as detailed above would be used as long as practicable and in the extreme it might become necessary to make liason with Ambulance loading posts of "B" Divisional at FOUILLOY and AUBIGNY.

111. In case bridge over river AVRE, M.22. or roadways about M.29. become impracticable, the following routes would be taken.

From A.D.S. N.26.d.1.3. by third class track from N.25.d.1.4. to N.36.d.1.4. crossing the River AVRE at any of the following points. (i) S.6.d.6.6. (ii) S.6.a.2.1. (iii) M.34.a.8.3.

Two emergency bridges exist also at M.34.d.2.4. and M.34.d.8.2. route is then followed through CAGNY to STACHEUL.

IV. In case AMIENS thoroughfare became blocked or St ACHEUL rendered impracticable or routes as laid down in para. 111. became impracticable, cases will be taken from A.D.S.

(a) by existing motor routes through GLISY to M.18.a.5.6.

(b) by wagons and ambulances to M.23.b.5.8. or M.24.b.1.9. thence by hand carry across the river to M.18.a.5.6.

For bridges (M.27.d.3.6. and M.18.d.2.2.), Ferry, overhead suspension and tracks and for all evacuation of this route from LONGUEAU - GLISY Road to M.18.a.5.6. O.C. 5th Aust Field Amb. is responsible. These picketed tracks and ferryways will be daily patrolled and kept in working order.

O.C. A.D.S., N.26. will notify O.C., M.D.S., St ACHEUL. immediately cases have been diverted to M.18.a.5.6. and he will send all transport from M.D.S. to M.5.c.2.5. (Emergency M.D.S.) O.C. M.5.c.2.5. is responsible for clearing from M.18. to M.5.

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No 3 R.A.C. BELLOY SUR SOMEL.

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Indents will be submitted for countersignature on Tuesdays as usual. 6th Field Amb. will collect Divisional Indent on Wednesdays and be responsible for distribution.

ADDITIONAL FORWARD R.A.Ps.

Arrangements have been made with C.R.E. and Brigades in the line to construct deep dugouts for R.A.Ps. as follows.

Right Brigade. L. Battalion. O.36.b.8.6.

Left Brigade. R. do P.25.d.1.7.  
L. do P.20.c.9.2.

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|       | 2nd Aust M.G.Battn.    | G.O.C. 65 American Bde.    |
|       |                        | O.C. 129 American Fld.Amb. |



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Monthly sanitary report for month of July 1918.

Physique. Good. Reinforcements generally good.

Billets. The Infantry during the past month has been holding the line and troops have been in the forward area living in trench systems. None of the troops are billeted in villages except details. Transport lines of W. Garrisons are living in tents and bivouacs. During the warm weather. The principle of sinking systems of dugouts has been adopted throughout the Divisional area, especially well forward. Protectively they are highly advantageous and the occupants are relieved from the mental tension and discomfort of exposure, but the ventilation of these dugouts is bad, and even with double entrances at times the air becomes thick. It is suggested that a passage be bored for a stove pipe from roof to surface of ground, and a platform attached to pipe on which will stand a Tommy cooker. At present if one man gets P.U.O. in a cubicle they all get it and from obvious reasons it is out of the question to place these dugouts out of bounds.

Clothing. is obtainable for Troops but there is still some shortage of Australian Pattern. From the aspect of health clothing is satisfactory.

Food and Cooking. The rations issued are good and plentiful. Plenty of fresh meat with a proportion of preserved ration. Vegetables are supplied from CAMON gardens which amplifies and improves the ration. Food is cooked in cases of front line Infantry, either 1000 yards behind the front line at Company Cookers, or else at Transport lines and sent up cold, usually however the front line troops get one good hot meal a day. Artillery and other supporting units have their rations issued by sections or companies and cooked in their trenches or Battery positions.

Water is drawn from authorised water points. There is still a certain amount drawn from promiscuous supplies. This has been the cause of a certain amount of Diarrhoea but efforts are being made to prevent its happening.

Latrines Public latrines are in existence at LAMOTTE BREBIAIRE, GLISY, BLANGY, THONVILLE, and in addition units have their own latrines, and every effort is made by units to prevent access of flies to faeces. Horse lines are gradually being improved from a deplorable condition to some pretensions to decency for the gradual disappearance of the hordes of flies. The unsatisfactory condition of bombbreaks is largely due to a misreading of Army Order 2260 of 3/7/18. Where revetting material is available they still use MANURE and this fact leads to all sorts of abuses particularly putting manure on top of revettments when they can no longer carry it to be recovered. The fact that the use of manure is allowed at all in revettments is taken as an invitation to carelessly deal with the manure question. Dump of manure under supervision of Town Majors are being covered with earth, in some few cases manure is being burnt.

Baths and Laundry. Baths are in operation at LAMOTTE and BLANGY THONVILLE and the question under consideration of establishing a baths at BOIS L'ABBE. Large numbers of men bathe in the SOMME. There has been an ample supply of clean clothing.

Drying rooms not available and not required at present.

Health of Troops has been satisfactory when looked at in an absolute sense and latterly in a comparative sense, but from 20/6/18 to 9/7/18 there was recrudescence of P.U.O. epidemic and a large number of cases occurred in the Division.

P.U.O. Admitted July. 334. P.U.O. Evacuated 287.

July Sick admitted. 1078 Evacuated 853.

Diarrhoea is slightly more prevalent than previously.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Head uarters.  
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A.D.M.S.

3rd Aust Division.

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D.D.M.S. is adverse to holding any conference with A.Ds.M.S. and has ruled that the regulations must be strictly adhered to.

Attached is a copy of "Instructions" proposed to issue for the Division. I should be pleased to know whether you consider this suitable as a guide to each A.D.M.S. to follow.

If not will you please make any suggestions for alteration or improvement.

Sd. A.E.SHEPHERD. Colonel.

A.D.M.S.

2nd Aust Division.INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions will be rigidly adhered to by Ambulances Commanders and R.M.Os. No departure from the strict reading of the instructions will be allowed.

(a) Division in the line.

1. All cases of sickness not likely to be fit for duty within 48 hours will be promptly evacuated to Field Ambulances, by R.M.Os. No cases will be retained at Transport lines, unless fit for light duty.
2. All cases admitted to Field Ambulances not likely to be fit for duty in 48 hours will be evacuated to C.C.S.
3. Not more than 50 cases will be held at M.D.S. and reserve Field Ambulance.

4. Divisional Collecting Station will be formed during and immediately after an action. Only cases considered likely to be fit for duty in 42 hours will be held.

5. No sick unfit for light duty will be held in any place except as laid down in preceding paragraphs.

(b) Division in support and reserve.

1. R.M.Os. will evacuate to Field Ambulances all cases not likely to be fit for light duty within 48 hours.
  2. When Division is in reserve each R.M.O. will provide rest posts for 5 patients.
  3. Field Ambulances will evacuate to C.C.S. all cases not likely to be fit for light duty within 48 hours.
- Each Field Ambulance may retain up to 50 cases likely to be fit for duty within 48 hours.
4. In the event of a move all cases will be evacuated to C.C.S.
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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## ANALYSIS OF SICK ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

PERIOD 28/6/18 to 26/7/18.

| Unit                 | Average strength. | Total Admtd. sick. | Evac to C.C.S. | Diarr hoea. | Scabies. | V.D. | P.U.O. | Other Diseases. |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|------|--------|-----------------|
| <u>5th A.I. Bde.</u> |                   |                    |                |             |          |      |        |                 |
| 17th Battn.          | 908               | 105                | 98             | 1           | 4        | 3    | 33     | 64              |
| 18 do                | 837               | 69                 | 44             | 7           | 6        | 6    | 24     | 26              |
| 19 do                | 713               | 40                 | 29             | 1           | 3        | 2    | 20     | 14              |
| 20 do                | 810               | 63                 | 46             | 3           | 4        | 8    | 16     | 32              |
| Bde Total.           | 3268              | 277                | 217            | 12          | 17       | 19   | 93     | 136             |
| <u>6th A.I. Bde.</u> |                   |                    |                |             |          |      |        |                 |
| 21st Battn.          | 802               | 58                 | 49             | 5           | 12       | 2    | 17     | 22              |
| 22 do                | 729               | 63                 | 37             | 3           | 2        | 1    | 28     | 29              |
| 23 do                | 877               | 79                 | 62             | 3           | 2        | 1    | 25     | 48              |
| 24 do                | 839               | 47                 | 35             | 1           | -        | 2    | 17     | 27              |
| Bde Total.           | 3247              | 247                | 183            | 12          | 16       | 6    | 87     | 126             |
| <u>7A.I. Bde.</u>    |                   |                    |                |             |          |      |        |                 |
| 25th Battn.          | 785               | 43                 | 32             | 1           | 2        | 5    | 8      | 27              |
| 26 do                | 943               | 118                | 94             | 8           | 4        | 3    | 56     | 47              |
| 27 do                | 858               | 40                 | 25             | -           | 6        | 2    | 7      | 25              |
| 28 do                | 836               | 34                 | 31             | -           | 6        | 2    | 6      | 20              |
| Bde Total.           | 3422              | 235                | 182            | 9           | 18       | 12   | 77     | 119             |
| <u>Artillery.</u>    |                   |                    |                |             |          |      |        |                 |
| 4th AFA Bde.         | 868               | 10                 | 4              | 1           | -        | -    | 2      | 7               |
| 5th do               | 850               | 9                  | 8              | 2           | 1        | -    | 1      | 5               |
| P.A.C.               | 645               | 8                  | 5              | 1           | -        | -    | 2      | 3               |
| Arty Total.          | 2363              | 25                 | 17             | 4           | 1        | -    | 5      | 15              |
| Pioneers.            | 947               | 37                 | 34             | 1           | -        | 3    | 14     | 19              |
| Engrs Sigs & D.H.Q.) | 1206              | 43                 | 44             | -           | -        | 2    | 18     | 23              |
| A.A.S.O.             | 474               | 9                  | 7              | -           | -        | -    | 4      | 5               |
| M.Gun. Coys.         | 932               | 71                 | 49             | 2           | 12       | 2    | 29     | 26              |
| 3 Ambulances.        | 671               | 38                 | 20             | 4           | -        | 2    | 13     | 19              |
| Misc.                | 481               | 62                 | 35             | -           | -        | 2    | 25     | 35              |
| Total.               | 4711              | 260                | 189            | 7           | 12       | 11   | 103    | 127             |
| <u>GRAND Totals.</u> |                   |                    |                |             |          |      |        |                 |
|                      | 17011             | 1044               | 788            | 44          | 62       | 48   | 365    | 533             |

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Totals for Division.

V.D. Contracted at.

Remained. 48  
Admitted. 1044  
Evacuated. 788  
To Duty. 242  
Remaining. 62.

U.K. 11      Le HAVRE. 2  
Relapse. 11      BERTEAUCOURT. 2  
St Ouen. 3      BOULOGNE. 2  
ABBEVILLE. 3      St SPEVILY. 1  
PARIS. 3      Et RATAN. 1  
SALEUX. 2      No information. 1  
LaHOUSOYE. 1      BOVANT. 1  
St LEDGER. 1      ETAPLES. 1  
Ailly-sur-Somme. 1  
VIGNACOURT 1.

Headquarters.  
31/7/18.

*W. S. P. H.*  
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2nd Aust Division.

|     |     |    |    |   |     |     |      |               |
|-----|-----|----|----|---|-----|-----|------|---------------|
| 184 | 103 | 11 | 18 | 7 | 189 | 880 | 471  | Total.        |
| 28  | 28  | 2  | -  | - | 28  | 28  | 481  | Misc.         |
| 19  | 18  | 2  | -  | 4 | 20  | 28  | 178  | 2nd Aust Div. |
| 28  | 28  | 2  | -  | 3 | 40  | 71  | 259  | 2nd Aust Div. |
| 2   | 2   | -  | -  | - | 7   | 9   | 471  | A.D.M.S.      |
| 28  | 28  | 2  | 18 | 3 | 40  | 28  | 1801 | Grand Total.  |
| 28  | 28  | 2  | 18 | 3 | 40  | 28  | 1801 | Grand Total.  |

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Diarrhoea. *Admitted 42*

V.D. Gonorrhoea. 42. Syphilis. 4. Secondary Syphilis. 2.  
 Primary Syphilis. 2. Soft Chancre. 5. Warts. 1.  
 Soft Sore 3. Total 57.

Contracted at. Paris 4. St Ledger 1. U.K. 15. Berteaucourt 2.  
 St Ouen 2. St Saviour 1. St Spevily 1. Havre 2.  
 Abbeville. 3. Etaples 1. Boulogne 2. Salsux 2.  
 Bovent 1. La Houssoye 1. St Ratan 1. Longpre 1.  
 Amiens 3. Desvres 1. Vignacourt 1. Relapses 3.

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Headquarters.  
 26/7/18.

*Al Shipman*

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



Nominal roll of N.C.Os and men sent to Base for Boarding  
during month of July. 1918

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|          |        |                     |                      |                                      |
|----------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2/7/ 8.  | 5515   | Pte Fitzgerald M.   | 19th Battn.          | Defective Vision.                    |
| 4/7/ 8.  | 3430   | Spr. Hamilton A.    | 2nd Aust Div Engrs.  | Myocarditis.                         |
| 6/7/ 8.  | 2699   | Pte. Leach H.S.     | 7th Fld Amb.         | D.A.H.                               |
| 9/7/ 8.  | 5709   | Pte. Chavasse.      | 18th Battn.          | Defective Vision.                    |
| "        | 6717   | Sgt. Gregson T.     | 2nd Aust D.A.C.      | Deformity of L. Foot.                |
| "        | 1451   | Pte. Ditchburn P.   | Area Employment Coy. | Tachycardia.                         |
| "        | 2145   | Pte. Everest G.W.   | 2nd Aust Pioneers.   | Disability of R. Knee.               |
| "        | 4811   | Pte. Upston. W.     | 21st Battn.          | Tachycardia.                         |
| "        | 6657   | Pte. Wood. F.W.     | End Div Train.       | "                                    |
| "        | 23     | Sgt. Buckridge J.   | "                    | D.A.H.                               |
| "        | 6544   | Pte. Frawley C.     | 18th Battn.          | Defective Vision.                    |
| "        | 3468   | Pte. Beverstock A.  | 2nd Pioneers.        | Chronic Infiltration of              |
| 11/7/ 8. | 3414   | Sgt. Bowers J.      | Employment Coy.      | Old standing injury to               |
| "        |        |                     |                      | sensory nerves due to scar tissue of |
| "        |        |                     |                      | occipital and carvicial region.      |
| "        | 806    | Pte. Morgan P.H.    | 2nd M.G. Btn.        | Flat Foot.                           |
| 12/7/ 8. | 3938   | Lt/Cpl. Wilson G.E. | 21st Btn.            | Cardiac Disease.                     |
| 15/7/ 8. | 29752  | Gnr. Miles. K.L.    | 6th Army Bde AFA.    | Defective Vision.                    |
| "        | 6786   | Pte. Caddell W.J.   | 28th Battn.          | "                                    |
| "        | 6818   | Pte. Gardiner W.J.  | "                    | "                                    |
| 22/7/ 8. | 252479 | Gnr. Underwood.     | 4th Army BDE RFA.    | Weakness of abdominal                |
| "        |        |                     |                      | muscles through old injury.          |
| 29/7/ 8. | 6044   | Pte. Davis R.J.     | 24th Battn.          | Varicose veins.                      |
| "        | 5095   | Pte. Sykes. H.J.    | 24th "               | Cardiac Disease.                     |

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Casualties in A.A.M.C. personnel Second Australian Division for month of July 1918.

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| 17/7/18. | 1              |                |                |
| 18/7/18. | 1              |                |                |
| 23/7/18. | 2              |                |                |
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 200.

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Reference Maps -  
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Headquarters,  
1st July, 1918.

1. On a date and at an hour to be notified, an attack is to be carried out by the 4th Australian Division with a view to the capture of the spur running from the main VILLERS - BRETONNEUX plateau at P.25.central, about 1,000 yards East of VAIRE and HAMEL Woods, East of HAMEL to the present front line at the South-east end of BOUZENCOURT.

2. (a) For this operation the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 2 Bns.) is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Div., and will be used to capture the objectives on the 2nd Aust. Div. front.

(b) The 6th Aust. M. G. Coy. will work in co-operation with the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The G.O., 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn., in conjunction with the G.O., 4th Aust. M. G. Bn., and in co-operation with the G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., will arrange for the necessary machine gun barrages to cover the operation of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(c) The 6th Field Coy. Engineers will work with the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(d) From the divisional artillery covering the 2nd Aust. Div. front, the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Div., will detail three brigades to support the operation of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. These three F.A. Brigades will be placed under the orders of the C.R.A., 4th Aust. Div.

(e) The A.D.M.S., 2nd Aust. Div., will make the necessary arrangements for the evacuation of wounded from the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. front.

3. (a) The two remaining F.A. Brigades of the divisional artillery covering the 2nd Aust. Div. front will prolong the barrage covering the attack as far South as the railway in O.36.d. Fifty percent of the guns will form a creeping barrage to move forward in co-operation with the attack barrage, the remaining fifty percent keeping on the start line. Fire will cease at zero plus 30 minutes.

(b) Under cover of this barrage the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will push forward their line on the Left from our front line at about P.25.c.7.0. through P.25.d.2.4. to join up with the Right of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. at approximately P.25.b.2.0., the point of junction being arranged mutually between the Brigade Commanders concerned.

4. Acknowledge.

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| 3.       | 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.                    |
| 4.       | 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.                         |
| 5.       | 6th do.                                     |
| 6.       | 7th do.                                     |
| 7.       | 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.                       |
| 8.       | 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.                         |
| 9.       | A.Q.  |
| 10.      | A.D.M.S.                                    |
| 11.      | A.P.M.                                      |
| 12.      | 2nd Aust. Div. Train.                       |
| 13.      | S.S.O.                                      |
| 14.      | Troop, 13th A.L.H.                          |
| 15.      | Platoon, Corps Cyclist Bn.                  |
| 16.      | Aust. Corps.                                |
| 17.      | Aust. Corps R.A.                            |
| 18.      | Aust. Corps H.A.                            |
| 19.      | 3rd Aust. Division.                         |
| 20.      | 4th Aust. Division.                         |
| 21.      | 5th Aust. Division.                         |
| 22.      | 37th FRENCH Division.                       |
| 23.      | French Liaison Officer, att. 2nd Aust. Div. |
| 24.      | 3rd Squad., A.F.C.                          |
| 25.      | 8th Tank Bn.                                |
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(e) The A.D.M.S., 2nd Aust. Div., will make the necessary arrangements for the evacuation of wounded from the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. front.

3. (a) The two remaining F.A. Brigades of the divisional artillery covering the 2nd Aust. Div. front will prolong the barrage covering the attack as far South as the railway in 0.35.4. Fifty percent of the guns will form a creeping barrage to move forward in co-operation with the attack barrage, the remaining fifty percent keeping on the start line. Fire will cease at zero plus 80 minutes.

(b) Under cover of this barrage the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will push forward their line on the left from our front line at about 1.35.0. through P.35.4. to join up with the right of the 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. at approximately P.35.4.2.0., the point of junction being arranged mutually between the Brigade Commanders concerned.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 203.

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Headquarters,  
15th July, 1918.

1. The Division will push forward and consolidate on the line -

Post at U.6.c.55.80., through U.6.central. to railway  
at V.1.b.7.5. (bridge inclusive), thence through P.32.central,  
to post at P.27.c.15.45.

2. The inter-brigade boundary will be adjusted to run from P.32.cent.  
to O.30.central, thence as before.

3. Brigades in the line will establish themselves on the line given  
in para. 1 above within their own boundaries as early as possible.

4. The move forward to this line should be carried out as far as  
possible by means of peaceful penetration. This particularly applies  
to the left brigade sub-sector. Where opposition is met with, local  
operations will be carried out with artillery support under brigade  
arrangements.

5. No move forward beyond the line given in para. 1 above will be  
made without reference to D.H.Q. (except such minor adjustments as are  
necessitated by the configuration of the ground).

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| 6.       | 7th do.   |
| 7.       | 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.                           |
| 8.       | 2nd Aust. M. G. Bn.                             |
| 9.       | A.D.M.S.  |
| 10.      | A.Q.  |
| 11.      | Aust. Corps.                                    |
| 12.      | 3rd Aust. Div.                                  |
| 13.      | 4th Aust. Div.                                  |
| 14.      | 37th French Div.                                |
| 15.      | French Liaison Officer, attached 2nd Aust. Div. |
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