

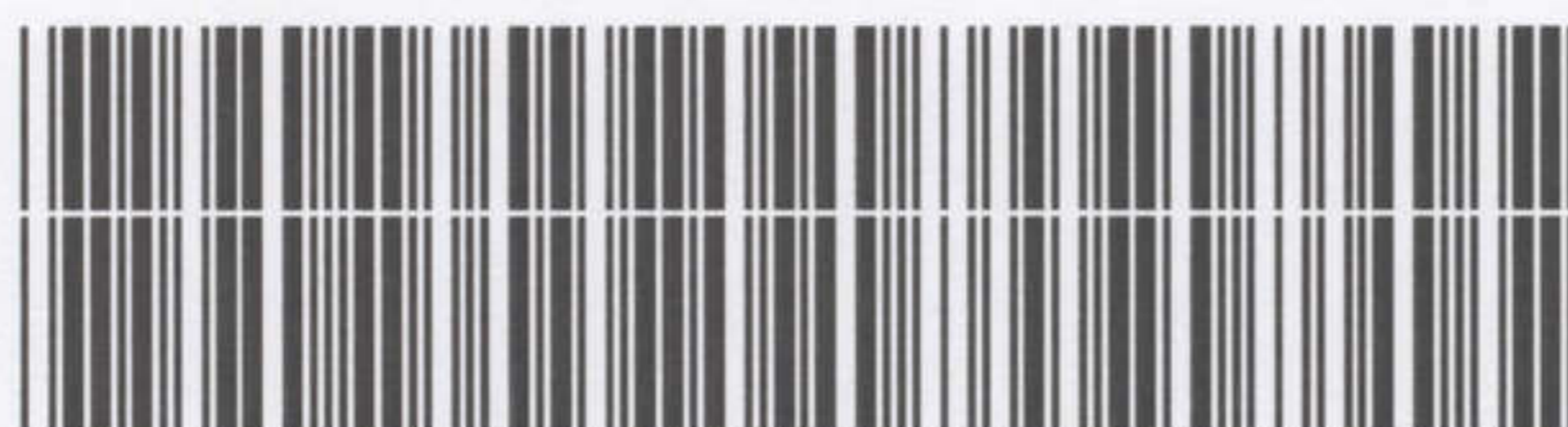
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ANZAC 1st Div	July 12 th		<p style="text-align: center;">SUTTON</p> <p>on short leave. Col Sutton senior A.D.M.S. responsible and Major Butler carrying on office</p> <p>10th to 4th Leave.</p> <p>Returned from leave arriving at Boulogne on July 5th and going on to CALAIS. from where I motored arriving BAILLEUL to which place the Coys had moved two days before we had not yet taken over the whole of firing line. 2nd Division still in line, and 7th & 8th A. were at BAILLEUL. 6th & 1st Brigades of 1st Division were working under till 2nd Div. called on P.T.S. at 7. A.M. but found them out.</p> <p>6th went through fire work. 4th Division no longer coming under the Coys for administration was asked by General CARRUTHERS to draw up scheme for R.A. Posts and evacuation from firing line Calais.</p> <p>2 went with Butler and met Colonel SUTTON and Fry at A.D.S. at</p>	

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		3	<p>Candahar farm. and found a medical officer of 2 Q Division there who showed us around the Poppy field and posts. I then went round the right sector of the firing line. Latrine arrangements are not good, a great deal of urine lying about near the latrine buckets. I pointed this out but as our Battalion had only recently come into line they could hardly be held accountable.</p> <p>Saw O.C. of 28th Batta.</p>	
		7	at 7 returned	
	July 7 th	10	<p>Colonel STURDEE A.D.M.S. 1st Div. came round. and as 'G' had negatived the site for 7. Ambulance near 'New Eglise' road. I asked him to choose another, and to come out with me and see how we could evacuate wounded from right of line, & if the Shrine would be a feasible place for an A.D.S.</p> <p>We spent from 11-5 going over ground. & visited Hyde Park Corner which was being evacuated by the 7th Aus F.A. as it is no longer to be in our area. This fact makes the selection of a new site for A.D.S. imperative</p>	

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	July 8 th	5 ^{PM}	<p>After seeing the whole ground it was decided that La' Plus Douve Farm. would make the best place to concentrate on. and if Hoggson's avenue could be used evacuation could take place to the Shrine.</p> <p>informed at conference that Corps was to move South within three days out As we had a considerable amount of equipment over what was laid down in establishment in consequence of having drawn extra dressings blankets & stretchers in view of an offensive, the question of how to transport these became serious. also matter of dentists for whom we had no transport at all provided. Sent in Major BUTLER. to see D.M.S. about this and other matters.</p> <p>1. Col. Sutton came round to see me. and I told him to take as much of the extra equipment as he could carry to the Railway Station to entrain and if necessary let his ^{transport} trains make double journeys to bring in extra equipment.</p> <p>3. In afternoon D.M.S. came over. and I asked him if we could have for each 7. A one motor ambulance ^{wagon} from the M.A.C. to accompany force to the entraining point and pick up wounded, as this would enable the 7. A</p>	

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			<p>own motor waggon to be packed with extra dressings & stretchers when they were sent off by road to concentration point where we detained and from there it might be possible to get the extra equipment along. To this be kindly assented, and also to our dental officers being left behind at the Rest Station of 9th Corps near BAILEU and to those of 7th Division being sent to the 2nd A.N.Z.A.C. to remain there until we could send for them.</p> <p>5. I accordingly sent telegrams at once to the D.D.M.S. of these Corps and told General CARRUTHERS. and asked as to where our motor ambulance waggon were to rendezvous to go down by road to our destination, but was told that until G.M.G. had issued orders as to road movements that nothing could be done.</p> <p>9. completed scheme which we had made out for our present area and sent it in to the D.M.S. in the belief of it being useful to our successors.</p> <p>Saw A. & M.G. again about rendezvous for motor ambulance waggon but could get no further information.</p>	

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	9 th	9	<p>at conference intimation was given that we had handed over to 9th Corps and should open our offices at 2 p.m. the following day at our destination South which was said to be VIGNECOURT.</p> <p>BUTLER went out to see 7. As of 1st Division at OSTERSTEIN EE and reported that as yet they had not heard what was to be done with their motor ambulances waggon. I told him to let them wait in order from their division and till these were received simply prepare to take them on with them.</p>	
		12	<p>At midday was informed that waggon would concentrate at but later in afternoon orders came saying all would concentrate at YIFEN BERJVIN.</p>	
		3	<p>office was packed and closed up, as lorries were to be loaded that evening.</p>	
		3 rd	<p>Brigade marched through BALLEUL on way to Lutrain saw Ausⁿ Red Cross representatives and asked them to hold up material until they should hear from us.</p>	

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<p>10th A.N.Z.A.C. 110th</p>	<p>July 10th</p>	<p>7. 9 11 2 3</p>	<p>Personal luggage was taken away by motor lorry.</p> <p>started with Chapn BUTLER. D.A.D.M.S. on road saw Chapn GOODESMITH of 3d F.A. and was told that some Red Cross stores and also authorized equipment were being left behind due to lack of transport - sent a wire to D.M.S. to ask if they could be collected before next morning as none was arriving into F.A.</p> <p>Called on D.D.M.S. 2^d ANZAC. corps to see whether he had made arrangements about dentists' equipment.</p> <p>left La Motte visited on way the C.C.S. at DOULIEN Citadelle, also went to Flesselles hearing that D.M.S. 5th Army was there but found they were not so.</p> <p>arrived at VIGNECOURT. on enquiring as to whether I was to communicate with any Army HQ as to administrative arrangements was told by G. not to do so at present.</p>	

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MADZAC Kamp	July 11th	9	at conference we were told that for administrative purposes we would come under 4th Army. I had already received a telegram in reply to a query of mine to D.M.S. Reserve Army that we were under 4th Army.	
		10	went on to GOERRIER to see D.M.S. found General O'KEEFE out. that saw D.A.D.M.S. FRANCOS and learned what C.C.S. etc. we should vacate to. asked ^{him} about stretches into distances.	
		11	went on to ALBERT. and saw trenches about BOISELL.	
		3	on return again called at D.M.S. Office but found General O'KEEFE away.	
		5	went off to telegraph to A.D.M.S. to say to what places they should vacate.	
			1st Division HQs had arrived but not 2nd Div HQs	

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1 AM 210 MAM	July 12	9	At Ampere was asked by Colonel GIBBS, to give him a list of horses and ^{transport} equipment received for 3 ^d Section of 7 th A. within last week & this week.	
		10	saw Colonel STURDIEE at DOMART, and found ⁱⁿ our had received none and had no horses for 3 ^d section. The 7. As of the 3^d section ^{1st division} had arrived and were making their billets. I gave order not to order out more than was absolutely necessary for treatment of daily sick. Motor ambulances had not yet arrived. Went on to ALLY and saw DAOMS. He had just arrived. he told me that 7. A. had 36 horse stretchers but bellahin had none they had brought their wheeled stretchers.	
		2.	on return informed Colonel GIBBS. that it might be taken that the 1 st & 2 ^d Divisions had nothing in way of equipment or transport for 3 ^d section.	

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1st A.C. 2AC 1400	July 13 th	9.	at conference was informed that 14 th Division was moving on 1 st Brigade to RAINEVILLE 2 ^d to CORDONETTE. was asked by G. and J. about 3 ^d section and it was found nothing was done regarding the sending out of personnel. it was decided to leave all matter alone.	
		10.	went out to D.D.M.S. of 15 th Corps and found that arrangements had been made for Colonel PROFFIT A.D.M.S. 21 st Div to take me round. with latter visited collecting station at file factory at MEADLITE where there was a collecting station then a dug out with adv dressing station at BECOURT. and finally a small a.D.S. at FRICOURT. and on	
		2	return visited MERICOURT main dressing station and C.C.S. at HETLEY where I met Sgt A. SCOBETT. went with him over C.C.S.	
		5	and then went on to GUERRIER where I saw the D.M.S. I had said he could not help us with wheelbarrow stretchers but we might be able to draw hand stretchers from C.C.S. of required. French stretchers he said he could not supply. On my return learned with regret that I had missed General MACPHERSON who had been over	

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1 st AMBAC 11 th M	July 14	9	at conference told that 1 st & 2 ^d Divisions had been warned to be prepared to move on 24 hours notice.	
		11	4 th Division had arrived sent BUTLER out to see 1 st & 2 ^d Divisions did other work	
		3	met Colonel BARBER. as I was going out to see 4 th Division and would like him to visit field ambulances which were arriving that day in DOMART. also 4 th had arrived at Chateau near SURCATTIS.	
			I was made stuck with my men's boots were going and mentioned it to G.O.C. 4 th Division on going to DOMART	
		5.	visited HACCOR but found only the advanced party of 13 th there. Colonel BARBER mentioned that his division were without wheeled stretchers as D.M.S. had told me that we could only be supplied with whatever we found left by Cooks into where area we went, I was unhappy they would leave stretchers I told him to ask Red Cross for some in division.	

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	<i>July 15th</i>	<i>1916</i>	<p><i>9</i> Spoke to Genl. MR CARRUTHERS about 3rd section transport as had heard that water carts for 1st and 2nd Divisions had arrived. He said it would all come. I mentioned the matter of transport for tents & rubber blankets and he said I should see Taylor, but that no transport was available.</p> <p><i>11</i> went to 1st Div. Hdq for saw Col STURDIEE. Spoke to him about rest station for division. went on to 3rd Z.A. at <i>a</i> The station had been formed here, but accommodation was not good still as the cases were chiefly abrasions it did not matter. From here went to <i>to call on Surgeon General MACPHERSON</i> found him out & returned.</p> <p><i>3.</i> went into A MIETHS and visited R. G. C. Station. saw three Captains DONLON of 18th Ambr Bally who had just been sent in sick.</p> <p><i>5.</i> visited ADMS 2nd Div. He asked about drawing Tents for actual operations in M.O. Authority and I told him to do so. visited <i>5th 7.19</i> and 6th 7. A. Question of isolating Scabies cases in 7. A. came up with letter & I saw a hole of ground.</p>	

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	100 July	8	<p>Discussed with General CARRUTHERS the possible future disposition of his corps and told him that unless I knew it was difficult to make proper arrangements as D.M.S. had told me we could only have any equipment in way of tents blankets, stretchers or all found in the area of the Corps we received. and I pointed out that if we were wedged in between 2 Corps who did not move out we would be wholly dependent on what we brought in ourselves. We could only tell me that there was a regular scheme made out for which we must wait.</p> <p>9:00 Left with Captain BEAN to visit 13th Corps. found that my message to them had not got through. Captain FIBSON the D.A.D.M.S. Co. was in. I found they had many tents in their 7.A. main dressing station and over 9000 blankets. I telephoned a D.M.S. Co. and if we might draw up to 4000 of latter and tents on way back after visiting advanced dressing stations called on D.M.S. Co. being and asked him as to what arrangements</p>	

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			<p>we could make about delousing our men. He said that Fodder boxes could not be shared, I that I must make arrangements for bottles or for issue of clothes underclothing after bathing. He said that we should have brought all we required with us. I pointed out that these were only extra provision for battle, tents, stretchers, blankets, which no F.A. could bring furnish transport and we only had two sections.</p> <p>Previously saw General CARROTHERS and requested that the 3rd section's despatch might be accelerated.</p>	
	July 17 th		<p>9 Capt BUTLER went with A.D.M.S. 1st Division in accordance with arrangements I had made on preceding day that all A.D.M.S. of ANZAC should visit the "XIII" Camp to study its evacuation organization.</p> <p>11 received a visit from Red Cross Commissioners and went into various matters with them. They complained of great number of socks which had been indentified by a F.A. I told them that it was by their</p>	

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			<p>our request that F. As indicated direct and that I only saw their total requirements at end of month. But that I had wished to write to him at any time on any necessary incidents he was receiving under the present system that I would always be ready to refer to them. He told me that as soon as he could get permission from G. C. & he would hold a store into AMIENS for which we would draw.</p> <p>6. On BUTLER's return he reported that the visit of AD, M, S. had been a most instructive one and Colonel STURDIE would like some of his F. A. officers to make a similar visit. I had mentioned the matter the day before, so wrote off at once to D D M S. 13th Division Corps to ask if it might be arranged for an officer from each F. A. to see the arrangements of his divisions. Received answer that he would move on 19th forward and heard that the 1st Division was likely to move into my line.</p> <p>9. Saw Genl CARRUTHERS and pointed out necessity of F. A. getting their full household at once for 3rd Section even if personnel had not arrived. He would fix it.</p>	

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MANZAC 1800h	July 18 th	9	<p>at conference matter of telephone communication was brought up, & I asked that we might have a telephone back from ^{main} collecting stations as the 13th Corps was well able to use one laid down for division had found it the greatest advantage to telephone back for their main ambulance has ^{has} many numbers of wounded. Cars up and all. I telephoned to D.M.S. to say I wished to call to ascertain arrangements for our new area. He was out but later a reply came to me at 5 p.m. Unfortunately on my going there I found he had been detained by Army Command and that was arranged that a message would be sent me as to seeing him next day. Just before I started Major SMYTH of C. Branch told me that a telegram had just come in from Army to say that this Corps would not administer 1st Division. I accordingly informed the D.M.S. office of this fact - Collette being the officer there - and that as this was the case I would have no power to take any steps to make arrangements.</p>	

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	July 19		<p>Assumpt other things Colonel informed us that as large a divisional test station as possible should be started for the Corps.</p> <p>In the evening Ty informed me that Major ^W W had come and that we were to administer the Army division.</p> <p>We received instructions as to move to COMTAY on following morning.</p> <p>at 6.30a.m. rode out to 12th FA at HAZLEY and saw Colonel and his arrangements. He reported some trouble with Scabies cases. went on to HAZLEY and saw Colonel of F.A.</p> <p>Returned and at 10 left for COMTAY to which we had moved. went on at rail from COMTAY to see the D.M.S. found that Colonel MACLEOD was there.</p>	

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			<p>Went with them both through arrangements. It appeared that we had no area except just what firing line which contained field ambulance sites. The D.M.S. said it was decided that we should administer our own division and as it seemed rather difficult to make arrangements in time and said Colonel MACLEOD and I must go and settle between us what was to be done. We could have a 7 A. site in WARLOY with tents.</p> <p>Accordingly we went off to latter's office. I would discuss it with Colonel STURDEE & Major DODD's name in. They said that they could not find out who was administering their Division and did not know what sites they could have for F.A. They were told that it was being decided as to what latter should be. Colonel MACLEOD stated his willingness to undertake all arrangements just as before, and though I did not prefer it I was prepared to acquiesce more than find that a complete dis-ruption of existing arrangements was caused 24 hours before a big action and said I was prepared to let X² Corps take over all arrangements at DADEN COURT. However before it was settled Major General Lloyd went over to see X² Corps G. who said that 1st ANZAC were running their own arrangements entirely. This settled it and DODD's who had been away to see her own G. before this was decided on her return went off with Col Lloyd to see how things were with Colonel MACLEOD. STURDEE and I went off to see</p>	

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			<p>the N Chummy, at ALBERT. but first saw Colonel SKINNER to ask him what 1st Army 3rd Corps could piece as we wedged in between them and 4th Corps Reserve Army and 3rd Corps had been holding ground which should have under ordinary circumstances belonged to us.</p> <p>Colonel SKINNER was not very civil and did not see his way to giving us anything which was not already in the very limited hinterland allotted to us as Corps area. So we only obtained from him the localities of any advanced def. posts which had fallen in it.</p> <p>6 on return ^{from} 2nd division to supply these medical officers to C.C.S. when notified</p> <p>went with Col. STURDEE to see Mr Chummy at ALBERT not a good place, but saw we would have to make the best of it arranged that STURDEE that a S.A. should be sent back once to it and another to VADEMCOURT and a third to MORLAY on the way to ALBERT. We had picked up BUTLER and met DODS & DADAMS. at the 4th Corps D.D.M.S. office. DODS had visited VADEMCOURT and fixed up as to arrangements there.</p> <p>9 on return found Major MARTIN D.A.D.M.S. of Army working for me. He said he had been sent over by D.M.S. Army in consequence of a message received by General SARGENT of 1st Army Reserve Army from our 1st Division</p>	

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			<p>to the effect that they did not know what their medical arrangements were. General Sargent had come over seen the D.M.S. and wanted to know how this was and who was the D.D.M.S. of Australian ANZAC. The D.M.S. Martin said had replied that I had been up that day to see him and that everything had been settled by the between the D.D.M.S. of 4th Corps and myself in a few hours, that it was only that morning that information had been given that 12th ANZAC were to administer 1st Aus Division as the previous day it had not been under their administration and the D.M.S. knew my word well and was quite satisfied that everything possible would be done by me at all.</p> <p>Colony MARTIN said that the D.M.S. could not understand out of what such an intimation could have arisen as that things were at the least in chaos.</p> <p>I pointed out it was ridiculous that evidently someone had got mixed up in 1st Division and there had been this change in 24 hours as to what Corps was to administer them, and that so far from things not being upset that we had made the change and arranged all things most satisfactorily except that the 1st Aus</p>	

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			<p>Dursum going in on a very narrow front wedging in between two other divisions had inherited nothing in the way of collecting or dressing stations and had to do what they could when going into action to make these instead of as with other corps either having days or weeks to find & make them, or inherit them from predecessors.</p> <p>I felt quite satisfied that in spite of these difficulties we had a firm grasp of the situation.</p> <p>10 I informed General CARPENTERS the D.A.C. of the above conversation and that I had no hesitation in spite of the very brief time & somewhat disadvantageous circumstances in dealing with the situation.</p>	

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	July 20	9 11 2	<p>The matter of selecting a place for collecting wounded had only been provisionally settled by the ^NChinneys in ALBERT as we had expected a fight which however did not occur and we were informed (<u>battle</u>) at the conference that our own offensive was not but off. I sent off BUTLER to see Colonel STURDIE regarding establishing a collecting post in a better place than the Chinneys. General CARRUTHERS came with me to see the VADENCOURT chateau which I considered would make an excellent place for a F.A. He also saw its advantages and we went off at once to the ¹handed of Army and here to D.M.S. and settled all the whole matter. I sent mess word to O.C. 2nd F.A. who were to have helped the S. McDonald F.A. in tents. That they might show up in VADENCOURT chateau at once. General CARRUTHERS had been going on to ALBERT where I intended to acquaint Col STURDIE with these new arrangements but we were prevented from going as it was so late by the time we had accomplished my duty.</p>	

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	July 21		<p>went out to ALBERT and saw Colonel STURDEE told him that Train very thin was not satisfactory that another officer was required there. He was at first inclined to cavil at my having observed YADEN/COURT Chateau and said something about orders contradictory orders. I asked him to show me anything which I had issued that was contradictory or likely to give rise to confusion. He was quite unable to produce any single instance or point to any order and he acknowledged himself not. I told him that on such matters as security etc. it was imperative that I should act at once when we came into a new area and had to go into action at once and I requested that either he or his B A D M S should come down with me at once and see YADEN/COURT Chateau.</p>	

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			<p>Arranged order of march as to evacuation of lightly wounded by military motor buses they were to call at Namur, Dinik, and an A.S.C. officer was to be in charge of 20. which were to be collected off in reliefs.</p> <p>The 1st 2 Aus Inf Bn went into line last night and 2nd Aus Inf Bn held for us to night. 2nd Aus Div are in S Area at HARPENVILLE & HERISSART.</p> <p>I heard from A.D.M.S. M.A.O.S. Div that 19th Div will operate that the 1st Aus FA should go on occupying BECOURT Chapel as on A.D.S. This was in reply to my instructions that unless agreeable he must pick it up.</p>	

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	Aug 22 nd		<p>sent up some bell tents to establish a collecting post at Tronway Tunnies on BRAYE Rd. arranged for 20 mule ambulances wagons to evacuate. ordered up a heavy company division from 7th J.A. to hold themselves in readiness if required at any time. Yesterday only 36 casualties through our 7. A's. Found that Col SKINNER, B.D.M.S. II @ COMP had been here while I was at ALBERT. about our casualties BECOONT. At some time enemy had intended we must pull up the Chapel in Chateau. It was impossible for us to comply with Col SKINNER's request to evacuate at all, so I went up to see him. He said he was pulling in a 7 A at all into the Chateau & they would repair the Chapel and all need vacate it. I pointed out that we would all</p>	

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			<p>taking the whole bulk of the fighting along that line which evacuated down Sausage valley whereas he had only a few stragglers & lightly wounded. He replied that he did not know when he might not want it for more cases. He was very abductable. Finally I asked him if he wished to turn out a 7.A. out as he was of an big of presence at 6 in the morning to show arrangement as it could be for hundreds 1000 wounded. Finally I said I would take down a telegram which he should dictate, and it was to be expected that the night at ^{work by} the place of the III^o Corps field ambulance could show ^{induce} of accommodation. On this I had for the time being great interest. As the rest of the theatre was I was told being occupied by a Brigade Headquarters. Next the rooms held by the III^o Corps 7.A. I accordingly left the wide to be despatched by D O M S III^o Corps</p>	

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	Aug 23 ^d		<p>A big offensive took place in front of POZIERES at midnight and wounded began to pour in. The evacuation worked very satisfactorily and I was informed by B. G. R. A. that the Army Commander with whom he had been had expressed great satisfaction at the way wounded were being got away from our collecting posts.</p> <p>The M.A.C. worked well and were just able to cope with the work... but most of the lightly wounded evacuation was done to Regiment by train, otherwise we could not have managed with our 25 cars of M.A.C. which was all that were allowed on disposal, and a great strain was put on our Ambulance cars due to the long stretch from BELCOURT as an A.D.S. to main dressing station at WARLOY</p>	

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	Aug 24 th		<p>1215 1400 cases passed through our 7. A.S. in 24 hours up to 6 am to day</p> <p>This morning the mesh slackened off somewhat From 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. this afternoon 803 wounded were evacuated by M.A.C. from YADENLOWAT & WORLOY</p> <p>This morning General BIRDWOOD when I went to see him said that my initial assumption had been right he was told better than any one else's and he hoped that I would take any steps I could to check it. He asked if I left enough to my A.D.S.M.S. in the way of inspection. I asked him if he had heard any comment or reference to my not doing so. He said no! or else he would certainly have mentioned it then. I pointed out that whilst I was not anxious to be honing upon the promise of the A.D.S.M.S. it was absolutely essential I felt</p>	

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			<p>for me to be constantly going round & seeing how things were going on as I would do so much by direct supervision when we was dealing with an organization such as in the case of the ANZAC's was her full circumstances mentioned, and looking at the system which in other Corps had only been achieved by years of control and discipline organization. That was one the question of giving an order and then dealing strictly if not carried out, that whilst this was simple when an order was directly disobeyed, that often with officers not accustomed to strict methods of discipline & maintenance of obedience that a deliberate & conscious not amounting to direct disobedience often multiplied papers. This could be avoided by keeping men up to the mark. by constantly going round and taking a man by the arm and showing the standard we wished & that was required. And that I was held responsible for the standard being obtained, and I found it very difficult to do so unless I satisfied myself of it. I also realized that on days I did not go out Major Butler D.A.D.I.C. had our Secretary & look work to make instructions so that a car was more constantly in use than with any other detachments of the Corps</p>	

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	24 th Aug		<p>In afternoon I visited 25th Batta which were at WARLOY</p> <p>Since complaints were made as to difficulty men had in getting boots ^{of convenience and feet were common} I brought this to notice of ordnance</p> <p>I also saw 27th Batta here see HQ. Cable BURNETT. complaint as to quality of fat in meat.</p>	

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	July 25	9	<p>at conference, nothing regarding the 2nd division being lost in was present out. Colonel BARBER came over and asked about</p> <p>I drove over in his car to the Conference at D.M.S. at which D.D., M.S. of 4th Div and IInd Corps were present.</p> <p>It was decided that the 1st ANZAC, should take over 7 A. site of Civil Hospital and adjoining huts and also the Camp site with Officers Hospital behind it as being in our area.</p> <p>From here I rode with Albert. going to A.D.M.S. office at night. Colonel STURDIE informed me that he had lost 2 motorambulances waggons of 4th Div and had typhoided the boundary night. Evacuation was going on well he said I asked about shelter at the trunk line Dump for dressing wounded who required dressing or who could not be taken away at once. He said there were none left lying about for more than a few minutes and wished to know from whom I had heard that it was so. I said that whatever might have been ^{mentioned} reported to me, I attached no importance to any statement of their not being sheltered until I had heard from the A.D.M.S. himself what the state of affairs were. I saw General WALKER at his office and told him of the report which had reached the D.M.S. on 19th regarding the</p>	

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			<p>state of affair on that date due to a telegram which I was told had been sent to General Sargent, commenting upon the arrangements of medical branch. & that this apparently had been taken by General SARGENT to hold me responsible, and at a time when the administration of the 1st Aus Division was not in the hands of the 1st A.N.Z.A.C. ^{and also all arrangements being food} General WACKER told me that he had never sent any such telegram and recommended me to see Colonel MOOP ^{Castle} who might have done so, as there were occasions upon which the Staff telegrams without his knowledge of their contents, and that he had no idea whatsoever about such a matter having occurred on any grounds for it. Accordingly I saw Colonel PROW who disclaimed all knowledge & produced his telegram book and diary to support his statement & said he had never alluded to anything medical, but had only said to General SARGENT that he wished it could be finally settled under whose administration the 1st Aus division was as in about 24 hours they had come under three different armies or corps for administration and they did not know where they stood. But he never said a word he had any reason to telegraph anything about the medical arrangements</p>	

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	25 th July		<p>From here I went on to Tron line DONAT and thence to BECOURT. Everything was satisfactory. But Colonel BUTLER complained of difficulty in clearing MONTALMAISON Villa. It had to be left to a British dressing station at the Chateau of the same name and he heard that the 9th battalion were not getting away their wounded quickly.</p> <p>On my return I mentioned this to Colonel STURDIE and suggested that he might send motor ambulances to the Villa as I heard they could go. Major DODS. opposed this, saying that it would throw the burden of evacuation on us of that post. Though I did not agree with the principle of not taking it if we could do so. I saw that hard worked as we were it might be difficult with one mess of work to take on any further responsibility so left it with them to decide. Colonel STURDIE asked for more help in stretcher bearers so I telegraphed to General WHITE for the subdivision held in reserve. by 4 a bus to be sent up. He said he would place it before General BIRDWOOD.</p> <p>I visited Mr. Chumey's station and returned home stopping at WARZOG on the way back. The great ship was out and former place had</p>	

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			<p>only about 40 left. latter had none and M.A.C. officer told me they had for 10 1/2 hours evacuated from it at the rate of one man per minute. As Lieut Bowley had I was told said that the dressing of Aus cases reaching the C.C.S. was mechanically good. This was very satisfactory rate.</p> <p>9 Captain Smith Staff officer to D.M.S. came up and visited RADENCOURT again to find it empty.</p> <p>Cable TOZER. A.M.C. reported to have been killed in action and Captain Hamilton wounded.</p>	
	26 th	9	<p>Nothing at conference except that Brigade front of 2^d D.M.S. was going into the front line. An official came from Army about BECOURT and the chateau dressing station being evacuated as soon as possible.</p> <p>11 The D.M.S. came over and asked if we could let the II Corps have the WARLOY dressing centre for 7.A. at Civil Hospital. I pointed out that we had not enough places for 7.A. and were particularly lacking at ALBERT if we could have the HOSPICE at latter place we could run up the WARLOY operating centre 7.A. site</p>	

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			<p>The D.M.S. replied that ALBERT was in 4th Army anywhere he wished, I accordingly said that we would do the best we could to meet his wishes and let the 7. A site near operating centre go to the II Corps. but that if any good place should be found in ALBERT or elsewhere that he would back us up in securing it as our area was very small.</p> <p>The 2^a Division were being moved in today believe I got the same arrangements as before were made. a sketcher division of 4^a which had just arrived at ALBERT being added to units under men of 2^a. and 3^a previously sent ordered to return with rest. The A.D.M.S. of 4^a div. asked that his motor ambulances and men might be allowed return.</p> <p>I asked D.M.S. if as we were short of medical officers we might withdraw the men we had sent. His office replied that we could only do so if we sent others to replace them.</p> <p>As we were now fine short in 2^a Division and 4^a short in 1st Division the supply of medical officers was becoming serious saw Quinny ^{Comms} Commander and told him of our being asked to give up 7. A site in WARLOY to II^a Corps and said that as it bound us down somewhat I was not so desirous as I should have otherwise been to keep it. He assented.</p>	

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			<p>Law General BIRWOOD and his staff with</p> <p>7 In evening Major FRY DNDMS. 2^a Div came to see me regarding 2^a Division going in and taking over posts from 1st instructed him to continue on same lines heard that the subdivision of the other heavers asked for as a reserve had started</p> <p>and instructions by deppatch order to Colonel STURDGE. as to his gradually withdrawing his posts to 2^a Div and returning Captain SPRENT and his party to VADENCOURT.</p> <p>Order was forwarded through G. to say that he should vacate BECOURT Chateau as soon as possible as a dressing station as III^a Corps wanted it.</p>	

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	27 th July	8	<p>went over to KADENCOURT. found that only few wounded had been coming in.</p> <p>was asked by General CARRUTHERS to prepare a scheme by which the Field ambulances should work on a Coker system rather than as divisions</p> <p>11 received a telephone message through G that General WHITE wished to see me at ALBERT. Found General BIRDWOOD there who asked me to try & secure the continuation of the 2nd Div 7. A in BECOURT Chateau. and asked me to see IVth Army D.M.S. if necessary.</p> <p>3 saw General O'KEEFE at QUERRIER and submitted statement he said he would write about U.S. D.D.M.S. IIIrd Army.</p> <p>When at ALBERT, I saw A.D.M.S. 2nd Div who had taken over</p>	

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	28 th	9	<p>revised scheme for Corps system of working ambulances</p> <p>General MACPHERSON came in and I showed it to him and obtained his advice.</p> <p>General NICOLSON came over and told me that a section of MAC Coy had been placed at disposal of 1st ANZAC.</p> <p>He informed me that RADENCOURT might be turned into a C. C. S. shortly. asked about stepping of operation centre at WARLOY by orders from ANZAC.</p> <p>A.D.O.S. asked me about 36 bell tents we had indicated on ^{map 7A}. I told him they should not be obtained at present as we could not transport them, and had as yet no fixed place to pitch them as a permanent.</p> <p>Found that orders about SPRENT rejoining Det A at RADENCOURT had not been carried out, and his whereabouts was not known.</p> <p>^{told A.D.M.S. 20.00 PM to trace him}</p> <p>Worked out Corps System Scheme until 1.0 am.</p>	

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July 29	July 29	7	<p>visited WORLOY main dressing station and found many that there had not been many wounded coming in as result of offensive of previous night. was informed that there was a block in evacuation from the A.D.S. at BELCOURT. so arranged to go out myself and see to it. met General BIRDWOOD and informed him I was going</p>	
	9	9	<p>after visiting collecting station at YADENCOURT went to ALBERT found Colonel SUTTON A.D.M.S. there and was told by him that there were not enough train hoppers available from T ram head as out of line. full were being kept as a reserve for ammunition. he had been promised empty supply hopped wagons. I went over to SW H.Q. and asked the G. branch to try substitute these. I then went with Col SUTTON to the train terminus. found a certain number of stretcher cases collected here and no motor ambulances on the spot as only two had been allotted for this hour by A.D.M.S. asked latter to detail more and to send Sanitary Officer to help there as he was available at once visited N. Chimney dressing station and returned</p>	

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	July 29	3	<p>took Scheme for Cops dressing stations. over to A & M G and went through it with him, a few alterations in wording were suggested by him and the whole scheme accepted as meeting the 'G' movements. He told me that he had not been able to ascertain when 3 & 7 A was. Implicit orders had been given to Colonel STURDEE. ADMS of 1st Div that after handing over the Adv Dressing stations from the 7 A to one of 2nd Div sent to believe it that it was to be withdrawn entirely. This left it with him to advise the D. H. G. as to how it had best be disposed of as the Division marching out from the active area of operations. Out of what could be told but sheer crossness he chose to adopt the attitude that he intended to receive further orders from Cops. and left it there, when he ought naturally to have in the natural course have given his own instructions and advised the G. O. as to where it was to move or if he felt any doubt refer the matter at once to me. The result was that of not adopting any course was that he allowed his Division to go off without any 7. A. accompanying it to the back area, and on his way back with the Col. STURDEE in passing through here had not called in, so there</p>	

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	July 29		<p>had in consequence been no chance of my as might otherwise have been the case of my learning direct from him as to the disposition he had made or was this case in this instance had reflected to make. I withdrew in at once to ask Colonel STURDEE to ascertain where the 3rd FA were. and to come over and see me on the following morning</p> <p>3 In afternoon Colonel BARBOUR called about finding a dressing station nearer ALBERT I took him over the school room tents in WAR 204. He expressed much satisfaction with them</p>	
	July 30		<p>at 11 Colonel STURDEE and Colonel BARBOUR came over and I went through scheme for Corps dressing stations with them and they both whilst seeing difficulties assented to its being a feasible solution of the idea not to move ambulances more than possible. I had before Colonel BARBOUR'S arrival asked Colonel STURDEE for an explanation of his not taking the 3rd FA with his division. He said that his orders were to withdraw it gradually</p>	

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			<p>and so he had left it. I pointed out that gradual withdrawal had been the case with every Brigade in his division, so that to withdraw a Field ambulance the make host of whom were concentrated in three hosts should not have been a long matter. He could give no satisfactory reason.</p> <p>For 1 1/2 hours we went carefully through the scheme and discussed every thing that could be improved upon or that would present difficulties.</p>	
		2	<p>In afternoon I visited the officers' hospital. Col STEWART of 6th FA had just taken over charge, and had found the place in a dirty condition. He asked about his being able to purchase things in AMIENS and I told him to work on his individual account. I had already consulted the DMS about this. The latter had said this was the way. I also consulted Colonel GIBBS on my return. He had no intention with his FA, to give him any aid over purchases etc.</p>	

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In ANZMC	July 31	9	The B. G. G. S. told me that from now I should issue orders to C. A. and send in a copy to him and to G. at same time	
		10	Office work most of day	

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D.A. & Q.M.G.
1st Anzac

The following arrangements are proposed by me. Will you, if accepted, issue the necessary orders.

i. The A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Division will arrange immediately to relieve the details of the 13th Field Ambulance at WARGNIES and HALLOY.

ii He will proceed to form a Rest Station within the Corps Rest Area, vacating WARGNIES as soon as possible.

iii. He will make the necessary medical arrangements within that area, using for the purpose the two Field Ambulances at his disposal.

iv. The IIInd Field Ambulance will continue to ~~be~~ administer the Collecting Station for lightly wounded at VADENCOURT for the present.

v. The detachments of the 13th Aust. Field Ambulance will rejoin their Unit as soon as possible. Date and details of the movement being mutually arranged by the Divs. concerned.

H.Q.
30th July 1916

(S^u) C.C. Manifold Colonel
D.D.M.S. 1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps

SECRETCopy No1st AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS.
-----OPERATION ORDER No. 2

1. The A.D.M.S. 4th Australian Division will detail 12th Australian Field Ambulance to accompany the Bde Group of the 4th Australian Division which moves to the Brickfields Reserve Area.
2. The Bearer Division of the 12th Australian Field Ambce at present attached to the 2nd Australian Division will rejoin its unit at a date to be arranged mutually by the A.D.M.S. 2nd Aust. Division and A.D.M.S. IVth Aust. Division.
3. Acknowledge.

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Colonel
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