

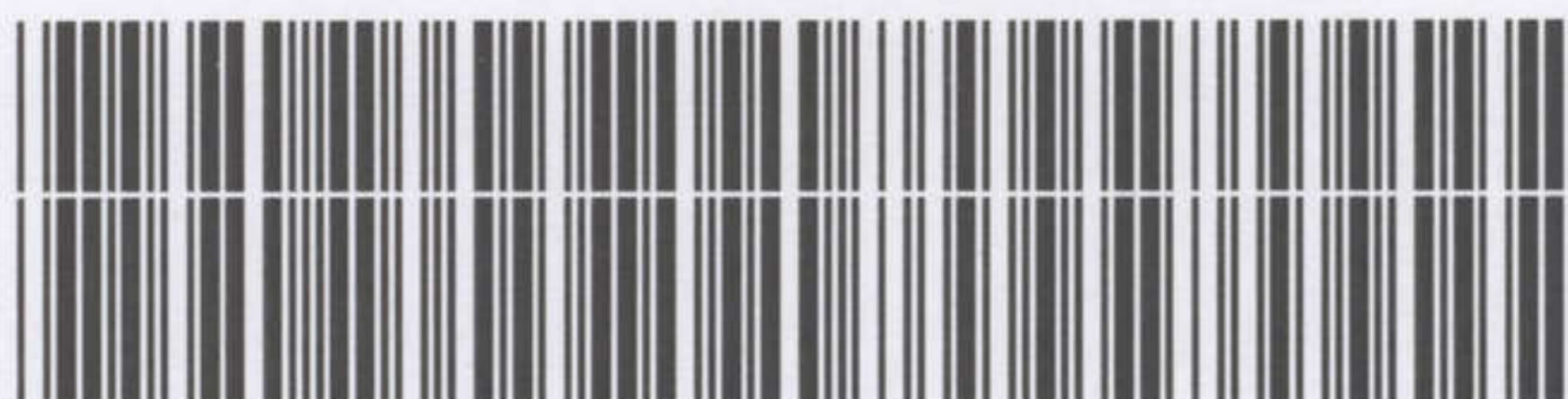
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

Colonel G.W. BARBER, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
D.D.M.S. Australian Corps.

FOR

FEBRUARY. 1919

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAM-sur-HEURE.	Feb. 1919.			
	1st		Made arrangements and drafted order for Corps R.Os., re Medical Boards, vide, D or R No.71.	
	2nd		Nothing to report.	
	3rd		Nothing to report.	
	4th		Nothing to report.	
	5th		Lt-Col <sup>g</sup> Raffan returned to Aust. Corps H.Q. from a tour of the 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Aust. Divs., in the course of which he inspected the Blue Light Depots. He reported to D.D.M.S. that there is an <del>absence</del> inadequate supply of prophylactics and lack of co-ordination in anti-venereal methods. This indicates that the A.Ds.M.S. of Divisions have not paid due attention to D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps D3/62. Lt-Col RAFFAN distributed amongst R.M.Os., his "Plug Introducer" for the abortive treatment of V.D.	
	6th		Col. TUNBRIDGE, CB., CMG., VD., S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps visited this Office this morning to complain of abuse of Ambulance cars. Some Divisional cars, he alleged, have been sent long distances conveying officers on <sup>departs</sup> leave or on pleasure rides. To check this, the D.D.M.S. issued <del>instructions</del> an order to A.Ds.M.S. (see Appendix, No. 1, copies attached).	
	7th		Issued instructions to Sanitary Sections re training of substitutes, (P7/31a, d. 7-2-19). See Appendix No. 2: (Copies attached). Issued instructions re 1 M.O., 1 Sgt, 25 OR. to report to 55 & 20 CCSs. (see Appendix No. 3. 2 copies).	
	8th		Issued M3/89, re Venereal Prophylaxis, with Report by Lt-Col RAFFAN on his visit to Australian Divisions. Appendix No. 4. (Copies attached.).	
	9th		Drafted Memo to Aust. Corps "AQ" (Appendix No. 5, Copies attached) re communication from "Demobaust" and "Adminaust" and A.I.F.	
	10th		Nothing to report.	
	11th		Visited by A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Div. Discussed with him, plans for demobilization of A.M.C. 1st Aust. Div.	

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HAM-sur-HEURE.	FEB. 1919.			
	12th		Major JEFFERIS reported from Corps Reinforcement Camp to relieve Major <sup>A.J.</sup> COLLINS, <sup>DSO, MC.</sup> D.A.D.M.S., proceeding on duty to England on 16-2-19.	
	13th		Visited by C.O. 62nd Labor Group. Discussed with him sanitation of P.of W. Camps, within the Corps. Sent to Labor Commandant, Aust. Corps, copies of sanitary reports on and recommendations for improvements in P. of W. Camps within the Corps.	
	14th		A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Div. requests that 6 Medical Officers be attached to 5th Div. in order to allow of M.Os. going on leave once in 5 months, and still be able to hold a board every on every man leaving for Repatriation. D.D.M.S. considers that the health of M.Os. will not suffer if thier leave comes less frequently than 5 months.	
	15th		Nothing to report.	
	16th		a/D.A.D.M.S. sent to Charleroi to obtain particulars of conduct and numbers of Australian troops in C.C.Ss. 55 & 20. Also whether A.A.M.C. Other Ranks are being used for stretcher-bearing or work that could be performed satisfactorily by infantrymen. 55th C.C.S. have 10 <del>M.A.A.M.C.</del> A.A.M.C. who could be thus replaced. Major Collins, A.J. DSO., MC., left for 3 months Post Graduate work in England.	
	17th		Nothing to report.	
	18th		Received wire from "Adminaust" authorising equipment of combatant units to be disposed of at nearest Depot of Medical Stores, through a Field Ambulance.	
	19th		A.D.M.S., 4th Aust. Div. visited this Office. Questions concerning Demobilization were discussed.	
	20th		D.D.M.S., visited Corps Reinforcement Camp; found O.K. Visited Red Cross Depot to inquire whether articles issued by the Red Cross, e.g. primus stoves, should be returned on demobilization of Ambulances. Was informed ,Yes, for all usable articles. Inspected E.T. Depots, Charleroi. Visited 18 Depot Medical Stores & 55th C.C.S.	

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	21st		D.D.M.S. visited Nol7 Mobile Bacteriological Laboratory, and 20th C.C.S. Charleroi.	
	22nd		Nothing to report.	
	23rd		D.D.M.S., visited 86th Bde R.F.A. and O.C. No. 1 Sanitary Section.	
	24th		A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Div. (Col FRY) visited this Office to discuss medical arrangements of 5th Aust. Div. after change of Area. <i>Major A.W. HOLMES account reported from 4th Aust. F.A.M.B. for duty as D.A.D.M.S. vice MAJOR R.E. JEFFERIS to ENGLAND</i>	
	25th		Major <sup>RE</sup> Jefferis departed to England for Educational Leave. D.D.M.S. visited Corps Workshops Jeumont. Visited No. 371 P.of W. Cage. Medical arrangements are carried out by one Section of 8th Fld.Ambulance - hospital accomodation satisfactory. Visited Mauberge. It was found that No. 47 C.C.S. had moved to Mauberge taking with it an officer (4th Aust. Div.) and 10 men of 5th Aust. Div. out of their Divisional Area. Visited No. 5 C.C.S. and O.C. 10th M.A.C.	
	26th		D.D.M.S. visited 14th <sup>Aust</sup> Fld. Ambulance at Soutain. Visited B.G.H.A. Beaumont re medical evacuations.	
	27th		D.D.M.S. visited 2nd Aust. Div. Discussed probable arrangements of medical services when the Division undergoes absorption. Saw S.O.A.D.S. and pointed out that no personnel are to be sent to England for repatriation without sanction of Corps H.Q. Instructions issued to A.Ds.M.S. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Aust. Divs. "that when a Dental Unit is no longer required owing to absorption of a Field Ambulance or other cause, this Office will at once be notified."	
	28th		Wrote to D.M.S., A.I.F. for ruling regarding relief of A.Ds.M.S. on absorption of 2nd and 4th Aust. Divs.	

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject.  |
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| 1.  | Instructions to A.Ds.M.S. to ensure that Amb. cars are not used for taking Medical Officers on leave or pleasure trips.               |
| 2.  | Instructions to O.Cs. San.Sections to get men from other Units, and train them to replace San.Sect. personnel due for demobilization. |
| 3.  | Re detailing Aust. A.A.M.C. personnel for temporary duty with 55th & 20th British C.C.Ss.   |
| 4.  | Report of Lt-Col RAFFAN on inspection of "Blue Light" Depots in Australian Corps.   |
| 5.  | Ref. M.Os. going on Educational Leave. Requesting that Aust. Corps H.Q. be advised direct, of any proposed move of Medical Officers.  |

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*Appendix No 1.*

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S.M.T.O., Aust. Corps advises that certain amount of the difficulty of keeping Ambulance Cars on the road has been due to cars being detailed to take Medical Officers proceeding or returning from leave, or for pleasure, long distances.

Cases have occurred of cars being sent for these purposes to AMIENS, BRUSSELS, LOUVAIN etc.

A.D's.M.S. will issue instructions forthwith (copies to this office and M.T.Coy serving with the Division) that such practices shall cease and that particular attention is given by C.O's. Field Ambulances to overloading .

*[Handwritten Signature]*

H.Q., Aust. Corps.  
6/2/1919.

Colonel,  
D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.

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  - War Diary (3)

D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps No. P7/31a.

- Officer Commanding,
- 1st Aust. San. Section.
- 2nd Aust. San. Section.
- 3rd Aust. San. Section.
- 4th Aust. San. Section.
- 5th Aust. San. Section.

*Appendix No 2*

With reference to "G" Staff Cir. 45, para. 11, dated 30-1-19 (?), immediate steps should be taken to obtain this personnel through Divisions and arrange for them to understudy the other members of the Unit, as your personnel can only be released for Demobilization when you are satisfied that the understudies are competent to carry on.

Headquarters,  
7-2-19.

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

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D.D.M.S., Aust. Corps M7/54/ 1 & 2.

A.D.M.S.,

- 1st. Australian Division.
- 2nd. Australian Division.

*Appendix No. 3.*

In accordance with instructions from D.M.S., Fourth Army and in confirmation of this office telephone message of 7/2/1919 :-

" " A.D.M.S., 1st. Aust. Division will detail 2 Medical Officers, 1 Sgt. and 25 Other Ranks to report for duty forthwith at No. 55 C.C.S." Acknowledge.

"A.D.M.S., 2nd. Aust. Division will details 2 Medical Officers, 1 Sgt. and 25 Other Ranks to report for duty forthwith at No. 20 C.C.S." Acknowledge.

Personnel so detailed may be withdrawn on demand by A.D's.M.S. concerned for demobilization or to replace those demobilized or withdrawn to U.K.

H.Q., Aust. Corps.  
7/2/1919.

D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.

Colonel,

Copy to:-

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- D.M.S., A.I.F.
- "G" Aust. Corps.
- "A" Aust. Corps.
- D.A.G., A.I.F., Aust. Corps.
- O.C., 20th. C.C.S.
- O.C., 55th. C.C.S.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
**D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS**

D.D.M.S., Australian Corps D3/89.

- A.D.M.S., 1st. Aust. Division.
- 2nd. Aust. Division.
- 3rd. Aust. Division.
- 4th. Aust. Division.
- 5th. Aust. Division.

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**D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS**

Herewith report by Lt.Col. RAFFAN on his recent inspection for your perusal and necessary action as regards paras. 2, 3, 4, and 5 ( sub-para. i.)

A.D's.M.S. will when necessary send a reliable N.C.O. and Private to LONDON to obtain the required number of Outfits and French Letters ( Cash for latter to be sent to O.C., A.I.F. Base Depot, Med. Stores, LONDON.)

Applications for move orders will be sent to Headquarters, Australian Corps. On receipt of the authority return duty warrants will be issued quoting G.O.C., A.I.F. authority.

(Sgd.) G.W.Barber,  
Colonel,

H.Q., Aust. Corps.  
8/2/1919.

D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.

NOTE.

A revised circular on the prophylaxis and abortive treatment of Venereal Disease is in course of preparation and will be issued to all Medical Officers.

Copy to:-

Aust. Corps, 'A'.



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NOTES BY MR. COLONEL G. RAFFAN, V.D. ADVISER TO  
D.M.S., A.I.F., on INSPECTIONAL VISIT from 26th  
January to 5th FEBRUARY, 1919, to 1st, 2nd, 4th  
and 5th AUSTRALIAN divisions, CONCERNING ARRANGE-  
MENTS MADE TO DEAL WITH ALL VENEREAL DISEASES.

D.D.M.S.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS

### 1. PROPHYLACTIC OUTFITS.

There are no 'BLUE LIGHT' Outfits available, throughout the whole of the Divisions, although frequently asked for. The reason is that it takes 5 to 6 weeks to get goods delivered.

RECOMMENDATION. Let each Division send an Officer and a man to London and obtain required number of Outfits. This Officer could obtain French Letters at the same time.

### 2. FRENCH LETTERS.

These are in great demand, and are not available in the majority of Units. The cash must be sent to G.C. Base Depot of Medical Stores, London, before goods can be handed over. Cost is £12.10.0. per 1000, i.e. 3d each.

### 3. BLUE LIGHT DEPOTS.

These Depots are rightly established wherever A.I.F. Units are settled, and in all large towns visited by troops. The system of treatment is not uniform, but on the whole effective. The system of establishing BLUE LIGHT Depots so that they are available as soon as troops enter a town or area, has been carried out in most instances. This has probably saved a great number of V.D. infections. The name 'BLUE LIGHT DEPOT' should be strictly adhered to, and at night a Blue Light should be shown. Some few Depots are not attractive with lack of equipment. Argyrol is not generally available. The existing stock if adequate, should be distributed among the 5 Divisions to enable each R.M.O. to carry out abortive treatment.

The procedure to carry out at 'BLUE LIGHT DEPOTS' is as follows:-

Each step of the treatment should be clearly shown, and a set of directions posted up in each Depot as follows:-

(a). Before commencing treatment, let down trousers in front, folding back trousers flaps and rolling up shirt, so that the parts are completely exposed. Then pass water.

(b). Wash parts, including scrotum and pubis in soap and water.

(c). Wash parts in 1 in 1000 solution of Corrosive sublimate.

(d). Wash out anterior urethra with a 1 in 3000 solution of Pot. Permanganate.

(e). Inject 10-15 minims of 10% solution of Argyrol or Protosil.

Substitutes. or 2% Sol. of Protargol.  
or 5% Sol. Silver Nucleinate.

RETAIN FIVE MINUTES.

(f). Rub in Calomel ointment 33% for at least 5 minutes, on penis, scrotum and adjoining pubis.

(g). Rinse the hands in 1 in 1000 Corros. Subl.

(h). Wash hands in soap and water.

N.B. (i). The procedure of applying pure Carbolic Acid to abrasions is to be discontinued. Nothing but a saline dressing to be applied to all sores, ulcers or abrasions.

Instruct soldiers to report to M.O. at once, so that the necessary examination can be carried out.

N.B. (ii). A notice to be put up in each BLUE LIGHT DEPOT stating that Calomel ointment must be used especially before connection, as well as after, in order to prevent infection from Syphilis. It may be too late to apply ointment more than one hour after the connection. If a soldier reports for prophylactic treatment 24 hours or more after taking the risk, give him the first treatment of the Massage-plug procedure.

#### 4. ABORTIVE TREATMENT.

The system of Massage-plug is the best, and is the method of choice.

A strip of lint, one third to half an inch in width, and 6 inches in length to be used, soaked in 5% Argyrol. The cotton wool plug to be discontinued. To aid introduction of plug, the special probe and plug introducer are provided.

#### 5. GENERAL REMARKS.

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(i). Careful selection of men placed in charge of BLUE LIGHT Depots.

(ii). One Officer per Division could be, with advantage placed in charge of all V.D. arrangements.

(iii). Cases of Syphilis requiring further treatment to be evacuated to 1st A.D.H. This includes all cases who have had Syphilis, and further treatment is necessary without regard to the Wassermann Test.

(iv). Question of gathering in and treating Chronic Gonorrhoea is still sub-judice.

(v). What happens to a case of Gonorrhoea evacuated to Venereal Hospital? What provision is made for his treatment en route from Unit to Hospital? Recommend that each case be detained at Unit until acute stage is over, and then passed on, fit to travel. No chronic case can be effectively dealt with, outside a Venereal Hospital.

7-2-19.

Lieut-Colonel,  
V.D. Adviser to D.M.S., A.I.F.

D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.

Headquarters,  
Australian Corps 'AQ'.

*Appendix*  
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Reference attached,

Major COLLINS can leave as soon as an Officer can be obtained to replace him.

As regards Majors LEE and JONES it will be a matter for the Divisional Commander to decide ( Vide D& R. Gen. Inst. 7, para: 12 (a) ) on the necessity of withdrawing Medical Officers detailed to C.C.S. ( in which case AUSTRALIAN patients will suffer ) or stopping all leave to Medical Officers.

The other Officers are not under Corps administration.

Within the last two days, I have received copies of orders direct to Divisions from A.M.S., A.I.F., H.Q., London, and one from D.M.S., A.I.F. instructing four Majors A.A.M.C. additional to the above, to report to LONDON. I am also given to understand that DEMOBAUST is communicating direct with Divisions regarding the withdrawal of A.A.M.C. personnel.

As a matter of fact, owing to the late or non-arrival of the beforementioned copies of communications direct to Divisions, I have no means of ascertaining as to what A.A.M.C. personnel is available, in order to make the necessary arrangements before the withdrawal of Officers.

As the A.A.M.C. ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> of this Corps is, unlike the Infantry and Artillery still functioning it is essential for the proper administration of the Medical Services that the D.D.M.S. should have early information of withdrawal of Officers and men in order to make suitable arrangements to replace casualties due to sickness, officers on leave etc., and for the care of troops, P.of W., Schools, Education Centres, Labour Groups, etc- Civilians etc., scattered over an area of about 1000 square miles.

I shall therefore be obliged if you will request DEMOBAUST, ADMINAUST, and H.Q., A.I.F., LONDON to send communications affecting Medical Officers and A.A.M.C. personnel direct to Aust. Corps, Headquarters.

*G. W. B. ...*

H.Q., Aust. Corps.  
9/2/1919.

Colonel,  
D.D.M.S., Australian Corps.

*W.D.*