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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	1/11/17		Drive boundary to be extended from tonight - Go 2nd and 7. amb. wishes to evacuate by Ford Cars in place of Hosed ambulance Wagons between Wagon Loading Post + the Motor Loading Post. For this purpose he will require a Ford car from 1st + 3rd 7. Ambances respectively. This will now be arranged.	
"	2/11/17		Everything quiet in forward area: very few wounded going through - Engineers still working at switch road + construction of Cupolas. They are also working on R.A.P. trying to make it gas proof - The construction of a "buster" roof over Cupolas in the A.D.S. arranged for - Two Missen Hut to completed at Belgian Bty corner - Walking wounded portion of C.M.D.S. Dickbusch taken over from 7th Corps at noon. R.A.P. of 4th Bn. Established at I 116 4/5 - near corner of Cambridge Road + Roulers Railway - R.A.P. 9th Bn. at Tyne Cottage S 17 a 114. It is held in conjunction with 2 R.M.D.s of Canadians - 2000 yds carry by fairly good road to Zonnebeke R.A.P. Soda Factory - Both Railway Dump Relay + Soda Water Factory have been made gas proof. More bearer squads brought up from 1st + 3rd 7. Ambances.	
"	3/11/17		R.A.P. at Tyne Cottage busy owing to an attack by Germans. Ford car of 3rd 7. amb. out of action from shell fire - Sandbagging at A.D.S. finished temporarily.	
"	4/11/17		another Ford car damaged by shell fire.	
"	5/11/17		Walking wounded portion of C.M.D.S. Dickbusch handed over to 7th Corps - Very few casualties today - R.A.P. 4th Bn. now at Soda Water Factory - Engineers started work on "buster" roof at A.D.S.	
"	7/11/17		Major Nott took over from Major Gullidge evacuation from forward area	

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<i>Ypres</i>	<i>8/11/17</i>		<i>Engineers working on "bunker roof" at A.D.S.</i>	
	<i>10/11/17</i>		<i>Everything quiet - A.D.S. order No 29 for relief of med. units of this Div. by those of 66th Div. of British command.</i>	<i>Appendix I</i>
	<i>11/11/17</i>		<i>Medical arrangements summary attached. Heavy shelling of forward area + good many local casualties. Incoming unit has sent ambulance to shore.</i>	<i>II</i>
<i>Revescure</i>	<i>14/11/17</i>		<i>A.D.S. all forward posts handed over to 2nd East Lancs. F. Amb. Office opened at Revescure. F. Amb. moving with Bdes.</i>	
<i>Fauquemont</i>	<i>17/11/17</i>		<i>Opened here. In write to Rest area.</i>	
<i>Samer</i>	<i>17/11/17</i>		<i>Opened Samer. During move whilst in Samer area sick area. Now being evacuated to Boulogne + Naples.</i>	

Appendix I

SECRET.FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION,

Copy No.

A.A.M.C. Order No. 29.

By

Colonel R.B. HUXTABLE. D.S.O., V.D., A.D.M.S., 1st Australian Division.

Map Reference :- Sheet 27 1:40.000
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1. In accordance with 1st Aust Div Order No. 52 and D.D.M.S., 1st Anzac Medical Instruction No. 43, the following Medical re-arrangements will take place.
2. C.O. 1st Aust Fld Amb. will hand over the administration of the C.M.D.S. (Corps Gas Centre) to the C.O. 2/2nd East Lancs Fld Amb.
3. (a) C.O. 2nd Aust Fld Amb. will hand over the administration of the A.D.S., YPRES and Hdqrs at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER, and the Medical Arrangements for the evacuation of the Corps Left Sector to the 2/1st East Lancs Fld Amb.
 (b) He will arrange to with-draw his motor ambulance cars and horse-drawn ambulance wagons, and will return those of 1st and 3rd F. Ambs which have been at his disposal as soon as possible.
 (c) He will arrange that the Tent sub-division and the Bearer division of 1st Aust Fld Amb rejoin their unit as soon as possible; but will retain Bearer division of 3rd Aust Fld Amb. until further orders.
4. C.O. 3rd Aust Fld Amb. will hand over the administration of the D.R.S. at WIPPENHOEK to the 2/3rd East Lancs Fld Amb.
5. Reliefs will be completed by 10 am 11th November. Details of reliefs will be arranged mutually by the C.Os of Fld Ambces concerned.
6. After completion of reliefs the Fld Ambulances will move to the RENESCURE Area under the orders of the G.O.C. of the Brigade to which they have been attached, namely.

1st Aust Fld Amb	with	3rd Aust Inf Bde.
2nd " " " "	"	2nd " " "
3rd " " " "	"	1st " " "
7. During move sick of Brigades will be sent to nearest Fld Amb. On arrival in the RENESCURE Area, The C.Os. Fld Ambs will be responsible for the clearing of the sick of the Brigades to which they are attached, to the G.C.S. EBBLINGHEM.
8. EQUIPMENT. Field Ambulances will move out with equipment complete plus winter equipment and blankets, but less reserve stretchers. Receipts in duplicate for all stores handed over will be forwarded to this Office within 24 hours.
9. Dental Units will rejoin their respective Fld Ambs, C.Os of Ambs concerned to make necessary arrangements for transport.
10. The Officers and Other Ranks of this Division attached to Corps Central Bureau will rejoin their respective units on relief.

11. Foden Lorry Disinfector will move under orders of D.A.D.O.S.
12. A.D.M.S. Office will close at YPRES RAMPARTS at 10 am on 11th inst., and will re-open at REMESCOURE at the same hour and date.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R.B. Huxtable

Issued at 4 pm

D.H.Q.

8th November 1917.

Colonel, A.D.M.S.
1st Australian Division.

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Appendix II

Medical Arrangements for the Evacuation of Wounded from the
1st Australian Divisional Front from 23rd October to 11th Nov. 1917.

Map Reference : Sheet 27. 1:40,000
Sheet 28. 1:40,000.

R.A.P. at ~~THE~~ COTTAGE D.XM 17.a.1.4. with 1 R.M.O. and
8 ambulance bearers who carry cases back to

R.A.P. at SODA WATER FACTORY D.22.c.0.0. with 1 R.M.O. 1 Amb.
Officer, 2 N.C.Os., 2 Runners, 1 batman, and 28 bearers. This is
an excellent post for the early treatment of cases of Trench Feet.
It is heavily shelled at times but is quite safe even from direct
hits. Cases are carried from here to

RAILWAY DUMP Relay Post at D.26.c.1.3. with 2 R.M.Os, 2 batmen,
3 N.C.Os, 2 dressers, and 24 bearers. The accommodation here is
very limited and cases are carried direct to

WAGON LOADING POST at D.25.b.6.1. with 4 bearers, where they are ~~in~~
loaded on to Ford ambulance cars. An attempt was made to build a
Cupola cover for the car stand but it was twice knocked out and
the work has been abandoned. At first the Housed Amb. Wagons were
used on this Relay but the Ford cars have been found more satis-
factory for this work. Ford cars run to

MOTOR LOADING POST at C.29.d.6.1. with 4 bearers where cases
are transferred to Sunbeam Amb cars and are brought on to

ADVANCED DRESSING STATION No.10 Bridge, YPRES. After treatment here
cases are taken to C.C.S. by Motor Amb. Convoy Cars, Motor Lorries,
and on busy days by Hospital Train. The group of C.C.Ss. are
situated at REMY SIDING. A considerable amount of work has been
done at the A.D.S. and it is now fairly safe. A burster roof is
in the course of construction and when that is completed patients
and personnel will have really good protection. A covered cupola
dugout has been built for severe cases heading resuscitation, and
another for the treatment of gassed cases who have ~~been~~ their
clothes removed and are sent on in pyjamas after treatment. A large
Hospital Nissen Hut has been built for the treatment of Walking
Wounded cases and a Buffet for feeding patients installed.

The Headquarters, and Transport Lines of the Ambulance in the
Line are at BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER, I.24.a.2.8. where good accom-
modation for personnel is provided in 3 Nissen huts which were
erected with the idea of using this place as an A.D.S. if the
position at No.10 Bridge became untenable. One of the huts is not
quite finished but the work is proceeding under the management of
the C.R.E. Corps Troops. 2 good covered horse standings are complete
and a third is nearly finished. Accommodation is also provided here
for a Dental Section which treats troops in the Forward Area.
Further accommodation for resting bearers to the number of seventy
is provided at MICA DUGOUTS, Lillegate RAMPARTS:

During the present tour of duty 70 bearers from each F.Amb
of the Division have been used, working in shifts of three days in
the line and six days resting.

Severely gassed cases are taken from the A.D.S. YPRES to the
Corps Gas Centre, H.27.c.2.8. where all methods for resuscitation
are used and cases kept until they are fit to travel to the C.C.S.

All records of evacuations from the Division are kept by the
Corps Central Bureau, REMY SIDING, which renders daily A.F.W.3185
and A.36. Return to the A.D.M.S. Office.

The DIVISIONAL REST STATION is at WIPPENHOEK, with accommodation
for 200 patients.

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10/11/17.

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