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Place December.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAINS Sheet 57.A. Q.11. 1/40.000	1st.		A.D.M.S., visited the 14th. Aust. Inf. Battalion and 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters with regard to sanitation and also 4th. Aust. Div. San. Section. The area is still very dirty and will take a considerable time to clean up. Weather. Fine day with occasional showers.	
	2nd.		During the morning the A.D.M.S., visited the 46th. Aust. Inf. Bn. and examined 20 cases recommended for boarding. In the afternoon D.A.D.M.S. went to 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion and examined 28 board cases there, afterwards going on to 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and warning them of a possible early move.	
	3rd.		A.D.M.S., and D.A.D.M.S., boarded cases of 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion at SIVRY in the morning and afterwards visited the 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Weather. Fine with bitterly cold winds.	
	4th.		D.A.D.M.S. inspected cookhouses of 4th. D.H.Q., which were satisfactory. Complaints as regards shortage of rations throughout the Division have been heard but in going into the matter it was found that there is no shortage. 50% fresh meat is issued, the remainder being made up of Bully and S.M. & V ration. Biscuits in lieu of bread are sometimes issued owing to transport difficulties but the full amount is being received. The fat is all being used up in the cooking and not sent to the Base. The ration is sufficient but good cooking is essential and strict supervision by officers necessary to ensure the full value being obtained from the issue. The complaints apparently originated from the fact that in this area it is almost impossible to buy any extras from regimental funds to supplement the ordinary issue as has been the custom in the past. Lt. Colonel Culpin took over command of 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and A.D.M.S., visited that unit during the afternoon and advised in regard to lost equipment upon which a board has been appointed to sit. The articles in question, chiefly transport material were lost in transit from EGYPT and had never been replaced and no steps had been taken to clear the matter up. Weather. Atmosphere mild, misty rain during the day and a heavy fog towards evening.	

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SAINS.	5th.		<p>A.D.M.S., visited Corps during the morning in company with Lt. Col. ^{R.S.} McGregor D.S.O. in respect to handing over appointment as Col. Smith has been appointed A.D.M.S. Demobilization and is instructed to report to London for duty. Lt. Col. McGregor D.S.O. takes over A.D.M.S., 4th Aust. Div. on his departure.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S., visited 48th. Aust. Inf. Bn. and boarded 22 cases and in the afternoon visited the R.M.O. 14th. Aust. Inf. Bn. and boarded 4 cases.</p> <p>A.D.M.S., went to see the 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. during the afternoon.</p> <p>Weather. Beautiful fine clear day.</p> <p>Issued analysis of sick wastage by units 1st. to 30th. Nov. 1918. Copies attached. Appendix No. 1.</p>	1
Sheet 57.A. Q.11. 1/40.000.	6th.		<p>D.A.D.M.S., boarded cases at the 45th. Aust. Inf. Bn. R.A.P. M.T. Workshops were seen and it was arranged for the 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to send a Sgt. and driver to mend a car there as the workshops are short of labour and cannot do it.</p> <p>Weather. Very fine day with a mild atmosphere.</p>	
	7th.		<p>Colonel K. Smith C.M.G. proceeded to England to take up his duties as A.D.M.S., Demobilization. Colonel R.S. McGregor D.S.O. took over duties as A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Div. Major J.A. James took over command of 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</p> <p>Issued A.A.M.O. Order No. 117. Copies attached. Appendix No. 2.</p> <p>Received War Diary from R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Div. Engineers. Original only attached. Appendix No. 3.</p>	2 3
	8th.		<p>D.D.M.S., visited Headquarters during the morning and discussed Demobilization. A.D.M.S., visited 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. during the afternoon and D.A.D.M.S., inspected the R.A.P. of the 4th. M.G. Bn. Very good accommodation for about 10 cases.</p> <p>Weather. Bright sunshine during the day.</p>	

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SAINS. Sheet 57.A. 4.11. 1/40.000.	9th.		D.A.D.M.S. saw R.M.O. 4th. Aust. D.A.C. He has a considerable amount of work among the civilians but his unit is in good health. He complains of difficulty in obtaining drugs from the 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Issued A.A.M.C. Circular No.6 Copies attached. Appendix No. 4. Weather. Cloudy and overcast.	
	10th.		D.A.D.M.S. boarded three men of the 12th. Aust. Fld. Coy. Engineers at the 12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. In the afternoon saw Staff Capt. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and arranged to billet 4th. Aust. Sanitary Section with 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and move with them. Obtained one G.S. Waggon from "Q" to transport material on the 11th. for them. Saw R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Engineers as he has been neglecting to see the 12th. and 4th. Aust. Fld. Coy. Engineers on account of distance away from him. He was told to visit them periodically and see that everything was satisfactory. Saw R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. he reports all well the cases that were boarded about 10 days ago have all gone to the Base. Saw 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. and instructed them to draw Medical comforts direct if urgently required as A.S.C. apparently are unable to supply transport. Weather. Very miserable wet day.	
	11th.		The 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. required a lorry to take a party to their new billets in FLORENNES to disinfect them as it has been used as an infectious hospital. "Q" and 4th. Aust. M.T.Coy. were asked to detail it but it could not be obtained. O.O. 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was informed accordingly. R.M.O. 104th. Army Brigade was visited during the afternoon but was out. Weather. Fine drizzle during during the day.	
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SAINS. Sheet 67A. Q.11. 1/40.000	12th.		A.D.M.S. visited 4th. 12th. & 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambulances and saw that arrangements for the forthcoming move were completed. Considerable trouble is being experienced by Field Ambulances in getting their cars repaired in the M.T. Workshops. The Officer in charge does not seem to make any attempt to help to expedite repairs. D.A.D.M.S. saw Major Searle O.C. 4th. M.T. Coy. during the evening, and explained the state of affairs, and he promised to try to amend matters. Weather. Light showers fell during the day.	
DINANT. Place de Meuse.	13th.		B. Echelon 4th. Aust. Divisional Headquarters moved to DINANT. Weather. Very mild day.	
	14th.		A. Echelon 4th. Aust. Divisional Headquarters moved to DINANT. Weather. Fine with a few light showers.	
	15th.		Owing to breakdown of lorries none of the office personnel arrived until late in the evening. Warrant Officer G.M. Williams reported for duty at D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps. This W.C.O. has been with the Division since its formation, and has done most excellent and consistent good work, and will be very much missed in the office. Weather. Clear fine day. evening very moonlight.	
	16th.		The Division completed its move. The 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. moved into billets at Rue NEFFE DINANT with the 4th. Aust. Sanitary Section close at hand. At present they are in difficulties as regards cover for horses, but Engineers have promised to have shelter for 40 horses built as soon as possible. Weather remarkably fine.	

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DINANT Place de Meuse.	17th.		<p>The 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. was instructed to establish Blue Light Depot in a central part of DINANT. They are having difficulty with billeting as the billet now occupied by them is required by returning civilians. There is a large Nunnery adjacent which will be very suitable for hospital accommodation when it is vacated by the Nuns, who are said to be going out before the 25th. Instant.</p> <p>The 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. in FLORENNES are very comfortably situated in a large Jesuit School in which the whole unit can be easily accommodated, and still leave room for hospital patients. Horses are all under cover. Blue Light Depot is in working order. Instructions to Foden Lorry to sterile the blankets of the 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Group issued.</p> <p>Weather. With the exception of a few showers the day was fine.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. attended a Conference at D.M.S. office Fourth Army Headquarters. NAMUR.</p>	
	18th.		<p>Sanitation of billets occupied by 4th. Divisional Headquarters is still bad, many of the water closets are over full and choked up. Camp Commandant was seen personally and promised to have them cleaned out. The 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion who are billeted at BOUVIGNES are having difficulty in finding sufficient space to dig pit latrines. "Q" Branch was seen and is trying to obtain latrine buckets for the purpose instead.</p> <p>Issued M11/954 to all Medical Officers re giving of lectures to Regimental Officers on Sanitation Trench Feet and prevention of V.D. Copies attached. Appendix No. 5</p> <p>Issued No. M11/955 re attention of sick in various units in addition to their Brigade groups. One copy only attached. Appendix No. 6</p> <p>Issued M4/483 re sanitation of DINANT. Copies attached. Appendix No. 7</p> <p>Weather. Heavy rain all day.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. inspected billets and hospital accommodation of 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. Hospital accommodation good, more mattresses required.</p>	5 7
	19th.		<p>All R.M.O's. of the 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. were seen and the Best Billets inspected. The 49th. Aust. Inf. Bn. has a very good one indeed capable of holding about 15 cases, and an excellently arranged early treatment depot. The other two Battalions have not yet got suitable places but are arranging for better ones. R.M.O. 4th. Aust. Engineers reported a case of acute military Tuberculosis in a civilian and the case was referred to the Belgian Mission. A.D.M.S. attended conference at Aust. Corps Headquarters with D.D.M.S.</p>	

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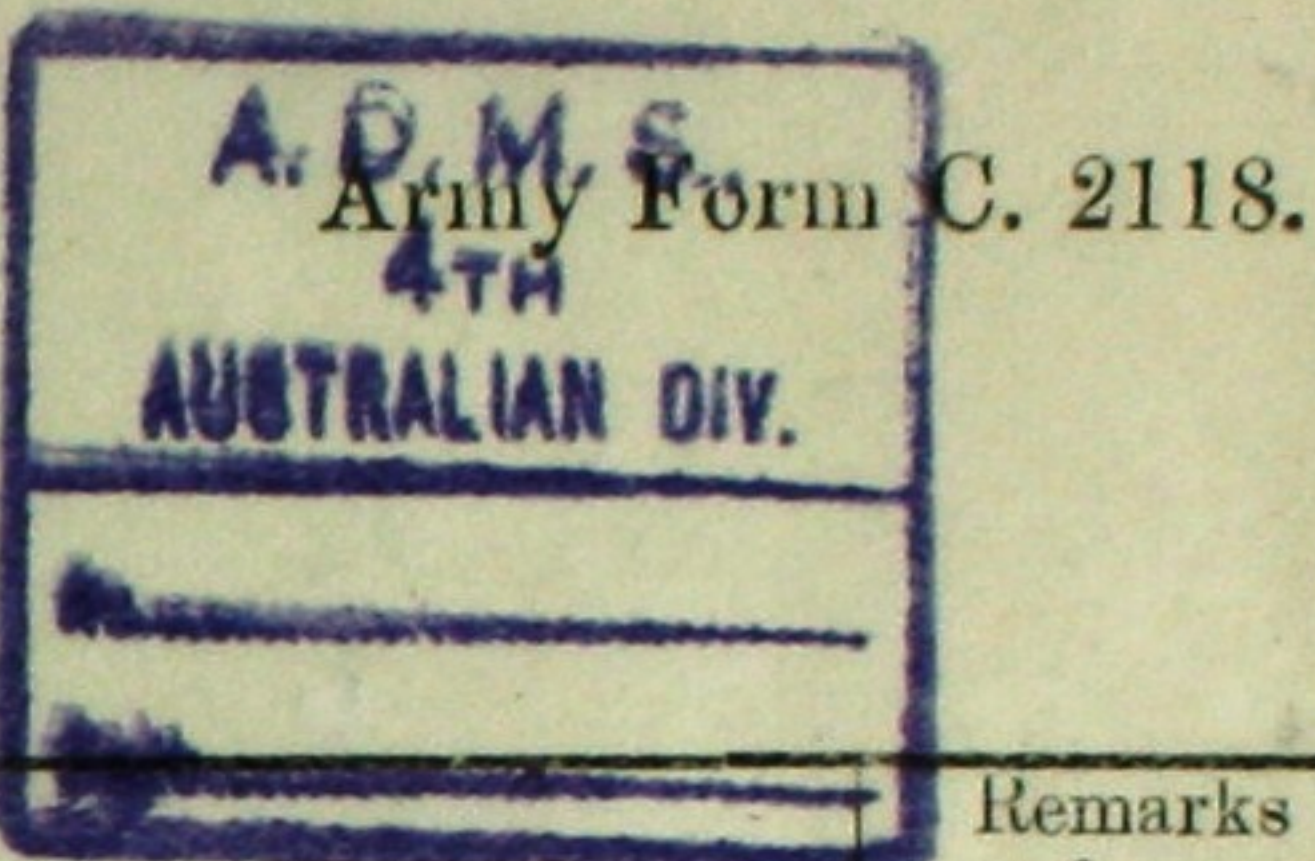


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DINANT Place de Neuse.	19th. Contd.		<p>New Mobilization Table for Field Ambulances received and transmitted to Units. One Tent Sub-Division is cut out and a major commands A. Section. Extra cook is attached to each bearer Sub-Division and a S/Sgt. Nursing Duties to A. Section. In all 20 men and 2 officers and 8 horses are cut out, ^{also} 1 Amb. Wagon 1 Limber 1 Water cart. It seems a very good establishment under existing circumstances. If a S/Sgt. clerk was included in addition for orderly room duties it would be an improvement, as these duties in a unit now are heavy, and if an Ambulance is running an M.D.S. with many casualties coming through they will be rather short of clerks.</p> <p>Weather. Part of the day fine but towards evening heavy showers fell.</p>	
	20th.		<p>A.D.M.S. inspected billets and hospital arrangements of the 13th. and 12th. Aust. Fld. Ambulances. 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. is fairly comfortably housed as regards personnel. Horses are on good standings but only about half have overhead cover. Hospital accommodation is limited at present but will improve in a few days when a larger building will fall vacant.</p> <p>12th. Aust. Fld. Amb. is very comfortable, cookhouse needs a better roof which is to be fixed up by the Engineers. Horses are all in stables scattered over the village. Hospital requires some more beds and mattresses.</p> <p>Blue Light Depot is being run by 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. at 26 Rue Philippville DINANT.</p> <p>Issued M7/560 to all R.M.O's. asking for particulars re Syphilis.</p> <p>Copies attached. Appendix No. 8</p> <p>Weather. A very miserable wet day and fairly cold towards evening.</p>	8

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DINANT. Place de Meuse.	21st.		<p>The 4th.M.G.Battalion in ANSEREMME was seen. They are rather crowded at present, and have no Rest Billet or Blue Light Depot, but more accommodation will be available soon when D.A.D.O.S. moves.</p> <p>R.M.O. 48th. Aust. Inf. Battalion at WAULSORT has a very satisfactory Rest Billet.</p> <p>Weather. Very pleasant fine day.</p>	1002
	22nd.		<p>R.A.P. of 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion inspected. Quite a good large room partitioned off with accommodation for about 10 cases. Blue Light Depot established there</p> <p>Weather. A very dull day and rain towards evening.</p>	1002
	23rd.		<p>Sanitation and Messes of 4th. D.M.Q. inspected. Cookhouses require grease traps otherwise satisfactory.</p> <p>R.R.P. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn. seen. Very good, with accommodation for about 10 cases, none in it at present. Blue Light Depot in working order but not required much at present. R.M.O. 45th. Aust. Inf. Battalion seen and R.A.P. inspected very excellent indeed. He has a furnished house for it and could accommodate about 20 cases if necessary. Blue Light Depot at 26 Rue PHILIPPEVILLE. DINANT is very much patronised now, 45 men reported for treatment last night.</p> <p>Weather. Steady rain fell all day.</p>	1002
23rd. December. 1918.			<p><i>R. H. P. R.</i> Colonel. A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Division.</p>	

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DINANT Place de MEUSE.	24th.		<p>R.M.O. 46th. Aust. Inf. Bn. has a very good R.A.P. in MESNIL St.BLAISE. Men reported billeted very comfortably. Blue Light established but at present not used very much. The Battalion is building a Russian type of Delouser. This Unit always has a very good one and works it very satisfactorily.</p> <p>11th. Aust.F.A. Brigade was visited and R.A.P. seen, small and not much accommodation for patients. R.M.O. 48th. Battalion reports that the sanitation of his Unit is now satisfactory, and the men are housed very comfortably.</p> <p>The 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. has moved its hospital into a Nunnery which makes a very good place for about 45 patients, all have beds but mattresses are still wanting.</p> <p>Weather. Fine with cold winds.</p>	
	25th.		<p>All the Aust. Fld. Ambs. and Sanitary Section had most excellent Xmas dinners, the whole Unit in each case dining in one room.</p> <p>Weather. Cold but dry.</p>	
	26th.		<p>Weather. Very strong winds blew all day, otherwise fine.</p>	
	27th.		<p>Boarded two cases for Base and saw a Court Martial case from Artillery, about whose sanity there was doubt. I think this man is suffering from early stage of Delusional Insanity, and recommended evacuation to C.C.S. for observation and confirmation of diagnosis. Capt. J.R.ANDERSON M.C. R.M.O. 45th. Aust. Inf. Bn. called, also Capt. K.C. PURNELL M.C. R.M.O. 11th. Aust. F.A Bde. Both are feeling the shortage of drugs otherwise no complaints. Inspected "Blue Light" place in DINANT, going well, good number of men attending for treatment.</p> <p>Major T.C.C.EVANS D.S.O. D.A.D.M.S. left on one months leave, his place being temporarily filled by Major D.M.STEELE M.C.</p>	

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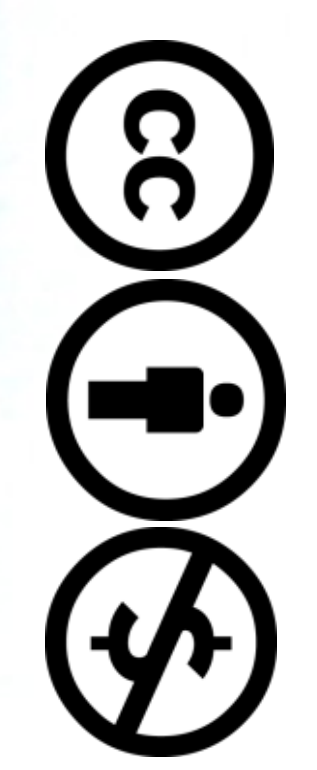
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DINANT Place de MEUSE.	28th.		<p>Boarded four cases for the Base from 12th. Fld. Coy. Engineers, and one from 4th. M.T. Coy. The following personnel:</p> <table><tr><td>4th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</td><td>12</td><td>12th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>13th. Aust. Fld. Amb.</td><td>17</td><td>4th. Aust. San. Sec.</td><td>1</td></tr></table> <p>were despatched for return to Australia being drawn from units according to length of Service, and including remaining 1914 men, Jany. to Febry. 1915, and even up to June 30th. 1915. Our quota being 33 in all. Weather. Miserable raining all day.</p>	4th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	12	12th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	3	13th. Aust. Fld. Amb.	17	4th. Aust. San. Sec.	1	
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	29th.		<p>quiet day. Weather mild but wet.</p>									
	30th.		<p>Visited R.A.P. 10th. A.F.A. Bde. at FLAVION. Batteries are very scattered, and Capt. Quilty has no actual rest billet. Visited R.A.P.'s of 13th. and 16th. Bns. at FLORENNES. Each has a good Rest Billet especially the 13th. Bn. Latrine accommodation 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. at FLORENNES is very bad. Water in town tested and labelled. Visited R.A.P. 14th. Aust. Inf. Bn. at St. AUBIN no Rest Billet, and impossible to procure one in the village. Visited R.A.P. 15th. Aust. Inf. Bn. at PHILIPPEVILLE very good Rest billet. All R.M.O.'s have "BLUE LIGHT" Depots established. All Battalions having bathing parades, and clothing exchange reported satisfactory. Weather. Fine most of the day, but rain towards evening.</p>									
	31st.		<p>Visited 4th. D.A.C. at BIESMEREE and saw Capt. TILLING R.M.O. Does not have a Rest Billet as sections are scattered, and men are very comfortably quartered. Water good. No facilities for men to have baths, this village being on the outskirts of Divisional Area. Men in good health and condition. "BLUE LIGHT" established at R.A.P. Visited 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Baths in DINANT. good showers but better provision needed for treatment of men with scabies. Visited 13th. Aust. Fld. Amb. "BLUE LIGHT" station in Rue Philippeville, DINANT; is in a good situation and easily found by men needing treatment. Weather. finer. Received War Diary .R.M.O. 50th. Aust. Inf. Bn. Original Only. attached.</p> <p>Appendix No. 9</p>									

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Addendum to

MEDICAL MEMORANDUM No 1/6.

THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS IN THE FIELD.

(to be attached at head of page II).

Information is required of all these battles, especially of those which occurred in 1915, 1916, and 1917. If each medical officer of the A.A.M.C. does his part towards supplying the required information all the gaps in the great narrative will be filled and the result will do justice to these colossal achievements. Lone Pine, Pozieres, Flers, Bullecourt, Passchendaele - they are and will be, unfortunately, part of the human race.

The medical aspect of this stupendous struggle, which has recently reached its conclusion, will be a subject worthy of adequate record, in that there has been a great stimulus to research, and fresh problems in surgery, pathology and medicine have emerged, which have been faced honestly and solved, as it happened often, in summary haste. Then too, medical men have suddenly been called into administrative positions of great responsibility wherein the safety of thousands of others have been dependent on sound policy, practical judgment, and organising ability. Then, too, they have been brought close in contact with stern reality; operating with the mobile Units of the field, mingling with the fighting men, ministering to the needs of all arms of the service.

It is in the arena of action, with the battalion, in its straggling trail of dead and wounded, behind the battalion, under the desolating fire of modern artillery, in the waste of the forward zone where life is cheap and lightly considered, that Medicine has achieved colossal work and an imperishable fame. Here has lived high romance and the glory of war; it is here that the acclaim of victory won has been sounded and heard. Here it is that Medicine has made her sacrifice of men, men who have been glad to serve and selflessly have given their lives; undying names on the Australian Roll of Honour.

The record of these brave days, unparalleled in the history of the Australian nation, must be a great and worthy one. Too little has been written of the work of Regimental Medical Officers and of Field Ambulances in the forward area during the many battles in which the Australian Imperial Force have taken part. Too often the men engaged on these noble tasks have been essentially men of action, who have finished the job in hand and have thought no more of it. Records of the early days in Gallipoli, Egypt and France are incomplete and will be in some cases irrecoverable. Even as late as 1917 war diaries had not been regularly kept by Medical Officers of battalions. So it remains for the Medical History branch of the Australian War Records Section to collate as much material as possible by an appeal to all who had the honour to be concerned in the engagements which are enumerated in the accompanying circular. It is recognised that for many the memory of the less important details will have faded; but the hard outline of the stirring moments of stress and the biting days of privation and suffering will never be effaced.



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When the official records of the A.A.M.C. in the field are compiled in the form of an historical narrative, the history will be one to which future generations will turn as to a national monument of endeavour in the face of formidable obstacles, surmounted under unprecedented conditions. This War has been unlike all other wars. It has been fought in an age of highly specialised science and it has been productive of untold horrors; its scars, physical and mental, are impressed deep upon the combatant nations and will be, unfortunately, perpetuated in the children of the human race.

The medical aspect of this stupendous struggle, which has recently reached its conclusion, will be a subject worthy of adequate record, in that there has been a great stimulus to research, and fresh problems in surgery, pathology and medicine have emerged, which have been faced honestly and solved, as it happened often, in summary haste. Then too, medical men have suddenly been called into administrative positions of great responsibility wherein the safety of thousands of others have been dependent on sound policy, practical judgment, and organising ability. Then, too, they have been brought close in contact with stern reality; operating with the mobile Units of the field, mingling with the fighting men, ministering to the needs of all arms of the service.

It is in the arena of action, with the battalion, in its straggling trail of dead and wounded, behind the battalion, under the desolating fire of modern artillery, in the waste of the forward zone where life is cheap and lightly considered, that Medicine has achieved colossal work and an imperishable fame. Here has lived high romance and the glory of war; it is here that the acclaim of victory won has been sounded and heard. Here it is that Medicine has made her sacrifice of men, men who have been glad to serve and selflessly have given their lives; undying names on the Australian Roll of Honour.

The record of these brave days, unparalleled in the history of the Australian nation, must be a great and worthy one. Too little has been written of the work of Regimental Medical Officers and of Field Ambulances in the forward area during the many battles in which the Australian Imperial Force have taken part. Too often the men engaged on these noble tasks have been essentially men of action, who have finished the job in hand and have thought no more of it. Records of the early days in Gallipoli, Egypt and France are incomplete and will be in some cases irrecoverable. Even as late as 1917 war diaries had not been regularly kept by Medical Officers of battalions. So it remains for the Medical History branch of the Australian War Records Section to collate as much material as possible by an appeal to all who had the honour to be concerned in the engagements which are enumerated in the accompanying circular. It is recognised that for many the memory of the less important details will have faded; but the hard outline of the stirring moments of stress and the biting days of privation and suffering will never be effaced.



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a few of the soul-stirring names which shall be blazoned on the escutcheon of our Commonwealth. Then, in these later days there are the fresh laurels of overwhelming victories; Hamel, Villers Bretonneux, Mont St. Quentin, and Hindenburg Line. And so this appeal is launched with the certainty that there will be a generous response from those, without whose contribution the Medical History (Australian) of the War may not be written.

Where medical officers are in possession of diaries chronicling the day-by-day events of these epochs in the various campaigns, extracts will be of immense value and will receive privileged consideration. Apart from their confidential character, which will be respected, their record will be of untold assistance to the historian. It is the touch of camaraderie and the sudden illumination of the environment which gives to bare narrative its life and colour.

The attached circular on regimental medical work is merely intended to supply both headings and reminders which will ensure, as far as possible, that no aspect of the subject is overlooked. Too often these circulars have been treated as the lifeless products of an official department and as such have not been taken seriously. The present aim of the Collator of the Medical History is to interest all who have given their services to the A.A.M.C. in the work of War Records. Now that the Armistice has been signed and there is a cessation of hostilities, one turns in retrospect to what has been accomplished and to the great task of studious compilation, for in the material which is at hand and is still to be collated there lie lessons of the future, valuable alike to medical science, to the Australian Army, and to the manhood of posterity. Much has been done already, but much more remains to be done. The cooperation of all members of the A.A.M.C. is necessary, so that what has been won in the War may not be lost in the Peace.

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The following list of battles in which the A.I.F. have taken part, irrespective of the campaign of our forces in Palestine, has been compiled by Capt. C.E.W. Bean, the official war correspondent. It covers amply the periods over which detailed information is required.

1915.

The Landing of Anzac - April 25th.
 Kaba Tepe - May 4th.
 Helles - May 8th.
 Turkish attack on Anzac - May 19th.
 The Sorties - June 4th, and June 29th.
 Quinn's Post, May 2nd, 9th, 13th, 29th, and other dates.
 Turkish attack at the Nek, June 29th.
 Leanes Trench - July 31st. and August 6th.
 Lone Pine and the Nek - August 6th - 10th.
 The night attack and fighting on Sari Bair - August 6th - 10th.
 Hill 60 - August 21st, 22nd and 27th.
 The Evacuation - December 18th - 20th.

1916.

Fromelles - July 19th.
 Pozieres - July 22nd. to August
 Mouquet Farm - August 14th - September 5th.
 Flers - November 4th - 16th.
 The Somme Winter - October 1916 - February 1917.

1917.

Stormy Trench - February 1st - 22nd.
 Le Barque, Thillo, Sunray Trench, February 25th - March 2nd.
 Malt Trench - February 25th - March 2nd.
 Advance through Grevillers (March 13th) and Bapaume (March 17th)
 Beaumetz - March 21st - 25th
 Lagnicourt - March 26th
 Doignes and Louveral - April 2nd.
 Boursies, Demicourt and Hermies - April 9th.
 Bullecourt - April 11th.
 German attack through Lagnicourt - April 15th.
 Bullecourt - May 3rd - 23rd.
 Messines - June 7th.
 3rd Battle of Ypres (Australian Artillery with British from July 31st)
 The Windmill - July 31st.
 The Menin Road - September 20th.
 Polygon Wood and Zonnebeke - September 26th.
 Broodscinde - October 4th.
 The First Battle of Passchendaele - October 9th.
 The Second Battle of Passchendaele - October 12th.
 The later battles near Passchendaele - November

1918.

Dernancourt - March 27th - April 5th.
 Morlancourt - March 27th - end of July.
 Defence of Villers Bretonneux - April 4th.
 Actions before Hazebrouck - April 13th - 17th and Strazeele.
 Counter attack at Villers Bretonneux - April 24th - 25th.
 Monument Wood (Villers Bretonneux) - 3rd. May.
 Ville-sur-Ancre- (6th Bde) 19th May 1918.
 Hamel - July 4th.
 Patrol actions before Merris and Meteren - July 11th and other dates.



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Taking of Morris (10th Bn.) (12.15 a.m.) 30th July. •
 The Offensive before Amiens (August 8th)
 Vauvillers - August 9th
 Iihons - August 9th, 10th, 11th
 Action near Ethinhem (13th Bde) Two attacks
 (a) Village - night 10/11th August 1918.
 (b) Spur - " 12/13th August 1918.
 First attack on Proyart (37th Btn.) - 12th August 1918.
 Battles of Bray - August 22nd and later.
 Battle of Proyart and Herleville - August 23rd
 Battle of Barleux - September 29th
 Battles of Clery - (10th Bde) Night 29/30th August 1918.
 Mont St Quentin August 31st September 1st, September 2nd
 Peronne - September 1st and 2nd
 Action near Templeux - September 10th.
 Battle of Hindenburg Outpost Line - Le Verguier, Hargicourt,
 Jeancourt - September 18th.
 Battle of Hindenburg Line - September 29th - 30th
 Battle of Beaunevoir Line - October 3rd
 Montbrehain - October 8th
 Australian Artillery) Battle of Bohain - October 8th
 with Americans) Battle of Landrecies - November 4th

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REGIMENTAL MEDICAL WORK

1. In connection with the historical records of the work of the Medical Service in the War, there is a great deficiency in detailed accounts of the work of the Medical Service in Combatant units - the R.M.O. and those under him. This, while easily first in human interest and equal to any in importance, is represented as a rule only by occasional notes in war diaries of O's.C., and A.Ds.M.S., or by war correspondents.
2. Steps have been taken to obtain the co-operation of A.Ds.M.S. in ensuring an adequate record of the R.M.O's. work in the future, but the only way to supplement this, so far as can be seen, in connection with the medical history, is by obtaining notes or memoranda, based on personal diaries or memory, from medical officers who are, or have been, R.M.Os. When it is realised that the recognition in history of regimental medical work depends to a considerable extent on notes furnished in this way, all who can, will, it is thought, be ready to assist in making the record a faithful and worthy one.
3. In addition, it has to be borne in mind that the future organisation and system of training of the Australian Army Medical Service will be based, to a considerable extent, on facts and observations recorded by those taking part in this war. Data furnished should therefore consist essentially of facts and actual experiences - comments being based on the recorded facts and observations.
4. Points on which information is desired are detailed hereunder. Reference to photographs etc. or private diaries which may be available to the Australian War Records Section, now or later, for copying or extracting, will be appreciated.
5. The material supplied will be considered to be sent for historical and cognate purposes only, and to be, within reasonable and obvious limits, privileged and confidential.

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SOME POINTS ON WHICH INFORMATION IS DESIRED IN CONNECTION WITH

REGIMENTAL MEDICAL WORK :-

1. PREVENTION OF DISEASE, PRESERVATION OF HEALTH AND MAINTENANCE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS GENERALLY.
 - (i) General remarks or observations bearing on the problems involved including duties as expert adviser to C.O. and responsibilities in regard to recommendations so made.
 - (ii) Prevailing diseases (e.g. scabies, trench-fever, trench-foot, influenza) preventive measures taken and incidence during different periods and under varying conditions.
 - (iii) Sanitation - general remarks on problems involved.
 - (iv) Liaison with Sanitary Sections and respective responsibilities of units and Sanitary Sections.
 - (v) Latrines - various types - suitability of same - suggested improvements.



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Disposal of refuse and horse manure with details regarding the methods and efficiency of same and suggested improvements.

- (vii) Baths and laundries - their value in the prevention of disease.
- (viii) Venereal Disease - prophylaxis and early treatment.
- (ix) Food and Cooking.
- (x) Water - supply and purification.
- (xi) Care of feet to maintain marching efficiency apart from prevention of trench-foot dealt with in (ii) above.

2. COLLECTION AND EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED.

- (i) Formation of Regimental Aid Posts including best relative position in respect of front line and Battalion Hd. Qrs.
- (ii) Position of R.M.O. in battle.
- (iii) Distribution of Regimental Stretcher Bearers.
- (iv) Arrangements for clearing battlefield including employment of infantry personnel and prisoners of war.
- (v) Liaison with bearer division of Field Ambulances.
- (vi) Evacuation of walking cases.
- (vii) Evacuation of stretcher cases.
- (viii) Time and distance of carries.
- (ix) Methods of carry.
- (x) Usages and restrictions mutually recognised in connection with the Red Cross noting any alterations which have taken place.
- (xi) Specific instances of collecting of wounded under cover of symbol - official or impromptu.

3. TREATMENT OF SICK AND WOUNDED.

- (i) Nature of sick cases treated in lines.
- (ii) Routine treatment of minor diseases.
- (iii) Methods of First Aid.
- (iv) Use of splints - types improvised.
- (v) Treatment of haemorrhage.
- (vi) Treatment of shock.
- (vii) Use of alcohol and medical comforts in general.

4. PERSONNEL.

- (i) Establishment and adequacy of same, including suggestions for improvement e.g. whether better results would be obtained if regimental stretcher bearers were A.A.M.C. borne on strength of Field Ambulances.
- (ii) Organisation and training of personnel.
- (iii) Promotion to non-commissioned rank.
- (iv) Reinforcements at different periods - general and medical - their physique, training and morale.

5. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT.

- (i) Suitability and adequacy of medical equipment and supplies including medical comforts; method of replenishing and suggestions for improvement.
- (ii) Suitability, adequacy and efficiency of transport - suggestions for improvement.

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LOCAL COLOUR IN DIARIES

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It is thought that a useful purpose may be served by noting certain points which have arisen after the perusal of a large number of medical diaries.

In a certain number of those diaries, particularly those written close to the firing line, there is a lack of interest due in some measure to a want of full appreciation of the circumstances which are being described. That is to say, there is no serious attempt made to give local colour to create a mental picture of the actual conditions or to infuse a living interest into the events. The actual events are disposed of in a dull and stereotyped fashion which gives no hint for example, of the strenuous character and momentous importance of a military engagement in course of action. To come down to particulars, it is noted that scanty reference is made to the conditions of the roads, the nature of the country (whether it is shell-torn or otherwise), the conditions of life and degree of destruction in villages, the cultivation of land within the war area, the supply of food to peasants and villagers, and the general military disposition and situation. Faithfulness and accuracy are, of course, of the highest importance in chronicling the day - to - day happenings and the routine of work, but from an historical point of view much is lost if the minimum details of outline are not sketched in so as to form a definite word-picture.

It is understood that in the diaries of Units, far behind the front it is more difficult to sustain the interest and so much easier to relapse into brief daily entries which do not convey any vital conception of what is happening and which do not do justice to the work of a Unit living within the zone of an unprecedented war. If the diarist were occasionally to remind himself that from his and other records was to be compiled the Medical History of the War, he would be more impelled to give an adequate outline the story of his own Unit. The lesson which Australia will draw from her Medical History and which will go down to succeeding generations will only be obvious when all the substantial data are amassed and the story will unfold itself.

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O. C.

4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Section.

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Lieut. Colonel,
Comdg., 13th Aust. Field Ambce.

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Oct 4th 1880

13th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE,
4th AUS. DIVISION

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