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Major Arthur Keenan M.B. Ch.B.
received his ^{early} education at the
~~Marist~~ Marist Brothers' High School
from which he matriculated to the
Medical school at the University.
His course was a brilliant one
so he gained Honours with High
Distinction in each year.
His final in March 1914
secured for him a coveted Hospital
appointment. He became a
resident ~~Medico~~ Medico at Sydney
Hospital. In 1914 shortly

Shortly after graduating he
was given a Captaincy in the
Army Medical Corps. He left Sydney
for service abroad on the 1st May 1916,
and was soon promoted to the
rank of Major.

Writing from what was left of a
town which German shells had almost
razed to the ground, somewhere in France,
he says that on his arrival he
was put in charge of the Advanced



Dressing Station, immediately to the rear of the trenches. It was an old brick-kiln, a very cosy spot, and owed its existence to the fact that its walls and roof were of brick 4 ft. thick, and reinforced with several layers of sandbags. Blankets soaked in anti-gas solution served to keep it gas-proof, while fuel was abundant from destroyed houses for a mile around. After a few days in the trenches on relief-work, Major Mechor was placed in command of the Main Dressing Station for that sector about 1 1/2 mile to the rear.

This was formerly a hospital and contained a good supply of dressing and drugs, and a fine operating-theatre, the whole building being heated by a hot-water system.

He says that the wounded generally come in when the trenches are taken over by new troops, who get curious and will have a look

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over the parapet. He praises the promptness of the anti-aircraft guns which "pepper the Bosche as soon as he ~~sets~~ ventures across our lines."

"But occasionally," he writes, "a Vinenwerfer gets in amongst a crowd of our fellows, and then those who are left are brought along to me for repairs."

In the fearful Paschaendole struggle ^{Oct. 17} he received many and grievous wounds, which kept him several months in Wandsworth and Kenny House Hospitals, England.

The latest news is that he has recovered, and is now on furlough in the "Land o' cakes" and Sir Walter Scott."