

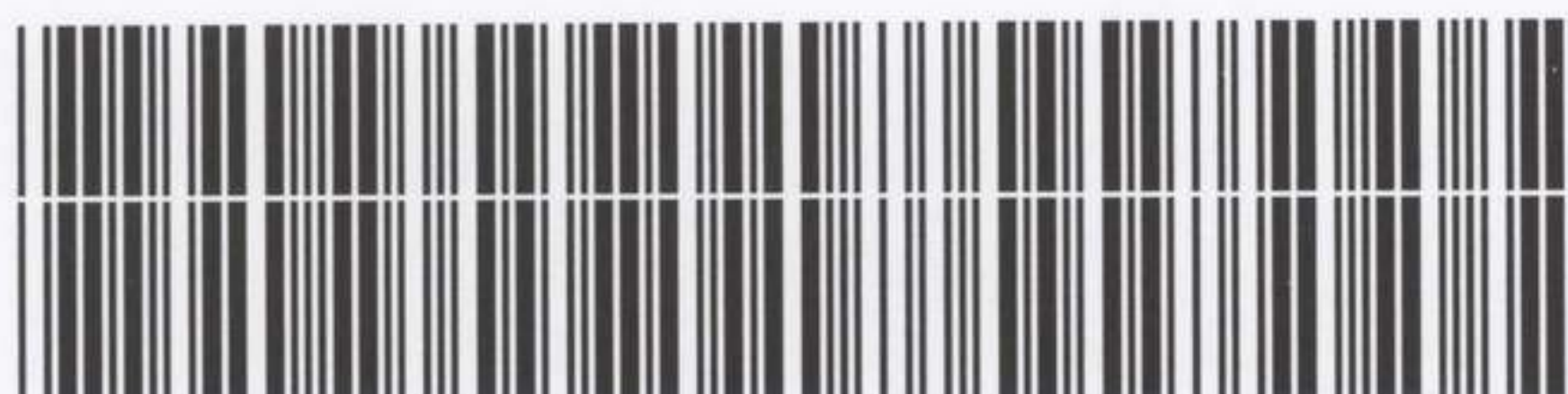
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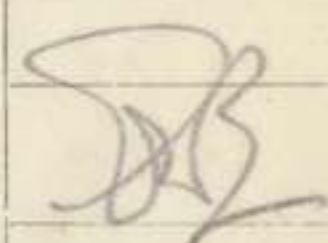

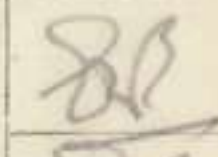


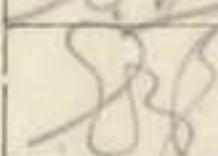
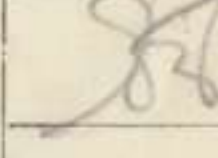
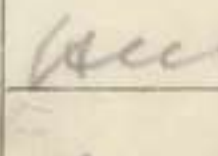
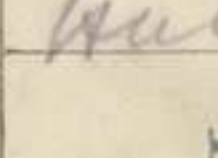

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			<p>At the beginning of December, 1917, the strength of the Unit was:-</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Officers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Other Ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">223</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">39 A.A.M.C. Details, Supernumerary to Establishment</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">262</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Unit was located at QUEHEN (Calais map 4B 88.20).</p>	Officers	Other Ranks.	9	223	39 A.A.M.C. Details, Supernumerary to Establishment		Total	262	
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QUEHEN	29th-30th November '17.		Tents pitched and camp prepared for a Divisional Rest Station with accommodation for 60 cases.									
"	1/12/17.	0900	Divul. Rest Station opened to receive patients.									
"	2/12/17		Major FRIZELL T.J. died of wounds received in action on 31/10/17.									
"	3/12/17		Captain BLOMFIELD B.B. rejoined Unit from detachment to 2nd Aus. Inf. Batten									
"	6/12/17		Major KIRKWOOD H.E.B. evacuated to hospital sick									
"	"		Captain SYMONDS H. reattached to Unit from 1st Aust. Div. Engrs.									
"	7/12/17		Captain PATTINSON W.F. rejoined Unit from detachment to 3rd Aus. Inf. Batten									
"	10/12/17		Captain SYMONDS H. taken on strength of Unit from temporarily attached.									
"	13/12/17		Captain CONNOR J.I. joined Unit from Base.									



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QUEHEN.	15/12/17	06:30	Horse Transport Division of Unit comprising 1 Officer & 3 Other Ranks, all horses and vehicles with exception of 5 horses & 1 water cart, proceeded to SAMER, where it joined 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bde. 'B' Echelon Transport Group to proceed by road to KEMMEL Area.	
"	"	06:40	Bearer and Tent Divisions, together with 5 horses & water cart of Unit, & 2 horses 1 G.S. Wagon of 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Train, proceeded to SENLECQUES (Calais map 5F25.81), arriving at destination at 12:45	
SENLECQUES	16/12/17	09:00	Motor Transport, after evacuating the sick of 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bde., rejoined Unit at SENLECQUES. Bearer & Tent Divisions marched to WAVRANS (Hugobonch 5A map B4 68.19), arriving at destination at 12:45. — Motor Transport, after evacuating sick of 1 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bde. to ST. OMER, parked at WAVRANS.	WACB WACB
WAVRANS	17/12/17	08:00	Bearer & Tent Divns. marched to WIZERNES Railway Station, and entrained at 10:00. Train left WIZERNES at 12:30 and reached BAILLEUL at 15:00 where Unit detrained, and marched to DRANOUTRE and camped at the Rest Station (Sheet 28M36.C6.3) at 17:00	
"	"	"	Motor Transport evacuated sick of Brigade to ST. OMER, and proceeded to DRANOUTRE by road.	WACB
"	"	"	Captain SYMONDS H. detached for duty as R.M.O., 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Field Art. Bde., temporarily.	

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DRANOUTRE	18/12/17		Captain BARBOUR E.P. joined Unit from Base.	
"	"		Captain PATTINSON W.F. transferred from Unit to R.M.O., 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Div. Ammunition Column.	WCB
"	"	13.00	Motor Transport Divn. rejoined Unit at DRANOUTRE from 1 <sup>st</sup> Brigade 'B' Section Transport Group.	WCB
"	"	14.00	Divisional Rest Station, DRANOUTRE, taken over from a Section of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Field Amb.	
"	"		Number of patients in Rest Station - 118.	WCB
"	20/12/17	09.00	Party of 26 Other Ranks proceeded to No. 1 Austr. Casualty Clearing Station for duty.	WCB
"	21/12/17		Dental Unit comprising Captain SCHOLLES L.R. and 2 Other Ranks detached from Unit to 11 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Battr. for duty.	WCB
"	27/12/17	14.30	Party of 21 Other Ranks of Beavers Division proceeded to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Field Ambulance at KANDAHAR FARM for duty.	WCB
"	30/12/17		Captain YOUNG R.P. rejoined Unit from detachment to 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Inf. Battr.	WCB



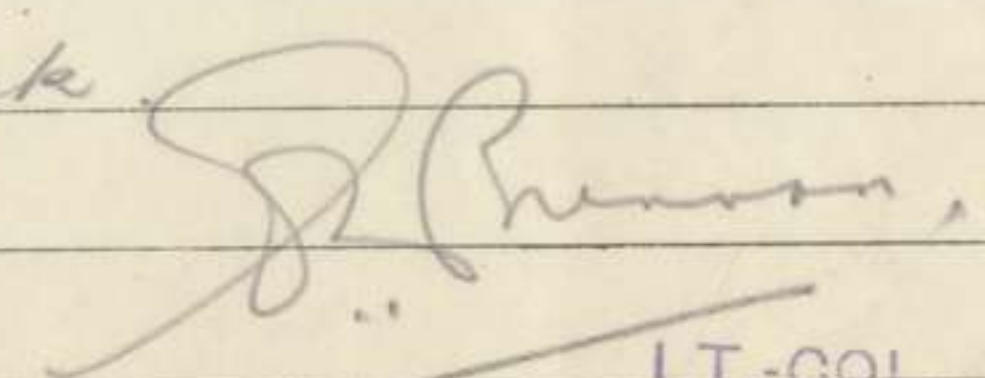
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<u>HONORS AND REWARDS</u>										
The undermentioned N. G. O. was awarded a <u>Military Medal</u> during the month. No. 348 2/Sgt. FORD F., 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Field Amb. attached 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. Inf. Batten.										
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<u>STRENGTH</u>										
At the end of December, 1917, the Strength of Unit was: -										
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A.A.M.C. Details, Supernumerary to Establishment.										
Total <u>10</u> <u>278</u>										
During the month: -										
5 Other Ranks Reinforcements <sup>JOINED.</sup> joined Unit.										
17 " " rejoined from hospital and Base.										
2 " " were transferred to Unit.										
8 " " <sup>GONE.</sup> were evacuated to hospital sick.										
										
LT.-COL., A.A.M.C.,										
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