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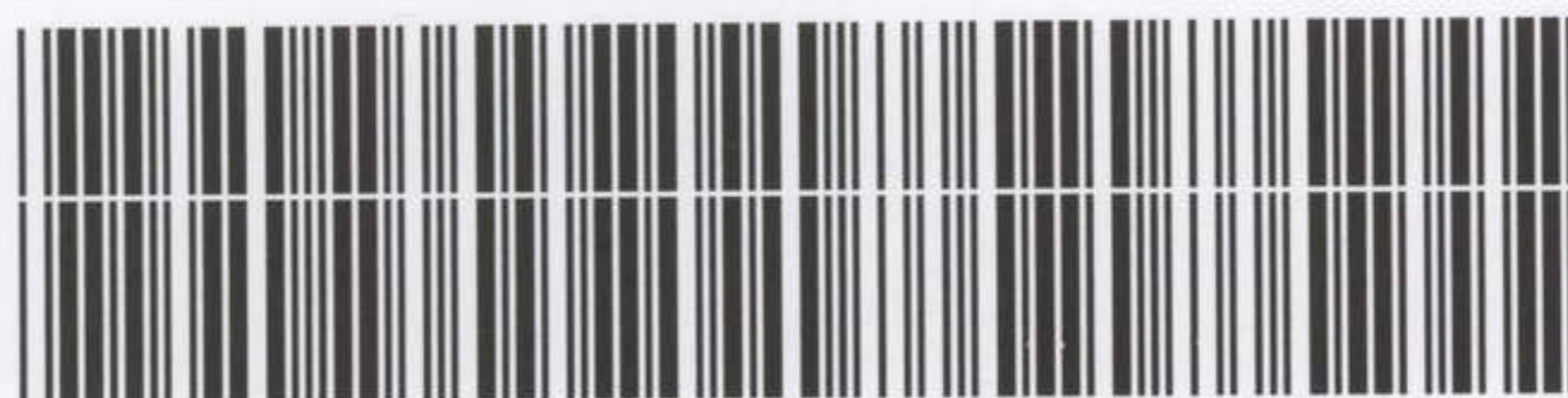
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OF

2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

FOR

FEBRUARY 1919

Signature of Officer compiling Lt. Col.

Signature of Officer Commanding *Claude Jones* Lt. Col.
C.O. 2nd Aus. Field Ambulance.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOUVERVAL	Feb.	2nd.	Weather still intensely cold. Major Sutton proceeded on 14 days U.K. Leave.	
		9th	Unit visited by ADMS, who addressed the N.C.Os. and men, explaining his policy in dealing with the demobilization of the Medical Services of the 1st Aus. Div. Any who had questions to ask or men dissatisfied with the arrangements as affecting themselves individually were offered a hearing. Everyone appeared to be contented, however, and to thoroughly comprehend the policy outlined. Warning order received to proceed to CHATELET about 17th Feb. to billets occupied by 3rd Field Amb.	Ch.
		10th	At 11 p.m. orders received for medical personnel detailed to accompany Quota 9-viz., one medical officer and 5 other ranks, to report forthwith to reinforcement camp and to entrain for Havre at 8 a.m. on 11th. Personnel duly despatched, but did not leave reinforcement camp for a further 36 hours.	Ch.
	12th	Quota 10 concentrated at 1st Div. Reinforcement Camp for entrainment to Havre. Allotment for 2nd Aus. Field Amb. was 15 Other Ranks, who were duly struck off strength. In accordance with ADMS. instructions an advance party (consisting of Capt. Clatworthy and 9 other ranks) proceeded to CHATELET to take over hospital from 3 A. Field Amb.	Ch.	

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LOUVERVAL	Feb.	14th	In accordance with instructions from A.D.M.S. horses classified as "Y", handed over to 3rd Field Amb. and those classified "Z" handed over to 1st Field Amb, while all "X" horses in 1st and 3rd Field Ambulances were handed over to this unit. Exchange took place at CHATELET.	Ch
		16th	Four new officers - Captains Tunks, Saxby, McDonald and Green taken on strength. Capt Saxby and Capt. Green immediately detached to 20th and 55th CCS's respectively. Capt. Tunks immediately detached for duty (relieving) to 62nd Labor Group.	Ch
		17th	Major Jones proceeded to London to report to A.I.F. H.Q. Horseferry Road and was struck off strength. I wish to place on record the splendid work done by this officer while on the strength of 2nd Aus. Fld. Amb. His devotion to his duty and conscientious and tactful supervision of the men under his command endeared him to all ranks. Employed as Transport Officer for 4 months his influence has been responsible for the steady good work and excellent spirit of the drivers of this unit.	Ch
CHATELET		18th	In accordance with instructions from A.D.M.S. 2nd Aus. Fld. Amb. moved from LOUVERVAL to billets at CHATELET. (Movement Order appended).	Ch
		20th	Major Sutton reported back from U.K. Leave. Capt. Flock evacd. to 55 CCS. diagnosed "Influenza" and struck off strength.	Ch
		22nd	Mr. Hughes addressed all ranks of 1st Aus. Div. in the rain from a G.S. Wagon, an umbrella being held gracefully over his head by a staff officer.	Ch
		28th	Capt. Moore reported for duty from 3rd Army Bde. A.F.A? and taken on strength. Capt. Tunks reported back from detachment with 62 Labor Group.	Ch

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REMARKS OF
COMMANDING OFFICER

Throughout the month the personnel has been steadily dwindling owing to demobilization.

N.C.Os. and men have been living in a state of expectancy each eagerly awaiting their turn and the thoughts of all ranks have dwelt more on future possibilities than ever during the long years of war.

Brussels has been visited by a large number and Namur by a few, while the time has been passed in education classes, ~~to~~ tobogganing and dancing. Good work has been done by the Nursing Section who has shown great efficiency in conducting the Brigade Hospital, a good percentage of men being returned "Fit" to their units.

The month has slipped by quickly and has been, on the whole, an uneventful one.



Clara Jones
.....Lt. Col.
C.O., 2nd Aus. Field Ambulance.

TRANSPORT NOTES.

APPENDIX II

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COMMANDING OFFICER

The loss of the Transport Officer, Major Jones, MC, who was recalled to London for a Post Graduate Course in medicine about the middle of the month, was deeply felt by the N.C.Os. and men. His keen interest in all branches of the work, as well as individually in the welfare of the drivers, will be remembered in the transport as long as the unit lasts.

The work of the transport during the month was light and the horses had little to do, which was fortunate seeing the intense slipperiness of the roads during the heavy frost.

The ration was good and the health of the horses, on the whole, excellent. A tendency to mange was controlled by careful attention to the skin.

An exchange of horses among the Ambulances of the Division took place on Feb. 14th, all "X" horses from the 1st and 3rd Field Ambulances being handed over to this unit in exchange for the "Z" and "Y" horses.

On Feb. 18th the unit moved from LOVERVAL to new billets at CHATELET, where good stables were found for all horses.

Four drivers of the 3rd F. Amb., the horses of which had already been handed in at the Base, were attached for duty, and stripping of harness, preparatory to handing it into ordnance was commenced. It is anticipated that the majority of the horses will shortly be sent to the Base for demobilization, which will practically terminate the work of the transport of 2nd Aus. Field Ambulance.



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REPORT OF
QUARTERMASTER

On the 18th of this month the Unit moved from Loverval to Chatelet and on the same day the rationing of the 3rd Field Amb. was taken over by this unit.

The Australian Comforts Fund supplied the Unit with Cocoa, Milk, cigarettes, playing cards, milk, rolled oats, and a quantity of writing wallets.

Our demands on the Aus. Red Cross have necessarily been heavier this month than usual, on account of all the patients for the 1st Div. being admitted and treated by this Ambulance.

The following stores, etc. were drawn from the Aus. Red Cross—pyjamas, towels, brooms, mops, lamps, soap, stationery, biscuits, fruit, milk, arrowroot, chocolate, etc., and a quantity of reading matter, games, etc.

The medical equipment of the 3rd ~~Field~~ Amb. Army Bde. AFA. was returned to this unit on the 24th, the above mentioned unit having been demobilized.

All demands from R.M.Os. for the Division for Med. Comforts have been supplied.

No difficulty has been experienced in obtaining stores, etc. from Ordnance, but the supply of clean clothing from the Div. Baths has not been good.

(Sgd.) D.C. BUTTERWORTH
Q.M. & Hon. Lieut.

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REPORT OF
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF HOSPITAL.

During the month of Feb., 1919 the 2nd Field Ambulance took over the hospital situated in Rue de Station, CHATELET, from the 3rd Field Ambulance. This hospital can hold 50 patients. Beds with wire mattresses were provided for lying cases and accommodation was made for the treatment of scabies. During the month 378 patients were admitted and of these 305 were evacuated to C.C.S. and 59 returned to duty.

The evacuations consisted of chiefly of influenza and venereal ~~XXXXXX~~ disease. The incidence of V.D. was fairly high, the proportion of syphilis to gonorrhoea being nearly equal. A "Blue Light" is established on the ground floor with an orderly in attendance all night.

The type of influenza met with was of less severe character than ~~that~~ that of the previous epidemics, broncho-pneumonia, being a fairly rare complication and the temperature rarely higher than 102, the febrile stage generally lasting 3 to 4 days. Scabies patients were bathed daily and treated with Ung. Sulphuris and were generally free of the parasites in 7 days.

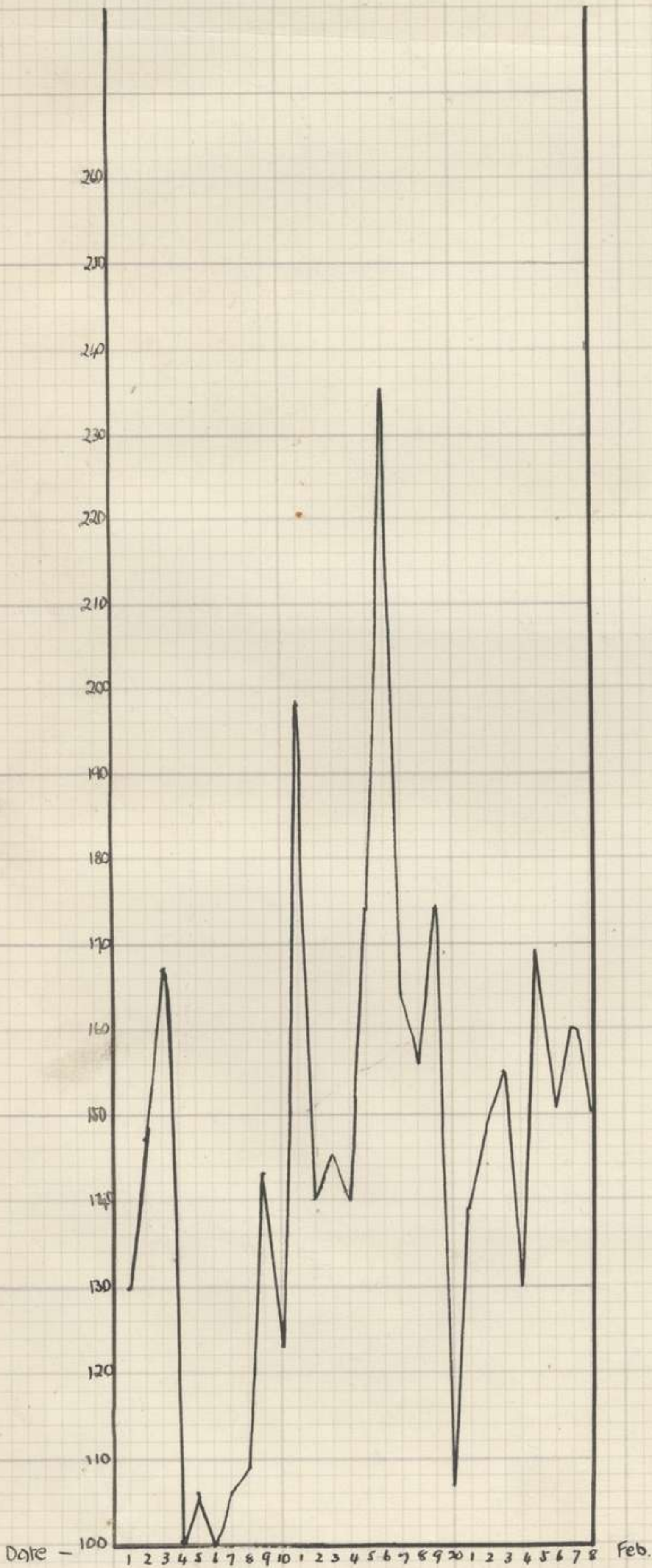
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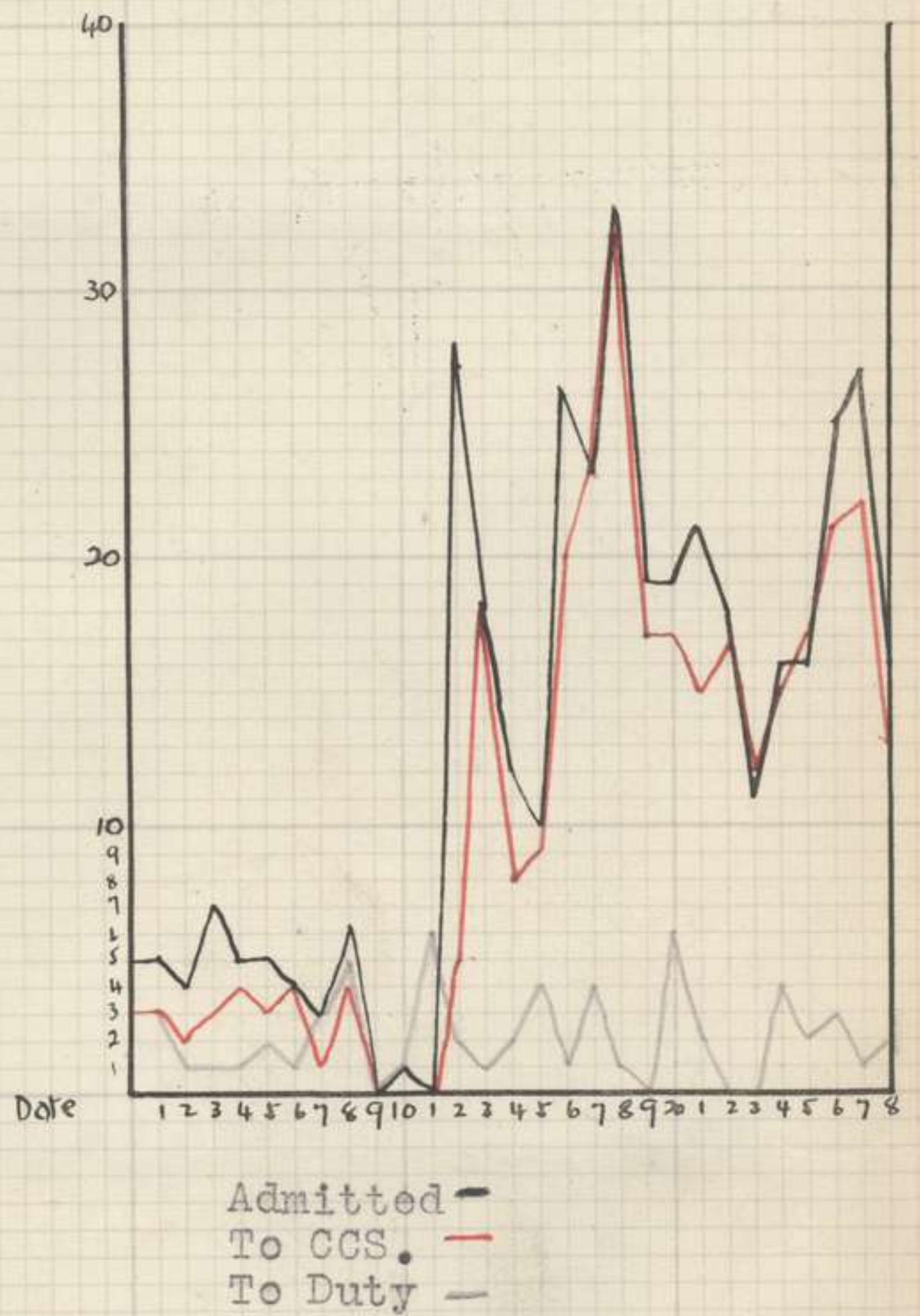
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GRAPH SHOWING
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AND DISCHARGED TO DUTY
OF
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APPENDIX VI.

SPECIAL MOVEMENT ORDER

18.2.19

In accordance with instructions of A.D.M.S., 1st Aus. Div.
2nd Aus. Field Ambulance will move on 18.2.19 from LOVERVAL
to billets at present occupied by 3rd Aus. Field Amb. at CHATELET.

ADVANCE PARTY consisting of S/Sgt. Crouch and 5 Other Ranks
under command of Capt. Clatworthy proceeded to new area by Ambulance
car on 13.2.19 to take over hospital at CHATELET from 3rd Aus. Fld. Amb.

The AMBULANCE will fall in in marching order at 09.45 and
move off in column of route at 10.00.

COOKER will proceed in rear of transport.

- Distribution.
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Clatworthy
 Lt.-Col., A.A.M.C.
 Q.C. 2nd Field Ambulance,
 Aus. Imp. Force.