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Ambulance

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WAR DIARY

of

4th L I G H T H O R S E F I E L D A M B U L A N C E

for

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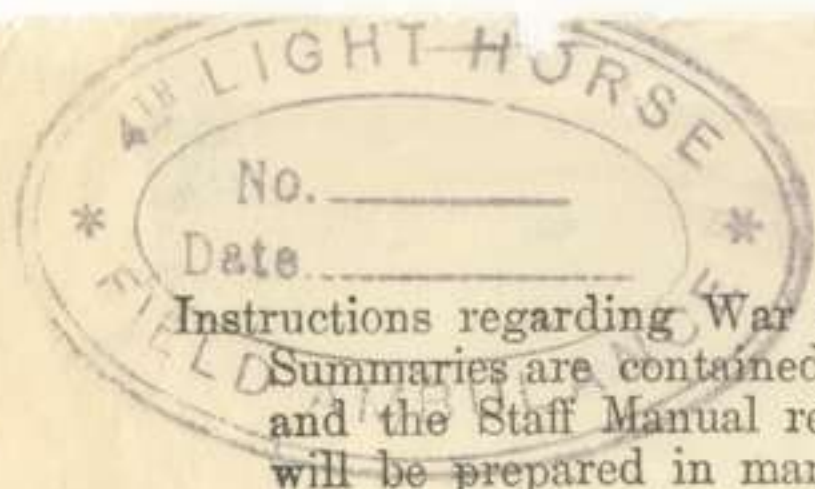


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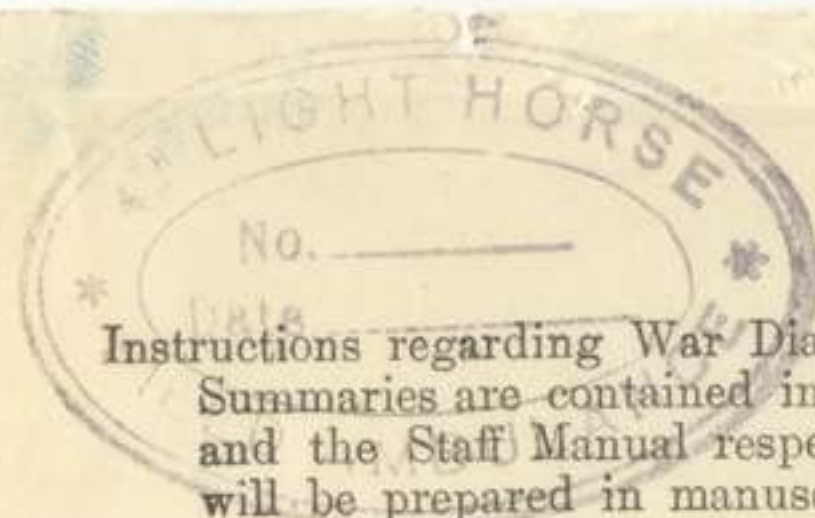
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Moosee.	April 1st		Capt Murray C.W., detached as medical Officer at First Division Hd Qtrs, was reported to R.M.O. 11 th A.L.B. Regt. Capt Murphy also to remain with 11 th Regt.	MRP
	3 rd		A list of conditions for guidance in compiling a roll of precedence for H.A.M.C. Officers received from A.D.M.S. R.M.O.s were instructed and completed forms for Ambulance Officers forwarded to H.D.M.S.	MRP
	4 th		The 6 th Dental Unit, in charge of Lieut J. Smith, under orders from A.D.M.S. First Div. marched out to Jagajig.	MRP
	6 th	0900.	The personnel attended a Church Parade of the 4 th L.B. Bde held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.	MRP
	8 th	0900	Capt Kelso W.H. in charge of the 104 th Dental Unit marched out to Samanhou.	MRP
	9 th	1000.	A medical Examination of personnel on Form 536 was held and all the unit completed.	MRP
	10 th	1000	A Board sat and finished the above 536's.	MRP



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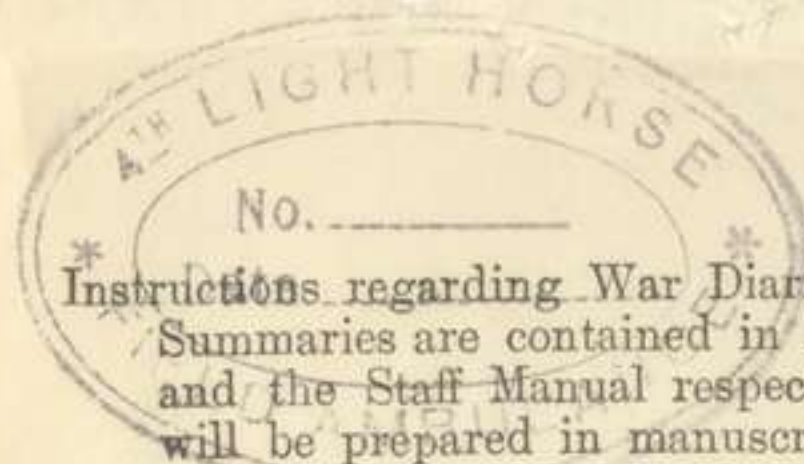
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Moorosca	April 11 th	1400	Capt Morris O.S. of the Ambulance accompanied by men from 8 th Sanitary Section (attached) proceeded to Dava Fishing Port to report on the area as regards malaria and mosquito breeding. Recommended mosquito nets be supplied to the post. No anopheline mosquitoes or larvae were found.	KRP
	12 th		Lists as per Mob. Store Table were prepared in accordance with General Instructions 14, for return of Stores on Demobilisation. Completed copies were forwarded to D.F.D.O.S. as instructed.	KRP
	16 th		Eight of the personnel of the Ambulance, who were approved applicants for the 10% United Kingdom Lease, marched out to "H" Detachment Moorosca, for embarkation.	KRP
	17 th	0900	Arrangements had been made for men of the Brigade to visit Jerusalem, and Capt Wall J.A. and a party from the Ambulance proceeded there from Ismetra.	KRP
Good Friday	18 th		Capt Humphreys under instructions from A.D.M.S. reported to New Zealand Dog Centre for purposes of M.C.A. Board. Advice was received from A.D.M.S. instructing Major Seccombe to report to F.S.D. Ad Qtrs Cairo.	KRP
			A Sports meeting was held at the Remount Depot to which personnel were invited.	KRP



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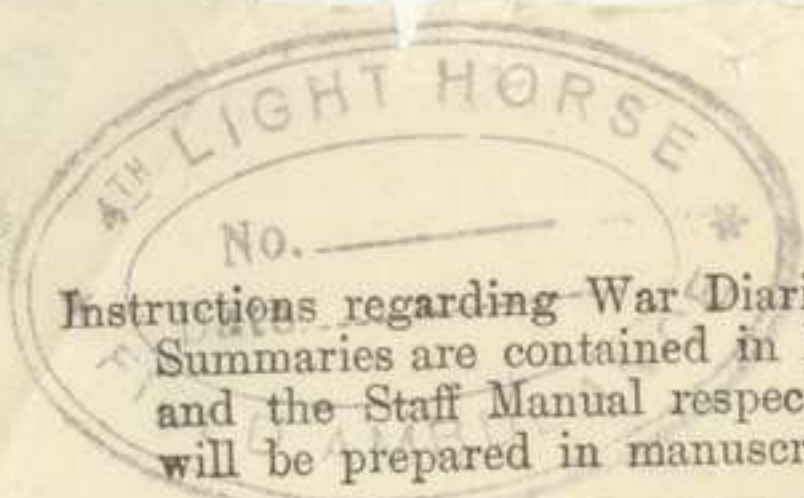
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Mosses	April 19 th	0900	Major Decombe O.H. marched out to Cairo	MLP
			The promotion of Major E.K. Parry M.C. to the rank of Lt-Col was approved to date from 24.2.19	
		1500	A Lecture was delivered in the Y.M.C.A. by Capt Woolley from G.H.Q. on the "Egyptian Situation". The Hall was crowded with a representative gathering from all units in the area. Capt Woolley discussed the situation and gave his hearers a clear outline of the position, explaining thereby the reason for the cessation of demobilisation.	MLP
Easter Sunday	" 20	0900	A combined Church Service was held in the Y.M.C.A.	MLP
" Monday	" 21	1400	An invitation was extended to all ranks to attend, and compete in the Open Events at the B.W.F.'s Swimming Carnival at Fernie Post.	MLP
	" 22		Lt-Col Parry presided at a Medical Board held at "H" Details	
			Major Decombe O.H. marched in from Cairo, and left the Ambulance to take command of the 5 th L.B. 214 Amb.	MLP
	" 24		Lists were prepared of establishment and equipment of 2 Sections of the Ambulance for the purpose of forming Advance Clearing Stations, should such necessity arise.	MLP



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Mosasco	April 23					Holy Communion was held in YMCA Devotional Hut - it being the anniversary of Anzac Day 1915	JKP
	" 26	0910				Medical Board held at Ambulance finished the 536 forms of the Signal Squad personnel. The Education Officer in charge A.A.M.C. units of the Australian Mtd Division attended the Ambulance to arrange the starting of classes on the following Monday.	JKP
Sunday.	" 27	0915				A Combined Church Service was held, at the YMCA, of Thanksgiving and commemoration of Anzac Day.	JKP
	" 28	1000				A Medical Board. Lt Col Perry, presiding, sat and reclassified men from "A" details, also 536 forms of Mtd Squad and 4 th Regt. details.	JKP
	" 29	1300				It was notified that H.M.S. "Australia" would pass through the canal en route for Australia, and be opposite Derris Post about 1400. The men proceeded to this point in G.S. Wagons and enthusiastically cheered the vessel as she passed.	JKP JKP



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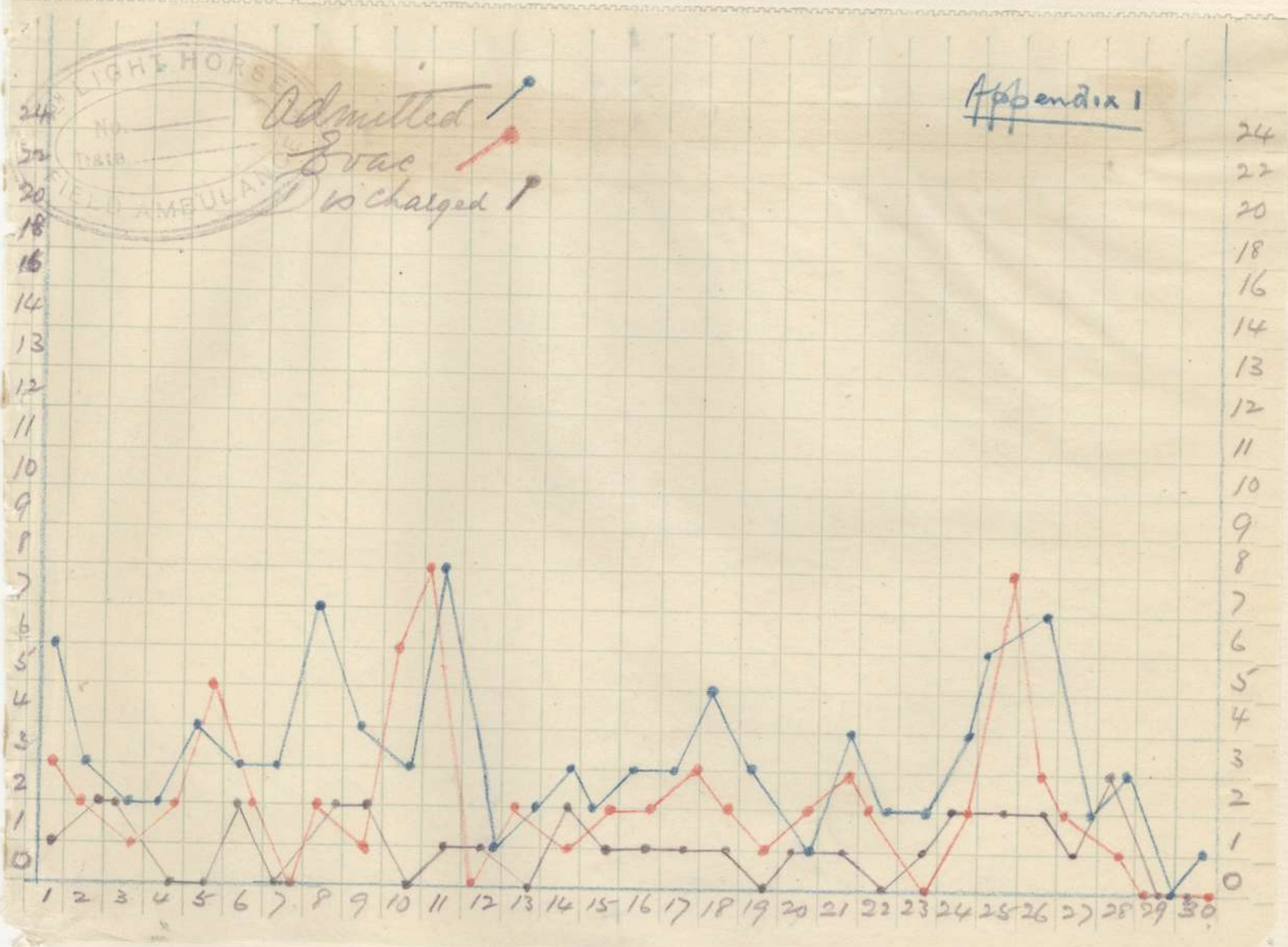
4th L.H. Field Amb

FOR

April 1919

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Chart of Admissions Evacuations and Discharges.
2	Summary of Admissions etc.
3	Summary of Diseases.
4	Report on Q.M.B. Branch.
5	Illustration in Strength.



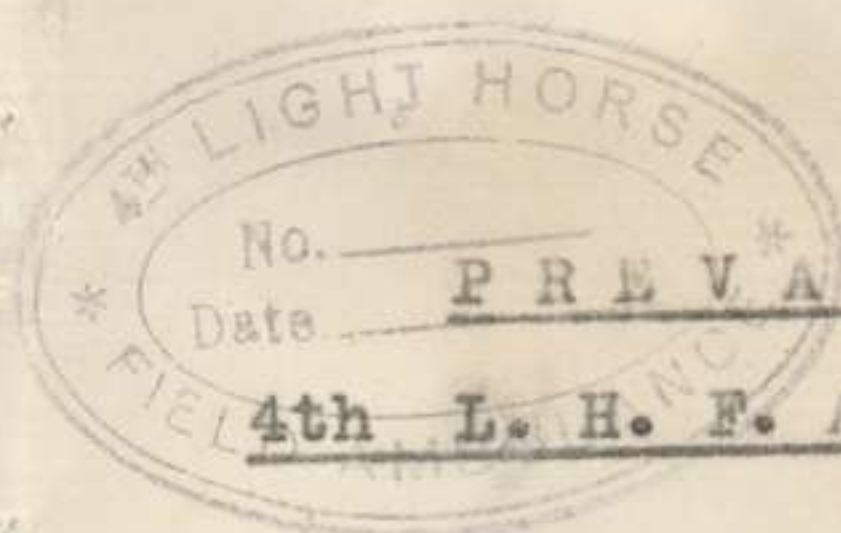


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Appendix 2

Date	Remaining	Admn	Evac	Disch	Remaining	Date
1	5	6	3	1	7	1
2	7	3	2	2	6	2
3	6	2	1	2	5	3
4	5	2	2	-	5	4
5	5	4	5	-	4	5
6	4	3	2	2	3	6
7	3	3	-	-	6	7
8	6	7	2	2	9	8
9	9	4	1	2	10	9
10	10	3	6	-	7	10
11	7	8	8	1	6	11
12	6	2	-	1	7	12
13	7	2	2	-	7	13
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15	7	2	2	1	6	15
16	6	3	2	1	6	16
17	6	3	3	1	5	17
18	5	5	2	1	7	18
19	7	3	1	-	9	19
20	9	1	2	2	6	20
21	6	4	3	1	6	21
22	6	3	2	-	7	22
23	7	2	-	1	8	23
24	8	4	2	2	8	24
25	8	5	7	2	4	25
26	4	7	3	2	6	26
27	6	2	2	1	5	27
28	5	3	1	3	4	28
29	4	-	-	-	4	29
30	4	1	-	-	5	30
Total		101	67	33		

W. Harry L. Goe



Appendix 3

No. PREVAILING DISEASES RETURN

Date 4th L. H. F. Amb.

for Month of April 1919.

Date	Pyrexia	Malaria			V D	Injuries	Diarrh	Gen Medical	Measles
		MT	BT	DI					
1st to 7th	2	6	2	-	3	-	-	10	-
8th to 14th	3	7	-	-	1	-	2	15	1
15th to 21st	-	4	2	-	3	-	-	11	-
22nd to 28th	-	8	1	-	3	1	2	6	6
29th to 30th	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total	5	25	5	-	10	1	4	43	7

W. H. H. H. H.



MONTHLY REPORT.

Appendix 4

30th April 1919.

RATIONS

The rations for the month have been good, and shown a great improvement on the previous month. The bread has been in good condition and a regular daily issue except for the usual one day per fortnight Biscuit issue. Australian jam has been a regular daily issue except for two days when the famous but unfancied Egyptian marmalade again appeared. Oatmeal & bacon were regular issues, while cheese appeared only once in a way until to-day when it was replaced by an issue of fresh butter. Fresh meat has been regular. The men's mess has been greatly assisted during April by the Cinema Canteen Fund which provides for goods to the value of 10 PT per man per month, to be purchased for the mess. Total spent for month 1807 PT & 8 mm.

MEDICAL COMFORTS

These have been coming forward regularly, Milk, Eggs, Jellies, Fresh Butter, Custards, & Meat Extracts being supplied to Hospital in quantities sufficient to cope with the number of Patients passing through our hands. Stout was indented for but was unobtainable.

CLOTHING

All necessary clothing has been available & issued to cover shortages of personnel, while from my notice all ranks are in possession of decent clothing, although the Tunics are of numerous colours, which the Ordnance people cannot avoid & all Units seem to be in the same position. Australian Fur Hats have been obtained & issued in place of the many English made hats, which were of inferior quality & at the best of times never looked decent.

EQUIPMENT

The general equipment of the Unit has again been brought up to strength and ready for any emergencies, while rifles issued to all Drivers as well as ammunition were inspected on parade this morning & showed that care had been taken of them generally.

Pearse
Q.M.S.

1st May 1919.

W. Brown



Appendix 5

FLUCTUATION in STRENGTH

		<u>Offs</u>	<u>O/Rs</u>	<u>Riders</u>	<u>Draughts</u>
April	1	10	90	2	2
	8	9	94	2	2
	15	6	95	2	2
	22	5	84	2	2
	29	5	85	2	2
	30	5	84	2	2

During the month 3 Officers marched out to the 3rd L.H.F.A. and Major Seccombe left to take command of the 5th L.H.F.A.

Eight of the personnel marched to "A" Details for embarkation to U.K. on Leave.

W. L. L.