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OF

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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place Sheet	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AMIENS (A)(1)	1st		Captain S.COCHRANE and Captain C.DINWOODIE taken on strength from Base, one Officer to be held supernumerary to Establishment.	
BOURDON			2nd Divisional Resuscitation Team temporary attached for duty to No 48 C.C.S.	
			One Officer temporarily attached for duty from 5th Australian Field Ambulance.	
	2nd		No. 4194 Sgt P.C.NUNAN awarded Military Medal. ("On the morning of Sept.1st 1918 near Mont StQuentin Nth of Peronne this N.C.O. was i/c of the Ambulance Bearers attached to the 24th A.I.Battalion. During a heavy bombardment by the enemy in the vicinity of the Regimental Aid Post, an enemy shell wounded some men at a distance of about 200 yards from the Post. Sgt NUNAN immediately went to the assistance of these men through heavy shell fire and after dressing them carried them to a safer position near the Aid Post. His coolness and courage were a fine example to all.")	
			No.17654 Pte H.S.LEVY and No. 18050 Pte W.JOHNSON awarded Military Medal.	
			"During the morning of Sept.1st 1918 near Peronne they displayed coolness and courage of high order by stretcher carrying 10 wounded men from the R.A.P. several hundred yards through zones of heavy shell fire. At one period during the day when shells were bursting amongst an Infantry Unit near by they immediately went forward and after rendering first aid carried the wounded to a place of safety."	
	5th		No. 3211 Temp.Corporal A.W.MUIR reverts to Lance Corporal on absorption of Sergeant GARTON transferred from 7th Field Ambulance.	
	7th		Major V.W.SAVAGE transferred from 3rd Australian Field Ambulance to command 6th Australian Field Ambulance and to be temporary Lieut.Colonel whilst so employed.	
			No. 8479 Temp.Corporal J.F.GERHARDT promoted Corporal vice SUMMERS transferred.	
			Captain S.COCHRANE temporarily attached as R.M.O. to 22nd Battalion.	
			Captain H.MENDELSON temporarily attached as R.M.O. 24th Battalion.	
	17th		Captain S.COCHRANE rejoined from temporary duty with 22nd Battalion.	
			One Officer temporarily attached from 5th Field Ambulance rejoined Unit.	
	18th		2nd Divisional Resuscitation Team rejoined Ambulance from temporary duty with 48 C.C.S.	
	23rd		To make preparations for the billeting of the Brigade in the new area one Ambulance Car (Daimler) and one Ford Car proceeded with one Officer and N.C.O. from Ambulance and Brigade Billetting Officer and Interpreter to the new Brigade area.	
	25th		The first stage of the "Advance to the Rhine" of the 2nd Australian Division commenced on the 21st inst. In accordance with 7th A.I.Brigade Order No. 232 of 20th inst. the Ambulance entrained at HANGEST on train No. 7 at 3 pm. The Ambulance was attached to 7th Brigade for entraining only on account of the proximity of the HANGEST Railhead to the village in which the Ambulance was billeted, and on arrival at detraining Station the Ambulance again came under the order of the G.O.C. 6th A.I.Brigade. Owing to the delays en route the train was considerably overdue in arriving at destination the journey	



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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

"A" Quartermaster Report

"B" Transport do



QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30th 1918.RATIONS:

For a time the Unit was out for a rest and on a reduced scale as regards rations, but this was supplemented by the purchase of vegetables from the Civilians.

On authority from S.S.O. a quantity of fresh milk ( 8 litres per day ) was purchased for the use of patients on light diet in Unit hospital.

When the Unit moved forward, per rail, rations were drawn from entraining station for 48 hours from then on. They were drawn by A.S.C. Wagon attached, generally very early in the day, in time for rations to be cooked for breakfast prior to moving off to next stopping place.

On the move forward rations showed a decided improvement as regards quantity.

The horse ration as usual was very satisfactory in quality and quantity.

COMFORTS FOR PERSONNEL:

Cocoa and Milk, Biscuits (fancy) Cakes and Sugar were among the Comforts supplied. These are always acceptable to all ranks.

Y.M.C.A. supplied a complete set of Football clothing, also boxing gloves for use of the Unit.

RED CROSS GOODS.

Since the last report very few stores have been drawn, with the exception of two extra oil heaters.

ORDNANCE:

All indents were promptly supplied.

STRETCHERS & BLANKETS:

A certain amount of above were supplied to each Battalion of the Brigade for use of the Sick held there.

During the month an extra blanket was supplied by D.A.D.O.S for use of personnel, bringing the total up to 2 per man.

When the move started, this blanket was collected and carried on wagons.

SALVAGE:

Owing to rapid moves our Salvage Returns were not up to usual standard.

COMFORTS FOR PATIENTS:

There was always a good supply on hand, enabling all requisitions from Battalions to be fully supplied. These were drawn from Depots at DOULLENS and AMIENS.

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*Lt. QM*



REPORT ON HORSE TRANSPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918

VEHICLES:      Casualties:- Nil  
                   Evacuations:- Nil  
                   Replacements Nil.  
                   Repairs:-  
                     Ambulance Wagons :- 1 Locker door repaired.  
                     G.S. Wagons        :- 1 G.S. body dismantled and  
    repaired by 16th A.A.S.C.  
                     G.S. Limbers       :- 1 Brake repaired by Farrier Cpl.

HORSES :       Casualties :- Nil  
                   Evacuations:- Nil  
                   Replacements:- Nil

ROUTINE:       Same as previous month.

During the month the horses were allowed to graze on a river flat two hours every morning, This greatly improved the condition of the horses.

On the 14th instant a Divisional Horse Show was held by 2nd Aust ~~Division~~ Division near VAULX. The Ambulance competed in two events, and secured prizes in each:-

Best turned out G.S. Wagon:- 1st Prize.

Best turned out Limber    :- 3rd Prize

On the 24th instant the Transport pulled out from BOURDON to HANGEST Railhead arriving at 2.30 p.m. The transport pulled into the Station yard, and the wagons were loaded by a loading party, and the horses, as unyoked from the wagons were entrained by the Drivers. Each Driver was equipped in the truck with 2 Nose-bags, 2 Hay-nets, and 1 Water bucket. The train pulled out at 4 p.m. the trip covering a period of 41 hours, during which the horses were fed at regular intervals and watered whenever possible. The horses stood the train journey remarkably well. The Transport detrained at BERTRY on the morning of the 26th instant, and proceeded by road to ST. SOUPLLET where the Unit was billeted over night. On 27th instant the Unit moved to FAVRIL by road. The transport on arrival parked in an open paddock. On 28th instant the Unit moved to BOULOGNE by road. The Unit was billeted at a Farm-house in the village and excellent stabling accomodation was available for all the horses.

The rations during the month were very good.

*J. Sepworth. W.O.*