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WAR DIARY

OF

13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 28th. February 1918.

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Place	Feb. Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M.D.S., KEMMEL. Sheet 28. N. 21.c.7. 3.	1st. 2nd. 2nd. 4th. 5th. 7th.		No Entry. One other rank exchanged with 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance. No. 241 Sgt. Robinson, W.G. awarded Belgian Croix De Guerre. Capt. K.M. Whiting with "A" and "B" Section Bearer Subdivisions returned from temporary duty with 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance in Forward Area. Major L.O. Betts, O.B.E., returned from temporary duty as R.M.O., 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Five other ranks reported for duty from Reinforcements. Major L.O. Betts, O.B.E. detailed for temporary duty as R.M.O., 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion, vice Capt. R.H. Crisp proceeding on leave.	"A"
			Capt. G.P. Arnold rejoined Unit from temporary detachment at Australian Corps School for Medical Officers.	
	9th.		No. 226 L/Sgt. Hart, T., detailed to report to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London, for return to Australia for 6 months leave.	
			Two other ranks rejoined Unit from Hospital.	
	10th.		Capt. K.M. Whiting detailed for temporary duty with Australian Corps School for Medical Officers.	
	11th.		Capt. G.P. Arnold detailed for temporary duty as R.M.O., 14th. Aust. Inf. Battalion vice Capt. Trumble evacuated wounded (Gas).	
	14th.		A.A.M.C. Details are recalled this day from Battalions and Artillery Brigades having been replaced by personnel from Battalions or Artillery Brigades. 49th. Aust. Inf. Battalion and 50th. Aust. Inf. Bn. Details returned.	
	15th.		Capt. R. L. Forsyth reported for duty from Reinforcements.	
	15th.		Capt. R.L. Forsyth was detailed for temporary duty as R.M.O., 14th. Aust. Inf. Battalion vice A/R.M.O., Capt. G.P. Arnold of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance transferred to 51st. Aust. Inf. Bn. vice Capt. Birch transferred to No. 3 A.G.H.	
			13th. Field Co. Aust. Engineer A.A.M.C. Details returned. One other rank transferred to 4th. Aust. Sanitary Section, in exchange for an A.A.M.C. man.	
	17th.		Capt. R. L. Forsyth returned from temporary duty with 14th. Aust. Inf. Bn. as R.M.O.	
	18th.		A.A.M.C. Details with 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion returned today. Capt. K.M. Whiting returned from temporary detachment with Aust. Corps School for Med. Officers. Five reinforcements reported for duty. Unit now well over strength.	
	19th.		Capt. K.M. Whiting transferred to 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion vice Capt. H. W. Tilling who reported for duty with 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	
	20th.		A.A.M.C. Details with 13th. Machine Gun Co. returned to the Unit. Capt. H.W. Tilling with "C" Section Bearer Subdivision was detailed for temporary duty with 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance in the Forward Area.	

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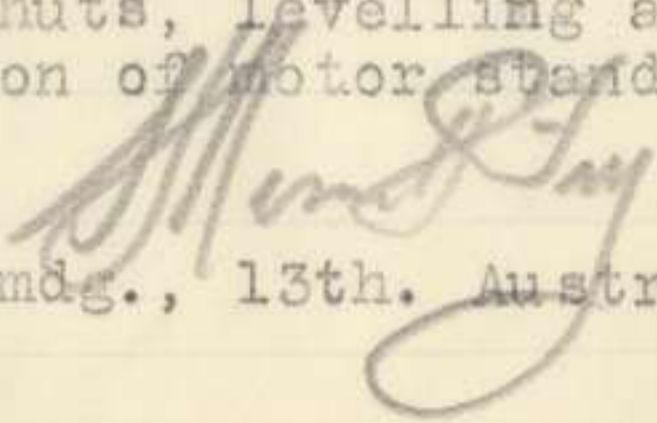
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M.D.S., KEMMEL. Sheet 28 N. 21. c. 7.3.	20th.		Major C.C. Corlis, MC. sent to the Aust. General Base Depot for Medical Board is struck off the strength.	
	22nd.		Two N.C.O.'s. returned from temporary detachment with Australian Corps School for Aspirant Officers.	
	25th.		Capt. E.N.B. Docker, A.A.M.C. reported for duty vice Major C.C. Corlis, MC. and is taken on the strength.	
	26th.		Major L.O. Betts, O.B.E. returned from temporary detachment with 49th. Aust. Inf. Bn. as R.M.O. on return to duty of Capt. R.H. Crisp.	
	28th.		Capt. H.W. Tilling with "C" Section, Bearer Subdivision returned from temporary duty with 12th. Australian Field Ambulance.	
	28th.		A.A.M.C. Details from 52nd. 11th. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade reported for duty. Unit now 22 Other Rank over strength. This total includes three corporal Wagon Orderlies supernumerary to Establishment.	
			"C" Section, Tent Subdivision with 12 Bearers left M.D.S. KEMMEL at 9 a.m. and proceeded as an Advance Party to report to O.C., 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance at Rue Du MUSEE, BAILLEUL to make arrangements to Take over Field Ambulance site from 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance on 1st. March 1918. Advance Party of One tent subdivision of 1st. Australian Field Ambulance reported at 3.30. p.m. to make arrangements to take over M.D.S., KEMMEL from this Unit on the 1st. proximo.	
	27th.		Operation Order No. 4. issued at 10 a.m.	"B"
			While in occupation of the M.D.S. Kemmel three tent subdivisions were opened in accordance with attached plan. Casualties and sick passing through the Station were few in number. One Section therefore did all admissions by day, One attended to slight cases, some thirty in number, who were admitted into wards consisting of Nissen bow huts. The third tent subdivision did Night duty. All personnel beyond those detailed for permanent or Hospital fatigues were kept continuously employed in constructing revettments to the huts, levelling and draining ground on the Unit site, clearing and improving roads, construction of motor standings and laying out gardens.	"C"


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 Comdg., 13th. Australian Field Ambulance.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.	APPENDIX
"A"	Copy of Recommendation of No. 241 Sgt. W.G. ROBINSON, 13th. Australian Field Ambulance for Belgian Croix de Guerre.	
"B"	Operation Order No. 4.	
"C"	Plan of Main Dressing Station, KEMMEL.	

A.A.M.C. Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. _____ Corps. 20th. December 1917 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	241	Sergeant WILFRED GORDON <u>ROBINSON</u> :	<p>sergeant.</p> <p>As Sergeant Steward he has always shown the same courage, ability and devotion to duty on every occasion on which the Ambulance has been working in the forward areas, as he exhibited at in the ZONNEBEKE district.</p> <p>He is a man of excellent character and is always reliable. He has never been absent from the Unit except for short leave once last year and once in July last.</p>	<p><i>Manly 20 Dec 17</i></p> <p><i>13th Aus. Field Amb.</i></p>		

APPENDIX A. 5

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13th. Australian Field Ambulance :

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OPERATION ORDER NO: 4

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APPENDIX "B"

Lieut. Colonel H. K. FRY., D. S. O.,

Comdg., No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

Reference Map Sheet 28. 1/40,000.

1. In accordance with 4th. Aust. Div. A.A.M.C. Order No. 79 dated 26/2/1918, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be relieved by 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance at M.D.S. KEMMEL and will take over Field Ambulance site Rue du MUSEE, BAILLEUL from 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance. Movement to be completed by 10 a.m. 1st. March 1918.
2. "C" Section, Tent Subdivision, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance complete with equipment and with 12 bearers will form an advance party and report to O.C., 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance Rue du MUSEE, BAILLEUL at 11 a.m. 28th. February 1918. Holding parties will take over billets and stations held by 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance.
3. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance less the above advance party, will march out from M.D.S. KEMMEL at 10 a.m. on 1st. March 1918 and proceed to Rue du MUSEE, BAILLEUL via GORDON ROAD and LOCKE the same day.
4. The following distances will be maintained during the route march:-
Between Units.....500 yards.
Between Unit and Transport.....100 "
Between sections of every 6
vehicles of transport..... 25 "
5. Rations will be drawn as follows:-
February 27th. and 28th.....LA CLYTTE.
March 1st.....No Issue.
March 2nd.....NETHERRN, 2 days.
6. From February 27th., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be responsible for collection of sick from 4th. and 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigades and on 28th instant will also collect sick from Units of 1st. and 4th. Aust. Divisions in Camps in LA CLYTTE Brigade Area.
7. Receipts for stores and station equipment handed over and taken over will be obtained in triplicate.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE:

Issued at 10 a.m. 27/2/18.Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.D I S T R I B U T I O N :

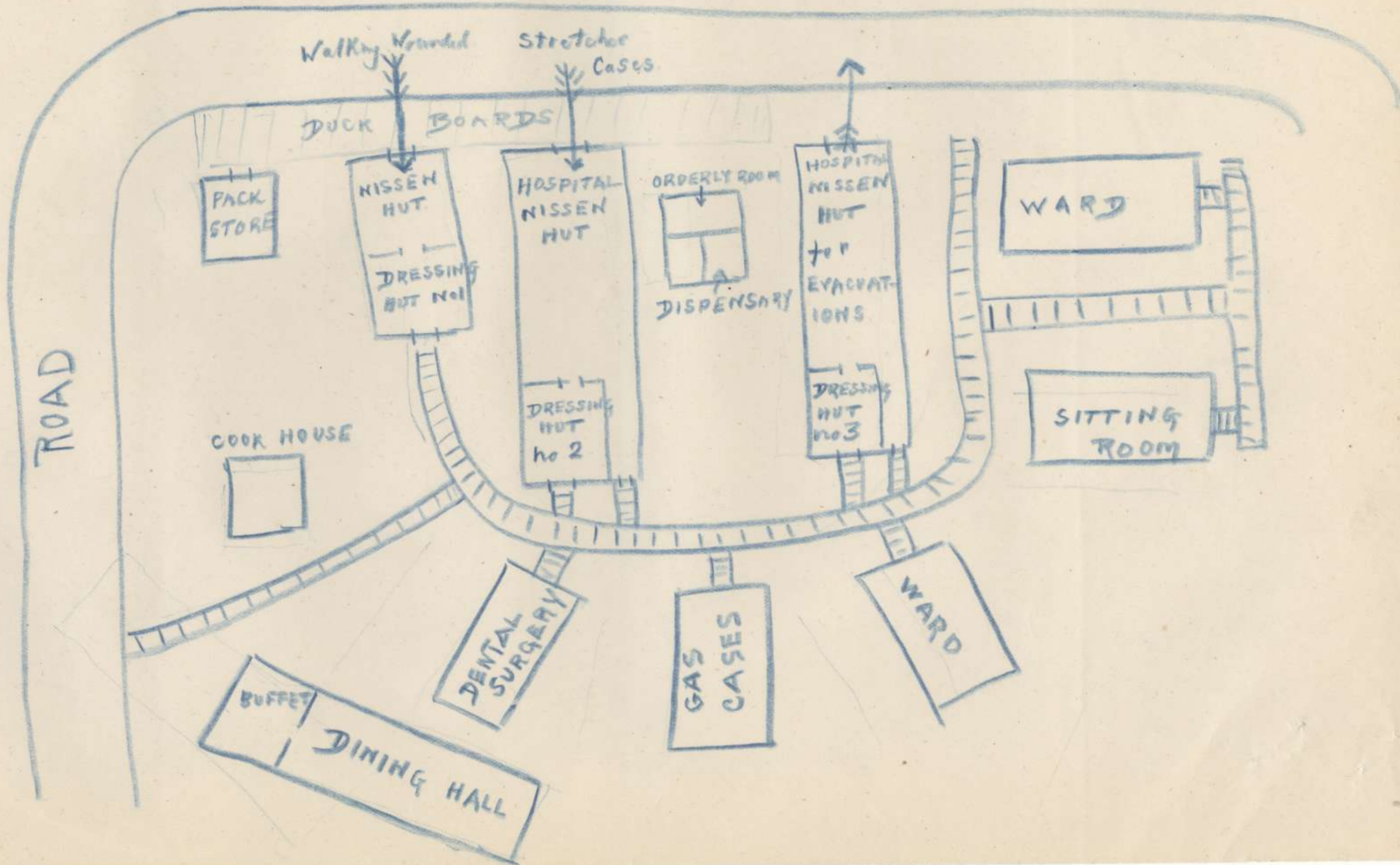
Copy No.	1.	A.D.M.S.	8.	Town Major, BAILLEUL.
	2.	4th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	9.	Area Commandant, KEMMEL.
	3.	13th. " " "	10.	War Diary.
	4.	O.C., "B" Section.	11.	" "
	5.	O.C., "C" " "	12.	" "
	6.	Transport Officer.	13.	Orderly Room.
	7.	Quartermaster.		

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PLAN OF MAIN DRESSING STATION
KEMMEL

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APPENDIX C



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