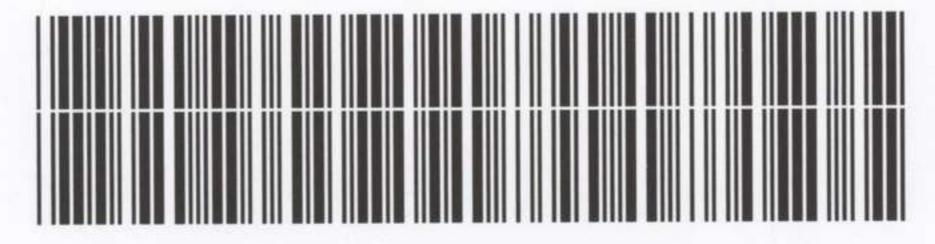
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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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.,	lst.		No Entry.	
KEMMEL.	2nd.		One other rank exchagged with 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	0.44
Sheet	2nd.		No. 241 Sgt. Robinson, W.G. awared Belgian Croix De Guerre.	"A"
28. N. 21.c.7.	4th.		Capt. K.M. Whiting with "A" abd "B" Section Bearer Subdivisions returned from temporary duty with 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance in Forward Area.	
3.	5th.		Major L.O. Betts, O.B.E., returned from temporary duty asyR.M.O., 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion. Five other ranks reported for duty from Reinforcoments.	
	7th.		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.	
			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.	
	loth.		Capt. K.M. Whiting detailed for temporary duty with Australian Corps School for Medical Officer	S.
	lith.		Capt. G.P. Arnold detailed for temporary duty as R.M.O., l4th. 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		A.A.M.C. Details are recalled this day from Battalions and Artillery Brigades having been	
			replaced by personnel from Battalions or Artillery Brigades. 49th.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 lath. 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	
	2011		Five reinforgements 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	
			12th. Aust. Field Ambulance in the Forward Area. A6945 Wt. Wii422/Mil60 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C./2118/14.	- Lond

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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. Two N.C.O's. returned from temporary detachment with Australian Corps School for Aspirant Officer Capt. E.N.B. Docker, A.A.M.C. reported for duty vice Major C.C. Corlis, MC. and is taken on the strength. 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. Capt. H.W. Tilling with "C" Section, Bearer Subdivision returned from temporary duty with 12th. Australian Field Ambulance. 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	
	27th.		arrangements to Take over Field Ambulance site from 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance on 1st. March 1918. Advance Party of One tent subdivisionof 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. Operation Order No. 4. issued at 10 a.m.	"B"
			While in accupation 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 Missen 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. Lieut. Colonel. Comdg., 13th. Australian Field Ambulance.	"C"

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APPENDIX

"A"

Copy of Recommendation of No. 241 Sgt. W.G. ROBINSON, 13th. Australian Field Ambulance for Belgian Croix de Guarre.

"B"

Operation Order No. 4.

"C"

Plan of Main Dressing Station, KEMMEL.

Army Form W. 3121.

20th. December 1 Date of Recommendation. Brigade. Ath. Australian Division. A.A.M.C. Corps. Honour (To be left Recommended Schedule No. Unit Regtl. No. Rank and Name Action for which commended or blank) by Reward (to be left blank) This N.C.O. was conspicuous for his courageous 241 Sergeant WILFRED 13th. Aus. devotion to duty in the ZONNEBERT area from GORDON ROBINSON: Field 11th. to 24th. October 1917 during offensive Ambulance. operations and under extremely difficult con--ditions. As Sergeant Steward he was responsible for bringing up rations to the Advanced Collect--ing Station west of ZOHNEBEKE. He daily went through heavy shell fire supervising and encour--aging his men, and successfully combated the difficulties of transporting the rations over the shell torn ground deep in mud, and always contrived to brin, up for the ambulance bearers of his own and attached Units a plentiful supply of food and comforts, when any failure of them would have been disastrous to the work of the men engaged in the exhausting labour of clearing the wounded. He was also responsible 20 for bringing up Medical Stores and equipment to the advanced Collecting Station and by his close personal supervision the Dressing Station and Regimental Aid Posts were kept well and constant--Ly supplied with all their requirements. Sergeant ROBINSON has had a splendid record in the Australian Imperial Torce. He left Australia in the First Contingent with the 3rd. Aus. Field Ambulance and served as a private with that Unit throughout the campaign on GALLIPOHI. In EGYPT he was promoted to Corporal on account of his excellent work. When the 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance was formed in SOYPT he was transferred to this Unit and has served with it continuously since that time in FRANCE and BRLGIUM where he was promoted to the rank of HE (9 38 21) W 3707-598 500m 7/16 H W V [E. 195.] Forms/W. 3121/3

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A.A.M.C. Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. Corps. 20th. December 1917 Date of Recommendation. Honour (To be left Recommended Schedule No. Unit Regtl. No. Rank and Name Action for which commended blank) by Reward (to be left blank) Sergeant WILFRED sergeant. 241 13th. Aus. As Sergeant Steward he has always GORDON ROBINSON: Field shown the same courage, ability and devotion to Ambulance. duty on every occasion on which the Ambulance has been working in the forward areas, as he exhibited as In the ZONNEBEKE district. 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. PPENDIX 13th. Australian Field Ambulance :

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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.

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

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Lieut. Colonel. Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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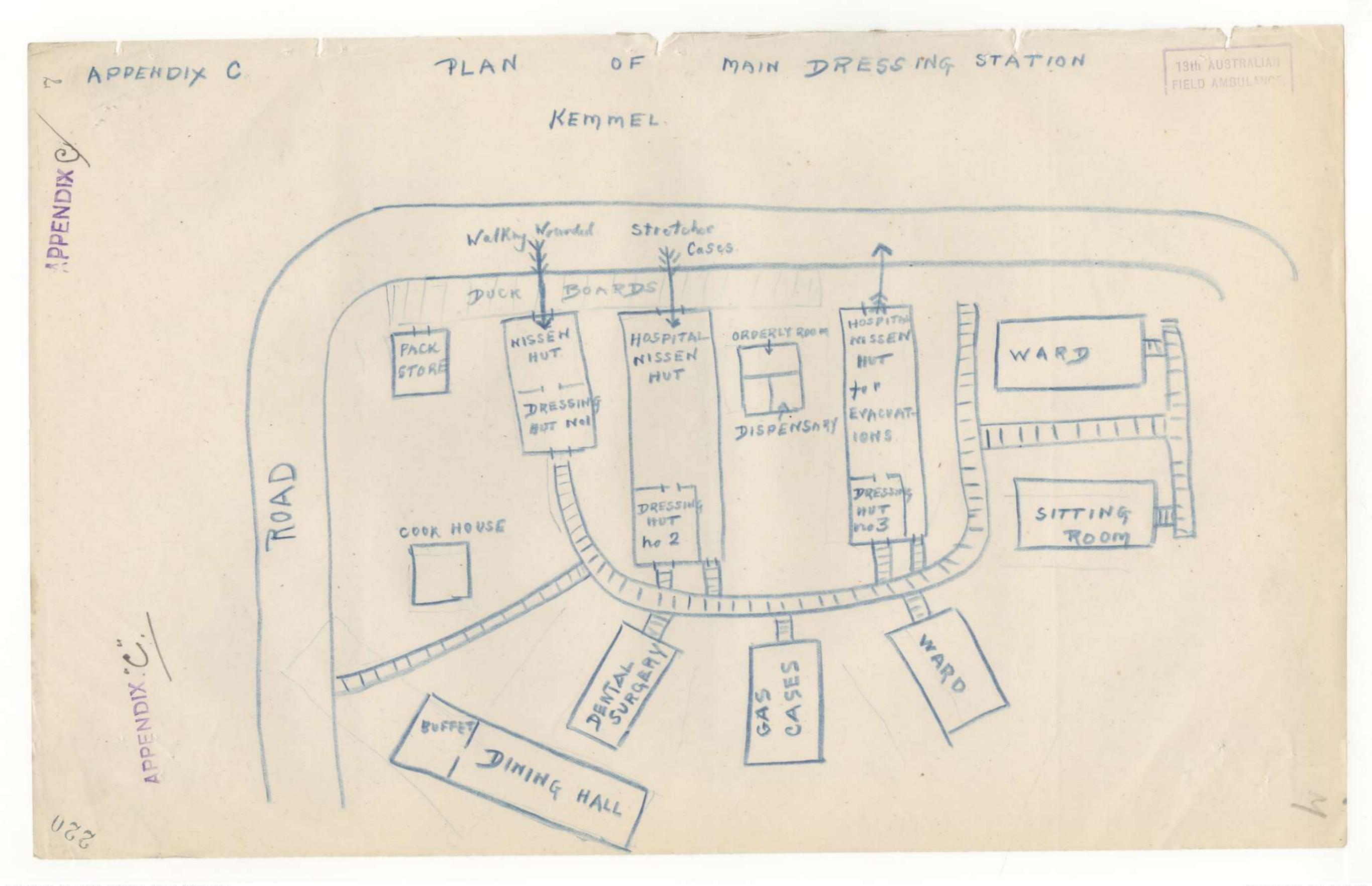
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