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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1918.

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Place	1918 Date Sept.	Hour	Ref. Sheet 62C., 1/40,000.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M.1.b.2.5.					
RIVERY	1st.		No entry.		
do.	2nd.		No entry.		
do.	3rd.		Lieut. Colonel F.C. WOOSTER (C.O.) Left Unit 14 days' leave to the United Kingdom. The Unit complete with transport was inspected by the G.O.C., 4th. Aust. Division at 9. 30. a.m. Capt. H.R. HMETT was detailed for temporary duty as relieving R.M.O., 11th. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.		
do.	4th.		An "AQUATIC SPORTS MEETING" for the Unit was held at the RIVERY BATHS. A conference of Os.C., and Q.M's. of the three Field Ambulances was held this morning at the A.D.M.S. Officer after which the Os.C. met the Australian Press Representatives at D.H.Q.,		
do.	5th.		Instructions were received from 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q. to be prepared to move on the morning of the 6th. Later A.D.M.S. instructions were received to the effect that the 4th. Aust. Division would move forward in Brigade Group and that until further notice this Unit would be under orders of G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.		
do.	6th.		13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 146 received at 6. 30. a.m. for move to BIACHES AREA. In accordance with these instructions the Unit moved from RIVERY to area north west of BIACHES. Operation Order No. 19 issued.		
BIACHES	7th.		Capt. A.J. HOPE was detailed for temporary duty as relieving R.M.O., 49th. Aust. Inf. Bn. Warning Order was received from A.D.M.S. and from Brigade H.Q. to be prepared to move from BIACHES AREA tomorrow. 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 147 received for move to CARTIGNY AREA.		
do.	8th.		Operation Order No. 20 issued. (Appendix No. 2.) Unit moved from BIACHES to hutments at LE CATELET.		
LE CATELET	9th.		13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group moved forward from CARTIGNY AREA to Support Area being relieved in CARTIGNY AREA by 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group. This Unit was withdrawn from Group and remained in situ pending instructions from A.D.M.S.		
do.	10th.		On receipt of instructions from A.D.M.S. the Unit moved from Le CATELET and bivouaced in the ravine at P.26.a.9.3. near St. CREN (operation Order No. 21 issued Appendix No. 3.)		
P.26.a.9.3.			Major L.B. ELWELL, MC., was detailed to report for temporary duty to O.C., 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance. One Sunbeam 2 Ford Cars and four wheeled stretchers placed at the disposal of O.C.		
do.	11th		12th. Aust. Field Ambulance. Capt. A.E. MORTON Transferred to 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion as R.M.O. whilst detached for temporary duty and is struck off the strength.		

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P.26.a.9.3.	11th		Capt. A.J. HOPE (whilst detached to 49th. Aust. Inf. Bn) was transferred as R.M.O., 4th. Aust Divisional Engineers and is struck off the strength. In accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No1 109 Bearer Personnel of this Unit, Ambulance Wagons and wheeled stretchers are held at the disposal of O.C., 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	
do.	12th		No entry.	
do.	13th		Unit received an allotment for and despatched six other ranks (1914 men) on furlough to Australia. "A" & "B" Bearer Subdivisions in charge of Major D.M. STEELE, MC., proceeding to the vicinity of HANCOURT for an Advanced M.D.S. Operation Order No. 22 issued (Appendix No. 4.) Capt. J.T. HORGAN reported for duty and taken on the strength to complete establishment. Major C. Morlet rejoined Unit from leave to the United Kingdom and assumed command of the Unit	4
do.	14th		Major L.G. TASSIE, DSO., left Unit on 14 days' leave to NICE. No. 3748 L/Cpl. BOA, J. transferred to No. 3 Aust. Gen. Hospital is struck off the strength. No. 6252 Sgt. LORD, J., detailed for temporary duty at 3rd. Echelon, (Aust. Section) for the purpose of checking Unit records) "C" Section Bearer Subdivision detailed to report to Major D.M. STEELE, MC at HANCOURT (Q.8.d. central) Conference of Os.C. Field Ambulances at A.D.M.S. Office at 4 p.m. Warning received of Extensive Offensive Operation to be undertaken by the Division on 18th. September. Informed by A.D.M.S. that this Field Ambulance to be in reserve during the operation.	
do.	15th		H.Q. of the Unit with Tent and Transport Subdivisions moved to P.12.c.1.6. and bivouaced.	
P.12.c.1.6.	16th		No entry.	
do.	17th		Capt. J.P. Horgan with "C" Section Tent Subdivision with one water cart proceeded to 4th. Aust. Div. Baths and established a Gas Centre and Scabies Station. Bearer Division with 3 Hosed ambulance wagon, 3 Sunbeams and 2 Fords detailed to report to C.O., 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance for duty. Three clerks detailed to report to 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance for duty. Major D.M. STEELE MC. rejoined from site of M.D.S. at HANCOURT. Gas Centre was established in the two E.P. Tents - well revetted - and the following Special stores were drawn for its equipment - one Haldane Oxygen Inhaler, two cylinders, oxygen; and all necessary drugs. The station was well laid out by Capt. J.P. HORGAN with a lot of chambers for the removal of clothing, treatment, feeding and evacuation of casualties. 2 M.A.C. Cars were parked here.	

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P.12.c.1.6.	17th		Scabies station was established in two operating tents - well revetted - in close proximity to the baths and every facility was provided for dealing with this disease. Admissions to the two stations during the tour of the Division in the line were extraordinary - only light only four gassed cases being dealt with and one case of scabies. No. 70 Corporal WILLIAMS, G.A., reported Died of wounds was struck off the strength. This N.C.O. was warned to proceed to Officers' Cadet Battalion in a few days to train for a Commission. He was a brave and reliable N.C.O. and justly earned the confidence of his Officers	f
do.	18th		No. 13003 Pte. JACK, W., S.W. arm No. 13853 " TRINDER, E.E. S.W. wrist were evacuated to C.C.S. No. 5453 Pte. SUMNER, A.J. reported for duty from No. 3 A.G.H. in exchange for No. 3748 L/Cpl. BOA J. ZERO HOUR for the offensive operation 5. 20. a.m. preceded by heavy rain which rendered all roads very heavy. Weather cleared up during the morning and the ground rapidly dried. No. 11264 Pte. RITCHIE, J., (MM) reported Killed in Action is struck off the strength. This man was one of the bravest and most reliable bearers in the Unit. No. 16381 Pte. FLICK, J.D.J., (Shell wound thigh) evacuated to C.C.S. German Automatic rifle firing revolver bullet was found by Pte. R.I. ROBINSON and consigned to Australian War Museum as a Trophy belonging to this Unit. Divisional Commander expressing a wish to personally examine the prize, Pte. ROBINSON was paraded to D.H.Q. with his trophy.	f
do.	19th		No. 1182 Sgt. TIGGEMANN, F.L. was wounded and remained on duty.	f
do	20th		Capt. J.P. HORDAN with "C" Section Tent Subdivision rejoined H.Q. of Unit All special stores were handed over to 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance, at Q.8.d.central. Major L.B. ELWELL, MC., rejoined Unit from temporary detachment with 4th. Aust. Field Amb. Three clerks rejoined Unit from temporary detachment with 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance. Bearer Division, and Transport detached to 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance rejoined Unit. Received warning of relieve of the Division on night 21/22nd. Sept. 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group to move first.	f
do.	21st		Received orders to move to TINCOURT AREA with 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group. Marched out at 2.30. p.m. move completed by 4.30. p.m. Operation Order No. 24 attached -Appendix No. 5) On arrival in new area warning received of further move of 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group to BIACHES AREA. Unit at present bivouaced on Hillside near TINCOURT at J.18.c.central.	5 f
do.	22nd		Eight other ranks marched out from Unit to proceed to Aust. Corps Furlough Depot for return to Australia (1914 men)	f w

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J.18.c.cen. TINCOURT:	22nd Sept.			Unit moved with 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group to BIACHES AREA marched out at 10 a.m. move completed at 2 p.m. Operation Order No. 25 issued (Appendix No. 6)	
I.25.c.9.4.	23rd			Unit H.Q. I.25.c.9.4. (Sheet 62C.) Warned of further move of 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group to BOVELLES AREA. Dismounted personnel to embuss and mounted personnel by road staging en route.	
do	24th			Visited new area accompanied by Billeting Officer (Capt. J.I. ANDERSON) Movement order received from H.Q., 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade at 3 a.m. Dismounted personnel to embus at H.30.d.0.8. (Sheet 62C.) at 8 a.m. Transport to move with Brigade Transport staging and drawing rations at FOUILLOY Operation Order 26 issued (Appendix No. 7.) Unit moved as ordered in glorious weather and arrived (less horse Transport) at new billets in SAVEUSE at 3.30. p.m.	
SAVEUSE (62E.)	"			Capt. V.C. BROWN, MC., rejoined Unit from 14 days' leave to U.K.	
do.	25th			Lieut. Colonel F.C. WOOSTER rejoined Unit from leave to United Kingdom.	
do.	26th			No entry	
do.	27th			Capt. H.R. HMETT rejoined Unit from on detached duty with 11th. Aust. Field Artillery Brigade	
do.	28th			No entry	
do.	29th			No. 6252 Sgt. LORD, J. rejoined Unit from on detachment with Aust. Section, 3rd. Echelon.	
do.	30th			Major L.G. TASSIE, DSO rejoined Unit from 14 days' leave to NICE.	
				Quartermaster's monthly report is attached as appendix No. 8.	8
				Transport Officer's Report is attached as Appendix No. 9.	9
				Statement of Strength as at Fridays (Noon) is attached as appendix No. 10.	10.

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

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OPERATION ORDER NO: 19

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APPENDIX NO: 1

by

Major L. G. TASSIE., DSO., A.A.M.C.,

Commanding No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

No.

Date

Ref. Sheet 62D., & 62C., 1/40,000.

6th. September 1918.

In accordance with A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Div. No. B.R., 726 of midnight 5th./6th. Sept. 1918 and 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 146 of 6/9/18, the 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will move forward with the Brigade Group today.

Dismounted personnel will move by Bus. Mounted personnel by road as a Brigade Group, staging the night in the vicinity of MORCOURT.

1. Major D.M. Steele, MC., will report to H.Q., 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. at 8. 45. a.m. today as an advance party to arrange billets for the Unit.
2. The Unit, less transport, will embus at Rivery at 9. 30. a.m., marching out from the present billets at 9 a.m.
3. Capt. A.J. HOPE as Embussing Officer for the Unit, will report to the Staff Captain, 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade at M.3.c.8.9. at 9. 15. a.m. with Embussing States.
4. Debussing point will be on the HEUBECOURT-BIACHES Road, just North of FLAUCOURT.
5. Dress & Full marching Order.
6. Rations:- Personnel will carry, on person, unexpended portion of the day's ration, plus the following 24 hours rations.
Warer bottles will be filled with boiled water.
7. Officers' valises will be stacked in front of the present billets by 8. 30. a.m.
8. Camp and Billets will be left in a clean and Sanitary condition.
9. TRANSPORT will move by road with the remainder of the Brigade Group under the direction of Lieut. CHANTER, 51st. Aust. Inf. Bn. staging the night in the vicinity of MORCOURT, as under:-

Unit:	Starting Point:	Time to pass:	Route:
13th. F. Ambulance	M.3.c.8.9.	11.20. a.m.	DAOURS & FOUILLOY.
10. Arrangements for the move of Transport from MORCOURT to BIACHES on 7th. instant will be made by Lieut. CHANTER.

Issued at 8. 30. a.m.

(Sgd.) L. G. TASSIE, Major., A.A.M.C.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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| Copy No. 1. | A.D.M.S., | 5. | Area Commandant, RIVERY. |
| 2. | 13th. Aust Inf. Bde. | 6. | War Diary. |
| 3. | T.O., 13th. F. Amb. | 7. | War Diary. |
| 4. | Major D.M. STEELE, MC. | 8. | War Diary. |
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APPENDIX NO: 2:

by

Major L. G. TASSIE., DSO., A. A. M. C.;

Commanding No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

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FIELD AMBULANCE,
4th AUS. DIVISION

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Ref. Sheet 62C., 1/40,000:8th. September 1918.

In accordance with A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Div. No. 11/917 of 7-9-1918 and 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 147 of 8/9/1918 the 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will move forward with the Brigade Group today.

Dismounted personnel will move by route march and Transport by road in Brigade Transport Group under direction of Lieut. CHANTER 51st. Aust. Inf. Bn.

1. Major D.M. STEELE, MC., and one N.C.O. as Billeting Party will meet Brigade Intelligence Officer at Cross Roads at P.8.a.central at 9. 30. a.m. and will return to guide Unit from that point.
2. Dismounted personnel will fall in and move off in charge of Major L.B. ELWELL, MC., passing broken bridge at I.25.b.3.0. at 10.20. a.m. thence they will follow the route laid down in Brigade Order 147.
3. Transport will move in a Brigade Transport Column, passing starting point at road junction at I.25.d.1.4. at 11. 15. a.m.
4. Area at present occupied by the Unit will be left in a clean and sanitary condition.

Issued at 8 a.m.

(Sgd.) L. G. TASSIE., Major, A.A.M.C.
Commanding, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.D I S T R I B U T I O N :

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2.	H.Q., 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade
3.	Major L.B. ELWELL, MC.,
4.	Transport Officer, 13th. Aust. Field Amb.
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by

Major L. G. TASSIE., DSO., A.A.M.C.,
Commanding No. 13 Aust. Field Ambulance:

FIELD AMBULANCE
4th AUS. DIVISION
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Ref. Sheet 62C., 1/40,000:

In the Field, 9th. Sept. '18

In accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No. 108 d/9/9/1918 of A.D.M.S. 4th. Australian Division, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will move from present site to quarry at P.26.a.9.3. on 10th. September 1918.

1. In accordance with above, Unit complete will move from present site at 9 a.m. on 10th. instant.
No. 34 Aust. Dental Unit will move with 13th. Aust. Field Amb.
Reveille..... 6 a.m.
Breakfast..... 7 a.m.
March out..... 9 a.m.
2. Route - to Cross Roads at P.8.central, thence to Cross Roads at P.9.c.1.5. to village of St. CRAN, and by overland route to ravine.
3. Advance Party consisting of Major L.G. TASSIE, DSO., and one M.C.O. will leave present site at 8. 30. a.m.
4. Billets will be left in a clean and Sanitary condition.
5. Strict March Discipline as laid down in S.S.724 will be maintained.

Issued at 7. 45. p.m.

L. G. Tassie Major, A.A.M.C.,
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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| | 3. | Major D.M. Steele, MC. & Major L.B. Elwell, MC |
| | 4. | Q.M., 13th. Aust. Field Amb. |
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by

Major L. G. TASSIE., DSO., A.A.M.C.

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FIELD AMBULANCE.

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

No.

Date

Ref. Sheet 62C., 1/40,000.

13th. Sept. 1918.

In accordance with instructions received from A.D.M.S.,
4th. Australian Division:

1. "A" and "B" Section Bearer Subdivisions in charge of Major D.M. STEELE, MC., will move today to the vicinity of HANCOURT (Q.8. d.8.8.) to prepare a site for a new Main Dressing Station.
2. Party will fill in and move off at 2. 30. p.m., to present M.D.S. where Motor Transport will be provided for personnel by C.O. 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
3. Party will take with them :-
 - 2 cooks.
 - 4 Dixies.
 - 1 E.P. Tent.
 - 3 C.S.L. Tents.
 - 2 Soyer's Stoves.
 - All available Tools.
 - 2 Operating Tents.

Limbers necessary for the transport of the above, one water cart and one Sunbeam Car.

This Transport will move off from present camp at 2 p.m.

Sunbeam Car and water cart will be retained at the new Camp and the rest of the Transport will return to H.Q. of the Unit.

Issued at 1. p.m.

L. G. Tassie Major, A.A.M.C.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance

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| | 3. | O.C., 4th. Aust. Field Amb. |
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by

Major C. MORLET, A. A. M. C.,

Commanding No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance.

Ref. Sheet 62C., 1/40,000.

21st. September 1918.

In accordance with A.A.M.C. Order No. 112, and instructions received from Headquarters, 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

1. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will move on 21-9-1918 under Orders of 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade to TINCOURT.
2. Billeting Officer, Capt. J.E. Anderson will report to Staff Captain, 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade at 11.30 a.m.
3. Advance Party, Captain F.R. Forster in charge, consisting of Cooks' Limber, ration wagon, and water cart will move off at 1.30 p.m.
4. H.Q. and Main body will move off from present camp at 2.30 p.m.

Issued at 1 p.m.

Clara M. M.
Major, A.A.M.C.
Commdg. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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| | 2. | Major D.M. Steele, MC, Transport Officer. |
| | 3. | Capt. F.R. Forster. |
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Major C. MORLET., A. A. M. C. ,

Commanding No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance:

22nd. September 1918.

In accordance with 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Order, 13th.

Aust. Field Ambulance will move to BIACHES AREA today.

1. Billeting:- Capt. F.R. FORSTER will proceed by 'Ford' Car to the new area at 9 a.m. as Billeting Officer.
2. Advance Party: Advance Party, L/Sgt. Jordan i/c, consisting of Cooks' limber and one water cart will proceed direct to new billets at 9 a.m. and report to the billeting Officer.
3. Packs and Blankets: Three (3) Sunbeam Cars will convey packs and blankets of the dismounted personnel at 7. 30. a.m. to the new billets where a guard will be placed on them.
4. Dismounted personnel will fall in at 9. 45. a.m. and will move off under the command of Major L.B. ELWELL, MC., at 10 a.m. The column will pass the starting point at 10. 15. a.m.
5. Transport will move off at 10. 30. a.m. under the command of Major D.M. STEELE, MC., and will pass the starting point at 10. 45. a.m.
6. Casualties - two Sunbeam cars will patrol road in rear of the Brigade column and transport and any men who fall out of the march for Medical reasons and who bear permits signed by R.M.O's., to R.A.P's. at new billeting area.

(sgd.) CLAUDE MORLET, Major.,
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

D I S T R I B U T I O N :

Copies to H.Q., 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Division.
Major L.B. ELWELL, MC.
Major D.M. STEELE, MC.
Capt. F.R. Forster.
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 26

APPENDIX NO: 7

by

Major C. MORLET, A. A. M. C.,

Commanding No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance.

4th AUS. DIVISION

No.

Date

In the Field, 23rd. September 1918.Reference Map 62C and Amiens 17.

In accordance with 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will move to SAVEUSE Area on 24-9-1918.

ROUTINE

Reveille	4 a.m.
Roll Call	4.15 a.m.
Breakfast	4.30 a.m.

Dismounted Personnel.

Fall in in marching Order at 5.30 a.m., and move off at 5.45am under command of Major L.B.ELWELL, MC., and embus at embussing point, H.30.d.O.S. at 7 a.m., carrying unexpended portion of rations for 24-9-1918.

Motor Transport.

Motor Transport, Sgt. COLMAN, W. in charge, will move off at 6 a.m.

Horse Transport

Horse Transport will hook in at a.m. and move off under command of Major D.M.Steele, MC. at a.m. carrying 24 hours' rations.

The first stage will be to FOUILLOY, where a halt will be made during the night 24/25 September. 24 Hours rations will be drawn.

Billeting. Capt. J.I.ANDERSON reported to Brigade Billeting Officer in new area on 21-9-1918 as Billeting Officer.

Rations: Rations for 25-9-1918 will be drawn for dismounted personnel & Motor Transport by Billeting Officer at new Area.

Charles Morlet Major,
Commanding No. 13 Aust. Field Ambulance.

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13th. Australian Field Ambulance:

APPENDIX NO: 8QUARTERMASTER'S MONTHLY REPORT to accompany War Diary for Sept. '18:

During the month the Unit has had three donations of Gifts from the Australian Comforts funds consisting of Jam, Milk, coffee and cocoa and milk, sweets, custard powders, biscuits, sugar, socks and four cases of sundries.- these gifts have greatly supplemented the rations issued to the men.

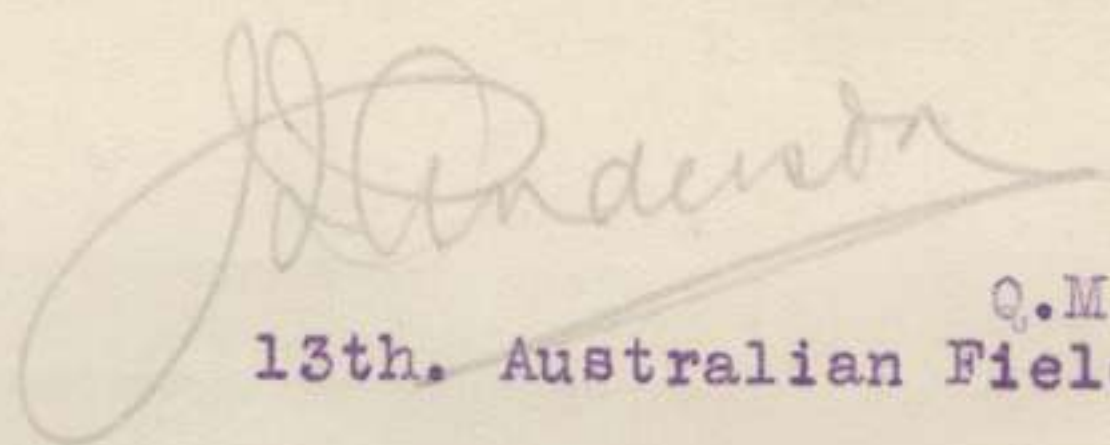
There has also been a full supply of rations during the month. On account of always being on the move, we have not been able to hold any patients and no Medical Comforts have been drawn.

No issues of clothing, boots etc. have been made to personnel during the month as the bearers being detailed for duty with other ambulances, we have not been able to attend to this matter.

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REPORT BY TRANSPORT OFFICER - to accompany WAR DIARY for Sept. '18.

In the early part of the month advantage was taken of the fact that the Ambulance was resting, to thoroughly clean and paint the vehicles.

As rations and certain medical stores must always be transported to the Unit only a few vehicles could be tackled at one time. - nevertheless, by 6th. instant 4 G.S. Wagons and 2 water carts were finished. On that date the Unit was suddenly ordered to move to the forward area.

The Unit Transport moved with the rest of the Brigade Transport to BACHES staging one night at MORCOURT. At BACHES on 7th. inst. the Bearer Subdivision was rejoined and until the 24th. the complete Unit moved to many villages around PERONNE. During the month 91 miles were covered by the Transport as a whole.

DIFFICULTIES ON MARCH: Very hilly country was encountered on many occasions but the teams were always able to pull their respective loads with extraneous assistance.

<u>CONDITION OF HORSES:</u>	Strength:	H.D.	L.D.	Rid:
		20	17	6

1 rider evacuated during the month - this horse had only been drawn from the remount depot two weeks previously and had to be returned to Mobile Vet. Section for a chronic articular complaint.



No cases of Infectious disease occurred during the

No horses were wounded during the month.

A.C. Brown
Capt. A.A.M.C.
Transport Officer.

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STATEMENT OF STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT NOON ON FRIDAYS :

(to accompany War Diary for September 1918 :)

1:9: 1918:		8: 9: 1918:		15: 9 : 1918:		22: 9: 1918:		29: 9: 1918:	
Off.	O.R's.	Off.	O.R's.:	Off.	O.R's.	Off.	O.R's.	Off.	O.R's.
11	228	10	225	9	216	9	218	9	199

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