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13th Aust Field Ambulance

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15th AUSTRALIAN
ARMY FORM C 2118.
4th AUS. DIVISION
220
No.

Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map, Namur 8, 1/100,000	Remarks and references to Appendices
SIVRY	1918 Dec. 1		Still comfortably settled at Sivry. Considerable trouble with Ambulance cars, owing to lengthy runs necessary, and the tardiness of the carrying out of repairs at the Workshops.	
"	"	2	A considerable amount of Medical attention to the civilians is being given by the Medical Officers of the Unit. This includes the daily attendance of about 12 at the Ambulance Dressing Room and occasional visits to the houses of sick civilians.	
"	"	3	Major R.E. Jefferis, who was transferred from this Unit to No. 3 A.G.H. on 1:6:18, rejoined and is taken on the strength Supernumerary to establishments.	
"	"	4	No entry.	
"	"	5	Health of men remains very good. A good deal of route marching without packs, and recreational work is being carried out. Men returning from leave have having a difficult task returning in connecting up with the Unit, owing to the long and poor communications.	
"	"	6	Weather mild but showery.	
"	"	7	No entry.	
"	"	8	Much difficulty in continuing education classes, on account of most of the instructors having recently left the Unit.	
"	"	9	No entry.	
"	"	10	No entry.	
"	"	11	Clipping of horses commenced.	
"	"	12	Divisional Order No. 154 of 11:12:18 received relative to 4 days move of the Division eastwards commencing 13:12:18.	
"	"	13	13th Aust. Infantry Bde. Order No. 159 and instructions received re. move on 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th. Unit marched out from SIVRY at 9.15a.m. passing through SIVRY STATION, RENLIES, VERGNIES, BRION and BOUSSU and arrived at SILENRIEUX at 3p.m. Halted for lunch at 11.50a.m. and hot tea provided.	
SILENRIEUX	"	14	Left SILENRIEUX at 9.20a.m. passed through Philippeville via ROSEE RD. and arrived at FLORENNES 2.20p.m. Lunch halt at 11.50a.m. Good billets. Rum issue authorised.	
FLORENNES	"	15	Marched out from FLORENNES at 8.15a.m. passed through ROSEE and ANTHEE and arrived at ONHAYE at 1.30p.m. Lunch halt at 11.20a.m. Billets for men good for many officers poor.	
ONHAYE	"	16	Left ONHAYE for DINANT at 9a.m. and arrived at latter town at 10.30a.m. Capt MacLean had been in DINANT for three days as billeting officer. Very good billets for all personnel, but rather poor stabling for the horses. Hospital accommodation good though limited. Marching of the personnel during these moves has been excellent, only two men falling out in four days.	
DINANT.	"	17	Civilians extremely cordial and doing all in their power to make men comfortable.	

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Remarks and references to Appendices

13th Australian Field Ambulance

Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map	Namur 8 1/100,000	
DINANT	1918 Dec. 17			Clipping of horses continued.	Fifty beds without mattresses loaned by the Burgomaster.
"	" 18			No entry.	
"	" 19			No entry.	
"	" 20			Hospital accomodation taxed.	
"	" 21			Convent St. Clair acquired for Hospital purposes.	
"	" 22			No entry.	
"	" 23			Hospital shifted, Ample room for 45 cases. Orderly Room, Q.M. Store, Dispensary, and Dressing Room and some of the mens billets shifted to the Convent. Warning received that 17 other ranks would be leaving for 1915 furlough on the 26th Dec. These include those who embarked prior to 31st May 1915.	
DINANT.	" 24			Major Jefferis R.E. was detailed for Temporary Duty with the Aust Corps Reinforcement Camp.	
"	" 25			Christmas Dinner was held in The Palais de Justice DINANT and was an overwhelming success and demanded great Credit on the all those that assisted in the arrangements. The Civilian Orchestra was much appreciated by all present. After the Dinner Danving was indulged in, in the Ball-Room Upstairs and continued well into the night. The Day was closed with fitting Toasts. Major L.G. Tassie. D.S.O. left Unit on Leave to The United Kingdom on 14 Day's Special Leave.	
	26.			No Entry..	
	27th			No Entry..	
	28th.			Lieutenant Colonel F.C. Wooster left the Unit on 10 Day's Leave to NICE. Captain Maclean J. was detailed to Duty with the 51st Battalion. Seventeen N.C.O's and Men of the Unit left Unit on Draft to AUSTRALIA. Major L.B. Elwell. M.C. Temporary C.O. of Unit vice Lt. Col. F.C. Wooster on Leave to NICE. Reorganisation of the Ambulance. The Ambulance previously consisting of three Sections was formed into two Sections as per D.A.G.A.I.F. 51/70. of 11th December 1918.	
	29.			No Entry.	
	30.			Major Whiting joined Unit from the 12th Australian Field Ambulance.	
	31.			No Entry..	

Keith Whitling

Quarter - Master's Monthly Report, ending 31st.
December 18.
 13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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 13th Australian Field Ambulance.

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I wish to report that
 during the month the third Blanket was drawn from S.A.S.O.S.
 and issued to all Ranks.

During the early part of the Month great
 difficulty was found in obtaining, Soap, Boots, and Leather.

New Boots had to be demanded owing to the
 shortage of Leather for repairs. A good quantity has come to
 hand during the past week, thereby enabling the Unit to be
 well booted again.

Christmas Puddings were drawn from A.A.S.C. &
 the quantity being $\frac{1}{2}$ lb per man and issued at the Unit's
 Christmas Dinner.

Two shillings & six pence per head was drawn
 from AUSTRALIAN BRANCH, BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY for patients
 remaining in Hospital on Christmas Day.

The above amount was expended in Comforts
 comprising of Cake, Tomatoes, Sauces, & Sardines. Christmas
 Boxes were drawn from Red Cross for patients in Hospital
 and issued on Christmas Day.

W L Hopkins RQAB