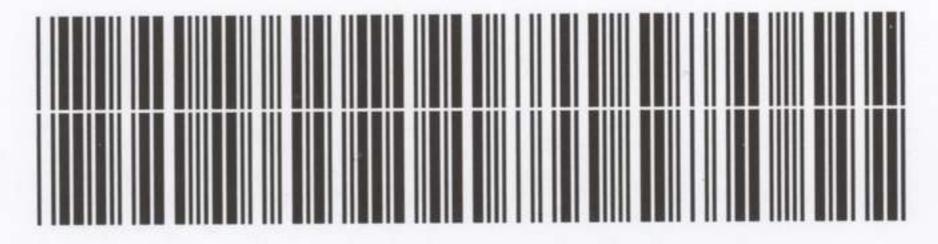
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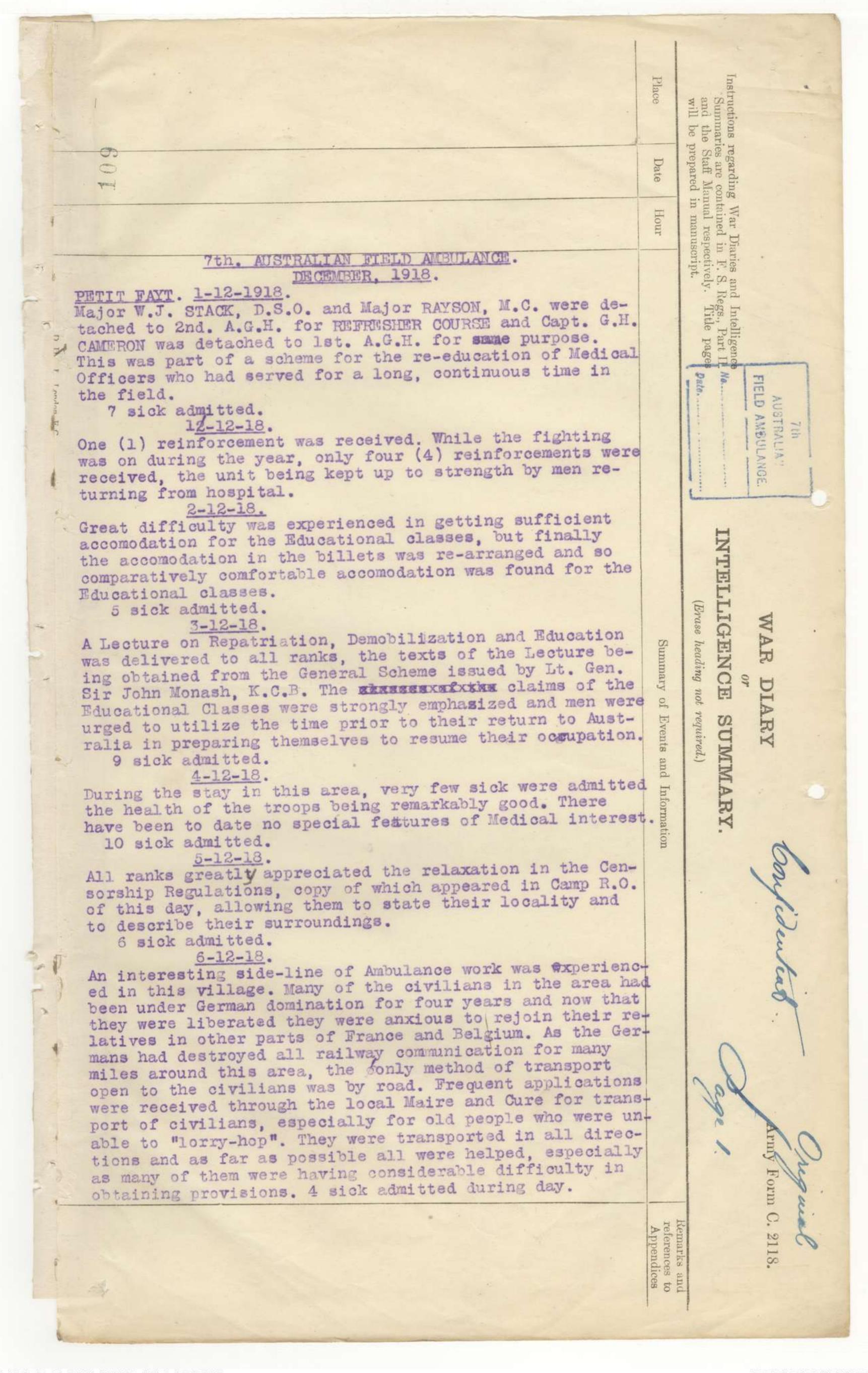
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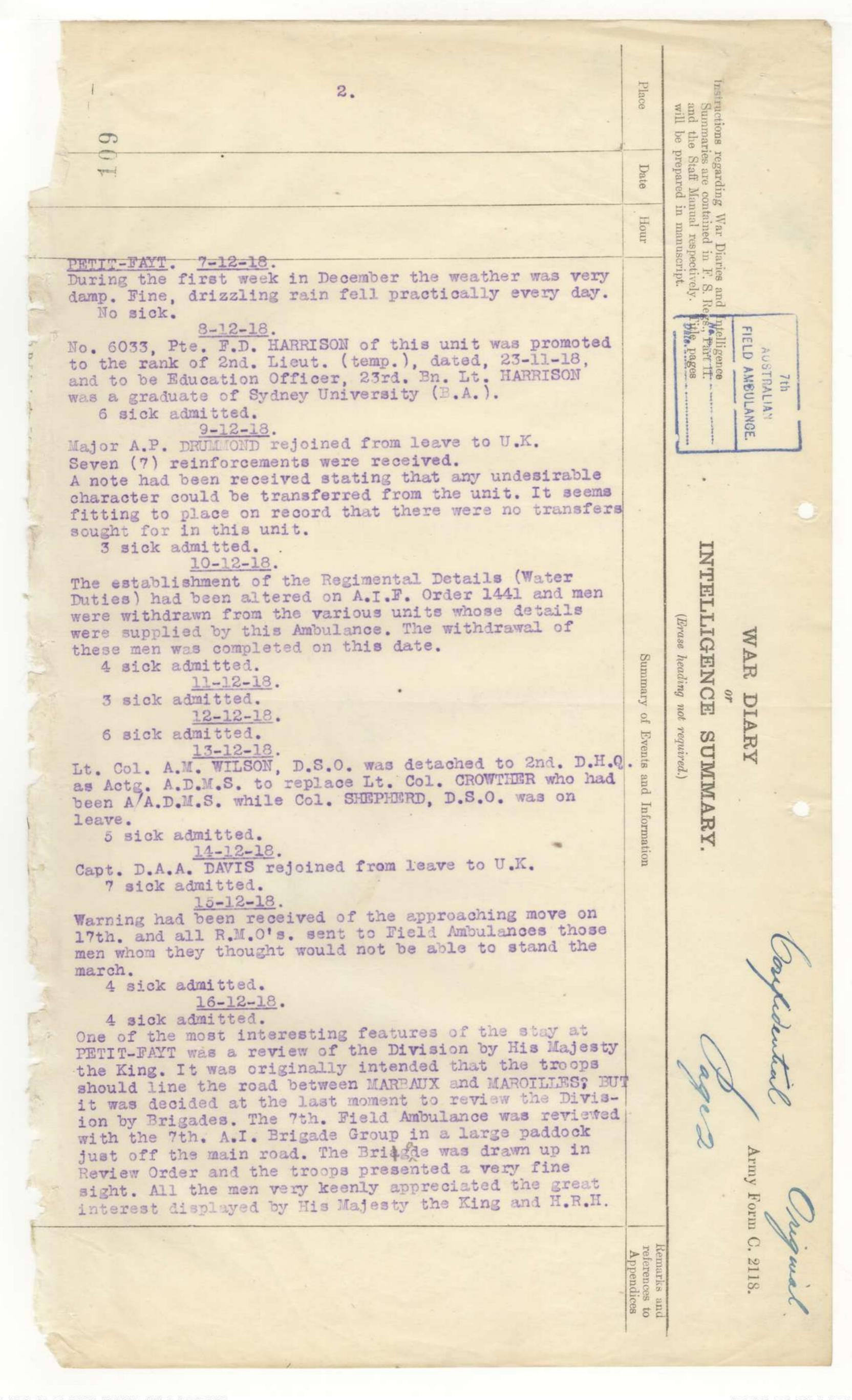
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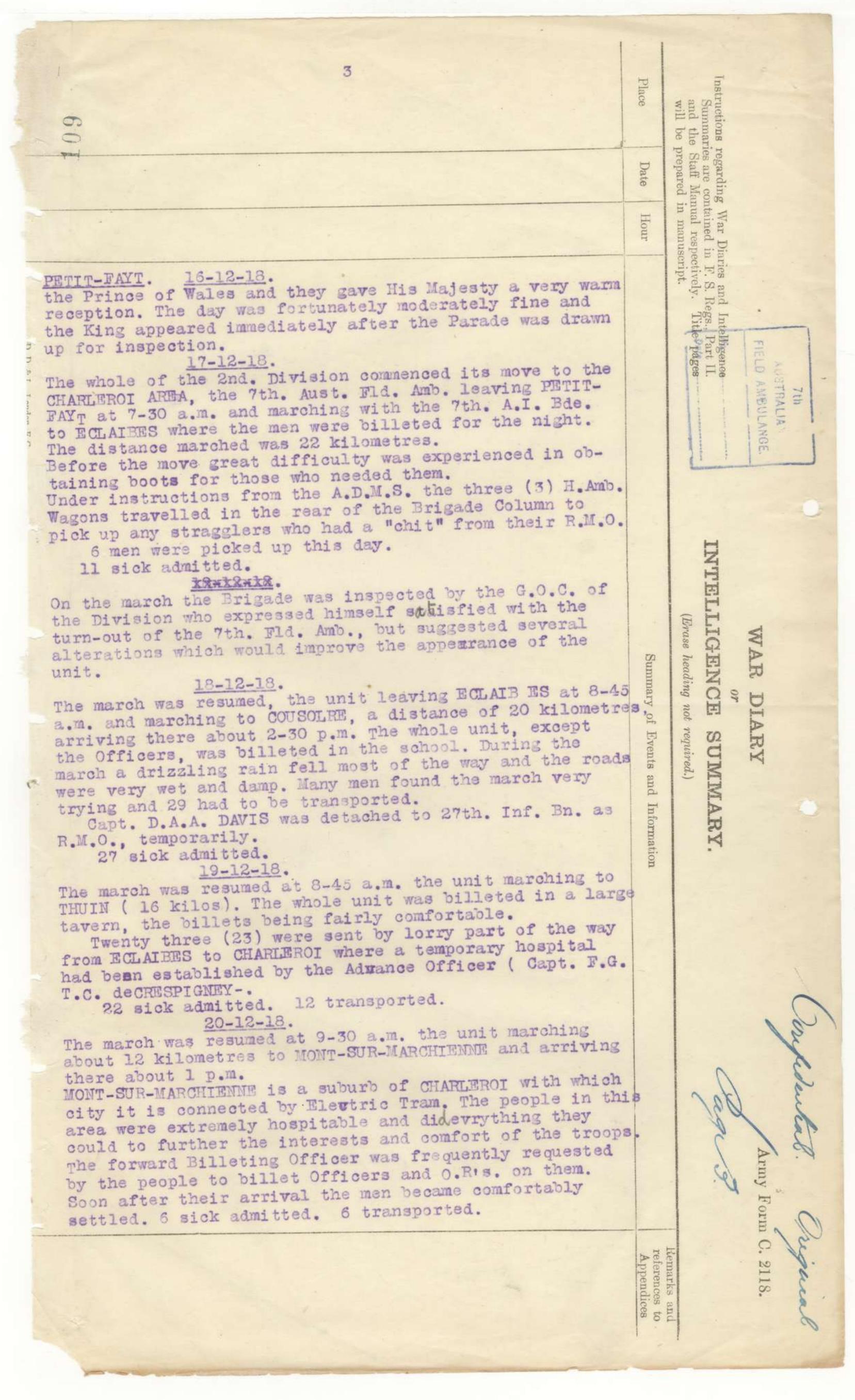
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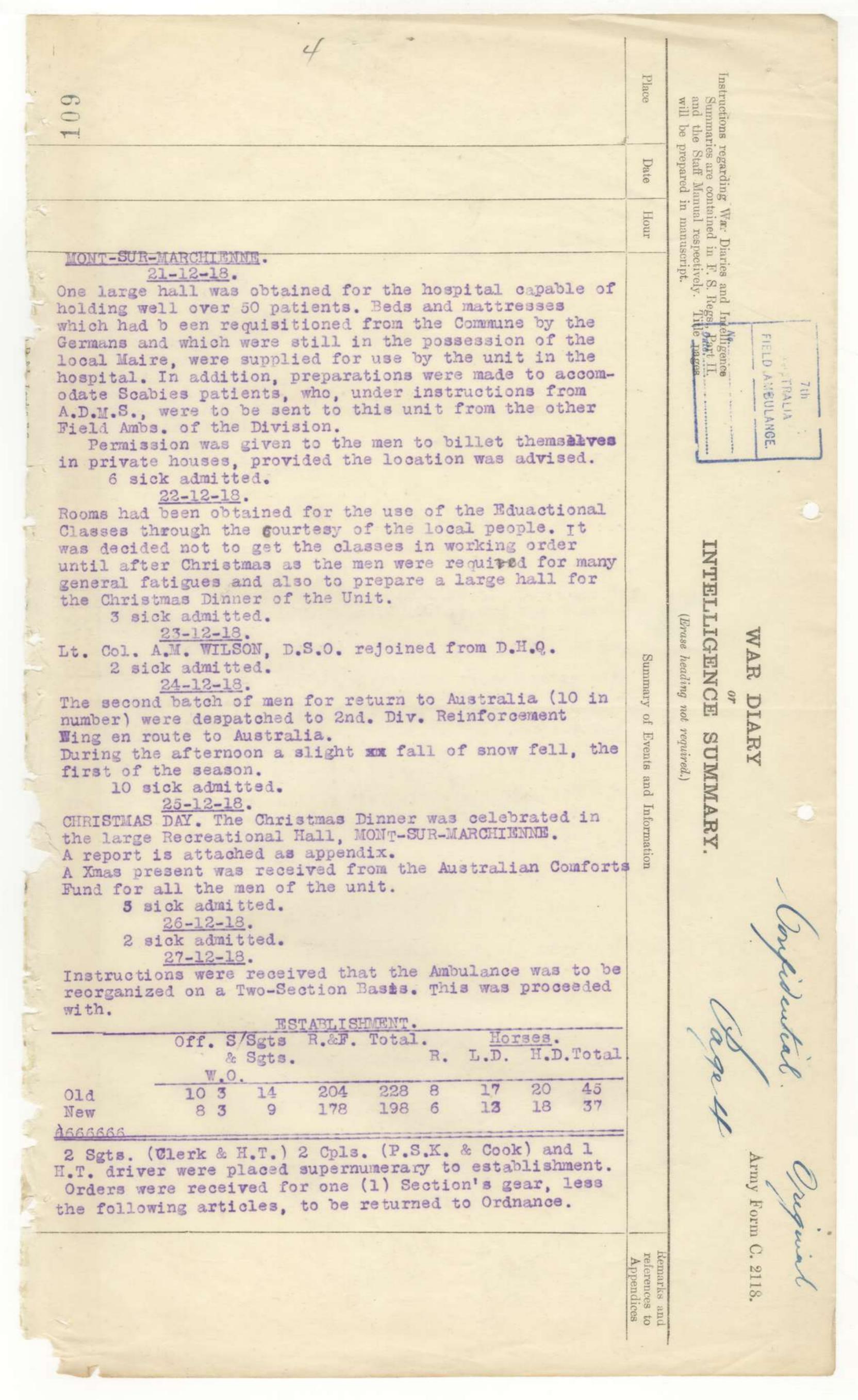


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MONTHLY REPORT ON HORSE TRANSPORT By C.S.M.

From the first to sixteenth of month we were in rest at PETIT-FAYT when opportunity was taken of getting the H.T. in first class order in anticipation of the movement forward.

On 17th, the transport moved off with the remainder of the unit to the CHARLEROI AREA. That day the G.O.C. of the Division inspected the H.T. as it was on the move and expressed himself as satisfied when several alterations were effected. These alterations were made.

The three horsed Ambulance Wagons moved in the rear of the 7th. A.I. Brigade Column to pick up any men who fell out on the march.

During the move the accomodation for both men and horses was very

satisfactory.

The transport arrived at its destination MONT-SUR-MARCHIENNE, on the cutskirts of CHARLEROI, about 1 p.m. on 20th. December and was billeted in the Steel Factory. All horses and wagons are under cover and the accomodation and facilities are good.

During the past ten days the transport has been re-organised into two Sections, "C" Section being cut out. Two G.S. Wagons of "C" Section, however, together with harness and equipment, remain with the Ambulance. We are at present awaiting orders for the disposal of the remainder of the horses, harness etc.

Under the new establishment the following horses will be disposed of .:-

Rides 2 L.D. 4 H.D. 2.

The present condition of all horses is excellent.

Teams are being supplied daily as required, the average being 4 teams per diem, viz., 2 G.S. Wagons and 2 Limbered Wagons.

(Signed) J.F. Hornbuckle, C.S.M. 7th. Australian Field Ambulance.

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Monthly Report by M.T. Sergeant .

During the month of December probably more annoying trouble has occurred with the running of the cars than during any previous month. Such can always be expected when any big move of units is taking place as it is hard to keep in continual touch with workshops and it is difficult for workshops to keep up the supply of spare parts. Probably the greatest difficulty for the period was experienced with tyres. For the first three weeks it was almost impossible to secure any replacements in this line, this necessitating the excessive running of the best shod cars. As a result we were unable to give the right attention to them. Things got so bad finally that the average punctures per day per car was about four. The roads have been in bad condition, which, doubtless, has ace counted for a deal of the trouble.

Sunbeam 44855 has run matisfactorily for the period, the only trouble experienced being slight magneto and the breaking of two springs. This car has covered for the period 1457 miles at an average petrol consumption of 12 Mls. P.G.

Sunbeam 29592 has been in shops for the last fortnight with a broken back axle. Prior to being sent to shops it had covered 823 miles at 11 M. P.G.

Sunbeam 29591 has also been in shops for ten days with a broken back axle. This car is now out and running. It covered for the period 918 miles at an average of 11 M. P.G.

Daimler 44006 has also spent half the period in workshops undergoing repairs of various natures. For the time it was running it covered 815 miles at 11 M. P.G.

Daimler 17485 has run splendidly for the whole time and no trouble has been experienced with this car. Its mileage is 1753 at an average of 11-5 M. P.G.

In the last week the two Fords have given considerable trouble, one of which is still in bad running order.

Ford 54827 has run 1228 miles at an average of 15 M. P.G. and Ford 54733, 1457 miles at an average of 16 M. P.G.

(Signed) R.E. DeGaris Sgt.
2nd. M.T. Coy., attached 7th. Australian Field Ambulance.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Report by Secreatary of Sports and Amusements Committee.

Punctually at one o'clock and under circumstances which provided a most enjoyable function, N.C.O's. and men of the Ambulance assembled in the Cafe Theatre to celebrate our first Christmas Day following the cessation of hostilities. Perhaps the knowledge that this would be the final dinner for such an anniversary away from our native land and that almost immediately ten of our comrades were returning to Australia, made the spirit of comradeship and goodwill befitting such an occasion.

The Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. A.M. Wilson, D.S.O., prior to the serving of dinner, briefly expressed his pleasure in wishing all a Merry Christmas and a speedy return to Australia. Pte. S.G.

Maxwell responded.

The menu consisted of the following: - Vegetable Soup, Salmon Mayonnaise, Stuffed Mutton, Cabbage and Mashed or Baked Potatées, Christmas Pudd ing (gift of Aust. Comforts Fund)& Custard, Fruit set in Jelly, Cake (Comforts), Beer, Rum Punch, Orangeade, Cigars & Cigarettes.

Pte. Metcalfe in an informal speech, toasted our ten comrades who occupied a special table on the stage of the Theatre. R.Q.M.S.

W.E. Dobson responded.

The Orchestra of the Society of Harmony very kindly rendered musical numbers throughout the Dinner, the English items in particular being much appreciated.

Our thanks are due to the N.C.O's. who took charge of the waiting and to those who had charge of the decorations which were quite a feature of the occasion.

Throughout all the preparations the Belgian civilians assisted

heartily.

Our Menu was considerably augumented by a special donation from the League of Loyal Women of South Australia who have always been very liberal.

Undoubtedly the assistance of those mentioned in the foregoing, along with the special efforts of a competent staff of cooks and enthusiastic committee, made a unique success of our Christmas Dinner of 1918.

(Signed) R.H.S. Dunn, Secretary Sports & Amusements Committee, 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb.