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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*14<sup>th</sup> Aust Field Ambulance*

FOR

*March* 191*8*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Yonge St. Kemmel.	1/3/18		C. O. 15 <sup>th</sup> Aust Field Ambulance arrived at 11. a. m with tent subdivisions & transport & took over M. D. S & transport lines. Remainder of 14 <sup>th</sup> Aust. F. Amb. then marched to Scabies	
DRANOUTRE		1 p.m.	Station at DRANOUTRE arriving at 1 p.m. Mr J. R. S. Beard M.C. took over this latter station at 9.15. a. m. from C. O. 15 <sup>th</sup> Aust F. Amb.	
DRANOUTRE	2/3/18		Took over 126 patients mostly scabies. Routine	
	3/3/18		Capt. E. Pittman returned from 54 <sup>th</sup> Bn & Capt. A. E. Willcox, A.A.P.C. arrived from Aust. Base and took over command of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Dental Unit	
	4/3/18		Routine	
	5/3/18		Routine	
	6/3/18		Routine	
	7/3/18		A lot of re-erecting has been done to render huts of patients & personnel bomb proof & duck walks have been improved. There is still a lot of work to be done in bombproofing huts	

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*J. R. S. Beard M.C.*  
1/3/18

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CO. 14<sup>th</sup> Aust F Amb.

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DRANOUTRE	8/3/18		Number of patients has increased to 152. Average number returned to duty daily 18, to C.C.S. 5.	
	9/3/18		Routine	
	10/3/18		Routine	
	11/3/18		Mr J. R. S. BEARD, M.C. left to take over command of 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust San. Section during absence of Capt Coppleson on leave. Mr C. Webb returned from leave in U.K. & Capt. F. FAY from Corps School for M.Os.	
	12/3/18		bases are now being evacuated to No 2 British C.C.S. & No 11 C.C.S. on alternate days.	
	13/3/18		Arrivals Lt Col C. W. Thompson M.C. for Commandant Aust Corps School for M.Os.	
	14/3/18		Orders received from A.D.M.S. to prepare to receive officers suitable for D.P.S. by 16 <sup>th</sup> inst. Revetting of huts being pushed on. Capt.	
	15/3/18		Fifty men employed revetting huts. Seven barrows and 37 shovels obtained on loan for same purpose. 3 limbers also employed.	

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In the field	16/3/18		Revetting progressing well.	
	17/3/18		Expanded metal and pickets salvaged in region of Spy Farm (Sheet 28 <del>W</del> N 29 a 6.7.). Revetting progressing favourably. Ward for reception of officers in readiness and one officer admitted. Revetting of horse lines now well in hand. This is being done by transport personnel and now after four days work the horse standings are protected in front and behind. I regard this work of great importance and hope in a few days to have personnel and horses in horse lines given as much protection as can be afforded to them. The work in the station is a big job but every available man is at work and it will be finished at earliest possible moment. I have seen to it that patients and personnel have been put off trestles and now sleep on the floor of huts.	
	18/3/18.		Revetting being pushed on. Annual Dinner Second Anniversary see App No 5.	

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C. W. Thompson Lieut Colonel  
C.O. 114<sup>th</sup> Aust F. Amb.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	19/3/18.		Angle iron & expanded metal for revetting being salvaged. Every available man revetting	
	20/3/18.		bits	
	21/3/18.		Revetting well in hand. Almost all bits for personnel & patients is now protected	
	22/3/18.		Major Beard & 20 D.R.s proceeded Hagurdome by sentry Camp (Shut 28 S 5 Central) to take over Camp & patients	
In the Field.	22/3/18.		Captain J. Shells commenced to fall in neighbourhood of Camp at 3.15 pm. Second shell killed Pte Mencher J of this unit. At 10 p.m. Adams ordered evacuation of this Seaside Station. 65 Seaside cases were sent by lorry to 1st A. C.C.S. and 46 general cases to lorry to 8 <sup>th</sup> Aust F. Amb (5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div D.R.s. Balance of patients and personnel removed to Comant. which is not being shelled	
			Pte Payne G.W. of this unit was wounded (perforating of chest) in Q.M. Store in which a shell fell.	

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In the Field	23/3/18.		Captain E. W. Freshen and balance of C Section sent to Bywater Camp to report of Major J. R. Beard M.C. O.C. C Section. A shell fell in transport lines today but weather saved prevented casualties among horses or personnel. The weather in Soalies Station was most unsafe in confining the trusty shells I am convinced that it saved many casualties. A small number of patients 35 can be accommodated in the Convent School. All quiet in vicinity of Convent. Leave to Egypt U.K. & Paris stopped.	
	24/3/18.		Day spent in preparation for a move to Somme area of which preliminary notice was issued today. Branches Dressing Station cleaned up & area stores checked & collected together.	
	25/4/18.		Evacuating 15 <sup>th</sup> Rde today & doing local parades. Preparations for moving completed & Operation Order <sup>102</sup> issued.	App No 1.

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C.W. Thompson Lt-Col  
CO. 14 Aust F. Amb.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	26/3/18.		Unit moved out from Branton School house at 10 am arrived Camp 39 G 21 C 6.7 near Reminghelst. Operation Order No 3 issued. Rear party at Branton handed over to 1st Aust F. Amb. C Section reported back to unit at 4.30 pm.	Appendix no 2. App no 2.
In the Field.	27/3/18.		Preparations for move to entraining station tonight. Transport marched out from (Sheet 28 G 21 C 6.7) for entraining station at HOUPOUTRE (Sheet 27 J 17 d -) at 10.45 pm. and arrived there at 11.40 pm. and commenced entraining of animals & vehicles.	
	28/3/18.		Personnel marched out at 12.15 am. and arrived at 1.15 am. Motor Transport marched out at 12.50 & arrived at 1.15 am. Tea was made in Soyers Stores and served to whole unit at 1.25 am. Wagons & horses entrained by 1.40 am. Entrainment of personnel began at 1.35 am and completed by 1.50.	
			Marching out State (Appendix No 3.	App no 3.



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C. W. Thompson Lieut Colonel  
CO. 141<sup>th</sup> Aust F. Amb.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	28/3/18.		<p>Capt E F PITTMAN O/C M. T. for move reported to me at entraining station that he had examined all huts in the Camp at G 21 C 6-7 and that there were no fires or lights there on his departure. He was last to leave the Camp. The train moved out at 2 am. and M. T. proceeded by road at same time. Arrived at detraining at 2.10 pm and detraining was complete at 2.40 pm. Hot dinner was served to all ranks, horses fed and watered and all packs stacked in station yard by instruction of detraining officer who arranged for them to be transported by motor lorry. Marched out of MONDICOURT (detraining station) at 4.10 pm. and arrived at LOUVENCOURT and entered billets at 7 p.m. Heavy rain and heavy roads for the march. One horse ambulance waggon was left behind near AUTHIE as horses were unable to pull it up the hill outside that village. 20 men fell out of the line of march. Tea was in readiness and served on arrival</p>	

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C. W. Thompson Lt Col  
CO. 14<sup>th</sup> F. Amb.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field.	28/3/18.		<p>Received at 7pm. (1) 14<sup>th</sup> Bde Order No 133 of 28/3/18                      (2) APM S D/29 of 28/3/18. Instructing this unit to collect sick &amp; wounded of 14<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde &amp; evacuate all cases to No 3 Canadian Stationary Hosp at DOULLENS for distribution to CPSC.</p> <p>M. T. Convoy under Capt E. E. Pitman arrived at Louvenhout at 1pm. Having taken 11 hours on the road and having had no casualties.</p> <p>At 9.30 pm. Cocoa &amp; milk was served and the men then went to bed with two blankets. Good fires had been burning in the billets and the men were dry warm and comfortable.</p> <p>The duties of QM and Transport Officer - Capt R. P. WHEELER during the move were splendidly carried out and call for special mention. He contributed very largely to the comfort of the whole unit.</p>	
	29/3/18.		<p>Wire from Bde read at 7.30 am stating that 14<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde was transferred to 3rd Army Reserve and that units must be ready</p>	

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C. W. Thapson Lieut Colonel  
CO. 14<sup>th</sup> Aust F. Amb.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			to move at one hours notice	
	29/3/18.		at 9.30 am. interviewed 14 <sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde Major re surplus baggage (114 stretchers, 200 blankets Dental Equipment). He advised me to leave it at Nucleus Camp of 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div at VAUCHELLES arrangements made accordingly.	
			at 10.30 am Capt J. STEWART reported for duty for 2 AGH and taken on the strength.	
			There was no cover available at Nucleus Camp of 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div for storage of surplus equipment therefore arranged to store it in the CHATEAU at VAUCHELLES and mounted a guard	
			Sent report to ADMS concerning move of this unit from DRANOUTRE to LOUVENCOURT in connection with catering	
			see Appendix No 4	App 104
	30/3/18.		3.30 pm received a visit from ADMS who inspected billets. Visited ADMS & Bde HQs but received no further instructions. weather wet Some shells fell in village last night but no	

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C. W. Thompson Lieut Colonel  
C.O. 14<sup>th</sup> 7 Amb.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	30/3/18.		Casualties occurred.	
	31/3/18.		Gas drill in forenoon. Parade in full marching order in the afternoon. DADOS called to see me at 5.45 pm. and instructed me to place the surplus baggage with DADOS 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div tomorrow morning. This surplus baggage consists of 114 stretchers 200 blankets, dental equipment. DADOS said dental equipment would go to ABBEVILLE & be stored in Red Cross Store. He is going to arrange that. The stretchers & blankets will be carried by DADOS and will be available when required.	
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4	Report on Catering of Unit during move
5	Account of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dinner

14<sup>th</sup> Aust Field Ambulance  
Operation Orders No 2.

By  
Lt-Col. C.W. Thompson, M.C.  
Commanding  
Field. 25/3/18

Ref. Sheet 28. 1/40,000.

1. The 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. F. Amb. less 'C' Sect will move by march route to Reminghelst, 26 March '18 at 10.0 a.m.
2. An Advance Party consisting of Capt Mc Glasban 1 N.C.O. 3 O.R.'s will proceed by Motor Ambulance to report at Area Commandant's Office, Reminghelst, to 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde, representative at 9.0 a.m. 26<sup>th</sup> inst. and will be allotted a camp and billets for this unit.
3. The Unit will take the following route: - from Dranoutre to Loere, to Hyde Park Corner (M. 17C 58.45) to (M. 17C 5.6) to (M. 5A 29.22) thence to billets.
4. Capt Mc Glasban will arrange for guides to meet the column at M. 5 A 29.22 and guide Sections and Transport to billets.
5. Full marching order, water bottles full, 1 blanket and ground sheet to be carried.
6. Horse Transport will move with the Unit.
7. Motor Transport will move independently under orders from the Q.M.
8. Sections will march separated by 100 yds and Horse Transport will march 100 yds behind the last Section.
9. Section Commanders and W.O. Transport will appoint a man to keep a lookout for hostile aircraft, which if sighted, the Sections will be halted, and take up a position on the side of the road.
10. The School buildings at present occupied will be emptied of all Area Stores which will be placed with the Area Stores in the Dranoutre Dressing Station.
11. Lists of Area stores at the Dressing Station will be made out by the Q.M. and handed into the Orderly Room for transmission to A.D.M.S. and Area Commandant.
12. A Guard of 1 N.C.O and 3 men will be left in charge of Dressing Station and equipment.
13. The foregoing does not apply to "C" Section at present detached for duty under D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps.

Distribution at 9.0 pm. 25/3/18.

A.D.M.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div. 2.

14 Aust. Inf. Bde 1.

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'C' Sect. 1.

C.W. Thompson, Lt-Col.

C.O. 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. F. Amb.

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14<sup>th</sup> Aust. Field AmbulanceOperation Order No 3

By

APPENDIX.

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Lt-Col C.W. Thompson. M.C.CommandingField 26:3:18

1. The 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. Field Ambulance will entrain at Hopoutre (Sheet 27 L17d) at 2.45 a.m. 28:3:18
2. The Unit will move out complete from present site at 10.45 p.m. 27:3:18
3. Full marching order, water bottles filled, unconsumed portion of ration, one blanket and ground sheet to be carried.
4. Same precautions against hostile aircraft and shelling will be taken as laid down in Operation Order No 2 of 25:3:18
5. The Unit will arrive at entraining point at 11.45 p.m. on 27:3:18. No troops or transport will enter the station yard till the R.T.O. is ready.
6. Marching out state complete showing no. of Officers, men, horses (H.D. or L.D), Wagons G.S., Wagon's Limb, G.S. 2 wheeled, other 4 wheeled. and bicycles will be sent to the R.T.O. not later than 11.45 p.m. 27:3:18.
7. Supply and baggage wagons will accompany the unit.
8. Entrainment of the unit must be completed by 2.15 a.m. 28/3/18 i.e. 1/2 hour before departure of train.
9. Breast ropes for horse trucks will be provided by this unit. Ropes for lashing vehicles on flat trucks will be provided by the railways.
10. Capt Mc Glasban and I.N.C.O. will act as billeting party and will take the bicycle and will travel by No. 1. Train which departs Hopoutre at 11.45 a.m. 27:3:18 and will report at the detraining station, to 14 B.H.Q. representative at the R.T.O. Office.
11. Mechanical Transport will move to the new area as soon as entrainment of this unit has been completed and will follow the route here under indicated: - Present site to Hopoutre (with unit) hence to MERVILLE - ST. VENANT - LILLERS - ST. POL - FREVENT - DOULLENS - MONDICOURT. At Mondicourt the M.T. will report to the detraining Officer at that station.
12. Distribution at 8.50 p.m. 26:3:18  
 A.D.M.S., 5<sup>th</sup> Aust Div. 1/2  
 14<sup>th</sup> B.H.Q. 3  
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C.W. Thompson.

Lt. Col

C.O. 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. F. Amb.



Marching Out State  
14<sup>th</sup> Aust. Fd Ambulance.

27:3:18.

Personnel			Horses			Vehicles.				
Off	O.R	Total	L.D.	H.D.	Total	Wgn G.S.	Lim G.S.	4 whd	2 whd	Cycles
9.	202.	211.	23.	21.	44.	7.	4	3	4	-

Total 18 Vehicles.

C.O. 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. F. Amb.  
Lt.-Col.



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29:3:18

55 Aust Div.

Report concerning move of this unit from Dranoutre to present site in connection with catering:-

Before leaving Dranoutre at 10.0 a.m., 26<sup>th</sup> inst, the Unit was supplied with usual breakfast. On arrival at C-21 C 6.7. hot tea, bread, butter and bully beef was waiting for the men when they marched into camp. At 4.30 p.m. hot stew, bread, butter, jam and tea were served.

On 27<sup>th</sup> inst the usual breakfast and midday meal were served. At 4.30 p.m. a hot meal consisting of stew, bread, butter, jam and tea was served.

That night the Transport moved out at 10.45 p.m. and arrived at Hopoutre (J. 17d) at 11.40 p.m.: the remainder of the unit marched out at 12.15 a.m. and arrived at Hopoutre at 1.15 a.m. Hot tea was waiting and served to complete unit a few minutes after arrival.

The personnel carried unconsumed portion of rations and rations for 28<sup>th</sup> on the march.

En route personnel had an opportunity of obtaining hot tea at Doullens at midday 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

On arrival at Mondicourt at 2.10 p.m. a hot meal was prepared and served before the unit marched out at 4.10 p.m. to present billets which were reached at 7.0 p.m. hot tea was in readiness and fires were lighted in the billets and every effort made to get the men dry.

Cocoa and milk was served at 9.0 p.m. The personnel was marched from Mondicourt to present billets without packs which were stacked in the station yard and transported by the Bde Motor lorries. The second blanket was issued shortly after arrival.

The move was entirely satisfactory: deframing and entraining arrangements were excellent and every assistance was given by the Brigade to ensure the comfort of the men.

I consider that the catering arrangements of this unit attained a high degree of excellence.

Ch. Thompson, Lt-Col.  
C.O. 14<sup>th</sup> Aust. F. Amb.

ACCOUNT OF 14th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER HELD "IN THE FIELD" ON 18th MARCH, 1918.

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The 14th Aust. Field Ambulance being in the line on 25/26th February, 1918 was unable to hold its anniversary celebration on that date, so Monday, 18.3.18. was chosen on which to hold it.

The unit was in charge of Scabies Station, DRANOUTRE, where room to provide seating accommodation for about 250 Officers and Other Ranks was provided. Only a few men were absent these being on leave.

Guests:- Colonel C.C. MANIFOLD, C.B., C.M.G., I.M.S. D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Colonel M.H. DOWNEY, D.S.O. A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
Lt. Col. K. SMITH, C.M.G., C.O. 15th Aust. Field Ambulance.  
Major J.A. JAMES, D.A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.  
Major A.R. CLAYTON, a/O.C. 8th Australian Field Ambulance.  
Major A.C.S. HOLLAND, 55th Australian Infantry Battalion.  
Captain H.M. LAITY, M.C. 5th Australian Divisional Train.  
Lieut. C.E.W. MOORE, 4th Aust. Inf. Battalion (late 14th Australian Field Ambulance).

Other officers included, Lt. Col. THOMPSON, M.C., C.O. 14th Aust. Field Ambulance, Major J.C.P. STRACHAN, Major C.H. WESLEY, Major J.R.S. BEARD, M.C., Captains, FINLAYSON, PITTMAN, FRECKER, FAY, WELLISCH, & Q.M. & Hon. Captain R.P. WHEELER, M.C., of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance. *also Capt. H. & Willcox C.O. 32nd Dental Unit*

The dining hall was beautifully decorated with bunting representing the Allied nations also Australian Wattle which put a finishing touch to the scenery. Acetylene lamps and Chinese lanterns provided the necessary lights, the chinese lanterns causing much amusement when they caught fire.

Dinner was served by patients who were very pleased to assist in giving their A.A.M.C. comrades a good time.

It is unnecessary to state what the dinner consisted of this being plainly shown on the menu. Those who participated will never forget for years to come the great success the dinner attained.

TOASTS. The toast to THE KING was proposed by Lt. Col. C.W. THOMPSON, M.C. after which Major J.R.S. BEARD, M.C. proposed a toast to the visitors, this was responded to by Colonel C.C. MANIFOLD, C.B., C.M.G., I.M.S., D.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS who thanked Major BEARD for his kind remarks and stated how exceedingly pleased he was at having been invited to the function. Col. MANIFOLD stated that he has noticed the good work done by the 14th Australian Field Amb. since it became part of the 1st ANZAC CORPS (now AUSTRALIAN CORPS) and touched on the various actions through which it had gone, viz. FROMELLES, BULLECOURT & YPRES.

Referring to the last two engagements the Colonel made special mention of the work undertaken by the Stretcher Bearers of the 14th Australian Field Ambulance and spoke in very eulogistic terms of the unit as a whole, he said with emphasis that the unit was the best in this Division and was next to none in the A.I.F. (Applause and loud cheering).

The percentage of casualties borne by this unit during the battle of YPRES the D.D.M.S. stated was higher than any other medical unit of the A.I.F. but he said it showed how bravely our men did their part in trying to save others though at great sacrifice to themselves.

Colonel MANIFOLD wished the unit every success in the future and said that he was sure each one would continue to do his duty as in the past.

Before concluding the Colonel referred to Major J.B. METCALFE, M.C. 14th Australian Field Ambulance who at the times of the YPRES battle was D.A.D.M.S. AUSTRALIAN CORPS and who was wounded with Colonel THOMPSON while visiting the Aid Posts forward of the A.D.S. at MENIN ROAD and said that he chose Major METCALFE as assistant not only for his ability but because he belonged to the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance. (Cheers).

Colonel MANIFOLD again expressed his delight at being one of the visitors and resumed his seat amid prolonged cheers and great applause.

Colonel M.H. DOWNEY, D.S.O. A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division next proposed the toast of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance.

The A.D.M.S. said that after Col. Manifold had made all those remarks it left very little for him to say, still he expressed his pleasure in being invited to the dinner. He was glad to see Lt. Col. Thompson back with us again and hoped that the unit would continue its good work as in the past. (Loud applause).

Reference was made to the Unit Fire Brigade who appeared a very efficient body and suggested that Major Strachan should take charge of it. (It may be mentioned that the Fire Brigade consisted of men who were extinguishing the chinese lanterns which took fire).

In replying to the toast of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance Col. Thompson referred briefly to the work of the Ambulance since its formation on 25/26th February, 1916 when the "C" Section from 1st and 2nd Aust. Field Ambulances were transferred from 1st Australian Division to TEL-el-KEBIR and there formed part of the 5th Australian Division which was about to be formed. The C.O. recalled the experiences of the Ambulance during its 3 days march from TEL-el-KEBIR to FERRY POST (SUEZ CANAL) also the good work carried out by the personnel since its arrival in France, July 1916. He also stated that he was pleased to see so many men in the Ambulance who had taken part in the GALLIPOLI Campaign. The unit he said had always done its best with pride and whatever may have to be done in the future the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance could be depended upon to do its share nobly and well. (Cheers).

W.O. HUTTON who proposed the Toast to Absent Friends brought back to us the deeds of those who had fallen in battle, those who became victims of some disease or sickness, other who had joined other units, those on leave and those who had returned to Australia. Of the casualties sustained by the unit at YPRES, 11 were killed, 4 Died of Wounds & 70 were wounded including 6 Officers and altogether he estimated that about 1000 men had passed through the Unit at various times and stated that the good qualities now held by men of the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance were undoubtedly due to those who were lost to us, but who set such splendid examples. We have lost some fine types of men who we could ill afford to lose, yet he said there is still the right "stuff" in the unit and as long as we follow the example set by those we have lost we will have nothing to fear. (Cheers and Applause).

Capt. R.P. WHEELER, M.C. and Lt. C.E.W. MOORE were called upon to give a speech after which the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance concert party rendered various selections which were greatly appreciated by all.

The evening then concluded with cheers for the D.D.M.S., A.D.M.S. C.O., Q.M. and Cooks after which all joined in in singing the National Anthem.



The Commanding Officer, Officers, NCOs and Men,  
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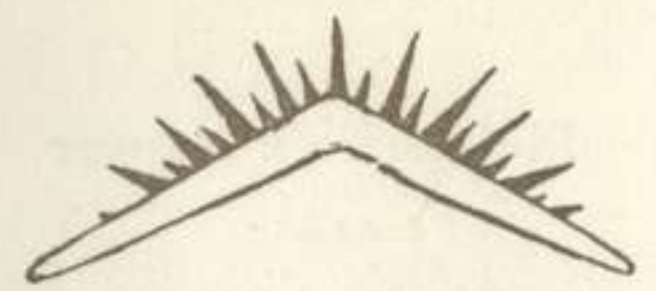
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COMPANY AT THEIR  
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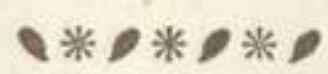
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Commanding  
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Lieutenant-Colonel  
C. W. THOMPSON M. C.

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IN THE FIELD

18 MARCH 1918.

TOASTS.

THE KING

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14 Aust. Field Ambulance

Absent Friends

Hazebrouck. — Imp. Steven.

SPYSKAARTJE

Soeppe  
Tomatten

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Visch  
Platvisch en Kapper

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Hierbygevoegde  
Gebraad Vleesch Schapengatjes

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Groensels  
Pataten Rataouille  
Bloemkolen en Suikerboonen

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Brusselsche Kiekentjes  
ya Salaad

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Zoetjekens  
Bodding het schnik

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Gemingeld Jelap

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Sezoen vruchten

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Notjes en Shoetebollen

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Koffee Genever Druppeltjes  
Klamotten

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Stinkstoks en Stinkpapierekes

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PROGRAMME

BY

"The BILL JIMS"

CONCERT PARTY

OF THE

14 Aust. F. Amb.

MEMBERS

S/Sgt DAVIES

Sgt. Mc. CULLOUGH

L. Cpl. ROBINSON

L. Cpl. TITCHER

Pte. DRAKE

» HYNES

» HAWORTH

» CRAIG

» ROBINSON

» SWAN

» HARRIS

FRYER (Pianist)

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GENERAL COMMITTEE :

Major BEARD, M.C., Capt. WHEELER, M.C.,  
W.O. HUTTON, Q.M.S. PRICE, Sergt. SHEPHERD.

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