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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*10<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance.*

FOR

*February* 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

*Robert Webb* Captain

C.O. 10th Field Amb. A.I.F.

Signature of Officer Commanding

*[Signature]*

Lt-Col  
C.O. 10th Field Amb. A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PONT d'ACHELLES B.8 b 2.5	(36) 1/2/18.	21.00	Nothing to report.	
<i>Knows</i>	2/2/18	21.00	During the month of January, the number of cases evacuated through this Unit was P.U.O. 101; Trench Fever 1; Scabies 84, mostly from 9th Brigade. Corporal H. A. CURRINGTON transferred to No. 1 A.G.H., ROUEN. 4 men proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom to-day.	
<i>Knows</i>	3/2/18	22.00	Hostile 'planes bombing in the vicinity at 2 a.m.	
<i>Knows</i>	4/2/18.	21.00	Preliminary Medical Board held at M.D.S. for men of Division recommended by R.M.O's. for review by <del>XXXXXXXX</del> A/A.D.M.S. (Lieut. Col. CHAMBERS.)	
<i>Knows</i>	5/2/18	22.00	Nothing of importance to note. 4 O.R. proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom to-day.	
<i>Knows</i>	6/2/18	21.00	6 Casualties admitted to M.D.S.	
<i>Knows</i>	7/2/18	22.00	19 O.R. returned from Working Party at R.E. Dump, STEENWERCK, where they had been engaged on tree felling and unloading trucks since December last. Major C. N. SMITH rejoined Unit from the Corps Medical Officers' School. Captain J. S. REED, who had been acting as R.M.O. 35th Bn., A.I.F., returned to Unit to-day.	
<i>Knows</i>	8/2/18	21.00	Driving rain all the morning. Nothing of interest to record. 4 O.R. proceeded on 14 days leave to the United Kingdom to-day.	
<i>Knows</i>	9/2/18	22.00	Captain P. COCKBURN proceeded to 3rd D.A.C. as Acting R.M.O. as from 8th instant.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PONT d'ACHELLES B 8 b 2.5 (36)	10/2/18	11 p.m.	Board of Enquiry, consisting of Lieut. Col. G. W. MACARTNEY and Major C. N. SMITH, enquired into the running of the Unit Canteen during January. Captain J. S. REED <del>PROE</del> proceeded to Course at Corps Medical Officers' School. In preparation of raid "A" Section Bearer Subdivision held in reserve.	
		10 p.m.	Successful raid on our Sector. Casualties admitted to M.D.S. from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. by Captain R.M.W. WEBSTER, M.C. totalled 3 Officers and 25 O.R. (1 O.R. died at M.D.S.) mostly not severe. 8 wounded German prisoners were also admitted. Cases came down from A.D.S. in good condition. 4 M.A.C. ambulances attached for evacuation of the wounded. Medical Board consisting of Lieut. Col. G. W. MACARTNEY and Major F. T. WHEATLAND was held at M.D.S. to examine and report upon men of the Division recommended by R.M.O's. for review by A/A.D.M.S. 4 other ranks proceeded on 14 days leave to the United Kingdom. Captain R. G. McPHEE and Captain J. G. GLASSFORD, M.C. returned from PARIS leave. "A" Bearer Subdivision, which was held in reserve for raid, was not required.	Appendix 1 " 2
	12/2/18	11 p.m.	T/Cpl. BAKER and 3 O.R. (A.A.M.C. Details attached 37th Bn., A.I.F. returned to Ambulance in accordance with Army Orders. No. 1596 Cpl. FLYNN, V. M. marched in from No. 1 A.G.H. vice No. 989 Cpl. CURRINGTON, H.A.	
	13/2/18	10 p.m.	No. 993 Cpl. KELLY, E.C. transferred from 9th Australian Field Ambulance, Acting Sergeant WOOD, C.P. was thus prevented from obtaining substantive rank of Wagon Orderly Corporal.	
	14/2/18	11 p.m.	Captain R. G. McPHEE was detailed as Acting R.M.O. 35th Bn., A.I.F. for 2 weeks from date. No. 12449, Cpl. BROWN, A.J. proceeded to Course at Australian Veterinary Hospital, CALAIS. 4 O.R. proceeded on 14 days leave to the United Kingdom. 4 O.R. (A.A.M.C. Details attached 39th Bn., A.I.F.) and 2 O.R. (A.A.M.C. Details attached 40th Bn., A.I.F.) returned to Ambulance in accordance with Army Orders. Postponed Unit Christmas Dinner was held at 6.30 p.m.	
	15/2/18	11 p.m.	2 O.R. (A.A.M.C. Details attached 10th Machine Gun Co.) and 2 O.R. (A.A.M.C. Details attached 38th Bn., A.I.F.) rejoined Unit in accordance with Army Orders.	
	16/2/18	10 pm	Very cold morning. Ice on pools. Major C. N. SMITH and 2 O.R. proceeded on 6 days special PARIS leave. Increased hostile ar tillery fire on back areas. Meeting of Fourth Army Medical Society at MENDINGHEM. Captain G. B. CHAVASSE, M.C., R.A.M.C.	

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PONT D'ACHELLES B 8 b 2.5	15/2/18 (Contd.)		read a paper on "Myalgia" and "P.U.O.". Motor Ambulance conveyed several Officers to the Meeting returning at 6.45 p.m.	
<i>Ruys</i>	15/2/18			
<i>Ruys</i>	17/2/18	11pm.	Fine sunny day after extremely cold morning. Increased aerial activity. E.A. bomb dropping on adjacent back areas after 6 p.m. 4 O.R. proceeded to England on leave.	
<i>Ruys</i>	18/2/18	10pm	Cold morning followed by sunny day. Grant of 7 extra vacancies for leave to United Kingdom this week.	
<i>Ruys</i>	19/2/18	11pm	Cold morning. Water frozen. Sunshine throughout day. No wind. L/Cpl. BODINGTON admitted to Hospital. Pte. SWIFT returned from Australian Corps Cookery School after 3 weeks Course. Instructor reported favorably on progress made during the Course.	
<i>Ruys</i>	20/2/18	10pm	Cold dull morning, raining afternoon and night. 4 O.R. proceeded on 14 days leave to the United Kingdom.	
<i>Ruys</i>	21/2/18	11pm	Cool morning. Sunshine. 3 O.R. on leave to England.	
<i>Ruys</i>	22/2/18	10 pm	Cold windy day. Hospital fully occupied. D.R.S. WESTHOF closed against more cases, two (2) car loads of sitting cases had to be sent to C.R.S., OUTERSTEENE.	
<i>Ruys</i>	23/2/18	11 pm	Dull morning. 5 men proceeded on 14 days leave to the United Kingdom.	
<i>Ruys</i>	24/2/18	9 pm.	Bright day. Drying wind. Major C. N. SMITH and Ptes. EDE and WOFF returned from 6 days special PARIS leave. Captain P. COCKBURN rejoined Unit from detachment at 3rd D.A.C. as Acting R.M.O. "Foden" disinfectant not working to-day.	
<i>Ruys</i>	25/2/18	10 pm	Raining all the morning. Boisterous wind. 24 Stretchers supplied to the 9th Brigade Raiding Party at KORTEPYP. Medical Board of cases for review by A.D.M.S. of such as are considered unfit.	
<i>Ruys</i>	26/2/18	11pm.	Cold boisterous windy day. 6 Wounded cases admitted during the night. No. 12449 Cpl. BROWN, A.J. rejoined from Course at Australian Veterinary School, CALAIS.	

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PONT D'ACHELLES	B 8 b 2.5	(36)	26/2/18.	Four (4) men proceeded on 14 days leave to England.	
			27/2/18.		
		9pm.		Mild day. Captain J. C. GLASSFORD, M.C., to act as R.M.O. 3rd Divisional Engineers vice Captain J. W. YOUNG, evacuated sick. No. 12400 Cpl. SHEPHERD, P?G. transferred to 11th Australian Field Ambulance to-day.	
			28/2/18.		
		10 pm		Fine Day. Muster parades of "B" and "C" Sections.	
----- "FODEN" THRESH DISINFECTOR. -----					
The above disinfecter has been working constantly on blankets of personnel and patients of M.D.S. and Divisional Units. Average number of blankets disinfected daily ..800.approx.					
SANITATION -----					
The sanitation of the Camp is <del>very</del> good. All excreta burnt in the incinerator which has been rebuilt by the personnel of the Ambulance. Drainage, owing to the flat ground in the rear of Camp, is not satisfactory.					
BATH ROOM -----					
Bath room with hot showers and a supply of clean underclothing from the La CRECHE Laundry has been made full use of. Average number of personnel and patients bathed daily ..28...					
PIERROT TROUPE. -----					
The Pierrot Troupe consisting of 10 of the personnel of the Ambulance, under the supervision of Major F. T. WHEATLAND, has been improving weekly, and has given 19 performances					

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			<p style="text-align: center;">PIERROT TROUPE (Continued)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>These, together with occasional Fancy Dress Balls (2 during this month), have helped to maintain the spirit and morale of the Unit. Concerts have been held at Y.M.C.A. Huts at KORTEPYP and ROMARIN for the entertainment of the 9th and 10th Infantry Brigades, and also at the Unit Recreation Hut for the personnel and patients.</p> <p>The adjacent Football Ground has been frequently used by the personnel for matches.</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>J. MacCarthy</i> Lt-Col C.O. 10th Field Amb. A.I.F.</p>	

*K. Mayo*

# WAR DIARY

OF

10<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance

FOR

February 1918.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject.  |
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| 2.  | Scheme of evacuation of sick & wounded from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Divisional front.                               |
| 3.  | Return of sick & wounded admitted to main Dressing Station 29. 1. 18 to 28/2/18.                                  |
| 4.  | Quartermaster's Report for month of February, 1918.   |
| 5.  | Report on Transport (Mechanical & Horse) for month of February, 1918.   |
| 6.  | General Appendix by Lieut. Col. G. W. Macartney, C.O.   |

*G. W. Macartney*  
 Lt-Col  
 C.O. 10th Field Amb. A.I.F.



SECRET.

Copy No. 17

10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
21st February 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER NO. 92.Reference Maps:- Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000  
" 36 N.W. 1/20,000.1. TRAIN FOR RELIEF.

Arrangements are being made for trains to bring troops back to COMBAUGHT and ROMARIN Sidings on 24th inst., and night 25/26th inst. See Appendix "A" attached. Each Battalion will detail an entraining Officer and every precaution must be taken to avoid congestion both at entraining and detraining points.

2. TRANSPORT LINES.

On completion of relief Transport Lines will be located as follows:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Unit relieved.</u>
Brigade Hqrs.	T. 20. c. 5. 0.	9th Brigade Hqrs.
37th Battalion.	T. 26. c. 5. 1.	36th Battalion.
38th "	T. 27. a. 1. 5.	35th Battalion.
39th "	T. 27. a. 1. 5.	33rd Battalion.
40th "	B. 3. d. 2. 9.	Remain as at present.
	(VICKERS Lines and Camp.)	
10th M. Gun Coy.	T. 20. central.	9th M. Gun Coy.

Details of relief to be arranged mutually between Transport Officers concerned.

The hand-carts of T.M. Battery which are at present stored at 37th Battalion Transport Lines, will be taken over by Transport Officer, 40th Battalion, before 6 p.m. on 23rd instant, and retained by him until 12 noon on 25th inst., when the O.C. 10th L.T.M. Battery will arrange to take them over.

3. RESERVE RATION DUMPS.

"A" and "B" Battalions will ensure that receipts are obtained for Reserve Ration Dumps in their respective areas.

4. GUM BOOTS.

On no account will Gum boots be handed over in the line, they must be returned to Brigade Gum Boot Store and receipts obtained.

"C" and "D" Battalions must return all boots on charge to them to the Store before 9 a.m. on 24th inst.

"A" and "B" Battalions should return as many as possible before 6 p.m. 25th inst., this especially applies to Reserve Companies of these Battalions.

Other Units must return all boots to the Store before midnight 25/26th inst.

5. GUM BOOTS IN RESERVE AREA.

The Units of 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade have a certain number of Gum boots to hand over. Arrangements have been made for each of their Battalions to have these collected at their Quartermaster's Store.

When taking these over Units will detail a responsible Officer to check them and pass receipts - on no account will cut down Gum boots be taken over.

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6. SUPPLIES

On 24th instant supplies will not be drawn from Refilling Point by Units. Quartermasters will arrange accordingly. On 25th instant they will be drawn as usual from same Refilling Point.

7. BAGGAGE WAGONS.

Quarter-Masters will arrange direct with O.C. 868th Coy, if baggage wagons are required.

8. BATHS.

An allotment at PALLER BATHS in new area will be notified later.

9. MEDICAL.

The 11th Field Ambulance is located at WESTHOFF FARM T.19, b.4.5.

10. BILLETS.

The 37th and 38th Battalions, 10th Machine Gun Company, and Light Trench Mortar Battery will ensure that their billets are handed over in a clean and sanitary condition, and a certificate to this effect must be obtained from the Area Commandant of the incoming Unit.

This also applies to Transport Lines of all Units.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Geo. H. Rowther*  
 Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION.

Same as Brigade Order No.92.

APPENDIX "A"

Time Table of Trains for Relief.

Date.	Unit.	Number.	Time of Departure.	Entrain.	Detrain.	Remarks.
24-2-1918.	38th Battalion	600	6 p.m.	HYE PARK CORNER.	CONNAUGHT SIDING.	
Do.	37th Battalion.	600	7 p.m.	HYE PARK CORNER.	CONNAUGHT SIDING.	
Night 25/26-2-18.	40th Battalion. 10th T.M. Batty.)	600	10 p.m.	HYE PARK CORNER.	ROMARIN SIDING.	
Do.	39th Battalion. 10th M. Gun Coy.)	600	11 p.m.	RACINE DULP.	CONNAUGHT SIDING.	

Brigade Headquarters.  
21st February 1918.

*Geo. H. ...*  
Captain.  
Staff Captain.  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade...

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*Wardley*

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SECRET

Headquarters,  
11th. February, 1918.

Amendments to Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded  
from 3rd. Australian Divisional Front (issued under  
M.1/4/14 dated 26/1/1918.

CASUALTY CLEARING STATIONS.

Delete "By evacuation to No.2 A.C.C.S."  
and substitute :-  
"By evacuation to No.2 A.C.C.S., No.2 C.C.S. and  
No.53 C.C.S. receiving in rotation, commencing as from  
11-2-1918."

EAR, NOSE, and THROAT CASES.

All such cases will be sent to M.D.S. POINT d'ACHELLES,  
(10th. Aust. Field Ambulance), by 2 p.m. each Thursday.  
Officer Commanding 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance will advise  
A.D.M.S. Office by 6 p.m. Thursday the number of cases,  
when appointment will be made for treatment or consultation  
at the special Centre at No.47 C.C.S., DOZINGH M.

S.L. INJURIES.

All such cases will be transferred at once through a Field  
Ambulance to No. 3 Australian C.C.S.

REST AREA.

All evacuations from the Division in LUMBERS Area will be to  
the New Zealand Stationary Hospital, WISQUEM.  
Medical Stores will be drawn from Advanced Depot Medical  
Stores, ST OLLER.

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COLONEL  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

Distribution :-  
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS  
27th February, 1918

Amendment to Scheme of Evacuation of Sick and Wounded from  
3rd Aust. Divisional Front (issued under M1/a/14 dated 26/1/1918.).

DENTAL UNITS. located as follows :-

- No.45 Dental Unit att. 9th Aust. Fld. Amb. - (B.16.c.90.70.)
- No.56 do. " 10th do. - (B.8.b.2.5.)
- No.46 do. " 11th do. - (T.19.b.4.5.)

All Dental Cases to be sent to the nearest Dental Unit.

Distribution :-

*Wilfred Vickery* Major, for  
COLONEL,  
A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division.

To all recipients of M1/a/14 dated 26/1/1918.

*War diary*  
S E C R E TTHIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONCopy No. *11*.....Headquarters,  
27th. February, 1918.SCHEME FOR EVACUATION OF WOUNDED DURING - "SPECIAL ENTERPRISE"Map Ref. Sheets 36 N.W. and 28 S.W. 1/20,000.( File No. M.1/2/2. )

1. On "Z" Day at an hour to be arranged the 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will carry out a RAID on the enemy's trenches.
2. Existing Medical Arrangements as outlined in this Office Nos. M.1/4/14 and subsequent amendments and A.A.M.C. Operation Order No. 31 dated 15/2/1918, will hold.
3. In addition :-
  - (1). A new Regimental Aid Post will be constructed at U.17.d.32.90. Cases from this point will be carried to the nearest point of Trench Tramway, thence to junction of tramline and road at U.19.b.2.5. via DEAD HORSE CORNER, Relay Post ( U.21.a.3.9. ) - thence by Motor Ambulance to UNDERMILL FARM, (T.18.d.5.3.)
  - (2). Officer Commanding 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance will detail three Talbot Motor Ambulances to report to Officer Commanding 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance at a time to be arranged between Officers Commanding concerned.
  - (3). Officers Commanding 10th. and 11th. Aust. Field Ambulances will each arrange to have oneBearer Sub-division in readiness to report to Officer Commanding 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance at a time to be arranged between Officers Commanding concerned.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.*Acknowledged**27/2/18**A. D. H. S.*  
COLONEL.  
A.D.H.S. Third Australian Division.

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- 6 C. R. E.
- 7 9th. Aust. Infantry Brigade,
- 8 10th " " " "
- 9 11th " " " "
- 10 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 11 10th do
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- 13 3rd. Aust. Div. Signal Coy.
- 14 R. M. O. 33rd. Battalion.
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- 22 )
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SCHEME OF EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED FROM THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION FRONT.

( Map Ref. Sheets 36 N.W. and 28 S.W. )

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LEFT BRIGADE		RIGHT BRIGADE	
Left Battalion.	Right Battalion	Left Battalion	Right Battalion.
From GREY FARM R.A.P. U.10.a.4.4. along the boards track to MISSISSIPPI ROAD by hand carriage - thence by wheeled stretchers to T.14.a.6.8. where cases are met by motor ambulances & conveyed to A.D.S. UNDERHILL FARM T.18.d.5.3., thence to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.	From CRATER R.A.P. U.15.d.9.6 by trolley to HYDE PARK CORNER Relay Post U.19.b.5.7., thence by motor ambulance to UNDERHILL FARM A.D.S. T.18.d.5.3., thence to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.	From BURNT OUT FARM R.A.P. U.27.b.9.5. by wheeled stretcher or trolley to A.D.S. BREWERY C.1.d.4.5. thence to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.	From R.A.P. SORLEY FARM C.9.d.4.4. via trenches to MOTOR CORNER Relay Post C.8.c.9.0. thence by motor ambulance to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES B.8.b.2.5.

Appendix No 2

From M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES (B.8.b.2.5.) Sick and Wounded will be disposed of as under :-

(DISTRIBUTION :-

- (1). By evacuation to No.2 C.C.S.
- (2). By transfer of Light Cases to Divisional Rest Station WESTHOF (T.19.b.4.5.)
- (3). Gas Treatment Centre will be located at M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES (B.8.b.2.5.)
- (4). REACTION CASES to be sent to D.R.S. WESTHOF on Fridays before 3 p.m. for transfer to No. 50 C.C.S. the following day to arrive there not later than 9:30 a.m., not more than 15 cases to be sent to C.C.S. on any one day unless by arrangements made through this Office.
- (5). all Scabies Cases to be sent to D.R.S. WESTHOF.
- (6). Infectious Cases to be sent to No.7 General Hospital.
- (7). DYSENTERY CASES to be sent to Special Hospital at U.10.RDOCRNE (near Bailleul).
- (8). DENTAL CASES. all dental cases to be sent to the nearest Dental Unit  
Dental Units are situated as follows :-

All R.M.O's.  
All recipients of A.A.M.C. Operation Order No.30.

No.45 Dental Unit, att.9th.Fld.Amb. - (T.19.b.4.5.)  
No.56 " " att.10th. do. - (B.8.b.2.5.)  
No.46 " " att.11th. do. - (B.16.c.8.8.)

- (9). MEDICAL BOARDS will be held at M.D.S. PONT d'ACHILLES every Monday at 2:30 p.m. commencing on 4/2/1918.
- (10). Officer Commanding 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance will arrange to clear sick from 9th.Aust.Inf.Bde. as from 27/1/1918.

*William Vickers Major*  
Lt Col.  
A.A.D.M.S. 3rd. Aust. Divn.

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Appendix No. 3.

10th. AUST. FIELD AMBULANCE.

SICK & WOUNDED ADMITTED TO M.D.S. JAN. 29 to FEB. 28th.

		<u>10th. F. Ambulance.</u>	<u>SICK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>Febrile &amp; Other causes.</u>		<u>WOUNDED.</u>
Jan.	29/30	1	55	3
	30/31		48	2
	31/ 1 Feb.		38	4
Feb.	1/2		26	2
	2/3		40	8
	3/4	1	26	5
	4/5		37	5
	5/6	1	36	4
	6/7		31	9
	7/8		38	1
	8/9		54	4
	9/10	1	41	-
	10/11	1	44	453 (8 P. of W.)
	11/12	1	40	1
	12/13		35	6
	13/14	1	26	-
	14/15		38	6
	15/16		40	7
	16/17		36	9
	17/18	1	33	3
	18/19		25	4
	19/20	1	36	11
	20/21		51	1
	21/22	1	51	8
	22/23	1	42	8
	23/24		39	1
	24/25		39	8
	25/26		40	-
	26/27		38	7
	27/28		32	2
Jan.	28/1 Mar. 6am	1	45	2
GRAND TOTAL.		9	1200	184
AVERAGE.			39	6

10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

From the Quartermaster

To the C.O.  
10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

Herewith report of the working of the Quartermaster's Department of the Unit, under their separate headings, during the month of FEBRUARY, 1918.

#### RATIONS.

The number of patients, personnel and attached men subsisted during the month, counting each person, daily, was as follows :-

Patients	.....	3,407.
Personnel	.....	6,127.
Attached	.....	672.

The issue of rations from the Army Service Corps during the month was very good, there being no marked shortage in any article of foodstuffs, with the exception of vegetables in the first 10 or 12 days. From that time onwards, the vegetables ration was very good.

#### MEDICAL COMFORTS.

All requisitions from R.M.O's. of Battalions in the line for Medical Comforts were fulfilled, and the rations of the patients subsisted in Hospital, was materially added to from this source of supply. The following shows an average daily menu as provided to patients who were able to attend the Dining Hall :-

BREAKFAST	....	Porridge. Rissoles or Bacon. Bread and Magarine, Tea.
DINNER.	....	Stew or Roast Beef. Potatoes, Carrots or Onions. Rice Custard or Plum Pudding. Tea, Bread.
TEA.	....	Curry, Bread, Jam, Tea.
SUPPER	....	Cocoa and Biscuits.

#### CLOTHING.

Two hundred and thirty eight (238) articles of clothing were returned to D.A.D.O.S. as being unserviceable and 48 Leather Jerkins, 41 Waistcoats, Cardigan, and 6 Tents, Circular, in excess of requirements, were also returned during the month.

The issues to personnel during the month were as follows :-

Breeches, M.S.	.....	22
Jackets, S.D.	.....	12
Puttees, S.D.	.....	73.
Boots, ankle	.....	22
Hats, S.D.C.P.	.....	3
Braces	.....	10
Patches, colour	.....	150.

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SALVAGE.

During the month 458 articles were returned to the Divisional Salvage Dump. The more important of which items were as follows :-

Box Respirators	.....	21
Helmets, P.H.	.....	35
Bottles, Water	.....	20
Haversacks	.....	18
Helmets, steel	.....	83
Boots, ankle	.....	54
Rifles	.....	7
Stretchers, Ambulance	.....	10
Blankets, G.S.	.....	37

In addition to this number, the following articles were salvaged and, as they were in a serviceable condition, they were laundered and put into the stock at the Baths attached to the Unit :-

Vests	.....	56
Drawers	.....	60
Shirts	.....	72
Socks.	.....	90 pairs.

The Fat and Dripping account for the month shows that the Unit sent to Railhead 531 lbs.

293 lbs. of Paper and 51 lbs. of Cardboard were also sent to the Railhead during the month.

RED CROSS.

A fair amount of articles such as Games, Papers, Periodicals, and minor articles of clothing, viz:- Pyjamas, Hdkfs. etc., were received from the Red Cross Stores, and issued to the patients. The personnel also benefitted from this source to the extent of :-

Cigarettes	.....	4,000
Cocoa	.....	1 case.
Jam	.....	2 cases.
Sweets	.....	1 case.
Footbals, Aust.	.....	2.

BOOTMAKER.

The number of repairs done by Regimental bootmaker during the month of February was 112 pairs.

CARPENTERS' SHOP.

Numerous minor repairs to the Station, such as fixing of Stoves, Strengthening of Duckboards, and general repairs to Roads were executed.

Twelve (12) "Dressing Station" notice Boards were made and painted.

A new incinerator was ~~made~~ constructed and is working satisfactorily.

*M. J. Dermott* ..... Capt.

Q.M. 10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

2/3/18.

From the Officer i/c Transport Section.  
10th Aust, Fld Ambulance.

To the Officer Commanding.  
10th Aust, Fld Ambulance.

Herewith report on the Transport Section of the Unit for the month of February, 1918.

At the commencement of the month the Transport of the Ambulance were quartered at the Pont D'Achelles Dressing Station. The huts occupied by the personell were very good each being fitted with a brazier and supplied with sufficient camp beds to allow of one for each man. The stabling for the horses was also very good, particularly the standings, but numerous repairs had to be effected to render the stables weather proof: This work was carried out as soon as possible after the arrival of the Unit. During the month 166 trips were undertaken by the G.S. Wagons and Limbered Wagons, of this number 28 trips were carried out under instructions received from the 3rd Divisional Train, and 138 in connection with the working of the Station; of this latter number, there were Standing Orders daily for 1 G.S. Wagon used to procure rations, 1 G.S. Wagon for wood and coal, and 1 Limbered Wagon for obtaining coal for use of the "Foden" Lorry attached to the Station. 3 Wagons a week were used to obtain clothing for the Baths, and 22 trips were made for the purpose of obtaining bricks and rubble, required for general repairs to the road and horse standings. 1 team of 4 horses was used by the Divisional Train on 2 successive days for the purpose of log hauling.

On the 25th of the month, 5 horses and drivers reported to the Roads Officer at ROMARIN. In addition to the abovementioned 2 water carts were despatched daily to the refilling point to obtain drinking water required for the use of personnel, and patients held at the Dressing Station.

10 horses were clipped and 31 shod during the month, but the inability of D.A.D.O.S. to supply the correct size in shoes prevented further shoeing being done.

On the 11th of the month 1 horse was evacuated to the Mobile Veterinary Section.

The revetting work round the Stables was commenced under the direction of Sgt. O'KEEFE on the 22nd, and the earth filled in and work completed on the 28th.

1 Limbered Wagon was sent to the 867th Coy. A.S.C. for repairs on the 27th.

A Kit Inspection of the Transport Section personnel was held on the 28th, and generally the men were found to be well equipped.

The rations supplied ~~supplied~~ was particularly good both in regard to quality and quantity.

8 Drivers were granted leave to England during the month.

An Inspection by the D.A.D.V.S. was carried out and a satisfactory report furnished as the result thereof.

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Numerous minor repairs to Wagons were carried out under the direction of Lance Corporal HAWKINS, and at the end of the month, the condition of horses, equipment and vehicles was particularly good.

*N. J. Dermott*  
..... Capt., Q.M.

Off. i/c Transport, 10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

3/3/18.

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REPORT ON MECHANICAL TRANSPORT ATTACHED TO 10th AUSTRALIAN  
FIELD AMBULANCE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1918.  
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During February three Talbots, Nos. 25264, 25269, and 25270, and two Fords, Nos. 25274 and 25275, visited the Workshops for overhauls and slight repairs, but all are in action again, excepting No.25274, which car is awaiting a part, viz. rear cross member of chassis from the base.

The petrol consumption for the month was 548 gallons, and 5,075 miles were covered.

No casualties nor sickness to report for the month.

Three Drivers proceeded on 14 days' leave to the United Kingdom.

On the 18/2/18 Colonel Moon, S.M.T.O., "K" Supply Column, inspected the personnel, cars, and park, and as a result a satisfactory report was received, which is attached hereto.

2/3/18.

*Robert W Webster*  
*Captn*  
*Officer in Charge.*  
for. Lt-Col.  
C.O. 10th Field Ambulance

Headquarters,  
23rd. February, 1918.



To  
Officer Commanding  
9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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The following extracts from report on INSPECTION of the MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE FIELD AMBULANCES of the 3rd. Australian Division; attached to No. 3 Australian Divisional Supply Column for MAINTENANCE and REPAIRS; O.C. Supply Column, Major M. LYONS; Workshops Officer Lieut. C.E. WINDRIDGE. - are forwarded for your information and necessary action as regards repairs to ambulances :-

No. 25257 Talbot has a slight engine knock. No.25264 Talbot is short of one headlight and one side-light. No.25270 Talbot is in Workshops having new bolts fitted to differential casing and repairs to body. No.25274 Ford is in Workshops for new cross member, which has been received and fitted, and the work is now almost completed. No.25275 Ford is in Workshops for new carburetter and rear cross-member.

Defects and deficiencies are being attended to by the Workshops.

Otherwise the vehicles are very clean and in good running order. The Heating Appliances of the Talbots are in good order.

Necessary Frost precautions are taken, and there have been no frost casualties.

All wearing parts were in a good state of lubrication.

S.290 Foden Thresh Disinfector, is in first class mechanical condition. The O.C. expressed himself very well satisfied with Drivers and vehicles.

#### M.T. PERSONNEL.

Sergeant C.H. WHITE of 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance, Sgt. C.W. URWIN, 10th. Aust. Field Ambulance, and Sgt. F.G. SHINN 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance, all have considerable mechanical knowledge and appear to be equally keen on keeping their ambulances in good order; and in this respect have undoubtedly been most successful.

#### WORK-SHOP RECORDS.

The fortnightly inspections have been carried out as nearly as possible, in accordance with orders.

The whole of the 21 ambulances have been completely overhauled since 8-9-17.

The average time in Workshops for same was 8 days, with the exception of two which had to wait spare parts.

#### SPARE TINS.

The work of marking these tins with the initials "P" "O" or "W" for Petrol Oil or Water, has not been carried out; but the work is now in hand.

#### HEATING APPARATUS ON TALBOT CARS.

The O.C. No. 3 Aust.Div. Supply Column states as follows in reference to the Heating apparatus on Talbots:-

"I propose to insert another valve of the flap type on the exhaust pipe from silencer. This should give better heating results than at present, when making short trips. Owing to the design of Talbot Ambulances the arrangements proposed by the D.ofT. could not be completely followed, but the suggested alteration which will not entail a great amount of work, should be quite satisfactory. This Work will be taken in hand immediately."

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APPENDIX 5

The following points should be carefully noted :-

To prevent vehicles being in workshops for long periods at a time, the fortnightly inspection is an absolute necessity.

Loading of Ambulances.

Maximum loads Talbots, Daimlers and Sunbeams :- Six patients, Kits, Driver and Orderly, For a Ford the maximum load is Four patients.

Maximum loads when carrying goods, e.g., Medical Comforts, are 15 cwt for Sunbeam, Daimler or Talbot, and 8 cwt for Fords.

Speed limits.

Motor Ambulances - 15 m.p.h.

This speed should be reduced when passing through villages, towns or over rough roads.

Ambulances are to be driven only by A.S.C., M.T. personnel, and not by any unauthorised persons.

The Heating Apparatus which is installed in all ambulances except Fords, should be constantly inspected to detect any leakage at the joints.

Spare tins of petrol, oil or water should be initialled as mentioned above, in accordance with orders. This obviates mistakes when filling tanks, and thus saves much time and trouble.

*Collins*  
*Sgt*

*W. H. H. H. H.*

FAM/RWB.

A.D.M.S. Third Australian Division. COLONEL.



GENERAL APPENDIX by Lieut. Col. G. W. MACARTNEY, C.O.

10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.  
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During the Unit's occupation of the M.D.S., PONT D'ACHELLES, FEBRUARY, 1918, all matters went on normally.

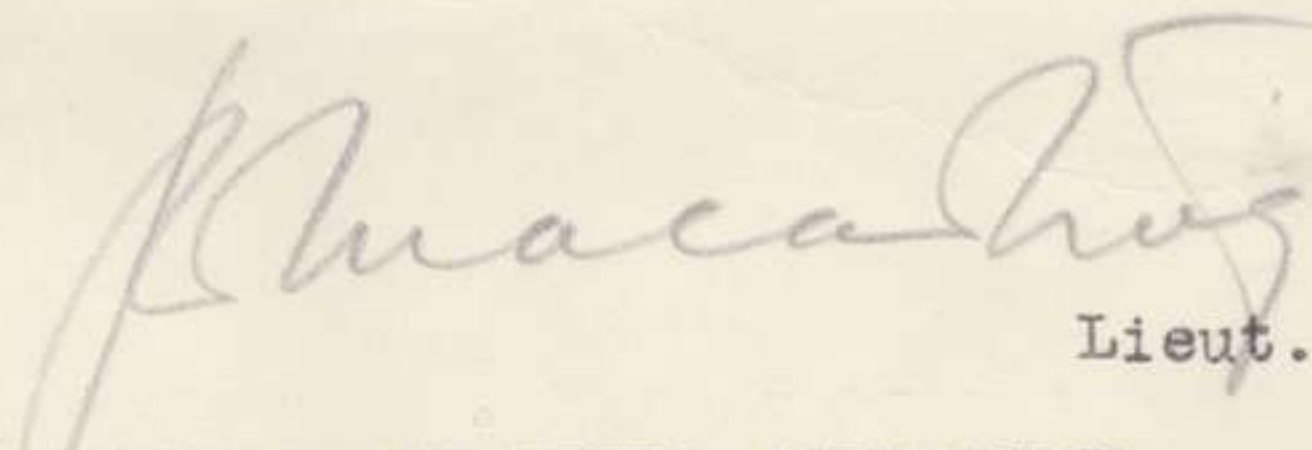
The front area was normally quiet, 184 wounded being admitted the majority (70%) being moderately severe, and 20% slight, the remainder being seriously wounded.

There were fairly large sick parades daily which increased towards the end of the month. The majority were of the P.U.O. type.

The sickness of the Unit was above the average, perhaps due to the men being somewhat crowded in the huts which had earth revetting right against the walls ~~of the huts~~ with the result that no air was able to circulate under the huts.

Owing to the good allotment of leave, Officers performed a number of reliefs thereby losing some touch with their Sections.

With a few exceptions, the cases which came before the Weekly Medical Board were genuine, about 24 men being held for review by A.D.M.S. as unfit for General Service.



Lieut. Col.,

C.O. 10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

3/3/18.