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10th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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C.O. 10th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBCE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	TOEWFLS 1/1/19.		Notification received that CAPTAIN J.L. HARRISON had been admitted to No. 3 XXXXXX Gen. Hospital ex Leave to United Kingdom on 25/11/18 and was struck off strength of Unit as from that date.	
			Three Drivers reverted to the Rank of Private as from 25/12/18 to conform with the new Field Ambulance War Establishment.	
			One other rank rejoined Unit from "S" Ex No. 3 A.G.H. and was taken on strength as from to-day.	
			General Routine work. Nothing of Special interest to report.	
			A MEDICAL BOARD consisting of Major E.I.L. GRAVES (President) Major M.H. MAILER MC. and CAPTAIN W.I. CLARK (MC) (Members) assembled was convened to assemble at 10.00 o'clock to-morrow for the Medical Examination of men considered unfit i In accordance with instructions received from the A.D.M.S. this BOA RD was cancelled.	
			A BAORD consisting of MAJOR M.H. MAILER (MC) (President) and CAPTAIN W.I. CLARK (MC) and LIEUT. J. GA RLAND (Members) assembled at 14.00 o'clock to-day for the purpose of auditing the Canteen Fund Accounts.	
			MAJOR F.T. WHEATLAND and CAPTAIN F.P.M. SOLLING (MC) rejoined Unit to-day from Temporary Duty at No. 2 A.G.H.	
			LIEUT-COL. L.W. BOND (DSO) rejoined Unit from 14 days' Leave to U.K. to-day.	
			The average number of troops attending at the Blue Light Depot at Abbeville (which is administered by personnel of this Unit) for Prophylactic Treatment is 25 per diem. Whilst all the Australian Divisions were situated in the vicinity of Abbeville the average daily number of troops treated at the Depot was 65.	
			In accordance with instructions received from the A.D.M.S. 27 Members of the Unit proceeded to the 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL WING en rout for England and Australia are struck off strength as from to-day.	
			Captain R.M.W. WEBSTER (MC) on proceeding to England to report to the D.M.S for duty is struck off strength of the Unit as from to-day.	
			Four additional members proceeded to-day to the 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL WING en route for England and Australia for Demobilization were struck off strength as from to-day.	
			One other rank of being transferred from the 9th. Australian Field Ambulance was taken on the strength of the Unit (supernumerary) as from 8/1/19. and was detailed for duty at A.D.M.S. Staff 3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.	

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TOBIES	9/1/19		5 Other ranks proceeded to the AUSTRALIAN CORPS CENTRAL SCHOOL, RUE today. 5 Temporary Promotions within the Unit to Non-commissioned rank were made to-day to replace N.C.O's. to Australia.	
R.W.B.	10/1/19		One other rank rejoined from sick Ex Leave to Paris and was taken on strength as from to-day.	
R.W.B.	11/1/19		Nothing of interest to report.	
R.W.B.	12/1/19		One other rank (Driver Horse Transport) rejoined Unit Ex "S" from No. 3 A.G.H. and was taken on strength as from to-day.	
R.W.B.	13/1/19.		A MEDICAL BOARD consisting of MAJOR F.T. WHEATLAND (President) MAJOR M.H. MAILER (MC) and CAPTAIN F.P.M. SOLLING (MC) (Members) assembled at 10.00 o'clock to-day for the purpose of reviewing such cases as may be brought before them. About 30 cases appeared before the BOARD.	
R.W.B.	14/1/19.		No. 12293 SGT. FISHWICK, R.G. promoted to the rank of Temporary C.S.M. (W.O. Class II) Horse Transport as from 8/1/19 vice No. 12231 W.O. PORTER, W.A. to Australia.	
			LT. J. GARLAND proceeded to PARIS on 10 days' Special Leave.	
			One other rank was detached for duty at A.D.M.S. Office 3rd. DIV. H.Q. and carried supernumerary to establishment.	
R.W.B.	15/1/19		CAPTAIN S.R. ROEBUCK Officer in charge Dental Unit No. 56 attached to this Ambulance rejoined from 14 days' leave to PARIS.	
R.W.B.	16/1/19		3 Reversions from Temporary Rank were made to-day in accordance with War Establishment	
			One other rank proceeded to the Massage Department 3rd. AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL ENGLAND, for duty as Masse-r.	
R.W.B.	17/1/19		3 Temporary Promotions to M.R. rank for Instructors for Education Duties were made.	
			One other rank rejoined from AUSTRALIAN CORPS CENTRAL SCHOOL	
			One other Rank (3rd. A.M.T. Coy) proceeded on Leave.	
			Two Battalion Details proceeded on Leave today	
			The Book keeping class under the Education System was begun to-day with a very good attendance.	
R.W.B.	18/1/19.		One other rank proceeded to a course of instruction at G.H.Q. Workshops today.	
			Two other ranks were detached to the 10th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD CO. OF ENGINEERS, who are working in conjunction with this Ambulance in forming a Pierrot Show.	
			Three other ranks rejoined from Leave and two other ranks proceeded on Leave to-day.	
R.W.B.	19/1/19		One other rank was detached for temporary duty as A.A.M.C. DETAIL with 40th. Battalion.	
			One other rank rejoined from Leave to United Kingdom.	
R.W.B.	20/1/19.		One other rank was transferred to AUSTRALIAN PAY OFFICE, BOULOGNE for duty	
			One other rank rejoined from 14 days Leave to United Kingdom.	

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TOE FLES	20/1/19.		<p>A Football Match was played between this Ambulance and the 10th. A STRALIAN FIELD COY. ENGINEERS and resulted in a win for the former, Scores 10th. A ST. FLD AMB LANCE 6 goals 18 behinds, 10th. A ST. FLD CO. ENGINEERS 1 goal 4 behinds.</p> <p>An Officer with A.I.F. Official Photographs visited the Ambulance to-day and these Photographs were in great demand. About 30 orders were given for Photographs while others intend getting these later on when in England.</p> <p>One Driver reverted to the rank of Private to-day to complete the War Establishment.</p> <p>One other rank was detached for duty at A.D.M.S. Office to-day.</p> <p>Four other ranks proceeded on leave to England.</p> <p>The average daily attendance at the BL E LIGHT DEPOT, ABBEVILLE for the last week was 30. Although the number of attendances were great the number of cases of Venereal Disease was very small.</p> <p>Week end Leave to Amiens has opened up and is much sought after, numerous applications being made for such leave.</p> <p>One Wissen Hpt was supplied, with Canadian Stove, for Recreation and Education purposes, also a small mit Library was started in connection with same. The books are drawn from the Y.M.C.A. at ABBEVILLE and are changed every week. These books are in great demand, and are well looked after by the members of the Ambulance.</p> <p>Four other ranks proceeded to 3rd. A ST. DIVL. WING en route to England for early Repatriation to Australia.</p> <p>W.C.O. in charge A.M.T. COY. attached, was evacuated "S" to No. 3 A.G.H. to-day.</p> <p>Three other ranks rejoined from 14 days' Leave to PARIS.</p> <p>Two other ranks rejoined from 14 days leave to England.</p> <p>Two other ranks proceeded on 10 days SPECIAL Leave to PARIS.</p> <p>Two other ranks proceeded on 14 days leave to ITALY.</p> <p>One other rank proceeded on leave to PARIS.</p> <p>One other rank rejoined Unit Ex. A.G.B.D. and one other rank is struck off Strength on being transferred to ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQ ARTTERS, A.I.F. (A.P.M. OFFICE).</p> <p>5 Members of the Unit were detached to 43rd. Battalion for selection in 3rd. A ST. DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL team. A Team is being selected from each Division and competitions are to be held at CHARLEROI and the finals are to be held in PARIS, after which 4 teams will proceed to England and complete a round there.</p> <p>One other rank was promoted as from to-day., to complete War Establishment.</p> <p>One other rank was detached for Duty at A.D.M.S. Office</p> <p>Nothing further to report for to-day.</p>	
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TOE FLES	26/1/19.		Notice was received that the Armistice Convention has been prolonged for one month. The Censorship regulations relating to mention in the Press of CAMBER, A STRALIA or the press in General of the localities of nits, or the names of individual Officers and men and events which have occurred since the date when the armistice was signed have lifted. Nothing farther of interest to report
	27/1/19.		100 BL E LIGHT O TFITS were distributed between the different Battalions of the brigade also the Engineers, and the Ambulance. One other rank rejoined from AGRIC LT RAL SCHOOL and reported that the course at the School was very instructive and satisfactory.
	28/1/19		The average daily attendance at the BL E LIGHT DEPOT has decreased to 15, but the number of cases of Venereal Disease has increased. One other rank rejoined from CHEMISTRY SCHOOL, LILLE and reported that the School was very instructive and he received very satisfactory tuition. Nothing farther of interest to report.
	29/1/19.		MAJOR M.H.MAILER (MC) and CAPTAIN W.I.CLARK (MC) were appointed for a MEDICAL BOARD to examine all men of the nit as per DEMOBILIZATION INSTRUCTIONS 11.
	30/1/19.		Applications were called for Bookbinders for employment at the Australian War Records Section, but no applicants were available. One other rank was promoted to E.R.CPL. CLERK for duty with A.A.M.C. EDUCATION OFFICER. Two OFFICERS of the 9th. A STRALIA FIELD AMB LANCE were appointed to act in conjunction with the Officers of this Ambulance namely MAJOR H.A. WYLLIE (MC) and CAPTAIN J.W. WEBB.
	31/1/19.		All Members of the nit were examined by MAJOR M.H.MAILER (MC) in accordance with REPATRIATION & DEMOBILIZATION GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS No. 11. 6 Members of the nit were found to have disabilities.

L. W. Bond LT. COL.
C.O. 10th. A STRALIA FIELD AMB LANCE.

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JAN ARY 1919.
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N o.	Subject.
1	Report of Q.M. on working of Q.M. DEPARTMENT for month of JAN ARY 1919.
2	Report of W.C.O. in charge of A STRALIAN MOTOR TRANSPORT attached to 10th. A STRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.
3	Report of OFFICER in charge of DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILIZATION for month of JAN ARY 1919.

L.W. Bond
....., LT. COL.
C.O. 10th. A STRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.

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WAR DIARY OF QUARTER-MASTER'S DEPARTMENT for MONTH ENDED 31/1/19.

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RATIONS. -- Rations for the past month have been fairly good.
Fuel - Coal and wood has been our only shortage.
Average No. of Rations :-

Personnel	-----	161
Attached		14
Patients		20

ORDNANCE. No difficulty has been experienced in obtaining
Clothing, boots and equipment.
Boots as usual has been our largest item on indent.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES Very little has been necessary to demand
this month from the "RED CROSS" but any requirement
has been readily attended to.

COMFORTS. As usual the gifts from the Australian
Comforts Fund have been of very liberal quantity indeed
the following forming the chief items. :-

Cocoa & Milk
Coffee & Milk
Milk, tinned
Fruit, tinned
Biscuits
Tobacco and Cigarettes.

SALVAGE. Our only form of Salvage has been for this
month - Fat, paper, cardboard, cartons and solder.
The usual quantities have been returned.
Clothing, tunics, trousers, and boots
have been returned where new ones have been issued.

31/1/19/

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Q.M. 10th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.

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FROM W.C.O. i/c. Motor Transport attached
10th. A STRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.
TO C.O. 10th. A STRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.

Herewith Monthly report on the working of the
Motor Transport attached to this unit for JAN ARY 1919.

During the Month of January the unit was
stationed at TOE FLES. All cases for Evacuation were trans-
ported from the BRIGADE HOSPITAL in the Chateau, TOE FLES to
No. 3 A.G.H., at ABBEVILLE.

The location of the Battalions of the Brigade
from which "Sick" are collected are as under :-

40th. Battalion -	TOURS-en-VIMEU
38th. "	VISMES
34th. "	MIANWAY
10th. ENGINEERS	MOYENNEVILLE.

Patients were collected from the 39th. Battalion
at BOUILLANCO RT up till the 24/1/19 and after that date were
collected by one of the other Ambulances of the Division, and
we commenced clearing "sick" from the 3rd. A ST. PIONEER Bn.
at HUPPY.

The cars cover about 40 Kilometres in the
collection of the sick from the Battalions.

One car visits No. 3 A.G.H. daily for collection
of Patients discharged from Hospital for despatch to 3rd. A ST.
DIVISIONAL REINFORCEMENT WING at BIENFAY, and covers a distance
of about 30 kilometres.

On the 22/1/19 one car proceeded to MAUBEUGE
via ARRAS, CAMBRAI and VALENCIENNES and returned via CAMBRAI,
BAPAUME and AMIENS the distance covered being 423 kilometres.

The mileage covered during the month was 5130
on a petrol consumption of 540 gallons.

3/2/19.

V.A. Evans
.....L/CPL.
W.C.O. i/c, MOTOR TRANSPORT attached
10th. A STRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.

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FROM OFFICER i/c. REPATRIATION & DEMOBILIZATION DEPARTMENT, 10th.
TO A STRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.
C.O. 10th. A STRALIAN FIELD AMB LANCE.

PARTIC LARS OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILIZATION, CIVIL
TRAINING and ED CATION for JAN ARY 1919.

REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILIZATION.

General Instructions Nos. 1 to 11 have been received and lectures have been held for the information of all ranks. The first batch of men to be repatriated, numbering 31 left the Unit on 8/1/19 en route for England and Australia and these were followed on 21/1/19 by 4 men who had applied for Early Repatriation.

A Quota of 1 W.C.O. and 4 OTHER Ranks has been warned for Embarkation with the first Quota from the 10th. Brigade and is in readiness to move.

Eight Applications for Early Repatriation and ten for Non-Military Employment in United Kingdom have been received and forwarded, but no replies are yet to hand.

CIVIL TRAINING.

One man proceeded to G.H.Q. Workshops for instruction in Blacksmithing, two men to Agricultural School at RAMBURES and one application for training at Agricultural Training Depot, SUTTON VENEY has been approved.

Five men joined the CORPS CENTRAL SCHOOL at RUE, three for Matriculation Course, and two for Accountancy Course. These latter two have returned, the first on account of the course being unsuitable to him and the other is proceeding on Pay Duties in England.

EDUCATION WITHIN THE UNIT.

At the beginning of the month, five classes were in operation, viz., ARITHMETIC, ENGLISH, SHORTHAND, FRENCH and ALGEBRA.

During the month the French Class was temporarily suspended owing to absence of the Instructor on Leave, and the Algebra Class was disbanded on account of the Instructor leaving the unit.

A Class in Book-keeping has been inaugurated, and is well attended, much live interest being taken.

4/2/19.

W. H. G. W.
.....MAJOR.
OFFICER i/c. DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION
AND DEMOBILIZATION, 10th. A STRALIAN
FIELD AMB LANCE.