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FEBRUARY 1918.				
Sheet 28 S.9.d. and S.10.d. Magilligan" and 'Keersebrom" D.R.S's.	3rd		Captain D.I.R.Smith with "A Section Bearer Sub-division, reported to 12th Austn. Field Ambulance for temporary duty, at the BRASSERIE, VEERSTRAAT .	
	7th		Lieut-Colonel H.H.B. Folliot <del>having</del> returned to Unit from hospital in United Kingdom, resumes command of the Ambulance .	
	9th		Captn S.V.O'Regan MC reported to 15th Aust Infantry Battn for temporary duty as R.M.O.	
	9th		Captn S.M.O'Riordan reported to 13th Aust Infantry Battn for temporary duty as R.M.O.	
	13th		Captain C.Friend with "C" Section Bearer Sub-division , reported for temporary duty to 12th Aust Field Ambulance, at the BRASSERIE, VEERSTRAAT .	
	16th		Captain D.I.R.Smith with "A" Section Bearer Sub-division reported back from temporary duty with 12th Aust Field Ambulance .	
	18th		Captain C.Friend is posted for duty to 4th Aust Div Train , vice., Major A.J. MacDonald who is taken on strength from 4th Aust Div Train .	
	20th		Captain D.Parkhouse reported to 11th Aust Field Artillery Brigade for temporary duty as R.M.O.	
	20th		Captain S.M.O'Riordan reported back from temporary duty with 13th Aust Inf Battn .	
	21st		Captain S.M.O'Riordan proceeded to Australian Corps Medical School for course of instruction.	
	26th		Major J.Bentley MC struck off strength of the Ambulance on reporting to Admin Headquarters London.	
	27th		Captain C.Friend with "C" Section Bearer Sub-division reported back from temporary duty with 12th Aust Field Ambulance .	



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D **APPENDIX**Appendix No. 1.

Quarter-Master reports - Unit never better rationed than during past month. Bread and fresh meat good and ample. Milk has been issued and used in the form of powder, this has been supplemented by the purchase of fresh milk for patients, cost being charged to S.S.O. Oatmeal plentiful in the summer, has not been issued for some time. Rice and cheese are issued in quantities greater than the demand; it would be preferable if the issues of these two substances were reduced and an issue of oatmeal substituted.

The coal issue has not been sufficient to keep patients' huts heated.

Medical comforts have been fully used and such articles as preserved meat, rice, cheese and biscuits issued for consumption by patients, have been frequently written off the indent.

Appendix No. 2.

The Transport was never in better condition, largely the result of having a capable Officer in charge. The drawback to this is that the time of one Medical Officer is almost entirely taken up in attending to Transport duties.

The horses show no loss of condition through the reduction of corn ration. The fact that good covered standings have generally been available during this last winter, has had a very marked influence in maintaining good condition.

The necessity for keeping all metal work bright requires that at least 2 hours work a day shall be spent on the harness, and the time is largely increased in bad weather.

**APPENDIX 2**