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**WAR DIARY**

OF

14th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY.

1919.

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(Signed) W.C.SAWERS. Lt. Colonel.  
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FIELD AMBULANCE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sautain	1/1/19		The Ambulance began year 1919 with a personnel much reduced in numbers. The work to be carried out consisted of clearing a very large and scattered area and evacuating to C.C.S. at Charleroi or Mauberge distances respectively 35 and 30 Kilometers.	
- 7/1/19			The roads are all very much damaged and in some cases impassable for cars. A hospital of 50 beds maintained at Sautain for cases which were likely to recover quickly. One Section equipment and horses less 2 G.S. wagons handed in. This relieved somewhat the strain of obtaining transport personnel.	
7/1/19			The section equipment had later to be recovered (less harness already sent to Base) and had to proceed by road to Abbeville.	
- 14/1/19			This changing of plan, necessitated considerable difficulty. Education Scheme although continually suffering loss from return of men and instructors to Australia, has nevertheless carried on with great success. A large number of well attended classes being available. Library and gear also very satisfactory.	
14/1/19			Authority given and used in making 1 Sgt. and 2 Cpls. with extra regimental rank.	
- 21/1/19			A station for 50 beds and Blue Light establishment opened at Beaumont by this Ambulance. The staffing of the station presented difficulties owing to shortness of personnel but was very satisfactorily carried on though with such limited numbers.	
21/1/19			Demobilisation. Papers and instructions for demobilisation during past few weeks received and dealt with. A very considerable amount of work was necessitated by this clerical work, and great interest and varying grades of satisfaction felt by all ranks at the terms of demobilisation.	
- 28/1/19			The strength of Unit at this time approximately 4 off. and 100 O.R.	
28/1/19			<u>32nd Dental Unit.</u>	
- 31/1/19			Lieut. Adams took charge of this Unit from 14/1/19 vice Capt. Wilcox returned to Australia. A considerable amount of constant dental work being carried out. S/Sgt. Davis also obtained permission to return to Australia for the purpose of finishing his dental course.	
			<u>Civilian Sick.</u>	
			Throughout this month a great deal of valuable work has been carried out, mainly by Majors Wesley and Birch in treating civilian sick. The general health of civilians being rather poor. Sports and recreations have been hampered during this month by shortness of personnel and distance between Units.	
			Very great difficulty throughout has been experienced in adequately guarding horses and material.	

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Sautain	31/1/19		<p>Systematic robberies of both being carried out throughout the area, despite all precautions.</p> <p>An armed guard was applied for and supplied by 14th. Brigade to this village to combat this.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u></p> <p>All horses were classified by vettenary officer for purposes of demobilisation.</p>	
			<p><i>W. J. Lewis</i> Lieut. Col.</p> <p>C.O. 14th. Aust. Field Ambulance.</p>	