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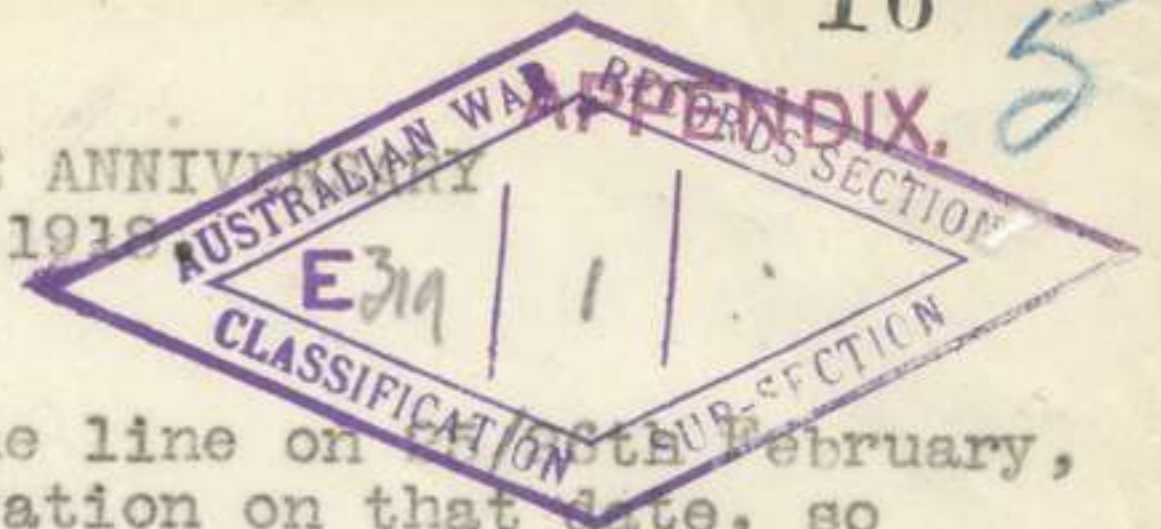
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sautin.	6/3/19		A draft from this unit consisting of Cpl Donovan, Drv. Medhurst and Ptes StClair, Walker, Penn, Simms left today. Capt. Hellstrom is O.C. of the draft.	
	11/3/19		Major H.S. McLelland 8/15 Field Ambulance arrived today to relieve Major Wesley who went on leave 12/3/19 to Paris.	
			Capt. J. Stewart left 14th Field Ambulance to report to A.I.F. Headquarters London for Educational course.	
	18/3/19.		In accordance with A.D.M.S. F 32/3 of 16/3/19 all horse drawn vehicles of this unit were handed into D.A.D.O.S. at Thuilles today and receipts obtained.	
	21/3/19.		All Medical and Surgical equipment were handed into Adv. Depot Medical Stores Charleroi. S/Sgt Meehan to be Temp. Q.M.S. (W.O.11) vice Gissing to Australia.	
			Capt. Allport reported for duty from 53/55th Battalion.	
	24/3/19.		Major C.H. Wesley returned 23/3/19 from Paris leave.	
			Major H.S. McLelland reported to the 8/15 Field Ambulance 24/3/19.	
			Capt. R.M. Allport to 56/54 Battalion vice R.M.O. Capt. James to A.I.F. Headquarters for Educational Course.	
	27/3/19.		Fourteen horses classification "z" proceeded to Walcourt and were sold there 28/3/19 for 19100 francs.	
			Twelve horses classification xy proceeded to join up with 8/15 Field Ambulance quota, proceeding to Boulogne by rail.	
	29/3/19.		All D.A.D.O.S. equipment was handed in today at Thuilles by the Q.M. Lt. Baber, two motor-cars-lorries were supplied for the removal of the stores.	
			There are two Sunbeams on the road today. All other Sunbeams have reported to 3rd M.T. Coy. H.Q. also one Ford to go in when M.T. supply lorry arrives for towing.	
	30/3/19.		Canteen closed and Claims dealt with.	
	31/3/19.		Ambulance moved out of Sautin and reported to the C.O. 8/15th Field Ambulance Walcourt.	
			One lorry from 5th Division and lorry from Yth A.M.T. Co. arrived 9.30.	
			The D.A.D.O.S. arrived during the afternoon and so village of Sautin was cleared of all Military material.	
	1/4/19.		14th Field Ambulance incorporated with 8/15th Field Ambulance. 3 Officers and 72 o/R's. The men are all well billeted. Regimental funds and Receipts for Equipment are all correct and handed over to 14th Field Ambulance Cadre "B".	

H. Wesley

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



The 14th Aust. Field Ambulance being in the line on 15th 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. L. & Wilcox of 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).

*Given to J.A.M.A.
12. 1919
J.A.M.A.*

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.

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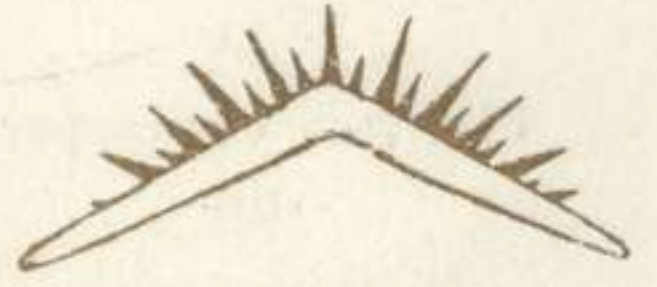
APPENDIX. 5

The Commanding Officer, Officers, NCOs and Men,
of the 14th AUST. FLD. AMB.
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF

COMPANY AT THEIR
SECOND ANNIVERSARY DINNER
To be Held at their Headquarters on
18 March 1918 at 6 p. m.
R. S. V. P.

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**Fourteenth Australian
Field Ambulance**



Commanding
Officer

Lieutenant-Colonel
C. W. THOMPSON M. C.

SECOND
ANNIVERSARY DINNER



IN THE FIELD

18 MARCH 1918.

APPENDIX. 5

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TOASTS.

THE KING

VISITORS

14 Aust. Field Ambulance

Absent Friends

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Visch
Platvisch en Kapper

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Hierbygevoegde
Gebraad Vleesch Schapengatjes

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Koffee Genever Druppeltjes
Klamotten

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Stinkstoks en Stinkpapierekes

PROGRAMME

BY

"The BILL JIMS"

CONCERT PARTY

OF THE

14 Aust. F. Amb.

MEMBRES

SjSgt DAVIES
Sgt. Mc. CULLOUGH
L. Cpl. ROBINSON
L. Cpl. TITCHER
Pte. DRAKE
» HYNES
» HAWORTH
» CRAIG
» ROBINSON
» SWAN
» HARRIS
FRYER (Pianist)

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Assisting
W. O. HUTTON

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

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

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