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15TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE, A. I. F.

17th December 1918.

Subsequently compiled Diary (For period 24th February
1916 to 31st May 1916.)

At Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt on 24-2-1916 "C" Section 5th Australian Field Ambulance, Major A. H. Moseley in charge, with Captains Frizell and Davenport and approximately 42 other Ranks joined up with "C" Section 8th Australian Field Ambulance, Major C. Bollen in charge, with Captains Pigden and McKenzie and approximately 76 other Ranks and formed the 15th Australian Field Ambulance. Major A. H. Moseley became Temporary C.O.

On 2-3-1916 Lieut. Colonel Alex Horn, with Captains Higgins and Close and about 16 other Ranks, joined the 15th Australian Field Ambulance, the 4th Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance having been abandoned. Lieut. Colonel Horn then assumed command.

On or about 10-3-1916 Captains Frizell, Davenport, Pigden and MacKenzie were transferred to 2nd. Australian Division.

On 13-3-1916, W.O. A. G. Kerr was promoted Hon. Lieut. and Q. M. 15th Australian Field Ambulance, and No. 2940, Sgt. G. D. Black promoted W. O. Class I, 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

During the period this Ambulance was stationed at Tel-el-Kebir from formation (24-2-16) until about 28-3-1916, the Ambulance was administering a Field Hospital carrying about 100 patients. Sick from the Brigade were brought to the Ambulance and treated, and minor operations were performed. Serious cases were evacuated to Hospital at Tel-el-Kebir (? 2nd. Stationary Hospital).

On about 28-3-1916, the Ambulance marched with 15th Australian Infantry Brigade from Tel-el-Kebir to Ferry Post, arriving at the latter Post at about 12 noon 31st March 1916. The march was very strenuous but all the Ambulance personnel completed the journey.

On reaching Ferry Post, camp was pitched and E. P. tents erected for the accommodation of some 50 patients, and arrangements for the Brigade sick to be brought in, completed.

Cases were held at this Station for upwards of 10 days, and the more serious cases were evacuated to the 2nd. A. G. C. S. at Ferry Post.

On or about 14th April 1916 the following Medical Officers reported for Duty and were taken on strength:-

Captain V. M. Coppleson.
" H. J. Bullen.
" R. J. Beard.
" C. C. Minty.

On 18-4-1916, "B" Section, 15th Australian Field Ambulance Major C. Bollen in charge with Captains Close and Beard took over the Hospital from the 2nd. C. C. S. and administered this Hospital until about 28th May 1916, when this Section was relieved by the 14th Australian Field Ambulance. This Hospital was carrying about 250 patients, receiving sick from all the Units, both Australian and Imperial stationed in and around this locality, also from Units stationed further inland. Serious and Special cases were evacuated to (? No. 1 Stationary Hospital) Ismalia.

On 6-5-1916 reinforcements were received from Details and "C" Section 15th Australian Field Ambulance formed.

On "B" Section being relieved about 28-5-1916 it reported back to Ambulance Headquarters and the following day the Unit moved

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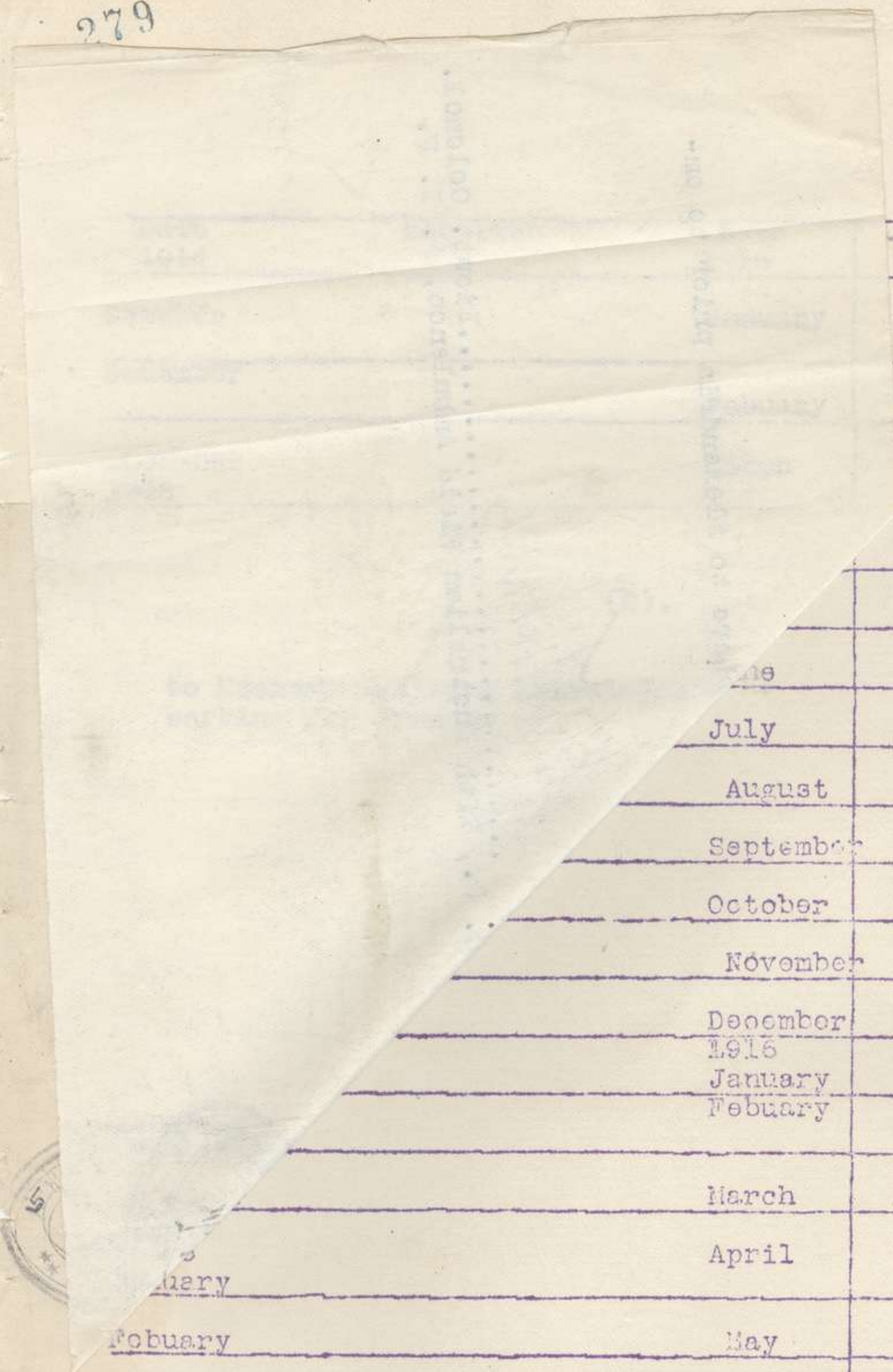
.....Lieut. Colonel.
C. O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A. I. F.



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