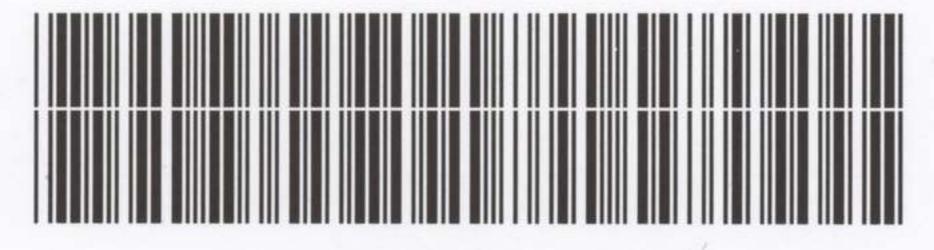
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place Date Hour Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Steenwerch Dec. 1 Handled over D.R.S. Steenwerch to 3/2 Wessex Filld Ambulance (RAMC) and returned to join rest of Ambulance at DRS. Baillent. 382 Cases passed through AND. Books at this statu	and.
Bailleul Jan 7 Capt. Mc DONNELL S.A. rejoined Unit from AJRAD. 3rd Pronew Batter.	Brid.
Jan 26. Capt. MILLER F. J. detailed with R. M. O. 7th F. A. B. for training in duties of RMO.	Red.
"11 Mayor BRUMMITT. A.E. on leave to England to 25-1-18. "11 Caft LOVE I. Bieturned from leave to England.	Bot.
"17. Capt MONTGOMERY Altarled as AJR.M.D. to 3rd Div. Engineers.	Ross.
"24 Lieut. Col. CHAMBERS. R. W. acting ADM.S. 3rd Aust. Dion. to 7-2-18	ART.
"26 Capt MILLER detailed as AJR. M.O. 8th 3. A. B. "27 LEWIS R.H." " 36th Bath.	and the second
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NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1918.

During the time the D.R.S. BAILLEUL was occupied by this Unit the following improvements were carried out:3 huts accommodating 30 patients, 2 huts accommodating 16 patients and 1 Dining hut were lined with malthoid and canvas thus making them much warmer and more comfortable.

The cook-house was enlarged and two new hats built.

The huts were revetted for protection against hostile air craft bombs.

The recreation room floor was covered with cocoanut matting, timber was obtained from Engineers and a small stage erected.

ENTERTAINMENTS. A perriot troupe consisting of the following members of the Unit under the guidance of Major WILEY has given several excellent entertainments to theother members of the Unit and to the patients in the D.R.S.. This party has also given a number of entertainments outside the Unit. The number of requests for it to appear could not be met.

List of number of entertainments of places it has appeared is as follows:-

at D.R.S. BAILLEUL.

1 at 96th Field Amb. (R.A.M.C.) BAILLEUL.

1 at 1st Aust. C.C.S.OUTTERSTEENE.

1 at Y.M.C.A. LOCRE.

1 at Y.M.C.A. METEREN.

1 at Y.M.C.A. BAILLEUL.

1 at 4th Div. Artillery, Le CLITE.

1 at 7th Aust. Field Amb. PONT d'ACHELLES.

1 at 6th " " WESTHOF.

1 at 11th Aust. Engineers, WESTHOF.

The following other parties gave entertainments at D.R.S.:
2 from 1st Aust. C.C.S.

1 from 4th Aust. D.S.C. Orchestra.

1 from 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

The following is a list of the members of the Periot Troupe:-

S/Sgt. Coombe E.I.

Sgt. McPhebson J.U.

Cpl. Pirie W.W.

Cpl. Green C.E.

Cpl. McGrath A.

L/Cpl. Marrison G.

Pte. Evans J.H.

Starkey W.S.

Cook E.T.

Cook E.T.

Thomas W. H.

Thomas W. H.

These entertainments have done much to relieve the monotony of the winter evenings.



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During the time the Unit was at the B.S. S. BAILLEUL the 3rd Divisional Foden Lorry was stationed there. Besides putting through the blankets of the Division, the blankets of the D.R.S. were also done. When a patient was discharged his blankets were taken to store by the Orderly and a clean disinfected ones obtained in their place, so that every patient who was admitted had clean blankets to sleep in. The total number disinfected was 12776 for the period from 1/1/18 to 21/1/18.

The discipline and the general health of the Unit has been good.

Quartermasters Report for the month of January 1918.

Satisfactory progress is reported from the various branches of this department during the past month. No complaints received as to the general, rationing, clothing and equipping of the Unit; although severe frosty during the month the general comfort of the unit has been maintained.

have been well maintained in this unit. The average number catered for daily, inclusive of personnel, patients and attached being 500 per diem. The average percentage of the principle articles of food used throughout the unit are as follows:

Meat (fresh) 55% Meat (preserved) 20% Cheese Bacon 100%. 35% 90% 60%. Jam Bread Tea 100% 100% Sugar 75%. Vegetables 70% Milk Nil. Oatmeal

The food supplied to patients has been augumented with extras drawn from No 2 Field Supply Depot, CAESTRE, nd the Red Cross Depot, HAZEBROUCK.including full and light diets.

PERSONNEL. Meals supplied to the staff has been of ample quantity, varied menu and well cooked. When vegetables have been short, the A.S.C. supplies to repalce same have been purchased out of Regimental Funds, so that a daily supply of vegetables of one kindand another has been available. As the tea hour for both staff and patients is at 4.30 p.m. coffe or cocoa and biscuits are provided for both staff and patients at 8 p.m., the coffee and milk, or cocoa and milk being supplied from Red Cross and other sources.

RUM. Rum has been issued to night picquets and special working parties in small quantities under the C.O's or M.O's directions.

LIGHTING. Extra lighting facilities habebeen placed throughout the various wards and recreation room by oil lamp and axa acetyline provided by Red Cross Depot. The supply of oil and carbide has also proved ample.

FUEL. In addition to the daily ration allowed, a funther supply of 3 tons of coal perweek was arranged for and granted by the S.S.O. This has provided sufficient fuel for the stoves an wards and recreation room. This has proved sufficient for requirements under careful supervision, a member of this staff being in charge of same, regulating the issue.



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Well up to the mark in meeting demands made on them for the comfort of patients, and during the month a number of articles such as matting, chairs, tables, oil lamps, games and beds have been supplied to this station and has added materially to the comfort of patients. Underclothing, towels etc. for the patients have also been provided.

MATCH & CIGARETTE ISSUE. The average amount issued during the month to both patients and staff was I packet of tobacco and 4 packets of cigarettes per man per week. In the case of patients when extra supplies were required these were drawn from Supply Depot, CAESTRE.

D.A.D.O.S. No difficulty has been found in obtaining supplies through this source and practically all indents have been suplied

RETURN OF WASTE.

FAT: ½ oz. per man -- total due at railhead, 407 lbs., total sent 800.

surplus, 393 lbs. due to care of

WASTE PAPER AND CARDEOARD: Orders were given atathe beginning of the month for the saving of all waste paper and cardboard, in consequence of which collecting bags were placed throughout the Hospital, and the following has been returned:-

Waste paper: 464 lbs. Carbboard: 119 ".

Vouchers are received for above, which are cashed and placed to the credit of the Regimental Funds, thus providing thus presents in the form of food and amusements for personnel.

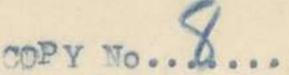
The same dining room has served the purpose for both walking patients and personnel.

This store is under the charge of Cpl. Green, assisted by Cpl. Bartlett. Records were kept up to date, kits in special receptacles and rifles kept thoroughly clean. No complaints were received of any missing. 765 packs and 683 rifles passed through this Store during the Month.

This unit handed over to the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance on 31.1.1918.

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APPENDIX 2

OPERATION ORDER. No. 19.

Map Reference, Sheets 27, 28, 36 and 56a.

1. INTENTION,

The 3rd Australian Division will relieve 2nd Australian Division in the Right (A) Sector of the Corps Front between 27th and 29th January 1918.

The 11th Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 5th Australian Field Ambulance at NIEPPE and in the forward area and be responsible for the clearance of that Area. Relief to take place on 30th and 31st January 1918.

The 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 11th Australian Field Ambulance at D.R.S. BAILLEUL on 30th and 31st January 1918.

2. MOVES.

In connection with the above relief the following moves will take place:-

1. Advance party consisting of Captain LOVE, Captain SWEENEY and 71 O.R. will move to NIEPPE on 30th January 1918.

This party will arrive there by 10 a.m. and will then take over the A.D.S(s at UNDERHILL FARM and the BREWERY and all the forward posts.

Captain LOVE and 35 O.R. will take over the Left A.D.S. and forward posts.

Captain SWEENEY and 35 O.R. will take over the Right A.D.S. and the forward posts.

2. 2 Talbot Ambulance Cars and 1 Ford Car with equipment for A. D. S. will also move on 30th to relieve cars of 5th

Australian Field Ambulance by noon.

3. Bearers packs will be left at Q.M. store at NIEPPE before Advance party moves to forward posts.

4. On 31st January Major WILEY and 5 O.R. will proceed to Ambulance Headquarters at NIEPPE arriving there by 9.20. m. and take over station, giving certificate as to condition station was left in.

5. Remainder of personnel of Unit will form rear party and proceed to NIEPPE under charge of W.O. after D.R.S. BAILLEUL has been handed over to incoming unit in a satisfactory condition.

6. Transport will move independently under command of Transport Officer on 31st leaving D.R.S. BAILLEUL by 10 a.m.

7. Foden Lorry will report to 10th Australian Field Ambulance at PONT d'ACHELLES on 29th inst by 11 a.m.

8. Q.M. will arrange for rations for advance party.

9. BLANKETS:-

(a) ADVANCE PARTY; will be stacked, rolled at Q.M. store on 30th inst by 7.45 a.m.

(b) REMAINDER OF UNIT; will be stacked, rolled at Q.M. store on 31st by 9 .a.m.

10. All salvage will be returned to Q.M. store at A.bulance Headquarters at NIEPPE from A.D.S's

C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.

DISTRIBUTION.

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