

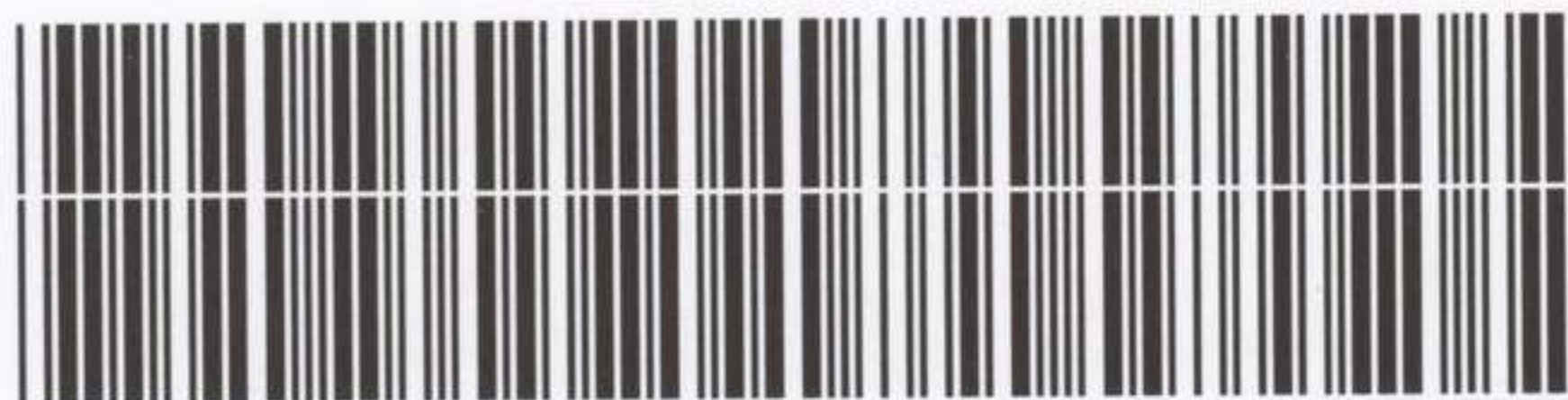
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WAR DIARY

OF

11th Aust Field Ambulance

FOR

FEBRUARY 1918.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Nieppe	Jan 28		Capt Montgomery H. H. promoted Major.	
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	15		Major Brummitt attended M. O. School. Bailleul.	
	Feb 7 th		Lieut Maxwell proceeded on 14 days leave to England.	
	Feb 10 th to 18 th		Capt Sweeney J. J. detailed as A/RMO. 4 th 3 rd Batt.	
	Feb 10 th		10 th Aust Inf Brigade successfully carried out a raid on the enemy trenches. Notes of special medical arrangements made are attached.	app No 1 notes on raid.
	Feb 11 th		Capt Lewis. S. H. resumed duty from A/RMO. 36 th Batt.	
	Feb 14 th		Major Montgomery H. H. resumed duty from A/RMO. 3 rd Segr.	
	Feb 19 th		Major Montgomery H. H. taken on strength from attached list.	
	Feb 18		Capt Miller F. J. resumed duty from A/RMO. 8 th 7 th A/B.	
	Feb 20		Handed over all forward posts in Floegstert & the Bizer sectors to Nieppe to 9 th Aust. Field Ambulance.	app No 2 of order No 20
	" 20		Capt Love J. A. detailed as A/RMO. 7 th 7 th A/B.	
Westhof.	" 21		Capt Miller F. J. attended M. O. School. Bailleul to 2-3-18	
	" 25		Major Montgomery H. H. proceeded on 14 days leave to England.	
	" 25		Lt Col Chambers R.W. proceeded on 30 days leave to England.	
	" 25		Major Bailey G. J. appointed A.F.O. whilst G.O. on leave	app No 3 notes of special interest during month with graphs of men on leave, horse & personnel



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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

1. Notes on raid.
2. Operation Order N° 20
3. Notes of special interest during month with graphs of "Men on leave", "Horse strength" and "Personnel strength".



John Major
a/c. 11th Aust. Field Amb.

11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.NOTES ON RAID BY 10th. INFANTRY BRIGADE. 10/2/18.Map Reference. Sheet 28. S.W.

On February 10th. 1918, the 10th Infantry Brigade carried out a Raid on their front with a special raiding party composed of men from 37th. and 38th. Battalions, consisting of 9 officers and 179 O.R. The part of the enemy trenches raided was between the following points.
 U.18.a.28.55 - U.18.a.70.85.
 U.12.c.50.25.- U.12.c.10.15.

Zero hour was 10.p.m.

The following Medical arrangements were made in addition to the existing method of evacuation which was given in War Diary of Nov. 1917.

A special R.A.P. was established at U.17.d.32.90. in Ultimo Drive where the R.M.O. of 38th. Batt. was situated.

Cases were evacuated from here by hand carriage to the tram track Vancouver track at U.17.a.2.3. and then by special ambulance trucks, each carrying four stretchers to DEAD HORSE CORNER at U.20.b.9.8. Here the ambulance took charge of the evacuation. 1 sergeant and 12 men were located at this point.

For this Special Raid the raiding party wished to do their own evacuation as far as this point. The trucks were met at HYDE PARK CORNER U.19.b.4.5. by motor ambulances. A loading party of 4 men was situated at this point. Cases were then conveyed to UNDERHILL FARM A.D.S. T.18.d.5.3. where they were seen by an M.O. given hot drinks and any necessary adjustments to dressings etc made. They were then forwarded to M.D.S. PONT d'ACHELLES.

The number of casualties was light, being

Officers 4.

O.R. 26.

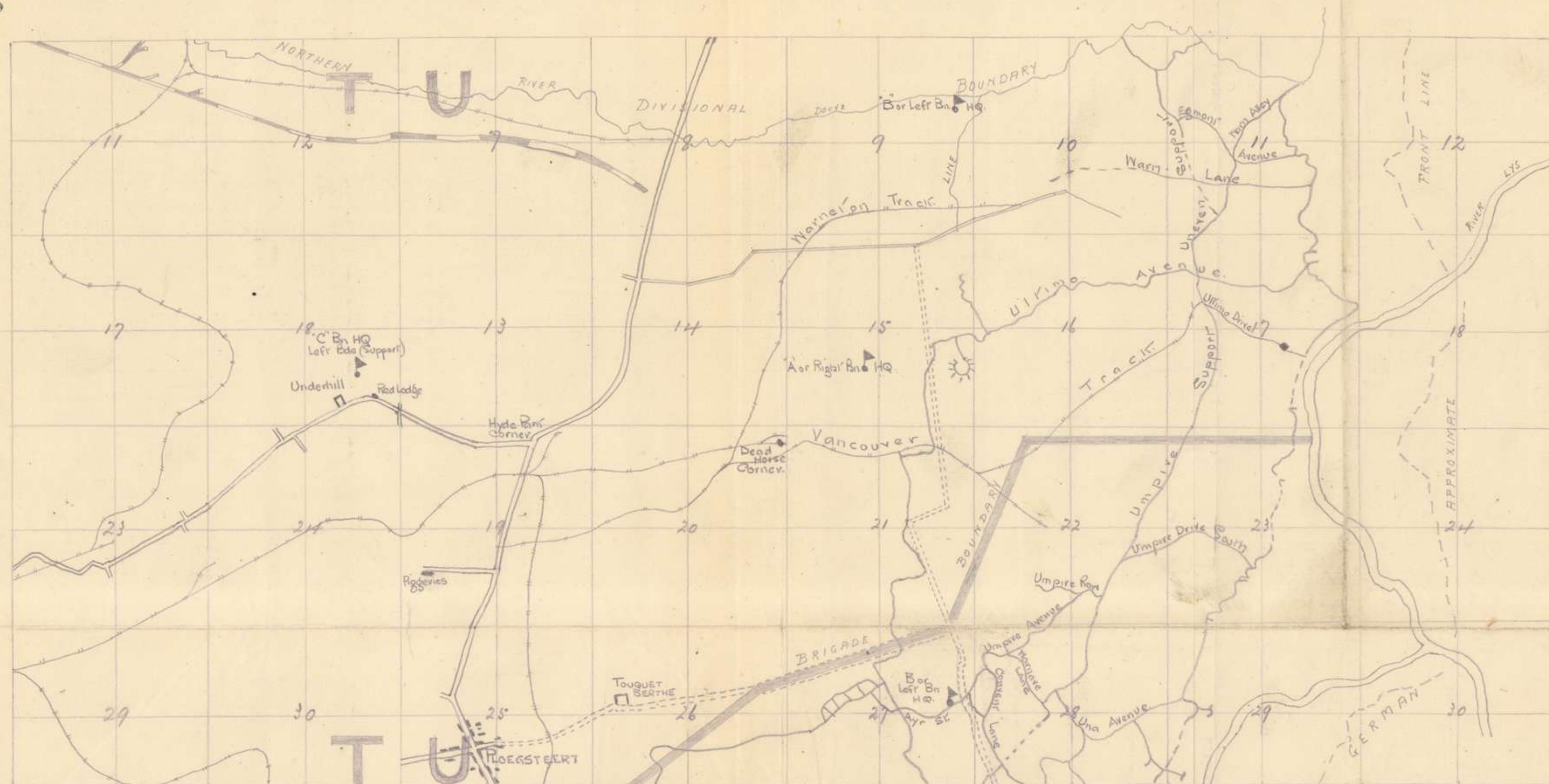
Prisoners 8.

Trench plan attached.



.....Major.
 A/C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Notes on raid by
10th Aust. Inf. Brigade
10. 2. 18.



SCALE 1/20 000.



-- OPERATION ORDER No. 20.--Map Reference, Sheets 27. 28. 36 and 36a1. INTENTION:-

In accordance with A.A.M.C. Operation Order No 31, the 11th Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved in the forward area by 9th Australian Field Ambulance on 20th inst. and on relief will take over the D.R.S. at Westhoff.

2. MOVES:-

1. Advance Party consisting of "B" Section complete will report at 10 a.m. at WESTHOFF and arrange for the take over. 24 hours rations will accompany this party.
2. The personnel and equipment in A.D.S. and Forward Posts will be relieved on afternoon of the 19th Feb. and on relief will return to NIEPPE.
3. 1 Water Cart at UNDERHILL A.D.S. will be relieved on 19th inst. Motor Ambulances at A.D.Ss will be relieved by 11 a.m. 20th Feb. and on relief will return to NIEPPE. 2 Talbot Ambulances will report at WESTHOFF on 20th inst. by 11 a.m. for duty.
4. Main body will move from NIEPPE at 1 p.m. on 20th inst. Transport will move with this party.
5. Rear Party consisting of Capt. LEWIS and 10 O.R. will remain behind to hand over to 9th Australian Field Ambulance and obtain certificate as to the cleanliness of the Camp and Billets.

3. STORES:-

Receipts in Duplicate will be obtained at A.D.S. for Stores there and in Forward Posts.

18/2/18.

.....Lieut. Colonel.
C.O. 11th Australian Field Ambulance.

Distribution:-

- Copy No. 1. A.D.M.S.
2. O.C. "B" Section.
3. O.C. Underhill A.D.S.
4. O.C. Brewery A.D.S.
5. Q.M.
6. Transport Officer.
7. 9th Aust. Field Ambulance.
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11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1918.

During the time the Unit were in occupation of the forward posts in the PLOEGSTEERT and LE BIZET Sectors nothing of special interest occurred except on the night of 10/2/18 when a raid was carried out by the 10th Aust. Inf Brigade. Special medical arrangements were made, a narrative of which is attached together with Trench Plan shewing routes of evacuations.

A graph shewing the number of sick and wounded treated at the Advanced Dressing Stations is attached.

During the occupation the same Medical arrangements were carried out as shewn in Scheme of evacuation which was given in the War Diary of Nov. 1917.

On 20/2/18 the forward posts were handed over to the 9th Aust. Field Ambulance and this Unit took over the Div. Rest Station at WESTHOF from 9th Aust. Field Ambulance. A narrative of Medical arrangements at this Station will be attached to the War Diary of March.

The Discipline and General Health of the Unit has been good.

The following is the Quartermasters report :-

I have again to report that the standard of progress has been well maintained throughout in this important branch of the Unit, the various duties being carried out by the Staff in a capable and cheerful manner.

MOVES. The D.R.S. BAILLEUL was handed over by this unit to the 2nd Aust. Fd. Amb. on the 31/1/18, and a clean receipt obtained from them for Area and Stationary stores taken over by the 11th Aust. Fd. Amb. on its advent and supplemented from various sources during its tenure.

The Ambulance Headquarters at NIEPPE of the A.D.S. of the PLOEGSTEERT and LE BIZET Sector were taken over by this unit on the 31/1/18 from the 11th Aust. Fd. Amb. when a clean receipt was given for Area and Stationary stores at Headquarters and A.D.S. and R.A.P.'s supplied.

On the 20/2/18 Amb. Headquarters NIEPPE were handed over to the 9th Fld. Amb. by this unit and a clean receipt obtained as above.

WESTHOF FARM D.R.S. taken over by this unit on the 20/2/18 from the 9th Fld. Amb. when everything was found correct.

FOOD SUPPLIES. These have been of a generous nature and good quality: the average percentage obtained for the principle articles of food were as follows:-

Fresh meat 53% Preserved meat 18% Bacon 100% Cheese 25% Bread 70% Jam 66% Sugar 96% Tea 100% Milk 63% Vegetables 70% Oatmeal Nil. Ground biscuits have been served to N.C.O.'s Men & Patients in lieu of Oatmeal and has proved a satisfactory substitute.

In the case of Patients' food, supplies have been augmented from No. 2 F.S. Dept. & Red Cross Depot, Hazebrouck as in previous month for full & light diets.

PERSONNEL. No complaints were received by Inspecting Officer either in regard to cooking, quality and quantity of meals supplied. Extra vegetables have also been supplied from Regimental Funds: hot coffee or cocoa and milk have been supplied also as an extra to the personnel as well as patients at 8 p.m.

RUM. Has been issued to night picquets and working parties of unit and Battalions in the line under the C.O.'s and M.O.'s direction, 397 gals being total issue for the month.

LIGHTING. This has been provided for in various wards and sleeping rooms by oil lamps and acetylene lamps and augmented by

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candles. No complaints being received in regard to insufficiency.

FUEL. An extra supply of 1000 lbs per week was granted for NIEPPE S.S.O. & 1720 lbs daily for WESTHOE FARM D.R.S. which in both cases proved sufficient for Patients, Personnel and Cooking, Baths etc. An extra quantity of wood fuel was also granted for incinerator which is also used for the purpose of burning excreta etc.

IMPROVEMENTS. A number of improvements have been carried out for the further improvement of the D.R.S. throughout the month consisting of a special fireplace for salving solder from meat tins etc and also an oven in Officers' cookhouse. A further supply of duckboards have also been applied for per C.R.E. for the improvement of Transport Lines

RED CROSS STORES. Supplies have been drawn from the Depot, Hazebrouck, for the comfort of the patients, during the month, including reading matter, underclothing, pyjamas etc and was much appreciated by them. A piano has also been loaned to the D.R.S. which is a distinct acquisition.

Matches, Tabacco, Cigarettes, as in previous month the same number being supplied to patients and personnel.

D.A.D.O.S. Supplies well up to average.

RETURN OF WASTE. Fat, 1/2 oz per ration. Total due at railhead
 " sent 289 lbs.
 " sent 317 "
 Surplus 28 lbs

Falling off being due to running forward line when a certain amount is required in A.D.S. and R.A.P's for cooking purposes.

WASTE PAPER AND CARDBOARD.

Waste paper. 102 lbs.
 Cardboard 47 "

As before, amount ~~varied~~ varied for waste products has been placed to credit of Regimental Funds.

PACK STORE. All records have been carefully kept and firearms kept clean. No complaints from patients to Inspecting Officer on evacuation as to missing articles etc.

Cook Houses and Kitchens, Butcher's Shop, Inspecting Officer reports clean and everything satisfactory.



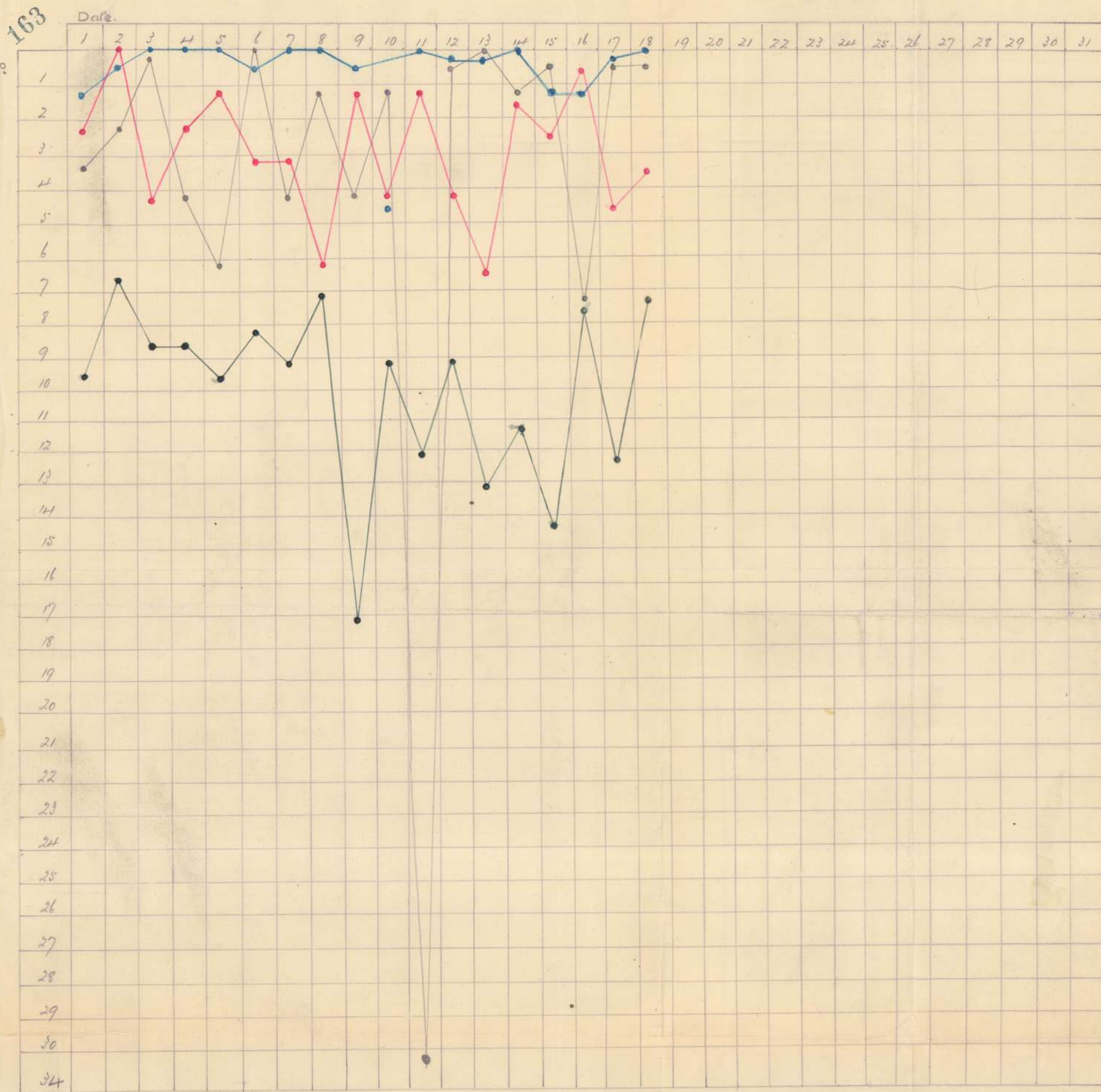
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 a/c *Major* Light

 a/c Q.M. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.

11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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CASES PASSING THROUGH A.D.S's. FEB. 1918.



UNDERHILL.

SICK = BLACK.

WOUNDED = PURPLE.

BREWERY.

SICK = RED.

WOUNDED = BLUE.

APPENDIX.

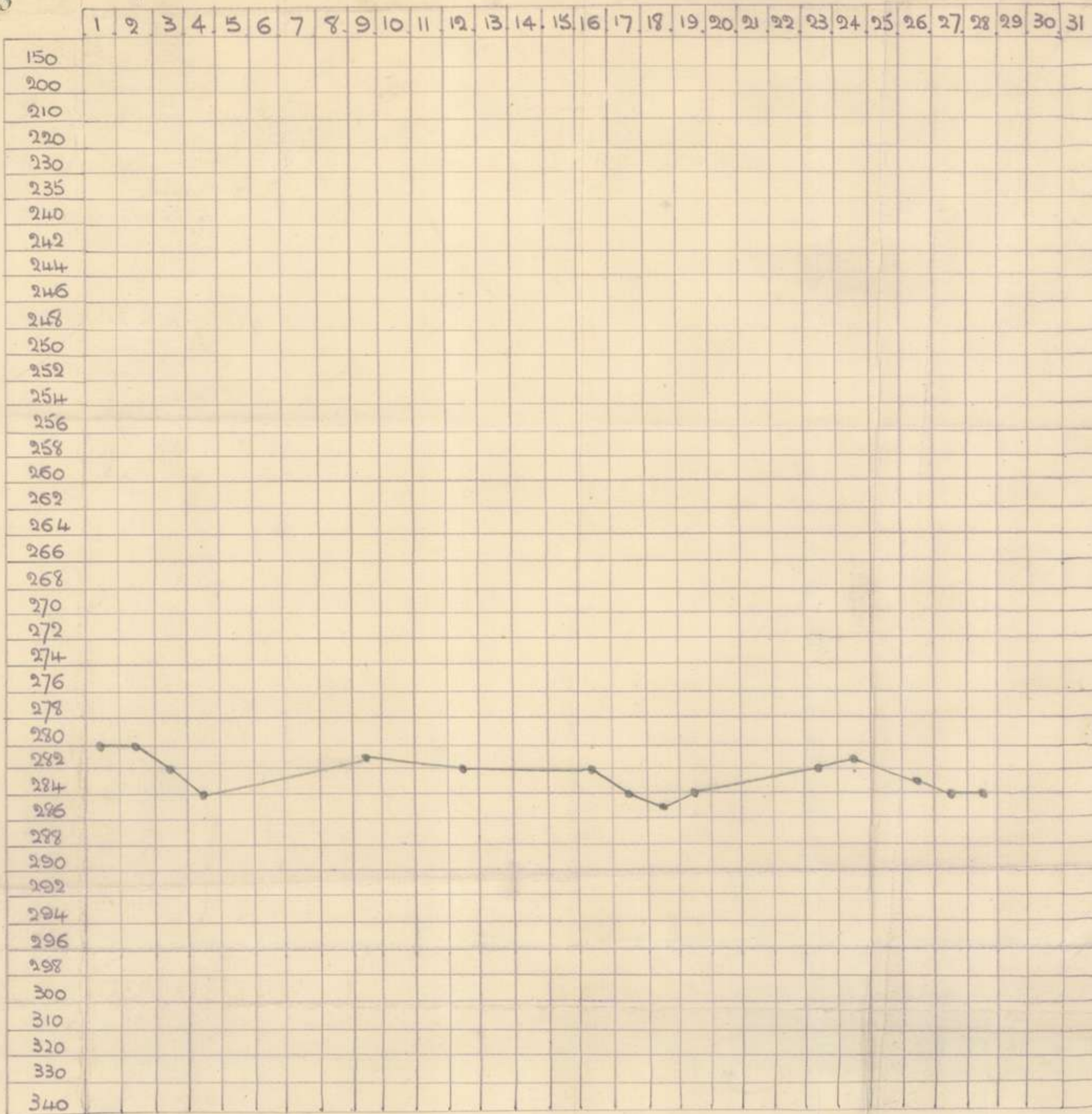
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DAILY STRENGTH - PERSONNEL - FEB. 1918.

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DAILY STRENGTH - HORSES & MEN ON LEAVE. FEB. 1918.



HORSES = RED.

MEN ON LEAVE = BLUE.



APPENDIX.

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