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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WESTHOFF	March			
		1	Capt SWEENEY J.G. proceeded on leave to NICE.	
		2	Capt LEWIS E.L. proceeded on leave to ENGLAND.	
		2	Capt LOVE J.A. returned from A/R.M.O. 7th A.F.A.B.	
		2	Capt MILLER F.J. returned from M.O. School Australian Corps.	
		3	Capt McDONNELL S.A. detailed to attend M.O. School Aust. Corps.	
VIEUL MOUTIER		6	Handed over 3rd Australian D.R.S. to 6th Aust. Field Ambulance. unit proceeding to LOTTINGHEM area in accordance with Operation Order No 21 attached. During the time this unit was at D.R.S. WESTHOFF 637 cases were dealt with.	App. No 1. op. order No 21.
			Took over D.R.S. VIEUL MOUTIER from 6th Aust. Field Ambulance. as per Operation Order No 21 attached.	App. No 1.
		8	Capt GODSON reported for duty with No 46 Dental Unit vice Capt TAUNTON to ENGLAND.	
		11	Capt McDONNELL returned from M.O. School Australian Corps.	
		12	Capt TAUNTON H.C.D. No 46 Dental Unit transferred to ENGLAND.	
		14	Capt LOVE J.A. detailed to attend 4th Army M.O. School.	
		14	Capt SWEENEY J.G. returned from leave to NICE.	
		16	Capt LEWIS E.L. returned from leave to ENGLAND.	
		22	D.R.S. at VIEUL MOUTIER closed and unit proceeded to STEENEVORDE in accordance with Operation Order No 22 attached. 381 cases passed through D.R.S. VIEUL MOUTIER.	App. No. 2 op. order No. 22.
		23	Capt LOVE J.A. returned from 4th Army M.O. School.	
BLARINGHEM		24	Unit proceeded from STEENEVORDE to BLARINGHEM as per Operation Order No 23 attached.	App. No. 3. op. order no. 23.
		26	Major MONTGOMERY transferred as R.M.O. to 3rd Div. Engineers.	
ARQUES		26	Unit proceeded from BLARINGHEM to ARQUES and entrained in accordance with Operation Order No 24 attached.	App. No. 4 op. order No. 24.



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FRANVILLERS.	1918.			
	March			
	27		Major BRUMMITT with 2 Beare d and 1 Tent Sub-Divisions established an A.D.S. at BONNAY, & handed over to 10th Aust. Fld. Amb. same day. Capt MILLER and 20 Other Ranks established an A.D.S. at HELLY. M.D.S. established at FRANVILLERS.	App. No. 5 Op. order no 25.
	28		M.D.S. established at QUERRIEU.	App. No. 6 Op. order No. 26.
QUERRIEU.	29		M.D.S. at FRANVILLERS and A.D.S. HELLY handed over to 9th Aust. Fiel Ambulance. Personnel of this Unit proceeding to QUERRIEU. Lieut. Colonel R.W. CHAMBERS returned from leave to ENGLAND and resumed command.	
	30		Capt GODSON and Dental Unit No 46 proceeded to No 3 A.G.H. ABBEYVILLE. for duty (temporarily).	
		2.10 p.m.	Capt SWEENEY J.G. and 2 beare d sub-divisions complete detailed to report to C.O. 10th Aust. Field Ambulance for duty.	App. No. 7. Notes of interest for month. App. No. 8. Table of adms & evacuations App. No. 9. Syllabus of Training App. No. 10. Daily strength men on leave Strength of horses.



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11th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

---OPERATION ORDER No 26---

Map Reference HAZEBROUCK 5a and CALAIS 13.

1. INTENTION.

The Third Australian Division (less Artillery and Pioneer Batta) will be relieved in the R. Div. Area between the 4th and 8th March, by the 2nd Australian Division and on relief will move to the LUMBERES Area. In accordance with A. A. M. C. Operation Order No 32 the 11th Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved at D. R. S. WESTHOF by the 6th Aust. Field Ambulance on the 6/3/18 and will take over D. R. S. at VIEULL-MOULIER.

2 MOVES

i Personnel

For the purpose of the move this Ambulance will come under the orders of the 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Advance party consisting of Major BRUMMITT and Tent Sub-Division of "C" Section complete will move to VIEULL-MOULIER on 5/3/18 and will relieve 6th Australian Field Ambulance of all duties, take over all excess equipment, stores, etc. Take over to be complete by 6 p.m. 5/3/18. This party will arrange to meet main party at LOTTINGHEM at 6.18 p.m. on 5/3/18. A Motor Lorry will carry Mob. Stores necessary for opening a Dressing Station and will leave WESTHOF on the 5/3/18.

The remainder of the personnel of the Unit will march to STEENWERCK Railhead on 5/3/18 and will report to 11th Brigade Staff Captain with Train State by 1.30 p.m. Packs will be carried. Blankets will be stacked along side of Pack Store by 9.00 a.m. on 6/3/18 ready for conveyance to Steenwerck Railhead by Motor Transport.

RATIONS

Q.M. will arrange for current day's rations plus one day's rations in bulk to be carried on personnel train.

ii Motor Transport.

Motor Transport will move to VIEULL-MOULIER in accordance with instructions to be issued later.

iii Horse Transport.

The following Horse Transport will proceed by Omnibus Train from BAILLIEU West Station on the 6/3/18 at 5.28 p.m. They will report to Station 3 hours before departure of train (2-28 p.m.). On arrival at DESVRES at 10.17 p.m. they will join the ambulance at VIEULL-MOULIER.

<u>Wagons</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Animals.</u>	
1 Wagon, Limb. G. S.	2	2	Cooks
1 Cart Water	2	2	
1 Wagon G. S. (Div. Train)	2	2	Supplies

The rest of the Horse Transport will proceed by road on 5/3/18. They will leave WESTHOF by 10.30 a.m. and proceed to starting point 1/4 mile S. E. of METREN on the STRAZELLE ROAD where N. C. O. i/c will report by 12.30 p.m. to A. S. C. Officer i/c 11th Brigade surplus Transport.

The N. C. O. i/c will furnish a Parade State showing personnel, animals, and vehicles, and arrange for 1 O. R. mounted to report at 12.30 p.m. at starting point to act as billeting party.

On arrival at LOTTINGHEM they will proceed to join Ambulance at VIEULL-MOULIER.

48 hours rations will be carried.



iv Rear Party

A rear Party consisting of Lieut. MAXWELL and 4 O.R. will remain behind on 6/3/18 and hand over to incoming Ambulance and obtain certificate as to cleanliness of Camp and Billets.

3 TRENCH & AREA

STORES

Trench and Area Stores will be handed over to relieving Ambulance. Receipts to be obtained.

Q.M. will arrange for 3 Soyer Stoves and 300 Blankets to be handed over to incoming Unit.
Only Mob. Stores to be carried.

4/3/18.

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

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OPERATION ORDER, No. 22 by MAJOR. C.J. WILEY,
A./C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Reference Maps: CALATS 13.)
HAZEBROUCK SA) 1/100,000. 22.3.1918.

1. INTENTION. In accordance with 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order, No. 11 of 21.3.18, the 11th Aust. Field Ambulance will move from the LOTTINGHEM Area to the EECHE Area on 22nd inst. For the purpose of the move the unit will be under instructions of G.O.C., 11th Infantry Bgde.
2. BILLETING. L./Cpl. BLACKWELL, J.D., will report to Bgde H.Q. with bicycle and 2 days rations at 6 a.m. 22nd inst.
3. ENTRAINING. The Unit, less transport, will entrain at LOTTINGHEM (after 11th Aust. T.M.Btty) by train leaving at 1.13 p.m. The Unit will arrive at LOTTINGHEM STATION at 12.13 p.m. Capt. MILLER will act as Unit Entraining Officer, and will report to Bgde. Entraining Officer, one (1) hour before departure of train.
4. DETRAINING. The Ambulance will detrain at CAESTRE.
5. TRANSPORT. Horse Transport Section, less one limber G.S. and one water cart, will move off under Capt. McDONNELL, at 11 a.m., and report to O.C., 870th Coy., A.A.S.C., (O.C. Bgde. Column) at ROAD JUNCTION ON BOULOGNE - LUMBRES ROAD, 1½ miles W.S.W. of LUMBRES, reporting at 4 p.m.
Transport will billet night 22nd/23rd inst at ESQUERDES, and night 23rd/24th inst. at RENESCURE.
Order of march: Unit transport will be in rear of 11th Field Coy. Engrs., on 22nd inst. Details of march for 23rd and 24th inst., will be issued by O.C., Bgde. Column.
6. TRANSPORT BY RAIL. The following transport will move by rail from DESVRES, arriving at Station 3 hours before departure of train. Train departs at 2.43 p.m.:
1 limber, G.S.
1 water cart.
1 G.S. Wagon (Div. Train).
7. SICK. All cases in Hospital will be cleared to C.C.S. immediately. Whilst the Bgde. is on the move sick will be collected from the Brigade and cleared to the nearest C.C.S.'s.
8. BLANKETS & RATIONS. will go on personnel train.
9. STORES. All stores brought to this Area will be taken with the Unit.
10. Area STORES. All area stores will be handed over to Area Commandant and receipts obtained. A receipt will also be obtained as regards cleanliness of billets and camp vacated. Stores and equipment not required immediately will be dumped at Q.M. store in charge of Cpl. KING and 2 other ranks. These stores will be collected by motor lorry on 24th inst.
11. REAR PARTY. Lieut. MAXWELL will remain in this Area and will be in charge of rear party, consisting of: one S/Sgt. Dispenser, Pte. CRAWFORD, F.A., Sgt. PATEFULL, L./Cpl. MAIR, Interpreter and motor transport personnel.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 23 by MAJOR. C.J. WILEY, A./C.O.

Reference Map HAZEBROUCK)
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24.3.1918.

1. INTENTION. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will move by bus from the EECKE Area to the LYONDE Area on the 24th inst., transport proceeding by road.
2. BILLETING. L./Cpl. BLACKWELL, J.D., and one O.Rank will proceed by car to BLARINGHEM, as billeting party, forwith, and report to Area Commandant. 24 hours rations to be carried.
3. MOVES. Personnel will parade at 7 a.m. and move off at 7.15 a.m., to Brigade starting point at EECKE.
Time of passing starting point ----- 8 a.m.
From EECKE the Brigade will march to embussing point on CAESTRE-CASSEL ROAD, 1,500 yards S.E. of ST. SYLVESTER CAPPEL CHURCH.
Unexpended portion of day's rations to be carried.
4. TRANSPORT. The Horse Transport will leave this Area at 9.45 a.m. and proceed to starting point at CROSS ROADS, 600 yards south of the "Y" of ST. SYLVESTER CAPPELL.
Time of passing starting point ----- 11 a.m.
Route: via EECKE, and nearest route.
Transport Officer will report to O.C., Bgde. Transport Column, on arrival at starting point.

Motor Transport, under M.T. Sergeant, will proceed to new area at 11 a.m.
5. RATIONS. Supplies for consumption on 25th inst., will be delivered on 24th inst., at BLARINGHEM.
One N.C.O., and 2 O.Ranks, Cooks, to be detailed by Q.M., will proceed to new area by motor transport, leaving at 11 a.m.

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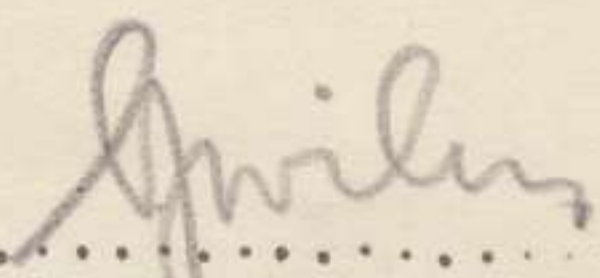


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OPERATION ORDER NO. 24 by MAJOR C.J. WILEY, A./C.O.

Reference Maps: HAZEBROUCK 5A) 1/100,000. 25.3.1918.
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1. INTENTION. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will, as part of the 3rd Australian Division, be transferred to X Corps, THIRD ARMY.
2. ENTRAINING. The Unit, less Motor Transport, will entrain at ARQUES at 3.27 p.m. on the 26th inst., and will arrive at the station 3 hours before time of departure of train, No. 7. 24 hours rations will be carried.
3. DETRAINING. The Unit will detrain at DOULLENS.
4. MOTOR TRANSPORT. The motor transport under M.T. Sergeant, will leave for the new area at noon, 26.3.18: 48 hours rations will be carried.
5. REAR PARTY. Lieut. MAXWELL and One O.Rank will remain in this area, proceeding to new area with M.T.
6. SURPLUS STORES. Surplus baggage, stores, etc., will be dumped at Salvage Dump at WARDRECQUES, c/o Area Commandant, under arrangements to be made by Q.M. Pte CHESNEY, J., will remain in this Area and act as guard over these stores. He will be attached for rations, etc., to Area Commandant, WARDRECQUES.
7. STATES. A complete marching-out state will be prepared and copies sent to W.T.O., and Entraining Officer, 3 hours before time of departure of train.


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OPERATION ORDER No. 25, by MAJOR C.J. WILEY, A./C.O.

Reference Maps: AMIENS 17, 1/100,000.
Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

27.3.1918.

1. INTENTION. In accordance with A.A.M.C. Operation Order No. 34 the 11th Australian Field Ambulance will, until the arrival of the 10th Australian Field Ambulance, evacuate the forward area.
2. MOVES. (a) Major BRUMMITT, with two bearer and one tent sub-divisions, will proceed to BONNAY and establish an A.D.S. Communication will be established between the A.D.S. and R.M.O's of the 10th and 11th Infantry Brigades as soon as possible.

(b) Captain MILLER and 20 O.Ranks will proceed to HEILLY and establish an A.D.S. Communication will be established between the A.D.S. and R.M.O's of the 9th Infantry Brigade.
3. EVACUATION OF PATIENTS. Evacuation will be by hand carriage to M.D.S. at FRANVILLERS.
4. MEDICAL STORES. Rations and medical stores will be despatched to Advanced Dressing Stations at the earliest possible moment.
5. H.Q. of AMBULANCE. The Headquarters of the Ambulance will be situated at FRANVILLERS.
6. M.D.S. Capt LEWIS, with tent sub-division of "B" Section will establish a Main Dressing Station at FRANVILLERS forthwith.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 26, by MAJOR. C.T. WILEY, A./C.O.

Reference Maps: Sheet 62D. 1/40,000.

28.3.1918.

1. INTENTION. The 11th Australian Field Ambulance will establish a Main Dressing Station at QUERRIEU.
2. MOVES. "C" Section Sergeant Clerk, 2 O. Ranks and Horse Transport will proceed forthwith to site of M.D.S. and selected billets.
Details of 11th Field Ambulance, on relief by 10th Australian Field Ambulance will proceed to QUERRIEU on 29th instant.
3. COMPLETION. Move to be completed by 4 p.m., 29th instant.

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11th Australian Field Ambulance.NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1918.

At VIEUL MOUTIER we took over a Divisional Rest Station of about 120 beds, nearly half of the cases being scabies. During our period of stay in this Area, we had to clear the sick of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Group. It was considered advisable to carry on with fairly strenuous training of the men, and, as rumours were current of an enemy offensive, preparations were made should we have to move off at short notice to establish a dressing station with the use only of our mobilization material. A schedule of the training is attached.

During our period of stay the weather was fine and sunny and the men benefited very much by the change, and improved their physical condition. Every endeavour was made to provide amusement for the Battalions of the Brigade, as well as our own personnel, and the unit Concert Party gave a number of performances.

Leave to BOULOGNE and ST.OMER was granted in the proportion of 4 to BOULOGNE and 2 to ST.OMER, the men being conveyed to and from these places in motor lorries in accordance with arrangements made by Divisional Headquarters. Leave to BOULOGNE and ST.OMER was cancelled on 21.3.18.

Whilst in this Area, all medical stores and equipment were overhauled and brought up to full establishment.

On 22.3.18 at 3.30 a.m. orders were received from H.Q., 11th Infantry Bgde., to entrain at LOTTINGHEM that day at 1.13 p.m. To do this it became necessary to evacuate all the patients to Hospital in the ST.OMER area. This involved considerable work for the Motor Transport, who worked very well and completed the evacuation in the early afternoon. 101 cases were evacuated to the New Zealand Stationary Hospital, WISQUES, 28 kilometres distant.

At 11.30 a.m. the personnel marched off to entrain, in accordance with Operation Order No.22 attached.

At LOTTINGHEM the unit entrained in trucks. Considerable discomfort was caused to the men owing to the accommodation being so limited for the number of men to be conveyed. The train was already full when the personnel arrived, but 4 men were allotted to each truck.

We disentrained at CAESTRE and marched to the billets at STEENEVOORDE, the men's blankets being conveyed by lorry provided.

On 23.3.18, orders were received at 4.30 a.m. to proceed to EECHE, the Brigade starting point, by 8 a.m. From EECHE the Bgde., marched to the embussing point, whence they were conveyed to ELARINGHEM. Operation Order No. 23 is attached.

At ELARINGHEM it was made clear that we were to take part in operations designed to check the enemy offensive which had commenced, therefore it became necessary for us to carry a supply of blankets and stretchers and medical stores in excess of our mobilization establishment to cope with a very considerable number of wounded that we might naturally expect. All surplus stores, etc., were dumped at WARDRECQUES in accordance with instructions received, and medical stores in as large a quantity as possible were requisitioned from the Advanced Depot, Base Medical Stores, ST.OMER.

On 26.3.18 at 4.30 a.m. we received orders to entrain at ARQUES on the following day at 3.27 p.m. Personnel and Horse Transport left at 8.30 a.m. on the 26th in accordance with Operation Order, No. 24 attached. 24 hours rations were carried. The Motor Transport, under the W.T. Sergeant, left for DOULLENS by road later in the day.

By rail the journey from ARQUES to DOULLENS was expected to occupy 4 or 5 hours, but actually it took much longer as we did not arrive until 5 a.m. the following day.

In the course of the journey there were many evidences of the destruction caused to rolling stock, villages, etc., by enemy bombs

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and artillery fire.

27.3.1918. At DOULLENS instructions had been received that the 44th Battalion and one Company, 43rd Battalion were to embuss by lorries for HEILLY at 5 a.m. No mention had been made of transport for this Unit. However, owing to the next train, on which a portion of the 44th Battalion was being conveyed, being late, it was arranged to convey our personnel on the lorries allotted to the 44th Battalion. We left DOULLENS at about 7 a.m. and disembussed at FRANVILLERS at 11.30 a.m. From this point the Battalions marched in to occupy a line about 6 miles distant. At that time our Horse Transport was on the road from DOULLENS to BEHENCOURT, and our Motor Ambulance Cars had not yet arrived from DOULLENS. No other Field Ambulance had at that time arrived in the new area.

Captain MILLER and 30 O.Ranks, stretcher-bearers, were sent with the 11th Infantry Brigade to discover where the Battalions would be situated, and, in the event of fighting, arrangements were made to evacuate any wounded to FRANVILLERS by hand carriage.

At FRANVILLERS and HEILLY the civilians had almost everywhere abandoned their houses in fear of the approach of the Germans. HEILLY was being bombarded intermittently with gas shells but FRANVILLERS was untouched.

During the day Advanced Dressing Stations were established at HEILLY and BONNAY, and the arrival of the Motor Transport enabled a few essentials to be brought up from the horse transport, which was still on the road.

The Headquarters of the Ambulance and a small Dressing Station were at FRANVILLERS. At HEILLY Capt. MILLER and 20 other ranks were stationed and at BONNAY Major BRUMMITT, two bearer sub-divisions and one tent-subdivision.

During the afternoon communication was established between the Battalion M.Os of the Division and the A.D.Ss. The arrival of the Horse Transport later in the day enabled the men to be fed and Medical Stores and Comforts to be sent to the A.D.Ss for distribution to R.M.Os.

On the night of the 27th the 10th Field Ambulance arrived and took over the advanced posts.

28.3.18. We then opened an M.D.S. at QUERRIEU, whence the Transport and a small party were immediately despatched.

29.3.18. On the following day, (29.3.18) the main body proceeded to QUERRIEU and preparations were made as rapidly as possible to receive wounded. The chief Estaminet at QUERRIEU was taken over for a M.D.S. Four tables for dressing stretcher cases were fixed up and the large front room made an admirable dressing room. Here the records were also kept. An adjoining room was turned into a theatre to do urgent operations. The chart attached shows the number of cases dealt with.

The main difficulty at this stage was to evacuate the wounded to C.C.S. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting these cases away. During the night 28th-29th considerable congestion prevailed. Repeated wires to the Motor Ambulance Convoy only succeeded in obtaining 6 Ambulance Cars at 6 a.m. on the 29th. 400 wounded accumulated, of whom a large proportion were serious cases. These cases were accommodated in barns requisitioned from the Area Commandant. These difficulties were mitigated largely by obtaining the services of 8 Motor Lorries, which had come into the town in error, and by means of these, 200 cases were sent off to the 3rd Canadian C.C.S. at DOULLENS. A congestion of traffic on the roads made the journey from QUERRIEU to DOULLENS a long and difficult one.

Another great difficulty experienced during the second day at QUERRIEU was that the stock of blankets was rapidly diminishing, due to the small number we had to start with, 600 in all, and to the distance between the M.D.S. and C.C.S. and short distance between the M.D.S. and A.D.S.

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We were giving out more blankets than we were receiving in return. On the morning of the 29th a large number of cars and lorries were obtained from the 3rd M.A.C., and by nightfall the whole of the cases had been transferred to Hospital. Since that time the supply of Motor Transport has been well maintained, in addition to which the number of wounded coming in has considerably lessened.

30.3.1918. On the 30th arrangements were made to accommodate upto 200 wounded. Owing, to the efficient Motor Transport, it has not been necessary to give much surgical treatment to the wounded now coming in. All the patients are very cheerful and confident of our troops being able to repel all enemy attacks. They state that they have never had such targets before, and indeed are very sorry to be missing the fight.

We are billeted in the houses evacuated by the French civilians, who left hurriedly on hearing of the approach of the Germans. We are using some of our Motor Transport to convey invalid civilians from the forward area to the French Mission at VILLERS BOGAGE and AMIENS.

At 12.30 p.m. today, A.D.M.S., gave instructions that two bearer sub-divisions complete were to be sent to 10th Australian Field Ambulance as a reserve: Capt. SWEENEY was sent in charge of this party. The enemy is attacking along our whole front in a determined fashion.

31.3.1918. Today has been quiet, and the number of casualties small. The enemy is shelling only on the outskirts of the town.

Today we discovered a stock of blankets left by a C.C.S., at CORBIE after they had abandoned the place. During the day we have collected these, which amount to 2,000 in all, so that we are now well equipped in this respect.

At the same time our reserve of stretchers was also increased by 100 obtained from M.A.C.

Tomorrow we are sending 1,000 of our salvaged blankets to M.A.C. for use of D.D.M.S., VII CORPS.

GENERAL.

The health of our men is good: they are in good spirits and are working with a will.

Motor Transport.: During the week-ended 28.3.18, the motor ambulances of this Unit have travelled 3,551 miles, and the Motor Cycle, 230 miles.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

The order received at VIEUL MOUTIER being an urgent one, only absolutely necessary stores were taken: the balance being dumped there. In the next area, ELARINGHEM, the order was even more urgent, to proceed to the SOMME zone. Equipment and stores were again examined and everything with the exception of blankets and stretchers, medical stores, tentage and cooking equipment were dumped at an adjacent village, WARD-RECCUES, care of the Area Commandant, one man being detailed to act as guard over the dump. The dumping of the stores was found to be fully justified on arriving at FRANVILLERS, as all sources of supply had been evacuated from territory temporarily occupied by the enemy, and those further to the rear moved a good distance further back carrying supplies with them.

It was fortunate that a large stock of medical comforts were carried by us for the comfort of patients, of which a large number came to the Station during the first 36~~hr~~ hours.

Owing to lack of Ambulance Cars and vehicles to evacuate these patients, they had to be retained and fed for this time, the messing arrangements being satisfactorily carried out. The nearest supply depot for medical comforts is at FREVENT, 45 kilometres to the rear. The Red Cross Society has now opened a Depot at that town, and stocks

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of foodstuffs, cigarettes, etc., are obtainable, but the journey necessitates a whole day in a motor ambulance to obtain same.

The Base Depot, Medical Stores, is situated at BEAUVAL.

At present the state of affairs has become normal, and no difficulty is found to cope with the situation. In this department, the successful carrying out of the work under trying circumstances has been due to the splendid loyalty and co-operation of the staff concerned. It is to be hoped that as the situation becomes more normal, various base depots of supply, will be advanced nearer the line, which will further facilitate coping with any shortage or difficulty that may arise.

A further drain on the resources of this Unit was the large number of English and Scotch soldiers who had lost their Units and were consequently without food. This difficulty was also overcome and nobody was refused a meal.

GENERAL:

Food supplies: the average percentage obtained for the month of the the principle articles of food were as follows:---

Fresh meat	50 %	Bread	80 %
Preserved meat	25 %	Jam	66 %
Bacon	100 %	Sugar	75 %
Cheese	25 %	Tea	100 %
Milk	80 %	Vegetables	44 %.

Food supplies - patients.

At the beginning of the month, food supplies for patients were augmented from Red Cross Depot, BOULOGNE, and Detail Issue Stores, BOULOGNE, and at the latter end of the month from Field Supply Depot and Red Cross Store, FREVENT.

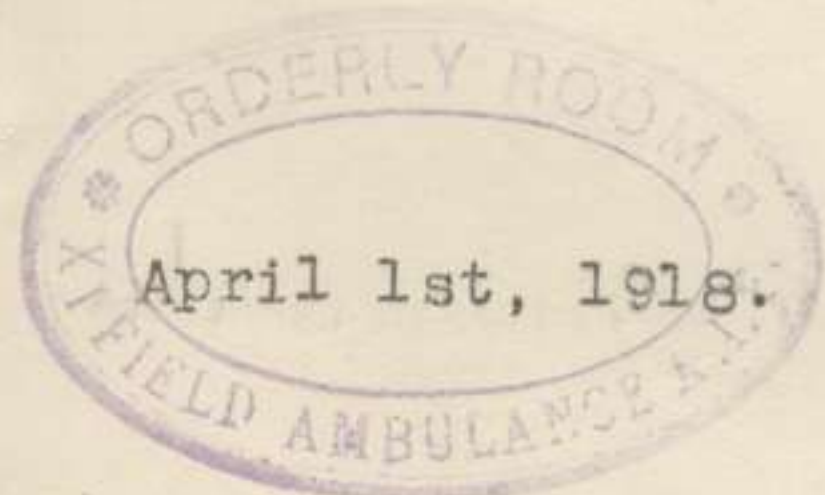
Clothing. Clean clothing for scabie cases at D.R.S., VIEUL MOUTIER, was obtained from Divisional Baths at DESVRES.

Coal. Extra supplies of coal for baths at D.R.S., VIEUL MOUTIER, were obtained from Senior Supply Officer, Division.

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

Return of Waste, etc.

(a) <u>Fat:</u>	Total due at Railhead	346.6 lbs.
	Total salvaged	550.0 "
		Surplus	<u>203.10 "</u>
(b) <u>Paper & Cardboard:</u>	Paper, waste,		94.0 lbs.
	Cardboard,		<u>54.0 "</u>



[Signature]
Lieut. Colonel
 Commanding,
 11th Australian Field Ambulance.

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Table showing Admissions, Evacuations etc. of Sick and Wounded
for period 28th Mar. to 31st Mar. 18.

Date	Admissions		To C.C.S.		To Duty		Deaths		Remarks.
	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	
Mar. 28	36	334	34	319	2	12	-	3	
29	25	78	1	75	-	1	-	1	
30	40	226	25	183	4	29	-	-	
31	25	23	13	17	15	6	-	5	



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Syllabus of Training for week-ending 24/3/18

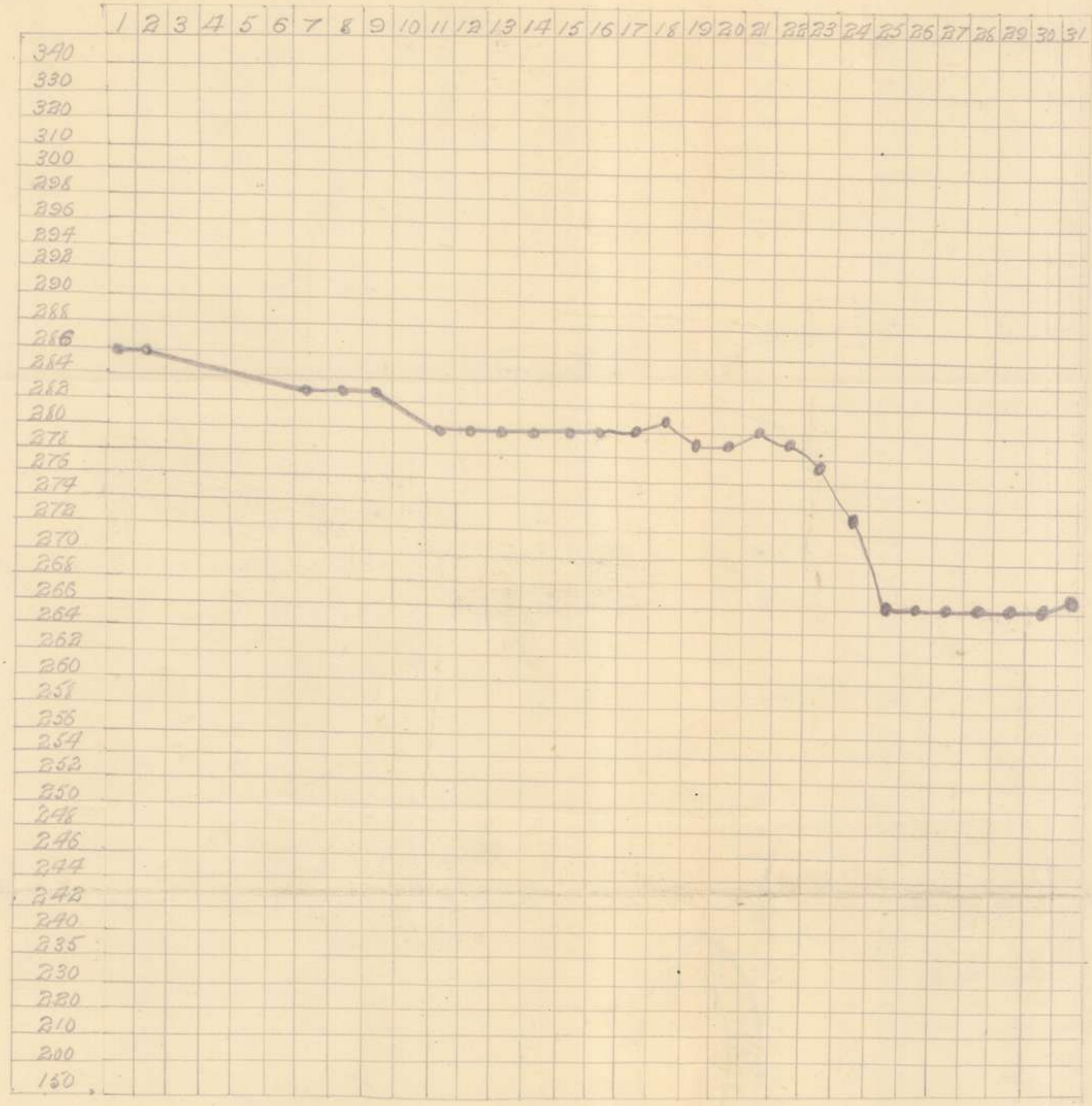
Date	Morning			Afternoon.		
	<u>Section</u> "A"	"B"	"C"	<u>Section</u> "A"	"B"	"C"
March 18	Duty	Route March	Baths	Sports	Sports	Sports
" 19	Duty	Baths	Tent Pitching	"	"	"
" 20	Duty	Tent Pitching	Route March	"	"	"
" 21	Duty	Route March & Squad Drill	Establishing Dressing Stn.	"	"	"
" 22	Duty	Establishing Dressing Stn.	Baths	"	"	"
" 23	Duty	Baths	Establishing Dressing Stn.	"	"	"
" 24	<u>Parade 9 a.m. day off.</u>					



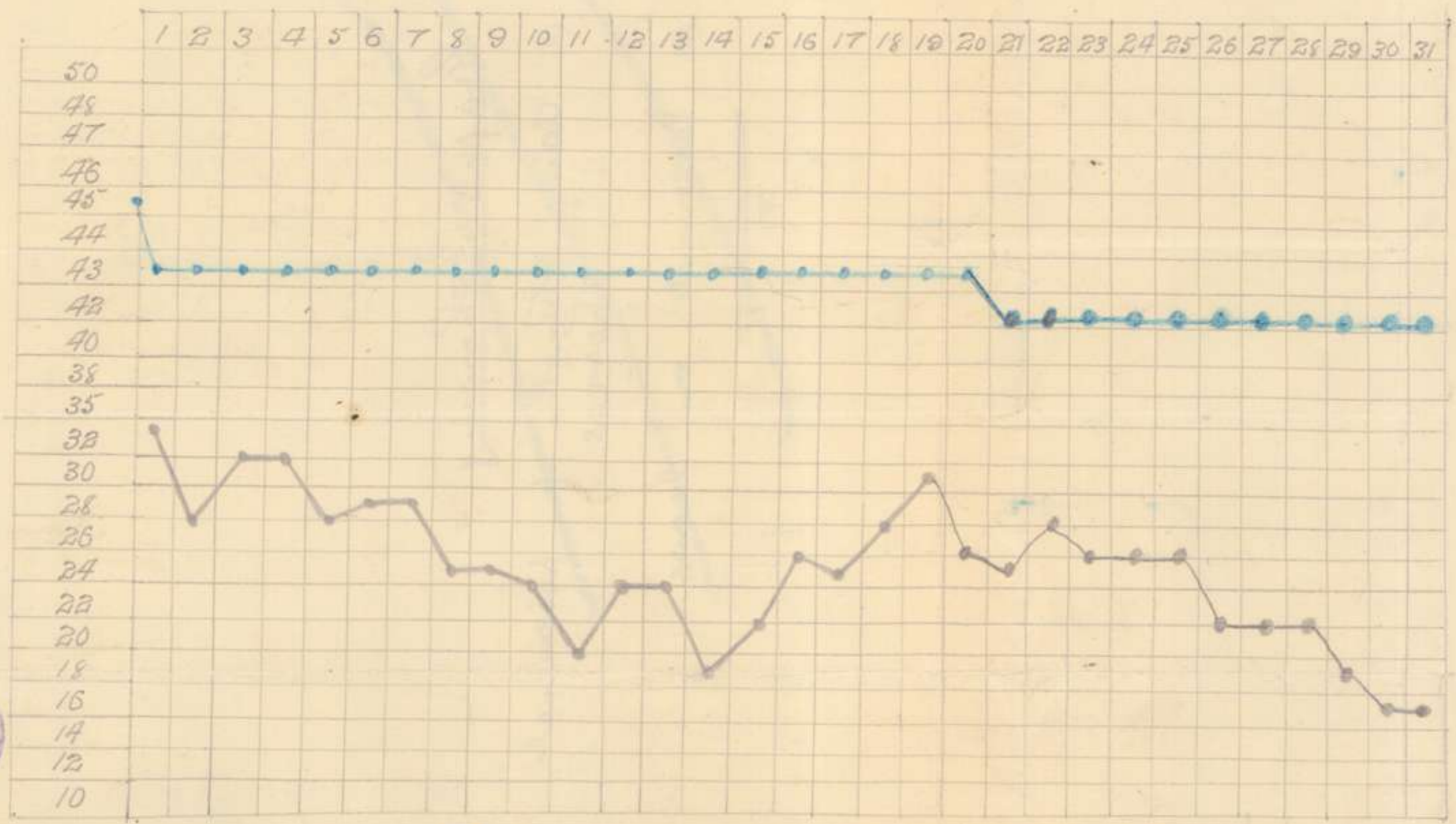
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DAILY STRENGTH - PERSONNEL - MARCH 1918

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DAILY STRENGTH - HORSES - MEN ON LEAVE - MARCH 1918



HORSES = BLUE. LEAVE = BLACK.



~~Graphs showing~~

~~(A) daily strength of personnel
Horses.~~

~~(B) Personnel on leave.~~

