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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Taily	November			
	1st.		Unit Sports held in Chateau Grounds at TAILLY in good weather. They were keenly contested and proved very close right through the afternoon.	R.B.W.
	2nd.		Muster Parade held this morning in accordance with Divisional Instructions. Captains Stump and Faithfull proceeded to Wngland on Leave.	R.B.W.
	3rd.		The Unit Football Team was beaten by the 44th Battalion this afternoon in the tournament inaugurated by Division.	R.B.W.
	4th.		Essays were read in the evening under the supervision of the Literary and Debating Society. Subject "Should the World be the better for the War?" No 681 L/Corporal DORMER J was awarded the Military Medal.	R.B.W.
	5th.		Eliminating Transport contest for the Divisional Competitions was held today and we gained the following prizes:- 1st Prize Best G.S. Wagon; 1st Prize Best Malte Cart; best G.S. Limbered Wagon. Prizewinners are to represent the A.A.M.C. at the Divisional Competitions.	R.B.W.
	6th.		Lieut. Maxwell returned from Leave today. Educational Classes were carried on during the evening. Captain Macallum returned from A./R.M.O. 44th Battalion. Divisional Convalescent Camp for Reception of cases recovering from Influenza opened at Bailleul (Hallencourt Area) today.	
7th.		Captain KENIHAN proceeded to Paris on Leave. Captain Matters attached to 7th F.A.B. was wounded and struck off strength. Weather is not good, rain falling heavily most of the day. The following names appeared in a Special Order dated 4.11.18 by Major General Gellibrand as to their having been awarded the Military Medal:- 17509 Pte. BELL L.S. 17522 P te STINSON E.L. 12672 " SPENCER C.W.	R.B.W.	
		For conspicuous gallantry in action while engaged in operations east of RONSSOY on the 29th Sept. 1918. Captain Maclure returned from Paris today. The weather is still very bad. Sport was impossible, owing to the rain. 11th Brigade Sports were held today in showery weather. We secured several prizes a list of which is attached in Appendix I. Captain Matters taken on strength from Hospital wounded, and was reattached to the 7th F.A.B.	R.B.W.	



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	8th		Captain Maclure was detailed as Acting R.M.O. 33rd Aust. Battalion.	P. 1st
	9th		Major North R.B. returned from Leave and assumed command of the Unit during the absence of Lieut. Col. LEWERS.	
			A Football match between the Unit and the 43rd Battalion took place in the Chateau grounds. A good match ensued and the Ambulance was successful winning by 17 points.	
			A Debate was held this evening in the recreation room, and evoked much interest.	
	10th		The weather is exceptionally fine again, and very frosty at night	
			We gained first prize for best G.S. Wagon at the Divisional Competitions today.	
	11th		The weather still remains fine.	P. 1st
			The Educational classes are now in full swing and large attendances have been noted.	
			A.D.M.S. visited the Ambulance today to review 50 cases from the Brigade Group of men who were recommended for Medical Board as unfit for further service in the Field.	
			Weather still fine and cold. Educational classes were carried on as usual.	P. 1st
	13th		Football training was indulged in during the afternoon	
		Divisional Sports were held this afternoon at Hallencourt. We had several competitors but all were unsuccessful in winning a prize.		
		Bridge Tournament was held in the Recreation Room this evening and drew a large attendance. Prizes were awarded to the successful competitors.	P. 1st	
		Advice was received that £20 had been paid to Regimental Funds from the League of Loyal Women in South Australia. This sum to be used for Christmas		
		Cheerxx in the Unit.		
		Nothing of interest to report. The weather is fine although a heavy frost fell during the night.		
15th		Captain Maclure returned to the Unit from Acting R.M.O. of the 33rd Battn.		
		Captain Godson transferred to the 3rd Australian General Hospital at Abbeville.		
16th		W.O. Butterworth D.C. (M.S.M.) has been appointed Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. to 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance from 11.11.18	P. 1st	
		In the Football contests today we were beaten by the 3rd Machine Gun Battn.		
		by 6 points after a close contest.		
		In the evening a mock parliament was opened and various Bills introduced. Large attendance greeted the opening of this effort of the Literary Society.	P. 1st	



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	17th		The day was bitterly cold and the heavy frost remained on the ground all day. Colonel LEWISS returned from leave today.	
	18th		Administrative Instruction No 65 received which contained the preliminary orders and precautions preparatory to a long move.	
	19th		A Muster Parade was held this morning at 10 a.m. to find out the exact conditions of boots of all ranks in case a long march was forthcoming. A lecture on "Soils" was given in the recreation room this evening. Two men were selected to represent the Ambulance in the composite company formed to proceed to Germany should the 3rd Division not go with the rest of the Corps.	
	20		Warning Order to move received. We are to be prepared to move within 36 hours. Inoculation of men (T.A.B.) was proceeded with today. Composite company of the 3rd Division cancelled.	
	21		A concert was given this evening in the hall of the Chateau by members of the Lena Ashwell concert party.	
	22		Weather is now remaining fine, and allow of the maximum of sport.	
	23		Football match between the Engineers and the Ambulance took place this afternoon in showery weather. The match was won by the Ambulance.	
	24		The weather is cloudy, and during this afternoon, rain fell.	
	25		A.D.M.S. visited the Unit today and inspected the Hospital. Very wet today. Sgt. JUDD T.P. proceeded to 5th Aust. Field Ambulance today to take up duties of Warrant Officer, General Duties.	
	28		The weather is very bad, rain having set in early this morning and continued intermittently during the day.	
	29		The C.O. addresses the Unit this morning on Demobilisation and Repatriation after attended a conference at office of A.D.M.S.	
	30		Captain Faithfull was detailed as Acting R.M.O. 3rd Divisional Engineers, and Captain Luke as Acting R.M.O. to 44th Battalion vice Capt. Germon on leave. Today was the first fine day for several days. However the weather still appears unsettled and more rain may be expected.	



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11th Aust. Field Ambulance

FOR

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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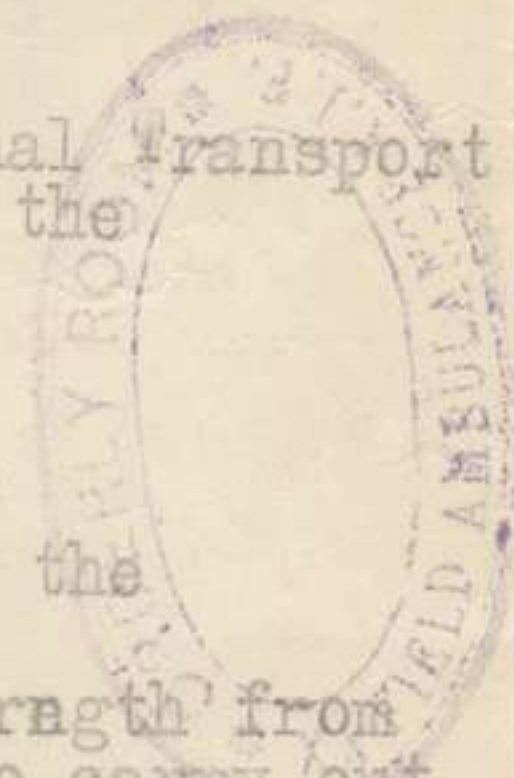
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Notes of Interest

*W. North Major
A/CO Lt. Col.*



- 1st. Unit Sports were held in Chateaub grounds this afternoon and were keenly contested. The section ~~for~~ competition for most points was very close from beginning to end, "A" Section finally winning from "B" Section with 47 points against 45½ points. "C" Section came next with 24 points, and Transport with 18.
9.35 p.m. A Special Order was received from Division that at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning, a full Muster Parade would be held and that only men on special duty (and provided with special passes) should be allowed out of camp. The object of the parade is to enable the rounding up of deserters in the Divisional Area.
- 2nd. A Muster Parade was held at 10 a.m. this morning in accordance with instructions received from Division. All men accounted for.
Captains Stump and Faithfull proceeded to England on Leave. The Divisional Football Tournament commenced this afternoon. The Ambulance met the 44th Battalion at HEUCOURT and was beaten by 17 points.
Under the auspices of the Literary Society essays were called for from each section, the subject being "Will the world be the better for the War?" Remarkably good essays productive of deep thought and much labor were submitted.
- 3rd. 2 Other Ranks were detailed to attend Gas School at MONTIERES today.
L/Cpl DORMER J. NO681, was awarded the Military Medal.
1 man sent to AIRAINES to attend a course of instruction on Sanitation.
Captain KENIHAN ATTENDED Brigade and Divisional Sports Meeting.
- 4th. Eliminating Transport Contest for the 3rd Divisional Transport Competitions was held today with result we gained the following prizes:-
Best G.S. Wagon- Long Rein drive 1st Prize.
Best Maltese Cart- one horse 1st Prize
Best G.S. Limbered Wagon - 2 horses 2nd Prize.
The prizewinners are to represent the A.A.M.C. at the Divisional Competitions on the 7th inst.
Four men from the third Pioneers were taken on strength from 3.11.18 but will remain detached to the Pioneers to carry out the duties of A.M.C. Details vide A.I.F. Order 1000.
Lieut. Maxwell returned from Leave today.
2 Other ranks proceeded to PARIS.
Educational Classes were carried on during the evening.
Captain McCallum returned from Acting R.M.O. 44th Battalion.
1 Motor Ambulance was sent to Australian Corps School at ST FIRMIN near RUE, to relieve car of 1st Australian Division Divisional ~~Reception~~ Convalescent Camp for reception of cases recovering from Influenza opened at BAILLEUL (HALLENCOURT Area) today.
- 5th. Captain KENIHAN M.C. proceeded to PARIS on leave.
Brigade Sports were to be held today but owing to the inclemency of the weather and incessant rain were cancelled.
Captain MATTERS (attached to 7th F.A. Bde) was slightly wounded and evacuated to C.C.S.
- 6th. The following names of bearers of this Unit appeared in a Special Order dated 4.11.18 by Major General GELLIBRAND. as having been awarded the Military Medal:-
No 17509 Pte L.S. BELL
17522 " E.L. STINSON.
12672 " C.W. SPENCER.



6th contd. A.D.M.S. advised by phone that Capt R.F. MATTERS, who was detached for duty with the 7th F.A. Bde. had been wounded and evacuated to day.

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A Bridge tournament has been arranged to night to be held in the recreation room and an enjoyable evening has been ~~xx~~ anticipated.

Captain Maclure returned from leave (Paris today).

7th.

A football match was played between two teams picked from the Unit. The men showed excellent form, and the selection committee had a good opportunity of picking the best men for the match against the 43rd Battalion.

Educational classes were held this evening.

11th Brigade Sports were held today in showery weather

The Unit was successful in the following events:-

1 mile flat race	2nd prize
100 yards flat race	3rd prize.
100 yards open	1st prize.
220 yards flat	2nd prize.
440 yards flat	2nd prize.
880 yards flat	3rd prize
Broad jump	2nd prize.
Cock fighting	1st prize.

Captain R.F. MATTERS taken on strength from Hospital (wounded) and detached to 7th F.A. Bde.

8th.

Captain MACLURE has been detached to relieve the R.M.O. 33rd Aust. Battalion.

Major NORTH returned from Italy ex leave today and assumed command of the Unit while Lt. Col LEWERS, is on leave.

9th.

An interesting and keenly contested football match took place between Unit and 43rd Battalion at Chateau grounds, TAILLY. The Ambulance team won by 17 points.

In the evening a debate was held in the recreation room, the subject being "Should women compete with men in public life". A



9th continued.

A jury adjudicated and awarded points as follows :- Affirmative 150 points, negative 120. 70 Officers and other ranks attended. The weather is exceptionally fine again and very frosty and chilly at night.

163 Advice was received through A.D.M.S. that Captain Matters had returned to his duties as Acting R.M.O. 7th F.A.B. on the 7th inst. and he was taken on strength accordingly.

10th

Church parades were held today at 9 a.m. for Protestants and a Mass for R.C.s in the church at Warlus at 11 a.m. The Divisional Transport Competitions were held at Hallencourt today. We were successful in gaining first prize for the best G.S. Wagon.

10 other ranks proceeded to Abbeville on leave for the day under transport arrangement of 11th Brigade. One Other rank was selected to attend the fourth course at the 3rd Sanitation School at AIRAINES. The weather is still exceptionally fine.

11th.

Educational classes are now in full swing and large attendances are at every class.

Football exercise and training was indulged in on the sports grounds this afternoon.

The A.D.M.S. visited the Unit today and inspected 50 cases of men from the Brigade Group who were considered unsuitable for further service in the Field.

Weather still remains fine

12th.

Nothing of interest to report. Weather is fine .

13th.

The Divisional Athletic Sports were held today in fine weather. Several of the Unit took part but were unsuccessful.

A Bridge Tournament was held this evening at 6 pm. and drew a large attendance. Prizes were allotted to the winners.

A letter was received from the Commissioner of the Australian Comforts Fund ~~xxxx~~ advising that a donation of £20 from the League of Loyal Women of South Australia for Xmas Cheer in the Unit, had been received and paid into Regimental Funds.

15th.

Captain Maclure was detailed today as Acting R.M.O. 33rd Battn. Captain GODSON (46th Dental Unit) attached to this Unit was transferred to 1st Aust. General Hospital today.

16th.

Warrant Officer D.C. BUTTERWORTH (M.S.M.) has been appointed Quartermaster and Hon. Lieut to 2nd Field Ambulance from the 11th inst.

S/Sgt HOPKINS 13th Field Ambulance is to replace Mr Butterworth as Warrant Officer in this Unit.

In the Football contests today we were beaten by the Machine Gun Battalion after a close contest.

In the evening a Mock Parliament was opened and a Bill introduced for the "Nationalisation of Sports and Amusements." A large number attended and an excellent evening's entertainment resulted.

Captain Maclure proceeded to England on Leave.

17th.

The day was bitterly cold and the heavy frost remained on the ground all day.

Colonel LEWERS returned to the Unit from furlough.

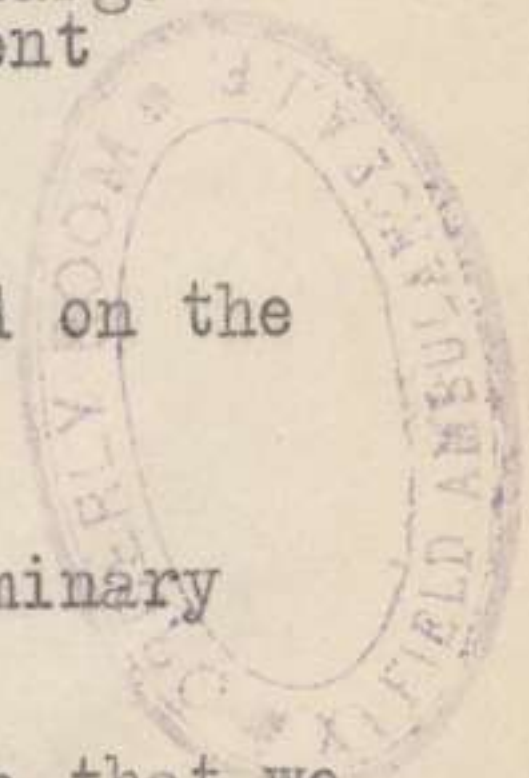
18th.

Instruction No 65 received which contained the preliminary orders and precautions preparatory to a long move.

19th.

In view of the possibilities of moving and the advice that we should be prepared for ~~xx~~ 12 days' route marching, a Muster parade was held at 10 a.m. All ranks were dressed in full marching order. Boots were afterwards carefully examined and found to be in good order. A few pairs needed mending but the scarcity of leather makes the repairing of them a very difficult task.

A lecture was given in the recreation room on "Soils."



19th
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20th.

Warning Order remove received. We are to be prepared to move within 36 hours.
Inoculation of men (T.A.B.) ~~has~~ was proceeded with during the day. A Bridge Tournament was held this evening in the recreation room and a good number turned up. Prizes were given to the winners.
Message received from A.D.M.S. that arrangements made for men to form Composite body had been cancelled.

21st. A concert was given in the Hall of the Chateau this evening by members of the Lena Ashwell Concert Party. The concert was arranged through the Y.M.C.A. of the 11th Brigade.
Capt. Matters transferred to 7th F.A.B.

22nd. Nothing to report. The weather now remains fine, and every opportunity for sport has been availed of.

23rd. A Football match between the Divisional Engineers and the Ambulance took place this afternoon. After a good game, the Ambulance won by 6 points.

24th The weather has turned cloudy and during the afternoon rain fell.

25th. A.D.M.S. paid a visit of inspection to the Unit today. Hospital and billets were inspected.
It has rained throughout the day.
Sergeant Judd proceeded to 5th Field Ambulance as Warrant Officer of ~~the~~ General Duties.

26th. Nothing of interest to report.

28th. A Lecture was given by Captain Stump under the auspices of the Literary Society, the subject being "Sociological Principles". The attendance was good and lively interest taken.
The weather has been very bad today, rain having set in early this morning and continued intermittently during the day.

29th. The C.O. addressed the Muster Parade this morning on Demobilisation and Repatriation and after attended a conference at Office of A.D.M.S.

30th. Captain Faithfull was detailed as Acting R.M.O of the 3rd Divisional Engineers and Captain Luke to the 44th Battalion vice Capt. Germon proceeding on leave

A. D. M. S. Major

M C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.
Lieut. Colonel.

