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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Biencourt	1919			
	Mar 8		10 th Aust. Field Ambulance consisting of 4 off. 130 OR. marched in to Transloy and are attached	
	9		Lieut Col Lewers proceeded on leave to Germany (Rhine Trip)	
	14		Cinema show given by Chaplain Brown in Unit Recreation Room	
	17		Day cold & dull. - Dinner provided from Unit Regimental Funds given to personnel of Unit prior to departure of first quota for return to Australia	
			In the absence of the CO. Major Meyers took the chair.	
	18		First quota consisting of 51 OR. marched out to join quota 24 at Gamaches	
	19		9 th Aust. Field Ambulance consisting of 9 off. 118 OR. attached for duty etc & billeted in Biencourt Transloy.	
	22/23		Continued wet weather with snow.	
	24		Major E.S. Meyers evac sick to No 2 Stat. Hospital. Abbeville.	
	26		Lieut Col. H. B. Lewers rejoined from leave to Germany.	
	29		Lieut Col. H. B. Lewers to be A/ASMS. 3 rd Aust. Division	
			Major E.S. L. Graves to be A/CO. of Unit vice Lt Col. H. B. Lewers	
	30.		Capt. E.H. Jenkins - 44 th Dental Unit - evacuated sick to 3 rd A.G. H. Abbeville.	

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NOTES OF INTEREST FOR THE MONTH

- Mar 1/6/ Much rain but not at all cold weather.
7 Weather dull.
8 For the purpose of Demobilisation the Division has been formed into Demobilisation Regiments and the Field Ambulances are allotted to the 11th Demob. Regt. The 11th Aust. Field Ambulance has been selected as Cadre Ambulance of the Division the 9th & 10th Field Ambulances to join and be attached to this unit after all their stores have been disposed of.
- 9 4 Officers and 130 O.Rs of 10th Field Ambulance marched into TRANSLAY and were attached from to-day. They brought with them 10 horses and 6 Motor Ambulances, the remainder of their Stores and Equipment having been returned to DADOS a few days before. Lieut Col H.B. LEWERS proceeded on leave to Germany. A party from the Division comprising Lieut Colonels and upwards proceeded for this trip which comprised visits to the principal towns of the Rhine. During the C.Os absence Major E.S. MEYERS acted as C.O. with Capt N.A. MACLURE as Adjutant.
- 10/13 Fine weather. Preparations begun for a final dinner to the Unit prior to the departure of the first quota.
- 14 A well attended Cinema Show was given by Chap. BROWN in the Unit's Recreation Room.
- 15/16 Weather fresh No Rain.
17 Farewell Dinner given to the Unit on the eve of the departure of the first quota. The Dinner was provided from Regimental Funds which had been increased by transfer of an amount standing to Credit of a Special Fund donated by the 11th Field Ambulance Sewing Circle in Adelaide for men in need of financial assistance. As it is not likely the fund will now be required for this purpose the C.O. decided to spend it on the personnel of the unit. A great dinner which reflected great credit on the Q.M. Dept who did the purchasing and cooked for manner in which it was served. Usual Toasts were drunk in addition to one wishing all success and a good trip home to our first quota. Major E.S. MEYERS took the chair in the absence of the C.O. who is on leave to Germany.
- 18 First Quota consisting of 51 O.Rs left Unit for Gamaches Concentration Camp where they joined Quota 24. The group was comprised of practically all original men of the unit and was given a hearty send off by the remaining personnel and also the French Civilians to whom most of the boys had become acquainted and made good friends.
- 19 Following on the 10th Field Ambulance the 9th Field Ambulance marched in for attachment and the 4 officers & 118 OR were accommodated in Biencourt and Translay. They brought 12 horses and 6 Motor Ambulances all Stores etc having been returned to DADOS beforehand.
- 23 Continued wet weather with snow and strong winds.
24 Major E.S. MEYERS evacuated sick to No 2 Stat. Hosp.
25 Exceptionally cold weather with snow and sleet.
26 Lieut. Col. H.B. LEWERS rejoined from leave to Germany.
29 Lt. Col. H.B. LEWERS to be A/A.D.M.S. 3rd Aust. Division. Major E.I.L. GRAVES is transferred from 10th Field Ambulance as A/C.O. vice Lt. Col. Lewers. 7 horses returned to No2 Advanced Remount Depot Abbeville.
- 30 Capt E.H. JENKINS -Dental Unit 46- evacuated sick to 3rd AGH.

Q.M's Report for the month of March 19.

Rations from the A.S.C. as in the previous month were well up to the full issue, extras were purchased twice weekly from Abbeville.

On Monday March 18th a farewell dinner was held to bid "BON-VOYAGE" to men who were leaving the Ambulance the following day to join the quota at Camaches.

During the period these men were in Camaches they were supplied with comforts purchased from the Unit Regimental Funds. Each man leaving with the quota had a small box given to him from the Canteen containing:-

100 Cigarettes	2 Tins Paste
1 Tin Tobacco	1 Tin Salmon
2 Boxes Matches	2 Pkts Biscuits
2 Tins Sardines	2 Cigars.

These Comforts were purchased from Regimental Funds. As Red Cross Goods were unobtainable in sufficient quantities from Abbeville a Car was despatched to Boulogne and all necessities supplied, The foodstuffs and comforts obtained were greatly appreciated by the patients.