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OF

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

FOR

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Flesselles 1/11/1918			<p>Influenza still shows the same types. Three more men of the Unit admitted. Instructions from Division received to hold a muster parade at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Major LOWE detailed for this duty. Novbr 2nd. Muster parade held at 10 a.m. Memo. from 5th. A.I.F. Bde in reference to same received at 8:45 a.m. No absentees in the Unit or found in Unit area. Capt. BEARE returned from Corps Gas School. Corpl. LEACH, Staff Sergt. RETALLICK, Staff Sergt. COPPIN struck off the strength. The former two to Hospital Sick. S/Sgt. RETALLICK COPPIN (MSM) to A.I.F. Headq uarters. This N.C.O. has served with the Unit since its formation and has given most stirring and exemplary service at all times. L/c. Connors was awarded Bar to his Military Medal and Pte. S. YEARDLEY a military medal for outstanding work at Mt. St. QUENTIN. Extra stretchers and blankets applied for from A.D.M.S.,</p>	
3/11/1918			<p>Nothing very definite to-day. Influenza still shows many cases from group and artillery. The type does not appear to increase the vicinity. Visited D.A.D.M.S. in reference to Transfer of surplus patients to 6th and 7th. Fld. Ambce. Four cases evacuated to 7th. Fd. Ambce at St. OVEN. Blankets 150 sent to Foden at FREMONT. 100 extra blankets drawn from D.A.D.O.S.</p>	
4/11/1918.			<p>Visited R.M.Os of Brigade Group. They were confident that the Influenza is declining in their units. Also satisfied with their billets etc. and have no special requests or requirements. Influenza seems to be diminishing in severity. Capt. C.I. DAVIS reports from detachment to 6th. Fld. Ambce. Fire alarm drill and station at 1:30 p.m.</p>	
5/11/1918.			<p>Routine work in Unit. Fatigue party and Horse supplied to Town Major as on previous day. Visited Divisional Educational Officer in reference to Unit scheme. Also L/C CUNNINGHAM paraded to the same Officer. Capt. JAMES has Influenza, also Capt. BADHAM, type not severe.</p>	
6/11/1918.			<p>Major BEAMISH reported from A.I.F. Depots for temporary duty. and attached to "A" Section. Influenza seems to be lessening in severity. No other members of the unit attacked. Other Ranks 2 and 4th A.F. Art. Bde. as details (A.D.M.S. 24/53). Pte. Stanley evacuated with pneumonia. L/c. BARWICK (MM) and Pte. C. THOMPSON awarded respectively a Bar to his Military Medal and the Military Medal. Sgt. GRIFFITHS to HAVRE with Salvage party.</p>	
7/11/1918.			<p>Two other ranks of the Unit evacuated with acute diffuse Bronchitis following on Influenza. The weather is very wet and windy. Four O.R. to 5th. A.F.A. Bde and two O.R. to 17th Bn. as water duty details.</p>	
8/11/1918			<p>Weather still very wet and cold. Ambulance is now 50 below establishment. This is due largely to evacuation from Influenza and posting of details (water duty) to formations of the Brigade etc., 9/11/18. Nothing of importance. 10/11/18. T/Cpl. G.S. NOAKES to Corps Gas School.</p>	
11/11/18.			<p>Four other ranks to 17th and 20th Bns. for Water Duties. News at 12 noon of the armistice. All ranks paraded and the telegram read out and cheers given.</p>	

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	12/11/18		O/c to 2nd. D.H.Q., as Acting A.D.M.S., Major Culpin to command temporary. Sgt. Griffiths returns from HAVRE. one large car attached to 6th A.F.A. Bde at ESTREES. 5th. Bde sports at VIGNACOURT during the afternoon.	
	13/11/18		Driver CLOTHIER (Ford Car) injured in the arm. W.O. CADDEN rejoined from leave.	
	14/11/18		Cpl. WHITTAKER to 17th Bn. for attachment. Capt. BEARE to U.K. leave. Unofficially heard that Capt. NOWLAND has been awarded the Military Cross for his services with a British Division. To Divisional Gymkhana, which was very good.	
	15/11/18		Major LOWE and Capt. BADHAM to Le TREPORT on leave. Six Officers and 20 Other Ranks of the Unit to a lecture by General Younghusband on the Indian Frontiers at VIGNACOURT aerodrome.	
	16/11/18		L/c DAVIS to be Corporal Packstorekeeper vice Cpl. MILLER to be 20th Bn. Pte. STEWART to Div. Educational Officer staff for duty. L/c. CUNNINGHAM authorised by the Educational Officer to supervise the training and educational schemes of the 6th and 7th Field Ambulances. Full Church parade and inspection of 'A' Section.	
	17/11/18		Full Dress parade and Inspection of 'B' Section this morning. In the afternoon ceremonial parade at VIGNACOURT, where children took over the care of our graves. Large Daimler car to 2nd.Div. Art. Group (A.D.M.S). A.D.M.S. Order No. 45 and 5th Bde. Instruction No. 1 (Advance to the RHINE) received. Capt. BALDWIN BALDWIN from detachment to 2nd.Div. Artillery rejoined. Major LOWE and Capt. BADHAM rejoined from leave.	
	18/11/18		Capt. NOWLAND (MC) to 17th Bn. temporarily.	
	19/11/18		Foden lorry reported and 800 blankets disinfected. Visit to Brigade H.Q., in reference to move to new area.	
	20/11/18		Foden lorry reported back to 5th A.I.Bde. Large Ambulance car attached to 6th. A.F.A. Bde. reported back to 7th Aust. Fld. Amblce. Capt. NOWLAND returned from Temporary duty with 17th. Bn. 5th. A.I.Bde 'Advance to the Rhine' Instructions No. 3 states:- "Motor Ambulances, if available, may be used for sending forward the billeting parties". On reference to A.D.M.S. "Brigade had no authority from this office and course taken is out of order". Unit to move according to Unit Movement Order issued under this date.	
	21/11/18.		Reinforcement return showed that 54 other Ranks were required to complete establishment.	App.
	22/11/18.		Transport moved at 0100 and remainder of Unit at 0310. On arrival at VIGNACOURT our train had not arrived. Men were breakfasted and later given lunch. The train eventually moved off at 1300 instead of at 0511 as stated in schedule, Notwithstanding the fact that it had been known for quite a time that we should entrain at VIGNACOURT, no adequate arrangements had been made for the entrucking of horses and vehicles and it was only with great difficulty that this was accomplished. Having travelled through areas ravished by war and over part of which we	

\*Sheets:- L 11- 1:100,000.  
 VALENCIENNES 12 - 1:100,000.  
 ST. QUENTIN 18 - 1:100,000.  
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	22/11/18.		ourselves had so recently fought the Boche, we eventually reached our detraining point, BERTRY (Sheet 12 - 5.F.40.11) at 2300.	
	23/11/18.		At 0055 the bearers and at 0150 the Transport moved off to our billeting area at BOHAIN (Sheet 18 - 1.F.50.85). The night was clear, cold and frosty. The bearers reached BOHAIN and at 0400 and the Transport pulled in at 0450. The reason that the detraining point was so far (15 Kilometres) from the billeting area was given as being due to a delay action mine blowing up the permanent way beyond BERTRY. We were billeted in good quarters (ECOLE DES FILLES) and stables.	
	24/11/18.		Nothing to note. Unit remained at BOHAIN. Sergt. MORRIS, an original member of the the Unit, evacuated sick. Brigade Order to move at 0935 25/11/18 received.	
	25/11/18.		Unit to move as per Unit movement order of this date to MAZINGHIBIN (Sheet 12 - 6.H.12.61). The morning cold, misty and wet. Distance to be travelled 10 miles. Cooks sent ahead to prepare hot midday meal. Arrived at new location 1330. Brigade Order to move to PRISCHES area received.	App.
	26/11/18.		Unit to move to PRISCHES area as per movement order of this date. Weather fine. Distance about 10 miles. Arrived at LINIERES (Sheet 12 - 5.J.50.13) at 1400. Billets good and stables excellent. Two other ranks evacuated to hospital sick. Major A. T. DUNLOP, D.S.O., reported from 1st. Aust. C.C.S. for duty and placed on supernumerary strength. Two other ranks reported back from leave.	App.
	27/11/18.		Visit from Acting G.O.C., 5th. A.I.Bde who thought we would be remaining until the 4th prox. Also warned that a general meeting of all Officers of Group would shortly be held re Education and Demobilization scheme. W.O.CADDEN reverts to S/Sergeant and rejoins his former Unit, 3rd. Aust. Sanitary Section. Sergt. JUDD reported and to be W.O. vice CADDEN. Capt. BALDWIN temporary R.M.O. 20th Bn. Capt. DAVIS to 27th Bn. as T/R.M.O. Two other ranks evacuated sick. Two other ranks proceeded on leave (Paris & U.K.). One other rank rejoined from leave.	
	28/11/18.		Meeting of Officers of Bde Group. Acting G.C.O., discussed Demobilization and Education Scheme. All as yet rather vague.	
	29/11/18.		Two O.R. sent to Div. Kit Dump, BOHAIN as guard on A.A.M.C. stores. Corporal Cook KERSEY evacuated sick. Two other ranks to Hospital sick.	
	30/11/18.		Capt. BALDWIN to be R.M.O. 2nd. Aust. Div. Wing but to remain attached. Capt. NOWLAND to be Temp. R.M.O. 28th Bn. vice Capt. HARPER to 1st A.G.H. on 6 weeks refresher course. Three O.Rs reinforcement. Two large cars reported, one each from 6th and 7th F. Ambices. Warning Order of the H.M. The King's visit tomorrow.	

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*[Signature]*  
 Lt. Col.  
 O/c 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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of  
FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FD. AMBLCE  
for  
NOVEMBER, 1918.

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Quartermaster's Report.

To Officer Commanding,  
5th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

Herewith report of Q.M. Branch of this Unit for month ending 30th November 1918.

RATIONS. The rations for the month have been in the most cases up to the new ration scale.

VEGETABLES. The vegetable ration has been rather light and potatoes have had to be purchased to make up the required quantity.

FORAGE. The fodder ration for the month was quite up to scale.

FUEL. The fuel ration has been quite sufficient to meet all requirements.

SALVAGE BY-PRODUCTS. The undermentioned quantities have been return to Salvage and A.S.C.

Paper	lbs 95.	Cardboard	lbs 73.
Cartons	193	Hessian Packing	lbs. 25.

Petrol cases and tins, drums, sa cks and empty cases, etc., 100% have been returned to A.S.C. and receipts held for same.

ORDNANCE STORES. All demands on D.A.D.O.S., have been satisfactorily and promptly met.

AUST. RED CROSS SUPPLIES. All demands on Aust. Branch, B.R.C.S. have been supplied in a most satisfactory manner.

AUST. COMFORT FUND. The following list of Comforts for personnel were received and distributed:-

Cocoa & Milk	c/s 6	Cigarettes	c/-s 1½.
Tobacco	" ¼	Curry pdr	" 2
Milk	" 1	Sugar	bags ½
Jam	" 1	Tomato Soup	c/s 1
Wallets	" 1	Primus Stove	1
Primus, Burners	4	Pri ckers	8.

Herewith list of menus as supplied to personnel ~~dur~~ and patients during the period covered.

(Sgd) C. James, Capt.  
Q.M. 5th. Aust. Fld. Ambice.

To Officer Commanding,  
5th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

Herewith report on Transport Section of this Ambulance for the month ending 30/11/18.

From the 1st to the 21st of the month we were in billets at FLESSELLES where little beyond the usual daily routine was carried out. The standings, owing to lack of facility for drainage, were rather muddy, but the horses were sheltered ~~fer~~ from the cold winds prevailing at that time.

On the 22nd instant we entrained at VIGNACOURT in the early morning hours. Notwithstanding that it had been known for some days that the Brigade would entrain there no additional facilities for entraining had been made to supplement those already existing and which were of a very primitive type. As a consequence the process was only accomplished with a maximum of time and energy. At 11 p.m. on the Sunday same day we arrived at BERTY, where the siding was made with a view to loading horses and vehicles with despatch. Having untrucked horses and vehicles without mishap we moved by road to BOHAIN, some 15 Kilometres away. Here we found fair stabling and very good billets ~~on the 25th~~. On the 25th. we moved to MAZINGHEIN (some 9 miles) and ~~ag~~ were again very fortunate in our billeting and stabling. On the 26th instant we moved to PRISCHES area, where at LINIERES we found ample good stable accommodation and billets. Throughout these various moves everything has gone along without hitch or accident of any kind.

Under instructions from the Veterinary Officer, and by arrangements with the O/c, 15th Coy. A.A.S.C. we obtained a Stewart Horse clipping machine and managed to clip before the move, all heavy and Light draughts "trace high" and some of the hacks all over. This has greatly facilitated the work of Drivers and has enabled us to keep the horses in the usual high state of cleanliness that we have endeavoured to maintain throughout the year.

During the first half of the month the health of personnel was not as good as usual, quite a number being down with the prevailing epidemic. However, during the latter half it has been excellent. The harness is all in good condition and repair with all steel parts burnished.

We have been almost entirely free from minor injuries usually associated with stables this month.

Having regard to the number of drivers off duty owing to the prevailing epidemic or to being on leave - for some time only 11 out of 20 21 were available for duty - credit is due to the Transport N.C.O's, on whom most of the supervision has fallen and to the drivers and privates in charge of horses for the sustained effort and interest they have maintained throughout the month.

30/11/18.

(Sgd) G.B.LOWE, Major.  
T.O. 5th. Australian Field Ambulance.



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## ADVANCE TO THE RHINE

Movement Order No. 1 by

Lieut. Col. W. L. CROWTHER, Officer Commanding. 21st November 1918.  
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1. The Unit will move to FRESNOY area by route march and train on 22nd instant.
2. Capt. WHISH and one other rank have gone forward as Unit billeting party.
3. Tent and Bearer Sub-Divisions will fall in at 0300 in full marching order, one blanket per man to be carried. Section Commanders will ensure the proper adjustment of all packs and equipment.
4. Transport Section will move off at 0100 and report to Entraining Officer at 0211.
5. Capt. DAVIS with cooks and canteen staff will move by Motor Ambulance to Entraining point at 0245 and arrange for hot drink for personnel prior to departure of train. Capt. DAVIS will be Unit Entraining Officer and will report to Brigade Entraining Officer at 0345. Ambulance Car to report back immediately on transferring its load.
6. Capt. KELLY with motor Ambulances and cooks will move independently by road to FRESNOY area and there report to Capt. WHISH. Party to move off by 0800.
7. Capt. BADHAM and four other ranks will remain after main party have moved out and ensure that the whole of the billets vacated by Unit are left in a scrupulously clean and sanitary condition.
8. The ORDERLY OFFICER will inspect the billets with the Area Commandant, or his representative, at a time to be mutually arranged this afternoon.
9. One blanket per man will be returned to store this morning. Quarter Master will arrange for these to be placed on train at VIGNACOURT.
10. Quarter Master to arrange for necessary sanitary certificates to be signed by Area Commandant.

<u>ROUTINE.</u>	Transport:-	Reveille	0001
		Hook in	0030
		Move Off	0100
	Main Party:-	Reveille	0230
		Fall In.	0300
		Move Off.	0310.

Distribution.

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*W. L. Crowther*  
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 O.C. 5th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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MOVEMENT ORDER No. 2 by

Lieut. Col. W. L. CROWTHER, Officer Commanding.  
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25th November 1918.

1. The Unit will move by route march to MAZINCHIEN on 25th instant.  
Dress:- Full marching order and one blanket to be carried. Careful attention is to be paid by Section Commanders that all packs are properly adjusted prior to moving off. Move off at 0925. The Unit will pass starting point next in order after the 15th Coy. AASC at 0935 and maintain a distance of 25 yards at the rear of that Unit.
2. All points of march discipline must be strictly observed. Attention is called to 4th Army "Notes on March discipline" G.S. 128 of 15th November.
3. N.C.O i/c Motor Ambulances will arrange to collect Battalion sick and transfer to Cas. Clg. Stn. or convey to Unit's new location as necessity demands.
4. Arrangements will be made for the preparation of midday ~~pas~~ meal at 1300 at MAZINCHIEN.
5. One blanket per man will be returned to Q.M. Store on 0700 parade. Arrangements to be made by Q.M. for conveyance of same to new location.
6. Orderly Officer to inspect at 0830 all billets occupied by personnel and ensure that thorough cleanliness and sanitation has been observed on vacating same.
7. Capt. WHISH and one O.R. to act as Unit's billeting party and to report to Brigade Billeting Officer according to special instructions to be issued later.
8. Routine as follows:-

Transport.

Reveille	0600
Fall In	0615
Breakfast	0730
Fall In (Groom)	0800
Harness up	0845
Hook in	0900
Move Off.	0925

Personnel.

Reveille	0630
Fall In	0700
Breakfast	0730
Camp Cleaning	0815
Fall In	0910
Move	0925

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*A. Howe*  
Major,  
Adjut, 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

## Movement Order No. 3 by

Lieut. Col. W. L. CROWTHER, Officer Commanding.

26th November 1918.  
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1. Unit will move by route march to PRISCHES on 26/11/18. Move to commence at 0930, and Unit to march in column of three's. The Unit will pass starting point next in order after the 15th Coy. A.A.S.C at 1005, and maintain a distance of 100 yards at the rear of that Unit.
  2. Capt. WHISH and one N.C.O. will report to 5th. A.I. Bde H. Q., at 0800 for instruction in billeting.
  3. Arrangements will be made for cooks to proceed in advance and prepare hot meals by 1430 at new location.
  4. Halts will be made at 10 minutes to the hour and the march resumed punctually at the hour.
  5. One blanket per man to be returned to Q.M. Store at 0700 parade. Arrangements to be made by Q.M. for conveyance of same to new location.
  6. Orderly Officer to inspect at 0830 all billets occupied by personnel and ensure that thorough cleanliness and sanitation has been observed on vacating same.
  7. N.C.O. i/c Motor Ambulances will arrange to collect Battalion Sick and transfer to Cas. Clg. Stn. or convey to Unit's new location as necessity demands.
- All points of march discipline must be strictly observed. Attention is called to 4th Army "Notes on March Discipline" G.S. 128 of 15/11/18.
9. Transport. A distance of 5 yards will be maintained between vehicles and 50 yards between every section of 6 vehicles throughout. When halting, every care will be taken to keep well to the right of the road.

10. Routine.

<u>Transport.</u>		<u>Personnel.</u>	
Reveille	0630	Reveille	0630
Fall In	0700	Fall In	0700
Breakfast	0730	Breakfast	0730
Fall in	0800	Camp Clean-	
Harness Up	0900	ing.	0815
Hook In	0915	Fall In.	0920
Move Off	0930	Move Off	0930

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*W. L. Crowther*  
 Major,  
 Adj't, 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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 EDUCATION SCHEME.  
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PROGRESS REPORT 13/11/18.

The first classes in connection with the above scheme were held on the 12th of October last so that it has been in actual operation for almost a month. During that period over 90 classes have been held and the attendances have totalled almost 1000, so that the average attendance per class is about 11. Recently this average has not been maintained since a fair number found that they were attempting more than they could manage under the present conditions of work. The more exact and detailed summary below gives the present actual number of regular students in each subject.

Out of, say, 200 possible students in the Ambulance over 100 are taking one or more subjects.

Instruction is being given in 17 distinct subjects viz:- Mathematics (Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry); English; French; Shorthand; Book-keeping; Latin; Greek; Philosophy; Biology; Pharmaceutical Chemistry; Physiology and Anatomy; Bee Farming; Photography; Dairying and Butter Testing.

Literary and Debating Society.

This society was established as a branch of the Education Scheme and has proved a decided success. So far there have been three lectures, one organised debate, and three nights for impromptu speeches and general discussion. A debate was arranged with a team from another unit, but could not take place owing to the fact that one of the units changed its location unexpectedly. The aim of these meetings has been to give practice in public speaking to as large a number as possible, and they have seen a good many "maiden efforts".

It is felt that, apart from the cultural value of lectures, such debates and exercises in public speaking are of great value, not only on account of the facility in speech which they tend to cultivate, but also for the way in which they call for a more logical and thoughtful treatment than many subjects receive in the ordinary discussions of military life.

Library.

At the inception of the scheme a librarian was appointed and an appeal was made to the unit as a whole to hand in, for general circulation, any books which the individual has finished with. In this way a unit library of about 70 books has already been built up without the purchasing or obtaining from other sources of a single volume. A very fair proportion are standard works.

Details of work done in various subjects.MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic has been taken in two groups, a preparatory and an advanced. The former has commenced at the beginning and is now treating fractions, decimals and percentages. The latter has travelled more quickly and is now doing stocks and shares. A comparatively few advanced students are doing algebra, geometry and trigonometry. The most advanced student in the last subject is definitely working with the idea of taking up surveying and has already covered a good deal of ground.

ENGLISH.

The ground covered so far has been chiefly along the lines of grammar and composition, but a class for the study of literature will be commenced as soon as a few classical authors can be obtained. Already those available are being utilised to illustrate literary devices and methods. An attempt is being made to teach the essentials of good composition and the rules which govern good prose writing. Various pitfalls and common errors are being brought to light. Sufficient formal grammar is being given to make obvious the rules which are laid down from time to time. Exercises are devised which aim at increasing vocabulary and at impressing the exact connotation of various words.

FRENCH.

An attempt is being made to improve the ability of the students in French conversation and to give a good groundwork in the grammar. At present this class is being hindered somewhat by the lack of text books, but on their own initiative a large proportion of the class are obtaining them from England and work will be greatly facilitated when they arrive.

SHORTHAND.

Owing to the illness of the instructor this class was interrupted for about a fortnight but is now at work again. The consonants have already been taught and the vowels are now being treated.

BOOK KEEPING.

This class has been doing steady work and its students have shown a considerable amount of interest in it. The following books of account have been dealt with and exercises worked in connection with them:- sales and purchase, cash, ledger, and journal. Cheques and Bills of Exchange have also been dealt with.

LATIN AND GREEK.

The limited number of students taking these subjects are doing so with a definite idea of matriculation or some such qualifying examination. Each student is being taken individually since all are not equally advanced. It is not found possible to devote as much time, under present circumstances, to these subjects as they should receive, but sufficient is being done to assist materially in a more intensive study which may be possible later.

PHILOSOPHY.

The work being done at present is in the form of a brief outline of the history of philosophy. Commencing with the early Greek philosophers the great thinkers of ancient times have been briefly reviewed, and an indication given of the contribution made by each of them to the evolution of speculative thought. The stages by which philosophy, science, and the other branches of learning were recognised as distinct spheres of enquiry have been carefully traced. A brief treatment of Plato and Aristotle has just been completed.

BIOLOGY.

This name is given, for the sake of convenience, to a class (taken by one of the Ambulance M.Os. who was for some time a demonstrator in Biology at Sydney University) which is being held largely for those desiring a knowledge of agricultural chemistry and botany. After a brief study of the cell, attention is now being directed to the anatomy of the plant, and its different parts and their functions are being examined in turn. The work is being given a practical application wherever possible e.g. a demonstration was given in rose budding when dealing with the structure of the stem.

PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY.

This class is being taken by another of the Ambulance medical officers, and most of the students taking it are doing so for special purposes, such as the doing of a medical course proper. The work done is on very general lines since anything in the way of microscope work and the examination of specimens is obviously impossible. However the pathology of the various organs and histological structures is being taken along with a description and diagrammatical illustration of them and in this way connection is made with the practical work done by the men as members of a medical unit.

PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY.

Advantage is being taken of the presence of a dispensary and qualified dispensers as a part of the unit for the giving of instruction in this work to those who desire it. One of the students is a man who ~~is~~ has only a couple more examinations ~~to~~ pass before being a qualified dispenser. Ground so far covered includes terms and processes used in connection with pharmacy, sources of drugs, chemical processes, incompatibility and its use in various analyses, main rules in practical dispensing.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

This class is naturally limited to theoretical work. It is taken by a man who is a photographer by profession and consists of those who have done sufficient photography to desire a more accurate knowledge of the operations and processes involved. Such things as the need for "balance" and "composition" in photographs have been illustrated out in the open. Other subjects which have been dealt with are, types of cameras, lenses, exposure, developing etc.

DAIRYING AND BUTTER TESTING.

A small class of those interested in this subject have been instructed by and held discussions under the supervision of a man who has had considerable practical experience. The subjects treated have been, grading of cream, Badcock system of testing, and butter making.

BEE FARMING.

The topics so far treated have been as follows- general aims of the bee keeper, classes of bees, classes of hives, the initial steps to take in establishing a bee farm.

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Summary of present attendances at classes, arranged as far as possible under the grouping used in the recent Prospectus of the A.I.F. Education Service.

	SUBJECTS	ATTENDANCES (i.e.no.on rolls)
Group 1.	Dairying.	3
	Bee farming.	5
Group 2.	Photography.	8
Group 3.	Book keeping.	20
	Shorthand.	11
Group 4.	English.	18
	French.	29
	Latin.	4
	Greek.	3
	Arithmetic.	22
	Algebra.	2
	Geometry.	3
	Trigonometry.	3
Group 5.	Philosophy.	3
	Phys. and Anatomy.	6
	Pharmac. Chemistry.	7
	Biology.	13
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This list does not, of course, exhaust the subjects in which instruction is desired by members of the unit. A large number, for example, desire to receive instruction in motor mechanics. The foregoing outline of the scheme represents what it has been found possible to achieve in view of the instructional talent in the unit.

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