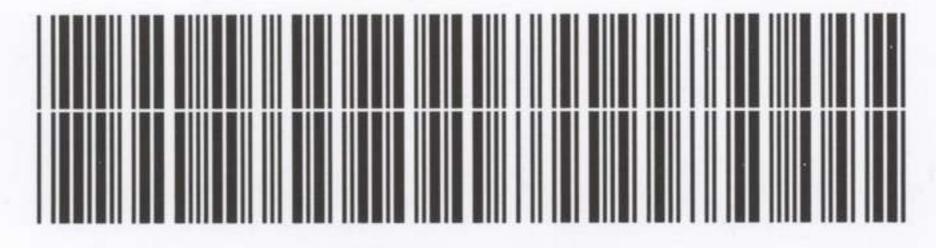
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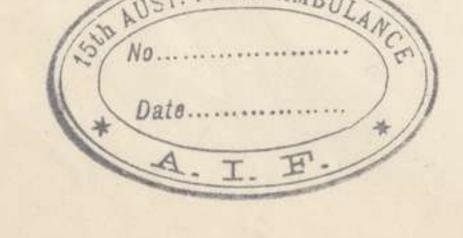
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FAVRIL	7		Captain J. GRAY ceased to be detached to 59th A.I.Battalion as R.M.O. on rejoining Unit.				
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			Captain J.R.Robertson is temporarily detached to 59th A.I.Battalion vice Captain J. Gray.				
			Captain J. Gray is temporarily detached for Refresher Course to No. 3 A.G.H. Captain R. L.				
			Park is taken on strength from No. 1 A.G.H. MN				
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	2		Captain J. L. Diggle is taken on strength from 5th D.A.C. ex leave and temporarily detached				
			for Refresher Course at 3rd Australian General Hospital. MM				
	3		No entries necessary. MN				
	4		Captain R. L. Park transferred to 5th Australian Field Ambulance is struck off strength. Major				
			J. D. Norris proceeded on leave to United Kingdom (6-20-12-1918).				
	5		No entries necessary.				
	6		Orders received from 15th Australian Infantry Brigade that the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade				
			would move from FAVRIL area commencing on 7th instant. Arrangements for vacating this area				
			got under way.				
	7		Orders received from 15th Australian Enfantry Brigadethat the 15th Australian Field Ambulance				
			would move to LES BODELEX, marching in rear of 58th Australian Infantry Battalion on 8th inst.				
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	7		specified. Night fine but very cold.	
BODEI	EX 8	9	The day was fine and Unit marched to LES BODELEX leaving FAVRIL at 8-30 a.m. and arriving at	
			this Village at 3-15 p.m. Dinner was served at 12 noon on the road, the cooks and gear having	
			been sent forward in advance to prepare this meal. On arrival in this Village it was found	
			that the Imperial Troops were still in occupation of the Village; comfortable though scattered	
			billets were obtained and Unit billeted without delay. Instructions received from A.D.M.S.,	
			5th Australian Division, to open a Hospital of 50 beds for the care of Brigade sick. Until	
			the Village is evacuated by the Imperial Troops accommodation for this purpose is not available.	
			A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, and Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade, advised	
			accordingly. M	
	9		Instructions received from A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division that the following Officers are	
			to be struck off strength of this Ambulance as from the dates of their detachments to Units	
			shewn :- Captain W.G.Oakeley transferred to 31st A.I.Battalion as R.M.O. dated 1-11-1918.	
			Captain H.W.B.Cairns transferred to 5th D.A.C. as R.M.O. dated 6-11-1918.	
	9		2/Lieut. J. Creswell, Educational Officer, A.A.M.C., 5th Australian Division, visited this	
			Unit reference the A.I.F. Education Scheme. An Education Clerk was appointed and Education	
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LES BODELEX		110	EXERKXWARX ADDAINAGE Committee reformed. An Education Syllabus is being prepared and arrange-	
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			ments to open up Educational Classes, also for the forming of a Unit Library. A Billet has	
			been secured but cannot be taken over until the Imperial Troops vacate the Village.	
	11		Captain A.W.LeSouef rejoined Unit from leave to Paris. M.	
	12/13		No entries necessary. M	
	14		2/lieut. J. Creswell reported to this Unit and has completed arrangements for the opening up	
			of Educational classes. Teachers from members of the Unit have been obtained in practically	
			every subject has that has been suggested.	
	15		A Church of England Church Service was held during the morning. In the afternoon a Soccer	
			Match was played against the 50th Divisional Train (Imperial) and was won by the latter by one	
	4		goal. RM	
			The billet allotted for Educational purposes were vacated by the Imperial Troops today and	
	16	-	The billet allotted for Educational purposes were vacated by one important forms of the	
			arrangements for the fitting up of the rooms completed. The rooms are very comfortable and	
			it is expected that the classes will be well attended. The Library also should be well	
			patronised. M	
	17		The Imperial Troops vacated the Village this morning and men were allotted billets previously	
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LES BODELEX	CEMBEI	R	occupied by these troops. A Hospital was opened in the village capable of holding 50 patients	
			although accommodation for 30 patients has only been arranged for. Educational classes were	
			opened and were well attended. Orders received from A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, for	
			one Section with 2 Medical Officers to proceed to BEAUMONT and open a Hospital of 50 beds.	
	18		Major J. V. Pearce with Captain W.A. James and "C" Section, 15th Australian Field Ambulance,	
			proceeded to BEAUMONT to open up Hospital. Telegram received from Major Pearce at 7 p.m. that Hospital was established and ready to receive patients.	
	19		Captain A.W. LeSouef temporarily detached for duty to D.D.M.S., Australian Corps, in accordance	
			with instructions, A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division.	
	20		Private Henry, 15th Aust. Field Ambulance, gave a lecture this evening entitled "CRIMINOLOGY"	
			the lecture was well attended and much appreciated.	
	21/22		No entries necessary.	
	_ 23		New Establishment of a Field Ambulance received from A.D.M.S., 5th Aust. Division with instruct	
			ions that the re-organisation of this Ambulance was to proceed forthwith. This matter was put	
			in hand without delay. A debate "That the Australian Soldier has gained by his Enlistment.	
			in the A.I.F." was held by members of this Unit in the Educational Room this evening. Much	
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DE S BODELEX	CEMBE 23	2	enthusiasm among the members resulted and the debate proved a big success.	
	24		Captain F. R. Meagher, A.A.M.C. reported for duty from A.A.M.C. Details, England, and taken on	
			strength. A small supply of provisions for Christmas dinner was obtained from the Divisional Canteen, but not sufficient for the requirements of the Unit.	
	25		Snow fell during last evening and the day was very cold. A very medium dinner of Turkey and	
			Mutton was provided for both patients and personnel at 4-30 p.m. A piano was borrowed for the evening and an enjoyable evening was spent. Parcels were received from the Australian Comforts. Fund and each man was issued with one.	3
	26		No entries necessary. PM	
	27		Captain J. R. Robertson ceased to be detached to 59th A. I. Battalion on rejoining Unit.	
	28		No. 2957, Tempy. W.O. N.C.D.Burgess "M.M." and 11 Other Ranks concentrating at Corps Rixi Reinforcement Wing for return to Australia and struck off strength.	
	29		No entries necessary. Www.	
	30		Major J.V.H. Guest reported for duty from 8th Aust. Field Ambulance and is taken on the strength	
			of this Ambulance in accordance with instructions A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division.	
			The re-organisation of the Ambulance vide D.A.G., A.I.F. 51/70 dated 11-12-18 became effective A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D.D.&L. Forms/C./2118/14.	

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	CEMBE	R	as from today. The Quartermaster has arrangements for the return of all surplus stores and	
LES BODELEX			equipment under way. PN	
	31		No entries necessary. MN	
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			May To hald	
			Lieut-Colonel,	
			C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulancem A. I. F.	
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