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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 28 T.19 B54	3/1/18		3 O.R.'s rejoined from base. One O.R.'s off strength evacuated to C.C.S.	
	5/1/18		2 O.R.'s on strength from base	
	6/1/18		Capt G.L.Tomlinson off strength evacuated to England Sick	
	13/1/18		6 O.R.'s rejoined from base	
	18/1/18		2 one O.R. proceeded to England en route to Australia for discharge	
	19/1/18		One O.R. rejoined from base	
	20/1/18		Capt. A.P.Lawrence rejoined from temporary duty R.M.O.24th Battn. Capt. A.J. Reye detached for instruction at Aust. Corps Medical Officers School. One O.R. off strength evacuated sick	
	21/1/18		Capt. H.L.Beale and one O.R. detached for instruction with Aust. Corps Gas School	
	22/1/18		Two O.R. transferred to 6th Aus. F.A.Bgd.	
	25/1/18		One O.R. proceeded to A.G.B.D. off strength.	
	26/1/18		One O.R. transferred to No.1 A.A.H. Capt H.L.Beale and one O.R. rejoined from Gas School.	
	28/1/18		One O.R. transferred to 6th Aust. Field Coy Engrs.	
	29/1/18		Capt A.J.Reye rejoined from Aust. Corps Med. Officers School.	
	30/1/18		Capt H.L.Beale and Capt. A.P.Lawrence attached to Aust. Corps Med. Officers School.	
	30/1/18		In accordance with A.A.M.C. order No. 9 the unit was relieved at D.R.S. Westhoff Farm Sheet 28 T19 B 5.4. by 9th Aust. Field Ambulance and came under the orders of G.O.C. 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade until completion of move to new area.	Corps Orders 28/1/18
			A. dump was established by 6th Aust. Field Ambulance Westhoff Farm at which all surplus stores etc from 5th, 6th and 7th Fld Ambulances were dumped.	
			In accordance with 6th Aust. Infantry Bgd order No. 120 the Ambulance less transport (except one G.S.supply wagon, one water cart) moved out from Westhoff Farm at 5.15pm to entrain at Dekennebek railhead for Vieil Moulrier. The train left railhead at 8pm arriving at destination (Lottinghem) at 2am 31/2/18. Hot Coffee was provided by Y.M.C.A. at detraining point where the Ambulance was met by the guide and marched into billets at 4am	
			TRANSPORT. Moved out at 9.45am 29/1/18 to report to O.C. transport column at sheet 28 S17 B70 en route to new area via Steazelle and Renescure. Arrived at destination Viele Moulrier at 5pm 31/1/18	
			Supply wagon, Water cart and Maltese cart entrained on Omnibus train at 2pm at Bailleul Station and disentrained at Desvres thence proceeding to Ambulance H'qtrs Vielè Moulrier by road.	
1.1.18			Lieut Col. H. H. Moseley awarded Distinguished Service Order. A.I.F Honour List No 279.	
			Christie a/O.C. 6th Aust. Field Ambulance	Major

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			<p>During the month a great deal of attention was paid to ^{the} providing of amusement for the members of the Unit and the patients in hospital. A hut was set apart for recreational purposes, the advantage of which was fully availed of by all. Red Cross provided such games as Quibits, Cards, Draughts, Chess, and regularly sent a quantity of reading matter, which was greatly appreciated. A Concert Pierrot party was formed in the Unit, Red Cross supplying the Costumes. Two concerts were given, both of which proved excellent and were the source of much interest and pleasure. A Fancy Dress Ball was held, which also proved of much interest. It has been found that the time spent, while the opportunity was favourable, in providing these amusements has been rewarded by a brighter spirit amongst the troops, the value of which is of great importance.</p> <p><i>Strength of unit as on Jan'y 31st/18</i> <i>Officers 8</i> <i>O. Ranks 234.</i></p> <p><i>Christie Holmes</i> Major a/O.C. 6th Aust. Field Ambulance.</p>	

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(I) Corps Orders for move of units.

app. I

Move Orders by Major C.C. Ross a/O.C. 6th Aust. Field Ambulance 28/1/1918

Personnel. Major Hutchinson with personnel of Ambulance will march out at 5.15 pm on 30/1/18 and proceed to De Kennebek Station reporting to Brigade Entraining Officer, Lieut. R.K.Bazley at 6.8pm. Major Hutchinson will detail an Entraining Officer at 5.8pm.

Dress. Full marching order.
This party will be met at Detraining point by a guide from the Ambulance and march to billets.

Transport.

(a) Capt. Wood and 1 other rank as billeting party will leave Ambulance headquarters at 8.30am 28/1/18 and proceed to new Area. Billeting Officer will arrange for a guide to be at detraining point on arrival of personnel train. Three days rations to be carried.

(b) Road section will leave Ambulance headquarters at 9.45am on 29/1/1918 and report to Capt. H.W. Ennis at sheet 28 2 17 b 70 at 10am. Unexpended portion of days ration for personnel and horses will be carried. Sgt White will report at B.H.Q. at 7am 29/1/18 and proceed with brigade Interpreter to area commandants office Strazeele. This N.C.O. will there attend to the billeting of the section and will carry states showing number of N.C.O's. other ranks, horses and vehicles in the section. On 30/1/18 Sgt. White will precede the section to Renescure on the same duty.

(c) Omnibus train section will leave Ambulance H'qtrs at 1pm. 30/1/18 and proceed to Bailleul main station and thence to Bailleul entraining platform. They will there report to Major H.J. Smith 24 Battn at 2.30 pm. Sgt Hornbuckle will be in charge of this section. Personnel and Horses will entrain with unconsumed portion of days ration plus 24 hours reserve and one days Iron ration. On detraining at Desvres this section will march with the Transport of 24 Battn turning off to Ambulance H'qtrs at Vieil Moulier before reaching Lottinghem.

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gd C. C. Ross.

Major
a/o.c. 6th Australian Field Ambulance