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**WAR DIARY**  
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**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**  
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Month of November 1917  
12<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bony St John	Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1917 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>1 O.R. wounded sick + struck off strength. 1 O.R. rejoined + taken on strength.</p> <p>CO. 30 O.R. and recipients Capt Brown + 7 O.R. attended parade at X20 to Central when 8 O.C. A.I.F. presented Medals and Medal Ribbons.</p> <p>Capt V.E. BROWN MC. posted to 48<sup>th</sup> Bde in AMO. Capt A.J. Collins joined on transfer from AMO, 48<sup>th</sup> Bde + Capt T.J. Jones from 47<sup>th</sup> Bde taken on strength dated 1-11-17.</p> <p>1 O.R. wounded + struck off strength.</p> <p>No early morning Physical training will be carried out till further notice.</p> <p>1 O.R. wounded sick + struck off strength.</p> <p>Capt Jones temp. detached for duty in AMO, 47<sup>th</sup> Bde.</p> <p>1 O.R. wounded sick struck off strength.</p> <p>Capt FARRELL having reported from Penfryn. taken on Supplementary strength. 11-11-17.</p> <p>Capt FARRELL having been posted to 47<sup>th</sup> Bde in AMO. is struck off Supplementary strength. 12-11-17.</p> <p>WO CRAIG having reported for duty is taken on strength. 12-11-17.</p> <p>Undersigned awarded the M.M. DRO. 418 12/11/17 1317 Plt (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt) PRICE T.G. 3191 Plt ELLINGSON C.F. - 13355 SHARRY (Plt) D.L. - 203 Plt CONNELL G.H. - 3219 Plt (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt) LLOYD G.W. and 1353 Plt (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt) FENNER D.</p> <p>Capt Jones reported back to unit.</p> <p>No 223 Cpl D.D. Hemmenden taken on supplementary strength - 2 O.R. taken on strength 13-11-17</p> <p>Movement Order No 34. The unit moved in accordance with above order and proceeded on 1<sup>st</sup> step of Trek via Bony, Fompes to Roundance - 19 Kilos. arrived 3pm. Ambulance car to call daily at Bony at 7.30 am + such sick as necessary evacuated.</p> <p>4 O.R. wounded sick struck off strength.</p> <p>Capt Jones proceeded to 4<sup>th</sup> Dist Train in AMO (temp).</p>	<p>Plt. Haywood S.A. + Thiermann.</p>
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		7 <sup>th</sup>		
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices												
Amondance	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> 1917	9.30 am	Trek continued in accordance with Movement Order No. 35. - for Amondance via Criguy, Lebiez, to Loiron office area - arrived 2 pm - 14 kilos. Sick went to Hospital	M. of R. 59 C.C.S.												
	17 <sup>th</sup> / 17	8.45 am	Move continued as under Movement Order 35. via Beaumauville, Compeyre le Herchi, to St. Remy-ans-Bois - 14 kilos - arrived 12.30 pm. 10 P. for strength to Pape street	AMC detail.												
	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.50 am	Trek continued via Saulchey, Le Petit Chemin + Vironchaux to Mechiel. 15 kilos - arrived 12.30 pm.													
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Unmentioned Honours awarded. Bar to M.M. 3352 Sgt MALCOLM R.H.B. M.A. Medals 3508 Lt Grey R.W., 1220 Cpl DALEY O, 13285 Pte EDWARDS L, 3422 Cpl	SUDING 7 DRO. 42116/17												
	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Remained at Mechiel - Foot inspection showed no ill results for the march - the horse transport in good condition.													
	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.15 am	Move continued via Criguy, Forest-L'Abbaye to Lamotte Beuvron - 14 kilos. arrived 12.10 pm													
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 am	Move continued via Hautvillers, Port le Grand, Long, La Cation, Amosnoy, Francken to Ochancourt - 23 kilos - arrived 3.10 pm. Midday halt 11.30 - 12.30.													
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9 am	Final stage of Trek completed - via Nibes + Escarbotin to Tully 9 kilos arrived 11.15 am. 10 P. transp. for 4 <sup>th</sup> F.P. to 4 <sup>th</sup> Div Train (as under detail to 4 <sup>th</sup> Div. Pelly Column) taken to Super. Unit rested + kitting adj. Routine till further notice as under.	Strength.												
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Tully	24 <sup>th</sup>		Ambulances evacuated sick from Btms 9.30 am daily. The undermentioned awarded bars to the M.M. - 1317 Pte (D'CU) PRICE T.G. 1353 Pte (D'CU) FENNER D + 3191 Pte ELLINGSON O.F. D.R.O. 425 22-11-17. 10.R. taken on strength on transfer from 52 <sup>nd</sup> Bt A.I.F. A8/521 <sup>A</sup> .	M of Ref. Abbville.
	25 <sup>th</sup>		10.R. awarded sick + struck off strength. Church Parade C of E. 9 am Bethan Court R.C. 9.45 am Tully. Capt G.S. MACKAY transferred to 46 <sup>th</sup> Bt as R.M.O. Sgt R. SMITH. proceeded to O.T.C. byland A.I.F. List 256 2/1/17. 20.R. proceeded to O.T.C. byland all three transferred to Performing strength.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		10.R. awarded sick (some detail) struck off performing strength. 19-11-17 Transfer duties. P/Sgt Fodhan A Det by duties to A Det Lt Clerk; P/Sgt Henchy A Det Clerk to A Det by duties. Sgt Maden B Det by duties to B Det Steward. 10.R. rejoined taken on strength.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		The following Honours have been awarded D.R.O. 425 of 26-11-17 Military Cross Capt A.E.J. COLLINS Capt J.S. MACKAY D.C.M. 2036 Pte A.W. INCH	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Majr W.G. GARNETT reported for duty from No. 2. A.G.H. + is taken on strength vice Majr R.B. NORTH to No. 2. A.G.H. struck off strength. D.A.G. A.I.F. 148/01/1	

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12<sup>A</sup> - North Sea Field Ambulance

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tully No 29 <sup>A</sup> 1917 (cont.) 30 <sup>A</sup>			<p>I.O.R. rejoined + taken on strength. 1797 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Owen E. J. reverts to permanent rank on joining from 48<sup>th</sup> Btn 3.1.17. Not previously promulgated.</p> <p>Gallant conduct. 5573 Pte G. G. REARDON 12<sup>th</sup> C.F.A. voluntarily acted as donor for Blood Transfusion, with the object of saving the life of a comrade, whilst himself a patient in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian C.C.S.</p> <p>Routine changed as under. Absent 7.15 am Sick Parcel 9 am Pasquet Transport 10 am. Parcel 7.40 am Parcel 9.30 am General Inspection 11 am. Breakfast 8 am Grate Room 9.40 am Dinner 12.30 pm</p> <p>ambles. Spt Nightjoke to perform duties (temp) S/Sgt Baird. Tea 4.30 pm Lights out 10 pm</p> <p>Training. - will be carried out on laid down in the # Syllabus of Training Parts I &amp; II</p> <p>2 O.R. rejoined are taken on strength.</p> <p>Total joined Officers  Majr FARNETT W.S. O.R. 9  Capt COLLINS A.J.  Capt JONES J.T. M.C.  Capt FARRELL (Super)</p> <p>gone Officers  Majr NORTH R.B. O.R. 16  Capt V.L. BROWN M.C.  Capt FARRELL.</p> <p>Strength of list Officers 10 O.R. 211</p> <p>Total number of patients admitted 195 treated + returned to duty 7</p> <p>Remarks on Trek. The experience of the trek emphasized the fact that a Field Ambulance should be equipped by a "looker" as the saving of hot meals to the men entails at present the greatest difficulty.</p> <p>Charles W. ...</p>	<p>11<sup>A</sup> of Ref. Abbeville.</p>