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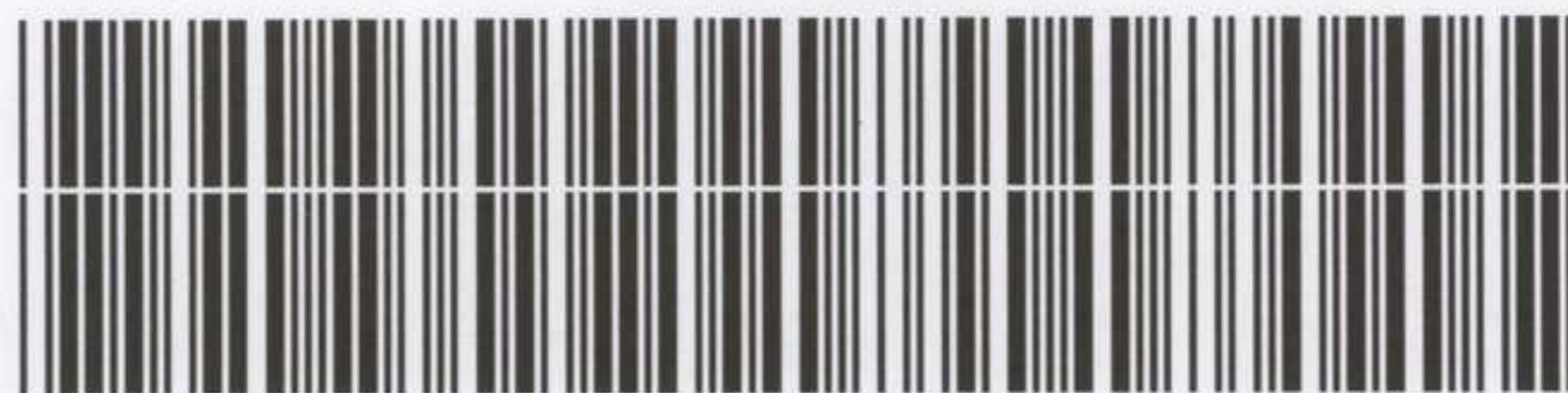
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WAR DIARY

OF

13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

FOR

MAY 14th. 1918. 191

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Major, A.A.M.C.

Signature of Officer Commanding

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13th. Australian Field Ambulance:

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13th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE,
4th AUS. DIVISION
Form C. 2118.

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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In the Field, 1st. June 1918.

No. _____
Date _____
Remarks and
references to
Appendices

Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALLONVILLE	May			
	1st.		Ambulance site of WALKING WOUNDED Station in AMIENS cleared and holding party withdrawn.	<i>Ch</i>
	2nd.		Reconnoitred Walking Wounded post on North Bank of the SOMME with A.D.M.S., and Major STEELE. Capts. CORBETT and HOPE reported for duty.	<i>Ch</i>
	3rd.		78 Casualties passed through WALKING WOUNDED M.D.S. ("C" Section) from MONUMENT ATTACK. Capt. A.E. BROWN reported for duty.	<i>Ch</i>
			A.D.M.S., No. M11/747 received at 9 p.m. Walking Wounded Station to be made on NORTH bank of the SOMME between LAMOTTE and CAMON. Major STEELE instructed to proceed with Capt. HOPE and "A" Section less Q.M. and Clerks at 9.30. a.m. on the 4th. instant. Three tents to be collected from M.D.S. and three bell tents from 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance to make posts. Punts and boats to be collected.	
	4th.		Instructions carried out. Post formed at Sheet 62D M.18.a.5.6. 3 Marquees collected from M.D.S. found to consist of one tent complete and four linings. Tent collected from AMIENS and erected with complete tent. (APPENDIX NO: 1)	<i>Ch</i> 1
	5th.		Warning Order received from A.D.M.S. for H.Q. and remainign Section of the Unit to move from ALLONVILLE to Sheet 62D M.5.c.1.5. 10 Bell tents to be collected from Area Commandant ALLONVILLE and three Nissen Bow huts to be transferred from LAMOTTE if possible. Huts required to form an emergency Main Dressing Station. Tents drawn and erected at site of the Camp. Nissen huts found to be unavailable. Two operating tents obtained from "C" Section at the M.D.S. WALKING WOUNDED. A.D.M.S., wire No. B.R. 59 instructing Unit to move to new site received at 6 p.m. Billets to be clear by 9 a.m. on 6th. instant.	<i>Ch</i>
	6th.		Unit moved out from ALLONVILLE at 9 a.m. to new site. Personnel accommodated in tents and shelters made from marquee linings. Transport under cover in hay sheds near by. All tents dug in.	<i>Ch</i>
	M.5.c.1.5.	7th.	D.D.M.S. Australian Corps visited Camps of the Unit. Expressed satisfaction.	<i>Ch</i>
do.	8th.	No entry.	<i>Ch</i>	
do.	9th.	A picquet was placed on the BUSSY - AMIENS Road yesterday to interrogate all empty lorries proceeding towards AMIENS with a view to ascertaining the number which would be available in case of emergency to convey wounded to C.C.S. Report rendered to A.D.M.S., is attached as APPENDIX No: 2. Reply from A.D.M.S., (No. M11/757 of 10th.) and further report by this Unit also of 10th. are also attached as APPENDIX No: 2. No further reply was received.	<i>Ch</i> 2	
	9th.	One other Rank evacuated to C.C.S. (suffering from Influenza) 9748 Pte. PARKER, A.F.	<i>Ch</i>	

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In the Field, 31st. May 1918.

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4th AUS. DIVISION
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	1918			
	May			
M. 5. c. 1. 5.	10th.		No entry.	
	11th.		No. entry.	
	12th.		No entry.	
	13th.		No entry. Capt. A.E. Brown was detailed for temporary duty as R.M.O., 46th. Aust. Inf. Batt.	
	15th.		Body of No. 6342 Pte. A.L. Bruning (a member of the Unit reported "Absent from Roll Call 9 p.m. 8th. instant) was recovered from the SOMME by Military Police. Bruning left Camp in company with two pals on the evening of the 8th. and it is presumed that he fell into the canal and was drowned. No evidence of any foul play in the shape of marks etc. on the body could be found. Death reported as "Accidental". Body buried in St. PIERRE Cemetery near AMIENS.	
	16th.		D.R.O., No. 487 received showing that the undermentioned members of the Unit had been awarded Military Medals by the Corps Commander:- No. 9740 Pte. MIDDLETON, O., No. 16229 Pte. JOHNS, H.H. No. 644 " BEALE, L.E., No. 10271 " MITCHELL, C.E.S. No. 16261 " CAMPBELL, H.A.M., No. 4748 " McLEAY, J. No. 185 Sgt. KIRKBY, O. No. 227 Sgt. HAYES, C.L.J. Copies of recommendations are attached as APPENDIX NO: 3.	
	15th.		Major L.B. ELWELL, MC. reported for duty.	
	16th.		Capt. H.W. TILLING returned from 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion.	
			One other Rank reported for duty from Rienforcements.	
	18th/19th.		No. entries. (17th.) "B" Section relieved "C" Section at W.W.M.D.S., N.27.c.5.2.)	
	20th.		13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. moved to QUERRIEU AREA and arrangements were made for collection and evacuation of casualties.	
			A.A.M.C., Order No. 89 received at 10 a.m. "B" Section at WALKING WOUNDED M.D.S. to be relieved by 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance, and "A" Section at EMERGENCY WALKING WOUNDED M.D.S., and H.Q.'s. at EMERGENCY M.D.S. to be relieved by 9th. Field Ambulance. All reliefs to be completed by 10 a.m. on the 22nd. Advanced Parties will report to QUERRIEU by noon on 21st. and arrange to take over billets occupied by 11th. Field Ambulance.	
	21st.		Operation order No; 10 issued at 10. a.m. (Appendix No. 4.)	
	22nd.		Move to QUERRIEU completed by 10 a.m.	
QUERRIEU.	23rd.		Capt. A.E. Brown transferred to 46th. Aust. Inf. Bn. as from 13-5-1918. Capt. H.W. Tilling transferred to 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column as from 24-5-1918.	
	24th.		No entry.	
	25th.		D.R.O., No. 490 received showing award of Military Cross to Capt. E.N.B. DOCKER, A.A.M.C. A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C.2118/14. Copy of Recommendation attached as APPENDIX NO: 5.	5

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OF

13th. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE:

FOR

MAY 1918.

~~191-~~13th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE,
4th AUS. DIVISION

No. _____

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
|-----|---|
| 1. | Memo to A.D.M.S., re move of "A" Section to Form Emergency Walking Wounded M.D.S. |
| 2. | Memo No. 8/324 d/9-5-18 to A.D.M.S.,
Reply from A.D.M.S., No. M11/757.
Memo No. 8/324 d/10-5-18 to A.D.M.S is reply to his No. M11/757. |
| 3. | Copies of Recommendation submitted for eight Other Ranks awarded MILITARY MEDAL. |
| 4. | Operation Order No. 10. |
| 5. | Copy of Recommendation submitted for Capt. E.N.B. DOCKER, A.A.M.C., awarded the Military Cross. |
| 6. | Copy of Recommendation submitted for No. 7989 L/Cpl. A.G. FORRESTER, MM., awarded D.C.M. |
| 7. | Statement showing strength as at noon Fridays during the month of May . |

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APPENDIX NO: 1. 5

13th AUSTRALIA FIELD AMBULANCE 4th AUS. DIVISION
No. _____
Date _____

A.D.M.S.,

4th. Australian Division:

Reference your No. M11/747 of 3rd. instant -
"A" Section of this Unit, less Q.M., and Clerical Staff, marched
to M.18.a.5.6. (Sheet 62D) this morning. Major Steele, MC.,
and Capt. Hope are in charge of the Section.

Major Steele collected tentage from 12th. Aust.
Field Ambulance. Three tents collected turned out to be
one tent complete, plus ^{four} ~~three~~ linings.

The Marquee taken over at "Walking Wounded M.D.S."
Amiens was also collected from Major Morlet. Two marquees
and three bell tents have, therefore, been erected.

Equipment is ready to open as soon as instructions
are received.

One Horse ambulance wagon has been withdrawn from
Major Morlet and posted with Major Steele.

D.A.D.M.S., 4th. Australian Division informed me
that he would obtain authority from A.P.M. and French Mission
to collect boats and punts. As there are numbers of troops
in the vicinity and armed guard is required to keep these
punts when collected.

The region of the cross roads at M.5.d. is practic-
-ally all under crop, but an embussing point could be made at
any point on the road.

With reference to the site at M.18.a.5.6. - will
this be a Main Dressing Station for Walking Wounded or stretcher
cases please?

8 p.m.
4/5/1918.



Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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13th. Australian Field Ambulance:

13th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.
APPENDIX NO: 2
4th AUS. DIVISION
No. 8/24
Date

A.D.M.S.,

4th. Australian Division:

A picquet was placed on the BUSSY Road in front of Headquarters of this Unit from 10.45 a.m. to 7. 30. p.m. on 8-5-1918 and from 7.45 a.m. to 2. 5. p.m. on 9-5-1918, and all empty lorries proceeding in the direction of AMIENS were interrogated. Results are as follows:-

166 Lorries passed.		
16	were proceeding to AILLY sur SOMME.	Chiefly 4th. & 5th. Aust. Div. M.T. Coy.
13	" " " St. SAVEUR	Chiefly 4th. A.D.M.T.
13	" " " POULAINVILLE	" 3rd. A.D.M.T.
7	" " " FLESSELLES.	" H.A. Lorries.
8	" " " VIGNACOURT	5th. Aust. D.M.T. Co.
2	" " " PERNOIS.	

Other lorries were proceeding in directions away from the line of evacuation to VIGNACOURT and PERNOIS.

In 4th. Australian Divisional Medical Arrangements dated 8th. May 1918 these Headquarters are to be an Embussing Point for Walking Wounded.

May authority be given please:-

1. To clear Walking Wounded to Station of 3rd. Aust. Division in FLESSELLES.
2. To send empty lorries of 4th. Aust. Div. M.T. Company returning to AILLY-sur-SOMME, St. SAVEUR and POULAINVILLE on to VIGNACOURT and PERNOIS with walking wounded in case of necessity.
3. To send empty lorries of 5th. Aust. Div. M.T. Company proceeding to St. SAVEUR to VIGNACOURT under the same circumstances.

The supply of empty lorries proceeding to FLESSELLES and VIGNACOURT may appear ample to deal with any ordinary emergency, but these lorries appear to pass chiefly in convoys about twice a day.

Failing the above arrangements, could arrangements be made please, to clear walking wounded from AILLY-sur-SOMME and St. SAVEUR to C.C.S.?

6 p.m.
9-5-1918.

M. P. Fry

Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

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Appendix No 2

A. D. M. S.
4TH
AUSTRALIAN DIV.
M 11/957

O.C.,
13th. Aust. F. Ambulance.

Reference your 8/324 of 9/5/1918, ~~attach~~

This Division is now Southern Sector and we are to clear to 5 and 47 C.C.S. CROUY - see Medical. Arrangements Fourth Army Operations 23 forwarded you this morning. Empty lorries proceeding to Parks near AILLY can be loaded with Walking Wounded and written orders given to Driver to take such cases to C.C.S. at CROUY.

If necessity arises, I will try and get extra busses. In normal times it would be simpler to clear your W.W. by Motor Ambulance direct to CROUY, holding patients until a car load has been collected.

A. D. M. S.

Colonel,
A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Division.

10/5/1918 1p.m.

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FIELD AMBULANCE,
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APPENDIX NO: 2.

FIELD AMBULANCE
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4th AUS. DIVISION

A.D.M.S.,

4th. Australian Division:

No.

Date

Reference your No. M11/757 of even date. ~~these~~
Headquarters at present hold no busses and only two Sunbeam Cars and one Ford Car of the Unit Mechanical Transport.

The Walking Wounded M.D.S. ("C" Section) at present clears only one or two car loads of sick and Walking Wounded per day. They hold one Sunbeam car, one Horse Ambulance wagon of the Unit Transport and three busses. Five busses, I understand, are held in reserve at M.D.S., St. ACHEUL.

The M.D.S. St. ACHEUL also holds M.A.C. Cars proceeding to C.C.S. with stretcher cases. I beg to suggest that in normal times "C" Section at the M.D.S. Walking Wounded clear their cases to M.D.S. St. ACHEUL to be sandwiched on M.A.C. Cars proceeding to C.C.S. with stretcher cases.

In the event of heavy casualties, may a ruling be given please, whether busses at M.D.S., St. ACHEUL are under orders of H.Q. of this Unit and if so, may instructions be given regarding their distribution on circuits viz., between the M.D.S. and these Headquarters, and between H.Q. and C.C.S. respectively?

It has further been suggested that the present M.D.S. W.W. be converted into an Advanced Dressing Station. Are there any further instructions in this matter please?

3.45. p.m.
10/5/1918.

Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.



A.A.M.C.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN

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28th. April 1918.

13th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE,
4th AUS. DIVISION

No. _____

Date _____

13th. Aust. 16261 Private Harold
Field Alfred Morris
Ambulance CAMPBELL.

Pte. Campbell was stretcher bearing from the R.A.P. North East of CACHY from 10 p.m. 24th. to 8 p.m. on 25th. April 1918. During this period he was continuously engaged in carrying wounded over heavy ground which was swept by shell fire and machine gun fire. Though wounded on the night of the 24th. he refused to leave his squad, carrying on his work with the greatest courage and endurance till ordered off duty by his Officer Commanding. His fine example was a great encouragement to the rest of the bearers at a time when their endurance was strained to the utmost pitch.

Handwritten signature: Pte Campbell

13th. Aust. 4748 Private John
Field McLEAY:
Ambulance

Pte. McLeay was posted with the squads of bearers with the 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion on the evening of the 24th. April 1918. Shortly after the battalion marched up to the north of CACHY and went straight into action before reinforcement bearers could arrive. In the confusion of the sudden move and attack the R.M.O. lost touch with the bearers. Pte. McLeay, on his own initiative, got in touch with the Regimental bearers on one hand and with the line of evacuation through the R.A.P. of the 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion on the other. It was owing to his coolness and judgement that the casualties were cleared from the Battalion from the beginning of the operation.

Handwritten signature: Pte McLeay

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN

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28th. April, 1918.

13th. Aust. 16261 Private Harold
Field Alfred Morris
Ambulance. CAMPBELL:

Pte. Campbell was stretcher bearing from the R.A.P. North East of CACHY from 10 p.m. 24th. to 8 p.m. on the 25th. April 1918. During this period he was continuously engaged in carrying wounded over heavy ground which was swept by heavy shell and machine gun fire. Though bruised rather badly by a piece of dirt thrown up by a bursting shell on the night of the 24th., he refused to leave his squad, carrying on his work with the greatest courage and endurance till ordered off duty by his Officer Commanding. His fine example was a great encouragement to the rest of the hearers at a time when their endurance was strained to the utmost pitch.

Lt. Col.
C.O., 13th. Aust. F. Amblice.

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A.A.M.C., FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. AUSTRALIAN CORPS. 28th. April 1918. Date of Recommendation.

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13th AUSTRALIAN
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4th AUS. DIVISION

Schedule Number:	Unit.	Reg. No.	Rank and Name.	Action for which commended:	Recommended by	Honour or Reward.
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	185	Sergeant Otto KIRKBY.	Sergeant Kirkby was in charge of "A" Section bearers of this Unit when on the evening of 24th. April 1918 an attack was suddenly launched by our troops north of CACHY. Extra Bearers were rushed forward and a line of evacuation had to be established. Sgt. Kirkby did excellent work in the organization of Bearer Relays and in supervising their work. Later Horse Ambulances were brought up and he superintended the establishment of loading posts showing both initiative and judgement in working the wagons forward thereby setting free more bearers for the more advanced line of evacuation. He, at all times showed an utter disregard for personal danger. Sgt. Kirkby has served throughout the campaign in GALLIPOLI and in every action with this Division in FRANCE. He has on every occasion shown the very highest qualities of courage, determination and devotion to duty.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY., Lt. Col. C.O., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	MILITARY MEDAL.

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A.A.M.C., FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION: AUSTRALIAN CORPS: 28th. April 1918. Date of recommendation:

Schedule No.	Unit:	Reg. No.	Rank and Name:	Action for which commended:	Recommended by	Honour or Reward.
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	644	Private Leonard Ernest <u>BEALE</u> :	Pte. Beale was one of the Field Ambulance Bearers posted with the R.M.O., 50th. Aust. Inf Battalion before the action South of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX on the night April 24th. 1918. The R.M.O. went forward to locate Battalion H.Q. and was killed. Wounded were brought back by the Regimental Bearers and Pte. Beale worked in the open throughout the night dressing wounded under heavy shell and machine gun fire.	H. KENNETH FRY, Lieut. Col. Field Ambulance.	MILITARY MEDAL
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	10271	Private Charles E. S. <u>MITCHELL</u> :	Pte. Mitchell was working with several squads of bearers on the 25th. April 1918 clearing wounded from an R.A.P. in CACHY. The village was at the time being heavily shelled. Pte. Mitchell re-organised the squads as casualties occurred and by his splendid exhibition of courage and devotion to duty set a fine example of morale to all who were working with him.	H. KENNETH FRY, Lieut. Col. Australian Field Ambulance.	MILITARY MEDAL.
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance. A.A.M.C.	16229	Private Herbert Henry <u>JOHNS</u> :	Pte. Johns was working with the bearers of the Field Ambulance at the R.A.P. in CACHY on April 25th 1918. While the village was being subjected to an intense bombardment, he saw some men buried by the falling ruins of a house. Pte. Johns at once valled on his squad and went to the rescue. Regardless of the rain of shells around them, the survivors were dug-out and carried in safety to the shelter of a cellar by this squad. Pte. Johns was conspicuous throughout the whole 24 hours of heavy bearer work under most dangerous conditions by his courage and cheerful, wholehearted work.	H. KENNETH FRY Lieut. Colonel. Commanding No. 13	MILITARY MEDAL



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Schedule Number:	Unit:	Reg. No.	Rank and Name:	Action for which commended:	Recommended by	Honour or Reward
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	9740	Private Charles MIDDLETON.	Pte. Middleton was a member of one of the bearer squads which worked without rest for 24 hours on April 25th. 1918 carrying back wounded on the line of evacuation North of CACHY. When the bearers were becoming exhausted Pte. Middleton stood out by his plucky endurance and splendid example encouraging his fellow stretcher bearers and spurring them on to keep working at high pressure. Pte. Middleton has been a stretcher bearer in every engagement which the Division has fought and has shown on every occasion the same indomitable pluck and unflinching devotion to duty.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY., Lieut. Colonel C.O., 13th. Aust. F. Amb.	MILITARY MEDAL.

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A.A.M.C.,

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION . AUSTRALIAN CORPS . 28th. April 1918 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule Number.	Unit:	Reg. No.	Rank and Name:	Action for which Commended.	Recommended by	Honour or Reward.
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	227	Sergeant Cecil Leonard John <u>HAYES:</u>	Sgt. Hayes was in charge of the bearers clearing wounded from the R.A.P's. South of BRETONNEUX on April 25th. 1918. Re-adjustment of the bearers at the different posts was repeatedly necessary in consequence of the development of the line of evacuation. Sgt. Hayes did invaluable work. Constantly centre patrolling the different posts, he kept his officers well informed of the details of the situation and he showed great initiative in carrying out any necessary re-arrangement. His duty kept him constantly in the open in the heavily shelled parts of the forward Area. His keenness energy and courage formed a splendid example to his men. The successful evacuation of wounded was largely dependent upon his personal efforts. Sgt. Hayes has served in the Field with the A.I.F. since its formation and has at all times been characterised by the same courage and initiative.	H. KENNETH FRY., Lieut. Col. C.O., 13th. Aust. Field Amb.	MILITARY MEDAL:

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APPENDIX NO: 4.

OPERATION ORDER NO: 10.

by

Lieut. Colonel H. K. FRY., D. S. O.,

Commanding 13th. Australian Field Ambulance:

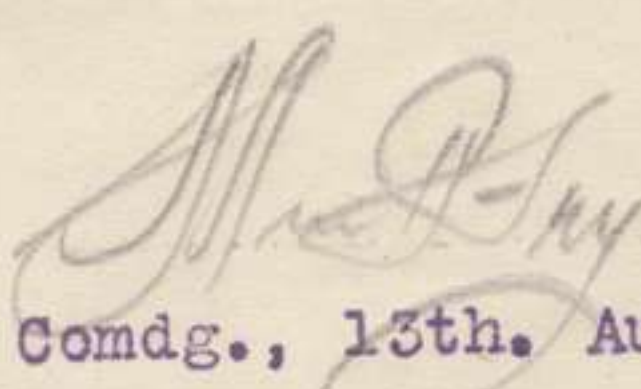
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Reference Map AMIENS, 17, 1/100,000.

In accordance with 4th. Aust. Div., A.A.M.C.
Order No. 89 dated 20th. May 1918:-

1. "B" Section, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will be relieved by "B" Section, 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance at Walking Wounded M.D.S. North of GLISY on 21st. instant. Relief to be completed by 2 p.m. Tents pitched at this Station will be handed over to the relieving Unit. On relief "B" Section, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will march to Billets in QUERRIEU.
2. Major L.G. Tassie with an advance party from Headquarters, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will report to a representative of 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance at QUERRIEU at 11 a.m. on 21st. instant, and take over over billets from that Unit and also tentage equivalent to those handed over to 11th. Aust. Field Ambulance by "B" Section, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
3. "A" Section, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will march out from Emergency Walking Wounded Station, West of LAMOTTE at 9 a.m. on the 22nd. instant and proceed to QUERRIEU via LAMOTTE and overland track to ALBERT ROAD.
4. Headquarters and "C" Section, 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance will march out from Emergency Main Dressing Station, North of CAMON at 9 a.m. on 22nd. instant and proceed to QUERRIEU via PETIT CAMON. An officer and one other rank will remain at each site to hand over to 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
5. Mobilization Equipment only will be carried. Extra Tentage will be handed over to relieving Unit with the exception of three bell tents of 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance with "A" Section. These latter tents will be returned to 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance RIVERY on the morning of the 22nd. instant.
6. Receipts will be obtained for all stores handed over.

Issued at 10 a.m.
21st. May 1918.


Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

D I S T R I B U T I O N :

Copy No. 1.	A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Div.	7.	O.C., 9th. Aust.F.Amb.
2.	H.Q., 13th. A.I. Brigade.	8.	O.C., 11th. " " "
3.	O.C., 13th. A.F.Amb, "B" Sec.	9.	Town Major QUERRIEU.
4.	O.C., "C" Sec., 13th. A.F.Amb.	10.	Orderly Room.
5.	O/i/c, "A" Sec	11.	War Diary.
6.	Q.M., 13th. Aust.F.Amb.	12.	War Diary.
		13.	War Diary.

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13th. Aust.
Field
Ambulance

Capt. E. N.
B. DOCKER

Capt. Docker was in charge of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance Bearer Division on the night of 24/25th April 1918 when the Brigade suddenly moved up and attacked North of CASHY. Capt. Docker followed up with his bearers, picked up guides, gained touch with the R.A.P(s. and organised a line of bearer relays. This was done at night, while an attack was in progress, and under machine gun and heavy shell fire. He subsequently repeatedly visited his posts, carried out reliefs, encouraging the men and giving a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Lieut. Colonel.
Field Ambulance.
Comdg. 13th. Aust.

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M. G. H.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION;

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

28th. April 1918 Date of recommendation.

13th AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE
4th AUS. DIVISION

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Date

Schedule Number.	Unit:	Reg. No.	Rank and Name:	Action for which commended.	Recommended by	Honour or Reward.
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	7989	Pte. (L/Cpl.) Arthur Gilbert <u>FORRESTER</u> , MM. M.M. Gazetted in II ANZAC CORPS ROUTINE ORDER NO. 1220	On April 24th. 1918 L/Cpl. Forrester in charge of three squads of stretcher bearers was posted with the R.M.O., 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion in the BOIS L'ABBE. A few hours later he accompanied the Battalion as it moved forward to attack the enemy's position North East of CACHY. The advance was made under extremely heavy shell and machine gun fire, and before a Regimental Aid post could be established the R.M.O. (Capt. P.B. SEWELL, A.A.M.C.) was reported "MISSING". At this critical juncture L/Cpl. Forrester with the greatest coolness and resource took complete charge of the situation in the absence of the R.M.O. He quickly organised the A.A.M.C. Details, established a casualty collecting post, directed the work of the battalion regimental stretcher bearers and succeeded in getting in touch with the battalion headquarters and the Field Ambulance posts in rear. He personally conducted these operations exposed to continuous heavy fire in an area which was devoid of shelter, showing a complete disregard of danger. It was entirely due to his resource and masterly control of a most difficult situation that a serious breakdown in the evacuation of the wounded in the Battalion, was successfully averted.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY., Lt. Colonel. C.O., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

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STRENGTH of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance as at noon Fridays during May 1918:

Off. 3-5-1918:	O.R's.	Off. 10-5-1918.	O.R's.	Off. 17-5-1918.	O.R's.	Off. 24-5-1918.	O.R's.	Off. 31-5-1918.	O.R's.
11	244	10	242	12	241	10	242	10	241

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War Establishment for Field Ambulance (3 Section) 10 Officers. 231 Other Ranks:

During the month the undermentioned movements have taken place:-

EVACUATED SICK: 12 O.R's.
 EVACUATED WOUNDED: 2 O.R's.
 TRANSFERS: 4 O.R's.
 From Unit. 4 Off.
 TRANSFERS: 3 O.R's.
 Into Unit.
REINFORCEMENTS: 17 O.R's.
 6 Off.

Clayton M. ...
Lieut. Colonel.

Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

(To accompany War Diary for May 1918.)

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