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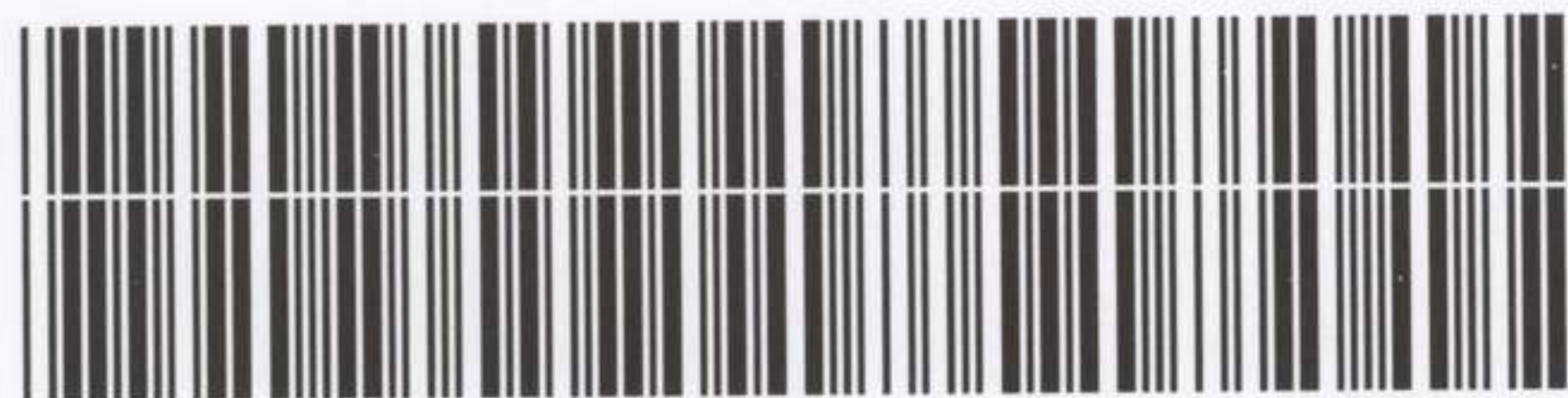
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CORMONT	1/12		Major D.S. Mackenzie a/c in command	Refer to
	2/12		Syllabus of training for week ending 31/12/17 issued - see appendix no 18	Appendix
	3/12		Major D.S. Mackenzie transferred to 2nd Aust C.O.S. as Operating Surgeon &	18
	5/12		Struck off strength of unit - Auth a/c Aust 1st Aust Div 08/12/17	
	6/12		Major W. Savage a/c assumed command of unit.	
	7/12		Votes of members of unit were recorded for Australian Military Service Referendum 1917	
	8/12		Voting for Australian Military Service Referendum 1917 completed.	
	9/12		all ballot papers, completed & unsealed returned to Divisional Returning Officer	
	10/12		<u>HONOURS and AWARDS</u> Memo a/c Aust 1st Aust Div H 6/70 of 8/12/17	
	11/12		The Cops Commander has awarded the Military Medal to the following other ranks - No 15478 Pte WALTON, G.	
	12/12		Syllabus of training for week ending 15th inst issued. see appendix	19
	13/12		Recreational sports held at CORMONT - followed by a concert at night at LONGVILLERS by members of unit.	
	14/12		Instructions received from Admin 1st Aust Div to proceed to new area on 13th inst with 3rd Aust Inf Bde.	
On line of				
march				
CORMONT				
to				
BECOURT			Under detailed instructions from G.O.C 3rd Aust Inf Brigade the ambulance, less horse transport, proceeded by route march to BECOURT - Transport camped at BECOURT.	20.
to				
OUVE-WERQUIN			Left BECOURT at 9am and marched to OUVÉ-WERQUIN.	
to				
OUVE-WERQUIN			Left OUVÉ-WERQUIN at 4.30am & marched to WISERNES and	
to			There entrained at 9am.	I
WISERNES				



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<p>EN ROUTE BY RAIL FROM WIZERNES TO KENNEBEK LOCRE. (Div Rest Str)</p>	<p>15/12</p>		<p>In train from WIZERNES to KENNEBEK - detained 2pm and marched to LOCRE - Divisional Rest Station at Comvent (5th Aust D.P.S. 14th Amb) C section detailed to work Sabres Station at DRANOUTRE. Took over the administration of the Div Rest Station from 14th Aust Field Amb at 2pm. Lt Col CABE D.D. F.A.M.C. arrived and took control of unit as Commanding Officer.</p>	<p>Ref to Appendix No.</p>
	<p>17/12</p>		<p>Plan of 1st Australian Divisional Rest Station at LOCRE herewith see Hospital diet for week ending 23/12/17 herewith. Patient remaining in Rest Station at noon 105 other Ranks. C Section reported unit at LOCRE having been relieved at DRANOUTRE by 1st Aust Field Ambulance.</p>	<p>22</p>
	<p>19/12</p>		<p>Capt A.O. FIELD F.A.M.C. transferred to Base and struck off strength of unit - Auth ADM.S memo of 18/12/17. General BIRDWOOD GOC A.I.F. inspected the Rest Station. Hospital diet for week ending 20th inst issued.</p>	<p>23</p>
	<p>23/12</p>		<p>ADM.S I.A.N. 2 A.C. inspected the Rest Station. Substantial Xmas Report provided by Australian Branch B.R.C.S as per attached menu.</p>	<p>24</p>
	<p>25/12</p>		<p>Number of patients in Rest Station at noon 124 sick 7 wounded Total 131.</p>	
	<p>26/12</p>		<p>Capt M.V. BLOGG. of No. 5 Dental Unit attached 3rd Field Ambulance transferred to A.G.B.D as Senior Dental Officer to be Major. (Auth Sdg. A.I.F. per Sdg. 1st Aust Div 123/359 of 17.12.17) Capt G. MORCOM reported for duty as Ofc. No. 5 Dental Unit Vice Major M.V. BLOGG.</p>	<p>25</p>



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IN THE FIELD	DEC 1 to DEC 31		Differences in Strength during the month.										
	No 5 Australian Field Ambulance		Strength 1.12.17	Own Strengths		Evac to C.B.S		Transferred		Replacements Taken on Strength			
				Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On		
			Strengths 1.12.17	10	217	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			Evacuated to C.B.S & Transferred to O.H.U.s	-	-	-	8	3	19	-	-		
			Replacements taken on	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	21		
			Strength 31.12.17	11	221	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			No 5 Dental Unit (attached)	STRENGTH 1.12.17	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					Transfers & Rpts.	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
					Strength 31.12.17	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
			1st Aust Div Supply Column (att)	Motor Drivers Strength 1.12.17	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					Transfers & Rpts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
					Strength 31.12.17	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-

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1<sup>ST</sup> AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING


FOR WEEK ENDING 8-12-17

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Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07-15   07-30		B r i s k		M a r c h			
08-00   12-00	Gas Parade. Inspection of Helmets Drill Church Parade	Squad Drill Section " Saluting Lecture on Gas	Section Drill Stretcher " Gas "	Squad & Section Drill - Junior N.C.O.s Application of Splints Lecture — "Care of feet during winter"	Gas Drill Instruction in Bandaging Field Dressing Application. Saluting Signalling	Route March	Gas Drill Section " Practice in ad- justments of Blankets in car- riage of Wounded on Stretcher  (Morse)
13-30   15-30	Inter-Reg. Football Match	Cross-country Run  Football Match	Football Match (Inter-Section)  Athletic Training Wrestling. Boxing.	Inter-Reg. Football Match.  Athletic Training. Boxing. Sports events.	O.C. Inspection of Unit...  2 p.m.	Cross-country Run. Inter-Section Football. Boxing. Wrestling.	Inter-Reg. Football Match.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

  
 Major.  
 Lt. Col. O.C. No 3 Aust. Fld. Amb.




3<sup>RD</sup> AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE  
1<sup>ST</sup> AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Syllabus of Training

For Week ending 15-12-17

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07-20 11-35		Brisk March		Brisk March			
1-00	Gas Parade Inspection of Helmets	Squad drill Section "	Route March	Gas drill Lecture	Squad & Section Drill - Junior N.C.Os. Saluting	Gas drill	Section drill Lecture:
1-00	Church Parade	Saluting		Bandaging Practice	Application of Splints	Route March	Care of feet &c.
		Special	Squad	March	Signalling		
1-30 2-30	Inter-Regimental Football Match	Cross-country Run Inter-Sectional Football Match	Athletic Training Boxing Wrestling Football	Inter-Regimental Football Match	O.C.s Inspection of Unit - 2 p.m.	Cross-Country Run Football, Boxing, Wrestling	Inter-Regimental Football Match

  
 Major  
 O.C. No 3 Aust. Field Ambce.

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No. 3 Australian Field Ambulance.  
1st Australian Division. 13:12:17  
Movement Order No. 13.

by Major V.W. Savage, Act. O.C. No. 3 Aust. Fld. Ambce.

Calais 13 1/100,000

In accordance with 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 72 ~~xxx~~  
the 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance will move out from CORMONT on  
13th inst.

The Unit will be divided into two groups:-

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| "A" Group | (Main body of Unit)   |
| "B" "     | (Transport less 1 water Cart<br>3 Ambulance Wagons<br>3 Officers' Hacks.) |

"A" Group will move by route march in two stages, thence by  
rail to destination.

"B" Group, in charge of Major Rutledge will move out under  
special instructions.

Motor Transport will move out under special instructions  
from O.C.

Routine:

Reveille	06.00
Breakfast	06.30
Fall in	07.00
Move out	07.15

2 Blankets per man will be fastened in bundles of 10 and stacked at  
the Schoolroom by 06.30

Unit will move out in full marching order, Greatcoats will be ~~xxx~~  
carried in packs.

The unconsumed portion of the 24 hours rations will be carried on  
the man for the mid-day meal.

  
.....Major

Act. O.C. No. 3 Aust. Field Ambce.



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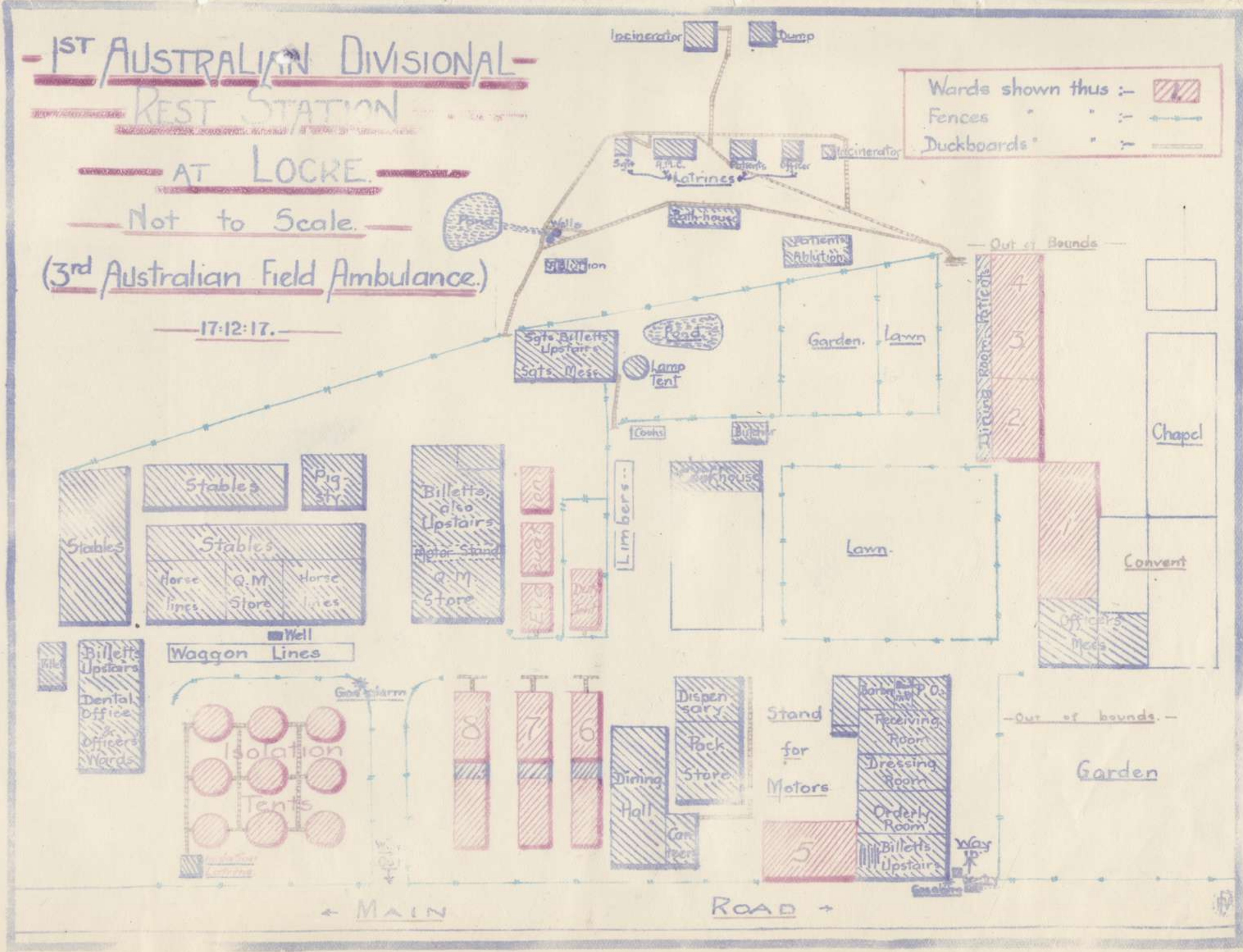
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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL REST STATION.

HOSPITAL DIET FOR WEEK ENDING 23:12:1917

MEAL.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY.
Breakfast			Porridge & Milk Fried Bacon, Beans Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Porridge & Milk Boiled Bacon Bread, Butter, Jam, Coffee.	Porridge & Milk Fried Bacon, Beans Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Porridge & Milk M.&V. Currie Bread, Butter, Jam, Coffee.	Porridge & Milk. Boiled Bacon Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.
Dinner.			Roast Beef. Vegetables Rice Custard & Raisins Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea,	Meat & Vegt. Pie Fruit, Custard, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Tinned Fish, Fruit Pie, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Ox Tongue & Vegetables Bread Custard. Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Roast Beef & Vegetables. Plum Pudding & Sauce. Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.
Tea.			Preserved Meat, Pickles, Bread, Butter, Jam, Cheese, Tea.	Sardines, Jelly, Custard, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Salmon, Tapioca Pudding, Bread, Butter, Currant Buns, Jam, Tea.	Preserved Meat, Pickles, Rice Custard & Prunes, Bread, Butter, Jam, Tea.	Sardines, Fruit Custard, Bread, Butter, Jam, Cheese, Tea.
Supper.			Pea Soup, Bread, Butter,	Cocoa, Biscuits, Cheese,	Soup, Bread, Butter,	Cocoa, Biscuits, Cheese,	Pea Soup, Bread, Butter,.

*[Signature]*  
.....Major & Quarter Master  
No. 3 Aust. Field Ambulance.

*[Signature]*.....Lt. Col.  
C.O. No. 3 Australian Field Ambulance.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL REST STATION

HOSPITAL DIETS FOR WEEK ENDING 30.12.17

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MEAL	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Breakfast	Porridge M. F. Bacon Beans. Bread Butter Jam Coffee.	Porridge M. B. Bacon Bread Butter Jam Tea.	Porridge M. F. Bacon Beans Bread Butter Jam Coffee	Porridge M. Curried Stew Bread Butter Jam Tea	Porridge M. F. Bacon Beans Bread Butter Jam Coffee	Porridge M. B. Bacon Bread Butter Jam Tea	Porridge M. F. Bacon Beans Bread Butter Jam Coffee
Dinner	Tinned Fish Rice Custard Raisins. Bread Butter Jam Tea	Irish Stew Sago custard Bread Butter Jam Tea	Roast Beef & V Custard Fruit Bread Butter Jam Tea	American Dry Hash. Bread Custard. Bread Butter Jam Tea.	Roast Beef V. Tapiococa Pdg Bread Butter Jam Tea.	Currie Rice Custard Fruit Bread Butter Jam Tea	Roast Beef & V Plum Pdg. Sauce Bread Butter Jam Tea.
Tea.	Preserved Meat Pickles. Bread Butter Jam Tea	Bread Butter Jam Cheese Tea.	Tinned Fish Rice Custard Bread Butter Jam Cheese Tea.	Preaseved Meat Pickles. Fruit Pie Bread Butter Jam Cheese Tea.	OX Tongue & Pickles Bread Butter Jam Cheese Tea	Currant Cakes Jelly Custard Bread Butter Jam Cheese Tea,	Preaseved Meat Pickles, Bread Butter Jam Cheese Tea.
Supper	Cocoa Biscuit Cheese	Coffee Bread Butter	Cocoa Biscuit Cheese	Coffee Bread Butter	Pea Soup Bread Butter	Coffee Bread Butter	Cocoa Biscuit Cheese

Special Diet for Patients Xmas Day

*M. J. Lane*  
Major. Q.M.  
3rd Australian Field Ambulance

*S. J. Lane*  
Rieut-Colonel  
3rd Australian Field Amnulance

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1<sup>ST</sup> AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL REST, FRANCE

— Patients —

— Xmas Dinner —



— The Menu —

France

25-12-17



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MENU

Yarra Soup

Glebe Roast Beef

Legumes... French Cabbage.  
Belgian Carrots.  
Irish Potatoes.  
Baked Potatoes.

Goose a la Brisbane

MENU

Hutton's Ham

Pudding de Noel avec Sauce.

Fruits and Cream

"Knuts"

Stout

Tea

Coffee

Cigarettes.

The extras for this dinner were kindly supplied by  
the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Socy.



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