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**WAR DIARY**

OF  
*Fourth Aust Field Ambce*

FOR

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4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Fld. Ambce.*

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			<u>MONTH of NOVEMBER, 1918.</u>	
ST. PIERRE-a-GOUY. (Amiens.)	1		Major A.W. Holmes a'Court rejoined unit from temporary duty as Acting D.A.D. M.S., AUSTRALIAN Corps. The Corps Commander awarded the following decorations to members of this unit:- No. 13368 Temp. Sergeant L. Whiting, M.M.; Bar to Military Medal, and to the following, the Military Medal:- No. 8183 Temp. Corporal J.A. Gill, No. 141 Pte. W.R. Murray, No. 16772 M.T. Dvr. C.A. Coward, 4th. M.T. Co. attached 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance. (D.R.O. 2328 of 30-10-18.)	MSC
	2		Captain H.C. Trumble, M.C. reported to C.O., 12th. Army Brigade, Aust. Field Art. for temporary duty as R.M.O.	MSC
	3		Five reinforcements reported for duty. Captain G.A. Blumer, M.C. rejoined unit from temporary duty with 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	MSC
	7		Major A.J. MacDonald, transferred to 3rd. Aust. General Hospital, reported there on 7-11-18. Major A.S. Curtin is appointed temporarily O.C., "B" Section vice Major A.J. MacDonald; Captain S.V. O'Regan, M.C. is appointed temporarily O.C., "C" Section, vice Major A.S. Curtin.	MSC
			Captain S.V. O'Regan, M.C. rejoined unit from temporary duty with 16th. A.I. Bn. Five reinforcements reported for duty.	MSC
			The War Office has approved of the following French Decoration:- To Major A.W. Holmes a'Court, Medaille des Epidemies en Argent.	MSC
		10	Captain G.W. Parramore rejoined unit from duty at 1st. Aust. General Hospital as a Witness in a Field General Court-Martial.	MSC
		14	After postponements, the 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance and No. 19 Dental Unit, less M.T. vehicles which proceeded by road, entrained at HANGEST at 7 a.m. The unit detrained at TINCOURT at 6 p.m. and billeted there for the night, 14th-15th. Nov.	MSC
	TINCOURT	15	The unit, less Horse and Mechanical Transport which proceeded by road, entrained on the Light Railway at TINCOURT at 8 a.m. and detrained at BRANCOURT at noon. Then by March Route to FRESNOY-le-Grand where, after some difficulty, the personnel were accommodated in billets. The Horse transport lines were located at MERICOURT.	MSC
	FRESNOY-le-G.		While the unit was in this Area, the following Routine was observed:- Reveille, 7 a.m. Roll-call, 7.30 a.m. Breakfast, 8 a.m. General Parade, 9 a.m. Dinner, noon. Tea, 4.30 p.m. First Post and Tattoo Roll-call, Last Post, 9 p.m. Lights out, 9.30 p.m.	MSC

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FRESNOY-le-Grand.	20		No. 5371 Sergeant A.J. Ride, M.M. is promoted to Temporary Warrant Officer, Class 1, Nursing Duties, (vice Kennedy to U.K. on 75 days' furlough) from 12-11-8	
			Six men rejoined unit from hospital and one reinforcement is taken on strength.	
	19		Major A.W. Holmes a'Court reported for temporary duty to D.D.M.S., AUST. Corps Headquarters.	
l'ARBRE de GUISE.	23		Reveille at 0630. Breakfast at 0715. The complete unit moved off by March Route at 08.00. The destination, l'ARBRE de GUISE, near St. SOUPLLET, was reached at <del>15.30</del> 15.30.	
LINIERES.	24		The same routine was observed as on preceding day and the complete unit moved off by March Route at 08.30, at the head of the 4th. Brigade Group. The destination, PRISCHES, was reached at 14.00. Unit billets were located at LINIERES, on the outskirts of PRISCHES.	
	25		Hon. Lieut. and Q.M. E.R. Carrington reported for duty as Q.M. from 3rd. Aust. C.C.S., the appointment dating from 10-11-18.	
			Captain J.M. Hair reported for duty from 1st. Aust. C.C.S. and is taken on strength to complete Establishment. Captain Hair is allotted to "C" Section Tent Subdivision. Major A.W. Holmes a'Court rejoined unit.	
SAINS du NORD.	26		Reveille, 06.30. Breakfast, 07.00. The complete unit moved off by March Route at 08.40. The destination, SAINS du NORD, was reached at 15.00. The Routine observed while the unit was in the FRESNOY Area was resumed.	

*for* C. O., Fourth Australian Field Ambulance.

*Major*  
*W. J. ...*

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# WAR DIARY

OF

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

FOR

NOVEMBER, 1918.

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.Month of NOVEMBER, 1918.

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For the first two weeks the unit was in the Rest Area, during which period the supplies of rations were regular. Since moving to the forward area, supplies have been very irregular but there were no shortages. Fresh vegetables have been issued in greater quantity than during the previous months. Regimental Funds have been drawn on to some extent for further purchases of potatoes.

D.A.D.C.S. has amply supplied our needs for Clothing, Equipment, etc. During the early part of the month leather was quite unobtainable for the repairing of boots but supplies have since come to hand. Some fifty pairs of boots have been repaired in the unit during the month. Another supply of clothing and foodstuff was received from Australian Comforts Funds and was much appreciated by all ranks. Owing to the continual movement of the Division the demands by R.M.O's. for Medical Comforts have not been so great.

4TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.
No. .... 30-11-18.
Date .....

*E. Harrington* Lieutenant and Q.M.,  
4th. Australian Field Ambulance.

*A. S. Carter* Major