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OF

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

FOR

JANUARY

1919

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIESMES	1st	Jan	<p>1st. Australian Field Ambulance billeted at Chateau Toussaints, on GOUGNIES - BIESMES Road (Location - Sheet NAMUR 8. 2.H.5.18) and surrounding farm-houses. Horses and transport vehicles well parked at farm-houses in close proximity to the Chateau. Since the move to this area the Unit has been under the orders of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bgde. with regard to general administration, training, etc.</p> <p>As during the previous month a Brigade Rest Station is established in suitable premises to which are admitted the sick of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bgde, the 1st. and 2nd, Aust. Field, and 3rd Army Brigades of Artillery. A nursing section of the Ambulance. conduct the Rest Station. The average number of patients in Rest Station daily is 30, and the average number of evacuations to C.C.S. daily is 4.</p> <p>The sick are collected every morning from the surrounding Units by the Motor Ambulance Cars attached to this Unit, and cases for C.C.S. are evacuated in a like manner during the afternoon.</p> <p>Very few civilians are being treated. They are catered for by civilian doctors. Owing to the depleted strength of the Unit, Education classes, scattered nature of the billets, and absence of men on leave to CHARLEROI, NAMUR, and BRUSSELS, no organised</p>	

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BIESMES	1st Jan (Cont'd)		<p>training programme has been drawn up for the month, and very little can be attempted in the way of sport.</p> <p>The Unit Education Scheme has gone forward by leaps and bounds, and very keen interest is being taken by all ranks attending the various classes. This has naturally been furthered by the fact that a very suitable class room was fitted up during the previous month, and apart from the periods of leave to BRUSSELS, NAMUR, and CHARLEROI, there is very little in the neighbourhood to attract the attention of the personnel. Specially good progress has been made in Accountancy, Mathematics, and Motor Engineering, and all ranks manifest a keenness to attend lectures. It is noted from the Unit that the men are very reluctant to be detached to attend Army or Corps Trade Courses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intermittent Rain.</p>	
BIESMES	2nd Jan		Nothing to report	Cloudy and rain .
BIESMES	3rd Jan		<p>Captain A. N. YUILLE proceeded on leave to PARIS.</p> <p>Captain A. C. WILTON was detached as R.M.O. (temporary) to 2nd Aust. Inf. Battn.</p> <p>1 Other Rank admitted to Hospital sick.</p> <p>Cloudy during the morning and intermittent rain during the afternoon.</p>	2

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BIESMES	4th	Jan	<p>Under authority of D.A.G., A.I.F. 3 Other Ranks were promoted to fill positions of 1 E.R.Sgt. and 2 E.R.Cpls., - Instructors to Unit, under A.I.F. Education Scheme -</p> <p>In accordance with instructions from D.A.G., A.I.F.(51/70 d. 11/12/18 - Reorganisation of Field Ambulances) Unit reorganised on a two section basis with an establishment of 8 Officers, and 190 Other Ranks, and 37 horses, as compared with 10 Officers, 218 Other Ranks, and 45 horses on a three section basis $\frac{1}{4}$. The actual strength of the Unit on reorganisation - 10 Officers, 162 Other Ranks, and 41 horses.</p> <p>The deletion of "C" Section necessitated the reversion to substantive rank of all N.C.Os. who were appointed to temporary positions vice personnel of the Section who proceeded to Australia, or were evacuated to Hospital. Drivers appointed under A.I.F. Order No. 785 and rendered surplus, were remustered as privates. Officers supernumary to new establishment, remaining with Unit pending absorptions in other Units. Horses rendered surplus being retained pending further orders for distribution to complete the establishment of other Units within the Division. Two G.S. Wagons and two Motor Ambulance Cars from the disbanded "C" Section were distributed evenly between the new "A" and "B" Sections. One Horse Ambulance Wagon, ^{165. Kimber} and one Water Cart were returned to D.A.D.O.S.</p>	

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BIESMES	4th Jan	(Cont'd)	<p>The Equipment of "C" Section - Medical, and Surgical panniers etc., was returned complete to Advanced Depot of Medical Stores. 1 C.S. Dispenser also returned.</p> <p>The personnel reverted, and remustered included.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="885 715 1961 854"> <tr> <td>1 t/S.Sgt.</td> <td>Dispenser</td> <td>reverted</td> <td>to</td> <td>Cpl.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 t/Sgt.</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>L/Cpl.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 t/Sgt.</td> <td>Steward</td> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>L/Cpl.</td> </tr> </table> <p>1 Other Rank detached as A.A.M.C. Water Duty Detail to 1st. Aust. D.A.C.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Raining.</p>	1 t/S.Sgt.	Dispenser	reverted	to	Cpl.	1 t/Sgt.	Clerk	"	"	L/Cpl.	1 t/Sgt.	Steward	"	"	L/Cpl.	
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1 t/Sgt.	Steward	"	"	L/Cpl.															
BIESMES	5th Jan		<p>1 Other Rank admitted to Rest Station sick.</p> <p>Captain E.P. Holland posted to 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance.</p> <p>On authority of D.A.G., A.I.F. (19/8/28 d. 31/12/18) the temporary rank of N.C.Os who were promoted vice 1914 personnel, who proceeded to Australia on furlough are made substantive. The N.C.Os affected include. -</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="885 1411 1613 1709"> <tr> <td>1 t/R.Q.M.S.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 tS.Sgts</td> <td>(Nursing Duties)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 t/Sgts.</td> <td>(General Duties)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 t/Sgts.</td> <td>(Clerks)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 t/Sgts.</td> <td>(Transport Duties)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 t/Cpl.</td> <td>(Cook)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 t/Cpl.</td> <td>(Farrier)</td> </tr> </table>	1 t/R.Q.M.S.		2 tS.Sgts	(Nursing Duties)	2 t/Sgts.	(General Duties)	2 t/Sgts.	(Clerks)	2 t/Sgts.	(Transport Duties)	1 t/Cpl.	(Cook)	1 t/Cpl.	(Farrier)	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	
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BIESMES	5th	Jan	10th Rank transferred to 1st. Aust. Div. Hdqrs (A.D.M.S. Office)	
			Intermittent Rain	
BIESMES	6th	Jan	<p>Under authority of D.A.G., A.I.F. (51/70 d. 3/1/19 - Further reductions of Field Ambulances) Unit further reduced to a 2 Section basis as laid down in War Establishment Part VII A for "A" and "B" Sections respectively, with the following additions. -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1 Motor Ambulance Car with driver and orderly and 1 G.S. Wagon with driver and 2 heavy draught horses</p> <p>from the disbanded "C" Section</p> <p>This further reduction meant the reversion of 1 driver, and rendered supernumary to establishment 1 Major, and 1 Staff Sgt. Nursing Duties. Horses and transport vehicles remained unaltered.</p>	Fine.
BIESMES	7th	Jan	<p>1 Other Rank detached (under A.I.F. Education Scheme) to attend a 3 months course at Corps Central School, R U E.</p>	
			<p>1 Other Rank detached as Cinema Operator to 1st. Aust. Div. Y.M.C.A.</p>	Fine and cloudy.
BIESMES	8th	Jan	3 Other Ranks rejoined Unit from Rest Station.	Fine.
BIESMES	9th	Jan	4 Other Ranks detached to establish a "Blue Light" Depot at 1st. Aust. Div. Leave Club	

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BIESMES	9th	Jan	in Cavalry Barracks, Rue Brabant, NAMUR.	
			1 Other Rank evacuated to hospital sick.	Fine.
BIESMES	10th	Jan	Nothing to report.	Fine.
BIESMES	11th	Jan	1 Other Rank evacuated to hospital sick.	
			1 Pte. Farrier transferred from 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance.	Fine.
BIESMES	12th	Jan	Major M. V. SOUTHEY rejoined Unit from leave to PARIS.	
			Captain B. F. MOORE rejoined Unit from 1st. Aust. Gen Hospital, and posted as R.M.O.	
			to 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.	
			Captain C. P. ROSENTHAL rejoined Unit from detachment to 3rd Army Brigade, A.F.A.	
			1 Other Rank evacuated to hospital.	Fine.
BIESMES	13th	Jan	2 Other Ranks admitted to Brigade Rest Station.	
			1 Other Rank detached as A.A.M.C. Water Duty Detail to 3rd Aust. Field Coy. Engrs.	
				Fine.
BIESMES	14th	Jan	1 S/Sgt. promoted to W.O. (Class II) and transferred to 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance.	
			2 Other Ranks rejoined Unit from hospital.	Fine.
BIESMES	15th	Jan	Lieut. Colonel W. F. SIMMONS rejoined Unit from leave to United Kingdom.	

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BIESMES	15th Jan		Captain A. N. YUILLE rejoined Unit from leave to PARIS.	
	(Cont'd)		Under instructions from A/A.A. & Q.M.G. 1st. Aust. Division, all horses of Unit	
			were boarded by a Veterinary Board for the classification in the following groups.	
			(a) .. Practically sound from 5 - 8 years inclusive.	
			(b) .. Practically sound from 9 - 12 years inclusive.	
			(c) .. Permanently <u>unsound</u> but fit for work, or animals over 12 years.	
			(d) .. Those only fit for sale to butchers, or destruction and conversion into	
			by-products.	
			Of the 41 animals so grouped	
			9 were classified (a)	
			12 " " " (b)	
			20 " " " (c)	Raining.
BIESMES.	16th Jan		Nothing to report.	Fine.
BIESMES.	17th Jan		2 Other Ranks rejoined Unit from hospital.	
			1 Other Rank joined Unit from Base.	Fine.
BIESMES	18th Jan		Nothing to report.	Fine.

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BIESMES.	19th	Jan	Captain A. C. WILTON posted to 1st. Aust. Inf. Battn as R.M.O. vice Captain E. T. CATO, to Australia	
			5 Other Ranks (1915 personnel) marched out for return to Australia.	Fine.
BIESMES.	20th	Jan	Nothing to report.	Fine.
BIESMES	21st	Jan	2 Other Ranks rejoined Unit from Rest Station.	Heavy frost, and foggy.
BIESMES	22nd	Jan	1 Other Rank evacuated to Hospital.	
			3 Light draught horses (supernumary to establishment) transferred to 1st. Aust. D.A.C.	
				Fine and frosty
BIESMES	23rd	Jan	Major A. McKILLOP, D.S.O. proceeded on leave to PARIS	
			7 Light Draught horses transferred to 11th Aust. Inf. Battn.	Snowing.
BIESMES	24th	Jan	1 Other Rank marched out for early repatriation to Australia.	Fine.
BIESMES	25th	Jan	Nothing to report.	Fine and cloudy.
BIESMES	26th	Jan	Nothing to report.	Snowing.
BIESMES	27th	Jan	1 Other Rank of Unit, and 1 Other Rank of 1st. Aust. M.T.Coy (attached) marched out for early repatriation to Australia (University students)	
BIESMES	28th	Jan.	Nothing to report.	Heavy frost.

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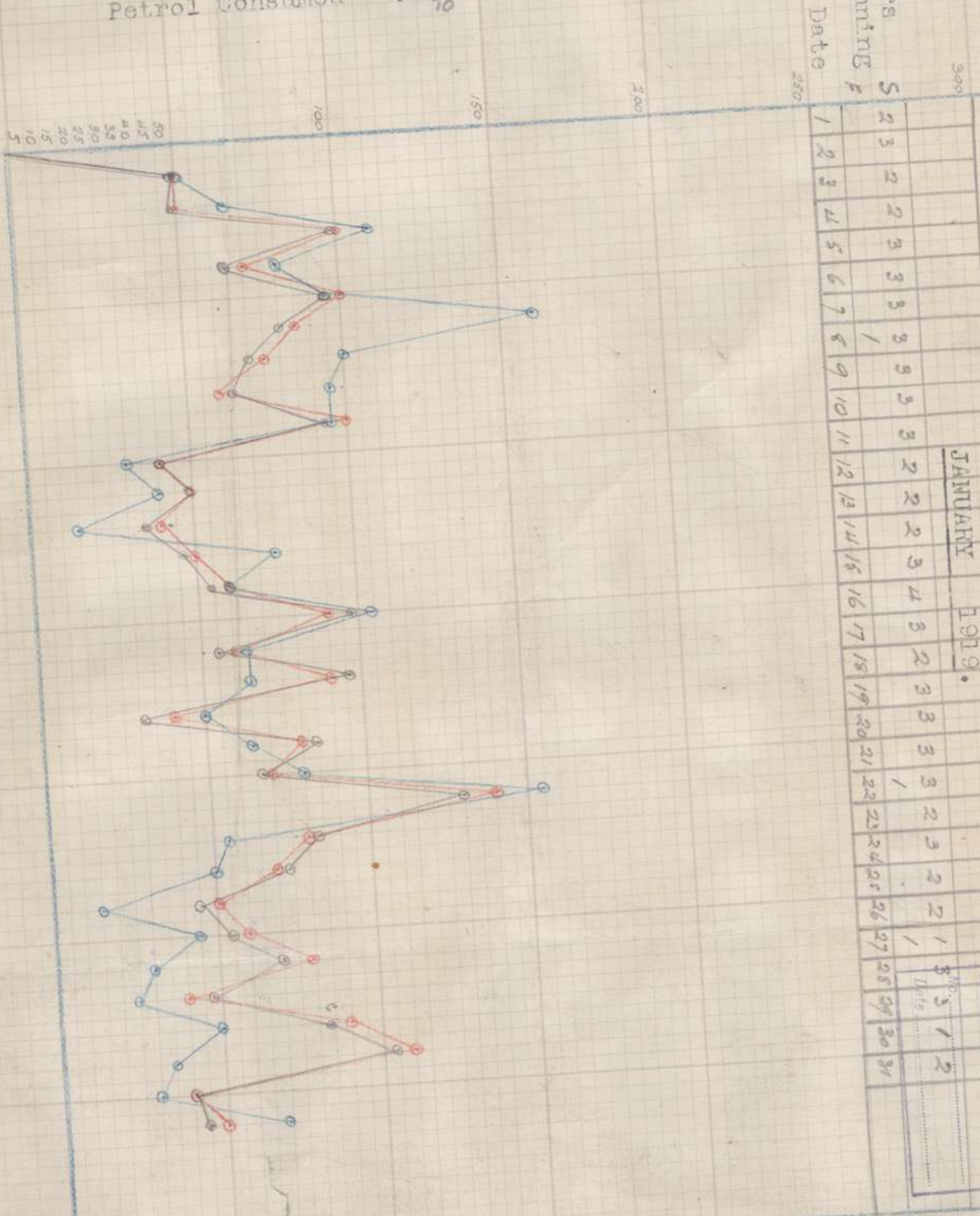
No.	Subject.
1.	Graph and Chart showing - Motor Ambulance Cars running, Mileage covered, Number of Patients carried, and Petrol Consumption.
2.	"Personnel"
3.	Monthly Report of Unit Education Scheme.
4.	Monthly Report on Horse Transport.
5.	Details of Sick Admitted and Evacuated during Month.
6.	Classification of Diseases.
7.	Monthly Notes from Quartermaster.
8.	Monthly Report from Unit Canteen.
9.	Report on "Blue Light" Depot, NAI MUR.
10.	Report on <u>Mechanical Transport.</u>

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Chart showing :- Motor Ambulance Cars running, Mileage covered, Numbers of Patients carried, & Petrol Consumption

Cars:- S. "Sunbeam" F. "Ford"
 Mileage :- $\frac{1}{10}$ " = 5 Miles Shown thus
 Patients Carried :- $\frac{1}{10}$ " = 1 Patient
 Petrol Consumed :- $\frac{1}{10}$ " = $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallon

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PERSONNEL

Strength of Unit at beginning of month	10	163
Personnel taken on strength during month	...		3
		10	166
Evacuations and transfers from Unit during month	.....	3	18
Strength of Unit at end of month	.....	7	148

The personnel received during the month include.

OTHER RANKS.

- 1 General Reinforcement from Base.
- 2 Rejoined Unit from Base ex Sick

Evacuations, Transfers, etc., during the month included -

OFFICERS.

- Captain B. F. MOORE, transferred to 3rd Army Bgde, A.F.A. *as R.M.O*
- " A. C. WILTON, " " " 1st. Aust. Inf. Battn.
- " E. P. HOLLAND, " " " 3rd Aust. Field Ambulance.

OTHER RANKS.

- 7 Proceeded to Australia (1915 personnel)
- 7 Evacuated to Hospital, and struck off strength.
- 4 Transferred to other Units.

PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions were made during the month -

From Pte. to L/Cpl	.....	5
" L/Cpl " t/Cpl	.....	2
" t/Cpl " L/Sgt.	.....	2
" L/Sgt. " t.S/Sgt.	.....	1
" S/Sgt. " t.W.O. (Class II)	.....	1

Owing to the reorganization of Field Ambulances the following reversions were made.

From S/Sgt. to Cpl	.....	1
" t/Sgt. " L/Cpl	.....	2
" Dvr. " Pte.	.....	4

LEAVE.

During the month the following allotments of leave were granted -

To United Kingdom	Off	O.R.
" PARIS	1	15
" NICE	3	2
" BRUSSELS	1	1
		2	18

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EDUCATION.

The great events which were expected this month in the way of Corps Schools, Farming out, etc, have not yet materialised. This is evidently due to the fact that an approximate date of peace is not yet known, and as a consequence the Educational Scheme of the A.I.F. is still subordinate to Military requirements, and the men, consequently cannot be spared from the Unit.

The following classes are still being carried on in the Unit -

- AGRICULTURE
- MOTOR ENGINEERING
- BOOKKEEPING
- SHORTHAND
- HISTORY
- ARITHMETIC
- ALGEBRA
- FRENCH

The more popular of these classes are undoubtedly Agriculture, Motor Engineering, and Bookkeeping.

In addition addresses on popular subjects are occasionally given by members of the Unit.

Two classes viz. Geometry, and Trigonometry have been disbanded as the Instructor has left the Unit for Repatriation, and so far there is no one to take his place.

Though the enrolment in classes is smaller in numbers than last month - due to Demobilisation - the percentage attendance of enrolments is slightly greater.

Since the inauguration of the Scheme in this Unit (1/10/18) we have been greatly handicapped by the difficulty in obtaining such materials as paper, chalk, and text-books. A week ago several of the latter were received, but so far, that is the only concrete assistance received from the Education Department, A.I.F.

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HORSE TRANSPORT.

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	Officers Chargers	Riding	Light Draught	Heavy Draught.
Strength at beginning of month ...	4	2	17	18
Transfers to other Units during month	-	-	4	-
Strength at end of month	4	2	13	18

Four Light Draught horses were rendered surplus on the reorganisation of Unit during the month, and were transferred to other Units, in accordance with instructions from D.A.D.V.S., 1st. Aust. Division.

The following vehicles surplus to establishment, on two section basis were returned complete to Ordnance.

- 1 Horse Ambulance Wagon
- 1 G. S. Limber.
- 1 Water Cart.

During the first half of the month a good deal was required from the transport in carting gravel etc., for repairing the approach roads to the personnel's billet, and Rest Station, but became normal again during second half, one team being requisitioned daily for collecting Quartermaster's supplies from A.S.C. 194 teams were on duty during the month.

The horses kept in good condition as a result of the good stabling, normal food supplies, and good watering from running streams. Grass became scarce during the last fortnight owing to the fall of snow.

Usual stable routine has been carried out. Painting of wagons has again been hampered owing to the impossibility of procuring an adequate supply of paint.

On the 21st inst., all horses were branded, in accordance with classification of Veterinary Board.

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The following number of patients were dealt with by the Ambulance during the month, Units cleared being 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. and Divisional Artillery.

Formation	Admitted		Sent C.C.S.		Sent Rest Stn.		Returned to Duty		Died	
	Offrs.	0 - Ranks	Offrs.	0 - Ranks	Offrs.	0 - Ranks	Offrs.	0 - Ranks	Offrs.	0.R.
1st. Australian Divn.										
1st. Inf. Battalion	1	23	1	5	-	18				
2nd. " "	-	34	-	19	-	15				
3rd. " "	-	30	-	18	-	12				
4th. " "	2	9	2	6	-	3				
1st. Bde. H.Q.	-	2	-	1	-	1				
5th. Inf. Battalion	-	1	-	-	-	1				
1st. Aust. F.A.Bde.	-	26	-	17	-	9				
2nd. " "	-	8	-	6	-	2				
1st. D.A.C.	-	17	-	10	-	7				
1st. Div. Train	-	4	-	3	-	1				
1st. Div. Sigs.	-	1	-	1	-	-				
1st. Field Ambulance	-	12	-	1	-	11				
Totals	3	167	3	88	-	80				
Aust. Army Troops										
3rd. Aust. Army F.A.Bde.	2	51	2	25	-	26				
Aust. Corps Troops										
2nd. Tunnelling Coy.	X	1	-	-	-	1				
3rd. Squad. A.F.C.	-	1	-	1	-	-				
Aust. Vet. Corps	1	-	1	-	-	-				
Totals	1	2	1	1	-	1				
Imperial Troops										
Various. Totals	1	30	1	25	-	5				
Grand Totals	7	250	7	138	-	112				

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The following number of patients were admitted to and treated in Rest Station during the month.

Unit.	Remained from last month	Admitted	Transferred to C.C.S.	Discharged to Duty	Remaining
<u>OFFICERS : Nil</u>					
<u>OTHER RANKS</u>					
1st. Aust. Inf. Bn.	3	18	2	16	3
2nd. " " "	5	15	-	16	4
3rd. " " "	2	12	1	11	2
4th. " " "	1	3	-	3	1
1st. Bde. H.Q.	1	1	1	1	-
5th. Aust. Inf. Bn.	-	1	-	1	-
1st. Aust. F.A. Bde.	2	9	-	10	1
2nd. " " "	2	2	2	2	-
1st. D.A.C.	-	7	2	2	3
1st. Div Train	-	1	1	-	-
1st. Field Amb.	3	11	2	12	-
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3rd. Aust. Army F.A. Bde.	5	26	6	17	8
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2nd. Aust. Tunnelg. Coy.	-	1	-	1	-
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Imperial Troops	2	5	2	3	2
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Total	26	112	19	95	24

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ANALYSIS OF DISEASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

	Officers	Other Ranks
Venereal Disease	1	38
Scabies	1	37
Influenza		23
Accidental injuries	1	18
Diarrhoea		12
Tonsillitis	1	11
N.Y.D.		8
Inguinal Hernia		7
Bronchitis		7
Debility		5
Rheumatism		5
Pharyngitis		4
Wassermann Test		4
Haemorrhoids		4
Ear, Nose and Throat		4
Adenitis		4
Flat Feet		4
D.A.H.		3
Old Wounds		3
C.O. Poisoning		3
Ophthalmic Treatment		3
Septic Sores		3
Gastritis		3
Orchitis		2
I.C.T. and Other Skins		2
Cellulitis		2
Neurasthenia		2
Synovitis		2
Appendicitis	1	-
Mumps	1	-
Gastro Enteritis	1	-
Nephritis		1
Pneumonia		1
Adenoids		1
P.U.O.		1
Pyorrhoea		1
Eczema		1
Seborrhoea		1
Stricture (Penis)		1
Neuralgia		1
Dental Treatment		1
Hydrocoele		1
Catarrh		1
Asthma		1
Jaundice		1
Bunions		1
Deformed Foot		1
Tuberculosis		1
Varicose Veins		1
Gastric Ulcers		1
Minor Miscellaneous		8
Totals	7	250

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FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY 1919
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Date _____A. S. C.

The supplies have been good and regular, and the extra coal allowed has greatly added to the comfort of the men.

The substitutes in foodstuffs have been considerably less during the past month.

ORDNANCE.

"C" Section equipment has been returned all correct. Great difficulty is still experienced in obtaining the A.I.F. pattern boot, the Imperial one being very unpopular with the men. This is owing to the latter being of very hard leather, and of rough make, and therefore most uncomfortable.

Other articles of clothing, and equipment come forward almost as demanded.

HOSPITAL The patients are well fed and generally cared for thanks to the assistance of the Australian Red Cross, the Australian Comforts Fund, and the R.S.O; all these institutions continuing to give every help.

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AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

JANUARY, 1919

RECEIVED AND ISSUED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

DATE	ITEMS	QUANTITY
1st. January	DIARIES	176
	NEW YEAR CARDS	176
22nd. January	CIGARETTES	$\frac{1}{2}$ Case
	TOBACCO	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
	COCOA au LAIT	3 Cases
	SWEETENED MILK.	2 "
	PLAYING CARDS.	24 Pkts.
	CUSTARD POWDER.	$\frac{1}{4}$ Case.
	PLUM PUDDING.	2 Cases
	TINNED FRUIT.	1 Case.
	O X O	21 lbs.
	CURRY POWDER.	$\frac{1}{4}$ Case.
	SUGAR, C.S.R.	70 lbs.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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MEDICAL COMFORTS RECEIVED

DURING

MONTH OF JANUARY 1919.

DATE.	FLOUR. B/s	SARDINNES. C/s	SOUP C/s	SUGAR B/s	COFFEE C/s	OATMEAL B/s	WHISKY C/s	RABBIT C/s	FRUIT C/s	COCOA and MILK. C/s	STOUT C/s	MILK C/s	COFFEE and MILK C/s	FANCY BISCUITS C/s	EGGS C/s	JAM C/s	BUTTER C/s	RUM C/s	CANDLES. C/s	BRANDY. C/s	BAKING POWDER C/s	OX TONGUE. C/s	CIGARETTES C/s	CHAMPAGNE
3rd Jan.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5th "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11th "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17th "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	X	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
23rd "	-	X	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
29th "	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	2
31st "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	3	1	7	5	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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MEDICAL COMFORTS ISSUED TO BATTALIONS

DURING

MONTH OF JANUARY

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DATE	M I L K. Tins	S U G A R. lbs	C O C C O A and M I L K Tins	FANCY BISCUITS. Tins	CUSTARD POWDER Pkts	B R A N D Y Botts	COFFEE and M I L K Tins	T E A lbs	OATMEAL. lbs	R A B B I T. Tins	F R U I T. Tins	UNIT ISSUED TO
5th January	6	6	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4th AUSTRALIAN INF. BATTALION
10th January	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2nd AUSTRALIAN INF. BATTALION
14th January	6	6	-	1	-	-	6	3	6	6	6	4th AUSTRALIAN INF. BATTALION
24th January	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	2nd AUSTRALIAN INF. BATTALION
25th January	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4th AUSTRALIAN INF. BATTALION
TOTAL	12	12	12	2	1	2	12	3	6	6	6	

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

JANUARY, 1919

RECEIVED FROM AUST. RED. CROSS DEPOT, MARCINELLE.

DATE	ITEMS	QUANTITY
5th January.	Pyjamas, suits.	30
	Sweaters.	6
	Towels.	24
	Razor Strops.	2
	Sweets,	1 tin.
	Brasso	1 "
	Matches.	6 doz.
	Tooth Brushes.	1 "
	Socks.	24 pairs.
	Novels.	6
	Jelly Powders.	12
	Cigarettes.	1000
	Shirts.	7
	Reading Material	---
13th January.	Biscuits.	6 tins
	Benger's Food.	12 "
	Shirts.	10
	Cigarettes.	1000
	Soap.	48 tablets
	Pyjamas	9 suits
	Socks	20 pairs
	Tobacco	4 lbs.
	Canned Fruit.	1 case
	Reading Material	---
	Tooth Brushes	24
	Tooth Powder	24 tins
	17th January.	Pyjamas	30 suits
Toilet Soap		60 cakes.
Soap.		6 bars
27th January.	Toilet Soap	12 cakes
	Stationery	24 pkts.
	Socks	30 pairs
	Meat Paste.	24 tins
	Tooth Powder	36 tins
	Benger's Food.	12 "
	Toilet Soap.	36 cakes.
	Cigarettes.	2500
	Tobacco	3 lbs.
	Matches.	60 boxes
	Biscuits.	12 tins
	Cocoa and Milk.	1 case
	Playing Cards.	8 pkts.
Oil heaters.	2	
29th January.	Socks.	40 pairs.
	Gramophone Needles.	400

The above items have been issued to Hospital Patients in Brigade
Rest Station GOUGNIES.

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-----CANTEEN REPORT.
-----JANUARY, 1919

The figures for the Canteen show Purchases for the month amounting to 2679.60 frs. while the Sales totalled 4342.15 frs.

On the 16th inst. the sum of 500 frs. was transferred to Reg. Funds, and 68.50 frs., being 10% on Quarterly profit to 31/13/18 was transferred to Regimental Trust Fund Account, A.I.F. Headquarters, LONDON.

During the month the issues from Divisional Canteen were restricted to one per week.

The Unit ration of soap, cigarettes, tobacco tooth paste, etc., was not nearly sufficient to meet requirements.

Our Canteen was fortunate in securing some of these goods from another source, and so requirements were met.

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Report on "Blue Light" Depot, NAMUR.

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On arrival in the CHARLEROI Area Leave Clubs were opened up in CHARLEROI and BRUSSELS for the accommodation of troops on 2 days leave to those places. On 9th. January the 1st. Australian Division decided to open up a similar club to accommodate men visiting NAMUR.

Under instructions from A.D.M.S., 1st. Australian Division, 4 men with necessary medical equipment were despatched per Motor Ambulance Car to open up a "Blue Light" Establishment for the benefit of personnel on leave. Very suitable accommodation was provided at the Leave Club (Cavalry Barracks, Rue Brabant, NAMUR). The staff were kept moderately busy the whole time. Taking into consideration, the number of troops on leave and the fact that another "Blue Light" Depot was run by an Imperial C.C.S. in NAMUR and available to all troops on leave, the total of 163 treated during the 21 days that this establishment was open shows that the soldier has learnt to realise the common sense of early treatment against infection.

The Leave Club was closed on January 30th. and the medical personnel rejoined the Ambulance at BIESMES.

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Report on Mechanical Transport,
attached to 1st. Australian Field Ambulance.

As during the previous month the sick of the 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade, 1st. Aust.D.A.U., 1st. and 2nd., and 3rd. Army Brigade, of Artillery, have been collected daily by the Motor Ambulance Cars of the 1st. Australian Field Ambulance from the same locations as last month. The more serious cases were transferred each afternoon from the Brigade Rest Station at BIESMES to C.C.S. CHARLEROI.

Owing to the increased traffic and bad weather conditions of December, the roads that were first class on arrival in this area, have become very much cut up and have accounted for an abnormally big percentage of cars becoming unfit for duty each day. The collection and evacuation of sick, however, has run smoothly and at no time has it been seriously delayed.

Considering that four out of the five 'Sunbeam' Cars at present in action have been doing constant work since March, 1916, it is not surprising that breakages are becoming more frequent.

The two 'Douglas' Motor Cycles that were attached to the Unit at the beginning of the month have been returned to the Base for replacement, and it is not likely that new ones will be issued at an early date. Intercommunication and delivery of daily returns to Divisional Headquarters have been very much hampered in consequence. It is noted that the 'Douglas' Motor Cycle is an unreliable machine and has never been a success on the French and Belgian roads. The 'Triumph' seems to be the most suitable machine for the heavy work of the despatch rider.