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22nd June, 1968.

Dear General Barnsley,

I was deeply gratified to receive your kind letter, with enclosure, of 17th June- but not surprised, having previously benefitted from your gracious interest in our efforts to maintain an Old Comrades' Association of our 2/2nd Northumbrian Field Ambulance.

In early 1965 one of our number was taken by his son, a Major of R.E's at Aldershot, to your RAMC Historical Museum there, and from the Handbook he brought back, I got the two addresses to which to forward such Bulletins as we had by then been able to compile. I confess I was rather overcome to receive most charming replies from two General Officers - yourself and Major-General Meneces. I was happy indeed to be able to submit these at our next Annual Reunion, and the pride and pleasure of our members in such distinguished and kindly interest was most marked.

The T.A. Field Ambulance in the 28th (Regular) Division which you mention was our first line unit (1/2nd N.F.A.), and we, the 2/2nd N.F.A., were formed to replace it in the 50th (Northumbrian) Division, with which we went to Belgium in April, 1915, remaining with it there till the Armistice and demobilisation.

General Meneces having passed his copy of our early Bulletins to the Museum, that is evidently the appropriate place for them. Might I therefore suggest, Sir, that you substitute the set you now have from Mr Davies for those previously in the Museum, these being more complete and up-to-date, e.g. with Itineraries and Lists of Decorations awarded. Among these you will observe Major W.A. Robertson, M.C., whom you may perhaps have known. He was I believe of the famous Dundee Robertson family, and, our "grapevine"has it, that in the second World War

he was Colonel, A.D.M.S. of the 51st (Highland) Division, and electing to remain behind to attend the wounded, was taken prisoner and died in Stalag 'B'. A splendid and most popular officer.

As our Unit records were all destroyed when 50th Division Headquarters were captured, our "unofficial" records which you now have may therefore perhaps justify inclusion in the Museum.

Our successors in the 50th Division, 151 Field Ambulance (T.A.) are now designated 251 Field Ambulance, and are the only Field Ambulance in the North East to survive the recent scaling-down. As they are stationed in Sunderland, we have happy associations with them.

Your generous invitation to visit the Museum will be carefully communicated to all our members.

With renewed thanks on behalf of our Membership for your sustained and most kindly interest, I am, Sir,

Yours obediently and sincerely,

W. Hall

Maj-Gen: R.E.Barnsley.

Hon: Secretary,

RAMC Historical Museum Trust,

Aldershot. Hants.

23, Hurstwood Road,
Sunderland.

11th June, 1968.

Dear Mr Davies,

Upon my return home, I hasten to express my grateful thanks for the gracious reception accorded to me by both you and Lieut: Buckingham on the occasion of my visit to the College on the 31st May, notwithstanding my having apparently called at a somewhat inconvenient time. Like our Chairman, Mr T. Robins, before me, I found the visit a richly rewarding experience, instilling an even greater pride in one's association with the R.A.M.C.

As the Bulletins of our little Association which I sent to Mjr-Gen: Meneces have apparently not reached you, I enclose a further set for whatever interest it may be to you in connection with the Muniments Room. You will notice our attempt at a list of Decorations awarded to our Members, which in the absence of access to official records, is doubtless incomplete. No doubt there will however exist in RAMC Records a list of these and also any

others we have not been able to trace. I consider they make a good shewing for a small RAMC Unit, and therefore also enclose a collated copy which may be of service to Lieut: Buckingham in connection with the Decorations Room Records. So far, we have taken no action towards securing the Decorations, Citations, etc.

I was also accorded a most friendly reception by the Hospital Unit quartered in the College grounds.

With renewed thanks and all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

T.W. Hall

- Davies, Esq:

Librarian,

Royal Army Medical College.

Millbank,

LONDON. S.W.1.

13-4-1965.

Dear Mr. Director,

The 2nd line 2nd Northumbrian Field Ambulance (T.A.) was formed in November, 1914 to replace in the 50th Division (T.A.) the 1st line 2nd N.F.A., which had been transferred to the 28th Division for duty in the East. The 2/2nd N.F.A. landed in France on 20th April, 1915, and served on the Western Front until the Armistice and subsequent demobilisation.

A few survivors recently got together to endeavour to organize a 50th Anniversary Reunion on 20th April, 1965. Enquiry of Record Offices, etc, failing to elicit any Nominal Rolls or other Unit records, the attempt became a matter of

the piecing together of individual recollections of 50 years ago: with the rather remarkable result of lists comprising some 280 members of the Unit. The Reunion, for those whose present addresses it has been possible to trace, will be held on the 20th instant, at the County Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne.

One of our number, ex-Corporal F. Smith, recently visited the R.A.M.C. Historical Museum, and at his suggestion I am sending copies of our lists to you and to the Monument Room of the R.A.M. College, Millbank, S.W., for such interest or use as they be found to possess.

Yours sincerely,

T.W. Hall

The Director,
R.A.M.C. Historical Museum.

Sir Hedley Atkins

1_ June 1968

Dear Mr Hall,

I was up at Millbank last week and Mr Davies shewed me the intensely interesting bulletins etc of you old Field Ambulance

Without hesitation I carried them off to our main museum here at Aldershot ! I am sure that this w s the right thing to do. Here we maintain histories of all our T.A. units, including my own, the 3rd City of London , for I spent many years in the T.A. before taking a regular commission.

I was especially interested as one of your first line TAx~~2~~x~~2~~ field ambulances was one of the three TA ambulances who served the 28th regular division who went over to Belgium in Jan 1915. the other two were the London units of which mine (later the 85th) w s one.

I have many associations with your part of the world. After World War i I was T.A. Adjutant in Newcastle when we had field Ambulances at Newcastle, Hull and Darlington. Then, shortly before the second war I as ADMS Northern Command at York.

I very much hope that if you or any of your friends come South you will pay us a visit. We are very accessible from Waterloo and just about half a mile from Ash Vale station,where we could arrange to meet you and bring you along.I enclose one of our handbooks.

With kind regards

yours sincerely

PTO

P.S.....

When I went to put the documents on our TA&RY files I found the we already have copies ! I see there is a letter to you from General Meneces dated 14 April 1965. However I will keep the papers here pending any further instructions from you

2/2nd Northumbrian Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C. (T.A.)

50th Division B.E.F. 1914-1918 War

D E C O R A T I O N S

The following decorations were awarded to Members of 2/2nd N.F.A. for gallantry in Action

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER ("D.S.O.")

BENSON, Lieut. Colonel Wm. A.
McCULLAGH, Lieut. Colonel A.C.H.

MILITARY CROSS ("M.C.")

BRUCE-LOW, Major Herbert
ROBERTSON, Major (later Colonel, A.D.M.S.), W.A., C.B.E.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

BRAITHWAITE, Capt. Chas. W. (Two mentions)
CLOUGH R.S.M. Joseph.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL ("D.C.M.")

CLOUGH	R.S.M.	Joseph
CARLING	Sergt.	R.
GREENLAND	Sergt.	Harry
WILSON	Pte.	Robert

MILITARY MEDAL AND BAR ("M.M. & Bar")

ROBINS	Sergt.	Tom
PALLISTER	Corpl.	Harry

MILITARY MEDAL ("M.M.")

HAYLOCK	Q.M. Sergt.	J. Owen
CARLING	Sergt.	R.
HUTTON	L/Cpl.	R.
TAYLOR	L/Cpl.	T.L.
GARROWAY	Sergt.	G.
COATSWORTH	Pte.	W.
HUDSPETH	Pte.	Albert

CROIX DE GUERRE

CARNEY S.Q.M. Sergt. J.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL ("M.S.M.")

CLOUGH R.S.M. J.

TERRITORIAL ARMY EFFICIENCY MEDAL

CLOUGH	R.S.M.	J.
NEWTON	Sergt.	Arthur A.
ROBINS	Sergt.	Tom

DECORATIONS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF 2/2nd N.F.A. FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Addition to previous List

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (D.C.M.) AND (M.M.)

AYRE CLYDE D.	Pte.	D.C.M.	ANDERSON	Corpl.	D.C.M.
COOK ARTHUR	Pte.	D.C.M.	WELLS G.	L/Cp.	M.M.

Correction

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

BRAITHWAITE Chas. W. Capt. (Three Mentions)

2/2nd Northumbrian Field Ambulance.

R.A.M.C. (T.A.) 50th Division, B.E.F. 1914 - 18 War.

Nominal Roll and "Who's - Who" of Members, Past and Present.

The Committee earnestly request each Member receiving His Roll to address to Mr. T. W. Hall, 23 Hurstwood Road, Sunderland, not later then April next, for inclusion in next issue, any information he may have, under the following heads viz:- Name, Rank, Section, Age, Awards, Address, Occupation, Interests and Recreations, and State of Health, in respect of:- (a) his own career, if not already furnished: (b) any Member named below, where such information is not already shown and (c) any Member of whom he may know, whether or not still surviving, and not named below, also any necessary corrections, e.g. Transfer from "Surviving Members" to "Members Died since Service" (with year): Changes of address etc. etc.

To all Members who have kindly supplied lists of names, our very grateful thanks.

Note:- Reunion Luncheon, Tuesday 20th April 1965 (50th anniversary of landing in France) at County Hotel, Newcastle, at 1 p.m. Further particulars later.

The Chairman (Mr. Tom Robins) and committee heartily wish to each Member, a very Merry Christmas , and a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year.

December 1964.

Members Killed in Action or Died of Wounds.

"We Will Remember Them".

ROBERTSON. W.A. ("Dundee"). Mjr. CBE., M.C. In 2nd World War, Colonel, A.D.M.S. 51st Highland) Division. Taken P.O.W. while attending wounded. Stalig B.

BANKS. Arther B. W.O. 1st Class, R.S.M. Later Commissioned and appointed Liaison Officer with Portuguese Force, Somme.

McDONALD. --- Cpl. Somme, 1917.

PRIVATES.

BELL. Harry. B. Sec. Contalmaison.
BELL. J.E. C. Sec.

CLARKE. Harry. A. Sec. Albert, 1917
COATSWORTH. Wm. (Butcher) C. Sec. Shildon.Somme.
COOPER. George.
DYSON. Pte. G. seconded to 50th DHQ. 1914 Captured May '18 - Died while P.O.W.
DOUGLASS --- Bugler. P.O.W. 1918.

HOOK. John C. B. Sec. South Hetton. Contalmaison.
HUTCHINSON. Titus. Albert, 1917.

JACKSON .... Regtl. Tailor.
JACKSON. Walter.
JONES. T. W. ("Tot") B. Sec. South Hetton. Seven Elms.
JONES. Sam. Spennymoor. Mercatel, 1917.

NORTHOVER. James. Le Catelet, Nov. 1918.
TURNER. Robt. (Butcher) Gateshead . Mercatel, 1917. - Gas
WALTON. George. Gateshead, Mercatel 1917,
WILSON. Joe. Hull. Mercatel 1917 -.Gas

Members who have Died since Service. OFFICERS

BENSON. Wm. A. Lt: Col: D.S.O In retirement from General Practice in Stanley.
McCULLAGH. A. C. H. Lt: Col: D.S.O In retirement from General Practice in Bishop Auckland. 1964.

BRUCE - LOW Herbert. Mjr. M.C. M.D. In retirement from General Practice in Sunderland.
ANDERSON. John. Capt. Seaton Delaval.
CROWLEY. T.W. Capt.
ECCLES. G. D. Capt. Hastings.
SMITH. --- Capt,
SIMPSON. --- Capt.
STEWART. W. Craig. Capt. F,R.C.S. Leeds.

WARRANT OFFICERS.

BELL. Moses. W.O. 2nd Class. Q.M. Sgt. Founder of Unit Male Voice Choir.
BRENNAN. James. W.O. 2nd Class. Q.M. Sgt. 1964.

STAFF - SERGEANTS.

YORKE. John. Staff - Sgt. 1955.

SERGEANTS.

DOWSON. Matt. In retirement from Chief Sanitary Inspectorship of Louth, Lincs 1962

FENWICK. Wm. 1951.
GARRAWAY. Chas. 1953.
GOODWIN. Thos. School Teacher. Shildon.
GREENLAND. Harry D.C.M. 1955.
ROBINSON. Thos H. B. Sec. Darlington. 1925.
SHEARSON. T. ("Tot") Horse Transport. Shildon. 1964.
WINN,- Harry M. Chester Le Street. Late Mining Surveyor in India. 1962.
WARNE, Geo. Shildon.

CORPORALS.

ALDERSON. Ernest. Durham City.
BARRETT Wm. B. Sec. Houghton Le Spring. 1925. approx.
CHAPMAN. ---
KINNEAR. Wm. ("Jock") B. Sec. Dundee, 1964.
RIDLEY. .... (Cpl Cook).

LANCE - CORPORALS.

COWLE ... Horse Transport.
TELFORD. Arther (Q M Store). Whilst Food Controller of Barnard Castle Area during 2nd World War.

PRIVATES.

ANDERSON. Matt. Pity Me.
ARMOUR. F. 1958.
BAILEY. G. ("Dud").
BAKER W.
BAMBROUGH. Peter.
BARRASS C. ("Cheeso") Transport Newcastle.
BOWES. G.
BRADY. Joseph.
BROWN. Jas. Transport. Bearpark.
BROWN. Wm. M. Durham
BUSHBY. Edw. B. Sec. Shildon. (Football Team.)
BUSHBY ... Transport.
CAIRNS. Wm. B. Sec. Durham City 1950
CHARLTON. C. ("Clogger") Lost leg at Albert.
CLARK. Jos. Durham City. Officers Batman.
COOPER G.
COOPER Geo. Transport. Coxlodge.
COOK. Jos.
DAVIDSON. Wm.
DOBSON. Robt. ("Jolly Joker") C. Sec. Fencehouses.
DONALDSON. Harry. (Sergeants Mess Waiter)
FERRIS. R. (Officers Cook) Gateshead
FLETCHER. Jas. B. Sec. Whickham.
GETTINGS. R.
GIBBON. G. Bishop Auckland.
GIBBONS. T. ("Tot") Transport.
GLENDENNING. John.Cook, C. Sec. Brandon.
GLENDENNING.T. Cookfield.
GRANT. Wm.
HALL. Geo.("Dan") Incinerater Attendant Ushaw Moor 1962.
HANSON. Robt. Ushaw Moor.
HARRIS. "Bliff"
HEBRON. E. Transport.
HETHERINGTON. Jack B. Sec. Sherriff Hill 1961.
HOCKEY. Jas. B. Sec. South Shields.
HOGG. Chas. Marley Hill.
HOOK. H. South Hetton.
JACKSON. Geo. (Trainer Football & Boxing Teams.) Fishmonger, Sunderland.
JACKSON. Geo. (Cobbler)
JORDON. R. ("Bob").
JOYCE. T. South Hetton (Transferred to 2nd N.F.A.).
LAVERICK. Geo. Shildon.
LAWS. Jas. B. Sec. Officers Batman Deptml. Manager C,W.S. Cullercoats 1925 (Approx)
LAWSON. Geo.
LAWSON. Jos. Fencehouses.
LEMAN. Jack. B. Sec. West Pelton 1958.
LEMAN. Tom. B. Sec. New Zealand .
LENNARD. Bart. ("Tatty") Transport Coxlodge 1948.
LENNOX. David. B. Sec. Dunston. 1940
LISLE. W.
LOWES. C. ("Kit") B. Sec. Silksworth.

MADDISON. Jack. B. Sec. Stakeford. Nr. Ashington. 1944.
MATHER. Joe. Transport. Kibblesworth 1944.
MORLAND. Thos.
MOTHERSDALE. Arther (Football Team) Shildon became Natl. Pres. of Amateur Swimming Assn. Who instituted "Arther Mothersdale Memorial Trophy" for Annual Competition 1958.
MYERS. Jack Pity Me.
PATTON. Ed. B. Sec. South Hetton.
PEARCEY. Jas. B. Sec. Ouston. Co. Durham, In Canada.
PICKERING. Geo. B. Sec. Low Fell. 1946.
PICKERING. Jack.
PORTEOUS. Matt. A. Sec. 1963.
RAW. J.
REAH. ("Jock")
ROBERTSON. C. Bensham. 1964.
ROBSON. J. Cockfield.
SANDERSON W.
SHARPE, Walter (Regtl. Tailor)
SHOULDERS. "Paddy" (Football Team)
SIMS. Adam B. Sec. Gateshead. 1940
Thompson A. (Archie) .
VOGWILL. J.H. South Hetton. Tranfd. to Water Duty from Bensham.
WALDOCK. Jos. C. Sec. Ashington. (Killed in Pit).
WALTON. W.
WARDLE. Thos.
WINN. M. ("Mick") B. Sec. Silksworth.
WINTER. Cecil.
WRIGHT. "Scotty"
YOUNG. Jos. ("Pipey") B. Sec. Stanley.
YOUNG. T. ("Tittles").

Members still Surviving

OFFICERS

BRAITHWAITE. Chas. W. Capt. (Twice mentioned in Despatches) Quarter Master, Sandhoe High House, Hexham, 2nd World War, Deputy Commissioner of Special Constabulary. Shipping Directorships. (FICS) Recreations: Formerly Tennis, Golf, Beagling - now Gardening, Fishing.

HILL....Capt.

WARRANT OFFICERS

CLOUGH Joseph W.O. 1st Class. R.S.M., D.C.M.,M.S.M. T.A. Efficiency Medal. Mentioned in Despatches. Joined 2nd N.F.A., 1908 transferred from Clerk/i/c A.D.M.S. Office, 50th Div. H.Q. to R.S.M., 18, Hillside Road, Darlington. Sales Manager (retired after 54 years' service with North Bitchburn Fire Clay Co. Ltd.) 2nd W. War, C.D. Senior Warden. Gymnastic Instructor to Youth Clubs. 25 years chorister in Holy Trinity Church Choir, Gardening.

BISHTON...W.O. 1st Class. R.S.M. - Transport.

HAYLOCK John Oliver W.O. 2nd Class. Q.M. Sgt. Served in France from Nov. 1914 with London Rifle Bgde (T.A.) and awarded M.M. Transferred to 2/2nd N.F.A. as qualified Chemist/i/c Dispensary. Shepherd's Cottage, East Shalford, Lanc., Shalford nr. Guildford, Surrey. Chemist (M.P.S. Ph.C) Fellowship, 1960. Retired 1961, after service with Messrs. Boots Ltd., London Warehouse as Senior with Btsh Drug Houses (including 2nd World War) and Dispenser, St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. Recreations:- formerly Gymnastics, Tennis, Golf, Swimming, now: family life - helper in Cripples' Club.

CARNEY J. W.O. 2nd Class, Q.M.S. Mobilised 1914 with 1/2nd N.F.A. (who were afterwards transferred to 28th Division Salonika) and posted to 50th Div. H.Q. Succeeded R.S.M. J. Blough as Clerk/i/c, A.D.M.S. Office, 50th Division,

STAFF SERGEANTS

ROBSON Chas.

SERGEANTS

ABDALE J. ("Chuck") Transport Section. 48, Beaconsfield Street, Darlington.

ANDERSON Leslie, Emigrated 1962.

CRAWFORD W.C. (Motor Transport).

HALL T.W. (Wilf) Orderly Room. 23, Hurstwood Road, Sunderland. Local Government. Officer (retired after 52 years in Town Clerk's Dept. Sunderland) Civil Defence:- Warden Instructor: Treasurer and Social Organiser of C.D. Centre: etc. (C.D. Long Service Medal) - Secretary, Corporation Retired Officers - District Sec:/Tr. Methodist Homes for Aged Fund - Assistant Flag Week Organiser, British Legion (Poppy Week), League of Nations, National Children's Homes, Guild of Help (N.B. All above suspended 1964, by Doctor's orders) Recreations:- Singing (Church Choirs etc.) - Cycling - Reading - Gardening. Health - good up to 1964, now under medical care.

NEWTON Arthur A. - Territorial Efficiency Medal, 8, Arkendale Street, Darlington. School Crossing Patrolman. 2nd World War:- Special Constable, 1939-41: Sergt i/c Medical Orderlies and Stretcher Bearers, F.Coy, 20th Batt. D.L.I. (Home Guard).

Recreations: Church Work, Sidesman, St. Pauls Church, Darlington Reading. Health - Fairly Good.

ROBINS Thos. Military Medal & Bar: Territorial Army Efficiency Medal (14 years' service) 24, Staindrop Road, Darlington. Maintenance Engineer British Railways (retired after 49½ years service). Served with 2/2nd N.F.A. until April 1919, when assisted in re-forming of Unit, 1920 until disbanded in 1922. Chairman and Organiser 2/2nd N.F.A. Old Comrades. First Aid: Officer-Brother of Order of St. John. Foundation Member, Darlington Division, St. John Ambulance Bridage (Brigade Medal). 21 years service) - Past Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of District Council of N.E. Railway St. John Ambulance Association and 10 years Member of General Council of the Assn. - Association (Railway Centre) Medal, and seven bars, 52 years service - still Instructor of Railway Offices Class (Ladies & Gents) and Vice President, Loco. Works Class. 20 years member of Darlington Memorial Hospital Works Representatives Committee. Recreations:- Former Tennis Player (Secretary Railway Athletic Club Tennis Section and Teesside Tennis League) - now Bowls player - Member and Prize Winner Camera Club.

STALLARD W.H. (Motor Transport)

WATKINS Fred. (Motor Transport) Bristol, Motor Salesman - Demonstrator.

WILSON A. ("ARTIE") Bishop Auckland.

CORPORALS

CARLING R. ("Bob") D.C.M., M.M. Newfields.

COOPER.....

FORREST Jas.

HEDLEY Morley.

JONES.....

MATTHEWS.....(Motor Transport) Female Impersonator ("Sister Evans of 10 C.C.S.")

MALLISTER H. ("Harry") Military Medal and Bar, 36, Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe, Lincs. Insurance Agent - retired. Church Work: Lay Reader C. of E. Promotion of Union between Anglican and Methodist Churches. Recreations:- Gardening - Association with grandchildren and old friends - washing up!

RIDLEY Wm. 88, Dunstanburgh Road, St. Anthony's, Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SMITH R.F. ("Frank") P.O.W. Actl. 1918. 77, Villette Road, Sunderland. Commercial Traveller(retired 1959 after 46 years with Spillers' Milling Group). 2nd W. War in Sunderland 1st Aid Post Rescue Party. Presbyterian Church Elder. Free Mason Company Captain Boys' Brigade 1929-39. Recreations Motoring and Music.

WATERS J.H. B.Sec. Phalph Street, South Hetton, Co. Durham.

LANCE - CORPORALS

CASS Arthur. A.Sec. 28, Cavell Road, Iffley Turn, Oxford.

BRADY, A. Sec. (Q.M. Store) Gateshead.

CLEGG A. Pickwell A. Sec. Rectory House, Edmunbyers, Consett, Co. Durham.

DIXON Andrew. Postman, Staindrop.

HEWITT.....Officers' Mess Cpl.

HUTTON R. 'Dickie" (Postman) (Foothall Team)

HALL Jonathan ("Jonty") Q.M. Stores, 40, New House Avenue, Esh Winning. Deputy Overman N.C.B. (retired after 51 years mining service). Three years Sgt. Gas Instructor in Home Guard (11th D.L.I.) in 2nd World War, after Course at Army School of Chemical Warfare Ullswater (Defence Medal). Recreations - Motoring, Art (Member of Durham & District Artists's Society). Health - Good.

PARR Robt. B. Sec.

TAYLOR T.L. Military Medal. 358 Askew Road West, Gateshead 8. Coremaker (retired after 53 years with Emerson Walkers, Engineers, Dunston). Health - Good.

PRIVATES

ALLISON Leslie. 77, South Road, Scarthol, Grimsby. Police Inspector (retired).

ARMSTRONG Ralph. 46, Rothbury Buildings, Lobley Hill, Gateshead.

AYRE Clyde Donald ("C.D.") B. Sec. Park View, Dirleton, N. Berwick. Bridge-builder (new Tyne Bridge) Hospital (R.V.I.) Maintenance Worker 21 years) (retired 1962) 2nd World War, in A.F.S. Recreations: Singing (55 years in St. John's Church Choir Sherriff Hill) - Hiking - Gardening. Health Good.

BELL Robt. 5, Charlton Street, Ashington, Northumberland. Miner (retired) Recreations: Allotment Holder - 20 years Secretary of Allotments Assn. Health - fairly good for age - 86 years.

BROWN Jas. 13, Dene Court, Birtley. Severly Wounded Somme 1916. Deputy Colliery Manager, Horden Colliery. Awarded M.B.E. 1954: retired 1960. Formerly Chairman of Group 2 (Under-Managers) of D'hm North'ld & Cumb'ld Area of British Assn. of Colliery Management. Mbr. of Divl. Exec. Com. of B.A.C.M. Assoc. Mbr. of Inst. of Mining & Mech. Engrs. Pres: Horden Bch. Btsh Legion to 1962. Mbr. Horden Welfare Comm and Horden St. John Ambulance Bgde. Pres: Horden C.W. Jun. F.C. Recreations: Gardening, motoring, Golf, Health - Good.

CHARLTON Clogger. Shildon. Lost leg at Miller's Post Nov. 1916

CRAGGS Jos. West Hallgarth Road, Trimdon Village, Co. Durham.

CRUDDACE G.W. 4, South View, Kimblesworth, Chester-le-Street. Mine worker (retired 1957) Seven years in charge of Colliery First Aid Room. First Aid:- Officer-Brother of Ven. Order of Hospital of St. John - Holder of 1st Aid Certificates, Voucher, Medallion with 4 Bars, 48 Labels, 3 re-examination Certificates - Instructor 45 years - in 2nd World War, formed 1st Aid Posts, and in charge of A.R.P. Station (Civil Defence Medal) - Layman to 1st Aid Competitions - Retired from Brigade as Divisional Supt. Recreations:- Gardening - Over 60 Clubs - Work for Physically Handicapped - Church Worker. Health - Fair.

COOK Arthur. 17, Raby Gardens, Bishop Auckland.

DALBY. Alf E. 15, Wilburn Street, Shildon. Railwayman (retired) - Recreations:- Gardening - Long Distance Walking. Health - Very Good.

DELAP John. 7, Cuthbert Street, Marley Hill, Gateshead.

FAIRBURN Arthur (1st Class Nursing Orderly) - 33, St. Julien Gardens, Chochrane Park, Newcastle on Tyne 7. Carpet Buyer (Retired 1962) - Civil Defence:- Assistant Chief Warden for Newcastle (retired) - C.D. Instructor (C.D. Long Service Medal) - Recreations:- Gardening - Colour Photography - Exploratory Country Walks - Painting in Oils - Health Good.

GETTINGS Michael. 18, Moore Avenue, Dunston, Gateshead 11.

GIBBON Jas. 47, Helmsley Street, West Hartlepool.

HALL Jas. 81, Windy Nook Road, Sheriff Hill, Gateshead. Miner (retired 1953) Recreations:- Organising Children's and Old People's Treats. (Committee man for Aged People's Fund) - Quoits Player (North'd & Durham Leagues, 11 Gold Medals) Health Good.

HALL Geo. 1, Kensington Terrace, Cockfield.

HARRINGTON Norman. 29, Holyoake Gardens, Gateshead 9. Librarian L.G.O. (retired after 12 years. (Divl Librarian, Durham County). Recreations:- Amateur Actor and Theatrical Producer (Founder member of Little Theatre Gateshead, 40 years service to date). Health - changeable with age.

HUDSPETH Arthur. Chapel House, Chester-le-Street.

HUTCHINSON F. 2, Thalph Street, South Hetton.

JORDAN J.J. 11 Horsley Gardens, Dunston, Gateshead 11. Mill Foreman (retired after 40 years with C.W.S. Flour Mills). Member for 50 years of Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Visitation of Poor, Sick, Aged). 30 years President Dunston Branch St. Philips. Recreations: Gardening, Walking. Health Good.

KITSON J.W. ("Kit") Nursing Orderly A.Sec. 23, Vespasian Street, South Shields. Tel: S.S. 63889. Furnishing and Shipping Buyer (retired 1963 after 40 years with Hill Carter, North Shields). World War 2 Civil Defence, 1st Aid Section - Boys' Brigade - Battalion President - 7 years Capt. 2nd Company 18 years. Singing:- S.S. Male Voice Choir, St. Johns Pres. Church Choir. Elder of St. John's Church. Member, S.S. Borough Bowling Club. Member Hedworth Lodge of Freemasons, 20 years. Health - Fairly good.

LONSDALE Arthur. 35, Richardson Terrace, Washington, Co. Durham.

LOWE Eddie, 53, Etherley Lane, Bishop Auckland.

MARSHAM: Jack. 7 St. Cuthbert's Street, Newcastle on Tyne.

McNAUGHTON W. Shell-shock - Poperinghe.

ROBERTS Arthur. (Stretcher Bearer - Wounded at Albert and returned to Unit). 3, Depot Row, Eldon. Miner (retired 1950 after 50 years service) Recreations: Gardening, Sport, Health Fairly Good after accident at Colliery.

SOULSBY Joseph. 2 'Cedric Crescent, Sunderland. Master Piano Renovator and Tuner. (40 years with Messrs. J.G. Eades, Sunderland).

TELFORD Wm. 344, Saltwell Road, Gateshead.

TATTON Jack. (Football Team). Profl. Footballer. 100 Wellington Road, Dunston, Gateshead.

WALDOCK, Chas. C.Sec. Ashington (Emigrated to Australia).

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WARMHAUGH Wm. Pte. (P.O.W. - captured with Divisional H.Q. while on A.D.M.S. Staff). 99, Meath Street, Middlesbrough. Gunner,Processman, Gardener (retired 1962 - 17 years with I.C.I., 6 years with Titan Products). Recreations: Gardening - Cycling - Reading (English and French) Health Fairly Good.

WATERS Edmund. Phalph Street, South Hetton.

WILLIAMS Cliff. 32, Geneva Road, Darlington. Clerk Civil Engineers' Dept. British Railways (retired Dec. 1960) after 49¾ years service). Recreations:- Gardening, Reading, General health first class, but eyesight and hearing poor.

WILSON Dave. 33, Westminster Street, Gateshead.

WILSON R. (Bob) 388522 D.C.M., 58, Avon Road, South Stanley. Coal Miner, with interlude of 18 years omnibus conductor Nthn Genl Transport Co. (retired). Founder Member and Supt. of Nthn Transport Divn. of St. John Amb. Assn. until 2nd World War. Church sidesman and member of Management and Parochial Coms. Film Lecturer to Church Youth Movement. On Committee and Concert Party of Stanley O.A.P's. Recreations:- Model Railways, Meccano, 3D.Stores, First Aid, Reading, Gardening, Health - Very good for 71 years.

ADAMS Amos (Artist) Cockfield.
BROPHY P. (Paddy)
CLARK Adam. Cockfield.
CLENNELL Jack. Cockfield.
CLENNELL.....
CONNELLY John New York, U.S.A.
CHARLTON.....
COOPER.....
COWELL R.(Dick) Transport.
DICKINSON Jack.
DOBSON Frank.
FLETCHER James.
FRANKLIN Chas. (Football Team)
FORRESTER Fred.
FURZE R. (Dick)
FORREST Wm. (Cook)
FOSTER J. C. Sec.
GOULD James.
GRANT.....
HALL M. Cockfield.
HANSON Geo. Gateshead
HENDERSON....("Tubby")
HOLDEN Thos.C. Sec. Lumley
HEWITT Sid.
HUGHES A 'Andy'
HUMPHREY R. Bensham.
ILDERTON Harry. Professional Boxer.
JONES, Owen.
KING George.
KING Sid.
LANDRETH Thos.
LAWS Wm.
LEGGETT Sam. Shildon.
LEONARD Alf. Gateshead.
LYONS Chas.
NICHOLSON T.
NODDINGS Fred.

PICKERING Arthur. A & B. Secs.
PICKERING Jack. C. Sec.
PIGDON Alf. Darlington.
PIERCEY Thos.
PRATT
PORTEOUS Matt. South Shields.
RAINE Chas.
RAW John, Shildon.
ROBSON Joe. Cockfield.
RYDE Jos.
SEWELL Victor.
SOAR Fred.
SAMS - Cockfield.
SPEED Wm. Darlington.
SPENCE Eric. Middleton-one-Row.
STOTT C. South Hetton. (transferred to 1/2nd N.F.A.)
SQUIRES...(Football Team)
THOMPSON (Lt. Col's Batman)
TURNER John. Sgts. Mess Waiter.
WALKER Gordon.
WALTON Frank ("Squeaker")
WALTON Wm. Shildon.
WELLS J.G. ("Bomber")
WEST
WOOD Harold.

"I N A R D U I S F I D E L I S"

2/2nd Northumbrian Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C. (T.A.) 50th Division B.E.F. 1914-1918 War.

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Third Issue

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The following paragraph from the 2nd Issue still holds good, and is therefore repeated here, viz :-

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Members will find enclosed an Itinerary of the Unit's movements in France and Belgium, compiled by Cpl. Frank Smith, who will be grateful to receive a note of any additions or corrections, which could be conveniently enclosed with replies to Treasurer J.J. Jordon re the Reunion Luncheon. Members will doubtless find the Itinerary of great interest, and will be correspondingly grateful to Frank for compiling it.

As promised in the 2nd Issue, your Committee have given close attention to the possibility of reducing the financial call upon the Members, with the most encouraging result that the Annual Membership Fee of 10/- per Member has been completely cancelled for this year (without prejudice of course to payment of 10/- fee for new members and to the probable necessity to reinstate a reduced Fee next year, to keep the account solvent): and the cost of the Reunion Luncheon is reduced from 17/6d to 10/6d per head.

To reduce cost of travelling the venue has also been changed from Newcastle to Durham City, a more convenient Centre for most Members.

The Committee, therefore, look confidently forward to greeting a full attendance of Members and their wives at the Annual Reunion Luncheon and Annual General Meeting at the Bridge Hotel, Durham, on the Anniversary of our landing in France, viz: Wednesday, 20th April, as shewn in the enclosed invitation.

We are again indebted to Wilf Hall for the collection and assembly of the information regarding Members contained in this Third Issue.

Members will be interested to learn that on Sunday, 21st November 1965, our Unit was represented at the Brigadier's Inspection of the 151 (Northumbrian) Field Ambulance at Washington by three of our Committee viz:- Wilf Hall, Frank Smith, and Bob Wilson.

After being entertained to lunch in the Sergeants' Mess and introduced to the Brigadier they were shown over the Ambulance headquarters and saw the familiar equipment still being used.

Darlington

18th February 1966

MEMBERS KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED OR WOUNDS

BOOTH, Leo. Pte. "C" Section : Shildon

HOOK, John C. "B" Section : South Hetton - Killed at Bazentin (not Contalmaison)

MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE SERVICE

ABDALE, J. ("Chuck") Sergt. Transport Section : 48 Beaconsfield Street, Darlington, Died 4th October 1965. (Chairman T. Robins and Secretary J. Carney represented this Association at Funeral).

CLOUGH, J. Regtl. Sergt. Major, of 18 Hillside Road, Darlington, Died on February 3rd 1966 (in Hospital) (Chairman T. Robins, Secretary J. Carney and C. Williams represented this Association at Funeral).

CRAGGS, Jos. Pte. "B" Section : West Hallgarth Road, Trimdon Village, Died 22nd November 1965.

HAYLOCK, J. Owen, Q.M. Sergt. : East Shalford Lane, Shalford, near Guildford, Surrey, Died 9th August 1965.

HUTTON, R. ("Dickie") L/Cpl. (details still to be obtained)

McILLMURRAY, E. ("Ernie Murray"), Transport Driver : 241 Kenton Road, Gosforth, Newcastle 3. Thirty nine years' service at Weetslade Colliery until incapacitated by road accident in 1958 - loss of leg, fractured skull etc. Was visited by C.D. Ayre, H. Pallister and J. Gibbon, after last reunion, Died .... June 1965.

MEMBERS STILL SURVIVING

CHARLTON, A.E. ("Clogger") Pte. "C" Section : 150 Wellfield Street, Warrington, Lancs. Lost leg at Miller's Post, November 1916 : 14 wounds : 23 operations.

GIBBON, Jas. Pte. "C" Section and Transport : 47 Helmsley Street, West Hartlepool. Police Sergeant (retired) Police Medal; Civil Defence Medal; Over 60 Club.

KIDD ("Seppy") Transport Driver : Coxlodge Football Team. Emigrated to Australia 1925.

THOMPSON, J ("Joe") Synclen, High Hawsker, Whitby, Yorks.

D E C O R A T I O N S

The following decorations were awarded to Members of 2/2nd N.F.A. for gallantry in Action

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER ("D.S.O.")

BENSON, Lieut. Colonel Wm. A.
McCULLAGH, Lieut. Colonel A.C.H.

MILITARY CROSS ("M.C.")

BRUCE-LOW, Major Herbert
ROBERTSON, Major (later Colonel, A.D.M.S.), W.A., C.B.E.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

BRAITHWAITE, Capt. Chas. W. (Two mentions)
CLOUGH R.S.M. Joseph.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL ("D.C.M.")

CLOUGH	R.S.M. Joseph
CARLING	Sergt. R.
GREENLAND	Sergt. Harry
WILSON	Pte. Robert

MILITARY MEDAL AND BAR ("M.M. & Bar")

ROBINS	Sergt. Tom
PALLISTER	Corpl. Harry

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HAYLOCK	Q.M. Sergt. J. Owen
CARLING	Sergt. R.
HUTTON	L/Cpl. R.
TAYLOR	L/Cpl. T.L.
GARROWAY	Sergt. G.
COATSWORTH	Pte. W.
HUDSPETH	Pte. Albert

CROIX DE GUERRE

CARNEY S.Q.M. Sergt. J.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL ("M.S.M.")

CLOUGH R.S.M. J.

TERRITORIAL ARMY EFFICIENCY MEDAL

CLOUGH	R.S.M. J.
NEWTON	Sergt. Arthur A.
ROBINS	Sergt. Tom

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I N A R D U I S F I D E L I S

Will any Members who can add to the above Roll kindly write to Treasurer J.J. Jordon when replying re Reunion.

2/2ND NORTHUMBRIAN FIELD AMBULANCE, R.A.M.C.(T.F.)

50th DIVISION, B.E.F. 1914 - 1918 WAR

BULLETIN AND NOMINAL ROLL, ETC. OF MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT

FOURTH ISSUE

In circulating this Fourth Issue, which again shews additions and corrections supplied by Members (to whom our thanks), we again appeal to all Members for any new addresses of old comrades they can ascertain, this being our only way of maintaining our membership.

We are indebted to Arthur Fairbairn, George Cruddace, and Cliff Williams for valuable contributions to the Unit's Itinerary, a revised version of which is attached.

Our old Division, the famous 50th (Northumbrian), which is to be disbanded this year, have published a history of the Division, including the two world wars, with photos and maps. Copies of the History can be obtained from 50th Division Headquarters, Kirkleavington Hall, Yarm, Yorks. at 5/-. On getting our copy we found that it stated that the 1/2nd N.F. Ambulance served in the Division in France from April 1915 to July 1918, and that our 2/2nd N.F. Ambulance only served there from July 1918 ! We immediately sent the correct 'gen' to the co-author Major Bruce Rust, who now promises that future editions will be correct.

Our good friend Capt. Partridge, Adj. of 151st Field Ambulance has a splendid article about our Old Comrades Association in the current issue of the R.A.M.C. Magazine, which is circulated to all R.A.M.C. Regular Territorial, and Associated Units and Formations.

This is very complimentary to our Association and a distinction.

A copy of the article is sent you with this Bulletin.

The R.A.M.C. Magazine is produced by the R.A.M.C. Association, membership of which would give us very desirable official standing. The question of joining the Association will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting in April.

We are again indebted to Wilf Hall for the information contained in this fourth Bulletin and to Frank Smith for the Itinerary, both of whom are as industrious as beavers in Association matters.

Photographs - Should any Member want further copies of the Re-Union Group taken last year they are still obtainable on application to the :- Photo Sales Dept. THE NORTHERN ECHO, Priestgate, Darlington at 1/- each plus 9d postage (min. 3 copies) pre-paid.

On the other hand Members may order through me at the A.G.M. in April.

J. Carney,
Hon. Secretary.

ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO PREVIOUS NOMINAL ROLLS

MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE SERVICE

ECCLES G.D. : Capt. M.C. - Joined from Mesopotamia. Thrown from horse at Fismes and evacuated to French Hospital.

BELL ROBERT : Pte. 'B' Section, 5 Charlton Street, Ashington. Died 18th January 1967, aged 88 years. Mr. C.D. Ayre (D.C.M.) attended the funeral.

SEWELL VICTOR : Pte. 'C' Section, 7 Rest Haven, Cockfield. Died 30th January 1967.

STOTT C. : Pte. South Hetton (transferred to 1/2 N.F.A.) Died .....

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MEMBERS STILL SURVIVING

CARNEY JAMES : Q.M. Sergt. (W.O.II) - Seconded to 50th Division H. Qrs. on mobilisation in 1914. Appointed Staff Q.M. Sergt. i/c A.D.M.S. Office 50th Division vice R.S.M. Clough - P.O.W. (Captured May 1918) Age 70 - Address, "Braemar", 23a Barmpton Lane, Darlington. Occupation - Colonial Civil Servant (retired). 2nd World War - Supt. First Aid for North and East Regions Northern Sudan. A.R.P. Warden i/c First Aid "flying squad". Secretary St. John's Ambulance Association for Sudan.
Decorations - Croix de Guerre; Order of Nilo; S.B. Order St. John.
Interests - Gardening, Writing, Organising Secretary 2/2nd N.F.A. Old Comrades Association.

DAVISON J. : Hoped to give particulars next Bulletin.

MILLER R. : Hoped to give particulars next Bulletin.

DECORATIONS AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF 2/2nd N.F.A. FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Addition to previous List

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL (D.C.M.) AND (M.M.)

AYRE CLYDE D.	Pte. D.C.M.	ANDERSON	Corpl. D.C.M.
COOK ARTHUR	Pte. D.C.M.	WELLS G.	L/Cp. M.M.

Correction

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

BRAITHWAITE Chas. W. Capt. (Three Mentions)

2/2ND NORTHUMBRIAN FIELS AMBULANCE, R.A.M.C. OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

LIST OF MEMBERS

		ex-Rank
ALLISON, Leslie	77 South Road, Scarthoe, Grimsby	Pte.
ARMSTRONG, Ralph	46 Rothbury Buildings, Lobley Hill, Gateshead	Pte.
AYRE, Clyde D.	Park View, Dirleton, North Berwick, East Lothian	Pte.
BRAITHWAITE, Chas. W.	Sandhoe High House, Hexham, Northd.	Capt.
BROWN, James	13 Dene Court, Bartley, Co. Durham.	Pte.
CARNEY, James	23a Barmpton Lane, Darlington	S.Q.M. Sergt.(Div.H.Qrs)
CASS, Arthur	28 Cavell Road, Iffley Turn, Oxford	L/Cpl.
CHARLTON, A.E.(Clogger)	150 Wellfield Street, Warrington, Lancs	Pte.
CHECKLEY, Geo. A.	90 Broadway, Sherriff Hill, Gateshead, 9.	Pte.
CLEGG, A. Pickwell	Rectory House, Edmundbyers, Consett, Co. Durham	L/Cpl.
COOK, Arthur	17 Raby Gardens, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.	Pte.
CRUDDACE, George W.	4 South View, Kimbleworth, Chester-le-Street	Pte.
DALBY, Alfred E.	15 Kilburn Street, Shildon, Co. Durham.	Pte.
DELAP, John	7 Cuthbert Street, Marley Hill, Gateshead	Pte.
FAIRBAIRN, Arthur	33 St. Julien Gardens, Cochrane Park, Newcastle	Pte.
FRANKLIN, Chas.	70 Escomb Road, Bishop Auckland.	
GETTINGS, Michael	18 Moore Avenue, Dunston, Gateshead, 11	Pte.
GIBBON, James	47 Helmsley Street, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham	Pte.
HALL, George	1 Kensington Terrace, Cockfield, Co. Durham	Pte.
HALL, James	81 Windy Nook Road, Sherriff Hill, Gateshead	Pte.
HALL, Jonathon	40 Newhouse Avenue, Esh Winning, Co. Durham	L/Cpl.
HALL, T. Wilfred	23 Hurstwood Road, Sunderland	Sergt. (Orderly Room)
HARRINGTON, Norman	29 Holyoake Gardens, Gateshead, 9	Pte.
HOGARTH, G.	~~1 North Terrace~~, 19 North Street, Brandon Colliery, Brandon, Co. Durham	Pte.
HUDSPETH, Albert	24 Sanders Memorial Homes, Chester-le-Street	Pte.
HUDSPETH, Arthur	Chapel House, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham	Pte.
HUTCHINSON, F.	2 Phalp Street, South Hetton, Co. Durham	Pte.
JORDAN, John J.	11 Horsley Gardens, Dunston, Gateshead, 11	Pte.(Assn.Treasurer)
KITSON, John W.	23 Vespasian Street, South Shields	Pte.
LONSDALE, Arthur	35 Richardson Terrace, Washington, Co. Durham	Pte.
LOWE, E. (Eddie)	53 Etherley Lane, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham	Pte.
MYRES, J. (Jack)	53 Perham Road, West Kensington, London, W.14	Pte.
NEWTON, Arthur	8 Arkendale Street, Darlington	Sergt.(Gen. Duty)
NORMAN, James	9 Aged Miners' Homes, Sherriff Hill, Gateshead	Pte.
PALLISTER, Harry	36 Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe, Lincs.	Corpl.
RIDLEY, William	88 Dunstanburgh Road, St. Anthony's Estate, Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne	Corpl.
ROBERTS, Arthur	3 Depot Row, Eldon, Co. Durham	Pte.
ROBINS, Thomas	24 Staindrop Road, Darlington	Sergt.(Gen. Duty)
SMITH, R.F. (Frank)	77 Villette Road, Sunderland	Corpl.
SOULSBY Joseph	2 Cedric Crescent, Sunderland	Pte.
SPENCE, Eric	Middleton-One-Row, Co. Durham	Pte.
TATTON, J. (Jack)	100 Wellington Road, Dunston, Gateshead	Pte.
TAYLOR, Thomas	353 Askew Road West, Gateshead, 8	L/Cpl.
TELFORD, William	344 Saltwell Road, Gateshead	Pte.
THOMPSON, Joseph	Synclen, High Hawsker, Whitby, Yorks.	Pte.
WARDHAUGH, William	99 Meath Street, Middlesbrough	Pte.
WATERS, Edmund	Phalp Street, South Hetton, Co. Durham	Pte.
WATERS, J.H.	Phalp Street, South Hetton, Co. Durham	Corpl.
WILLIAMS, C. (Cliff)	32 Geneva Road, Darlington	Pte.
WILSON, David	33 Westminster Street, Gateshead	Pte.
WILSON, Robert	28 Coquet Gardens, South Stanley, Co. Durham	Pte.
DOWSON Mrs. Lily	10 Elmfield Terrace, Shildon, Co. Durham	Sergt's Widow

ITINERARY OF THE MOVEMENTS OF THE 2/2ND NORTHUMBRIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

IN THE 1914/1918 WAR IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE

1914		
November		Formation of the Unit at Bensham, Gateshead.
December		Hospital work and Barracks organised. Recruiting.
1915		
January		
February		First Aid Training, Drill, Marches.
March		
April		Preparations for Overseas with the 50th Division, T.F.
	18th	Entrained for Southampton, Disembarked at Le Harve
	20th	France
	22nd	Cassell
	23rd	Steenvorde
May	2nd	Cassel
	3rd	Wattou
	24th	Ypres
	30th	Wippinghook.
June	4th	Lissenhook,
	14th	Hoograaff
	20th	Dranoutre
	23rd	Locre
July	17th	Pont de Nieppe. Chapelle Armentieres
August		
Sept.		Armentieres. Locre.
October		
Nov.	4th	Pradelles (Hazebrouck)
Dec.	8th	Poperinghe.
	18th	Wippinghook
1916		
January		
February		Wippinghook
March		
April	3rd	Godewaersvelde.
	25th	Westoutre, Mont de Cats
May	27th	Westoutre
	30th	Mont Noir. Meault
June	30th	Westoutre
July		Doullens
August	2nd	Lindenhock,
	8th	Westoutre, Godewaersvelde
	11th	Beaumetz (Somme)
	15th	Vignacourt
	16th	Villars Bocage Franvilliers
	23rd	Millencourt
	25th	Henecourt
Sept.	3rd	Albert
	8th	Contalmaison
	9-14th	Fricourt
	9th	Bazentine-le-Grand. Martinpouch
	27th	Flers Line
Oct.	4th	Lavieville
	9th	Becourt
	25th	Bazentine-le-Petit
Nov.	11-30th	Lavieville C.C.S.
Dec.	1st	Vardencourt
	29th	Lavieville

1917

Jan.	26th	Vardencourt
	29th	Buerre
Feb.	8th	Merricourt-sur-Somme
	10th	Bois St. Martin
	11th	Cassino
	12th	Estrees
March	3rd	Morcourt
	21st	La Vigoyne (Amiens) Villers Bretonneux
April	2nd	Bretel
	3rd	La Vacquare-le-Boucq
	4th	Blangermont
	6th	Ternas
	8th	Ambrionnes
	10th	Agnes-le-Douzennes
	11th	Arras
	13th	Agny
	17th	Mercatelle
	24th	Ficheaux
	26th	Ronvell
	27th	Humbercourt
May	1st	Pommiers
	4th	Humbercourt
	18th	Monchy-au-Bois
	23rd	Soulty
	24th	Souastre
June	16th	Mercatel C.R.S.
	19th	Neuville Vitasse
July	2nd	Marliere. Wancourt. Hindenburg Line
Aug.	6th	Heninelle
	25th	Nev. Vitasse
	27th	Heninelle
Sept.	16th	Neuville Vitasse,
	18th	Boiry Becquerelle. Bethune, Estairees. Merville
Oct.	5th	Courcelles-le-Compt.
	10th	Achi-le-Grand
	18th	Miramont to Cassel
	19th	Ledringhem
	20th	Proven
	24th	Elveringhe, A.D.S. Pill Box. 'Pig & Wh'
Nov.	11th	Bayingham, Wattou
Dec.	10th	Brandhock
	13th-31	Passchendaele

1918

Jan.	4th	Wattou
	15th	Abeele
	18th-29	Lonquenesse (St.Omar)
Feb.	1st	Flamertinghe, Ypres White Chateau A.D.S.
	22nd	Hallines. Amiens
March	4th	Lunbres
	10th	Boues
	11th	Ignnaucourt (Somme)
	24th	St. Omar
	25th	Etaples
April	2nd	Rue
	3rd	Estaires, Bethune
	8th	Lilers
	10th	Vieux Berquin
	11th	La Sort
	12th	La Pare, Forest de Nieppe. Morbecque
	14th	Sercus (Hazebrouck)
	16th	Pont-de-Thiennes
	26th	La Pugnoux
	29th	Arcis-le-Ponsart (Marne)

1918

May	6th	Villette, Fismes. Baislieux
	27th	Arcis-le-Ponsart
	28th	Villers Agron
	29th	Igny-leJuard forest
	30th	Moreuil-en-Brie
June	1st	Surzanne (Chateau Champton)
	2nd	Le Emitage Cannant
July	2nd	Connoutre
	3rd	Fere Champonoise
	4th	Remy
	12th	Abbeville
	13th	Abancourt
	14th	Serqueux (Hospital)
Sept.	15th	St. Martin's Eglise
	25th	Dieppe
	26th	Poulanville
	28th	Combles
Oct.	1st	St. Emilie
	4th	Basse Bologne
	8th	Ronsoy. Bony
	10th	Maretz
	26th	Le Cateau
Nov.	11th	Doulers
	20th	Dompierre (Hospital)
Dec.	17th	Le Quesnoy
	18th	Wagnies-le-Grand

Demoblization thence proceeded until March 1919

Note:- The above extracts have been made possible from the records of Arthur Fairbairn, Geo. Cruddace and the late Matt. Dowson

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2/2nd NORTHUMBRIAN FIELD AMBULANCE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

A RE-UNION Luncheon of this Association was held at the Bridge Hotel, Durham, in April this year to celebrate the 51st anniversary of the unit landing at Le Havre. The Chair was taken by Mr. T. Robins who welcomed in addition to the members of the Association, members of the 151 Field Ambulance, T.A., which has its headquarters at Birtley, Co. Durham.

This is one of the most virile of the Old Comrades Associations, R.A.M.C. (T.A.) and probably does more to keep a 'tag' on its old unit members than almost any such association. It maintains and issues from time to time a Nominal Roll and "Who's Who" of members, past and present; it is most interesting to be able to read today nominal rolls of those of the unit who lost their lives in B.E.F. and who have died since; rolls of those decorated, of those who still survive, in many cases their 'nicknames', their occupations, hobbies, addresses etc. There is kept a pretty comprehensive itinerary of the unit whilst it was with the B.E.F. Any old member of this famous R.A.M.C. unit of the T.A. who has not received these nominal rolls etc., or who think that they have escaped being included, are invited to communicate with Mr. Wilf Hall, 23 Hurstwood Road, Sunderland, or with Mr. T. Robins, 24 Staindrop Road, Darlington.

One of the regrets of this Association is that it is not able to trace any surviving medical officer of this unit which served with the famous 50th (Northumbrian) Division 1914-18, and which anticipated the current demise of the T.A. by being disbanded in 1922.

(The Hon. Editor is indebted to Capt. R. Partridge, R.A.M.C. of 151 (N) Field Ambulance for sending along copies of the three issues of the Nominal Rolls, and of the 'itinerary'. As he rightly says ".... the reading of these in 1966 makes one realise the meaning of Esprit de Corps").

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KEY TO GROUP PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT ANNUAL REUNION, 20th APRIL, 1966

(Reading Left to Right)

Back Row :-	W. Wardhaugh: A. Fairbairn: A. Lonsdale: J.H. Waters: A. Cook: C.D. Ayre: A. Dalby: Rep. from 151 Field Ambulance: C. Williams.
Middle Row :-	J. Gibbon (above): J. Hall: J. Thompson: T.L. Taylor: A. Hudspeth: A. Charlton: G.W. Cruddace: R.F. Smith (Committee) H. Pallister (Committee): F. Hutchinson.
Front Row :-	T.W. Hall (Committee): J.J. Jordan (Treasurer): T. Robins (Chairman) J. Carney (Secretary): R. Wilson (Committee).

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"IN ARDUIS FIDELIS"

2/2ND NORTHUMBRIAN FIELD AMBULANCE, R.A.M.C. T.F.

50TH DIVISION B.E.F. -- 1914-1918 WAR

A N N U A L B U L L E T I N - (Fifth Issue)

On October 1966 THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES MAGAZINE had this to say of our Association :

"This is one of the most virile of the Old Comrades Associations R.A.M.C.(T.A.) and probably does more to keep a 'tag' on its old unit members than almost any such Association!"

Our gallant little Association is not only firmly established but is going from strength to strength, as will be seen from the several reports in this Bulletin.

What is important is that it has been the means of the renewal of many fine friendships and the making of new ones.

It has made its mark in present day R.A.M.C. circles, e.g.

The Royal Army Medical College, London :

The R.A.M.C. Museum, Aldershot :

The R.A.M.C. Association, Newcastle, and

The 251st Field Amublance Sunderland (the only field Ambulance surviving in the North).

In all these we now have influential friends.

Our thanks, once again, are due to those stalwarts who have faithfully kept us supplied with information.

In order that the Association not only remains viable and up-to-date we again appeal to members to keep alert for the 'discovery' of such old Unit members as have hitherto been 'lost', and to send in news affecting members.

As you have seen from the enclosed notice the Re-Union Luncheon for this year will be in The City Hotel Restaurant, New Elvet, Durham, and not the Bridge Hotel as previously. This is due to major structural alterations that are to take place on the Bridge Hotel and which precludes the Manager from taking any bookings for such gatherings.

As regards annual subscription : it was decided by the Committee at their last meeting that no subscription figure be laid down and that it would remain as for the previous year, i.e. a voluntary sub. of 5/-.

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OVERSEAS

J.G. WELLS (that strong admirer of Bombardier Billy Wells - of fistic fame) said in one of his letters that he would appreciate a line from any of the 'old Brigade' who cared to write to him. One of his remarks was that "on a clear day he can see the border country of the U.S.A." I, who have spent many years overseas, can guess that on occasion he has visions of a country much farther away ! So go to it lads !

His address is : J.G. Wells, Esq., M.M.
Box 299,
Milk River,
Alberta,
Canada.

NEW MEMBERS

We have pleasure in welcoming :-

Arthur Roberts, 7 Aged Miners' Homes, Eldon Bank Top, Shildon, who hopes to be at this year's Re-Union.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

H. Pallister (M.M.) now resides at 68 Peterborough Road, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

G.W. Cruddace now resides at 13 Aged Miners' Home, Tan Hills, Nettlesworth, Chester-le-Street.

VISITING the old battlefields area

To those who have still a notion to go 'over there' for a look round, Frank Smith's article is full of guidance. Another member who is a mine of information is Bill Wardhaugh who knows his way around there well and is fluent in French. Mont des cats, Locre, Mont Rouge, Mont Noir, need only be mentioned to evoke a far away look in his eyes.

ADDITIONS TO NOMINAL ROLL : MEMBERS STILL SURVIVING

Anderson	Corpl. D.C.M. of "A" Section ----- Shildon.
Lennard	Pte. Alf. 27 Glenbrook Terrace, Low Fell, Gateshead, 9.
Wells	Corpl. J.G. M.M., Box 299, Milk River, Alberta, Canada.
Wilson	Pte. John Thomas, 6 Staindrop Terrace, Annfield Plain, Co. Durham.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to report under this heading :

Checkly George Alfred.

Pte., "B" Section, of 90 Broadway, Gateshead, died on 19th March 1967, aged 72 years, after 15 years of bad health, during which time he was visited by C.D. Ayre.

Clegg Abraham Pickwell

L/Cpl. "A" Section, of Rectory Cottage, Edmundbyers, Consett. Died 6th June 1967, aged 79 years. A letter of condolence was sent to Mrs. Clegg by our worthy Treasurer, J.J.J.

Gettings Michael

Pte., of 18 Moore Avenue, Dunston, Gateshead. Died 19th February 1968, aged 77 years. Interred Garden House Cemetery.

Harrington Norman

Pte. of 29 Holyoake Gardens, Gateshead. Died December 1967. Was Divl. Librarian Durham County ! an amateur actor and theatrical producer, having been a Founder Member of the Little Theatre, Gateshead.

Kitson J.W. ("Kit")

Pte. "A" Section, of 23 Vespasian Street, South Shields. Died 8th May 1967. Our Association was represented by Messrs. T.W. Hall, H. Pallister, and F. Smith. A full church heard a fine tribute by the Minister to Jack's services to the Community over many years.

Telford William James

Pte., of 344 Saltwell Road, Gateshead. Died 17th February 1968 (in Hospital); aged 71 years. Bill was an old school chum of C.D. Ayre.

We have very brief details regarding two others :-

Miller R. Pte. Died 6. 8.67 }
Miller W. Pte. Died 25.12.57 } Both of Horden

The sympathy of all members is with Arthur CASS, of 28 Cavell Road, Oxford, in his sad bereavement by the loss of his wife Jessie, on 18th March 1967;

and with Harry PALLISTER on the loss of his wife on 5th November 1967 following her accident.

Both have had a distressing time and we extend our deepest sympathy to them.

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VISIT TO THE R.A.M.C. COLLEGE, MILLBANK, LONDON - By T. ROBINS, M.M.

I was in London in November 1967 to attend an annual meeting of the Society of Friends and, having a free morning, I decided to pay a visit to the R.A.M.C. College.

This College is situated on the banks of the Thames at Millbank.

On arrival I was amazed at its size. The front of the building had a very fine entrance and over it big gold letters "OFFICERS MESS", so I thought this was no place for an ex N.C.O. so I took a long long walk around the building to the rear and found a notice board of a R.A.M.C. Company, but no sentry on the gate so I walked in, and the first person I met was a foreigner. Then I spotted an office and there asked if I could have a look round the College. A clerk said I would have to cross a gigantic lorry park and parade ground that would bring me to the rear of the College. Arriving there I found an enquiry office where I again made my request.

The chap there said he would put me in touch with the College Librarian. This chap was very kind and showed me many old manuscripts and text books: but the most interesting display was a folder full of letters written by Florence Nightingale. One could have spent days going through them.

The Librarian then said that he would take ~~to~~ me to the Commandant of the College.

Another route march and we landed at the Commandant's quarters where the Librarian left me outside until he saw the Commandant and told him my request. I was invited to go in.

His first words to me were - "I am very busy this morning, what can I do for you?". I had a feeling that I was going to get a "brush-off". However, I said that I was on a visit to London and as an ex R.A.M.C. N.C.O. I would like to see a little of the College, so he said he would take me to see a room they were very proud of. He procured a key and took me to this room which has show cases all round and numerous oil paintings on the walls.

These cases were full of decorations too numerous to mention - Insignia and Medals that have been given to the College by Officers and men of the R.A.M.C. There were I think four V.C's and many other decorations.

The Commandant told me that they did not have the double V.C.which had been won by Lt. Col. Leake but they did have his miniatures.

The Oil Paintings were artists impressions of how the various V.C's had been won.

After spending about half an hour in this room I remarked to the Commandant (who said he was very busy). "I always felt proud of being in the R.A.M.C. but felt prouder still of being a part after seeing all this".

Escorting me to the door of the building that I first saw he shook hands with me and thanked me for coming and said "button up your coat and don't get cold".

I thought it was well worth my while making the effort to get a look around.

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A VISIT TO FLANDERS AND FRANCE - By FRANK SMITH

It was interesting to learn at our Re-Unions of visits to Flanders and France by several of our members and I determined to make the long felt yearning a reality for myself. Accordingly I made arrangements with my son (and his good lady) who had previously offered to do the whole itinerary by car.

My wife and I joined them at Gillingham and we sailed from Tilbury by car ferry to Antwerp overnight on June 19th 1967.

The journey to the Ypres sector was filled with detours to Pashendale, Zillebeke and Menin Gate.

We put up overnight at the Hotel de Sultan in front of the new replica Cloth Hall, the original of which I had seen as a blazing ruin in 1915.

Next day we toured Poperinghe, Watou, Locre, Dranoutre, Godewaersvelde, Mont des Cats monastry, Westoutre, Nieppe Canal, Armentieres, Arras, Wancourt, Butte de Warlencourt, la Boiselle mine crater, Contalmaison, Bazantines, Mametz Wood, and Fricourt, reaching Albert-sur-Somme and staying the night at Hotel de la Basilique under the shadow of the famous Madonna church.

Next morning we spent visiting those familiar villages where our Unit rested - such as Millencourt, Henencourt, Wa loy, Vadencourt (White Chateau), Franvillars.

We entered the Champagne area via Nesle and Ham by late afternoon visiting scenes of the "27th May 1918" around Chemin-des-Dames, Craonne Hill, Corbeny and Berrieux. It was here that the Boche over-ran our aid post in the 8th D.L.I. trenches and I became a P.O.W.

Modernisation has altered the whole countryside but the beautiful well kept war graves and memorials will always endure as a reminder of gallant deeds and supreme sacrifice by our British lads of the 1914/18 generation.

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R.A.M.C. ASSOCIATION

The eight members who at the last Annual General Meeting joined the R.A.M.C. Association received invitations to the Association's annual general meeting at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle, on Saturday, 6th January. Wilf Hall and Frank Smith attended from Sunderland and enjoyed that warm and hearty welcome which all present-day R.A.M.C. types seem to extend to their 1st World War veterans. Two Lt. Cols. (both present) were elected President and Vice-President respectively. Both were kind generosity itself to our two Members, and pumped them dry about the 2/2nd's adventures in W.W.1.

The Association run a fine social programme, e.g. an Annual trip (last year to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo - a wonderful experience, by their account): an Annual Dinner in Newcastle, etc. etc. at all of which our members of their Association could attend.

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THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE - By WILF HALL

In the stern chase for any surviving Nominal Rolls I was referred by Army Records to the Public Records Office, Chancery Lane, London. In this huge building I located the 1st World War Diaries of the A.D.M.S. 50th Division and of the O.C. 2/2nd Northumbrian Field Ambulance, which had just come off the Secret list.

These Diaries make the most intriguing reading for any old 2/2nd Member, being full of reference to appointments, promotions, casualties, decorations, etc. of those we knew so well - but alas ! no Nominal Rolls !

Now if any Member finding himself in London turns left half way up Fleet Street into Chancery Lane, and enters that stone building on the right labelled "Public Record Office", he can sit at ease at a comfortable desk as long as he likes, reading those - Our - War Diaries, free of charge. The Attendants will look them out for you, if you give them these reference numbers :-

W.O. 95/2815 ADMS. 50th Division

W.O. 95/2824 2/2nd Field Ambulance

The Officer in charge Service Records there is Commander Godfrey, R.N. - Ask for him.

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The above short report by Wilf does less than justice to the result of his researches. "These diaries make the most intriguing reading" is this year's understatement !

As one who has listened to a previous verbal report by him on his visit to Records I feel that Members would be most interested indeed to hear some of his findings, should time and Chairman permit, at our next A.G.M.

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All members are asked that should they, at any time, throughout the year have matters that they think would be of interest in the Bulletin, as also information re new members, obituaries, etc., please send them along to the Hon. Secretary.

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