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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer E. J. Crewis Major, R.A.M.C

Month and Year September. 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham Berks	1st	0930	The Train is standing on a siding of Air Evacuation Rail Head at Shrivenham. G.W.R. The Unit is engaged in transporting casualties to E.M.S. Hospitals in the Midlands and South Wales. All casualties so dealt with have been evacuated by Air Transport from the B.L.A. in France.	
"	2nd.	0930	Capt. L.A. Golding . R.A.M.C. proceeded to Salisbury for an interview at S.O.C.O. H.Q. with a view to his being sent to a Psychiatric centre as a trainee.	
"	3rd	1100.	Church Parade - it being a National Day of Prayer.	
"	4th	0930	Very stormy weather, yesterday and today	
"	5th	1955	Entraining of 180 patients for Morriston begins. Detail:- Officers, Lying, 16. Sitting, 3. O.R's Lying 112. Sitting 49. These included 1 R.N. Rating. 1 M.N. Officer. 2 Polish, 2 French O.R's. Many with fractures (48). During Loading a Mobile Canteen Unit of the B.R.C.S. was present and provided all casualties with snacks, fruit, cigarettes, hot and cold drinks, Entrainment completed in 2 hours Train moved out at 22.10.	
Morriston (Nr. Swansea)	6th	0230.	The Train has arrived at Destination. During the journey 26 patients received maintenance doses of Penicillin. Detraining was completed in 2 hours. The Train left Morriston at 0440 hours.	
Shrivenham	6th	0830	The Train is back at Stabling Point. (Cardiff)	
"	8th	2255	Entraining of 115 Patients for Whitchurch begins, and is completed in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Detail. Officers. Lying 3. Sitting. 1. O.R's Lying 49. Sitting 62. These included 17 Free French, 1 Dutch, and 1 Polish soldier. The Train was 25 minutes late in leaving, this was due to a misunderstanding - an extra 100 patients which were expected did not arrive	

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Unit No. [illegible] Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer E. J. CREAIS Major. R.A.M.C.

Month and Year September. 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	9th	0120	The Train moved out 01.20 hours on 9. Sept. 44.	
Whitchurch	9th	0410	The Train has arrived at destination. During the outward journey, 2 patients received maintenance injections of penicillin. It was a very cold night. Steam heating could not be obtained. In the first place the engine arrived "in reverse" position, and could not connect up with the steam pipes. Later it was also found that a steam pipe was broken. Detraining of patients was completed in 35 minutes. The Train left Whitchurch 05.00. hours.	
Shrivenham	9th	0815	The Train is back at Stabling Point.	
"	"	[illegible]	En-route the fractured steam pipe was repaired at Cardiff. Captain L.A. Golding R.A.M.C. proceeded on leave.	
	"	1955	Loading of 173 patients for Wombourm (Wolverhampton) begins. Detail. Officers, Lying, 17. Sitting, 7. O.R's - Lying, 46, Sitting, 101. Q.A.I.M.N.S. 2. The number includes 1 Pole, 1 S.African, 1 P.O.W. Entraining was completed in 80 minutes. Train departed at 21.55 hours.	
Wombourm.	10th.	0145.	The Train having reached its destination, detraining begins 15 minutes later. During the journey 18 casualties received intra muscular injections of Penicillin. All patients were off-loaded in 1 hour and 40 minutes. The Train left on return journey at 03.45 hours.	
Shrivenham	10th	09.20	The Train is now at Stabling Point.	
"	11th	00.15.	The Train is loading 224 patients for Worcester. Detail: Officers, Lying, 14, Sitting, 1. O.R's Lying, 104, Sitting, 105. In the number were 1 Dutch, 2 Belgians, 1 Czech. Entraining took 2 hours. B.R.C.S., as usual, was present to provide snacks, fruit, cigarettes, and drinks. Train moved out at 02.45 hours.	

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Commanding Officer E. J. Creais Major. R.A.M.C.

Month and Year September. 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Worcester.	11th	0630	The Train is now at destination, 26 patients received maintenance doses of Penicillin. Detraining was completed without incident in 1 hour and 45 minutes. The Train commenced its homeward journey at 08.25 hrs.	
Shrivenham	12th	2250	After a night in bed, the Unit proceeds to load 201 patients for Selly Oak. Detail. OfficersLying, 12. Sitting, 4, O.R'S Lying, 133. Sitting 52. Afew Dutch, Polish and Belgian soldiers were carried. 47 patients with fractures.Entraining took 2 hours and 15 minutes. The Train steamed out of Railhead at 01.15 hours on 13. 9. 44.	
Selly Oak.	13th	0615.	TheTrain has arrived at destination. En-route Penicillin was administered to 34 patients. Early morning tea and bicuits was served to patients. There was another fracture in the steam pipe connection. In consequence only half the Train was heated. Detraining was completed in 1½ hours. The train departed homeward bound at 07.55. hours.	
Shrivenham	13th	1230	The Train is now at Stabling Point at A. Vac. Rail--Head	
"	16th	22.20	Entraining of 255 patients for Derby begins, and is completed in 2 hours. Detail:-. Officers, Lying, 7. Sitting 3. O.R's Lying, 83. Sitting 162. All in good fettle. Train departed at 00.01 hours.	
Derby.	16th	0535.	The Train has reached its destination. En-route 28 patients were injected with Penicillin. The patients were detrained in a smart and orderly manner, in 65 minutes. The Train left Derby at 07.20 hours.	
Shrivenham	16th	1230.	The Train is back on its siding.	

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Commanding Officer E. J. CREAIS, Major. R.A.M.C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	17th	1420.	Loading of 217 patients from the R.A.F. C.C.S., Wroughton, and E.M.S. Hospital Stratton St. Margaret begins. Detail: Officers, Lying.9. Sitting 1. O.R's ,Lying, 119. Sitting 68. All have been in hospital for a week or more. B.R.C.S. Mobile Canteen was present and provided teas. The loading was slow and took 2 hours and 20 minutes to complete. The Train left for Wombourm at 16.52 hours. and was 35 minutes late. This was due to late arrival of Ambulances with patients.	
Wombourm.	17th	2040	The Train has reached its destination. During the journey 10 patients received maintenance doses of Penicillin. Detraining of patients took 1 hour 45 minutes. Earl of Dudley, Regional Commissioner of the Midlands, was present during detrainment, which was completed without incident.	
			The Train departed on its homeward journey at 2235 hrs.	
Shrivenham	18th	0430	The Train is now at Stabling Point.	

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Commanding Officer E. J. CREAIS Major. R.A.M.C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	18th	15.00	Major General Lawrie G.O.C. Salisbury District., accompanied by A.D.M.S of the District, inspected the Train.	
"	19th	09.30	Q.M.S.(W.O.II) Jenkins RAMC handed over charge of his duties to Q.M.S. (W.O.II) Burch, RAMC.	
"	"	22.00	Entraining of 162 Casualties for Selly Oak commenced, and was completed in 100 minutes. Detail: Officers Lying, 8. Sitting,1. O.R's Lying 106. Sitting 47, including a few Dutch, Czech and Polish ranks). 28 had fractures, and 10 had amputations of limbs. 14 will receive injections of Penicillin. The B.R.C.S. Mobile Canteen as usual is present to provide light snacks, fruit , sweets, cigarettes and drinks for the patients. The Train departed at 23.55 hours.	
Selly Oak.	20th.	04.15.	The Train having reached its destination, detraining of patients began 5 minutes later. It was completed without incident in 70 minutes. Thereafter the Train left Selly Oak at 05.40 hours.	
Shrivenham	"	10.10	The Train is now at Stabling Point.	
"	21st	20.50	Entraining of Patients for Leicester begins, and was completed in 2 hours 35 minutes. It was slow and tedious, delay being due to late arrival of Ambulances. Detail: Officers Lying 5. O.R's Lying 139. Sitting 124 - a total of 268 patients. These included 3 German P.O.W. and 2 Polish and 1 Italian soldier. The Train left its siding at 23.30 hours.	
Leicester.	22nd.	04.50.	The Train has reached its destination. En-route 16 patients received injections of Penicillin. The Train was 40 minutes late, and this was ascribed to fog. Detraining took 1 hour and 50 minutes, the usual delay occurred in dividing the Train into 3 parts, and marshalling it in sections, to the tiny platform. Eventually the Train departs homeward bound at 07.30 hours.	

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Commanding Officer E.J. Crais Major, R.A.M.C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham.	22nd	13.00	The Train has arrived at Stabling Point.	
"	23rd	22.20	Entraining of 160 patients for Selly Oak commencedand took 2 hours and 50 minutes. This once again was due to the late arrival of Motor Ambulances. Detail of Patients:- Officers Lying,8, Sitting,6. O.R's Lying 132. Sitting 12. A.T.S. 1. P.O.W. 1. Of this number there were 11 Polish Officers and O.R's. B.R.C.S. provided refreshments , which is much appreciated by the patients. The Train departed at 00.10 hours on 24.9.44. 28 patients for Penicillin treatment.	
Selly Oak.	24th	04.40.	Having arrived at destination, detraining in pouring rain commenced 5 minutes later, and was completed in 95 minutes. Nothing untoward occurred on the journey. Trainleft Selly Oak at 06,25. hours.	
Shrivenham	24th	11.00	The Train has arrived at Stabling Point.	
"	25th	16.00	Colonel i/c Administration and a Staff Captain from H.Q. South Midland District visited the Train.	
"	25th	19.10	Loading of 253 patients for Wolverhampton begins. It was completed in 2 hours 15 minutes. Detail: Officers Lying 3. Sitting 3. O.R's Lying 148. Sitting 99, including French and Polish soldiers. B.R.C.S. provided light refreshments, cigarettes and drinks. The Train departed at 21.40. hours	
Wombourm	26th	0205	The Train having reached destination, detraining commenced 5 minutes later. During the journey 37 patients received maintenance doses of Penicillin. Off-loading was completed without incident, in 2 hours 5 minutes. Thereafter the Train left homeward bound at 04.20 hours	
Shrivenham	26th	10.20	The Train is back at its Head Quarters.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	26th	20.15	Loading of casualties from the Continent begins. 217 patients were entrained in 2 hours. Detail: Officers Lying, 7, Sitting, 6. O.R's Lying 138, Sitting 65. P.O.W. 1. There were 28 patients with fractures, and 10 with amputated limbs. 46 will receive injections of Penicillin. Train departed at 22.30 hours.	
Morriston. (Glam).	27th	02.40.	The Train has reached its destination. Detraining at this small dark station is slow and leisurely and takes 2 hours 40 minutes to complete. Eventually the Train departed on homeward journey at 05.45 hours.	
Shrivenham	27th	09.45.	The Train is back at Stabling Point.	
"	"	18.25.	Once again entraining of patients begins. Detail: Officers Lying 15 Sitting 3. O.R's Lying 131. Sitting 101. A total of 250. casualties. The Train was officially scheduled for loading patients at 19.30 hours. Ambulances arrived however, at 18.15 hours from Down Ampney R.A.F. A.C.E.C. In spite of this early arrival, entraining took 2 hours and 10 minutes. 41 patients for Penicillin. B.R.C.S. Mobile Canteen provided snacks. drinks etc. Train departed at 21.20 hours.	
Nottingham	28th	0310.	The Train is now at London Road Station, after interminable time spent in dividing the Train in halves and shunting. Detraining was done from two platforms, one of which is insufficiently lighted. Here it is dangerous, especially for limping patients (walking). Actual time spent in off-loading casualties was 2 hours. Thereafter the Train departed from Nottingham at 0630 after a further delay of one hour spent in shunting and marshalling the coaches	
Shrivenham	28th	11 35.	The Train is back at Stabling Point.	

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Commanding Officer E. J. Crean, Major, R.A.M.C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	29th	04.20	The Train proceeded empty to Avonmouth.	
Avonmouth (Docks)	"	07.40	The Train is now at Gloucester Road Siding	
	"	08.20	The Train having arrived at dockside, entraining commenced 161 patients from Italy and Algiers ex H.S. Atlantis are received for conveyance to 2 destinations. Detail: Canadian Army:- Officers Lying 2, Sitting 1. O.R's Lying 29. Sitting 11 British Forces: Officers Lying 3. Q.A.I.M.N.S. 1. W.A.A.F. 1. O.R's Lying 107. Sitting 10. These included 50 cases of T.B. and 1 suicidal R.A.F.M.O. Entraining was completed in 2 hrs	
Avonmouth.	"	10.50	Having left the docks, the Train proceeded on its journey.	
Widney Manor.	"	14.15	Here 43 Canadian Officers and Other Ranks are detrained. En-route all patients were provided with dinners	
"	"	14.55.	The Train departed for Chester.	
Chester.	"	18.05.	The Train is now at its final destination. Detraining followed in 5 minutes and was completed in 100 minutes. En-route Tea was served to patients. The Train departed homeward bound at 19.55. hours. Coaches, which carried T.B. Patients, were disinfected with Formalin, and sealed up.	
Shrivenham	30th	02.50	The Train is now at its Stabling Point.	
"	"	09.30	The month has been a very strenuous one for the Unit. Personnel, who are in low medical categories, have stood up well to the strain. They have worked cheerfully and efficient-ly, often with little time for sleep and no relaxation.	
"	"	22.45.	The entrainment of 140 patients for Newport (Mon) commenced, and was completed in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Detail of Patients: Officers Lying 11, Sitting 2. O.R's Lying 119. Sitting 8. (including 8 Poles and Belgians). 27 will receive maintenance doses of Penicillin. As usual BRCS Mobile canteen provided light refreshments for the patients. The Train moved out of its siding at 01.15 hours on 1-10-1944.	

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Month and Year October, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1st.	01.15	The train is en route to Newport (Mom) with 120 patients (13 Officers & 127 Other Ranks).	
Newport (Mon).	1st.	03.10	The train has arrived at destination. Detraining of patients began 5 minutes later and was completed in a smart and efficient manner in 45 minutes. Return journey commenced at 04.45 hours.	
Shrivenham. (Berks)	1	07.00 22.45	The train is back in its siding at Air Vac Railhead. The entraining of 182 patients for Sheffield begins. Detail - Officers Lying 10, Sitting 1. Other Ranks Lying 130 Sitting 30. This included 10 Polish officers & O.Rs. Loading was completed in 1 hour and 20 minutes. A Mobile Canteen Unit of the BRCS is always present during entraining of patients. They provide dainty snacks, fruit, cigarettes, Hot and cold drinks and stationery, which are greatly appreciated by the casualties.	
do	2	00.05	The train steamed out of the siding.	
Swindon.	2	01.35	En route to Sheffield, it was discovered that one O.R. was suffering from ? appendicitis. The train was stopped at Swindon and the patient transferred by motor ambulance to Stratton St. Margarets E.M.S. Hospital. This resulted in a delay of 30 minutes.	
Sheffield.	2	11.50	The train is now at destination. En route the train was again detained, this time from 04.48 hours to 06.25 hours at SPETCHLEY (North of Worcester) Thereafter the train had to retrace its steps to Worcester and continue the journey via Droitwich and Birmingham. The delay was due to the fact that a goods train (preceeding the ambulance train) had torn up its track. It had been laden with steel girders, one of which had	

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Sheffield.	2	11.50	slipped from its moorings. This girder ploughed up the sleepers of the track over which the Ambulance Train was running. The timely action of the goods train guard and the Ambulance Train engine driver averted a serious accident with probable loss of life. They acted with commendable promptitude in stopping the Ambulance Train from running over the demaged track. Detraining of patients was uneventful and was completed in 50 minutes. During the journey patients were issued with breakfast. 27 received maintenance doses of Penicillin. The train left Sheffield at 13.10 hours.	
Shrivenham Berks.	2 2	19.00 20.50	The train is back at Stabling Point. 193 patients are being entrained for Derby. Detail - Officers Lying 2. O.Rs. Lying 140 Sitting 50, P.O.W. 1. Included in the total were 12 Polish and 1 Belgian soldiers. All are casualties which have been brought over in planes from France. 34 patients will receive maintenance doses of Penicillin. The train left the railhead at 23.00 hours.	
Derby.	3	07.00	The train has reached its destination. Biscuits and tea were issued to patients before detraining. All the patients were off the train in the space of 1 hour. Nothing special occurred. Train left at 08.10 hours.	
Shrivenham	3 3	08.10 19.15	The train is back at Stabling Point. Entrainment of 177 patients for Worcester begins and is completed in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Detail - Officers Lying 3 Sitting 3. O.Rs. Lying 134, Sitting 36, P.O.W. 1. Eight Poles and 1 Belgian are included in this number. B.R.C.S. Mobile Canteen present and provided refreshments. 33 patients will receive injections of Penicillin during the journey. The train moved out of the siding at 21.30 hours.	

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Worcester.	4	00.50	The train has reached its destination. After a long wait, detraining of patients commenced and took 1 hour, 55 minutes to complete. The place chosen for detraining is not a good one. There is no railway platform here. The track for marshalling ambulance cars is narrow and this leads to congestion and vexatious delays. Steel stretchers are not blanketed correctly. Many have to have their blankets re-arranged when they are lifted into the coaches. The train departed from Worcester at 03.25 hours.	
Shrivenham.	4	06.18	The train is back at its H.Q.	
Shrivenham.	4.	19.55	The entrainment of 189 patients for Manchester commences and is completed in 2 hours. Detail :- Officers Lying 8, Sitting 8. O.Rs. Lying 130, Sitting 42, P.O.W. 1, of this number 6 were Poles. 42 patients received maintenance doses of Penicillin. B.R.C.S. present to provide refreshments for the patients. The train moved out at 22.15 hours.	
Manchester.	5	05.39	The train having reached its destination, detraining began 5 minutes later. It was completed in 1 hour 15 minutes. En route patients were provided with early morning tea and biscuits. The train departed homeward bound at 07.10 hrs.	
Shrivenham.	5	14.30	The train is back at Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham	5	21.50	Commenced entraining 213 patients. Detail - Officers 11, O.Rs. 192:Allied O.Rs. 10. Loading completed in 2 hours. Moved out of siding at 23.55 hours. 42 patients for penicillin treatment. B.R.C.S. Canteen present and provided the patients with refreshments.	
Selly Oak.	6	03.15.	At destination. Detraining completed in 1½ hours. Nothing special to report. Train departed at 05.20 hours.	
Shrivenham	6	10.00	Train back at Stabling Point.	

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Shrivenham	7	19.15	Entraining of 194 patients commenced. Detail - Officers 19, O.Rs. 172, Allied Officers 2, O.Rs. 15. Of these 49 had fractures. 47 need penicillin injections. All in good fettle. Loading completed in 2½ hours. Train left siding at 21.55 hours.	
Wombourn.	8	02.00	At destination. Detraining completed in 2 hours, 25 minutes without incident. A gift of 15 boxes of grapes "from the Belgian people to their British Comrades" was handed over to the R.T.O. who personally arranged distribution to the 7 hospitals where casualties were dispersed for admission. The train left Wombourn at 04.35 hours.	
Shrivenham.	8	10.15	The train is now back at its Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham.	9	19.25	Entraining of 172 patients commences and is completed in 2 hours. Detail - Officers 2, O.Rs. 158. Allied Officer 1, O.Rs. 11. These patients were scheduled to arrive at Railhead from Broadwell R.A.F., A.C.E.C. at 20.00 hours. They however, arrived at 19.00 hours, an hour before time and before the arrival of the loading party. B.R.C.S. provided patients, as usual, with refreshments and cigarettes. 34 patients require maintenance doses of penicillin. Train steamed out at 21.30 hours.	
Leicester.	10	02.35.	Train has reached its destination. Detraining commenced 25 minutes later after much shunting of coaches, and was completed in 2hours and 5 minutes. Train departed for home at 04.50 hours.	
Shrivenham.	10	10.00	The train is back at its H.Q.	
Shrivenham.	10	22.15	Entraining of 160 patients commenced and was completed in 1 hour 15 minutes. Detail - Officers 5, Other Ranks 128. Allied Officers 3, O.Rs. 24. These 3 Polish Officers were	

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Shrivenham	10	22.15	not shown in the Entraining State as such, and found their way into the Ward Coaches with Other Ranks. They were very annoyed because time did not permit of their being removed, placed on stretchers and conveyed to the coach for officer patients. This has frequently occurred in the past when patients arrived from R.A.F., A.C.E.C.s. The train moved out of Railhead at 23.59 hours.	
Newport	11	02.00	Train is now at destination. En route 39 patients received injections of penicillin. Detraining was completed in 1 hour, 10 minutes and in a smart and orderly manner. Train departed for home at 03.25 hours.	
Shrivenham.11 Shrivenham.13	06.15 18.35		Train is back at Stabling Point. Earlier loading of 168 patients today. Detail - Officers 14, O.Rs. 132, Allied Officers 2, O.Rs 20. Of these 19 will receive maintenance doses of penicillin. Entraining completed in 1 hour 15minutes. Train moved out at 20.55 hours.	
Derby	14	02.20	Train has reached its destination. Detraining of patients completed in 1 hour 15 minutes without incident. Train departed at 03.45 hours, homeward bound.	
Shrivenham 14. Shrivenham 15	09.55 20.45		The train is now at Stabling Point. Entraining of 145 patients begins and is completed in 1 hour 45 minutes. Detail - Officers 14, O.Rs. 113, Allied Officers 3, O.Rs.14, P.O.W. 1. Of these 26 patients will receive injections of penicillin. All have been evacuated by air from Europe. Train moved out at 23.00 hours.	
Wombourn	16	02.35	Train has reached its destination. Detraining completed in 1 hour, 55 minutes. Nothing special to report. Train departed from Wombourn at 04.50 hours.	

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Unit 66 Home Ambulance Train.

Commanding Officer Major E.J. Creala R.A.M.C.

Month and Year October, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			The train is back at its H.Q.	
Shrivenham.	16	10.25	Loading of airborne casualties begins, and is completed in 1 hour 55 minutes. Detail: Officers 14, O.R's 149, Allied officers 2, O.R's 18, P.O.W. (civilian) 2. Total 185. Penicillin treatment is needed for 29. B.R.C.S. canteen is present with refreshments for the patients. Train moved out at 21.00 hours.	
"	17	18.45		
Selly Oak.	18	01.10	The train has reached its destination. Detraining of patients was completed in 1½ hours. Nothing special to note. Train departed for home at 02.55 hours.	
Shrivenham.	18	07.45	The train is back on its siding.	
"	18	23.50	Loading of 117 patients begins. Detail: Officers 7, O.R's 91, Allied officers 2, O.R's 17. All are casualties evacuated by air from N.W. Europe. B.R.C.S. provided snacks and hot drinks. Entraining completed in 80 minutes. 25 require maintenance doses of Penicillin. The train departed at 01.40 hours.	
Whitchurch (Glam)	19	05.20	There was a delay in reaching Whitchurch, and the train was very late owing to railway administration. Detraining was completed in 1 hour 20 mintues. Nothing else to note. The train left at 06.46 hours.	
Shrivenham	19	09.40	The train is now at stabling point.	
Shrivenham	20	21.00	107 patients for Nottingham. Entraining completed in 85 minutes. Detail: Officers 12, O.R's 82, Allied officer, 1, O.R's 12, of this number 39 had fractures. 29 needed Penicillin injections. B.R.C.S. canteen present and their snacks, fruit drinks, sweets, cigarettes are much appreciated by the patients. Train left here at 22.55 hours.	

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Tra
Commanding Officer Major. E.J. Creais. R.A.M.C.

Month and Year October, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Nottingham Victoria.	21	02.50.	The train has reached Nottingham.	
"	21	03.45	It has taken 53 minutes to shunt the train, divided it into two parts, and place them alongside platforms. After this tedious and not very efficiently done operation, detraining commenced at 03.48 hours and was completed in 1 hour 19 minutes. Barrows loaded with mail bags hindered unloading on one platform. The train left Nottingham Low Level at 07.08 hours.	
Shrivenham	21	11.30	The train has returned to Rail Head.	
"	23	21.50	188 patients for Warwick. Detail: Officers, 16, O.R's 160, Allied O.R's 12, of these, 50 require Penicillin treatment. Entraining was completed in 2 hours. Owing to a mistake (sic) the usual warning notice to entrain patients was not received until 21.30 hours. Loading commenced 20 minutes later. Steam heating of the train is supposed to commence 1 hour before the scheduled time for loading. Tonight it commenced an hour after entraining of patients had begun. Train moved out at 00.05 hours.	
Warwick.	24	02.45	A very cold night. Train has reached its destination. Poor illumination on this otherwise good detraining platform. Unloading of patients completed in 2 hours 15 minutes. Awkward squad of stretcher bearers and inexperienced ambulance car controller. Train moved out at 05.10 hours.	
Shrivenham	24	08.30	The train is back at Rail Head.	
"	27	22.55	Loading of 205 patients for Newport begins. Detail: Officers, 18, O.R's 168, Allied O.R's, 19, of these no less than 46 have fractures, 11 with amputated limbs. 28 need	

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer ... Major. E. J. Creais. R.A.M.C.

Month and Year ..... October. 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	27	22.55	Penicillin treatment. Entraining completed in 1 hour 35 minutes. B.R.C.S. canteen present as usual. Train steamed out at 00.55 hours.	
Newport.	28	02.40	The train is now at its destination. Detraining of patients completed in 90 minutes. Nothing special to note. Train departed homeward bound at 04.20 hours.	
Shrivenham	28	06.15	The train is back on its siding.	
"	28	16.00	Colonel i/c Administration, S. Midland District visited the train.	
"	29	15.30	Afternoon loading of patients. 160 patients for Cardiff. Detail: Officers, 11, O.R's 144, Allied Officers, 1, P.O.W. (civilian) 1. Entraining completed in 90 minutes. 9 patients need injections of Penicillin. B.R.C.S. provided teas. Train moved out at 17.35 hours.	
Whitchurch	29	20.30	Train is at destination. Patients were detrained in a smart and efficient manner in 1 hour. En route the patients were provided with a light supper. Train left for home at 21.40 hours.	
Shrivenham	30	01.12	The train is now at stabling point. The health of the personnel is satisfactory. Rations are good. Laundry arrangements satisfactory. Over 13,000 patients have been evacuated in this train since "D" Day.	E. J. Creais. Major RAMC O.C. No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.

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Unit No.66 Home Ambulance Train,

Commanding Officer Major E.J.CREAIS, RAMC.

Month and Year November, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham (Berks)	1	01.05	Having entrained 187 patients, the Train proceeded to Morriston. Detail - Officers 11, O.Rs 161. Allied Officer 1, O.Rs 14. No fewer than 54 had fractures. 46 needed Penicillin A.B.R.C.S. mobile canteen unit provided refreshments for the casualties.	
Morriston	1		Detraining of patients commenced and was completed in 3 hours. This was slow and tedious and due to the fact that the party unloading party consisted of a few C.D. workers. Beyond this, there is nothing special to note. The Train left homeward bound at 08.20 hours.	
Shrivenham.	1	11.50	The train is back at Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham	2	23.00	Entraining of 232 patients for Leicester begins and was completed in 2 hours. Detail - Officers 13, O.Rs 188, Allied Officer 1, O.Rs 30. B.R.C.S. canteen present to provide snacks and drinks. 63 patients require penicillin treatment. Train steamed out at 01.15 hours.	
Leicester.	3	06.50	After usual delay in shunting and dividing up the train, detraining was completed in 85 minutes. Nothing unusual to report. Train commenced its homeward journey at 09.15 hours.	
Shrivenham	3.	14.45	The Train has reached its H.Q.	
Shrivenham	4	20.00	Loading of 188 patients for Nottingham commenced. Detail - Officers 12, O.Rs 162, Allied O.Rs 14. Of these 50 will receive maintenance doses of penicillin. During entraining one O.R. casualty showed appeciable signs of arterial haemorrhage from a GSW Thigh. He was removed from the Train and was sent to the E.M.S. Hospital, Stratton St. Margaret. The train moved out punctually at 22.00 hours.	
Nottingham.	5	03.05	After interminable time spent in shunting, the train is now at destination. Detraining commenced five minutes later and	

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Unit No.66 Home Ambulance Train.

Commanding Officer Major E.J.CREAIS, RAMC.

Month and Year November, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			was completed in 1 hour, 50 minutes. Nothing special to note.	Eq.
Nottingham	5	03.05	The Train left for Stabling Point at 05.25 hours.	
Shrivenham.	5	11.00	The Train is back at Air Vac Railhead siding.	
Shrivenham.	6	18.50	Entraining of 171 airbourne casualties from N.W.Europe begins. It was completed in 1 hour, 50 minutes. Detail :- Officers 12, O.Rs. 141. Allied Officer 1, O.Rs.17. Of these, 41 had fractures and 7 amputated limbs. 35 need penicillin injections. BRCS canteen present as usual. The refreshments they provide are much appreciated by the patients. The Train moved out at 21.10 hours.	Eq
Worcester.	7	00.10	The Train is now at destination. Detraining completed in 100 minutes. Patients are off-loaded in a coal yard. The siding is poorly illuminated. A few hurricane lamps mark the path to be taken by ambulance cars. Detraining was done by the light of the moon (when it was not obscured by clouds) and in the light of the ward carriage lamps shining through open double doors. The Train left Worcester at 02.15 hours.	Eq
Shrivenham	7	05.13	The Train has returned to its Headquarters.	
Shrivenham	8	20.50	171 patients for Woking. Entraining was completed in 2 hours. Detail :- Officers 9, O.Rs. 148. Allied Officer 1, O.Rs 13. Penicillin will be administered to 43 patients. Train proceeded on its journey at 23.05 hours.	Eq
Woking.	9	02.10	The Train has arrived at its destination. Detraining commenced soon after and took 1 hour, 40 minutes to complete. Unloading party unused to handling patients from Home Ambulnace Trains. Train left Woking at 04.05 hours.	Eq
Shrivenham.	9	07.40	The Train is now at its Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham.	10	21.00	Entraining of 119 casualties from N.W.Europe begins. It was completed in 105 minutes. Detail :- Officers 13, O.Rs 97. Allied Officers 3, O.Rs. 6. Of these 22 will receive	

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Unit No.66 Home Ambulance Train.

Commanding Officer Major E.J.CREAIS, RAMC.

Month and Year November, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	10	21.00	maintenance doses of penicillin. BRCS Canteen present as usual to rovide snacks and drinks for patients. Train moved out at 23.00 hours.	
Tattenham Corner.	11	04.10	The Train took an inordinate length of time to reach destination. There was only a handful of C.D. workers to unload patients. Detraining took 2½ hours and was very slow and tedious. After a false start, the Train proceeded on its homeward journey at 08.10 hours.	
Shrivenham	11	12.30	The Train is now at its Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham.	13	09.30	The Train is engaged on routine duties. The weather has been wet. Unfavourable flying conditions has curtailed evacuation of casualties by air from N.W.Europe. Health of unit is satisfactory. Those in need of maintenance doses of T.A.B. and T.T. are being inocultaed in small batches.	
Shrivenham.	14	19.40	Entraining of 143 patients for Warwick commenced and was completed in 1½ hours. Detail :- Officers 20 (Including one Nursing Officer), O.Rs. 113. Allied officers 2, O.Rs. 8. Of these 42 had fractures and 11 amputated limbs. All were in good fettle. 26 will receive maintenance doses of penicillin BRCS canteen present to rovide patients with refreshments. The Train moved out at 21.30 hours.	
Warwick.	14	23.55	The Train is now at destination. Detraining commenced 10 minutes later and was completed in 1½ hours. 1 O.R. with shrapnel wound of the leg showed signs of tetanus. He was removed as soon as possible to hospital by Detraining M.O. A very cold night. Train proceeded on homeward journey at 01.40 hours.	
Shrivenham.	15	04.10	Train is back at Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham	16	12.00	Sharp frost during night. Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Command visited Air Vac Railhead with a view to installing	

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance

Commanding Officer Major E.J. Creais. RAMC.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			a boiler for providing steam heating for the two H.A. Trains stabled on sidings there.	
Shrivenham	16	12.00	Staff Captain, Movement Control, Oxford, visited the Train.	
"	17	11.00	A new coach for sitting patients Type E was incorporated into the train today. The old coach for sitting and mental patients, with its padded cell has been removed.	
"	17	17.15	Entraining of 116 patients for Newport commenced, and was completed in 1¾ hours. Detail:- Officers 12, QAIMNS 1, O.R's 102, Allied O.R.1. Of this number 39 received maintenance doses of Penicillin. BRCS provided refreshments. Train moved away at 20.50 hours.	
"	18	19.00		
Newport Mon.	18	23.15	Train having reached its destination, detraining of patients commenced 5 minutes later and was completed in one hour. Nothing untoward occurred. Train departed from Newport 00.35	
Shrivenham	19	02.50	The train is back at stabling site.	
"	20	19.05	Entraining of 114 patients for Derby commenced. It was completed in 65 minutes in a smart and orderly manner. Detail Officers: 7. O. Ranks 105. Allied O.R's 2. Penicillin will be administered to 45 patients. BRCS canteen present to provide refreshments. The train steamed out at 20.40 hours.	
Derby.	21st	01.40	The train has reached its destination. Detraining completed in 65 minutes. Nothing special to report. Train proceeded on homeward journey at 02.50 hours.	
Shrivenham.	21	08.50	The train is back at its headquarters.	
"	21	09.30	Major. E.J. Creais, R.A.M.C. proceeded on leave. Capt. L.A. Golding R.A.M.C. assumed command of the unit.	
"	24	22.30	Entraining of 114 patients for Worcester commenced. It was completed in 65 minutes. Detail: Officers 8, O.R's 102	

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Unit No.66 Home Ambulance Tr
Commanding Officer Major E.J. Creais, RAMC.

Month and Year November, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	24	22.30	Allied Officers 2, O. Ranks 2. Penicillin was administered to 51 patients. There were 34 patients with fractures and 23 with amputated limbs. Train moved out of siding at 00.05.	
Worcester.	25th	02.55	The train having reached its destination detraining commenced 10 minutes later. It was completed in 1½ hours. Nothing special to report. Train departed from Worcester at 05.00 hrs.	
Shrivenham	25	08.00	Train is back in its siding.	
"	27	20.50	Entraining of 115 patients for Sheffield commenced and was completed in 65 minutes. Detail Officers 11, O.RS 101, Allied officers 1, O.R's 2., of these 27 will receive injections of Penicillin. BRCS as usual was present, and the refreshments thier canteen provided was greatly appreciated by the patients. The train steamed out of siding at 22.15.	
Sheffield.	28	05.00	The train has reached its destination. Detraining of patients was completed without incident in 50 minutes. Train started on homeward journey at 06.10 hours.	
Shrivenham	28	12.45	The train is back at stabling point.	
"	29	19.50	The entrainment of 214 patients for Wolverhampton commenced and was completed in 1 hour 50minutes. Detail: Officers 11, O.R's 203. Patients for Penicillin treatment numbered 20. All in good shape. Train moved out at 22.00 hrs	
Wombourn.	30	01.50	The train has reached its destination . Detraining of patients was completed in 1½ hours. On the return journey it was necessary to turn the train round, as it had been marshalled into a reverse position. Railway authorities refused to comply with this request. Matter referred to R.T.O. who got in touch with War Office. I understand that necessary permission was granted, but the turning was not carried out. The train left Wombourn at 03.35 hours.	

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.

Commanding Officer Major E.J. Creais. RAMC.

Month and Year November, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			The train is back at its headquarters, at Air Vac. Railhead.	E.J. Creais. Major RAMC O.C. No 66 Home Ambulance Train.
Shrivenham	30	08.40	Major E.J. Creais, R.A.M.C. returned from leave and	
"	30	19.00	resumed command of the unit.	

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Unit No.66 Home R.A.F.M.C.

Commanding Officer Major, E.J.

Month and Year December, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appen.
Shrivenham ~~(Berks)~~.	1	09.30.	The train is standing on a siding at Air Evacuation Railhead, Shrivenham, Nr. Swindon, Wilts. No. 56 H.A.T. is stabled on an adjacent siding. These two units deal with patients (chiefly battle casualties) evacuated from N.W. Europe in Dakota Aircraft. The patients are received from Casualty Air Evacuation Centres, which are situated on neighbouring Aerodromes at Blakehill, Down Amoney and Broadwell. Some, however, also come from the R.A.F. C.C.S. at Wroughton (1,000 bedded static Hospital) and from the E.M.S. Hospital at Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon. These airbourne casualties are conveyed to large E.M.S. Hospitals in the Midlands, S.Wales, and Ensom Basingstoke and Woking.	See
Shrivenham.	1	19.50.	Entraining of 139 patients commenced and was completed in 65 minutes. Detail :- Officers 6, O.Rs.128. Allied Officers 2, O.Rs. 3. Of these, 8 patients received maintenance doses of penicillin. During entraining operations, a Mobile B.R.C.S. Canteen is always present to provide dainty snacks, cake, hot and cold drinks, fruit, sweets, cigarettes and stationery for the patients. This is greatly appreciated and is very good for the morale of the patients. The Train steamed out at 21.55 hours.	See
~~Basingstoke.~~	~~2~~	~~00.10.~~	~~Having arrived at destination, detraining commenced 5 minutes later. This was very slow and irksome for the patients. It took 135 minutes to off-load 97 stretcher and 42 walking cases. This was due to poor staff work, a small stretcher party being provided and steel stretchers were either incorrectly blanketed or not blanketed at all. Basingstoke has been used to dealing with Civil Evacuation Trains and have no experience of unloading H.A. Trains. The Train proceeded on its homeward journey at 02.35 hours.~~	See
Shrivenham.	2	04.15.	The Train is back at Air Vac Railhead.	
~~Shrivenham~~	~~4~~	~~20.25.~~	~~Entrainingof 216 patients for Selly Oak commenced. It was accomplished in 1 hour, 50 minutes. Detail :- Officers 11, O.Rs. 196. Allied Officers 1, O.Rs 8. Of these, 38 had fractures and 43 amputated limbs. 46 received maintenance doses of penicillin. All in good fettle. B.R.C.S. Mobile Canteen present to provide refreshments. Train moved out at 22.40 hours.~~	See

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train, R.A.M.C.

Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREATS, R.A.M.C.

Month and Year DECEMBER, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Selly Oak.	5	02.40.	The Train is at its destination. Detraining was completed in 1 hour, 45 minutes. En route, an officer patient was discovered with a rash and symptoms indicative of Rubella. He was segrated behind the green baize curtains of the officer's coach. At Birmingham he was considered to be a case of serum rash. Later Coach "G" was sprayed with formalin and shut up. Two Nursing Orderlies in contact with him will be isolated. Train left Selly Oak at 04.45 hours.	Nil
Shrivenham.	5	09.15.	The Train is now at Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham.	6	20.20.	The entraining of 159 patients for Derby commenced and was completed in 100 minutes. Detail :- Officers 8, O.Rs. 149. Allied O.Rs, 2. Penicillin will be administered to 20 patients. B.R.C.S. Mobile Canteen present. Train left siding at 22.15 hours.	Nil
Derby.	7	03.15.	The Train has arrived at its destination. Detraining completed smartly in 65 minutes. Nothing special to report. Train commenced homeward journey at 04.27 hours.	Nil
Shrivenham.	7	10.30.	The Train is back at its H.Q.	
Shrivenham.	8	19.25.	Entraining of 155 patients for Epsom commenced and was completed in 1½ hours. Detail :- Officers 7, O.Rs. 147. Free French O.R. 1. Of these, 19 will receive maintenance doses of penicillin. B.R.C.S. canteen provided refreshments. Train left at 21.05 hours.	Nil
Tattenham Corner.	9	00.30.	The Train has reached its destination. Detraining took nearly three hours to complete. This was due to many reasons, chief of which are :- Ambulance Vehicles cannot come alongside Train, necessitating a long carry to the Platform Gate. Steel stretchers were not blanketted and this had to be done by the Train Orderlies inside the ward coaches. Inexperienced unloading party was provided. Very sketchy organisation. Train left Epsom at 03.30 hours.	Nil
Shrivenham.	9.	09.35.	After a long journey lasting nearly 6 hours, the Train is back at its H.Q.	
Shrivenham.	10.	18.45.	Entraining of 70 patients commenced. Detail :-Officers 5 O.Rs. 65. This small number was loaded in 50 minutes and is the smallest ever carried.	Nil

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Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREAIS, R.A.M.C.

Month and Year DECEMBER 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			4 Patients received maintence doses of Penicillin, B.R.C.S. canteen present.	
Shrivenham.	10.	18.45.	~~Train left at 20.05 hours.~~	
Whitchurch.	10.	22.56.	Train having reached its destination, detraining commenced 4 minutes later, ~~and was completed in 30 minutes. Nothing special to report. Train steamed~~ out of Whitchurch at 23.40 hours.	
Shrivenham.	11.	02.38.	~~The Train is back at its Stabling Point.~~	
Shrivenham.	12.	19.45.	The entraining of 108 patients for Nottingham begins and took 1 hour and ~~50 minutes to complete. Detail :- Officers 9, O.Rs. 99. Of these, 8 are~~ receiving penicillin treatment. B.R.C.S. canteen present to provide ~~refreshments. Train moved out at 22.20 hours.~~	
Nottingham.	13.	03.15.	After an interminable amount of shunting, the Train reached its destination. ~~Detraining of patients was uneventful and was completed in 65 minutes.~~ Train proceeded on its homeward journey at 07.15 hours.	
Shrivenham.	13.	11.40.	~~The Train is now at Ain Vac Railhead.~~	
Shrivenham.	15.	20.50.	Entraing of 158 patients for Wolverhampton commenced. Detail :- Officers 12, ~~O.Rs. 138. A.T.S. 3. Allied O.Rs. 5. There are 30 with fractures, 10~~ amputations, and 2 T.B. patients. Loading completed in 85 minutes. B.R.C.S. ~~canteen present as usual. 10 patients received injections of penicillin.~~ Train steamed out of siding at 22.50 hours.	
Wombourn.	16.	02.30.	~~The Train has arrived at its destination. Detraining commenced 5 minutes later~~ and was completed in 1½ hours. Nothing special to report. Train left ~~Wombourn at 04.15 hours.~~	
Shrivenham.	16.	09.45.	The Train is now at Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham.	18.	20.00.	~~Entraing of 83 patients for Morriston commenced and was completed in 35 minutes.~~ Detail of this small and economical Train-load is as follows :- Officers 4, ~~O.Rs. 78. Only 1 patient due for penicillin injection.~~ B.R.C.S. provided snacks and hot drinks. Train left its siding at 21.30 hours.	
Morriston.	19.	01.35.	~~The train has reached its destination. Detraining, which was uneventful,~~ was completed in 40 minutes. Nothing of note to report. Train departed at 02.20 hrs,	

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train, R.A.M.C.

Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREATS, R.A.M.C.

Month and Year DECEMBER, 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham.	19.	08.40.	The Train is back at Air Vac Railhead. Return journey delayed owing to fog.	
Shrivenham.	24.	09.30.	Owing to bad flying conditions, no patients have been ferried across from N.W. Europe in Dakota aeroplanes during the past few days.	See
Shrivenham.	24.	19.45.	Entrained 138 patients for Selly Oak. Detail :- Officers 10. O.Rs 124. Allied O.Rs 3. Allied A.T.S. 1. Loading was completed in 1 hours and 25 minutes. B.R.C.S. Canteen provided snacks, cigarettes, fruit, sweets, hot drinks and Christmas Gifts to all patients. 6 patinets received injections of penicillin. The Train departed at 21.50 hours.	See
Selly Oak.	25.	02.10.	The Train, having arrived at destination, detraining commenced 2 minutes later. It was completed in 58 minutes in a smart and efficient manner. Nothing special to note. Train proceeded homeward bound at 03.20 hours.	See
Shrivenham.	25.	07.55.	The Train is now at Air Vac Railhead.	
Shrivenham.	25.	13.30.	The personnel were provided with an exellent Christmas Dinner in A1 Ward Coach, which has been decorated for the occassion. Fare included soup, turkey, pork, Christmas pudding, mince pies, fruit, nuts, ale and cider.	See
Shrivenham.	25.	14.30.	Colonel i/c Administration and two Staff Officers visited the unit.	See
Shrivenham.	25.	19.00.	Personnel in conjunction with the staff of No. 56 H.A.T. held a social in the Village Hall.	
Shrivenham.	28.	09.30.	Freezing weather conditions.	
Shrivenham.	28.	19.50.	Entraining of more patients for Selly Oak commenced. It was completed in 50 minutes. Detail :- Officers Nil. O.Rs.104. Of this number, 11 were Maxillo-facial cases. Two patients with extensive and intractable impetigo received penicillin treatment. B.R.C.S. present with their canteen. Train left its siding at 21.20 hours.	See
Selly Oak.	29.	02.05.	Train is at its destination. Detraining took 60 minutes to complete. Extremely cold night, otherwise nothing special to report. Train left for Shrivenham at 03.15 hours.	See
Shrivenham.	29.	08.40.	Train is back at its Headquarters.	
Shrivenham.	31.	09.30.	Severe weather conditions have prevailed during the past few days. A boiler house has been erected at Railhead to provide steam heating for the two	

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Shrivenham.	31.	09.30.	trains stabled here. Hitherto the results have been poor. Two recreation huts have been constructed at Railhead and very nicely furnished by B.R.C.S. These were taken into use on Boxing Day. Health of the personnel is satisfactory.	E.J. Creais. Major RAMC O.C. No 66 Home Ambulance Train.

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