

WAR DIARY.

In lieu of A.F. C2118.

Unit:- 65 Home Ambulance Train, R.A.M.C., Weston-Super-Mare.
Period:- 1st to 31st May 1945.

30 Apr 45. Entrained at Shrivenham from Chisledon Hosp.
23 Offs. 244 O.Rs. British Army incl. 2 RN: 2 RM: 13
Australians: 15 South Africans: 5 New Zealanders: 1
Palestinian: 1 Belgian: 2 BRCS. Patients conveyed to
Worcester for Ronkswood, Kidderminster, Barnsley Hall,
Hereford County Hosps. *J.H.*

2 May 45. Entrained at Shrivenham from Down Ampney &
Stratton Hosps. 6 Offs. 176 O.Rs. British Army incl.
2 RN: 3 MN: 1 RM: 2 Australians: 11 Polish: 3 Dutch:
1 Czech: Patients conveyed to Wakefield for Pindersfield
E.M.S. Hosp. *J.H.*

3 May 45. Entrained at Shrivenham from Down Ampney,
Wroughton & Chisledon Hosps. 16 Offs. 189 O.Rs. incl.
6 RN: 2 MN: 3 RM: 3 Australians: 1 New Zealander: 4
South Africans: 2 French: 1 Polish: 2 Dutch. Patients
conveyed to New Southgate for Friern Barnet E.M.S.
Emergency Hosp. *J.H.*

12 May 45. Journey to Avonmouth. Entrained from H.S.
Atlantis 6 Offs. 172 O.Rs. British Army incl. 6 RAF:
1 Indian Army. Patients conveyed to Durham for Winterton,
Relton & Dryburn E.M.S. Hosps. *J.H.*

16 May 45. Journey to Southampton. Entrained from
LST 238. 9 Offs. 213 O.Rs. German P.O.W. Patients
conveyed to York for Naburn (192) P.O.W. Hosp., York. *J.H.*

24 May 45. Journey to Taplow. Entrained from 11 & 23
Can. Gen. Hosps. 12 Offs. 77 O.Rs. 2 CWAC. 1 WREN. Entraine
from 19 Can. Gen. Hosp. 9 Offs. 1 Sister. 84 O.Rs. All
Canadians. Patients conveyed to Avonmouth for H.S. Lady
Nelson. 3 Offs. 1 O.R. escort were carried. *J.H.*

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(D. Rees Jones), O/C 65 H.A.T.

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.

Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC.

Month and Year MAY, 1945.

References to Appendices

Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour		
Faringdon, Berks.	1.	09.30	All ranks of the unit are billeted in Faringdon House, whilst the Train is away in the Railway Workshops, Derby, for repair and overhaul. Routine camp duties are being performed.	ne
Faringdon.	4.	17.00	R.T.O. Shrivenham reports that No. 66 Home Ambulance Train has returned from Derby Workshops, and is now on the siding at railhead.	ne
Faringdon.	5.	09.00	Removal of stores and equipment from Faringdon House to Shrivenham begins.	ne
Shrivenham, Berks.	5.	17.00	All stores and equipment are now on the Train. Cleaning up continues. The Train looks spick and span.	ne
Shrivenham.	6.	09.00	The Train is now in commission again, ready to receive patients.	
Shrivenham.	6.	21.20	Entraining of 244 patients for Birmingham begins. Detail Officers 10, O.R.s. 230. Allied O.R.s. 3. A.T.S. 1., of these 62 were British liberated prisoners of war. 14 patients will receive injections of penicillin. BRCS Canteen Unit present to provide refreshments etc. for the patients. Loading completed in 2 hours. Train steamed out at 23.30 hours.	ne
Selly Oak.	7.	03.40	The Train has reached its destination. Detraining of patients was accomplished in 100 minutes. Nothing special to report. Train departed homeward bound at 05.35 hours.	ne
Shrivenham.	7.	10.05	The Train is back at Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham.	8.	13.00	V.E. Day. Entraining of 225 patients for Derby commenced and was completed in 1 1/2 hours. Detail: 4 Officers 4. O.R.s. 221. Of these 221 were liberated P.O.W. All in good fettle. BRCS Canteen distributed refreshments, cigarettes, sweets, stationery, and useful gifts to patients. The Train moved out of the siding at 14.40 hours.	ne
Derby.	8.	19.40	The Train has arrived at its destination. A holiday crowd gave the patients a warm welcome. Detraining was expeditious and completed in 30 minutes. The Train left Derby at 20.35 hours.	ne

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.

Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC

Month and Year. May, 1945.

Summary of Events and Information			References to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
Shrivenham	9	04.00	The Train is back at Air Evacuation Railhead.
Shrivenham	10.	12.00	Entraining of 78 patients for Woking began. It was completed in 45 minutes. Detail :- Officers 2. O.Rs. 74. Allied O.Rs. 2. Of these, 42 were liberated P.O.W. 5 patients are receiving penicillin treatment. BRCS Canteen present to distribute refreshments. Train left at 13.45 hours.
Woking.	10.	16.15	The Train has arrived at destination. There was a slight delay in off-loading owing to non-arrival of ambulance vehicles. Eventually it was completed without a hitch in 65 minutes. Train left homeward bound at 18.30 hours.
Shrivenham.	10.	20.55	The Train is back at Railhead.
Shrivenham.	10.	22.35	Entraining of 222 patients for Liverpool commenced and was completed in 70 minutes. Detail :- Officers 6. O.Rs. 213. Allied O.Rs. 2. E.N.S.A. 1. Of these, 119 were liberated P.O.W. 14 patients received maintenance doses of penicillin. BRCS Canteen distributed refreshments etc. Train left Railhead at 00.45 hrs.
Broad Green.	11.	07.10	The Train has arrived at destination. Detraining was completed in 1 hour by men and women medical students, who were more or less assisted by paid whole-time C.D. workers. The Train departed from Liverpool at 08.15 hours.
Shrivenham.	11.	16.50	The Train is back on its siding.
Shrivenham.	11.	22.20	Entraining of 199 patients for Enfield Town commenced. Detail :- Officers 11. O.Rs. 184. A.T.S. 2. Allied O.Rs. 2. Of these, 38 had fractures and 40 amputated limbs. 40 patients on penicillin treatment. Of these, 54 were liberated P.O.W. BRCS dispensed refreshments. Loading was completed in 90 minutes. Train steamed out at 00.25 hours.
Enfield Town.	12.	05.00	The Train was late in reaching its destination. Detraining took 2 hours to complete. It was slow and done in a slip shod manner/

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.

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

References to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Enfield Town.	12.	05.00.	by 50 paid whole time O.D. workers, who are unaccustomed to this type of work. Train left at 07.20 hours homeward bound.	Re
Shrivenham.	12.	12.30.	The Train is back at Stabling Point.	
Shrivenham.	12.	21.35.	Entraining of 111 patients for Leeds commenced and was completed in 50 minutes. Detail:- Officers 8. A.T.S. Officer 1. O.Rs. 102. Of these, 8 are liberated P.O.W. 9 patients will each receive 2 injections of penicillin. All in good shape. BRCS Canteen present as usual. Train left Railhead at 23.00 hours.	Re
Leeds.	13.	06.45.	The Train has reached its destination. Detraining accomplished in 1 hour. Nothing special to report. Train left Leeds at 08.40 hours.	Re
Shrivenham.	13.	17.48.	The Train is back at its H.Q.	
"	13	22.40	Entraining of 76 patients for Langford Sidings (Beds) commenced. It was completed in 45 minutes. Detail: Officers 3. O.Rs. 68 Allied O.R's 5. of these 15 are British liberated P.O.Ws. Seven patients are receiving injections of Penicillin. B.R.C.S. canteen dispensed refreshments prior to departure. The train moved out at 00.10 hrs.	Re
Langford Sidings (Beds)	14.	04.45	The train has arrived at its destination, which is a bleak siding with a keen cold wind blowing. An ill-assorted collection of only 5 motor vehicles has been allotted to the remove the 76 patients. Three Counties hospital is 8 miles away. In consequence it took 2 hours to detrain this small NUMBER of casualties. They were probably conveyed from N.W. Europe to Down Ampney aerodrome in less time. The train left homeward bound at 07.25 hours.	Re
Shrivenham	14.	12.00	The train is back at Avac Railhead.	
"	15	11.05	A midday loading of 194 patients for Braintree begins. It was accomplished in 35 minutes. Detail: Officer 1, O.R's 193	

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Army Form C. 2118.

Unit. No. 66. Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer Major. E. J. Creais.

R.A.M.C.

Month and Year May. 45.

Summary of Events and Information

References to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham	15	11.05	All are liberated British and Empire P.O.W's. With the exception of one, all are walking cases, who have been conveyed from Germany by the U.S.A. Flying Corps. Some look emaciated, all very cheerful. B.R.C.S. Canteen unit was present to provide light refreshments. The train moved out at 12.30 hrs.	Re
Braintree. Essex.	15	17.35	The train having reached its destination, detraining commenced shortly afterwards and was completed in 35 minutes. Nothing unusual to report. Train left Braintree at 18.55 hours.	Re
Shrivenham.	16	01.30	The train is back at stabling point.	
"	16	22.00	Entraining of 244 patients for Newmarket begins, and was completed in one hour. Detail: Officers male 4, female 1, O.R's 239. Of these 128 were British and Empire liberated P.O.W. three are on Penicillin treatment. All in good fettle. BRCS canteen unit present. Train moved out of its siding at 23.50 hrs.	Re
Newmarket.	17	04.45	The train has reached its destination. Detraining took 80 minutes to complete. Nothing unusual occurred. Train left Newmarket at 06.15 hrs.	Re
Shrivenham	17	10.50	The train is back at its headquarters.	
"	18	21.20	Entraining of 192 patients for Woking commenced, and was finished in 95 minutes. Detail: Officers 6, O.R's 184, Allied O.R's 2. Of these 77 were British and Empire L. P.O.W. Seven patients will receive injection of Penicillin. BRCS canteen was present to distribute snacks and hot drinks. Train left at 23.20 hrs.	Re
Woking.	19	02.10	Train has arrived at its destination. Detraining took 2 hours and 10 minutes to accomplish. This was in part due to the fact that stretcher patients had to be loaded into awkward and cumbersome single decker buses converted to ambulance vehicles. Train left homeward bound at 04.35 hours.	Re

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

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

References to Appendices

Month and Year... May '45.

Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour		
Shrivenham.	19	07.35	The train is back at Railhead.	Re
"	20	11.35	Entraining of 100 British and Empire L.P.O.W's commenced, and was completed in 25 minutes. All are walking cases, who had been conveyed by aeroplane from N.W. Europe, by the U.S.A. Air Corps. All in good shape. BRCS canteen workers received an enthusiastic welcome, and their refreshments, stationery, etc, were much appreciated. The train left for Nottingham at 12.45 hours.	Re
Nottingham	20	17.20	The train having reached its destination, detraining was quickly accomplished in 10 minutes. Thereafter the train steamed out of the station at 18.25 hours.	Re
Shrivenham	20	22.55	The train is back at stabling point.	
Shrivenham	22	21.05	Entraining of 134 patients for Leeds commenced, and was accomplished in one hour. Detail: Officers 1, O.R's 133. of these 63 were British and Empire L.P.O.W. Three patients on Penicillin treatment. BRCS provided refreshments prior to departure. The train left its siding at 22.45 hrs.	Re
Leeds.	23	06.35	The train has reached its destination. Detraining was completed in 50 minutes in a smart and orderly manner. Nothing unusual occurred. Train left Leeds at 08.25 hrs.	Re
Shrivenham.	23	16.05	The train is back at the Railhead.	
"	24	21.50	Entraining of 155 patients for Wombourne commenced, and was completed in 100 minutes. Detail: Officers 4, O.R's 151. of these 62 were British and Empire L.P.O.W. The train was a few minutes late in departing from stabling point owing to 8 sitting patients arriving at the last moment from Lynham aerodrome. They had been flown from Gibraltar. All in good shape. Only one patient on Penicillin treatment. BRCS canteen present as usual. Train left at 23.32 hours.	Re
Wombourne	25	03.25	The train is now at its destination. Detraining was completed without incident in one hour. The train left homeward bound at 04.35 hours.	Re

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

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

Month and Year...May...1945...

Summary of Events and Information			References to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
Shrivenham.	25	08.30	Re
"	26	20.40	
"			
			Re
Northwood. Middlesex.	27	02.10	Re Re
Shrivenham	27	08.10	
"	28	20.45	
			Re
Southgate.	29	02.15	Re
Shrivenham	29	08.55	
"	30	20.35	

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Unit... No. 66 Home Ambulance Train, RAMC.

Commanding Officer... Major E.J. Creais, RAMC.

Month and Year... May... 45.

References to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivneham	30	20.35	Penicillin treatment. A few who are ^{re/} covering from severe wounds are weak and in need of constant nursing. BRCS canteen unit was present and dispensed refreshments to the casualties.	<u>Mc</u>
		22.26	The train is due to leave in four minutes. Two ambulances with stretcher patients from the R.A.F. C.C.S. Wroughton have just arrived. The R.T.O. and Stationmaster, exercising the authority vested in them, decided that the train must leave to time. The two ambulances were accordingly returned to Wroughton with their patients.	<u>Mc</u>
Shrivvenham	30	22.30	The train steamed out of its siding.	
Wakefield.	31	05.10	The train has reached its destination. Detraining of patients was uneventful, and was smartly carried out in 50 minutes. The train then left homeward bound, at 07.15 hrs.	<u>Mc</u>
Shrivvenham.	31	14.05	The train is back at Air Evacuation Railhead.	
			The health of the unit is excellent. Rations are good and varied. Bathing arrangements, sanitation, and amenities are satisfactory.	<u>Mc</u>

Mc Creais, Major RAMC
 OC No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.

WAR DIARY FOR MONTH ENDING 30 JUNE 1945.

- No. 135. 3 June 45.
Journey to Hereford, Entrained from Talgarth Mental Hospital,
1 Officer, 79 O.R.'s, all Italian P.O.W.
Entrained from Copthorne Military Hospital Shrewsbury,
2 Officers, 70 O.R.'s all Italian P.O.W. Patients conveyed
to Liverpool for H.S. El Nil. *J.H.S.*
- No. 136. 8 June 45.
Journey to Avonmouth, Entrained from H.S. Orange, 22 Officers
1 Principal Matron, 207 O.R.'s, All British. Patients conveyed
to Worcester for Ronswood, Kidderminster, Hereford E.M.S.
Hospitals. Principal Matron sent to Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Birmingham. *J.H.S.*
- No. 137. 15 June 45.
Journey to Liverpool, stabled at Mossley Park till 10-15 hrs
16 June 45. Entrained from H.S. Chantilly, 12 Officers,
198 O.R.'s British Army, including 1 Officer Indian Army.
Patients conveyed to Wakefield for Pinderfield E.M.S.
Hospital. *J.H.S.*
- No. 138. 29 June 45.
Journey to Avonmouth, Entrained from H.S. Orange, 12 Officers,
1 Nursing Sister, 3 A.T.S. 184 O.R.'s, All British. Patients
conveyed to Wombourne for New Cross, Burntwood, Lichfield,
Stafford E.M.S. Hospitals.
Captain C.H. St. Johnston who succeeds Lt. Col. D. Rees Jones,
accompanied on the journey. *J.H.S.*
- 15 June 45.
All R.A.S.C. reserved rations re-newed & all Ordnance
non-serviceable equipment replaced. *J.H.S.*
- 30 June 45.
Checking up & handing over all stores & Equipment to care
of Capt C.H. St. Johnston, R.A.M.C. *J.H.S.*

D. Rees Jones
.....Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.
(D. Rees Jones)
O.C. 65 Home Ambulance Train.

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

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

Month and Year June 45...

Summary of Events and Information

References to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour		
Shrivenham.	1st	09.30	The train is stabled on a siding of the G.W. Railway at Shrivenham. Casualties from B.L.A. in N.W. Europe are conveyed by Dakota aeroplane to Down Amoney Aerodrome, near Swindon, and evacuated by No. 66 H.A. Train to receiving hospitals in England.	See
"	4th	20.30	Lt. Colonel K.B. Dickson R.A.M.C., latter of the carrier ship Batavier II, reported for temporary duty.	See
"	5th	10.30	Major. E.J. Creais R.A.M.C. departed on privilege leave. Lt. Col. K.B. Dickson, R.A.M.C. assumed temporary command of the unit.	See
"		16.00	A.D.M.S., South Midland District inspected the unit.	See
"		21.30	Entraining of 78 patients for Newmarket commenced, and was completed in 30 minutes. Detail: Officers, 8. O. Banks 67 Allied O.R's 3. of these 3 were liberated P.O.W's. Eight patients are on Penicillin treatment. A canteen unit of the B.R.C.S. was present to distribute snacks, drinks, stationery etc to the patients prior to departure. The train left at 22.40 hours.	See
Newmarket.	6th	04.00	The train has arrived at destination. Detraining of patients followed and was completed in 45 minutes. Nothing of note to report. The train proceeded homeward bound at 05.00 hours.	See
Shrivenham	6th	10.45	The train is back at stabling point.	
"	9th	21.30	Entraining of 115 patients for Wombourne commenced. It was accomplished in 75 minutes. Detail: Officers 9. O.R's 104. A.T.S. Allied O.R's 2. These included 20 liberated Empire P.O.W. Only one patient is receiving injections of Penicillin. B.R.C.S. Canteen present to dispense refreshments. The train left its siding at 22.55 hours.	See
Wombourne.	10th	02.45	The train has arrived at its destination. Detraining was completed speedily in one hour. Nothing untoward occurred. The train left Wombourne at 04.15 hours.	See
Shrivenham	10th	08.00	The train is back at its siding at A. vac Railhead.	See
"	12th	16.00	Colonel i/c Administration and successor visited the train.	

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Unit No. 66. Home Ambulance Train.

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

Month and Year... June, 45.

References to Appendices

Summary of Events and Information			References to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
Shrivenham	13th	10.30	Re
"		21.30	
Leeds	14th	07.10	Re
Shrivenham	14th	16.15	Re
"	16th	19.00	Re
"	17th	22.10	Re
Morrison	18th	03.20	Re
Shrivenham	18th	08.15	Re
"	21st	18.20	
Nottingham	22nd	00.20	Re

Lt. Col. K.B. Dickson under orders from War Office departed for Southampton to disband his unit.

Entraining of 135 patients for Leeds commenced. It was completed in 45 minutes. Detail: Officers male 11, Female 2, O.R.'s 122. B.R.C.S. unit dispensed refreshments to the patients before departure. Train left at 23.15 hours.

The train has reached its destination. Detraining took one hour. No untoward incident occurred. The train departed on its homeward journey at 09.00 hours.

The train is back at its headquarters.

Major. E.J. Creais R.A.M.C. on return from leave re-assumed command of the unit.

Entraining of 78 patients for Morrison commenced. It was accomplished in one hour. Detail: Officers 3, O.R.'s 73, allied O.R.'s 2. All in good fettle. B.R.C.S. canteen present as usual to provide patients with refreshments.

The train steamed out of its siding at 23.15 hours.

The train is now at its destination. Detraining followed soon after and took 50 minutes to accomplish. Everything went off without a hitch. The train departed from Morrison at 04.35 hours.

The train is back at stabling point.

Entraining of 82 patients for Nottingham commenced. This took 80 minutes owing to the late arrival of motor ambulances. Detail: Officers 5, O.R.'s 74, Allied O.R.'s 3. Of this number 19 sustained fractures. All in good shape. B.R.C.S. canteen present. The train left stabling point at 19.55 hours.

The train has reached its destination and detraining which followed quickly, was completed in 50 minutes. Nothing unusual occurred. The train left homeward bound at 02.10 hours.

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Unit No. 66. Home Ambulance Train.

Major. E.J. Creais, R.A.M.C.

Commanding Officer

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June 45.

Month and Year

Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Shrivenham	26th	20.45	Entraining of 100 patients for Worcester commenced. It was completed in 47 minutes. Detail: Officers 12 Allied officers 1, O.R's 87. Of these two were liberated P.O.W. Three patients are receiving injections of Penicillin. B.R.C.S. mobile canteen provided refreshments. The train steamed out at 22.30 hours.
Worcester.	27th	01.30	The train has reached its destination. Detraining was accomplished without a hitch in 48 minutes. Nothing special to report. Train left Worcester at 02.30 hours.
Shrivenham	27th	05.35	The train is back at Avac Railhead.
"	29th	21.15	Entraining of 144 patients for Leicester commenced. It was completed in 50 minutes. Detail: Officers 4 Nursing Officer 1. O.R's 137. Allied O.R's 2. Many of these patients are suffering from Infective Hepatitis. B.R.C.S. mobile canteen was present to provide patients with refreshments, the train moved out at 22.30 hours.
Leicester.	30th	04.23	The Train, which arrived late, is at its destination. Detraining of patients was accomplished without a hitch in 45 minutes. The Train left homeward bound at 05.50 hours.
Shrivenham	30th	11.20	The Train is back at its Headquarters at Railhead. The weather has been unsettled during the month, with rain, generally cool, and spells of warm sunny weather. The health of the personnel is satisfactory. Release of men from the Army commenced on 18th June. So far One N.C.O. has been released. Rations have been varied and good. Laundry, bathing arrangements and sanitation are good.

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E.J. Creais

Major R.A.M.C.

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham (Berks)	1st	0930	The train is standing on a siding of the G.W. Rlwy. at Shrivenham, near Swindon. The Unit is engaged on the transport of sick and injured, who are evacuated from N.W. Europe in Dakota aeroplanes.	Re
-- " --	4th	2215	Entraining of 116 patients for Worcester commenced, and took one hour to complete. Detail - Officers 10, O.Rs. 106. A B.R.C.S. mobile canteen unit was present to distribute snacks, fruit, cake, hot drinks, stationery etc., to the patients prior to departure. Loading occurred without a hitch. The train moved out at 2340 hours.	Re
Worcester	5th	0228	The train has arrived at its destination. Detraining took 75 minutes to accomplish and was uneventful. The train left homewardbound at 0350 hours.	Re
Shrivenham (Berks)	5th	0745	The train is back at AVAC railhead.	Re
-- " --	10th	2155	Entraining of 103 patients for Epsom commenced. It was accomplished in 65 minutes. Detail - Officers 6, O.Rs. 97.	

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Army Form C. 217.

Unit..... No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer..... Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			All in good fettle. B.R.C.S. canteen present to dispense Refreshments. The train steamed out of its siding at 0015 hrs.	Re
Tattenham Corner	11th	0420	The train has arrived at destination somewhat late. Detraining took 65 minutes to complete, and was without incident. The train left Epsom at 0930 hours, after spending 4 hours on a siding to permit heavy morning passenger traffic to pass.	Re Re
Shrivenham	11th	1250	The train is back at its Headquarters.	
-- " --	14th	0030	Midnight entraining of 98 patients for Liverpool commenced, and was completed in 50 minutes. Detail - Officers 5, O.Rs 90, Allied O.Rs. 3, all very tired and sleepy. B.R.C.S. canteen distributed refreshments. The train proceeded on its journey at 0137 hours.	Re
Broad Green	14th	0740	The train has reached its destination. Detraining was accomplished smartly in 30 minutes.	

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Army Form C. 2119

Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			En route, 4 patients received injections of penicillin. Hot tea and biscuits were issued prior to detraining. The train left homeward bound at 1045 hours.	See
Shrivenham	14th	1755	The train is back at Stabling Point.	See
-- " --	14th	1800	One W.O.I and 1 Corporal reported for duty.	See
-- " --	16th	2315	Entraining of 84 patients for Worcester commenced. It was completed in 48 minutes. Detail - Officers 6, O.Rs. 75, ATS 1, Allied O.Rs. 2, of these 2 will receive injections of penicillin. All in good shape. B.R.C.S. canteen present and provided refreshments for patients. Train left its siding at 0043 hours	See
Worcester	17th	0330	The train is now at its destination. Detraining followed quickly and was completed in 1 hour. Nothing of incident occurred. Train departed from Worcester at 0445 hours.	See
Shrivenham	17th	0720	The train is back on its siding at AVAC railhead.	See

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Unit... No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer... Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC.

Place			Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shrivenham (Berks)	18th	1200	Major A.M.W. THOMSON, R.A.M.C., has arrived with instructions to assume command of No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.	<i>Se</i>
--"---	19th	1130	Major A.M.W. Thomson, R.A.M.C. reported his arrival in person to A.D.M.S. South Midland District.	<i>Se</i>
--"---	20th	2143	Entraining of 129 patients for Sheffield commenced, and was completed in 1 hour 17 minutes. Detail - Officers 5, O.Rs 123, A.T.S. 1, All in good spirits. B.R.C.S. canteen unit was present to dispense refreshments for the patients. The train moved out of its siding at 2336 hours.	<i>Se</i>
Sheffield	21st	0607	The train has arrived at its destination. Detraining commenced soon afterwards, and was completed smartly in 50 minutes. Nothing untoward occurred on the journey. 2 patients received penicillin treatment. The train left Sheffield at 0720 hours.	<i>Se</i> <i>Se</i>
Shrivenham	21st	1350	The train is back at stabling site.	

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Army Form C. 2112

Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC.

Month and Year July 1945

Summary of Events and Information			References to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
Shrivenham	21st	1600	I have this day handed over command of the unit to Major A.M.W. Thomson, R.A.M.C., and await orders from A.D.M.S. South Midland District regarding my future posting or release from the Army.
"	24th	15.00	Col. Gregson of H.M.'s Forces War Savings Committee visited the Train in connection with the unit savings Group.
"	25th	21.15	Entraining of 107 patients for Birmingham commenced, and was completed in 110 minutes. Detail: Officers 7 Nursing Officers 1, O.R.'s 96, Allied O.R.'s 3. Of this number 34 were cases of fractures, one is on Penicillin treatment. All in good fettle. B.R.C.S. canteen unit was present to dispense refreshments to the patients. The train left at 23.45 hours.
Selly Oak.	26th	03.35	The train has arrived at its destination. Detraining was accomplished expeditiously and without incident in 1 hour. The train left homeward bound at 05.00 hours.
Shrivenham.	26th	09.00	The train is back at its stabling site.
"	27th	10.00	Under orders from the War Office Ward car for sitting patients (H.T.) and L.N.E.R. coach 4190 for lying patients was removed from the train and returned to their respective railway companies. At the same time ward coach A.2 for lying patients from disbanded American Ambulance Train 64, was incorporated into No. 66. H. Ambulance Train.
"	28th	11.00	Under instruction received from the War Office T) Major A.M.W. Thomson handed over command of No. 66 H.A. Train to S) Major E.J. Creais, RAMC.

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Army Form C. 211

Unit No. 66. Home Ambulance Train RAMC

Commanding Officer Major E.J. Creais.

RAMC.

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Summary of Events and Information			References to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
Shrivenham	29th	09.30	Major A.M.W. Thomson RAMC posted to No. 60 H.A. Train at Blackpool
"	30th	22.15	is struck off strength of the unit. Entraining of 88 patients for Worcester begins. Detail: Officers 5, N. Officer 1, O.R's 82. Loading was completed in 100 minutes. It is with regret that I have to note that the very efficient, whole time, B.R.C.S mobile canteen unit has been disbanded. It has functioned here for 13 months, and done very valuable work for sick and wounded who since D. Day have been conveyed to England in Dakota aeroplanes, and been evacuated from Shrivenham Rail Head. A modest counterpart has been improvised to take the place of the canteen. Hot tea, bovril, Horlick's malted milk, biscuits and cigarettes are now provided from unit stores and distributed to the patients on the train by a small party of B.R.C.S. ambulance drivers, who volunteer for the work. The train moved out of its siding at 23.50 hours.
Worcester.	31st	02.25	The train is now at its destination. Detraining of patients was accomplished without incident in 1 hour. The train left Worcester at 03.50 hours.
Shrivenham.	31st	06.30	The train is back at Air Evacuation Railhead.
"	31st	10.30	The health of the staff is satisfactory, sanitation good, Bathing and laundry present no difficulty.

J. Creais Major E.J. Creais
O.C. No. 66 Home Ambulance Train.

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Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

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

Month and Year... August 1945.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Shrivenham (Berks)	1st	0930	The train is stationed on a siding of the G.W. Railway at Shrivenham, near Swindon.
--"--	4th	1020	Entraining of 84 patients for Cardiff begins. Detail: Officers, 5 - O.Rs. 76 - A.T.S.3. This begins a new era in the time of entraining. Hitherto most of the operational loaded journeys with wounded and sick evacuated by air from N.W. Europe have been performed during the night. Patients are now detained overnight in Casualty Air Evacuation Centre, Down Ampney aerodrome, or RAF CCS Wroughton, and-or EMS Hospital Stratton St. Margaret. A further change has occurred in arrangements at Railhead. For 12½ months an excellent B.R.C.S. Mobile Canteen Unit has provided refreshments for patients prior to departure of Ambulance Trains. The canteen was withdrawn at the end of July. It is with great regret that we saw it go.

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Army Form C. 21

Unit No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

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

Month and Year August 1945.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			"Elevenses" are now provided for patients during loading by the unit. Tea, Horlick's malted milk, biscuits, cigarettes, newspapers, are distributed to the patients by B.R.C.S. woman ambulance drivers. The latter also write messages for helpless patients and despatch telegrams on their behalf in special cases.	
			The Train steamed out of its siding at 11.38 hours.	8c
Whitchurch (Glam)	4th	1430	The Train has arrived at its destination. Detraining was completed without a hitch in half an hour. The Train left homeward bound at 1500 hours.	8c 8c
Shrievenham (Berks)	4th	1745	The Train is back at Stabling Point.	
-- " --	9th	1010	Under instructions received from W.O. in its letter No. BM - 196 (A.M.D. 12) dated 4 Aug 45, Major E.J. CREAIS proceeded to Malvern Wells to take over, and dispose of, all British Equipment on No. 57 (U.S.A) Ambulance Train, which is	

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Unit. No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

Commanding Officer Major E.J. Creais, RAMC.

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Place	Date	Hour		
			being disbanded on 10 Aug 45. No. 66 Home Ambulance Train	<i>He</i>
			in consequence is pro tem taken out of commission.	
Shrivenham (Berks)	13th	2000	Major E.J. CREAIS, RAMC, and party having completed temporary duty at Malvern Wells, rejoined the unit, which is now back in commission.	<i>He</i>
-- " --	14th	1020	Entraining of 116 patients for Derby begins, and is completed in 45 minutes. Detail: Officers - 11, Nursing Officers - 1, O.R's. - 103, A.T.S. - 1. Of these no fewer than 32 have fractured limbs. 1 patient is on penicillin treatment. "Elevenses" provided before departure, and dinner en route.	<i>He</i>
			The Train left its siding at 11.42 hours.	
Derby	14th	1600	The Train has reached its destination before the scheduled hour of arrival. Detraining was carried out in a smart efficient manner in 40 minutes.	<i>He</i>

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

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Summary of Events and Information			References to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
			Major General Leslie, Hospital Regional Officer, was present at unloading. The train left Derby at 16.55 hours.
Shrivenham	14th	2140	The Train is back at its Hd. Qrs.
(Berks)	16th	1400	Sister (Mrs) H.T. SCOTT, QAIMNS(R) was released from the Army. She has worked in a most satisfactory manner on the Train for 3 years. There are now no Nursing Officers on the strength of the unit.
-- " --	18th	1020	Entraining of 86 patients for Manchester commenced and was completed in 40 minutes. Detail: Officers - 6, Women Officers - 2, O.R'S - 77, A.T.S. - 1. Mostly accidents and medical cases. 11 o'clock tea and biscuits provided for every patient. The Train left Railhead at 11.50 hours.
Manchester	18th	1915	The Train has reached its destination. En route dinner and tea was served to the patients. Nothing of incident occurred during the journey. Patients were detrained slowly in 70

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Unit... No. 66 Home Ambulance Train

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

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
			minutes. The Train departed at 20.58 hours
Shrivenham	19th	0500	The Train is back at AVAC Railhead.
(Berks)			
-- " --	22nd	1005	Entraining of 105 patients for Worcester commenced and it
			was completed in 1 hour 18 minutes. Detail: Officers - 3,
			Nursing Officer - 1, O.R's - 101. All in good fettle.
			Tea and biscuits served to all at 11 o'clock. Train left its
			siding at 11.45 hours.
Worcester	22nd	1408	After a speedy run the Train has arrived at its
			destination ahead of scheduled time. Detraining was
			completed in 68 minutes. Nothing special to report. Train
			departed from Worcester at 15.23 hours.
Shrivenham	22nd	1842	The Train is back at Stabling Point.
(Berks)			
-- " --	27th	1005	Entraining of 98 patients for Nottingham commenced. It
			was accomplished in 95 minutes. Detail: Officers - 6,
			O.R's - 90, A.T.S. - 2. After tea and biscuits have been

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Army Form C. 21

Unit... **No. 66 Home Ambulance Train**

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			distributed, the Train moved out of its siding at 1145 hours.	<u>4c</u>
Nottingham	27th	1548	The Train has reached its destination. En route dinner was served to the patients. Detraining was completed without a hitch in 50 minutes. Major General Leslie, Hospital Regional Officer, was present during unloading of patients.	
			The Train left homeward bound at 17.10 hours.	<u>4c</u>
Shrivenham	27th	2300	The Train is back on its siding at Railhead.	<u>8c</u>
(Berks)				
-- " --	31st	0930	The health of the unit is satisfactory. Rations are good and varied. Laundry and bathing arrangements are adequate.	<u>8c</u> Major Creais OC No 66 Home Ambulance Train.