

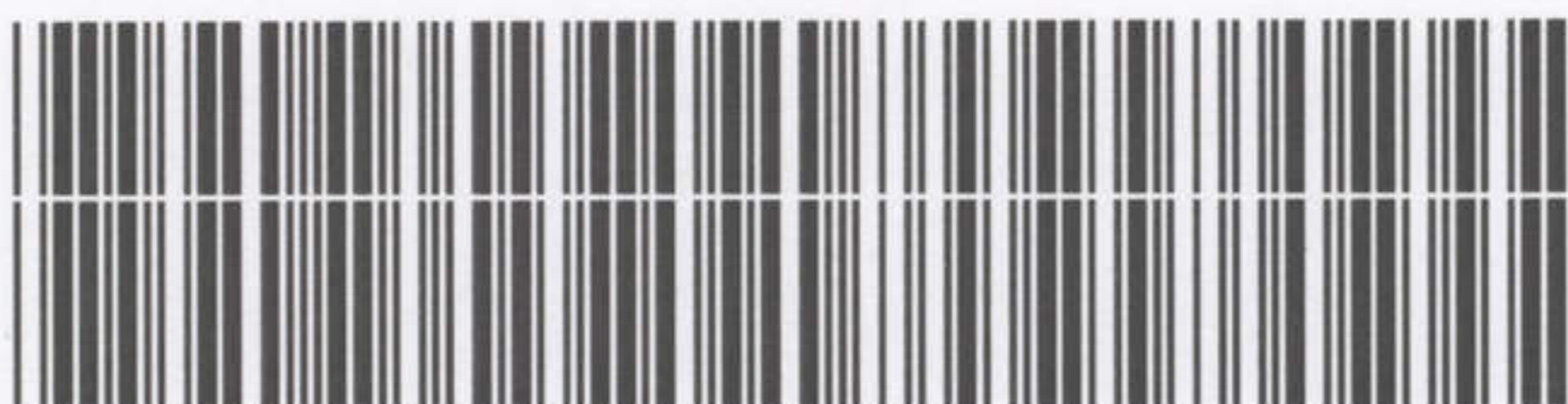
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CANAPLES	2.8.16		Tent sub division from WARENIES rejoined its unit at BERTACOURT.	
	5.8.16		Reinforcements and equipment arrived to form "C" Section of Ambulances. Major Goldsmith from 3rd 7 Amb. detailed to reinforcement camp at VAL DE MAISON	
	8.8.16		H.Q. closed at 9.30 am and reopened at the same hour at RUBEMPRE	
	10.8.16		Major Goldsmith relieved by M.O. from 2nd Aust. Div. and returned to his unit at BERTACOURT.	
RUBEMPRE	11.8.16		1st. Field Amb. (less 1 tent sub-division) moved from HOLLOY to HERRISSART	Appendix "A"
	12.8.16		Tent subdivision 1st. F. Amb. relieved at WARENIES by tent subdivision 2nd Aust. Div. and rejoined its unit.	
	13.8.16		Bearer division 3rd 7. Amb. marched to LA VICOENE	
	14.8.16		" " " resumed march to be attached to 2nd 7. Amb at VADENICOURT, 1st Field Ambulance marched to BRICKFIELDS and came under the command of A.D.M.S. IV Aust. Division.	
ALBERT	15.8.16		Bearer division 3rd 7. Ambulance marched to BRICKFIELDS and came under the command of IV Aust. Div.	
	16.8.16		H.Q. closed at 5p.m. and reopened at ALBERT the same hour.	
	17.8.16		1st. Field Amb. opened out at BECOURT CHATEAU	Appendix "B"
	19.8.16		Captain GRAHAM - 1st Field Amb. evacuated with shell wound in thigh - subsequently died of wound 22.8.16	

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ALBERT	20-8-16		<p>Extract from Routine Orders by General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD K.C.S.I. etc. dated 19.8.16</p> <p><u>Honours and Rewards.</u></p> <p>The G.O.C in chief has under authority granted by H.M. the King awarded the following decorations.</p> <p><u>MILITARY CROSS.</u></p> <p>Captain S.C. FITZPATRICK R.A.M.C. att. 3rd Battalion " A.M. HEYDON " " 8th "</p> <p><u>DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL</u></p> <p>2253 L. Cpl. R. H. FRY 3rd. 7. Amb. 2615 Pte. H. M. FLYNN " 2708 " W. H. WILSON " 5534 " E. J. SAxBY R.A.M.C. att. 1st Battalion 600 " W. SMITH " " 8th "</p> <p><u>MILITARY MEDAL</u></p> <p>398 L. Sgt. W. WRIGHT R.A.M.C. att. 11th Battalion</p> <p>The Army Corp Commander under authority delegated to him made the following awards</p> <p><u>MILITARY MEDAL</u></p> <p>4010 Pte H. DINGLE 1st. 7. Ambulance. 125 " S. F. HODGES 2nd 1055 Cpl. P. NORMAN R.A.M.C. att. 5th Battalion</p>	
	22.8.16		<p>1st. Field Ambulance relieved at 12 noon by 7th Aust. Field Ambulance and marched to BRICKFIELDS and att. to 3rd Brigade.</p>	
	23.8.16		<p>H.Q. closed at 9 am. and reopened the same hour at RUBENPRE</p> <p>2nd 7. Ambulance attached to 2nd Bgde, 3rd 7. Ambulance to 1st Bgde. for move.</p>	

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ROBEMPRE	25.8.16		A.D.M.S. office closed at ROBEMPRE and proceeded to FREELE the H.Q. of Canadian Corps - owing to our area being still occupied by Canadian troops, billets were found for some of H.Q. Staff at BAILLEUL - the rest went to PATRICIA lines as soon as they arrived.	
HOOBGRAAF	28.8.16		H.Q. opened at 9 am. at HOOBGRAAF Location 1st. Field Ambulance. G 21 C 2nd " " G 21 Central 3rd " " Buescheppe.	
	30.8.16		Orders for movements of Field Ambulances via	Appendix "C"

A. A. M. C.

Colonel, A. A. M. C.
A. D. of M. S. 1st. Australian Division.

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DISPOSITION REPORT A.A.N.C. IN RESERVE AREA. 12.8.16.

LOCATION	UNIT	PERSONNEL					HORSES			AMBULANCES		
		Bearers Tent		M.T.	Transport	Riding	Drght.	Hvy Drght.	Motor	Horso.		
		O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.						O.R.	
1. SCHOOL HOUSE DRESSING STATION, <u>WARLOY.</u>	13th Aust. F. Amb.	-	-	7	69	22	13	17	8	1	1	
2. MAIN DRESSING STATION <u>WARLOY.</u>	4th Aust. F. Amb.	-	-	7		114		48		1	2	
3. OFFICERS REST HOME, <u>WARLOY.</u>	6th Aust. F. Amb.	-	75	23	4	27	13	26	-	1	3	
		and 67 reinforcements not allotted.										
4. MAIN DRESSING STATION (lightly wounded) <u>VADENCOURT.</u>	2nd. Aust. F. Amb.	-	6	6	72	17	22	13	14	16	2	1
5. CORPS REST STATION. <u>VADENCOURT.</u>	7th Aust F Amb. 6th " "	-	100	3	58	14	32	14	37	2	2	
		-	1	1	20	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
6. MOTOR POST, <u>HERISSART.</u>	1st Aust. F. Amb.	COMPLETE PERSONNEL								7	3	
7. A.D.M.S. OFFICE, <u>RUBELPRE.</u>		1 Motor Cyclist attached,										

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 - 9. 7th Aust F. Amb.
 - 10. 13th Aust F. Amb.
 - 11. 1st Aust F. Amb.
 - 12. 1st Aust Div.

W. Sunde
Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
1st. Australian Division.

Appendix "A"

APPENDIX A

I beg to submit the following report upon the work of the A.A.M.C. under my command during the operations commencing August 16th 1916.

I took over the control of the Medical arrangements of the "T" area at 5 p.m. on August 16th 1916.

I entrusted the collection and evacuation of wounded to Lieut-Col Shaw of 1st Australian Field Ambulance, who in addition to his own Field Ambulance had the bearer divisions of the 2nd and 3rd attached and those of the 6th Australian Field Ambulance in reserve.

The 1st Australian Field Ambulance had already relieved the 12th Australian Field Ambulance this relief having been completed by 12 noon on August 16th, and the bearer divisions of the 4th and 13th had been relieved by the bearer divisions of 2nd and 3rd respectively.

As at the battle of Pozieres the Advanced Dressing Station was situated at Becourt Chateau, it having been found impossible to secure a more advanced position to which the Motor Ambulances could with safety be brought.

The collecting posts and Regimental Aid Posts were as indicated in Appendix "A".

All seriously wounded had to be carried on stretchers as far as Chalk Pit or Sunken Road. The carry was long but owing to willing and able work of the stretcher squads it was so successfully performed that at no time could it be said there was anything approaching congestion of wounded.

From the collecting posts wheeled stretchers were used as far as the wagon rendezvous where horse ambulance wagons conveyed the cases back to Becourt Chateau.

The tramway was used to bring back cases as far as the Advanced Dressing Station, but it was not found necessary on this occasion to convey cases all the way by tram to the tram base. Had a rush of casualties occurred the trams would have been more fully used and everything was in readiness for such an emergency.

The Motor Lorries of the Divisional Supply Col. were parked at the Tramway base and were brought up to Becourt Chateau two at a time for the conveyance of lightly wounded and walking cases.

As the casualties appeared at times light and Motor Ambulances plentiful Colonel Shaw wisely despatched many of the lightly wounded in Ambulance Wagons thus enabling them to reach their destination with more comfort and in a much shorter period.

The Main Dressing Stations were situated as before at Warloy and Vadencourt and came under the control of the A.D.M.S. "S" area.

Stretchers and dressings were at all times plentiful and reserve dumps of both were made at advanced collecting posts. Hot drinks and medical comforts were never short and were greatly appreciated.

The Field Ambulance bearers collected from the whole area proceeding as far as the front line and at times beyond it, and on one occasion brought in wounded from "no man's land" under the protection of the white flag, the enemy at the same time collecting some of their wounded under a similar protection.

I cannot speak too highly of the work of the bearers who laboured methodically backwards and forward under heavy fire and with only one thought, that of bringing in their wounded comrades.

The casualties though not heavy were sufficient to shew that their work was fraught with danger.

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One Medical Officer, Captain Graham who did good work at Bailiff Wood was mortally wounded on August 19th and died a few days later in a Casualty Clearing Station.

The total casualties dealt with by our bearers are shown on a table attached which gives the evacuations for each day.

Our collecting posts were so situated that most of the wounded came into our hands. A few found their way into a British Field Ambulance by taking a turn to the right at Pozières and so wending their way to Ovillers a natural, but owing to the division of the area a wrong course.

In conclusion I would like to point out that the number of bearers attached to a Division is at times too small to cope with the large number of casualties which occur in modern warfare. For this reason the various bearer divisions had to be grouped together and controlled more or less by the Corps, with the result that when the Division went into rest the bearers were still left at the front nominally in reserve but actually more or less at work.

A. D. M. S.

Colonel

A. D. M. S.
1st Australian Division

Table of wounded evacuated from 1st Aust. Div.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
	2100-0600	2	48
17th	0600-1200	4	52
	1200-2100	3	112
	2100-0600	2	99
18th	0600-1200	1	42
	1200-2100	1	86
	2100-0600	10	256
19th	0600-1200	3	78
	1200-2100	13	151
	2100-0600	-	71
20th	0600-1200	2	8
	1200-2100	3	64
	2100-0600	-	36
21st	0600-1200	-	26
	1200-2100	3	129
	2100-0600	4	175
22nd	0600-1200	3	82
	1200-2100	3	79
	2100-0600	-	5
23rd	0600-1200	2	28
	1200-2100	1	30
	2100-0600	-	3
24th	0600-1200	-	4
	1200-2100	-	2
Totals:		60	1668

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APPENDIX "A".

APPENDIX B

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

15.8.16.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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MAIN DRESSING STATIONS.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATIONS.

COLLECTING POSTS.

AID POSTS.

School House
WARLOY.
13th Aust. F.
Ambulance.

BECOURT CHATEAU
X 25 D.6.6.

TRAM TERMINUS
E.4.D.5.7.

X.4.A.4.8.

X.5.A.0.6.

X.10.B.8.5.

X.11.A.2.2.

Main Dressing
Station.
WARLOY.
4th Aust. F.
Ambulance.

NORTH CHIMNEY
W.28A.8.7.

BAILIFF WOOD
X.16.A.1/2.2.

Main Dressing
Station.
VADENCOURT
(for slightly
wounded)
2nd Aust. F.
Ambulance.

CHALK PITS.
X.16.A.3.8.

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Appendix "C"

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S E C R E T.

1st. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Map Reference Sheet 28.

A.A.M.C. ORDER NO. 106 BY COLONEL A.H. STURDEE C.M.G., V.D., A.D.M.S.

1. The 1st Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 12th Field Ambulance (British) at REMY SIDING on September 1st 1916 at a time to be arranged between the respective Commanding Officers, and form a Divisional Rest Station.
2. The 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will take over from the 11th Field Ambulance (British) the advanced dressing station at RAILWAY DUGOUTS I.21.C.1.8. on the night of September 1st and 2nd, and the Main Dressing Station at BRANDHOEK (G.12.B.6-8) at 9 a.m. on September 2nd. under arrangements to be made by the Commanding Officers of the two Ambulances.
3. A and B sections of the 3rd. Australian Field Ambulance will proceed on September 1st to G.21.C. and occupy the position vacated by the 1st Australian Field Ambulance. C section will remain at BOESCHEPE till relieved.

ACKNOWLEDGED

A. H. Sturdee

Colonel
A.D.M.S.
1st Australian Division.

30th August 1916.

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 17. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 18. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS,

Map Ref. Sheet 28.

MEDICAL UNIT. with Map location of Headquarters,	DIVISIONAL REST STATION.	MAIN DRESSING STATION.	ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.	REGIMENTAL AID POSTS.
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1st. Australian Field Ambulance L.23.A.4.B.	REMY SIDING. L.23.A4 .3.	-----	-----	RAILWAY CUTTING. I.29.C.3.6.
2nd. Australian Field Ambulance G.21 Central.	-----	BRANDHOEK G.12.B.6.8.	RAILWAY DUGOUTS I.21.C.1.6.	SUNKEN ROAD I.28.B.1.2.
3rd. Australian Field Ambulance. G.21.C.	I N R E S E R V E.			

No. 2 Australian Sanitary Section Office situated at G.26.A.5.9.

Regimental Medical Officers will indent on the nearest Dressing Station or Field Ambulance for Medical and Surgical Stores,
Field Ambulances will indent on the 2nd. Canadian Advanced Depot Medical Stores, GODESTERSVELDE.

30th August 1916.

H. S. Sunde
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Evacuations to the Casualty Clearing Station will be made by the 11th Motor Ambulance Convey.

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