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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	July			
	1.		Visited Hazebrouck and interviewed A.D.M.S. Sanitation, and D.M.S. 2nd Army. Visited 13th Aus. Field Ambulance re Motor Drivers. Visited Croix de Bac, saw A.D.M.S. 2nd Div and arranged relief of Baths at Erquingham and Divisional Rest Station at L'Estrade. Visited 4th Australian Field Ambulance at Fort Rompu, ascertained party at Adv. Dressing Station were comfortable (Major WELCH, Capt. Douglas and men). Visited 12th Aus. Fd Amb and issued orders for 1 Officer and 50 O.R. to relieve 2nd Div. Baths at Erquingham by 10 a.m. June 2nd and remainder, less detail at Outtersteene and detail to carry on Dressing Station till departure of Dressing 12th Aus. Inf Bgde, to relieve 5th Aus. Fd Amb at L'Estrade and form D.R.S. at that place.	
	3.		Moved to Saily, arrived Saily noon. Visited Bois Grenia Adv. D.Sn. with General Cox.	
	4.		12th Aus. Fd Amb relieved 5th Aus. Field Amb at L'Estrade D.R.S. and 2nd Aus. Field Amb at Saily Baths.	
	5.		13th Aus. Field Amb relieved 3rd Field Amb at D.R.S. at Doulieu, Dressing Station at NEAUGRA MONDE, Officers Rest House. Sanitary Section arrived. Visited DOULIEU D.R.S. with D.A.D.M.S.	
	6.		Visited 12th Field Amb at SAILLY BATHS.	
	9.		Issued orders for relief of Field Amb by Field Ambulance of the 5th Aus. Division.	
	10.		Arranged taking over with A.D.M.S. 5th Aus. Division.	
	11.		Visited Baillieul No. 2 C.C.S.	
	12.		4th Aus. Fd Amb moved to La Creche area. 12th Field Amb moved to OUTERSTEENE. 13th Field Amb moved to STRAZELE. 4th Divisional Sanitary Section moved to MERRIS. ADMS office moved to MERRIS Lieut-Col G.W.Barber's appointment as A.D.M.S. confirmed dated 20.5. 16. Major A.H.MARKS appointment as D.A.D.M.S. confirmed dated 20. 5. 16. Lieut-Col. G.W.BARBER promoted temporary Colonel while holding appointment of A.D.M.S. dated 20. 2. 16. Vide A.I.F. Orders 10. 7. 16. List 66. 4th Divisional Artillery left behind and the 5 R.M.O's under A.D.M.S. 5th Aus. Division's administration.	
	13.		Left MERRIS arrived DOULLENS and DOMART.	
	14.		4th Aus. Fd Amb arrived SURCAMPS and 4th Sanitary Section DOMART.	
	15.		12th Aus. Fd Amb arrived BERTEAUCOURT. 13th Aus. Fd Amb arrived HALLOY PERNOIS.	
	17.		Received nominal roll of M.O's of the Lahore Artillery now attached to the 4th Aus. Division.	
	18.		Visited the 4th Supply Column and arranging with the O.C. re Chicken Wire for Field Amb Motor Wagons. Also visited the D.A.C. (Lahore Division) at MOUTULET and the 5th Bgde Lahore Art. and the 11th Bgde Lahore Artillery at BONNEVILLE.	
	19.		Inspected OLINCOURT CHATEAU for Divisional Rest Station. Ordered D.R.S. at SURCAMPS. detailed one Ford Motor Ambulance from 4th 12th and 13th Field Ambulances report to the A.D.M.S.	

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	July 20		1st Aus. Division on the 20th inst at 8 a.m. by order of the D.D.M.S. 1st A.N.Z.A.C. Ordered the 4th Field Ambulance to have one Motor Ambulance, the 12th Aus. Field Amb to have two Motor Ambulances, and the 13th Aus. Field Ambulance to have two Motor Ambulances in readiness to move to the front at a moments notice. Ordered one section of the 4th Aus. Field Ambulance Divisional Rest Station at WAEGNIES from the 3rd Aus. Field Ambulance. The G.O.C. inspected the 4th, 12th and 13th Aus Field Ambulances.	
	21.		Visited the R.M.O's of the 13th Aus. Inf Bgde and the R.M.O's of the 4th Inf. Bgde. Ascertained there was a good supply of Cresol and Chloride of Lime at Railhead from the S.S.O.	
	22.		Visited the R.M.O's of the 12th Aus. Inf Bgde. Detailed Cyclist Orderly of the 12th Aus. Fd Amb to report to the D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac temporarily. Detailed 5 M.O's, 1 Dental Section complete, 20. other ranks, (Tent sub-division) and 30 Other ranks (Bearer sub-division) all from the 13th Aus. Field Ambulance to the 2nd Aus. Field Ambulance VADENCOURT 57d U27 b8.9 Also detailed 3 Amb Wagons 4 Bell tents from the 13th Aus. Field Ambulance <div style="margin-left: 40px;">                 2 " " 12th " "                  2 " " 4th " "             </div>	
	23		Ordered the 13th Australian Field Ambulance to withdraw Ambulance Wagons from NAOURS and ordered "C" of the 4th Australian Field Ambulance to carry on this duty. A.D.M.S. moved to 4th Aus. Div H.Q. at TALMAS. 4th Aus. Fd Am Wagon on duty at DOMART withdrew 13th Aus. Fd Amb Wagon on duty at NAOURS withdrew. Ordered "C" Section of the 4th Aus. Fd Amb to supply Motor Wagon for duty at NAOURS.	
	25.		4th Aus. Fd Amb closed and moved to HERISSART. "A" Section 13th Aus. Fd Amb moved from HALLOY PERNOIS to relieve "C" Section of the 4th Aus. Field Ambulance at D.R.S. at WARGNIES. Ordered one horse Ambulance Wagon to report for duty to the A.D.M.S. 1st Aus. Division.	
	26.		Bearer sub-division of the 12th Aus. Field Ambulance marched to report to the A.D.M.S. 1st Div for duty. Motor Cyclist of the 12th Field Ambulance returned by the D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac orders to report to Unit. Ordered Dental Unit No. 27 from the 12th Australian Field Ambulance to report to the 4th Australian Division Base at ETABES.	
	27.		4th Australian Field Ambulance removed to WARLOY. The 12th Aus. Field Ambulance moved to HERISSART.	
	28.		A.D.M.S. Office moved to RUBOMPRES.	
	29.		The 13th Aus. Field Ambulance, less Tent sub-division at WARGNIES and HALLOY moved to HERISSART. The 12th Australian Field Ambulance moved to HARPONVILLE.	
	31.	to noon.	15 A.A.M.C. reinforcements arrived. Ordered one man to report to the 4th Aus. Fd Amb, eight men to report to the 12th Aus. Field Amb and six men to report to the 13th Aus. Fd Amb.	

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In Field.	31st	July.	p.m. Ordered 13th Aust, Fld. Amb. to detail No.19 Dental Unit to report to WARENIERS for duty with the A.D.M.S. 1st Aust. Div.	
			Ordered one officer and 10 men from 13th Fd. Amb. to report for duty to the O.C. 2/1 S. Midland C.C.S. WARLOY (Civil Hospital) before 10 a.m. 1st August. Officer to be experienced Anaesthetics.	
			(Sgd)., G.W. BARBER, Col.	
			(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed <del>it</del> with volume for that month).	

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4TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.


APPENDIX.

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Copy No. 1Divisional Headquarters,  
9th July 1916.

A.A.M.C. ORDER NO. 6 BY LIEUT-COL. G.W. BARBER, A.D.M.S. 4TH. AUST. DIV.

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1. The 4th Aust Field Ambulance will be relieved on the night of 10th-11th by the 8th Aust. Field Ambulance and will make arrangements to hand over in time to march with the 4th Aus. Brigade on 12/7/16, from whom it will then receive orders direct, and by whom it will be billeted.
  2. The 12th Aust. Field Ambulance will be relieved by the 14th Aust. Field Ambulance on night of 10th-11th and will make arrangements to hand over in time to march with 12th Aust. Brigade on 13/7/16 from whom it will receive orders direct, and by whom it will be billeted.
  3. The 13th Aust. Field Ambulance will be relieved by 15th Aust. Field Ambulance on the night of the 10-11th and will make arrangements to hand over in time to march with 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade on 12/7/16, from whom it will receive orders direct and by whom it will be billeted.
  4. O.Cs Field Ambulances will please acknowledge.

  
 Lieut-Col.,

A.D.M.S.,

4th Aust. Division.

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"	"	5	<del>BARBER</del> , A.D.M.S. 5th Aus. Division.
"	"	6	D.D.M.S. 2nd. A. & N. Z. A. C.
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Divisional Headquarters.  
25. 7. 16.

A.A.M.C. ORDER NO.7 BY COLONEL. G.W. BARBER, A.D.M.S. 4th AUST. DIVISION.

1. "A" and "B" Sections of the 4th Australian Field Ambulance will move to HERRISSART tomorrow 25. 7. 16. Billeting party will report to the Town Major at HERRISSART at least 4 hours prior to the Unit marching in.
2. ROUTE. The 4th Australian Field Ambulance will march via TALMAS, crossing the AMIENS-DOULLENS Road after the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade.
3. "C" Section of the 4th Australian Field Ambulance will move to HERRISSART as soon as relieved and will rejoin the 4th Australian Field Ambulance.
4. One Section of the 13th Australian Field Ambulance, less one Officer, will relieve "C" Section of the 4th Australian Field Ambulance by 11 a.m. 25. 7. 16.
5. One Motor Ambulance Wagon from the 4th Australian Field Ambulance will report to Headquarters of the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade at NAOURS in time to accompany the Brigade on the march.
6. The Dental Unit attached to the 4th Australian Field Ambulance will remain for the present at the 4th Australian Divisional Rest Station at WARGNIES.

Colonel.  
A.D.M.S.  
4th Australian Div.

24. 7. 16.

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