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Note

pp 11-16 (10 Oct 1915 - 29 Mar 1916) of Lt. Col. H.K. Beaw's diary were located in AWM 224, MSS 271 and replaced with the main part of the diary in AWM 4 during microfilming preparations.

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or

BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DDMS., AIF., IN EGYPT.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

MAY 1919.

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Hour, Date, Place 1915	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANZAC Octr., 4	Major Croll returned from 5th L.H. Regiment	
6	Captain Fraser returned from 6th L.H. Regiment - he had been detached from Unit since August.	
.8	One casualty in Unit Pte Loughnan. Heavy storm interfered with evacuation of patients. Water barge sunk resulting in serious shortage of drinking water.	
16	One man sent to Imbros to try and obtain some canteen stores.	
20	Heavy rain set in - Weather becoming very cold.	
21	Lt.Col. Bean ill - admitted to Ambulance but not evacuated.	
24	A two wheeled stretcher carrier brought into use for evacuating patients. Not very successful it being found as easy to carry the patient as to push the vehicle through the sand.	
26	Lt.Col. Bean evacuated.	
27	Weather again very bad and patients cannot be evacuated. The excavation for the operating tent having been completed it was pitched, and henceforward used as an operating tent for the treatment of wounds instead of for the accommodation of patients. Wounds were dressed so as to go if possible for 12 to 24 hours without further treatment. Medical cases retained unless serious, wounded evacuated unless very slight. Present strength of Unit Officers 5. Other Ranks 42. <u>OFFICERS:-</u> Major D.G. CROLL, Captains:- W.A. FRASER, A.F. JOLLY, S.N. HEYDON, C.K. PARKINSON,	

Date.	Place and Time.	2 Lt H J A H K Bean etc	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Oct 10	Amaze	Cape G A M Heydon joined	
do 14	do	Cape C K Parkhurst joined	
do 23	do	Cape A F Polley joined	
26		Lt W Bean Evacuated (gall bladder of departing)	
27		Lt W Bean Embarked Rewa Horse ship	
Nov 2		" Arrived Malla St Andrew's Hosp	
13		" Embarked " Mosca Horse ship	
20		" Arrived London J London G H. Madril	
22		" Boarded gun one month " "	
26		" Left Wandsworth for Depwelle House Weymouth	
Dec 9		" Left Depwelle House	
1916 Jan 20		" Reached Horseferry Rd 1916 Home duty	
May 14		do do fit for general duty	

Date.	Place and Time.	<p><i>Lt Col Bean 2 L 917A</i></p>	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916			
July 28		<p><i>Lt Col Bean Leave by GOC A&F to July 14th</i></p>	
July 15		<p><i>" Permission by W.O. to proceed to France</i></p>	
		<p><i>for the purpose of observing the methods of working</i></p>	
		<p><i>of the British Field Ambulances there</i></p>	
16		<p><i>Approval of GOC A&F Force UK. Obtained</i></p>	
17		<p><i>Proceeded via Folkestone to Boulogne</i></p>	
18		<p><i>Reported to GMS Boulogne</i></p>	
		<p><i>Sent to ath Volth Hospital Wimereux</i></p>	
18-23		<p><i>Accompanied Lt Fullerston, Consulting Surgeon</i></p>	
		<p><i>Boulogne district, to 8 hospitals near</i></p>	
		<p><i>especially impressed with the benefits of</i></p>	
		<p><i>Thomas's splint for <u>all</u> leg injuries</i></p>	

Date.	Place and Time.	<p>Le Col Sean 2 LH 7a</p>	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>1916 July 23</p>		<p>Flavoy received a pass from A.G. proceeded to Flax brook & reported to 4^e Porter DMS 2nd Army Visited 50, 20 12 cleaning hospitals Scabies cases cured & returned to unit in 7 days</p>	
<p>24</p>		<p>nos 10 & 17 cleaning hospitals Poperungie also visit camp & work houses & hospital train no 17 barns faces curules mementos about 3' cleaners with 2 openings in top having loose iron lids. in latrine each man uses a splat petrol in front half with ^{hind} 2 gales he first places a piece of paper on bottom of tin & afterwards empties gales into</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.	<p style="text-align: center;">Lt Col Bean 2 LHQA</p>	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>1916 July 24</p>	<p>Morning</p>	<p>incinerator - urine is kept separate No 17 says this is a very satisfactory plan but No 10 that there is something objectionable</p>	
<p>24</p>	<p>Afternoon</p>	<p>Went to No 16 Field ambulance and advanced dressing station near Vlamerbrughe between Poperinghe and Ypres</p>	
	<p>Night</p>	<p>Went with collecting party to beyond POTISSE aw salient</p>	
<p>July 25</p>		<p>Returned to No 10 Charing Cross near Army siding Proceeded to Boullent reporting to DMS Canada Coy Visited 4, 5 + 6 Field Amb 2 Canadian Div Slept Westonsire visited advanced D station The arrangements here for washing are very complete</p>	

Date.	Place and Time.	Lilol Bean 2 L.H.H.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 26	noon 3 pm	and Regimental adj. pres. of 2 Canadian Divs returned to Haybrook. Saw Hoop Train embarked for Boulogne	
27		Reported to D.M.S. " + returned to Camp	
28		" 4th C.I.B. (U.K.)	
Aug 16		Embarked on ship's Granville Coast	
27	15:00	Disembarked Alexandria	
	18:00	Embarked for Cairo	
28		Reported to D.M.S. A.D.F. Received orders to take over 3rd L.H.H.	
29		Embarked for Ikingia. Reported D.M.S.; Office	
29	15:30	Arrived Ikingia. Reported to A.D.M.S. named personnel	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916 March 29	Serapong	<p>Lt Col Bean 3rd L & A FA</p> <p>Took over command of 3 L & A FA</p> <p>Strength of 3 L & A FA</p> <p>Officers 5</p> <p>Major L R White</p> <p>Cap M W Cave</p> <p>J. E. M. Stuart</p> <p>M. Guille</p> <p>A. M. Davidson</p> <p>Other ranks 122</p> <p>Attached Dental Section</p> <p>Officers Lieut W H A Pye 1</p> <p>Other ranks 2</p> <p>Total 130</p>	<p>Horses Riding 45 Dms 64 total 109</p> <p>Mules 4 Mules 11 2 Mules 6 total 17</p> <p>Porters 2 Bicycles (Port) 2</p>