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2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAULANCOURT N 11 Central.	1/5/17.		Unit still at BEAULANCOURT evacuating sick of troops in the neighbourhood.	WPK
"	2/5/17.		3 Bearer Subdivisions with 3 Officers, one Water-cart, 5 hacks, 2 Drivers, and 3 Sunbeam Motor Ambulances, reported to H16.d.8.7., under instructions from A.D.M.S. 1st Australian Division.	WPK
"	3/5/17.		Major L.R. COOK reported to 1st Australian Divisional Train as R.M.O. vice Major MAYO on leave.	
	4/5/17.	}	The bearer sub-divisions are attached to the MAIN DRESSING STATION at VAULX and are evacuating the wounded from the struggle for BULLECOURT. Casualties amongst the stretcher bearers are heavy, being nearly 30%.	WPK
	5/5/17.			
	6/5/17.			
	7/5/17.			
	8/5/17.	}		
	9/5/17.			
	10/5/17.			
"	11/5/17		The bearer Sub-Divisions returned from The MAIN DRESSING STATION at VAULX where they had been attached during the struggle for BULLECOURT. Orders for the unit to proceed to BEZANTIN LE PETIT were received. from A.D.M.S. 1st Australian Division	WPK
"	12/5/17.		Unit moved from BEAULANCOURT to BAZENTIN LE PETIT Moving off at 0800 and arriving at 1100. (2)	WPK
BEZANTIN LE PETIT.	13/5/17		"C" Section Tent Subdivision rejoined from No. 56 Casualty Clearing Station at EDGEHILL.	WPK
"	16/5/17		"A" Section Tent Sub-division proceeded to BELLEVUE FARM for temporary attachment to the 15th Australian Field Ambulance. Major E.W. GUTTERIDGE reported to the 7th A.I.F. as temporary R.M.O. Captain A.S. COCKBURN " " " C " 8th Bn/A.I.F. " " "	WPK
"	18/5/17.		Major J.C. MAYO reported to this unit for duty.	WPK
"	21/5/17		Unit moved off at 0735 from BEZANTIN LE PETIT and proceeded to Buire billeting in the BUIRE Camp/	(3) WPK
BUIRE	23/5/17		Moved from BUIRE to MONTIGNY and established a hospital for the evacuation of the sick of tanks	(4) WPK

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BUIRE	23/5/17		troops in the neighbourhood. The personnel are billeted in the town.	WPK
MONTIGNY	24/5/17		One motor ambulance proceeded to the 3rd. Australian Field Ambulance for temporary attachment.	WPK
"	26/5/17		Major J.C.MAYO proceeded to the 6th. Bn. A.I.F. as temporary R.M.O.	WPK
"	27/5/17		" H.C.NOTT " " " 10th.Bn. A.I.F. " " "	WPK
<u>CASUALTIES</u>			No 7911 Cpl. WHITEOAK .H.M. Killed in action on 5/5/17	WPK
			No.134 L/Cpl JACK A.J. " 5/5/17	
			No.4856 Pte LUPSON G.L. " 5/5/17	
			No.4910 " CAMPBELL .J. " 5/5/17	
			No.1501 Sgt SYME N.H. 1st.Aust. D.S.C. attached to this unit died of wounds on 10/5/17.	
			32 other casualties occurred during the month.	
			11 men rejoined during the month.	
			20 reinforcements joined the unit during the month.	
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2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE SPECIAL ORDER.

By Lieut-Col. W.E. KAY. C.O.

2nd May 1917.

MAP REFERENCE. 57C. 1:40,000.

In continuance of Special Order No.2, dated 23/4/17, the Bearer Subdivisions of this Field Ambulance will move out from N.11. Central to H.16.d.8.7., to-day at 1300, with the following Officers :-

O/c Major. H.C. NOTT. to Command "C" Section.Bearers.

Capt. G.C. WILLCOCKS. M.C. to Command "A" Section.Bearers.

Capt. A.S. COCKBURN. to Command "B" Section Bearers.

1. ~~XXX~~ 1 G.S. Wagon and 1 G.S. Limber will follow the Bearers and return on completion of move, taking mens' tentage and blankets, and cooking equipment.
2. One water cart ~~XXX~~ and 3 Officers' horses will accompany the Bearers, and will remain with them.
3. Packs will be left at N.11. Central in charge of Quartermaster, 2 blankets only per man will be carried.
Unexpended portion of 24 hours rations to be carried, and 24 hours rations in bulk under arrangements to be made by the Quartermaster.
4. Major. NOTT will report to C.O., 2nd Australian Field Ambulance on completion of movement.

W.E. Kay
.....Lieut-Col.
C.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

SECRET.MAP REFERENCE 57C.1:40,000.2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCESPECIAL MOVEMENT ORDER 18th May 1917.

In accordance with 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 30, dated 12/5/17., The 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will move from N 11 Central to BAZENTIN LE PETIT on 13/5/17, as follows :-

1. Captain G.C. WILLCOCKS.M.C., and two men as an Advance Guard to leave at 0745. Coeks limber and an empty water cart will leave at 0730 via TRANSLOY, GAUDEGOURT, FLERS and LONGUEVAL to BAZENTIN LE PETIT.

REVEILLE 0530.

BREAKFAST. 0600.

PARADE. 0700., for fatigues.

2. The Bearer and "A" & "B" Tent Subdivisions will move off at 0800 carrying packs. Blankets must be rolled and stacked at the Q.M. Store by 0700.
3. A rearguard of Major GUTTERIDGE, 1 Batman, 1 Sgt. Steward, and 1 Despatch Rider will remain at N 11 C., till further notice to hand over the Camp. 24 hours rations will be retained by this party.
4. Horse Transport less 3 Horse drawn Ambulance Wagons will proceed via BAPAUME, LA BOISELLE to BAZENTIN LE PETIT, leaving at 0800.
Motor Transport to proceed via BAPAUME, LA BOISELLE, to BAZENTIN LE PETIT, leaving at 0900.
5. 3 Horse drawn Ambulance Wagons will follow the Bearers via GAUDEGOURT, FLERS, LONGUEVAL, to pick up stragglers of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

W.C. Kay
Lieut-Col
C.O. 2nd Australian Field Ambulance.

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2ND AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE SPECIAL ORDER

By Major. R.W. CHAMBERS, C.O.,
20th May 1917.

REFERENCE MAP, ALBERT COMBINED SHEET.

In accordance with 1st Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.31, dated 19th May 1917, the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance will move from BAZENTIN le PETIT to BUIRE Camp on 21st May as follows :-

- 1. Reveille..... 0500.
- Breakfast..... 0530.
- Parade..... 0615 (Fatigues)

Blankets will be rolled and stacked at the Q.M. Store by 0600.

2. Major.A.F. JOLLEY and 2 men will leave as an Advance Guard at 0720. Cooks limber and an empty water cart will leave at 0600, via CONTALMAISON, LA BOISELLE, ALBERT, DERNANCOURT, EDGEHILL to BUIRE.

3. 1 Sunbeam Motor Ambulance car will follow the 1st Battalion group, via AVELUY, BOUZENCOURT to LAVIEVILLE, leaving here at 0545.

4. The remainder of the ambulance will fall in at 0730, packs to be carried.
The ambulance with transport will be ready to pass starting point at 0800, and will follow the remainder of 1st Brigade Group, via CONTALMAISON, FRICOURT, MEAULTE, VILLE sur ANCRE to BUIRE.

.....Major for
C.O., 2nd AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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Special Movement Order.

④ 2nd Aust. Field Amb.
By Major R. Thamben
22.5.17.

1. In accordance with A.M.S.
1st Aust. Div. am 152 d 122.5.17
the Ambulance will move
from Buire to BEHENCOURT as
follows on 23.5.17 :-

Reveille 5 am.

Breakfast 5.30 am.

Parade 6-15 am.

Move off 7 a.m. ^{for fatigues.}

Cook's cart & empty water cart
will move off at 6 a.m.
and proceed to Behencourt.

Blankets will be rolled and
stacked at 9 a.m. Store by
6 a.m.

Billing party, major Jolley
& 2 other railks will move

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off at 7 am. in a Ford
Motor Ambulance and
report to Staff Captain
Divisional Artillery at
Bavelincourt Chateau.

Todew Lorry will remain
at BUIRE Camp & report
to C.O. 3rd Aust. Field Amb.
on arrival of that unit.

3rd Aust. Dental Unit
will remain at Buire
Camp.

R. Thamben
Major.
for Lt Col.
C.O. 2nd Aust. Field Amb.