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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 31st		Map Reference. Sh. 28. 1/20,000 Ambulance marched out from DOULIEU at 10 am. and proceeded by road to "D" Area, T. 19. B. 8. 3. "Hutting Camp", arriving 12. 30 p.m. The Military Medal awarded to:- 1084 L/Sgt. A. G. Pascall. 8354 Pte. W. E. Godfrey. 1064 L/Cpl. P. S. Holloway. 1069 L/Cpl. G. W. Langron. 1832 Pte. H. H. Matthews.	vide D. R. O. 4th Aust. Div. 349 para 1287.
	June 4th		3 Officers, 87 Other Ranks, 12 Horses, reported for duty from 12th. Aust. Field Ambce.	
	5th		16 Other Ranks reported for duty from 12th. Aust. Hld. Ambce. The following Officers have been awarded the D.S.O. vide A.I.F. List 186 of 5. 6. 17. Major H. L. St. Vincent Welch. Capt. A. H. Powell.	
	6th		Motor Transport parted at T. 12. d. 1. 9. at 9 p.m. for duty with Admd. N. Z. Division. 4th. Aust. Hld. Ambce. "Lambton" Ambce. Drivers.	
			12th. " " " 3 9 13th. " " " 4 15 6th. D. S. B. 4 14 3	
	7th		Personnel of 12th. Aust. Hld. Ambce. 3 Officers 95 Other Ranks, marched out at 9 am. 'a' & 'b' section Tent subdivisions marched out at 12. 30 p.m. to report for duty to O.C. No. 2 N. Z. Field Ambce. KANDAHAR FARM A. D. S. Marching-out state 3 Officers 30 Other Ranks 13 Horses 3 G. S. Wagons 1 G. S. Lined. 2 Water Carts. All transport except one water cart returned to T. 19. B. 8. 3. at 3 p.m.	



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	June 9th.		4th Aust. Field Ambce., less details previously detached moved by road to KANDAHAR FARM, T. 10. 2. 6. 7. at 4 p.m.	
	10th.		Look over A.D.S. at 6 p.m. from 2nd. N. 3. Field Ambce. Capt. R. B. Winn sustained shell wound R. foot (severe). Major Corlio, 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambce. reported for duty at 9 p.m. to replace Capt. Thomas, 46th. Aust. Infy. Battrn., (R. M. O.) wounded.	* See page 2 a.
See Page 2 a.			no. 1037 W. O. Bell A.H. reduced to rank of Sergeant by F. G. C. M. Sentence confirmed by Major-General W. Holmes.	
	11th.		Capt. G. A. Blumer detached for duty as R. M. O. 46th. Aust. Infy. Battrn.	
	12th.		Capt. G. A. Blumer transferred from 4th. Aust. Fld. Amb. to R. M. O. 46th. Aust. Infy. Battrn.	
			4th. Aust. Infy. Battrn. Capt. L. G. Tassie taken on strength from reinforcements.	
			All personnel of 4th., 12th., and 13th. Aust. Field Ambces. at Boyles Farm and Spring Street relieved by personnel of 46th. Fld. Ambce. at 8 p.m., except Major Lyell and Major Cole who remain at Spring Street and Boyles Farm respectively until 8 a.m. 13th. inst.	
			Two Beaver subdivisions each of 12th., and 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambce. reported back to their respective units this evening.	
	13th.		One Beaver subdivision each of 12th. and 13th. Aust. Field Ambces. rejoined their respective units at 9 a.m.	
			Motor Ambces. of 12th. and 13th. Fld. Ambces. rejoined their respective units at or before noon.	
			4th. Aust. Fld. Ambce. relieved at KANDAHAR FARM by 46th. Fld. Ambce. and moved by road to (sh. 36.) B. 1. a. 3. 8. at 10 a.m.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Map Reference. Sh. 28 S.W. 1/20,000 Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	June 10th		<p>Evacuation of wounded is materially hampered by the number of R.A.P.'s which have been established. There are at present six on the Divisional front. Three are in well established positions (German cement dug-outs), the other three are merely shell-holes, partially roofed in with iron.</p> <p>There has been a noticeable tendency on the part of R.M.O.'s, each to choose his R.A.P. quite irrespective of the others so that there are at present, to the South of MESSINES, 3 R.A.P.'s strung out in a line and the Regimental and Ambulance stretch-beavers have working over the same ground.</p> <p>The R.A.P. at U.3. c.1.9. to the S.E. of MESSINES is in an exceedingly strong cement dug-out, but the position is evidently well known to the enemy, who shell it continuously and a number of casualties amongst beavers occurred in approaching this R.A.P. Ultimately an alternative, longer, but much safer route was established, running through old enemy communication trenches and thus avoiding the exposed southern spur of the Messines Ridge. The beaver route to the R.A.P.'s on the north and East of MESSINES follows the pack-mule track and is very little shelled. The ambulance beavers work in relays of 12 hours, using BOYLE'S FARM and SPRING STREET as their bases while on duty and coming back to rest at KANDAHAR FARM when relieved.</p> <p>The loading post at SPRING STREET has been pushed forward on the road to the foot of the Ridge at U.2. c.2.5. This saves the beavers 300 yards of carry.</p> <p>A site has been selected on the WULVERGHEM - MESSINES Road at U.1. b. central for an Advanced Loading Post for BOYLE'S FARM. The road to it is not yet practicable for motor ambulances. The R.A.P.'s have been reduced to three (3) - two to the South and East of MESSINES at U.3. c.1.9 and U.3. b. 6.7. and one to the North East at O.3. b. 6.4. This has very much simplified evacuation.</p> <p>It seems evident that when Forward Advanced Dressing Stations are fixed points, R.A.P.'s may be in any shell hole on a Divisional front, it is preferable that the R.M.O. should be responsible for keeping touch with Field Ambulances. A great deal of time has been wasted and the evacuation of wounded held up by the difficulty Field Ambul. officers have experienced in finding R.A.P.'s whose existence is known but whose position is conjectural.</p>	
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	June 15th		"B" Section Tent subdivision - 2 Officers 25 Other Ranks and 8 horses - reported back to Unit from detached duty at Corps main Dressing Station, PONT D'ACHELLES at 2 pm. Capt. L. G. TASSIE transferred from 4th Aust. Fld. Ambce. to R.M.O. 52nd Aust. Infy. Battr.	
	17th		Capt. P. S. PARKINSON taken on strength from R.M.O. 52nd Aust. Infy. Battr. 4th Aust. Field Ambce. moved by road to STEENWERCK and took over 4th Aust. Div. Rest Station from 12th Aust. Fld. Ambce. at 8 am.	
	19th		Capt. P. S. PARKINSON detailed for temporary duty at M.O. 4th Aust. Div. Train.	
	24th		Capt. P. S. PARKINSON rejoined from detached duty as M.O. 4th Aust. Div. Train and detached for temporary duty as M.O. II Anzac Corps School.	
	25th		Capt. J. B. Douglas left to report to Medical Section, A. I. F. Admin. Headquarters, London. Authority for move: A. A. G.: A. I. F. 19/630 of 11.6.17. Capt. N. R. Mathews taken on strength from 12th Aust. Fld. Ambce. Capt. N. R. Mathews detailed for temporary duty as R.M.O. 14th Aust. Infy. Battr. D. D. M. S. II Anzac inspected Unit at STEENWERCK at noon. Parade State: Officers 5. Other Ranks 88. Horses 2 R. 6 LD. 14 H.D. 4 GS. 3 <sup>wagons</sup> <del>horses</del> . 3 Ambce. The Military Medal has been awarded to the undermentioned N. C. O.'s and men. vide II Anzac R.O. 1220 of 24.6.17. 997 Lt/Cpl. BURNITT, L. W (D.C.M.) 2023 Lt/Cpl. RYAN, F. 2002 R/S. MOORE, F. W. 7752 = SMITH, C. S. 4505 = HANCE, J.	
	27th		Capt. H. B. Trumble, detached for temporary duty as M.O. 49th Heavy Artillery Group.	



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