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<p>April 1st 1916. FRANCE.</p>	<p>Arrangements made for strong advance party to visit area shortly to be taken over by 2nd Aus Division. Party to consist of DADMS, and Staff Sgt. Clerk from H.Q.; O.C., a major, and ten O.R. from each Field Ambulance; 1 officer and 25 O.R. from 6th F. Amb, in addition, for Divisional Bats; and O.C. and 6 O.R. from 1st Sanitary Section. Total 9 officers 62 O.R.</p>	
<p>April 3rd 1916.</p>	<p>Above party set out from BLARINGHEM at 10 a.m. and arrived at CROIX DU BAC at 1 p.m. Head Quarters party and detail of San Section stayed at CROIX DU BAC, party from 5th Aus. Field Amb. proceeded to H.Q. 102nd F^d Ambulance at FORT ROMPU, 6th Aus. Field Amb. to H.Q. 104th F^d Ambulance at ERQUINGHEM, 7th Aust. F^d Amb. party to 103rd F^d Ambulance, the Divisional Rest Station, at STEENWERCK. Each party made an inspection of area of duty of opposite numbers. The commanding Officers of Aust. Field Ambulances returned to units in BLARINGHEM districts the same evening. The remaining officers, and personnel stayed to become acquainted with the district more thoroughly.</p>	
<p><i>Aspd Sutton Col CWML</i> April 4th 1916.</p>	<p>7th Aust. Field Ambulance marched out of STORBEQUE, and billeted for the night at OUTERSTEEN. O.C. 1st Sanitary Section returned from CROIX DU BAC to join unit at LES CISEAUX. Transport of 6th Field Ambulance reported to unit at WARNES from ABBEVILLE</p>	

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<p>April 5th 1916 FRANCE.</p>	<p>102nd Field Ambulance marched out from FORT ROMPU BOIS ST MAUR, and consequently plans had to be modified, The 7th Field Amb (amt) relieving this unit instead of 103rd Fd Ambulance as intended originally. 7th Aus. Field Ambulance marched from OUTERSTEEN and relieved 102nd Fd Amb. at FORT ROMPU and also took over advanced dressing stations of that unit at BOIS GRENIER and PORTE a CLOVE. A case of Scarlet Fever reported in 20th M.G.S. in BLARINGHEM area.</p>	
<p>April 6th 1916.</p>	<p>Advanced party of 5th Amt. Fd Ambulance moved from FORT ROMPU to STEENWERCK, Advanced party of 7th Amb. from STEENWERCK to FORT ROMPU. 1 Officer and 35 OR. of 7th Fd Ambulance moved to L'ESTRADE farm conforming to disposition of 102nd Fd Ambulance. 1203 Pte WHARMBY 22nd Battl. Aus. Inf. reported as a case of Cerebro spinal fever in the BLARINGHEM district.</p>	
<p>April 7th 1916. Capt Sutton Col at ml</p>	<p>5th Aus. Field Ambulance marched out from WARNE ^{THIENNES} and bivouaced for the night at OUTERSTEEN. 6th Aus. Field Ambulance vacated WARNE and bivouaced for the night at HAVERSKERQUE. 104th Field Ambulance being under orders to move out on 8th inst, four ambulance cars proceeded in the afternoon to HAVERSKERQUE and brought 2 officers and 30 OR. to ERQUINGHEM to reinforce small advance party of 6th Aus. Field Ambulance already there, also 25 men of 7th Aus. Field Amb. moved from L'ESTRADE farm to the Divisional Baths to reinforce 6th Field Ambulance detail established there.</p>	

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<p>April 7th 1916. FRANCE</p>	<p>1st Aus. Sanitary Section left for the night at supplied with 3 ton motor lorry by 2nd Army Supply Depot.</p>	
<p>April 8th 1916.</p>	<p>5th Aus. Field Ambulance moved to STEENWERCK and took over the Divisional Rest Station from the 103rd Fd Amb. 1st Aus. San. Section arrived at CROIX DU BAC and relieved San. Section of the 34th Division, taking over by authority Aus. H.Q. 23 attached civilian labourers. 6th Field Ambulance camped for the night near SAILLY. A case of (?) Paratyphoid reported from 2nd Aus. H. A. C. in BLARINGHEM AREA.</p>	
<p>April 9th 1916.</p>	<p>6th Field Ambulance, main party, joined advance party at ERQUINGHEM with advanced Dressing Station at CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERES.</p>	
<p>April 10th 1916.</p>	<p>25 men of 7th Fd Amb. relieved at Divisional Baths by 6th Fd Amb. personnel, and returned to L'ESTRADE farm. One tent subdivision of 6th Field Ambulance stationed at L'ESTRADE conforming to disposition of 104th Field Ambulance. D.D.M.S. 1/AN.Z.A.C. visited medical H.Q. of 34th Division.</p>	
<p>April 11th 1916 A.D.M.S. Col</p>	<p>A.D.M.S. arrived at CROIX DU BAC from ERQUINGHEM with D.H.Q., taking over administration of area at 11 a.m., under 2nd Army Corps. A case of (?) Paratyphoid reported from 27th Aus. Inf. in new area.</p>	
<p>April 12th 1916.</p>	<p>A.D.M.S. 17th Division approached for loan of Stretcher Carriages pending arrival of ambulance equipment in this respect. Help promised. Return furnished to D.D.M.S. - 30 cases of mumps in 2nd Aus. H.Q. reported since arrival in FRANCE.</p>	

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April 12 th 1916 FRANCE.	A case of cerebro spinal fever reported 1024 Sgt. EDMONDS R.C. 2 nd Pioneer Bat ⁿ . Evacuated from Division 18 sick 2 wounded.	
April 13 th 1916.	Division transferred to First Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Notification received from D.D.M.S. 2 nd Army Corps that all non infectious cases from 2 nd Aust. Div. in new area are to be evacuated to No 8 Cas. Clearing Station. 7 th Field Ambulance dispositions changed - 1 officer and 35 OR recalled from L'ESTRADE to FORT ROMPU; also advanced Dressing Station at PORTE A CLOUS transferred to BARRIER FARM a position nearer the trenches. Evacuated from Division Sick 11 Wounded 3.	
April 14 th 1916.	Notification from D.D.M.S. received re obtaining stores for F ^{ld} Ambulances from the British Red Cross Society. Administrative memorandum published in orders re Medical Arrangements and Sanitation. Case of measles reported from 6 th motor M.G.S attached to Division, also a case of cerebro spinal fever No. 541 Pte FLETCHER G.A. 20 th Aust. Infantry. Evacuated Sick 15. Wounded 3.	
April 15 th 1916. afud Sutton Col ADMS	D.D.M.S. visited Dressing Stations and Advanced Dressing Stations of 6 th and 7 th Field Ambulances with ADMS of the Division. A case of (?) Typhoid reported from 18 th Aust. Inf., a case of Scabies from 20 th Aust. Inf. Evacuated Sick 16 Wounded 3.	

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<p>April 16th 1916. FRANCE</p>	<p>A.A.M.C. Orders No 15 issued by A.D.M.S. embodying orders received from D.D.M.S. Case of Diphtheria reported from 20th Aus. Infantry. Evacuation Sick 9 Wounded 6.</p>	
<p>April 17th 1916.</p>	<p>A.D.M.S. visited Divisional Rest Station. ^{probably} notice received from D.D.M.S. in evening that D.W. Rest Station = To evacuate STEENWERCK as soon as arrangements can be made. Evacuation Sick 9 Wounded 2.</p>	
<p>April 18th 1916.</p>	<p>2494 Sapper DELPHIN KW. 7th Field Coy Aus. Engineers - cerebra spinal fever. Correspondence received from G.C. 2nd Army Gas School re lecture to medical officers, and training of N.C.O.'s as instructors. 7th Field Ambulance instructed to arrange for building of a bomb-proof shelter for Advanced Dressing Station at Barrier Farm. Evacuation Sick 12 Wounded 2.</p>	
<p>April 19th 1916. <i>at D.D.M.S.</i></p>	<p>Scheme of medical arrangements during engagement sent to D.H.Q. and to D.D.M.S. D.D.M.S. with A.D.M.S. visited factory at BAC ST MAUR and L'ESTRADE farm re probable move of Divisional Rest Station. Evacuation Sick 26 Wounded 2. Case of trench foot reported from 25th Aus. Infantry - no gum boots, rd used on feet. Reported D.D.M.S. Were received from D.D.M.S. for Divisional Rest Station to be moved from STEENWERCK. H.W. Engineers approached re building huts, and repairing roads at L'ESTRADE - matter put in hand. 3 N.C.O.'s, one from each Field Ambulance sent to OXALAERE Gas School. 20 men from 5th Field Ambulance replaced infantry fatigue in Sanitary Section.</p>	

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April 20 th 1916.	<p>ADMS and DADMS visited Advanced Dressing Stations and Regimental aid posts of Centre and Left Sections of Front Line.</p> <p>Three cars of cerebrospinal fever reported : } 1343 Pte WILESMITE 19th Aus. Infantry } 3676 " KOSTER 7th Aus. Field Amb. } 1076 " DALTON 2nd Aus. Pioneer Battalion.</p>	
April 21 st 1916.	<p>Evacuation Sick 17 Wounded 3. Can of French fort reported from 19th Aus. Infantry - feet wet 4 days in trenches, no gum boots, socks not changed. Reported D.D.M.S., 4th Div.</p> <p>Repair of Roads to L'ESTRADE undertaken by Engineers.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. visited Advanced Dressing Station and Regimental aid Posts of Centre Section of Front Line with DAD.M.S.</p> <p>Evacuation Sick 24 Wounded 5.</p>	
April 22 nd 1916.	<p>Evacuation Sick 49 Wounded 5, Divisional Rest Station being used ^{cleared}.</p>	
April 23 rd 1916.	<p>Dw. Engineers reported ready made huts for Dw. Rest Station not available, and that considerable time would be required to make these. Vents therefore ordered from Ordnance, Engineers to build bath house and mess room.</p> <p>Ambulance cars and cycles for this Division due to arrive on 22nd found to have reported to 1st Division (Aust.) by mistake. D.D.M.S. instructed that cars of 1st Division would report to 2nd Division.</p> <p>3 new N.C.O.'s from Field Ambulances detailed to attend instructional course at OXALERE Gas School.</p> <p>Evacuation Sick 25 Wounded 3.</p>	
April 24 th 1916.	<p>Evacuation sick 22 wounded 11.</p>	

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April 25 th 1916.	<p>5th Field Ambulance vacated STEENWERCK and moved to L'ESTRADE, unable to open Divisional Rest Station for some days.</p> <p>O.C. Field Amb. Motor Workshop Unit reported 21 ambulance cars and 9 motor cycles for 2nd Aust. Div. had arrived at NEUF BERQUIN. Equal allotment made to Field Ambulances, but cars and cycles of 5th Ambulance to be parked at FORT ROMPU till road repaired.</p> <p>Notification of horse ambulance wagon to report to 5th Aust. Ambulance from 20th Canadian Corps. Question asked of D.H.Q. and D.D.M.S. if authority given for these section transport for ambulances of Division.</p> <p>Evacuation Sick 32. Wounded 10.</p>	
April 26 th 1916.	<p>Motor ambulances and cycles reported to unit.</p> <p>Horse ambulance wagon and 4 horses reported to 5th Field Ambulance.</p> <p>No. 1776 Sgt. ANDERSON 26th Aust. Div. reported cerebro spinal fever.</p> <p>Evacuation Sick 22 wounded 5.</p>	
<p>April 27th 1916.</p> <p>ayud Sutton Col atomb</p>	<p>Return of inoculation with T.A.B. vaccine furnished to D.D.M.S. - 98.07 of Division inoculated.</p> <p>Notification received from the ANZAC through D.H.Q. and D.D.M.S. that 7th Field Ambulance are to vacate northern portions of buildings of Fort Rompu in favour of Angas Heavy Artillery H.Q. and Corps Report Centre. Application made that Field Ambulance be allowed to use the mess rooms while not required for Corps Report Centre.</p> <p>Evacuation Sick 17 Wounded 7.</p>	

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<p>April 28th 1916 FRANCE</p>	<p>Instructions received from D.D.M.s and transmitted to Field Ambulances re return of platinum scraps to medical Store Depots. Also instructions re notifications of patients from other H.Q.s.</p> <p>D.D.M.s visited area and went into the question of hut accommodation for Field Ambulances.</p> <p>Vents - hospital marquee - supplied to 5th Field Ambulance by Ordnance. Divisional Rest Station to be opened on May 1st.</p> <p>Evacuation Sick 25 Wounded 13. Case of trench foot reported from 22nd Am. Infantry - gum boots worn, sock changed. Reported D.D.M.s.</p>	
<p>April 29th 1916.</p>	<p>Return of stretcher carriages furnished to D.D.M.s - 17 at present with the Division. Four medical officers sent to OXALAERE gas school.</p> <p>Evacuation Sick 26. Wounded 3.</p>	
<p>April 30th 1916.</p> <p><i>apud Sutton Col A.A.M.C.</i></p>	<p>A.A.M.C. conferred with AA & Q.M.G. and arrangements commenced for formation of a Divisional Gas School.</p> <p>Notification received that lectures at OXALAERE to officers postponed from 29th April to May 2nd.</p> <p>7th Field Ambulance Dressing Station at Banier Dam (Right Section) handed over to 2nd Am. Field Ambulance of 1st Division, and personnel 1 officer 12 OR. recalled to FORT ROMPU.</p> <p>1st Am. San. Section detail withdrawn from FLEURBAIX and personnel of attached civilian labourers reduced to 20.</p>	

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