

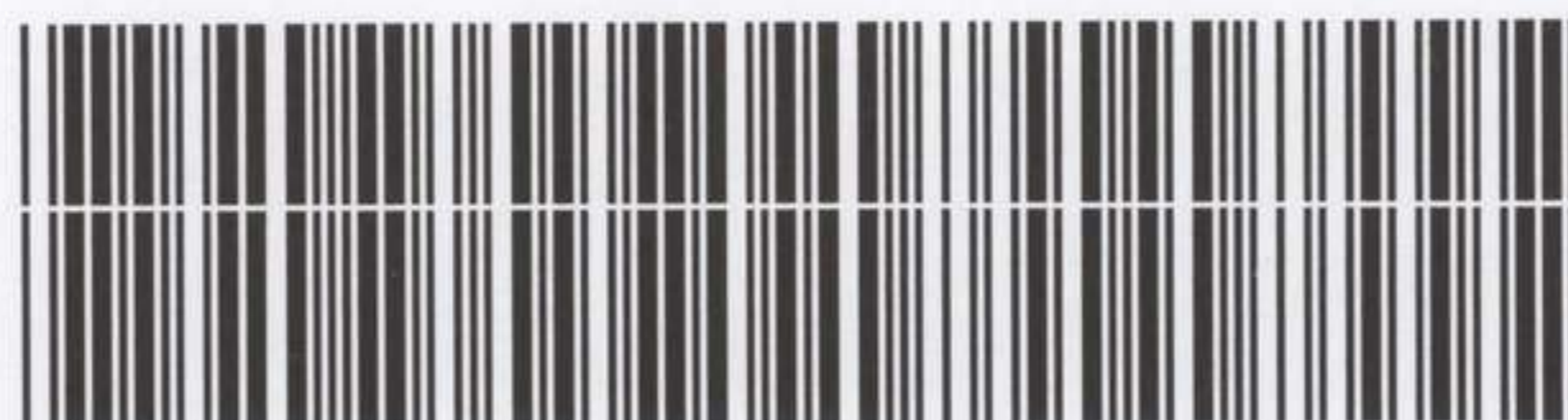
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Main Dressing Station Recordel	1-1-17	—	12 th Field Ambulance attached for duty at main dressing station in conjunction with 15 th Field Ambulance	
do	3-1-17	—	Major H. H. Woolbard reported for duty with 12 th Field Ambulance	
do	6-1-17	14:30	Unit inspected by A.D.M.S. Capt. Burton acting R.M.O to 50 th Batt ⁿ returned to duty with this unit Capt. B. W. Whiting reported for duty.	
	7-1-17	0930	By order of A.D.M.S. unit moved by route march to Advanced Dressing Station (S. 22. C. 9. 6.) taking equipment and transport.	
A.D.S. Bernafay	8-1-17	0900	The administration of the A.D.S. and advanced posts was taken over from the 3 rd Fld Amb.	
	8-1-17	0100	2 officers and 125 O.R. of 13 th Aus. Field Ambulance, together with 4 motor ambulances & 8 horse ambulance wagons and 12 horses reported and were attached for duty. 3 officers & 99 other ranks of 4 th Fld Amb, with dental unit, 3 horse ambulance wagons, 1 G.S. wagon 2 water carts + 19 horses reported and were attached for duty.	
	9-1-17	—	Unit disposed as follows: Right RAP 8 O.R. Left RAP 12 O.R. - N. Flers post 2 officers and 30 O.R. - Bull trench 8 O.R. - Duv Collecting Station - 2 officers + 30 O.R. - Wagon Rendezvous 2 O.R. - Deep dug out 4 O.R. - Quarry Siding 1 officer + 12 O.R. M.D.S. Recordel - 7 O.R. - A.D.S. Bernafay 12 officers + 276 O.R.	
	12-1-17	—	Patients are returned from N. Flers post to the D. Collecting Station by Decauville - thence to A.D.S. by Decauville - thence by Standard Gauge to M.D.S. - Decauville working satisfactorily.	
	14-1-17	—	Evacuation by Decauville railway takes place mostly at night owing to enemy fire. The transference from patients from Decauville train to narrow gauge steam train at Longueval and an occasional long wait between the arrival and departure of these trains is to the detriment of the patients and necessitates the erection of an ambulance hut at Longueval.	
	17-1-17	—	Few patients are being evacuated: The evacuation has been satisfactory up to the present	
	22-1-17	0900	The detail attached from the 4 th F. Amb. - Officers & O.R. together with 3 horse ambulances and 1 water cart left under Capt. Montgomery by order of the A.D.M.S. for camp at Mametz Wood.	
	20-1-17	—	3 O.R. wounded slightly wounded slightly by fragments of shell which exploded in this camp	
	21-1-17	—	Ambulance hut at Longueval completed and in use - Staffed with 2 O.R. + stocked with dressings & comforts The Decauville has become very irregular and it is frequently necessary to send an ambulance wagon to Longueval hut to bring patients to A.D.S.	

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A.D.S. Bernafay	21-1-17		Collecting station at Quarry siding taken over by this unit from 13 th AF. Amb. and Staffed with one officer and 12 men	
	22-1-17		Loading of trains. Standard gauge - commenced at Bernafay terminus - a temporary hut being built at terminus to contain patients until the underground hospital at this site is completed	
	23-1-17		The loading of patients proceeding satisfactorily & punctually - trains being loaded at 0200 - 0400 - 1200 + 2000.	
	22-1-17		Capt R.B. North reported for duty on transfers from 4 th Aus Div. Train transfers to date 18-1-17	
	25-1-17		Capt B. Van Someren joined this unit on transfers from 11 th Bde Field Artillery	
	26-1-17		Several enemy shells fell in and about this camp - Lieut A.A. Chapman and Warrant Officer Ludbrook evacuated wounded. Dressing station removed for the night to dugout & tunnel in course of construction at railway siding.	
	27-1-17		Lieut A.A. Chapman died of wounds at No 36. C.C.S. Warrant Officer Robinson to carry out the duties of Quarter-master to this ambulance Sery Lawrence (Transport) to be acting W.O. Transport during absence of W.O. Ludbrook.	
	31-1-17		As the shelling has taken place mostly at night time & evening - the dressing and care of patients is to be carried on after 4 o'clock in the evening at the tunnel - Railway siding From morning until 4 pm the A.D.S. is carried on as usual.	
			The patients continue to be few - evacuation is satisfactory, except for an occasional interruption to the deauville railway.	
			Casualties during January 1917	
			To Hospital - 22	
			Transferred - 3	
			Joined - 38	

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