

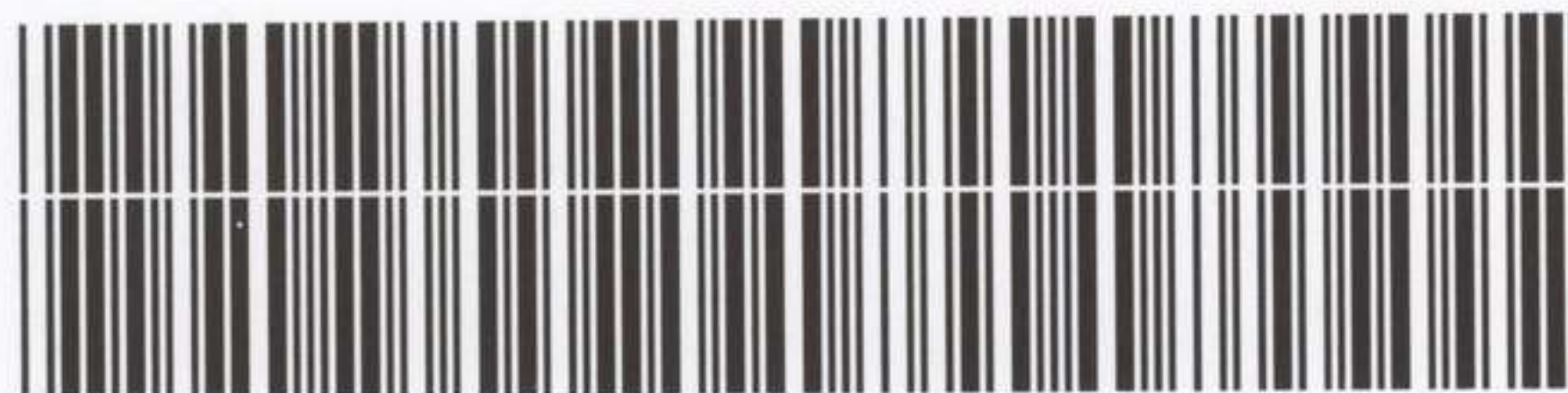
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No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BUIRE	7/3/17		Party of bearers under Capt. L.B. Elwell represented this Unit in operations by 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade. Operation Order No. 20 attached.	
do.	9/3/17		Party of bearers under Capt. L.B. Elwell represented this Unit in operations by 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade. Operation Order No. 21 attached.	
do.	13/3/17		"B" and "C" Section Tent subdivisions returned from temporary duty at 45th. and 3rd. Aus. C.C.S's respectively, having been relieved by "B" and "C" Section Tent subdivisions of No. 12 Australian Field Ambulance.	
do.	15/3/17		Unit inspected by G.O.C., 4th. Aus. Division, who expressed definite satisfaction with the efficiency of everything and the Unit was congratulated on its general appearance on Parade.	
do.	22/3/17		Unit relieved at noon by the 1st. Australian Field Ambulance, at the 1st. ANZAC Scabies Station. On relief Unit moved to Billets at X. 28. C. Operation Order No. 21 a attached.	
X. 28. C.	24/3/17		15 reinforcements arrived in camp. Unit still 5 under strength.	
do.	26/3/17		Unit moved out at 10 a.m. to Billets at LE SARS. Operation Order No. 22 attached.	
LE SARS	27/3/17		"A" & "B" Section Bearer subdivisions moved out at 9 a.m. to relieve 6th. Aus. Fld. Ambulance. Bearers. Operation Order No. 23 attached.	
do.	28/3/17		Remainder of the Unit moved out at 8 a.m. to relieve No. 6 Aus. Fld. Ambulance at A.D.S. BAPAUME. Operation Order No. 24 attached.	

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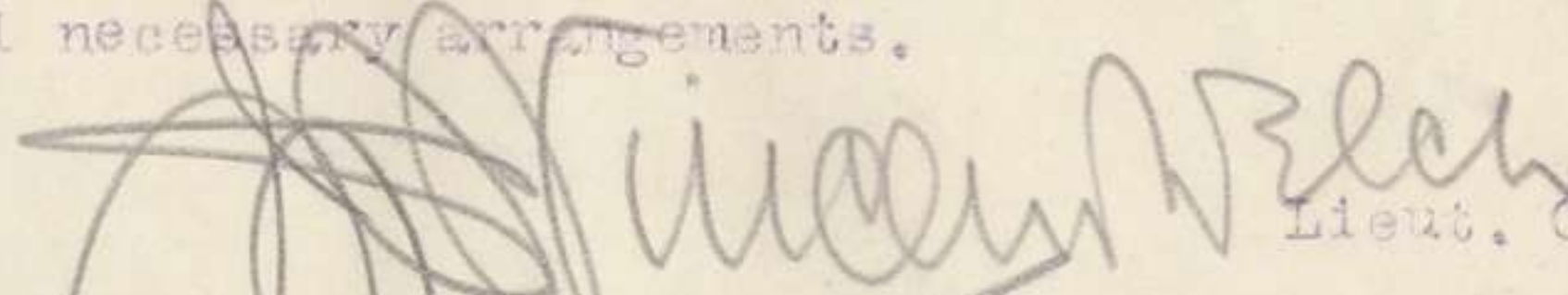
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Comdg. No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance.

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7th. March 1917.

In reference to 4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade Order No. 65 dated 7th. March 1917. Capt. Elwell in charge of a Bearer party-number depending upon men who can be spared from Hospital duty-will represent the Field Ambulance working in necessary operations involved by the ~~technical~~ tactical scheme laid down. He will make all necessary arrangements.

  
Lieut. Colonel.

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4th. Australian Division:  
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OPERATION ORDER NO: 21.

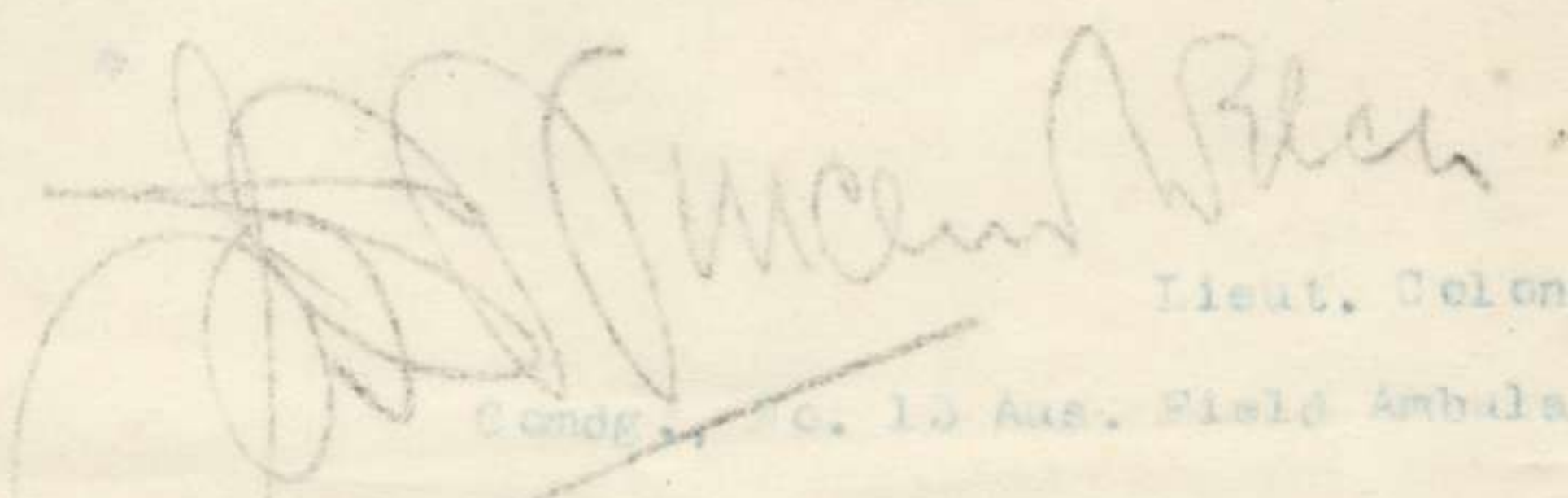
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8th. March 1917.

1. In accordance with 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 51 (Reference Map 1/40,000 and Sketch attached) Captain L. B. Elwell and a party of bearers (fully equipped) as many as can be drawn from their present duties in The Scabies Hospital will proceed to and report at D.24.c.6.2. by 10 a.m. on the 9th. instant.
2. The abovementioned party under Captain L. B. Elwell, will on arrival at their destination, establish an Advanced Dressing Station and the bearers will work from this Station forward to the Regimental Aid Posts.
3. One Horses Ambulance Wagon will accompany the party, and the usual equipment for the formation of an Advanced Dressing Station will be transported to the Advanced Dressing Station in this wagon.



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4th Australian Division:  
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OPERATION ORDER No. 21a

by

Lieut Colonel J.B. St. Vincent Welch, D.S.O.,  
Commanding 13th Australian Field Ambulance:

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22nd March 1917.

1. The 13th Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved at the Corps Scabies Station, Buire, by a Unit of the 1st Australian Division, relief to be completed by noon 22nd March 1917.
2. On relief the Ambulance will proceed ~~XXXXXX~~ to X.28.C. via BUIRE-DERNANCOURT-MEAULTE and FRICOURT, and will be billeted there.
3. The 13th Australian Field Ambulance will make all arrangements for the evacuation of sick from the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.
4. The Ambulance will move in column of route, the following distances being observed:- 100 yards between sections, and 200 yards between Transport and Sections.
5. Major T.C.C. Evans will command the Transport Subdivision.
6. Dress: Full marching order, each man carrying the unexpended portion of the day's ration. Water bottles to be filled with boiling water (as a parade) at 10.30 a.m. this day. Each Section Officer will see that every man starts with clean clothing, and a clean pair of socks are worn after washing the feet. He will also see that at least one pair of socks, spare<sup>s</sup>, ~~are~~ carried
7. Fall In: 1.45 p.m.
8. March Out: 2. p.m.
9. The usual precautions will be taken to ensure that the Camp is left in an absolutely clean condition for the incoming Unit.

(Signed) J.B. St. Vincent Welch,

Lieut. Colonel  
C.O. 13th Aus. Field Ambulance:

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4th. Australian Division:  
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OPERATION ORDER NO: 22

by

Lieut. Colonel J. B. St. Vincent Welch, D. S. O.,

Comdg., No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance.  
-----ooooOoooo-----26th. March, 1917.

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1. In accordance with A.A.W.C. Order No. 38 by A.D.M.S., 4th. Aus. Division and 13th. Aus. Inf. Brigade Order No. 55 the 13th Australian Field Ambulance will move forward under the Orders of G.O.C. 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.
  2. Routine:

Reveille.....	6 a.m.
Breakfast.....	7. 15 a.m.
Fall In.....	Bearers and Tent.... 9 a.m.
	Transport..... 9. 15 a.m.
March Out.....	Bearers and Tent.... 9. 15 a.m.
	Transport..... 9. 30. a.m.
  3. Wheeled Stretchers will fall in with the transport, with bearers who will be detailed as teams.
  4. Starting Point, Cross Roads at F. 5.c.8.3.  
Starting time, 10 a.m.
  5. 13th. Australian Field Ambulance personnel and transport will follow the 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade corresponding personnel and transport.
  6. Troops will halt from 1 p.m. to 2.p.m. for lunch, the unconsumed portion of the days rations being carried on the man.
  7. Mode of movement: All troops on roads will march in file. 200 yards between Battalions and 100 yards between companies. 200 yards will be maintained between transport of each Unit.



Lieut. Colonel

C.O., 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.

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4th. Australian Division:  
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OPERATION ORDER NO: 24.

by

Lieut. Colonel J. B. St. Vincent Welch, D. S. O.,  
Comdg., No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance.

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28th. March 1917.

1. The remainder of the Unit will march off at 8 a.m. this day to relieve the Tent Subdivisions of the 6th. Australian Field Ambulance at the Advanced Dressing Station, BAPAUME.
2. Routine:-  
 Reveille.....6 a.m.  
 Breakfast.....6.30 a.m.  
 Fall In.....7. 50. a.m.  
 March Out.....8. a.m.
3. On arrival Major P. Fiaschi will proceed to take over the running of the Advanced Dressing Station and ensure that the relief is completed by 10 a.m..
4. Captain C.C. Corlis, M.C. with one Non-commissioned Officer and two privates (to be detailed) will proceed as far as the present entraining point on the Decauville Line to which walking wounded proceed and will there superintend the entrainment of casualties and generally administer this post.
5. 1 N.C.O. and two privates (to be detailed) will proceed to the Motor Relay Post at LE SARRS. and there take charge of all A.M.C. property. The N.C.O. at this post will keep a check on the motor ambulances running to and from POZIERES.
6. Two Nursing Duties Orderlies will proceed to the post at Le Coup Gule and take charge of all A.M.C. property and attend to all such casualties as occur in the vicinity, placing same on the Decauville Line.

Lieut. Colonel.  
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