

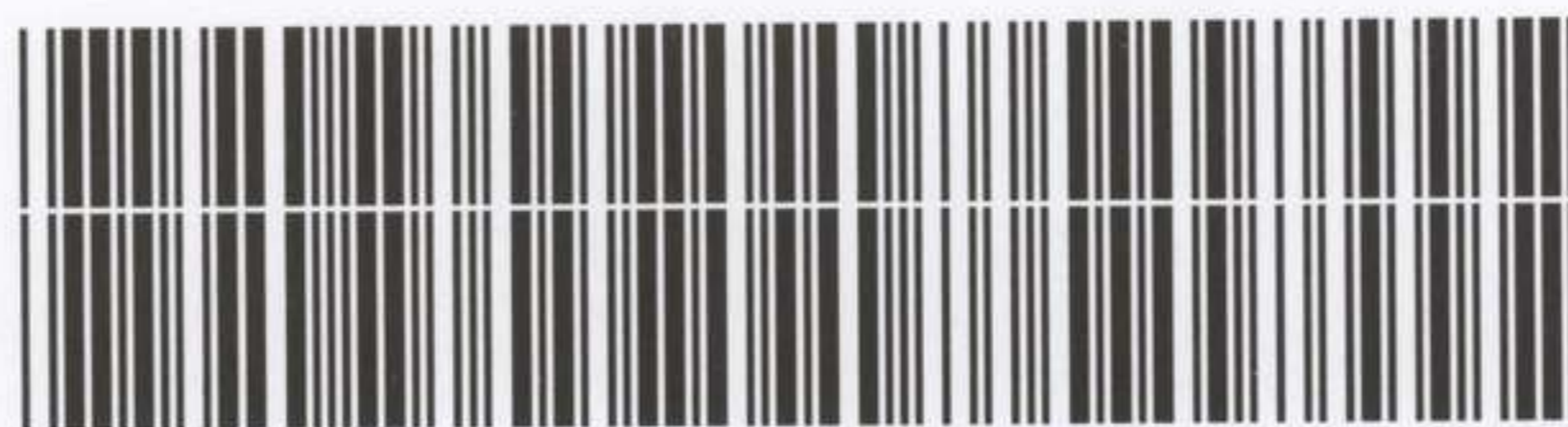
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Medical, Dental & Nursing

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Title: 6th Australian Field Ambulance

April 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1.4.16	WARNE	Attended lecture + demonstration of Gas + use of Helmets.	
2.4.16	" "	Issued P.H. Helmets recalling former issue. Held Foot Parade.	
3.4.16	" "	Went to 104 th (Brit.) Fd. Amb. at Erquingham with advanced details 2 Officers + 35 O.Rs. Inspected buildings at Train + Advanced D. Stations (the latter at Chapelle d'Armentières).	
4.4.16	" "	Capt. Lawson + Transport reported. No mechanical Transport issued yet.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4.4.16	WARNE	Orders re move received for 7/4/16.	
5.4.16	" "	Training carried on.	
6.4.16	" "	Gas Helmets inspected. Parade in full marching order held to assure uniformity of Packs. Weapons loaded so far as possible.	
7.4.16	Haverskerque	Arrived here at billets about 1800. Almost immediately after orders came from a Dms 34 th Div. (Brit.) by a Major of 7 th Fd Amb (Aust) to send on by motor (supplied) 2 Officers + 30 ORs to 104 th Fd Amb at Erquinghem	

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SAILLY Sur Lys	8.4.16	Arrived here about 5 p.m. Nothing of moment occurred en route.	
ERQUINGHEM	9.4.16	Left SAILLY at 3 p.m. & got here about 5.45 p.m. It was only about 4 1/2 miles but the cobbled roads are trying to strain the feet & legs.	
"	" 10.4.16	Inspected D.S. here a D.S. at Armentiere also visited Reg. Aid Post in trenches + 1 st line trenches Inspected Div. Washing Station Col. Manifold called & inspected. Sent "16" transport to L'ESTRADE	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ERQUINGHEM	11.4.16	Inspected Hospitals + Sanitation Dental Surgery opened Sent some more Transport to LESTRADE. Rode there + in Specled quarters of men + horses.	
	12.4.16	General Routine carried on	
	13.4.16	Bombardment stations + routine arranged. First stretchers provided for wards + billets more required Court of Inquiry concerned on Transport	
	14.4.16	General Routine continued	
	15.4.16	Inspected by Ddms + Adms	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ERQUINGHEM 15.4.16	(cont'd)	"B" Sect. now concentrated + Equipment packed ready to move when ordered. Q.M. to be evacuated with subacute appendicitis.	
16.4.16.		Weather drizzly + cold. Aeroplane activity fairly marked. 2d 7d Amb have come here to open QM evacuated to Clearing Hosp	
17.4.16		Weather conditions as above	
18.4.16.		Ditto. Man sent for duty to C. du Bag on 4/4/16	notified "not reported"
19.4.16		Inspected A.Q. dressing station here. I inspected Adv. D.G. Station. Mumps cases becoming frequent	
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20.4.16	ERQUINGHEM.	Weather improved. No rain. Sent Circular to R.M.Os. re Ambulance's ability in providing Transport & re dental Officer's hours & requirements re patients parading.	
21.4.16	"	Earlier hours fine & consequent air-craft activity. Later, rain set in.	
22.4.16	"	Nothing of note except a visit from D.D.M.S. & a D.M.S. Horses have been inoculated for glanders in batches during the last 3 days. 3 draughts are unfit for duty from other Cruises.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23/4/16	ERQUINGHEM	A fine day. No special incident.	
24/4/16	"	Still fine. A Taube seen to fall to our anti-aircraft guns.	
25/4/16	"	Weather improves daily. Some shelling of outskirts of the town - house set on fire about a mile from here.	
26/4/16	"	Keeping fine & warmer. At 8.30 pm. irritant gas was noticed & because distinctly disagreeable for over an hour - evidently lachrymatory shell	
27/4/16	"	Still fine & quite close. A	

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27.4.16	ERQUINSHAMS	<p>Shell fell within 30 yards of the wall of our HQ Dressing Station making a hole 3ft in diam by 2ft deep + killing a soldier + 3 children while 5 others were wounded most of them severely - all children</p> <p>Tonight warning of gas attack was signalled + our guns were active from 10pm to 11.30 pm but no gas reached us +</p> <p>11.45 all is now silent</p> <p>[Record]</p>	
28.4.16	" "	Still very fine + cooler. No incident to	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29.4.16	ERQUINGHEM	Still fine & pleasant. Went into DHQs to see A.D.M.S. Nothing notable.	
30.4.16	"	Continues fine & cool. Visited A.D.S.T discussed question of shifting it with Major if also consulted Artillery Major of adjacent Howitzers & Capt of adjacent Battery re comparative safety. All advised position should not be altered.	

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