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7th Aust. F. Ambulance

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LA CHAUSSÉE	1/12/16		Billed in LA CHAUSSÉE	
	2/12/16			
	3/12/16		Received official intimation from 15 th Aust F Amb. of death ^{on 16/11/16} of No 13857 Plt WADE K J. from wounds received in action on 14/11/16.	
	4/12/16			
	5/12/16		Capt POWER J. J. detached temporarily to 26 th Inf Battalion via Capt STRACHAN J. E. on leave Capt KENNY J. detached temp. to 25 th Inf Bn. via Major DONALD W. H. to 1 st ANZAC (temporarily)	
	6/12/16		Received from 8 th Aust F Amb TWO MARQUEES (Hospital - small) Small temporary rest station instituted. Patients (25) retained for 48 hours. 33 Reinforcements arrived from ETAPLES.	
	7/12/16	5 PM		
	8/12/16			
	9/12/16			
	10/12/16			
	11/12/16		Lt. Col. J. J. BLACK took over command of 7 th Aust Field Ambulance.	

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La Chaux	11/12/16		Took over command of 7 th Australian Field Substation from Major Brennan.	
ditto	12/12/16		Billeted at La Chaux. Vacating & collecting sick from 3 inf Brigades of 2 nd Aust Div in T. area. Capt Foster J.P. transferred to 2 nd Aust Div Train. Capt Mack B.H. to 4 th Inf. Brigade. Capt Whithead to 5 th Inf. Div. (Reinforcement officers who had arrived the previous night)	
ditto	13/12/16		Billeted at La Chaux. Capt J.H.B. Brown & C.D. Bateman arrived & are temporarily attached.	
ditto	14/12/16		Billeted at La Chaux.	
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ditto	16/12/16		ditto. Horse transport marched out & billeted at Cardonville. Received orders that ditto. Horse transport should entrain at 7.30 am 17/12/16 at Vignecourt.	
ditto	17/12/16	11 am	ditto. Horse transport marched to Vignecourt. Entrained for Busire with 7 th Bde Group.	
ditto	18/12/16	4.30 am	ditto. Substation personnel marched to Vignecourt. Entrained for Busire with 7 th Bde Group. Billeted in Busire on ^{same} afternoon. Instructed by A.D.N.S. to send a section to the Mill, Ribemont. C. Section sent minus transport.	
Busire	19/12/16		Billeted at Busire & Ribemont. Vacating sick of three Brigades of 2 nd Aust. Div. Capt Bateman transferred to 21 st Bn temporary	
ditto	20/12/16		Billeted in Busire. Received orders that 7 th Aust F. Sub & bearers divisions of 5 th & 6 th Field Subs would relieve A.D.M.C. 5 th Aust Div in the front area between 21 st & 23 rd Aust	
ditto	21/12/16		Proceeded to S. 22 of 9 th Btn. Word in afternoon to arrange relief. Major Brennan placed in charge of substation during absence.	

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Buire.	21/12/16		Ambulance received orders to march to MAMETZ Camp 7.4.d. on 22/12/16	
Buire.	22/12/16	8.30am	Ambulance complete marched by road via Meault to Mametz, where ^{horse} transport proceeded to Bernafy Wood. Ambulance remained in butts for night.	
Rem of Wood	23/12/16	7am	<p>Personnel arrived. Relief completed at 8 am. Took over from O.C. 14th F. Amb. A.D.S. at 5.27. d. 9.1., also bears subdivisions of 5th Field Amb & 6th Field Amb. The bears of 5th Field Amb. were had been posted the previous evening in my presence on the beaver line. Officers attached - Myn Chapman of 5th Field Amb from 5th Field Amb. Capt Fenwick, M.C. from 6th Field Amb.</p> <p>Beaver line consisted of Wagon Post & Pattern Party Post at S 18. C. 3. 9. Saboteur Wood Relay Post. S 18. a. 4. 2. Battery Post. T. 7. b. & Advanced A.D.S. at T. 2. a. 4. 9. Also a squad of 4 of R. N. P. S. in Rose trench N. 27. d. 1. 3. & Needle trench (Preston) N. 99. d. 9. 1.</p> <p>Casualties are carried to Wagon Post & transported by horse ambulance wagon to A.D.S. Bernafy Wood. From there they are taken by Recville to Quarry Side & handed over to the Ambulance there for entraining. Urgent cases are taken by road in Motor Ambulance cars. All cases go to Corp. Collety Station or Corp. Main Dressing Station at Recordel.</p>	

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Benny Wood	24/12/16		A.D.S. Benny Wood. Collected & evacuated sick & wounded from 2nd line then Capt Fraser reported for temporary duty from 6th J.F. held abt.	
ditto.	25/12/16		On afternoon of 25/12/16 Capt Tennant M.C. & Fraser & 80 men of 6th J.F. held abt. relieved Majr Chapman & Capt Whithead & the bearers of 5th J.F. held abt on the beaver line.	
ditto.	26/12/16		A.D.S. Benny Wood.	
ditto	27/12/16		ditto. Capt Fraser temporarily detached as R.M.O. 22nd Bn.	
ditto	28/12/16		ditto. Capts. Power & Brown & bearers of 7th J.F. relieved Capt Tennant M.C. on beavers of 6th J.F.	
ditto	29/12/16		A.D.S. Benny Wood	
ditto.	30/12/16		ditto. Capt Morrison from 8th J.F. detached later on strength 18/12/16	
ditto.	31/12/16		ditto. Majr Chapman & Capt Whithead & 5th Bn relieved Capt Power & Brown & bearers of 7th J.F. on beaver line.	
			Work started on posts on new beaver line, after recommencing during previous week.	