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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	1-1-17		Capt JOSE sent to towns in back area <sup>(Tarea)</sup> where ambulance was to be billeted viz VIGNACOURT ('A' section), FLESSELES ('C' section), and CARDONETTE (B section). Billets secured, being the same as those being vacated by 4 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb. Orders prepared for movement of sections to these areas.	
CARDONETTE	2-1-17		'A' section moved out at 8.30 Am (Tent + Transport Sub <sup>s</sup> only) with 15 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde, by march route through HEILLY, BONNAY, PONT NOYELLES, QUERRIEU, ALLONVILLE to CARDONETTE & billeted for night in latter town. Men unable to march were left at RIBEMONT and transported by 'B' & 'C' sections to Rest Station. <del>AT</del>	
VIGNACOURT	3-1-17		Marched out of CARDONETTE at 8.30 Am and joined up with rest of 15 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde at COISY and proceeded through FLESSELES to VIGNACOURT, where a N.CO. had billets ready.	
"	4-1-17		'B' section moved out of RIBEMONT and joined up with 8 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde from DERNANCOURT <del>and</del> accompanied Brigade to FRANVILLERS <sup>&amp; proceeded to CARDONETTE on evening</sup> . 3 Motor ambulances sent to 8 <sup>th</sup> F Amb for duty (from 'A' section)	A.H.S.
"	4-1-17		Accommodation for 25 sick provided at VIGNACOURT in a barn. Sick from Division being transported to Rest Station at OLIGNCOURT CHATEAU (8 <sup>th</sup> F Amb) or evacuated to C.C.S. ALLONVILLE (2 sections) or to No 1 N.2 Stationary AMIENS.	
"	5-1-17		'C' section marched out of RIBEMONT and joined up with 14 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde from VOIRE & proceeded by march route to FRANVILLERS where billeted for night.	A.H.S.
"	5-1-17		'C' section proceeded on with 14 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde to FLESSELES and into billets held by a N.CO sent in advance	A.H.S.

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VIGNACOURT	6-1-17		Accommodation for 20-40 sick now provided in each subdivision of T area, that is to each Brigade area, viz at VIGNACOURT FLESSELLES and CARDONETTE, and <sup>at</sup> each of these stations a 7 <sup>th</sup> Amb section takes over sick and either treats them locally or transfers & evacuates direct to Rest Station and C.C.S. by means of the Section Motor Ambulances.	
			'C' section inspected in afternoon. Hospital is in the Town School Rooms. Billets etc taken over here from 4 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Amb not handed over in a clean condition.	MSB
"	7-1-17		Rode to CARDONETTE and inspected 'B' section. Hospital in a barn, wire netting bunk. Dental Officer occupies a cottage & is working for 8 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde mainly.	MSB
"	9-1-17		Major O.W. MACARTNEY brought from FLESSELLES and handed over command temporarily whilst on leave to ENGLAND (commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> inst). Capt C.H. PARKINSON placed in command temporarily of 'C' section.	MSB.
"	10-1-17		Evacuation of sick proceeding smoothly, owing to RMOs running small hospital numbers are low.	
	11-1-17		Received orders from ADAMS to close hospital at CARDONETTE VIGNACOURT owing to move back to forward area - numbers large by 7 <sup>th</sup> Amb. hospital.	
	12-1-17		Transport 'A' section marched out & 15 <sup>th</sup> BTRBde transport to FRANKS LERS under the command. no proper arrangements made for their billeting here Eighteen reinforcements arrived here	MSB

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VIGNACOURT	11.1.17.		Capt HANSEN (Capt BEEDMAN. (appointed RUCO 52 <sup>nd</sup> B <sup>n</sup> vice Lt REDDIE by order of ADMS) reported the former (the company attached to 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn.)	
"	12.1.17		Capt McREDDIE returned from 52 <sup>nd</sup> Bn reported to B <sup>n</sup> Sect at CARDONNETTE. Eight <sup>th</sup> reinforcement arrived from 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. A sect transport proceeded by road to 1 <sup>st</sup> A <sup>n</sup> Bde transport to FRANKMONT under Lt McCANNON who made no proper billeting arrangements	
"	13.1.17.		Personnel of A sect unit subd <sup>n</sup> plus reinforcement began proceeding by tactical train to RIBEMONT. B <sup>n</sup> sect unit transport subd <sup>n</sup> proceeded from CARDONNETTE by road to LA NEVILLE & 8 <sup>th</sup> A <sup>n</sup> Bde C <sup>n</sup> sect transport for PLESSELLES & RAINNEVILLE.	
RIBEMONT	14.1.17		Capt Metcalf <sup>re</sup> reports back from 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn. B <sup>n</sup> sect unit transport subd <sup>n</sup> & transport under Lt McCANNON at RIBEMONT. Capt HANSEN detailed RUCO 58 <sup>th</sup> temporary arrangement made with 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn while in R area up to FRICOURT for evac <sup>n</sup> of sick. Billets taken over from 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn in excellent condition.	
"	15.1.17		Capt McReddie detailed to do some Corp work. Sick also posted.	
"	16.1.17		Beaver subd <sup>n</sup> under Capt Metcalf plus MAUDLEY proceeded to ADS BERNARDY WOOD from BELLEVE FARM.	

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RIBEMONT	17.1.7		10 <sup>th</sup> GBR 8 <sup>th</sup> Amb proceeded to BECORDEL.	
	18.1.7		14 <sup>th</sup> Amb sent transport subd <sup>ns</sup> proceed to BECORDEL M.D.S. took over the Camp dressing 5 <sup>th</sup> in conjunction with 4 <sup>th</sup> Amb. Lt WHEELER reported back from leave. Recommended L/C MCLAN for French decorations.	
	19.1.7		Capt MCREDDIE left for 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Base Dept ETAPLES under instruction for A.D.S. Capt PARKINSON i/c CRS (M.D.S) Imp SAWERS i/c Op theatre promotion.	
BUIRE	22.1.7		Print subd <sup>ns</sup> transport left BECORDEL for BUIRE & took over 1 <sup>st</sup> Amzoo 'R' Red Station, to transport into SCORRIES Camp, following 1 <sup>st</sup> Flank. Owing to cold weather water pipe at bath froze about one & a half a heater putty bath 1 <sup>st</sup> out of action. Cpl GORRIE reports serious wounds at A.D.S.	
	23.1.6		Reorganising camp & treatment of scabies patients. Only keeping accommodation for 30 ordinary beds. Took over canteen for 1 <sup>st</sup> Flank.	
	24.1.6		MAJOR SAWERS departed on leave; relieved transport at A.D.S. Improving camp slowly. Much surplus material awaiting disposal.	
	25.1.6		Capt FOOKS reported back from leave; Capt SMITH WL reported from 5 <sup>th</sup> Div Base Dept ETAPLES vice Capt MCREDDIE.	

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Scabies Hospital BUIRE	26.1.17		Weather still & cold - difficulties with water supply on account of pipe main being frozen.	
"	27.1.17.		L/COL TERBUTT returned from leave.	
"	28.1.17		" " assumed command again. 1st <del>North</del> NORTHUMBRIAN Flt arrived & put up in tents & huts.	
"	28.1.17		Took over from Major G.W. MACARTNEY. Weather very cold with snow on ground & continued frost.	NW5
"	29.1.17		2nd Northumbrian Flt arrived & accommodation found for them. Still frost bound.	NW5
"	30.1.17		1st North Flt departed & 3rd North Flt arrived & accommodation found for them.	
"	31.1.17		Still frost bound. 343 Patients in Hospital nearly all Scabies with or without complications.	NW5
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