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Place	Date	Hour	Rome Sheet 27	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
T. 18 C. 9. 8	Sept 1 st			Squad & Company drill in morning under Sgt Major. All Officers available to Gas lecture (Mustard Gas) by Col Soltan Consulting Physician to Army. Afternoon lecture on Discipline by warrant officer.	
				At 3 PM I handed over to Major W.C. Crowther, & proceeded on leave to England	MWS
T. 18 C. 9. 4	Sept 2.			Route March Parade for left at Ettingham in Forenoon - R.C. Parade at Syon.	
do	Sept 3.			Morning: Parades - Squad & Company drill - Afternoon Route march & Bathing Parades. To 15 th Lt. advance party, as was in previous of part of the field occupied by this unit. This ^{portion} placed out of bounds for 14 th Ambulance.	
do	Sept 4.			Morning Parade - Squad & Company drill - Afternoon Jan Repertory drill - at latter a ^{musical} concert ^(Band) was carried out & 1st series of 14 helmets taken for replacement - Parade of large ^{band} band & Capt Joe examined 25 PM seen at Manningham -	
do	Sept 5.			All available officers to lecture at Manningham by DD nos. 1 & 2 NAC. - Subject "French Feet" - Parades - morning - Route march - Afternoon lecture - Jan - 3 Officers to lecture 2 Army Chemistry Officer on "Effect of Gas" - Captain Fay to 55 th batt via left by the leave & Paris (10 th unit).	
do	Sept 6.			Morning - Squad & Company drill - Afternoon Route march & Bathing Parades - 1. Sunbeam NAC to report to CRA 5 th Amie Div in evening of 7. (Home.) to examine with to this unit.	

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T15 C9-8.	Sept 7		Parades - morning - Squad & company drill - afternoon lectures - the adjt. says there is W.O. Curran to lecture at Birmingham subject Transport. A system of supply from Base & Rail head by Capt ETK CLARKE Adj. -	
-	Sept 8.		Parades - morning - Squad & platoon drill - SBR. - afternoon inspection of Kib & Picket. Capt FINLAYSON from home (England)	
-	Sept 9.		Morning Church Parade at 9 AM - Lytle & Birmingham.	
-	Sept 10.		Morning Parade - Route march - afternoon drill ^{PM} visit of ADMS. This morning who will inspect the transport of the unit tomorrow Sept 11. Delorsie & Ford 1st to home for this day.	
-	Sept 11.		Parade morning - Squad & company drill - ADMS. inspected the transport (horse & motor) of the unit at 10 AM. Afternoon final of Brigade Cricket championship - won by 14 Famb. who were successful in all their matches.	
-	- 12		Parades - morning Route march - afternoon of lecture (hand of 2 morning medical treatment of wounds RAP & Famb). Captain ^{M'IVER} from ^{from} 14 Famb. & 5-5 Famb. inspecting.	
-	- 13		Morning - Squad & company drill - afternoon lecture on treatment of wounds in RAP & Famb & 2 Army. H.M. TERBUTT DSO returned at 6 PM. from home & England	WLC

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			<i>France Sheet 27</i>	
	<i>Sept</i>			
<i>T1809.8</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>Took over command from Major W.L. Crowther last night on return from leave. Major C.W. THOMPSON^{M.C.} reported for Doms 2nd ANZAC. We visited Doms and Major Thompson instructed to take over command as soon as he was satisfied.</i>	<i>A.W. Bellmont</i>
"	<i>15</i>		<i>I showed Major Thompson over the papers of the ambulance, and acquainted him with position of Required Funds, Imprest Account, M. Obligation Equipment etc. At 6 PM he took over command and Doms was informed, and I asked letter for movement order to proceed to London. Report to A.I.F. Hqs.</i>	<i>A.W. Bellmont M.C.</i>
			<i>has diary between Sept 15 & Sept 26 filled in A.I.F. 4 by Wilson O.C. - O.C. 147amb having been evacuated wounded</i>	
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T15 195	Sept 16.		Command handed over by Lt Col TEBBUTTS DSO to Major C.W. THOMPSON MC., the former then leaving for HQ. AIF London.	Mf.
-	17.		Ambulance moved with ^{14 Brigade} the by road to STEEN VORDE. The march was done in good time & without incident - no falling out on line of march - but in billets in new position by 5.30 PM.	Mf.
	18.		at 9.30 by road & with 14 Brigade - ABEELE - RENINCHELST. Published in latter area at school house - Unit at once opened a road ambulance station where brigade cases were to be held if necessary would be expected in 4 days - Other cases cleared to V.D.S.	Mf.
	19.		Bike - Hospital duties - Collection complete wanted to be ready to move at 2 hours notice.	Mf.
	20.		3. Officers & OR 107 moved forward by motor bus severe attachment to ADMS, 15 2 Australian Divisions for duty - Remainder of the ambulance wanted to be ready to move at short notice -	Mf.
	21.		RENINCHELST sturdier type - Orders now to hold jalants of likely to move within 7 days.	Mf.
	22.		Ambulance camp moved at 6 PM to CHATEAU HENRIK H 29 A 59. Precursor reported at 11 AM from ADMS. 19.2 Divisions, wanted for move at 6 PM.	Mf.

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Reminghurst.	22- 9-17.		At 8.30 all teams & tent divisions of BTA sections moved under Major CROWTHER to Ramparts YPRES arriving there at 11 PM - C section Area T. held by transport under Major SAWERS to H 29 A 5.9, - 01, with detail to ADS 19 C 66.	M.L.
ADS. 19 C 66.	23.		Took over ADS from 07 37 Amb by 10 Amb. Forward relief completed by Braams by 7 Amb - C section tent detail moved to ADS from H 29 A 5.9.	M.L.
	24		Forward area units completed by 07. 14 Amb. Braams placed & stores forwarded during day - Lt Col THOMPSON to be Lt Col unit which command (RAF order 232)	M.L.
	25.		Lt Col THOMPSON M.C. wounded & command of 14 Amb taken over by Major CROWTHER. Remains of diary for this day shown on separate sheet -	M.L.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>T 0066. 0406 ADS.</p>	<p>25.9.17</p>	<p>1.30 PM</p>	<p>Took over command of 14 Australian Field Ambulance via Hunt Lt. CW. THOMPSON MC. evacuated wounded.; Handing over command of Beacons in forward area to Capt I.B. JOSE giving him my dispositions for Beacons in coming action. Major LAVERI back on O in charge of Hospital. work. at 9 PM MAJOR M'KELLOP is 1 Officer & 57 OR. 3 Amb. reported for duty. I sent them to HOOGE TUNNEL ^(J13 A7.9) kept to report of Beacons & act under his instructions. Contact ADS. linked by ADMS & plan for operations submitted to him.</p>	<p>MC</p>
<p>- do -</p>	<p>26/9/17</p>		<p>wounded commenced to come to ADS in steady stream from about 5 AM onwards. During the morning 1.0 67 OR of 1 Amb. sent up to Captain JOSE for his use. at 11 AM 18 V & 7 OR 6 Amb. & OR 5. 15 Amb. also reported to same Officer at same location ^(J13 A7.10) (HOOGE TUNNEL) to evacuate wounded. Progress reports from Capt JOSE at intervals thro this day - indicated that his Beacons were clearing satisfactorily from the RAP down ward - at 1 PM. (approx) visited by Major General M'GREGOR (DGM) with DDMS 7th ANZAC. - 4.0. 120 OR - Infantry Beacons reported in early afternoon all except OR 20 were sent up during the day to O Beacons & instructions to cause Officer to send down 5 Div Beacons (3 days in line) for use as soon as they could be safely</p> <p>Casualties 14 Amb. killed wounded. wounded only sick Jan Sep number 75 - OR 1. of 14 - OR 14. of 2. OR 16. of 3. OR 5. of 14 - OR 5 Jan OR 2 Special.</p>	

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ADS - Linnis Rd. C. 9. D. 66.	26.9.17.		<p>Plous pushed this at every opportunity to Beacons during the day & at 11 PM I went myself to Beau X Rd. (beyond loading Post) & left 200 Bullocks & 200 Blankets & we went up in case of shortage. At 6 AM a bull in the no of cars was followed by a truck up till midnight. At all times thru the day the transport was very difficult - the road HORSE CRATER - BX RDS. unusable except for an occasional Ford - This necessitates a very long carry for the Beacons, but under the circumstances a minimum of delay occurred. HORSE CRATER (J. 12. 13. 66.) CAPT GIBSON now in use as R. P. O. instead of the Culvert. All demands for Plous met at once & sent forward from BX Rd. CAPT SMITH 15th Amb sent to 1st Batt with Capt ELLIOT. C.S. died of wounds. Special summons at 12 midnight to OC Beacons requesting him to search forward area of R Brigade & Infantry - Beacons for wounded - stated that still looking for out - occasional shells dropping in vicinity of ADS. 1000. killed =</p>	M.
	27.		<p>Cars admitted 5 AM 26 - 5 AM 27. - 582 - - Progress reports from Lt. Beacons to Hill satisfactory & he states that he has satisfied himself that there is no blockage or collection of cars on his line of evacuation. During the morning remaining 5 AM Beacons</p>	

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ADS			<p>(14-14-14) 7 (amb.) sent to the Ramparts for rest. W & P. actually now at HOOKE CRATER in Post of Box Rd. in case of shell fire rendering intermediate portion of MERRA Rd. unusable by COM. CAPT JAMES (87 amb.) replaced MAJOR BOND. At 6 PM report of OC Praxis that heavy casualties were the expected - 50 odd men at once sent up - Remains of 8-14-15 Praxis wanted for movement at 6:15 AM tomorrow. No comparison of wounded at ADS or evacuation forward area. Report from OC Praxis very satisfactory. (Jul 13 14)</p>	
	26		<p>At 6:15 AM Lt BROWN is to replace Praxis & Praxis 8-14-15 7A for (224 OR) moved to HOOGE TUNNEL replace unit Praxis. Later to report to Ramparts X PAGES. Also this ADS - 1 AM 27 - 5 AM 26 - 340 - Summary Report from OC Praxis showing location of new RAMPARTS secured & essential information forwarded to HQ. Casualties coming this ADS during the day not heavy & easily lifted with by Praxis in forward areas. Praxis of 1-3 & 6 Jambulans moved by Bus from Ramparts up to COMDS under order 30th. - Capt QUEST to 56 Ball well by RENNICK wounded Capt COPPELSTON to 20th unit (30th unit.)</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
19. C66	29/9/17		<p>Casualties from 5 AM 28 - 5 AM 29 - 119 119. Nothing very marked reported - O.I. OR 80 Infantry; Beacons reported for duty; in 6 AM 1 were moved forward at once to Beacons. Lt Col BIRDWOOD R.O.C. 1. ARNAZC visited the ADS during the afternoon & congratulated Beacons & others on work done, during attack. Reports from forward area within the zone - ADMS. 5 AM 29. visited ADS during the afternoon. Bomb in vicinity killed 15 OR & wounded many others who were brought into ADS. Intermittent shelling of high burst hood ^{of ADS} during day.</p>	M.P.
do	30/9/17		<p>Casualties from 5 AM 28 - 5 AM - 29 - 157. Secret orders for take-over tomorrow received - Detailed orders to OR. Beacons in reference to his hand over tomorrow sent out at 11 AM & acknowledged by 1 PM. MAJORS MAPLESTON & MORELLI & 17 Bomb Co. (ADMS). 8.45. Forward report to their respective HQ by Post at 11 PM from Ramparts. This relief completed in part by 12 midnight when Post left Ramparts with great majority, beacons of these two units to their respective HQ. Telephone message from ADMS saying ADS will not be handed over to 5 AM until 10 AM. O.I. 2 - Other relief approved as in 5-divisional orders. Board of Inquiry into loss of ^{beacons} beacons ^{beacons} held by Major James & Capt FINLAYSON - Report forwarded to ADMS.</p>	M.P.
Casualties 14 Faub Set 18 - 1st 1.			<p>Killed wounded wounded & duty Sick for D-til OR. 14 OR. 2. OR 16 OR. 2. OR 16 OR. 2. OR 16 OR. 16 2134. Wt. W708-776. 500000. 4/15. Sir J. C. & S. // 3 OR. 5. OR. 6 OR. 2.</p>	<p>ADMS this night a/pt. 14 Faub</p>