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Title: 8th Australian Field Ambulance

January 1917



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Date.	Place and Time.	8th FIELD AMBULANCE A.I.F	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916 7/19/17	VIGNACOURT		
JANV 1st	OLINCOURT	A special dinner arranged	
"	CHATEAU	for patients & personnel	
"		Picnic concert given to	
"		patients in Breking & proved	
"		a great success	
" 2nd	"	Inspection G.O.C 1st DIVISION	
" "	"	Equipment of personnel	
"	"	checked shortages made good	
" 3rd	"	HON LIEUT ROBINSON (QM) promoted	
"	"	HON CAPTAIN, from 15.9.16 -	
"	"	work at D.R. STATION practically	
"	"	completed with exception	
"	"	of SCABIES HUTS now being treated	
" 4/5	"	/ Routine work	

W. J. Robinson
 QM
 8th Field Ambulance
 A.I.F.

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1916	? 1917	8 th FIELD AMBULANCE A.I.F	
JAN 6	VIGNACOURT	visited A.D.M.S V th DIVISION	
	OLINCOURT	continued with D.A.D.M.S	
	CHATEAU	A.D.M.S V th DIVISION inspected	
		D.R. STATION	
" 8	-	Routine work maintaining	
" 9			
" 10		A.A.M.C ORDER NO 13 (SECRET)	
" 11		received	
" 12		Sent order NO 59-14 th BRIGADE	
		Received with appendix TRAIN	
		9 TRANSPORT CABLES	
		Distant Consent given by Unit	
		to V th DIVISION at FLESSELLES	
		great success	

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Vth DIVISION
D.R. STATION
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1917 1916	VIGNACOURT	Received order No 60 with	
JAN 13	OLINCOURT CHATEAU	move table 14 th INFANTRY	
		BRIGADE. Concert repeated	
		at FLESSELLES -	
" 14		Dinner at concert given to	
		Patients at D. R. STATION	
		1 officer (86) O/Ranks - Bearers division	
		with 12 transport details. &	
		3 Ambulance waggons - 1 wks	
		- cart 15 horses moved out	
		with 14 FIELD AMBULANCE	
" 15		H.A.M.C ORDER (NO 14)	
		Received	
" 16		Routie work	

All supplied by Ambulance
 etc of A.I.F

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1917 1916			
JAN 17	VIGNACOURT OLINCOURT CHATEAU	No 3 DENTAL UNIT transferred to BELLEVUE. Fixed D.D.M.S	
" 18		1 st ANZAC & Rest Station BUIRE No 27 DENTAL UNIT transferred to M.D. STATION - fixed parlours at diversional schools at LA CHAUSSEE & TIRANCOURT arranged	
" 19		Confidential memo from A.D.M.S 5 th DIVISION Re French decorations received Following recommendations were made W.O. Roberts, F.A P ^{te} HIPPERSLY W.A - TOWNSEND L.V & L/CPL BERRY H.V	

W.O. Roberts
F.A
etc

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1917	VIGNACOURT	}	
1916	OLINGOURT	} Route work	
JAN 20 th	CHACEAU	}	
" 21			
" 22	"	visited C.R. STATION-BUIRE-	
" 23	"	Applications for RAILWAY INLAND	
" 24	"	TRANSPORT & DOCKS-called for.	
" 24	"	W.O. KING-T. Reported for duty	
"	"	from BASE DETAILS	
" 25	"	Route work	
" 26	"	1-OFFICER & 18 O/RANKS-marched	
" 27-8	"	out for BELLEVUE -	
" 29	"	D.R. STATION-Equipment checked	
" 30-1	"	Stored ready for Removal	
" 30-1	"	Unit equipment checked &	
" 30-1	"	packed for Removal -	

W.D. King-T. reported for duty from Base Details

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31. 2. 17	OLINCOURT & HATEAU	It is found that the system of ^{BATHS} Rest Stations with Field Ambulances is not conducive to the	
31. 1. 19		upkeep of Efficiency for F Ambulance work. At Rest Station work it is impossible to maintain section organization where no time available for organized training. Also as the Bearers are in the front line it takes portions of 2 or more F Amb to man a large Rest Station which again militates against good organization of the individual Ambulances. It is considered that Casualty Clearing Stations would be more suitable for Rest Station work.	
			<p>W. J. H. A. I. F.</p> <p>Mc</p>

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31 7 12	BLINCOURT CHATEAU.	Another matter which affects efficiency is the number of NCOs.	
?		drafted from Base. This system was	
31.1.12		the Ambulance C/o of all chance of	
		promotion of NCOs in the field & this	
		clearly affects that feeling of confidence	
		which NCOs & men should have in their	
		Officers. It also stands to reason that	
		the best NCOs are not drafted from	
		base & more but the best are just	
		knock for the field. The men trained	
		in the field should be considered.	
		It is to be hoped that a method	
		of overcoming this difficulty will	
		be found.	

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