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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
5 TH D.R.S. BELLEVUE FARM.	1.4.17		<p>A.A.M.C. order 11021 received (5TH Div). Instructions received that patients are not to be held longer than 7 days. 125 cases evacuated to CCS and 62 to duty. Admissions 3 Officers 35TH A.R. Interpreter M. P. [unclear] returned from leave. Sgt. REED left to attend officers training school in England. 1ST ANZAC - 12/31001 - 168/12 received (Secret). As it was reported that 8TH Bn were short of ration I sent out a supply to them. Admissions 2 officers 71 A.R. Evacuated 73 to CCS + 36 to duty. Remaining at CCS. 12 officers 481 A.R. Heavy fall of snow today. Admitted 38. Evacuated to CCS 81. to duty 53. Remaining 393. Whilst at BELLEVUE this unit has salvaged a large quantity of valuable material left behind by other units, assuming that the orders re "Salvage" are not being carried out by units both Australian and English. Also I noticed where are 3 ps quantities of material - iron wood + equipment lying about + apparently no attempt being made to collect. It seems that Salvage Coy. only takes material brought to the dump by units + that very little time salvage work is done. Systematic Salvage by a specially equipped Coy. of the Army will be a considerable improvement in respect of salvage work.</p>	
		7pm		
		2.4.17		
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		4pm		

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8TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE AIR.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
5 DRS BELLEVUE FARM	4 th 17	11:15 pm	Under instruction ADMS. 6 companies struck 1 BUNNIE and forward to BAUPHINE. Admsc order 22. 5 Div (Secret) received. The Pioneer Troop 2 unit (NIGHTBIRDS) are pursuing very popular and frequent applications being made by other units for performance of their job. Admitted 20. 50 OR. Evacuated 4 CCS. 4 officers by OR. duty 10 OR. Remaining 10 officers 376 OR. Unit concert party gave a concert for YMCA - ALBERT.	
	5 th 17		Admsc order 23 (Secret) 5 Div received. Admitted 100 OR. Evacuated 1.0 28 OR & CCS + 2 duty 36 OR. Remaining 6 officers 419 OR.	
	6 th 17		MAJOR MCKENZIE reported as Rms 31 BATT. via CAPT JACOB. Admitted 117. Evacuated 6 CCS 58 To duty 21 Remaining at DRS 461	
	7 th 17	11:30 6pm	CAPT CATFORD reported as RMO. 5 th DAC and struck up strength. DDMS 1 st ABAC inspected DRS. Admsc order 24 (Secret) received. 5 and Div received. Morning concert given to the Bearers on their return from the line. T.A.B. inoculation of personnel done. Admitted 1.0 111 OR. Evacuated 2 CCS. 1.0 53 OR. To duty 20 OR. Remaining 10 officers 497 OR.	
	8 th 17		Kit inspection held & all deficiencies made good. Admsc order 25 - Secret 5 Div received. Kit inspection held & all deficiencies made good.	W. Shephard Lt Col. 8. Unit. Field Am B

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BENEVOLENT FARMS 5 th DRS.	8 th 7 th	9am	TAB investigation completed a fine sunny day. CORR. FAZONS departed on ADAMS detail to 13 AFA. Admitted 1 officer 88 OR. Discharged 2 CCS 2 officers 71 OR. to duty 1 officer 20 OR. Remaining at DRS. 10 officers 493 OR.	
	10 th 7 th	8am	500 blankets and slippers forwarded to 15 th Field Amb. Admissions 1 officer 142 OR. Evacuation to CCS 37 OR. to duty 25 OR. Remaining at DRS. 11 officers 536 OR. Snowstorm during day.	
	9 th 7 th		Snowstorm during day.	
	10 th 7 th		DRS. AIF and ADAMS 1 st ANZAC inspected DRS.	
	11 ^{am}		9 blankets issued for 2 nd AFA. Instructions received for ADAMS to be prepared for a quick move.	
	11:30		2 Home ambulances arrived at 15 th Field Amb.	
	11:30		Admissions 1 officer 66 OR. Evacuation 2 officers by 2 CCS. 1 officer 33 OR. to duty. Remaining at DRS. 9 officers 503 OR.	
	11 th 7 th		Very heavy snowstorm in afternoon.	
	11 th 7 th		Admissions 1 officer 86 OR. Evacuation 5 CCS. 2 officers 76 OR. to duty 13 OR. Remaining 8 officers 517 OR.	
	12 th 7 th		Morning fine afternoon raining and snowing.	
	12 th 7 th		Visited ADAMS, FIELD AMBULANCE and S.O.D.	
	12 th 7 th		Admitted 1 officer 73 OR. Evacuation 5 CCS 2 officers 73 OR. to duty 2 officers 15 OR.	
	12 th 7 th		Remaining at DRS. 5 officers 570 OR.	
	13 th 7 th		The Corps Transport to 14 th FIELD AMBULANCE. 6 blankets sent to 15 th Field Amb.	
	13 th 7 th		Admitted 1 officer 44 OR. Evacuation 4 CCS 1 officer 87 OR. to duty 53 OR. Remaining at DRS. 5 officers 533 OR.	

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BENEVEUE FARM 5 th DRG	14/4 17		<p>Staff KILGORE and Sgt. VAN HUCKLEUM went on leave to ENGLAND. Platoon MEDIC returned from leave. Pte DUNSON reported back from Hospital after Mumps. All transport vehicles undergoing thorough overhaul & repair.</p> <p>Admissions: 71 O.R. Evacuated to CCS 76 O.R. to duty 50 O.R.</p> <p>Remaining at DRG 5th Officer 2443 O.R.</p>	
	15 th / ₁₇		<p>Instructions received from ADMS to hold all beams in sections to move forward at short notice. 8 Reinforcements reported of whom 4 were forwarded to 1st F.A.M.B. & 2 to 15th F.A.M.B.</p> <p>Admissions: 1 Officer 123 O.R. Evacuated to CCS. 1 Officer 97 O.R. to duty 25 O.R.</p> <p>Remaining at DRG 5th Officer 534 O.R.</p>	
	16 th / ₁₇		<p>Capt Hayes of last reinforcements found unfit for field work as suffering from chronic Bronchitis. Evacuated to CCS. The other four men found to be unfit during the last 6 weeks shown want of care at Base.</p> <p>All Box respirators tested & gas dust carried out.</p> <p>Admissions: 32 O.R. Evacuated to CCS 1 Officer 72 O.R. to duty 26 O.R.</p> <p>Remaining at DRG 4th Officer 4488 O.R.</p>	
	17 th / ₁₇		<p>Platoon Base reported that two babies. Pte PITTARD was evacuated wounded.</p> <p>Cdr. Smith 5 Div H.A. ADMS & J. Curshin. ADMS detailed to F.S. Coy Engineers evacuated. Pte KIRK detailed to replace above detail & was sent to 1st F.A.M.B. CR.</p> <p>Admissions: 5 O.R. Evacuated to CCS 72 O.R. to duty 26 O.R. Remaining 4th Officer 4488 O.R.</p>	
	18 th / ₁₇		<p>Admissions: 76 O.R. Evacuated to CCS 87 O.R. to duty 33 O.R. Remaining 4th Officer 4482 O.R.</p>	
	19 th / ₁₇		<p>Capt Hanson detailed to attend grave parties at No 67 & 68 graves in the cemetery at BEAUFORT. Condition of the cemetery was reported by one of the men to be satisfactory, covered and sanitary. ADMS advised.</p> <p>6 Reinforcements reported. 3 of whom were forwarded to ADMS.</p>	

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Pleasanton FARM	19/4		8 th Aust. Field Ammunition AIF Admission 71 OR. Remained 5 CCS. 136 OR. to duty 33 OR. Remainder of DRS. 4 officers 434 OR. Very successful work done by M. H. D. H. of the unit at DRS.	
5 th DRS	20/4		L. Corp Hayes reported for duty from C.O.D. Typewriter received on leave from Red Cross. pending amount of machine furnished by unit. 1 C.O. left for P.A.R. at day's end. Leave on next business.	
	21/4		Admitted 92 OR. Remained 2 CCS. 1 officer 90 OR. 2 duty 1 officer 22 OR. Remainder of DRS. 2 officers 536 OR. 1 Sgt. Adams left on leave to R.A.M.C. The Gray reported back from leave.	
	22/4		4 reinforcements belonging to No. 15 th and reported back to their units. Working paper received for Federal Section. Admin (S) office received & processed. M.A.S. M. KENZIE transferred temporarily to 3rd Dist. as R.M.O.	
	23/4		Admitted 90 OR. Remained 2 CCS. 129 OR. 2 duty 1 officer 24 OR. Remainder of DRS. 1 officer 543 OR. The MAJOR F. G. Remained 5 CCS. 100 OR. (8 7 and)	
	24/4		1 Home Guard reported back from 15 th Dist. on leave & on duty. Admitted 60 OR. Remained 91 OR. 5 CCS. 2 duty 15 OR.	
	25/4		Remainder of DRS. 1 officer 544 OR. Instructions received from Admin S. Div. 6 and 2 ambulances weapons and 16 boxes and division of weapons & vehicles 2 6 7 and on 25. 4. 17	
	26/4		Admission 63 OR. Remained 5 CCS. 129 OR. 2 duty 28 OR. Remainder of DRS. 1 officer 482 OR.	
	27/4		DRS reported by Admin S. Div. also Transport leave. All transport vehicles being overhauled and painted - new spares on hand weapons, tools, etc. repaired & reported and also inspected - always experienced in getting sufficient paint for wheel work and for painting of equipment and of replacement parts.	

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	REMERVE FARM	24/7		Admitted 79 OR. Evacuated to CCS. 96 OR. & duty 18 OR. Remaining at DRS. 1 officer. 475 OR.	
	S. DRS.	25/7	7am	ANZAC DAY 2 AMB happen 17 hours was dinner reported to 67 Amb. C.O. returned from leave to P.M. 9:30 am Football match played against 1st 7 Amb - 1st lost. Covered from by NIGHT BIRDS at DRS in evening. Very successful.	
				Admitted 1 officer 62 OR. Evacuated 72 OR. to CCS. To duty 13 OR. Remaining at DRS. 2 officers. 479 OR. Owing to pressure of repair work - the whole of transport repairs - being carried out by unit personnel.	
		26/7		P.B. men at 1st Anzac Hospital Camp in evening examined by Major Douglas. Results were proceeded with.	
				Admitted 56 OR. Evacuated to CCS. 96 OR. & duty 22 OR. Remaining at DRS. 2 officers. 423 OR.	
				Dyllabus of Training for week ending 30/7 forwarded to ADMS (Appendix XVII)	
		27/7	4:30pm	Visited ADMS. S. Div. Pay earned to personnel.	
			5pm	attended meeting at DIV HQ re evacuation in Army columns. No 7250 DIV KEMP reported to 67 Amb & update 6612 Div Bayley.	
				Admission 1 officer 71 OR. Evacuated to CCS. 68 OR. & duty 38 OR. Remaining at DRS. 2 officers. 426 OR.	
		28/7		Driver Bayless HB. The DADSON AL. NASH H proceeded to ENGLAND on leave all arrangements completed for future election on 29/7/17	
				Admitted 54 OR. Evacuated to CCS 55 OR. & duty 27 OR. Remaining at DRS. 3 officers. 430 OR.	

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BELLEVUE FARM.
17TH DRS

5th Aust. Field Ambulance A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELLEVUE FARM. 17TH DRS	29/17	9am	<p>Arranged with 14th 15th Amb. for Maj. PIGGOTT to represent the ambulance on sports committee. 5th Div. Sports.</p> <p>9am Polling day for Federal Election.</p> <p>Chaplain Johnstone proceeded to 2nd CCS BRUAY for duty.</p> <p>11-15 D.D.M.S. for ANZAC visited DRS. via Mas. DAWSON. to Capt. CARMICHAEL SMITH</p> <p>6pm MASONRY DAY. (DENTAL) visited DRS. re dental matters</p> <p>Admission 50 OR. Generations to CCS 61 OR. to duty. 11 OR.</p> <p>Remaining 3 officers 452 OR.</p>	
	30/17		<p>Polling continued. Sports programme resumed</p> <p>3 ambulance cars & drivers reported from 15th 7 Amb.</p> <p>Admission 55 OFF OR. Generations to CCS 20 OFF 88 OR. to duty 18 OR</p> <p>Remaining at DRS. 1 officer 431 OR.</p>	

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8TH. AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

Syllabus of training for week commencing 23/4/1917 .

Route march each morning at 6 45am.
Camp fatigues thereafter each day till noon.

Monday 23/4/17.

- 1 30pm Gas helmet practice and instruction in gas attacks.
- 3 00pm Stretcher drill.
- 3 30pm Lecture on the care of the feet and personal cleanliness.

Tuesday 24/4/17.

- 1 30pm Instruction in enemy mines and devices with special reference to clockwork mines.
- 2 30pm Squad drill.

Wednesday 25/4/17.

- 1 30pm Gas helmet practice.
- 2 30pm Instructions regarding personal property of patients and regarding British and German dead on the battlefield.
- 3 30pm Stretcher drill.

Thursday 26/4/17.

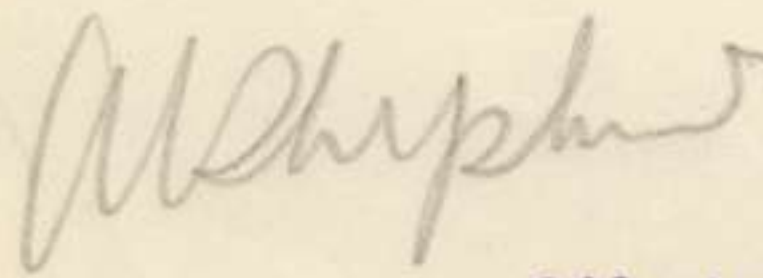
- 1 30pm Instructions regarding care to be observed re drinking water with special reference to shell hole water, poisoned wells etc.
- 3 30pm Squad drill.

Friday 27/4/17.

- 1 30pm Inspection of gas helmets and gas drill.
- 2 30pm Stretcher drill.
- 3 30pm Semaphore signalling.

Saturday 28/4/17.

- 1 30pm. Purification of water for drinking purposes.
- 2 30pm Treatment of wounds with special reference to Tetanus and other infections.



Colonel;

8th. Australian Field Ambulance.