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8th Aust. Field Ambulance

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SENLIS	1		6665 Pte SAMUELS H.J. transferred to 'K' supply column + attached to this Unit Drivers McILWAIN J.G. + JOHNSTONE W. returned from leave to England	
	2	2pm	Personnel paid. 6514 Pte WATERS M.F. struck off strength (sick)	
	3		1287 Lt Col LAMBOURNE reported from base + detailed to 31 Bn as AMC detail 15547 Pte HASKINS C.J. transferred from 15th F. Amb + taken on strength 15525 Pte WATTS E.R. evacuated to CCS + struck off strength	
	4		11 OR reinforcements reported from base. Ptes BOLGER, J., FRANCIS J.W., McCABE J., McPHERSON L.W. SHAW C.V., SMALE F.H., THOMPSON W.G., WILLIAMS D.L.S., RODGERS J., RIDGEWAY J.W., SMEET M., of these Rodgers J. is unfit for field work. 8559 Pte AORSWELL O.P. transferred to 15th F. Amb + struck off strength	
	4+5		Routine Training.	
	6		Major WOOSTER, MARSHALL, + CAPT. BARRISKILL appointed to examine PB men	
	7		Sgt ADAMSON + Lt Col McDONALD evacuated to CCS. + struck off strength. Major CLAYTON left on leave to England	
	8		4 Reinforcements reported from base.	
	9		Major MCKENZIE rejoined from leave to Abbeville.	
	10		Capt. HOWARD H.J. rejoined from 29th Batt. Major SINGLE (Chaplain) reported from DHA	
	12		5th Divisional Sports held at HENEN COURT in the presence of the KING. Ambulance Wagon contest won by 8th F. Amb	
	14		Major WOOSTER reported to Division as acting VADM. S.	
	15/19		Routine work.	
	20		Major MARSHALL transferred to No 1 CCS as Radiographer. Major BONO left on leave to England.	
	21		Routine work. Successful concert given by Unit Concert party.	
	22		Kit inspection held + deficiencies in equipment made good.	
	23		5 Div Secret memo to received. Major CLAYTON + OR detailed as advance billeting party to new area all arrangements made for the move of the Unit to new area secret memo Q 107 806 8th Infantry Brigade received + arrangements made in accordance.	

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SEN LIS	24.		Secret Memo 102/819 8 th Aust Infantry Brigade received + arrangements made in accordance.	
	26		All leave cancelled preparatory to leaving. Major Wooster rejoined from 5 th DHA. CAPT HOWARD left on leave to England. 5 th Div. Secret memo No 11 received. 5 Div Secret memo No 12 and AAMC order 39 (secret) received.	
	27.		5 Div AAMC order 17/291 (1 copy attached) received. CAPT Guest. detailed to be in charge of Convoy. 8 th Aust Infantry Bde Order No 112 (Secret) received full arrangements in accordance completed for the move. Train orders issued to all O/C's units entraining on No 23 train. (attached)	APPENDIX XXVI APPENDIX XXVII
	28		5 Div Administration memo No 114 (Secret) received + acknowledged + necessary instructions issued. Capt Barnstall temporarily attached to 31 st Bn as RMO. 6612 Pte BLANTON C.S. Evac. to CCS + truck off strength. 6664 Gcpl ROSS T. Proceeded on leave to England.	
	29		Advance party under Capt RILEY (1 off 63 rd R) marched out at 11.15 AM to entrain at Aveluy in No 16 Train. 6677 Pte WHITAKER C.S. 6935 Pte MOORE A.I. 709 Gcpl LEARCA, 13971 Pte SMITH R.V.T. Evacuated to CCS + truck off strength.	
	30		Camp cleaned up + inspected by Town Major + certificate obtained. Remainder of Personnel 6 off 1569 R marched out at 7 PM to entrain at Aveluy in No 23 train.	
RACQUINGHEM	31		Detrailed at St Omer at 10.45 AM + marched to billets at RACQUINGHEM. Major BOND rejoined from leave to England. Capt Cullen A.E. Reported from No 1 A.G.H. for duty. Heavy rain all day. Men are billeted in stables which are weatherproof + fairly comfortable. The inhabitants have been very kind to the men + seem anxious to make them as comfortable as possible. The move from Senlis proceeded without a hitch except that a Maltese Cart broke down + had to be abandoned.	APPENDIX XXVIII

W. Shephard
CO 8 Field Amb AIF

Headquarters,
5th Australian Division.
27th July, 1917.

APPENDIX XXVI

To C.O. 8th Australian Field Ambulance.
14th Australian Field Ambulance.
15th Australian Field Ambulance.

The Motor Ambulance Cars of the Division, less 1 Sunbeam Car per Field Ambulance will rendezvous at 15th Australian Field Ambulance, CONTAY, at 9.am. on 29th inst. and will proceed to Second Army Area under charge of an Officer detailed by the 8th Australian Field Ambulance.

ROUTE. - HERISSART, VAL de MAISON, BEAUVAL, St POL, PERNES, AIRE, STEENBECQUE, to destination at BLARINGHEM.

They will report to Town Major on arrival, and will then rejoin their respective Field Ambulances.

PERNES must be passed between 2.pm. and 4.pm.

The One Motor Ambulance Car per Field Ambulance detained will be kept till the entrainment of Brigade is complete, and will then rendezvous at site of 15th Australian Field Ambulance, CONTAY.

The three cars will then proceed under charge of an officer detailed by the 15th Australian Field Ambulance to destination as laid down above, following same route, but without restriction as to time of passing PERNES.

It is suggested that the Officers detailed to these duties be Dental Officers.

A. D. M. S.,
5TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
No. <u>D12/91</u>
Date <u>27.7.17</u>

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COLONEL.

A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division.

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Gavin R. Peir

Capt Peir

You must please take charge of the ambulance car convey & carry out instructions contained indicated above note memo section please.

All shipments to be sent to 8th ad

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8th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

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TRAIN ORDERS

BY COLONEL A.E. SHEPHERD O.C.
JULY 29th 1917.

TRAIN No. 23.

1. No personnel or stores will be allowed in the brakevans at each end of the train, or on roofs of trucks. No covered trucks will be used for baggage as it restricts the space available for personnel.
2. O.C. "A" Company 31st Battalion will arrange for picquet to be posted at each end of train to prevent troops from leaving when train stops at any station.
3. At AVELUY when once men are entrained nobody will leave train without the permission of O.C. of train.
4. During halts no men will leave train without permission of his O.C.
5. On arrival at destination Company Commanders will see that their commands stay in the carriages until orders are given for detrainment.
6. Riding on tops or steps of vans or carriages is forbidden.
7. During train journey strict discipline must be maintained.
8. 1 N.C.O. & 2 O.R. will be detailed from each unit to act as Military Police during the journey. They will wear white arm bands and will assist O.C.'s. in seeing that above orders are carried out. Names of offenders will be taken and handed to O.C. Train at completion of journey.

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A. E. Shepherd

Colonel.

Appendix No. XXVII

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8th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

MOVEMENT ORDERS,
BY COLONEL A.E. SHEPHERD,
JULY 28th 1917.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.

Under Captain Guest, will move from Contay at 9 am on 29/7/17 in accordance with previous instructions.

PERSONNEL.

50 O.R., under Captain Riley, will report to Entraining Officer AVELUY at 3 pm 30/7/17 & entrain on No. 16 train. On arrival at destination the party and transport will await the arrival of train No. 23. Balance of personnel, under Major Wooster, will report to Entraining Officer at 11 pm 30/7/1917 and move by Train No. 23.

Major McKenzie will act as Transport Officer and will make all arrangements with Entraining Officer (Brigade) for entrainment of vehicles, horses and personnel. On detrainment Major McKenzie will take charge of all Transport.

Major Wooster will act as detraining Officer for dismounted personnel. During the march to new billets, Transport will move 200 yards in rear of dismounted men who will be 200 yards in rear of preceeding unit.

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	3		1289 Lt Col LAMBOURNE reported from base + detailed to 31 Bn as AMC detail	
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	4+5		Routine training.	
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	29		Advance party under Capt Rife (1 off 630/R) marched out at 11.15 AM to embark at Avebury in No 16 train. 677 Pte Whitaker C.S. 6735 Pte Moore A.I., 709 Gpvt Leach A.I., 13971 Pte Smyth R.V.T. Evacuated to CCS + struck off strength.	
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