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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1/11/17		<p>8th Infantry Brigade</p> <p>Orders received from A.W.M.S. to accompany with one complete section, one extra horse ambulance and 3 sunbeam cars to Winnie creek Area. Hdq. to accompany section. I decided to send A section (being most complete.) Orders though for the move on the following morning 2/11/17 were cancelled at 11 pm on 1/11/17. Consequently ordinary routine duties resumed with special attention to transport. Horse clipping has been in progress for 16 days. 16 horses have been clipped.</p> <p>J.S.G. Beard Wg. Acting O.C.</p>	
	2/11/17		Training proceeded with and transport wagon renovated	
	3/11/17		Order received to accompany the 14th Bgde under their instruction with A sections and Hdq. to Berguin area. leaving B. & C. sections	
	4/11/17		The section moved with 14th Bgde and arrived at Vieux Berguin without any hitch. Ambulance then established 1 kilometre north of the town near railway line. During the following 3 days ordinary evacuation of Bgde sick was dealt with.	
	7/11/17		Unofficially advised that B & C. sections were to join up with Hdq. and A section. As billets were insufficient to accommodate the whole ambulance on the suggestion of Staff Captain of Brigade we	

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8/11/14	8/11/14		<p>inspected billets in the Steenwerck end of the Bellefleur area and discovered adequate accommodation for the whole ambulance. Accordingly I decided to move & establish the nucleus (A section) in readiness to receive and accommodate B & C sections & this (our move) took place in the morning of 8th inst. However Divisional orders then appeared which showed we were to move to Loos area so sections (B & C) remained in Reminbelat area.</p>	
	9/11/14 10/11/14		<p>Evacuation of sick and training syllabus proceeded with. I handed over charge of the ambulance to Major J. C. Sprackan. Under orders from 14th Infantry Bde to Loos area and established the section as a nucleus of the new 5th Divisional Rest Station at the convent. (Hospital) an English field ambulance 49th being officially in charge. We detailed the personnel of the section to assist them, as only by their courtesy were we enabled to billet with them pending the taking over the Rest station.</p>	<p>J. R. Beard actg. co.</p>

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	10/14/17	9 a.m.	I took over the temporary command of 14 th Aust. A. Amb. according to verbal orders from A. D. M. S. 5 th Aust Division delivered by Capt. Jose. 'A' section complete moved from billets at Baillencul to Locré where we were billeted at the Hospice. Two officers and the ³¹ other ranks were placed at the disposal of B. O. 37 th A. Amb, B. E. F. sufficient only being retained for the evacuation of sick from 14 th Aust. Brigade.	
	11/14/17		The sick were evacuated from 14 th Aust. Brigade	
	12/14/17		The sick were evacuated from 14 th Aust. Brigade & the horse transport finished clipping the horses and cleaned & greased harness.	
	13/14/17		The routine was carried out, and preparations were made for taking over on 15 th inst. Lt. Col. G. W. Thompson arrived & took over the command at 9 a. m. on 14 th inst.	

J. G. Strachan Mjr
Acting B. O.

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C. W. Thompson Lt-Col
O.C. 14 F. Amb A.I.F.

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	14/11/17		Lt Col C. W. Thompson M.C. assumed command at 9 a.m. today. Arrangements to take over post on 15 th inst proceeding. C Sect Tent Sub-Bis moved from Van Sahier Farm to Hospice Lane arriving at 4 p.m.	
	15/11/17		Look over Hospice from British F. Amb at 10 am. 16 Reinforcements reported today.	
	16/11/17		Committees for indoor and out-door amusements constituted. D.R.S. in full working order.	
	17/11/17		Routine and work in cleansing and repairing buildings.	
	18/11/17		Gas centre established at this D.R.S. Capt. Pittman and Capt. Frecker temporarily detached to 56 th and 55 th Pns respectively.	
	19/11/17		Routine	
	20/11/17		Capt G. C. WELLSCH reported for duty from 3 A.G.H.	
	21/11/17		Routine	
	22/11/17		Capt C. H. WESLEY reported for duty from 1. A.G.H., Capt Wellsch temporarily detached to 14 F.A.B.	
	24/11/17		Routine	
	25/11/17		Routine	
	26/11/17		Routine	

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27/11/17.	Six reinforcements reported for duty today. Routine	
28/11/17.	Routine.	
29/11/17.	do	
30/11/17.	do.	