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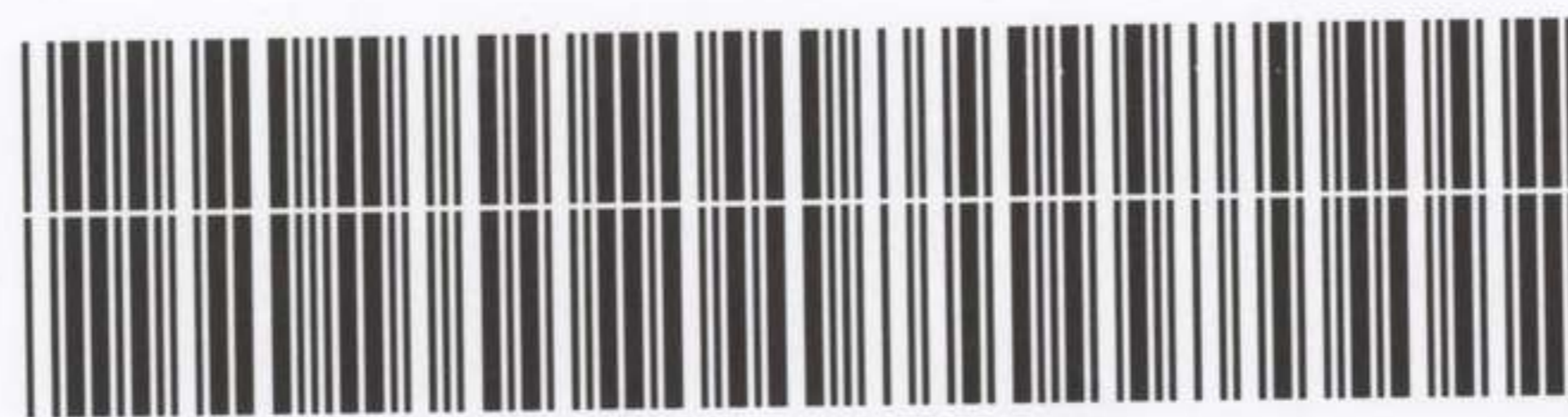
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>BAPAUME</i>	<i>31/3/17</i>		<i>15th Aust. Inf. Bde. moving to Right Sector and being replaced by 14th Aust. Inf. Bde in Divisional Advanced Guard. No alteration in medical arrangements required</i>	
"	<i>1/4/17</i>		<i>15th Aust Field Ambulance Order No 18 issued 15th Aust Field Ambulance Order No 19 issued Movements laid down in these orders carried out as laid down.</i>	<i>Appendix 69 Appendix 70</i>
	<i>2/4/17</i>		<i>In connection with movements of the Advanced Guard and the proposed attack on LOUVERVAL and DOIGNIES on morning of 2nd inst. all forward posts in the area concerned were reinforced by extra bearer squads LOUVERVAL and DOIGNIES taken by 56th and 55th Battalions respectively. Casualties fairly heavy owing to shell fire directed on the captured villages after the attack. Heavy snow and intense cold added greatly to the sufferings of the wounded and the difficulty of evacuations. In spite of this, most of the cases had been evacuated from the Advanced Collecting Station by 7 p.m.</i>	
	<i>3/4/17</i>		<i>5th Aust. Divisional A.P.M.C. order No. 22 received</i>	<i>Appendix 71</i>
	<i>5/4/17</i>		<i>Bearers and Tent Subdivision of 15th Aust Field Ambulance with 5th Aust Divisional Advanced Guard relieved by 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance and returned to M.D.S. BAPAUME</i>	<i>AM</i>

WAR DIARY

15th Aust. Field Ambulance Army Form C. 2118.

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BAPAUME	5/4/17 cont.		<p>15th Aust Field Ambulance Order No 20 issued</p> <p>15th Aust Field Ambulance Order No 21 issued</p> <p>Crossing Station and Posts at and in advance of BEAULENCOURT relieved by personnel of the 2nd Aust. Field Ambulance. Relieved personnel moved to BERNAFAY Crossing Station.</p> <p>Beaver Post at LIENY-THILLOY taken over by 15th Aust Field Ambulance.</p> <p>5th Aust. Divisional A.A.M.C. order no 23 received</p> <p>15th Aust. Field Ambulance Order no 22 issued</p> <p>15th Aust. Field Ambulance Order no 23 issued</p> <p>15th Aust. Field Ambulance Order no 24 issued</p> <p>The Section of 14th Aust. Field Ambulance in charge of BERNAFAY Crossing Station relieved by a party from 15th Aust. Fld. Ambu. & marched to Corps Scabies Hospital. AVELUY.</p>	<p>Appendix 72</p> <p>Appendix 73</p> <p>Appendix 74</p> <p>Appendix 75</p> <p>Appendix 76</p> <p>Appendix 77</p>
	6/4/17		<p>5th Aust Divisional A.A.M.C. order no 24 received</p> <p>15th Aust Field ambulance relieved by 3rd Aust Field Ambulance at M.D.S. BAPAUME and marched to a tented camp near north boundary of BEAULENCOURT at Shet 57.C. N.H.C.</p>	<p>Appendix 78</p>
BEAULENCOURT	8/4/17 10/4/17 16/4/17		<p>5th Aust Divisional A.A.M.C. Order no 25 received.</p> <p>Major MACINTOSH and C.S.L. and Major MAPLESTON P.A. detailed to report to No 3 C.C.S. AVELUY</p> <p>Capt YOUNG and Capt BARRISKILL reported for duty</p>	<p>Appendix 79</p>

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BEAULENCOURT	19/4/17		Captain LANGRAN reported for duty	
	20		A.A.M.C. Order No 26 Received	Appendix 80
			A.A.M.C. Order No 27 Received	Appendix 81
	20/4/17		15 th Aust Field Ambulance and Nos 23 and 32 Dental Unit moved to vicinity of BAZENTIN with the 14 th Aust Inf Bde. after being relieved by 35 th Fld. Amb.	
			14 th Aust. Inf. Bde Order No 85 received	Appendix 82
	21/4/17		15 th Aust Field Ambulance Order No 25 issued	Appendix 83

Weymouth G. Col
 C.O. 15th Aust Field Ambulance
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BECOURT	21.4.17		<p>Unit moved from BAZENTIN camp and arrived at BECOURT camp at about mid-day on 21.4.1917.</p> <p>Lieut.-Col. A. HOAN, Captains BULLEN, N. J., SMITH, W. L. and LACY, E. W. proceeded on leave to the UNITED KINGDOM.</p> <p>Verbal instructions received from A.D.M.S., 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION that Unit will move to "A" camp, FRICOURT, on the morning of 22.4.1917.</p>	
FRICOURT	22.4.17		<p>Unit completed move to "A" Camp, FRICOURT (Albert combined X. 28. C. I. 7.) at 11 A.M.</p> <p>The balance of the day was employed in cleaning up and arranging the camp.</p>	
	23.4.17		<p>These two days were devoted to drill on the lines laid down.</p>	
	24.4.17			
	25.4.17		<p>Anzac Day. Holiday from 11 o'clock A.M.</p>	
	26.4.17		<p>Devoted to Drill, route marches and on occasional lecture.</p>	
	27.4.17			
	28.4.17			
	29.4.17		<p>Polling Day for Federal Elections.</p>	
	30.4.17		<p>Company and Sketcher Drill.</p>	
			<p>to <u>Phillip</u> Major Acting C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance</p>	

15th Aust. Field Ambulance Order No. 18. Copy No. 3

Ref. map sheet 57C. 1:50000

1/4/1917

Explanations: 'B' Section of 15th Aust. Field Ambulance will relieve 'B' Section of 15th Australian Field Ambulance at BERNARFY WOOD Dressing Station on 2.11.17.

Move: 'B' Section, 15th Australian Field Ambulance less one half Section in command. Sub-division will march from Capt. Hansen the M.D.S. at BATHUNE to the Dressing Station at BERNARFY and take over this Station.

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Officers detailed as per margins. Move to be completed by noon, 2.11.17. Loads will fall in at 8.30 a.m. Blankets and unexpended portions of 24 hours rations will be carried.

Dress - marching order. Water bottles will be carried full. Proper road discipline will be maintained.

Route

Trucks will move via BATHUNE - ALBERT road as far as GUYAT road, then via MARTINPUICH, BAZENTIN-le-PETIT, LONGUEVAL to BERNARFY.

Stores.

All stores belonging to the Section will accompany the Section being carried on the Section transport. New stores at M.D.S. will be handed over to P.M., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, receipt.

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being furnished.
inspections. Major Macartney will inspect the
quarters vacated by the Section
and furnish a report before leaving.

Wrighton

Lieut Col.
C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance

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15 th Australian Field Ambulance Order No. 19.	
Ref. Map Sheet 57 ^e 46000	1/4/1917.
INFORMATION.	'B' Section, 15 th Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by 'B' Section, 14 th Australian Field Ambulance at BERNARFY WOOD Dressing Station on 2.4.17.
MOVE.	'B' Section, 15 th Australian Field Ambulance less Train party, will march from BERNARFY at noon, 2.4.17. and report to C.O. 15 th Australian Field Ambulance at BAPPAUME. Move to be completed by 4 o'clock p.m. Blankets and unexpended portions of 24 hours rations will be carried. Dress - marching order. Water bottles will be carried full. Proper road discipline will be maintained.
ROUTE.	Troops will move via LONGUEVAL, BAZENTIN-RE-PETIT, MARTINDUICH, to ALBERT-BAPPAUME road thence to M.I.S. at BAPPAUME.
BACK GANGE TRAIN PARTY TRANSPORT.	This party will continue to staff the train until further orders. Transport will be arranged by Transport Officer, 15 th Australian Field Ambulance. 3 G.S. Wagons will report from BAPPAUME.

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STORES.

All News belonging to the sections will be moved to BATHURST. 5
 Area stores will be disposed as arranged by P.M. 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

INSPECTION.

An inspection of the Camp will be made prior to vacating it to ensure that it is left clean.

INFORMATION.

All necessary information re returns etc. will be given by Major Rigdon to Major MacIntyre.

Whitford Light Col.
 h.Q. 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

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4/4/1917.

INFORMATION.

The Bearer sub-divisions ~~under~~ of the 5th Australian Division at and forward of FREMICOURT will be relieved by bearers of the 1st Australian Division at 11 a.m. of 5th instant.

The Tent sub-division of the 15th Australian Field Ambulance at FREMICOURT and BEUGNY will be relieved by a Tent sub-division of the 2nd Australian Field Ambulance on the afternoon of the 5th instant.

The 14th Australian Field Ambulance personnel at the same posts with ~~with bearer sub-divisions, 15th Australian Field Ambulance~~ march to M.D.S. and rejoin their Headquarters at CORPS SCABIES HOSPITAL by 2 p.m. on 6th instant, at AVELUY.

MOVE.

Captain Bullen
in charge.
Captain Beith.

Immediately on relief all bearers under the charge of Captain Bullen will march from FREMICOURT, where they will be assembled, in charge of Captain Beith to M.D.S. BAPAUME, where they will report to L.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, route, road discipline, etc. being arranged by Officer in charge of forward area.

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MOVE
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The Tent sub-division of the 15th Australian Field Ambulance will immediately on relief march from FREMICOURT where they will be assembled, to M.D.S., BAPAUME and report to C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance at M.D.S.

AREA STORES.

Route, road discipline, transport of stores will be arranged by Officer in charge of sub-division. Copies in duplicate of all stores, etc. taken over and handed over will be forwarded to C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance within twenty four hours of completion of move, receipts accompanying lists.

TRANSPORT.

All transport, mechanical and horsed will accompany the Tent sub-division.

INSPECTION.

Inspection of all posts will be made by Officer in charge "A" Section, 15th Australian Field Ambulance prior to vacating posts to ensure that they are left clear.

Lieut Col

C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance

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Captain Stollen.

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5th Australian Field Ambulance Order No. 21.
 Ref. map sheet 57^c 10,000. 4.4.1917.

INFORMATION.

The Bearers of the 5th Australian Division at and forward of BEAULIEU-COURT will be relieved by bearers of the 1st Australian Division at 11 a.m. of the 5th instant.

8th Australian Field Ambulance bearers when relieved will march to BERNHAY DRESSING STATION, stay there the night, and rejoin their Unit at BELLEVUE FARM on the 6th instant.

MOVE

(Captain Marshall)
 in charge

Immediately on relief the bearer subdivisions of the 8th Australian Field Ambulance will march to BERNHAY DRESSING STATION and the Officers in charge of the sub-divisions will report to Officers in charge, BERNHAY DRESSING STATION, who will provide accommodation for the night.

At 10 o'clock on 6th instant, the sub-division will be on parade, and will march off at 10.30 a.m. and will report for duty to C.O., 8th Australian Field Ambulance at BELLEVUE FARM, move to be completed

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ROUTE.

by the afternoon of the 6th instant.

Route will be arranged by Officer in Charge of sub-division.

DRESS.
RATIONS.

Dress - Marching Order.

The unconsumed portion of the days ration (5-4-17) will be carried as well as the reserve iron ration to BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION, where rations for the following day will await them under charge of Officer in Charge BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION.

Water Bottles for both journeys will be carried full.

Proper road discipline will be maintained.

Packs at BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION will be taken over by Officer in Charge of sub-division and picquets placed on them will report to and accompany sub-division.

All personnel of the 8th Bushbuckan Field Ambulance forward of BERNAFAY will accompany the Tent sub-division back to the Unit.

TRANSPORT.

All ^{horse} transport other than horse ambulance transport at present at or forward of BERNAFAY will

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TRANSPORT.

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AREA STORES.

accompany the sub-division back to the Unit.

Area Stores will be handed over to the incoming Unit and copies in duplicate of all stores etc. taken over and handed over will be forwarded to C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance accompanied by receipts within twenty four hours of relief.

WATER CART.

The water cart of the 8th Australian Field Ambulance will report to Officer in Charge of sub-division at BEAULENOIRT A.D.S. this afternoon (4-4-17).

Wyllton

Lieut Col.

C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

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The 15th Australian Field Ambulance personnel at M.D.S., BADAUME and forward will march to AVELUY and rejoin their Headquarters at CORPS SCABIES HOSPITAL by 2 p.m. on 6th instant.

MOVE.

Major McCallum
 in charge.

All personnel of the 15th Australian Field Ambulance at BADAUME M.D.S. will march from the M.D.S. at 9 a.m. on the 6th instant, and will report for duty to the C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance at AVELUY. Move to be completed by 2 p.m. on the 6th instant.

RATIONS.

Rationing will be arranged by Officer in Charge. Unconsumed portions of days (6. 4. 17) rations will be carried as well as the reserve iron rations.

Water bottles will be carried full.

ROUTE.

Route will be arranged by Officer in Charge.

PACKS.

The packs of personnel at BERNAFAY will be taken to AVELUY by arrangements made

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PACKS
(continued)
TRANSPORT.

by Officer in charge of personnel.

All mechanical and horse transport at present at M.D.S., belonging to 15th Australian Field Ambulance, excepting one ~~ambulance~~ car will accompany the party.

W. H. How

Lieut Col.

C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

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MOVE
(Major Macartney
in charge)

The Section of the 14th Australian Field Ambulance at BERNARFAY DRESSING STATION will be relieved at noon on the 6th instant by the Medical Officer and seven other ranks of a 75th Australian Field Ambulance Tent sub-division. All personnel of the 14th Australian Field Ambulance at BERNARFAY DRESSING STATION will march from the station at noon on the 6th instant and report to C.O. 14th Australian Field Ambulance at AVELUY CHATEAU. Move to be completed by 6 p.m. 6th instant. All personnel of the 14th Australian Field Ambulance at other stations administered by C.O. 14th Australian Field Ambulance will be withdrawn and accompany party from BERNARFAY DRESSING STATION to AVELUY.

MOVE
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After to withdrawal of these personnel all ^{area} stores at posts other than BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION will be withdrawn and brought to BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION.

ROUTE.

Route will be arranged by Officer in charge of party.

DRESS.

Dress - marching order. Proper road discipline will be maintained.

RATIONS.

Rations will be arranged by Officer in charge of party. Water bottles will be carried full.

TRANSPORT.

All transport belonging to the 15th Australian Field Ambulance at BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION will accompany the party, excepting the mechanical transport.

AREA STORES.

Lists of area stores taken over and handed over will be furnished to C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance, receipts accompanying the lists. All area stores will be handed over to Officer in charge of Tent sub-division party coming in.

~~PACKS.~~

All packs belonging to the 15th Australian Field Ambulance at BERNARBY DRESSING STATION will be taken on to AVELUY under arrangements by Officers in charge of party (Major Macarthur).

INSPECTION.

An inspection of the DRESSING STATION will be made by Officers at present in charge prior to leaving, to ensure that it is left clean.

W. J. M. Lieut Col.

Lt Col. 15th Australian Field Ambulance

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 MOVE
 (Captain Coppleson
 in charge)

The section of the 14th Australian Field Ambulance at BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION will be released at noon on 6th instant, by one Medical Officer and seven other ranks of the 15th Australian Field Ambulance Tent sub-division. Seven other ranks from "C" Tent sub-division will march from M.D.S. BAPAUME at 8:30 a.m. on 6th instant, and the Officer in charge will take over BERNAFAY DRESSING STATION from the Officer in Charge of the Station at present.

ROUTE.

Route will be arranged by CAPTAIN COPPLESON.

RATIONS

Dress - marching Order.
 Water bottles will be carried full.
 Unexpended portion of days ration will be carried as well as the reserve iron rations.
 Arrangement for future rationing will be made by Officer in

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RATIONS.
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Charge of party with Quarter-
master, 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

WORK.

This party will carry on
the duties at the BERNAFAY
DRESSING STATION.

TRANSPORT.

One water cart and one
Sunbeam car will be stationed
for duty with the party.

AREA STORES.

All area stores at BERNAFAY
DRESSING STATION will be
taken over by CAPTAIN COPPLESON,
lists of stores taken over with
receipts to be furnished to
C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance
within twenty four hours of
completion of move.

Weyburn Lieut Col.

C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance.

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15th Australian Field Ambulance Order No 2
 Reference: ALBERT (Combined Staff) HQ, No. 30. 4. 1917

INFORMATION The move of the 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
 will be continued tomorrow, 21st instant.
 The 14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
 GROUP will move to BECOURT tomorrow.
 Advance parties of units will
 meet the Staff Captain at BECOURT
 CROSSROADS X 25. d. Contol. at 10.30 A.M.
 21st instant.
 First line transport will accom-
 pany units.
 Refilling Point BAZENTEN RAILHEAD
 at 9 A.M.

MOVE The 15th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE
 will march to BECOURT at 11.30 A.M.
 on the 21st instant.

(Major Shellsham
 in Charge)

POSITION IN The Unit will follow the 14th
 ORDER OF MARCH FIELD COMPANY R.E.

STARTING POINT The starting point is S.13. & O.5.
 time 11.30 A.M.

ROUTE The route will be via CONTALMAISON
 - LA BOISSELLE.

DESTINATION. Destination BECOURT.

INTERVALS. The Unit will move with ordinary
 intervals of route march.

ADVANCE PARTY. MAJOR PIGDON will meet the Staff
 Captain, 14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

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BRIGADE at BECOURT CROSSROADS
 X 25. d. Contd. at 10.30 AM 27th instant
 and will arrange for accommodation
 for the 15th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE
 and 2nd and 3rd DENTAL SECTIONS.
 Lance Corporal MOORE will accompany
 him and will guide the Units
 to their Bunkers.

TRANSPORT

Transport will be arranged by
 Captain MURPHY.

DRESS

Dress - marching Order.
 Water bottles will be carried full.

MARCH DISCIPLINE.

Proper march discipline will be
 maintained.

RATIONS

Rations will be arranged by the
 Quartermaster.

W. H. H. H. H.

Lieut Col
 C.O. 15th Australian Field Ambulance

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