

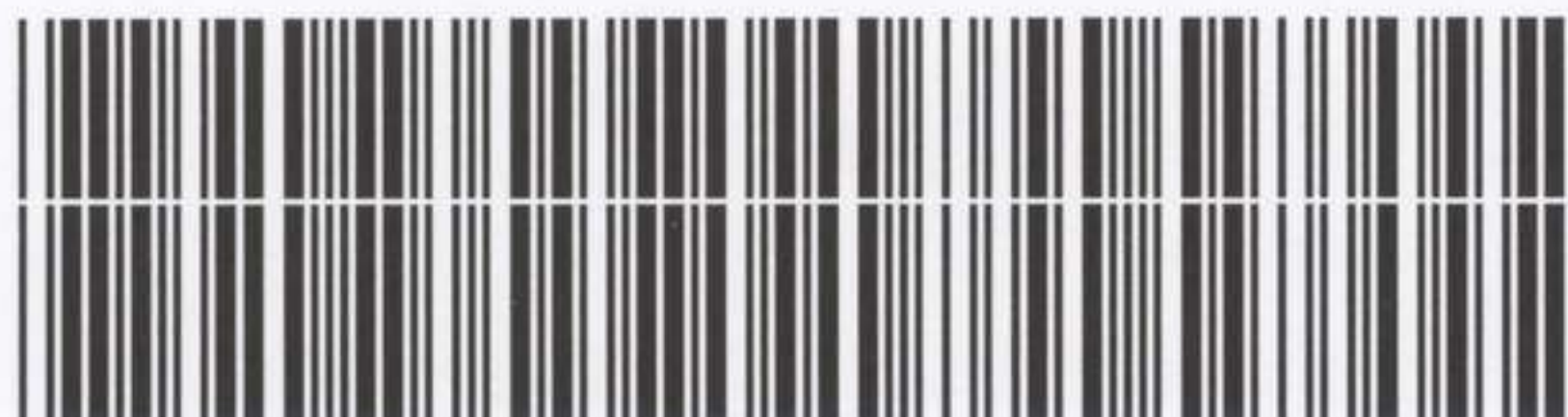
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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ERQUINGHEM	2/3/17		A.D.S. at ERQUINGHEM handed over to 10 <sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance	
L'ESTRADE	3/3/17		During period we held this A.D.S. we had 118 admissions 3rd Australian D.R.S. at L'ESTRADE (with 168 patients) handed over to 10 <sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance; during period of occupation of this D.R.S. 118 cases were admitted.	
Armentieres	3/3/17		Relieved 10 <sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance at <sup>Left</sup> M.D.S. ARMENTIERES and <sup>Left</sup> A.D.S. HOUPLES (taking over 60 cases at the M.D.S.).	11th A.F.A. movement order No. 5
Armentieres	6.3.17		Capt LOVE J.A. detailed as Acting RMO 38th Batt.	
Armentieres	10/3/17		B Section under Major J. STEWART relieved 9 <sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance at <sup>Right</sup> M.D.S. and <sup>Right</sup> A.D.S. One Officer and 12 Other Ranks proceeding to A.D.S.	11th A.F.A. movement order No. 6 of 9/3/17
Armentieres	13.3.17		Captain GRAVES returned to duty with unit and detailed to Right M.D.S. Special enterprise of 11th Infantry Brigade on the night of 13th & 14th March 1917. Medical arrangements described in operation order No. 7 attached. 63 cases were admitted to both M.D.S.'s 52 at Left M.D.S. & 11 at Right M.D.S. At Left M.D.S. 2 died, 34 were immediately evacuated after treatment by medical officers & 16 were evacuated later in the day. At Right M.D.S. 4 serious cases were evacuated & 11 detained.	11th A.F.A. Fed Amb operation order No. 7
Armentieres	16.3.17		Capt LOVE J.A. returned to duty with unit. Capt. JUETT A. proceeded on leave to England (Special).	





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ARMENTIERES	14.3.17		CAPT. BLAUBAUM I. attached for duty from II Amzac Corps School.	JWHW
"	19.3.17		<del>CAPT.</del> MAJOR BURSTON S.R. proceeded on leave to England (Special).	
"	27.3.17		CAPT JUETT A. returned from leave.	
"	<del>28.3.17</del>		<del>CAPT JUETT A. detailed as A/RMO 36th Batt. Cancelled.</del>	
"	29.3.17		MAJOR BURSTON S.R. returned from leave.	
"	30.3.17		CAPT JUETT A. detailed for temporary duty with 3rd Sanitary Section.	





THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.MOVEMENT. ORDER. No., 5.Reference, A.D.M.S. M.32/3/17, (SECRET).

Map Reference Sheet 36, 1/40,000.

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1. RELIEF:- The 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 11th. Australian Field Ambulance at Divisional Rest Station L'ESTRADE, (Map Reference, Sheet 36.N.W. A30.b.2.9.) and the 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will relieve the 10th. Australian Field Ambulance at M.D.S. and A.D.S. (Map Reference Sheet 36.N.W. ECOLE, RUE MESSINES, C.19.c.1.1. and HOUPLES C.26.d. 5.9. respectively.)
2. ADVANCE PARTIES:-

O.C., "C". Section, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance, with 2 Officers and 30 Other Ranks will report to C.O., 10th. Australian Field Ambulance. by 12 noon, on 28th instant February, 1917.

One Officer with Bearer Sub-Section, One Cook, and One Clerk, of "B". Section, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance, will report to O.C., "C". Section, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance at 11. a.m. on 28th. February, 1917 and take over H.4.d.3.7.
3. RATIONS:- Advanced Parties will be rationed from 12 noon 28th. February, 1917 by the Unit to which they report.
4. MAIN PARTIES:- The Main Parties will change over on the 3rd. March, 1917 taking over to be completed by 12 noon, on that date.
5. STORES AND EQUIPMENT:-

The Mobilization Stores of "A". Section, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will be sent direct to M.D.S. Rue MESSINES C.19.c.1.1. under arrangements to be made by Transport Officer 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

Mobilization Stores of "C". Section 11th. Australian Field Ambulance. will not be moved from their present location till further orders.

No Stores other than those set out on Mobilization Store Table are to be taken, Stores and Equipment in excess will be handed over to incoming Unit and receipts obtained. Copy of receipts to be held by each Unit.
6. TRANSPORT:- Transport arrangements will be made by Transport Officer, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.
7. STEENWERCK BATHS:- These will be carried on as usual, till further orders



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OR MOVEMENT ORDER. No. 5. (Continued). (S)

9. REPORTS:- Completion of move to be reported by D.R. to C.O.,  
11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

DISTRIBUTION:-

*DMH Downey Lt Col.*  
*CO. 11th Aust. Fld Amb.*

- Copy No., 1. To. A.D.M.S.  
2. To. 11th. Brigade Headquarters.  
3. To "A". Section.  
4. To "B". "  
5. To "C". "  
6. To Quartermaster.  
7. To War Diary.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.MOVEMENT ORDER No., 6.Reference A.A.M.C. Operation Order No., 5. by A.D.M.S.

Map Reference Sheet 36. 1/40,000.

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1. RELIEF:- The Main Dressing Station at B.30.c.6.4. and the Advance Dressing Station at 1.8.b.3.7. at present held by the 9th. Australian Field Ambulance will be taken over by the 11th. Australian Field Ambulance in addition to their present Stations.

2. DETAILS:-

"B". Section will move from M.D.S. at C.19.c.1.1. to M.D.S. at B.30.c.6.4. under arrangements to be made by O.C., Section. Move to be completed by 6.p.m. on 9th. March, 1917.

3. STORES & EQUIPMENT:-

The Mobilization Stores of "B". Section will be sent direct to M.D.S. at B.30.c.6.4. under arrangements to be made by Transport Officer.

C.O., 9th. Australian Field Ambulance will hand over to O.C., "B". Section, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance, all Stores etc. in excess of Mobilization Store Table Equipment.

4. A. D. S.

O.C., "B". Section will detail 1 Officer and 12 Other Ranks to take over Advanced Dressing Station at 1.8.b.3.7. from Advanced Dressing Station Party of 9th. Australian Field Ambulance.

5. REPORTS:-

Completion of move to be reported to C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance by D.R.

*W. H. Downey* Lt Col.  
C.O. 11th Aust. Fld. Amb.

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2. to 9th. Brigade Headquarters.  
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5. to "B". " " " "  
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.

OPERATION. ORDER. No., 7.

Map Reference HOUPINES Sheet 36. N.W. 2. Edition 7A. 1/10,000.  
36. N.W. 1. (Parts of)  
BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000 Edition 6. (Redrawn). B.

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INTENTION. A Raid will be carried out on the enemy's first and second Lines between the Railway in I.11.a., and the Road running S.E. and N.W. in I.5.d. under cover of a rolling barrage which will roll from South to North over the Area to be raided.  
The Raid will be carried out on a day to be known as "Z" day and at an hour to be known as "Zero Hour". These will be notified later to all concerned.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.  
The C.O. 11th Australian Field Ambulance will make arrangements for the evacuation of Casualties from all Aid Posts.

ROUTES FOR EVACUATION.  
(a) From the advanced R.A.P. at 15.c.10.82. (PLANK AVENUE.) the Route of evacuation will be by PLANK AVENUE.  
(b). From the Advanced R.A.P. at 1.10.b.85.65. (Support Line near VAUXHALL AVENUE.) the Route of evacuation will be by PORTE EGAL AVENUE.

STRETCHER CASES.  
(a) On arrival at R.A.P. situated near junction of QUALITY STREET and Subsidiary Line, stretcher cases will be sent via train line to R.A.P. at TISSAGE DUMP and thence by Ambulance Motor Cars to M.D.S. at RUE MESSINES.  
(b) On arrival at R.A.P. situated near junction of PORTE EGAL AVENUE and Subsidiary Line, stretcher cases will be sent via train line to R.A.P. at SQUARE FARM, and thence by Motor Ambulance Cars to M.D.S. at RUE MESSINES.

WALKING CASES.  
(a) On arrival at R.A.P. situated near junction of QUALITY STREET and Subsidiary Line, walking cases will be directed to A.D.S. HOUPINES via BUTERNE AVENUE.  
These cases will after attention at A.D.S. be conveyed by Horsed Ambulance Wagons to M.D.S. at RUE MESSINES.  
(b) On arrival at R.A.P. situated near junction of PORTE EGAL AVENUE and Subsidiary Line, walking cases will be directed to R.A.P. at SQUARE FARM and thence to A.D.S. BRICKFIELD via BRICKSTACK WALK. These cases will after attention at A.D.S. be conveyed by Horsed Ambulance Wagons to M.D.S. at MATERNITE.

MEDICAL OFFICERS AT R.A.P.'s.

Regimental R.M.O.'s will be at Advanced R.A.P.'s.  
A Medical Officer to be detailed by C.O., 9th. Australian Field Ambulance, will be stationed at R.A.P. at SQUARE FARM.  
CAPTAIN G.W. SMITH will be stationed at R.A.P. at junction of PORTE EGAL AVENUE at Subsidiary Line.  
CAPTAIN E.I.L. GRAVES at R.A.P. at junction of QUALITY STREET and Subsidiary Line.  
CAPTAIN KERR, at R.A.P. at TISSAGE DUMP.



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## OPERATION ORDER No., 7. (Sheet 2.)

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BEARERS.

O.C. "A" Section will detail

(a) 12 Bearers under SERGEANT STONE to act as a reserve at R.A.P. QUALITY STREET- Subsidiary Line, each Bearer will carry one stretcher.

(b). 6 Bearers to R.A.P. QUALITY STREET- Subsidiary Line to work trollies and wheeled stretchers.

O.C., "B". Section will detail:-

(a). A forward party of 8 bearers to proceed to R.A.P. at VAUXHALL AVENUE. This party will carry 4 stretchers and report to R.M.O. at the R.A.P. mentioned.

(b). 12 bearers under a N.C.O. to act as a reserve at R.A.P. at PORTE EGAL AVENUE- Subsidiary Line. Each bearer will carry 1 strtcher.

(c). 4 bearers to work trollies from R.A.P. at PORTE EGAL- Subsidiary Line to SQUARE FARM.

O.C., "C". Section will detail :-

(a). A forward Party of 8 bearers to proceed to R.A.P. at PLANK AVENUE. This party will carry 4 stretchers and report to R.M.O. at the R.A.P. mentioned.

MOTOR DESPATCH RIDERS.

1 Despatch Rider will be stationed at TISSAGE DUMP and 1 at SQUARE FARM.

TIME.

All personnel will arrive at their Posts at Zero- 3½ Hours.

HELMETS AND RESPIRATORS.

Steel Helmets will be worn and Box Respirators carried in the Alert Position.

LEFT M.D.S. Medical Officer in charge- MAJOR J.M.Y. STEWART.

LEFT A.D.S. Medical Officer in charge- CAPTAIN M.H. MAILER.

RIGHT M.D.S. Medical Officer in charge- An Officer to be detailed by C.O., 9th. Australian Field Ambulance.

RIGHT A.D.S. Medical Officer in charge- CAPTAIN J.G. SWEENEY.

AMBULANCE MOTOR CARS.

3 Ambulance Motor Cars will evacuate from R.A.P. at TISSAGE DUMP, and 3 from R.A.P. at SQUARE FARM.

HORSED AMBULANCE WAGONS.

3 supplied by C.O., 9th. Australian Field Ambulance will evacuate from RIGHT A.D.S. Wagons to be at A.D.S. Zero-1/3rd Hour.

3 from LEFT A.D.S. supplied by C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance. Wagons to be at A.D.S. by Zero- 1/3rd. Hour.



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OPERATION ORDER. No., 7. (sheet 3).

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BLANKETS.

These will be supplied to Advanced R.A.P's and Subsidiary R.A.P's under arrangements of Q.M.

HOT DRINKS.

Hot Food Boxes containing Hot Bovril will be supplied to Subsidiary R.A.P's.

SPLINTS AND DRESSINGS.

Padded Splints and Shell Dressings will be supplied to the Advanced R.A.P's.

RESERVE SUPPLIES OF BLANKETS AND STRETCHERS.

These will be supplied to R.A.P's at TISSAGE DUMP and SQUARE FARM.

WHEELED AMBULANCE STRETCHERS.

4 of these will be located near R.A.P. at ~~gna~~ QUALITY STREET- Subsidiary Line.

TRAM TROLRIES.

3 of these will be located near R.A.P's at QUALITY STREET- Subsidiary Line and PORTE EGAL- Subsidiary Line respectively.

REPORTS.

Reports will be made to C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance at M.D.S. RUE MESSINES.

*W.H. Downey*  
.....Lieut-Colonel.  
C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

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  6. to O.C., "C". Section.
  7. to War Diary.