

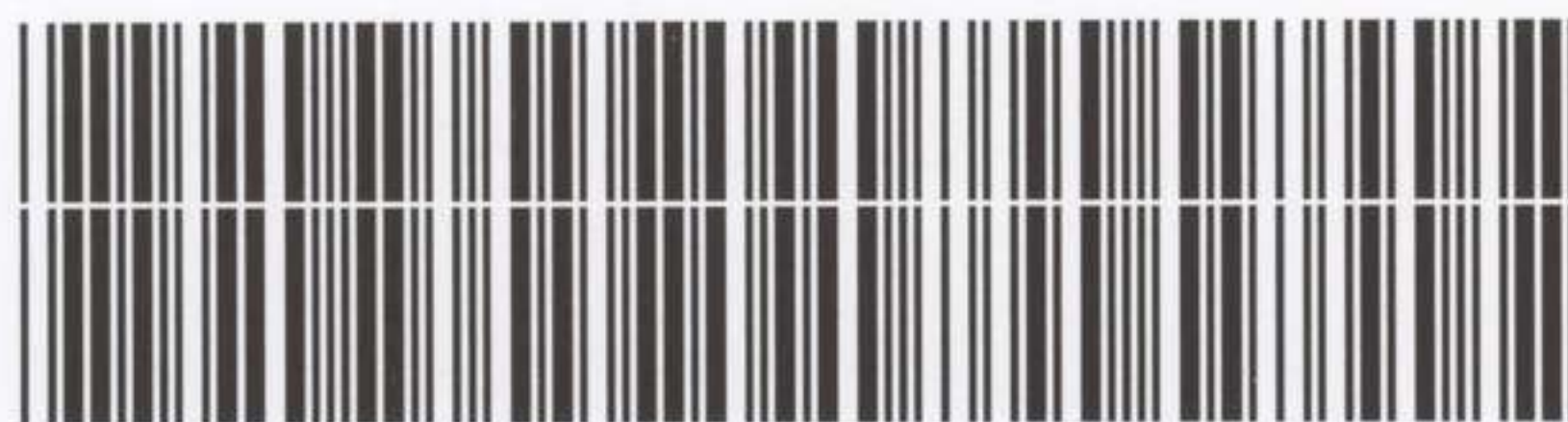
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PONT d'ACHELLES	2.6.17		Capt LOVE J.A. detailed for duty as a/RMO. 35th Batt.	
"	"		Mechanical Transport attached for duty with 9th & 10th Aust. Field Ambulances from 3rd Aust. D.S.C. reported for duty to C.O. 11th Aust. Field Ambulance.	
"	"		Offensive operations at MESSINES from 2.6.17 to 12.6.17. - Narrative of arrangements for evacuation of wounded from Advanced Dressing Stations to Corps Main Dressing Station attached.	Narrative attached.
	5.6.17		105 Stretcher Bearers reported for duty with C.O. 10th Aust. Field Ambulance "B" Sec. Tent Sub-Division (1 officer and 28 other ranks) on duty at C.M.D.S. "A" & "C" Sec. Tent Sub-Divisions at CHARING CROSS Advanced Dressing Station. All bearers attached to C.O. 10th Aust. Field Ambulance and bearing from 4 Regimental Aid Posts to Advanced Dressing Station.	
			9 extra men from 3rd Aust. D.S.C. reported for duty.	
	7.6.17		Capt. JUETT A. a/RMO 42nd Batt. Gassed & evacuated to No. 2 A.C.S.	
	10.6.17		Capt. NANKERVIS A.W. reported for duty from Base.	
	12.6.17		Handed over Advanced Dressing Station and Reg. Aid Posts to New Zealand M.C.	
NEUVE EGLISE	"		Arrived Hillside Camp, NEUVE EGLISE. and left 14.6.17.	
	14.6.17.		Capt DUNSTAN H.F. detailed for duty as a/RMO 3rd Army Brigade	
	16		Field Artillery.	
	17.6.17.			

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near DOULIEU	14.6.17		Arrived Fme. du Bois near DOULIEU and commenced a Brigade Field Hospital.	
"	21.6.17.		Left Fme. du Bois. 54 cases passed through our books.	
"	18.6.17.		Capt NANKERVIS A.W. transferred to 3rd Pioneer Batt. as RMO.	
"	"		Capt KERR J. taken on strength from 3rd Pioneer Batt.	
"	20.6.17.		Capt. KERR J. detailed for duty as a RMO. 44th Batt.	
NEUVE EGLISE	21.6.17		Arrived Hutting Camp NEUVE EGLISE and left on 23.6.17.	
	22.6.17		Capt MURRAY J.F. proceeded to ENGLAND on leave.	
near WULVERGHEM.	23.6.17.		Took over Main Dressing Station (Advanced) KANDAHAR FARM and Advanced Posts from 76th Field Ambulance R.A.M.C.	Operation Order No. 8.
"	26.6.17		Major MEEHAN A.V. proceeded to PARIS on leave.	
"	29.6.17.		2 Bearers wounded and evacuated to CES.	
"	"		Major BURSTON S.R. appointed Temp. Lieut Col and to be S.M.O. AG. B.D. HAYRE.	

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX.

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11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.

Narrative of arrangements for evacuation of wounded from Advanced Station to C.M.D.S., during Offensive Operations at MESSINES, 2/6/17- 12/6/17.

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DISPOSITIONS:-

- (1). C.M.D.S. at PONT d'ACHELLES. 6 Tent Sub-Divisions (3 from 3rd. Australian Division) under C.O., 9th. Australian Field Ambulance.
- (2). A.D.S. CHARING CROSS. Tent Sub-Divisions of "A" and "C". Sections, 11th. Australian Field Ambulance. O.C.-Major S.R.BURSTON.
- (3). D.C.P. for walking wounded at HYDE PARK CORNER. Two Tent Sub-Divisions of 9th. Australian Field Ambulance. O.C.- Major F.LIND.
- (4). D.C.P. for Walking Wounded at TOUQUET BERTHE. One Tent Sub-Division of 10th. Australian Field Ambulance. O.C.- Major McMAHON.
- (5). R.A.P.'s at THE ONLY WAY. ANSCROFT AVENUE, PROWSE POINT, DEAD HORSE CORNER.

EVACUATION OF WOUNDED:-

- (1). All Divisional Bearers under command of C.O., 10th. Australian Field Ambulance carried Stretcher cases from R.A.P.'s to A.D.S. and directed Walking Cases to D.C.P.'s.
- (2). A.D.S. and D.C.P.'s under command of C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.
- (3). Divisional Motor and Horse Ambulances under command of C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.
- (4). C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance in charge of evacuation of Stretcher cases from A.D.S. by Ambulance Motor Cars and Horse Ambulance Wagons, and of evacuation of Walking cases by means of 60 c.m. Corps Tramway to O.X.D. Siding.

CONDITION OF WORK:-

- (1). The A.D.S. and D.C.P.'s were in the area bombarded by enemy Gas Shells and High Explosive.
- (2). The Personnel had to work in small Box Respirators all through night of 6/7th June, and for varying periods up to 12/6/17.
- (3). A large number of slightly gassed, and Walking cases rushed for shelters at A.D.S. on night of 6/7th, June, and rendered the work of the A.D.S. Personnel very difficult. Subsequently nearly all Stretcher cases came to A.D.S. and Walking cases to D.C.P.'s.

SUPPLIES:-

All Supplies of Rations, Medical Comforts, and Water (in sterilized petrol cans) ~~xxxxx~~ were supplied to forward Stations by Captain MURRAY, Q.M. 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

CASUALTIES:-

4th.	3 Gassed (including 1 died)	3.
6th.	6 Wounded, 2 Gassed.	8.
7th.	2 Killed, 5 Wounded, 14 Gassed	21.
8th.	1 Wounded, 1 Gassed.	2.
10th.	2 Gassed.	2.
11th.	1 Gassed.	1.

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CASES EVACUATED:-

From 2 a.m. 2/6/17 to 12 Midnight 11/6/17, 3003 cases passed through A.D&S. including 1156 for the 24 hours, 2.a.m. 7/6/17 to 2.a.m. 8/6/17.

REMARKS:-

The whole scheme of evacuating of wounded ran smoothly and without a hitch. In this respect the Motor Ambulance Drivers and Orderlies did splendid work under trying and dangerous conditions. All members of the Unit did splendid work, and the names of the following Officers have been specially mentioned:-

Major S.R. BURSTON.
 " A.V. MEEHAN
 Capt. E.I.L. GRAVES.
 " M.H. MAILER
 " H.F. DUNSTAN.
 " J.F. MURRAY.

The following N.C.O. and men received the award of the MILITARY MEDAL in recognition of their work during the Operations.

12751	T/Sgt.	PORTER, J.E.
12791	Pte.	STROUT, L.H.G.
12764	"	STROUT, J.A.D.
12801	"	CLEVELAND, F.H.
12733	"	LINKSON, C.

*W.H. Downey Lt Col
 Cp. XI Aust. Fld Amb.*

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION:11th. FIELD AMBULANCE:COPY. No. 6.OPERATION. ORDER. No. 8.Map Reference, Sheet 28. S.W.1. RELIEF:-

The 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will take over the M.D.S. KANDAHAR FARM T.10.b.7.6. and forward Stations from Officer Commanding 76th. Field Ambulance.

2. ADVANCE PARTY:-

CAPTAIN SMITH G.W. and "B" Section will move up from present location of Unit at 9.30 a.m. on 23/6/17 and report to C.O., 76th. Field Ambulance. Sections Stores and Equipment will be taken. Move to be completed by 12 noon on 23/6/17.

3. MAIN PARTY:-

The Field Ambulance less "B" Section will move from its present location to M.D.S. KANDAHAR FARM at 10 a.m. on 23/6/17. Move to be completed by 12 noon on 23/6/17.

4. FORWARD STATIONS:-

"B" Section will occupy the following Stations on 23/6/17:-

M.D.S. KANDAHAR FARM.	T.10.b.7.6.
A.D.S. PONT St. QUENTIN.	T.6.c.1. 4.
A.D.S. BOYLES FARM.	U.1.a.3. 1.
A.D.S. MARION FARM.	U.1.d.9.1.
RELAY POST at	O.32. Central.
RELAY POST at	O.33.a.5. 6.
RELAY POST at	U.2.c.9.9.
RELAY POST at	U.3.a.1.0.
RELAY POST at	U.3.c.3.5.
R.A.P. at	U.4.a.8.3.

5. R.A.P's:-

Regimental Aid Posts are established at the following locations:-

O.33. Central.	U.4.a.8. 3.
U.3.b.2.6.	U.9.a. 3. 5.

6. CLEARANCE OF CASES:-

No A & D Books will be kept by 11th. Australian Field Ambulance. All cases will be evacuated to M.D.S. WESTHOF where all records will be kept.

7. TRANSPORT:-

(a). Mechanical Transport of "B" Section will accompany Section to M.D.S. KANDAHAR FARM on 23/6/17. Remaining Mechanical Transport will accompany main Party on 23/6/17.

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7. TRANSPORT:-

- (b). The Ambulance Wagons of the Unit with 1 G.S. Wagon, 1 Limbered Wagon, and 3 Water Carts will move to Lines in vicinity of A.D.S. KANDAHAR FARM at 12 noon on 23/6/17.
- (c). Remainder of Horse Transport and Personnel will move to Lines at LEINSTER HOUSE (T.L.C.S.S.) at 12 noon on 23/6/17.

8. WATER SUPPLY:-

The following water has been passed fit for drinking, and needs 1-2 Scoops Chloride Lime.

(a). Well at SLOPING ROOF FARM.	0.32.c. 25.65.
Well at.	0.32.c. 4. 6.
Well at	U.2.c. 12.75.
Pond at	U.1.b. 65.68.

M.A. Downey
Lieut. Colonel.
 C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance.

ISSUED AT 6.p.m. 21/6/17.

COPY No. 1. to A.D.M.S.
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