

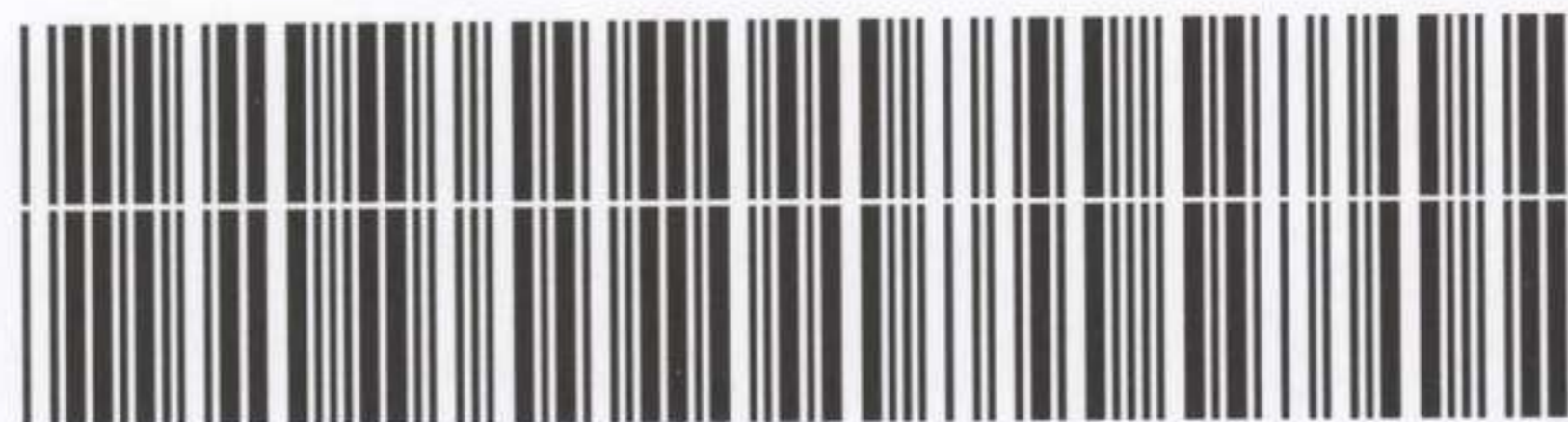
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Kandahar Farm	1917		VOLUME 9	
	July 1		The following men of the Unit are awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for conspicuous gallantry & devotion to Duty. No. 12801 Pte. CLEVELAND. F. H. No. 12733 Pte. LINKSON. C. No. 12751 T/Sgt. PORTER. J. E. No. 12674 Pte. STROUT. J. A. D. No. 12791 Pte. STROUT. L. H. G. 2 bearers wounded and evacuated to No 2 A.C.C.S. CAPT. LOVE. J. A. returned to duty with Unit from A/R.M.O. 35 Battrn. CAPT. MURRAY. J. F. returned from leave to England. Six Bearers Wounded and evacuated to No 2 A.C.C.S. MAJOR. MEEHAN returned from leave to Paris. CAPT. KERR. E. J. to duty with Unit from A/R.M.O. 44 Battrn. CAPT. MAILER. M. H. detailed as A/R.M.O. 33 Battrn. LT. COL. DOWNEY. M. H. acting A.D.M.S. during the absence on leave of A.D.M.S. 2 Aust. Divn. to 16.7.17. Two Bearers wounded and evacuated to No 2 A.C.C.S. MAJOR. WILLIAMS. H. J. reported for duty and taken on strength from 10 th Aust. Field Ambulance. Handed over M.D.S. KANDAHAR FARM to 10 th Aust. Field Ambulance. Took over M.D.S. WESTHOFF FARM from 9 th Aust. Field Ambulance. Notification of awards to the following Officers received from A.D.M.S. Major S. R. BURSTON. Distinguished Service Order Capt J. F. MURRAY. Military Cross. CAPT. SMITH. G. W. and CAPT. LOVE. J. A. to Officer Rest House LA MOTTE returning on 22 July. '17 LIEUT. COL. DOWNEY and CAPT. DUNSTAN proceeded on leave to Paris MAJOR. H. J. WILLIAMS acting C.O. 11 th Aust. Field Ambulance during the absence on leave of LIEUT. COL. DOWNEY. The following men of the Unit are awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for conspicuous gallantry & devotion to duty. No. 12801 Pte. WHALLIN. V. A. No. 12792 Pte. WOOD. T. B. Vide B.R.O. 140252 of 17 July. 17 para. 1242	
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Operation
Order No 9
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11th Field Ambulance.

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Westhof Farm. M. D. S.	31/7/17.		<p>The 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade commenced a diversion of the Line in the Messines Sector.</p> <p>Special arrangements were made by M.D.S. Westhof by this Unit for the purpose of receiving patients.</p> <p>During the Operations, cases arrived regularly, and the scheme of work at the M.D.S. as laid down in Appendix No.1. was carried out in all details.</p> <p>M.A.C. Cars arrived regularly and evacuated cases to No.2, A.C.C.S.</p> <p>(Original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for the subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month.)</p>	App. No1

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.

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--- OPERATION. ORDER. No. 9. ---Map Reference, Sheet 28. S.W.1. RELIEF:-

The 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will be relieved by the 10th. Australian Field Ambulance on 11/7/17.

2. ADVANCE PARTIES:-

(a). One Section of 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will report to C.O., 11th. Australian Field Ambulance at 6.a.m. on 10/7/17 at M.D.S., KANDAHAR FARM.

(b). One Section of 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will move from M.D.S., KANDAHAR FARM at 5.a.m. on 10/7/17 under charge of Major A.V. MEEHAN and will report to C.O., 9th. Australian Field Ambulance at M.D.S., WESTHOF FARM.

The Section will move in parties of 12 at 5 minute intervals.

3. MAIN PARTIES:-

(a). Main Party 10th. Australian Field Ambulance will arrive at M.D.S., KANDAHAR FARM at 6.a.m. on 11/7/17.

(b). Main Party of 11th. Australian Field Ambulance will move from M.D.S., KANDAHAR FARM at 7.p.m. on 10/7/17 and report to Major MEEHAN at M.D.S., WESTHOF FARM. Personnel will move in parties of 12 at 5 minute intervals.

4. FORWARD RELIEFS:-

(a). At noon on 10/7/17 the Personnel at Advanced Posts will consist of equal number of 10th, and 11th. Australian Field Ambulances.

(b). At noon on 11/7/17 all 11th. Australian Field Ambulance Personnel will be withdrawn from Advanced Posts.

5. TRANSPORT:-

Transport will move from LEINSTER HOUSE and KANDAHAR FARM to WESTHOF FARM on 10/7/17 under the direction of the Transport Officer.

6. STORES:-

All Stores in excess of Mobilization Store Table will be handed over to incoming Unit.

7. HOLDING PARTY:-

Holding Party of 2 will be detailed to LEINSTER HOUSE at 6.30.p.m. on 10/7/17. They will hand over to Transport of incoming Unit on 11/7/17 at 6.a.m.

ISSUED AT 10.a.m.
9/7/17.

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

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.11th. FIELD AMBULANCE.

NARRATIVE OF MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS AND WORK (3rd. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION)

IN THE MESSINES SECTOR, 23/6/17- 11/7/17.

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After resting for 8 days after the battle of MESSINES the Unit, after a short stay at NEUVE EGLISE, took over the following Stations in the MESSINES SECTOR from the 76th. Field Ambulance on 23/6/17.

M.D.S. at KANDAHAR FARM.

A.D.S. at BOYLES FARM.

A.D.S. at STINKING FARM. and several RELAY POSTS between the A.D.S.'s and the R.A.P.'s.

On account of the long carries from R.A.P.'s to A.D.S.'s the RELAY POSTS contained Bearers- 4 per post- who passed the Stretcher Cases along from Post to Post.

A Medical Officer was stationed at BOYLES FARM, and another at STINKING FARM. All personnel at A.D.S.'s and RELAY POSTS were changed every 48 hours.

On account of the heavy and continuous hostile shelling of the whole Sector, not only were the long overland carries by the Ambulance Bearers very dangerous, but the roads connecting the M.D.S. with the A.D.S.'s were very frequently impassable for our Ambulance Motor Cars.

Seven Ambulance Cars were damaged by Shell-fire, two irreparably so. This damage occurred in the vicinity of the A.D.S.'s which were usually under Shell-fire as the result, in my opinion, of the proximity of our own Artillery Batteries.

On the 3rd. of July Captain DUNSTAN and party manning the A.D.S. at STINKING FARM were shelled out of their Station and were ordered by me to open up a new A.D.S. at GOOSEBERRY FARM. During the shelling of STINKING FARM 1 of our bearers was killed and 5 others wounded. During this period all wounded (our own Bearers and Infantry brought down from the R.A.P.'s) were carefully attended by Captain DUNSTAN who showed great coolness and devotion to duty.

Every available man of the Unit was used in the Sector as well as 12 men whom I borrowed from the 9th. Field Ambulance.

At KANDAHAR FARM all wounded were dressed and made ready for transmission to the 2nd. A.C.C.S. Our own Cars took the patients to the 9th. Field Ambulance at WESTHOF FARM where the necessary records were taken and where they were transferred to M.A.C. Cars. As the M.D.S. was under Shell-fire, all Personnel slept in sand-bagged shelters.

After 18 days in the Sector we handed over to the 10th. Australian Field Ambulance on 11/7/17 and took over WESTHOF FARM from 9th. Australian Field Ambulance.

The number of patients admitted, treated, and evacuated for the 18 days of our occupation was:-

SICK.	250
WOUNDED.	1011
TOTAL.	<u>1241</u>

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Our own Unit casualties were 12 Wounded, one of whom died of his wounds shortly afterwards.

The following Officers are specially mentioned for gallantry and devotion to duty during this period:-

Major W.W.CHAPLIN.
Captain H.F.DUNSTAN.
Captain E.I.L.GRAVES.

While all the men did splendid work under dangerous and trying conditions the following were specially recommended and were awarded the Military Medal.:-

No.12831. Pte. V.A.WHALLIN.
No.12792. Pte. T.B.WOOD.

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