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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LES BODELEX	January, 1919.	1	<p>Lieut-Colonel R. WHISTON WALSH, DSO, having proceeded on 30 days leave to the United Kingdom, Major J.V.H.GUEST assumed temporary Command from this date.</p> <p>Major J.V.PEARCE proceeding to report to A.I.F.Headquarters, LONDON, for return to Australia is struck off strength from this date (Authority- D.A.G., A.I.F. 148/01/322 dated 23-12-1918).</p>	
		2	<p>During the evening Impromptu Speeches were held in connection with the Unit Educational Scheme. 14 Members took part and an enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.</p>	
		3/5	<p>No entries necessary.</p>	
		6	<p>Captain A.F.SUTTON, No. 23 Dental Unit attached 15th Australian Field Ambulance, proceeding to A.I.F.Headquarters, LONDON, for duty is struck off attachment strength from this date.</p>	
		7	<p>Major V.M.COPPLESON having reported for duty from 8th Australian Field Ambulance is taken on strength as from 30-12-1918 in accordance with instructions from A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division.</p>	
		8	<p>53 Other Ranks left this Unit this morning for concentration at Corps Reinforcement Camp for return to Australia and are struck off the strength of this Ambulance from this date.</p> <p>Sergeant KELSEY of 8th Australian Field Ambulance lectured in the Unit Educational Rooms this evening, his subject being "The Constitution of Australia". Sergeant Kelsey handled his subject well; his address was much appreciated and largely attended by members of this Unit.</p> <p>Captain J.L.DIGGLE ceased to be detached to 3rd A.G.H. on rejoining this Unit today.</p>	
		9	<p>Major V.M.COPPLESON proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom today. No further entries necessary.</p>	
		10	<p>Major R.F.CRAIG "DSO" and Major J.D.NORRIS are struck off the strength of this Ambulance as from 1st instant in accordance with instructions from A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, - these Officers are being retained in England for return to Australia.</p>	

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LES BODELEX.	11		The Hospital administered by "B" Section, 15th Australian Field Ambulance at BARBENCON has today been closed. All patients and extra equipment, etc. have been transferred to "B" Section 14th Australian Field Ambulance, BEAUMONT. <i>J.P.</i>	
	12		Captain W.A.JAMES with Captain F.R.MEAGHER and "B" Section, 15th Australian Field Ambulance rejoined this Ambulance at LEX BODELEX today. <i>J.P.</i>	
	13/14		No entries necessary. <i>J.P.</i>	
	15		Captain J. GRAY ceased to be detached to 3rd A.G.H. on rejoining Unit today ex leave to the United Kingdom. XXXXXXXXXXXX <i>J.P.</i>	
	16		Captain A. W. LeSouef ceased to be detached to D.D.M.S., Australian Corps on rejoining Unit today. Lieutenant F. T. HERBERT reported for duty today as O.C., No. 23 Dental Unit attached 15th Australian Field Ambulance vice Captain A.F.SUTTON. <i>J.P.</i>	
	17		No entries necessary. <i>J.P.</i>	
	18		Captain J.R.ROBERTSON and Lieutenant W.H.SUMMERFIELD proceeded on leave to United Kingdom today. <i>J.P.</i>	
	19/20		No entries necessary. <i>J.P.</i>	
	21		Captain A.W.LeSouef proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom today. <i>J.P.</i>	
	22		2 Other Ranks reporting today to Corps Reinforcement Camp for early repatriation have been struck off strength of this Ambulance. <i>J.P.</i>	
	23		Captain J.L.DIGGLE transferred to 5th Australian Divisional Train as R.M.O. is today struck off the strength of this Ambulance. <i>J.P.</i>	

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January LES BODELEX	24		Captain J. GRAY with 5 Other Ranks are today struck off the strength of this Ambulance on concentrating at Corps Reinforcement Camp for medical duty with draft proceeding to England for return to Australia. <i>J.G.</i>	
	25		The following Belgian decorations have been awarded to the undermentioned Officer and men of this Unit :- <u>BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE</u> Major J. V. H. Guest. No. 6848, Bce/Cpl. C. L. Brealey. <i>J.G.</i>	
	26		Advice received from A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, that Major V.M. COPPLESON has been transferred to 3rd A.A.H., England, whilst on leave to the United Kingdom. He has been struck off the strength of this Ambulance as from 24th instant. 3 Other Ranks reporting today to Corps Reinforcement Camp for early repatriation have been struck off the strength of this Ambulance. <i>J.G.</i>	
	27		No entry necessary. <i>J.G.</i>	
	28		The 15th Australian Field Ambulance moved from LES BODELEX to AVESNES by route march today. This move was carried out in accordance with instructions, A.D.M.S., 5th Australian Division, where more and better Hospital accommodation is available, also more comfort possible for all members of the Unit. A fatigue party consisting of German Prisoners was obtained through the Town Major and the Hospital and Billets allotted to the Ambulance thoroughly cleaned. By 5 p.m. everything was in satisfactory order. <i>J.G.</i>	
	29		2/Lieut. J. CRESWELL, Educational Officer, A.A.M.C., 5th Australian Division, reported to this Ambulance for the purpose of obtaining suitable Educational Rooms for the Unit. Suitable rooms were obtained and it is anticipated that everything will be in readiness to enable classes to be recommenced on 1st proximo. <i>J.G.</i>	
	30		No entries necessary. <i>J.G.</i>	

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AVESNES	31		<p>Captain D. G. May reported for duty from No. 1 Training Battalion, Sutton Veny, England and has been taken on the strength of this Unit.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u> :- Nothing of special note has happened during the month. Owing to the large draft which left this Unit on the 8th instant practically all athletic sports in the Unit have ceased. The weather has been very cold.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... <i>J. Phelan</i> Major. Acting C.O., 15th Australian Field Ambulance, A.I.F.</p>	

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