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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WAREHAM.	16-3-17.		<p>Under instructions from A.D.M.S., Tidworth, the following paragraph appeared in Routine Orders, A.A.M.C. Section, No. 4 Command Depot, 16.3.17. By Major, J.C. CAMPBELL, S.M.O.: "Major, E.W. GUTTERIDGE, A.A.M.C., will temporarily take command of the 16th Australian Field Ambulance, which he will organize as the A.A.M.C. personnel are collected."</p> <p>Sixteen other ranks (being the remainder of the A.A.M.C. Section left behind when No. 4 Command Depot marched out) were taken on the strength of the 16th Field Ambulance.</p>	
do.	17.3.17.		<p>Captain C.R. Merilloes, A.A.M.C., having marched in from No. 2 Camp, Parkhouse, was taken on the strength of the 16th Field Ambulance, and acted as Orderly Officer for same. Captain R.W. Bloomfield, Captain S.O. Cowen, and Captain H.S. Thomas, reported to the Acting Commanding Officer, and were posted as Regimental Medical Officers to 61st, 65th, and 69th Battalions, A.I.F., respectively. Sixty other ranks marched in from No. 2 Camp, Parkhouse, and were taken on the strength.</p>	
do.	18.3.17		<p>Temporary arrangements were made to supply A.A.M.C. "Details" to Battalions, from the Ambulance until the "Details" were selected. To facilitate the work of examination of all men in the 16th Field Ambulance and Infantry Brigade, the 57th, and 65th Dental Units were attached to the Ambulance, with Lieutenant H. Willis, and Lieutenant E. Yule in charge. All men evacuated from Battalions, or No. 4 Australian Command Depot, were sent to Ambulance Clearing Station, and from there to the respective hospitals concerned.</p>	
do.	19.3.17		<p>Major G. Mattei, A.A.M.C., reported to Ambulance, and was taken on the strength to organise and train the nucleus of the 7th Sanitary Section.</p>	
do.	21.3.17		<p>Twenty one other ranks reported from No. 4 Australian Command Depot, and were taken on the strength of Ambulance. Captain B. Van Someren, A.A.M.C., reported to the Acting Commanding Officer, from Parkhouse, and was posted as Regimental Medical Officer to the 70th Battalion, A.I.F. Ten other ranks from Perham Down, and seven other ranks from Weymouth, marched in and were taken on strength of the 16th Field Ambulance.</p>	
do.	22.3.17		<p>Arrangements were made with the Officer Commanding, 70th Battalion, A.I.F., for the Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants of the 16th Field Ambulance to be attached to Sergeants' Mess of the 70th Battalion. No. 844, Acting-Sergeant B. Bathurst was detailed to act as warrant Officer for the Ambulance, as from 22nd March, 1917.</p>	

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WARHAM.	22.3.17.		Among the personnel of the Ambulance were attached a number of Infantry men. These were marched out to Receiving Depot, No. 4 Australian Command Depot.	
do.	23.3.17.		Sixty other ranks, having marched in from A.A.M.C. Training Depot, Parkhouse, were taken on the strength of the Ambulance, as from 23rd March, 1917. The Prophylactic Hut which had previously been worked by No. 4 Command Depot, was taken over by the Ambulance, and put on an up to date footing. This is for the use of men in both Brigade and Depot. No. 18, S/Sergt. Illman, C.J., was detailed to act as Transport Warrant Officer, as from 24th March, 1917. Captain J.C. Strachan, A.A.M.C. reported to the Acting Commanding Officer, and was posted to act as Quartermaster for the Ambulance.	
do.	25.3.17.		Church Parade to local Churches, of all available strength. Captain N.B. Watch, A.A.M.C., reported from Parkhouse, and was posted as Regimental Medical Officer to the 70th Battalion, in place of Captain B. Van Someren, who was transferred to the 65th Battalion. Captain Cowen, S.O., A.A.M.C., who had been Regimental Officer to 65th Battalion, was transferred to the 16th Field Ambulance, A.I.F., for duty.	
do.	26.3.17.		Six other ranks reported to the Ambulance, and were taken on the strength accordingly.	
do.	27.3.17.		One Corporal and four men were attached, for rations and discipline, to the ^{6/57.} 65th, 69th and 70th Battalions respectively, as A.A.M.C. "details" to same. These men are held supernumerary to establishment of the 16th Field Ambulance.	
do.	28.3.17.		Lieut-Colonel, A.H. Marks, D.S.O., reported from Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London, and assumed command of the 16th Field Ambulance, as from 28th March, 1917.	
do.	29.3.17.		Captain H. Rayson, M.C., Captain E.L. Morgan, A.A.M.C., and thirty nine other ranks reported from No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex; being first draft of complete "B" Section, 16th Field Ambulance. (Authority A.D.M.S. Tidworth).	
do.	31.3.17.		Twenty other ranks reported from No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, ^{SOUTHALL.} Dartford , Middlesex, and were taken on strength of Ambulance accordingly. Twenty five other ranks reported from No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, and were taken on strength of Ambulance.	