

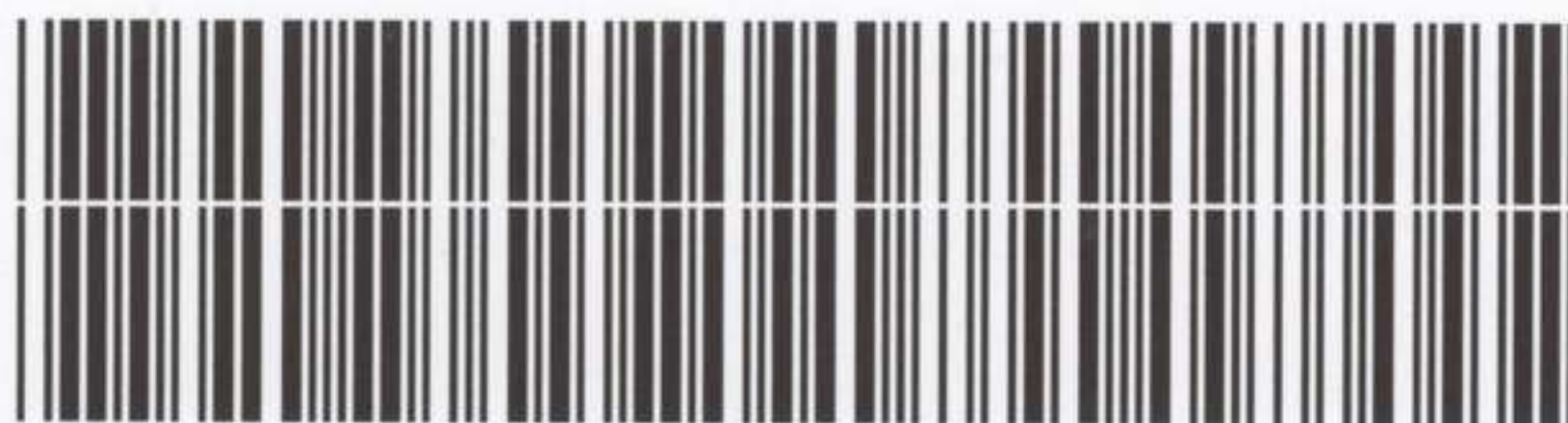
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WAREHAM	1.4.17.		<u>Sunday</u> Church Parade of all available strength of Ambulance to local Church. Notification from Tidworth that a draft of 100 men were to proceed to No. 2 Camp, Parkhouse, for duty.	
"	2.4.17		A draft of 100 other ranks marched out to No. 2 Camp, Parkhouse. Captain H. Rayson, M.C. as Conducting Officer. (Authority A.D.M.S. Tidworth). Captain B.M. Sampson, A.A.M.C., reported from Parkhouse, and was taken on the strength of the Ambulance. Seven other ranks reported from No. 1 Australian Command Depot, Perham Down.	
"	3.4.17.		Temporary arrangements were made to divide the Ambulance into three Sections, and the hutment accommodation in lines was divided up to "A", "B", and "C" Sections accordingly. Training in earnest from this date. Private H. DUNSTAN appointed to the rank of Lance-Corporal.	
"	4.4.17.		Major J.A. Smeal and 31 other ranks, being the remainder of complete "B" Section, reported from No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex, and were taken on the strength of the Ambulance. (Authority A.D.M.S. Tidworth). No. 14807, Private Etherington, A. promoted to the rank of Acting-Corporal.	
"	6.4.17.		Being Good Friday Divine Service of all available strength was held in the local Church, and remainder of day was observed as Sunday. Arrangements were made through Brigade Headquarters for 25% of the Unit to have 24 hours' leave over Easter. As Easter extended over 4 days this enabled each member of the Unit to have 24 hours' leave.	
"	8.4.17.		<u>Sunday</u> Church Parade of all available strength to local Church.	
"	9.4.17.		<u>Easter Monday</u> Observed a holiday throughout the Brigade.	
"	10.4.17.		"B" Section of the Ambulance, being complete, went for a route march under Captains Rayson and Morgan, and on returning from same Captain Rayson reported upon the satisfactory condition of the Section.	
"	11.4.17.		Major D.M. Embelton reported from Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London; was posted to "C" Section of the Ambulance. Two other ranks reported from Headquarters, Tidworth, and were taken on the strength. (Authority A.D.M.S., Tidworth).	

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WAREHAM.	12.4.17.		Arrangements were made for one Section of the Ambulance to be duty Section for one week, so that remaining Sections could proceed with their training.	
"	13.4.17.		No. 13851, Private Marryat promoted to the rank of Acting-Corporal. Combining pleasure with training, a football match was arranged between the Ambulance and the 70th Battalion.	
"	15.4.17.		<u>Sunday</u> Church Parade of all available strength to local Church.	
"	16.4.17.		No. 13866, Private Cannon, W.J., to be acting Sergeant. No. 27, L/c. Ferguson, J.T., marched out to No. 2 Camp, Parkhouse, for duty. (Authority A.D.M.S. Tidworth).	
"	18.4.17.		Sports postponed from previous week, on account of weather, took place under favorable conditions. Interest taken by the residents of the neighbourhood in the proceedings was most satisfactory.	
"	19.4.17.		Route March by "A" and "B" Sections, "C" being Duty Section did not attend. The condition of the men on their return was highly satisfactory.	
"	21.4.17.		General routine and training. Football Match between 16th Field Ambulance and 70th Battalion. Ambulance victorious.	
"	22.4.17.		<u>Sunday</u> Church parade of all available strength of Ambulance to local Church. "A" Section took over duty of Camp for week ending 29.4.17.	
"	23.4.17.		School of instruction for N.C.Os of the Unit was opened on this date. N.C.Os. attached as "Details" to Battalions to attend same. No. 236, S/Sergt. G.J. Williams acts as instructor.	
"	24.4.17.		On this date the Ambulance was inspected for the first time since its inception as the 16th Field Ambulance, by the G.O.C. in chief. On completion of the inspection satisfaction was expressed by the G.O.C. in chief on the physique and soldierly bearing of all concerned. Captain McIntosh, A., reported to the Commanding Officer, and was attached to the 78th A.D.C., for duty, with the Ambulance.	
"	25.4.17.		Anzac Day. In view of the performance of all ranks before the G.O.C. in chief the preceding day, the G.O.C. was pleased to grant a whole holiday, to the Brigade.	

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WAREHAM.	26.4.17.		"A" and "C" Sections of the 16th Field Ambulance went for a route march. Commanders of both sections expressed satisfaction on the condition of both Sections at the conclusion of the march.	
"	27.4.17.		General Routine and training. By this date the equipment was coming to hand more freely, which enabled the necessary training of stretcher squads, &c., to be carried out. No. 14803, L/1. J.A. Barr was appointed to rank of Acting-Corporal. The Commanding Officer regrets to report the death of No. 40, Private A.H. Lewis, 16th Field Ambulance, which occurred at the Wareham Military Hospital. 8 other ranks marched in from No. 2 A.A.H., Southall.	
"	28.4.17.		General Routine and training. The syllabus, as laid down for the week, was adhered to as far as was practicable. The new syllabus for the ensuing week was prepared from this date.	
"	29.4.17.		Sunday Church Parade of all available strength of the Ambulance to local Church. "B" Section took over duty of Camp, for week ending 6.5.17.	
"	30.4.17.		Major E. Mettel and eight other ranks, comprising the 7th Sanitary Section (attached to the 16th Australian Field Ambulance) marched out to No. 1 Australian Command Depot, Perham Down, for duty. (Authority A.D.M.S. Tidworth). No. 236, S/Sgt. G.J. Williams, to act as Warrant Officer as from this date.	