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6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> (2-3-4-5-6-7-8)

A. G.'s OFFICE AT THE BASE  
 3rd Echelon M.E.F.  
 Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached  
 15 OCT 1915  
 CENTRAL REGISTRY.  
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Date.	Place and Time.	
1915		
2 Sept	Lemnos	Arrived Lemnos on 1 <sup>st</sup> A.M.T. Scotian. (Hampden) 7 <sup>th</sup> mile + Southland both (was torpedoed)
3	"	Lemnos.
4	"	Left Lemnos by Osmania 030R 113
5	Anzac	Arrived Anzac at 2am Bivouaced Rest
6	"	Gully.
6	"	Recd
7	"	Received orders to be prepared to take over from 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Amb. Left Rest Gully + camped with 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Amb
8	"	Balance of Ambulance with tents + equipment less drivers, horses + vehicles. The latter under orders to return to Alexandria arrived Anzac 07 OR 72 Completed 010 OR 185

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9 Sept	Amoyac	Took over from 1 <sup>st</sup> Field Amb off Brighton Beach. Sent topics with details to each advanced Post at Brown's Dip + Scott's Point. Captain Johnston with Staff Serj Forster + Corporal DC Anderson detailed to report to A.D.M.S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division re Divisional Sanitary Work.	
10.		Established half-way rest stations on Roads from Brown's Dip + 6 <sup>th</sup> Amb + Scott's Point + Casualty Clearing Station Tonsillitis 2 Chlenteritis 1 Rheumatism 1 Delirium W <sup>th</sup> Shrapnel 2 Bullet 1 Gastrointestinal 1 Comminuted	
11		Conjunctivitis 1 Tonsillitis 1 Diphtheria 1 Congestion 1 Pneumonia 1 Bronchitis 1 Gastric Inflammation 1 Septicæmia 1	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12. 9. 15.		W <sup>o</sup> Shell 2 Bomb 1 Injuries 1 Abscess 1. Ocular 1 Conjunctivitis 1 Tonsillitis - Diphtheria - Cong Lungs 1 Pneumonia - Diarrhoea 7 Dysentery 2 Gastric Inflammation 1 W <sup>o</sup> Bullet 5 Shell - Bomb 7. Septic Concussion 1 Injuries 1 Debility 4	
13 9 15.		Ocular - Conjunctivitis - Tonsillitis Diphtheria Cong Lungs Pneumonia Diarrhoea 7 Dysentery 5 Gastric Inflammation 2 Appendicitis 1 Abdominal Trouble 1 W <sup>o</sup> Bullet 7 Shell Bomb - kept Concussion Shock 1 Abscess 1 Debility	
14.		Ocular Cloudy Cornea 1 Conjunctivitis Tonsillitis 3 Diphtheria Cong Lungs Pneumonia Diarrhoea Dysentery 3 Inflammation 1 Gastric Appendicitis Abdominal Trouble	

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Date	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14.9.15 Cont.		W <sup>o</sup> Bullet 2 Shell 2 Bomb 6 Septic Concussion Shock Injuries 4 abscess Abscess Rheumatism 2	
15.9.15		Dental Conjunctivitis Tonsillitis Diphtheria Cong. Lungs Pleurisy 4 Pneumonia Diarrhoea 1 Dysentery 1 Influenza 2 Gas Infl. Appendicitis abd. trouble W <sup>o</sup> Bullet 1 Shell Bomb 2 Septic Concussion Shock. Injuries 2 abscess Abscess Rheumatism. Gonorrhoea 1 Chronic Otitis Media 1	
16.9.15		Dental Conjunctivitis Tonsillitis Diphtheria Cong. Lungs. Pneumonia. Pleurisy Diarrhoea Dysentery 1 Influenza 5 Gas Infl. Appendicitis 1 abd. trouble W <sup>o</sup> Bullet. Shell 4 Bomb 1 Septic Concussion Shock. Injuries 1 abscess Abscess Rheumatism 1 Knead 1	
17.9.15		Dental Conjunctivitis Tonsillitis Diphtheria 3 Cong. Lungs Pneumonia	

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Date	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
17.9.15	Gut	Pleurisy Diarrhoea Dysentery 2 Influenza 3 Gas! left appendicitis Abd trouble w <sup>d</sup> Bullet 5 Shell 2 Bomb. Septic Concussion Shock. Injuries Abscess Dactylitis!	
18.9.15.		Dental Conjunctivitis Tonsillitis 2 Diphtheria Cong lungs? Pneumonia 2 Pleurisy! Diarrh Dysentery Influenza! Gas! huf. Abat. huf. 100s Bullet 3 Shell 18 Bomb. Septic Concussion Shock 1 Injuries! abscess Dactylitis Rheumatism Knoccal Facial Paralysis 1.	
19.9.15		Bullet wd. 1. Shell 6. Dysentery 4 Diarrhoea 2 Bronchitis! Shocks 3 Septic 2 Injuries 1 Influenza 1 Diphtheria 1 Tonsillitis 1	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
20-9-15		Bullet wds 5. Bomb 7 Dysentery 2 Diarrhoea 1 Shock 1 Septic 1 Influenza 3 Tonsillitis 1 Anthritis 1 Nervous debility 1 Sore throat 1 Gastro Enteritis 2 Enteric 1 Contracted eye 1 asthma 1	
21-9-15		Bullet wds 2. Shell 3 Bomb 3 Dysentery 1 Diarrhoea 1 Bronchitis 2 Influenza 1. Nervous debility 1 Gastro Enteritis 1	
22-9-15		Bullet wd. 1 Shell 8 Bomb 1 Dysentery 6 Diarrhoea 7 Septic 2 Influenza 1 Diphtheria 1 Tonsillitis 1 Gingivitis 1 Adenitis + Phlebitis 1 Ringworm 1	
23-9-15		Bullet wd 2. Shell 5 Dysentery 1 Diarrhoea 2 Septic 1 Influenza 3 Tonsillitis 2 Pneumonia 2 Nervous debility 1 Gastro Enteritis 1 Venereal 1 Abscess 1 Boil 1 Nasal Catarrh 1	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24-9-15		Bullet wd. 1 Shell 2 Dysentery 3 Shock 1 Septic 1 Gastric Ulcer 1 Injury 1 Conjunctivitis 2 Influenza 1 Diphtheria 1 Tonsillitis 3 Pneumonia 1 appendicitis 1 Rheumatism 1 Venereal 1 Varicose 1	
25-9-15		Bullet wd. 4 Dysentery 3 Diarrhoea 1 Septic 1 Conjunctivitis 1 Influenza 8 Rupture 2 Tonsillitis 1 Pneumonia 1 Rheumatism 1 Hernia 1 Gastro Enteritis 1 Venereal 4	
26-9-15		Dysentery 6 Influenza 5 Tonsillitis 3 Bronch Pneum 1 Rheumatism 2 Venereal 2 Otitis media 1 <del>Gastro Enteritis</del>	
27-9-15		Bullet wd 2, Dysentery 5 Diarrhoea 4 Conjunctivitis 1 Gastro Ent. 2 Influenza 4 Tonsillitis 2 Headache 2, Scarlet Fever 1 Bronchitis 1 Abscess 1 Neurasthenia 2 Enteritis 1 NYD 1 Shock 1 Vomiting 1	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
28-9-15		Influenza 2 Dysentery 3 Bullet wd. 3 shell wd 4. Diarrhoea 3 Neuralgia 1 Pleurisy 1 Diphtheria 1 Debility 1 abdominal pains 1.	
29-9-15		Influenza 6 - Tonsillitis 1 Otitis media 1 Dysentery 3. Bullet wd 2 Diarrhoea 6 Abscess 2 Enteric 2 Shock 1 Conjunctivitis 2 Neuralgia 1 Diphtheria 1 Appendicitis 1 Septic 1 Varicocele 1 Fever 1	
<del>29-9-15</del> 30-9-15		Influenza 5 Dysentery 1 Bullet wd 2 Shell 5 Diarrhoea 5 Abdom. pains 1 Lumbago 1 Sciatica 1 Pyresia 1 More sickness is present on 24 <sup>th</sup> But at home + slightly less on 23 <sup>rd</sup> . When smell is bad. 24 <sup>th</sup> consists largely of reinforcements.	

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Report of movements 6<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance  
3 Officers & 117 men

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Arrived at Larnoo on S.S. Section

5 Sept. Arrived at Anzac camped in Rest Gully

7 Sept. Transferred camp to hill near Brighton Beach on site of 1<sup>st</sup> Field Ambulance.

8 Sept. Arrival of all the remaining Officers & men of the 6<sup>th</sup> Field Amb. with tents and equipment, less Drivers horses and vehicles.

Completed 10 Officers 186 men

9 Sept. Took over work of 1<sup>st</sup> Field Amb.

10 Sept. Established Dressing Stations at Brown's Dip and Scott's Point and intermediate half-way stations leading to those points.



H. W. Hardy Lt Col  
C.O. 6 Field Ambulance

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Corps Orders No 52 -

above Brighton Beach

By Lt Col C H W Hardy V.D C.O. 6<sup>th</sup> F. Amb - 10-9-15

Capt Maplestone is detailed in charge of the Dressing Station & will be assisted by Capt<sup>d</sup> Corder & Wilkinson -

The following men are detailed to proceed to the Dressing Station:

Sgt Conroy	Sgt Thomas	Sgt Nicol
Cpl Lawrie	Cpl Ellis	Pte Sadler
Pte Hammond	L/Cpl Wood G.S.	" Heath
" Gillies	Pte Peart	" Lloyd
" McAlpine	" Baird	" Minty
" Patterson A	" Martin	" Lampard
" Bell G	" Simpson W.S.	" Callaghan G.S.
" Miller	" Hind	" Sutcliffe
" Etheridge	" D'Arcy	" Newcomen
" Shiells	" Thomas R.R.	" Simonson
" McConaig	" McDonald G	" Stanley
" Hiscock	" Harrison	" Learmonth
" Palmer	" Lawler	" Smith R.H.
" Gribble	" Stone	" Williams G.
" Morrison	" Hart	" Bertram
" Young	" Bell G.	" Stephens
" Carr	" Mills G.W.	" Benyon
" Walters	" Richards	" Slade
" Pugh	" Noel	" Pearce
" Elmore	" Eddie	" Smith A.E.
" Mitchell G.S.	" Ray	" <del>Watson</del> R.H.

Pte Rowe L E

" Wilson

" Johns

" Strover

" Watson R H

Pte Perman

" Vavjemenky

" Love

" Towler

Each stretcher bearer will be issued with a sling which will be worn at all times, each man will put his name on the sling and is responsible for it.

Capt. Adey is appointed Acting Adjutant.

S/Sgt Donaldson, Sgt Lingham + Sgt Lane are detailed for duty at Dressing Station.

All stores medicines and medical comforts also food + water will be drawn by a fatigue party from the Dressing Station through Capt Lawson at times to be arranged.

Surgical water bottles are for the use of patients only and are to be cleaned out at least twice weekly and always kept full.

Officers in charge of stretcher parties are responsible for the sanitation of their camps and the upkeep of graves.

Major Makin is appointed Sanitary Officer for  
1th Camp - Coypl Wearne + the following men:-

Pte Turnbull  
 " Watson C E  
 " Dunbar  
 " O'Brien  
 " Hayward  
 " Jamieson

are detailed for Camp sanitary duties

Letters will be censored by officers who must write  
their names on every sheet and must write their name  
but not rank or regiment on outside of envelope.

The letter box will be cleared at 5 pm every day. Each  
man may write only one letter a day and each  
letter is to consist of not more than one sheet. No  
mention of tactical situation or of any casualties  
are allowed.

Identity discs + first field dressings must always  
be worn and frequently inspected.

Major Dame is in charge of hospital.

No man is to leave Camp unless on duty without  
permission.

W. H. Hardy Lt. Col  
 CO 6th Field Amb.

Corps Order no 53  
 P. Lewis-Col 624 W Hardy M. 606 Field Ambulance  
 Above Brighton Beach  
 16-9-15

From official inquiries regarding casualties, and such inquiries are increasing in number daily, it is evident that private information of casualties which have not been officially reported or of a contradictory nature to the official reports is furnished to relatives or friends by officers and men of the Army Corps. These unfounded reports, though doubtless made in good faith and with the best intention cause not only a vast amount of unnecessary work in inquiries and replies thereto, but needless pain to the relatives and friends of those falsely so reported.

The Army Corps Commander hopes that it will not be again necessary to impress on all ranks that private information of casualties must on no account be communicated until the casualties have been confirmed and officially reported to the A.A.G. 3<sup>rd</sup> Echelon, and that the most stringent censorship must

Corps Order No 53 (continued)

be exercised to ensure that any such information is ~~strictly~~ <sup>strictly</sup> in accord with the official reports.

From and including 13 September 1915 the undermentioned supplies will be issued to all troops in the Army Corps on the days stated.

Tobacco	Sundays
Rum	Tuesdays & Fridays
Lime Juice	Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

As heavy rain is now expected steps should be taken to prepare and drain trenches and dugouts in anticipation.

H. W. Hardy, Lieut Col  
C.O. 6 Field Ambulance.

Corps Order no 54  
Above Brighton Beach  
23-9-15

By Lieut-col B.W. Hardy V.R. C.O. 6 Field Amb.

All sick must parade at 8.30 a.m.  
and 5 p.m. and unless the case is  
urgent, no man will be seen at any  
other hour.

Men are reminded that according  
to Divisional Orders, no references  
to casualties are to be made in  
letters.

Correspondence must be limited to  
one page of one letter a day and  
all letters must be left open for  
censorship.

B.W. Hardy Lieut-col.  
C.O. 6 Field Ambulance.



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Corps Order no 55  
Above Brighton Beach  
24.9.15

By Lieut-col H W Hardy VC B.O. 6 Field Ambulance

Promotion  
Pte Anderson A.I. to be Corporal,  
to date from September 14<sup>th</sup> 1915 vide  
Divisional Order no 126 Para 120, attached  
to Divisional Sanitary Squad.

H W Hardy Lieut-col  
B.O. 6 Field Ambulance

## Corps Orders No 56

Above Brighton Beach  
25-9-15

By Lieut-Col G. W. Hardy T.A. C.O. Field Ambulance

The following members of the Unit have been evacuated since arrival in Gallipoli.

3355	P <sup>r</sup> Williams G.G.	14.9.15	Minor W <sup>th</sup> in leg
3024	P <sup>r</sup> Miller P.W.	13.9.15	Appendicitis
3198	" Kane H.A.	9.9.15	Malaria?
3260	" Martin T.L.	16.9.15	Appendicitis
3271	" De Linnard	17.9.15	Debility
3423	" Le Souef R.F.	18.9.15	Zonulitis
3223	" Thompson E.J.	22.9.15	Shrapnel leg from Admitted Phlebitis
3387	Sgt Spivey C.A.	22.9.15	Admitted Phlebitis
4459	P <sup>r</sup> Patterson A.M.P.	22.9.15	Dysentery
3420	" Lambert L.M.	23.9.15	Dysentery
3482	" Johnson F.P.	25.9.15	Dysentery
	Capt. Adey J.K.	24.9.15	Gastric Ulcer

Record. Regret to report the death of No 3188  
P<sup>r</sup> G.K. Grimwade of this Unit caused  
by shrapnel while on duty on 22.9.15

G. W. Hardy Lieut Col  
C.O. Field Ambulance

Corps Orders no 57

Above Brighton Beach  
30. 9. 15

By Lieut-col. G.H.W. Hardy V.M. C.O. 6 Field Amb  
1 All officers <sup>& all</sup> ranks will wear their Red  
Cross badges when away from the  
lines of their unit.

2 stretchers must not be used to carry supplies,  
stores, etc, for covering dug-outs, nor for beds in  
dug-outs.

3 The following additional members of the  
Unit have been evacuated from Gallipoli.

27. 9. 15 no 3247 P<sup>te</sup> McKelpine S.A. Scarce 2 over

28. 9. 15 no 3171 P<sup>te</sup> Best 2 H. Penning

28. 9. 15 no 3257 P<sup>te</sup> Hayman C.H. Siarhola

4 The following reinforcements arrived 28. 9. 15 and  
were put on the strength of the Corps.

no 4192 P<sup>te</sup> L.H. Cruise. no 4195, P<sup>te</sup> A.S. O'Heill.

no 4193 P<sup>te</sup> A.W. Taylor. no 4194 P<sup>te</sup> P.C. Ruman.

no 4196 P<sup>te</sup> R.A. Roberts no 4191 P<sup>te</sup> B. Armstrong

5 By Order A.S. M.D. arrangements have been  
made to attend the Egyptian camp

G.H.W. Hardy Lieut-col  
C.O. 6 Field Ambulance