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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Laviesville	1 st March 1917		Unit billeted at Laviesville. One tent-subdivision working a dressing station and evacuating sick & from 12 th Inf Bde (Aust). Remainder of unit training. Company drill &c.	No. References. 1. 49,000.
	2 nd		Lt. Col. C. B. Wansell reported for duty from No. 5. A.A.H. and assumed command.	
	5 th		'A' Sect. Bearer Subdivision under Capt. K. S. Parker moved to Railway Junction Pozieres and reported to C.O. 5 th Aust. Fld. Amb. for the purpose of erecting tents for Main Dressing Station. 27 th Dental Unit (Capt Henderson/c) temporarily attached to 8 th Fld. Amb. reported back for duty.	
	7 th		C.O. inspected unit in full marching order	
	8 th		Detailed kit inspection. Steps taken for the replacement of lost and unusable equipment.	
	9 th		Unit inspected by D. G. M. S. 1 st Auger Corps and A.D.M.S. IV th Aust. Division	
	10 th		Tactical exercises carried out in conjunction with 12 th Aust. Inf. Bde - viz. establishment of Main & Advanced Dressing Stations and the evacuation of wounded from the R.A.P.'s (200 casualties per Battalion).	
	12 th		'C' Sect Bearer Subdivision moved up to Pozieres to reinforce 'A' Section.	
	13 th		'B' Sect Tent Subdivision less Clarke & Stewards reported for duty to No 45 C.C.S. Edgchill	
			'C' Sect. Tent Subdivision less Clarke & Stewards reported for duty to No 3 Australian C.C.S.	
	15 th		Capt R. B. North detached for duty there with 47 th Bn (trench) vice Capt Jones &c attached to this unit temporarily.	
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Sheet II				
Fricourt Farm X. 28. c. (Albert Combined Unit)	March 23 rd 1917	11.30 am.	Unit less two Bearer Subdivisions, stationed at Main Dressing Station Pozieres, and two Tent Subdivisions stationed at C.C.S. Edgehill, marched from Laviéville to Fricourt Camp - in rear of 12 th Aust. Inf. Bde.	M. of Ref. Albert Combined Unit Sheet 1, 40, 000
		1 pm.	Capt Parker with A & C Det. Bearer Subdivisions rejoined from attachment to 5 th Aust. Field. Amb.	
	24 th		Capt J. B. Birch reported for duty from No. 1. A.F.H.	
	25 th		Major F. N. Le Messurier reported for duty from No 1 A.A.H.	
			Capt. G. C. Harper transferred to No. 1. A.F.H.	
			Capt. K. S. Parker transferred to 45 th Aust. Inf. Bde as M.O.	
Le Sars M. 16. C. 0. 2.	28 th	9.15 am.	Unit, less two Tent Subdivisions at C.C.S., moved forward into reserve with 12 th Australian Inf. Bde. Bearer subdivisions, Transport subdivisions and 27 th Sentel Unit proceeded to M. 6. C. 8. 2. The Headquarters with attached detail and Motor Transport remaining at M. 16. C. 0. 2. where Dressing Station is stationed. Arrangements made for the evacuation of sick & from 12 th A. Inf. Bde.	
	29 th		Two Motor Ambulance Wagons detailed to report to C.O. XIII Aust. Fld. Amb.	
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Le Pors Cutting M.16.C.O.2.	30 th / 17	10 am.	1 M.C.O. & 3 men relieved 13 th Aust. Fld. Amb detail at Le Coube Gueule (M.11. 6.7.5.) and 2 men relieved 13 th F. Amb. detail at The Butte Port (M.16. 8.9.9.). These details are for purpose of attending sick from units in neighbourhood, and for transferring walking wounded to trucks on light railway. A Medical Officer is detailed to attend Le Coube Gueule post daily at 10 am.	Ref. Reference. Albert Combined Sheet 1.40,000
		11 am.	7 wheeled litters and 7 stretchers sent to C.O. XIII F. Amb. Bafanne.	
		11.30 am.	Capt D.J. Browne detached for temp. duty with B Section Tent Sub-division at 45 th C.C.S.	
	31 st / 17		Total Number joined during month. Officers 3. O. Rhs. 21. Total number gone during month. Officers 2. 6th Rank 16	
			Charles Farrell Lt. Col. C.O. XII Aust. Field Amb.	