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13th. Australian Field Ambulance.

1916

Tel-el-Kebir 28/2/

"C" Section, 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance joined "C" Section of 7th. Aust. Field Ambulance and formed 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance. "C" Section of 3rd. was commanded by Major "P. FIASCHI and Capt. J. SPRENT. "C" Section of the 7th by Major T.G. ROSS and Capt. J. KELSEY.

do 2/3/

Lieut. Col. J.B. ST. VINCENT WELCH joined Unit from 14th. Aust. Field Ambulance and assumed Command. "C" Section of the 3rd. Field Ambulance became "A" Section and "C" Section of the 7th. "B" Section of the new Unit.

From this time until the Ambulance moved with the Brigade Group to SERAPEUM on 30/3/16 the Unit was occupied in Training and administering a Camp Hospital for patients from the 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group. Sufficient Reinforcements were received to complete the establishment of two Sections.

S/Sgt. J.I. ANDERSON was promoted to Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. and S/Sgt. GROVE, H. to Warrant Officer.

do. 30/3/

13th. Aust. Field Ambulance left Tel-el-Kebir with the Brigade Group on the three days march to Serapeum. All surplus kits and equipment were sent down the Sweet water Canal on a native barge. The day was fairly cool and advantage was taken of an early start

Serapeum 3/4/

to endeavour to cover as much ground as possible whilst the weather was cool. Unit arrived at Serapeum. The last days March was very severe owing to the excessive heat. On arrival at the Canal an opportunity was given, for all who cared to do so, to have a bathe.

do 4/4/

Today was spent in pitching Tents for personnel and Patients. Arrangements were made to have a "Dining Hut" for personnel erected. E.P.I.P. Tents were excellent for Hospital purposes.

do 17/4/

"B" Section Tent Subdivision under command of Major D.D. CADE with a few Transport Details, marched out to SERAPEUM WEST to clear the sick from 4th. Aust. Divisional Artillery Group encamped there. From this post all sick not likely to be well within 14 days or by train requiring Treatment at a C.C.S. were evacuated to No. 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital ISHMALIA,

do. 17/4/

All sick from Serapeum requiring treatment at a C.C.S. were evacuated to No. 1 Aust. Stationary Hospital ISHMALIA by Hospital Boat on the Canal.

do 21/4/

Remainder of the Unit moved from Serapeum to RAILHEAD, Serapeum, with the 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Whilst at Railhead "A" & "C" Section Tent Subdivisions with a few Bearers each performed a tour of duty at ROADHEAD acting as Advanced Dressing Stations for the Brigade Group which was occupying the outer defences of the Canal.

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SERAPEUM,	5/6/	Unit concentrated at SERAPEUM peior to entrainment for ALEXANDRIA. Entrainment completed by 4 p.m. and train moved out shortly afterwards, arriving at ALEXANDRIA at 1 a.m. 6/6/16.
ALEXANDRIA	6/6/	Embarked at ALEXANDRIA for FRANCE on Transport "ORINA" leaving on 7th. During the vovage the Ambulance was called upon to supply a Submarine Guard (Armed) contrary to the Geneva Convention. A strong protest was forwarded to higher authority.
MARSEILLES	12/6/	Arrived at Marseilles after an uneventful journey. Unit Disembarked on 13th, at 8 a.m. and remained on the wharf until 6 p.m. when march to the Station to entrain was commenced. Entraining completed by 8 p.m. and train moved off at 10. 30. p.m. Three days were spent on the train journey and detraining Station, BAILLEUL, was reached at 5 a.m. on 17th.
BAILLEUL	17/7	Transport personnel and horses etc. was detrained at ABBEVILLE to proceed to Billeting Area by Road. Capt. B. INGRAM (Transport Officer) being left in command. Transport after staging one night at each ABBEVILLE, LA BOISLE, FRESSIN and THEROUANNE arrived at the new Billeting Area (STRAZELLE) on 21/6/16.
STRAZEELE	25/6/	Unit after detrainment march to STRAZELLE, billets being found in two large farms just outside of the village.
PRADELLES	3/7/	Unit moved from STRAZEELE to PRADELLES being Billeted in two farms. Seven motor Ambulances and two motor cycles were received.
do.	4/7/	"C" Section, Tent Subdivision detailed to take over D.R.S., DOULLIEU from 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance.
NOUVE MONDE	12/7/	Remainder of the Unit moved to NOUVE MONDE and takeover M.D.S. from 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance.
STRAZEELE	14/7/	Unit moved to STRAZEELE being joined by "C" Section from DOUILLEU. Entrainment completed by 10.30. p.m. and Arrived at DOULLENS at 6 a.m. on the 15th. and detrained, marching with the Brigade GROUP to HALLOY-PERNOIS arriving at 8 p.m.
HALLOY-PERNOIS.	22/7	"C" Section Tent Subdivision with Major P. FIASCHI was detailed to report to a British C.C.S. PUCHEVILLERS for temporary duty. 20 Bearers from under Capt. J. SPRENT were instructed to report to O.C. 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance for duty. These men took part in the first battle of POZIERES with the 1st. Aust. Division. Pte. ERIC DYSON died of Wounds at PUCHEVILLERS about this time. No. 7984 Pte. BYLEVELD, R.E. was evacuated wounded. No. 5135 Pte. EVANS, M.J. evacuated suffering from Shell Shock.



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H.Q. of Unit moved to WARGNIES.
Bearers rejoined Unit from on detachment with 2nd. Aust. Field Ambulance.
Ambulance left WARGNIES with the 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade group at 9 a.m. marching to
HERRISART which was reached at 4 p.m. Billets here were very poor indeed but straw was
obtained and the personnel were made as comfortable as circumstances would permit.
Unit moved from HERRISART at 3.30 a.m. marching to WARLOY BAILLON arriving there shortly
after mid day. M.D.S. for stretcher cases was taken over from the 2/1st. South Midland
Field Ambulance. Dressing Station was in two wooden huts erected in the grounds of
the Hospice. The Hospice (a very fine building) was used by a portion of a C.C.S. as an
Operation Centre for abdominal wounds.

HERRISART

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WARLOY
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"C" Section Tent Subdivision rejoined the Unit whilst at WARLOY
The Bearer Division with all Horse Ambulance Wagons and all available motor ambulance cars
was detailed to report to O.C. 12th. Australian Field Ambulance for duty.
During the stay of the Tent Subdivisions at WARLOY many operations were performed. Only the
more serious of the stretcher cases were received and after receiving treatment they were
evacuated in M.A.C. cars to the group of these stations at PUCHEVILLERS.
The Bearer Division with Ambulance Transport rejoined about 12th. August. Bearers were
given a good rest as we expect to go into the line again very shortly.

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Unit moved from WARLOY to North Chimney ALBERT and took over A.D.S. from 7th. Aust. Field
Ambulance. Dressing Station was in a very bad place. The weather was very bad and as the
roof at the Factory North Chimney was in a very bad state of repair very few of the large
rooms could be utilized. H.Q. remained at North Chimney for one night moving to BECOURT
CHATEAU the following afternoon. "C" Section Tent Subdivision had already been installed the
there and A.D.S. was accordingly transferred to this place. "A" Section Tent Subdivision
had been left with the Operation Centre at Warloy. "B" Section Tent Subdivision was then
instructed to prepare a large School in ALBERT not very far from the Cathedral and open up
as a M.D.S. as soon as instructions were received. This latter place was found to be far
more accessible as an A.D.S. than BECOURT and arrangements were made to close BECOURT and
switch the cars on to the School at ALBERT as the A.D.S. This was effected without any
trouble.

At this juncture a Tent Subdivision from the 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance reported for duty.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT	30/8		An advance party from Canadian A.M.C. reported to inspect arrangements prior to taking over M.D.S. at the School ALBERT and also the evacuations from the Forward Area.	
do.	1/9		15 Other Ranks (Bearers) reported "Missing" this report being changed to "Missing believed Prisoners of War" shortly afterwards. These men under L/Cpl. GAUNT with a guide left the collecting post near POZIERES Cemetery to proceed to an R.A.P. about 11 p.m. but missing their way walked into the enemy's lines. At this juncture they were a great loss as there were only just sufficient bearers before.	
do.	3/9		Unit was relieved in the Forward Area by the Canadians at 11 a.m. and at the M.D.S. at noon moving into billets in ALBERT for the night.	
do.	4/9		Tent Subdivision of the 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance was instructed to rejoin its Unit.	
WARLOY	7/9		Unit moved from ALBERT to the Schoolhouse 204-26 WARLOY.	
AMPLIER	8/9		Unit moved from 204-26 WARLOY to AMPLIER by road.	
			Unit moved from AMPLIER to AUTHEULE to entrain for Flanders. entraining completed by 2 a.m. and detraining station GOEDWARSVELDE reached at 11 a.m. 9/9/16.	
			Unit moved by road from detraining station to billets with the 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group near 3100-195 BOESCHEPE. taking over the Divisional Rest Station at that place from 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance.	
BOESCHEPE	11/9		D.R.S. at this place was found to be inadequate more suitable buildings were found at WIPPENHOEK so "C" Section Tent Subdivision was detailed to take them over from the R.A.M.C.	
			In the afternoon the remainder of the Unit moved by road to the new D.R.S.	
			D.R.S. handed over to the R.A.M.C. and Unit moved to HOPOUTRE prior to entrainment for the SOMME. Billets at this place were in a fearful condition.	
			Unit entrained at 8 a.m. and arrived at detraining Station St. RECQUIER at 10 p.m. and moved into billets for the night.	
St. RECQUIER	28/10		Unit moved by road to ERGNIES and was billeted in that place with the Brigade Group.	
ERGNIES	3/11		"C" Section Tent Subdivision detailed to report for temporary duty with a C.C.S. of the R.A.M.C. at HEILLY.	
			Remainder of the Unit moved by road to OLINCOURT Chateau near VIGNACOURT.	
OLINCOURT	7/11		Dismounted personnel embussed at VIGNACOURT for BUIRE & mounted personnel moving in the Brigade Transport Group staging one night at BONNAY.	
BUIRE	12/11		"B" Section Tent Subdivision was detailed to relief a Section of the 7th. Aust. Field Amb. at QUARRY SIDING MONTUBAN. Owing to the terrible condition of the roads it was impossible for this Section to complete the journey in one day.	



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BUIRE	12/11		Bearer Division detailed for temporary duty with 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance. Remainder of the Unit instructed to report for temporary duty with O.C. 15th. Aust. Field Ambulance at 1st. Anzac Corps M.D.S. BECORDEL.
BECORDEL	19/11		H.Q. and details moved from M.D.S. Becordel to join "B" Section Tent subdivision at the quarry siding MONTAUBAN. where an entraining station had been established. Unit responsible for the evacuation of all Walking Wounded from the A.D.S. to the M.D.S. at BECORDEL also for a large number of stretcher cases. Plenty of Medical comforts were made available and four Nissen Bow Huts were allotted for the Station. These enabled our Tent Subdivisions to make all patients reasonably comfortable whilst waiting for the trains.
QUARRY SIDING	22/12		"B" Section Tent Subdivision rejoined from the O.C.S. at HEILLY.
MONTAUBAN	22/12		Bearer Division rejoined from 12th. Aust. Field Ambulance and was detailed to report to O.C. Anzac Corps "R" Rest Station for Rest. Light duties only were performed.
do.	6/12		H.Q. of the Unit and the three Tent Subdivisions remained at the QUARRY.
do.	1917		Bearer Division rejoined from Anzac Corps "R" Rest Station and detached for duty in the forward area with the 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance.
do.	13/1		"B" Section Tent Subdivision detailed to MAMETZ to arrange collection of sick of 4th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
do.	15/1		H.Q. and remainder of Unit proceeded to BECORDEL and took over the 1st. Anzac Corps Collecting Station from 5th. Australian Field Ambulance.
BECORDEL	21/2		"B" Section Tent Subdivision rejoined from MAMETZ.
do.	24/2		Unit moved from BECORDEL to 1st. Anzac Corps Scabies Station BUIRE taking over from 1st. Aust. Field Ambulance.
BUIRE	22/3		Unit moved from BUIRE to BAPAUME staging four days at FRICOURT FARM and two days at LE SARRS arriving at BAPAUME on 28/23/1917.
BAPAUME	7/4		M.D.S. at BAPAUME considered unsafe owing to close proximity to the Railway Station and representations were made to the A.D.M.S. to have same removed. Instructions were then received to move to a site selected near FAVRIEUL. Move was completed on the morning of 10th.
FAVRIEUL	11/4		For today's attack Unit to act as M.D.S. Stretcher cases. M.D.S. Walking Cases being administered by 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance. O.C. 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance responsible for the evacuations from the Right Sector of the front. Casualties from both sectors must come through the A.D.S. at VAULX under command of Major G.E. COLE 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance Large numbers of stretcher cases were passed through. Out of all proportion to the walking. 900 stretchers and about 1150 walking cases.



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AVRIEUL	11/4		Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a sufficiency of M.A.C. Cars to remove casualties to the C.C.Ss. All available tentage was taxed to the utmost in an endeavour to place all cases under cover out of the snow and bitterly cold winds. Tentage consisted of 8 Swiss Cottage Tents and 2 store tents. Even with tents occupied by personnel this was not sufficient.	
do.	14/4		Unit relieved by 6th. Aust. Field Ambulance and on relief moved to Hutments near FRICOURT.	
FRICOURT	17/4		Unit moved from FRICOURT to BUIRE BRESLE and RIBEMONT. "A" Section at Buire "B" Section at BRESLE and "C" Section at RIBEMONT the sections clearing the 13th. 12th and 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigades respectively.	
BUIRE	24/5		Unit concentrated at BUIRE pending entrainment for the move North.	
do.	16/5		Unit entrained at ALBERT at 9 p.m. and detrained at CAESTRE at 9 a.m. on 17/5/18 marching to billets in VIEUX BERQUIN.	
VIEUX BERQUIN	20/5		About this time "B" Section Tent Subdivision was detailed to report to II Anzac Corps M.D.S. PONT d'ACHELLES administered by the 9th. Aust. Field Ambulance for temporary duty.	
do.	28/5		H.Q. of Unit moved to Hillside Camp near NEUVE EGLISE and Bearer Division instructed to report to O.C. 4th. Aust. Field Ambulance for temporary duty. "A" & "C" Section Tent Subs were held in reserve at Hillside Farm to move forward and open Advanced Dressing Stations if necessary.	
NEUVE EGLISE	12/6		Unit concentrated at Hillside Camp and moved to DE SEULE Siding pending embussment to the Rest Area.	
DE SEULE	17/6		Unit (dismounted personnel) embussed at STEENWERCK and debussed near RENESCURE marching to billets at WARDRECQUES near St. OMER. Transport moved by road and arrived on 18/6/17.	
WARDRECQUES	21/6		Unit embussed at WARDRECQUES and debussed at STEENJE (near BAILLEUL) being accommodated in tents pending move to the forward area.	
STEEJE	30/6		Unit moved from STEENJE and took over M.D.S. at PONT d'ACHELLES.	

