

Unit diary records Jim taking command of the 5th Field Ambulance 22nd July 1917, stationed at Avesnes, France at the time.

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			<i>5th a.F. Amb.</i>	
			radically rearranged, and the roster system discarded. Major Gibson made responsible for letter subdivision work. Major Chapman for parades, guards, pickets &c. Capt. Farrar for transport. Other officers to be detailed to these for instructions.	
	19-7-17		Capt. Beccia detailed for 3 days duty with 5th a.F.A. all ranks paraded and instructed re disciplining, neatness &c.	
	20-7-17		Capt. Bateman and 16 O.R. returned from 3rd Co.	
	22-7-17		Lt Col Nicholas assumed command,	
			<i>A. Buchanan Major a.m.c.</i>	

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Unit diary records Jim's death at Menin Road 20th September 1917.

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Menin Road	20.9.17.		<p>Took command vice Lt Col. Nicholas killed by H.E. while supervising loading of lorries with walking wounded.</p> <p>An hourly service of Decaville Hains promised for this battle, failed to eventuate. Lorries did the work. 20 on hand, 20 in reserve, and 5 lent by OC Corps Salvage sufficed for evacuation.</p> <p>A large number of wounded in 7th Bde necessitated sending 80 more bearers to Bellevarde Ridge. No congestion occurred. Stretchers and blankets were ample, being supplied from M.D.S. on requisition ahead of the immediate needs. Ⓚ</p> <p>Thomas's splints for thigh, and were found exceedingly suitable and easy of transport right up as far as the R.A.P.s, all suitable cases being fixed this way. Patients found them a most comfortable carry.</p> <p>Two men were killed, one wounded died of wounds,</p>	

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