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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAINCHÉVAL V. 12, a. (Sheet 57d)	1-3-17.		Time, mild but chilly later; wind N. NE. Called to see M. G. G. S.; out: 9.55am Saw Q. B. Q. II Corps is asking to evacuate walkers to 2 DKE HILL. D.D.M.S. II Corps & Q. have both been informed by me that it is impossible to load 2 DKE HILL further. They are now forming in O. Stn. at R. B. 3 & X. 9. (Sheet 57d), where they should have been before the present advance began. Later told Gen. SASSEROT their Main Dressing Stn. should be at COORELETTE for both Divs., that it was impossible to take their walkers anywhere but CORRAY until the C.C.S. at AVELUY was working. 10.20am HARLOY. Off. P. This is getting into working order. 2 Sisters arrived there today. Mixed detachments from 55 & 57 Rn. 2d. Amb. 10.50am VARENNES. S. and 2d Amb. detach. off - no officer. Sgt. Major told me they were packing up to go to a Dressing Stn. at A P. P. station. This place would suit as a Depot. Stn. if billet N° 4 were added, some repair to large canvas but carried out. 11.20am 11 C.C.S. in good order. O.C. N° 4 & 11 C.C.S. tell me the diarrhoea cases are much fewer & milder. Went with them to see the tin-banded latrine at 47 C.C.S. - three fixed on officers' latrine. One of these does not fall flat, has a ramp. With care & construction these ^{should} be quite good. 12.10pm BOHEUX. Collecting Stn. with 560 Red Stn. cases here. O.C. tells me the men near all over the place are right. Show men cleaning their cantons after dining just outside their tents. Watched feeding arrangements which resembled a scheme of tickets to present men coming 2 or 3 times for renewed meals. O.C. has had no written order re evacuation of wounded (slight) to GERAINCOURT; yesterday he sent down slightly sick. Note O.C. II Corps to send written instructions. 6pm M. G. S. He approves of the AVELUY Stn. site for C.C.S. as he thinks the risk of bombing & shelling is slight.	

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		6.15pm	Sans Gail. SARGENT told him Sunset send a request for R2. requirements for ARELUV C.C.S. 2nd. planned to the medical situation II Corps referred to above. The Q's wish to see road as much as possible for wounded to Sans roads. Explained the drawback of this scheme; in the interests of the wounded it is not advisable to keep them waiting for trains if roads + M.V.C. cars are available.	
		7.45pm	Sent message to O.C. 2 C.C.S. to call tomorrow + go to his site with Maj. Boyle + 2nd who would point out the site which he should mark out without delay. Period from 28.2.17 to 6am 1.3.17. Wounded admitted to S.D. Amb. offg. 08.179. - C.C.S. - 10 - 216. - evacuated by A.T. - 521 - 278.	JK
RAIRCHEVAL	2.3.17.	9.30am	Time, night, early, unsettled later, chilly, wind N. Q's Conference. Recommended that Foden Threshes in Dis ^o should be placed under direction of D.D. Corps as at present it is impossible to get decisions to help each other to disinfect. D.D. II Corps seems unable to lead on extra Thresh to Corps Rest Stn. where he says a large amount of disinfection is needed. Question of reducing the ration - at present the bulby beef + biscuit are wasted; also the jam. All the fresh meat is being consumed. The only men who will eat bulby temporarily are those in the front line - they wouldn't do it if they could get cooked ration. It follows that men are living now practically on the fresh ration, consequently if the fresh ration were the only issue every day, the daily amount might be reduced by 25%. About 10% (instead of 40%) of tinned meat would meet all needs at the front. Sugar like retained fully. Cheese reduced by 1/3. D.D. S.T. requested to draft a letter on above. The question arose on the continued waste of tinned bulby + biscuit. Spoke about bad roads at S.D. HILL + VARENNES. Roads officer will be requested to see to them at once.	2
		11.40am	3(1) (In) S.T.P. Discussed with Capt. Briggs the question of putting the Head Centre further forward. This	

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			will not be done unless cases can be detained at a forward spot. But there is no doubt that the former was excessive, but how far & prejudicial the case it is difficult to gauge. Explained to O.C. the procedure re Shell Shock who have recovered & regarding whom no evidence has been supplied by Division. He shared with them to date, notifying the Div & requesting again to be furnished with evidence. officer named - 4 badly gassed recently - 63 Div. One of them had continued to come out his notes until he fainted; he was then sent by M.O. direct to C.C.S. instead of to Gas Treatment Centre at ENGLEBERT, which was comparatively near by. 12.30 pm off. P. & E. 2 AIRCOURT. Not so full as usual. 2.40 pm Col. M. Smith (Com. Div.) called & reported that NISSEN P. was not suitable for use as op. room - lighting too high & indirect; curved superstructure did not admit of stenciling & along edge of floor. 4.30 pm Lt Col. RAY (OC. 3 C.C.S.) whom I sent this morning to plan site at AVELUY called & reported. The ground is rather small for 2 C.C.S. & personnel must be placed on adjacent sites. He will begin moving tonnage & arranged with "Q" for 9 motor lorries to be at PUCHEVILLERS at 9 am tomorrow to move his material. He has his 3 lorries to continue the movement until complete. He hopes to complete in 7 days. II Corps R.L. to move a line from PUCHEVILLERS to AVELUY to provide 2 Nissen huts (P.) for officers & reserve cases. Capt HUGHES (Sp. Ofc. Centre, ARTHIE) called & said he had received 45 cases the last few days & wants another order. Sent 'phone to Matron in chief about this. Apparently 95 F. Amh. COIGNEUX is sending other than abdominal & severe chest cases for operation. Capt 'phoned D.D.M. & Capt Bishop this & saw that cases were sent according to orders.	

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DMP. FIFTH DIV.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			MD3 V Corps at P17 was forming. 6am 1.3.17 to 6am 2.3.17. Wounded admitted to 2d Amb. off 5 CR. 200. C.C.S. 6 - 141 Wounded by A.T.	JK
RAINCHEVAL.	2.3.17.	9.30am	Dine, but not; had frost last night; cold, wind E. "Q" Conference. Pointed out disposition of troops & training Camps on back area, rendering med. attendance difficult. Other Directors agreed that their work also was difficult in connection with these scattered units. Genl. SARGENT said he would refer the matter to A.C. Told "Q" Shops to move C.C.S. to Col. in camp or SERRE when the situation admitted.	
		10.20am	Called on "I" & asked for information about enemy med. arrangements in area behind their present line. He was not in possession of any, beyond the fact that the BOCHES were blowing up all dugouts & were retreating. If he got any material information he would pass it on.	
		12.10am	V Corps M. Br. in at P17 Well laid out. Not yet complete, but is open. Can take in now at least 300. No extra pillboxes and many stretches or blankets. Told him to apply for these soon like ready for any sudden move. Strong home shot chimney - not extended upwards - danger of fire from sparks considerable. Told A.C. to ask for large chimney. Well provided with A.T.S. Abortion since he is adequate but chloride not used. On the whole a very satisfactory place, but the system of having rows of tents with a dressing room at each is wasteful. The most economical is an admission & registration tent series, a dressing series, an operation series & evacuation series. How they have combination series of all sorts. This is all right for the peace routine when only 1 is used. On the real battle occasion it is impossible to work without a very large staff.	
		4.30pm	Col. M. Smith (Ch. Surg.) called & discussed head wound problem. He agreed that DOULLENS was difficult for the AD 2nd Area & almost impossible the roads so bad; he agreed that PUCHENILLERS would be better for	F

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D.M. FORTNIGHTLY
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAINCHEVAL	5.3.17.		Heavy snow - fall last night; fine day, mild, wind S. Operations lately have resulted in our capturing a line including GEMMETECOURT, DUISBUX, the whole ANCRE valley down to MILAUMONT, & thence including PYS, WARELIMBERT, THILLOY. GEMMETECOURT was handed over to the ARMY, which has also advanced on our left to positions in advance of our left front. This has shortened our line, with result that 19th Div. has been taken out - 7th comes into tomorrow, leaving 31st & 62nd in front of V Corps. 9.30am Q' Conference. Asked Q' to arrange about leave, allotment of S. writing Section, who up from unable to get leave though still in order of battle of Division; he came about - HORROCKS. 10.15am Q' nothing fresh to note. Many trials of roads D.M. postponed his conference, & returned to office owing to danger of damage to car in into concealed into snow. Period from 4.3.17 to 5.3.17. Wounded admitted to 2d Amb. off 9 OR 175. - - - C.C.S. - 8 - 146. - - - Wounded by H.F. - 1 - 95.	
RAINCHEVAL	6.3.17.		Fine but mild, cloudy, wind S. 9.30am Q' Conference; 19th Div. leaving. 10.15am Conference of D.M. Discussed the tactical situation. Explained to them the Army Evacuation Scheme, also the whole depended upon him personally. One seemed to be under the impression that it was a question of placing a certain number of C.C.S. commensurate to his own Corps, but I think he grasps that a C.C.S. without adequate evacuation system was not of very substantial use. 11.0. Inhalers. Saw a sketch of III Corps advanced Gas Treatment Centre, showing that the essentials were a M.O. who took special interest in such cases; ample well-ventilated accommodation, good nursing orderlies, beds & haphazard equipment, & about 100 inhalers. I do not believe that the central distribution is suitable.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			as during a mud season the bad roads cannot be taken, to the central distributor, if long tubing is laid on it is sure to be the way. It is much more expensive, ^{of course} but the able to take the O. trans point - a large board in which a case may develop symptoms indicating its use. D.M.O. II Corps said he would organise AVELUY Post ground Centre on these lines. D.M.O. II Corps to have sign-board put up indicating the way to these centres. Trenchfoot. D.M.O. ANZAC said that on receipt of some memos pointing out mounds in diggers he had gone into the question & found that such had taken place especially in 4th Anz. Div. & also that mounds had been treated at R.A.P. & had not appeared on returns. All are agreed that an outbreak of Trenchfoot cannot be neglected of precautions - either hot food is not given or other details not carried out. The ANZACs do not wear puttees in trenches. This Army also give permission to leave off puttees in the trenches, but the Br. troops do not avail themselves of this. Packet transport for Id. Amb. It was agreed that it would be very valuable for carrying A.D.S. & A.P.s in country where there were no roads & the ground soft. 1 packet per Id. Amb. Later asked for this the author spoke D.M.O. II Corps about R.M.O.'s 63rd Div. He said the new A.D.S. had the matter in hand & would from them, she expected a great improvement by the time the Div. returns to the line. 4.0 pm AVELUY. Some progress has been made, but the road precautions on account of snow have delayed delivery of some of the material. Later asked D.M.O. II Corps to send 20 beams to help pitch the camp, sufficient material having been collected now. Told A.C. to apply for telephone & to keep in touch with A.D.S. II Corps as regards progress of work & this requirements. Place very dangerous, but as soon as R.P. supplies road material & snow, things will progress.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Period from 5.3.17 to 6.3.17: transmitted submitted to 2d Army Office R.A.S. C.C.S. 5-25 recovered by 1st 2-196	APPENDIX 2 APPENDIX 3 JLk
RAIRCHIEVAL	7.3.17		Time but cloudy, cold, wind E, strong. 46th Div. on Right of THIRD ARMY transferred to the Army at 12 noon today. 4.45pm. Ascertained from G that the move appears to be permanent. No further information available. 10am. Saw A + arranged for 4th Third Army take over if they had any objection to evacuation of 46th Div. being carried out by D.M.P. Third Army when I was going to see the moving on the subject, otherwise evacuation would have to be to ABERDEEN which is too distant especially as roads are bad. Gen. SARGENT said I ought to have a C.C.S. at COLIGNEX; I said I agreed + would be glad if he would arrange something accommodation - the line is not made yet. He then said I should have him at COLIGNEX. I agreed + said. I should be glad to have them there on command it was promised safe enough - at present it is only 2000 yds from enemy's lines + is shelled frequently, + that I hoped when it was decided to put them there it was not later 3 1/2 months to arrange for a siding as - the case of ABERDEEN operations Porand has notified that I am. I said. would not be moved without special order from G.H.Q. This establishes continuity of working areas. 12.30p. St. Por. D.M.P. Third Army agrees to evacuation of 46th Div. proceeding as heretofore in that Army, cases going to WARLEINCOURT. 2.45pm. Conference of D.M.P. at G.H.Q. HEEDIN. Long programme. Submitted to issue of British plate of data. Fabrica as result of experience in 14th Corps - Summer of 1915. 2 Dental units promised to 1st Army - very acceptable a step towards solution of Dental problem. no new diary like submitted by D.M.P. Summary not being appended or embodied.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			The Consultants consider that each C.C.S. at battle period should have 16 Surgeons + 20 nurses. Extra Surgeons like supplied from discharged Armies & like accompanied with anaesthetist, 1 Supt, 1 Op. Room attendant. A clerk like selected to read of. Heete to keep notes & the operations record. Large specialist will be sent to P. CHEVILLERS as soon as I have collected the necessary equipment. O.D.G. objected to C.C.S. at AVELUY on the score of forgoing the economy & difficulty of transport. Depled that it had the use it was quite safe & A.D.T. has provided one train a day. Round barn 6.3.17 to barn. 7.3.17, Wounded admitted to 2d Amb. off: 9 08.167. - - - C.C.S. - 5 - 125. - - - - - 2 - 20.	
RAINCHEN.	8.3.17.		Snow squalls very cold. Wind N. 10.40am 45 C.C.S. Amplest accommodation for receiving has now been made, the reception arrangement - ments are quite distinct from those for reception. Saw some of the cases. Good dining hall & recreation hut. Total room at present, 640 apart from above. Clean well-kept camp. 11.10am 1/1 Sm. C.C.S. Spoke to O.C. about imperfect sharing; he does not seem to be aware of it & thinks his razor must have failed. His reception arrangements are under consideration as to extension. I advised him that his extension was a simple plan. Visited one of the cases. 11.45am 3 (Pro) C.C.S. Getting built up. Reception arrangements good. Dispensary good. Saw some of the bad cases. Can hold 300 in tents. Told O.C. that when he has got up the huts now on the ground, I did not wish anymore, & that he should make up in tents.	APPENDIX 4 JL.

Evacuation road has not yet been touched by Road Officer, nor has the entrance road, which is in a very bad way. Asked A. some 2 or 3 days back to have

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			And the return of wounded cases would be most difficult, as the nearest railhead is DULLECK & ZAMBORETTA. Period from 8.3.17 to 9.3.17 Wounded admitted to D.D.L. 2 OR 168 - C.C.S. - 3 - 123 - Wounded to A.T. - - -	<u>116</u>
RAMCHEVAL.	10.3.17.		Mt. 2, milder, wind S. 9.30am. Conference. General Division leaving town which was taken care of not doing so. COLIN CAMP is later taken up as for C.C.S. as early as possible. RECURRENT FARM and Commensal Camps not approved, owing to amount of road to be travelled, & difficulty of getting recovered men away. 10.15am. M.G.S. showed me the most recent scheme. 10.30am. A.D.T. showed plan of COLIN CAMP siding station, said Jones have a train there now if liked - there will be no difficulty in putting trains there. 11.30am. AVELUY. Took A.C. of C.C.S. & when late he will go to shortly, & handed him to P.I. officer in charge to take over his arrangements. 3 C.C.S. is getting on well & ready to take in 200 on 14th inst. Sater, phoned M.Y. to hold masses in readiness to join 13th. Selected site for their camp - wood to N. of Camp, & asked P.I. officer to start construction. Water supply not laid on. Rice & wheat not yet handed over. Prospects and abdominals here on 15th. 3pm. Meeting of FIFTH ARMY Med. Sec. J. attacks statement. Very few Rgt. Med. Offs. present, owing probably to advanced position & machine operations. Capt. DOUGLAS read the paper. 6pm. Note from Sir A. BOWLEY & say D.D.Ls. agreed to head injuries being dealt with at EDGEMILL when coming from ANZAC. Sent instructions accordingly. Period from 9.3.17 to 10.3.17. Wounded admitted to D.D.L. 4 OR 157. - C.C.S. - 4 - 122 - Wounded to Base - 11 - 301	<u>116</u>

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RAIRCHEVAL	11-3-17	11.15am	Dirig, warm, wind S. Shower - afternoon. COLIN CAMPS. Inspected vicinity of Raircheval - no latrine; ditch forked. Took with me O.C. 44 C.C.S. & D.A.D.M. V Corps; reconnoitered and decided upon a good site for his C.C.S. on E. side of village + N. of the railway siding, close to road which leads to EUSTON + a branch road leading to 240000. Latrine now deep in mud + not used by motor, but could be made fit for ambulances, at any rate as an emergency road. Motor would have to be laid on. Told O.C. 44 that he should come up + make at his camp + be ready to move at short notice. He showed initials no. of Railway trucks required. 4pm. Sent request for railway trucks on 14th + 18th. To move 9 C.C.S. to AVELUY, sent order to 9 C.C.S. to bring as re-gards receipt of patients, standing on cases remaining to 9 C.C.S. Reported to D.A.D.M. recent decision re COLIN CAMPS as C.C.S. place. Period from 10.3.17 to 11.3.17. Wounded admitted Red Amb off: 11 O.R. 333. Admitted - C.C.S. 7 - 288 Presented to Base	
RAIRCHEVAL	12-3-17	9.30am	Dry, sprinkle of rain, mild, wind SW. Q conference. Drew attention to the deplorable state of the main road here (RAIRCHEVAL) Asked whether the various pits in back area were to be cleaned up, or that Med. personnel + equipment might be released. This is to be done as soon as practicable. Was assured that road from COLIN CAMPS to EUSTON were maintained. 10am. Secret conference with Q re future arrangements. 11am. HENRI COURT. Called on G.O.C. ANZAC - out. Took D.A.D.M. ANZAC to 3(A) F. Ambul MILLENCOURT, which is present about 450m. Church used the a ward furnished with beds + also the kitchen, and a small room.	APPENDIX 5 V.L.X

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			fine but as recreation room. This could hold another 150 paillasses of dressing. A&D books, orthography of diseases requires attention; AFS not entered. AF N 2210 not used. Explain its value. Noted a trench latrine "put up as a temporary measure"! Oil drums used as brackets in other latrines - advised against this. Not fly-proof; O.C. said this was she carried out. A number of the cases billeted out in the village.	
	1230pm		Mohr's Jah. (Back). Lt. ROSENTHAL said the 200th HILL C.C.S. sent for him to take samples of mineral ores. Asked D.D.M. to see that this was done at Pt. Aub. as directed. Lt. ROSENTHAL also said that - many cases of mercurial washed was being applied to ore before he was called in, & that Pt. Med. Camp was not being marked properly. Asked D.D.M. to note some of these errors.	
	230pm		Phone, Lt. MacPHERSON said COZINCAMP was too near enemy & he did not want to hear of A.T. being shelled. Said C.C.S. would not go there till the place was free from danger except from big range guns, & that the place had been selected to meet heads of advance & the difficulty of getting pt. back to C.C.S. along broken roads. He said the Army must take the responsibility. Observed that PUCHEVILLE is now practically unapproachable from the front for wounded & that DOULLENS is too far back, the condition of the roads compels us to go forward. D.D.M. said that it was not necessary for C.C.S. to keep pace with an advancing army; they can follow later. In my opinion this trouble is regulated by the question of accessibility. The last incidents of the	

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RAIMBREVAL	13.8.17		Fair fine, chilly; wind W. S.W. 9.30am. Q Conference. Nothing to note. 10am. Phoned Q II Corps & got his answer to our telegram JPA billet VARENNES for A.D. Med. Zone. 11am. Q Conference on roads & railways. Arranged. Said we must be content take without railway stations as the line must be pushed on as rapidly as possible. C.C.S. remarks without siding. Policy on roads settled. Railroads take place as far forward as possible so as to lessen road transport. Q V Corps wanted to know why their cases were not sent to E. D. HILL. Explained that the railway system could not carry more than a certain quantity, & the AVELUY - E. D. HILL line has two Corps attached with already. For the V Corps his C.C.S. will operate at COLINCAMP; & the M.D. Stop. of that Corps which are already backward should advance to SERRE & then to PUISSIEUX. They will then be behind the centre of line Corps & conveniently placed to deal with all his wounded, instead of sending them down the ANCRE VALLEY. He said he appreciated this new & more late action accordingly. Then asked him to arrange for the 46th Div. to evacuate via HEBUTERNE & SALLY to COLINCAMP, in view of the probability of WARLINCOURT being required entirely for 3rd Army. It appears that the AUTHE VALLEY Railway maybe an indefinite time being completed. Decided therefore to move operating Centre, AUTHE to COUGNEUX. D.D. arrived for weekly conference, but as I had not returned from above at 12.45pm. I left. D.D. time spoke about certain tactical points to them, as I wish to get the Corps ready. Arrangements pushed forward more rapidly than has been taking place.	

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			-plebs yet. Arrangements in Form for water supply. Drains' huts not roofed yet - the water is due today; asked D.E. to put them in. I agree see that it was well banked & necessary dam. after - mass prepared - no sign of marking out of camp for 109, but met R.L. after 1/2 work, who said he had received yesterday a plan of camp, but his men were too busy with 103 to attend yet to 109. Heard last evening that machine 1/2 had been operated in for appendix abscess. D.A. Dms & Corps rang up 1022 that Co. 1000s had been shelled yesterday with several H.E. shells. 5.30pm Lt Col. W. RANSON DSO. arrived with 47 C.C.S. - Santhim on. 6.30pm Heard by phone from S.M.S. that nothing had been done yet to improve the water road at EDETHILL C.C.S. entrance & along R.F. side Period from 13.2.17 to 14.2.17 Wounded admitted to 2nd Amb. Off 11 O.R. 228 - C.C.S. - 12 - 139 - Wounded to Base - 7 - 406	
RINCHEVAL	15.3.17	9.30am Q Conference Dms Genl. SARRETT's (D.A. Amb.) attention brought to camp at repairs to roads at EDETHILL C.C.S. 10.10am Q. Search the situation at the front. The 1st Div. near BICHU COURT house a terribly long camp for wounded, who go now to the M.D. St. at R 33 (about 57°). The 2nd Div. also, beyond LOUPARD wood, house a long camp, the main dressing St. being near W.Q. The latter Division took at CHADELETTE & the force at R 22. Started to go to GEZAINCOURT, but car got bogged on RUCHEVILLERS Road. Had to walk back to office. 3pm GEZAINCOURT. 29 C.C.S. looking better, having now more rooms. 3.30pm Officers P. Not very many in. Went round the camp. A case of diphtheria, said to have both species affected, was in a ward with several others - directed that he be in room by himself, with ample ventilation. Please bottles well kept, officers not allowed stimulants unless ordered prescribed.		

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	10.400		CONTRAY. No g loading trucks - commenced just after 8 am. Transport 3 long loads, then moving with trucks for R.A.M.C.	
	11.300		EDDIE HILL. 1/5th A.C.S. OC 2500 badly showed. Looked at some of the cases. Wound of head case referred by ROY AT. yesterday, apparently fit to travel - surgeon in office said it was not one for operation. Later Col. M. SMITH (returning from leave yesterday) said he had examined the case carefully & was of opinion it was fit to go by train tonight to go to BATE in being one for present operation. Told OC to report those circumstances to him in writing. Sandra sprained ankle case in diarrhoea ward. The latrines are some distance out of camp - told OC there was no reason why for people kept latrines should not be placed on immediate outskirts. Diarrhoea cases have commenced in all camp tents. Some of these cases originated in this A.C.S. OC is improving his reception accommodation.	
	12.400		3/4th A.C.S. finished taking in this morning & roads not yet cleared up. Large no. of operations. Spent room very dirty from muddy feet - asked OC to obtain overalls, to prevent outside boots entering. Visited some of the cases. Roads at entrance to this group and along A.T. siding are in a deplorable state, not having been touched yet. Very bad going today, many roads being broken up.	
	7 pm		on phone. D.D.M. & Capt. is moving his man Dr. Str. to K 34 A, 5.1. (STP), on ZEPPE Road, this being further point to which ambulances can approach.	

Roads from 15.3.17 to 16.3.17.

Wounded admitted to hospital off 6 of R. 8245.

- C.C.S. - 8 - 204.

- 2000 to 2000

APPENDIX 4

ROUTINE ORDERS

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DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES, FIFTH ARMY.

D. H. S.

March 7th, 1917.

1. OPHTHALMIC CASES.

As about 50 per cent of the cases sent for examination by the Ophthalmic Specialist are found to have either normal vision or vision well inside the Army standard and do not require glasses, D.D.M.S. of Corps will arrange for a copy of Snellens Test Types to be lent to the medical unit collecting cases for the Ophthalmic Centre. Cases having vision equal to the Army standard will not be sent to the Ophthalmic Centre on account of defective vision only.

By this means many useless journeys to the Ophthalmic Centre will be avoided.

2. REPORTS - DEATHS OF OFFICERS.

Deaths of officers occurring in Medical Units will be wired direct to D.A.C. Base & repeated to the "A" Branch, Headquarters of the Army concerned.

All previous instructions on this subject are cancelled.

3. BACTERIOLOGICAL REPORT TO BE NOTED ON FIELD MEDICAL CARD.

When the Bacteriologist has been called in to report on any case, the fact should be noted on the Field Medical Card; the No. of the Mobile Laboratory & the nature of the investigation must be recorded.

The result of the investigation will be recorded also, if it has been received before the case is evacuated.

4. SCABIES - DISPOSAL OF CASES OF.

Cases of Scabies, either officers or men, are not to be evacuated to Casualty Clearing Stations.

5. FIELD MEDICAL CARDS.

The designation of each Medical Unit through which a patient passes will invariably be marked on the Field Medical Card (Army Form W.3118).

J. R. Hines

for Surgeon-General,
D. H. S., Fifth Army.

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DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES, FIFTH ARMY.March 23rd, 1917.7. REPORTS - EVACUATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

When a Medical Officer is evacuated from a Casualty Clearing Station, the D.D.M.S. of the Corps concerned must be informed without delay.

8. RETURNS & REPORTS.

In all returns relating to the British Army, Portuguese, Indian, South African Natives, & other Natives, will be recorded each separately, in the same manner as French or German.

9. ABDOMINAL & SEVERE CHEST INJURIES.

All abdominal & severe chest injuries should be sent back as expeditiously as possible. Time is a factor of moment in dealing with these cases.

They should be despatched from the front to the nearest Advanced Dressing Station whence they should be sent direct, without unnecessary delay, in a special Motor Ambulance of the Field Ambulance concerned to a Casualty Clearing Station or Advanced Operating Centre, whichever is nearest.

The Advanced Dressing Station should take the necessary particulars for the A. & D. Book & send them to the Field Ambulance in charge of the Main Dressing Station to which it usually commits its cases, notifying the unit to which the case has been sent.

H. R. Stimson Col.

Surgeon-General,
D.M.S., Fifth Army.

