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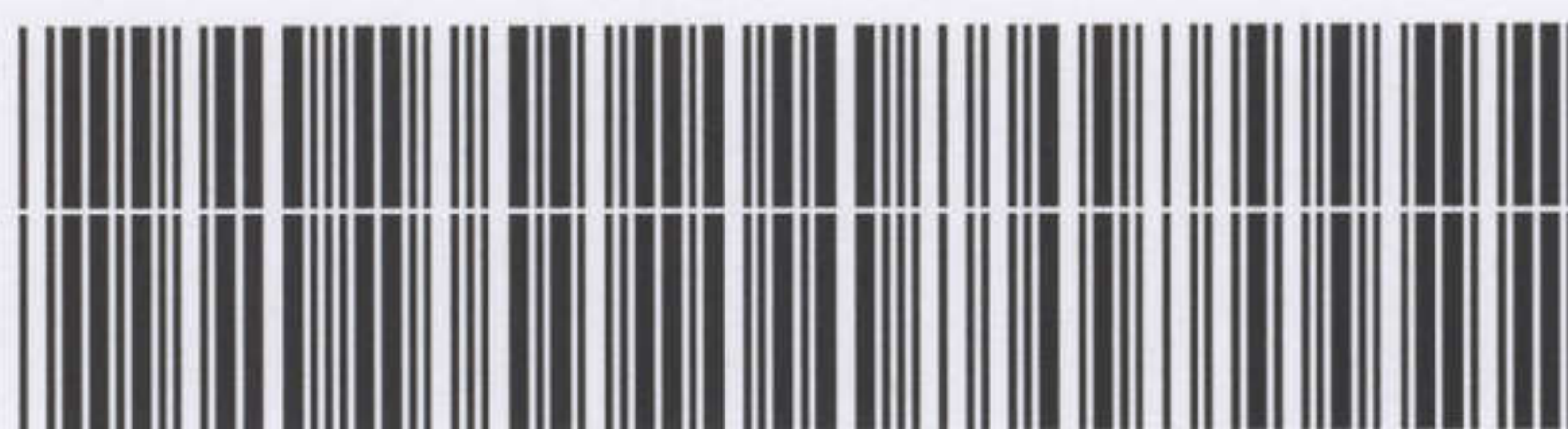
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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

from 1st November to 19th November 1917.

The Corps Headquarters moved to TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE on the 28th ulto. and took over the 20th Division, holding the sector between TRESCAULT and VILLERS GUISLAIN.

About 1st Novr. it was explained to the Heads of Departments that offensive operations were pending and would probably begin about the 20th; that it was proposed to effect a rapid concentration of troops with the greatest possible secrecy, and with the aid of Tanks to break through the Hindenberg Line and Hindenberg Support Line by a coup-de-main, to seize the crossings of the Canal de l'Escault before the enemy had recovered from his surprise, and to pass the cavalry through the gap with a view to operating in a North Easterly direction.

For this purpose, the greatest secrecy was to be observed in all branches. As far as possible, correspondence was to be eliminated, telegrams and telephone messages forbidden, and matters which had to be put on paper were to be written by Officers only.

For this reason, the War Diary from 1st to 19th Novr. was not written up daily.

The Divisions allotted to the Corps for the offensive were the 12th on the right, 20th

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			<p>in the centre, and 6th on the left; the 29th to be in reserve and to pass through the 30th, to push on and capture the Canal crossings at MARCOING and MASNIERES in order to break the last line of enemy defences and pass the cavalry through.</p> <p>The 20th Division were to continue in the line as at present held until two nights before the commencement of operations when the 6th and 12th Divisions would arrive. The advanced posts were to remain in charge of 20th Division until Y-Z night so as to prevent the enemy from obtaining new identifications if he raided our line.</p> <p>These Divisions were resting in the Back Area in Army Reserve and were railed down during the 3 days preceding the offensive.</p> <p>The Medical situation at the beginning of November was as follows:-</p> <p>The 20th Division, taken over in situ from VII Corps, had a Divisional Main Dressing Station (61st Field Amb:) on the FINS-NURLU Road with Advanced Dressing Stations at GOUZEAUCOURT and VILLERS GUISLAIN.</p> <p>The Corps Rest Station was at MOISLAINS, operated by 62nd Field Amb: of 20th Division. The Casualty Clearing Stations (21 and 48) were at YTRES, 5 and 55 at TINCOURT. - 21 Motor Amb: Convoy, which came under the administration of the Corps, was at PERONNE.</p>	157xi

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			<p>The Main Dressing Station had formerly been a Corps Main Dressing Station and was capable of expansion with very little trouble. It is hutted (Adrian, Hospital Nissen & Small Nissens), has electric light - a good water supply - a good operating theatre - an Advanced Gas Treatment Centre; so without much difficulty, and at short notice, it could be made to accommodate 500 cases.</p> <p>The Advanced Dressing Stations required attention; that at GOUZEAUCOURT was good, with plenty of accommodation in cellars and fairly well protected against hostile shelling. That at VILLERS GUISLAIN was small and would require enlarging before operations began.</p> <p>The following measures were therefore taken in hand at once:- (a) To get representatives from the Divisions to be engaged brought down at once (Field Ambulance Commander or D.A.D.M.S.) to reconnoitre their areas and get on with the erection or expansion of Advanced Dressing Stations - (b) To establish 3 Advanced Dressing Stations, one per Division in the line - 20th to retain GOUZEAUCOURT and hand over VILLERS GUISLAIN to the 12th Division; 6th Division to form a new Advanced Dressing Station in the area allotted to them - (c) To expand the Divisional Main Dressing Station into a Corps Main Dressing Station and increase its equipment and personnel accordingly. - (d) To form a Corps Walking Wounded Station alongside the Corps Main Dressing</p>	158x1

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			<p>Dressing Station and obtain the necessary Marquees - A sick section of the Corps Walking Wounded Station to be established where sick from the forward area could be collected and passed on to the Corps Rest Station at MOISLAINS or to Casualty Clearing Stations- (e) To move the Motor Amb: Convey to a more convenient site - MOISLAINS - (f) To draw extra stores, equipment, dressings, medical comforts etc. for the incoming Divisions and to form dumps of these at the Corps Main Dressing Station, so that Divisions could equip up to battle requirements immediately on arrival.</p> <p>It will therefore be seen that the area lent itself to rapid preparation for an offensive, provided the additional equipment etc. was forthcoming in time. The policy decided on was to accept the medical situation of the 20th Division as it stood and expand the existing Divisional arrangements up to Corps requirements with the least possible alteration and the minimum of publicity.</p> <p>The additional equipment and stores were demanded on the 3rd and 4th Novr. A.D.O.S. was requested to supply 2000 stretchers, 6000 blankets, 48 marquees (allotted to a Corps for Main Dressing Station purposes) together with Soyer's stoves, camp kettles, lanterns, etc. required for the Walking Wounded Station. A few marquees were also available at the Corps Rest Station</p>	<p>159x1</p>

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			<p>Station and the D.D.M.S. IV Corps kindly supplied 10 he did not require.</p> <p>A list of extra Medical stores and equipment required was submitted to the B.M.S., Third Army, while at the same time the A.D.M.S. 20th Division was requested to commence drawing these stores in small quantities so as not to give rise to speculation.</p> <p>"Q" III Corps obtained sanction for the issue to Field Ambulances and Corps Medical Units of additional coal, wood and rations.</p> <p>The Divisions to be engaged got to work at once in preparing Advanced Dressing Stations and forward posts and in reconnoitering evacuation routes. Two bearer sub-divisions of the 6th and 12th Divisions were brought down to prepare Advanced Dressing Stations. The 6th Division made a new Advanced Dressing Station ("Rushed up House") at Q.30.b. (57c) north of GOUZEAUCOURT on the GOUZEAUCOURT - TRESCAULT Road - The 12th Division enlarged the existing Advanced Dressing Station at VILLERS GUISLAIN.</p> <p>There were many minor details to be attended to, such as the equipping of Decauville Ambulance Trains, clearing of the Rest Station for Sick, etc., etc., but everything was forthcoming in time; by the 19th the whole of the Medical arrangements were complete and the Advanced Dressing Stations, Corps Main Dressing Station, Corps Walking Wounded Station, etc. had been brought</p>	160x1

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			<p>brought up to battle requirements and were amply stocked with additional equipment, dressings, etc. etc. necessary for the operations.</p> <p>The evacuation policy had been gone into and it had been decided to evacuate cases direct from Advanced Dressing Stations to Casualty Clearing Stations, provided permission to do this could be obtained.</p> <p>The method had been done by this Corps on a former occasion (during the capture by the 34th Division of COLOGNE FARM in August) and it was found to be of great advantage to the wounded.</p> <p>The Casualty Clearing Station Commanders favoured the scheme; it was not, however, possible to carry it out entirely, as it was thought that Casualty Clearing Stations might become "flooded" with the walking cases. It was, therefore, modified so as to limit direct evacuation to lying cases, the walking cases being dealt with at the Corps Walking Wounded Stn. and transferred from there to the Casualty Clearing Stations.</p> <p>The D.M.S., Third Army being a warm supporter of the scheme, permission was obtained, and the policy was outlined as follows :- (a) To separate the lying from the walking wounded at as early a stage as possible; lying cases to go to the Divisional Advanced Dressing Stations, walking to the Divisional Walking Wounded Stations. - (b) To clear the lying cases from</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Advanced</p>	16/VI

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Advanced Dressing Stations direct to Casualty Clearing Station by Decauville Ambulance Train and Motor Ambulances - (c) To clear the walking wounded from Divisional Walking Wounded Stns. to the Corps Walking Wounded Station by busses and returning empty Decauville Trains, and from thence (after being dressed, fed, recorded, etc.) to the Casualty Clearing Stations - (d) To hold the Corps Main Dressing Station in reserve so that if the Casualty Clearing Stations became "flooded" it could deal with the inflow of wounded until normal evacuation was resumed.

Some A.Ds.M.S. of Divisions did not like direct evacuation; returns would be inaccurate and delayed, and it might not be possible for their "A" branch to get sufficient information concerning casualties. These minor difficulties were easily surmounted, and an organized system of recording casualties was brought into operation and worked excellently.

A few days before the operations commenced, however, there was some apprehension on the part of two Casualty Clearing Station Commanders who considered that it might be impossible for a Casualty Clearing Station, during active operations on a large scale, to make out Field Medical Cards and give Anti-Tetanic serum to such cases evacuated direct. A conference of Casualty Clearing Station Commanders and D.Ds.M.S. was therefore held by the D.M.S. and it was ultimately decided that Field Medical Cards were to be made out at Advanced Dressing Stations,

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			<p>while Anti-Tetanic Serum would be given at Casualty Clearing Stations on arrival.</p> <p>The Field Medical Cards of 'transfers' were to bear the Field Ambulance rubber stamp; in this way it would be possible for Casualty Clearing Stations to discriminate between the direct admissions and the 'transfers'</p> <p>On the whole this arrangement worked well, but it might have been simpler for Advanced Dressing Stations to administer Anti-Tetanic Serum there and to have the Field Medical Card made out at Casualty Clearing Stations.</p> <p>The system of direct evacuation was a great success - it ensured to the wounded unnecessary handling, unnecessary change of dressings, early arrival at the Casualty Clearing Station and consequent earlier surgical treatment. Had the Casualty Clearing Stations been more numerous it might have been possible to evacuate the walking wounded direct also, but this was not feasible, as the arrival of additional Casualty Clearing Stations would have given rise to too much speculation.</p> <p>EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES - The Corps had at its disposal 21 Motor Amb: Convoy with 48 cars on the road out of 50, and 4 covered Decauville Ambulance Wagons on the 60 c.m. Railway system, each carrying 12 stretcher cases, fitted with necessary equipment and heated by an oil stove</p>	163 xi

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			<p>stove. The 60 c.m. Railway system in the area is extensive and connects two of the three Advanced Dressing Stations with the Corps Main Dressing Station, Corps Walking Wounded Station and all Casualty Clearing Stations.</p> <p>The arrangements made may be summarized as follows :- (a) To pool Divisional and Motor Amb: Convoy cars and to use these for the evacuation of stretcher cases from Advanced Dressing Stations to Casualty Clearing Stations - (b) To form two Decauville Ambulance Trains, each consisting of a tractor, 2 Ambulance Wagons, and an ordinary Wagon, and to use these also for the evacuation of stretcher cases from Advanced Dressing Stations to Casualty Clearing Stns. NOTE : The ordinary Wagon was for the carriage of walking cases from Advanced Dressing Stns. as far as FINS. (c) To clear the walking wounded from Divisional Walking Wounded Stations to the Corps Walking Wounded Station (4) by means of returning empty Decauville trains to FINS (from whence a "ferry service" of horsed Ambulances to Corps Walking Wounded Station was arranged) and (5) by means of Motor busses. Failing Motor busses, lorries were to be obtained. (d) To transfer walking wounded from the Corps Walking Wounded Station to the Casualty Clearing Stations at TINCOURT by means of (6) an improvised Decauville train consisting of an engine and 6 wagons (covered with tarpaulins) by 21 M.A.C., and (7) by busses or lorries. (e) To</p>	16/4/21
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			<p>collect sick from the forward area at the Sick Section of the Corps Walking Wounded Station, transferring them to the Corps Rest Station at MOISLAINS by busses or Ambulance Cars. Serious cases to go to the nearest Casualty Clearing Station - ordinary cases to be evacuated to 56 Casualty Clearing Station at LERMANCOURT in cars furnished by D.M.S. Third Army on application. Full details of the methods of evacuation are to be found in IIIrd Corps Medical Arrangements No. 17.</p> <p>The above is an outline of the preparatory phase of the operations; all arrangements were made with the greatest possible secrecy and with the minimum of correspondence, and no Medical Arrangements were issued until 4 days before the commencement of operations.</p> <p>I would direct special attention to arrangements made for clerical work - The formation of a Casualty Office proved of the greatest assistance and worked smoothly.</p>	<p>165x1</p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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1918 LA 20/11 17		<p>IIIrd Corps in conjunction with IV Corps on our left, at 6.40 a.m. this morning, attacked the enemy positions on a front of about 6000 yards - Attack completely successful - all objectives gained.</p>	16621
0 30		<p>D.A.D.M.S. visited forward area and Main Dressing Stn. Wounded were just beginning to arrive at Advanced Dressing Stns. The main FINS-GOUZEAUCOURT Road was clear of traffic - Busses and lorries for the conveyance of lightly wounded had arrived at FINS and were being distributed by C.C. 21 M.A.C.</p>	
11.55 am		<p>D.A.D.M.S. 12th Division rang up for 2 busses to convey a number of sick that had collected at HEUDICOURT to the Sick Section of the Walking Wounded Stn. - Instructed him to apply to M.C.O. 1/c Bus Park at 38th Field Amb: HEUDICOURT for 2.</p>	
3 pm		<p>Evacuation proceeding smoothly on the whole - 12th Division had directed cars to proceed to Main Dressing Stn. instead of to C.C.S.'s. TINCOURT direct - This was rectified.</p>	
		<p>Decauville Ambulance Train taking longer to complete circular trip from Corps Walking Wounded Stn. to C.C.S. TINCOURT than was anticipated, i.e. 5½ hours, instead of 4 hours.</p>	
		<p>Busses and lorries worked well during the day - The busses on loan from the Army ceased work at 4 pm. and returned to ALBERT where they had to arrive by 9 pm. on account of important</p>	
		<p>tactical</p>	

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WPLAZZ LA POSSB	20/11/ 17	5.30 pm	<p>tactical reasons. A number of lorries were obtained from S.M.T.O. so that evacuation of walking wounded was not interrupted.</p> <p>35 Motor Ambulance Cars arrived on loan from Army to replace busses. - Placed under charge of O.C. 21 M.A.C. who is supervising all evacuation by road.</p>
		6 pm	<p>Telephone message received informing ^{that} C.C.S's. at YTRES now full and unable to take any more cases till cleared by Ambulance Train. - Issued instructions to 6th, 20th and 29th Divisions to send serious cases from Advanced Dressing Stn. to C.C.S's. at TINCOURT. - O.C. 21 M.A.C. also informed and instructed to divert any cars on their way to YTRES to TINCOURT.</p>
		6.30 pm	<p>D.A.D.M.S. visited C.C.S's. at YTRES and Corps Main Dressing Stn - Unloading arrangements at YTRES are somewhat congested ^{somewhat congested} 24 Ambulance cars from this Corps were waiting outside 48 C.C.S. for periods up to 2 hours to be unloaded. There were also 17 cars from IV Corps waiting. - IIIrd Corps Decauville Ambulance Train No. 2 had also been waiting an hour. - D.A.D.M.S. spoke to O.C. 21 C.C.S. who finally agreed to take 40 cases - These were eventually unloaded and the cars released.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. visited TINCOURT C.C.S's. - These are working very smoothly - The majority of IIIrd Corps cases were being sent here and it was noticeable that cars were unloaded very quickly</p>

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TESTIEUX LA FOSSE	20/11/17	6.30 pm	quickly and allowed to return to Corps units for more cases.	
			The total number of casualties dealt with by Corps Medical Units up to 6 pm. was 1733. This number includes 53 Germans.	
		8.45 pm	48 C.C.S. rang up to say they had just cleared and could now take more of our cases. - Informed Corps Main Dressing Stn. and Advanced Dressing Stn. GOUZEAUCOURT, also O.C. 21 M.A.C. who will divert cars from GOUZEAUCOURT to YTRES instead of to TINCOURT.	
		9 pm	Telephoned to D.M.S. about cars being detained at C.C.S.'s. YTRES, and asked whether arrangements in force at TINCOURT could be applied to YTRES as our whole system of evacuation would be thrown out of gear if cars are detained in this way.	
			Advanced Dressing Stations, being kept empty, as cases are not held up, but passed on to either Walking Wounded Stn. or C.C.S.	
		10 pm	D.D.M.S. visited Main Dressing Stn. - Evacuation working smoothly - Cars are not allowed headlamps on PINS-NURLU Road - Night very dark and rainy, consequently very difficult for traffic - 2 Ambulance cars ditched. - Spoke to B.C.G.S. on the subject and pointed out difficulty of evacuation without lights and also about 2 'ditched' cars - This was rectified and orders issued to A.P.W.	

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TENTLEUX LA FOSSE.	20/11/ 17	11 pm	Operations for the day have been very successful, and satisfactory progress is being made.	169m C.A.M.C.								
	21/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted during the period 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 1323 - these figures include 78 Germans</p> <p>Went up to LA VACQUERIE - C.C.S. YPRES opened again at 12 noon. Evacuation proceeding smoothly - Train from VILLERS GUISLAIN to TINCOURT not a success as tractor could not pull the wagons up the hill to Advanced Dressing Stn. - also Decouville line temporarily out of gear where broad gauge being extended - Spoke to Centimetre - he hopes to put on a better tractor and get the service going to-morrow.</p> <p>Visited TINCOURT C.C.S.'s. - Not full - few cases coming in.</p> <p>Divisions have now moved up their Advanced Dressing Stns. etc. as follows:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="562 1427 2738 1749"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="671 1427 951 1457">6th DIVISION</th> <th data-bbox="1215 1427 1516 1457">20th DIVISION</th> <th data-bbox="1790 1427 2091 1457">20th DIVISION</th> <th data-bbox="2355 1427 2657 1457">12th DIVISION</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="562 1477 1121 1759"> Adv. Dressg. Stn., German House, RIBECOURT, L.25.b.4.6. Collecting Post. Red House, RIBECOURT L.25.d.2.7. Walkg. Wnd. Collectg. Stn., VILLERS-POUICH R. 7.2.4.3. </td> <td data-bbox="1143 1477 1703 1699"> Adv. Dressg. Stn., MARCOING, L.22.b.8.6. Walkg. Wnd. Stn., LA VACQUERIE, R.15.c. Adv. Dressg. Stn., MASNIERES, Q.26.c.9.8. </td> <td data-bbox="1734 1477 2209 1699"> Adv. Dressg. Stn., GOUZEACOURT, Q.36.d.6.9. Walkg. Wnd. Stn., GOUZEACOURT BATHS Q.36.b.1.4. </td> <td data-bbox="2231 1477 2738 1739"> Adv. Dressg. Stn., VILLERS GUISLAIN, X.9.c.3.4. Collecting Post at CONNELIEU. Walkg. Wnd. Collectg. Stn., RAILTON, W.22.b.7.8. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	6th DIVISION	20th DIVISION	20th DIVISION	12th DIVISION	Adv. Dressg. Stn., German House, RIBECOURT, L.25.b.4.6. Collecting Post. Red House, RIBECOURT L.25.d.2.7. Walkg. Wnd. Collectg. Stn., VILLERS-POUICH R. 7.2.4.3.	Adv. Dressg. Stn., MARCOING, L.22.b.8.6. Walkg. Wnd. Stn., LA VACQUERIE, R.15.c. Adv. Dressg. Stn., MASNIERES, Q.26.c.9.8.	Adv. Dressg. Stn., GOUZEACOURT, Q.36.d.6.9. Walkg. Wnd. Stn., GOUZEACOURT BATHS Q.36.b.1.4.	Adv. Dressg. Stn., VILLERS GUISLAIN, X.9.c.3.4. Collecting Post at CONNELIEU. Walkg. Wnd. Collectg. Stn., RAILTON, W.22.b.7.8.	
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TEMPLEUX- LA-POISSE.	21/11/ 17	10 pm	<p>Spoke to A.D.M.S. 29th Division on the 'phone - He is getting a good number of casualties to deal with and wants supplies sent up. Decauville Railway is being linked up to German Decauville and will run up to MARCOING possibly to-night - Asked Centimetre to take No. 1 Ambulance Train off TINCOURT circuit and send up to MARCOING for wounded, taking up supplies at the same time. NOTE: It was found later that the line was not completed - supplies were sent up by Motor Ambulances and all wounded cleared</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 319, which includes 50 Germans.</p>	170x
	22/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 573, which includes 4 Germans.</p> <p>6th Division "Q" wired for stretchers and blankets, - told A.D.M.S. to collect a derelict pile of stretchers near VILLERS-POUICH</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. visited RIBECOURT - Good Advanced Dressing Stn. here (6th Division) capable of holding about 60 cases or more. This may be of importance later on, and 6th Division asked, therefore, not to give it up without informing this Office.</p> <p>RIBECOURT-TRESCAULT-METZ road not yet very good, but after repair should be an important line of evacuation if Corps heavily counter-attacked.</p>	C. 2118

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TEMPLEUX- LA-FOSSÉ.	22/11/ 17	Morn- ing	<p>Obtained 200 stretchers and 200 blankets for Walking Wounded Stn. and Main Dressing Stn. from 5 and 55 C.C.S.'s.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. 29th Division wired that evacuation of wounded from 29th front was now complete. Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 280, which includes 29 Germans.</p>	19/15/1
	23/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 189, which includes 4 Germans.</p> <p>Cycles - asked S.M.T.O. to expedite cycle purchase <i>due from base for 12 Div as they are short</i></p> <p>O.C. 48 C.C.S. 'phoned; says he can let us have 300 - 400 stretchers and about 800 blankets - will 'phone exact number later. - Told O.C. Main Dressing Stn. to draw, either by sending down the Decauville Train or trolleys.</p> <p>O.C. 48 C.C.S. said that about 12 fractured thigh cases had arrived without Thomas' splints, - asked if he could tell us whether they came from IIIrd Corps or not so that action could be taken to prevent this.</p> <p>Asked for Intelligence Summaries and communiques to be sent to C.C.S.'s - done.</p> <p>120 cases of sick for evacuation from Corps Rest Stn. to-morrow - asked Army for cars to evacuate to 56 C.C.S. DERNANCOURT.</p>	C.B.M.R.

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TEMPLEUX- LA-POSSE.	23/11/ 17	3 pm.	<p>12th Division want latrines, and 48 Sanitary Section have none - Got 10 three-seaters through D.A.D.M.S. (San) Third Army to be delivered next day.</p> <p>Issued 100 stretchers and 300 blankets to 6th Division from Main Dressing Stn.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 105.</p>	172-x1
	24/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 422, which includes 1 German</p> <p>59th Division joined the Corps to-day and are in the reserve area round EQUANCOURT.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. 59th Div. called. 3 Water Tank Lorries are being installed at MOISLAINS.</p> <p>Corps Rest Stn. report sick coming down from Sick Section without kit. Asked Walking Wounded Stn. to send kit if possible.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. visited Main Dressing Stn. and Walking Wounded Stn. Road at Walking Wounded Stn. very bad. Interviewed C.E. and Corps Roads Officer and took the latter up to see the road. Arranged to have a lorry stand made outside the Walking Wounded Stn. forthwith - O.C. to draw 500 sleepers with nails, picks and shovels from R.E. Dump FINS to-morrow, and Corps Roads Officer will arrange for skilled labour on 26th - Loading party detailed by 59th Div.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 156, which includes 4 Germans.</p>	<u>CIB 172</u>

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-POSSE.	25/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 158, which includes 4 Germans.</p> <p>Site s of Advanced Dressing Stations will require modification in the near future - New Divisional boundaries not yet decided upon.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 114</p>	173x
	26/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 128.</p> <p>D.M.S. Conference - <u>Enemy Gas</u>: A.Ds.M.S. to be warned against probable attacks of enemy gas - special reference to venesection ^{by} of Phosgene Gas Poisoning as soon as possible at A.D.S's. Reported that Field Ambulances accumulate large quantities of drugs, surgical material, splints, etc. and when leaving Corps if unable to take them away they dump them down at Fld. Amb: sites - if relieving Fld. Amb: cannot take them over they are to be handed in to the nearest A.D.M.Stores - A few cases arrived at C.C.S's without Thomas' Splints, possibly due to fact that new M.Os. joining were not instructed in proper method of applying - All new M.Os. to be taught - diagrams of splints for use in Adv.Med.Units being issued and D.Ds.M.S. to see that they are hung up in Main Dressing Stns, A.D.S's. and other suitable sites. <u>Decauville Train</u>; some of the trains arrived without being heated - in one case wounded reported that train had travelled at excessive</p>	CSB/ml

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<p>TEMPLEUX- LA-FOSSE. (contd)</p>	<p>26/11/ 17</p>		<p>speed - A.Ds.M.S. to take steps to ensure that Drivers of trains before starting realise they are carrying seriously wounded men and must not travel at an excessive speed; trains must not start until all doors are securely fastened - 2 trains have already been damaged owing to these precautions not being observed. <u>Morphia</u>: cases have arrived without the dose of Morphia notified in the Field Med.Card - all M.Os. must be warned of the necessity for this. <u>Shock</u>: The necessity of warming cases who are shocked to be gone into more fully - suggestions from M.Os. to be sent in - at one Field Amb: experiments carried out with Japanese Istras with good results - <u>Field Med: Cards</u>; no temperature charts or any remarks to be made inside card - some cards have had to be returned on account of space devoted to C.C.S. being utilised by Field Amb: M.Os. <u>Forceps</u>: forceps sent down with cases not being sent back? P.S. Concensus of opinion from C.C.S.'s. is that all cases sent down in satisfactory manner with 1 or 2 exceptions: <u>1. Fld.Amb:</u> being specially praised for dressing their cases in pyjamas.</p> <p>Received tracings of new boundaries - we take over a small portion from IV Corps. Divisional and staging areas now defined.</p> <p>Visited Main Dressing Stn. and Walking Wounded Stn. - New stand for lorries commenced to-day, should be finished to-morrow.</p>	<p>174x1</p> <p>Visited</p>

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-FOSSÉ	26/11/ 17		<p>Visited Corps Rest Stn. MOISLAINS - owing to large numbers of sick they are short of towels, puttees, caps, etc. - Later spoke to G.O. III Corps Troops who will obtain as early as possible. Obtained 400 foot run of planking from C.E. for construction of forms for Corps R.S.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 35.</p>
	27/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 59.</p> <p>Conference of A.Ds.M.S. - discussed points raised at Army Conference - Drew attention to increased number of gas casualties of late and need for early venesection of phosgene cases. Instructed A.Ds.M.S. to arrange for new M.Os. being trained in application of Thomas' splint.</p> <p>Medical arrangements of the recent offensive were discussed - 20th Div. A.D.S. became rather full between 3 and 7.30.p.m. owing to delayed return of cars from C.C.S's; otherwise no hitch was noticed. The decauville trains were of little assistance to evacuation. All A.Ds.M.S. were agreed that the evacuation went very smoothly - Police controls stated that Ambulance Drivers' work was very satisfactory.</p> <p>A.Ds.M.S. requested to take up the question of heating up of patients suffering from shock, and blanket warmers. M.Os. to submit any methods in use. A.Ds.M.S. will arrange to collect</p>

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TEMPLEUX- LA-POSSE.	27/11/ 17		<p>collect blankets and stretchers and form dumps. Sanitation of Area discussed.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. 6th Division stated that No. 14 Adv. Depot Med. Stores at TINCOURT were inaccessible. ^{from the area} Army will be asked to consider advisability of moving them forward. If not, it may be possible to send up stores to Main Dressing Stn. by returning decauville.</p>	176 xi
	28/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 93.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 383</p> <p>Visited forward area including MARCOING. Stoves of trains disappeared - to be replaced. O.C. Main Dressing Stn. is to send a large tarpaulin to 20th Div. Walking Wounded Post in GOUZEAUCOURT. - 20th Division are considering formation of a Walking Wounded Post at VILLERS-PILOUICH. Nearest siding of decauville is AX505 - issued</p>	CUBM
	29/11/ 17		<p>Issued Medical Arrangements 18 - see appendix</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 82.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 84.</p> <p>No entry of any moment.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 212</p>	CUBM

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TEMPLEUX- -IA-FOSSE.	30/11/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 69</p> <p> Germans attacked left flank of VII Corps and right flank of III Corps this morning.</p> <p> By 10 a.m. VILLERS GUISLAIN and GOUZEAUCOURT were in the enemy's hands and he had penetrated as far as DEAD MAN CORNER and VAUCELLETT FARM. Part of personnel of 36th Field Amb: at VILLERS GUISLAIN captured - also some ^{MofaR} Ambulances. Later he was counter-attacked by Guards, Cavalry Corps, etc. and driven back on the outskirts of VILLERS GUISLAIN.</p> <p> Main Dressing Station on FINS-NURLU Road cleared of all cases - necessary measures taken. Convoy cars sent up to HEUDICOURT to pick up wounded coming in there. Corps Rest Stn. MOISLAINS cleared of sick and ready to take in wounded.</p> <p> 4 p.m. O.C. 21 M.A.C. reports 7 cars not yet accounted for - some had to be abandoned as they got 'ditched'. Drivers carried the wounded away and also brought away carburettors of cars</p> <p> Applied to A.D.O.S. for more stretchers & blankets - obtained authority to draw 500 stretchers and 2000 blankets from 3 C.C.S. GREVILLERS</p> <p> 11 p.m. D.A.D.M.S. visited Main Dressing Station, 21 & 48 C.C.S.'s and Corps Rest Stn. MOISLAINS. A good number of cases coming in but arrangements were working smoothly.</p> <p> Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1090, which includes 1 German.</p>	<p>17/11 E.B.</p>

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