

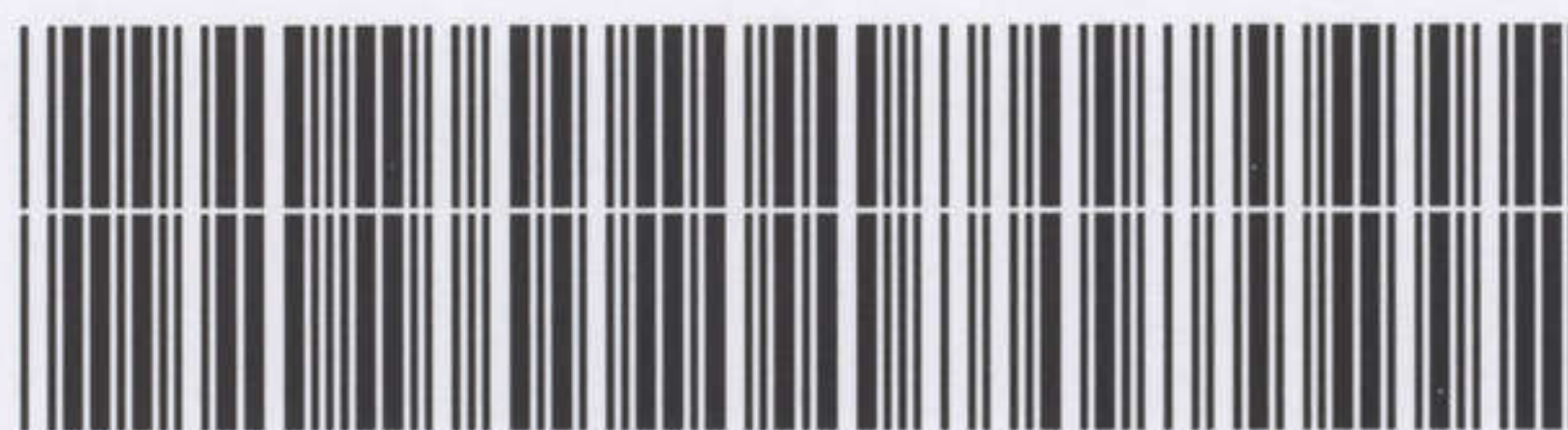
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			<p>WAR DIARY of</p> <p>D. D. M. S., IIIrd CORPS.</p> <p>----- for -----</p> <p>DECEMBER 1917</p>	<p>178 x 1 S.B</p>	
			<p>APPENDIX NO. 1. A. Infectious Diseases. B. Statistics.</p> <p>" 2. Chart of Admissions and Evacuations</p> <p>" 3. Medical Arrangements, IIIrd Corps issued during December</p> <p>" 4. Situation of Medical Units, IIIrd Corps issued during December.</p> <p>" 5. Routine Orders issued during December.</p>		

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-POSSE.	1/12/ 17		<p style="text-align: right;">17921</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 1374, which includes 10 Germans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOTE ON OPERATIONS OF 30th NOV.</u></p> <p>What may be considered the second phase of the CAMBRAI Battle commenced yesterday morning, 30th Novr., when the enemy attacked the right flank of the III Corps and left flank of the VII Corps, advancing as far as VAUCELLETTE FARM, GOUZEAUCOURT and DEAD MAN CORNER. Here he was vigorously counter-attacked by Cavalry Corps, ^{and} Guards Division and driven back to the outskirts of VILLERS GUISLAIN and GONNELIEU by night fall.</p> <p>As a result of his sudden advance, the Advanced Dressing Stn. at VILLERS GUISLAIN was captured, along with three Officers (including C.O.) and a portion of the personnel of 36th Field Ambulance, 12th Division, some bearers of other Field Ambulances of this Division, and some Motor Ambulances.</p> <p>The Advanced Dressing Stn. at GOUZEAUCOURT was also in the enemy's hands for about 4 hours, the R.A.M.C. occupying it getting away, together with their wounded, just before the Germans entered. A considerable amount of medical stores, stretchers, blankets, marquees, etc. had been dumped here for use during the operations and will be brought out as soon as conditions permit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Forward</p>	

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TEMPLEUX- -IA-FOSSE.	1/12/ 17		<p>Forward evacuation arrangements had to be considerably modified on account of the altered conditions, but wounded were got away as rapidly as could be expected. The Guards Division, which had come down at short notice from the IV Corps area, had an Advanced Dressing Station at QUEEN'S CROSS and another on the main FINS-GOUZEAUCOURT Road, and evacuated a large number of their casualties through IV Corps - 20th Division also had a temporary Advanced Dressing Stn. on FINS-GOUZEAUCOURT Road. The 12th Division used HEUDICOURT as an Advanced Dressing Stn.</p> <p>The Corps Main Dressing Stn. yesterday was kept as clear as possible in case of eventualities. The Corps Rest Stn. at MOISLAINS was prepared to take on the functions of a Main Dressing Stn. if required. It was not, however, necessary to close the Main Dressing Stn. or Corps Walking Wounded Stn. on the FINS-NURLU Road as the military situation rapidly improved.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Situation greatly improved. - C.C.S's YTRES full at 6 a.m. Evacuation switched on to TINCOURT C.C.S's.</p> <p>Guards Division and 61st Division joined the Corps.</p> <p>Heavy fighting in vicinity of GONNELIEU and VILLERS GUISLAIN. Large number of casualties coming in - Main Dressing Stn. and C.C.S's very hard worked - The former shelled</p> <p>during</p>	<p>180x1</p>

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TEMPLEUX - -LA-FOISSE	1/12/ 17		<p>during last night and to-day by H.V. gun but no damage done. Personnel at Main Dressing Stn. is insufficient and D.M.S. was asked to return 3 N.C.O's and 15 Nursing Orderlies employed at 48 C.C.S.</p> <p>An estimate of our losses in R.A.M.C. personnel yesterday has now been made and is as follows:- OFFICERS, killed 1, missing 6, wounded 3 - OTHER RANKS killed 1, missing 163 wounded 21.</p> <p>About 10 Ambulance cars (Divisional and M.A.C.) have been put out of action - either abandoned or damaged by shell fire. Evacuation from whole front proceeding quite smoothly.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1226, which includes 26 Germans.</p>	181 XI
	2/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 1204, which includes 20 Germans.</p> <p>61st Division taking over to-night from 20th Division.</p> <p>Main Dressing Stn. has been fairly heavily worked during night but have obtained relief for them from Guards Division and Cavalry Corps.</p> <p>The Guards Division have given up Advanced Dressing Stn. on FINS-GOUZEAUCOURT Road and are now evacuating to METZ with Advanced Dressing Stn. at QUEEN'S CROSS.</p>	CL3 MR

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MPLEUX- -FOBSE.	2/12/ 17		<p style="text-align: right;">182x1</p> <p>Direct evacuation of lying cases to Casualty Clearing Stn., in accordance with our original arrangements for the 'coup de main' on 20th ulto. is becoming rather difficult owing to Advanced Dressing Stns. being so far away from Casualty Clearing Stns. and the latter closing down frequently when full. This leads to cars being away for a long time and possibly going from one Casualty Clearing Stn. to another, i.e. YTRES to TINCOURT.</p> <p>It was felt that during the present uncertainty the original object of the scheme (i.e. to ensure early arrival at a Casualty Clearing Stn. with the minimum road journey and handling) might be defeated, and orders have therefore been issued (Medical Arrangements 19) for the Corps Main Dressing Stn. to receive stretcher cases, other than those requiring immediate attention at a Casualty Clearing Stn. which will continue to go direct. A.Ds.M.S. will be responsible for evacuation to Main Dressing Stn. - M.A.C. will be responsible for evacuation from Main Dressing Stn. to Casualty Clearing Stns., and M.A.C. will also attach cars to Divns. to assist their evacuation.</p> <p>Heavy enemy attacks during the afternoon on LA VAGQUERIE - all attacks repulsed. V Corps on our left also heavily attacked at BOURLON WOOD.</p> <p>29th Division has withdrawn from MASNIERES as it was almost encircled by the enemy.</p>	

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-FOSSE.	2/12/ 17		<p>All cases were cleared from the Advanced Dressing Stn. by the R.A.M.C. in spite of the great difficulties experienced in getting them away.</p> <p>The METZ - TRESCAULT - RIBECOURT Road is in a bad state and evacuation is rather retarded in consequence. Last night A.Ds.M.S. were directed to make every possible use of returning empty Decauville trucks which run up at present to RIBECOURT.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 493, which includes 12 Germans.</p> <p>Colonel GRAY, C.B., Consulting Surgeon, Third Army, stayed the night. Visited the Corps Main Dressing Stn at 11 p.m. and saw the surgical work there.</p>	183x1
	3/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 355, which includes 3 Germans.</p> <p>36th Division and 9th Division joined the Corps to-day - 20th Division leaves to-morrow. Sent draft to "G.S." for relief of Corps Medical units - a Field Amb: of 61st Division will relieve 61st Field Amb: 20th Div. at the Main Dressing Stn., and a Field Ambulance of 36th Div. will relieve 52nd Field Amb: at the Corps Rest Stn.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. 6th Division asks for 200 greatcoats for wounded going down by Decauville - obtained 100 through A.D.O.S. from 55th Div. dump.</p>	CUBMR

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EMPLEUX- LA-FOSSE.	3/12/ 17		<p>A.D.M.S. 36th Division (Colonel H.A. BRAY) called.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 287.</p>	<p>18481</p> <p><u>CBM</u></p>
	4/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 655, which includes 1 German.</p> <p>Guards, 12th, 20th and 29th Divisions leave the Corps, which now consists of the 6th 9th, 36th and 61st Divisions, all holding the line.</p> <p>Issued orders through "G.S". for relief of Corps Walking Wounded Stn. and for relief of Tent sub-divs. doing duty at Corps Medical Units. 27th Field Amb: 9th Div. takes over Corps Walking Wounded Stn. to-morrow from 37th Field Amb: 12th Div. Tent sub-div. 36th Div. goes to Corps Main Dressing Stn. in relief of a Tent sub-div. of Guards Div., and 2 Tent Sub-divs. of 9th Div. to Corps Rest Station to relieve those of 29th Div.</p> <p>Issued Medical Arrangements No. 20 re these moves, and consequent alteration in clerical arrangements at Corps Main Dressing Stn. and Casualty Clearing Stns.</p> <p>Quiet day - no hostile attacks.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 216</p>	<p><u>CBMR</u></p> <p>5/12/17</p>

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-POSSE.	5/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 159.</p> <p>Fairly quiet day. - A.D.M.S. 36th Division will put a Field Ambulance in WURLU - the Field Ambulance ^{Sites} in this area are very few. V Corps taking over sites at RUYAULCOURT & LEHELLE when Guards Division leave, and intend to take also the Advanced Dressing Stn. in HAVRINCOURT WOOD. A Field Amb: of the 9th Division has already occupied the latter and it is not intended to hand this over to the V Corps.</p> <p>5 pm A.D.M.S. 61st Division issued with tarpaulins, Soyers stoves, etc. from Main Dressing Stn. for use of his Field Ambulances. He reports that Busses for walking wounded have been withdrawn - On enquiry it appears that they returned to Siege Park this afternoon - Asked S.M.T.O. to send 4 Lorries to FINS forthwith.</p> <p>10 pm. Visited Main Dressing Stn. - A few gas shells have been dropped in the vicinity. - Field Ambulance site in FINS shelled to-day. - 3 R.A.M.C. men of 61st Div. killed.</p> <p>During last night we withdrew our line from MARCOING to East of RIBECOURT.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 169, which includes 1 German</p>	<p>18527</p> <p>C.B.M.</p>
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TEMPLEUX- -IA-POSSE.	6/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 207.</p> <p>Front fairly quiet - withdrawal to new line now complete. - Our area unsatisfactory, as the northern boundary does not include Field Ambulance sites which serve our front. Whole question being gone into to-day by Army. Our Divisions are badly off for Field Ambulance sites and re-arrangement necessary. Called a conference of A.Ds.M.S. at 5 p.m. to-day. Made temporary readjustment of medical units - vide Medical Arrangements 21 - 6th Division gives up a site in METZ to 36th Div. - Advanced Dressing Stn. at VILLERS PLOUICH is shared by 61st and 36th Divisions - Combined Walking Wounded Post for 6th, 36th and 61st Divisions established at TRESCAULT - 9th Division are forming a new Corps Main Dressing Stn. at NURLU in case present one is shelled out.</p> <p>Direct evacuation of stretcher cases to Casualty Clearing Stns. resumed - 6th, 36th & 61st Divisions to Casualty Clearing Stns. YTRES - 9th Division to 5 and 55 Casualty Clearing Stns. TINCOURT. This scheme will fit in with readjustment of areas which is ⁱⁿ pending - III Corps will come out, handing northern portion of front to V Corps (6th, 36th & 61st Divs) Southern portion (9th Div) goes to VII Corps.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 223, which includes 1 German.</p>	186x1

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-POSSE.	7/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 179, which includes 1 German.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. VII Corps called. Visited Main Dressing Stn. and site of new Main Dressing Stn. being formed at NURLU. His Corps will take over the three southern Divisions of this Corps when III Corps comes out of the line.</p> <p>Visited Corps Rest Stn. - Are short of blankets - Later, obtained 1000 from A.D.O.S. and 250 from 48 Casualty Clearing Stn.</p> <p>Party of S.African Field Amb. 9th Div. in the old Advanced Dressing Stn. at GOUZEAUCOURT <i>shelled</i> and took refuge in the cellar - Shell entered by ventilator, exploding in the cellar, killing 8 and wounding 4. Many of these were men who had been through the greater part of the campaign and had done excellent work, some having received the Military Medal.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 121.</p>	<p>187x1</p> <p><i>W3MR</i></p>
	8/12/ 17	3 pm.	<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 87.</p> <p>Met A.D.M.S. 36th Division at Corps Main Dressing Station.</p> <p>Visited D.D.M.S. V Corps - Arranged that we should share dug-out at TRESCAULT and at HAVRINCOURT WOOD if necessary. Issued orders for A.D.M.S. 36th Division to take over TRESCAULT</p>	<p>Dug-out</p>

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-FOSSE.	8/12/ 17	3 pm	<p>dug-out and for A.D.M.S. 61st Div. to take over evacuation of walking wounded by Decauville Rly. from TRESCAULT. Arranged for A.D.M.S. 36th Div. to meet A.D.M.S. 59th Div. (V Corps) at TRESCAULT to-morrow morning to arrange details. - 19th Division about to join III Corps and will relieve 6th Division on left of the Corps front.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 73.</p>	18/8 x 1 CBMM
	9/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 99, which includes 1 German.</p> <p>Arranged a regular train service for walking wounded between TRESCAULT and Corps Main Dressing Stn - see Medical Arrangements 22. Issued orders for 19th Division taking over Medical sites of 6th Division on relief.</p> <p>Arranged for hutting of new temporary Main Dressing Stn. at NURLU - Saw C.E. about this.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 138.</p>	CBMM
	10/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 100.</p> <p>D.M.S. Conference at Third Army H.Q. - No matters of any importance brought forward or discussed.</p>	Visited

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TEMPLE X- -LA-FOESE.	10/12/ 17	3 pm	<p>Visited site of new Corps Main Dressing Station at NURLU - Major Murray has the work well in hand - He explained his proposed plan of the camp - well situated and well served by roads.</p> <p>Visited Corps Main Dressing Station and Walking Wounded Station - Found large quantities of kit and equipment of sick and wounded being dumped at the Pack-Store there. Gave orders that this must cease at once and that kits must accompany patients on transfer. Informed A.D.O.S. who will clear present accumulation.</p>	189 X1
		4 pm.	<p>Visited Corps Rest Station - Saw site proposed for new Scabies Station. Unsuitable as it is not near the river and will result in the ground being cut up by transport - Also too near other patients. Showed O.C. a more desirable site south of road on left bank of stream.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 62;</p>	C. 111
	11/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 69, which includes 2 Germans.</p> <p>6th Division in process of being relieved by 19th Division on left of Corps front.</p> <p>Obtained an Hospital Nissen and 1 Adrian Hut for use at new temporary Corps Main</p>	
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TEMPLEUX- -IA-FOSSE	11/12/ 17		Dressing Station at NURLU. Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 28	190x1 C.B.M.R.
	12/12/ 17		Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 26 63rd Division are joining the Corps, and relieve 36th Division in the line between 13th and 18th Decr. Issued orders for relief of Medical Units - 63rd Division take over existing sites etc. of 36th Division. 108th Field Amb: of 36th Div. will remain at Corps Rest Station meanwhile until relieved by a Field Ambulance of VII Corps. IIIrd Corps come out of the line on 15th inst., handing over 3 northern Divs. to V Corps, southern Div. to VII Corps. - VII Corps will get Corps Main Dressing Station, Corps Walking Wounded Station and Corps Rest Station, also Field Amb: site in FINS, as Corps boundary will run north of these. D.D.M.S. V Corps called to-day re taking over. He wishes to obtain a due proportion of equipment, i.e. stretchers, blankets, as he is taking over 3 Divisions but no Corps institutions. Will discuss this with VII Corps. A.D.M.S. 6th Division called - they leave to-morrow. Issued Medical Arrangements 23, condensing and combining previous orders. Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 21.	C.B.M.R.

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TEMPLEUX- -LA-FOSSÉ.	13/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 48.</p> <p>Heavy artillery fire early this morning. - No attack developed. 2 men of 21 M. A. C. have obtained the Military Medal for gallantry during the recent operations.</p> <p>Orders received from Corps H.Q. to hand over Divisions to V and VII Corps on 15th inst - III Corps H.Q. will then be in Army Reserve, moving to BEAUQUESNES.</p> <p>Issued orders for handing over - see Medical Administrative Arrangements No. 1.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. 63rd Div. called - Explained Medical situation to him.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 21.</p>	191x1
	14/12/ 17		<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 58.</p> <p>Met D.Ds.M.S. V and VII Corps at the Corps Main Dressing Station and arranged details about taking over. 27th Field Amb: now running the Walking Wounded Station, will take over the Main Dressing Station in addition - all other units now there belong to V Corps and will therefore move later on.</p> <p>V Corps will get a certain proportion of equipment at Main Dressing Station - Medical Administrative Arrangements Nos. 1 and 2 (vide appendix) give details of changes.</p>	C.5.1111

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TEMPLEUX-LA-POSSE.	14/12/17		<p>This completes handing over arrangements. VII Corps takes over Corps Main Dressing Station, Corps Walking Wounded Station, Corps Rest Station and new Main Dressing Station at NURLU, giving proportion of Medical equipment and stores to V Corps. 9th Div. passes to VII Corps; 61st, 63rd and 19th Divs. to V Corps.</p> <p>Wounded admitted from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 30.</p>	192x1
	15/12/17	12 noon	<p>Wounded admitted from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. 38.</p> <p>Relief complete - III Corps H.Q. moved to BEAUQUESNES in Army Reserve.</p>	C.B.M.
BEAUQUESNES	16/12/17		<p>D.D.M.S. (Col. Macdonald) proceeded on one month's leave.</p>	
	17/12/17		<p>47th Division comes under administration of III Corps to-day, located at in HEILLY area. A.D.M.S. 47th Div. (Col. Gibbard) to be acting D.D.M.S.</p>	
	18/12/17		<p>36th Division comes under administration of III Corps and located in LUCHEUX Area.</p> <p>Capt. S.J. Clegg, R.A.M.C. T.F. reported from 55th Division for temporary duty (D.M.S. Third Army No. 1326/678, dated 16.12.17)</p>	

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PRAUQUECHES	19/12/17		Major Ritchie, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. left for temporary duty at G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon. (D.M.S. Third Army 1326/678 of 16.12.17)	193 x1
	20/12/17		No entry	
	21/12/17		A.D.M.S., 47th Division proceeded on 14 days leave to United Kingdom. Lt-Col. A.J. Williamson to be acting A.D.M.S. 47th Division: - Col. H.A. Bray, C.M.G., A.M.S., A.D.M.S., 36th Division to be acting D.D.M.S.	
	22/12/17		No entry.	
	23/12/17		Visited acting D.D.M.S. at LUCHEUX. Divisions detaining their own sick with Field Ambulances as far as possible. Accommodation for Hospitals limited.	
	24/12/17		14th, 35th & 69th Brigades R.G.A. come under III Corps administration.	
	25/12/17		59th Division comes under administration of III Corps - Located in LE COURROY Area	
	26/12/17		Col. H.S. Roch, D.S.O., A.M.S. took over A.D.M.S. 36th Division from Col. H.A. Bray, C.M.G.,	

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BEAUCHESSNES	27/12/17		No entry.	1914 X 1 E. B.
	28/12/17		36th Division left III Corps for V Army	
	29/12/17		4th London Field Ambulance, 47th Div., moved to HEILLY and opened an Hospital for 140 Inf. Brigade. - 2/2nd N.M. Field Ambulance, 59th Div., moved from MONCHEAUX to BUNEVILLE.	
	30/12/17		No entry	
	31/12/17		59th Division left III Corps. Lt-Col. Williamson A/A.D.M.S. 47th Division is A/D.D.M.S. III Corps.	

J. Plegg
Captain
4th London Field Ambulance