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1. APPENDIX I. Chart of ADMISSIONS and EVACUATIONS.
2. " " II (A) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
(B) STATISTICS.
3. MAP OF CORPS AREA.
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HENENCOURT	Aug 2	(contd)	<p>we were getting large no of cases called influenza, but probably due to heat rather than organism now round on tightening the links of steel belts and carrying on without tunic when practicable. I brought up the question of shell gas. Lt HENLAND said that 15th Corps used the 'O' apparatus of tunnelling Coy. at A.D.S. with good effect. The other two agreed that A.D.S. was no place for treatment and advocated getting cases back to C.C.S. as rapidly as possible, as we do in this Corps. No new treatment seems to be available yet for these cases. Lt CREE said bleeding was useful in the cy anoxal, and vomiting good for all, but it was sometimes difficult to stop.</p> <p>11:30 AM Saw Chemical advisers assistant, 4th Army. He had nothing fresh to tell me. Is not acquainted with the physical chemistry of the poison - asked him to ascertain from S. H.Q. or elsewhere. Knowledge on this point might be of great value to exact remedy being discovered.</p> <p>12 noon. M.R. Camp. Very few in - mostly from 51st Div.</p> <p>12:20 PM. 59 F Amb. Arranging to move. Interviewed 3 officers who with permanent commissions. Thanked O.C. and his staff for the excellent work they had done, especially FP work, keeping down number in F. Amb. without excessive evacuation; rapid cure of itch cases; good order and cleanliness always apparent.</p> <p>5:50 PM. 36 C.C.S. Went to see ^{gassed} cases; then some very bad ones of the 'blue' kind. Sir W. HERRINGHAM out. O.C. says the idea here is that the lungs are affected primarily.</p> <p>6:15 PM. 38 C.C.S. M.O. in gassed cases out. O.C. showed me round. The cases have had not the blue appearance or any marked lung symptoms. Complain chiefly of sickness and pain in stomach. Pulse of 3 were very soft, short and compressible, + slow. Some of these were 23rd Div. some 51st. One had died shortly after admission.</p> <p>6:45 PM. Col HINGE called to say good bye.</p> <p>7 P.M. Lt GRIEVESON called and said the H.A. group he was in charge of with had some</p>	7/11

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FRENCHCOURT			<p>guns up near CONTALMAISON, & the gunners of 2 of the batteries was becoming neurotic from shelling, both of the H.E. and gas type. He stated Lt C.O. knew he had called on the command. I told him men who were ill must be sent to F.A. and he should send me a written statement with figures showing losses from all causes since the batteries had been in forward sites. I warned him to be careful not to say anything which would produce any ill effect. I do not think it advisable to say anything about this until I am in possession of actual figures.</p> <p>Aug 3. Beautiful day; hot, wind N.E.</p> <p>9 AM Spoke Corps Command on gas shell question as above.</p> <p>4:30 AM Capt M Jones. M.A.C. distrib: 1 M.D.S., 15. 2 M.D.S., 5. M.Comb, 1 M.R.C. 26 gassed cases came in to 1 M.D.S. in a bunch yesterday. The M.A.C. officer took cars from 2 M.D.S. to get them in to HEILLY, then being insufficient at the time at H.E.</p> <p>11 AM No 1 F.A. Satisfactory. Had a talk with Lt ACHESON R.A.M.C. about gassed cases, as he had treated some when this F.A. was at M^{re} VIVIER. He has approached the subject as a clinician only, & has his faith in Gas Carb as a remedy. Ordered 6 marquees from M.R. Camp as it may be necessary to use this F.Amb. and other station as aux. M.D.S. in event of shelling of ALBERT increasing.</p> <p>11:50 AM M.R.C. FRECHENCOURT. In good order, very little doing.</p> <p>12:20 PM No 70 F.A. & Post Station. In very good order.</p> <p>5 PM Received a statement from Lieut. GRIEYSON that 57 Siege B^y was in a steady exposed position & that he had sent 21 to F.Amb. yesterday with shell shock & partially gassed. The Batt^y is near PEAKE WOOD, near several others. He doesn't state as requested how many wounded they have had. The men should have been respirators.</p> <p>5:50 PM Spoke to C.O. III Corps Art^y re above. He does not think the Battery exceptionally pleased and will go & see them tomorrow.</p> <p>5:45 PM Inquired at 141 F.Amb. none of 57 Siege in there. Later, wind O.C. to ascertain where</p>	<p>172x</p> <p>CBWR</p>

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HEMENEGUAT	Aug 4	6:10 PM	<p>The 21 cases had gone to E BARTS F.M. Section of 46 F. Amb. Has taken over & is in fair working order. The Corps Seabees section. There are 2 officers here professing shell-shock - they do not seem to me seriously affected. 59 F.A. left behind over 200 cases.</p> <p>Beautiful day: hot, but cooler breeze.</p>	<p>Influenced 773x CIB 11R</p>
		9:30 AM	<p>Capt M JONES. Distr. 1 M.D.S., 15. 2 M.D.S. 5. M'COURT, 1 M.R.C., 2</p>	
		10:30 AM	<p>2 M.D.S. Given to heavy shelling of ALBERT the O.P. Dept. across the road. has been vacated, and the morning sick are now seen at the Home Lines of 104 F.A. further south in the town. Everything in good order.</p>	
		10:50 AM	<p>BECOURT CH^{AO} 71 F.A. well arranged, though accommodation is limited, the Angas having the Chapel and other buildings for them. Everything quite satisfactory.</p>	
		11:30 AM	<p>1 M.D.S. can now accommodate some 800 cases. Operation room well arranged, requires a chimney to take off the acetylene chlorine vapors. Electric light would be useful. The great drawback to making more use of this place is the racket made by big guns going off all round. The shelling has not been directed on this building but on the R45th, Square and Place FAIDHERBE. The work here is being carried out on a more</p>	
		12:20 PM	<p>Called on A.D.M.S. 23rd Div who is in the HQ. camp now placed outside ALBERT, to W. Talked over one or two matters. Col BLACKHAM complains that 34th Div. do not gain him information about casualties. This must mean that C.M. No 2 is not being carried out - wrote last evening about this to A.D.M.S. 34th Div.</p>	
		3 P.M.	<p>To 70 F. Amb to see 7 men of 57 Siege B^y sent sick by Lt GRIEVESON. Found they had been admitted on 2nd for neurasthenia, & 2 had been returned already to duty. Saw the other 5 who seem to me to be suffering from trepidation rather than shell-shock (as diagnosed by Lt GRIEVESON) - they could not be classed as ill. One had also sweaty feet, and another a contused toe.</p>	
		6 P.M.	<p>A GRIEVESON called as directed. He agreed with me that the cases were due to trepidation rather than shell-shock. I told him he must use N.V.D. if he had occasion to send a man</p>	

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MILLEN COURT			<p>to F.A. for shell-shock, discontinue the use of the term shell-shock and use his influence with the men from Sgt MAJOR downwards to stop the idea that this battery is injured needlessly. He must tell them the general has good tactical reasons for the position, and they must do their duty to their country; his influence must be exercised to prevent this 'rot' spreading.</p> <p>Earlier in the aft? I had seen B G III Corps P.A who told me he had ordered the 60 p.m. to fire on 57 Siege at night, & as 57 Siege does not fire at night the men can be moved back to a quarter spot to sleep. Lieut GRIEVESON promised to help to put things right, if he will I told him there must be no reservation, as I should have to plan a M.O. later in the week are it done.</p>	744
	M 14/35		<p>Overcast, chilly wind N. Fine after mid day, very dusty.</p> <p>9 AM Corps Command thinks we should move do better if we started camp in place in ALBERT. The reason for using ALBERT is that it is on the main road from the front. I will reconsider the situation, as ALBERT is now very unhealthy.</p> <p>9.30 AM Col M. JONES M.A.C. Distribution 1 M.D.S. 20 2 M.D.S. 5 MILLEN COURT, 1 M.D.S. 2</p> <p>10.21 AM Conference of A.Ds M.S. Casualty returns discussed - felt that there was a redistribution of returns now arranged by A. Agreed to amend my C.M. N^o 2 A.Ds to notify each other of officers by name & O.R. by N^o in their respective divisions.</p> <p>Discussed shell-gas. Agreed that under present conditions it is best to send general cases into HENLY as at present but that if a place for their treatment could be arranged the side of ALBERT, then would be the advantage of more prompt treatment, & if fairly good results could be arranged it would be better to treat cases here. I proposed to try this in connection with following -</p> <p>All concerned that 2 M.D.S. was too dangerously a task to be retained as a M.D. in ALBERT owing to German operations there recently. Concluded that a site on ALBERT -</p>	

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651005	Aug (all)		<p>at 2117 a contact with ADAMS talked over the radio of road arrangements. ADAMS 123rd remained on the fire position of about 250 yds of the bridge which had failed in starting of 4th work both on the account these new would be well down in water for their distance at the front. They might well be replaced by steeper new form for the successful sanitation of villages. Pointed out that they will have to do their share of when passing through or resting. They possessed the special sanitary machinery and they have no opportunity of improving sanitation in every village, even if they had time only to modify one latrine.</p>	
		2PM	<p>Took O.C. 1FA & met O.C. 114 FA (2 M.D.S.) at DITA central and arranged camp for 2 M.D.S. The former will begin pitching tents this evening, the latter will move over sufficient personnel to open them at 12 noon tomorrow. Later, total of the arrangements which were published in a special order about 6 PM.</p>	
		6:40 PM	<p>M. EDART'S FC. B see P. CRISP, 5th Corps Car Regt, sent back with V.D.H. He had been consulted, diagnosis of acute meningitis in that information from him, he performed by 2 M.D.S. Beautiful day, warm, wind N.E. Some clouds at mid-day. W.D.S. 112</p>	
AUG. 6		9:30 AM	<p>Capt M JONES, M.A.C. det. 1 M.D.S., 15 2 M.D.S. 5 M.A.C. 1 ALBERT C. P. killed by enemy.</p>	
		10:15 AM	<p>Saw 9 and obtained his concurrence in moving 11 M.D.S. from Coy PP. Issued necessary orders Auxiliary M.D.S. to open at MILLENCOURT. 1 M.D.S. Ambulance not to go through HOSPITAL to be sent to the S.H.</p>	
			<p>M.D.S. at Coy PP close and leaves det. to look after local sick & wounded, but leaves equipment ready to reopen when practicable. The FA to be held at MILLENCOURT.</p>	
			<p>Going to increased distance for transporting wounded have added 2 M.A.C. cars each to 69 FA and 103 FA.</p>	
		11:15 AM	<p>Visited Dentist at 36 C.C.S. Had a tooth seen to. He seems skillful. He arranges me to have 2449 Wt. Wt. 4957/M90 750,000/1/16 I.B.C. & A. Forms/C.2118/12 sends a man down who is well returned and capable of continuing his work. He fresh spoke to O.C. re gas cases. Their cases lately have been fewer and so far so good. No fresh incidents reported.</p>	

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MILLENCOURT		12.30PM	102 F.A. & DRS. Saw 12 of the 57 Siege B ^y who had been sent down for 20 called shell shock. They are not returned as such but as neuroasthenia. One has a little fever. Another some rheumatism. 2 said they had been gassed, which seems doubtful as they wore helmets - anorexia may have been due to another cause.	776X
		2.50PM	1 F.A. Now auxiliary M.D.S. Arranged for 5 P. marquees to be drawn from M.R. Camp, & a few articles of equip ^t from Red + for officers ward.	
		3.15PM	2 M.D.S. Camp pitched & unit working at D17 a central. Arranged for 3 more marquees to be drawn from M.R. camp in order to prepare for treatment of gassed cases, if possible. M & 4 M.D.S. 34 th DIV. here	
		4.10PM	M.R. Camp. In good order. No cases here the last 2 days, as there being but few they have been sent direct to VECQUEMONT. Arranged about striking 9 tents for transfer as above.	
		5 PM	Col. POLLOCK called, and obtained information about the new arrangement of M.D.S.	C.B.M.R.
AUG 7		9.50AM	Call M JONES. M.A.C. Distrib ^t . Aux. M.D.S., 10 2 M.D.S., 5 69FA, 2 103 FA, 2.	
		10.50AM	Monthly Board on P.B. men.	
		11.10AM	D.M.S. 4 th Army called, & proceeded to inspect 70 F.A. Owing to the M.O. of the Med. wards having been sent for duty at the front his substitute went round and had not looked after them over the cases. One case admitted at 4.30 this morning had been seen by the orderly officer, but not by the M.O. of the ward. When cases are serious the O.O. informs the M.O. of the ward. The ward work of M.O.'s does not begin until 9.30 AM. This is too late. D.M.S. says the R.G.M.C. canteen should have little tables and chairs for the men. This can be done at C.E.S.	
		4 PM	2 M.D.S. - at work enlarging the camp. I applied to O today for tarpaulin covered shelter (4) to be put up - 2 for walking cases awaiting dressings and removal, and 2 for gassed cases. As soon as these are up, propose to open a place for treatment of these.	
		4.45PM	2 F.A. The bivouacs at MILLENCOURT. Arranged with O.C. to find an officer and 6 nursing orderlies (properly trained) for treatment of gassed cases, until we can re-open No 1 M.D.S. at ALBERT.	C.B.M.R.

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HEVENHURST	Aug 5	6 AM	Beautiful day but broad E.	777x
		9:30 AM	Corp boards consider the flies of P. Marques are not lifted efficiently.	
		10:15 AM	Capt M JONES, Dist. of M.P.C. - Ann. M.D.S. 10. N. 2 M.D.S. 5. 45-70. 2. 103 RA. 2.	
			I wrote yesterday asking my advice in dealing with certain instances of insubordination which have occurred lately. I replied that if para 99 R.R. v. Army C.M.N. II were enforced C.O.s of units being held responsible, there would be but little insubordination.	
			Spoke to him about the above this morning - he thanked me for my valuable advice but he did not agree, he said. He said this system had broken down as result of stress conditions. I said the sanitation system had not broken down but had been neglected, and only required disciplinary control to ensure that this, the only practical method of sanitation should work again.	
			He said he did not agree. I pointed out to him that the system was the result of long experience & practice. He did not agree, as he said he had never had an experience like the present one. I repeated that if discipline were re-asserted it would produce the desired effect. He said he did not agree. These assertions of disagreement were made with reasons being given.	
		11 AM	To P. Unit called to see the 2 cases specially noticed by D.M.S. one with V.D.H. has been exacerbated. The other has slight febrile symptoms - possibly influenza. T.O.I.C. to whom he must report will be relieved by 12 noon tomorrow by a section of N. 2 F.A. to whom he must report over everything but mobilization equipment and other stuff drawn under G.P.O. 414 (Arrived this morning through P. to take over interval before arrival of 47 th Div.)	
		12:15 PM	Called to see D.M.S. who was out. Lt Col FANCUS drew attention to discrepancy between my return of S and W. and those submitted by A.D.M.S. Pointed out to him that my return was correct, being compiled from Daily States of 7 Anls whereas those in many cases showed figures contained in reports from one A.D.M.S. to another, being based on his information of their own G.O.C. so as to show him the state of his own division.	
			This sometimes leads to statistical confusion.	

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HEADQUARTERS	AUG 8 (cont)	12 25 PM	M.R. Camp Tent sub-div. of 46 F.A. has taken over. No cases. New O.C. has received full instructions: asked him to look after the san. arrangements of Reinforcement Camp - went over with him & found they had still rough tiers in latrines, and ground soiled in consequence. Spoke to G about this on 22 nd June cont. Now spoke to O.C. Reinforcement Camp who said he would get tiers doubled & raised where necessary.	178x
		5 30 PM	2 M.D.S. - none ready for gassed cases - issued orders for M.O. and 6 trained nursing orderlies from 2 F.A. to go there for temporary duty in this connection at 9 A.M. tomorrow, and for all gassed cases to be sent there from 12 noon tomorrow from A.D.S. as long as cases. Asked Lt Col BIRD to run down to 360 C.S. to see this method in their cases, and the form of shelter used. CUB 100	
	AUG 9		Beautiful day, very hot, wind S.	
		9 AM	Pond in front of canteen into which scullery water falls is in a filthy condition still. Pointed out this to Camp Ground a week ago and again today.	
		9 30 PM	Capt M. JONES, Dutch M.A.G. - 1 M.D.S. - 8 2 M.D.S. 5. 45 F.A. 2. 103 F.A. 2	
		10 30 PM	Attended at D.M.S. 4 th Army for conference, which did not take place owing to other D.D.M.S. being engaged. Spoke about sanitation with O yesterday. D.M.S. considered that he could place himself as to whether he published in order nearly drawing attention to existing orders. If concrete cases occurred of neglect to carry out sanitation, re-connation it would be different, and 3 D.M.S. should be informed.	
		1 AM	LAROUSSE looked round some of the sanitation arrangements with Capt M. JONES & M.O. 12 th D.L.I. now passing through. Requested letter to see that a deep trench latrine for the half Battalion at S end of the village was dug; & the farmyards which were dirty in some cases were cleaned up. Saw Sgt ASH, newly appointed to 3 rd Co. Co. Sarge Park. He asked for another incinerator & I am recommending that one of the new type be made. Cases on arrangement should be made for scavenging the roads daily through	
		11 30 AM	2 M.D.S. 2 LAROUSSE & det from 2 F.A. arrived and ready for gassed cases.	

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HAMETZ	Aug 9 (cont)	12:15 PM	<p>suggested road services being arranged for to head off about what has been very bad since road changed yesterday morning. There are said 2 oxygen cylinders available plenty of adrenalin and pituitary extract.</p> <p>asked O.C. to enter on his daily state if any gassed cases arrived.</p> <p>2:40 PM MEDICAL COVER WOODS. Looked E. COPE. Saw Muller trench latrine. O.C. says he can't get any fresh meat to make a deep trench, and when this is ready, to close the others, and to make a trench and box seats, which he said he would do. Also requires mushie covers for fresh meat and box seats, which he said he would do. They get fresh meat about once every day.</p> <p>3:10 PM AT HAMETZ. Get fresh meat every other day.</p> <p>3:20 PM Medicine Genl. 2 patches arrangements sketchy. Latrine single petrol drums in a trench and SRM latrine. C.C. MONTGOMERY, D.D.M.S. 6th Corps arrived for instructions. Gave him a sketch of the medical arrangements during the recent fighting. C.C. M.</p>	779
AUG 10		7:35 AM	<p>Light rain.</p> <p>2 M.D.S. from gassed cases admitted. 33 men in, including 5 officers. 1 officer with 2 O.R. and 4 shells after admission. The others seem to be doing well. 4 shells in dug outs. These cases all occurred in dug outs, which are german. have entrance facing wrong way as to admit shells. Near HAMETZ WOOD. Most of the cases occurred among officers and men going into dug outs to bring out the gassed. They had smoke helmets on. They were lightly affected, though some had urgent symptoms - headache, vomiting, some collapse.</p> <p>9:0 AM. Staff Corps Council re above.</p> <p>9:45 AM Capt M JONES, District M.A.C. - 1 M.D.S. 10. 2 M.D.S. 5. 45 2. 100 2.</p> <p>11 AM. 2 M.D.S. Examined some of the gassed cases, while most of them seem to have got short pulses, two have the in man had degrees. One of them had a threatened collapse while I was there, with pulse 44, very soft and short. The latter was hastened promptly by pituitary extract.</p>	

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LAVIEVILLE	Aug 19		Gassed in dug-outs by then cases. All on a rough mortar containing common carbon monoxide. Have a short hard cough, though definite dizziness symptoms have not developed yet.	18
			These men have a strong feeling against their smoke helmets, as men wearing them were gassed and one fatally. I told them it was impossible for them to be gassed so long as the helmets were worn properly. Also spoke to the gassed officers requesting them not to make any remark against their smoke helmets. Asked O.C. to get 4 more small P. magazines from M.R. Camp.	
		12:45 PM	Took D.M.S. 4 th Army, at his request, the cardboard casing which contains the A.T.S. prepared by Squibs of U.S.A. showing address of letter. The bottles are squat things, & the syringes become blunted by jamming against the bottom when drawing up A.T.S.	
		1:10 PM	Chem Advisor, 4 th Army. Asked him to visit 2 M.D.S. & examine the smoke helmets & remove the bad impression on the minds of those gassed.	
		1:20 PM	M.R. Camp. Cases being sent here from M.F.A. with rifles. These must be intended for D.P.S. as they were 'sick'.	
		3:45 PM	2 M.D.S. met chemical advisor, who says the gas the cases are suffering from is the same as mine gas & was caused by the explosion of a big shell in the dug-outs. This gas passes goes through smoke helmets, which miners are forbidden to wear. One of the cases is still bad.	
		5 PM	LAVIEVILLE 69 F. Amb. packed up and moving. Extra equipment looked up & in charge of 1 "2 L.B." M.S.G. close but wind N.W.	
		9 AM	Corps Committee on being told that the gas used as above was mine gas worked on to ascertain if it could be used in ordinary shells.	
		9:30 AM	Capt M. JONES, M.A.C. Distribution - Mailbox H.D.S. where I suppose the delay was taking place when 2 M.D.S. 5 45 F.A. 2 100, 2	
		10:15 AM	Started round with C. THOMPSON & visited Ave. M.D.S. when I found that delay was taking place in transmitting abdominal wounds. There is a cage at BRISLE. The prisoners look clean and are for a moment & alert in their movements. They appear to be not getting in full rations, they would like more bread, they have no cooking appliances. Their latrine is an open pit. The O.C. tells me he is arranging to have two latrines & to	

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12th Div	AUG 11		<p>incubator. No great trouble with blankets. Pointed them things out to G. Peter.</p> <p>Then to 102 F.A. D.R.S. very crowded. Again suggested mosquito net for officer wrote to help him off.</p> <p>Next to FRECHEN COURT, M.R. Cont. There are now only 24 men here, as I have removed many to forward position. But they can still accommodate 300 cases.</p> <p>Then to 2 M.D.S. met D.M.S. 4th Army here. Gannet cases doing well. No front ones.</p> <p>Finally, took Col THOMPSON to D.D.M.S. XV Corps, to see that area, and returned at 1-45 P.M.</p> <p>2:30 P.M. Examined 6 P.E. as to fetters - all in fit for front. They belong to Tunnelling Coy.</p> <p>7:30 P.M. B.G. G.S. informed me in reply to my query, that the M.D.S. at ALBERT would not be safe for another month. Am placing Lt Col INKSON, V.C. therefore in command of ambulance dressing station from 13th inst, so that he may be ready to move forward to 1 M.D.S. should opportunity offer. The F.A. now there will be required for better work.</p>	781 X
AUG. 12			<p>Fine, misty, hot, wind S</p> <p>9:30 AM. Call M. JONES. Dist. M.A.C. 1 M.D.S., 8 2 M.D.S., 5 45 F.A., 2. 103 F.A. 2.</p> <p>10 AM. Col POLLOCK asked by arrangement to discuss medical situation front and his own position which is quite satisfactory. He has 5 German sub-divs in front line, at Regt. and Pools + A.D.S. at COMTE MAISON on road to S.</p> <p>11 AM. O.C. 1 F.A. expects to be sent forward when Div goes on.</p> <p>11:50 AM. Call to see O.C. 2 F.A. re taking over aux. M.D.S. - out.</p> <p>11:00 PM. 2 M.D.S. New shelter in hand. Gannet cases doing well. Plan next and orderly.</p> <p>2:20 PM. Walked about country in E. to find a spot for a tented M.D.S. close to front and in touch with roads. Could plan one in E. but not conveniently, but found that this is out of our area.</p> <p>8:15 PM. Sgt. Gail MACPHERSON called. Influenza has been sent to Gen. ALBERT, very bad. Present location of M.D.S. + my desire of establishing another under canvas. Will write to NO 3 M.D.S. what he is required.</p> <p>9:00 PM. Det Col POWELL has sent E. CART'S F. Co. in becoming congested & he wanted tent.</p>	W 31 M

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	AUG 13	3PM	47 F. Amb. in a road order	
		2:00PM	47 F. Amb. in a road order	
		5:00PM	47 F. Amb. in a road order	
			ADMS 18 th to send one for Det of 47 F. Amb. etc. to AVY M.D.S. There has been a number of wounded today, cars are all out. Wounded for 4 men.	783x
			Unsettled, some rain, cool, wind W	
		1:30AM	2nd M.D.S. 5 th 45 F.A. 2 105 F.A. 2 Par being overhauled. Apparently 47 th Div does not come in until 23 rd 50 th Div. comes in on 17 th . Asked Q. to place a F. Amb. at 2 M.D.S. or 10 th (having got Q. to telephone away to ask for a F. Amb. to go there a day in advance) and one at BAIZIEUX, on temporary at FRANVILLE.	
		4PM	2 Lt Col B. R. E. Haldy. Sanitation will done. Evacuated 4 men put up as staff for duty at the front + told M.D. to bring me any papers, then may be about 100 (2 having been sent back from C.C.S). I sent one suggestion of D.A.M.S. that Sanitation Sects should be taken on as 'loop traps' & be allotted definite areas upon arrival in the Corps, so as to ensure continuity of work. Will talk thoroughly, concurred, also arrange with sanitater. must be enforced.	
		5PM		
	AUG 15		Unsettled, cool, wind W	
		9AM	Corps Command asks if there is not some method of burning or getting rid of bodies lying out in places inaccessible for burial, or where when buried the corpses are thrown up again by shells, or where as in DELVILLE WOOD there is no soil for burial purposes owing to roots of trees. The most satisfactory chemical is C. solution, the supply of which is limited. Next to that is quick lime, which is heavy and no use in	

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MONTISNY	Aug 15	9:30 AM	<p>and camp weather</p> <p>Called on D.M.S. 4th Army on treatment of corpses. He agrees that C. solⁿ is the best treatment when properly applied - but we must be content with spraying with C. solⁿ. He estimated that the Army possesses at this moment 100 galls. He arranged with D.D.S.V.T. to get 100 galls for division for the present. Burial is best wherever practicable, but spraying with C. solⁿ will reduce flies and smell. Later, word of a book by M.P. Camp FRECHENCOURT. Empty. In good order. Told D.C. to get his stores into a mess, as long as the store tent.</p> <p>2:15 PM. D.M.S. in office from 50th Div here enquiring about taking over. Asked him to arrange for an advance party to come in as early as possible & burn the ropes - has P.A. 2 also come in to morning. They are anxious about ambulances. Asked D.C. to send for a store tent to M.P. Camp to pitch as reception tent for wounded. Leave present reception tent for local use. Two tarpaulin shelters each with flanking messes up, and make winding ways for gassed cases. Many of the gassed cases have died and D.P.S. Some of them remain, are developing nervous symptoms - 2 dead.</p> <p>3 PM. Que M.D.S. Told Lt Col J. J. J. to select site for P. camp. Selected a piece about 120 by 50 & D.P.S. 4 to 9-5. Later, word of a book by 50th Div at VIGNACOURT at 9 AM today. Word today to ask for book notes on ambulances might be sent to 7 Amb of 50th Div. He replied that if Army arranging this today.</p> <p>Aug 16</p> <p>7 AM. Fine, cool, wind W. Fair amount of rain last night.</p> <p>11 AM. Conf. Comdr will take up the question of using C. Solution for spraying corpses.</p> <p>3 PM. Call M. JONES, Datal. M.A.C. Que M.D.S. 8 & 21 33 5. 45 P.A. 2. 1 P.A. 2</p> <p>2449 Wt. W14957/M90 750,000 1/16 J.B.C. & A. Forms/C.2118/12</p> <p>Que M.D.S. 8 & 21 33 5. 45 P.A. 2. 1 P.A. 2. Explained to him the general situation</p>	784

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COGNACOURT	Aug 14	11 20 AM	<p>Machine of medical arrangements BELLEVUE F.A. - Prisoners of war cage. Fairly clean but surrounded by irregularly placed canvas burrows has an untidy appearance. Open latrine but excreta covered. Mainly deep for is used also for camp refuse. Requested Sergt commanding guard who appeared to be the superior authority to build an incinerator at once & to see that refuse was burnt properly. Existing arrangements of D.L.O. economy not very complete - might be kept cleaner if a refuse tin for collection of scraps were used.</p>	485
		2 30 PM	<p>2 AM 25 35 Northumbrian F.A. has taken over. Looks quite well kept. A few of scattered in the gas cans.</p>	
		3 10 PM	<p>Took Lt Col INKSON to QUEBRIEU to see Rents officer who is sick. Left word that we were taking some ground at D12 B (O having approved) for N 2 F.A. unit</p>	
		3 20 PM	<p>Bussey to see ADMS. 2nd Det. Cav. Div. who is not there. Next tried camp on road that occupied by an Incl. Cav. Bty & was told that the Div had moved back to a spot some distance the other side of AMIENS. PYZEUX.</p>	
		4 10 PM	<p>2 AM 25. Took Lt Col INKSON to study ground again required by stone tanks & small PP magazines are returned to his F.A. & I discussed patching of his camp, which I am assuming he should begin at once.</p>	CWS WR
		10 11	<p>Time from 10 AM to 11 AM Heavy thunderstorm in evening</p>	
		9 30 AM	<p>Capt. JONES M.A.C. ditator - Am. M.D.S., 12 2 M.D.S., 5 45 FA, 2 1 FA, 2</p>	
		9 40 AM	<p>Capt WEST brought plan of camp & plan of tents from N 1 M.D.S., which seems quite suitable.</p>	
		10 AM	<p>ADMS M.D. called. Said to find D.C. 141 FA difficult but that he did some things He finds his forward area troublesome, being a long distance from M.D.S. & has of his position to shell fire & incoming due-out near Flat iron copse. I am adding 2 more cars to work from Bolton Wood to M.D.S. & to WARDOY if necessary. Has made</p>	

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EVERY COURT	11-40 AM		<p>are hand-worked owing to the long cases from FLATIRON COPSE the nearest point to which can be taken (at risk). As had been seen that cases are not retained unduly at D.R.S. 2 M.D.S. wounded not fed on arrival. Gave an order that this was to be done & sent it started in the store tent - they were still using the marquee, which is too small for a place of this description. M.A.C. cars being used for slight walking cases - this must be stopped. Walking cases being sent to VEQUEMONT direct - till O.C. Operation 3 must be carried out. No gas cases.</p>	986x
		12-5 PM	<p>New site for 1 M.D.S. Tent pitching begun. Wrote this morning to ADM.S. 50 DIV to lend some beavers from 2 M.D.S. to assist in pitching this camp.</p>	
		12-30 PM	<p>7 P.M.D.S. Some bad cases coming in from last night and this morning's operations. Work proceeding regularly. 3 officers in waiting removal, seem comfortable.</p>	
		3 PM	<p>Work F.A. has taken over the D.R.S. at BAIZIEUX. They have fairly got the hang of the place yet. Told O.C. that cases likely to be unfit for duty within 14 days of first admission are to be sent to C.C.S.</p>	
		3-30 PM	<p>LA HOUSSOYE - to enquire about contacts of a case of C.S.M. reported as having occurred here. A contact has gone sick today & was taken to North Hill P.A. & sent to 39 C.C.S. - an officer's servant. The officer has been isolated and also 2 men who were in same camp as the C.S.M. case, & the case sent in today. Later went to 13 March 7th to examine contacts.</p>	
		4-30 PM	<p>BRESLE CAGE. Well kept. Material not yet available for enclosing. Patrol pits. No working visits yet. Sail bath up. Men have had clothing dropped. Med. charge in hands of D.M.S. 4th Army according to instructions from Q, but as they are in 3rd Corps are a Jam looking after them pending instructions.</p>	
		11 PM	<p>ADM.S. 11 Division phoned to ask for 7 lorries at BECORDEL to remove supplies. We could not be sent in anticipation of trouble as they would have to off-load supplies. He should come tomorrow at 9 AM if he had any accumulation when I would take steps to relieve him.</p>	

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PUCHEVILLERS	Aug 17		<p>Mostly early fire missing during night. Work 1/16/17, 18 AM</p> <p>9:20 AM C. BUISS called on departure for this area</p> <p>9:30 AM Capt M. JONES, M.A.C. Detach - One M.D.S., 12 2nd M.D.S., 5 45FA, 2 IFA, 5</p> <p>11 AM Aux M.D.S. Good many severe cases passing through within an hour of fighting, both divisions, 1st & 16th appearing keen on getting ahead. O being given without inhaled - told O.C. to recover one of his from 2 M.D.S.</p> <p>11:30 AM New Camp for M.D.S. progressing. The marquees supplied are the new pattern; rather a model of E.P.I.P. Require camouflage badly.</p> <p>11:45 AM 2 M.D.S. Good many casualties. Feeding arrangements for fresh arrivals not good yet - no bread today owing to some hitch in their supply - but sent to get some.</p> <p>Went into their clerical arrangements - they pin the medical card on to the men, which defying it. Explained how to work A.F. B 3210 to best advantage for statistical purposes.</p> <p>2:30 PM 2 North FA. FRANKVILLERS. Seem energetic. O.C. showed me a design for cleaning bath water - runs into a pit, when chloride of lime is put in, this combines with the soap-suds and rises as a scum which can be taken off & burnt; then passes into a pit filled with hard timber which washes it, finally emerges as clean water in a third pit. This water is used for washing vehicles and utensils. If this works all right it will solve the problem of disposing of bath water which will soak away in absorption pits, & give rise to smells. Asked him to camouflage the tents, which Capt O.C. failed to do, though twice requested to do so.</p> <p>1613 HR</p> <p>Aug 18</p> <p>Mostly early. Showers during day, cool. Wind W.</p> <p>O.C. Aux M.D.S. reported at 8 last evening that a case sent to WARLOU had been sent on by PUCHEVILLERS - a terrible journey for a bad wound. Told him to send old 2 & chest cases to HEILLY & report to O.C.</p> <p>9:45 AM Capt M. JONES, Detach M.A.C. - One M.D.S., 12 2nd M.D.S., 5 45FA, 2 IFA, 5.</p>	<p>487x</p>

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ENHENCOURT	19 Aug (cont)	10:30 AM	<p>10:30 AM. E. BARTS F.O. Spoke about the congestion here & the need for not keeping cases which will not be well in 14 days, & for discharging promptly those who are fit for duty. Plans will be left with O.C. to visit 2 N.F.A. & observe their method of purifying bath water. Gave orders for 200 blankets on loan from Med Post Camp. Had proposed calling on 15th Div. but not been here, and spoke about the large collection of sick and wounded. Arranged later for no more wounded to be sent here till 23rd. Spoke about arrangements at front. Lt. P. B. ... quite satisfied with his evacuation agencies, & the process seems to be working quite smoothly, with no delays.</p>	488X
		12:15 PM	<p>12:15 PM. Med Post Camp. In given order, a few cases were received here yesterday & the day before.</p>	
		12:45 PM	<p>12:45 PM. Spoke O.C. about his not using lorries sufficiently. He said lorries going to ENHENCOURT were not frequent & most of those stopped by him were going elsewhere. Spoke about the later. He said much of the ammunition was loaded now at DERNANCOURT, the CONTAY Railhead being chiefly for big stuff. This requires consideration in event of a big battle. Also spoke about medical carts being jammed on, as I have seen on patients from here. They must be placed in envelopes.</p>	
		3:30 PM	<p>3:30 PM. BECORDEL. F.A. No work going on here. Personal lorry in bell that O.C. asking for marquees for accommodation of wounded. Also study called Div. collecting 500 for walking cases. Looked about for site for M.D. 3, for walkway as long as possible. Struggle here from BECORTEL. Then a clouded site where train comes main road to H. B. B. just as it leaves BECORDEL. Later asked G. for this site, & G. for 3 more buses from Army owing to extension forward of our front.</p>	
		8 PM	<p>8 PM. Received memo from A.D.M.S. asking for buses to be placed at Div. Collect. Stn. He has ample transport for ordinary battles like those of yesterday. He not only transported his own but also 130 of 33rd Div. in 24 hours ended at 12 noon today. The neighbouring units of XV Corps have large no. of buses, but I do not see how they can keep them in use. This aft. I noticed to standing all at one of their F.A.'s. I have already told A.D.M.S. that if he has a collection at any time of cases ready for removal, I</p>	

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ENHOUST	Aug 19		collaboration has previously been arranged to transport material to points along our line.	4/89
	Aug 20		Unsettled cool, wind SW.	
		9 AM	Note from C.O. ENHOUST saying MAJ RITCHIE would be appointed to ETAPLES as D.A.D.M. if I had no objections. MAJ RITCHIE would like to have experience of a Base Postponed until I could see the Corps Commander, who is out.	
		9:30 AM	Capt M JONES, M.A.C. Durbin th Aux M.D.S., 12 No 2 M.D.S. 5 45 FA, 2 1 FA 5.	
		11 AM	To aux M.D.S. T.O. O.C. that I proposed to send 'gassed' cases to his new camp, I intend to move 2 M.D.S. forward, & took him with me to	
		11:30 AM	New Camp 1 M.D.S. & selected site for shelter for these cases. Having obtained A.D.S. sanction told O.C. to purchase Camps for the tents here. Asked him to have ditches dug along the road to main AMIENS Road, & chalk placed on C.E. will then lay some	
		12:30 PM	metal. 2 M.D.S. - in good order. Not so many wounded today. The roads are not so bad in spite of rain. Met ADMS 50 th Div here, & arranged with him for fatigue party in case I want to pitch camp further forward.	
		1 PM	Saw Corps Commander who will not place any obstacle in way of MAJ RITCHIE going to ETAPLES, and placed accordingly to D.M.S. 4 th Army. The latter informed me that ADMS Sanitary B.H.Q. was going round men kitchens of Corps & Div H.Q., beginning with us tomorrow. This is evidently on account of prevalence of severe diarrhoea in one of the H.Q. to	
		2:30 PM	O.C. 2 M.D.S. informed me he was getting an unusual no. of trivial wounds, who would be returned to duty was it not that they received A.T. 3 even. O has issued an order dividing up the Corps area among the Sanitary Sections, which are to be Corps Troops while with us, & improving the importance of unit sanitation. (See note on Aug 8 & 14)	
		10 PM	As reported to be up to the water line - the lengthens the line for hand transport considerably.	C.B. 10R

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	Aug 23	5:30 PM	San. Sect. officer, 50 th Div called saying the area was not his but area pointed out that a brown moon in and out the area long he is allotted to would be occupied by 50 th Div in an area.	
	Aug 23		Fine early, cloudy & sprinkly later, cooler, wind N.W.	Cloudy
		9:30 AM	Capt M. JONES Sd. Lt. M.A.C. 1 M.D.S. 10. 2 M.D.S., 5. 45 FA. 2 1 FA. 3.	
		10:30 AM	Conference of D.D.S. Asked opinion as to what General McPHERSON calls his method of incineration - each man burning his own, all was against its introduction at the front. Also asked opinion as to new disposition of San. Sects, Lt NEWLAND was against the remainder in favour.	
			D.M.S. mentioned that large no. of "shell shock" cases were being sent down who had nothing the matter with them, and requested D.D.'s to see A.D.'s with view to getting it stopped. He showed me a no. of tables taken from such cases which had no signature pointing out to cases having gone down without having been seen by a M.O. These tables did not come from 3 rd Corps. I resented an insinuation that there was a carelessness at our Dressing Stations & pointed out that if men got down by mistake channel that was a case of desertion & one for the A.P.M.	
			D.M.S. stated that I ought to have known that a man down at EBERTS Fm some time back had been bitten by a dog. I told him that was preposterous. He then said I ought to have known the dog was mad. I said how unless I saw the dog. A vet reported a dog as mad on hearsay evidence, on getting that evidence I had to send the bitten man to Paris, even though the evidence was bad, because further delay in sifting the evidence would have led to further delay & there was a possibility that the vet was right.	
			D.M.S. notified that reports had been received indicating that compound fractures of thigh were attended with high mortality even in young subjects. It was agreed that this was probably due to transport along rough roads to distant C.C.S., & that until C.C.S. could be placed fairly close to the battlefield such cases should be retained at M.D.S. until shock had passed & arrangements could be made to minimise jolting in the car by careful splinting.	

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FEBRUARY (Contd)	Aug 22	12:45 PM	2 M.D.S. General cases done well and well cared for. 36 C.C.S. done 20 by W. HERRINGHAM. He injection of O into veins in gassed cases, the agent done for dangerous as well as uncertain of benefit. Asked him to look at our arrangements for treating cases at M.D.S. He is of opinion that the closer to the front the better for treatment, & that F.Ans are better than C.C.S. as having more personnel. He does not think that warm C possesses any special advantages for these cases.	792X
		5:45 PM	Told O.C. to retain fractured thigh cases till shock had passed and splinting was good. Sent out circular to M.D.S. on this subject. A M.S. 1 st Div. arrived. Told him I would arrange with Sanitary officer for disinfection of blankets at M.D.S. He agreed to my pitching 2 M.D.S. on site was held by I.P.A. if could be obtained.	C.C.S. 10
	Aug 24		High clouds, warm, wind S.	
		4:30 AM	Call M. JONES M.A.C. Infr-1 M.D.S. 10 2 M.D.S. 5 45 FA 2 15 FA 3	
		10:30 AM	C. FERGUSON, A.D.M.S. 47 th DIV. called. Went over to the 5 th Co. situation, the sanitary areas with him. Large amount of sickness in the Div. due to B.M.O. He said the Div. has a large No. of sick. No. Forster Thresh (asked Q to get them). Car in check today.	
		8:30 PM	2 M.D.S. Met Sr W. HERRINGHAM there. He said there was no doubt this was a good place for gassed cases, near the front. Cases doing well. 21 gone to C.C.S. more to follow.	
		4:45 PM	D.M.S. 4 th Liney phoned that the sites at BÉCORDEL would not be given up by XV Corps Q account of surrounding the locality (see my notes on 14 th and 22 nd). C.C. NEWLANDS had said he himself had no objection to my having the site.	
		4:30 PM	Spoke over Q about this - he says the spot is undoubtedly congested & advised my going further west. I will look round for another site, with eye to water and beam line.	

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MEMCOOK	25/25		<p>Time wasted, road 500 yards in all.</p> <p>9:30 AM. Capt M. JONES M.A.C. Perturb: 1 M.D.S., 10 2 M.D.S., 5th 45 FA, 2 1 FA, 3.</p> <p>10:30 AM Conference of A.D.S. M.S. Drew their attention to incident re men with slight chest wounds to C.C.S. with talcums not signed by an officer. Will then A.P.M. now had the matter in hand to prevent such men getting down except through A.D.S. Also spoke about the diagnosis of these cases - all concerned that men should not be made of shells shock unless presenting indubitable symptoms of that disease. Discussed removal of cases from front. When recommended that utility front retention of these cases of fractured femur. Attention of M.O.s to be drawn to this. Special care to be taken in splinting & transport of these cases from front. There is no accommodation at A.D.S. for the retention of these cases for treatment of shock; they must be got back to M.D.S. as early as possible. Asked A.D.S. to get M.O.s to pay attention to chlorination of water in canteens. Medical units are frequent in neglect of this duty. Canteens should be washed out twice a week with chloride of lime. Also asked them to inculcate exact compliance with orders - it is a bad habit on reading an order to think that it meant something different to what the wording required. Conference hereafter to be weekly on Thursday at 10 AM. Col. POLLOCK drew attention to the length of time required to replace M.O.s sent sick to base.</p> <p>8:15 PM 2 M.D.S. A good many fresh gassed cases admitted. Took O.C. with me to RECORDIA to look for new site for 2 M.D.S.</p> <p>3:50 PM 1 P.F.A. will kept site. Then put up a tarpaulin shelter for wounded.</p> <p>4:10 PM Examined a site at E. 12 a B.P. But this is too far from rail and also from DIV. Collecting STA, involving ambulance transport and subsequent change, which it is desired to avoid.</p> <p>4:20 PM Looked at another small site at ... This is too near horses and their dung.</p> <p>5 PM 1 M.D.S. Two tents burnt at lunch time today and a third partially so. Cases not</p>	195

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P. M. (1917)	Aug 25	10:15	<p>discovered. A tent full of stones also started but was put out promptly. 7 old O.C. taken in fire extinguisher & paint cans filled with water in readiness for such cases. 2 patients in the tent room were removed without damage. Shells have been falling near here directed at the main road close by. Given the 2 cases with gas gangrene having to be operated on, a second operating tent for clean cases has been erected, the original one to be reserved for septic cases.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CA-3148</p>	794
Aug 26	Whitthell		<p>Shower in evening, warm, wind W</p>	
9:30 AM			<p>Call M. JONES M.C. Distab. 1 M.D.S., 8 2 M.D.S., 5 45 FA, 2 1 FA, 3</p>	
10 AM			<p>Conference of A.D.S. 15th and 1st owing to extension of our line to right side of back night. The 1st Div. takes our line at HIGH WOOD now held by 33rd Div. & gets PLATIRON COPSE, but the area behind this is not increased. The 103rd Bth is coming in and being attached to 15th Div. which extends to right into line now held by 1st Div. Consequently, 15th will require more troops, which I am providing from 47th Div. (2 Bearer Subdvs). I am also releasing one tent subdvs from 1 M.D.S., replacing it by a section from 4 London T.A. Co. Bearer, of which (2 FA) can be utilised by A.D.M.S. 1st Div. The 15th Div. will evacuate from their extended front right to PLATIRON COPSE, where 1st Div. will send them rearwards, the 15th Div. being 3 cars to assist in this.</p>	
11 AM			<p>Drafted orders to meet this.</p>	
12:10 PM			<p>Spoke Q at 9 about site at BECORDEL. He would like my requirements in writing. Have now written them. Q proposes to bring up the question at the Army today.</p>	
1:45 PM			<p>Priority wire from A.D.M.S. 1st Div. to say a "large gun" had selected a site at the A.D.S. at BOTTOM WOOD, & that no other suitable site was available. Of course tactical considerations come first, but I saw B.G.R.A. who said a 12" How. is going up to end of Radium near there and would be there 2 days only; he would try to place it at that distance from A.D.S. A.D.M.S. 1st sent above wire to D.M.S. 4th Army, to check with</p>	

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REINFORCET	AUG 27		A.D. Book - no record of A.T.S. insufficient definition of injuries, communication not advised	
	(cont'd)		to book kept in dispensary, leading to overcrowding - all these to be removed. Personnel 796 X	
			bills in ward bills - arrangements to be made on earliest opportunity for outside bills	
			to be taken up. Patients in some bills have no pillows. Dressing not too well done	
			for - exposed to dust, etc.	
		2300	Th. 15 th DIV D.R.S. not so crowded. Extra beds set up provided. Patients require hair	
			and forks. Pillboxes scantily filled.	
		3 PM	2 M.D.S. Satisfactory.	
		3 30 PM	1 M.D.S. The P.T.C. officers in doing fairly well - some toes amputated, also compound	
			fracture left leg. Saw Lt McCINTOCK, who is a Sanitary officer, who has no real	
			work since qualification.	
		4 30 PM	Call JOSCELYNE San officer ROBERT, called. Complains that all the P.S. men sent	
			for sanitary duty were not handed over to him. Reported this to P. He does not seem	
			satisfied with things in general relating to his work. Told him to shall report concrete	
			cases requiring assistance which he could not obtain locally to me.	
		5 30 PM	C/LT HURSTON called & complained of the insurrection state of MILLENCOURT having	
			produced diarrhoea especially in 2 of the 4 B.P.s there - recommended their going	
			into bivouac. I supported the recommendation because I think men are healthier in	
			bivouacs at this season. He said the bills were dirty, flies and manure plentiful	
			in MILLENCOURT.	
		7 30 PM	Saw G.O.C. P.A. about gun position at BOTTOM WOOD. He said a sign would be made	
			but would not be used for a month if then - dependent on what happened. C.B. on	
	AUG 28		Still unsettled, warm, wind W	
		9 30 AM	Capt M. JONES M.H.C. distrib. 1 M.D.S., 8 2 M.D.S., 5 1 F.A., 3 45 F.A., 2	
			Satisfactory. The latrine at Reinforcement Camp has not been improved yet	
			as requested.	

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HEVENHURST	Aug 25	12-15 PM. LA HOUSSEY	The C.S.M. contacts have returned to duty.	7978
		12-40 PM	Official information that ROMANIA has declared war against AUSTRIA. Heard also that ITALY had declared similarly against GERMANY.	
		3-PM	N ^o 1 M.D.S. Satisfactory. The officer in R.F.C. developed gas gangrene, & left leg was amputated through middle. An officer here with chest wound. He is being retained on advice of SICA BOWEN, who was here this morning. They are working at the wounds. O.C. I.M.D.S. showed me how to arrange 2 blankets so that the patient get the same benefit as if he had three on the stretcher.	
		3-45 PM	N ^o 2 M.D.S. Satisfactory. While I was here Lt GRIEVESON came in sick, with fever. Later ordered a M.O. to go to H.A. Group in his place temporarily.	
			This morning asked A.D.S. to intimate to DIV's how to get SOLTAN'S handles for ground sheets for carrying wounded, & sent circular to A.D.'s illustrating their use & requesting them to lay them in, as the troops are now in pretty deep trenches.	
		10 PM	See my 1607 dated 26-8-16 attached. Q has secured the refusal of the BECORDEL site for 3 M.D.S. from XV Div.	
AUG 29			Gloomy, warm and close wind S.E. Very heavy thunderstorm in aft ⁿ .	
		9 AM	Corps Command suggests having one M.D.S. for this Corps and XV Corps, as the wounded of both Corps go through what is practically the same defile.	
		9-30 AM	Cap MICHES. M.O. distrib: 1 M.D.S., 8 2 M.D.S., 5 1 F.A. 3 45 F.A. 2	
		10-45 AM	Saw Lt TWEEDIE, 9 th B.W. who has been buried by shell & states he felt shaky afterwards. He was diagnosed shell shock by M.O. of B th , and at 2 M.D.S. was sent up as sick as there was no visible disease for observation. The Div. meanwhile returned him as wounded on the M.O.'s diagnosis. At 15 th Div. he has been returned as shell shock (W.). Judging by what the officer told me, he was naturally a little shaky after being buried. He has no contusion or shell shock or other adverse symptom. It is difficult to know what to do in a case like this as the man isn't ill, though in the first instance he had some temporary disturbance of pulse-rate. Such cases being returned as "wounded" put a discount on the distinction.	
		12-30 PM	A.D.M.S. 1 st Div. Camp. Told him I had been refused site for M.D.S. at BECORDEL, and	

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DERNANCOURT	Aug 29 (Contd)	1 PM	ascertained he could carry on with the present arrangement. In event of severe battle we could make his Dental Collecting Station a Corps one. He says BOTTOM WOOD is quite a good place, but I pointed out that it would not be of use as a M.D.S. as the left Div could not concentrate that way. 1 M.D.S. The 2 officers referred to yesterday have been evacuated. Told O.C. I hoped to move him back to ALBERT shortly.	7982
		4-10 PM	2 M.D.S. 6 men with superficial burn on the back said to have been induced by carrying cylinders containing material for producing liquid fire, which they said leaked. D.M.S. intimated this morning that he was moving two C.C.S. to XV M.D.S. at EDGEHILL near DERNANCOURT. This is a boon to the wounded especially as the two are going from VECQUEMONT, which shows that the numbers going from the latter place will be reduced.	CL3112
	Aug 30		Much rain, stormy, cooler, wind N.W.	
		9 AM	Corps Commander writes me to bring up the point of one M.D.S. for the 3 rd and 15 th Corps	
		4:30 AM	Capt M. JONES. MACDONALD 1 M.D.S. 8, 2 M.D.S., 5 15A, 3 45 FA 2.	
		10:30 AM	Conference of D.D.S. Discussed the evacuation through XV Corps area. Col NEWLAND has no objection to NEI FA remaining when it is for the present, but says the Corps will not allow another M.D.S. at BICORDEL. Asked if he would arrange for me to get a site at FRICOURT; he said he would on the 2 nd , when if the expected operations were successful he would come down with me and choose a site. D.M.S. said that Lt Col BEVERIDGE had reported adversely on one of the Corps Hitchens (not III Corps). He said that special attention to horse lines was most necessary just now and asked us to have our O.C. Sanitary Sects. up at next conference of A.D.S.	
			Told D.M.S. Corps Commander's wishes as above. Both he + Col NEWLAND were opposed to it. D.M.S. says a single Corps M.D.S. is as much as any Corps can manage if it were doubled it would be too cumbersome. Col NEWLAND has holes for flies to get into boxes	

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	Aug 30	2:45 PM	<p>Officers would discuss diarrhoea cases, but in large amounts of diarrhoea here.</p> <p>Le said better not to report.</p> <p>3:15 PM. 3 ECOWAT 4 IFA. 5 IFA. Step edit to dug-outs requires ventilating shaft.</p> <p>A group of latrines set close by needs a shelter over head.</p> <p>3:40 PM. 1 IFA. No patients. Find that his record of patients passing through is more than double that of those received in our M.D.S. Evidently the drivers take them elsewhere. Ask O.C. to coach all his drivers with the correct road & destination, I wrote letter to ADMS. I-Des with subject, & to cause all cars and buses to take the road through ALBERT.</p> <p>Road on return journey, must be closed by infantry & horse transport.</p>	409
	Aug 31		<p>Fine warm, wind N.N.W.</p> <p>9:30 AM. Capt M. Jones M.A.C. Distribution 2/81 M.D.S., 8. 1/2 M.D.S., 5. 1 IFA, 3. 45 IFA, 2.</p> <p>10 AM. Conference of ADMS & San Section Commanders on sanitation, especially as regards removal of manure, prevention of flies, chlorination of drinking water which must be supervised better by Regt M.O. Col POLLOCK objected to flies being accused of the diarrhoea was prevalent, but it was pointed out that we must accept the most recent work which has fixed the blame on these as carriers. Col PERGUSON also objected as regards entire group to the diagnosis made at the Base, but as the bacteriologists work is disinterested, such diagnosis must be accepted. In any case sanitation must be maintained.</p> <p>The bulk of the diarrhoea is in the 50th & 15th Divs, but as the days' admissions have not exceeded 23 as yet, it has not assumed large proportions. Very many do not</p>	

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BECOURT	Aug 31		<p>report sick, or do not get to F. Amb. 1st Div. has some true dysentery.</p> <p>More C' solution is needed - Letter wrote Q about this.</p> <p>It was considered that the Sanitary areas should be broken up into areas allotted to different units, so that sanitary features would suit the unit which took over the site. Write Letter to Q about this.</p> <p>The latrine at BECOURT referred to yesterday, are public ones, in course of completion. Lambcover + notice boards will be provided. Spoke about wounded going to other M.D.S. than hours - A.D.M.S. 1st Div. will enquire into this.</p> <p>3.20 PM 141 F. Amb. Although there are now no pools, the paths are very greasy. O.C. is obtaining some stone to remedy this. The road up is pretty bad - write A.D.M.S. 1st Div. - this incinerator badly done. Hedge littered with awnings and paper.</p> <p>3.45 PM N^o 2 M.D.S. Well run. They were flooded during the heavy storm on 29th. Gassed cases doing well. 1 Admitted yesterday with delayed effects.</p> <p>4.10 PM N^o 1 M.D.S. Some severe cases in here - amputations. The road in is very bad, the chucks being melted. Arrangements generally are very complete. The Staff would like to remain here, instead of going to ALBERT when that can be opened.</p>	<p>800x</p>
			<p>Grace Skinner for.</p>	
			<p>H.Q. IV Corps. 11.9.16.</p>	
			<p>D.D. 111</p>	

C.O.T.

D.D.S.S., IIIrd Corps, No. 1/7/16.

With reference to Medical Arrangements,
IIIrd Corps, Operations No. 3.

Paragraph V will be amended as follows:-
All abdominal and severe chest cases will be sent, if fit
to travel, by the shortest route to 36, C.O.S., HILLIY,
in ambulance cars of the Advanced Dressing Station direct.
The necessary particulars for the A. & D. Book will be taken
at the Advanced Dressing Station, and notified to No. 1.
M.D.S. O.C. No. 1 M.D.S. will record the cases in his
A. & D. Book as admitted and transferred, with a marginal
note showing the A.D.S. at which the case was dealt with.

Paragraph 4: Instead of "A.D.M.S., 34th
Division", read "A.D.M.S. of the Division on Right of the
Line".

Bruce Skinner

H.Q., III Corps,

Colonel,

25th August, 1916.

D.D.S.S., IIIrd Corps.

To: A.D.S.S., 1st, 15th, 47th & 50th Divisions for
distribution to O.S.C. Field Ambulances.
O.C. 21st M.D.C.

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ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS, IIIrd Corps.
OPERATIONS NO. 3.

At 12 noon on the 21st instant, No.1 Main Dressing
Station will open in Camp at D. 12.b. (Sheet 62 D).

After that hour, no further cases will be sent
to Auxillary Main Dressing Station at PILLINGURT.

Bruce Stewart

H.Q., IIIrd Corps.

Colonel,

19th August, 1918.

D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps.

To: - M.L.S. 1st, 15th & 50th Divisions (Four copies)
O.C. No. 21. A.C.

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- NOTE TO MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS -
IIIrd CORPS, OPERATIONS No. 3.

The Main Dressing Stations in ALBERT have been closed as a temporary measure.

The more severe cases will be sent to Auxiliary Main Dressing Station at MILLENCOURT, which will operate in lieu of No. 1 Main Dressing Station.

Walking Cases will be sent to No. 2 Main Dressing Station now in Camp at D.17.a. Central (Sheet 62 d.).

Bruce Stewart

R.Q., IIIrd Corps.

Colonel,

6th August, 1916.

D. E. M. S., IIIrd Corps.

To:- A.D.S., 1st, 15th, 23rd and 55th Divisions,
O.C., No. 21 M. A. C.



ADDENDUM NO. 1 to
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS, IIIrd CORPS.
OPERATIONS NO. 3.

From 12 noon tomorrow, 9th instant, all gassed cases will be treated at No. 2, Main Dressing Station, at present on the Amiens-Albert Road at D. 17.a. Central (Sheet 62 D). They will be sent there direct from Advanced Dressing Stations as lying down cases.

Bruce Skinner

H.Q. IIIrd Corps,

Colonel,

8th August, 1918.

D. D. M. S., IIIrd Corps.

To:- A.D.S.M.S. 1st, 16th, 23rd and 34th Divisions (four copies)
O.C., No. 21, A.C.

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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS
IIIrd CORPS.

OPERATIONS No. 3.

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A. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDICAL UNITS EAST OF THE ANCRE LINE ONLY.

1. Two Main Dressing Stations have been formed:-
No. 1 at Civil Hospital, ALBERT for cases requiring transport in motor ambulance cars.
No. 2 at Ecole Supérieure, ALBERT for Walking Cases.
Advanced Dressing Stations will transmit all wounded to whichever of the above is suited to the nature of the case.
2. "ADMISSIONS" will be made at Main Dressing Station.
3. CLEARING OF MAIN DRESSING STATIONS.

(i) Trivial cases not requiring evacuation after admission at a Main Dressing Station will be transferred to a Divisional Rest Station in ambulances of the unit in charge of the Main Dressing Station concerned.

These Trivial cases will be sent to the D. R. S. of the Division to which they belong, if of the IIIrd Corps; if of a Division not in the IIIrd Corps they will be sent to the D. R. S. of a resting Division.

(ii) WALKING CASES of "Other Ranks" will be sent to No. 2 M.D.S. whence they will be despatched by motor lorries, and motor buses, when available, to MEDICAL REST CAMP, FRECHENCOURT as transfers to Nos. 34 and 45 C. C. Ss. at VECQUEMONT.

Lorries must proceed direct to FRECHENCOURT, and on no account will any other orders be given to the drivers.

(iii) The more SEVERE CASES of "Other Ranks" at M. D. S. will be cleared by No. 21 Motor Ambulance Convoy.

For this purpose a certain number of cars will be stationed at each M. D. S. and an officer of No. 21 M. A. C. will be in charge of those at No. 1 M. D. S. and a N.C.O. of No. 21 M. A. C. of those at No. 2 M. D. S.

As soon as a car is loaded it must be despatched to C. C. S.

Should the number of dressed cases ready for removal be accumulating, a signal message or special messenger will be sent without delay to this office by O.C., M. D. S. concerned stating the number of cases lying and sitting awaiting removal.

Lying cases will be accompanied by a R.A.M.C. orderly; when the officer on duty with the M. A. C. at No. 1 M. D. S. is unable to furnish this orderly he will apply to O.C., No. 1 M. D. S. who will provide one from his establishment.

Wounded travelling by M. A. C. will be evacuated to Nos. 34 and 45 C. C. Ss. at VECQUEMONT, except "Gassed" cases, which will be sent to 36 or 38 C. C. Ss. REILLY as lying cases.

O.C., No. 21 M. A. C. will off-load at 34 and 45 C. C. Ss. alternately according to instructions at VECQUEMONT.

OFFICERS.

P. T. O.

7. DISPOSAL OF SICK.

In order to avoid blocking C. C. Ss. with sick, either immediately before operations commence or during operations each Corps will keep open at least one Divisional Rest Station to which sick not seriously ill, should be sent, and accommodated until they can be finally disposed of. As few sick as possible should be evacuated (D.M.S., 4th Army No.19/46 dated 13.6.16).

All ordinary sick will be despatched to the Field Ambulances which run Divisional Rest Stations to which they will be "admitted". Infectious cases will be cleared as under present conditions.

8. REPORTING MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE.

A.D.S.M.S. will keep this office informed of any occurrence of an unusual or important character likely to affect the Medical arrangements.

9. RETURNS.

The routine messages and returns will continue to be sent by A.D.S.M.S. as at present (D.M.S., 4th Army No.19/46 dated 13.6.16) except the daily Evacuation Wire to D.M.S. (D.M.S., 4th Army No. 17/106 dated 12.5.16).

SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Each Main Dressing Station will send a wire (specimen shown in appendix) to D.D.M.S., Third Corps repeated to A.D.S.M.S. Division at 6 a.m., 12 noon, and 9 p.m.

These wires will refer only to transactions from 6 a.m. to 12 noon, from 12 noon to 9 p.m., from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. respectively.

10. In the event of a block in the Evacuation it may become necessary to order the retention of the wounded in Field Ambulances.

To meet this contingency extra equipment and medical comforts have been provided, and a store of 4 tins per Division ^{longest tin} should be held in reserve, to meet any sudden ^{longest tin} which

might be involved in the retention of wounded until the Casualty Clearing Stations resumed their reception.

Wounded will not be retained as above without an order from this office.

Should there be any wounded in a condition in which the journey to C. C. S. might prove injurious, they must be retained at No. 1 M. D. S. until their condition justifies their removal. They will then be sent to C. C. S. at BILLY, by cars of No.21 M. A. C., and not to VILLAGES.

11. Under instructions from D.M.S., Fourth Army it may become necessary in certain events to immobilize two Field Ambulances to work as Casualty Clearing Stations.

12. SHORTAGE OF WATER.

Should any shortage of water be experienced at Advanced Dressing Stations, arrangements will be made to place two four-gallon petrol tins in each ambulance car, which should be filled at the Main Dressing Station to which they work, and carried thence to A.D.S.

13. Owing to the nature of the operations it will be necessary for the Advanced Dressing Stations to deal with all cases that may fall within their areas, and in certain events later for A. D. Ss. to be relieved by Field Ambulance Main Dressing Stations of other Divisions.

By the utmost co-operation and assistance between units and formations the best results will be attained in behalf of the wounded.

P.T.C

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B. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEDICAL UNITS WEST OF THE FRONT LINE.

12. The Field Ambulance at HILMBOUNT may be required under pressure of circumstances to open as an Auxiliary D. H. S. Should this become necessary, orders to that effect will be issued from Corps H.Q., and evacuation to C. C. S. carried out as detailed in para. 3 (iii) above.

15. Field Ambulances except those acting as D. H. S. in this area will hold themselves ready for immediate movement. They will not retain cases for treatment unless they are acting as Divisional Post Station. Only acute cases requiring immediate transfer to C. C. S. at VEGGBOUNT will be "admitted". Other cases will be passed on to the Field Ambulance running the D. H. S. for admission and final disposal. All cases will be removed in ambulances of the Field Ambulance concerned.

APPENDIX.
SPECIAL MESSAGE.

In framing the Special message the O.C. Main Dressing Stations must take steps to divide the casualties into five groups corresponding to the two Divisions (x) in the front line IIIrd Corps, and the Division on the right and that on the left; the 5th group to include other Divisions. Where NIL would be inserted, the item may be omitted - e.g. Other Divisions NIL. French O. NIL should not be telegraphed.

(x) Cavalry Divisions when attached to IIIrd Corps will be entered after the record of those Divisions. They will not be included in the 5th group of other Divisions.

SPECIMEN MESSAGE.

Admitted since 6 a.m. 23rd Div. O...O.R... 19th Div. O...
O.R... 1st Div. O...O.R... 51st Div. O...O.R...
Other Divs. O...O.R... III French O...O.R... Germans
O...O.R... Remaining O.L...O.S...O.R.L...
O.R... *
* * *

Price-Stewart

H.Q., IIIrd Corps.

Colonel,

1st August, 1916.

D. D. H. S., IIIrd Corps.

- Copies 1 - 2 to A.D.C., 1st Division.
- .. 5 - 8 to A.D.C., 15th Division.
- .. 9 - 12 to A.D.C., 23rd Division.
- .. 13 - 16 to A.D.C., 51st Division.
- .. 17 to C.C., G.S. P. A. C.
- .. 18 file.
- .. 19-20 War Diary.

Only one detail of remaining is required for evacuation purposes. This should not differentiate between nationalities.

URGENT.

D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps, No. 1437.

D.A. & Q.M.G.



In order to facilitate work of Divisions at the Front and to obviate transshipment of cases by Corps Medical transport (which now takes up at Divisional Collecting Station at BECORDEL and puts down at M.D.S. at D.17.a. where the cases have to be taken up again after attention, for transport to C.C.S.) it is necessary to have a Corps Main Dressing Station further forward. This will collect for the two Divisions and transmit direct to C.C.S.

The site originally selected for this was at F.7.5.8. near BECORDEL, but the 15th Corps D.D.M.S. requires this site in the future. As an alternative it is asked that the IIIrd Corps may be given the site now occupied by No.1 F.A. at F.7.b.9.3., with a slight extension westwards so as to be on the BECOURT-BECORDEL Road where returning ammunition lorries will be accessible.

I have been informed that the D.D.M.S. 15th Corps has no objection to our having this site if the 15th Corps can spare it.

The need for a site in this situation has become more urgent since the Corps will extend now further to the right in greater strength and consequently an increased number of cases will have to be evacuated.

All the roads from the IIIrd Corps front converge into the 15th Corps area and towards this spot, and it is impossible to carry out our medical evacuation by other routes as there is no alternative road to the North in the IIIrd Corps area which is reasonably free from enemy fire.

H.Q., IIIrd Corps,
26th August, 1916.

(Signed) BRUCE SKINNER, Col.,
D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps.

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15th Corps "Q".

The taking over of another 1, 000 yards of front brings the lines of evacuation for IIIrd Corps wounded more into 15th Corps area.

It is quite understood that F.7.b.9.3. may not be suitable, as it is an important road junction, in which case can ground be allotted further West? It is of importance that it should be on the BECORDEL - ALBERT Road, as it is by this route that the ammunition lorries return.

26.8.16.

(sd) Percy Hambro, B.G.
for Lieutenant General,
Commanding IIIrd Corps.

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IIIrd Corps.

Any position on the N. side of the ALBERT - BECORDEL Road, West of E.6 & 12. Central provided ambulances & lorries do not load or unload on the Main Road.

28/8.

(sd) R. Ford B.G.
D.A. & Q.M.G.,
15th Corps.
For Lt.Gen. Comdg.

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D.D.M.S.

Please see will this site be suitable.

Aug.28/16.

(sd) Percy Hambro, B.G.
D.A. & Q.M.G., IIIrd Corps.

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"Q"

As explained verbally, any site West of BECORDEL will be of no practical use to us. We may just as well stay where we are.

I presume No.1 Fd.Amb. may retain its site at F.7.b.9.3.?

H.Q., IIIrd Corps.

(sd) BRUCE SKINNER, Col.,

28. 8. 16.

D. D. M. S.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix	Code	Work	Charge	This message is in c/s of:	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions				Serial	Date
At					From
To				By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")
By					

TO 8112

3rd Corps

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* DM 1561	2nd	Q 47	

One in General Hospital and
one in Field immediately East
of Hospital.

D D M S

Please see and will you select
another site.

(sd) P H
N B

From	DMS 4th Army
Place	
Time	8.30 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Center. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

W1 W14045—M41. 300000 Pads. 12/15. Sir J. O. & S.

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Rank	Grade	at	Words	Charge	This message is on site of:	Send at
Name of Origin and Service Connection			Date		Service	Date
By			(Signature of Forwarding Officer)		By	

TO: *Priority* *DMS 4 Army* *8/24*

Sender's Number: *Q 47* Day of Month: *2nd* In reply to Number: *AAA*

Can you state site of bld in ALBERT area is one in level 4th and one immediately to East area if not propose to occupy site to East of Hospital.

From: *3rd Corps*

Place: _____

Time: *1745pm* *(sd) P.A. B.G.*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)**

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WL W14042-M34. 30000 Pads. 14/15. Sir J. C. & S.

D.D.M.S.,

8/37
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Para 2. I presume so- but I do not think it advisable to ask.

(Intd). P.H.,
B.G.
28-8-1916.

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Q.

May I have the site immediately east of the Civil Hospital, ALBERT ? I should like to begin pitching the M.D.S. there at once.

2-9-1916.

(Sd) BRUCE SKINNER, Col.,
D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps.

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Q.

Reference enclosed wires.

The site E of the Civil Hospital has been selected for a M.D.S. in consultation with D.M.S. 4th Army, who wishes me to begin pitching the camp at once.

He proposes later to take this over as a C.C.S. In the meantime, he wishes me to see to the latrines and cookhouse for the C.C.S. (about which he proposes to write to you) so that they may be put up in the camp of the M.D.S. Will you kindly let me know if this has been arranged.

May I take over this site at once ?

H.Q., IIIrd Corps,
2-9-1916.

(Sd) BRUCE SKINNER, Col.,
D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps.