

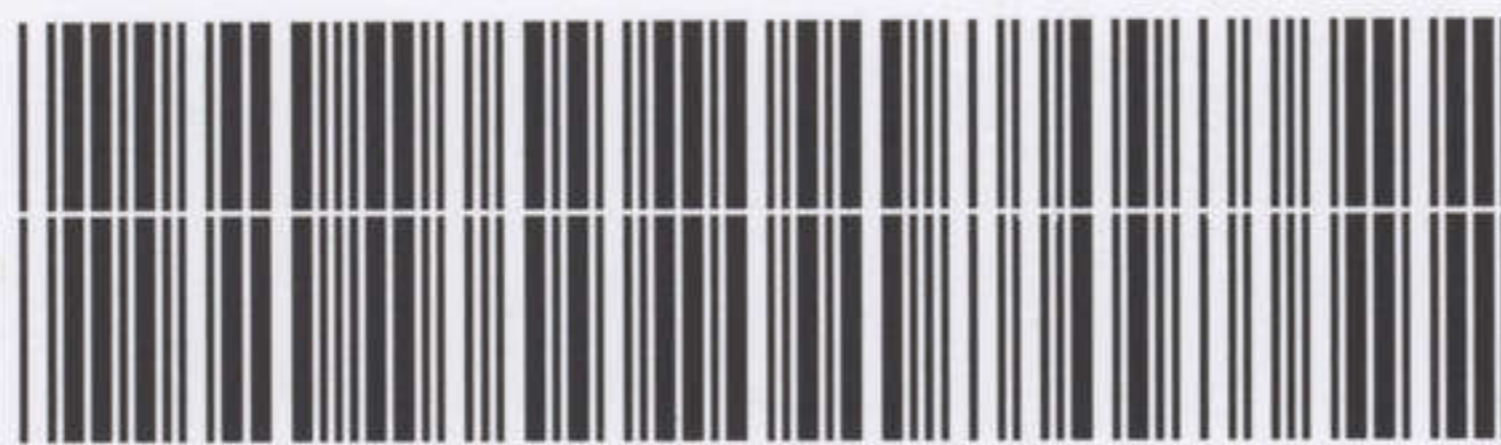
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War Diary
of
SOMMERS, IIIrd Corps
for
January, 1914.

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| | | | January 1917 |
| Millencourt | 19/17 | gas 1st | inspected 46 th Field Ambulance, Ecole Supérieure, Albert. Interviewed sanitary officer Albert re whitewashing of billets. inspected C.R.S. Millencourt. new recreation Hall, there, opened formally by G.O.C. III Corps. |
| | 2 | | inspected Corps main Dressing Station, Recourt Chateau inspected Sanitary Arrangements in Villages of back area viz. Frehecourt, Behecourt, Mollens-au-Bois etc |
| | 3 | | attended conference of P.O.s of M.S. at H.Q. 4 th Army - inspected 2 nd 141 Field Ambulance Lavieville - |
| | 4 | | inspected the Corps School, Montigny, where epidemic of measles has broken out. |
| | 5 | | inspected Corps Rest Station, Millencourt. new method of folding stretcher blankets devised by Lieut Col Hawkins R.A.M.C. forwarded to Army. |

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| ENEMCOURT | 6/1/17 | | Inspected Corps main dressing station, Recourt Hill - also reported to DMS Army that field fracture boxes are very seldom used and that it is not considered necessary to convert the 1906 pattern - | 880x |
| | 7/1/17 | | Inspected officers Hospital, Warloy, & Corps Seabies Station, Vadencourt. Visited n° 57 Hôpital d'évacuation, Bonfiere, & saw French method of treating trench foot. Decided to establish a special section at the Corps Rest Station, Millencourt, for the treatment of trench foot. | common |
| | 8/1/17 | | arranged that m. of battalions in front area should be excused attendance at Army School of Sanitation - inspected Corps Rest Station, Millencourt, & gave instructions re new system of compiling A. F. V. S. S. | appendix N 24 common |
| | 9/1/17 | | Inspected French ambulances at Vickers-Britonnes & Caffy. drew up scheme of evacuation of casualties | see heading order common |

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| PHEUNOEN | 10/17 | | from the area south of the Somme - attended conference at Head Quarters 4 th Army re taking over of hospitals & material from French 10 th Army. decided that all hospital & field ambulance accommodation in new area should be asked for arranged to ask for electric lighting plant where in existence. | 8812 |
| | 11/17 | | attended conference at headquarters of 10 th French Army at Moreuil. Dtd 4 th Army to take over hospital at Guilly & Villers-Bretonneux - interviewed Inspector general of 10 th French Army & Directeur de Service de Sante of 18 th & 12 th French Army Corps - compiled report on French military medical arrangements in area between Comme & Amiens - St Quentin Road. | Appendix 105 C.B.M.R. |

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attended conference at office of DMB 4th Army, Amiens. Decided to continue trial of French system of treating trench foot with borax & camphor. Reports to be submitted by 25th inst.

Proposal to expand M.A.C. workshops to deal with all cases of Corps. Reports to be rendered. Every effort to be made to get M.O. of over 40 yrs of age to be taken from infantry Bns & posted to labour units & D.A.Co.

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13/17

inspected Corps Rest Station Millencourt & Corps main Dressing Station, Recourt Hill. Visited H.Q. 1st Division - discussed question of posting of officers with A.D.M.S.

14/17

inspected village of Cerisy on the Somme with a view to forming a Corps Rest Station. Inspected admin. huts barracks to west of Cerisy & also Hospital d'Evacuation at Gailly. Selected site for N^o 2, M.A.C. at Gailly. DMB 4th Army inspected Corps Rest Station at Millencourt.

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| HENENCOURT. | 15 Jan. | | <p>visited GAILLY, WARFUSEE-LAMOTTE + VILLERS BRETONNEUX. WARFUSEE-LAMOTTE offers many facilities for billets of M.A.C. Asked Q about this later. He said there was no room as it was required for Parks. CERISY village will do for M.A.C., but unsuitable for C.R.S. as it is damaged from recent explosion. Billets would require much labour to make them suitable for sick. - Camp n° 7 (14 Adrian huts + 14 small ones) would do well. Noted by Q, but will probably not be allotted.</p> |
| | Jan 16. | | <p>Inspected 7. Amb. sites in new area. CAPPY SUD + CAPPY (MAIRIE) . ECLOSIER, CAMP MARLY. visited French "D.D.M.S." Corps at MARCEL CAVE. CAPPY SUD would make an excellent M.D.S., but is somewhat distant from the right of our new front. CAMP MARLY is central + much better placed. It has accommodation for 250 in ADRIAN huts, + is capable of expansion with marquees.</p> |
| | Jan 17. | | <p>Arranged for a medical dump to be formed beside G dump. All equip surplus to req: equip will be sent here + eventually raild to our new area. Equip to include stretchers, blankets, trolleys, marquees, etc etc. Guard to be furnished by 1/3 S. and 7. G. A similar dump will be formed at new Railhead. C.R.S. told to reduce load of patients</p> |
| | Jan 18 11 AM | | <p>acting Corps Commander inspected C.R.S. + expressed himself satisfied with it. Q gives details of our arrangements for the move by tomorrow night.</p> |

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| VAZENCOURT | Jan 19 | 11 AM | Visited D.M.S. 4 th Army and discussed points connected with the move. The 4 th Army have allotted the latter hospital on the R. 1/2 mile south of V. BRETTONNEUX to this Corps as a Corps Post Station. The Corps do not wish a C.R.S. at the place, which is to be Corps H.Q., and have allotted CERISY. This latter place offers no facilities - the Post Station would be scattered about in barns, necessitating very considerable labour in repairing the roofs & making the place sanitary. The matter still remains indefinite. | 8848 |
| | Jan 20 | 2.30 PM | Conference of A.D.M.S. discussed various points connected with move. Discussed Medical Administrative arrangements. Sent draft for amendment addendum to Operations Orders re withdrawal of Div ^{ns} from front line - medical units come under administration of Divisions during move to new area. Corps Main Dressing Station closes at noon tomorrow. Evacuation will be direct from BAZENTIN to CONTALMISON to C.C.S. & C.R.S. VAZENCOURT closes on 28 th . Scribes cross to go to Millencourt (C.R.S.) as they cannot be evacuated to C.C.S. Tentage at VAZENCOURT goes to 5 th Army. | 63101 |
| | Jan 21 | 10.40 AM | D.M.S. AM & Corps called and visited C.R.S. & M.D.S. with a view to exchanging equip. | C.S.M. |
| | Jan 22 | | Visited French area. Saw hospital at V. BRETTONNEUX which has been given to us by Army as a C.R.S. 14 Adrian huts, 5 double-lined and boarded, will make excellent C.R.S. If Corps H.Q. refuse permission to establish C.R.S. at V. BRETZ, it will be possible to transfer the whole of the camp to a new site. Visited also FOUCAUCOURT & CASINO - French behaviour Dressing Stations. Visited PROYART, which 50 Div. will take over as M.D.S. | C.S.M. |

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| | | | <p>10 AM Visited V. BRETONNEUX to see new headq^r. Main offices + Corps Commander's room still in French occupation as an ambulance. French propose to disinfect, but San. Sect. will also allow to this. San. Officer will make sanitary inspection of the town forthwith.</p> | 8856 |
| | Jan 24 | | <p>Conference at 4th Army of D.D.S. M.S. Div. to report at once as to supply of hot food + drinks in trenches. Issued medical administration order N^o 3. A medical dump will be formed at BECOURT CH^{ap} at which all surplus equipt. and stores will be dumped + taken by train to CERISY on Feb 1.</p> | |
| | Feb 25 | 11 AM | <p>Representative of B.R.C.S. called. A suggestion had been made to exchange B.R.C.S. equipt. at C.R.S. + M.D.S. with Australian Red Cross, but this is impracticable; we will therefore take all such equipt. to new area.</p> | |
| | | 6 PM. | <p>Saw Corps Commander, who does not approve of our arrangements in closing M.D.S. etc. He says the evacuation rate is too high, and consequently we are losing men for the Corps whom it will be difficult to replace. Later saw O. Arranged that a Rest Station be established forthwith at V. BRETONNEUX, to which cases can be sent while the Corps is moving to new area. Asked D.M.S. if cases may be retained at C.C.S. Present Corps Rest Station to fill up again + not evacuate freely to C.C.S.</p> | |
| | Feb 26 | | <p>Col MACDONALD, D.D.M.S., returned from leave today.</p> | |

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place
VILLERS
BRETTONNEUX

Date Hour

Summary of Events and Information

Jan 28

11 AM

Headquarters, 3rd Corps moved from HENENCOURT to VILLERS BRETONNEUX today preparing to taking over the line S of the SOMME from the 18th French Corps. 48th Div. moves to MERICOURT area today.
Disputed Corps Rest Station.

Jan 29

Visited HOPITAL D'EVACUATION S of V. BRETONNEUX Station. French has not yet cleared out, as they have not yet received orders.
Visited Ambulance in CHATEAU D'OEUX. 4 large German huts & building, while then DA 19MG arrived & said this was handed over to us, & to arrange for it to be taken over & held by a small party. Saw Medical Chief, who conducted us round the various ambulances in the town. Then on two in the CHATEAU D'OEUX grounds, and one in the ECOLE. The latter would make an excellent officers hospital. It is equipped for serious surgical cases, with good operating theatre. This may be handed over to us later.

Jan 30

INFA has arrived at Hospital S. of V. Bretonneux Sta, and is getting ready to receive cases as Corps Rest Stn. 70 CERISY, MORECOURT, & MERICOURT. 1st S. Mail F. Amb. is installed in a well arranged F. Amb. site at MORECOURT. Accommodation in huts. Saw A.D.M.S. 48 Div. at MERICOURT.

Jan 31

Conference of P. D.M.S.
D.A.D.M.S. accompanied O.C. INFA to CERISY, to look out site for Corps Rest Station. It has been decided to move the huts at V. BRETONNEUX Sta eventually to CERISY, & from the Corps Rest Station then. We have been given the Laundry at CERISY - 1000 plants, capable at present of washing 1200 pieces a day.
O.C. INFA suggested site S. W. of village, but will look round again before deciding. Corp Scabies Section will also be established ultimately at CERISY, but one is to be formed for the huts at CHATEAU D'OEUX (V. Bretonneux), to take cases now under treatment at MILLENCOURT.
C.E. asked to provide shower bath. Present operation room will make a good bathroom.

Macdonald

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN NEW AREA.

1. FRENCH ARRANGEMENTS.

(a). Advanced Dressing Stations. There are Advanced Dressing Stations at the following points:-

12th Corps. Eclusier - 1 groupe de Brancardiers de Corps (bearer sub-division) of 2 M.Os. and 150 bearers in fair dug-outs with first aid equipment

Ravin 120. Between Eclusier and Herbecourt - 1 groupe de Brancardiers divisionnaires - 2 M.O.s and 150 bearers in fair dugouts.

Flaucourt. Two postes de secours - 1 M.O. and 20 bearers in fair dugouts.

Herbecourt. One poste de secours - 1 M.O. and 12 bearers and two motor ambulances. Men in fair dugouts; ambulances behind ruined walls.

18th Corps. Fay. Poste de secours - 1 M.O. and 10 bearers in fair dugouts.

Lafontaine les Cappy. 1 groupe de Brancardiers divisionnaire. 1 M.O. and 60 bearers in bad dugouts.

Dompierre. Postes de secours - 1 M.O. and 12 bearers in fair dugouts.

Assevillers - Two postes de secours - 1 M.O. and 24 bearers in fair dugouts.

Formerly there were postes de secours at BOIS DES LOGES, between FAY and ASSEVILLERS; at BOIS DE SATYRE and LE CABINO, both between FAUCAUCOURT and ESTREES and at BOIS SAINT MARTIN, 1 1/2 miles west of FAUCAUCOURT; all these latter were very good dugouts.

2. FIELD AMBULANCES.

Eclusier. Two groups of two Field Ambulances each. "Group 912", 300 beds of which 100 are in huts and remainder in tents, equipped as a loading point for ambulance barges. "Group 512", 200 beds of which 75 in huts; rest in tents (dismantled?)

Cappy Mairie. Field Ambulance, 120 beds, 40 of these in dugouts, others in Mairie.

Cappy Sud. 1 Field Ambulance. 100 beds, 45 of these in dugouts, remainder in Adrian huts.

Camp Marly. 1 kilometre north of Chaigvolles on road to Cappy. 1 Field Ambulance in Adrian huts. 250 beds. Now used as a Rest Station. Can make good M.D.S.

Proyart. 1 Field Ambulance in billets in village. Two houses fitted up with 60 beds.

Foucaucourt. Two kilometres east, in La Marquise. 1 Field Ambulance in bed dugouts.

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Morcourt. Three Field Ambulances in tents. No huts.

Warfuses. One Field Ambulance in billets in village.

Bayonvillers. One Field Ambulance in huts. 150 beds.
intended to form nucleus of a Corps Rest
Station.

Villers Bretonneux.

1. Le Chateau. 1 Field Ambulance with 300 beds.
2. Les Ecoles. 1 Field Ambulance with 300 beds.
3. Hatted Hospital. 1 Field Ambulance of 300 beds.
4. Railway Station. 16 huts - room 500,
? C.R.S.

Casualty Clearing Station. (Hopitaux d' Evacuation
Cerisy-gailly. 2000 beds in huts.

Les Buttes - N.E. of Marceleave, 2000 beds in huts
(to be given up.).

Motor ambulances can run as far as Flaucourt, Assevillers, Bois des Loges and Fay - generally, they do not go beyond Herbecourt in daylight.

Transport of Casualties from Advanced Dressing Stations to Field Ambulances and from the latter to the C.C.S. is done entirely by motor ambulances.

A convoy of ambulance barges on the SOMME CANAL was proposed but is not working. The trip from Eclusier to Cerisy-gailly takes about four hours. There are four hospital barges each taking 75 lying or 100 sitting cases.

Headquarters,
III Corps,
18th Jany., 1917.

(Signed) A. IRVINE FORTESCUE
Lieut-Colonel,
for Colonel,
D.D.M.S., III Corps.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS, IIIrd. CORPS,
OPERATIONS No. 3

Paragraph O. OFFICERS is cancelled and the following
is substituted :-

O. OFFICERS.

As a rule sick and wounded officers will be
evacuated direct to C.C.S.

In cases of mild sickness or slight wounds
they may be transferred to Officers' Hospital (Hospital
Hospital) WARLEY. Only cases likely to recover within
ten days of admission are to be sent there and before
an officer is despatched it must be ascertained that
there is a vacant bed for him.

If, in exceptional circumstances an officer
is retained for more than ten days the case will be
reported to this office.

Headquarters,
IIIrd. Corps.
7th Jan., 17.

S. Hammond Colonel,
D.D.L.S., IIIrd. Corps.

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AMENDMENT NO. 2
TO
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS, IIIrd CORPS
OPERATIONS No. 6.

The following medical arrangements will come into force at 12 noon on 21st January, 1917:-

A. FIELD AMBULANCES.

1. Reception of Casualties.

Casualties (sick and wounded) arriving at Field Ambulances will be "ADMITTED" in the Admission and Discharge Book of the unit concerned.

2. Evacuation of Casualties.

Casualties will be evacuated from Field Ambulances as follows:-

- (i). Cases likely to recover within seven days and cases of Scabies to CORPS REST STATION, MILLINGCOURT, (except officers, who may be sent to officers Hospital, WARKOV, if accommodation is available.
- (ii). Serious cases (medical and surgical) to C.C.S., EDGEHILL, except Field Ambulances East of MILLINGCOURT-BULLOCK ROAD, which will evacuate to No 21 C.C.S., CORPIS.
- (iii). Infectious cases to No. 39 C.C.S., ALLENVILLE.
- (iv). Self inflicted wounds to 2/2nd London C.C.S., GROVETOWN.
- (v). Eye cases to No. 1 N.Z. Stationery Hospital, AMIENS.

B. MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOY.

A D.D.M.S. of the two Divisions in the line will arrange with C.C. No. 21 M.A.C. direct for evacuation from Field Ambulances East of ALBERT to C.C.S. and C.R.S. These Field Ambulances must employ their own cars as much as possible.

C. RETURNS.

(1) After 12 noon on 21st January, Field Ambulances will render a daily state of sick and wounded (A. W. 3985) as laid down in Routine Orders Medical, III Corps No. 1, dated 22.12.16. This state will be forwarded to the French Post Office office for the D.D.M.S. and will be No. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. In addition to the following Routine Orders Medical, IIIrd Corps, in connection with the rendering of the daily state: Nos. 15, 16, and 34.

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(11). Field Ambulances receiving wounded will despatch by air, special messages at 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily to D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps, reported to A.D.S.M.S. of Divisions, as laid down for Corps Main Dressing Station at the foot of Sheet 5, Medical Arrangements, IIIrd Corps, Operations No.6.

D. Pages "A" to "E" inclusive are para "N", 'Returns', of Medical Arrangements, IIIrd Corps, Operations No.6 are cancelled.

W. B. F. Ritchie

Headquarters,
IIIrd Corps,
20-141917.

Major,
for Colonel,
D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps.

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D.D.M.S., 11th, Corps No. 2/107/17.

The following corrections and addition will be made to Amendment No. 2 to Medical Arrangements, 11th, Corps, Operations No. 6. :-

For sub-para. (iii) to Para. 1.2. read:-
(iii) Infectious cases to No. 38 C.C.S. HELLIX from 26th January inclusive.

For sub-para. (iv) to Para. 1.2. read:-
(iv) Self-Inflicted wounded cases to No. 38 C.C.S. HELLIX from 27th January inclusive.

The following should be inserted in Para. 1.2. as sub-para. (vi) :-

(vi) Field Ambulances on arrival in the new area south of the COMME will evacuate casualties to Nos. 6 and 48 C.C.Ss. BRAY, up to and including 11th February. After that date to Nos. 13 and 39 C.C.Ss. GZILLY.

Lt. B. H. Ritchie

Headquarters,
11th, Corps.
26th, Jan., 17.

Major,
for Colonel,
D.D.M.S., 11th, Corps.

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Appendix No. 4

D.D.M.S., III Corps, No. 2/107/17.

RELIEF OF IIIrd CORPS BY 1st ANZAC.

Medical Administrative Arrangements, No. 1

1. Corps Main Dressing Station will close at 12 noon on the 21st inst. All surplus stores and equipment to be packed up for loading in train at BECOURT for conveyance to new area.

2. No cases will be received at Divisional Rest Station and Corps Scabies Station at VADENCOURT after 21st instant.

All patients at VADENCOURT will be evacuated either to Q.R.S. or C.C.S. by the 23rd instant, and the tents and equipment packed for delivery to the Fifth Army.

3. The Officers' Hospital at WARLOY will be administered by the 15th Division on and after the 22nd instant until further orders. The number of patients will be reduced by half by noon, 23rd inst.

4. Corps Rest Station will remain open for sick until further orders. To reduce the number of patients, the length of their stay in the Station will be seven days. Arrangements will be made for the treatment of Scabies cases at the Corps Rest Station. The cases at the Corps Scabies Station will be transferred there on the 23rd instant.

5. In the new area, Divisional Main Dressing Stations will be formed under Divisional arrangements.

6. The Corps Rest Station in the new area will be at CERISY and a Corps Scabies Station will also be established at this place.

7. Sanitary Sections will accompany their Divisions.

8. Detailed instructions will be issued later.

W. B. T. Ritchie

Headquarters,
IIIrd Corps,
20-1-1917.

Major,
for Colonel,
D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps.

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RELIEF OF IIIrd CORPS by 1st ANZAC.

Medical Administrative Arrangements, No. 2

1. (a). Field Ambulances will forward to this office, through A.Ds.M.S. of Divisions, lists of all surplus equipment and stores now on their charge.
- (b). The following are the main items to be included in the list:-
Tents, tentboards, trestles, stretchers, blankets, portable baths, oil stoves and stoves not fixtures, Soyer's Stoves, lamps, lanterns, forms and tables, basins, beds, fire extinguishers, mattresses.
- (c). These lists are required in order to affect exchanges, as far as possible, with the 1st ANZAC CORPS. Equipment and stores not exchanged will be subsequently transported to the new area, under instructions which will be issued later.
- (d). Lists to reach this office by 3 A.M., 23rd instant.
2. To enable a possible exchange to be made with the 1st ANZAC CORPS, and prevent unnecessary dismantling of the encampments, the tents of the Main Dressing Station behind BECOURT CHATEAU, at the Corps Rest Station, MILLENCOURT, and at BOTTOM WOOD, will not be struck until further orders.
3. Articles on loan from the BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY will be arranged for later.
4. No further construction work other than:-
(a). Horse shelters.
(b). Standings.
(c). Drainage schemes.
will be carried on from this date. Where (a), (b) and (c) have been commenced, the work will be carried on, but new ground will not be broken.
All material of huts not yet erected may be removed. No erected huts or fixtures of any kind will be dismantled.
5. As Main Dressing Station in the new area will be established under Divisional arrangements, A.Ds.M.S. of Divisions will forward their requirements of the articles named in para 1 (b) to this office as early as possible.
6. As a good deal of sanitary material will be required in the new area, S.C. Sanitary Sections should commence to collect such and to do as much preparatory constructive work as possible for conveyance there.

W. B. H. Ritchie

Headquarters,
III Corps,
31st January, 1917.

Major,
per Colonel,
D.D.M.S., III Corps.

To: A.Ds.M.S., 1st, 15th, 45th & 56th Divisions (3 copies)
Corps H.Q. and C.R.S., MILLENCOURT
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RELIEF OF IIIrd CORPS BY 1st ARCTIC CORPS.

Medical Administrative Arrangements No. 3.

1. A train of 30 trucks will be available at BECCURT on February 1st, to convey surplus stores and equipment to OMBLY. All stores must be ready to be loaded upon this train at 8 a.m. on that day; loading to be completed that day.
2. A MEDICAL DUMP for all surplus stores and equipment will therefore be formed at once at BECCURT CHATELAIN under the direction of Officer Commanding, 1/1st S. Midland Field Ambulance.
3. All surplus stores and equipment will be sent to this dump by:-
 - (i). Corps Main Dressing Station.
 - (ii). Corps Rest Station.
 - (iii). Medical units of Divisions in the front line.Other medical units may also send surplus stores if desired.
4. Arrangements for transport of stores to the Dump will be made by A.D.M.S. concerned.
5. Each consignment is to be clearly labelled by the unit forwarding it.
6. Officer Commanding 1/1st S. Midland Field Ambulance will detail an officer and 30 other ranks to take charge of the dump and to remain with the stores until loaded.
7. Officer in charge of Dump will arrange to number and label each consignment, using a distinguishing letter and serial number for each unit.
8. Stores should be sent to the dump as soon as possible, and must arrive by 12 noon 31st January at the latest.
9. Fatigue parties for loading will be detailed later.

Headquarters,
III Corps
24th January, 1917.

Col. B. H. Mitchell

D. P. M.S., Headquarters

To: A.D.M.S., 1st, 15th 48th & 60th Divisions, 15 Corps
Corps Main Dressing Station and Corps Rest Station
C. III Corps, O.C. 21 M.A.S.

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No. 27. STRETCHERS ON AMBULANCE CARS.

When a motor ambulance car is sent to the workshop for repair, it should not be accompanied by stretchers. These should be removed before despatching the car.

(D.G./D/2270/172 dated 30/12/16.)

No. 28. SALVAGE.

All ranks in Field Ambulances and Sanitary Sections should make every endeavour to salvage derelict government property in both front and back areas.

Such articles should be taken to the nearest salvage dump, failing which their position should be notified to the nearest Salvage Officer or to the Corps Salvage Officer, Rue de Bapaume, ALBERT.

No. 29. DENTAL TREATMENT.

The attention of A.Ds.M.S. and Field Ambulance Commanders is again called to D.M.S., Fourth Army No. 3/17 dated 11/11/16 and this office No. 525/16 dated 16/12/16 and 19/12/16.

On no account will patients for dental treatment whether officers or other ranks, be sent direct to C.C.S. They will invariably be seen by a Dental Surgeon at a Field Ambulance.

All Officers in charge of Medical Units and Medical Officers of Corps Troops Units will give this matter attention. Needless correspondence, inconvenience and waste of time will be obviated thereby.

No. 30. CASUALTIES - RECORDING OF.

Sufficient care is not being taken by Medical Units admitting patients to ascertain to what Unit, Division or Formation they belong.

The greatest care must be taken to record correctly the Number, Rank, Name, Regiment and Division or Formation of every case admitted.

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No. 31. ARMY FORM W.311A.

It is reported that patients are arriving at M.O.'s with their A.F. W.311A (Field Medical Card) improperly filled in, and in some cases completely illegible.

It is essential that all Field Medical Cards sent with patients be legibly written, and bear the name of the Field Ambulance from which the patient was despatched and the signature of the Medical Officer issuing the card.

No. 32. ANTI-TETANIC INOCULATION.

Whenever Anti-Tetanic Serum is administered, in addition to the fact being recorded on the Field Medical Card (A.F. W.311A) a large "T" will be marked on the back of both wrists of the patient, with indelible pencil.

Anti-Tetanic Injection should always be given at Field Ambulance Dressing Stations (BAZENTIN for the Right Sector and COMTEMAISON for the Left Sector) as far as possible.

No. 33. CONTRACTS - INTERVIEWING OF OFFICERS NOT DESIROUS OF RENEWING.

All Temporarily Commissioned Officers, R.A.M.C. who do not wish to renew their contracts, will on receipt of renewal forms, report at the Office of the D.M.S., Fourth Army any day between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of being interviewed.

Divisional Unit and Field Ambulance M.O's through their respective A.D.M.S. and M.O's of Corps Troops Units through the D.D.M.S.

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No. 34. DAILY STATE OF 48th DIVISION CASUALTIES.

After midnight of the 7/8th January, all units admitting sick and wounded will send the Daily State (G.3105.) of 48th Division casualties to Headquarters, Third Corps instead of to Headquarters, 48th Division.

No. 35. NOTIFICATION OF CASES OF SHELL AND POISONING.

Casualty Clearing Stations and Field Ambulances will send immediately a message to Capt. Douglas, Central Laboratory, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon reporting to Col. Sir Almet Herringham c/o D.S.M.S., G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, whose cases severely caused by Lethal Shell are admitted to Medical Units. (D.S.M.S.E/230/294, dated 2-1-17.)

No. 36. DEATHS OF UNKNOWN SOLDIERS.

In the event of a patient whose identity is unknown, dying in a medical unit, the Officer in charge will make careful record of identification marks, measurements, general description and any other particulars which may eventually lead to his identification.

In units where a camera has been authorised a photograph should be taken.

Copies of records as above, and any photograph that may be taken, will be forwarded to D.A.G., G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, and also to "Casualties" War Office, Alexandra House, Kingway, London, W.C.

(D.A.G.S. D/2306/112, dated 3-1-17.)

No. 37. MONTHLY RETURNS.

The monthly returns rendered by all medical units to D.A.G., G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, as to the number of Colonial patients in British Hospitals etc will be discontinued, as this information is no longer required. (I.G.371/4.)

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No. 38. CLASSIFICATION OF WOUND.

The instructions contained in D.S. L.S. 2367/38 dated 7-6-16, respecting the classification of Battle and Non-Battle Casualties are cancelled.

The instructions contained in D.S. Letter No. 1/1334 dated 11-11-18 (the provisions of which are embodied in Fourth Army No. 1/156 of 1st March 1916) will be adhered to.

Woodward
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No. 38. OFFICERS' HOSPITAL.

The Officers' Hospital at WILKINCOURT (C.R.S.) will close on 5th instant. All cases from there will be transferred after 1 p.m. to Hospital Hospital, WILKINCOURT. The allotment of beds will be as under :-

Divisions in the line 10 beds each.
Divisions in reserve and Corps Troops. 5 beds each.

Admitting Units will ascertain, by wire, the number of vacant beds before transferring cases.

No. 40. CASES SENT TO OPHTHALMIC SPECIALIST.

Every Medical Officer who sends a case to consult an Ophthalmic Specialist, will carefully examine the patient's Pay Book (Army Book 64) for entries regarding previous ophthalmic examinations.

No. 41. ADMISSION OF OPHTHALMIC CASES.

With reference to D.D.M.S., IIIrd Corps No. 1113/16 dated 22/12/16: Cases for ophthalmic treatment arriving at the Field Ambulance at WADSWORTH will be "DETAINED" and will not be shown as admitted to Hospital unless formally admitted to No. 1 New Zealand Stationary Hospital, AMIENS. As a general rule cases will merely be detained at AMIENS for 24 hours, but should it be necessary for them to remain longer, the Officer Commanding the Field Ambulance at WADSWORTH will admit them on the books of his unit and send their notes on a Transfer Certificate to Officer Commanding, No. 1 New Zealand Stationary Hospital.

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NO. 42. OFFICERS OVER AGE.

A.D.M.S. of Divisions will render to this office by the 15th instant, a nominal roll of all officers, R.A.M.C. over 40 years of age, stating how employed.

NO. 43. ARMY FORM A.36.

Field Ambulances in charge of Corps Rest Station, and Corps Main Dressing Stations will, when rendering Army Form A.36, insert the name and number of the Field Ambulance, etc. on the form.

This is necessary owing to the Medical Units in charge being changed from time to time, and it has been found that a great deal of unnecessary correspondence has been occasioned owing to lack of this information.

NO. 44. TABLES, OPERATING, FOLDING.

Attention is directed to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 462 dated 9th January, 1917.

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No. 45. CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.

When a suspected case of Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis is sent to a Field Ambulance, the Medical Officer sending the case will ensure that as complete a history as possible accompanies the patient.

No. 46. DENTAL TREATMENT.

Pending the return from leave of the Dental Surgeon of 1/1st S.Mid.C.C.S. on 22nd instant, urgent dental cases which would normally have been sent to HILLEN COURT may be sent to BOTTOM WOOD or BECOURT CHATEAU, on Mondays and Thursdays respectively, as laid down in this Price No. 625/16 dated 18-11-1916.

No. 47. SCABIES.

In order to detect cases of Scabies in its earliest stages, all Medical Officers of Corps Troops will hold a strict medical inspection of all men in their units at least once a week, except in the case of troops in the trenches, in which case the inspection must take place immediately the troops come out of the trenches and before they go in.

All cases of Scabies detected in this way will be sent at once to a Field Ambulance.

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NOTICE.

A meeting of the Fourth Army Medical Society will take place at the 1/1st South Midland Casualty Clearing Station, EDGEWELL, on MONDAY, January 22nd, 1917, at 3 p.m.

The subject for discussion is "SHELL SHOCK", and will be opened by a paper by CAPTAIN BROWN, R.A.M.S.

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No. 48. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

Routine Order, Medical, IIIrd Corps, No. 23-13
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NOTICE.

With reference to notice in Corps Routine Orders
Medical, dated 15th Jan., 1917, is notified that the date
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No. 49. DENTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

When a Dentist sees a man in a Main Dressing-Station or Rest Station, etc., and recommends him for dentures, the recommendation should be signed by the Field Ambulance Commander instead of by the O.C. Casualty Clearing Station.

No. 50. FIELD MEDICAL CARDS.

Instances of Field Medical Cards having been very carelessly written have been brought to notice. Field Ambulance Commanders will take urgent steps to deal with this matter.

No. 51. PORTUGUESE TROOPS - FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

With reference to Routine Orders, Medical, Fourth Army, No. 36 dated 20th January, 1917, the returns called for therein should reach this office by the evening of the 1st day of the month.

Nil returns are not required.

W. B. H. P. [Signature]
Major,
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No. 52. JULY 31ST 1917 OF 48th DIVISION CASUALTIES.

From 12 noon, 31st instant, all units admitting casualties of 48th Division, will render A.F.W.3125 (Daily State of Sick and Wounded) to A.D.M.S., 48th Division, and not to D.I.M.S., IIIrd Corps.

Routine Order, Medical, No. 33 dated 26th Jan., 1917 is cancelled.

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