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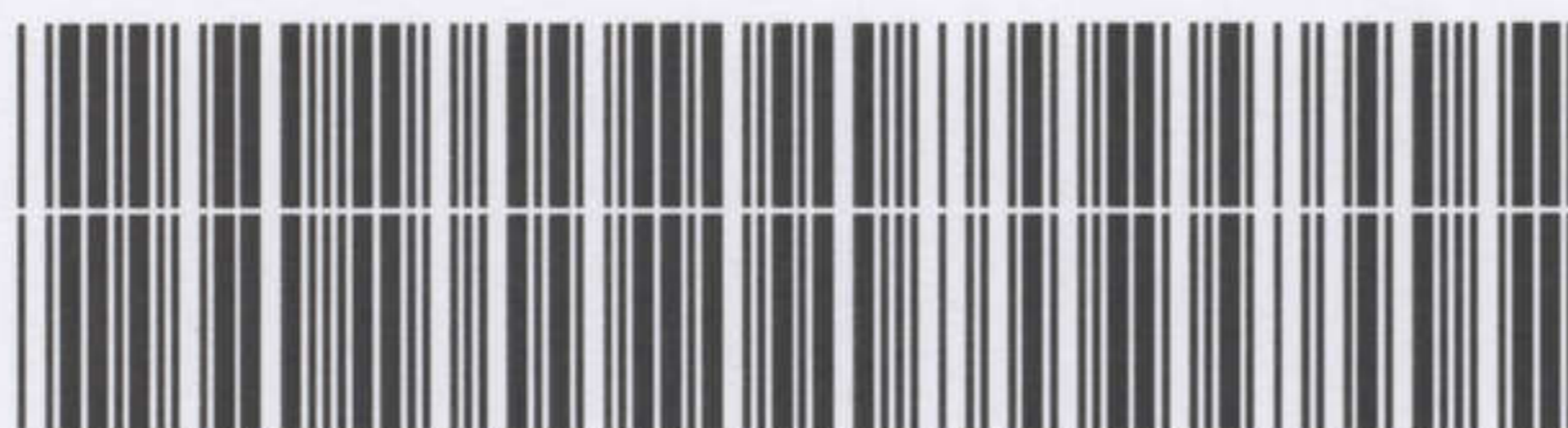
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Pl	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAILLEUL	7 ¹² / ₁₆	E.P.M.	<p>A slight alteration in the front held by the divisions of this Corps has taken place eg The 16 Division taking over the SPAN AREEK sector from the 36th and the 36th taking over the DOUVE sector from the 25th. This only affects the Medical situation inasmuch as the A. D. S. are working proceeding in LYNDEN HUCK from the 36th to the 16th Division.</p> <p>The 20th Division have established a "rest block" at Camp de Huffle; 50 men per Brigade are accommodated there for a week and the men are selected by CO's in the order of their Medical Officer. The men selected are those in need of a rest and it is hoped by this means to save men who would otherwise go sick. The men are well fed and housed, provided with recreation, reading, writing, etc. A small canteen will be given with regular meals etc. A football ground is provided.</p>	

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			<p>and the Divisional Sanitary Officer is in charge. The scheme is a sound one providing it is not vitiated by concealing sick men and wounds will be copied by other Divisions having suitable buildings available. Inspections of front line trenches - dugouts and posts and infantry billets have been made during the past week. Gun boot drying rooms and soap kitchens have been established and are in regular use throughout the Corps. No. 45 Prisoner of War Camp has now been built.</p>	
BAILLEUX	12 th JAN	5 AM	<p>No. 18 POW Camp has now moved from Bailleux to a better camp on the Bailleux - Inze road. All three camps are now better. The prisoners receive a hot bath and change of clean underclothes once a week. Six large huts - total accommodation 170 stretches - have now been</p>	<p>Approved L. J. J. J. J.</p>

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			<p>erected on the ground behind the field ambulance buildings at Rue de Duval Baillou (at present occupied by 76 F.A.). This Field Ambulance could now take in 250 stretcher cases.</p> <p>Three Nissan Bom huts have been erected at the field Ambulance site at Meteren (at present 111 F.A.) increasing the present accommodation here to 150 - a further 80 could be taken by utilizing a day room and school.</p> <p>Two Nissan huts have been erected at 109 F.A. at S.9.</p> <p>A working party has been obtained from N° 5. 17 A.C. and is working daily on the A.D.S. at Lyndenhoek.</p> <p>The trench tramway route from St. Quentin Cabaret to the A.D.S. at Kandelhar farm is approaching completion of R.A.D.O. labour - the A.D.S. will then be connected by tramway with R.E. Farm, Stinky Farm and Well Lane.</p>	
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BAILLEUL	13 ¹³ / ₁₆	8 PM	<p>Major McCannock R.A.M.C. a dermatologist sent from P. H. Q. visited the Corps today and inspected the Corps Section Hospital at Crestac. He expressed himself very pleased with all he saw and approved of the treatment that was being adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C/B</p>	
BAILLEUL	15 ¹³ / ₁₆	5 PM	<p>A preliminary scheme of medical arrangements for an offensive by the Corps against the WITCHAMSTE and SANNAOON sectors has been prepared and submitted to S.A.S. together with the medical arrangements in the event of an attack by the enemy against the present line held by the Corps.</p> <p>A switch from the landline to a wireless system has been asked for passing through the A.D.S. as far as concerned this is to be made.</p> <p>New cases of scarlet fever have occurred in the 36th Division.</p>	

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			<p>In the event of the Corps assuming the offensive on the above mentioned front the area occupied by this Corps is peculiarly important in excluding all buildings occupied by a suitable for, Field Headquarters - the only exception being the Hosiery at LOCKE. This has however been rejected as it requires for a Divisional Headquarters.</p> <p>In these circumstances since no buildings are available it becomes imperative that huts or tents are provided in sufficient numbers to form two main dressing stations, one at the rear of LOCKE (site not yet fixed) and one in the vicinity of DRANOUTRE (site fixed); tentage will also be required for a working wounded collecting station and for hospital for the retention of sick and lightly wounded.</p> <p>The Corps have been asked to provide twelve large division huts 60 feet x 20 feet and 100 marquees.</p>	

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DAILY LOG	23 ¹² / ₁₁ 8 PM	The regiment and part of Cookers Farm received a shell hit from a 5.9 shell. One R.A.M.C. driver was killed and four wounded. A new R.A.P. is nearly completed for this sector at R.F. Farm <u>CWS.</u>	
DAILY LOG	25 ¹² / ₁₆ 8 PM	A Brigade of Field Artillery from each corps in the Second Army is proceeding to an area situated about 12 miles S.W. of COCHRAN for training. Under instructions from D.A.S. Second Army a Det. Anti-Aircraft of a Field Ambulance with two Medical Officers and 3 Ambulance Ambulances is proceeding to this area tomorrow in order to establish a small detachment hospital for dealing with the sick from these artillery corps. A D.A.S. 26 th has been directed to detail the party. <u>CWS.</u>	
DAILY LOG	31 ¹² / ₂₄ 8 PM	Alert for the New Breking Station at LOCRA (on the line of Offense)	

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operation on a large scale) has now been fixed at Sheet 25, M, 23, d, alongside LOCKE - BRULOOZE Road. The erection of the necessary outbuildings, incinerators etc on this site, and on that at Diamontie, is being proceeded with forthwith. Twelve large Messen huts have been constructed and six will be erected shortly on each site.

O.C. 109 F.A. (16 Div) has been placed in charge of the arrangements at Diamontie; O.C. 112 F.A. (16 Div) has been placed in charge of the arrangements at Locke.

Infectious disease has been conspicuous by its absence during the past month. One case of Cerebro Spinal Fever occurred in the 25th Div and a few sporadic cases of Scarlet Fever have arisen.

Trench foot 16 Div 9 25th Div 9 36th Div 1

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