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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRETIN	1/11/18		The station is still located at Fretin, about 7 miles S.E. of hills. Work of straightening up the Camp proceeding. Receiving wounded daily from 1 st + 3 rd Corps. There are 3 Surgical teams working; they are kept fairly busy. X Ray apparatus not yet fixed up, as no hut is yet available. The nursing sisters are billeted in a chateau in Fretin. Their quarters are very comfortable. Patients remaining: 207.	
			194 O.R. 1 O.R. proceeded on leave to U.K. today.	<i>AWB</i>
	2/11/18		X-Ray hut arrived today. It is a captured German Hut, about 25ft x 15ft. 10 MAC cars (25 th Mac) reported, for evacuating patients daily to DOUVRON (about 10 miles away) where are situated 15 th + 32 nd CCS. These in turn are to evacuate to CAMBRIN, where the cars are transferred to Hospital Train. One O.R. proceeded leave U.K. + one returned.	<i>AWB</i>
	3/11/18		Patients remaining: OFF. 9; OR 275. Raining very heavily. Ground very slippery. Major W.W. Chaplin reported for duty from No 30 G.H. Major A.T. DUNLOP proceeded on leave to Italy. 16 O.R. from 133 rd Fld Co. Engineers reported to day, and commenced work on erection of X Ray Hut, Cookhouse, sheds for Thrush disinfectors, latrines, etc.	<i>AWB</i>
	4/11/18		A large number of gassed cases arrived today (chiefly mustard gas). There has been considerable gas shelling in neighbourhood of TOURNAI. The 39 th Stationary Hospital	

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FRETIN. (7 miles S.E. of LILLE)	4/11/18	(cont)	is now established at LILLE, and all special cases, including cases of Head Wounds, are to be sent there (by instructions DMS 5 th Army). One O.R. returned from U.K. + one from Paris.	AWB
	5/11/18		Patients remaining: OFF. 5. O.R. 205. More gassed cases arriving today, also few Influenza Cases. A special ward is allotted to Influenza Cases.	
	6/11/18		S/Nurse M.A.R. KING returned from leave today; also I.O.R. Capt. Coffe's surgical team left to report to the Army by order from DMS 5 th Army. Still a fair number of gassed cases arriving, and a few wounded. Considerable shelling has been heard during the last two nights in the direction of TOURNAI. CAPT. A. GIBSON, Dental Officer from 57 th CCJ reported for duty, to relieve CAPT. WELLMAN, who proceeds on leave to PARIS tomorrow. 3 O.R. returned from leave to U.K. + 2 O.R. from Paris. The unit Xmas Cards, which were ordered about 6 weeks ago, arrived today. Lt. Col. Cutmore arrived today.	AWB
	7/11/18		Patients remaining: OFF. 6; O.R. 183. Fewer Cases being received.	AWB
	8/11/18		Weather much finer. X-Ray hut is nearly completed. Its erection has been delayed by recent heavy rain. Cook house + latrines completed. 2 O.R. proceeded on leave to U.K. + 2 returned. G.O.C., A.D.F. (Gen. Sir W. Birdwood) visited unit today.	
	9/11/18		Lt. Col. Cutmore assisting in operating theatre. The O.C. (Lt. Col. Gilman) visited Tournai, in company with D. DMS, 3 rd Corps, to choose a site for CCS. The instructions of DMS	

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FRETIN.	9/11/18	(cont)	were that a Hospital building (of which several were known to exist in TOURNAI), capable of accommodating 500 patients, should, if possible, be taken over. The Hôpital Militaire was found to be very suitable. It had been occupied by the Germans, and was very dirty, and the engine house and portion of the buildings had been considerably damaged by shell fire and also apparently by demolition charges. Quite close to the Hôpital Militaire is a large Asylum (Lunatic) capable of accommodating two C.C.s.	
	10/11/18		Instructions were received from DMS to Messrs arrange to send two surgical teams complete to Hôpital Militaire, TOURNAI, which had been taken over by 2/1 W. Lancs Field Amb. These teams, then are to work under the C.O. of this Field Ambulance, and attend to wounded until this C.C. can move up and take over from the Field amb. Sister E. MOORHOUSE ill in bed with Influenza.	
	11/11/18		Two surgical teams complete (Major Bell's + Major Champion's) ^{+ 6 nursing sisters.} proceeded today to TOURNAI, by motor Ambulance, to report to O/C 2/1 W. Lancs. Fld. Amb. Just after these teams had left, a considerable number of wounded arrived (40 to 50). Lt. Col. Curdson rendered valuable assistance today, working in the operating theatre many hours.	

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FRETIN.	12/11/18.		Sister Connelly proceeded on leave to U.K. Nothing special to report.	ASB
	13/11/18		S/n. Moorhouse much worse today. Signs of on-coming Pneumonia. She was transferred to 39th Stationary Hospital at Lille, where there is a special ward for Nursing Sisters.	
			More equipment (bedding, stretchers, blankets, etc) was sent today to Tournai.	
			Instructions received from D.ans to move unit to-morrow to Tournai.	
	14/11/18		Patients evacuated to ASCG (13th T63rd CCS)	ASB
			10 motor lorries reported 9.30 am. These were loaded and despatched at 10.45 am.	
			10 more lorries reported at 5 pm. These were also loaded, and arrived Tournai about 11.30 pm.	
			The remainder of the nursing sisters were sent to Tournai by motor amb. cars.	ASB
TOURNAI.	15/11/18		More motor lorries reported today. Since yesterday morning, 50 lorry loads of equipment have been despatched to Tournai.	
			O.C. 1st and CCS took over Hospital militaire today from O.C. 2/1 W. Lancs. RLI Amb. Patients; Off. 6. O.R. 380.	
			Most of these are Influenza cases, but there is also a considerable number of repatriated Prisoners of War, most of whom are in a very emaciated condition.	
			Many are suffering from diarrhoea, and influenza. Evacuation by M.A.C. Cars to 13th T63rd CCS (ASCG)	ASB
	16/11/18		S/n. 5th Army visited unit. No 2nd CCS receiving today.	
			Sister MAR KING evacuated to 39th Stationary Hospital (Influenza)	ASB

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TOURNAI.	17/11/18		No 51 C.C.S. receiving today. Med. arrangements by DMS, 5 th Army: - No 1 + No 2 A.C.C.S. & 51 st C.C.S. to receive in turn at TOURNAI, for 24 hours, or until 300 cases have been received. Evacuations to be by M.A.C. Cars to ASC 9 Group of C.C.S. not more than 200 cases to be evacuated daily from one group to another. 2 nd Canad. C.C.S. (2 nd Army) at LEUZE to evacuate daily to Tournai.	
	18/11/18		SISTER MOORHOUSE, at 39 th Stationary Hosp. dangerously ill with Pneumonia. A.W.B.	
	18/11/18		Receiving today. Many cases of Influenza admitted. Patients: off: 7. OR. 378. A.W.B.	
	19/11/18		30 M.A.C. cars now attached for evacuating cases from TOURNAI GROUP to ASC 9 Group. Evacuations from each C.C.S. of Tournai Group, every 3 rd day. A.W.B.	
	20/11/18		Capt Wellman (Dental off) returned from Special Leave to Paris. Capt. ALIBSON returned to his unit (51 st C.C.S.) Quartermaster & Hon LT. G. BLACK, reported for duty as Quartermaster. A.W.B.	
	21/11/18		Major W.W. CHAPLIN proceeded on leave to U.K. Sister FISHER (lady Anesthetist), left to report to 6 th Gen Hospital. Major A.T. DUNLOP, D.S.O. returned from leave to Italy. A.W.B.	
	22/11/18		Nothing special to report. A.W.B.	

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TOURNAI.	23/11/18		<p style="text-align: center;">5th Army</p> <p>Wire received from DMS, to detail an M.O. to report for duty to Aust. Corps. Capt. J. M. HAIR was detailed, and left today by motor Aust. Car.</p>	A.W.S.
	24/11/18		<p>S/num KING returned from Hospital today. MAJOR ^{RS} TAYLOR reported for duty. A telephone message was received from 39th Stationary Hospital to say that Sister Moorhouse had died this evening.</p>	A.W.S.
	25/11/18		Nothing special to report.	A.W.S.
	26/11/18		<p>Burial of late Sister Moorhouse took place this morning (10 am.) at Cimetiere du Sud, LILLE. Burial service was read by Chaplain Gen. archdeacon Collick. Sisters from No 1 + No 2 Aust. CCSs were present, also DMS 5th Army, Consulting Physician 5th Army, and General WHITE, representing Gen. BIRDWOOD. ; also O.C. 39th Stationary Hospital and No 1 Aust. CCS.</p> <p>Major A. T. DUNLOP left today, to report to ADMS, 2nd Aust. Div.</p>	A.W.S.
	27/11/18		<p>3 under age boys attached to this unit, left today to report to A.G.B.D. (Havre), for return to Australia. Pte Cunningham left to report to Guss A.I.F. for duty in England.</p>	A.W.S.
	28/11/18		One more under age youth left for A.G.B.D. (Havre) Nothing special to report.	A.W.S.

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TOURNAI.	29/1/18		<p>(4)</p> <p>Orders received from Gens 5th Army, that Nos 1 & 2 Aust CCS are for the present to come under administration 3rd Corps.</p>	
			<p>OC and Aust CCS, and Major MINTY (representing No 2 ACCs), proceeded, with DDMS, 3rd Corps, to seek for new site for CCS. A large school, capable of accommodating 2 CCS, at ENGHIEU (30 miles from TOURNAI towards BRUSSELS) was agreed upon as suitable, if obtainable.</p>	App.
	30/1/18		<p>Gen. Birdwood visited Hospital today (during absence of O.C.)</p> <p>Word received from DDMS 3rd Corps, to the effect that the school at ENGHIEU was required by 3rd Corps Commander for other purposes (Educational scheme and Billings of Troops, etc.) Arrangements were made by DDMS for O.C. No 1 ACCs to accompany him to-morrow, to search for other sites.</p> <p>It is intended to endeavour to find buildings to accommodate the CCS if possible, as Gen. BIRDWOOD expressed a special wish that this should be done.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;">A. W. Gibson Lt Col of No 1 ACCs</p>	

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No 1 Aest. C.C.S	November 10 th 1918.	11 th	Received and evacuated patients E. M. M. Sisters, Gibbon, Brauer, S/nurses Klug, M Thompson, D Thompson, Hall, Thomas, Brown, A.A.N.S. Sister Fisher T.F.N.S, Anaesthetist, proceeded to report for duty with field ambulance - Touruai. Hospital very busy receiving and evacuating patients E. M. M.	
		12 th	Receiving and evacuating patients Hospital not quite so busy Sister E. L. Connolly proceeded on leave to United Kingdom. E. M. M.	
		13 th	Orders received to close down Station. All patients evacuated. Wards dismantled equipment-packed, ready to proceed to Touruai next day. S/nurse E. A. Moorhouse evacuated, sick to 39 th Stationary Hospital. E. M. M.	
		14 th	H/Sister E. M. MacKinnon, Sister Greenaway, S/n Smith, Livingston and Jovers, left Station by ambulance Cars left 2pm to proceed to Touruai, arriving there about 3-30pm. S/n Murray reported back from leave to U.K. E. M. M.	

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1st Aust C. C. S	November 15 th 1918		Hospital at Tournae taken over by 1 st A.C.C.S. evacuating patients	
	15 th		Hospital very busy E. M. M.	
	16 th		Receiving and evacuating patients. S/urse M. H. R. King evacuated	
	16 th		Sick. to 39 th Stationary Hospital E. M. M.	
	17 th		Hospital still busy. Miss McCarthy R. R. C. Miss Lewis.	
	17 th		Principal Matron. visited Station. E. M. M.	
	18 th		Receiving patients. A large number of Prisoners of War. E. M. M.	
	19 th		Hospital still fairly busy. E. M. M.	
	20 th		Evacuating patients E. M. M.	
	21 st		Receiving patients. Sister A. Fisher T. F. N. S. Anaesthetist,	
	21 st		proceeded to report to Matron in Chief. Bonlogne. E. M. M.	
	22 nd		Evacuating patients. not quite so busy. E. M. M.	
	23 rd		" " S/urse M. H. R. King reported back.	
	23 rd		from 39 th Stationary Hospital. E. M. M.	

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1st Aust- C.C.S	November 24 th	1918	Receiving patients. Message received this pm. from Prisoner of War 39 th Stationary Hospital, reporting the death of Sister E. A. Moorhouse, late of 101 A.C.C.S. E. M. M.	
	25 th		Evacuating patients. "Pneumonia" ward very busy. E. M. M.	
	26 th		Various members of Medical and Nursing Staff proceeded to Lille this A.M. to attend the funeral of the late Sister Moorhouse. E. M. M.	
	27 th		Receiving patients. fairly busy. E. M. M.	
	28 th		No change in Hospital. E. M. M.	
	29 th		Evacuating patients. General Birdwood visited Station. E. M. M.	
	30 th		Receiving patients. fairly busy.	
				E. M. Meekhamett Sister in Charge