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JOURNAL	1/12/18		<p>of No 1 A.C.C.S. accompanied DDMS, 3rd Corps today, in a search for suitable buildings to accommodate 1st + 2nd A.C.C.S., in 3rd Corps area, which extends from ATH to near BRUSSELS. Many buildings were visited and inspected. It was finally decided that one CCS could be accommodated in the Civil Hospital at ATH, which is at present occupied by a Field Ambulance, and another in a school (Sacre Coeur de St Marie) at HALLE (10 miles from Brussels) which is at present occupied by 17th CCS (which unit, however, expects to move further on in a few days time).</p>	
	2/12/18		<p>Major Bell and Major MARSHALL visited ATH today, to further inspect the Civil Hospital.</p>	
	3/12/18		<p>Patients remaining after 11 OK 251. Not receiving, no evacuation. DDMS, 3rd Corps (Col. Profit) visited hospital, notification of move expected.</p>	
	4.12.18		<p>Patients remaining after 13 OK 316. No evacuation, 145 cases received, still a large number of cases of Influenza being admitted also Sick R. Ps of War. Rain Lieut. Col H. H. Gibson proceeded on leave to England handing over Acty. Command to Major G. E. Marshall. D.D.M.S. 3rd Corps visited C.C.S.</p>	

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Joumay	7/12/18		Patients remaining Off. 10 OK. 294. Not receiving. +5 cases evacuated. Amb. train came through to Joumay for first time. DMS. 1 st Army visited hospital with a view to taking over for 1 st Army C.C.S. work.	
	6/12/18		Patients remaining Off. 10 OK. 289. mostly acute influenza cases, unable to travel and pneumonia cases. Not receiving no snow, weather very mild. 200 returned prisoners of war sent in for night	
	7/12/18		Patients remaining - Off. 13 OK 387. Evac. by Amb. train 104 cases. Admitted 211 - a large number of influenza and S.C.I.	
	8/11/18		Patients remaining Off. 7 OK. 217. Evac. by Amb. train 176. Some French troops admitted from Divisions passing through the town. Acty D. DMS. 7 th Corps (Col. McLaughlin) called to arrange inspection of proposed C.C.S. Hal. tomorrow.	
	9/11/18		Patients remaining Off. 7 OK 216. The medical work and nursing still heavy on account of the large number of influenza cases with acute symptoms and chest complications, also a fair number of Acute Nephritis cases being admitted and held till out of danger. Weather still remarkably mild. Visited Hal with Acty D. DMS 3 rd Corps	

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Joumay	9/24/18 cont'd		and Capt. Spears - 2 nd Plust C.C.S. - again inspected G.C.S. site there (Sacre Coeur de St. Marie) in company with Town Major of Hal. and arranged which rooms were to be taken over from the Convent for C.C.S. work.	
	10/12/18		Patients remaining off: 12. OR 360. In. 35. Admitted 194 including 13 French.	
	11/12/18		Patients remaining off: 10 OR 357. no evacuation. Ob. summoned to attend conference of Obi of And. C.C.S. with 12th S. 3 rd Corps at office Joumay, "N ^o 2 C.C.S. to move immediately to No. 1 to move later to Hal."	
	12/2/18		Patients remaining off: 4 OR 230. In. 128 including 11 French. Miss Conyngham M.D. chief H.S.P. visited and inspected G.C.S. in afternoon. Day wet but mild.	
	13/12/18		Patients remaining off: 11. OR 255. 7 off: 175 OR evacuated by Amb. train to Base. Still a few repatriated P.O.N. arriving. N ^o 2 C.C.S. proceeding No. - Solonnes.	
	14.12.18		Patients remaining off: 10 OR 383. Admitted for day 6 off: 186 OR In. 58. Still a large proportion of cases of influenza which require to be kept until they can be safely evacuated. Sister Connolly proceeded on leave (1914).	
	15.12.18			
	15.12.18.		Patients remaining off: 6 OR 360. In. 184 OR. To day: 5 OR. N ^o 2 C.C.S. removed	

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			to R.T.H. No 1 now receiving on alternate days with No 51 British.	
Journal	15/12/18		Patients remaining off. 25 OR 2060 hrs. 101 OR off. 1. W.O. Brooks promoted. 2. M. How sent and posted to 2nd Aust. C.C.S. Major J.R. TAYLOR and Capt A.R. WELLMAN proceeded on leave to England.	
	16/12/18		Patients remaining off. 7 OR 238 hrs. off. 1 OR 62. Major BIGNELL and Miss MENHENNET (Matron) visited new site Hal and arranged billeting etc. Weather still fine & mild.	
	17/12/18		Patients remaining off. 5 OR 206 hrs. off. 1 OR 169.	
	18/12/18		Patients remaining off. 6 OR 229 hrs. 12 OR - weather broke - slowness in afternoon mild.	
	19/12/18		Patients remaining off. 3 OR 182 hrs. off. 3 OR 50. Wet afternoon, night - colder.	
	20/12/18		Patients remaining off. 4 OR 227 hrs. OR 5 - slowness.	
	21.12.18		Patients remaining off. 4 OR 227 hrs. slowness & cold.	
	22.12.18		Patients remaining off. 6 OR 241	
	23.12.18		Patients remaining off. 3 OR 159 hrs. off. 4 OR 56. Wire from D.S. & Army to commence loading train on Thurs Day to move to Hal. 12 lorries to be detailed to transport C.C.S. material to Rly. Station Zouma. Train consisting	

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TOURNAI	24.12.18.		of 29 covered wagons and one carriage to be loaded and leave pm 26.12.18.	
	25.12.18		Remaining in Off. 2. OR 177. Clearing vacant wards and packing gear for moving. Made instructions from some all patients excepting those able to do L.D. transferred to 51 st C.C.S. Tournai Asylum. Major CHAMPION handed over the medical cases and Major BELL handed over the surgical cases to the respective medical officers in charge of these cases at 51 C.C.S. All ranks had a very good Xmas dinner. Lorry reported to load up train whilst dinner proceeding. Three lorry loads put on train during the afternoon.	
	26.12.18		Men commenced work 6AM - train loaded and ready to move 8 P.M. - total 61 lorry loads. Major Bell with Capt LEEDMAN MC. went in charge of train and personnel. Majors BIGNELL & CHAMPION motored to HAL in morning with advance party and one lorry load material. Acty O.C. remained behind with rearguard & Lieut BLACK.	
	27.12.18		Miss MENHENNET & Sisters sent to HAL with belongings by motor ambulances. Billets all arranged. Sisters mess arranged in hospital. Sisters billeted in 2 large private residences near by. Officers billeted & mess in town. Rearguard under	

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	27/12/18		Train-BLACK remained behind at TOURNAI to clean up etc. Train arrived HAL at 10.15 AM. - 10 Linnies detailed to unload with 50 OR, Labor Corps - unloading commenced 11.15 AM. Day very wet. necessary to put all material under cover in hospital at once. Informed D.D.M.S. could open for patients 2 nd Jan. 1919.	
	28.12.18		10 Linnies and 30 OR, Labor Corps to continue unloading Train, all completed 3 P.M. Day wet.	
	29.12.18		Furnishing of wards proceeding. D.D.M.S. called.	
	30.12.18		do do.	
	31.12.18		Furnishing completed - ward gear being drawn	
			<i>G. M. ...</i>	

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1st Aust- C.C.S	1-12	18	Quiet day in hospital	E. M. M.
Tonnai	2	18	Evacuated patients	E. M. M.
	3	18	Receiving patients S/nurses M & 19 Thompson proceeded to report to nurses Home Alleville.	
			S/nurse L Brown on night-duty	E. M. M.
	4	18	Evacuated patients	E. M. M.
	5	18	no evacuation, medical ward busy.	E. M. M.
	6	18	Receiving patients. Heavy medical convey	E. M. M.
	7	18	Evacuated patients, Sister Newman on night-duty in medical ward, B. very busy.	E. M. M.
	8	18	no evacuation	E. M. M.
	9	18	Receiving patients. Convey not quite so heavy	E. M. M.
	10	18	Fairly quiet day	E. M. M.
	11	18	Evacuated patients, Pneumonia ward very busy.	E. M. M.

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1st A.C.C.S	12/12/18		Receiving patients. Miss Conyers R.R.C. Matron-in-Chief H.A.N.S. Miss Winton-Smith R.R.C. Miss Teenan	
			A/Princ Matron 39th Stationary B.E.7 visited Station E.M.M	
	13 th		Evacuating patients. Sister E.L. Connolly, being due for 1914 leave proceeded to report. A.I.F. H.I.	
			London E.M.M.	
	14 th		Receiving and evacuating patients.	E.M.M.
	15 th		Hospital fairly quiet.	E.M.M.
	16 th		Receiving and evacuating patients.	E.M.M.
	17 th		Evacuating patients.	E.M.M.
	18 th		Receiving patients fairly light-Convoy.	E.M.M.
	19 th		Hospital fairly quiet.	E.M.M.
	20 th		Receiving patients Light-Convoy.	E.M.M.
	21 st		No Change. Quiet-day	E.M.M.

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1st A.C.C.S Tournai	22/12/18		Receiving patients The following S/nurses promoted to Sisters.— M. W. Deans R. E. J. Smith M. Livingston M. F. Murray M. A. R. King M. Thompson W. Thompson.	
	23 rd		Evacuating patients. E to M	
	24 th		Receiving patients patients Light-Cowroy E to M	
	25 th		Orders received to evacuate all patients and dismantle wards. Staff busy packing equipment. C. C. S. to move to Hal. E to M	
	26 th		All packing finished. Train loaded with Hospital equipment. Nursing Staff, awaiting orders to move off E to M	

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1st A.C.S.	27/12/18		Nursing Staff left Tournai by Ambulance Cars at midday arriving (about 2.30 pm) at Hal. E.M.M.	
Hal.	28/12/18		wards being prepared. Sisters billeted near hospital. E.M.M.	
	29/12/18		not receiving patients	
	30/12/18		" " "	
	31/12/18		" " "	
	1/1/19		Hospital not ready to receive patients	
			1/1/19	Edith M. MacKinnon Head Sister