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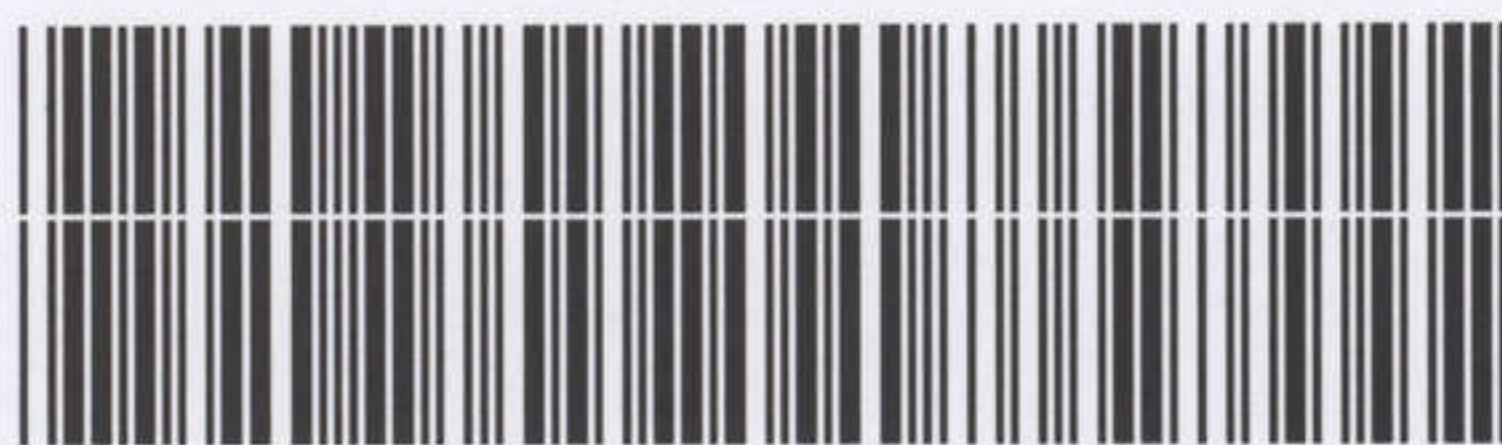
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4th Army.

Oct. 1916

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OVERRIDEN	Oct 20 th	6pm to 6pm	<p>Mortality reports as regards operations.</p> <p>Admission to F. Parks. Wounded Officers 17. O. Ranks 537</p> <p>CCS. " " 16 " " 466</p> <p>Remaining in CCS: Officers Sick 56. Wounded 35.</p> <p>O Ranks " " 1347 " " 1357.</p> <p>Evacuations by daylight (for detail see App)</p> <p>By 1 A.M. Officers 28. O Ranks 414. <u>Total 442</u></p> <p>Moves of Divisions etc</p> <p>6th Divn. being transferred to Third Army 27th Oct.</p> <p>4th " " " " " " Second Army.</p> <p>4th Divn. being transferred for Second Army - 26th Oct.</p> <p>11th Divn. being transferred for Third Army to 11th Corps.</p> <p>Military administration direct divisions in back area from 23rd Oct.</p>	App 1

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QUERRIEU	Oct 21 st	Open to open	<p>Nothing to note as regards operations.</p> <p>Admission to 7 Parks: wounded - Officers 23. O Ranks 437.</p> <p>" " C.C.S's " " 13 " " 444.</p> <p>Remainder in C.C.S's - Officers such 49 O Ranks ^{wounded} 973.</p> <p>O Ranks " 973 " " 928.</p>	
			<p>Evacuated wounded (for detail see App)</p> <p>Aug 4 A.T's. Officers 55. O Ranks 1589. <u>Total 1644</u></p>	App 1
			<p>Routine cross procedure etc</p> <p>Dead. the last specimens were rendered by D.D.'s and Adams.</p> <p>Medical situation - see App.</p>	App 16 a 30 App 5
			<p>Line No 5 C.C.C. moved from CORBIE to ALBERT.</p>	
			<p>Moves of divisions etc</p> <p>5th Aust Div. has arrived.</p> <p>35th Div. has arrived + gnd XIV Corps</p> <p>12th Div. being transferred to Third Army 21/22 Oct</p> <p>17th Div. being transferred from Third Army to XIV Corps</p> <p>15th Aust Div. being transferred from Second Army 21/22 Oct</p> <p>2nd " " " " " " " " 25/26 Oct</p>	App 4 5 6

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QUERRIEU	25 22		<p>Informed by S.A. units that XW Corp would attack tomorrow in conjunction with Duch. Cleared out all cars for examination for C.C.S. at GLOVETOWN.</p> <p>Also informed that XV + III Corps would be engaged on 25^E and XW Corps again on 26^E. Arranged with Traffic for 6 A.T. daily for whole sea front 6 days.</p> <p>Inspected III Corps main Dressing Station and Corps Rest Station at BECOURT.</p> <p>The weather has been cold with frost at night for last two days. Cells of Trench "Act" are commencing to come in in consequence - All units have been informed with precaution to be taken and long gait boots have been issued.</p> <p>Apr 6pm Abundance of Field Amb. wounded - Officers 26 O.Ranks 403. C.C.S. " " 39 " 400. Remaining in C.C.S.: Officers Sick 66 O.Ranks Wounded 38. O.Ranks " 1434 " 1004.</p> <p>Vacancies throughout (For detail see App).</p> <p>By 1 A.T. Officers 25 O.Ranks 318 Total 343</p> <p>Notes, Advices, etc.</p> <p>The 1st Machine Gun Co has arrived & since X Corps moves to XV Corps on 23^E 30th DW: which transferred to Third Army on 26^E 9th Div: " " " " " " 29^E</p>	

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QUERRIEV	Oct 23	//	<p>XIV Corps attacks in conjunction with French on night of 21-22 Oct. Wounded began to arrive at C.C.S. at GROVETOWN about 9 p.m. and continued steadily throughout the night.</p> <p>6pm Arrivals to <u>C.C.S.</u> Wounded Officers 24 O.Ranks 726</p> <p>To " " " " " 23 " " 481</p> <p>6pm Remaining in C.C.S. Officers Sick 59 Wounded 33</p> <p>O.Ranks " 1217 " 995</p> <p><u>Prisoners</u> wounded. (For details see App)</p> <p>By 3 A.M. Officers 66 O.Ranks 1317. <u>Total 1383.</u></p> <p><u>Losses of personnel etc</u></p> <p>6th Div - being transferred to meet Army after 27th</p> <p>12th Div has left for the Army.</p>	<p>App 1</p> <p>460v</p>

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ARRIVED	6th	24 th	<p>Heavy rain all night. Worked for yesterday. Attack over eastern in mid. General very different account of land combat ground.</p> <p>Account of 7 Ambos wounded Officers. 59 O.Ranks. 1388.</p> <p>" " " " " " " " 50 " " 1430.</p> <p>Remains in C.O.Ss Officers. 47 wounded. 42.</p> <p>" " " " " " " " 1267 " " 1147.</p> <p><u>Crucifixion buildings</u> (Positions see App)</p> <p>By 5 A.Ts. Officers. 85. O.Ranks. 2166. <u>Total 2251</u></p> <p>C.O.Ss at EOOD Hill report that laundry at BOXES refuse to do any more washing. Report sent to G.C. on 19th re sending up clean line by Amb. Train has been sent back without return. Submit through HQ Army. Re-submitted to G.C. and advised that immediate contract should be made with firm in Paris making the arrangements as matter is urgent.</p> <p>Mover of business etc</p> <p>50th Div. has left for First Army.</p> <p>60th " is being transferred from First Army.</p> <p>Re-hunt No 3 Mobile X-Ray Unit notified in notice to 6th Army</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PERCIEU	OCT 25		<p>Nothing to note as regards operations. Weather very wet. Heavy cases of trench feet are occurring. One division (29th) yesterday had 284 cases. Inspected with 'A' co. to measure which could reasonably be expected under present circumstances in view of the appalling conditions in front line. Instructions are drawn up.</p> <p>Administration to 7. Ambles wounded. Officers 20 O Ranks 486</p> <p>" " C.C.S. " " 22 " " 508</p> <p>Remaining in C.C.S. Officers Sick 58 Wounded 12 O Ranks " 1187 " 714</p> <p>Evacuation by stretcher (For details see App.) By 3 A.T. Officers 48 O Ranks 1082 <u>Total 1130</u></p> <p>Conference of 10.15. Present Cole Skaine (M), Newland (XV), White (XIV)</p> <p>Discussed precautions to prevent 'Trench Feet'. Following points considered essential:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Men to rub feet change socks before going into trenches. 2. No puttees to be worn in trenches, but loose trousers tucked into socks. 3. Pair of dry socks in pocket. 4. Loose felt boots not used as top boots. 5. Hot food in trenches if possible. <p>Diarthrosis cases. Decided that these cases are not rheumatism in any but the strictest sense.</p>	<p>App. 1</p> <p>4697</p>

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QUERRIES	65 25 15		<p>Wife has 3 days of diarrhoea this prevents, but we to went to 30 cee being by gun shell EDGEHILL. Did not hit cee. but destroyed railway in place. The delayed amb train for a while - Redoubt Situation. See App <u>Appointments</u> Genl. Col. O'GRADY appointed ADMS 33rd Division vice Col. DALY sick.</p>	App 5

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VERRIEU	Oct. 28 th	6pm	Local attack by XV Corps which was successful - About 30 wounded brought in who had been lying out since previous line since last attack. One man found who had been lying out for 18 days but he died shortly after admission.	.
		6pm	Commenced to dig holes considered - Officers 26 O Ranks 412.	
		6pm	" " C.C.S. " " 18 " 367	
			Remaining in C.C.S. Officers sick 59 Wounded 19	
			O Ranks 1271 " 820	
			Evacuations by hand trucks (For detail see App)	
			By 3 A.Ts. Officers 45 O Ranks 1182	App 1
				Total 1227
			From Operations etc	
			1 st ANZAC Corps takes over line involved by XV Corps on 30 th	App 5
			Detailed situation - see App	

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QUERRIEN	Oct 30 th	6pm 5 6pm	<p>Nothing to note as regards operations. Heavy rain all day.</p> <p>Admission to 7 Bunkers wounded. Officers 6 O. Ranks 244</p> <p>" " C.C.S. " 8 " 213</p> <p>Remaining in C.C.S. Officers Sick 73 Wounded 17</p> <p>" " " O. Ranks " 1639 " 783</p> <p>Evacuation of wounded etc. (For details see App.)</p> <p>Buy 2 A.T's Officers 34 O. Ranks 810 <u>Total 844</u></p> <p>Moves of Divisions etc</p> <p>9th Div: has left for Third Army.</p> <p>XV Corps H.Q. moved to back area.</p> <p>ANZAC Corps H.Q. moved to HELLY + replaced XV Corps H.Q.</p> <p>Winter arrangements</p> <p>Inspected area LONOPRE and neighbourhood for site for two C.C.S. for the winter in order to take for the sick of the XV Corps (44 Divisions) which is to occupy back area. - found suitable building but could not see owner.</p> <p>It is decided to move two C.C.S. from front to back area for the winter - one back as infectious hospital -</p> <p>2449 - Wt. W14957/M90 750,000 1/16 J.B.C. & A. Forms/C.2118/12.</p> <p>193 Mobile X-Ray Unit - arrived and located at 2 1/2 down C.C.S. at GROVE TOWN</p>	<p>App. 1</p> <p>4651</p>

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OVERVIEW	Oct 31 st	6pm to 6pm	<p>Nothing to note as regards operations.</p> <p><u>Admissions to F. Halls wounded.</u> Officers 6 O.Ranks 287 " " C.C.S. " " 5 " 197</p> <p><u>Remaining in C.C.S.</u> Officers sick 74 wounded 17 O.Ranks 1325 " 885</p> <p><u>Evacuating wounded.</u> (For details see App) By 1 A.T. Officers 20 O.Ranks 601 <u>Total 621</u></p> <p><u>Moves of Divisions etc.</u> 2nd D.C. Div. being transferred to Cav. Corps Nov 1st 60th Division being transferred from 7th Army Nov 3rd</p> <p><u>Write arrangements</u> Interviewed owner of factory at LONGPRE but he seemed not quite the best person as a hospital. He has however no objections to the Refectory & kitchen being used. Decided to put one C.C.S. there and use it as infirmary hospital. Report to be made on the subject of C.C.S.</p>	App 1

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OVERMEG	Dec 31 st		<p><u>SUMMARY for month.</u></p> <p><u>Operations.</u> The offensive was continued steadily at intervals throughout the month, though heavy losses. After month the weather became so bad that operations were completely stopped. The troops became literally stuck in the mud. During this time the difficulty of getting the wounded back became very <u>great</u>. Roads became impassable for cars and became full holes of carrying in heavy mud almost impossible. Despite this the wounded were brought back with extraordinary success.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u></p> <p>Formulas, wounded and disposal see App.</p> <p><u>Revised Cales.</u> Total number admitted. Officers 1. @ Rank 77.</p> <p>Of these 30 R. died. All were caused by Shell Gas.</p> <p>Indisposed sick wounded returns sent to HQ see App.</p> <p>Rep of acc showing parts of C.C.S. & dressing sections. see App.</p> <p>High weekly medical instructions see App.</p>	<p>App. 23</p> <p>App. 4</p> <p>App. 24</p> <p>App. 5</p> <p>App. 4702</p>