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5TH. DIVISION LETTER FORM 'B' (WIVES).

In the Field.

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(dear,
My (dearest,
(darling,

I can't write much today as I am very (overworked
(busy
(tired
(lazy

and the (CORPS }
(G.O.C. }
(G.S.O.I } is exhibiting intense activity.
(A.A. & Q.M.G. }
(HUN }

Things our way are going on (quite well.
(such as usual.
(pas mal.

We) }
The HUNS } put up a bit of a show (last night } with (complete }
(yesterday } (tolerable }
success. (out any }

Our }
The Russian } The French }
The Italian } The Belgian }
The Montenegrin } The Serbian }
The Monagasque } The Roumanian }
The United States } The Portuguese } Offensive appears to be doing
The Brazilian } The Japanese } well.
The Panama } The Cuban }
The Bolivian } The Chinese }
..... }

The German offensive is (obviously }
(apparently } a complete failure.
(we will hope }

P.T.D.

Rough Draft.

Headquarters Q

6th Division

In reply to your A/6574/20 the following account

of the Medical arrangements in connection with the operations on the Somme are submitted.

The type of Warfare necessitated the employment of new methods and the usual system of evacuation in force in ordinary Trench Warfare was not found suitable for the existing conditions.

1. The narrowness of the Front and the depth of the area occupied by the Corps lead to the formation of Medical Units drawn from Divisions, who were under the administration of the Corps D.D.M.S., and ~~this~~ reduced ~~the~~ the personnel available for work in the Division. Each Division in the Corps Area supplied personnel to make up these Corps Medical Formations. 7

These Formations were :-

1. The Corps Main Dressing Station,
2. The Corps Walking Wounded Collecting Post,
3. The Corps Rest Station.

This lead to our reduction in R.A.M.C. personnel alone of sixteen officers, and one hundred and forty-four other ranks, leaving a total of, 14

officers, and 402 other ranks, R.A.M.C. available under Divisional administration.

All the Divisional Motor Ambulances were also withdrawn and ^{holed} pulled under Corps arrangements so that only 9 horsed Ambulances were available for the transport of cases.

2. The line of evacuation

A single line of evacuation for the Divisional Front was adopted and was found sufficient for all purposes. That this was the case was due to the fact that the actual front line held was never more than 1.000 yards in length, and it ^{was} more convenient to Stretcher Bearers to bring cases to one point, than to multiply the channels of evacuation over ground which was lacking in any guiding Land Marks.

3) Disposition of Tent Division Personnel.

On this line of evacuation was ^{situated} ~~situation~~ the Advanced Dressing Station and one or more supplementary Dressing Stations according to requirements.

The Advanced Dressing Station was situated on a average ~~300~~ 1.000 to 1500 yards from the

Firing Line, and In Dug-outs or splinter proof

shelters.

*These dressing stations were
staffed by Tent Division Personnel*

4) Disposition of Bearer Personnel.

Three Bearer Divisions were available with
the total of 7 officers and 344 other ranks, but
these Bearer Divisions were not up to strength and
at one time were over 70 men deficient.

On an average the number of men available
as Stretcher Bearers was between 250 to 300.

8 Field Ambulance Bearers were attached
to each Infantry Battalion, and working under the
orders of the Battalion Medical Officer, assisted
by the Regimental Stretcher Bearers (16 in number)
to remove cases from the trenches to the Advanced
Dressing Station. This gave the R.M.O. a total
of 24 Stretcher Bearers.

This number was found sufficient for
dealing with casualties up to a total of 150
daily from the Battalions in the front line.

The remaining Stretcher Bearers were
posted along the line of evacuation from the
point where the cases were taken over from the
R.S.Bs. to the point where they were loaded on

horsed ambulances. Relay posts for Bearers were formed every 1000 yards, and the squads of Bearers detailed to each post, worked between their own post and the one next in rear. This was formed to give the best result, the bearers did short journeys, got short rests, and were able to carry on for longer periods than when they were forced to do long carries of 2000 to 2500 yards.

But In 24 hours time the bearers were so fatigued that they could not be relied upon for systematic ~~systematic~~ work and consequently ~~reliefs were carried~~ *had to be relieved* out every 24 hours.

took place
When active operations with a resulting

large number of casualties ~~were expected~~, it was found that the R.A.M.C. personnel alone were ~~not~~ *not* ~~insufficient~~ *insufficient* ~~to cope with the situation.~~ *numerous* In these cases extra Stretcher Bearers detailed from Battalions were employed.

The Causes of the need of extra Stretcher Bearers.

1. The absence of roads. Owing to the advance, roads were ~~not~~ *then* existent and had to be improvised gradually. Horse Ambulances were thus unable to approach nearer than 4000 to 5000 yards to the front line.

2. The nature of the ground

From the effects of shell fire, and fighting, the ground over which evacuation was carried out, presented great difficulty from the point of view of S.B. work. Tracks were non-existing and cases had to be carried over ground churned up by shell fire and often deep in mud. This necessitated a ~~minimum number of 4 S.Bs for each stretcher case,~~ ^{fatiguing} the work was extremely ~~fatiguing~~, and the journey was of necessity a very slow one.

3. Weather conditions.

Upon the weather depended to a great extent, the speed and smooth working of evacuation. Whereas in fine weather 4 men were sufficient for one stretcher case, in wet weather 6 were often necessary. The effort of keeping right on the slippery ground, and of dragging through deep mud whilst carrying a case was found to ^{delayed} tax the bearers to the utmost, and necessarily ~~fixed~~ the rate of evacuation.

Under these circumstances representations were made to Q 6th Division that extra Stretcher Bearers might be provided to assist the R.A.M.C. personnel, and 200 men of the 11th Leicester Regiment were placed at my disposal. This number was found to be sufficient for

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all needs. The disposal of such. There was a certain amount of difficulty
 experienced in meeting demands for extra S.Bs, without
 some delay. It was found that it was usually 3 hours
 before the S.Bs. demanded were able to get to work
 removing in ~~removing~~ cases. The journey often in the dark
 and the difficulty of keeping ^{to} ~~through~~ the correct
 route were factors which caused this delay. Endeavours
 were therefore made to have a reserve of S.Bs. at
 hand who would be available speedily to give assistance
 and for this purpose 16 S.Bs. were attached to the H.Qs
 of every Infantry Brigade. The R.M.O. being with
 Battalion Headquarters was in direct telephonic
 communication with ^{his} ~~the~~ Brigade ^{H.Q.} and demands for bearers
^{these} quickly met. ^{arey other} This method worked well. The means of
 communication open to R.M.O.s is by sending a written
 message down to the A.D.S. by means of a Runner or S.B.
 and then again this has to be passed down from Relay
 Post to Relay Post, until it reaches the officer con-
 cerned. Long allays were thus experienced. It is
 necessary therefore to have a fairly large reserve of
 S.Bs. close at hand. S.Bs who are liable to be

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called upon are far away, they become tired out themselves by the time they have reached their destination, and not even got to work. The method of sending up 50 or 60 Bearerers every night to the A.D.S. to be available there if required, was not found satisfactory. Then men were often ^{not} required, their night's rest was sacrificed to no purpose, and they were ~~not~~ ^{too tired to be} available for duty ^{within} for the next 12 hours. One officer was placed in charge of all S.Bs.

and was designated, The Divisional Collecting Officer. He was responsible for the disposition and ~~release~~ ^{recup} of bearers and the efficient working of the whole system of evacuations,

Insert.

With regard to the clearing of wounded.

One other officer was placed in charge of all Dressing Stations. He was responsible for providing sufficient supplies of drugs, dressings, blankets and medical comforts for the wounded.

It would appear then that during active operations the R.A.M.C. personnel available for S.B work will ^{almost} ~~always~~ certainly not be sufficiently numerous to deal with heavy casualties and that

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at least 20⁰ extra provided by the Division

should be "Earmarked" before an action. These

men should be excused all duties so as to be quite

fresh when their services are needed. They should

be capable of 12 hours steady work, *when called upon* and to this end,

they should not be employed on ordinary duties ~~during~~

~~the day.~~ *whilst awaiting orders.*

The essential factor in cleaning a battle-

field is to ~~be~~ clear it as quickly as possible, both

from the point of view of enabling wounded men to

receive speedy treatment and also from the moral

standpoint. *of morale* When wounded are laying *lying* for many hours

unattended, *has* it will have a bad effect upon the

"elan" of the fighting troops.

The next point is that these fresh men

must be held in reserve as near as possible the area

over which they will work so that when assistance is

needed it will come speedily. The ground over which

bearers must work should be reconnoitred before an

action, the position of Regimental Aidposts noted,

and "the line of carry" made clear.

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VIGNACOURT	3.9.16		Visited all 3 Field Ambulances with ADMS, & enquired into instructional work being carried out by Beaver Divisions. Interviewed NCO's whom who have been selected to go to XIV Corps Main Dressing Station, & Walking Wounded post when the Division goes into the line. Water inspected Cook houses Sick evacuations = 16.	RB
	5.9.16.		Inspected, with ADMS, men of 2/Dt 2, reported as unfit for the front. Visited 17th Ambulance. Received orders to join 18 G.C.S for duty - relieved RB.	RB
ALLONVILLE.	6.9.16.		Office closed at VIGNACOURT at 11 a.m. and opened at same hour at ALLONVILLE. Visited with ADMS & D.M.S. 4th Army General O'Keefe at 4th Army Headquarters at QUERRIEUX. Field Ambulances situated: No. 16. at VILLERS VILLERS-BOCAGE. No. 17. at CARDONETTE. No. 18. at RAINNEVILLE.	
			Visited No 17 & 18 Field Ambulances with A.D.M.S. Sick Evacuated 3 Officers, 36 O.Ranks.	

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FORKED TREE.	7/9/16		<p>ADMS. office closed at ALLONVILLE at 11 a.m. & moved at FORKED TREE (L.2.6) Albert Combined Sect.</p> <p>Attended Conference at * D.D.M.S XIV Corps, situated at (E.23.1) ALBERT Combined Sect. Col. G. Du B. White, A.M.S. is D.D.M.S. Visited 18* Field Ambulance in afternoon. The ambulances are situated as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16* Field Ambulance. CORBIE 14* Field Ambulance. MERICOURT L'ABBÉ. 18* Field Ambulance. SAILLY-LE-SEC. <p>Sanitary Section at CORBIE.</p>	
	8/9/16		<p>Evacuated from Field Ambulances Officers 2. O.R. 42.</p> <p>Fine Warm Day. East Wind.</p> <p>Made a Round of Camp with Sanitary Man. - Went with Major Evans. G.S.O. 2 to lecture on new Box Respirator at H* Army Gas School at PONT NOYELLES. The new Respirator combines the advantages of the Large Box Respirator and the German Respirator, and is proof against gas of any description (Phosgene) 1 in 500 except time Gas</p>	

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FORKED TREE	9/9/16.		<p>Capt Jacobs D.C. Sanitary Section called - orders given to distribute men among the Brigades. Diarrhoea has given considerable trouble to troops and efforts are being made to overcome a certain apathetic indifference displayed.</p>	
	10/9/16		<p>Evacuated. Quers 1. OR. 16. With ADMS. visited ADMS XIV Corps at MEAULTE. The Tent Divisions of 16th and 18th Field Ambulances will open this afternoon at DIVE COPSE J.24.6. and will be used as a Convalescent Camp for cases discharged to duty from CORBIE. Too many cases with trifling ailments are going to the base owing to lack of accommodation at CORBIE. Visited 18th Field Ambulance with A.D.M.S. at SAILLY-LE-SEC. Visited ADMS 56th Division and found out particulars of the scheme of Evacuation from the forward area. The distance for Bearers to Carry is great as cases have to be carried from LEUZE WOOD which is now in our hands back to the BRIGUE TERIE which is near MONTAUBAN. This is well</p>	

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FORKED TREE 10/9/16.	over 5,000 yards. Operation Steel published describing relief time of re. medical arrangements in connection with Evacuation. An advanced Dressing Station will be established at DUBLIN POST on close to the BRIGUETTERIE on the main MARICOURT LONGUEVAL Road. Cases can come to this point. The Bearers Divisions of all Field Ambulances will be peeled and used in reliefs for the Relay Post 5 of which will be established. A resting place for Bearers will be established at BILLON FARM on the BRAY-MARICOURT road under the Command of Col. Hightingale O.C. No. 17. Field Ambulance.	
11/10/16.	CAPT. DRURY (O.C. 17 th Field Ambulance) who is in charge of Evacuation of Cases from the Forward Area, with the O.C.'s of the Bearer Divisions of 16 th Field Ambulance, accompanied DA Dms on a tour of the Relay Posts. Visited all these Posts called Sunder Road, MALTZ HORN FARM, CRUCIFIX (HARDECOURT) ANGLE WOOD. Parties of Bearers varying from 20 to 60 are held at these posts and cases are peeled back from one to the other. Carrying is very difficult at ANGLE WOOD and	

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LEUZE WOOD. Beavers quietly become exhausted, and are replaced by Beavers from BILLON FARM, where detachments are kept in rest. Horse ambulances come as far as Sunken Road, and Cars could easily come further if roads mended allow. This is needed to reduce the long carry. 6th Division Beavers go in to night, relieving 56th Division Beavers at above Post.

Visited DIVE COPSE with ~~the~~ ADMS. The arrangement now is that they take in ordinary sick from 12 noon to 6 p.m. each day, thus relieving the Corps Rest Station at CORBIE. They are under administration of Corps.

Divisional Headquarters closed at FORKED TREE at 4 p.m. and opened at CITADEL (WEST) on BRAY-FRICOURT road at same hour.

CITADEL (WEST). 12/9/16.

Five day but dull. Heavy shelling about 1 a.m. this morning. With A.D.M.S. visited BILLON FARM. Col. Hightingale in Command. Our Beavers took over completely last night, but 164th Bde of the 56th Division is still in the line, and is not relieved until to-night, so that O.P. 56th Division Beavers is still

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CITADELLE (WEST)	12/9/16		<p>Supervising Evacuations Then visited Divisional ^{Advanced} Dressing Station at DUBLIN POST and Headquarters of 16th Infantry Brigade at CHIMPANZEE Trench in A.S.D. Road is being improved now up towards this place. Region of MALTZHORN FARM was being shelled. In afternoon ADM's visited DDM's XIV Corps. Major Evans G.S.O. 2. reported that 11th Inf. Bde moved like Advanced Dressing Station closer up. This is perfectly true, but impossible at present owing to lack of roads. Impending operations at 6 am to-morrow morning on 11th Brigade front - 3 officers and 80 bearers are in touch with Regimental Aid Posts of 9th Suffolk and 1st Leicester in GUILLEMONT. The bearers are situated in trenches South of TRONES WOOD.</p> <p>The Germans are occupying ground East of GINCHY when they are almost surrounded by our men, and we are trying to ^{rather} to turn them out. Operation order No. 15 issued to this effect to-night. Zeiss hour is to be 6 a.m. to-morrow morning 13th September. orders for</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	14/9/16		<p>Absent on Corps Work 2 Tent Divisions plus 2 officers + 27 OR. Add to this one officer CAPT. JOHNSON - Contract Expired gone home, 1 M.O. Wounded + 1 Sick.</p> <p>At night with ADMs visited Corps M.D.S at BRONFAY FARM, and Working Wounded Collecting Post at LAPRIE WOOD. Casualties coming in slowly.</p> <p>Fine day - windy + cold. Conference of Ambulance Commanders at 9 a.m. Evacuation of Cases was discussed. 30 men of Divisional Band, + 20 men of Salvage Coy. will report to D.C. 16th Field Ambulance at 6 p.m. to night for Bearer Work. M.A.C. Cars will evacuate cases from the South East Corner of TRONES WOOD so that if possible cases will all be brought through GUILLEMONT in preference to coming by LEUZE WOOD + ANGLE WOOD. Our bearers have accordingly been withdrawn from these points and concentrated on the line GUILLEMONT - ARROW HEAD COUSE MALTZHORN FARM. to All bearers will be in position by H.A.M. to-morrow morning. The attack</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	14/9/16.		<p>Commences at 6.20 a.m. to-morrow morning.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. attended a conference at XIVth Corps Headquarters. With ADMS. & visited to 10. M.A.C. and arranged for Ford Cars to be used to work over the difficult ground up towards GUILLEFONT.</p> <p>6th Division advanced G.H.Q. proceeded this afternoon to dug-outs just South of MONTAUBAN. Owing to limited accommodation A.D.M.S. remains at CITADEL WEST.</p> <p>Casualties for the Division up to date are officers 19. O.R. 386.</p> <p>Sick wastage for the week is high owing to the Division moving = 1.74 per cent.</p> <p>Report from Major COLLINS. O.C. 17 Field Ambulance that Lieut BARROW departed for duty with the 2nd Sherwoods this morning.</p> <p>A Summary is sent each day from the Corps W.W.C.P. (Working Wounded Collecting Post) and the Corps Train Dressing Station giving the numbers of Wounded Admitted & Evacuated, Died and to Duty. O.C. Corps Rest Station (St. Col Watson) sends us a similar summary daily for Sick.</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	14/9/16.		At the end of the week A. 36's are sent with names and particulars and Regiments are then notified.	
	15/9/16.		Zero hour of hour of the attack was 6.30 a.m. this morning. Heavy bombardment before. ADMS. visited DUBLIN POST - the advanced Dressing Station about midday, and found that Cases were not coming down as freely as one would wish. The attack has been successful everywhere except before our Division where we are held up by a strong point. Wounded are passing mostly by GUILLEMONT + TRONES WOOD, where Ford Cars are coming to pick up Cases. Visited DUBLIN POST in afternoon, + went round to ARROW HEAD COPSE where Guards Div. have a Dressing Station. To this place all Cases from 71 st Bde. are going. Visited 71 st Inf Bde HQ. At ARROW HEAD COPSE. Capt. O'Reilly. M.O. 9 th Coy has been slightly hit, + an officer sent up to relieve him. Capt Jones of the 1 st Bn also is hit and Capt Beattie has gone in relief. Heavy casualties reported from the left Brigade, but many Cases cannot be brought in until night falls.	

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CITADEL WEST	16/9/16.		<p>Then every Bearer will be required. In the 16th Inf Bde Sector too about 200 Cases are reported by M.O. 1st RSH as still lying out. Arrangements made with "Q" for 1 Coy of 11th Seicester (Pioneers) to report to Col. Hightingale RAME, who will deliver them as he thinks necessary. This ought to deal successfully with the Casualties, at 6.30 p.m. we were still bed up, but the Bde are ^{attacking at 7.30 p.m.} going between 500 & 600 have been evacuated -to-day.</p> <p>Fine Sunny day.</p> <p>Casualties coming in slowly. With A.D.M.S. visited DUBLIN Post, and 18th Inf Bde H.Q. at CHIMPANZEE TRENCH, then saw & discussed position of Bearers re with Col. Hightingale RAME who is in charge of Evacuation from the forward Area. He reports that the Left Sector near GUILLEMONT is fairly clear according to reports from Medical Officers. On the right Sector it is estimated 150 cases or more are still lying out. It is extremely difficult</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	17/9/16		<p>Country for Evacuation, and at night - searching for wounded is difficult as they hide and remain in shell holes. G.O.C. 7th Inf. Bde estimates he has lost $\frac{2}{3}$ of his strength. Horse Wagons are now being sent up to GUILLEMONT to bring away cases, and wheeled stretchers are now proving useful here. 3 medical officers reported their arrival as useful reinforcements at DIVE COPSE to-night. 7th Inf. Bde. is relieved by 18th Inf. Bde to-night. Total Casualties Evacuated are now 62 officers = 1,299 O.R.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. with Col. Walsh, D.A.O.M.C. visited the Infantry Brigade H.Q.'s at CHIMPANZEE TRENCH, the CRATER and ARROW HEAD COPSE respectively. A message from the Divisional Collecting officer that on Right Sector Search had been made for men in NO MAN'S LAND right up to the German wire during night. The Enemy are sniping from shell holes and bringing cases away is extremely difficult. During</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	17/9/16.		<p>2 to 17th Field Ambulance and 1 to 16th Field Ambulance. Casualties amongst Ambulances now total 11, 1 killed and 10 wounded.</p>	
	18/9/16.		<p>With A.D.M.S. visited Advanced H.Q. + Corps W.W.C.P. Operation order for 5th Division's attack sent out. Steady rain all day. A.D.M.S. visited 3 Brigade Headquarters in front area. Attack was successful this morning, 18th D.B. and 16th D.B. Captured and Consolidated the "Quadrilateral". Casualties were not severe and were evacuated very quietly - about 250 cases passing through DUBLIN POST between 9am and 12 noon. Ground now searched for wounded and some 12 cases brought in - some of these of former Divisions who had been lying out for from 6 to 12 days. Some cases in wonderfully good condition. CAPT. INGRAM, MO. 1st R.S.L.I. now reported WOUNDED believed PRISONER. Information obtained from German prisoner that he had been taken prisoner. 5th Division relieve 6th Division to-night and arrangements made with A.D.M.S. 5th Division for medical relief. Visited BRONFAY FARM, Corps W.W.C.P. and DUBLIN POST at night.</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	17/9/16.		<p>Divisional Headquarters closed at CITADEL WEST at 9 a.m. and opened at same hour at the CHATEAU, TREUX. Relief of medical Personnel to be completed by 2 p.m. to-day. Bear Divisions then march to join their affiliated Brigades. With A.D.M.S. visited DIVE COPSE with reference to position of transport wagons of 16th & 18th F. Amb. there.</p> <p>Field Ambulances now:- 1st Field Ambulance at VILLE-SUR-ANCRE. Bear Division 16th " " " MORLANCOURT. " " 18th " " " MEAULTE.</p>	
CHATEAU TREUX.	20/9/16.		<p>Wet and Windy. LIEUT SYMONS reported animal and posted to 16 FA.</p> <p>Rain - fine at times. With A.D.M.S. attended a meeting of medical officers of 71st Inf. Bde. Discussed formation of Brigade Aid Posts, Communication between units etc. Then visited 14th Field Ambulance. In afternoon with A.D.M.S. visited Bear Divisions of 16th and 18th Field Ambulances and DIVE COPSE.</p> <p>CAPT BEATTY. MO. 1st BUFFS Sick to-day SHOCK SHELL. LIEUT BARRON. MO. 9th NORFOLKS " " " ENTERITIS. CAPT BROWN. MO. 1st BUFFS " " " I.C.T. Buttock.</p>	

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CHATEAU TREUX.	20/9/16.		<p>Division is now 8 medical officers short and 41 short in RAME personnel. 23 Battle Casualties amongst Beavers in the recent action. Reinforcements asked for from 4th Army. TOTAL Casualties of recent fighting Evacuated are now officers 101. O.R. 2036.</p> <p>CAPT MERSON detailed as M.O. 9th NORFOLKS. CAPT MOLLAN " " " 2nd Batt Derby. LIEUT DYSON " " " 1st BUFFS. CAPT WILLIAMS " " " 1st WEST YORKS.</p>	
	21/9/16.		<p>orders issued for Beaul Division of Field Ambulances of 16th + 18th to move with respective Brigades to Messau, and Tent Div. of 1st Amb to move with 16th Amb.</p> <p>Shawney out finer. A.D.M.S. attended Conference at D.A.M.S. XIV CORPS. D.A.D.M.S. visited A.D.M.S. Guards Division and obtained information of Medical Scheme of Evacuation.</p> <p>16 Field Ambulance ^{Beavers} and Tent Division 18th Field Ambulance marched with 16th Inf. Bde to area to at A.H.B. + A.S.B. near DUBLIN POST. Beaul Division 18th Field Ambulance marched</p>	

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CHATEAU TREUX	2/9/16.		<p>with 18th Inf. Bde. to area S. 29. A. & d. S. 30. a. near TRONES WOOD. To night orders issued to take over Clearance of the Guards line from Guards Division - 16 & 18 Brigades relieving 1st Guards Brigade. Flanks held as shown in drawing. Beaulieu Division 1st Field Ambulance remains with 71st Inf. Bde in Reserve at VILLE-SUR-ANCRE, but moves to-morrow to CITADEL AREA.</p> <p>Brigade Aid Posts are being formed and Divisional Collecting office issued that Beaulieu (16) had gone up with Battalions. H.Q. of this office at South West Corner of BERNAFAY WOOD. O.C. 1st Field Ambulance (Tent Division) reports his H.Q. at DUBLIN Post at 9 p.m. Wire from DGMS querying and 8 MO's short. Following wire dispatched to him, Begins "Week Ending 10.9.16 Officers deficient CAPT. C.H. DENYER. Was sick 3.9.16. CAPT. T.J.W. SWINBURNE Was Sick 7.8.16 and CAPT. G. PIRIE was sick 5.9.16. etc. These officers replaced by MAJOR. R.T. COLLINS, SQUADRON LEADER DYSON and CAPT</p>	<p>18th B. X 160 B 57 D.</p>

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CHATEAU TREUX	21/9/16.		<p>WILLIAMS a/c. CAPT. F.A. WESTRANGE evac. sick 13.9.16 replaced by Lieut LOUSHREY a/c. CAPT. R.B. JOHNSON to ENGLAND on expiration of contract 14.9.16, replaced by Lieut H.J.H. SYMONS a/c. Casualties since 14.9.16. not yet replaced CAPT. K.W. JONES wounded 15.9.16. CAPT. T.E.B. BEATTY wounded 20.9.16. CAPT. T.L. INGRAM missing 17.9.16. CAPT. D.B.E. EVANS wounded 17.9.16. Lieut P.E.B. BARROW sick 20.9.16. CAPT. N.R. RAWSON Evac. wounded 15.9.16. CAPT. MOIR sick 19.9.16 injury barbed wire. CAPT. O'REILLY wounded and reported at duty but has since been evacuated for removal of splinter of shrapnel from jaw a/c. Depreciation return week ending 17.9.16. showed officers 5. O.R. 40. sent to D.G.M.S. 17.9.16 together with officers return a/c. added D.G.M.S. reported D.M.S. H^q Army and D.D.M.S. XW Corps "Ends. Total Casualties to date Officers 101 O.R. 2039.</p>	
CITADEL WEST	22/9/16.		<p>Fine sunny day. Ground drying. Office closed at Chateau TREUX at 9 a.m. and opened at CITADEL WEST at same hour. Went on tour round front area with Major COLLINS. Advanced Dressing Station is</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	22/9	16.	<p>at South East corner of GINCHY. Here a dugout is being repaired and strengthened by Beavers and R.E. Brigade Aid Post of Right Brigade is nearly 1,000 yards North East of this. Relay Posts for Beavers are on the GINCHY - GUILLEMONT ROAD & also in GUILLEMONT. Hired Ambulances can at present come within about 500 yards of the Village, but when the road is repaired, they ought to be able to come into the Village, thus shortening the Carry. M.A.C. Cars come to the South East corner of TRONES WOOD where there is a Guards Div. Dressing Station. They cannot come further for the Road is at present so bad. Beaver Headquarters are to be at DUBLIN POST, this is also a Rest Place for Beavers. Steady shelling was going on at the Cross-Roads at South West corner of BERNAFAY WOOD, some occasional shells falling near DUBLIN POST. Orders issued for operations on 25th Inst. 7 medical officers as reinforcements have now been advised. 1 Corporal & 3 men arrived from HAVRE & posted to</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	22/9/16.		<p>18th Field Ambulance. TOTAL Casualties to loan K-day officers 104 O.R. 2044. 17th Field Ambulance Beasly Division moved to the CITADEL area K-day from VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.</p>	
	23/9/16.		<p>Fine Warm Day. With A.D.M.S. visited Advanced Divisional Headquarters near MONTAUBAN, and 16th and 18th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at the BRIQUETERIE near South West corner of BERNAFAY WOOD. Also visited Divisional Collecting officer & D.C. 18th Field Ambulance Beasly, and discussed impending operations. Our Swift Evacuation depends upon the good state of the SA MONTAUBAN-GUILLEMONT road. Many stretchers were seen being used for improper purposes, sleeping cante, and porties were ordered out to collect these. Circulars sent out with reference to the bad state of Sanitation existing in the front area, and recommending attention be drawn to all concerned. The roads are in an exceedingly bad state, and traffic is often held up for long periods. Not many casualties reported 18 cases passed through M.D.S. BRONFAY FARM in last 24 hours.</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	23/9/16.		<p>ADMS visited DIVE COPSE in afternoon. Wastage return this week is the lowest in XIV Corps being .65% as against .70% the next best - (Guards).</p> <p>CAPT. A.S. GARDEN reported his arrival from HAVRE for duty, and is posted to 17th Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Very misty morning - Hot Sun later until night. With ADMS. visited 1st Brigade (Inf) H.Q. and discussed the Brigade Aid Post. Owing to the narrow front held by the Division Regimental med. officers have been recommended to combine their Regimental Aid Posts & form a Joint Aid Post known as the Brigade Aid Post. Other Regimental medical officers are against this as they say they must stop with Battalion Headquarters to keep in touch. Circular from DDMS XIV Corps forbidding medical officers to hop over the parapet at once. They must remain behind, no good purpose will be served advancing too quickly. 14 M.O.'s were lost from 6th Guards & 20th in this last attack & M.O.'s can't be replaced like this with ADMS visited Advanced H.Q. & then DUBSIA POST discussing impending operations with O.C.'s 16, & 17th Field Amb.</p>	
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CITADEL WEST.	24/9/16.		<p>With OC 14th Field Amb. visited A.D.S. situated on the Eastern outskirts of GINCHY. Here there is a small dugout made capable of holding one or two cases, and shelters besides for bearers is wounded. Capt. Moore 16th F. Amb. will be stationed here, and will splint all fractured thighs with Page's splints. The supply of these splints is very limited - ADMs visited 1014 Adv. Depot Medical Stores at CORBIE in reference to a supply and was told not a single one was available. The road to GUILLEMONT and GINCHY is now much improved, and will be available to within 400 yards of the latter place by to-morrow, this will greatly help ^{alleviate} our carry carry. A padre is going to give hot drinks to at GINCHY as the men come down. 6 medical officers + TOR. arrived for duty to-day. All officers quite new to Field Work, with no training at all of any practical sort. They didn't know how to put on a gas helmet. Lewis has been notified as 12.35 p.m. to-morrow 95th Inst.</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	24/9/16.		<p>Capt. SEBASTIEN. R.A.M.C. att. 38th Bde R.F.A. dangerously wounded yesterday by shell in neck & chest. Capt WHITBY R.A.M.C. 17th Field Amb. detailed as replacement.</p> <p>TOTAL CASUALTIES. Officers 101 OR. 2119.</p>	
	25/9/16.		<p>With A.D.M.S. visited Advanced Headquarters near MONTAUBAN, and then DUBLIN POST, meeting O.C.'s 16, 17, & 18 Field Ambulances there. Attack on German line began at 12.35 p.m. to-day. By 2 p.m. the walking wounded began to come in, and then stretcher cases came along in a steady stream to the A.D.S. at GINCHY. Events proved the site well chosen, for many cases of Guards also passed through here. All had hot drinks - fractures were splinted and dressed. 16th F.Amb. bearers were at bearing first, then 17th were called up, and at nightfall 18th F.Amb. bearers went out under CAPT LONDON to clear the battlefield if possible before daylight. From reports received casualties have not been heavy. D.A.D.M.S. remained at DUBLIN POST all day to keep in touch with the</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	26/9/16.		<p>through 16th F.A. Beavers now withdrawn to Rest. Horse wagons cannot come through GUILLEMONT between the hours of 12.30 and 4.30 p.m. This time is devoted to constructing the Road. Great progress has been made at GINCHY in Road mending. Visited Col. Thomson ADMS 5th Div with reference to Medical arrangements for part of the 5th Div. front which our 71st Bde take over to night. By the middle ^{middle} of officers 135 O.R. more had passed the Corps train crossing station.</p>	
	27/9/16.		<p>TOTAL CASUALTIES since 12.30 on 25/9/16 officers 18 O.R. 418 " " " since 17/9/16. " 130 O.R. 2615 Fine day, some showers in afternoon. With A.D.M.S. visited DUBLIN Post & Co. 17th Field Ambulance. The GINCHY road was last night impassable to H.T. Ambulances owing to blockage by guns, ammunition wagons, &c. During daylight the H.T. Ambulances can now go to within 100 yards of the Aid Post. Evacuation going smoothly - 71st Bde relieved the 16th Inf. Bde in front of</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	27/9/16.		<p>MORVAL last night, and also about 500 yds of line from the 15th Inf. Bde 5th Division. Medical arrangements in this front continue, under the same arrangements as before. Visited BRONFAY FARM and Corps Walking Wounded Post which now appears to be rather far back to be of the best use. ADMS discussed the question of position of Reg. Aid Post re with M.O. 2nd Y & L. The Regimental Stretcher Bearers are apt to act too much as dressers, and too little as Bearers, leaving the latter too much to Ambulance Bearers, without rendering assistance in collecting cases as far as possible in small areas where Ambulance Bearers could then find them. This leads to unnecessary searching and loss of time and energy. The Communication and Cooperation between Regimental and Ambulance Bearers requires to be improved, if Evacuation is to proceed in the smoothest possible manner. Total casualties since 25th Sept 021 OR 550.</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	28/9/16.		<p>Fine warm day with slight showers. ADMS attended Conference at DDMS XIV Corps. Visited DUBLIN POST. Evacuation going on steadily from front line Horse T. Ambulances can now go beyond GINCHY about 1/4 mile. Casualties amongst R.A.M.C. personnel since September 15th are as follows.</p> <p>16th \neq Amb. Killed 2. Wounded 10. 17th \neq Amb. Killed 1. Missing 1. Wounded 12. 18th \neq Amb. Killed 1. Wounded 14.</p> <p>This gives a Total of 41. Besides this 3 R.A.M.C. personnel with Battalion became casualties, and 1 of Sanitary Section making a Grand Total of 45. 7 medical officers have become casualties also. Total officers 7. O.R. 45. Adding to this number, deficiencies in sick & the total deficiencies are O.R. 40. This greatly depletes the Base & Divisions, and means extra work on remaining Base & Divisions to be deficient. Reinforcements seem deficient to obtain. Wines for DDMS XIV Corps & D.M.S 4th Army stating numbers deficient.</p>	

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CITADEL WEST	28/9/16.		Letter of appreciation from DDMS. XIV Corps under orders of Corps Commander, congratulating Beaul Divisions on their work. Total Battle Casualties Officers 134 OR. 2760.	
	29/9/16.		Wet, Rainy day. One night reported from front area as regards casualties. The Brigade Aid Post was killed last night and 1 man of 17 F.A. was killed. Orders received at 4.30 pm. of move of 18 th Inf. Bde which had taken place before we received the order. Ambulance movements take place to-morrow, when 16 th B & 18 th Beaul Divisions move off and join their respective Brigade groups. 17 th Field Ambulance remains in charge of Evacuation until relieved by medical units of the 56 th Division on the night 30 th Sept/1 st October.	

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CITADEL WEST	30/9/16.		<p>Fine day. With A.D.M.S. visited A.D.M.S. 56th Division at BILTON FARM, with reference to 56th Division taking over to-night. Then to DUBLIN POST, to see 16th and 17th F.A. Commanders. Evacuation marking Smoothey, Horse T. Ambulances are now evacuating from the Post 1200 yards to the north East of GINCHY. Report received that CAPT. INGRAM'S body (late M.O. 1st Division) has been discovered, and identified by Capt. MOORE 16th F.Amb. Then visited D.C. Co. 10 M.A.E. and Advanced Divisional Headquarters near MONTAUBAN. Beaver Division 18 F.Amb. marched 4-day from DUBLIN POST to T. VILLE - SUR - ANERE and joined the 18th Inf. Bde. group. Hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs in neighbourhood of the CITADEL about 10.30 p.m. At midnight 4-night WINTER TIME comes into force, and at 1am. all clocks are set back one hour.</p>	
CHATEAU TREUX	1/10/16.		<p>Fine Sunny day. Left CITADEL WEST at 9am. and opened the office at same hour at CHATEAU TREUX. With A.D.M.S. visited</p>	

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CHATEAU TREUX	1/10/16.		<p>2nd York & Lancs. 17th Field Ambulance less 1 Tent Sub-Div are now in the SANDAT area with the 7th Brigade Group. Disposition of units as follows -</p> <p>ADMS. CHATEAU TREUX.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>16</td> <td>7</td> <td>Amb.</td> <td>Tent Division.</td> <td>DIVE COPSE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16</td> <td>7</td> <td>"</td> <td>Beaver "</td> <td>MEAULETE.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>7</td> <td>"</td> <td>Tent " less 1 Tent Sub Div</td> <td rowspan="2">} SANDAT (1,000 jobs East of MEAULETE)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>7</td> <td>"</td> <td>Beaver "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>7</td> <td>"</td> <td>Tent "</td> <td>DIVE COPSE.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>7</td> <td>"</td> <td>Beaver "</td> <td>VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.</td> </tr> </table> <p>SANITARY SECTION</p> <p>Two men. SERG. GARNETT } both of 17 F.A. awarded the Pte. HODGE } Military Medal.</p>	16	7	Amb.	Tent Division.	DIVE COPSE	16	7	"	Beaver "	MEAULETE.	17	7	"	Tent " less 1 Tent Sub Div	} SANDAT (1,000 jobs East of MEAULETE)	17	7	"	Beaver "	18	7	"	Tent "	DIVE COPSE.	18	7	"	Beaver "	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE.	
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	2/10/16.		<p>Wet day - mist and rain. A.D.M.S. visited 18th 7 Amb. Beavers and held a meeting of the medical officers of the 18th 2nd Bde and discussed questions dealing with the recent offensive. Col. Greck R.A.M.C. ADMS. 4th Division called and was informed</p>																														

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CHATEAU TREUX.	2/10/16.		<p>of the arrangements for Evacuation of wounded from the MORVAL - LESBOEUVS area. 3 officers and 67. OR. RAMC. arrived 2-day as Reinforcements. CAPT. KENNEDY had seen previous service in the DARDANELLES & invalided home with Enterte fever. Both other officers have seen no service in the Field. One is 44 years of age. The men were up to standard in physique ^{and} had at least 9 months training, many of them 12 or 15 months.</p> <p>27 posted to 16th FAmb - 13 to 17 FA & 27th to 18 FA.</p>	
	3/10/16.		<p>Rainy and misty day.</p> <p>With ADMS. went to MERICOURT L'ABBÉ to see 2nd D.L.I. Then to MEAULTE to meet medical officers of the 16th Inf. Bde at a Conference. Recent cases of Dysentery were discussed, and chill - the men being without blankets & overcoats, with no dugouts to sleep in - was decided ^{on} as influencing the onset of other diarrhoeal complaints. Methods of Evacuation and getting in touch with were discussed.</p> <p>The marking out of Routes by Sene</p>	

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CHATEAU TREV.	3/10/16.		means - (Tapes re) seems advisable to keep bearers to carry in the shortest direction back. Then called on DDMS. XN Corps, & discussed Dysentery re. Then to SANDPIT AREA & met the medical officers of the 71 st Inf. Bde. Here a similar discussion was gone into. These MO's wish to have 8 R.A.M.C. Bearers with them in Regimental Aid Posts, & keep carrying re and be on the spot when shell fire lifts so as to be able to carry on at once & Evacuate Cases.	
	4/10/16.		Capt GILLET 16 ⁺ Fluid Amb. Evacuated with PLEURISY. Heavy Rain in morning, finer in afternoon. All Roads and tracks in a very bad state owing to mud. With ADMS visited DIVE CORSE and Saw Col NIGHTINGALE & Col WATSON there. ADMS went with Brig. General EDWARDS Commanding 71 st Inf. Bde (diagnosis Diarrhoea) to 39 CCS. AT ALLONVILLE. Met DDMS. XIV CORPS at NEAICOURT and Examined some	

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CHATEAU TREUX.	4/10/16.		<p>OLD men of 2nd D.L.I. in view of trying to have them returned to their Base Depot as unfit. DADMS visited AIDMS. 30th Division at MINDEN POST near CARNOY, and obtained details of Evacuation from this area. Also visited GROVE TOWN and 14th CORPS Train Dressing Station in connection with the death of an officer Capt H.C. BARTLETT of 11th Essex. 6th Div report this officer as dead and buried, whereas the M.D.S. report CAPT. M.W.A. BARTLETT 11th Essex as Evacuated to C.C.S. as G.S.W. Abandoner. Penet. No trace of this officer's admission found at any C.C.S. but Serial M.W.A. MACMICHAEL 11th ESSEX is shown as admitted at CORBIE with G.S.W. Abandoner. Penetrating. Went to 14th Corps M.D.S who say CAPT. M.W.A. BARTLETT denied Serial M.W.A. MACMICHAEL. CAPT. A.F.N. SCOTT 18th Field Amb. Evacuated to Base to P.V.O.</p>	

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CHATEAU TREVX.	5/10/16.		<p>Windy, some showers. A.D.M.S. attended Conference of D.D.M.S. XIV Corps. A letter drafted to be put up to "Q" pointing out the difficulties of S.B's work under Existing Conditions; these are briefly as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1). Narrow front of the Division and consequent massing of troops, with numerous casualties. (2). Long Carry - the ^{works with} weather and operations. 8,000 yds to 8,500 yds is not uncommon. (3). Bad state of ground - churned by shells, - no tracks, - slippery in wet weather, - difficulty of H. Transport getting up because no roads. (4). Difficulty of finding wounded. They crawl into shell holes & remain until found - if the ground is exposed it cannot be searched till night, and then difficulties are much increased. (5). Physical Exhaustion of Beavers after 24 * 36 hours continuous work. A Beaver can only do 2 journeys of 6000 yds and back during the 24 hours. 4 Beavers are used for every stretch Case, and these take about 4 hours to do 6,000 yards. 	

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CHATEAU TREVX.	6/10/16.		<p>Fine day, sunny. D.A.D.M.S. went to DINE COPSE - picked up Col. Lightgale and Capt. Moore of 16th F.Amb. Then picked up Major Collins 17th F.Amb, proceeded on tour of forward area. The arrangements for the Evacuation of wounded by 20th Division was gone over, and the ground visited. Present A.D.S. is at the northern end of BERNAFAY WOOD, here are good dugouts, but the place is too far back for an A.D.S. being 8,000 yds - 4 1/2 miles as the "Crew files" from the front line. H.T. Ambulances are going at present as far as DELVILLE WOOD, but if weather improves, one hopes they may get up to near FLERS, this will assist greatly. If numerous cases come in under present arrangements 100 to 200 Extra Bearers would be required. There is a Relay Post for Ambulance Bearers at about 1,500 yards South of GUEDECOURT, this is a splinter proof shelter, but might be made with ^{logs} Saps into a good advanced Dressing Station. Trenches are boarded and good up to this spot. A.D.M.S. visited M.O. 1st R.S.L. and found a large Sick parade. A.D.M.S. ended with</p>	

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CHATEAU TREUY.	6/10/16.		<p>Cases to Hospital for a Short Rest and 102 men sent by MO. RS.L. REMOVED</p> <p>It is proposed to use Light Cavalry Field Ambulances for Collection of wounded. These can go over very rough ground & therefore can go further forward than ordinary H.T. Ambulances. Letter to "Q" + DDMS. pointing out the necessity for all men to have identity discs, and their particulars correctly stamped on them. Medical units cannot be blamed for missing entries in A + D books, if wounded come down without discs, and for if a man is seriously wounded and unconscious it is (disc) after the only means of identification.</p> <p>Five day windy. A.D.M.S. visited DIVE COPSE, and A.D.M.S. 4th Division at CORBIE. In afternoon with A.D.M.S. visited the MINDEN Post near CARNOY which is the present H.Q. (Rear) of the 20th Division. Then visited A.D.M.S. 12th Division at BELLEVUE FM just South of ALBERT, with reference to the use of the Longueval - FLERS Road for our H.T. Ambulances. ADMS 12th said he could not give his command</p>	

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CHATEAU TREUX	7/10/16.		w/ permission as it was a Corps question. Letter put up to D requesting the use of this road.	
	8/10/16.		Heavy Rain - then finer. With A.D.M.S. visited MINDEN POST and saw D.A.D.M.S. 20 th Division & later the A.D.M.S. Details regarding the taking over E. night of Bearcat Post & A.D.S's etc. were discussed. 20 th Division had an action yesterday, and have some difficulty in getting back the wounded, owing to shortage of Bearcats and the long carry. Lt. 62 nd F. Amb requested Lt. 16 F.A. to lend him one Bearcat Division to help evacuation, and 40 stretcher cases were brought in by them.	
	9/10/16.		A.D.M.S. then visited DUBLIN POST and discussed the taking over with Col. Nightingall who acts as Divisional Collecting officer. The present arrangements are being taken over from the 20 th Division, and are to be modified as circumstances require.	
			Headquarters closed at CHATEAU TREUX at 9 a.m. and opened at the same hour at MINDEN POST. With A.D.M.S.	

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CHATEAU TREUX	9/10/16.		<p>D.D.M.S. XN Corps. Then to MEAULTE & Inspected 16th F. Amb. Beaser Division and 1 Tent Sub Division 17 F. Amb. stationed there. These units marched from DUBLIN POST yesterday afternoon. They deal with Sick from the 16th Inf. Bde. at MEAULTE. A.D.M.S. also Inspected the Baths here - 100 men can be bathed hourly - shower system, at present under the control of the 20th Division. Then proceeded to VILLE-SUR-ANCRE and visited 18th F. Amb. Beaser Division located there. All ranks resting.</p> <p>Seven Cases of Bacillary Dysentery have been reported amongst Regimental units of this Division. Circular sent to the medical officers concerned, with instructing them to make investigations (1) As to whether recent drafts contain men who have seen service in the Mediterranean or Mesopotamia.</p> <p>(2) To discover "Carriers"</p> <p>(3) To prevent any Contamination of Food and Water by Suspected Cases.</p> <p>The Cases so far reported have occurred chiefly in the</p>	

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CITADEL WEST			<p>night, CAPT. INGRAM, M.O. 1st R.S.L. was reported missing. He had gone out with a party to search the main sand and did not return. It is a question of "Dead" or a "Prisoner." Many of our dead are being buried. M.O. 8th Bedfordshire said some wounded were still lying out on Enemy wire & were unable to bring them in for Enemy snipers. This M.O. had been himself fired on. On left Sector all wounded have as far as known been brought in. The 18th D. Bde. relieved the 71st Inf. Bde last night, and search was then made of the ground, & 30 stretcher cases brought in. Ground now believed clear. Quiet day, not many cases in. ^{total} Casualties to 12 noon to-day were Officers 78 O.R. 1540. 9th Buffs & 2nd Yorks & Derby's have I think suffered most. The Percentages according to Classification by wound is Slight 80% - Severe 18% - Dangerous 2%. CAPT. EVANS M.O. 1st WEST YORKS now wounded not severe. The 3 medical officers reported yesterday were posted</p>	

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MINDEN POST.	9/10/16		<p>visited Advanced Divisional Headquarters at BERNAFAY WOOD and discussed plans for Advanced Dressing Stations with Col. RENNY, G.S.O.1. As a result of this 2 Advanced Dressing Stations are to be made, a forward one at N. 32. c.S.O near GUEDECOURT, and a Rear one near the 3 Brigade Headquarters at T. 8. a. about 1200 yards North of GINCHY. Relay Posts for Bearers are established at T. 1. c. 80. and at North East Fringe of DELVILLE WOOD. At Southern edge of DELVILLE WOOD is the point where Housed Ambulances load, and here are shelters for wounded w. H.T. Ambulances work between this point and the northern corner of BERNAFAY WOOD, passing via LONGUEVAL. The Road is often badly blocked here at night and wagons take 2 hours or more to do the journey of a mile, and return.</p>	
	10/10/16.		<p>Fine Sunny day. Roads and tracks drying up well. A.D.M.S. visited DUBLIN POST + Col. Lightingale + Col. Collins. Then proceeded to Advanced Headquarters of Division, and also the A.D.S. at BERNAFAY WOOD, where are good dugouts, and</p>	

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MINDEN POST	10/10/16		<p>accommodation for Bearers and patients. Then visited DELVILLE WOOD and Relay Posts for Bearers situated there. The Engineers are now assisting in Building dugouts and Improving original Shelters at our Advanced Aid Post near GUEDE COURT. It is a well chosen site as wounded from the 12th, 4th and 56th Divisions all passed through last night, as well as our own. We are having a fair number of Casualties and from 6 a.m. on 9th until 6 a.m. this morning there were 10th and 44th O.R. wounded. Operation order for 11th issued. 186 Extra stretchers drawn from advance 6th Div. Visited A.D.M.S. 2nd Cavalry Div, and arranged for the loan of 3 Light Cavalry Field Ambulances for work over the bad roads. Total Casualties to date O. 142 O.R. 3060.</p>	
	11/10/16		<p>Dull day, slight rain in morning. For last 24 hours O.H and O.R. 89 have passed through. Visited DUBWY POST. Evacuation worked well - 53 stretcher cases were handled during the night, 4 Bearers like a short Carry - Each squad of 4</p>	

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MINDEN POST	11/10/16.		<p>did 12 journeys during the night. The distance between Relay Posts is about 1,000 yards. Bivouac Stretches have been erected to care the wounded, and Tea and Rum drawn for hot drinks. DELVILLE WOOD fairly heavily shelled this morning. Wire from "G" to say that 200 men of 11th Sweisters would be under orders of Col. Nightingale at Zero hour to narrow for Stretches Bearing work. Complaints from 17 FA. that they were unable to draw sufficient quantities of drugs & medical supplies from M.D.S.; This was sent on to XIV Corps D.D.M.S. Letter from D.D.M.S. saying that too many cases of a triage nature are being admitted to DNE COPSE & many cases can be returned to duty in 24 hours. This leads to overcrowding of the 1200 beds there. Operation order issued for attack on the 19th. Existing arrangements for Evacuation held good.</p> <p>Total Casualties O. 145. OR. 3171.</p>	
	12/10/16.		<p>Dull day, but no rain. A.D.M.S. attended Corps Conference at D.D.M.S. XIV Corps. H.Q. D.A.D.M.S. visited advanced Divisional Headquarters and saw Col. Renny, G.S.O.1. Then visited Col. NIGHTINGALE & Col</p>	

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MINDEN POST.	12/10/16.		<p>been formed at the advanced aid Post, and all Beans Relay Posts. Hot drinks are available at practically every Relay Post now. Blankets for the adv. aid Post were taken up by Col Collins last night on pack mules. Horses to FLERS, and then across country to the Post. 16 F.A Beans are manning the Relay Posts just now, and are distributed as follows.</p>	
			<p><u>Advanced aid Post.</u> { ^{Beans} 1 officer. 1 N.E.O. 16 Beans. } ^{Tent} 1 officer 1 N.E.O. 2 orderlies.</p>	
			<p><u>1st Relay Post.</u> { 1 N.E.O. 16 Beans. } { nil</p>	
			<p><u>2nd Relay Post</u> { 1 N.E.O. 16 Beans. } { nil.</p>	
			<p><u>DELVILLE WOOD (South).</u> { 1 officer 1 N.E.O. Leading Party. } { 1 officer 2 orderlies.</p>	
			<p><u>BERNAFAY WOOD.</u> nil. 1 Tent Sub Division { 2 officers 4 N.E.O's 8 men</p>	
			<p><u>DUBLIN POST</u> 17 F.A. + 18 F.A. Beans (2n Reserve) 1 Tent Sub Division.</p>	

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MINDEN POST.	12/10/16.		<p>IN CO 46 men were posted to the Artillery Aid Post north of GINCHY, but subsequently these men were returned as not being needed, the M.O. saying he was in touch with our Relay Post at DELVILLE WOOD.</p> <p>The attack started at 2.5 p.m. At 5.5 p.m. a few stretcher cases had passed through - at 7.45 p.m. about 20 stretchers and 60 walkers had passed, and at 10.30 p.m. 44 stretchers and about 100 walkers. Message came through from 169 B. saying that 100 bearers were wanted at their H.Q. and the Divisional Col. officer dispatched these men with stretchers. Before this 64 more bearers had been sent up to the Advanced Aid Post at the request of Capt. O'Sullivan. So that now our 250 Bearers were out. With ADMS visited Advanced Divisional Headquarters at BERNAFAY WOOD. Many casualties reported amongst the 9th York & Lancs. 169 B said there was a shortage of stretchers, but this is not so as there are over 300 at Relay Posts etc.</p> <p>Total Casualties 152. OR. 3,282.</p>	

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MINDEN POST.	13/10/16.		Dull day. At 3.20 a.m. Advanced Base Post reported that all Cases were practically cleared, but that nothing was known of the 2 nd York & Lancs, and the 1 st R.S.L.I. No Cases had come through our post since midnight. It is possible their Cases may be going down with 4 th Div Cases to GINCHY. MO's of these 2 Regiments were missed too & asked the number of Cases for collection, but no reply was received. MO 14 D.L. reported Sick during the night and CAPT LINZEE ^{187A} was sent in relief.	
	14/10/16.		Dull day, but fine. 60 stretcher Cases and 40 walking Cases passed through WATLING ST. during the night. As a result of a request from 16 Inf. Bde, 16 men of 11 th Suezers and H.R.A.M.C. orderlies, withdrawn from Battalions are now stationed at Brigade Headquarters. This is an experiment to see if such Beans will ^{9th 16} work quicker from Brigade Headquarters than they would from the Ambulance Base Post. 16 Inf Bde claim they are in immediate touch with Battalions and have an estimate of the Casualties quicker, so will be	

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MINDEN POST	14/10	16.	<p>able to send out these Beavers at once, to the Battalion which is most in need of them. The same number of Beavers is being attached to the other Brigades. These Beavers are available on application by the medical officer of the Battalion, and they work under him as additional to his own Regimental Beavers. After their services are no longer needed to return to Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>DADMS. visited DUBLIN POST, and with Col. Hightingale the Divisional Collecting officer, visited all Relay Posts, and the Advanced Aid Post at N. 32 C. 5. 0. The R.E. have erected a good splinter proof shelter here, and Blanket Stoves, and accommodation for Beavers is good. Conditions were quiet at the time. 2 Tent Division officers and 1 Beaver officer are stationed here, and excellent work in the splinting and Dressing of Cases has been carried out by Captain H. MOORIE of 16th Field Ambulance. 205 stretchers available on the line of Evacuation. "Panicky" messages are reported from different Sources. 100 men were despatched at the request of 16th Inf Bde</p>	

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MINDEN POST	14/10/16.		<p>to act as Bearers (from 11th Gloucesters). A guide provided by the Brigade lost his way, and these 100 men only carried 2 wounded Cases.</p> <p>2) 200 men were asked for by Bearer Officer of 18th Amb. 100 men were sent but had only proceeded a mile when orders came countermarching the request.</p> <p>3) Medical officers with Battalions expect <u>Immediate</u> clearing of Cases, and send requests for as many squads as there are Cases - for example - if they have 12 Cases they send for 12 squads; in such a case 4 squads ought to be sufficient, for each squad should be capable of 3 journeys.</p> <p>Visited M.O. 3rd York + Lanes who had just come out of the line - He stated many wounds were very severe, - also that there had never been a shortage of stretchers as stated, but 20 men of the Gloucesters arrived without stretchers, to act as Bearers. These men were ordered up without the ADMS. Knowledge. 14th Field Ambulance, and the Bearer Divisions of 16th and 18th Field Ambulance ordered</p>	

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MINDEN POST	14/10/16.		<p>from DUBLIN POST (new French area) to ground west of BERNAFAY WOOD. Here the 3 ambulances are together about S. 28. Central. Total casualties to date. O. 162 O.R. 3,684. " " Since 9th October O. 24. O.R. 750. (date of returning to trenches)</p>	
	15/10/16.		<p>Rain in morning - fine later. 18th Bde and 71st Bde attacked at 5.35 a.m. to capture some German trenches on their front. Attack partially successful. A.D.M.S. + D.A.D.M.S. visited the ambulances + saw Divisional collecting officer and Sr. Col. Collins. Evacuation proceeding smoothly, only the D.C.O. reported certain difficulties in regard to the provision of Bearers. A.D.M.S. visited Divisional Headquarters. M.O. 1st Essex wired for squads to remove 12 stretcher cases, but after the 20 Bearers had been sent for Brigade Headquarters only 2 more squads were required + these were sent.</p>	<p>{ 16 FA:5 { 17 FA:2 { 18 FA:3</p>

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MINDEN POST	15/10/16.		<p>11th Seicesters were asked to provide 25 squads to be at WATLING STREET and Advanced Aid Post at 6 pm to night. 11th Seicesters replied he could only spare 19 squads or 76 men. 6 officers and 62 stretcher cases passed through since 12 noon - and 50 working cases - these are the result of this morning's attack - mainly 11th Essex and 2nd D.L.I. Eleven RAMC reinforcements reported on 13th and were posted 5 to 16 7A. 45 18 7A. 2 to 17 7A.</p> <p>Total Casualties 0 168 OR 3814.</p> <p>" " Since 9th. 0 30 OR 880.</p>	
	16/10/16.		<p>Bright sunny day - much colder. With ADM.S. visited Div. Collecting office, D.P. 17th Field Ambulance, and Advanced Divis. Headquarters. Besides the 76 men of 11th Seicesters who reported for stretcherBearer work last night, 50 more also reported to 18 3 Bde, under orders from someone not yet known. These men went up to the front, and returned without doing any work. They were not needed, and the</p>	

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MINDEN POST	16/10	16.	<p>Order order for their name requires to be traced. 86 Stretcher Case evacuated by us last night. 11th ESSEX and 2nd D.L.I. were all cleared by 10 p.m. Casualties since the attack yesterday morning number O.11. O.R. 265, the 11th ESSEX had O.4. O.R. 67 and the 2nd D.L.I. O.4 O.R. 61. A.D.M.S. also visited XIV Corps main Dressing Station at CARNOY and XIV Corps. Walking Wounded Collecting Post at MONTAUBAN, and also the Dressing Station of 14th Field Ambulance at BERNAFAY WOOD. Evacuation going smoothly. A Circular sent to all medical officers about "Panicly" messages, about drawing attention to the fact of using common sense and not being guided by alarmist reports from Stretcher Bearers, and of turning out large numbers of men ^{Bearers} for no purpose.</p> <p>Seven of 14th Field Ambulance wounded by a bomb, while enlarging their dugout, one man struck a bomb which exploded, wounding all five. 18th Inf. Bde is</p>	

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MINDEN POST	16/10/16.		<p>retained to night, the 11th & 16th sharing the front - 11th on the left and 16th on the right.</p> <p>Total Casualties 0 176 O.R. 3963.</p>	
	17/10/16.		<p>Fine day, rain at night.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. held a meeting of medical officers of 18th Inf Bde & the M.O. 5th York & Lancs. at H.Q. of 16th Field Ambulance, and discussed recent operations with special reference to the evacuation of wounded.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. visited the wagon lines of 6th Division Batteries 42nd, 110th, 53rd etc and found the sanitation unsatisfactory. Instructions were given to build incinerators, put up fly proof latines, and to dispose of the manure by burning or burying. Operation order for operations to renew 18th Inf. were issued. Zero hour will be 3:40 a.m. on the morning. Letter from 11th ^{D.G.M.S.} 3rd Echelon ordering the reduction temporarily of medical officers in a Field Ambulance from 9 to 8. This is in view of the heavy demands demands casualties</p>	

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MINDEN POST	14/10/16.		and the difficulty of replacement of medical officers. Total Casualties 0.177 O.R. 4037.	
			2 medical officers and 3 O.R. reinforcements arrived, one officer has been 2 years at the Base, and the other has been invalided home from SALONIKA.	
	18/10/16.		Rain in morning, but cleared up in afternoon. Attack was carried out at 3.40 a.m. this morning in rainy weather. Cases came in 2 hours after morning from the 9 th NORFOLKS, who made the attack. By midday 46 walking cases had passed through the XIV Corps W.W.C.P. and 29 of these were 9 th NORFOLKS. Only about 15 stretcher cases had by that time come in, and no demands for Bearers had been made to the Divisional Collecting Officer. It appears the attack was partly successful, and the 1 st objective was gained and consolidated. This however is not yet official. A.D.M.S. and Field Ambulance Commanders of the 8 th Division called, and were told the method of evacuation. D.A.M.S. accompanied. I.e. 24 th and 35 th Field Ambs.	

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MINDEN POST.	18/10/16.		to BERNAFAY WOOD Dressing Station, and the Headquarters of the Field Ambulances there (S. 28 central) Here details of Evacuation were discussed. The 8 th Division relieves the 6 th Division in the line on night 19 th /20 th October. A party of 2 officers + 20 O.R. is being sent to - messau to go round the area. Operation order for the relief issued.	by DMS 8 th Div
	19/10/16.		A.D.M.S. visited DIVE COPSE in the morning, and BERNAFAY WOOD in the afternoon. CAPT TRIST M.O. 2 nd Y.L. + CAPT O'REILLY late Total Casualties O. 179. O.P. H, 100. M.O. 9 th NORFOLK awarded Military Crosses. Heavy Rain showers at intervals. Roads and Ground very bad. A.D.M.S. attended Conference at D.D.M.S. XIV Corps. Discussed the use of Decauville Railway for wounded. D.A.D.M.S. visited BERNAFAY WOOD, Evacuation gang satisfactory - 34 stretchers cases passed thro'. A.D.S. in the last 24 hours. Call for 12 squads of Bearers from 9 th Harfords through 11 th Brigade. These squads were detailed from 11 th Leicesters. <u>Counting Extremely difficult</u> owing to the slippery state	

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MINDEN POST.	19/10/16		<p>of the ground, 6 men were needed in places for each stretcher case. Blocks on the road for horse T ambulances between LONGUEVAL and BERNAFAY WOOD. Some of our wounded found their way to 12th Division, and 20 went through XV Corps M.D.S. The advanced party of 2 officers and 20 OR. from the 8th Division F. Amb. arrived, and were shown over the area. Endeavours will be made to clear all our ^{own} wounded before the ambulances leave, and one officer will be left at the A.D.S. until at the last thing to-morrow morning.</p> <p>The Beaver Division of 18th Field Ambulance moved to day to the CITADEL area with the 18th Inf Bde, and will there come under the orders of the Brigade Group. One Tent Sub-Division of 17th Field Amb. accompanied them. The 8 Ambulance Beavers attached to each Battalion are withdrawn now the Division comes out of the line, and the 16 men of the 11th Leicesters rejoin their unit from</p>	

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MINDEN POST	19/10/16.		<p>to the Headquarters of the Brigades. The following is a sketch of the line of evacuation in to present area.</p> <p>Total Casualties to 12 noon 19/10/16 Officers 182. Other Ranks 4180.</p>	

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MINDEN POST CHATEAU TREUX.	20/10/16.	9am	<p>Fine cold day. Headquarters closed at MINDEN POST at 9 a.m. and opened at the same hour at CHATEAU TREUX. Relieved at MINDEN POST by Headquarters 8th Division. Relief of Field Ambulances in front line, reported complete by 5.30 a.m. this morning. Moves to-day as follows. ^{The Beaver Division} 16th Field Ambulance and one Tent Sub-Division of 17th Field Ambulance moved to MEAULTE in conjunction with 16th Inf. Bde. 17th Field Ambulance less 2 Tent Sub Divisions moved to-day to SANDPITS. 18th Field The Beaver Division 18th Field Ambulance and one Tent Sub-Division 17th Field Ambulance remained at CITADEL.</p> <p>Beavers of 17th Field Ambulance very fatigued after difficulties of carrying wounded last night. All wounded were got away, the Regiment coming out helping to clear their wounded. 7 Cases only were reported as being admitted after 6 a.m. on the 20th. 16th Field Amb. had one man killed and 1 wounded. D.A.D.M.S. visited the 3 Ambulances with regard to the moves to-morrow.</p>	

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CHATEAU TREUX. CORBIE.	21/10/16.	11 a.m.	<p>Fine Cold day Divisional H.Q. closed at 11 a.m. (relieved by 33rd Division) and opened at same hour at CORBIE. Moves of Ambulances as follows.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 996 853 1041">The Beaver Division 16th F. Amb.</td> <td data-bbox="853 974 1029 1041">From MEAULTE.</td> <td data-bbox="1141 974 1284 1041">To. DAOURS.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 1041 853 1086">1 Tent Sub Division 17th F. Amb.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 1086 853 1153">17th Field Ambulance } less 2 Tent Sub Divisions }</td> <td data-bbox="853 1086 1029 1153">SANDATS.</td> <td data-bbox="1141 1086 1284 1153">CORBIE.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 1176 853 1220">The Beaver Division 18th F. Amb. }</td> <td data-bbox="853 1198 1029 1265">CITADEL</td> <td data-bbox="1141 1176 1412 1265">VILLE-SUR-ANCRE MERICOURT L'ABBÉ.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 1220 853 1265">1 Tent Sub Division 17th F. Amb. }</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>orders received that the 6th Division will proceed to 105 Rest Area Fourth Army near ABBEVILLE, and will later be transferred to the 1st Army. 8 Cases of Diagnosed Dysentery hospitalised.</p>	The Beaver Division 16 th F. Amb.	From MEAULTE.	To. DAOURS.	1 Tent Sub Division 17 th F. Amb.			17 th Field Ambulance } less 2 Tent Sub Divisions }	SANDATS.	CORBIE.	The Beaver Division 18 th F. Amb. }	CITADEL	VILLE-SUR-ANCRE MERICOURT L'ABBÉ.	1 Tent Sub Division 17 th F. Amb. }			
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	22/10/16.		<p>Fine Bright Cold day. A.D.M.S. visited 16th F. Amb. at DAOURS and the XIV Corps officers Rest Station at DAOURS with special reference to Capt. DRURY + Capt. O'GRADY who are patients here. CAPT. FULLER rejoined 17 F. Amb. from XIV Corps W.W.C.P.</p> <p>orders received from XIV Corps and</p>																

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CORBIE	22/10/10.		<p>6th Div. "Q." that the Tent Divisions of 16th and 18th Field Ambulances will march from DNE COPSE on the afternoon of the 23rd and join with 14th F. Amb. Entren with the 71st Inf. Bde on 24th and rejoin their units on arrival in the new Area. Transport will proceed by Road on 24th to new area. Motor Ambulance Cars were this morning returned ^{from 10 MHC} and rejoined their respective Field Ambulances.</p> <p>The Transport of 18th Field Amb. (Beaver Division) proceeded by road to-day to new area, marching to-day to ALLY-SUR-SOMME and to-morrow reaching new area. Personnel of Beaver Division 18th F. Amb, and personnel of 17th F. Amb. Tent Sub Division attached proceeded by Rail to new Area.</p> <p>8 more Cases of diagnosed dysentery reported.</p> <p>Total ^{lost} Casualties O. 184 O.R. 4228.</p> <p>Total Ambulance Battle Casualties</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="510 1433 1340 1579"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>K</th> <th>W</th> <th>M</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>16 Field Amb.</td> <td>6</td> <td>20</td> <td>-</td> <td>26</td> <td rowspan="3">71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 " "</td> <td>3</td> <td>20</td> <td>1</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 " "</td> <td>2</td> <td>19</td> <td>-</td> <td>21</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">Grand.</p>		K	W	M	Total	Total	16 Field Amb.	6	20	-	26	71	17 " "	3	20	1	24	18 " "	2	19	-	21	
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CORBIE	23/10/16.		<p>Fine day - misty. D.A.D.M.S. visited DIVE COPSE, and Col WATSON 18th Field Ambulance there. The Tent Divisions of 16th and 18th FA move this afternoon to CORBIE. Transport of 16th ^{+ Bear Division} and 17th ^{Div} Div Brigades Field Ambulance moved off to-day to FALLY-SUR-SOMME, and The Bear Division of 16th FA. Entrained to LONGPRE. A list of Water Points in the new Area issued to all medical officers. Water is not plentiful, and great care is necessary in chlorination. CAPT MERSON. M.O. 9th NORFOLKS. reported a good many cases of diarrhoea amongst the men. This he put down to the absence of blankets; The issue of blankets can be sanctioned by the B.C.C. of the Brigade, and as they are now available, it would appear they should be issued as early as possible.</p>	
HALLEN-COURT	24/10/16.	Dawn	<p>Dull day, Rain. Office closed at CORBIE at 10 a.m., and opened at the same point at HALLENCOURT 8 miles S.S.E. of ABBEVILLE. The Division now comes under the Administration of the 10th Corps. The personnel of 17th Field Amb. and</p>	

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HALLEN-COURT	24/10/16.		<p>The personnel of 16th and 18th Tent Divisions entrained to-day for AIRAINES, whence they march. Transport of 16th & 18th Field Ambulances proceeded by Road to-day to new Area. Ambulances will be situated as follows from to-morrow morning.</p> <p>16th Field Ambulance. HUPPY. 17th " " DOUDELAINVILLE. 18th " " NEUVILLE.</p> <p>Orders issued that Sick are to be sent to SOUTH AFRICAN STATIONARY HOSPITAL at ABBEVILLE. The Tent Sub Divisions of 17th Field Ambulance attached to 16th and 18th Field Amb. will rejoin their unit, on the arrival of the Tent Divisions of 16th and 18th Field Ambulances respectively. No instructions received from I Corps as to disposal of Sick etc.</p> <p>The following are the Casualties to medical officers since coming into XIV Corps Area. on 6th September.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="702 1473 1268 1534"> <thead> <tr> <th>Killed</th> <th>Wounded.</th> <th>Sick</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>7</td> <td>7</td> <td>15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>OFFICERS.</p>	Killed	Wounded.	Sick	TOTAL	1	7	7	15	
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HALLEN COURT.	25/10/16.		<p>Wet Rainy day, Dull. At AD.M.S. visited 18th Field Ambulance at NEUVILLE - good billets for men and Nurses - then proceeded to 17th Field Ambulance at DOUDELAINVILLE - here billets were on the whole bad - then to 16th Field Ambulance at HUPAY. Having now left the XIV Corps area, the Ambulances return to normal Routine in the way of Daily Rates, A&D Books, and Returns. Medical Stores are drawn from the 31. Advanced Depot of Medical Stores at ABBEVILLE. The Corps is at present administering the 5. Rest Area, but the Division is under the orders of H^q Army (LONB).</p>	
	26/10/16.		<p>Dull and Rainy - Cooler. AD.M.S. visited 1st K.S.L.I. with reference to the O.C. Lt. Col. MURRAY and LT YOUNG the M.O. Then visited CAPT TRIST. Mo. 2/10 York & Lanes. In afternoon visited O.C. 11th LEICESTER Regt. and O.C. 16th Field Ambulance. Orders received</p>	

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HALLEN COURT.	26/10/16.		<p>for move of 6th Division from 4th Army to the 1st Army, ^{1st Corps} Entrainment Commences at 2 a.m. on morning of 28th, and finishes at 12.30 p.m. on 29th. 24 Trains are allowed. The 3 Field Ambulances entrain at LONGPRE station on the morning of the 29th Inst and Detain:- 16th Field Ambulances BETHUNE. 17th " " " " FOUBQUEREUIL. 18th " " " " CHOEQUES. 8 hours are allowed for the Train Journey from LONGPRE to the Detraining Station.</p>	
	27/10/16.		<p>Heavy showers. A.D.M.S. visited Mo. 9th SUFFOLKS who reported 35 Cases of diarrhoea 16 of whom were passing Blood and slime. Instructions given to Evacuate the Worst Cases, and also any suspicious dysentery Cases. Then visited Inspection Room of 9th NORFOLKS and 1st Field Ambulance. In afternoon visited 18th Field</p>	

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HALLEN COURT	27/10/16.		Ambulance which has moved from NEUVILLE to BETTENCOURT near LONGPRE. Instructions issued to the motor Ambulance Cars of Field Ambulances proceeding to BETHUNE. Each Ambulance details an officer to go with its own cars, and they proceed to the dis-entraining station, and then to the Ambulance Bilets under a guide. 5 leaves per week granted to the Division.	
BETHUNE	28/10/16.	6 p.m.	Fine day, some showers. . Office closed at HALLEN COURT at 2 p.m and opened at 6 Rue d'ESPLANADE BETHUNE at 6 p.m. Now under D.D.M.S. 1 st Corps, and notification of Annual sent. CORPS HQ are at LABEUVRIERE near BRUAY. Notification that all leave has been stopped for the present. The Trains seem to be 4 hours or more late in starting from LONGPRE, so arrivals are delayed.	

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BETHUNE	29/10/16.		<p>Rain, stormy. A.D.M.S. visited D.D.M.S. 1st Corps Col. Westcott C.B. C.M.G. H.Q. of 1st Corps are at LABUISSIERE, about 1/2 mile North East of BRAUAY. Orders from Corps received. Sick are Evacuated to 101 CCS at CHOQUEVES and 2/2 WEST RIDING CCS at LILLERS, on alternate days Evacuation is done by 12 M.A.C. and a cyclist calls daily to receive the numbers of Cases. 16th Amb draws from 1017 Adv. Depot of med Stores in BETHUNE, while 17th and 18th draw from the 12 Depot at LILLERS. A large number of the orders are new, and require Circulation to the Field Ambulances. The 3 Ambulances have now returned and are settling into their billets. 16th Amb. has good accommodation for about 100 sick, but 17th + 18th have no place to retain Sick at all.</p>	
	30/10/16.		<p>Wind and Rain. A.D.M.S. + D.A.D.M.S. visited 17th Field Amb. at FOUQUIERES and found their billets were bad. Arrangements were made with the Q.L. 'B' Sect. 1st CORPS</p>	

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BETHUNE	30/10/16.		<p>Rest Station to admit any sick of 11th Brigade, and treat them for the present. 2 med. officers were lent to help to assist in seeing sick. Then visited D.D.M.S. 1st Corps and then 18th Field Ambulance at MARLES LES MINES D. 25 a. 3.2. (Street 36^B 1/40,000). Here also there is no accommodation for sick, but billets for men are fairly comfortable and dry.</p> <p>The list of Returns required in the new area issued to Field Ambulances.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. and Sanitary Officer 6th Div visited billets of the 1st R.S.L.I. in the MONTMORENCY BARRACKS, and found them reasonably clean and dry. Good washing accommodation and water supply. Then visited the Billets and Wards of 16th Field Ambulance in the HOSPICE CIVIL and MILITAIRE.</p>	
	31/10/16.		<p>Dull, some showers. M.O. 1st BUFFS - LIEUT DYSON came to see A.D.M.S. A.D.M.S. then visited Billets in the town occupied by troops of the 16th Div. Bde.</p>	

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 To

Officer in Medical Charge:-

XIV Brigade R.A.

1. You will take steps at once to see that no man who has ever suffered from Enteric Fever is employed as a cook in your unit.
2. The following suggestion is strongly recommended for your initiative, you should discuss the matter with the C.O. of your unit and do everything in your power to establish it:- viz. all N.C.O.s and men of your unit who have ^{ever} suffered from Enteric Fever should be put in one Platoon and always go to the same billet in Brigade and Divisional Reserve, and in Infantry units always occupy the same position in the trenches. Arrangements should be made with the Unit, or Units which relieve each other, so that they can carry out the same system in the same billets and trenches. Certain personnel of the Regt. Sanitary Detachment would be allotted to these Platoons for the careful disinfection each day of their urinal pits and latrine trenches.
3. Please report at an early date if para. 1. has been complied with, and what action you have taken to comply with para. 2.

H. G. 4th Ldn.

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P. N. Hadwin

Major

RAMS. 7th Division.

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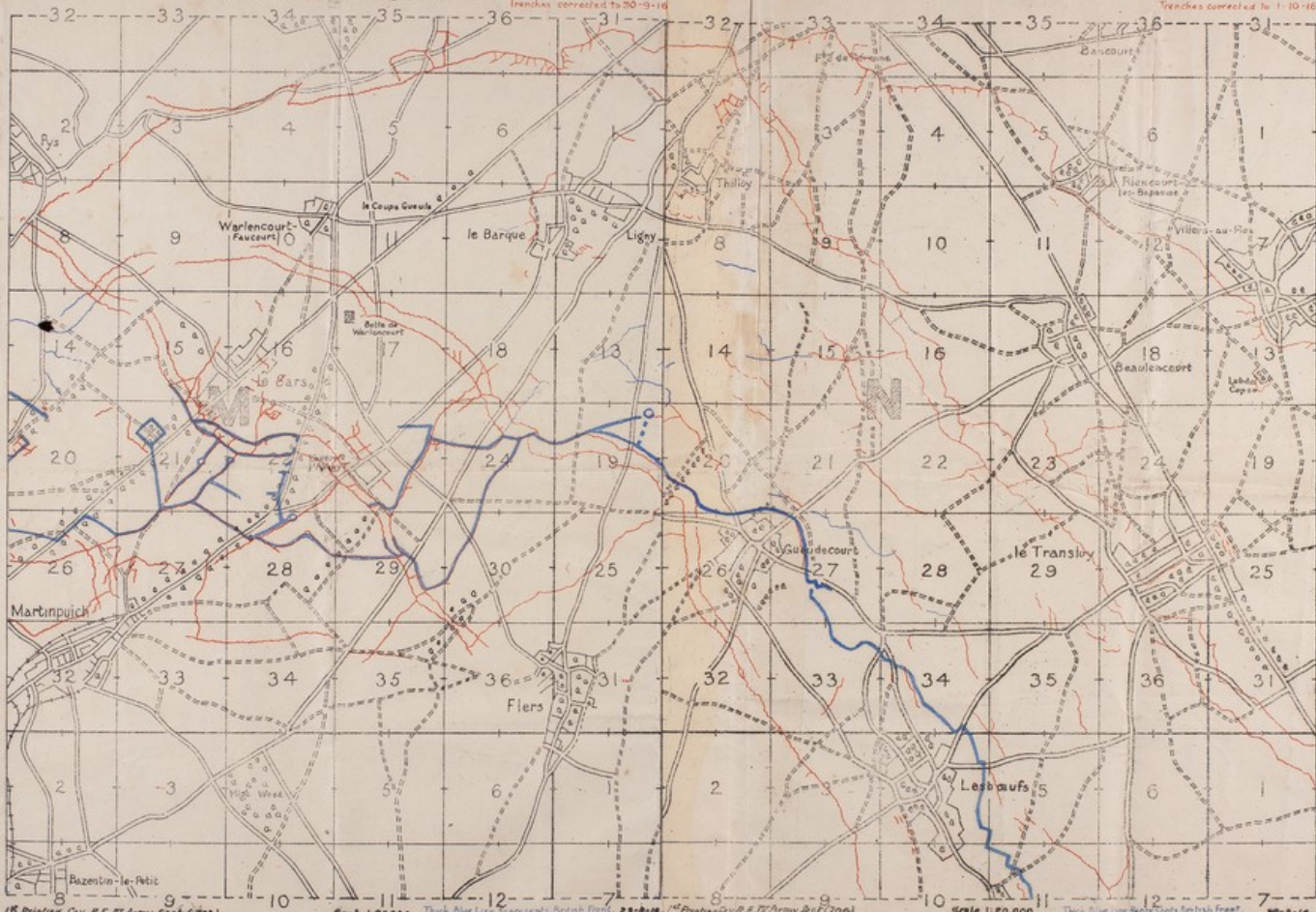
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FOURTH ARMY TRENCH MAP B

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Thick Blue Line Represents British Front
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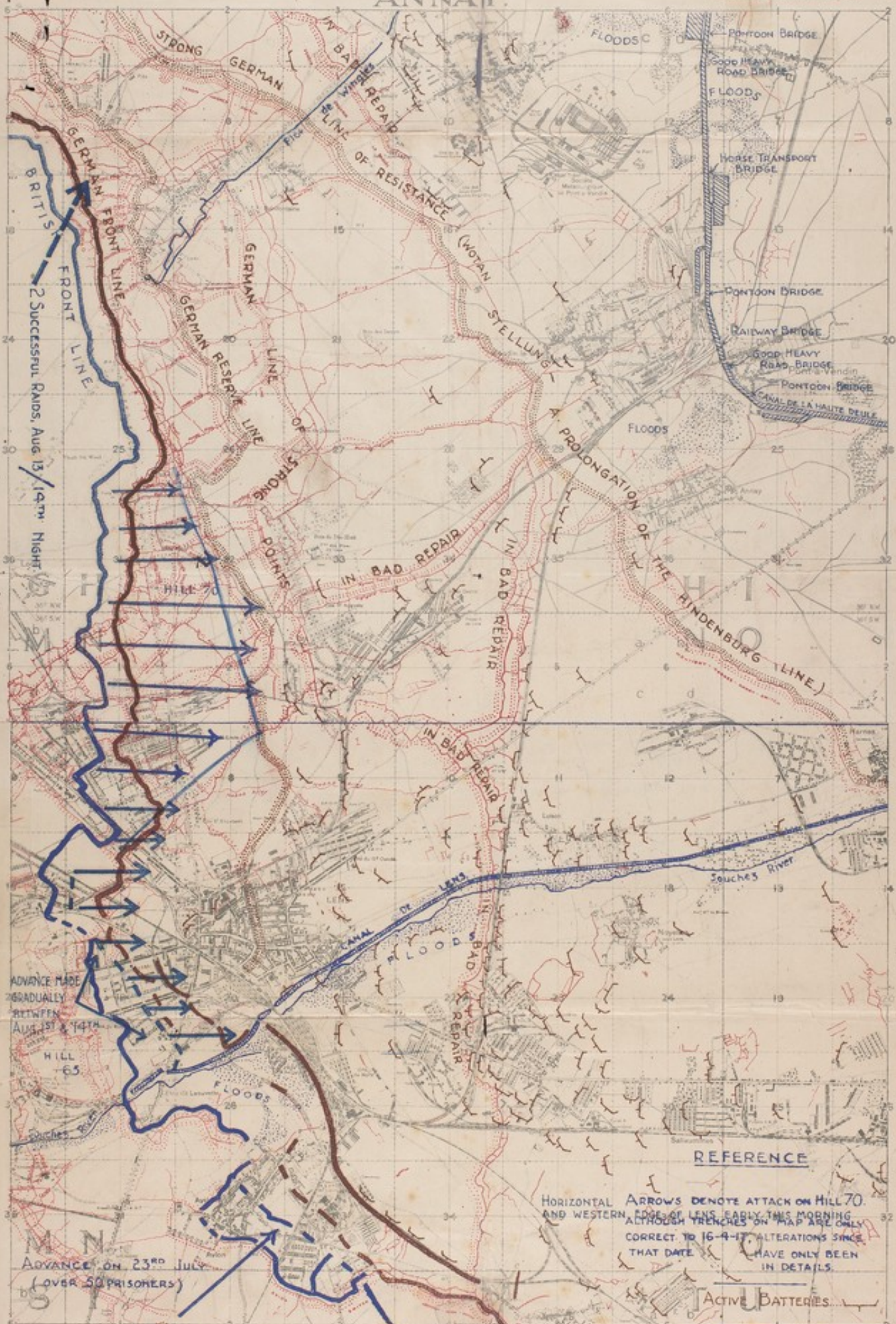
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BRITISH FRONT LINE
 2 Successful Raids, Aug 13/14th Night

ADVANCE MADE GRADUALLY BETWEEN AUG 1ST & 14th

ADVANCE ON 23rd JULY (OVER 50 PRISONERS)

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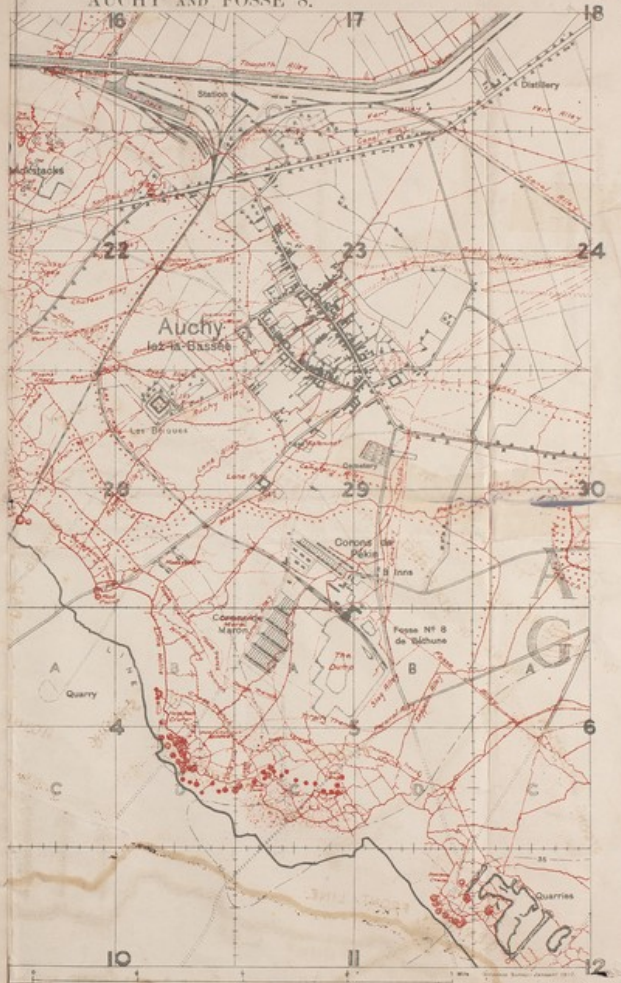
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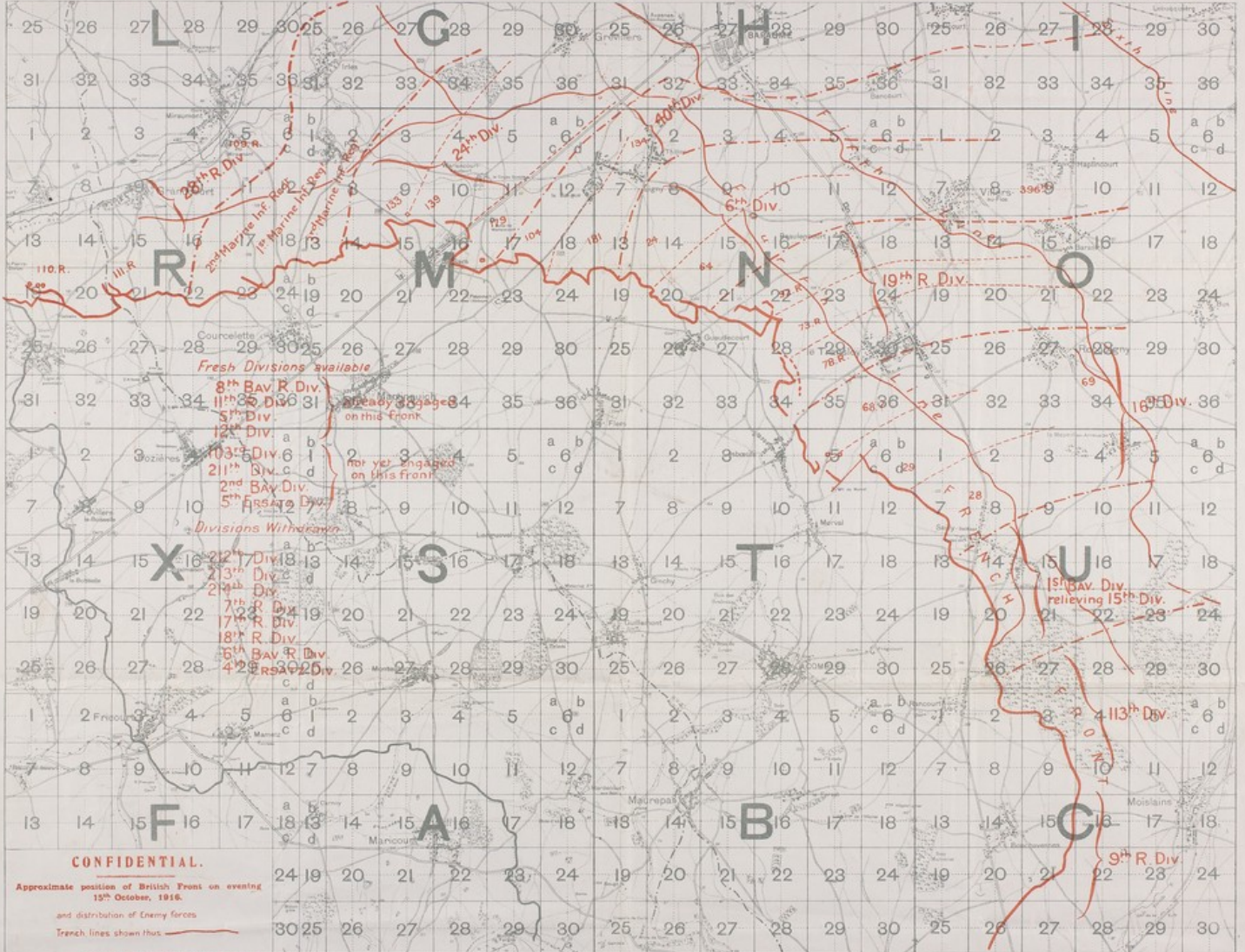
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Main German Second Line

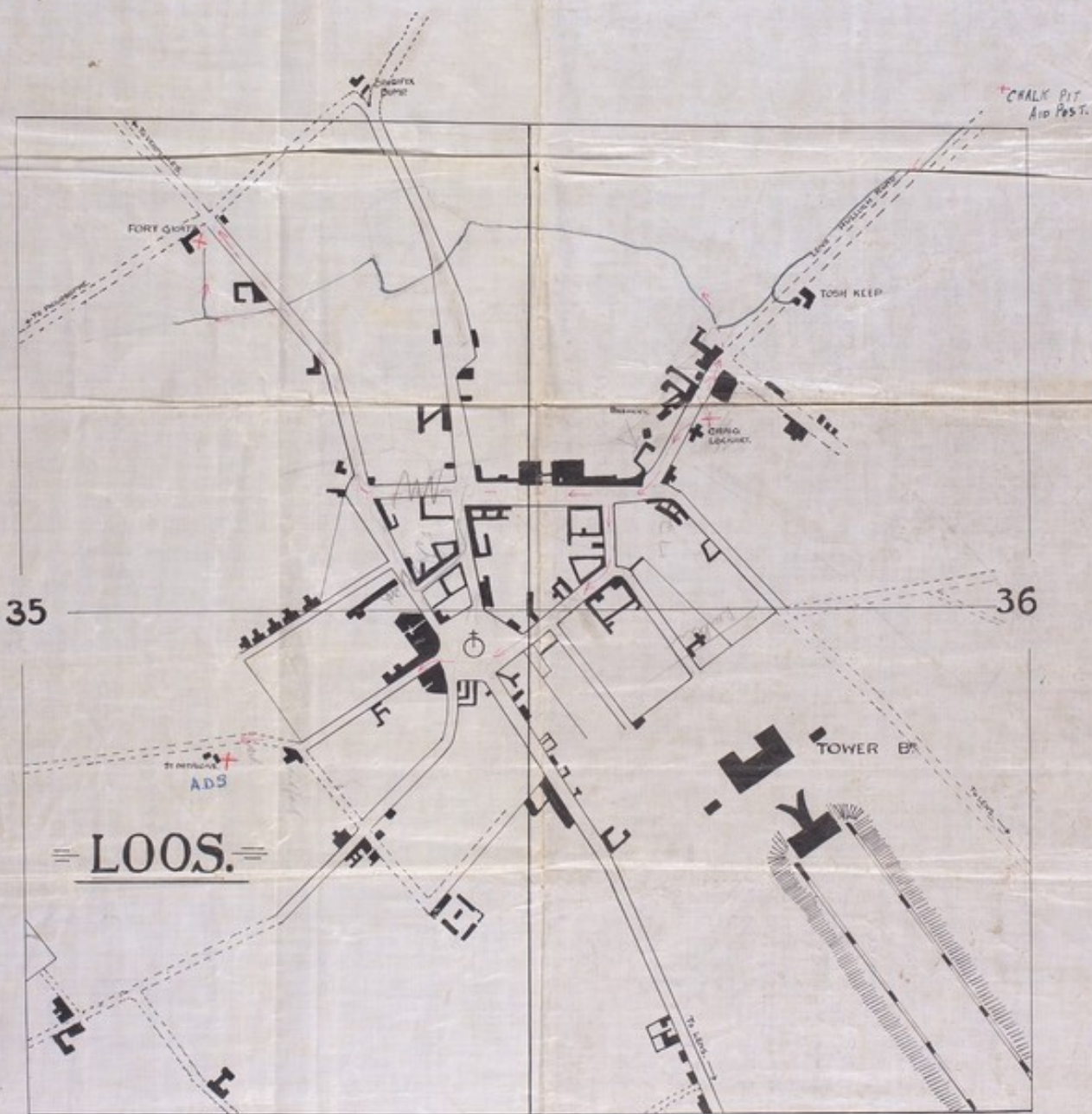
FOURTH ARMY FRONT.

PARTS OF SHEETS (57° 57' 162" 62")



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