

Henry Alfred Wilson



Nº455

2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital Royal Army Medical Corp

Nº853

3/2 East Lancashire Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corp

Nº352542

1/1 East Lancashire Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corp

Nº79 General Hospital

Henry Alfred Wilson was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1892 in Harpurhey, Manchester to John and Sarah Wilson. He was their 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 children, his father a Coach Painter, the family living at 4 Cromwell Street. he was baptised 1 month later on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1892.

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Harpurhey</i> in the County of <i>Lancaster</i> in the Year 1892						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
<i>June 5 1892</i> No. 70.	<i>Henry Alfred</i>	<i>John William</i> <i>Sarah</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Cromwell</i> <i>St</i>	<i>Coach</i> <i>Painter</i>	<i>J.A. &amp; Hibbert</i>

On the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1896 Henry aged 4 was admitted to the Christ Church School ( Pictured), Rochdale Road Harpurhey. His father noted as John a Painter. They were living at 7 Barnes Street a this point. He remained at school there until 1899.

Admission Number.	Date of Admission.			NAME IN FULL.	Date of Birth.			Whether exempted from Religious Instruction in Common	NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.							
	D.	M.	Y.		D.	M.	Y.									
241	14	9	96	Wilson Henry Alfred	5	5	92		John. Wm. Painter							
ADDRESS.	The last School (if any) which the Scholar attended before entering this School			The highest Standard in which it was there presented.	Year when presented in Standard.							Date of Leaving.			REMARKS.	
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	D.	M.	Y.		
7 Barnes St	None												24	8	99	Promoted to St 2





In 1901 Henry is aged 8, one of 3 children in the family home 7 Barnes street (demolished) . His father still a Coach Painter

Administration County <u>Lancaster</u>										The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 12																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. of HOUSE					HOUSES Uninhabited Inhabited No. of Inhabitants					Name and Surname of each Person					RELATION to Head of Family					Age last Birthday Males Females					PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION					Employer, Worker, Own account					If Working at Home					WHEEL BORN					(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Imbecile, feeble- minded																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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Little else is known of Henry's early years. When war was declared on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he was aged 22 and like many would be called to serve.

Henry was attested in to service on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1915 aged 23. He was 5 foot 6 ½ in inches, with a 34 inch chest and good vision. He was still living at 41 Belper Street. He was given an initial service number 455 and posted to the Royal Army Medical Corp. He gave his mother as his next of kin.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.		Army Form E. 501.	
4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.			
ATTESTATION OF			
No. <u>853</u> Name <u>Nelson Henry Alfred</u> Corps <u>R.A.M.C.T.</u>		2nd East Lancs Fd. Co.	
Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.			
1. What is your Name and Address?	1. <u>Nelson Henry Alfred</u> <u>41 Belper St. Harpurhey</u>		
2. Are you willing to be attached for service in the Territorial Force for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for the County of ... in that ...	2. <u>Yes.</u>		
3. Have you received a notice charging the likelihood you are? Incurring by enlisting, and do you volunteer there?	3. <u>No.</u>		
4. Do you now belong to, or have you ever belonged to, the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the British Expeditionary Force, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteer Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which one, and if discharged, state of discharge.	4. <u>No.</u>		
5. Are you a British Subject?	5. <u>Yes.</u>		
Under the provisions of Sections 13 and 59 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.			
1. <u>Nelson Henry Alfred</u> do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.			
SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.			
OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.			
1. <u>Nelson Henry Alfred</u> swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, loyally and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.			
CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.			
1. <u>Edmund</u> do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit, whose name, that the Answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath at <u>Manchester</u> on this <u>21<sup>st</sup></u> day of <u>May</u> 1915.			
(Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorized to attest Recruits)			
If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration on each section of this Army Act.			
The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Attestation on Army Form E. 501.			
This must be signed.			

MEDICAL HISTORY of	
Name <u>Nelson</u> Christian Name <u>Henry Alfred</u>	
TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE	
Birthplace ...	Parish ... County ...
Examined ...	on <u>21<sup>st</sup></u> day of <u>May</u> 1915, at <u>Manchester</u>
Declared Age ...	<u>23</u> years ... days.
Trade or Occupation ...	
Height ...	<u>5'</u> feet, <u>6 ½</u> inches.
Weight ...	... lbs.
Chest ...	When fully Expanded <u>34</u> inches.
Measurement ...	Unexpanded <u>32 ½</u> inches.
Physical Development ...	<u>Good</u>
Vaccination Marks ...	Right ... Left ...
When Vaccinated ...	
Vision ...	R.E. V= <u>Good</u> L.E. V= <u>Good</u>
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ...	(b) ...
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ...	
Approved by (Signature) ...	(Rank) ... Medical Officer.
Enlisted ...	at <u>Manchester</u> on <u>21<sup>st</sup></u> day of <u>May</u> 1915.
Joined on Enlistment ...	<u>R.A.M.C.T. Corps</u> Regt. No. <u>455</u>
Transferred to ...	<u>2nd L.G. Hosp.</u> <u>3/2 E.L.F.A.</u> <u>853</u>
Became non-effective by ...	on ... day of ... 191...
(Signature) ...	(Rank) ...

9. Name and address of next of kin ...	Mother. <u>41 Belper St. Harpurhey</u>
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Henry was posted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital in Manchester

Joined on Enlistment ...	R.A.M.C.T. Corps <u>2nd L.G. Hosp.</u>	Regt. No. <u>455</u>
Service towards engagement reckons from		
<u>R.A.M.C.</u>	<u>2nd Western General Hsp.</u>	<u>Attested</u>
<u>21 5. 15</u>	<u>Plt</u>	<u>1st</u>

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital was established in 1914 in the Central Secondary School, Whitworth Street Manchester but by the time Henry was posted it had probably grown to occupy several more locations in the city, the school remaining the main building.

2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital (Central Secondary School, Whitworth Street) and another building on Duice Avenue



Through August and October 1915 Harry received his vaccinations and inoculations

Aug 14 <sup>th</sup> 1915	Vaccinated	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1915	Inoculated $\frac{IV}{1}$	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1915	Inoculated $\frac{IV}{1}$
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On the 20<sup>th</sup> October whilst still at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital Henry signed an agreement to overseas service. As a Territorial soldier he could not be posted overseas until he agreed.

ROYAL ARMY  
ORDERLY ROOM  
MEDICAL CORPS  
Form E. 624.

### IMPERIAL AND GENERAL SERVICE OBLIGATION.

Agreement to be made by an officer or man of the Territorial Force to subject himself to liability to serve in any place outside the United Kingdom during the present period of embodiment.

I (No.) 455 (Rank) Pte.  
(Name) Wilson H.A. do hereby agree to accept liability, during the present period of embodiment, to serve in any place outside the United Kingdom, in accordance with the provisions of Section XIII. (2) (a) of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, [and where, with a view to service overseas, my transfer to another corps is required, I hereby consent to such transfer notwithstanding that the corps to which I am to be transferred may be different from that in which I am serving].\* I understand that release from this obligation can during the present period of embodiment be granted only with the consent of the competent military authority.

This undertaking is given on the understanding that I shall not by reason of such transfer suffer any reduction of the pay and allowances of which I was in receipt immediately prior to transfer.

H.A. Wilson (Signature of officer or man.)  
Dr. W. H. Macdonald (Signature of Commanding Officer.)  
Lieut. Col. R.A.M.C.S.A.  
OFFICER COMMANDING  
2<sup>nd</sup> WESTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL

(Station) 2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital  
(Date) Oct: 20<sup>th</sup> 15.



On the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1915 Henry was admitted to the hospital he served in for 4 days with 'Dizziness'

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number of days in Hospital
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year		
2 <sup>nd</sup> West Gen Hosp	10	12	1915	13	12	1915	Dizziness	4

Number of days in Hospital: 4

Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, or treatment of the case, likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and readmissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.

Signature of Medical Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

10 (When running) 1st record

He was admitted again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1916 with Gastric Influenza for 10 days, noted he suffered from it in 'civil life'

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital	Discharged from Hospital	Disease	Number of days in Hospital
2 <sup>nd</sup> West Gen Hosp	22 1 1916	31 1 1916	Gastric Influenza	10

Remarks: 2<sup>nd</sup> record. Pains started across stomach following last with vomiting. Similar attacks months ago, also in civil life.

Signature of Medical Officer: Capt B. Buckley

On the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1916 Henry was transferred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> (3/2) East Lancashire Field Ambulance (ELFA). He may have been given a new service number at this point, 853. 3<sup>rd</sup> ELFA were at No11 Camp Codford when he joined them.

DESCRIPTIVE RETURN of a Soldier at present stationed at 2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital, Manchester.

who is desirous of being <sup>(transferred)</sup> ~~attached~~ from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital, R.A.M.C., Regiment at Manchester to the 3<sup>rd</sup> East Lancashire Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., Regiment or Corps at 3<sup>rd</sup> East Lancashire Field Ambulance for the purpose of duty.

Regiment and Battalion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Western General Hospital, R.A.M.C., Manchester.

No. 4550 Rank and Name: Pte H. H. Wilson

Service towards engagement: 10 months

Date of Attestation: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1915

Period for which attested: 10 months

Age: 24 years 4 days Height: 5 feet 6 inches

Chest Measurement: (Girth when fully expanded) 37 1/2 inches (Range of expansion) 2 1/2 inches

Traits or Calling: Salford, Manchester, County Lancashire

Where born: Salford, Manchester, County Lancashire

Married or single, if married, state if with leave: Single

Certificate of Education: Nil

Character: Nil

Good conduct badges: Nil

Military qualification and score: Nil

Schools or Courses of Instruction at which the soldier has attended and qualified: Nil

Notes of conditions attached to be stated: Nil

I request to be transferred as above, and I understand that, if transferred, my conditions of service will be modified (if necessary) so as to correspond with the general conditions of service in the corps to which I am transferred, in accordance with Section 85 (1) of the Army Act.

Signature of Soldier: H. H. Wilson

I request to be transferred as above.

Signature of Soldier: H. H. Wilson

I have examined the above man and find him medically fit for the branch of the service to which it is proposed to transfer him.

Signature of Medical Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

I have no objection to this man being transferred as above.

Signature of applicant's present Commanding Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

(Station) "3<sup>rd</sup> ELFA" (Date) 22 May 1916

I have no objection to this man being transferred as above.

Signature of Officer Commanding applicant's proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Station) Codford (Date) 22 May 1916

Signature of recipient authority for transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The King's Regulations. The words which do not apply to be crossed, and in the case of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, it should be crossed with the word "1<sup>st</sup> Division".

Transferred to ... 3/2 E.L.F.A. ... 853

No10 Camp Codford, No11 Camp would have looked similar.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> East Lancashire Field Ambulance (WLFA) was a training unit that prepared reinforcements to join service units.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1916 Henry left the UK 'en-route (ER) to join a service unit in the Egyptian Expeditionary Force (EEF) probably traveling through France to Marseilles then by ship to Alexandria arriving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

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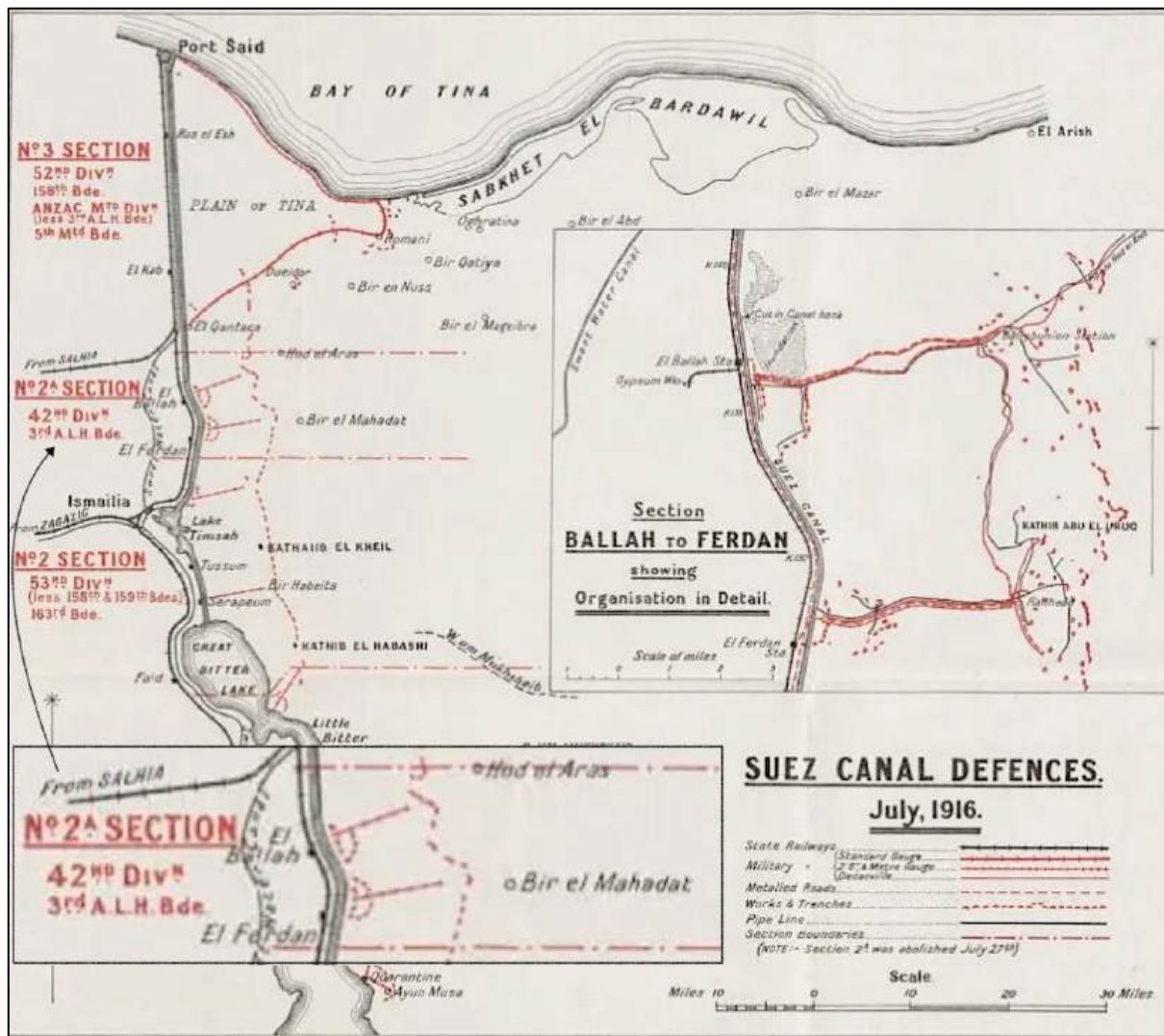
Henry was almost certainly part of a draft posted to the 1/1 East Lancashire Field Ambulance (ELFA). They had been on the Gallipoli peninsular 1915 and evacuated to Egypt in the January of 1916, part of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division.



By July 1916 the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division was 'guarding' No 2<sup>A</sup> section of the Suez around El Ballah and El Ferdan

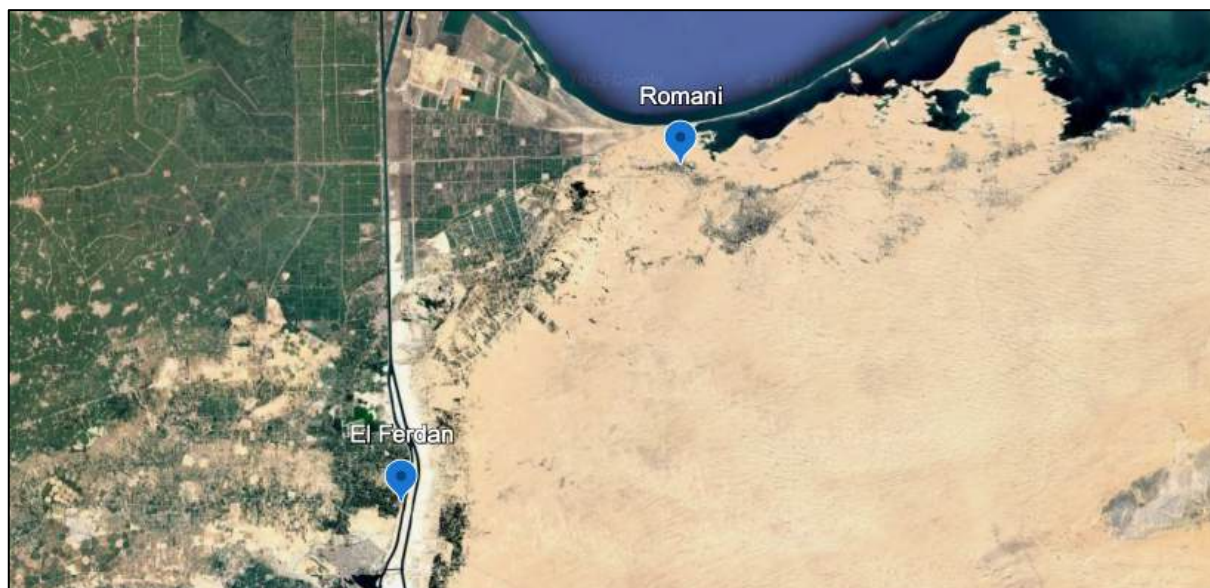




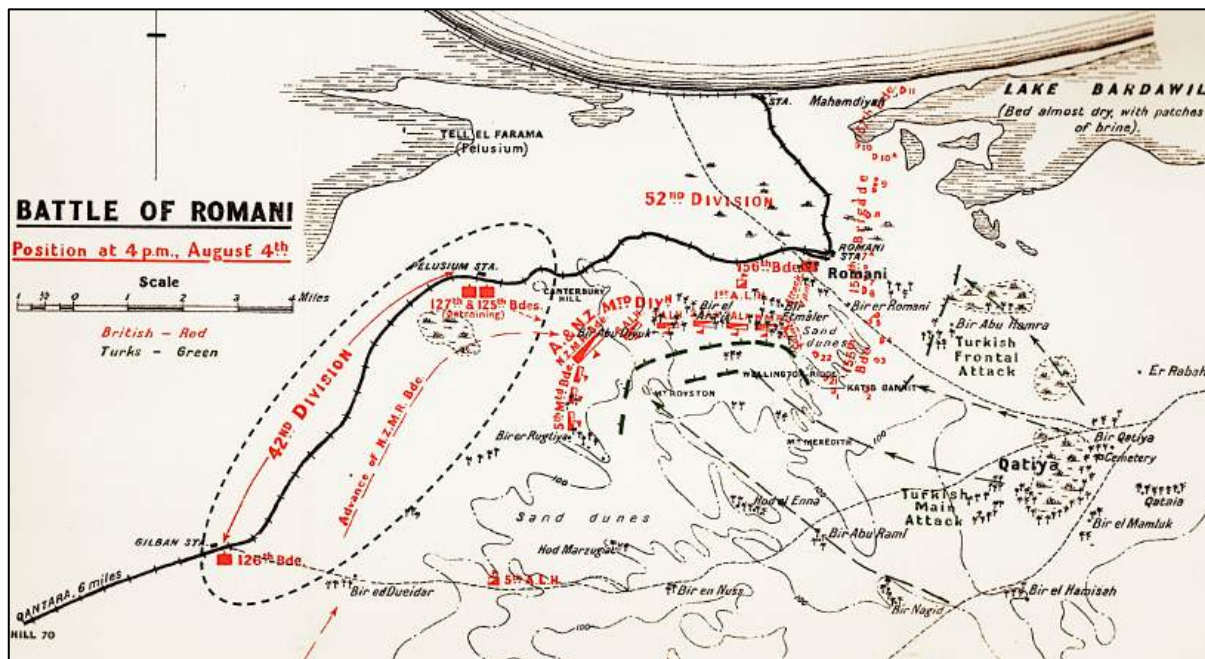


The 42nd Division was not prepared for the conditions they found in the Sinai desert. They had not been trained to operate in heavy sand in mid summer heat, and with insufficient water, the men suffered extreme distress

After several Turkish attacks east of the Suez the 42nd Division with other units advanced through the desert participating in the Battle of Romani in August 1916 and the advance from Romani to Katia.







An Australian Field Ambulance near Romani and Australian Field Ambulance on the move.



A man of the 1/1 East Lancashire Field Ambulance late 1915. They would have appeared much the same through 1916.



By December 1916 the 42nd Division was furnishing units to protect the lines of communication at Salmana, Abu Tilul and On 21 December, 42nd and 52nd Divisions continued to move eastwards towards Masaid.



By the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1917 the 42nd Division was no longer in the Sinai Campaign, having been among the first of the Territorial Force to receive orders for a move to the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) Western Front.

Henry's record shows him enroute to BEF on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1917 joining the BEF on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1917.

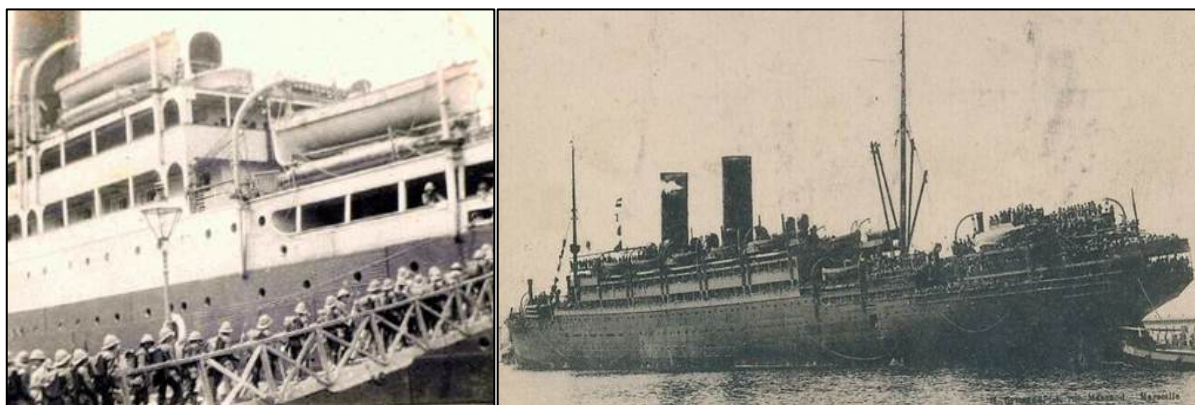
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BEF	3 - 3 - 17.	4 - 11 - 17.		247



Then 133 other ranks of the 1/1 ELFA sailed on the Transport Transylvania with other elements of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Division.

H.T. "TRANSYLVANIA" DISEMBARKED - 27.0: 849. OR: 1/4 Lancs Fus: -  
 5.0: 42. OR: HQ 126<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde - 6.0: 133. OR: 1<sup>st</sup> ELFA  
1<sup>st</sup> Amb: - 26.0: 774. OR: 1/8<sup>th</sup> Lancs Fus: - 11.0: 116  
 6R: Div HQ Am - 25.0: 769. OR: 1/4 East Lancs -  
 3.0: 10. OR: HQ Div RE: - 14.0. R: HQ 211<sup>th</sup> Bde  
 RYA - 2.0: 2. OR: Details: 8 Gun Battery, 16 Am  
 16 Am troops - all 42<sup>nd</sup> Div. Alexandria for France  
 13.0: 4. OR: Entitled: - 7.0: Indulgence: -  
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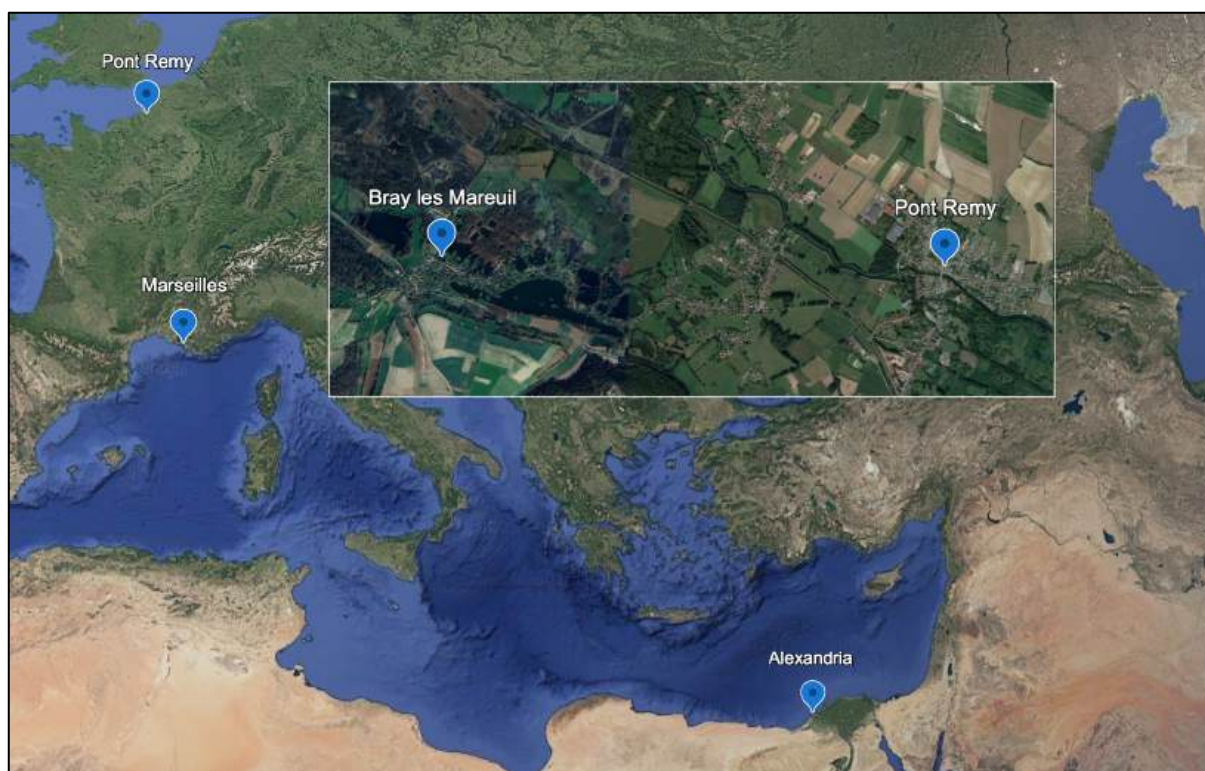
Men Boarding the Transylvania and Transylvania in Marseilles.



On arrival in Marseilles the men entrained arriving at the Weston Front, Pont Remy on the 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7:20am. The ground was covered in 2 inches of snow, a vast difference to the desert they had left less then a week before. They marched to Bray les Mareuil to billets.

AT SEA	1.3.17	1030	Ship's routine	24. Cases in Hospital, General Inspection of Troops carried out
MARSEILLES	2.3.17	0800	arrived in port, No infectious or venereal cases on board, landed our minimal roll and transfer forms of 20 Sick to E.M.O. who however only took into Hospital 10 cases, remaining 10 who cases to remain with Units. Handled our ship's Hospital + instruments to Ship's Surgeon	Sanitary Diary
		1805	Entrained with 1/4 Lancs Fusiliers & Div Hq details after disembarkation	
		2000		
		2200	Train moved out of MARSEILLES	
ON TRAIN	3.3.17	0520	arrived ORANGE leaving @ 0600	
		1030	arrived VALLENCE leaving @ 1200	
		1530	arrived LYONS leaving 1600	
		1815	arrived MACON leaving 1915	
ON TRAIN	4.3.17	0920	arrived LES LAUMES leaving 0930	
PONT REMY	5.3.17	0530	arrived & detrained @ 0600 grounds covered with 2 inches of snow, marched to -	
BRAY LES MAREUIL	5.3.17	0815	arrived by road. Advanced party (C. Section) arrived here previous evening. Billets arranged during the day & the Unit Told off accordingly. Received orders to notify ADMS of cases in Regt & did not, so that they could be evacuated direct to 2 Stationary Hospital ABBEVILLE	





March 1917			In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded		Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> at sea	2 <sup>nd</sup> arrive Marseilles	3 <sup>rd</sup> rail	4 <sup>th</sup> rail	5 <sup>th</sup> arrive Pont Remy	6 <sup>th</sup> Arrive Bray les Mareuil	7 <sup>th</sup> setting billets
8 <sup>th</sup> setting billets	9 <sup>th</sup> setting billets	10 <sup>th</sup> setting billets	11 <sup>th</sup> 7 motor ambulances arrive	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
15 <sup>th</sup> to Longpre & entrained to Corbie – marched to Hamel – 5 officers 159 men.	16 <sup>th</sup> sorting billets and Hospital	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> 12 admitted	19 <sup>th</sup> 13 admitted	20 <sup>th</sup> 21 admitted	21 <sup>st</sup> 7 admitted
22 <sup>nd</sup> 18 admitted Men bathed at Hamel	23 <sup>rd</sup> 10 admitted	24 <sup>th</sup> 15 admitted	25 <sup>th</sup> 1 admitted Marched to Frise to Camp 56 west of Eclusier	26 <sup>th</sup> marched to Cappy Mairie took over from 1/1 South Midland FA	27 <sup>th</sup> 8 admitted Cleaning billets and hospital	28 <sup>th</sup> 19 admitted
29 <sup>th</sup> 6 admitted	30 <sup>th</sup> 21 admitted	31 <sup>st</sup> 27 admitted				

#### March 1917 Movements

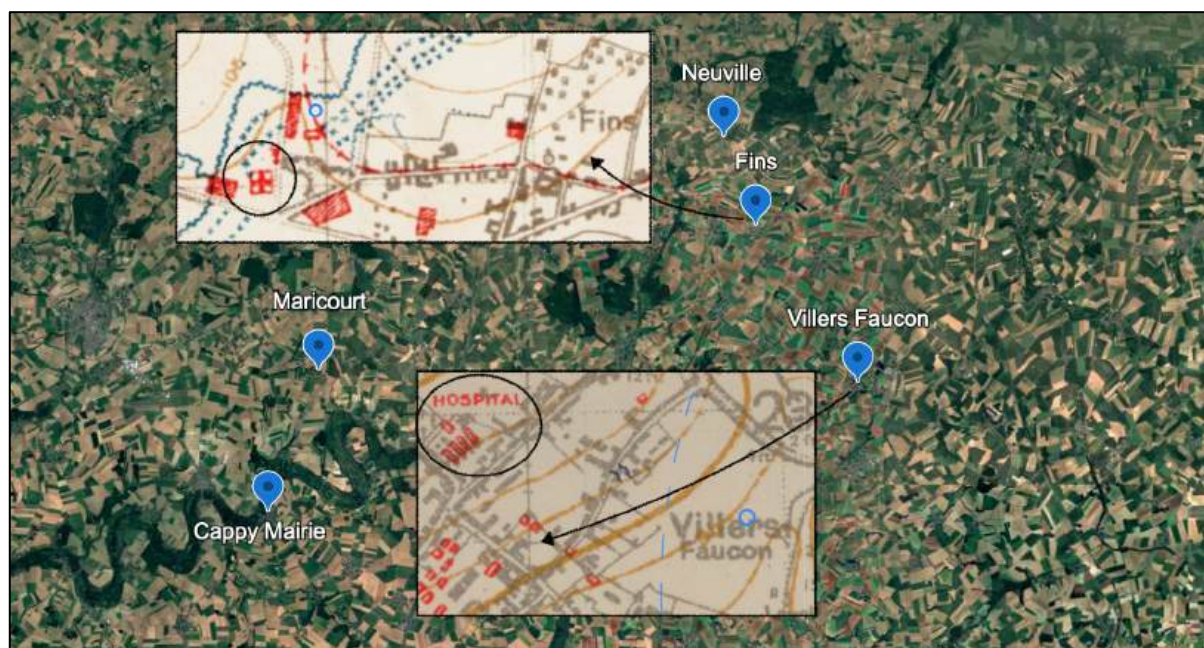


April 1917		In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded			Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> Cappy Mairie	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 39 men in hospital	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 9 admitted	6 <sup>th</sup> 12 admitted	7 <sup>th</sup> 27 admitted
8 <sup>th</sup> 29 admitted - 57 in hospital total	9 <sup>th</sup> men bathed 19 admitted	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> 35 admitted - 74 in hospital total	12 <sup>th</sup> 4 admitted	13 <sup>th</sup> 28 admitted	14 <sup>th</sup> 18 admitted
15 <sup>th</sup> 64 admitted - 23 of these trench foot	16 <sup>th</sup> 18 admitted	17 <sup>th</sup> 8 admitted	18 <sup>th</sup> 10 admitted	19 <sup>th</sup> 29 admitted - 65 in hospital total	20 <sup>th</sup> 26 admitted	21 <sup>st</sup> 28 admitted
22 <sup>nd</sup> 10 admitted	23 <sup>rd</sup> 15 admitted C Section (48 men) to Templeux le Fosse	24 <sup>th</sup> 10 admitted	25 <sup>th</sup> 7 admitted	26 <sup>th</sup> taken medical charge of 170 German prisoners at Cappy Camp. 21 admitted	27 <sup>th</sup> 1 admitted	28 <sup>th</sup> 5 admitted
29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> 1 admitted - 34 in hospital total					

First casualties 11<sup>th</sup> May 3 wounded in shelling

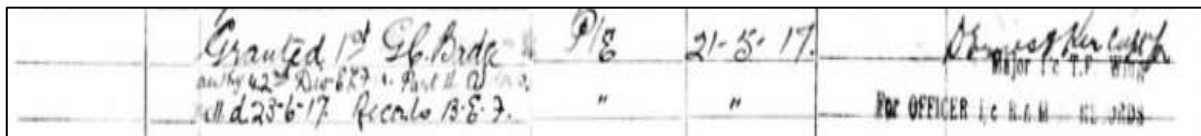
May 1917		In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded			Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> Cappy Mairie B Section to Villers Faucon	2 <sup>nd</sup> HQ to Templeux La Fosse joining B Section at main dressing station	3 <sup>rd</sup> all motor ambulances to Villers Faucon	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> all section to Villers Faucon	7 <sup>th</sup> under shelling med digging in
8 <sup>th</sup> heavy rain - many dug outs flooded - men bailing out	9 <sup>th</sup> area shelled	10 <sup>th</sup> area shelled 1 admitted	11 <sup>th</sup> shelling close to Field Ambulance	12 <sup>th</sup> men bathed	13 <sup>th</sup> heavy rain - dugouts flooded	14 <sup>th</sup> repairing dugouts
15 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	16 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	17 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	18 <sup>th</sup> relived by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cavalry FA All men re-join unit from aid posts	19 <sup>th</sup> moved to near Fins V116 and bivouacked in tents	20 <sup>th</sup> moved to Neuville	21 <sup>st</sup> took over from 62 FA ant Neuville
22 <sup>nd</sup> routine duties	23 <sup>rd</sup> 31 admitted	24 <sup>th</sup> 23 admitted	25 <sup>th</sup> 27 admitted One section sent to Maricourt	26 <sup>th</sup> 33 admitted	27 <sup>th</sup> 24 admitted	28 <sup>th</sup> 25 admitted
29 <sup>th</sup> 18 admitted Gas released by us - all ranks warned.	30 <sup>th</sup> gas warning precautions taken. 21 admitted	31 <sup>st</sup> relived by 2/3 South Midland FA				

April & May 1917 movements





On the 25<sup>th</sup> may Henry was granted his first Good Conduct Badge

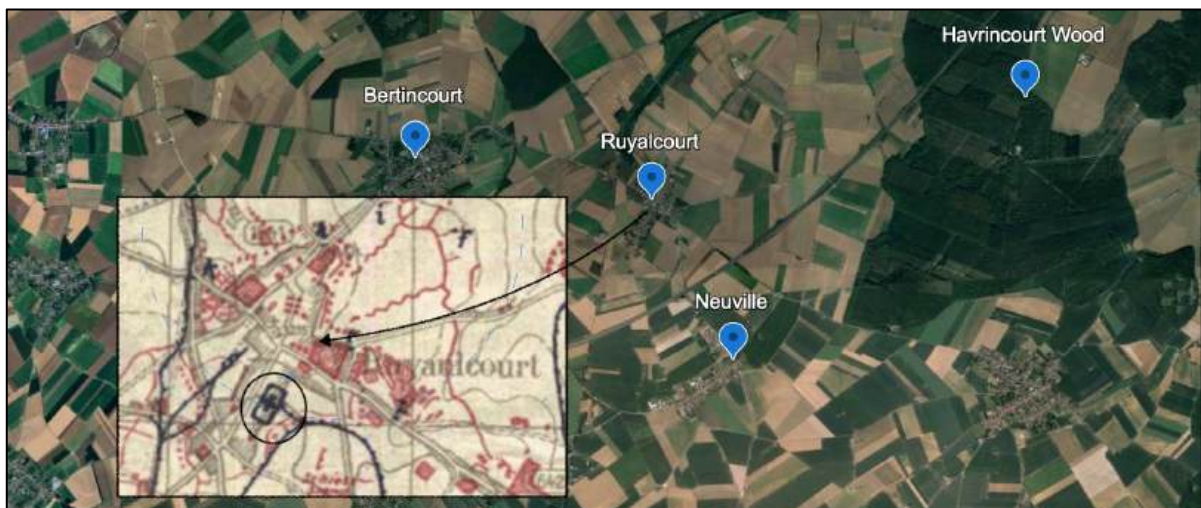


June 1917		In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded			Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> to Ruyalcourt 2 stretcher barer subdivisions to Mill Farm & Havrincourt Wood	2 <sup>nd</sup> cleaning & Building	3 <sup>rd</sup> fatigue work	4 <sup>th</sup> scheme for building dressing station drawn up & commenced	5 <sup>th</sup> cleaning & Building 42 men to Havrincourt Wood party	6 <sup>th</sup> fatigues employed in building	7 <sup>th</sup> building continues
8 <sup>th</sup> building continues	9 <sup>th</sup> building continues	10 <sup>th</sup> bathed at Bertincourt for 71 men at Ruyalcourt and 43 men at Havrincourt	11 <sup>th</sup> building continues	12 <sup>th</sup> Havrincourt party join building works	13 <sup>th</sup> building continues	14 <sup>th</sup> work on Regimental aid posts: Q10a, Q3d, Q14 & on dugouts with 256 Tunnelling Company RE
15 <sup>th</sup> building continues	16 <sup>th</sup> building continues	17 <sup>th</sup> building continues	18 <sup>th</sup> new evacuation post at J36 with 256 Tunnelling Coy RE	19 <sup>th</sup> building continues	20 <sup>th</sup> building continues	21 <sup>st</sup> building continues
22 <sup>nd</sup> building continues	23 <sup>rd</sup> building continues	24 <sup>th</sup> building continues	25 <sup>th</sup> building continues	26 <sup>th</sup> building continues	27 <sup>th</sup> building continues	28 <sup>th</sup> building continues
29 <sup>th</sup> Advance Dressing Station opened at Ruyalcourt	30 <sup>th</sup> building continues on other posts					

## Ruyalcourt



## June 1917 movements





Wire in front of Hindenburg Line  
(in M 26.5)

Mine crater in road at K 27. 28

Trees of Havrincourt Park

Havrincourt Chateau

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KEY

⊕ F.A.M.S. HOURS

⊕ A.D.S.

⊕ F.A.M.S. COLLECTING in DENNIS POST

⊕ R.A.P.

← ROAD MOTOR

--- DRY WATER LANE

..... GOLF LINKS

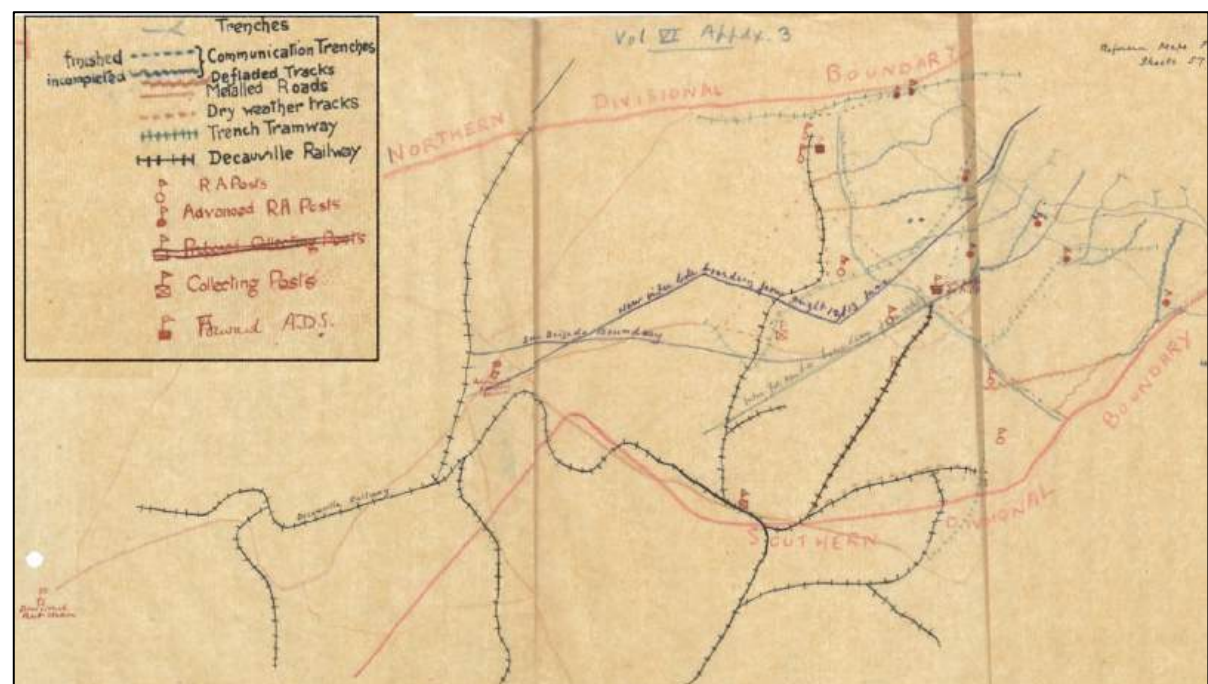
===== RAILROAD

Collecting data, blue camp are located near  
 situated at boundary of each route of observation  
 & measured from 1st to last A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH, AI, AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AO, AP, AQ, AR, AS, AT, AU, AV, AW, AX, AY, AZ, BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, BF, BG, BH, BI, BJ, BK, BL, BM, BN, BO, BP, BQ, BR, BS, BT, BU, BV, BW, BX, BY, BZ, CA, CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CG, CH, CI, CJ, CK, CL, CM, CN, CO, CP, CQ, CR, CS, CT, CU, CV, CW, CX, CY, CZ, DA, DB, DC, DD, DE, DF, DG, DH, DI, DJ, DK, DL, DM, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DS, DT, DU, DV, DW, DX, DY, DZ, EA, EB, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EI, EJ, EK, EL, EM, EN, EO, EP, EQ, ER, ES, ET, EU, EV, EW, EX, EY, EZ, FA, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, FG, FH, FI, FJ, FK, FL, FM, FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR, FS, FT, FU, FV, FW, FX, FY, FZ, GA, GB, GC, GD, GE, GF, GG, GH, GI, GJ, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GU, GV, GW, GX, GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HI, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HO, HP, HQ, HR, HS, HT, HU, HV, HW, HX, HY, HZ, IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF, IG, IH, II, IJ, IK, IL, IM, IN, IO, IP, IQ, IR, IS, IT, IU, IV, IW, IX, IY, IZ, JA, JB, JC, JD, JE, JF, JG, JH, JI, JJ, JK, JL, JM, JN, JO, JP, JQ, JR, JS, JT, JU, JV, JW, JX, JY, JZ, KA, KB, KC, KD, KE, KF, KG, KH, KI, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, KO, KP, KQ, KR, KS, KT, KU, KV, KW, KX, KY, KZ, LA, LB, LC, LD, LE, LF, LG, LH, LI, LJ, LK, LL, LM, LN, LO, LP, LQ, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, LW, LX, LY, LZ, MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, MF, MG, MH, MI, MJ, MK, ML, MM, MN, MO, MP, MQ, MR, MS, MT, MU, MV, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NB, NC, ND, NE, NF, NG, NH, NI, NJ, NK, NL, NM, NN, NO, NP, NQ, NR, NS, NT, NU, NV, NW, NX, NY, NZ, OA, OB, OC, OD, OE, OF, OG, OH, OI, OJ, OK, OL, OM, ON, OO, OP, OQ, OR, OS, OT, OU, OV, OW, OX, OY, OZ, PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PK, PL, PM, PN, PO, PP, PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, PW, PX, PY, PZ, QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QI, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QO, QP, QQ, QR, QS, QT, QU, QV, QW, QX, QY, QZ, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RH, RI, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RN, RO, RP, RQ, RR, RS, RT, RU, RV, RW, RX, RY, RZ, SA, SB, SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SI, SJ, SK, SL, SM, SN, SO, SP, SQ, SR, SS, ST, SU, SV, SW, SX, SY, SZ, TA, TB, TC, TD, TE, TF, TG, TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TM, TN, TO, TP, TQ, TR, TS, TT, TU, TV, TW, TX, TY, TZ, UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG, UH, UI, UJ, UK, UL, UM, UN, UO, UP, UQ, UR, US, UT, UU, UV, UW, UX, UY, UZ, VA, VB, VC, VD, VE, VF, VG, VH, VI, VJ, VK, VL, VM, VN, VO, VP, VQ, VR, VS, VT, VU, VV, VW, VX, VY, VZ, WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WF, WG, WH, WI, WJ, WK, WL, WM, WN, WO, WP, WQ, WR, WS, WT, WU, WV, WW, WX, WY, WZ, XA, XB, XC, XD, XE, XF, XG, XH, XI, XJ, XK, XL, XM, XN, XO, XP, XQ, XR, XS, XT, XU, XV, XW, XX, XY, XZ, YA, YB, YC, YD, YE, YF, YG, YH, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YM, YN, YO, YP, YQ, YR, YS, YT, YU, YV, YW, YX, YY, YZ, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, ZF, ZG, ZH, ZI, ZJ, ZK, ZL, ZM, ZN, ZO, ZP, ZQ, ZR, ZS, ZT, ZU, ZV, ZW, ZX, ZY, ZZ.

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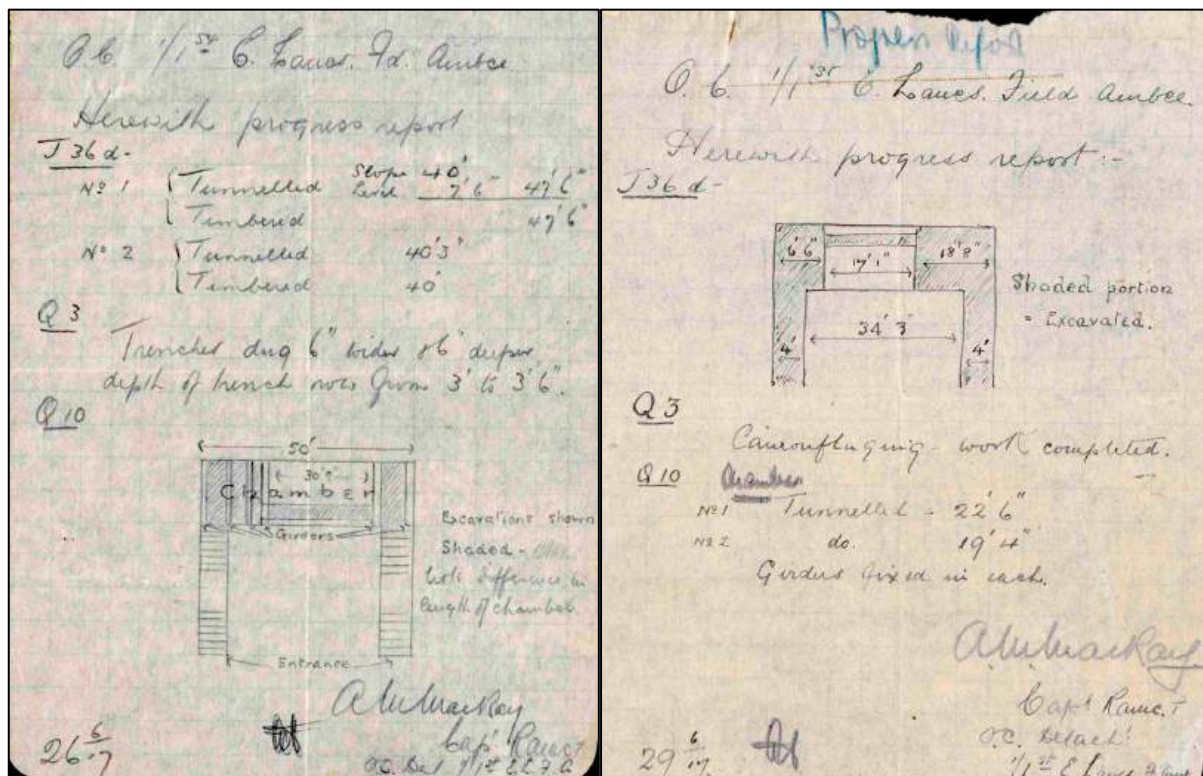
⊕ B - Battle field site, used as reference

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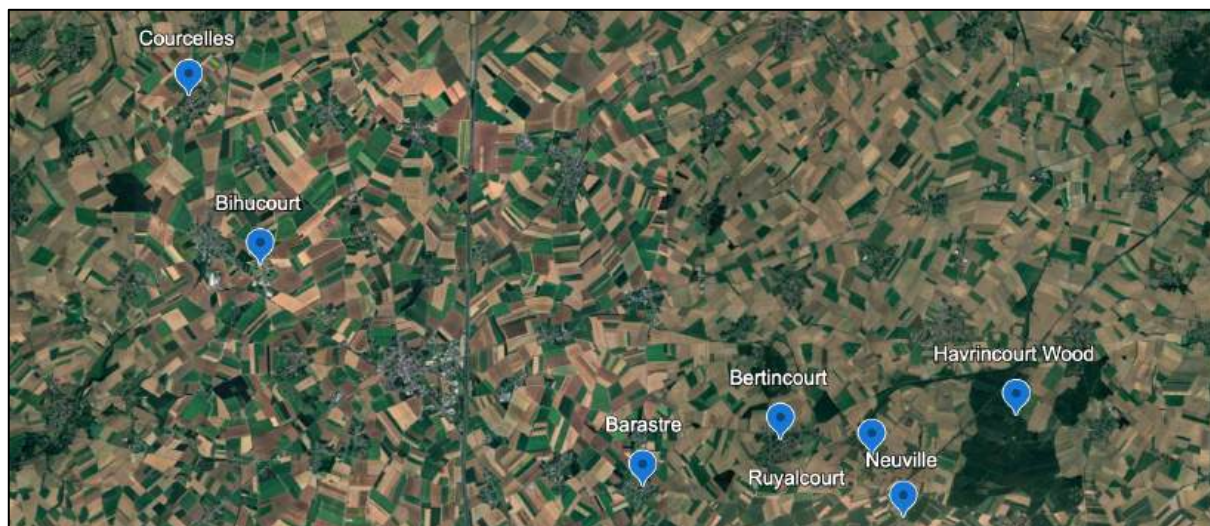


Sketches for the construction of the medical posts Q3, Q10 & J36d June 1917



July 1917			In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded		Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ruyalcourt	2 <sup>nd</sup> all works completed	3 <sup>rd</sup> gas alarm - box respirators worn	4 <sup>th</sup> first wounded admitted. relieved by 55 Division FA	5 <sup>th</sup> moved from left to right sector evacuations at Ruyalcourt posts P10c4.4 & P12b5.0 & Q14 & Place Montmatre	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
8 <sup>th</sup> relieved by 58 <sup>th</sup> Division FA to Barastre - billets in buildings & shelters	9 <sup>th</sup> moved to Bihucourt	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Moved to Courcelles	12 <sup>th</sup> training	13 <sup>th</sup> training	14 <sup>th</sup> training
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July 1917 movements



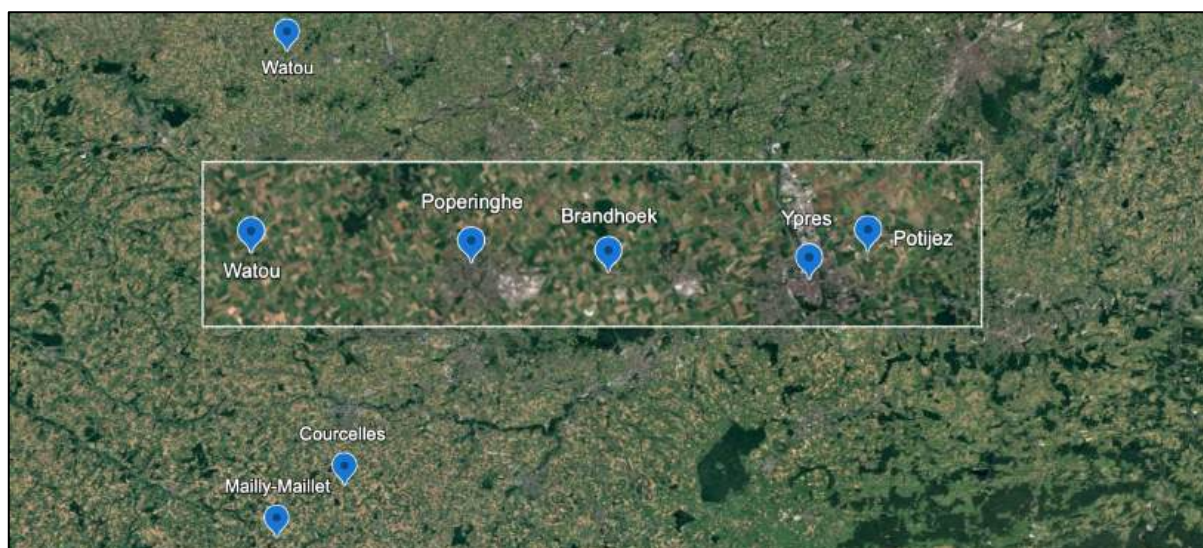


# Example training week for July 1917 at Courcelles

1 <sup>st</sup> East Lancs Field Ambulance Affy Program of Training for Week ending Wednesday July 11 <sup>th</sup> 1917							
Hours	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6.0 a.m. - 6.30 a.m.	Physical Drill	- do -	- do -		- do -	- do -	- do -
9.0 a.m. - 10.0 a.m.	Q. & A. Parade Squad Company Drill	- do -	- do -		- do -	- do -	- do -
10.0 a.m. - 12 noon	Physical training - Games - Lecture -	- Lecture - Lifting and handling of patients Preparation of latrines and incinerators by hand-labour	Infantry and Cavalry Drill - Physical training - Games - Gas, mortar Drill	10.0 a.m. - Transport Inspection - Messes, Harnessed and Brooming Kit - 11.0 a.m. - Company Kit inspection	- Lecture - Physical training - Games -	Stitches and wagon loading - Lifting & carrying wounded - Preparation of latrines and incinerators by hand-labour	- Lecture - Games - Drill -
2.0 p.m. - 4.0 p.m.	Medical Messes and cart and baggage wagon loading	Route march with transport	Lecture - Loading medical stores, ideas and cart with baggage - Preparation of disinfectants		Route march with transport	- Lecture - Physical training	Route March
5.0 p.m. - 6.0 p.m.	Meetings of Regimental Medical Officer and Field Ambulance officers when available						
When Brigade manoeuvres are taking place, the program for the day will be cancelled. The unit will participate in the manoeuvres. Lectures and discussions will be on lines appended.							

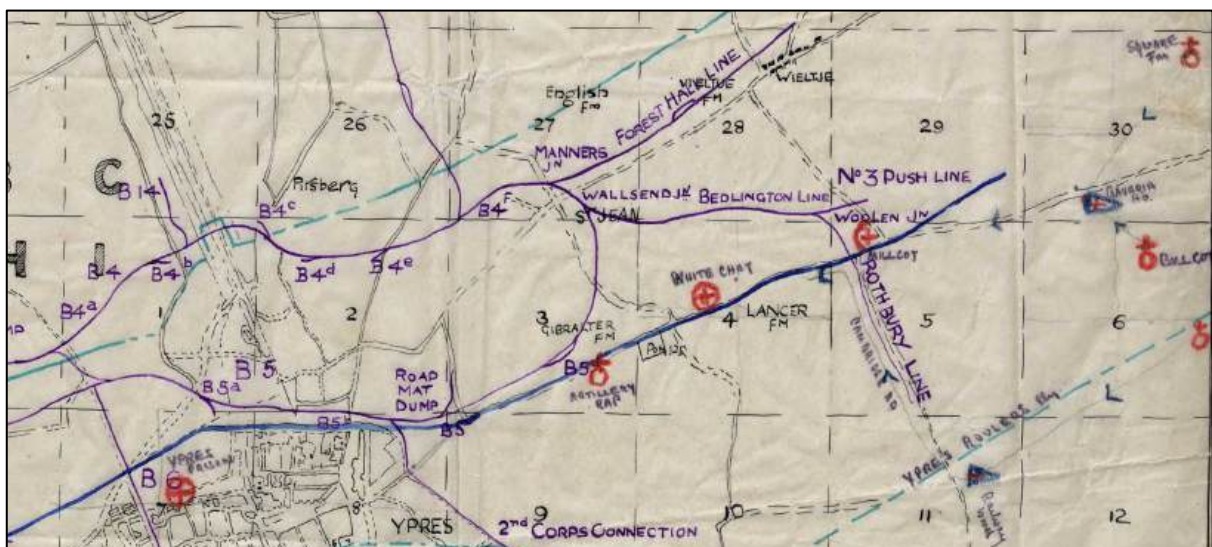
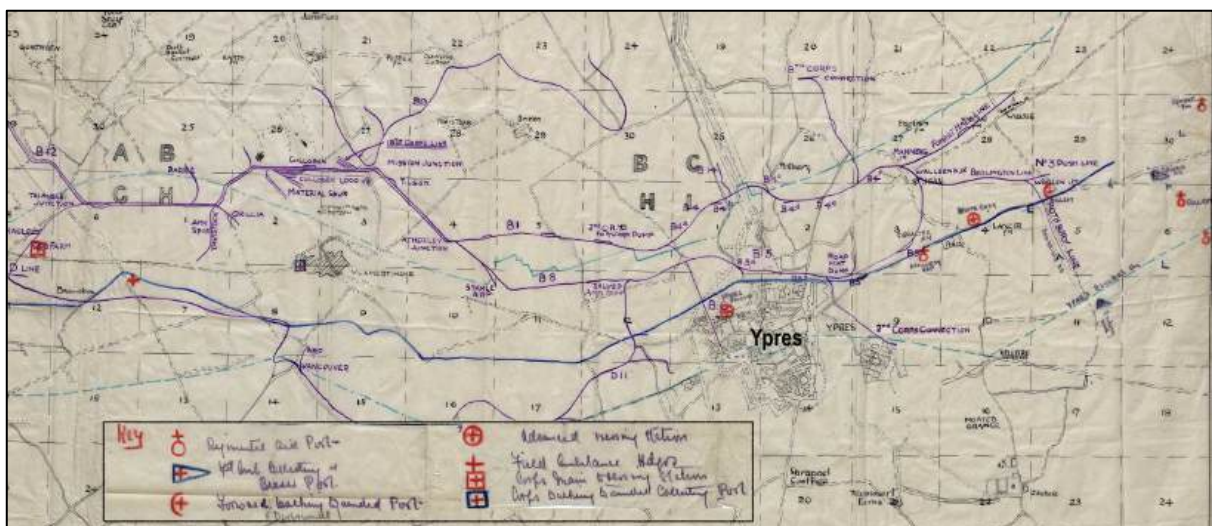
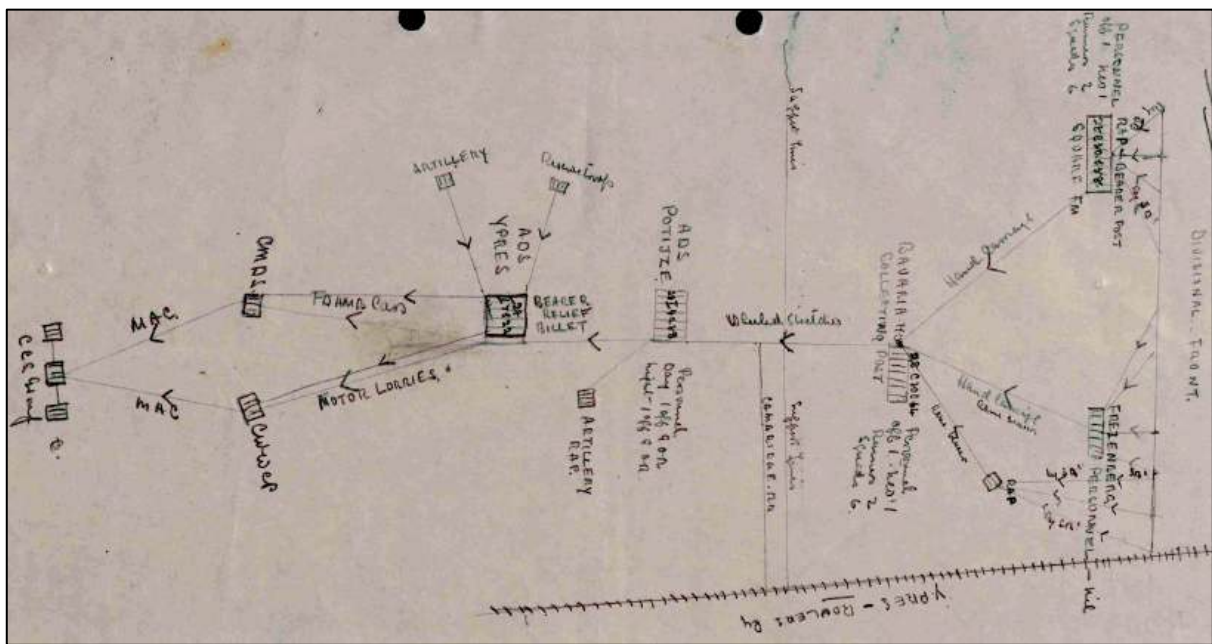
August 1917		In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded				Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> Courcelles	2 <sup>nd</sup> training	3 <sup>rd</sup> training	4 <sup>th</sup> training	5 <sup>th</sup> training	6 <sup>th</sup> training	7 <sup>th</sup> training - scheme with 126 Infantry Brigade	
8 <sup>th</sup> training	9 <sup>th</sup> training	10 <sup>th</sup> training	11 <sup>th</sup> training	12 <sup>th</sup> training	13 <sup>th</sup> training	14 <sup>th</sup> training	
15 <sup>th</sup> training	16 <sup>th</sup> training	17 <sup>th</sup> training	18 <sup>th</sup> training	19 <sup>th</sup> training	20 <sup>th</sup> preparing for move	21 <sup>st</sup> moved to Mailly-Maillet	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> to Beaumont-Sur-Ancre & entrained	24 <sup>th</sup> to Watou K4b billeted in Hospice	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> orders to move forward to Ypres - Brandhoek	
29 <sup>th</sup> 2 Section so to Poperinghe & train to Ypres 1 Section by road to Brandhoek	30 <sup>th</sup> Ypres party billeted in Prison & Magasin. Brandhoek party in tents Ypres & Potijez Advance Dressing Stations taken over	31 <sup>st</sup> collection posts at C30c6.4 & C30b5.8 taken over Heavy shelling in Potijez area - one ambulance hit by shell driver wounded					

## August 1917 movements





The Ypres - Potijez medical evacuation route and posts from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> September 1917





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4th DIVISION.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS NO. 1.

1. MEDICAL POSTS.

(a) In the forward area :-

Reg. Aid Posts :- SQUARE FARM (O.C.O.D.S.S.)  
MILL COTTAGE (I.S.S.S.S.)  
RAILWAY HEADQUARTERS (I.S.S.S.S.)

Collecting Posts :- BAVARIA HOUSE (O.C.O.D.S.S.)  
RAILWAY WOOD (I.S.S.S.S.)

Advanced Dressing Stations :- POTISSE CHATEAU (I.S.S.S.S.)  
PRISON, YPRES (I.S.S.S.S.)

Corps Walking wounded collecting post :- VLAERINGHE HILL (I.S.S.S.S.)

Corps Main Dressing Station :- RED FARM (O.C.O.D.S.S.)

(b) In the back area :-

Corps Rest Station:- HILLHOLM (I.S.S.S.S.)

Corps Gasoline Station:- CLOISTERS, POPPERINGHE (I.S.S.S.S.)

2. WOUNDED.

Clearing of wounded during normal periods

(a) Lying cases will be cleared from Regimental Aid Posts via the Collecting Posts at BAVARIA HOUSE and RAILWAY WOOD to Advanced Dressing Station at POTISSE by bearers and wheeled stretcher carriers, and thence to Corps Main Dressing Station RED FARM, by motor ambulance cars.

(b) Walking wounded will proceed direct via the Advanced Dressing Station POTISSE to Advanced Dressing Station PRISON YPRES and transport will be provided from there to Corps Walking wounded collecting Post.

Clearing of wounded during active operations.

(a) Lying wounded will be cleared as in normal times.

(b) Walking wounded will either be taken by rail from RED FARM (Sheet O.C.O.D.S.S.) to Corps Walking wounded collecting Post, or as during normal times. See also be made of empty returning road construction lorries. Wounded from PRISON area will be sent to Advanced Dressing Station PRISON, and from BRANDBOCK area to Corps Main Dressing Station RED FARM.

3. SICK.

(a) Sick from forward area :-

Lying cases the same as lying wounded.  
Walking cases direct to PRISON, YPRES.  
All sick should have a tally signed by the Regimental Medical Officer.

(b) Sick from the YPRES area. will be sent to Advanced Dressing Station YPRES, and from BRANDBOCK area to the Corps Main Dressing Station, RED FARM.

4. DENTAL AND EYE CASES.

Dental cases will be sent to 1/3rd B.L. Field Ambulance at the CLOISTERS, POPPERINGHE, daily by 5 p.m. Fifteen cases will be selected and detained that night to proceed next day to see Dental Surgeon, the remainder the cases being returned to their units. No dental case will be sent from the line unless the man is unable to carry on. Rations for that night and following day to be carried.

Cases for eye examination will be sent on Mondays by 5 p.m. to 1/3rd B.L. Field Ambulance CLOISTERS, POPPERINGHE. Five cases will be selected and detained that night for sending the following day to the Ophthalmic Specialist by 6.30. The remaining cases will be returned to their units. Rations for that night and following day to be carried.

5. VACUATIONS.

Evacuations will be carried out as laid down in D.M.S., Fifth Army Circular Memo No. 40 dated 27/6/17 issued to all concerned.

A gas centre will be established at the Corps Main Dressing Station at which all gassed cases will be examined and sorted out.

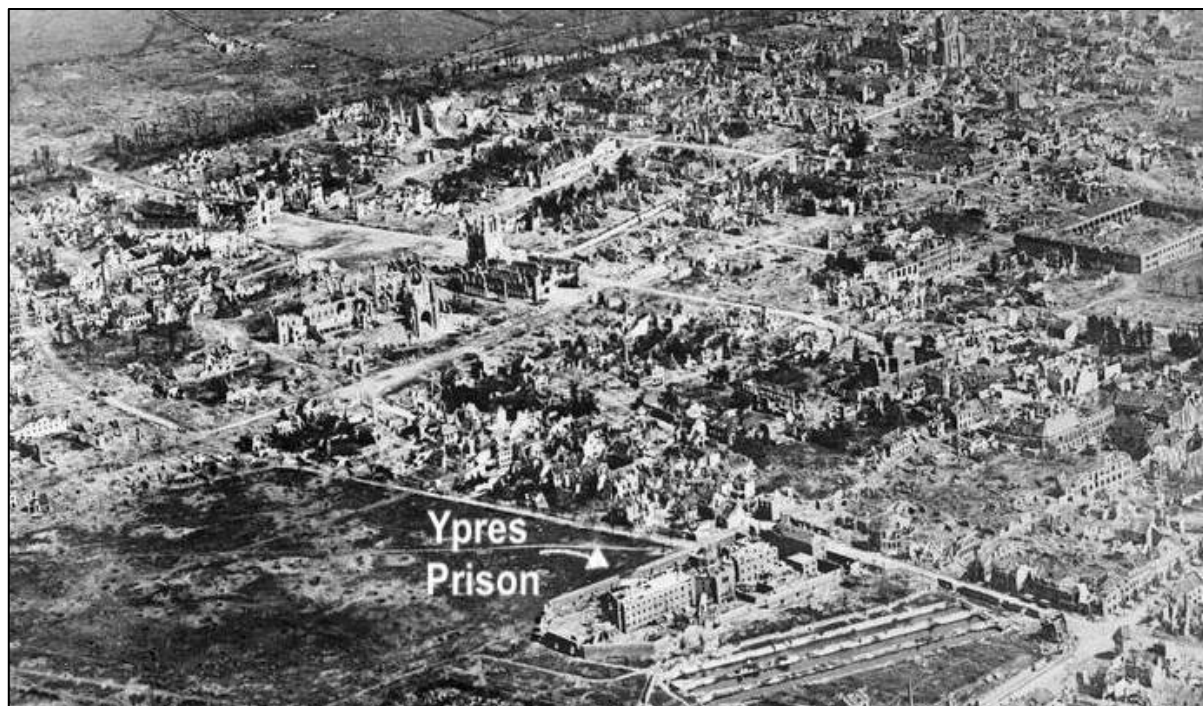
Sick suitable for treatment in a Rest Station i.e. likely to be fit in 14 days are to be sent to the XIXth Corps Rest Station.

Gas cases are to be sent to XIXth Corps Gasoline Station.

Dressings applied at Advanced Dressing Stations will on no account be interfered with before the arrival of the case at a Casualty Clearing Station, unless there are some urgent reasons for doing so.

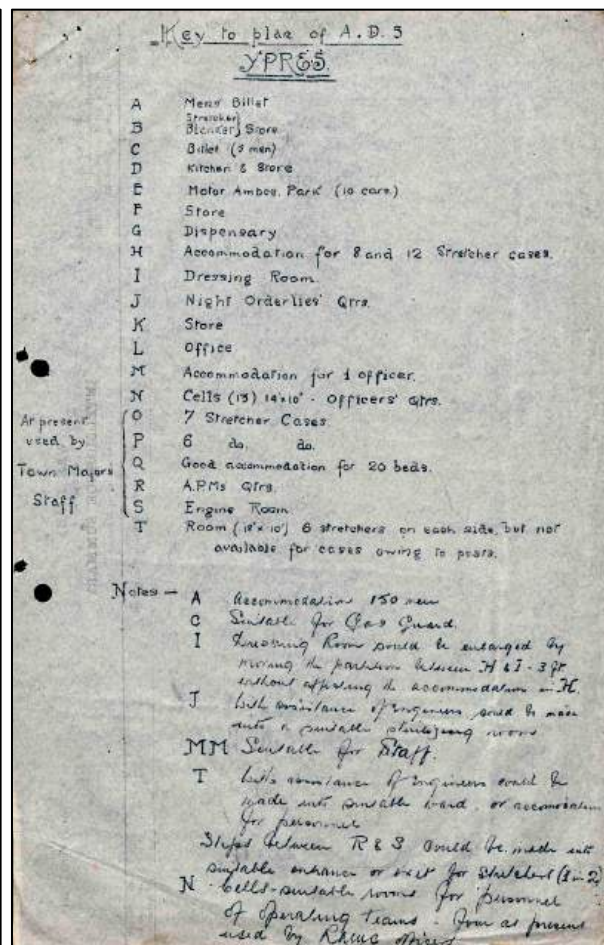
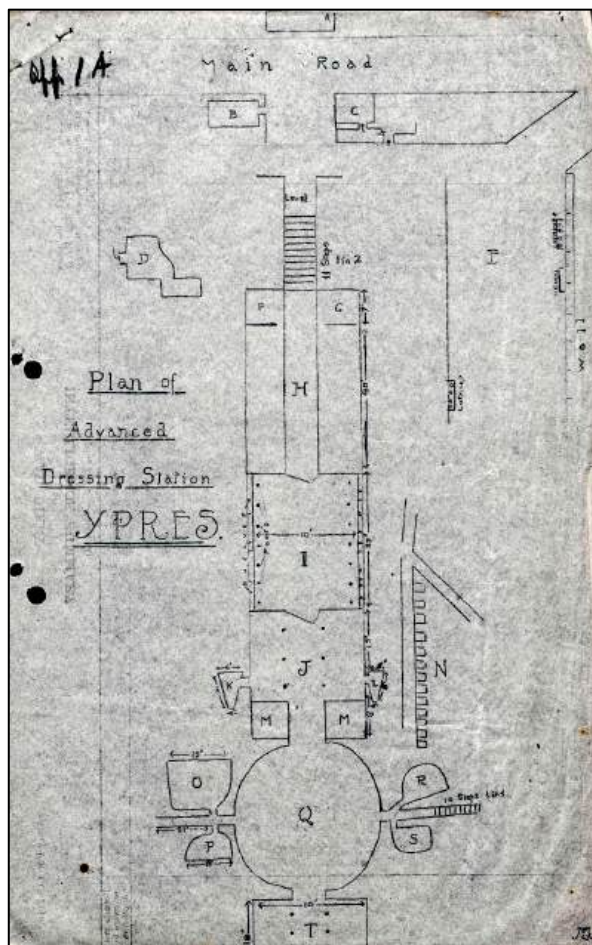
A.T.S. will be given at A.D.S.'s to all serious cases, and in all other cases at C.M.D.S. or C.W.W.C.P.

Ruins of Ypres with Dressing Station at the Prison.





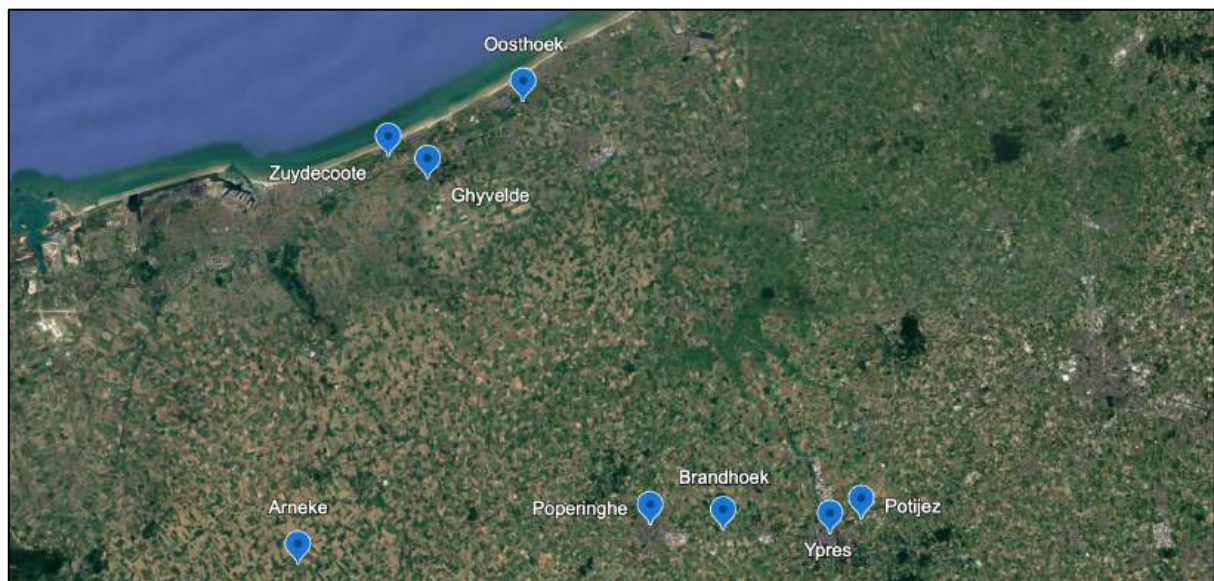
## Plans for Dressing Station Ypres



September 1917		In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded			Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> routine duties	2 <sup>nd</sup> took over collection posts in the line from 49 FA - Rly Wood	3 <sup>rd</sup> routine duties	4 <sup>th</sup> 11pm Ypres shelled mustard gas - many men moved - <b>2 gassed</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> large numbers of gassed men dealt with during the day	6 <sup>th</sup> Division attack - extra posts manned at Square Farm, Bhvaria House, Mill Cottage	7 <sup>th</sup> routine duties & evacuating wounded
8 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	9 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	10 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	11 <sup>th</sup> relived to Brandhoek	12 <sup>th</sup> moved to Poperinghe - take over V Corp Scabies Station.	13 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	14 <sup>th</sup> routine duties
15 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	16 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	17 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	18 <sup>th</sup> handed over Scabies Station to 2/3 Midland FA	19 <sup>th</sup> moved to St Janter Biezen billeted in huts and tents School Camp. Opened one hut for sick of 126 Infantry Brigade.	20 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	21 <sup>st</sup> routine duties
22 <sup>nd</sup> moved to Arneke area	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> moved to Ghyvelde - orders to take over XV Corp Main Dressing Station Groote-Kwinte farm X25b7.7	25 <sup>th</sup> took over MDS at Groote-Kwinte farm	26 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	27 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	28 <sup>th</sup> routine duties
29 <sup>th</sup> routine duties	30 <sup>th</sup> began moving Main Dressing Station to E5a5.8 Near Oosthoek					



September 1917 movements



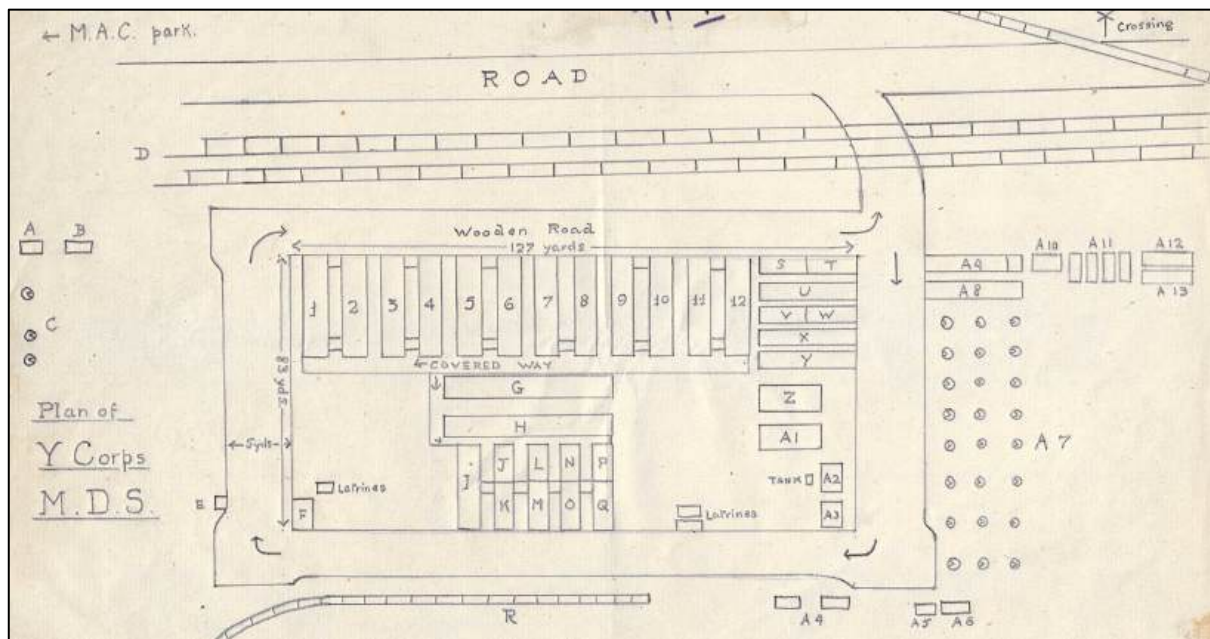
XV Corp Main Dressing Station 2 locations 1<sup>st</sup> at Goote-Kwinte Farm then near Oosthoek



Mens Billets plan Goote-Kwinte Farm



# September & October 1917 plan for Y Corp Main Dressing Station



Y Corps Main Dressing Station.	
A Ground occupied by Personnel	J Cook-house - Pantry - Scullery
B Water Tank & Stretcher Store	K Bath-house
C Operating Theatre	L Barber
D Dining Rooms	M Carpenter
E Pack Store	N Shoemaker & Tailor
F Dressing Room	O Ward
F <sup>a</sup> Receiving Room	P Officers Ward
G Evacuation Room	Q Blanket &c. Store
G <sup>a</sup> M.I. Room	R A&D Clerks' Office
H Ward	S Dispensary
J B.R.C.S. Store	T Orderly Room
	U Ablution Bench
	V Mortuary
	W Light Railway

October 1917		In Trenches K = Killed W = Wounded			Billets	
1 <sup>st</sup> fatigues setting up new dressing station site	2 <sup>nd</sup> fatigues setting up new dressing station site	3 <sup>rd</sup> fatigues setting up new dressing station site	4 <sup>th</sup> fatigues setting up new dressing station site	5 <sup>th</sup> fatigues setting up new dressing station site	6 <sup>th</sup> fatigues setting up new dressing station site	7 <sup>th</sup> fatigues setting up new dressing station site
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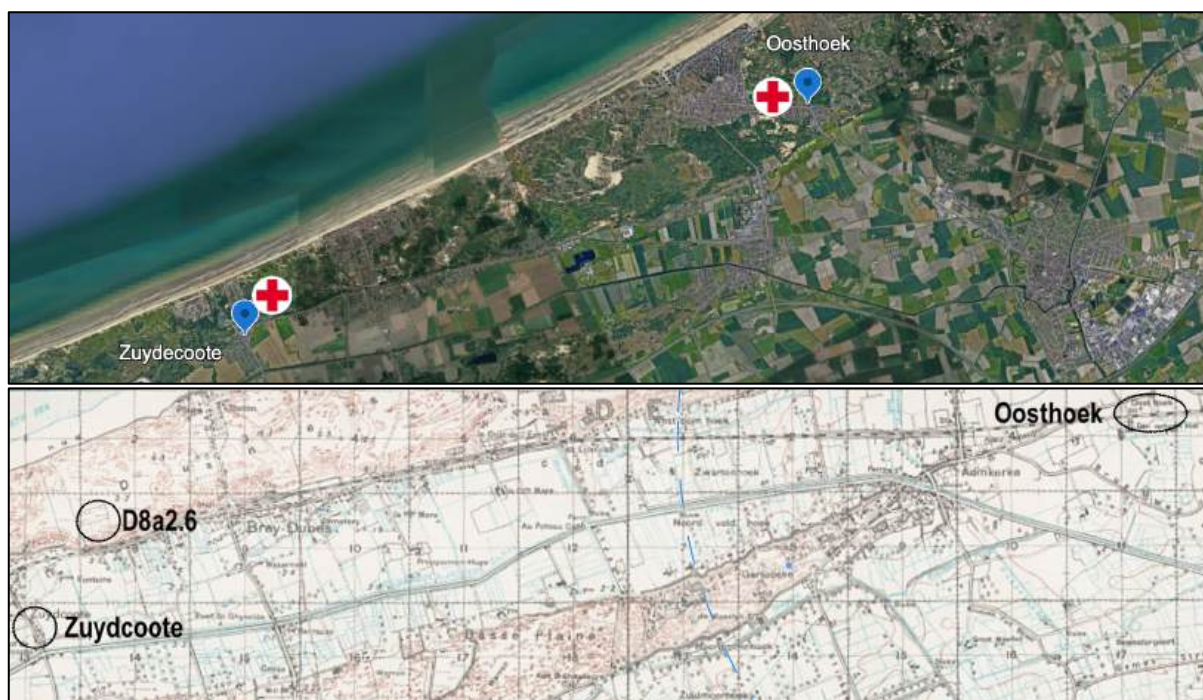
On the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1917 Henry was admitted to 139 Field Ambulance running XV Corp Rest Station near Zuydecoote at D8a2.6 from 90 Field Ambulance with a Pyrexia of Unknown Origin (P.U.O). After 11 days, on the 25<sup>th</sup> October he was moved to No36 Casualty Clearing Station at Oosthoek. Admission Records Noted Henry aged 25 with 1/1 East Lancs Field Ambulance, 2.5 years service and 7 months in France.

139 Field Ambulance had taken over the XV Corp Rest Station on the 14<sup>th</sup> October from 90 Field Ambulance.

14<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Handled over ST. IDRESBAHD billets + hospital to 140 Field Amb & took over Y(XV) Corp Rest station from 90<sup>th</sup> Field Amb.



159 Field Ambulance Hospital				From October 14 <sup>th</sup> 1917									
at XV Corps Rest Station				To 29 <sup>th</sup> 1917									
Index number of admissions. Transfers are not to be numbered consecutively with the admissions, but should be numbered in red ink as a separate series.	Regiment, Battalion, or Unit	Squadron, Battery, or Company	Regl. No.	Rank	Surname	Christian Name	Completed years of		Completed months with Field Force				
							Age	Service					
306	1st Bn. Lancashire	358542			Wilson	Ma	25	27 1/2	1/2				
DISEASES (Wounds and injuries in action to be entered according to classification on fly leaf)	Date of Admission		Date of Discharge			Date of Transfer				Number of days under treatment	Number or designation of ward in which treated	Religion	OBSERVATIONS Number and page of case book to be quoted for all cases recorded in it. In transfers the designation of the hospital or sick convey, to which or from which transferred, must be noted here, and any other facts bearing on the man's destination.
	For original disease	By new disease supervening	To Duty	By new disease supervening	By Death	To Sick Convey		From Sick Convey					
P-U-O						25/10/17	20 F.A	14/11				CE 36000	

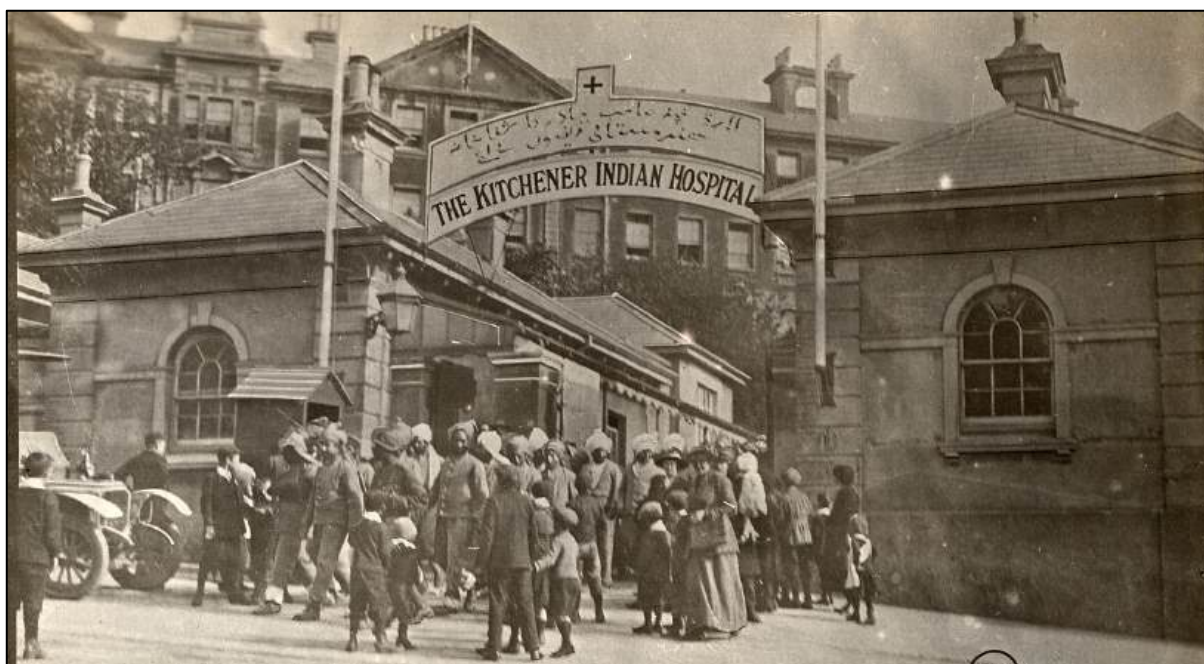


On the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1918 Henry was evacuated to the UK.

Home	5-11-17	5-5-18	182
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Back home he was admitted to the Kitchener Hospital in Brighton, the Pyrexia of Unknown Origin now diagnosed as Malaria. He was also noted with 'slight shell shock' He remained there for 35 days.

KITCHENER HOSPITAL, BRIGHTON.		4	11	17	6	12	17	Malasia.	32.
32.	No ill new admission. has suffered from slight shell shock but general condition much improved							W. H. P. Capt	



On the 6<sup>th</sup> December 1917 Henry was transferred to the Manor War Hospital at Epsom with Malaria.

Manor War Hosp. Epsom	6.12.17								
Manor War H Epsom	12.12.17					Malaria			3
3	Ht <sup>normal</sup> <del>hypertrophied</del> palpable. Blood neg. - under microscope Blood negative. Recommended for Hampton Court						Dr. Fennell 187 10/18		





Henry was given leave home from the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1918 to 8<sup>th</sup> February 1918 from the Manor War Hospital. Noted on the record he is now considered fit for duty. After his leave he may have joined the Royal Army Medical Corp Depot at Blackpool.

Only for use with Men returned from an Expeditionary Force or from Garrison Abroad. Army Form W. 3016. (In Books of 200.)

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(1) To the Officer i/c Records, *Woking* (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding, (Station).

(3) The Paymaster, (Station).

Regimental No. *352542*

Rank and Name *Pte Wilson J.A.A.*

Regiment or Corps *R. A. M. C. (1/15th Essex F. Amb)*

has been granted a furlough from *29 JAN 1918* to *8 FEB 1918*

His address while on leave will be: *41, Belper Street, Harpurhey, Manchester*

I consider he is fit for\*  
 \* Strike out that which is inapplicable.  
 i. Duty. *Duty.*  
 ii. ~~Command Depot.~~  
 iii. ~~Employment.~~

*for* Officer in charge *J.H. Dunn* Hospital, (Station).

Four copies to be made, and one copy sent to each Officer mentioned above and one copy filed in the office. In the case of men of the Royal Flying Corps, Royal Engineers and Army Ordnance Corps two copies of A.F.W. 3016 will be sent to the Officer in charge Records concerned and one to the Paymaster, instead of one copy to the Officer i/c Records, the Paymaster, and O.C. shown in the Schedule.

[MT2635] W13581/M1452 12m bks. 1/17<sup>th</sup> G & S E. 842

On the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1918 in front of a Medical board in Blackpool Henry was medically classified Bii.

'B - Free from serious organic diseases, able to stand service on Lines of Communication in France, or in garrisons in the tropics' subcategory 'Bii - Able to walk 5 miles, see and hear sufficiently for ordinary purposes'

5 APR 1918

*Classified Bii (no) by Special J.M.B. Blackpool*  
*Pupant*  
 Capt., R.A.M.C.

Four weeks later, on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1918 Henry was again posted to join the BEF. This time it is probable, because of his Bii Classification, he was posted to a General Hospital rather than a Field Ambulance. (he may have re-joined 1/1 EMFA but there is no record)

It is probable that he was posted to No79 General Hospital (Camp Cimino) in Taranto Italy

<i>BEF</i>	<i>6-5-18</i>	<i>4-5-19.</i>	<i>364.</i>
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Taranto.  
Italy. 352542. Pte Wilsor  
Lieut. Col. R.A.M.C.  
O.C. 79th General Hospital.



British Camp Cimino





Henry's service records do not note his movements or units between May 1918 and May 1919. It is possible he spent a year in Italy at 79 General Hospital, possibly seeing the war come to an end there on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

Henry eventually left Italy for home from 79<sup>th</sup> General Hospital on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1919

To:- Officer i/c.  
R.A.M.C. Records. (T.F. Wing).  
Woking. England.

Herewith A.Fs.Z.22. of the u/m men who have left this Unit today for U.K. for demobilisation.

352542. Pte Wilson. H.A.  
390493. A/Cpl Brown. J.W.

Taranto.  
Italy.  
23/4/19.

Lieut. Col. R.A.M.C.  
O.C. 79th General Hospital.

He arrived back in the UK on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1919 heading to Prees Heath Camp where he was issued his Protection and Identity Certificate.

Home.	5. 5. 19	2. 6. 19.	29.
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2-18/18974

IF FOUND, please drop this Certificate in a Post Office letter box. Army Form Z. 11.  
NOTICE.—This document is Government property. It is no security whatever for debt, and any Person being in possession of it, either as pledge or security, for debt, or without lawful authority or excuse, is liable under Section 155 (9) of the Army Act to a fine of twenty pounds (£20) or imprisonment for six months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

**PROTECTION CERTIFICATE AND CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY**  
(SOLDIER NOT REMAINING WITH THE COLOURS).

Dispersal Unit Stamp and date of dispersal.

Surname WILSON  
(Block letters)

Christian Names Henry Alfred

Regtl. No. 352542 Rank Pte Record Office Prees Heath  
Unit 71st Div Regt. or Corps R + 14 Pay Office Prees Heath

I have received an advance of £2. † Address for Pay Prees Heath

(Signature of Soldier) H. Wilson

The above-named soldier is granted 28 days' furlough from the date stamped hereon pending (as far as can be ascertained) which will date from the last day of furlough after which date uniform will not be worn except upon occasions authorized by Army Orders.

\* If for Final Demobilization insert 1.  
Disembodiment insert 2.  
Transfer to Reserve insert 3.

† As this is the address to which pay and discharge documents will be sent unless further notification is received, any change of address must be reported at once to the Record Office and the Pay Office as noted above, otherwise delay in settlement will occur.

Theatre of War or Command } Italy  
Born in the Year 1872  
Medical Category 14  
Place of rejoining in case of emergency } Prees Heath  
Specialist Military Qualification } None

R. W. W. W.

This Certificate must be produced when applying for an Unemployed Sailor's and Soldier's Donation Policy or, if demanded, whenever applying for Unemployment benefit.

Date 5/5/19 Office of Issue Prees Heath Policy issued No 630695



At the end of may there were queries as to the award of the Silver War badge and Kings Certificate.

Ref:- D.N.13/18974 T.F.  
 From:- Officer in Charge, R.A.M.C., Records,  
 Woking.  
 To:- 352542 Pte Wilson H.A.  
 41 Belper St.  
 Harpurhey Manchester

The undomentional forms and documents are forwarded for your retention. Please acknowledge receipt hereto.  
 As you are not discharged only disembodied, you are not entitled to the Silver War Badge or King's Certificate.  
 If any claim for pension has been made, notification of any pension granted will be sent by the Ministry of Pensions in due course.

Army For., 2.21.1919  
 WILK.

Per:- 30/5/19 for Officer in Charge, R.A.M.C., Records,  
 Woking.

Recd:- Officer in Charge, R.A.M.C., Records,  
 Woking.

Received the above mentioned forms and documents  
 Signed..... H.A. Wilson  
 Address..... 41 Belper St.  
 Harpurhey Manchester

18 JUL 1919  
 R.A.M.C. RECORDS  
 IN REPLY  
 PLEASE QUOTE  
 REF.....

Henry was Discharged form service on the 2nd June 1919

Date	2nd June 1919
Signal	for H.A. Wilson
Place	Woking
Home Address	41 Belper St. Harpurhey Manchester



From the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1919 Henry was awarded a pension 8 shillings 3 pence a week. He stated 3 disabilities, Malaria attributed to service, Debility ? ... A..... and degree of disability 30%. His unit was noted a RAMC H Company Blackpool.

Reference No. H 2 / RAMC / 26087 MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
BURTON COURT,  
KING'S ROAD,  
LONDON, S.W.3.  
5 SEP 1919

SIR, I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you of the undermentioned decision in the case of a man whose discharge documents have been recently received with the view to having the claim to pension considered.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
W. H. C. Plummet  
Director,  
Soldiers' Awards Branch.

To the Officer Commanding  
RAMC TF H Coy B'pool Regiment.

Rank (for pension) Plt Regimental No. 352542  
Name (Surname first) WILSON Henry Alfred  
Regiment or Corps RAMC TF H Coy B'pool  
Date of Discharge 2-6-19 Age on Discharge 30 Marital Status Single  
Address on Discharge 41 Belier St Harpurhey Manchester  
Disabilities { 1. Malaria 2. Debility 3. Arteriosclerosis } State whether attributable, aggravated, or attributable. { 1. 2. 3. }  
Degree of Disablement (in percentage) 30%  
Weekly Pension 8/3 3-0-19 to be reviewed in 16 weeks. Nature of Award Conc'd Art 11  
All allowances for children None  
A. 10  
A. 2

(53780) Wt. 3/22/2217 5000 pads 4-19 W B & L (Gp. 160)

Wilson Henry Alfred  
RAMC  
2-6-19 3/24/19 352542  
H55-853-  
SAC 32446  
41 Belier St Harpurhey Manchester  
Ad 49-19 at 9/3 from 36-19  
to 2/2/19 Christchurch 20087  
Received 5-9-19

Form 1000 (1919) No. 20087  
Name Wilson Henry Alfred  
Rank Plt  
Regiment RAMC TF H Coy B'pool  
Date of Discharge 2-6-19  
Address 41 Belier St Harpurhey Manchester  
Disabilities Malaria, Debility, Arteriosclerosis  
Degree of Disablement 30%  
Weekly Pension 8/3 3-0-19  
All allowances for children None

Back in civilian life, on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1919 Henry married Rhoda Gardner. He was noted a Salesman living at 28 Milbrook Street Harpurhey Manchester.

1919. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of Harpurhey in the County of Lancaster

Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
322	Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> 1919	Henry Alfred Wilson	27	Bachelor	Soldier	28 Milbrook St	John William Wilson	Painter
		Rhoda Gardner	25	Spinster	Packer	28 Milbrook St	George Smith Gardner	Rubber Merchant

Married in the above Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Reading by me,  
This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Henry Alfred Wilson } in the Presence of us, { William Wilson } A. Lewis, M.A.  
{ Rhoda Gardner } { Elizabeth Ann Leason } Rector

Millbrook Street Harpurhey



Henry's pursuit for a Silver War Badge continued through late 1919. The badge worn on civilian clothing denoted medical discharge and avoided calls of cowardice, even though the war in Europe was over British forces were still fighting in Russia and Afghanistan. The badge was finally despatched in early November 1919.

Ref: D5104/ 2489/T  
 To: Mr. H.A. Wilson 352542  
 41 Belcher St  
 Harpurhey, Manchester

IN consequence of your claim for a disability pension on being mobilized having been passed you are hereby finally discharged and Army Form B 20/9 ( Certificate of Discharge ) No. 20226 is enclosed for your retention. Please sign receipt below and return covering letter to this Office.

Silver War Badge and King's Certificate are being applied for and will be forwarded later, and no correspondence is necessary. Under existing regulations it is regretted that you are not entitled to the King's Certificate.

W O I T I C.  
 24/10/ 1919.

For Officer I/O W.O. RECORDS.  
 Army Form B 20/9 received No. 20226  
 Signature H.A. Wilson

W.O. RECORDS  
 IN REPLY  
 QUOTE  
 31 OCT 1919  
 REF.

DEC 1919

The accompanying War Badge and Certificate No. 352542 are forwarded herewith to Mr. H.A. Wilson in respect of his service as a Soldier in the P.A.M.C. The Badge will be worn on the right breast or on the right lapel of the jacket but not in Naval or Military Uniform. Duplicates of the Badge and Certificate cannot be issued under any circumstances. Receipt of same should be acknowledged hereon.

W.O. RECORDS  
 RECEIVED 12 NOV 1919  
 Signature and Address: H.A. Wilson  
 41 Belcher St Harpurhey

PLEASE QUOTE  
 17 NOV 1919  
 W.O. RECORDS  
 T.F. WING, WORKING

Badge and Certificate No. 352542 Date 11/11/19  
 Signature and Address: H.A. Wilson  
 41 Belcher St Harpurhey



Through 1920 1921 and 1922 Henry continued to attend medical boards where his disability was assessed.

PENSIONER'S RECORD CARD.				M. P. X9	
NAME		RANK	REGIMENTAL NO.	YEAR OF BIRTH	
MILSON Henry A. Pl.		Pl.	352542	1893	
DATE OF EXAMINATION	DISABILITY OR ABILITY	STATUS	CATEGORY	DATE OF EXAMINATION	
21 5 15	Incomplete	—	—	21 5 15	
Invaliding Disability	DATE OF ORIGIN	CAUSE OF DISABILITY	DEGREE OF DISABILITY		
Malaria	17.10.16	Septic (abstr.)	30%		
Other Disabilities	Grade on Discharge		Date of Discharge		
nie	III		2-6-17		
<p>I claim 28/12/18 MEDICAL REPORT.</p> <p>Surgical Appliances supplied and Dates of operations especially important.</p> <p>Malaria disability: anaemia abstr. no 30% NA.</p> <p>Septic abstr. 17.10.16, 18.10.16, 19.10.16, 20.10.16, 21.10.16, 22.10.16, 23.10.16, 24.10.16, 25.10.16, 26.10.16, 27.10.16, 28.10.16, 29.10.16, 30.10.16, 31.10.16, 1.11.16, 2.11.16, 3.11.16, 4.11.16, 5.11.16, 6.11.16, 7.11.16, 8.11.16, 9.11.16, 10.11.16, 11.11.16, 12.11.16, 13.11.16, 14.11.16, 15.11.16, 16.11.16, 17.11.16, 18.11.16, 19.11.16, 20.11.16, 21.11.16, 22.11.16, 23.11.16, 24.11.16, 25.11.16, 26.11.16, 27.11.16, 28.11.16, 29.11.16, 30.11.16, 31.11.16, 1.12.16, 2.12.16, 3.12.16, 4.12.16, 5.12.16, 6.12.16, 7.12.16, 8.12.16, 9.12.16, 10.12.16, 11.12.16, 12.12.16, 13.12.16, 14.12.16, 15.12.16, 16.12.16, 17.12.16, 18.12.16, 19.12.16, 20.12.16, 21.12.16, 22.12.16, 23.12.16, 24.12.16, 25.12.16, 26.12.16, 27.12.16, 28.12.16, 29.12.16, 30.12.16, 31.12.16, 1.1.17, 2.1.17, 3.1.17, 4.1.17, 5.1.17, 6.1.17, 7.1.17, 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R.A.M.C. REGIMENT OR CORPS.					B. 8850	
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders					301 & 266 of 1919.	
NAME		Theatre of war in which served		Claps awarded (to be left blank)		
<p>To be inserted Unit and Corps previously served with by each individual and Regt. No. therein - the highest rank, whether substantive, acting or temporary, awarded on leaving being held for any period in a theatre of War, unless reversed for misconduct, being shown against the name of the regiment or Corps which is to be searched on the medal.</p>		<p>Board of disposal of decorations</p>		<p>REMARKS</p>		
<p>(a) Presented (b) Dispatched by Post (c) Taken into Service</p>						
853	WILSON NILSON Alfred Henry	853 RANC Pte.				



Name	Corps	Reg. No.	Rank	Date of Discharge	Cause of Discharge
WILSON HENRY ALFRED	R.A.M.C. F.F.	352512	Pvt	26-19 Enlistment 21-5-15	P392(XVIA) KE
Date of application		(a) Badge		(b) Medal	
No. of File		"		"	
Address of applicant :—					
Action taken <i>list RAME/1612</i>					
W9389—RF8794 100,000 2/19 HWV(P611) K638 2587—HP6270 50,000 8/19					



The 1921 census shows Henry and Rhoda still living at 28 Millbrook Street, Henry working as a Textile Salesman at William (Wm) Sutcliffe Ltd.

NAME AND BIRTHDAY	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE IN DISHONOR	BIRTHPLACE AND NATIONALITY	Usual Occupation	OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT	Place of Work
Henry Alfred Wilson	Head	29/1	M	Married	Leeds, Yorkshire	Textile Salesman	Wm Sutcliffe Ltd	65 High St, 28 Millbrook St, Manchester
Rhoda Wilson	Wife	26/9	F	Married	Leeds, Yorkshire	Home duties		28 Millbrook St, Manchester

Name of person responsible for making the return. .... *Mr. Wilson* .....

Postal Address .... *28 Millbrook Street* .....

..... *Haarlem* .....

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August Henry and Rhoda had a Daughter Margaret, their only child.

In the 1939 Register the family is still living at the same address, Henry a linen and cotton Salesman.

28 Millbrook St.	4-5	1	Wilson Henry A.	-	m 7 May 92	m Salesman Linen & Cotton
		2	Wilson Rhoda	-	f 16 Sept 94	m Unpaid Domestic
		3	Wilson Margaret	-	f 25 Aug 33	5 Copy Typist

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*CARABINE*

Henry passed away in 1955 aged 63.