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How were the wounded evacuated from the Front Line?

The first person to treat a wounded soldier was a **regimental medical officer** and **stretcher bearers**. The stretcher bearers went out into no-man's land and brought the wounded back to the **regimental aid post** where first aid was administered. A **field ambulance** then assumed responsibility.

A **field ambulance** was not a moving vehicle but a **mobile surgical hospital**. It had a tent section which was made up of an advanced dressing station and a main dressing station to treat the wounded.

The **field ambulance** had a **stretcher bearer** section. The stretcher bearers would go forward to the regimental aid post and bring the wounded back to the field ambulance advanced dressing station. The wounded were then transferred to the main dressing station or to the casualty **clearing station**.

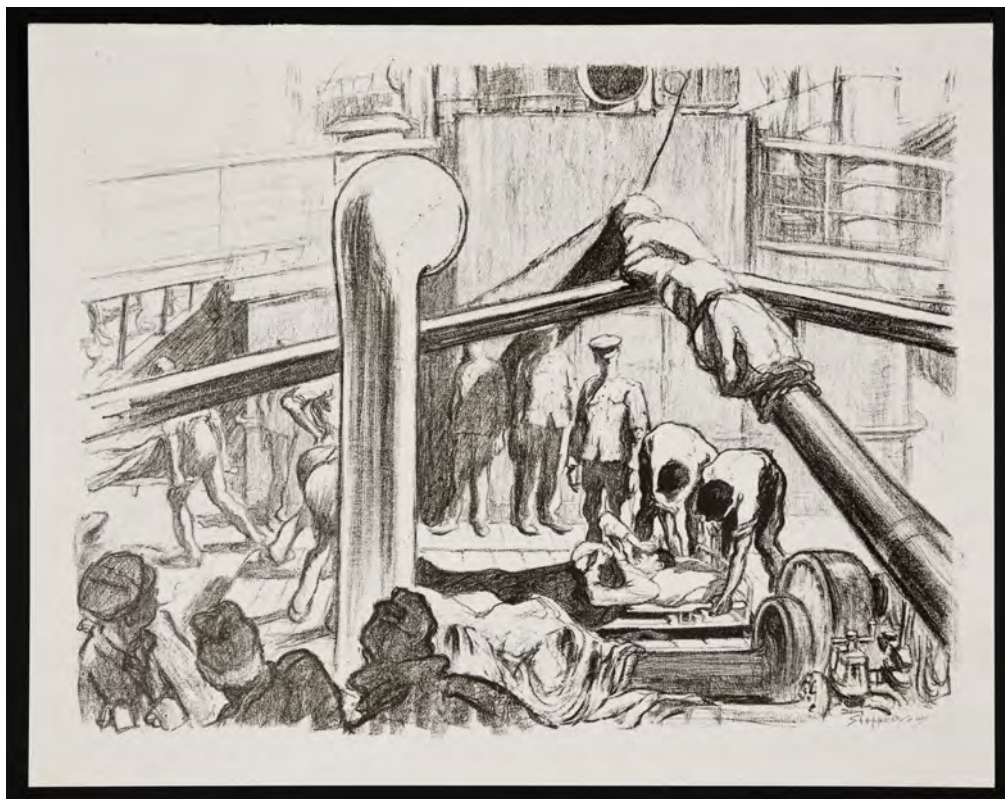
At the start of the war the role of a **clearing station** was to clear the casualties back to the base hospitals at Calais and Boulogne but this process often took too long. As the war progressed medical staff realized that the **clearing stations** were far enough away from the front line to be generally out of range of shell fire. They were also close enough for ambulance wagon convoys to get to them reasonably quickly. As a result, most of the major life-saving surgery was carried out at the casualty clearing stations. This change in organization meant that a greater number of injured soldiers received medical treatment far more quickly. Patients were then sent by train to the base hospitals in Calais, Boulogne and Etaples.

How quickly did the wounded receive treatment?

Casualty clearing stations were now better equipped and, crucially, more surgeons were closer to the battlefield. There were fewer delays in administering potentially life-saving treatment. Soldiers with wounds that would have been fatal were now more likely to survive. Motorized ambulances and trains assisted in this process too.



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Detraining in the
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In Hospital in the United Kingdom



Convalescence in the United Kingdom



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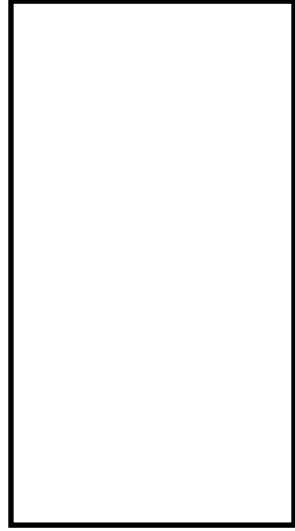
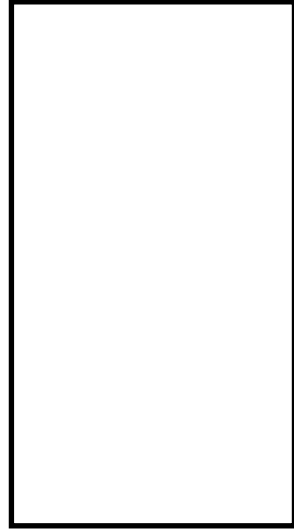
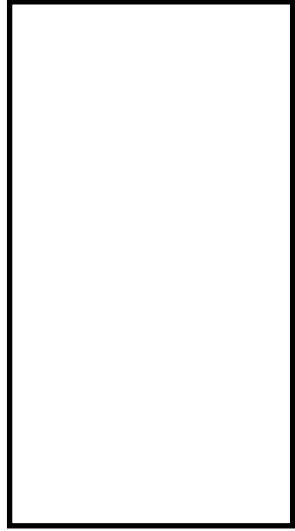
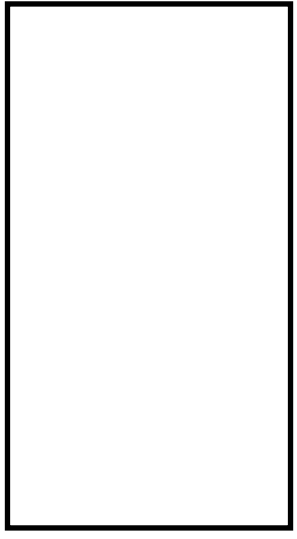
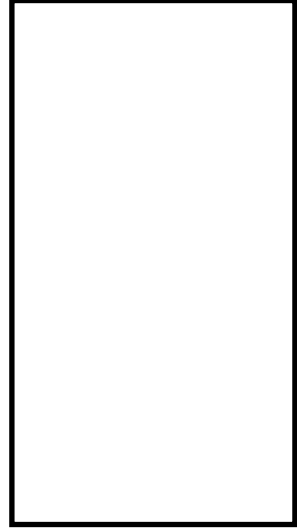
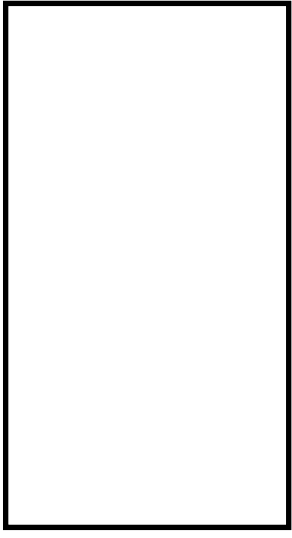
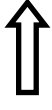
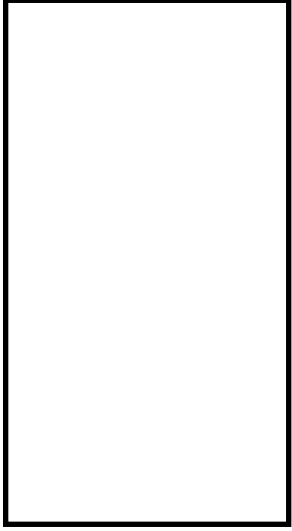
The Welsh at Mametz Wood by Christopher Williams



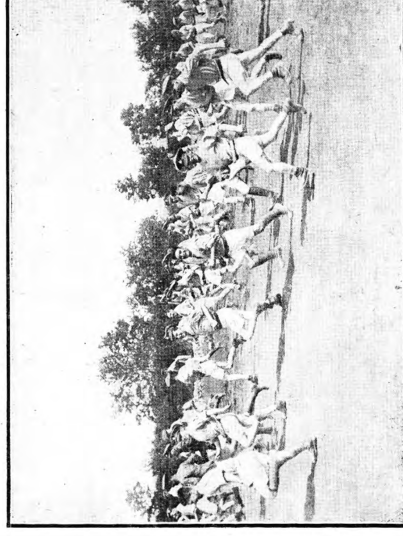
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Track the injured soldier's journey to recovery



OUT FOR A SPRINT.



Activity 2

Medicine: Auxiliary Hospitals in Wales during the First World War



Monmouthshire

- Walker Memorial Red Cross Hospital, Portskewett
- Baldwins Auxiliary Hospital, Griffithstown
- Gwy House Red Cross Hospital, Chepstow
- Brynglas Red Cross Hospital, Newport
- Llanwern Park Red Cross Hospital, Llanwern
- The Coldra, Newport
- Red Cross Hospital, Ebbw Vale
- Maindiff Court Red Cross Hospital, Abergavenny
- Red Cross Hospital, Monmouth
- Wrenford Memorial Hall, Newport
- Llwynasthen Red Cross Hospital, St. Mellons

Glamorganshire

- Beaupre, Cowbridge
- Baglan Hall, Briton Ferry
- Horton, Port Eynon



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- Llwynypia, Rhondda
- Hendrefoilan, Sketty
- Aberpergwn, Glyn-neath
- Mirador Officers' Hospital, Swansea
- Pontyclun Red Cross Hospital
- Windsor Road Red Cross Hospital, Barry
- St. John Hospital, Pontardawe
- Brynmill, Swansea
- Glanrhyd, Pontardawe
- Red Cross Hospital, Maesteg
- Llwynarthern, Castleton, Cardiff
- Radyr Red Cross Hospital
- Bridgend Red Cross Hospital
- The Rest, Porthcawl
- Gnoll Park, Woodland Road, Neath
- Coytrahen Park, Tondu
- Dock View Road, Barry
- Victoria Red Cross Hospital, Mumbles
- Court Sart, Briton Ferry
- Lan Wood, Pontypridd
- Llwyncelyn, Porth
- The Laurels, Neath
- The Lodge, Llandaff
- Rookwood Officers' Hospital, Llandaff
- Dunraven Castle, St. Brides Major
- Officers' Hospital, Llandaff
- Stanwell Road, Penarth
- Aberdare and Merthyr Red Cross Hospital
- Lavernock House, near Penarth
- St. Fagan's Red Cross Hospital
- Danycoed, Blackmill
- Y.M.C.A. Red Cross Hospital, Swansea
- Tusker House, Southerndown
- Samuel House, Cardiff
- St. Pierre's, Cardiff
- Dinas Powis Red Cross Hospital
- Old Mansion House, Cardiff
- Heddfan, Sketty
- Caerphilly Red Cross Hospital
- Kelvin, Penarth
- Clyne House, Officers' Hospital, Cardiff
- Ash Hall, Cowbridge



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- Parc Wern Red Cross Officers' Hospital, Swansea
- The Quarr, Clydach
- St. John Hospital, Barry Island
- St. John Hospital, Penarth

Carmarthenshire

- Auxiliary Military Red Cross Hospital, Church House, Llandovery
- The St. John Auxiliary Hospital, 1, Penlan Road, Carmarthen
- Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital, Parc Howard, Llanelli
- Auxiliary Military Red Cross Hospital, Dolgarreg, Llandovery

Breconshire

- Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital, Builth Wells
- Llyswen Auxiliary Hospital
- Penoyre, Brecon

Pembrokeshire

- Angle V.A.D. Hospital, Angle
- Tenby Auxiliary Hospital, Somerset House, Esplanade, Tenby
- Cottesmore Auxiliary Hospital, Haverfordwest

Cardiganshire

- Cardiganshire Red Cross Hospital, Aberystwyth
- The Old Bank, Bridge Street, Aberystwyth
- Red Cross Hospital, Aberaeron

Radnorshire

- Highland Moors Red Cross Hospital, Llandrindod Wells
- Red Cross Hospital, Offa's Lodge, Knighton
- Corton Hospital, Presteigne
- Military Auxiliary Hospital, Llyswen, Boughrood
- Auxiliary Hospital, Knighton 2, The Cottage, Knighton

Merionethshire

- Aber Artro, Llanbedr
- Caerynwch, Dolgellau
- Pale Auxiliary Military Hospital, Pale, Corwen
- Officers' Hospital, Nannau, Dolgellau

Montgomeryshire

- Red Cross Hospital, Machynlleth



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- VAD 14 Hospital Broadway, Church Stoke
- Red Cross Hospital, Clive House, Welshpool
- Red Cross Hospital, Maenol, Llanidloes

Caernarvonshire

- Plas VAD Auxiliary Military Hospital, Llanfairfechan
- Bodlondeb, Bangor Road, Menai Bridge
- Wern Auxiliary Military Hospital, Porthmadog
- Plas Tudno Nursing Home, Llandudno
- Plas Tudno and St. Tudno Auxiliary Military Hospital, Llandudno
- Red Cross Hospital, Red Court, Church Walks, Llandudno
- Belmont
- Balmoral Red Cross Hospital, Llandudno
- Penrhyn Cottage VAD Hospital, Bangor

Denbighshire

- Ruthin Auxiliary Hospital, Ruthin
- Llandernog Auxiliary Hospital, Llandernog
- Roseneath, Auxiliary Hospital, Wrexham
- Croes Howell, Auxiliary Hospital, Rossett
- Colwyn Bay Auxiliary Hospital, Colwyn Bay
- Brynkinalt, Auxiliary Hospital, Chirk
- Ystrad Isaf, Auxiliary Hospital, Denbigh

Flintshire

- Talardy, Auxiliary Hospital, St. Asaph
- Leeswood Hall, Auxiliary Hospital, Mold
- Rhyl and District Auxiliary Hospital, Rhyl
- Pentrefyon Convalescent Home, Holywell

Anglesey

- Beach Auxiliary Hospital, Holyhead
- Holborn Auxiliary Hospital, Holyhead
- Bodlondeb Auxiliary Hospital, Menai Bridge Road, Bangor
- Darien Auxiliary Hospital, Trearddur Bay, near Holyhead
- Hill Auxiliary Hospital, Holyhead
- Isallt Faur Auxiliary Hospital, Trearddur Bay, near Holyhead
- Bungalow Auxiliary Hospital, Trearddur Bay, near Holyhead

(Source: The British Red Cross)



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Medicine - moving the injured: Images of hospitals



Soldiers at an unknown hospital in Carmarthen



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St Fagan's V.A.D. Hospital



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Llantwit Fardre Red Cross V.A.D. Hospital



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Soldiers at St Fagan's V.A.D. hospital

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Unknown soldier with nurses

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Medicine - moving the injured: Newspaper Articles

Cambria Daily Leader 11 April 1917 – Valley Hospitals
VALLEY HOSPITALS

A meeting was held at Pontardawe on Tuesday night to make arrangements to receive wounded soldiers at Glanrhyd Workhouse Infirmary, Pontardawe, and The Quarr, Clydach. Mr. C. G. Gilbertson presided. Major Herbert Lewis, hon. secretary, St. John Ambulance Association, addressed the meeting, after which officials were appointed as follows:— Chairman, Mr. C. G. Gilbertson; secretaries, Messrs. A. E. Edmunds and Ivor G. Harris; treasurer, Mr. C. J. Smith (Capital and Counties Bank)

Abergavenny Chronicle 28th May 1915
LLANOVER HOUSE AS CONVALESCENT HOME - SIR IVOR HERBERT'S CARE FOR WAR HEROES

Sir Ivor Herbert is altering and preparing Llanover in order to use it as a convalescent home for wounded soldiers. Llanover is one of the two mansions which Sir Ivor owns in Monmouthshire. It is a very fine house, built in 1830, and is situated in one of the most beautiful parks in a county famous for its landscapes. A convalescent home, in such surroundings will prove the greatest boon to our wounded heroes when they leave the hospital. For such a large and beautiful house Llanover was curiously deficient in modern utilities. This deficiency is now being rectified, at considerable expense, by Sir Ivor, who has brought the sanitary and heating arrangements up to the requirements of up-to-date taste and comfort. Llanover was the home of Lady Llanover (his grandmother) and of his mother, the Hon. Mrs. Herbert. Sir Ivor's own home is Llanarth Court, six miles away, near Raglan.



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**Brecon and Radnor Express Carmarthen and Swansea Valley Gazette and
Brynmawr District Advertiser 2nd December, 1916**

CONVALESCENT SOLDIERS

Sir,—With every respect and sympathy for wounded and sick soldiers it does occur to me that strolling along or lounging about the corners of our public streets, until quite a late hour in the evening, even in the agreeable company of admiring "flappers," is hardly calculated to hasten early restoration to good health. Yours, etc.. Llandrindod Wells, PASSER-BY

South Wales Weekly Post 15th July 1916

OXWICH OUTING FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Another outing has been arranged for wounded soldiers next Thursday afternoon by the Motor Cycle Club at Swansea. Mr. Wren Harris, of the Mumbles, has been appointed captain, and any cyclists who have sidecars are asked to fall in at 2 p.m. prompt at Mr. Ivor. Hubert's shop in Oxford Street. to receive instructions for calling at the various hospitals to fetch the wounded and take them to Oxwich. Permission has been obtained from the agent to pass through the grounds of Penrice Castle. Tea will be provided free of charge for wounded soldiers. Mr. Cumming Evans has been appointed chairman, and will be glad to receive any offers from vocal or instrumental musicians for services.



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North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser for the Principality 14th May 1915 WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT BODLONDEB.

Twenty wounded soldiers were received on Wednesday at Bodlondeb Hospital Home, which is affiliated to the Western Command. The men reached Menai Bridge Station by the 2.30 p.m. train, and were met there by the Bangor Men's Detachment of the Red Cross Society, who were under the charge of the commandant, Mr Gayton. The wounded soldiers, however, preferred to walk to numerous motor cars, which had been lent by residents in the district, and they were conveyed to Bodlondeb, a distance of about a quarter of a mile from the railway station. After a short rest they were served with tea and afterwards had their wounds redressed.

