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## NO. 10 STATIONARY HOSPITAL

## Organization

Organized as a 400 bed hospital unit with the following establishment:

- 1 Lieutenant-Colonel (Commanding Officer)
- 11 Medical Officers including 2 Majors and 9 Captains
- 1 Ouartermaster
- 1 Dispenser
- 1 Matron
- **26 Nursing Sisters**

118 Other Ranks.

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant-Colonel E. Seaborn

## **Medical Officers**:

Major C.E. Brown (Medical Consultant) and Major J.C. Wilson (Registrar and Paymaster)

Captain J.S. Hudson (Medicine), Captain A. Turner (Surgery), Captain E.H. Young (Psychiatry), Captain J. Moriarty (Surgery), Captain E. Bice (Radiology Specialist), Captain A.E. Fraleigh (Medicine), Captain R.H. Henderson (Eye/ENT), Captain C.L. Douglas (Pathology), Captain C.P. Jento, (Surgery)

**Quartermaster:** Captain G.M. Brock

**Dispenser:** Lieutenant J.A. Dickie

Matron: Captain H.E. Dulmage

26 Lieutenant Nursing Sisters

118 Other Ranks

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## Timeline of Western University hospitals in the First World War

	1914 - 5	
07/28/1 1914-1	on the Dr Ed Canac by Mi of eve 50,000 Winds Londo	commences in Europe. An ultimatum from the Britain to Germany expite 14 August and Canada is automatically drawn into the First World Wallward Braithwaite, President of Western University, submits an offer to dian government to raise and equip 200 bed hospital. The offer is rejectinister of Militia, Sam Hughes, because there is "sufficient non-combatatory branch of the service".  In headquarters of Canada Military District No 1, recruits and trains of soldiers. No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, under the command sor physician Henry Raymond Casgrain, was raised with staff from Windsor and Sarnia. In Aug 1915, No 3 was deployed to Lemnos of Devilors.
	1916	f Dardenelle campaign.
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03/	that	behalf of Faculty of Medicine, Drs Seaborn, McCallum, and Beal requirements Western University renew its offer to send a fully staffed and equippoital unit overseas.
04/28		Office requests Western University Board of Governors to send a 400 loital to England.
05/04	Hosp	rin Seaborn named Commanding Officer of No. 10 Canadian Station pital. Requests for volunteers sent to Western alumni. Train mences.
06/15	All r	ranks filled.
07/17	(AA	cination of all ranks complete. Seaborn alerts Assistant Adjutant Gene G), No. 1 Military District, London, ON that their unit is ready to processeas.
08/16		ructions received from AAG that No 10. Stationary Hospital will lead on ON August 18 <sup>th</sup> at 1220h via Grand Trunk Railway (GTR).
08/18		aplete unit entrained at GTR Station.
08/21	0900h Unit	arrives in Halifax, NS.

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	1100h	Unit embarks on H.M.T 2810 (RMS Olympic) with 127 <sup>th</sup> , 135 <sup>th</sup> , 137 <sup>th</sup> , and 158 <sup>th</sup> battalions.
		Seaborn appointed Principle Medical Officer on the ship.
08/24	1230h	RMS Olympic departs Halifax, NS.
08/30	1000h	Units disembark at Liverpool, England.
	1030h	Entrained for Shorncliffe, England.
	2100h	Arrive at Shorncliffe Station and proceed to camp.
	2200h	Arrive in canvas camp at St Martin's Plain at Shornecliffe and join No. 8 Canadian Stationary Hospital for quarters and rations.
		Strength: 14 Officers, 117 Other Ranks (one casualty en route).
09/13		Inspection by Major General Carelton Jones, Director of Medical Services (DMS). Concluded training in Canada sufficiently thorough to preclude further courses at training depot.
		Officers distributed to English hospitals for training.
11/02		Seaborn proceeds to Seaford with 2 Medical Officers, the Quartermaster, and 35 other ranks to take over Ravenscroft Military Hospital from Imperial unit: 100 beds; 75 patients admitted.
11/30		New battalions arriving directly from overseas led to high illness rates and mortality, especially in Native Canadian and American troops. Predominant illnesses: bronchial and pulmonary infections, mumps, and measles. Surgical and extreme cases transferred to Eastern General Hospital in Brighton.
12/11		Seaborn notified No. 10 Hospital to take over Eastbourne Hospital because of accomplishments at Seaford.
12/16		Patient overflow at Seaford Hospital results in private residences Southlands and Hawkswick being requisitioned as auxiliary hospitals for infectious disease treatment and sequestration. Average patient burden increases from 125 to 175 by month's end.

	1917
01/17	Unit takes over All Saints' Hospital at Eastbourne, renamed Canadian Military Hospital, to be used at unit headquarters; bed capacity 500. Seaford hospitals Ravenscroft, Southlands, and Hawkswick retained as auxiliary hospitals with detachment of medical officers and other ranks remaining at Seaford.
03/01	Eastbourne Pathology Laboratory equipped and ready for use.
03/06	Eastbourne Operating Theatre equipped and ready for use.
03/29	X-Ray Department equipped and ready for use.
03/16	Eastbourne visited by Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada.
03/31	Average patient load for the month at central and auxiliary hospitals (local and

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	overseas casualties): 275
	Strength: 14 Officers, 20 Nursing Sisters, 118 Other Ranks
04/29	Seaborn reports food situation to be serious. Captain Young initiates weighing of supplies and implements new waste management strategies.
04/30	Average patient load: 300 Strength: 14 Officers, 17 Nursing Sisters, 117 Other Ranks
05/31	Average patient load: 350 Strength: 14 Officers, 17 Nursing Sisters, 117 Other Ranks
06/30	Difficulty with staffing all hospital sites (two central at Eastbourne, 3 auxiliary at Seaford). Convalescent patients employed in light duties. Average patient load: 450
0=104	Strength: 13 Officers, 17 Nursing Sisters, 117 Other Ranks
07/01	No. 10 hosts other units to celebrate the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canadian Confederation. Football and baseball games played. Performance from 6 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Reserve Battalion marching band.
07/10	Canadian DMS requires a reinforcement detail of 12 officers to be attached to field units in France as necessary. Several officers sent to France.
07/26	Unit witnesses sinking of HMS Ariadne from Eastbourne Hospital by German torpedoes off Beachy Head.
07/31	Average patient load: 480 Strength: 13 Officers, 16 Nursing Sisters, 118 Other Ranks
08/30	Seaborn admitted to hospital with chest pain, fever.
08/31	Average patient load: 475  Strength: 14 Officers, 18 Nursing Sisters, 117 Other Ranks
09/10	Eastbourne Canadian Military Hospital replaced with newly authorized No. 14 Canadian General Hospital, an active treatment hospital, to be staffed by No. 10 Stationary Hospital personnel; 520 beds.
09/12	Construction of equipment for mechanotherapeutic (physiotherapy) department, pioneered by Captain Young, in progress in carpentry shop.
09/26	Seaborn discharged from hospital, improved but diagnosis indeterminate. Granted one month's sick leave to October 26 <sup>th</sup> .
09/30	Average patient load: 475  Strength: 15 Officers, 32 Nursing Sisters, 127 Other Ranks
10/31	Average patient load: 450 Strength: 17 Officers, 34 Nursing Sisters, 140 Other Ranks
11/12	Seaborn reports conducting urgent OR without anaesthetic on man gravely ill with complete insensitivity to pain.
11/22	Seaborn instructed to prepare unit for transfer to France.
11/29	Seaborn and original No. 10 Hospital unit posted to Calais, France, 40 miles

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	from front lines.  Lieutenant-Colonel K.D. Panton assumes command of No. 14 General Hospital at Eastbourne.
11/30	Average patient load: 460  Strength: 9 Officers, 18 Nursing Sisters, 126 Other Ranks (all original No. 10 attached for quarters and rations)
12/08	No. 10 arrives in Boulogne, France and stays under canvas.
12/24	No. 10 arrives in Calais; assumes charge of previous Imperial No. 38 General Hospital. Damage to hospital prevents immediate patient admissions.

1918	
01/20	Patient admissions resume, wards are full within 4 days. Daily patient into up to 250.
01/28	Nursing Sisters join the unit. Spend first night in the dugouts facing an raid.
03/	German offensive drive results in hospitals at the front become overwhelmed. Calais functions as both base and front-line hospital accommodate casualties.  Average stay <5 days; many patients return to front; severely wound transferred to England on first available transport.
04/11	German assault leads to huge number of ambulances arriving at Calais w Canadian, American, Australian, NZ, and British soldiers. Operating room wards, X-ray rooms, and convalescence zones full.
05/15	19 civilians rescued from bombed home at Calais hospital boundaries. survive.  Highest cost incurred by single raid to date: \$1,000,000 (due to damage from incendiary bombs).
05/17	216 cases of ptomaine poisoning admitted from local camp.  Influenza epidemic kills 48 of 50 men in medical ward.  200 men sleeping in tents on ground for lack of beds.
05/19	Nursing Sister KM MacDonald killed in a raid at Etaples.
11/11	Armistice Day. Seaborn hears of armistice with Germany.
11/12	Light and air raid precautions lifted. Lighthouse at Calais reactivated.
11/26	French DMS visits Calais Hospital. Number of patient admission by No. 10 Hospital at Calais: 16 712.

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04/05	Calais Hospital stops patient admissions; transferred under command of No. 30 Imperial General Hospital.
04/09	Nursing Sisters depart to England.
04/16	No. 10 Hospital unit departs from France to Bexhill-on-Sea, England.
05/19	Embark on S.S. Regina at Liverpool, England.
05/20	Depart from Liverpool for Halifax, NS.
05/29	No. 10 arrives in Halifax.
05/31	No. 10 arrives in London, ON. Received with a short address from Reception Committee. Unit demobilized with small cadre retained to close unit affairs.