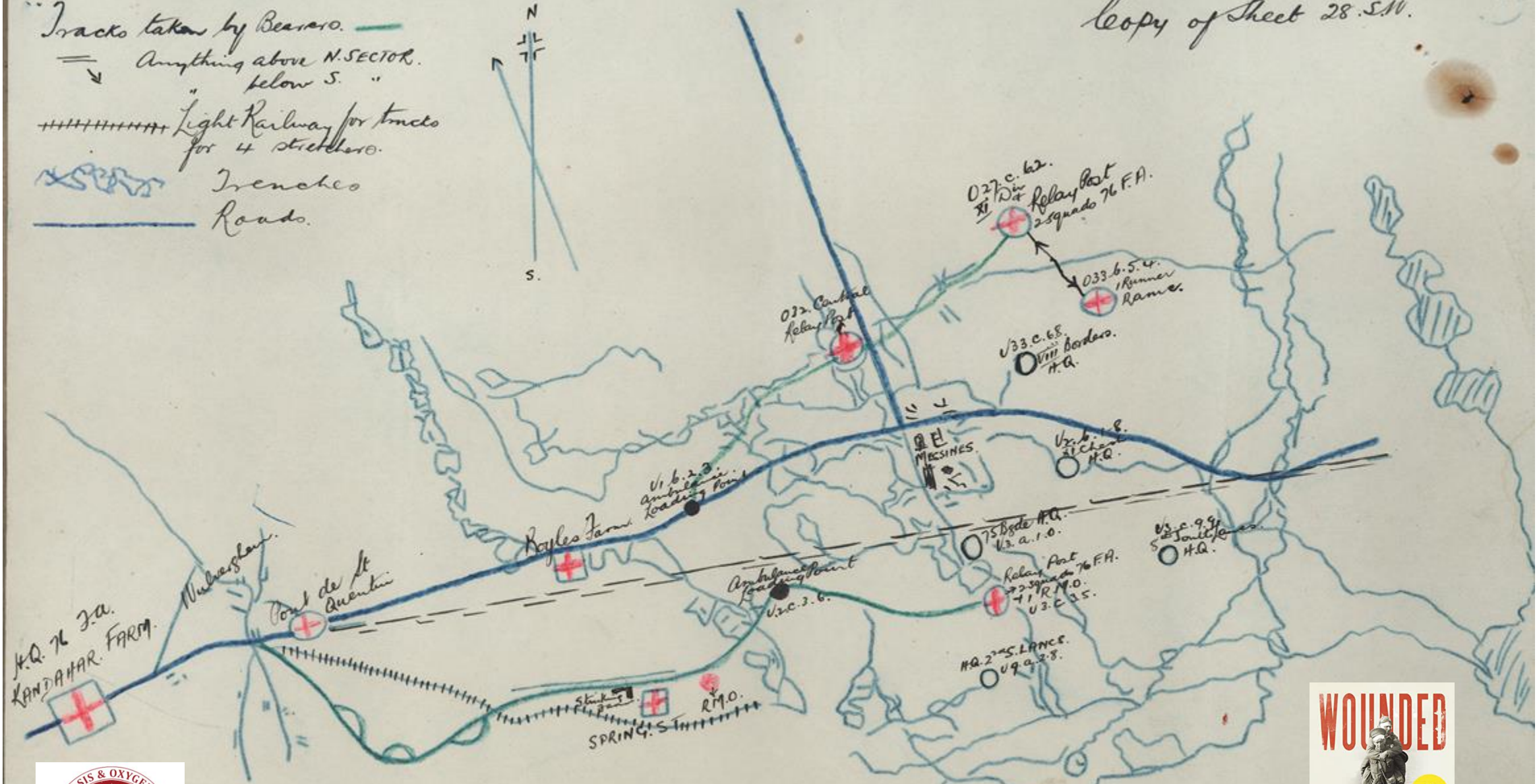


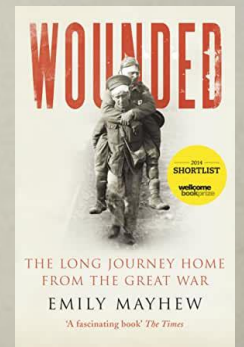
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Tracts taken by Bearers. —
 = Anything above N. SECTOR.
 " below S. "
 Light Railway for trunks
 for 4 stretchers.
 Trenches
 Roads.



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How Stretchers Bearers of the Western Front changed military medicine forever (so far).



The Point of Wounding



"...on no account should stretcher bearers be men who have been selected because they are useless or physically incapable of regimental work."

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The Carry

Today we call this
CASEVAC.

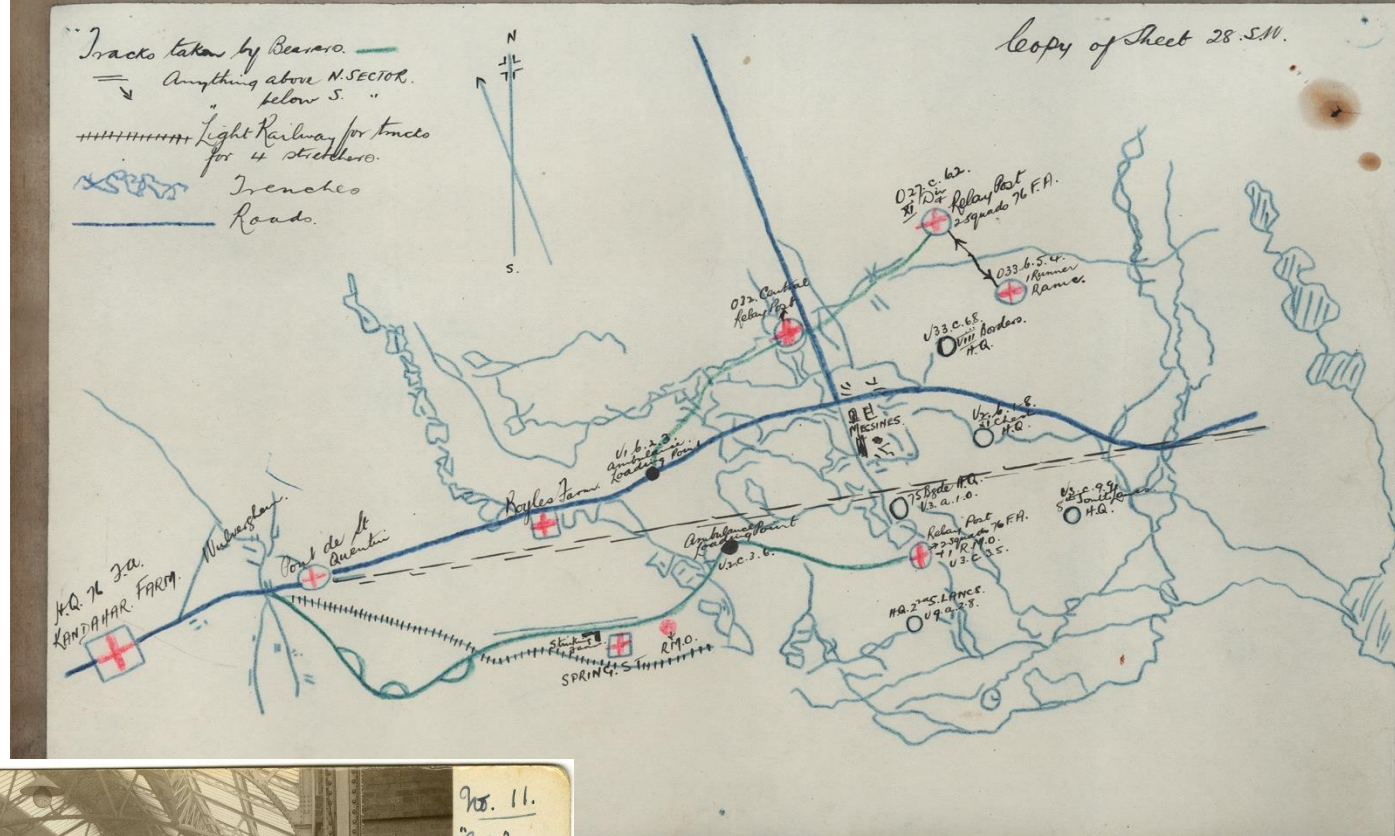
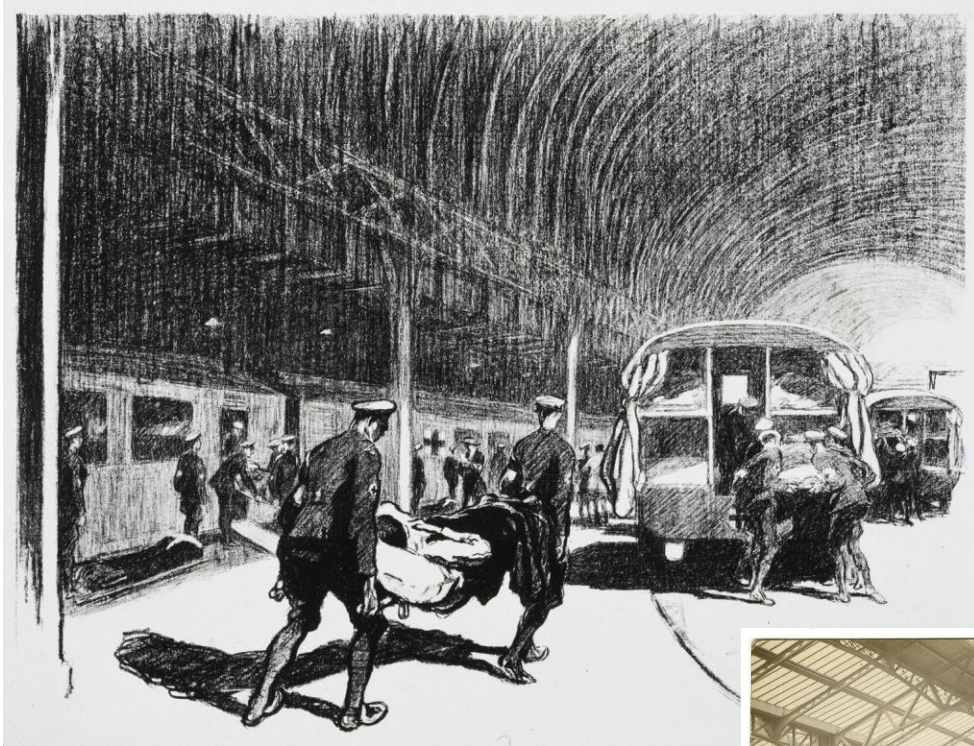


War artists see bearers better than anyone (except patients).

The longer the war,
the greater the
bearers' capabilities



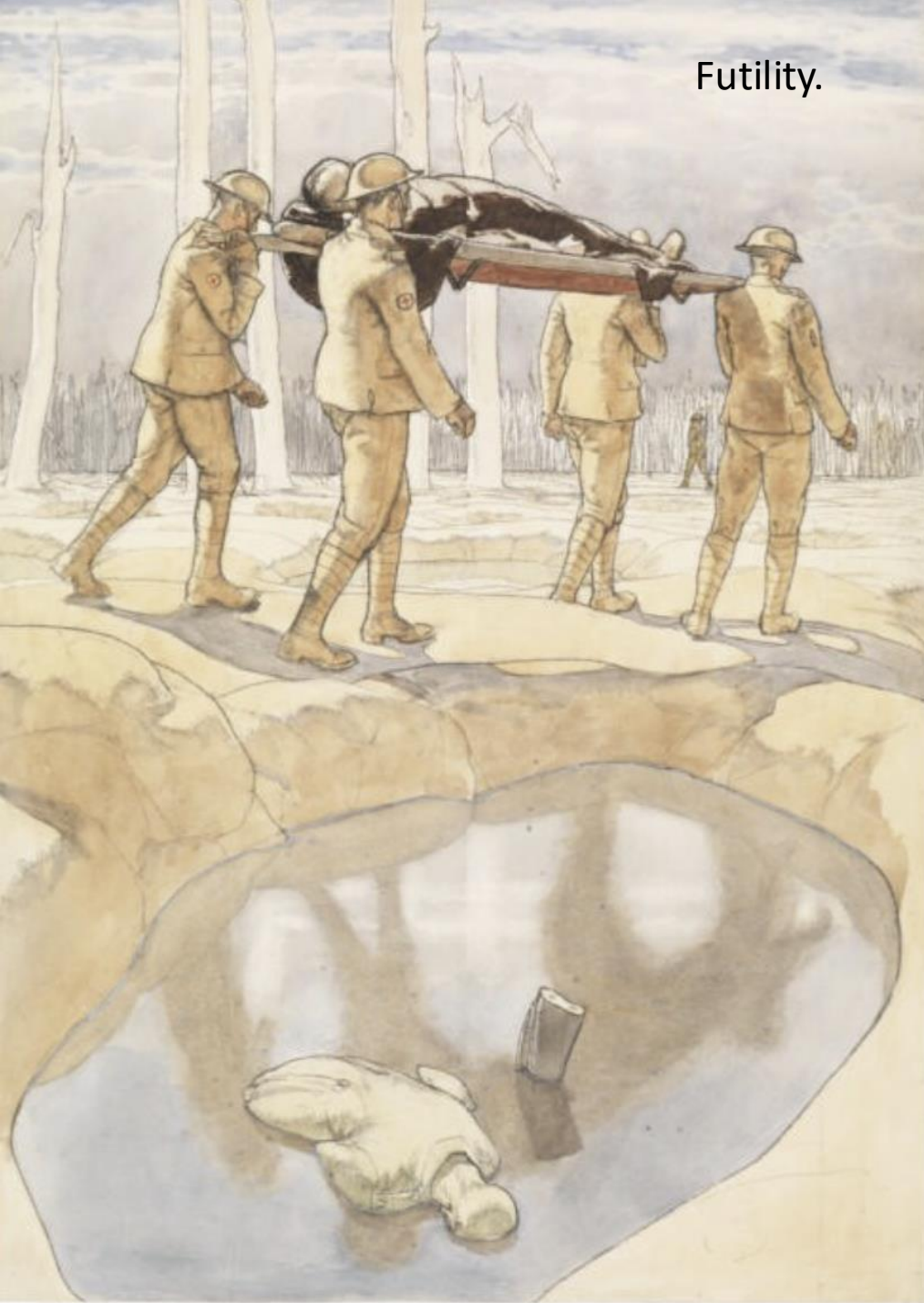
The Carry becomes the entire journey from Point of Wounding back to Blighty.



Today we call this MEDEVAC



Futility.





At the battle of Bazentin Ridge, near Contalmaison on 14th July 1917, an intelligence officer questions a German PoW. The bearer team is made up of men from the Cameron Highlanders and the Cheshire Regiment.