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## ***A Dublin Hospital on the Western Front***

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In 1917 a group of Irish doctors volunteered to take over one of the temporary base hospitals in France, and the 13th Stationary Hospital became the 83rd (Dublin) General Hospital. The 17th / 83rd opened only a couple of months after the outbreak of war, and became a specialist unit for managing face and jaw injuries and eye injuries. It remained in operation until long after the 1918 armistice, even after the departure of its Irish staff.