

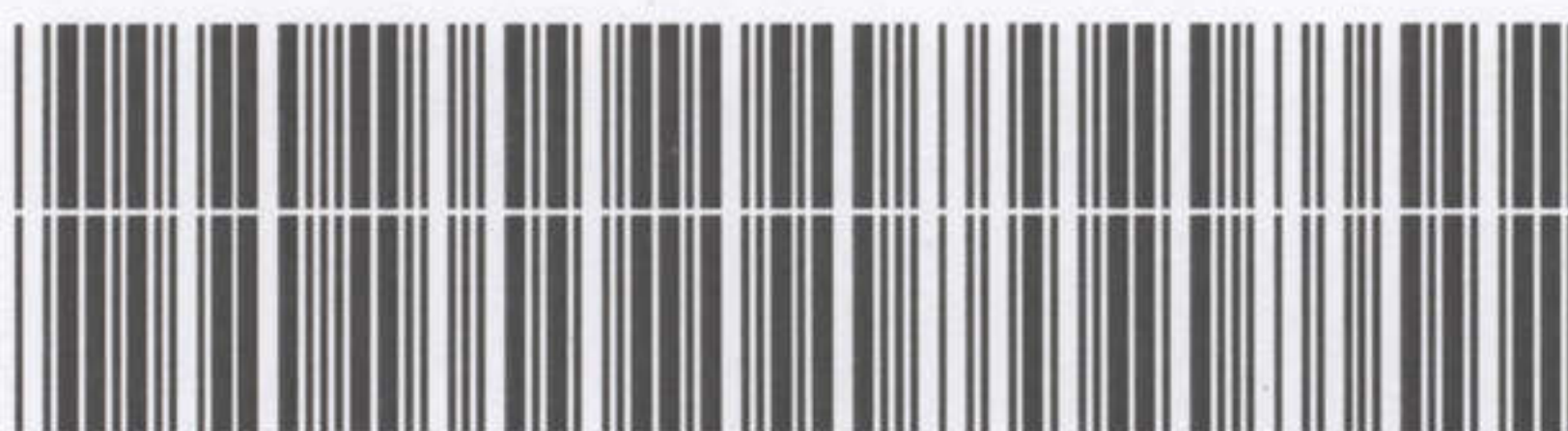
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MAY 1 st ADZAC H ² Co	May 1	9	attended Conference, it was said that requirements of such were given first consideration with regard to available timber for hutting I issued a letter to A.D.S. M.S. at one time to inform them	
		10	Case of Capt Cameron was forwarded to me in a curious memo from 2 nd Division but no papers sent with it and A.D.S. of 2 nd Division had not been informed even of his being taken off duty when this was first done	
		11	heard from Genl WHITE that A.D.S. Red Cross would meet our requirements	
		2	visited C.C.S. and the works to open next day. saw Ecoce	
		3	S. LOUIS where great improvements had been made. went with the Colonel HERNE to new post at Port a CLOUS	
		3	and went into matter of water supply	
		5	called at office of ADMS ESTAIRES but found Col BEGG out New Zealand Rifle Brigade & D.W. troops had just marched into town	

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Haps ANZAC	May 2	9	<p>at Conference brought up matter of a Corps Officer Hospital and asked for information about any suitable building available. A P.M.G. said in army had refused to give all Chateau on road to MERVILLE, county to N.W. of MERVILLE was suggested. I also brought up proposal to move the Post Station from DOULIEU to N. Dura. Later on telephone spoke to DADAMS of N. Dura about this who brought up point of advantage of nearness of DOULIEU. as men when well could not be conveyed back in motor ambulances but would have to march, & should therefore be within 8 or 10 miles.</p> <p>10 attended Water Board, main resolution was to place a small body of about 10 Engineers under an R.E. Officer and to employ civilian labour on works required as money would be difficult to get.</p> <p>Spoke to D.A. & P.M.G. about the case of Capt CAMERON, who had been removed from his duties about this same officer's name had been brought to my notice non-officially in Egypt as having constantly been drunk on board ship when coming over from Australia.</p> <p>± Matter of Corps books and Medical Officer to look after the Hygiene as well as their daily sick which latter had been provided for by sending an Officer daily from DOULIEU came up. No officer for Corps books as an establishment - Capt BUTLER who is attending for school today at Camp 160 for could fill instructions in gas precautions to them.</p>	

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ANZAC 4 th V	11 th (Contd)	2 nd	<p>Rode over to MORBEYUE and saw N. 2. 7. A who are in Chateau there. Ambulance Medical Officers are occupying a considerable portion of the room available in Chateau a dining and recreation hut is required for the men. Beds and other conveniences of all which I made note and told the officer commanding to apply to the A.D.M.S. if on consideration be ^{found} they would be necessary.</p> <p>Called on the Lt. General Johnston the Brigadier and informed him of the fact ^{reply} that had been made as to hospital arrangements for but ^{for} sick & wounded were to receive first attention. returned to 7. A. and saw coach that was being laid out for divisional rest station, recreation hut & dining hut required. Reported completeness of Chateau being made a rest station for officers for Coys. & asked O.C. to request for another room which was still available. Capt BULLOCK called. I showed him meeting Durman ^{Durman} Savary ^{Savary} entirely</p>	
ANZAC 14 th V	3 rd	9	<p>at Conference discussed ^{discussed} matter of rest ^{rest} station for officers being made for Coys instead of for each Division, and found it was received favourably but difficulty of finding a place was repeated ^{repeated} BLERINGHEIM suggested but too far. D.A.M.S. suggested near Merville if it was not objected.</p>	
		11	<p>went out to MERVILLE. saw Tom Mays who suggested a chateau near TENANT. as possible. went on to ESTAIRES. saw Col BEEB. &</p>	
		12	<p>he inspected MORBEYUE Chateau. He mentioned that there was one now ^{now} in ⁱⁿ Estaires. I asked him to write about it & I would take matter up.</p>	
		2	<p>looked in at Ecole St LOUIS, much improved. went on to DOULIEU. nothing done. had ^{the day before} forwarded on to Chief Engineer the O.C.'s statement that replied</p>	

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	30 CXXX		were very delatory in doing anything required. Lack of improvement is entirely due to the fact that the C. has done all that he can with his unit and even in this is often hindered by lack of suitable material such as nails etc. Great delay in Abbeville Embankment being finished.	
		4	found A.D.M.S. of 2 nd Div. out saw his Sanitary Officer who showed me his new type of latrine (flyproof) & his sanitary section quarters.	
		5	visited Rest Station at L'ESTRADE great improvement here. but only part of the road has been made which is unsatisfactory.	
		6	office work. found memo from Begg about overcrowding in Estaires.	
May 4 th		9	<p> New Conference. told Gen. White about overcrowding at ESTAIRES he said he would not feel entirely satisfied with Col. BEEB's opinion and that N.L. would be moved almost at once. I told him that was believing for 4000 in ESTAIRES according to French authorities and we had nearly 7000. and I would go out & see for myself. Also spoke to him about the road. </p> <p> A.D.O.S. came in about 7 A.M. incidents. asked me to make all that </p>	

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			<p>was written out as one incident at once from for all such requirements sent off memo to this effect to A.D.M.S.</p> <p>11 visited ESTAIRES. found Col BEGG out went to Brigade HQ and saw General FULTON and he came with me to various billets calling on the way for the C.O. and the Medical Officer was informed that a case of C.S.M. had occurred amongst Maoris who form Pioneer Regiment. Went over all billets of Pioneers. found them too overcrowded & sanitary arrangements unsatisfactory. Brigade said 300 were marching out at once and that the men occupying some billet where C.S.M. case had occurred were to be sent at once by Engineers to a farm house where they would be isolated from other troops & road work given them. I told the Medical Officer that arrangements should be made to have a daily inspection of them made & to inform Col BEGG of this if they went out of the area.</p> <p>12 visited 3rd Rifle Brigade billets in farm huts. too crowded. Kitchen & sanitary arrangements very bad. no fire escapes in a 4 story building. Also visited</p> <p>2 visited 4th Rifle Brigade billets with O.C. there are mostly in farm houses just outside town. incinerators could be used much more</p>	

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		3	<p>visited 1st Rifle Brigade billets. These are mostly in farm houses and with a few planks removed and doors kept open the farm cottages & buildings used would make quite satisfactory billets. Attention to mementos and to keeping boxes stores in boxes. required.</p>	
		4	<p>visited Motor Company section about their billeting. The Gendarmere offered objects of growing loft. 2' 6" C. motor tents. Saw the Gendarmere office in whose yard ambulances are parked. He agreed to giving a piece of ground for tents if necessary took O.C. M.A.C. to town major to arrange it</p>	
		5	<p>saw Colonel B.E.G. He said great difficulty in getting huts at Monbecque as Brigadier had taken a number for the brigade which he had intended to put for Rest Station. I told him to put it up to D.W. authorities. He also complained of the trouble with Brigadier over field ambulances being refused by them as Brigade units under their command. I told him if D.W. authorities could not settle this satisfactorily to bring the matter up. He referred to great difficulty in getting any work done by D.W. agencies</p>	

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			<p>in consequence of their anticipating an immediate move from present positions. It proposed to segregate Moors near ambulance; of which I approved.</p>	
		6 & 8	<p>office work. Col. WARREN of R.A. who wished to be transferred as an Aurist & throat specialist called to see me at 8.</p>	
	May 5 th	9	<p>conference Genl. White announced impending move to take up line of trenches on ARMENTIERES, area. He asked us not to mention it formally, but said I should arrange for Colonel BEGG to go down soon.</p>	
		10	<p>Colonel BUTLER went to conference of Sanitary Officers of Division. I stayed in office till 12.30. At 2 went to BAILLEUL to see D.D.M.S. and make arrangements as to ARMENTIERES.</p>	
		5	<p>returned after visiting Post Station at L'ESTRADERE & see about state of road. no units came out re. Southern position</p>	
		6	<p>office work Chapn BUTLER informed me that he had been told by Colonel BEGG's clerk that Col BEGG was going</p>	

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			<p>on leave to England next day. There was nothing in office and I had heard nothing from Col BEGG or the Corps HQ. So I concluded it was a mistake, but decided a telegram to be sent to Col BEGG to say I would visit him at ESTAIR ES between 4.15 and 6.15 and request that he would be in. and decided telegram to him by name.</p>	
	6 th	7	<p>rode over to Morbecque & looked at rest camp. dissatisfied with state of wards in chateau as very dirty & away on leave. No huts or tents yet arrived. furniture will be required for officers hospital rest station.</p>	
		10	<p>on return told BOTLER he must make out list of furniture & requirements for above.</p>	

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	64 May	2	<p>went into BAILLEUL and picked up GEDDES. Met D.D.M.S. of 2nd Cpls. and a Col SANDERS who was introduced as ^{medical} historian of the war. went on to ARMENTIERES and visited Baltus and two 7. ambulances and an adod dressing station with a view to getting acquainted with dispositions</p>	
		5.	<p>on way back visited ERVENHEIM. Met STEWART told me that he wished to change to school which the 2nd 7 A had occupied instead of building in small house. stopped at Fort RATHIPU and saw HORTABLE</p>	
		6	<p>the latter said no huts or tents has arrived yet and seemed to feel the want of accommodation for his officers went on to Estaires where I saw Major Carberry a found Col BERTON was away on leave, without any intimation of any sort having been conveyed to me though I had seen him only 36 hours before he left I asked Major CARBERRY to telegraph POWERS to ask whether his leave had been sent to me</p>	

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			<p>for sanction. They wished that they would look the matter up. I told Major CARBERRY to go into accommodation and arrangements for ARMENTIERE & Batters etc.</p> <p>7 returned and saw a J.A.C. about Colone BEGG's having been given leave to England without any reference having been made to me for my sanction. He said it was due to misunderstanding & that order had been passed that no future release was to be given to medical officers without reference being made first to me. An order was sent by him after discussing the matter over to cancel Col BEGG'S leave & order his recall.</p>	

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ANZAC HQ	7 th May	8	saw General BIRDMOND and informed him of difficulty I had been put in by BEGG'S leave not being referred. He said that General RUSSELL had had leave 2.20 it would be better not to recall BEGG.	
		9	attended Church Parade and then went to office and on to	
		11	Morbegno at 11. saw Colonel NEILL who had just returned from Base. Major CARBERRY was there. went into question of what was needed for officer's rest rest station, and visited camp near where a number of huts were seen which would be available if was	
		1.	said. went on with R.E. to Sarcus Camp and NO 2 camp where more huts were seen.	
		5	Telegram came from O.C. of No 2 & 4. saying they had been ordered to ESTAIRS and with whom was left leave sick. Reply was given to refer it to Dursin's Authorities. I took the write to Brig G.S. and pointed out that not only had I not been apprized of the movement order, but that to cause two 7 A's to change with each other simply because the Brigade, whose order they were in were changing was bad policy especially as the move was only for a few days, and it was making the 7 A's brigade units instead of Divisional which was certain to re-act harmfully over some other more under dis-advantageous circumstances. He agreed and cancelled the move. He also said that for a rest station MORBEGNO was too far, and suggested near LE VERRIER. This was discussed.	

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A12AC Keen	8th May	8.	<p>went on to No 11 7.A. at MORBECQUE to tell O.C. of General WHITES decision as to MORBECQUE not forming rest station saw Colonel O'Neill, told him that until matter was decided about officers rest station he could carry on with any additions for the word word which was being made in roof</p> <p>9 at conference B.G. 8. Said that C.E. should not pull any huts for hospital until matter was put into by 9</p> <p>12 saw Colonel Maggi Dods at SAILEY & visited his divisional gas school with him, also laundry where it was worked a establish No 2 7.A. he said that Divisional arrangements to secure huts ^{& huts} were satisfactory. saw Colonel STURDEE</p> <p>2 went on to Colonel SUTTON and went into matter of huts he would want for FORT RAMPU and LIESTRADE.</p> <p>4 visited EDWARD HERRA dentist at C.C.S. saw Major CARBERRY who said he was pleased with LE FERRIER but Colonel O'NEILL did not appear so and said there was a lack of water</p> <p>6 in office went into matter of 2 & Divisional requirements in huts etc</p>	

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	10 th May	8	Colonel TAYLOR at 9 M.G. told me that no huts for hospitals would be available before 20 th ^{near} as 17 th division were using them	
		9	informed by A.D.C. that Corps Commander would visit Field Ambulances at 10. & wished me to accompany him.	
			telephoned A.D.S. M.S.	
		10	started at ESTAIRES. and showed C.C.S. building, N.2.7A. No 3 Ecole, S. Zone. which is held by section of No 2.7A. and then to NOUVEAU MONDE	
		12	No 1 7. A. saw Genl BIRDWOOD commented upon number of men waiting for dentist, visited bath & Laundry at SAILLY also rest of No 2 7A at latter place. went on to FORT RAMPON & saw No 7.7A. from there	
		2	to ERQUENHEIM and saw No 5 7A. and then to MORBEQUE. At this place Genl BIRDWOOD did not appear of as an officer, rest station as he said it required furniture & was an old somewhat unclean for building. The O.C. was away looking for a site for a rest-camp. Genl BIRDWOOD suggested MERIS. where 12 th div Hqs had been but which is out of our use.	
		4	returned to Hqs. saw Genl White. received news that No 2 Field Ambulance would stand fast at Morbecq until they could moved into rest camp near La Perre	
		3 ³⁰	saw B.G. G.S. who suggested Chateau Morbecq which he had not seen but was marked as large place on map, as good locality for Hqs rest station	

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May 9	9 th May cont	9.30 AM	<p>went through all requirements of luggage for Field Ambulances with Butter, and also construction work & tents repaired, and in order to settle definitely wired to ADMS 2d Div to come up with the O.C. of 27. As concerned and go all through these incidents before sending them up finally.</p>	
	10 th May	7	<p>visited Inouéque Chateau & found it was only an old shooting box in forest. Saw Col. O'Neill on way back at No 11 N. 2. F.A. and arranged to go with him to see site at in F.A.</p>	
		9	<p>saw Gen BIRDWOOD. told him that HIEPPE which he had suggested was said by 11th Div to be impossible for rest station as constantly shelled.</p>	
		11	<p>started with Col O'NEILL. Was in action at ADMS and saw MEBIS. but found it occupied by 41st Div & impossible to obtain. visited site occupied by 2 N 12 2A. not far from DOULIEO and went all over this & neighboring sites.</p>	
		2	<p>visited DOULIEO No 111 des F.A. and then went to LIESTRADE and looked at all sites there.</p>	

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	10th May (cont)	5	went on to MEVEGATE and sites to S. E of this returned at 6.30	
		9	did office work.	
	11th May	9	at conference ^y asked what G.P.s works would be left in STEIN BEC. & MORBELDOE areas. so that arrangements might be made	
		10	office tabulated all requirements of 7. A's & their indent	
		2	went into HAZEBROUCK.	
		3	Conference with ADMS of 2 nd DUM and OCs of 7. A. as to requirements of their 7. A's in putting tents etc.	
		6	Colonel O'NEILL came in. he said he preferred Marquis for his tent & knew nothing about any hill tents having been asked for.	

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	May 12/41	9	Conference. It was noted that W.2. Division could begin work into firing line.	
		10	went out with interpreter to see about taking up fields for 7A rest station and if a Cooks rest station for officers could be formed. Met with Col TEWSELEY. #	
		12	2 nd W.2. 7.A were just moving out of camp near DOULIEU & ARMENTIERE. Co W.2 A.D.M.S. was away with W.2. D.A.D.M.S. went with me to see Ferme du Bois. He was in favour of this site, informed him that I would enquire if it was within our area from G of Cols, as 414 D.M. looks well in Farm. saw water report in ESTAIRES and went with Custer of water supply.	
		4	Saw site near L'ESTRADE but H.A.C. were there. D.A.D.M.S. who had checked FERME du Bois, already considered it was the best site. I intended to ascertain from General Staff if site were in our area.	
		5	Saw General WHITE on our return. He was against the site near L'ESTRADE being occupied by W.2. Rest camp. He said FERME DU BOIS was in our area.	
		6	consulted G. who also said it was but later found that on his map in staff room it was out of our area.	

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ANZAC, 1946	May 13 th	9	<p>attended conference much doubt seemed to exist about Fenne du Bois being in our area. G. telephoned Army who said line laid down left us in our. But later General Staff discovered a 'rue d'acier' in ahead from the Army HQ in which left it outside our area.</p>	
		10	<p>I had on first information telephoned to N. 2. division that it was in Coker area and that they were to decide whether they wished to occupy it. They said they would like to do so and would make arrangements.</p>	
		11	<p>Office work 2 went into ESTAIRES and saw dentist, also saw Town Major regarding baths being kept on. and suggested that he should ask G.P.B. men to do it on Thursday</p>	
		6	<p>found General House D.M.S. A.I.F. on return. went into wastage of Officers Red Cross supplies and other matters with him. He said hockey tactics measures against venereal disease were being instituted in London and he instructed me to ascertain from Staff if they were willing to issue a Card to men informing them where the houses were which had already been established and if this policy was approved of he would establish an Australian home in Horseferry Road. General House went off at 10 a.m. after asking me to send him a list of all our Red Cross requirements, which I said would be sent as soon as we had ascertained what ordnance would supply as with this he considered best.</p>	
		6	<p>Mr. Norman Brooks and Mr. Murdoch of Australian Red Cross came over they had visited ESTAIRES on the way and expressed disappointment</p>	

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			<p>in the C.C.S. said surroundings of it were so dirty. I told them that I had no official connection with it, and that the bad weather probably made matters look worse in surroundings. They said that they wished 7 a's. to send in their reports direct to them.</p>	
	May 14 th	8-30	<p>saw Genl BIRDWOOD and told him of Genl HOWSE's personal relative to house in London a card being issued to men going on leave in London, indicating where General Howse's homes were, and that an Australian one would be started if approved. Genl BIRDWOOD said that men could be told on reaching London of these homes and agreed with me that the issue of any communication but would be inadvisable.</p> <p>I also told him of our difficulty in securing an officer's list house and that I intended DOULIEU would do for 1st Div and that the Genl's house in ESTAIRES, with villas opposite might be sufficient for officers of us could get no suitable house in an area. He agreed that ESTAIRES would do. A C conference between B. G. G. S. objected to Dursant put House being occupied though G. had not done so. The former said villas might still be put into ESTAIRES, in which case the house would be required for the General. He suggested a chateau near SERCUS.</p> <p>Went out with liaison officer to see this chateau found it occupied by French people who were not willing to let it go. saw Genl BIRDWOOD out there and informed him.</p>	

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	May 15 th	9	at conference Genl CARRUTHERS suggested Sec de Bois as suitable for Officers hospital rest house. I informed him that it had been reported as unsuitable but I would see for myself.	
		10	went to Sec Bois found only cottages three with one or two rooms.	
		12	went into see DMS in ^{offices} HAZEBROUCK found Col C HOPPITZ and consulted him as to any site for rest house he could not think of any but suggested the homestead of EMBENGEIM but thought Army would not be able to share any. and a few Officers could be taken in the MONT NOIR others at MONT CAT.	
		3.	saw Town Map of ESTAIRES. relative to any chateau he took me out to see two. and said if 11 th Corps were asked they might be available.	
	May 16 th	9	Saw Genl. CARRUTHERS. who agreed to my seeing General HOLMAN of XI th Corps personally about giving us the LES ZAURIERS. went to this house on way. and found it would with grounds suit well. saw A.V.M.S. at HINGES who said it could not be given us. nor could any other. on return CARRUTHERS telephoned to Genl HOLMAN who corroborated this. Decided that under the circumstances if no chateau within any reasonable	

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1	May 16 th	12	<p>distance being obtainable that for the present we must give up idea of Corps rail house for officers and let each division make its own arrangements near its best camp. Genl CARRUTHERS agreed in this.</p> <p>Telephoned G DMS office that we had been informed that IV 2 would take over line on 16th instead of 20th as previously arranged. and I should be glad to take over motor company at BALLEUL on 20th and that I considered 20 cars not sufficient for 2 divisions unless we could be certain of a sufficient reserve being always available on emergency. He said that this would be arranged for.</p> <p>Made out scheme of general evacuation to C.C.S. for Staff but as they had not yet supplied information as to what road restrictions would be put on any particular roads could not make it complete.</p> <p>4. Saw Col CHOPPING who called in and discussed the question of attendance on Forest Control in our area, and proposed an ambulance car would be left here N 2 II N 2. F.A. moved into ARMENTIERE'S today.</p> <p>5. Genl CARRUTHERS informed me that G. S. would soon furnish roads to be used for wounded until then that scheme need not be made out.</p> <p>Genl BIRDWOOD told me that he was in favour of NIEPPE being used for F.A. which formed rest station for N. 2. I informed him that I had previously consulted 2nd Corps as to this and they said they had had to give it up on account of shelling. He said he did not think it would be so bad and we might try it.</p>	

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	May 19 th	5.30	informed by A.D.C. that Genl BIRDWOOD wished to visit rest stations that he had not seen. accordingly telephoned them to meet him, sending instructions through A.D.M.S.	
		11	passed 1 st N 2. 7 A who were moving from MORBEQUE to site near DOULIEU. visited 3 rd N 2. 7 A at Catter Hall. was informed by Colonel BOTLER. O.C. that he had received orders to change	
		2	The General would not necessarily be keeping transcript up to a high standard of efficiency. visited Nos 5 and 7 A at CESTRADE site of N 2. proposed rest stations of which the general disapproved.	
		4	returned. found memo from Col STURDEE informing me of the change of 7 A. took it up to B.G. G.S. and expressed my disapproval of it and pointed out that 7 A. should not be treated as Brigade units.	
		5	put in a memo to D.A. & M.G. on this subject General Birdwood recommended that the School of instruction building should be taken over as an Officers' rest house and asked me to see about this	

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May 18	9		<p>General White asked that a scheme should be drawn up for 7. As in case a return to G. H. & Co. was made "Foden" Lorry" which should have been with the 2nd Division to whom the N. 2nd were to have sent it could not be found, finally the 2nd Corps to whom we enquired it had gone 2 or 3 days ago would say it was undergoing slight repairs and would be sent when ready.</p> <p>General Budgeford forwarded me a letter from Genl Russell asking that NZaland dentists at ETAPLES might be sent up to Ammenhies.</p>	

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A 2700	Aug 29 th	9	<p>General White had brought up a bowl of Bo funeral Jellibronn writing in to say flag over ambulance at ERVUEWHEM was likely to attract fire. I pointed out that it was from an over all 7A in accordance with Article VII of Geneva Convention, and if that was to be regarded it could not be removed, but that personally I could not see that the Germans were likely to respect it if it did not suit their views, and of course if the red cross were not distinguishable by an aeroplane but ^{only} ^{was} an insignia of unknown character it might be possible that they would take it for a funeral's headquarters and bombard it. To the A.D.M.S. with this view he could head it in a less conspicuous position but otherwise I did not intend to intervene I accordingly sent the correspondence on to Col Sutton with a request that if he agreed in this view he would do this.</p> <p>2nd saw a Colonel Sturice at BAILEY after seeing dentist and going over ELOE & ST LOUIS at ESTAIRES. was ^{was} at ^{at} the ^{the} place ^{place} where 7A was being observed at Laundry. floor was being blanketed with ^{with} my ^{my} hats ^{hats} had been put up and a good fire had been made of it. saw Infanterie school on way back and decided I would make a most suitable place for rest house</p>	

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	20/4	8.30	<p>Completed scheme for evacuation in case of retirement which took me most of morning</p> <p>2 went with Major BUTLER and 1st Division Col: STURDEE was out. saw Captain DODDS who informed me that Colonel EAMES had called but they had not received telegram in time but Colonel STURDEE had taken him round.</p> <p>3 visited members of sanitary appliances. went on to Cross de Bois saw Colonel SUTTON who told me he contemplated going up ERQUINGHEM as a 7. A station as it had been shelled discussed matter of the Red Cross flag as it attracting shell fire from aeroplanes seeing it and advised him to take over matter with General JELLISS BAWD.</p>	

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	21 st	8	Told General BIRDWOOD that I considered ARMENIERE would be a good place for 11 th Aus FA if we could get the Army of the Air Hospital that was vacant. The thoroughly abandoned, and also of Inf ^y School building being secured for Officers rest house.	
		10	General PORTER called and we went to FOREST Control Computation meeting General RUSSELL there who put up his views as to all NZ dentists being sent to ARMENIERES. General PORTER seemed to consider his views worthy of consideration and asked me to put the matter up.	
		1	returned to HQs. Gen PORTER arranged visit to 7 As of course at end of week.	
	22 nd	9	Committee shake one about furniture having been removed by Officers of 7 th FA. who had vacated bedrooms in FORT RAMPO. Considered that they should return it.	
		10	asked a P.M. about bridge the end and he said that ERWIN GEM Bridge should only be used by ambulances in case of great necessity.	

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22 nd	May 22 nd	2	<p>went with BUTLER making up a road the Town map at Neville & on interhub and interviewed the owner of house he wished to obtain for Officers rest station house. He was quite agreeable and said he would write to me about the conditions which he wished to be observed. Sent Butler to go on to see about sanitary matters with 1st Division sent in letter about 2 ambulances of fuel. He wished to be put up offensively.</p>	
	May 23 rd	9	<p>Word of Captain Inachynge of 6th FA having been killed in preceding night by shrapnel shell. General Colonel SUTTON asked for permission to move 7. A. 6 ARMENTIERES. was asked at Conference about flash report Officer attached to Heavy Artillery occupying position of Field of 7th FA. There had been so much undesirable controversy about continuity in buildings that I said I considered it unwise to put any further thing on my further.</p>	
		11	<p>called in to see General WALKER about taking over Inf^{ry} School as Officers rest house. He was agreeable if billeting accommodation for Officers attending school could be found near.</p>	

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All	May 25 th (Cont)	1	<p>saw Colonel STEWART of 6th FA. He told me he was keeping no cases in 7. A. Building but evacuating them at once he said he wished to go ahead as soon as possible. told me he considered ERVINGHEM very unsafe</p>	
		2	<p>saw No 12 FA. at Circle S Joseph it was very dirty and unhyg. I told the C.O. that it should be taken in hand Saw general Russell who said he wrote 3 more N 2 dentists and 9 mechanics in Armentieres to finish off the dental cases in diversion He said he had no objection to 6th FA occupying a site in ARMENTIERES Saw a deputy of Maire whom I met accidentally in Circle Hospital He was most emphatic in stating that the Maire would not permit as he intended to use the grounds at present empty for a further extension of his office. I contended myself with valuing that to refuse completely with the MAIRE but that I should be sorry to have to inform an ARMY Corps Commander that a building intended for the care of sick & wounded was to be occupied by offices in reference to its proper purpose.</p>	
		3	<p>Col BOBB reported to me that he could find no place for a N 2 rest house near some neighbourhood of DOULIEU. I told him finding anything better he could place it there</p>	

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	May 23 (cont)	5	sorted No 11 No 2. 7A. at Rue MESSINES. trying white-washing. Col BOGG said he would see to this.	
		6	showed to Genl Carruthers about 7A remaining at DOULIEU. he was satisfied that it should.	
	May 24	6	met Genl BRACKER and went with him to the 1 st Division firing line. saw R.A.P. at Paflo villa which is shortly to be moved. R.M.O. was away at time. Lines were fairly clear. a considerable amount of shelling a splinter from a back blow struck me & boot without causing damage. Later I heard that Colubert had at BARRIER FARM had been heavily shelled.	
		1.	returned and went on to ADM'S Office 1 st Div. & took down DODS narrative & saw No 2 Div 7A. and went out with other cross incidents.	
		3	sorted ADM'S. 2 nd Div. heard here of the latter visit to MAIRE and that he latter had absolutely refused the army way to facilitate the pouring over of the empty Civil Hospital building being for 7A.	

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	May 24 th (cont)	5.	On return spoke to Genl BIRDWOOD about this showing him letter Colonel SUTTON had sent us about his report. The Army Com requested me to handle the matter officially. Accordingly I did so last evening after speaking to Capt. Livi the French interpreter.	
	May 25 th	9	At Conference asked Genl CARRUTHERS if any objection to my giving a copy of SUTTON'S letter GLEVI. He said none. I accordingly sent him one	
		12	chiefly office work all morning.	
		3	Water valent came to investigate our supply as complaints had been frequent as well in chateau. It was determined that it was being exhausted too rapidly. Received report that 2 N.Z. casualties amongst medical officers were being replaced, and said that 27 of other ranks who were at ETAPES were as yet unreported and not being sent. This seemed quite unsatisfactory, as training could quite well be carried out here.	

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	May 24	10	<p>General Carnethy came over about huts which were said to have been built up already at Morbecque and were unwilling to start work at Douvren on huts. He suggested that the rest station might be built at Morbecque again. I agreed telling him he must secure sanction of General White as it was only on the latter's disapproving of Morbecque that the move from it had been made.</p>	
		11	<p>Conference of ADMS, of the 3 divisions. Colonel Heam represented 1st Div in absence of ADMS. discussed gas instruction, latrines & sanitation of units etc. Spoke to Colonel BEG about Field Ambulance moving to Morbecque. He said he had been quite unable to find any site nearer than the one between New Beguin & Douvren. I was quite willing that it should move back to MOR BEGUE.</p>	
		3	<p>went to NOUVEAU MONDE. told Butler to see what could be done about Officer's red house.</p>	

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ANZAC 11 th Regt	MAY 27	10	<p>went with D.M.S. and Sir Anthony Bowlby to visit C.E.S. at ESTAIRÈS and all Field Ambulances of Corps just saw C.E.S. No 1 and 2nd from time No 3 7. A. at N. Monde.</p> <p>12 Sailly balls and No 2 7. A. and No 7 7. A. at Fort RUMPU</p> <p>2 ARMENTIÈRES saw both No 2 7. A. and then went</p> <p>3 on to the Post Station at L'ESTRADE. and from there to</p> <p>5 DOULIEU returning at 6.30.</p> <p>Bolton the D.M.S. and Sir A. Bowlby spoke in a very gratifying manner of the good impression the work of the officers and the arrangements of the 7. A.s had made upon them.</p> <p>Sir D.M.S. told me to convey his appreciation to the O.C.s of 7. A.s and all ranks of the work accomplished.</p> <p>General BIRDWOOD spoke to me about the Civil Hospital building at ARMENTIÈRES and agreed that we ought to have it, and that if necessary the matter should be up to the Army.</p> <p>Received notice that 75 mm of 12th No 2 7. A. had been sent on balls at MIEPPE</p>	
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	May 29 th	9	<p>Conference brought up matter of red station at DOUVRE and water supply General Carmitiers asked me to go out with him to visit Field Ambulances Started at 11. and went to see the D I & G at ESTAIRAS in case it might do for a rest house, but later saw the Infantry School which General Carmitiers decided would do looked in at NOUVEAU MONDE 7. A. and then went into DW 18th bn and saw Col FOSTER about Inf School they said they would vacate it by 3rd June but were not very pacious. went over Sully man 4 Aubrey Station No 2, Ans. 7. A. and battery. then on to DOULIEU. No 1, Ans 7. A. General CARROTTIERS thought very poorly of huts and material, and said that nothing much could be made of them.</p>	

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	May 30		<p>10 went to HAZEBROUCK to see STAS about Civil Hospital and other matters. found him away at CASSELS. saw LEVI the Liaison Officer about the Hospital at Armentieres. saw Mr BIRNVEGAN of Motor Convoy who presented difficulty over attention of cases conveying ophthalmic cases to HAZEBROUCK.</p> <p>4 In afternoon Liaison Officer of 2d Army came to see me about Civil Hospital and presented difficulty that would be to get MAIRE to agree to put up. I merely pointed out that wounded by the action of all nations were given first consideration even in private buildings but here was one built as a hospital & occupied by the Germans from their trucks as such and yet the wounded were denied its shelter.</p>	
	30 th -9		<p>at 8.40 called in at N. MONDE ^{Z.A.} to see what casualties had been admitted. found about 55 had been. went to ARMENTIERES saw N 2. ADMS. and went with him over evacuation scheme & his bridge routes.</p>	

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ANZAC	MAY 31 C.W.	11	<p>visited a dea dressing station at CHAPELLE D'ARMENTIERE and went on to Regimental aid posts met Major MARTIN returned at 2 as a telephone message had come that there would be a conference</p> <p>3. General WHITE gave an address showing the scheme of G. H. G. and how reserve divisions would come up. He asked me to contribute the schemes in the two minutes I had left and make one of them.</p>	