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|       | 1/2/17.            |      | Visit to A.D.M.S. New Zealand Division. School of Sanitation inspected and the course of instruction discussed. It was evident that the School is doing a great deal of good.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                      |
|       | 2/2/17.            |      | Called on the D.M.S. Second Army with reference to the unusual number of cases of Shell-Shock occurring in the Third Australian Division and measures for it's prevention were discussed. It was agreed that it was a matter for the Division to deal with. The steps taken by the Division on the advice of the D.D.M.S. II Anzac Corps were reviewed by the D.M.S. who approved and agreed that there was evidence that these were already acting well. |                                      |
|       | 3/2/17.            |      | An inspection was made of the Third Australian Divisional Rest Station and of the Billets of the 3rd and 4th Sections of the Third Australian D.A.C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
|       | <del>4/2/17.</del> |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 4/2/17.            |      | Lectured on Shell-Shock, Malingering, Neurasthenia at II Anzac Corps Medical Officers School.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                      |
|       | 5/2/17.            |      | Visited the Artillery Waggon Lines In the Third Australian Division. Steps to ensure better sanitation were taken.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      |
|       | 7/2/17.            |      | A visit was paid to the area of the 25th Division.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      |
|       | 8/2/17.            |      | Visited Neuve Eglise, Advanced Dressing Station at Kandahar Farm. The road at this Station is a single way pave and requires widening. The dressing station is a very fine one.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|       | 10/2/17.           |      | Another visit to 25th Divisional Area for the purpose of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the roads and locations of units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      |

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|       | 15/2/17. |      | <p>Called on D.M.S. The question of the monthly reclassification of P.B. men was discussed. The D.M.S. said that all these men should be examined irrespective of whether they were provided with P.B. Cards or not, that men who had been reclassified P.U. need not be examined again till they had been seen by the Medical Inspector of Drafts but should be included in the lists submitted to his office every month, that men not provided with cards should be notified to his office and arrangements would be made to obtain them. The question of rising the quarantine of the Third Australian Division was considered. It was pointed out that the outbreak of mumps was nearly at an end and was not as marked as some other divisions. The D.M.S. said it would not be wise to raise the quarantine for the present.</p> |                                      |
|       | 18/2/17. |      | <p>The 57th Division commenced the relief of the New Zealand Division. The A.D.M.S. 57th Division reports that Division free of prevailing infectious disease.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
|       | 20/2/17. |      | <p>New Zealand Division commenced the relief of the 25th Division. Arrangements were made to day for all the sanitary personnel of Corps Troops to pass through the Course of Instruction in Sanitation. All the sanitary personnel in the three Divisions attached to this Corps have now been put through. The syllabus which is essentially practical is attached. The results of this Course have been highly satisfactory.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Append I.                            |

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|       | 21/2/17.   |      | A similar course will be continued for the benefit of the incoming 57th Division.<br>Inspection of New Zealand Divisional Medical Units.                                                                                                                                             |                                      |
|       | 22/2/17.   |      | A recognisance in the 25th Divisional Area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |
|       | 23/2/17    |      | ditto.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
|       | 24/2/17.   |      | in the United Kingdom<br>A.D.M.S., NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE who was detailed to report here for instructional purposes was conducted round the New Zealand Division and given facilities for observing conditions holding in the field.                                       |                                      |
|       | 25/2/17.   |      | A further Recognisance in the 25th Divisional Area.<br>57th Division completed the relief of the New Zealand Division. The Headq Quarters of the 57th and New Zealand Divisions opened at Saily and Steenwerk respectively at noon today.                                            |                                      |
|       | 26/2/17. N |      | New Zealand Division completed the relief of the 25th Division.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
|       | 28/2/17.   |      | Returns from the 2nd Anzac Corps Medical Officers Training School show that 30 officers passed through this School during the month. Most gratifying reports on this School continue to be made. The A.Ds. M.S. are unanimous in their approval of the good work done by the School. |                                      |
|       |            |      | <i>Burdegg</i><br>Colonel, D.D.M.S., II Anzac Coy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |

PROPOSED SYLLABUS  
for  
COURSE OF SANITATION.

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FIRST DAY.

Lecture - Aims and objects of sanitation.

Practical Work - Incinerators (faeces, refuse, manure).

SECOND DAY.

Lecture - Measures necessary for combating disease.

Practical Work - Latrines and urinals.

THIRD DAY.

Lecture - Cleanliness (personal and general), disposal of refuse, destruction of fleas and lice.

Practical Work - Grease traps, refuse receptacles, ablution benches and basins. Practical demonstration of disinfection of a billet and dug-out.

FOURTH DAY.-

Lecture - Comfort of troops, light, ventilation, heating, beds, etc., under varying conditions of dug-outs, cellars, billets in houses, barns, hutments and tents; destruction of rats, flies and mosquitoes.

Practical Work - Bed construction, night urine pails, candlesticks, stoves, straw mats, glass substitutes, paths and drainage.

FIFTH DAY.

Lecture - Cookhouses and food protection (flies, rats, etc.).

Practical Work - Field ovens, meat safes, food covers.

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