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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
2nd ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.	1/3/17.		The usual weekly conference with A.Ds M.S. of Divisions was held in the forenoon. Many points arising in the routine of administration were discussed and elucidated. In the afternoon the D.D.M.S. PAID A visit to the New Zealand Division.	
	2/3/17.		D.D.M.S. inspected 3/2nd W. Lancs Field Ambulance and 2/2nd Wessex Field Ambulance.	
	3/3/17.		D.D.M.S. inspected Second Anzac Corps Officers Rest House in the forenoon and lectured at Second Anzac Corps Medical School in the forenoon afternoon.	
	4/3/17.		D.D.M.S. inspected the New Zealand Divisional Rest Station. The eight th course at Second Anzac Corps Medical School terminated today.	
	5/3/17 ^{1/2}		D.A.D.M.S. went on leave and Captain A.V.Short N.Z.M.C. reported to act in his absence. The Commandant Second Anzac Corps Medical School sent in his report together with the examination papers. The course was again successful, much useful work was done and the results of the examinations indicate that the officers attending have worked diligently and have derived much useful knowledge. The syllabus for the ninth course was determined upon and is on the same lines as previous ones.	
	6/3/17.		A visit was paid to 2nd Anzac Heavy Artillery Headquarters and to A.D.M.S. 57th Division.	

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2nd ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.	7/3/17.		An inspection of the 57th Divisional Rest Station was made.	
	8/3/17.		Weekly conference with A.Ds M.S. Divisions was held. The Scheme for evacuation of Sick and Wounded was discussed in the now altered Corps Area was discussed. The arrangements for the sanitation of the new area also received consideration.	
	9/3/17.		A visit was paid to the D.M.S. 2nd Army for the purpose of discussing the schemes of evacuation during possible offensive and defensive operations in the new Area. A visit to new area for purpose of becoming acquainted with the country.	
	10/3/17.		A visit to new area.	
	11/3/17.		A visit to new area.	
	12/3/17.		Two sites were selected for Corps Main Dressing Stations. These sites will be shown in the Scheme for offensive and defensive operations which in due course will be included in the Diary as an appendix. This Scheme is the chief work in hand at present and is having precedence over other work. A school of Sanitation, commenced today in accordance with the scheme adopted in this Corps. The syllabus is the same as that drawn up for the schools in other Divisions of this Corps and described in my diary of a previous month.	

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2ND ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.	13/3/17.		Inspected G. Section No 2 New Zealand Field Ambulance. Visited Vieux Berquin to inquire into an outbreak of Diphtheria among the civilian population. There was a civilian medical practitioner attending to the patients. There is little authority to do anything but a recommendation that all estaminets be placed out of bounds. in that neighbourhood ^{was made} . Steps were also taken to prevent the troops buying dairy produce from the surrounding farms and to evacuate certain billets in or near which the disease had occurred. Camp of the 29th Prisoners of War Company was inspected.	
	14/3/17.		New area again visited.	
	15/3/17.		Weekly conference with A.D.M.S. of Divisions. D.D.M.S.'s lecture at 2nd Anzac Corps Medical School. Another visit to Vieux Berquin in connection with the outbreak of Diphtheria among the civil population of that locality. G Section No2 New Zealand Field Ambulance visited. A.A.&Q.M.G. New Zealand Division was called on and arrangements put in hand for the allocation by that Division of the site chosen for the Corps Main Dressing Station.	
	16/3/17.		D.A.D.M.S. returned from leave to England. Captain A.V.Short returned to 2nd Anzac Corps Medical School.	
	17/3/17.		Visit to New Area and inspection on the New Corps Main Dressing Stations which are now well under	

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<p>2ND ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.</p>	<p>18/3/17.</p>		<p>way. The plans were drawn up in the Chief Engineers office in collaboration with this office. These plans allow for six large and twenty two small Nissen Huts together with the necessary kitchens, ablution benches, latrines, horse lines, roads, incinerators etc at each of the two sites. In addition to these buildings arrangements have been made for the erection of twenty five marquees at each site. There will be accommodation for 1,300 cases at each station. It is hoped that these Corps Main Dressing Stations will be ready for full work by 16th April. Every effort is being made by the Medical Service to assist the Engineers to do this. All fatigues parties asked for have been supplied and Medical Officers have been detailed to supervise the work of the working parties.</p> <p>Owing to the continued prevalence of Diphtheria among the civilians in the neighbourhood of Vieux Berquin another visit was paid to that locality and a number of the affected dwellings were visited. By diplomatic efforts most of the houses and estaminets in which cases have occurred have been placarded "Out of Bounds". So far no cases have occurred among the Troops from this source of infection. It has been represented to the 2nd Army by that efforts to make an arrangement with the French Authorities to have notices attached to houses in which there is infection should be made in view of the danger to the troops of uncontrolled infectious disease among civilians.</p>	

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2ND ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.	18/3/17.		The tenth session of the 2nd Anzac Corps Medical School Commenced. This time the Section Commanders of the Field Ambulances attached to this Corps are attending. The reports and examination papers for the ninth session were again satisfactory. A visit to the new area.	
	19/3/17.		A copy of specifications for a wheeled stretcher for use on duck boards in trenches, for an improved stretcher sling and for a sitting stretcher were today forwarded to D.M.S. 2nd Army and arrangements have been made with this Corps for the manufacture of samples that can be given to the medical units for guidance in the making of these articles. These devices were made in the 9th Australian Field Ambulance and on trial are found to be of great value. Plans are being made and will be distributed when available.	
	20/3/17.		Visited A.D.M.S. 25th Division. The outbreak of Diphtheria at Vieux Berquin was discussed and he ^{was} made fully surfact cognisant with what had been done there. Visit to new area and the New Corps Main Dressing Stations which are progressing well.	
	21/3/17.		Visit to new area.	
	22/3/17.		Visit to new area. Usual weekly conference with A.Ds M.S. Divisions.	

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2ND ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.	23/3/17.		Visit to new area.	
	24/3/17.		Inspected Corps Main Dressing Stations and found progress made with their construction was good.	
	25/3/17.		General routine.	
	26/3/17.		Inspection in new area.	
	27/3/17.		D.D.M.S. lecture at Corps Medical School.	
	28/3/17.		Captain A.V. Short New Zealand Medical Corps relinquished his appointment as Adjutant of 2nd Anzac Corps Medical School and returned to New Zealand Division. Captain E.S. Harrison A.A.M.C. 9th Australian Field Ambulance was appointed to succeed Captain Short.	
	29/3/17.		Weekly conference with A.Ds M.S. Divisions. Inspection of Corps Main Dressing Stations and visit to new area.	
30/3/17.		Inspection of the 25th Division Field Ambulances. Eleventh and Last session of 2nd Anzac Corps Medical School commenced today. The School is being concluded because all the junior and field (of the Australian and New Zealand Medical Corps attached to this Corps) officers have now passed through the course of training.		

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<p>2ND ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.</p>	<p>31/3/17.</p>		<p>The chief work of the month has been taking over the new area, becoming thoroughly acquainted with the lay of the land and making Schemes for offensive and defensive operations in the Corps area as it stands at present and for how it will probably stand in the near future. All these schemes are now completed. A good deal of building has had to be undertaken in connection with the Corps Main Dressing Stations and is now well in hand and should be completed to time.</p> <p>The general health of the Troops has been on the whole satisfactory. Mumps which has been in 3rd Australian Division since its arrival in France has now almost ceased (see Appendix No 1) month, but in the New Zealand Division it has, during the greatly increased. The 3rd Australian Div. was quarantined as far as the military requirements would permit, since its arrival in this area. Whether the New Zealand Division, in spite of precautions was infected by the Australians it is impossible to say because there were a few cases of mumps occurring in that Division before their arrival. (see Appendix No 1) There has been an increase of Measles in the New Zealand Division, but the outbreak has not assumed very large proportions. Measles are prevalent to about the same extent in the 57th Division. Appendix No 1 shows a large number of venereal cases among the Troops from the Dominions while there very few cases among the Troops from the United Kingdom. It will be noted that the rate in the New Zealand Division has been uniformly maintained while in 3rd Australian Division the the rate has uniformly decreased. The former Division is obtaining leave while the latter is not. It would appear from this that most of</p>	<p>Appendix No 1</p>

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<p>2ND ANZAC CORPS HEADQUARTERS.</p>			<p>the cases are contracted on leave to the United Kingdom. Reports from the Divisions Confirm this appearance, and indicate the advisability of further prophylactic measures there.</p> <p>The sanitation of the Corps has been maintained at a highly satisfactory level. There have been two new measures carried out by the the army which have closely affected this Corps. One was the allocation of a Foden Lorry Disinfectors to the Corps. It is now in use among the Corps Troops. The other was an agreement entered into between the Army and the French Authorities with regard to the placarding of private dwellings in which infectious ^{disease} has occurred.</p>	

