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	May 1st.	1917	Nothing to record.	
	2nd.	-	Nothing to record.	
	3rd.	-	Nothing to record.	
	4th.	-	Major-General the Hon J.W. McCay, C.B., V.D., G.O.C A.I.F Depots in U.K, arrived at the Depot with Brigadier-General E.G. Sinclair MacLagan, C.B., D.S.O, and inspected same.	
	3rd.	-	Addresses were given to the Troops by Chaplain the Rev. Archdeacon Ward and the Senior Medical Officer (Major J.C. Campbell) on the subject of avoidance of Venereal Disease.	
	4th. to 13th.	-	Nothing to record.	
	14th.	-	Major J. Macdonald reported for duty as Senior Medical Officer to relieve Major J.C. Campbell, who was transferred to A.A.M.C Depot, Parkhouse.	
	15th. and 16th.	-	Nothing to record.	
	17th.	-	A conference of all Officers in the Depot was held; the Commandant addressed the meeting and explained fully the functions of the Depot and the policy to be adopted in future in connection with the output of fit men.	
	18th. to 21st.	-	Nothing to record.	
	22nd.	-	The Commandant (Lt. Col. J.P. McGlinn) attended a meeting in Wareham of the Committee of the Church of England Soldiers' Institute. The Committee had previously represented that, owing to mismanagement, the Institute was approximately £300 in debt. The Commandant, while	

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