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ESTAIRES	MAY 15 th		Visited HAZEBROUCK to inspect stores in MEDICAL SUPPLY DEPOT. Some dental supplies obtained. A water cart provided by D.M.S. to cart water from town pump to hospital. My experience during the last 17 mths leads me to believe that a couple of 200 gallon tanks should be part of the equipment of a Casualty Clearing Station. One of the motor lorries at the establishment of the station could be used to transport the water from source of supply.	
	2 nd	16.00	Col. Nichols acting D.M.S. 2 nd Army inspected the hospital. Work of getting the Station ready for patients is being held up through difficulty in getting materials from Ordnance.	
	3 rd		Sent MAJOR CAMPBELL to DOPERINGHE to inspect sanitation of Clearing Stations there	
	4 th		Work of establishing hospital proceeding. CAPT BANNIEN + 30 men of MA Convoy attached for rations.	
	5 th		Work of establishing hospital proceeding.	
		21.00	Alarm of gas attack sounded in ESTAIRES. Officers and personnel removed to upper story of the building. Alarm found to be spurious. The Town Major not having ordered it. Personnel are all quartered in tents. The billets originally allotted in the lifts of two barns in a farm (duty) were not suitable for continued occupation by hospital orderlies. I considered they would be healthier in tents during the Spring and Summer.	
	6 th		Work of establishing hospital proceeding	
	7 th		" " " "	
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	9 th	10.30	General Sir William Birdwood inspected the hospital. New Zealand Eng. Co. having been ordered to trenches abandoned work on left. The opening of the hospital will be delayed thereby.	
	10 th		Work of establishing hospital proceeding. D.A.D.M.S. Col CHOPPING + Col RIGBY, Consulting surgeon visited. D.A.D.M.S. expressed wish that the hospital should open on 17 th instant.	
	11 th	20.00	Inspected Sanitary Area of Welsh Field Ambulance.	
	12 th		Work of establishing hospital proceeding.	
			Visited Casualty Clearing Stations at Remy with Col. Rigby, Consulting Surgeon 2 nd Army.	
			Saw Surg. Gen Porter at Hazebrouck.	
	13 th		Work of establishing hospital proceeding.	
	14 th		Work of establishing hospital proceeding.	
	15 th			
	16 th		D.A.D.M.S. inspected the Hospital. D.M.S. notified that the Station could receive 150 pats on May 17 th .	

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ESTAIRES	MAY 17.		21 Patients admitted.	
	18		6 infectious patients evacuated. 22 cases admitted	
	19.		35 sick and wounded admitted	
	20		39 sick and wounded admitted Evacuated to Base by Ambulance Train 43 Transferred to Mallasise 12 Discharged to duty 1 Died 1	
	21.		Admissions - - - - - 30 Discharged - - - - - 1 Transferred to Mallasise 7	
	22		Admissions - - - - - 20 Transferred to Mallasise 7 Discharged - - - - - 4	
	23		Admissions - - - - - 26 Transferred - - - - - 5 Discharged - - - - - 5 Evacuated to Base, Amb. Train 60	
	24		Col Rigby, A.M.S. Consulting Surgeon 2nd Army, visited hospital & saw operation cases.	
	25		Admitted 21. Transferred 5 Discharged 1 Deaths 2	
	25		Admitted 15 Discharged 1.	
	26		7 Nurses of Aus Army Nursing Service reported for duty. Billets found in 2 houses. Col Rigby A.M.S. visited and saw patients. Miss McCarthy, Matron in chief in France, visited and inspected hospital and arrangements for the nurses.	
			Admitted 21. Evacuated to Base 41. Discharged 1.	

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ESTAIRE	MAY 28 th 1916 28 th 29 th 30 th 31 st	15.00 18.00 18.00	<p>Admitted 25. Transferred 4. Discharged 1. Surg. Gen Porter DMS and SIR ANTHONY BOWLBY, Consulting Surgeon, visited and inspected the hospital. Admitted 18. Discharged to duty 1. DMS 2nd ARMY sent a memorandum through the DMS A + NZ Army Corps expressing his satisfaction with the arrangements made and with the work done to establish this Casualty Clearing Station. Admitted 41. Evacuated to Base 46. Transferred to 7th GEN HOSP 2. Died 1. Admitted 10. Discharged 3. Died one. Very heavy shelling heard this evening. DMS rang up to keep him advised as to casualties admitted, so that if this Station got full he could make arrangements. Col Pegly, Consulting surgeon 2nd Army visited. Col Galloway, Consulting Physician 2nd Army visited. Admissions 100. Evacuated by Ambulance Train to Base 46. Discharged to duty 8 Transferred to other hospitals 5 Died 8</p>	

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