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1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac SCABIES HOSPITAL BUIRE SUR L'ANCRE	1-2-17		Word received that Capt C.H. PARKINSON awarded Military Cross.	AMS
"	3-2-17		Capt. H.F. MAUDSLEY to 29 <sup>th</sup> BN as R.M.O. dated 31-1-17.	AMS
"	4-2-17		Owing to shortage of Tent Orderlies number of patients one N.C.O. patient in each tent placed in charge of all patients in tent and to keep nominal roll of his patients and to enforce orders re routine cleaning of tents & lines, care of braziers, stoves etc. Hospital divided into 4 lines A, B, C, & D, A & B for more severe or complicated cases, C & D for mild or nearly cured cases who are fit for fatigues. Church Parade at 10 AM & marched to BUIRE church. Capt SMITH detached to 13 A.F.A. Bde temporarily (2-1-17)	AMS
"	5-2-17		Cpl MORGAN (Wagon Orderly B section) made Acting Sgt & sent to A.D.S. as Gen Duty Sgt with 'B' section.	AMS
"	8-2-17		Capt BEARD to 30 <sup>th</sup> BN temporarily as R.M.O. dated 7-2-16.	AMS
"	9-2-17		Recreation Hut provided for Scabies Patients, provided with dry canteen, reading matter, games etc.	AMS
"	10-2-17		Orders issued re precautions against fires in hospital tents.	AMS
"	11-2-17		Orders issued re waste of war material & necessity of constant salvaging.	AMS
"	12-2-17		Owing to number of scabies cases without ryzors, one man appointed Barber.	
"	13-2-17		Procedure after admission to Scabies Hospital. All equipment taken to Pack Store inventory made. Man then taken to Admission Hut taking with him only his towel & shaving gear. 1 <sup>st</sup> morning, to Baths where he hands in his clothing & receives a chest for it. Then to bath & receives clean underclothing and either a clean jacket & trousers or Pyjamas. As only 70 suits of clothes are held they will not always go round	AMS



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1 <sup>st</sup> Anzac Camp Scabies Hospital, BUIRE	13-2-17		<p>So pyjamas are issued in lieu. He is then taken to Treatment Hut, allotted to tent or hut suitable for his case &amp; receives his immunisation generally Sulphur Ointment B.P. if obtainable. liq. Calcis Sulphurata used sometimes if urgent &amp; somewhat. If he brings blankets to Hospital these are taken from him on admission &amp; he is given clean blankets. All blankets are disinfected once a week. He receives two immunisations a day for on average 4 days being seen by a M.O. once daily. At the end of this time he is ordered a second bath and is examined &amp; if considered free from infection discharged about 6<sup>th</sup> day. Owing to large number of complicated cases, especially Impetigo &amp; Suppurative Dermatitis, average stay in hospital is about 12 days. By sending them to C.C.S. as unlikely to be fit in a fortnight or 3 weeks, the average stay in hospital would be much reduced &amp; also complete set of Hospital Clothing (about 500 suits) and large supply (about 50 lbs per day) of liq. Sulphuric would increase efficiency of treatment. The Clayton Disinfectant is used for all disinfection, both for hospital purposes, &amp; for blankets of units of all Anzac Divisions &amp; units make an appointment several days ahead &amp; transport blankets to &amp; from Hospital.</p>	
"	16-2-17		Adverse Damage to Signal Wires communicated to all ranks.	MTS
"	17-2-17		Capt Hansen A.A.M.C. temporarily attached, from R.M.O. 58 <sup>th</sup> BW dated 16-2-17	MTS



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1 <sup>st</sup> Angac Corps Scabies Hospital BVIRE	18-2-17		Church Parade at 10.45. Mjor Gen HOBBS GOC 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div inspected the unit accompanied by ADMS.	AWB
"	20-2-17		Under instructions from ADMS 1 <sup>st</sup> Angac Supplies are being supplied to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. C.C.S. for assisting to lay out camp, also within an hour notice to Corps Supply Dump to unload comb etc. I feel that this will interfere unavoidably with treatment but will give it a trial before complaining.	AWB
"	23-2-17		Under orders from ADMS B & C Section Tent Subdivisions & Transport sent off at 10.30 AM with instructions to proceed by march route to BERNARFAY WOOD & report to VC. 15 <sup>th</sup> Amb, and under the latter's orders to take over all posts occupied by 12 <sup>th</sup> Aust Amb. i.e. M.D.S. mostly of 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Div, Advanced Collecting Post & Relay Posts, relief to be complete by 11.0 AM of 24 <sup>th</sup> inst. M.D.S. is at S 22 d 9.6 and Collecting Post at S 12 d 7.8. No 32 Dental Unit sent up also attached to 15 <sup>th</sup> Amb for duty. Officers sent are B section Major SAWERS & Capt HANSEN, C section Major MACARTNEY and Capt PARKINSON M.C. I	AWB
"	24-2-17		Major FISCHER and details of 13 <sup>th</sup> Amb arrived as advance party to take over Scabies Hospital on 24 <sup>th</sup> inst. Camp & Hospital handed over to 13 <sup>th</sup> Aust Amb at 9.0 AM & receipts for stores de Maunich. Personnel of Ambulance remaining at BVIRE moved out under my command at 10.15, consisting of 'A' section Tent Sub <sup>n</sup> & Transport & about 11 bearers. Under orders of ADMS I proceeded to Corps Collecting Station BECORDEL arriving at 1.0 PM & station taken over from Major INGRAM 13 <sup>th</sup> Amb	AWB



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M. Azac Corps Collecting Station BECORDEL	24-2-17		Camp consists of Trenches for Hospital and Huts (Nurses + Ammunition) for Personnel. Duties are to keep a N.C.O. at the detrainning station at BECORDEL and receive all sick and wounded for 1st 4th & 5th Divisional Rest Stations and after recording their admission to Mass, giving them Tetanus Antitoxin where necessary, & light refreshments (Coffee & sandwiches), to transfer them at once by Motor Ambulance to their respective Div <sup>l</sup> Rest Station. 2 Trains arrive per day as a rule, one about midday or early afternoon, a second between 10 P.M. & midnight. Also Eye Cases are sent from Field Ambulances to this station & are taken to N.Z. Stationary Hospital AMIENS on Saturdays for examination & are sent back to units from here, Venereal Cases are also brought to this station where they can identify the woman in AMIENS from whom they think they were infected. I transport him with a N.C.O. by Motor Amb. to the R.P.M. AMIENS & bring him back here before disposal to C.E.S.	AWB
"	26-2-16		S/Sgt DAVIS No 32 Dental Unit reported for duty dated 25-2-16 ..	AWB
"	27-2-16		Rode up to BERNAFAY and visited Major MCCARTNEY at M.D.S. Everything running smoothly.	AWB
"	28-2-16		Received orders to regard all French Feet as Striker Cases but removed permission by phone to put them in cars as striking cases so as <sup>not</sup> to increase demand on Motor Ambulances.	AWB