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Place	Date	Hour	Map ALBERT (combined sheet) 1-40000 Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1 <sup>st</sup> Ambr Collecting Station, BECORDEL Fy to 3.2	1-4-17		{ Collecting Stn Becordel handed over to 7 <sup>th</sup> Ambr (2 <sup>nd</sup> Div Rest Station) & receipts handed for all station equipment. A section tent sub <sup>+</sup> remains camped in huts at track of station till further orders. Major W.C. SAWERS sent to No 3 Ambr C.C.S. sick to be treated in Officers Ward not evacuated if possible.	ATT
"	3-4-17		Major SAWERS evacuated from C.C.S. to Base as he was not likely to recover in a short period.	ATT
"	5-4-17		IN.C.O and 2 men sent to BUIRE SCABIES STATION old camp, to CLAIRFAYE & relieved guards of 1 <sup>st</sup> Ambr Div.	ATT
"	6-4-17		A section transport with details from B & C section transport left BECORDEL at 9 AM under P.M. & proceeded to CHATEAU at AVELUY (near ALBERT). Q.M. checked equipment to be taken over at this Corps	
Corps Scabies Station AVELUY CHATEAU (near ALBERT)	"	1 PM.	Scabies Station from 1 <sup>st</sup> Ambr 7 Ambr, Remainder of unit at BECORDEL paraded at 8.30 and cleaned up camp thoroughly, then paraded in full marching order at 10.15 and I marched them to AVELUY CHATEAU, arriving about 12.30. Camp and Scabies Wards taken over by 2 PM and orderlies posted towards, the 1 <sup>st</sup> 7 Ambr moving out after 2 PM. 2 Armstrong Huts <sup>at BECORDEL</sup> <del>at BECORDEL</del> one erect & then pulled into its various parts & dumped near P.M. store, <sup>here</sup> handed over with other huts to O.C. 7 <sup>th</sup> Ambr. I conducted letter over camp to show that the camp was left in a sanitary condition. A hygiene party was also left there all day to complete the cleaning up in several details.	
"			Major METCALFE with personnel & transport of 14 <sup>th</sup> Ambr from BAPAUME M.D.S. arrived at AVELUY in afternoon. Major MACARTNEY handed over BERNAFAY dressing Stn to 15 <sup>th</sup> Ambr & reported to me at AVELUY.	ATT
"	7-4-17		Major MACARTNEY proceeded by FORD MAN HUB to BERNAFAY & brought down remainder of B section personnel & transport to AVELUY CHATEAU. This scabies station consists of a partially ruined house in which officers, orderly room, some <sup>sgts</sup> & privates, also officer patients are accommodated, & of large stables & outhouses in which the personnel & horses are housed. It also provides a mess room for patients	

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<p>Corps Scabies Station CHATEAU A VELUY near ALBERT</p>	<p>7-4-17</p>		<p>There is a small area of the park like grounds in front of the Chateau marked off by barbed wire from the main extent of these grounds, which are used by a Railway Detachment R.E., and this small area is closely covered with tents (Large Marquees, Small Marquees &amp; Swiss Cottages) to accommodate about 230 Scabies Patients. On one side is a piece of ground used for latrines &amp; incinerator. The River ANCRE runs along one side of the Chateau &amp; on this side is an old garden on which has been pitched a Store Tent used as a Bath Tent and to one side of this is being erected a galvanized iron Bath House brought from the old station at BOIRE. Near the entrance to the Chateau from the road are <del>many</del> 2 Tents used as a Pack store &amp; a 3<sup>rd</sup> as admitting Tent. Capt I.B. JOSE returned from Officer's Rest Hospital AMIENS.</p>	<p>115</p>
<p>"</p>	<p>8-4-17</p>		<p>Internal arrangements made in administration of Scabies Station. CLAYTON disinfecter to be built near the road running into the Chateau grounds. Major CROWTHER reported from M.C.C.S. (Hus) &amp; Major CLOSE <sup>in 58<sup>th</sup> BN.</sup></p>	<p>115</p>
<p>"</p>	<p>9-4-17</p>		<p>At 9 AM O.C. 'B' section Major CROWTHER with advance party from 'B' section proceeded to MILLENCOURT and took over Rest Station there from 4<sup>th</sup> Huss F. Bn (about 40 patients). Remainder of 'B' section route marched to MILLENCOURT under Capt FRY leaving AVELUY at 9.45 AM.</p>	<p>115</p>
<p>"</p>	<p>10-4-17</p>		<p>Kit inspection held. QM Lt R. P. WHEELER promoted Captain (12-3-17) A.F. list 161. Major Macartney to be transferred to M.C.C.S. via CROWTHER (Hb deleted 25-3-17). Major CROWTHER to command 'B' section via Major SAWERS sick, dated 9-4-17.</p>	<p>115 20</p>

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Corps Scales Station CHATEAU A VELUY	11-4-17		127 Sglt HOPKINS E. S. awarded Military Medal. Considerable trouble in working of Scales Station owing to delay in getting FODENTHRESH disinfecter or CLAYTON Disinfecter to work. A good disinfecter for treatment of clothing towels & blankets are a 'sine qua non' in administration of a Scales Station.	NOT
"	12-4-17		Major MACARTNEY G.W. left to join 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust. C.C.S. & is struck off strength of 14 <sup>th</sup> Jt Mt	NOT
"	15-4-17		Major CROWTHER asked me to visit MILLENECOUET to administer re an incident there on night of 14 <sup>th</sup> inst when a woman came about midnight & reported that her house had been broken open and wine & money (400 francs she states) stolen. 9 wood was & 3 other men were placed under arrest. The matter was reported to APM 1 <sup>st</sup> Angzac	NOT
"	16-4-17		I held preliminary inquiries into incident at MILLENECOUET and prepared certain charges against 4/Sgt CARTER and Pte Mc PHERSON & SHANNON, & statement for same was afterwards put into writing by Capt JOSE. FODENTHRESH sent to DADOS at 9 Am.	NOT
"	17-4-17		DECAUVILLE disinfecter arrived about 5. PM from 1 <sup>st</sup> Angzac Light Railways.	
"	18-4-17		Application made for F.G.C.M. on No 6140 Pte Mc PHERSON AC and 757 Pte SHANNON R.	NOT
"	20-4-17		DC 'B' section at MILLENECOUET handed over Rest Station to 12 <sup>th</sup> Jt Mt. CLAYTON Disinfecter completed at AVELUY.	NOT
	21-4-17		'B' section repaired Ambulance Hqs at AVELUY CHATEAU before work.	NOT

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Camps Scabies Station AVALUY CHATEAU (near ALBERT)	23-4-17		Syllabus of Training having been formulated, training commenced today.	Appendix. Syllabus of Training from 22-4-17 to 28-4-17 MWT
"	25-4-17		Portion of Transport Divn detached to 6 <sup>th</sup> Amb near FAVREVIL beyond BAPAUME, viz 2 NCOs 10 men and 12 H.D. and 8 L.D. horses. Also 1 Amb Wagon.	MWT
"	26-4-17		Major W. J. Close appointed adjutant vice Capt I. B. Jone.	MWT
"	28-4-17		Capt F. W. FAY detached temporarily to 29 <sup>th</sup> Bn as R.M.O. vice Capt MAUDSLEY on leave.	
"	29-4-17		Major CROWTHER, Capt WHEELER & JOSE appointed Authorized Witnesses by me as A.R.O. for Federal (Army) Elections (House of Reps & Senate). Polling Booths opened & all personnel and patients given opportunity to vote except those on detached duty.	
"	30-4-17		Men on detached duty given opportunity to vote except those detached to 6 <sup>th</sup> Amb near FAVREVIL who are very distant & will be given special opportunity to vote before May 5 <sup>th</sup> .	MWT

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Morning.	<p>6.30am. Reveille. 7.0am. Parade. Fatigue dress. Camp cleaning. 9.30.am. Church parades.</p>	<p>6.30am. Reveille. 7.0am. Parade fatigue dress. Camp cleaning. 9.0am-12 noon. Parade drill order. Route march. Marching at attention. Marching at ease. Compliments on the march.</p>	D i t t o .
Afternoon.	<p>3.p.m. Football match  Unit v 8th Fld Ambulance.</p>	<p>2.p.m.-3pm. Parade drill order. Squad drill and stretcher exercises. 3.p.m-4.p.m. Lecture on Practical Sanitation in the Field; -Latrines, Urinals, Sullage pits, Incinerators.</p>	<p>D i t t o .  3.p.m-4.p.m. Lecture on purification of water. Demonstration of water tests &amp; treatment of water after testing.</p>
	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Saturday
Morning.	D i t t o a s a b o v e , Increasing length of marching and rate of marching.		<p>6.30am. Reveille 9-10am. Full marching order Instruction in packing valises 10-12noon. Route march in battle order.</p>
Afternoon.	<p>2.-3pm. Parade; drill order. Squad drill &amp; stretcher exercises. 3.-4.p.m. Anti-gas appliances. Gas drill.</p>	<p>2.-3pm. Company drill; loading ambulances/ car<sup>s</sup> and wagons. 3.-4.p.m. Treatment gassed cases. Gas drill.</p>	<p>6.30.am Reveille 9-10am. Full marching orde Packing of valises. 10-12 noon. Route march in full marching order.</p>
		D i t t o	D i t t o
		3.-4.p.m. Lecture and demonstration on transport of wounded, with particulars of special cases.	3.-4.p.m. Lecture and demonstration on treatment of haemorrhage.

**STANDING ORDERS TO ORDERLY OFFICER.** - Men for special duties will parade at all parades in the dress as above detailed. From these parades after inspection, he will at once detail them to unavoidable duties, keeping a roster of each and the men detailed. These special duties should not exceed Scabies Hosp; Pack etc Store; Baths; Clayton Disinfecter; Sanitary fatigues & a.m. fatigue. These duties will as far as possible be carried out by the Tent Div. The Stretcher Bearers required to complete will be changed every day, so as to ensure that each receives as much of the training as possible. The Transport routine will continue as formerly. "E" Section at Millencourt will carry out above syllabus in detail as far as possible, giving priority however to special orders of the D.D.M.S.

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