

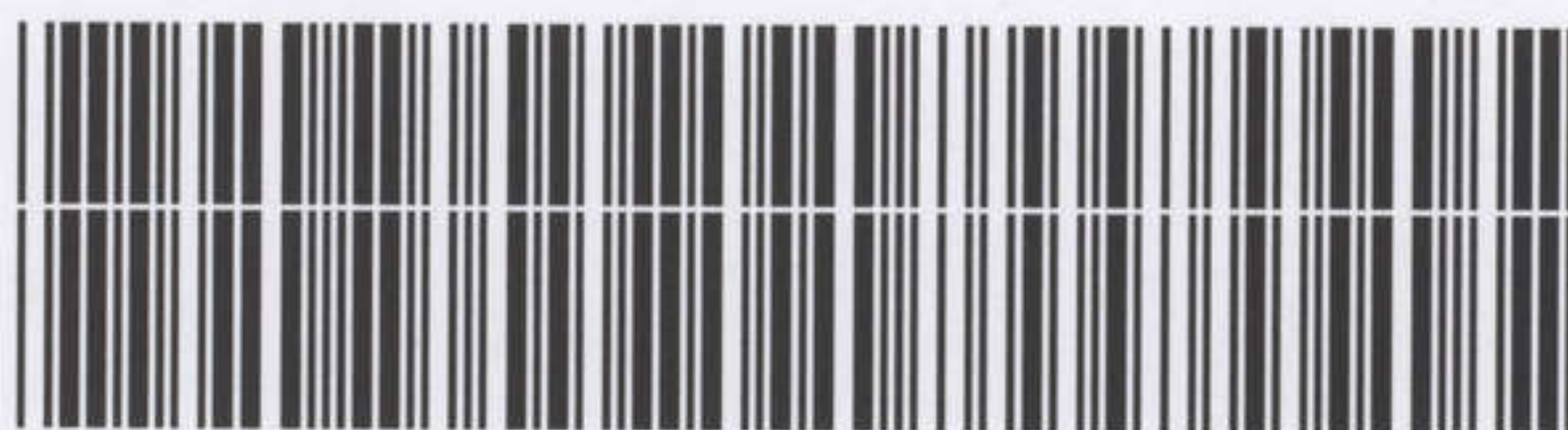
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A. D. M. S. Sanitation, B.E.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Abbeville</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> June</i>		<p>Report received on trial of L. sick Sprays. using 1% Zn SO<sub>4</sub> solution -                      No conclusive results obtained but results encouraging  <del>Reps</del> Dealt with sanitary reports from SSD's                      Report received on Chinese ration from Capt. Bell Rome. Replies that a revised ration was about to be issued.                      Furnished D.M. Log with names of 5 men for Railhead Sanitary squads</p>	
	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> June</i>		<p>Report on Beans of Scumy at No. 3 Native compound Dammes                      Prepared minutes on Sanitary duties of M.O. i/c Units</p>	
	<i>June 3<sup>rd</sup></i>		<p>Returned abbeville from visiting St. Omer &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Army areas. On the 29<sup>th</sup> May attended G.M.C. Conference at St. Omer to hear notes for Hospitals. Selected Chateau St. Croix at LONGUEVES for No 57 &amp; Champs for No 58. Inspected in 2<sup>nd</sup> Army area 4 days. Met all Sanitary officers at Herdruck &amp; addressed them on the work of San. Detach. in areas &amp; other reports connected with prevention of disease. Visited the new area in Belgium &amp; new water supply at Rosshuysen where the supply is being taken from the Yser. Filter beds &amp; chlorination of the water is being arranged. Funds to hold 250,000 gallons. <del>Added to the construction of chlorinator machines for San. Officers at Baillet.</del></p>	<i>21</i>

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Abbeville	June	4	<p>Forwarded sample of lemon juice to San Hygiene Laboratory            Dealt with suggestion that formalin might be added to milk for use in hospitals - States that on no account was this to be done            Received application from Capt Barnes Rowen for appt. to New Sanitary Section            Received report from Capt S White on 22 cases of albuminuria            My memorandum (Dg No. 8) to be reprinted - see amendments            Forwarded minute to Dgms re sanitation &amp; welfare of civilians in reoccupied Belgian areas            Dealt with sanitary improvements in camps at Drest            Draw up table of desirable additions to Type plans of General Hospital            Dealt with question as to treatment of sullage water by chlorination of lime - large supplies are available</p>	
Abbeville	June	5 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Dealt with question of establishment of a school of sanitation at Abbeville            Replied to question as to cleaning of helmet haversacks for reuse as food carriers            Advised <sup>by report to</sup> reduction of blankets for Egyptian labour units - One blanket per man on horse except in case of Egyptians            Recommended issue of Raymond Smith Stentons to Hospitals if they could not make extemporaneous contrivances            Recommended that Egyptian coat of clothing should be sent to England for disposal in rags after disinfection</p>	Pa.

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Abbeville	June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Agreed to conduct price ration in Arras for 2g to 1g owing to heavy undergrounds	
"	June	7 <sup>th</sup>	Suggested that the large stock of Chloride of lime now in Arras be retained here Establishment of Asked DMS for information as to program in Trachoma centers	
"	June	7 <sup>th</sup>	Agreed to issue of 2g per soup & 2,000 cubes to Cavalry Corps. when to trench Suggested trial of Tripure Water Distillation Apparatus at a Hospital Recommended issue of 23 M H Lab for Rouen to area north of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Army Dealt with report on work done at Sanitary Laundry Rouen Completed Forwarded to DGMs Mess of "Notes for Sanitary Officers"	
"	June	8 <sup>th</sup>	Recommended issue of two blankets per man for South African Natives during the summer Report on Sample of Lemon Juice forwarded to DGMs - It contains some sulphuric acid	
"	June	8 <sup>th</sup>	Vendors of Brandy agree to supply brandy of 20 U.P. Some samples analyzed had proved weaker than this DGS in telephone asked re gas helmet harness, whether they required washing or dry cleaning & sterilizing. Implied that they should be sterilizing, whether washed or dry cleaned Arrangements are being made for Laundry at Trouville	
"	June	10	Returned from Paris, where I attended on behalf of the British Mission, an official inspection of bacteriological & disinfecting arrangements for men at the front line, French Army, held by Ministry of War & Navy. G. G. G. The arrangements were almost identical with our own.	

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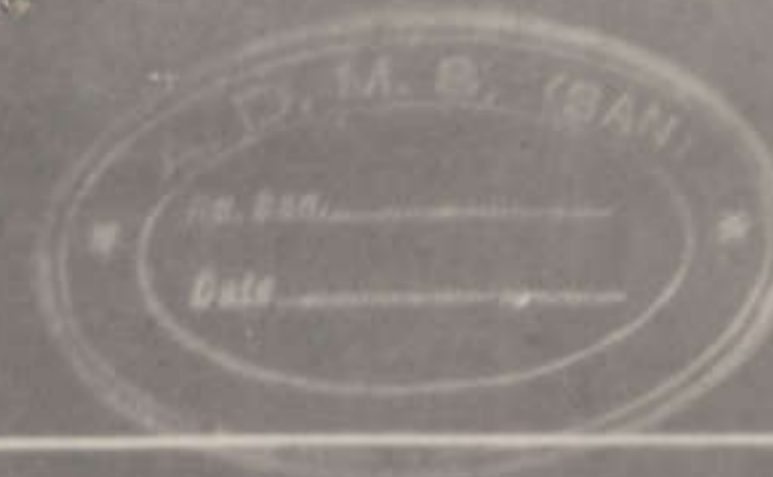
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	June 11.		<p>During the attack at the Missines ridge, a unit of No 2 water Company was placed at the river <del>DOUVE</del> DOUVE near WULVERGHEM and supplied water from the river to the troops. The water was conveyed in the tank lorries. Pipe lines were laid immediately, 5 hours after zero.</p> <p>One well on the ridge was reported to contain arsenic, but on subsequent examination by the D.S.D. and San &amp; D.C. Hygiene mobile Lab. no arsenic was detected.</p> <p>There is no doubt but that the Water tank Company here rendered the most valuable service.</p> <p>The water pumped from the river was very turbid. It was first treated in canvas reservoir tanks with alum, before being pumped in the Sterilising lorry plant.</p> <p>The dead on the ridge were very quickly buried.</p> <p>My recommendations for the care of Belgian refugees &amp; civilian inhabitants, has been circulated by the A.G. to the 2nd Army.</p>	
	June 12.		<p>Dealt with correspondence re certain tons of chloride of lime (alcock etc) in which the measure was found to have a capacity nearly double that authorized (23 pails).</p> <p>Received Sanitary reports for May from 4th Army. There is a great improvement in the sanitation of this area &amp; the amount of dysentery &amp; diarrhoea is very small.</p>	44

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	June 15.		Dealt with reports of S.M.O. Brest on insularity state of hospitals at Brest to D.M.S. 1 of C. Dealt with report from S.S.O. Deauville area, re demerolus. also same subject from S.Oons. Douleux. Gen Macpherson telephoned re my pamphlet re notes on Sanitation for officers & said he did not approve of all the points in it & would return it for revision	
	<del>June 15</del> June 16		Approved of annexes to medical inspection huts at Calais. Agreed to request of Clement Adrien that oxygen cylinders should be provided at Ammunition dump at Calais when lethal gas shells are stored. Suggests that accommodation of men of I.W.T. at Vandroux should be in Adrien huts on scale suggested by D.G.W.	
	June 17		Dealt with accommodation of Prisoners of War & Wounded huts Prepared paper on Ration for Conference in Paris	
	June 18		Dealt with question as to Ration for Prisoners of War engaged in Quemy - D.G.W. Informed D.M.S. that <del>water</del> water elements obtain Potassium Sulphate through I.W.T. Trust Medical Stores Recommended additional Sanitary Squads for Calais	

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	June	18	<p>Copies of B.C.I. sent to D.G.M.S.</p> <p>Draft Brit. sallye Disposit at N° 42 Station, Hospital Amiens</p> <p>Forwarded Monthly report of Inspection Disease to D.G.M.S. for April</p> <p>Draft with question of formation of a Sanitary section at St OMER</p>	
	June	19	<p>Advised on Kaffir Ration as result of suggestions by D.G.M.S. HARRIS</p> <p>Recommended that contacts with infectious diseases amongst W.A.A.C. be cut out from England until safe</p> <p>B.C.I. reporting "typhus" from Island sent to D.G.M.S.</p> <p>Suggested to D.G.M.S. that station for Prof. W. engaged - strongly should be named or that they should be put on the British list.</p> <p>No 25 Mobile Hygiene Laboratory moved up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Army</p> <p>Forwarded paper on "Field Ration &amp; British Army" to British Mission Paris</p>	
	June	20	<p>Case of Typhus from 72 by Egyptian Corps reported from Marseilles. Recommended the usual precautions should be taken &amp; asked for full report on case</p>	
	June	21	<p>Advised Daily issue of lime juice to Kaffir amongst whom scurvy is occurring</p> <p>But states that 4 some of green vegetable is imported &amp; lime juice only advised</p>	

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	June	21	<p>Visited D.D. of Supplies &amp; HQ. &amp; discussed desirability of having a series of standard extra ration for British balance books. I agreed in principle &amp; drew up 4 provisional extra ration scales each differing in kind &amp; energy value. D.D. of Supplies agreed <sup>also</sup> to reduce Kiffin's meat from 1 1/2 lbs to 1 lb &amp; to substitute 1/2 lb of bread making issue 1 lb meat &amp; 1 lb bread. This will meet demands of D.D.M.S. Horn &amp; will improve balance position.</p>	
	June	22	<p>Dried milk suspected of causing diarrhoea - Agreed with recommendation of D.D.M.S. Boulogne that as a preventive reconstituted milk may be sterilized before consumption in hot weather.</p>	
	June	23	<p>Dealt with reports of B.C.C.; forwarded copies to D.D.M.S. &amp; A.H.P. Case of small pox reports from 15 C.C.S.; reports later man discharged.</p>	
	June	24	<p>Saw Mr. Chenier Hospital who informed me that revised Chinese ration was most satisfactory. Received report from him on the method of cooking &amp; arrangement of dietary which would give good results &amp; recommended that this be circulated to Company Officers i/c Chinese.</p> <p><del>Dealt with</del> Approved for publication article by Capt. Sundell &amp; Mankwell on War Nephritis</p>	P7



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	June 25		<p>Approved issue of 4 Thruok Disinfectors for use of troops working at TROUVILLE Hospital Centre</p> <p>Received from D.G. memo re Disinfection of Messin Disturbance adapted for healthy water.</p> <p>Asked that copies of pamphlet on "Formalin as a poison for house flies" issued by W.D. be circulated in same way as D.G. Circ. Memo No 8</p> <p>Suggested verbal alternative is HQC Loge's letter to HQ re "contacts" amongst W.A.A.C.</p>	
	June 26		<p>Dealt with question of supply of Alliot + Paton + Thruok Disinfectors for use at Trouville.</p> <p>Supply of water at Camiers dealt with - made suggestions for improving well</p>	
	June 27		<p>Stated that there was no necessity for continuation of issue of 2oz of butther in lieu of Loge bacon three times a week as L.J.C. in view of previous issue of margarine</p> <p>W.A.A.C. Loge Paton - Dealt with annex to medical inspection room Dumbell</p>	P.S.
	<del>June 28</del>		<p>for treatment of venereal disease</p>	

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	June	28	<p>Dealt with quart supply of disinfectants to Boulogne</p> <p>Dealt with Sanitary defects in Clinics Camps at Boulogne</p> <p>Advised on accommodation for patients at No 5 SANVC Hospital</p> <p>Dealt with accommodation for Native labour in Adrian Huts</p>	
	June	29	<p>Recommended that Women Huts at Trouville Hospital Centre should accommodate 25 patients as cases are anticipated to be high.</p>	
	June	30	<p>Recommended that all Sanitary Sections on L of C at present without OC should be provided with them according to War establishments</p> <p>Certificates for schools of Sanitation put forward but not approved</p> <p>Chloride of lime is now available in fair quantity &amp; may be used for clarification of surface water.</p> <p>Dealt with report on Venereal disease at Rouen</p> <p>Recommended that an officer should be sent to look for 42 Stret Hospital</p> <p>Amiens should supervise sanitary work at Amiens</p> <p>Advised Huts for Portuguese at their Depot during winter.</p>	Pg
			<p>W. W. O. Burridge Lieut Colonel A.D.M.S. Sanitation.</p>	