

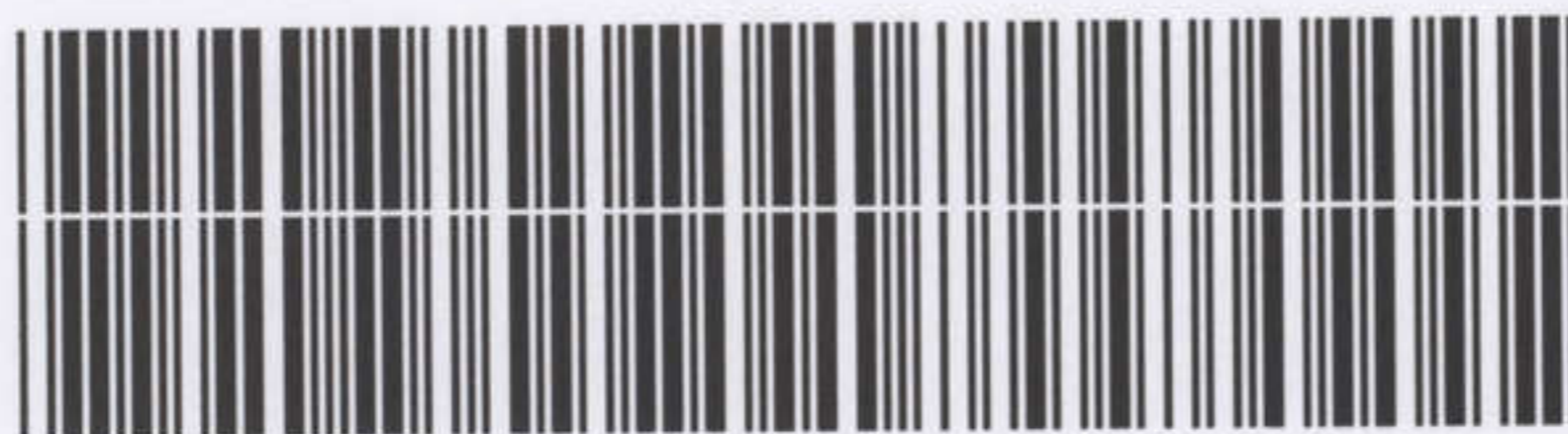
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ABBEVILLE.	Decr. 1917. 1st		<p>Received further particulars of case of relapsing fever (Sweeper Rura) at Marseilles. The ship from which patient disembarked has been disinfected.</p> <p>Notified from D.M.S., L.of.C that the French Authorities at Etaples would not sanction the laying of drains to the west of the Main Line, thus the drainage scheme for Etaples is being hung up for the time being. The C.R.E hopes for a personal interview with the French Authorities.</p> <p>Report received from D.A.D.M.S.(San) Third Army on the efficiency of Oxford Grease and Powder in the various formations. Majority state that they are of little use in preventing spread of lice.</p> <p>Received notification that No. 1. Sanitary Section at Rouen is proceeding to Italy for duty on the Lines of Communication.</p> <p>Sent further report to D.G.M.S on Valroy Soda-water. Analysis of 12 bottles made by the Pathologist Abbeville Area supports my contention that the water is not contaminated at the source but may occur during "bottling". When steps to prevent this have been carried out I do not think any further action is necessary. Also sent report to D.M.S., L.of.C (enclosing analysis) for information of D.D.M.S Etaples outlining steps to be taken to prevent contamination. These are (1) complete separation of the bottle cleansing dept from the bottling room (2) Sterilisation of all bottles by steeping them in an over-chlorinated water both before and after cleansing. The bottle to remain in this solution for at least two hours (3) Thorough washing of the C.O₂ used for aeration by means of a C.O₂ gas washing machine.</p> <p>Memo from D.G.M.S forwarding letter from D. of. Supplies regarding stocks of Parched Rice and Cotton Seed Oil on hand at Marseilles and suggestions as to its issue to Indians and Egyptians in lieu of artilles in their rations. Asked A.D.M.S. Marseilles and S.M.O Indian Labour Coys for opinion.</p>	N 1

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ABBEVILLE.	Dec. 1917.	2nd	<p>Received letter from Captain Dale, D.A.D.M.S. (San) Second Army concerning order about to be published in their Army that Oil drums are not to be used as ovens owing to danger of lead poisoning.</p> <p>Received report from Base Hygiene Laboratory that all brands of Preserved Meat examined were found sterile and fit for issue. Forwarded report to D.A.D.M.S. San'n Third Army.</p> <p>Forwarded to D.G.M.S report by Sgt Major W.A. Muirhead R.A.M.C, on "Sanitation at Railheads". It contains information which might be of value when establishing new L.of.C's in other areas.</p> <p>Received Weather Diary for October from D.G.M.S.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. Sanitation proceeded to Rouen.</p>	
		3rd	At Rouen.	
		4th	Returned from Rouen.	
		5th	<p>Forwarded to D.M.S., L.of.C Scale of rations for Field Punishment Prisoners on L.of.C. Suggested L.of.C Ration with following alterations to scale. $\frac{1}{2}$ tin of M.&V in lieu of Bacon. Preserved Meat and biscuit should be issued excepting men undergoing sentences longer than 28 days. Such men after the first 28 days to receive a Frozen Meat and Bread issue three times a week in lieu of Pres. Meat and Biscuits. Cheese ration should be increased to 3 ozs. No matches, tobacco, rum, mustard or pickles should be issued.</p> <p>Application received through D.M.S., L.of.C for an incinerator to be installed at Cherbourg. I asked for particulars of the size of the camps, nature of latrines in use, distance from the sea, and any other available information.</p> <p>Forwarded my War Diary for Novr 1917, to D.A.G. G.H.Q., 3/Echelon.</p> <p>Reported on result of experiments with an improvised Still invented by Capt Ross-Millar. R.A.M.C. The tests were made at No. 2. Staty Hospital. The construction is very simple and a</p>	<p>21</p> <p>(Cont'd.)</p>

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Abbeville.	Dec. 1917	5th (Ctd)	<p>considerable quantity of distilled water (as much as 3 pints in half an hour) can be obtained in this manner whilst the Autoclave is being used for sterilisation. Suggested that a block tin coil is preferable for the apparatus and that a coil of this description should be made by the Army Ordnance Department and given a thorough trial before this Still is taken into general use.</p> <p>Copy of Circ Memo A.G./Q.L/1628 received through D.M.S., L.of.C reference the provision of men of category lower than 'A' for the performance of sanitary duties at W.A.A.C Hostels on the L.of.C. Replied that all sanitary duties in connection with latrines and incinerators at W.A.A.C Hostels on the L.of.C should be performed by details specially allotted for this purpose from the Area Employment Companies as these are the duties of a Regimental Sanitary Detachment. They are not the duties of either Sanitary Squads or Sanitary Sections.</p> <p>Received a report on a case of suspected Anthrax, admitted from Front to No. 14 Stationary Hpl. Blood examination proved negative. Patient's name - No. 449 Pte. J. Dias., 29th Portuguese Infantry. Forwarded this report to D.M.S., First Army enquiring if this case was diagnosed bacteriologically when in his Army.</p> <p>Copy of War Office ruling reference the appointment as S.S.O of Officers Commg Sanitary Sects when holding a D.P.H or college qualification in State Medicine, with extra pay under the provisions of Art. 360 R.W. Through D.M.S., L.of.C.</p> <p>Letter received from D.A.D.M.S. Third Army ref above subject who puts forward cases of O's C. Sanitary Sects who do not possess the qualifications therein mentioned.</p> <p>Nephritis and Albuminuria Returns for wk ending 17. 11. 1917, forwarded to Capt H. MacLean. RAMC. at 46 Staty Hospital.</p> <p>Lt. Colonel. W.W.O. Beveridge. C.B., D.S.O., returned from England for duty</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>RB Ainsworth</i> Lieut Colonel. R.A.M. Corps.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">V3</p>

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Abbeville	Decr. 1917.	6th	<p>Lieut-Colonel R.B. Ainsworth., D.S.O., R.A.M. Corps notified his departure to join No.1. Stationary Hospital Rouen.</p> <p>Recommended that 6 oz condensed milk be issued in lieu of 3 ozs Ghi in Train Ration for Indians, as there exists no means of cooking Ghi on trains.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. (San) Third Army raised the question of specialist's pay for all Cs C., Sanitary Sections. Replied as this was a question affecting Pay, it should be submitted to D.G.M.S.</p> <p>Analysis of sample of water from bore hole at 13 Base Depot Medical Stores re effect on distilling apparatus. Replied that it would not affect the apparatus but did not recommend its use for any purpose.</p> <p>The S.M.O S.A.N.L.C reported on conditions of the S.A.N.L.C at Havre and Rouen. He stated that unless these natives are withdrawn from these ports to areas where suitable conditions obtain he could not accept responsibility for the health of the Units during the cold season. Replied that the matter was one concerning local administration and recommended that his report be sent to the D.Ds.M.S concerned for their remarks. Pointed out that the statistical returns for these natives do not support his contention that it is not possible to employ them at Bases during the winter months.</p> <p>Made various amendments in proof of pamphlet on Indian Labour Corps under heading "Accommodation" - to D.G.M.S.</p>	<p>44</p>

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Abbeville	Dec. 1917.			
	7th.		<p>Received report from D.D.M.S., Etaples on action taken regarding improvements in arrangements at Mineral Water" (Valroy)" Factory. E.F.C.</p> <p>Received from D.G.M.S. copy of Chick's "Distribution among Foodstuffs of substances required for prevention of Beri Beri and Scurvy".</p> <p>Replied to D. of S. through D.G.M.S. regarding "Chicken Haddies". "It cannot be considered as a substitute for roast fowl but may be issued in lieu of lobster or salmon. It is an excellent and palatable preparation".</p> <p>Received from S.S.O., Calais report on water proposed to be used in a bakery at Pont d'Ardres. It has high saline content. Replied that the amount of carbonate present does not appear to be objectionable for bakery purposes but opinion of a master baker should be obtained.</p>	
	8th.		<p>Received reports on cases of Diphtheria, Third Army. Checked S.A.N.L.C. Health Reports.</p>	
	9th.		<p>Received report from Base Hygiene Laboratory on various brands of preserved meats. All satisfactory.</p> <p>Taranto - Cherbourg Line now under L. of C. administration. Several Sanitary Sections and Squads included therein.</p> <p>Received copy of G.O.C. in C's letter to W.O. re venereal disease among Portuguese Troops arriving in this country.</p>	
	10th.		<p>Proceeded to Boulogne on inspection duty.</p>	

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Abbeville.	Dec. 1917.			
	11th.		<p>Returned from Boulogne.</p> <p>Received Sanitary Reports, Third Army for month of November.</p> <p>A question of issuing lime for whitewashing billets was raised by S.S.O., Abbeville Area, through D.M.S., L.of C. It should be issued when certified as being necessary for disinfection.</p> <p>Submitted the name of L.Cpl. Richardson. RAMC. (TF) as being an excellent model maker; (in connection with War Museum, Medical Section.)</p>	
	12th.		<p>In reply to D.G.M.S. regarding the necessity of two S.S.Os at Etaples - the O.C., No. 44 Sanitary Section having applied to be appointed S.S.O. ref W.O. Letter Misc/1573/F.2 - I stated that at the present time did not consider that two S.S.Os were necessary.</p> <p>Received and replied to query regarding advancement of Pte. Hilliard. RAMC., No. 16 Sanitary Sqd. employed at G.H.Q. Railhead.</p> <p>On question concerning parched rice and cotton seed oil on hand at Marseilles suggested issue to Indians of parched rice, 4 oz. in lieu of ordinary rice once a week. Cotton seed oil could be issued to Chinese in lieu of nut oil.</p> <p>Received letter from D.G.M.S. for remarks concerning W.O. observations that there is a large surplus of potatoes, and suggestion that they should be issued in lieu of onions. Replied, No. Onions have valuable dietetic properties and in Winter time fresh vegetables are difficult to obtain. Suggested in reply, potatoes might be issued in lieu of M. & V. Ration on 2 days a week. 2 lbs. of potatoes to equal 1 tin of M. & V. Ration. As alternative suggested substitution of 4 ozs. potatoes for 1 oz. cheese ration.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>

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Abbeville.	Decr. 1917 13th		<p>Received copy of drawing of "Combined Incinerator and Drying Room" erected by No. 61 Sanitary Section. Forwarded by D.M.S Third Army.</p> <p>Received Sanitary Reports from D.M.S First Army for month of Novr 1917.</p> <p>B.C.I Report No. 42487 received from English Mission, Paris. Three copies forwarded to the D.C.M.S and 1 copy to the Adviser in Pathology.</p> <p>The D.M.S First Army notified this office that the case of Anthrax (No. 449 Pte Dias, of the 29th Portuguese Infantry) reported as having occurred in that Army, has proved to have been incorrectly diagnosed. This correspondence was passed today to the D.M.S L. of.C who was informed that this is still being shown as a case of Anthrax by the O.C.No.14 Stationary Hospital.</p> <p>Office copies of Nephritis and Albuminuria Returns for weeks ending 24.11.17 and 1.12.17 forwarded to Capt.H.MacLean., R.A.M.Corps., No. 46 Stationary Hospital.</p> <p>Reference reporting of T.B Cases amongst the Chinese Labour Corps admitted to No.3.Native Labour General Hospital. A number of case sheets were received this morning for cases admitted to that hospital during july, August, Sept, etc. I informed D.M.S.,L.of.C of the inconvenience cause by this great delay in reporting.</p> <p>A.D.M.S Abbeville Area, thro' D.M.S.,L.of.C suggested that all cases of Trachoma amongst Chinese, could, if the symptoms of the cases were similar, be shown together on one Army Form W.3110. I replied that each case should be reported separately, vide instrns printed in Routine Reports and Returns, and the instructions contained on that Army Form.</p> <p>Rations for P. of. W (German). D.C.M.S forwards copy of proposed draft for General Routine Orders; amendments to S.S. 571 (Ration Pamphlet) Section 9. I replied that the amendments proposed in the draft are in my opinion satisfactory for the normal ration and men engaged on ordinary manual labour. In cases where men are engaged on work of exceptional severity, it may become necessary to amplify Section 9.b.</p>	<p>NT</p>

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Abbeville.	Dec. 1917	13th Ctd.	<p>Received a letter from Colonel Manifold D.D.M.S., 1st Anzac Corps, through Col. Morgan., GHQ, reference treatment of Scabies, and asking particulars of Clayton System of S.O₂ disinfection. Replied giving details of same.</p>	
		14th.	<p>Second Army Weekly Return of Infectious Diseases for wk ending 8.12.17 received thro' DMB, LoC.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C forwards copy of War Office Letter No. 123/Abroad/31 (Q.M.C.6) showing scale of rations for W.A.A.Cs. Noted and returned to D.M.S., L.of.C.</p> <p>Memo from O i/c Base Hygiene Laboratory reference a sample of soda-water received by him for analysis from the Central Laboratory., G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon. States that owing to bad condition of sample, he does not feel justified in proceeding with the examination. I wrote to S.M.O., G.H.Q., Troops asking him to cause another sample to be obtained, by a Medical Officer and to forward same direct to the Base Hygiene Laboratory, Boulogne. Also notified O i/c B.H.Lab of the action taken.</p>	
		15th	<p>Received from D.M.S., L.of.C thro' Adviser in Pathology a paper on "TRENCH FEVER" by Captains Sundell and Nankivell., R.A.M.C (TC) No.2.Stationary Hospital. Replied that I considered it suitable for publication.</p> <p>B.C.I Report No. 42608 received from the English Mission, Paris. 3 Copies forwarded to the D.S.M.S and 1 copy to the Director of Veterinary Services.</p> <p>Reported to D.M.S., L.of.C that a number of cases of beri-beri had been reported as being admitted to hospital at ABANCOURT. Asked as to probable causation and preventive measures taken.</p> <p>A General Routine Order (No. 2954) appeared today, amending Section 7 (f) of S.S.571 - Indian Train Ration. Substitution of 6 ozs of condensed milk for 3 ozs of Chi.</p>	<p>18</p>

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Abbeville	Dec. 1917.	16th	<p>Received memo from D.D.M.S Etaples thro' D.M.S., L.of.C reference use of Grand Hotel, Paris - Plage as a Convalescent Home for W.A.A.Cs. I replied that I do not consider the building previously occupied by the No. 8. Red Cross Hospital suitable even for a home for 50 beds owing to the unsatisfactory sanitary condition and structural defects. C.R.E has already reported adversely on this building.</p> <p>Tuberculosis amongst Portuguese patients at No. 3. Canadian General Hospital and danger of infection by attendants. In reply to the minute from the O.C. of this hospital I stated that cases should be treated in separate wards with usual precautions and repatriated as soon as possible. Very little risk to attendants as evidenced by other Hospitals who deal exclusively with Tuberculosis patients.</p> <p>Copies of B.C.I Report No. 42647 forwarded to D.G.M.S.</p> <p>Wrote to D.M.S Third Army reference remarks of the A.D.M.S 16th Div'n in his Sanitary Report for November 1917 regarding delousing of service dress. Stated that Foden disinfectors were supplied to Divisions for this purpose, and if not sufficient in this case, possibly locally constructed steam disinfectors could be installed.</p>	
		17th	<p>Ref. Measles amongst N.Zealand Divn. D.M.S., L.of.C forwards copy of War Office Lr 5/ 6. 12.17 requesting that a nominal roll should accompany drafts of N.Z troops to France, in order that men who have been exposed to infection may be kept segregated under observation till the end of the incubation period in the Base Depots in France.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C forwards copy of communication received from W.O representative in China, stating that all precautions are being taken in that country reference the embarkation of Chinese suffering from Trachoma.</p> <p>Received Health Report of S.A.N.L.C for the month of Novr 1917.</p>	69
		18th	<p>D.G.M.S asked whether it would be advisable to discontinue the issue of body bands to Indian troops vide G.R.C.No. 2890. I replied that in view of the fact that it is now winter and these natives are accustomed to wearing belts and similar covering for the abdomen, I do not advise the discontinuance of body belts in their case.</p>	

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Abbeville.	Decr 18th	1917. ctd.	<p>W.A.A.C. Wrote to D.M.S.,L.of.C stating that the question has arisen regarding the examination of W.A.A.C Cooks and Waitresses as possible "carriers" of typhoid and dysentery. I am of opinion that any women who have suffered from typhoid or dysentery should not be employed as cooks or waitresses unless they produce a certificate that they are not carriers of these diseases.</p> <p>Forwarded copies of "An abstract of proceedings of Permanent Board of the Inter Allies Sanitary Committee for Septr and Octr 1917" to D.G.M.S and Adviser in Pathology.</p> <p>Received a report from the D.M.S., Third Army reference an outbreak of Diphtheria in that Army, and which were reported from No. 56 Casualty Clearing Station.</p> <p>Another copy of scale of rations for W.A.A.Cs received through D.M.S.,L.of.C. This is a duplicate of the one mentioned in my diary for the present month. I stated that it would be well to observe the effects of this ration for a period of three months.</p>	
	19th		<p>Received letter from D.G.M.S reference proposed reduction of two inches all round the Cardigan Waistcoats. I replied that I see no objection to reducing the length by 2 inches. *With careful washing there should be little or no shrinkage.</p> <p>Memo from D.G.M.S with further to my minutes dated 12.12.17 and 26.11.17 reference the substitution of potatoes for some other items in the Field Service Ration. I stated that recent research has shown that potatoes have more valuable dietetic qualities than has hitherto been supposed and I am of opinion that during the winter time an extra supply of vegetables such as potatoes would have a beneficial effect on the health of the troops. As a large supply of potatoes are available and their use is desirable I suggested that they might replace for the present part of the M & V Ration which is not an ideal ration and does not bulk largely in the Diet Scale. The present allowance of cheese is ample and could in part be replaced by potatoes in order that the large supply now available may be utilised.</p> <p>Forwarded a reminder to the D.M.S.,L.of.C reference the report called for in regard to the an application for an Incinerator for Cherbourg, dated 3.12.1917.</p>	V 10

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Abbeville.	Dec. 1917. 19th	Ctd.	<p>R.F.C Camp near Nancy. In reply to a memo received from D.M.S., L.of.C I recommended the issue of a Thresh or other type of Steam Disinfector, but as this is likely to become a permanent camp of some size, a permanent Steam Disinfector will ultimately be required.</p> <p>Received thro' D.M.S., L.of.C minutes of a Conference held at G.H.Q., on 12th Decr 1917, to consider how the requirements for carrying out work in connection with the erection of R.F.C installations at Nancy will be met. The correspondence was returned to D.M.S., with my remarks reference (1) Accommodation of labour (2) Provision of a Steam Dis'fr, (3) Latrines (4) Provision of Horsfall or other Destructors (5) Provision of Sanitary personnel.</p> <p>Received report from S.M.O. Abancourt reference occurrence of Beri-beri cases. I replied to D.M.S., L.of.C that "the S.M.O Abancourt in his Sanitary Report for the week ending 15.12.1917 states that steps are being taken to include Dahl and Atta in the diet for Indians. This is not understood as a sufficiency of these items is already provided for vide Ration Pamphlet S.S.571 Section 7a."</p> <p>Received copies of reports by D.D.M.S Havre and D.D.M.S Rouen in regard to the conditions of living of the S.A.N.L.C. The S.M.O asks for particulars regarding the accommodation for Natives. Replied that "the accommodation to be provided for coloured labour on L.of.C is laid down in D.V.Circ Memo No. 238 dated 21.6.17. " feet of wall space per man, unless the huts are more than 20 feet in width, in which case such additional beds should be provided as will bring the average floor space to 40 feet per man", and this in my opinion should be adhered to."</p> <p>D.G.M.S forwards memo from O.C.Cavalry Corps reference 75% of the men with the Corps having been on preserved meat ration for over a fortnight. D.G.M.S asks whether the issue of frozen meat in excess of quantities authorised in Ration Pamphlet is recommended by me. I stated that "in the circumstances stated I do not see any dietetic reason for issuing to the Cavalry Corps frozen meat in excess of quantities authorised in S.S.571."</p> <p>Received a sample bottle of "THANOL", a disinfecting preparation, thro' D.M.S., L.of.C., for Purposes of trail. It is manufactured by Van Godtsenhoven & Everaert., Neuilly-sur-seine.</p>	<p>VII</p> <p>(Continued)</p>

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Abbeville.	Dec. 1917.	19th Ctd.	<p>The sample bottle was forwarded by me to the Base Hygiene Lab. Boulogne, with a request that a series of experiments be carried out, and a report to be furnished as early as possible.</p> <p>Abancourt</p> <p>S.M.O/makes application for additional sanitary personnel, but owing to strength of troops at that Base I stated that I did not consider an add'l Sanitary Squad at present necessary. There are at present two Squads allotted to that Base for duty. (Nos 25 and 31).</p> <p>Report on Venereal Ablution Huts at Amiens and Abbeville received thro' D.M.S., L.of.C., These appear to be very satisfactory.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C asks if we have any available information regarding the date of formation etc of No. 11a Sanitary Squad, stationed at Abbeville. Replied that no information as to its formation is available in this office. Possibly it was formed on mobilization and came out to France on the commencement of hostilities.</p> <p>Memo from the O.C. Special Purchase Department, Paris, asking if Bol's Soup Squares are considered as fit for issue, in view of the Analysis made by the O.C. Base Hygiene Lab., I replied that the O.C. Base Hyg. Lab had informed me that these cubes do not form a very satisfactory soup and I do not therefore recommend their issue.</p> <p>Received particulars of camp at Cherbourg from the S.M.O at that Base. Replied to D.M.S., L.of.C that it would appear that the excreta in all the camps is incinerated with the exception of the 13th Reinforcement Company., R.E., the excreta from which is dumped into the sea. The number of men in this camp is only 146, and a suitable incinerator should be constructed to deal with the excreta and refuse of the camp.</p> <p>Received copy of a wire from 25 Stationary Hospital stating that "re 11998 Pte Cooper R. 8/ B.W.I. Rgt 3465 Demerara British Guiana is suffering from Scabies and has some patches leucodermia which is not considered to be leprosy."</p> <p>Copy of W.O.Lr No. 121/France/1371 (S.D.2) dated 8.12.1917 received thro' D.M.S., L.of.C stating that approval has been given for the addition of 1 Warrant Officer and 1 Motor Cycle to the establishment of the A.D.M.S. Sanitation on the Headquarters of the General Officer Commg., L. of. C Area. The necessary amendments to War Establishments, Part VIIa will be published in due course.</p>	<p>V12</p>

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Abbeville.	21st Decr	Ctd.	O.C.No.1. Water Tank Company forwarded a summary of the work carried out by that unit during the past year.	
	22nd		Received from the D.G.M.S a report by a Deputation of the Army Sanitary Committee on Dysentery in the British Forces in France, together with extracts from the minutes of the meeting.	
	23rd	Proceeded to No. 46 Stationary Hospital	The Portuguese Exped; Force thro' the D.G.M.S., reports that the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz of Salt issued is insufficient as their ration is frequently supplemented by green vegetables. It is stated that up to the present salt has been purchased locally to make up to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz per man daily and they request that the ration of salt be increased to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. I replied that in the circumstances I think that the salt ration might be increased to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz on 4 days a week. If after trial this should not prove sufficient it could be further increased to $\frac{1}{2}$ daily.	
	24th		D.M.S.,L.of.C notified that in future the A.F.W.3110's from the Second Army will be passed through the office of the D.M.S of that Army for perusal. Received from the D.G.M.S a copy of print (Plate 2, D.P.326) Water Purification Plant, Alum Precipitation Process., V Army. A.D.M.S., Mediterranean L. of. C called at 6pm.	
			Copy of B.C.I. Report No. 42986 received from British Mission in Paris. Forwarded 3 copies to D.G.M.S and 1 copy to Adviser in Pathology. Asked D.M.S.,L.of.C if I can be informed as to whether the 55 cases of suspected dysentery notified by the D.D.M.S Havre on the 21st instant, were local cases or cases sent down from the front.	
			Through D.M.S.,L.of.C received reply from B.M.O., Abancourt ref rations of Indian Personnel at that Base in respect to recent cases of Beri-Beri. He states that the Indian Personnel there are considered as Naga Hill Personnel and given the rations laid down in Sect 7.3 of ration pamphlet. I forwarded minute to D.G.M.S thro' D.M.S.,L.of.C with general remarks reference the occurrence of Beri-beri amongst these troops and made suggestions regarding their ration.	V12

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abbeville.	25th Dec. 1917.		<p>Circ. Memo from D.M.S., L.of.C (Q.L. 303/C.O dated 22.12.1917. Stating that the percentage of bread and biscuit as laid down in the ration pamphlet must be strictly adhered to. As a temporary measure one complete ration of biscuit will be issued one day a week commencing on a date which will be notified thro D. of. Supplies.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C forwards copy of W.O.Lr No. 121/Drafts/9083 (AMD.2) dated 15.12.1917 stating that in future nominal rolls will accompany drafts of New Zealand Troops proceeding from England. (i.e., a roll of all Rose Measles Contacts, referred to previously in my Diary).</p>	
	26th		<p>Wrote as follows to the O i/c Base Hygiene Laboratory., Boulogne., "In future, when reporting on the examination of foods, would you please invariably state whether in your opinion they are considered fit or unfit for issue. In the latter case the reason for your opinion should be stated. Specifications for certain foods are laid down in the Hand Book for Specifications of Supplies, of which you have a copy, and when such foods are examined it should be stated whether or not they conform to specification. "</p>	
	27th		<p>Received thro' D.M.S., L.of.C copy of a telegram from Salonica to D.G., A.M.S reference occurrence of Rose Measles amongst troops proceeding from Marseilles to Salonica and recommending that special attention be paid to the medical inspection of all drafts embarking and warning medical officers regarding infection of troops during the voyage.</p> <p>Received memorandum from D.M.S., reference the examination of W.A.A.Cs for typhoid and dysentery "Carriers".</p> <p>Forwarded description and drawings of three types of extemporised disinfestors to the D.G.M.S.</p> <p>Wrote to D.M.S., L.of.C stating that I am informed by the DDMS Boulogne that the disposal of the cases of Tuberculosis amongst Portuguese patients at No.3. Can. Gen. Hpl has been arranged locally. It is understood that these cases will be repatriated as soon as opportunity offers.</p> <p>Rec'd thro' D.M.S., L.of.C application for the ration of the H.T. Personnel employed in all Forests to be increased to normal scale for the winter months., as laid down in Sect.1.(e) 111 of S.S. 571. Recommended.</p>	<p>V14</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abbeville.	1917. 27th. Dec. Ctd.		<p>Received application for the Commandant, Amiens Area, thro' D.M.S., L.of C. for 10 cwt. of coal weekly for the purpose of burning excreta at the R.F.C.School of Instruction at BERTANGLES. Replied that in addition to camp refuse, which is presumably available, $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. of coal per day should suffice; without refuse, 1 cwt. of coal per day is necessary for the efficient working of a Horsfall Destructor.</p> <p>Reference the Imperial War Museum, D.M.S., L.of C. enquires regarding the models made by Q.M.Sgt.L.Walsh. R.A.M.C., Rouen. Stated that this N.C.O. has constructed a few models of sanitary appliances for me which are available for the Museum if required.</p> <p>Received correspondence regarding 19 cases of mumps amongst Chinese from No.3 Native Labour General Hospital. I replied that the number of cases of mumps (19) which have occurred during the last two months at Audruicq is small considering that Chinese arriving in this country have been exposed to infection. It does not appear to be practicable to isolate all contacts, nor, from the low incidence of disease reported by the M.O., Chinese Labour, does it seem necessary.</p> <p>Received six packets of "Bol" Peas & Pork Compressed Soup Tablets from the 2nd. Adv. Supply Depot.</p> <p>Memo received from the Director of Supplies asking in what respect "Bol" soups are considered as being unfit for issue. Replied that I have examined samples forwarded by O.C., No.2 Adv. Supply Depot on 27/12/17. The soup when prepared according to the directions given on the packet, is insipid, and lacks the usual flavour of pea soup. One of the most important points in regard to all soups is that they should be palatable and appetising, and this is certainly not the case with this soup. For the above reasons I do not consider it is a satisfactory preparation. After existing stocks have been consumed, I do not recommend any further purchases.</p>	<p>V.S.</p>

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Abbeville.	1917. 29th Decr.		<p>Received circ. memo. No. DG/N/2377/93 "A" & "E" reference the need of the greatest care being taken to detect scabies at the earliest possible moment. The circular also contained a copy of a report on scabies in the Army in France made by one of the members of the recent Medical Commission.</p> <p>Adviser in Pathology forwarded copy of reports of P.U.O. and NEPHRITIS Sub-Committee meetings held on 22nd instant.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C states that from time to time reports of Infectious Disease amongst French Civil Population are received in that office from D.G.M.S. The original is passed to me and copies are made and passed to the Administrative Medical Officer in whose area the case occurred. As it is desired to reduce clerical labour he asks whether any useful purpose is served in circulating these reports. I replied that should any special incidence of infectious disease be reported amongst the French Civil Population, I could report it to the Administrative Officer of the Area concerned, through D.M.S., L.of.C. If this be done, the need for the routine circulation of these reports would appear to be unnecessary.</p> <p>Received notification from War Office reference 59044 Pte Walker., 142nd Labour Co., B.E.F., a contact with a case of C.S.M whilst on leave in England on 23.11.17. Informed D.M.S., Third Army and suggested that it might be as well to examine a swab from this man.</p> <p>D.M.S L. of. C forwards correspondence from S.M.O., S.A.N.L.C Abancourt reference supply of gloves to these natives, in order to prevent cases of frostbite. I replied that the issue of sheepskin or other suitable gloves is recommended for S.A.N.L.C when handling ammunition or other metallic articles.</p> <p>Received thro' D.M.S., L.of.C, application for the supply of milk sterilisers to hospitals at Trouville. I replied that a large percentage of the milk supplied to hospitals on the L.of.C is treated at the Depots before delivery and the present system of sterilising in Hospitals has hitherto given good results. As the milk at Trouville is obtained by local purchase direct from farms where treatment is not carried out, an exception might be made in the case of these hospitals. The issue of milk strainers are necessary in addition to the Aymand Sterilisers. It is understood that dairies and farms supplying milk to the hospitals are under the direct supervision of the Specialist Sanitary Officer and that any adverse hygienic or sanitary conditions are reported to Supplies.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">116</p>
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Abbeville.	1917. 30th Dec; Ctd.		<p>D.G.M.S., Forwarded copy of War Office Lr No. 53/General No./6553 (QMG.6) dated 19.12.17 ref- scale of diets for 100 patients which is in use in Hospitals in England. In my reply I made general remarks reference the scale laid down stating that the case should serve as a suitable basis with the proviso noted in the memorandum.</p> <p>Received Sanitary Reports for Nov'r 1917, from D.M.S., 2nd Army.</p> <p>31st Decr. Received report on a sample bottle of a French preparation "Thanol"; from the O i/charge Base Hygiene Laboratory, in view of which I informed the D.M.S., L.of.C that the use of this preparation as a general disinfectant, is not recommended.</p> <p>Received copy of Circ. Memo A.Q.M.G No. QB/1/2184 dated 28.12.17 which states that owing to the temporary shortage of flour the bread ration will be composed of 43% bread and 57% biscuits. This will be in operation from a date which will be notified by the D.of.S direct to Armies etc.</p> <p>Field Punishment diets for Chinese and Cape Boys. File received from D.M.S., L.of.C on this subject, calling for remarks on the proposed scales. I replied that there is no dietetic objection to the proposed punishment diets. I agree with the Director of Military Prisons that men undergoing sentences of 28 days and under might receive only 1/2 lb meat, but I think that the daily 1 oz of dripping should still continue to be issued. As the diet presumably consists largely of preserved meat and biscuits it is desirable that fresh vegetables including potatoes should be issued as often as possible. There place is not adequately taken by lime juice.</p> <p>Reference previous correspondence regarding a disinfector for the R.F.C Camp Nr Nancy, the D.of.W asks for further details of the one at Proven Road near Poperinghe. I forwarded a plan of a steam disinfector which would be suitable for the purpose. One chamber could be placed in each locality as required.</p> <p>D.G.M.S memo to the effect that in view of the specific value of cheese as a haversack ration are 4 ozs potatoes the equivalent of 1 oz cheese and should the same be restricted to a fixed number of days in the week. I suggested that 4 ozs potatoes should replace 1 oz cheese, 3 days a week in the Field Ration and 5 days a week in L.of.C Ration, whilst the large stock of potatoes exists.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">V17</p>

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