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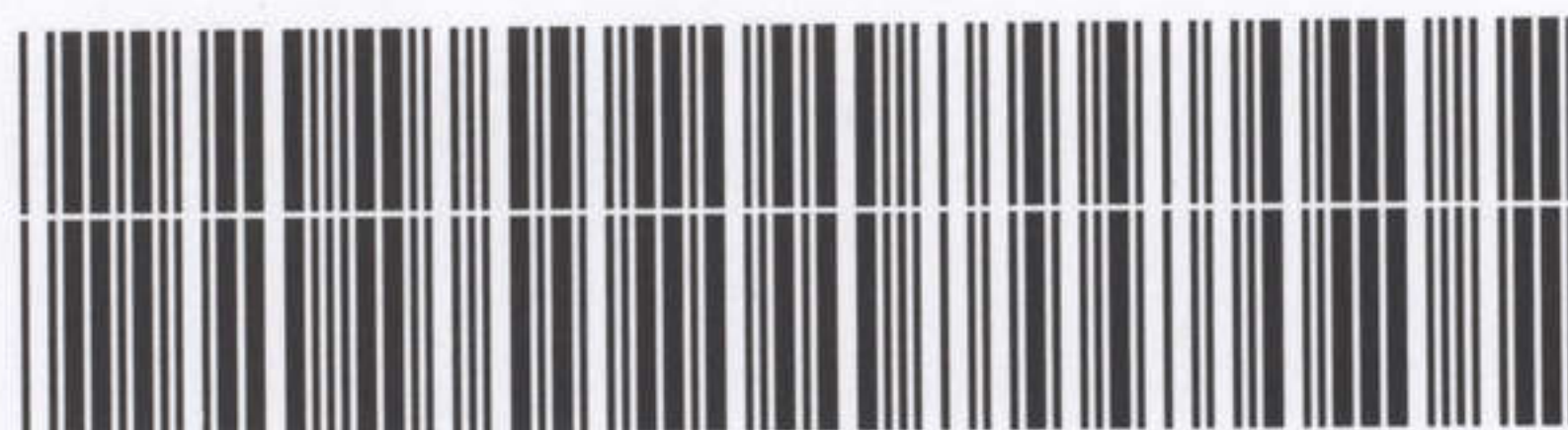
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABBEVILLE.	1918.			
	3rd Jan			
	Cont'd.		<p>D.M.S., L.of.C asks if I have any information of an outbreak of typhus fever in South Africa. I replied stating that I have no knowledge of the same, nor have I been informed of any. I recommended in this connection that the attention of A.M.O's at Ports of arrival be called to the measures which I advised in the case of Egyptian Labourers in my No. C/948/9 dated 30.4.17 and which was circulated to all Bases by the D.M.S., L.of.C.</p> <p>Wrote to the Director of Ordnance Services G.H.J., asking to be furnished with the numbers of each type of mobile disinfectors there are in France (Foden-Thresh, Barclay-Perkins, Manlove and Alliott or other make). This information is required to enable me to deal with the question of disinfection for inclusion in Demobilisation Regulations.</p> <p>Military Prison at Dunkirk. D.M.S asks if there are any objections to prisoners continuing to live in tents from a medical point of view. I replied that there is no objection providing they are furnished with tent bottoms or other means of keeping them off the ground.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C forwards A.G.M.G's minute No. QL/337/B.C./1 dated 1.1.18 - application for the issue of grey-cloth puttees for P. of. W Coys. As the object of these puttees appears to be to keep the trousers clean, there is no hygienic objection.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C forwarded 4 copies of Circ Memos from A.Q.M.G reference the accommodation of Labour at Calais, Audruicq, Zenehem etc.</p> <p>Reference application for milk sterilisers for hospitals at Trouville mentioned in my diary for 30. 12. 1917, the remarks stated therein are cancelled and the following substituted:- "The ordinary methods employed in hospitals for sterilising milk by heating, should, if properly carried out, present no difficulties. Therefore I do not think that the provision of a special apparatus such as Aymands Sterilisers is necessary".</p> <p>Reference correspondence received from D.M.S., L.of.C regarding the excessive amount of fresh milk consumed at Marseilles hospital, and the suggested substitution of condensed milk. I stated that there is no objection to the use of condensed milk in place of fresh milk. In most hospitals the total supplied could be made up of half condensed and half fresh.</p>	
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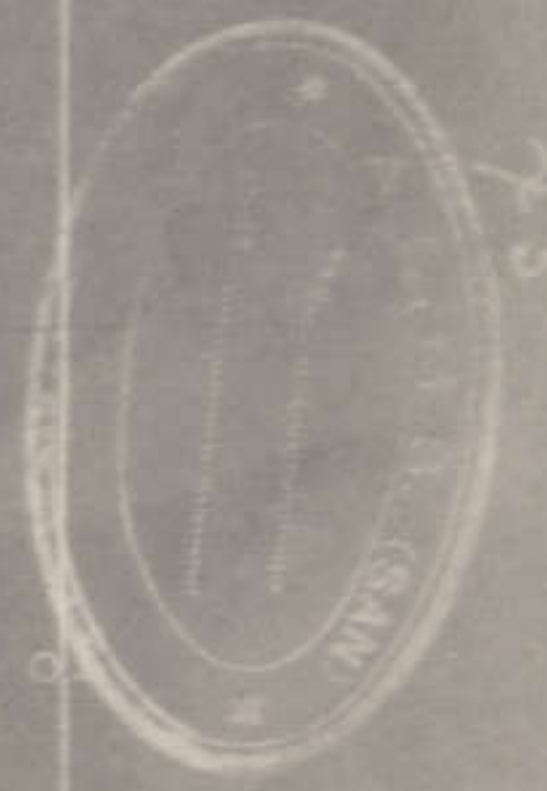
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Abbeville.	1918.			
	4th Jan.	Contd.	<p>Received memo from D.G.M.S reference the issue of frozen or salted fish to Portuguese Troops and Chinese Labourers. I replied that fish is not suitable as a substitute for Bacon owing to the large quantity which would be necessary. At least one pound of fish would be required to replace 2 ozs of bacon. It has already been proposed to substitute one pound of fish for part of the meat ration on day a week for troops in France and the same might be made applicable in the case of Portuguese Troops and Chinese Labourers.</p> <p>D.M.S. Fourth Army forwards weekly return of Infectious Diseases for wk ending 29.12.17.</p>	
	5th Jan.		<p>Received a copy of correspondence from D.G.M.S concerning an outbreak of Typhoid Fever at FAUQUEMBENQUES. Also copy of Extracts from letters written to Prisoners of War.</p> <p>I wrote to D.G.M.S stating that owing to the prevalence of scabies and lice infection, the provision of a steam Disinfectant to each Corps (similar in type to the one erected by the R.E at Poperinghe, of which I appended a short description) is desirable.</p> <p>Memo from D.G.M.S reference Boric and Starch for Gum boots. I replied that owing to the difficulty of keeping the interior of gum boots dry, I do not think that the use of boric and starch in the manner suggested is of practical utility. Therefore I do not recommend its issue for general use. It is considered that the directions already issued for the prevention of trench foot, if rigidly adhered to, are the best protection against the occurrence of this complaint.</p> <p>Received file from D.M.S regarding Ordnance Gun-carriage Depot at CREIL. I stated that I understand from the D.D.of.W that a site has already been chosen, about 6 acres in extent and is intended to accommodate 1000 men. The water supply is from an artesian well. Arrangements had been made for a medical officer from Paris to visit the site on the 20th December 1917.</p> <p>S.S.O Havre forwarded his annual report on Infectious and Venereal Diseases for 1917.</p> <p>D.E.S., I. of. C notifies that the estaminet of Mme Flandrin at BLENDECQUES has been placed out of bounds owing to the occurrence of a case of Diphtheria.</p>	



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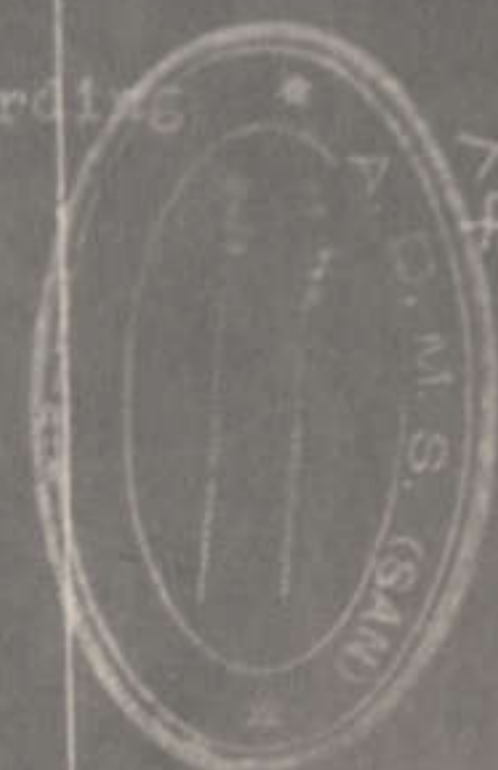
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Abbeville.	1918. 6th Jan.		Office copies of Nephritis and Albuminuria Returns for wks ending 15th and 22nd Decr 1917 forwarded to Captain.H.McLean.,R.A.M.C, No. 46 Stationary Hospital. Regarding previous entries re cases of Tuberculosis amongst Portuguese patients at No. 3 Canadian General Hospital, D.M.S now notified that 12 of the 23 cases have now been transferred to No. 32 Stationary Hospital.	
	7th Jan.		An application was received for a Foden-Thresh Disinfector for Abbeville Area. I have discussed this question with the S.S.O concerned and do not recommend its issue. D.M.S.,L.of.C forwards appl'n from Noyelles (No. 3. Native Lab. Gen. Hpl) for a Thresh Dis'fr. I replied that under the conditions I consider that extra disinfecting accommodation is required at Noyelles. In order to economise the expense of a fixed type disinf'r I recommend that application be made to the D.of.W to install an extemporised steam chamber according to designs in his possession. Memo from D.G.M.S asking if it is essential to continue the issue of Oranges in lieu of equivalent quantity of fresh vegetables during winter months. I consider that owing to the shortage of fresh vegetables during the winter, the issue of oranges is very desirable and should be resumed if it is at all possible to obtain them. D.G.M.S states that the Financial adviser suggests that the W.A.A.C Ration be made applicable to all classes of Nursing Sisters because at present the G.S.,V.A.D members are drawing this ration, while other classes of the VAD are drawing the L.of.C or Field Rations according to where they are stationed. I replied that I think that a distinction should be made between G.S.,V.A.D'S on the one hand and V.A.D's engaged in Nursing Duties and Nursing Sisters on the other. It is generally recognised that the work of Nurses is is particularly arduous and an adequate diet is important in maintaining their health and resistance to disease. I think that the L.of.C Ration should suffice for their needs and might be made universal for Nursing Sisters and VAD's engaged in nursing duties. The issue of the Field Ration to Nurses in Army Areas though perhaps convenient, is not necessary. Application (thro' DGMS & DMS.,L.of.C) from D.M.S V Army for an additional Sanitary Squad. I submitted names to D.M.S.,L.of.C today.	

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Abbeville.	1918. 7th Jan. Ctd.		<p>It was noted in the Sanitary Report from S.S.O Havre for wk ending 5.1.1918 that a case of Anterior Poliomyelitis had occurred. I asked for particulars of same thro' D.M.S., L. of. C.</p> <p>In accordance with a telephone message received yesterday I forward the following tables regarding Venereal Diseases to Captain Hislop., c/o A.D.G.M.S; G.H.Q., 1st Echelon.</p> <p>Table shewing weekly average of new attacks of Venereal Diseases distributed according to the country where reported contracted. 1917.</p> <p>Table shewing number of cases and rates per 100,000 (all kinds including relapses) for the period Decr 1916 to Decr 1917 inclusive. British and Indians.</p> <p>Table shewing number of cases of Gonorrhoea, Syphilis, VS & NYD amongst Indians for the period Decr 1916 and Decr 1917 inclusive.</p>	
	8th Jan.		<p>D.M.S L. of. C forwarded copy of Q.L./576 dated 6.1.18 reference prevention of frostbite in Coloured Labour.</p> <p>Received wire from D.M.S First Army cancelling lecture for tomorrow on account of severe weather conditions.</p> <p>Type Received copy of D.W.165/Plan of Isolation Hospital etc. Forwarded same to Major R.P. Strong, U.S.M.C., 14 Rue Lincoln, Paris.</p> <p>Captain Duffield for D.M.S., L. of. C forwarded correspondence showing Sanitary Sections that are doing duty on the Med; L. of. C.</p> <p>Reference my entry on 30.12.1917 regarding No. 59044 Pbe Walker., 142nd Labour Co., I received today a reply from the D.M.S Third Army saying that swabs had been taken, and the result of the examinations have been negative.</p> <p>Asked D.M.S., L. of. C if a report could be furnished on two cases of Enteric Fever which have occurred in 2 officers at Rouen, and which is attributed to the consumption of shell fish.</p>	

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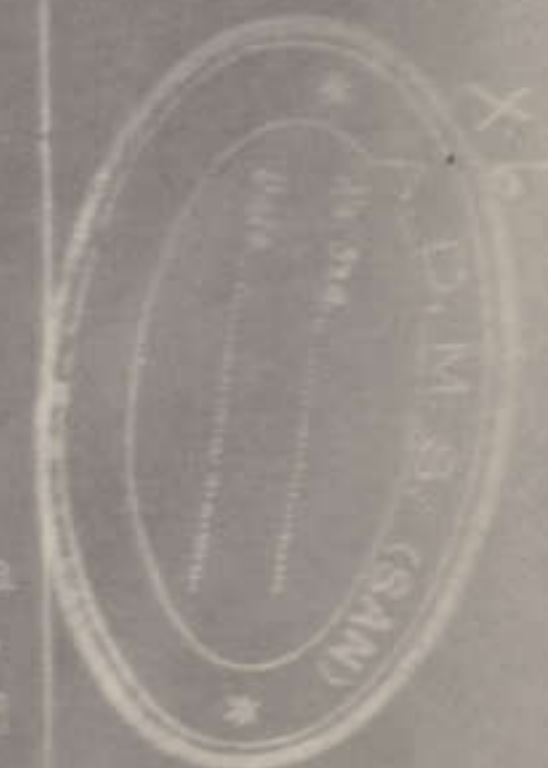
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ABBEVILLE.	1918.			
	9th Jan.		<p>Write to D.A.C. 3/Echelon asking for the average ration of officers to other ranks in the B.E.F for the year 1917. I wish for this information in connection with statistical work on the relative incidence of various diseases in the Force.</p> <p>D.G.M.S forwards copy of W.O.Lr/53/General No/7930 (QMG.6) dated Decr 1917, reference the large quantities of Chloride of lime available in this country. They state that the restrictions imposed with regard to the use of Chloride of lime for the treatment of slop water may now be removed. I replied that Chloride of lime might be more extensively used in lieu of other disinfectants where suitable. Now that restrictions imposed with regard to the use of it for the treatment of sullage water are removed, an outlet might be found for the excessive stocks in this way. (D.of.S in his minute dated 6.1.18 states that the present stocks of this article at Bases are approximately 1,340,000 lbs).</p> <p>Application from 16th Divison asking if arrangements can be made for a regular issue of Mealie Meal in lieu of Oatmeal to the S.African Brigade in that formation. (Thro' D.G. S.). I stated that there is no objection from a dietetic point of view. One ounce of mealie meal can replace one ounce of Oatmeal. 022332222222</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C forwarded correspondence reference mumps amongst drafts of the B.W.I reinforce-ments at Rouen, and asked if they should be despatched. I replied that the number of cases of mumps appear to be few and the know contacts have been segregated. There appears to be no reason why the remainder should not be despatched, provided notification of the occurrence is forwarded to the formations concerned.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C notified me that information has been received from an unofficial source, to the effect that there is a typhus epidemic amongst the Natives in South Africa.</p>	
	10th Jan.		<p>A.D.M.S. Sanitation proceeded to Paris-Plage on duty,. Returned same day.</p> <p>Copies of "Abstract of Board of Allied Sanitary Committee for Novr 1917" forwarded to the D.G.M.S and the Adviser in Pathology.</p> <p>D.D.O.S.(South) informed me by memo that there are 10,000 drawers, cotton, short, at No.1. Area Laundry which have been washed, and it is proposed to authorise their return to A.O.D. He desires 5% of them examined to ascertain of these garments are free from vermin and fit for issue from AOD. I asked ADMS Abbeville Area to arrange with his S.S.O to carry out the inspection and report the result to this office.</p>	



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D.M.S., L.of.C forwarded application from S. Captain, Abancourt Area for an issue of oxo cubes to men not desiring rum. I recommended the issue of an oxo cube in lieu of rum when the latter is not desired.
Reference the report from No.22. Mobile Hyg. Laboratory on a sample of rum, I asked D.M.S., V Army to let me know what steps are being taken in this matter as an opinion such as that given may have far reaching effects. The reasons stated in his report are not sufficient to condemn the rum.

I wrote to the Chief Med'l Supt., W.A.A.C, recommending that the attention of all units of the W.A.A.C should be drawn to the danger of consuming uncooked shellfish as well as raw vegetables and unboiled milk. Such articles have proved to be the means of conveying typhoid etc.
D.G.M.S asks if a sun curtain is required for use with the steel helmet and if not, is one required with the S.D.Cap. I consider that sun curtains are not required for use with steel helmets but they are required for the S.D.Cap.

D.M.S., L.of.C forwarded correspondence reference a complaint made by several P.Of. War regarding rations they received at No. 58 General hospital. I replied that the energy value for German P. of. War at that hospital is ample for men leading sedentary hospital life. I do not see any necessity to increase it. on Beri-beri

12th Jan. D.M.S., submitted article by Lt. Leggate R.A.M.C., Noyelles., on "Observations/among the Chinese in France". I replied that I considered the same interesting and suitable for publication.

13th Jan. Submitted a scheme for a Bathing and Disinfecting Station to the D.G.M.S in accordance with his minute dated 1.1.1918, and W.O.Lr No. 122/222(Mob)2. dated 28.12.1917. I enclosed sketch of the proposed station and also particulars of the installation now in use at Poperinghe.

D.M.S., L.of.C forwarded scale of diets for Chinese doing Field Punishment. I stated that it is desirable that fresh vegetables including potatoes on the scale of 8 ounces twice a week should be issued instead of dried vegetables. The place of fresh vegetables is not adequately taken by dried vegetables and lime juice.

Received thro' D.M.S., L.of.C minute from the Commdt Abbeville Area reference the issue of 75% Bread and 25% Biscuit to Convalescent Depots. I replied that it is probable that a certain number of men in Convalescent Depots may not be able to consume biscuits and I think the proportion of bread which is drawn should be left to the discretion of the O.C., who is the best judge of requirements.

With reference to my remarks in my diary for 24.12.1917 regarding modifications in the Naga Ration at Abancourt on account of Beri-beri, the D.G.M.S states that the director of Labour proposes that this ration should be extended to places other than Abancourt. I replied that when I recommended the substitution of 6 ozs Atta and 2 ozs Dhal for $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Rice for natives

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Abbeville.	1918. 13th Jan. Contd.		<p>of Naga Companies at Abancourt the number of cases of beri-beri was small. Since then, however, there have been further outbreaks in the Third Army which indicate a marked deficiency of anti-beri-beri elements in the diet, owing to the issue of polished rice instead of unpolished rice. For this reason I think it is desirable that to replace still more of the rice with such food stuffs as Atta and Dhal and I recommend that the ration for Naga Hill Personnel, S.S. 571., Sect., 7.g., be modified so that 1 lb of rice is replaced by 1 lb of Atta. In addition, as a temporary measure one ounce of Dhal should be issued daily in place of 4 ozs of Jam once a week.</p> <p>D.G.M.S., forwards copy of a circ. memo stating that a more extensive use can now be made of Chloride of Lime, in lieu of other disinfectants where suitable.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. San'n proceeded on inspection duty to Armies.</p> <p>D.G.M.S. notifies that my recommendations put forward on 13.1.1918 ref. the Naga Ration have been recommended to the Q.M.G for adoption.</p> <p>A.D.M.S. Abbeville Area forwards S.S.O's report on his inspection of the Drawers, cotton, at No.1. Area Laundry. He is of the opinion that they are fit for issue and that there is no reason to suppose that any infection could possibly be caused by such re-issue from the A.O. Dept.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C passed (thro' A.I. Pathology) correspondence from the M.O.i/c Indian Labour Corps reference the prophylactic administration of Quinine. I replied that I had spoken to the Adviser in Pathology on this subject and have nothing to add to his remarks.</p> <p>D.G.M.S asks whether the provision of oranges during the winter months is not merely desirable but essential. I replied that I cannot say that oranges are essential but where it is impossible to provide an adequate supply of fresh vegetables which are essential oranges would compensate for the deficiency. Apart from the question of absolute necessity, oranges would have a beneficial effect upon the health of the troops.</p> <p>Three cases of Relapsing Fever reported by the A.D.M.S. Marseilles. (Indian Labourers).</p> <p>D.M.S enquires if the Grand Hotel Paris-Plage is suitable for a home for Canadian Officers. I replied that I am of opinion that this building should not be used for medical purposes. In this connection see my remarks under 16.12.1917.</p> <p>Reference previous entry regarding scale of hospital diets per 100 patients, the D.G.M.S asks for table showing Calorie Value of the various items in the scale. Forwarded same today.</p> <p>D.A.D.M.S. Sanitation proceeded to Rouen on duty.</p> <p>One case of Anthrax reported as being admitted to No. 56 C.C. Stn. Asked them to forward full particulars of same as early as possible. Stated on telephone that they were forwarding the patients shaving brush to the Base Hgy. Lab. Boulogne. (492335 Spr hole., E., R.E. Signals. 59th Division).</p>	
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BBEVILLE.	1918. 20th Jan Contd.		<p>Received report on 4 cases of Beri-beri by D.M.S Fifth Army, thro' D.G.M.S. I returned same to the latter stating that these cases occurred in No. 39 (Manipuri) Labour Company in the Third Army and were admitted to Lucknow C.C.S in the Fifth Army. The diet has now been altered in accordance with my recommendations dated 13.1.1918 and I learn today from the D.A.D.M.S. San'n Third Army that the outbreak is now under control.</p> <p>D.M.S forwarded copy of Q.M.G. Memo dated 18.1.1918 showing scale of Field Punishment Rations for Cape Coloured Personnel and Chinese Labourers.</p> <p>Received full report reference a case of Anthrax (See my entry under 17.1.1918) admitted to No. 56 C.C.S (No. 492335 Sapper E.Hole., R.E.Signals., 59th Division. The O i/c No. 18 Mobile Bac. Lab. states that an organism having the morphological characters of the anthrax bacillus has been obtained in large numbers from the hairs of the shaving shaving brush belonging to the patient which was presented to him on Xmas Day at No.2. Canadian General Hospital. I replied that I should be glad if this brush could be forwarded to me after the examination has been completed together with any similar brushes which may have been issued and any particulars as to the origin of these brushes, with special note as to whether they are an ordnance supply or were provided privately. A full report on the bacteriological examination made at at No. 18 Mob. Bac. Lab. should also be furnished.</p>	
	21st Jan.		<p>O.C.No. 46 Stationary Hospital (thro' D.M.S) asks for a ruling reference case sheets (W.3110) for cases sent down from the front, convalescent. I replied that these forms are received from the front area for cases diagnosed in accordance with the instructions at the head of the form. It would certainly facilitate matters and avoid duplication if a note is made on A.F.W.3118 that A.F.W.3110 has been rendered,. When changes of diagnosis are made at the Base, a new A.F.W.3110 would, of course, be required as heretofore.</p> <p>D.M.S.,L.of.C forwards correspondence which arose out of question of the necessity of 2 SS.O's for the Etaples Area. I stated that it is regretted that the question was not quite understood when I replied to his minute dated 11.12.1917. In view of the large number of troops and size of this area, I consider that two Specialist Sanitary Officers are necessary, one of whom should be the O.C.Sanitary Section.</p> <p>Reference an Infectious Hospital at Trouville. the D.D.M.S.Havre states that as a temporary measure "K" Block in No.72 General Hpl has been set aside for the reception of cases.</p>	

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Abbeville.	1918. 21st Jan. Cont'd.		<p>I wrote to the D. of. Works., H.Q., L.of.C to the effect that at a recent inspection of No 2. W.A.A.C Camp at St. Omer, I found that owing to faulty construction waste water accumulated to such an extent on the floor of the ablution building that women using the building were standing ankle deep in water. The floor probably requires re-grading in order that any water spilt on it may drain away.</p> <p>The Deputy Engr in Chief forwarded copies of correspondence passed to (a) Commandant Van Meenan, Headquarters Belgian Army, reference particulars of Water Tank Lorries, and (b) a memo to the Q.M.G, forwarding a copy of the minutes of a meeting held at his office on 19.1.1918 regarding the present state of Water Tank Companies.</p> <p>Wrote to Deputy Engr in Chief u/c of the D.G.M.S reference my recent inspection of the arrangements for purifying water from Dickebusch Lake in the Fourth Army Area.</p> <p>D.G.M.S forwarded the following monthly Sanitary Reports for the month of December 1917:- Third Army. Fourth Army. First Army.</p>	
	22nd Jan.		<p>D.G.M.S. forwarded copy of a letter received from Mr. M.L. Montgomery., Associated Boards of Trade of Southern Manitoba, regarding the facilities which exist in the field for the delousing of troops, for remarks. I replied giving full particulars of same.</p> <p>Reference the case of Anthrax mentioned previously (Sapper Hole) the D.M.S., L.of.C asks if I advise that any further steps be taken. I stated that I should be glad if he could obtain for me full particulars of the brushes which were distributed to this patient and others At No.2. Canadian General Hospital and particularly in regard to whether they were an Ordnance Supply or were provided privately by the Red Cross Society or otherwise. If any of these brushes are still available I should be glad if they could all be forwarded to me for examination. None of them should be issued to patients.</p> <p>D.G.M.S Forwarded Sanitary Report from seventh Division for Decr 1917.</p>	
	23rd Jan.		<p>D.M.S., L.of.C through Adviser in Pathology reports two cases of Leprosy among Chinese at No. 3. Native Labour General Hospital.</p> <p>Received notification of a Meeting of the PUO Committee at 12 Stat Hpl on Fri. 25.1.1918.</p>	

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	24th Jan.		<p>The O.C.No. 18 Mobile Bac. Laboratort forwarded cultures obtained from case of malignant pustule and from shaving brush of No. 492335 Sapper Hole., (Anthrax Case, previously referred to).</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C passed to me the file on above Anthrax Case, together with copies of telephone messages to Dieppe etc. I replied that all necessary steps appear to have been taken in connection with these shaving brushes. I asked to be informed of the source from which the Red Cross Society obtained them.</p> <p>Received a memo reference a lecture xx on Sanitary Measures, at Villers au Bois on 5th Febry. I forwarded the same to the D.G.M.S saying that I have already been asked by the D.M.S First Army to give a lecture in Lillers at 3pm on the 9th February 1918. I understand the General Staff have agreed to this date which also will suit me.</p> <p>D.M.S.,L.of.C forwarded nominal roll received from the O.C.Lucknow C.C.S, showing cases evacuated to Bases from the No. 39 (Manipuri) Labour Company.</p> <p>Reference an application received from D.D.M.S Havre, for the issue of a third Levick Spray for that Base, I replied that I am of opinion that the issue is necessary.</p> <p>Received memo from the O.C.No.2.Canadian General Hospital reference the shaving brush supplied to the patient (Sapper Hole (Anthrax Case) on Xmas Day. He states that they were a present from the Canadian Red Cross Society. All precautionary measures have been taken and several other brushes of the ordinary issue are being examined. Only one brush of the other issue remained and this is being examined by the bacteriologist.</p> <p>A.D.M.S.Marseilles report a further case of Relapsing Fever xxxNxm (34186 Driver Chottie Singh, R.F and R.G.A). The patient was admitted off H.M.T."Bohemia" on 13.1.1918.</p> <p>A.D.M.S.Sanitation proceeded to G.H.Q., 1st Echelon, on 23. 1. 1918, returning same day.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Abbeville.	1918. 25th Jan.		<p>D.M.S., L.of.C forwarded copy of Q.L./1144/B/24 dated 20.1.1918 authorising as a temporary measure 1 lb of atta in lieu of 1 lb of Rice and 1 oz of dhal in lieu of 4 ozs jam weekly, to be issued to all Indian Labour Coys drawing Naga Rations.</p> <p>Wrote to D.M.S., L.of.C reference overcrowding in the SANLC Camps at Rouen. It is desirable that overcrowding should be avoided in order to minimise the spread of respiratory diseases to which natives in this climate are susceptible.</p> <p>D.G.M.S asked if I had any knowledge of a preparation of crude naphthaline and soft soap for the destruction of lice. I replied that I have no knowledge of this preparation, but will make enquiries regarding it.</p> <p>The D.A.D.M.S. San Fourth Army forwarded (a) Report on Dickebusch and Swimming Bath Stations (2) Effect of floods on Haringhe Waterworks Jan 1917 (3) Report on Haringhe Waterworks for Nov and Decr 1917 and (4) Report on Prison Waterworks, Ypres.</p> <p>Received a wire from DGMS asking if I recommended issue of one ounce GHI daily as necessary to Natives on Naga rations and receiving ATTA daily. I replied that ounce of GHI daily in lieu of two ounces of rice is recommended during the winter months.</p> <p>Received particulars of a case of Relapsing Fever at Marseilles. (10973 Bhisti Nihal Singh). Patient arrived ex "H.M.T. "Manitou".</p> <p>Submitted names of suitable sanitary personnel to form 2 sanitary squads for Fifth Army Railheads, to D.M.S., L.of.C.</p> <p>Received copy of BCI No. MA/44668 from Paris. Forwarded 3 copies of same to DGMS and 1 copy to the Adviser in Pathology.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C reports case of plague occurring on Glengorm Castle (Alexander Watson, a member of the crew). Submitted a suggested wire to D.M.S., L.of.C, to be forwarded to ADMS Marseilles regarding segregation of contacts, etc.</p> <p>Received report of an outbreak of measles among French at AUXI-LE-CHATEAU.</p>	

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Abbeville.	1918. 26th Jan.		<p>Received six copies of a paper relating to the Rations of the French Troops, from the Secretary of the Allied Sanitary Conference.. Paris.</p> <p>Wrote to the DADMS.San. Third Army asking to be informed as to the number of cases of beri-beri that have occurred amongst the Native Labour Units during the week ending 12.1.1918.</p> <p>Forwarded my office copies of Nephritis and Albuminuria Returns for the week ending 5.1.1918, to Captain., H. MacLean., RAMCorps., 46 Stationary Hospital.</p>	
	27th Jan.		<p>D.G.M.S forwarded minute dated 19.1.1918 from the Engineer in Chief asking if he approves of two of the bleaching powder sets being dismantled from lorries of No. 2. Water Tank Company. I stated that I have been in consultation with the Deputy Engineer in Chief and agree that the proposals to replace the present bleach plants by chlorine gas plants on the sterilising lorries of No.2. Water Tank Company, would lead to greater efficiency and increase in output. Complete bleaching powder sets for use in forward areas would be required, i.e., including filters, engines and pumps.</p> <p>Received thro' D.M.S., L.of.C an application from the Base Commandant, Calais for the issue of waterproof sheets for Cape Boys. I replied that although the outside material of coats, sheepskin lined, absorbs moisture, the inner lining is practically impervious and any moisture present is due to condensation from the body. This could not be remedied by the use of waterproof sheets. Drying rooms, which it is understood are provided in camps, should afford a solution of this difficulty.</p> <p>Forwarded ^{to DGMS} a copy of memoranda on "Practical directions for the treatment of sullage water with bleaching powder", and recommended that the same be circulated to D's of M.S, Armies for the information of Sanitary Officers.</p>	
	28th Jan.		<p>Wrote to Messrs Merryweather & Sons., Greenwich for their catalogues.</p> <p>Reference the case of Plague at Marseilles mentioned in my diary for 25th instant, D.M.S reports that the vessel is proceeding to England.</p> <p>Further case of Relapsing Fever reported from Marseilles (21419 Driver Ali Hakom).</p>	

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Abbeville.	1918..			
	28th Jan			
	Ctd.		<p>D.M.S., reported outbreak of small-pox at Lyon. I replied that it is important that we should be closely informed of the progress of the outbreak and whether the disease shows signs of spreading to other areas within the Army Zone. Supplies of fresh vaccine lymph sufficient to cope with emergency requirements should be kept available in cold storage. Should it become necessary to vaccinate on an extensive scale further supplies can apparently be despatched from England at 24 hours notice (WO 24/Gen.No./4934/AMD.2 dated 4.5.1916. All stocks of lymph which have lost their potency through lapse of time should be withdrawn.</p> <p>D.M.S., L.of.C. forwards copy of QL/303/CD/2 dated 24.1.1918 stating that information having been received from the War Office that the provision of Rum is likely to be difficult in the near future, the Quartermaster-General desires me to ask that before issues are made to the troops, the necessity in each case should be carefully considered, and, as far as circumstances permit, issues of rum should be limited to periods of severe or inclement weather.</p> <p>A.D.M.S San proceeded to the Third Army.</p>	
	29th Jan.		Received copy of QL/861/339 dated 28.1.1918 reference Vegetable Growing on the L.of.C, and the keeping of live stock.	
	30th Jan.		Recommended to D.M.S., L.of.C that Captain Brown, R.A.M. Corps., at present doing duty in the Marseilles Area should be appointed S.S.O at that Base.	
	31st Jan.		ADMS.San. returned fro the Third Army.	
			D.M.S., L.of.C notified that samples of water from the new camp at Creil, are being forwarded to the Base Hygiene Laboratory, at Boulogne, for analysis.	
			Received copy of proposed scheme for the treatment of scabies at No.2. Stationary Hospital.	
			D.M.S., L.of.C forwards reply from the D.D.M.S Rouen reference my minute dated 25th instant regarding overcrowding in SANLC Camps at Rouen. He states that though the accommodation is cramped he is unable to say that the health of the natives has suffered as a result. A close watch has been kept with a view to ascertain if any such ill effect was being experienced.	

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Abbeville.	1918. 31st Jan. Ctd.		<p>Received copy of QL/303/DB/3 dated 27.1.1918 authorising the issue of one oxo cube in lieu of Rum when the latter is not desired.</p> <p>In reply to a minute received from DGMS I concurred in the suggestion that pickled beef be issued on two days a week to German Prisoners of War in this country.</p> <p>D.G.M.S forwarded remarks of D's M.S Armies and the Matron-in-Chief reference the WAAC ration and its suitability to all classes of nursing sisters. I stated that I am still of opinion that a distinction should be made between GS VAD's and nurses and VAD's engaged in nursing duties. The system of obtaining rations on repayment permits of a degree of flexibility and variety which is very desirable and the L.of.C Rations lends itself better to this system than the WAAC Ration. The L.of.C Ration is adequate and should meet the needs of Nurses employed in Army Areas whose requirements do not differ from those Nurses working on the L.of.C.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>W. W. O. Bewidge</i> COLONEL., A.M.S., A.D.M.S. Sanitation.</p>	

