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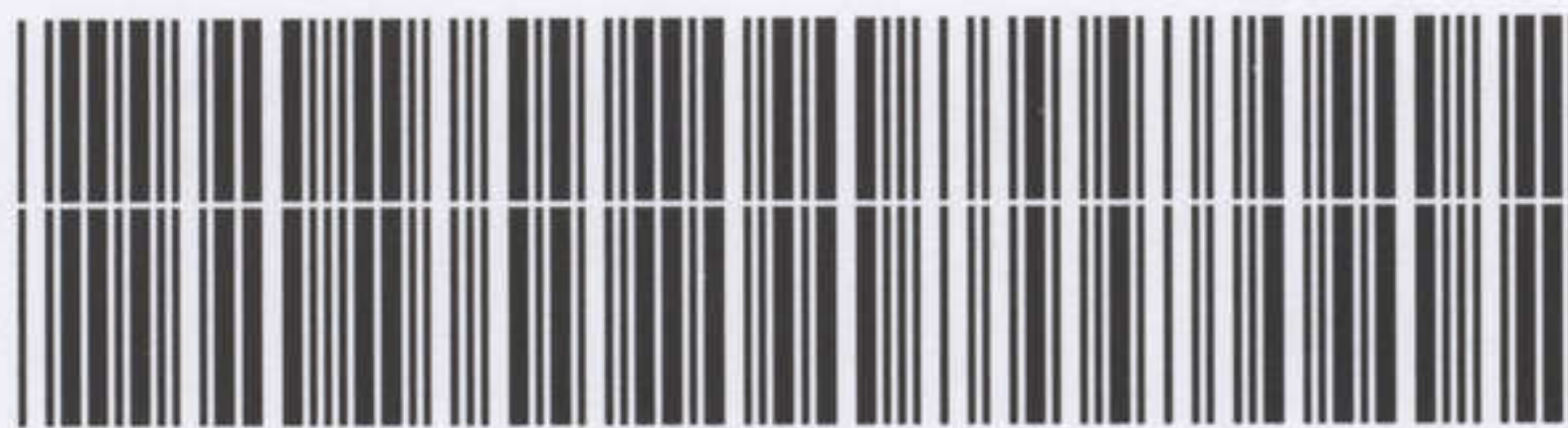
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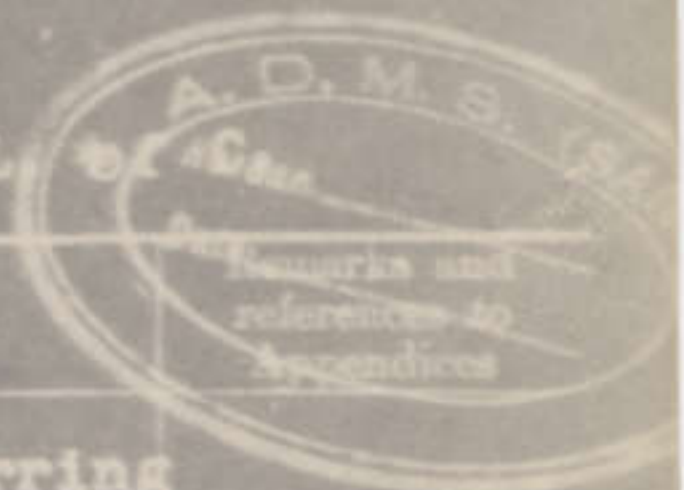
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Abbeville.	1st.	April.	<p>The D.M.S. forwarded a report by the D.D.M.S. Rouen on 3 further cases of small-pox occurring amongst British Troops in the Rouen Area; 2 of these men were of the Italian Labour Company and 1 an R.E.Pioneer, and all three had been contacts in the same ward at No.8 General Hospital with Pte.Ford who was diagnosed small-pox on the 17th.March.</p> <p>The D.G.M.S. forwarded for my remarks, War Office letter with reference to Ration Scales for Prisoners of War, the Army Council having decided that the Ration Scale for Prisoners in France should be brought into line with that for Prisoners of War in England. I replied that there was no objection to this change; the ration was low, but provision had been made for amplifying same if necessary in cases where men were called upon to do hard manual labour.</p> <p>I received from the D.M.S. a minute of the Director of Supplies which stated that the Quarter-Master-General's authority could not be given for the issue of extra bread and meat to the W.A.A.C.bakers on the L. of C.</p> <p>The D.G.M.S. forwarded copy of War Office letter dated 23rd.March notifying that the supply of salt-cured Herrings would soon cease and that Smoked Herrings would be issued in lieu. In the event of Herrings not being available at any time meat may be issued instead at authorised scale (4 ozs. per ration). I replied that there was no objection to the issue of 4 ozs.of meat when herrings were not available.</p>
	2nd.	April.	<p>The D.M.S. 2nd.Army applied through the D.G.M.S. to be supplied with 20 copies of D.G's. Circular Memo. "Use of Chloride of Lime for Clarification of waste water". These I forwarded.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S.(San) and D.A.D.M.S.(San) proceeded to Abancourt on inspection duty and returned on completion.</p>
	3rd.	April.	<p>The D.M.S. forwarded reports from Bases as regards the suitability of the present ration for W.A.A.C. and asked for my remarks as to various propositions put forward. I replied that M. & V.Rations and Pork and Beans should not be issued as substitute for meat in the W.A.A.C. Ration when there was a shortage of fresh or frozen meat; 25% of the meat ration may be issued as preserved meat. The issue of an extra ounce of bread was not recommended, but if supplies would permit, half an ounce of Pickles might be issued on 3 days a week.</p>

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Abbeville.	3rd April.		I forwarded a confidential letter to Major Barbour, S.M.O, Brest, enumerating the highly important and necessary precautions to be taken against the possible introduction of typhus into France by Portuguese reinforcements arriving at Brest.
	4th April.		The D.M.S, forwarded minute and plan received from the Director of Works showing a slight re-arrangement of the wards for the Isolation Hospital at Trouville. I concurred in the proposed re-arrangements.
			I forwarded to the D.G.M.S., particulars of 5 more cases of Smallpox notified to me as occurring in England, three in London and two at Hull.
			The D.M.S., informed me that Captain Hartley's services could not be spared for duty at the Base Hygiene Laboratory, and asked that I should nominate another officer. I replied that Captain Lander, R.A.M.C. TF, who was expected from England, would be available in the near future for temporary duty as assistant at the Base Hygiene Laboratory.
			I received from the D.M.S., a minute of the D.D.M.S. Rouen with reference to the fly-proofing of latrines in the Rouen Area. With my reply, I forwarded a copy of a D. of W. minute to the D.D.W.(S) which gave instructions for steps to be taken to complete this work before the fly season commenced, and stated that I thought this would answer the question raised by the D.D.M.S. Rouen.
			The D.G.M.S. instructed me to report to him whether I considered the quarantine arrangements at Brest were satisfactory. I replied that I understood from the S.M.O., Brest that a Segregation Camp had been arranged for and that three Thresh Disinfectors had been supplied. To supplement these a Steam Disinfesting Chamber and large Bath House were being erected at the Portuguese Camp. I remarked that the quarantine arrangements referred to in the minute from the General Commanding Portuguese Corps would be satisfactory provided that the men, with all their clothing, were freed from lice immediately on arrival and kept in segregation for 14 days after disinfestation during which period they should be inspected daily for the presence of lice to ensure that disinfestation had been efficiently carried out, and to detect any case of typhus which might occur. I stated that it was very desirable that the erection of the Disinfesting Chamber and Bath House should be completed with the utmost despatch.

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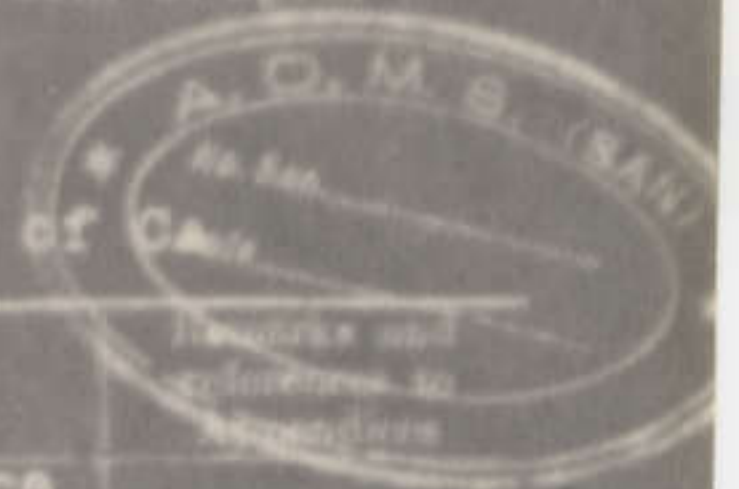
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Summary of Events and Information

Place Date Hour

Abbeville. 5th April.

The Director of Supplies forwarded correspondence for my remarks with reference to future issues of lime juice. I replied that I had previously pointed out the necessity of obtaining lime juice possessing anti-scorbutic properties, but as the lime juice prepared according to the new specification was only satisfactory as an anti-scorbutic when issued in double the usual quantity, the issue of lime juice should be at the rate of 1/160th gallon. This issue is only required when recommended by a Medical Officer or for the treatment of cases of scurvy.

I forwarded my War Diary for March to the D.A.G., 3rd Echelon and duplicate of Diary for December to the Officer in Charge, R.A.M.C. Records, Woking.

The D.M.S. asked for my remarks with reference to an application for a supply of "Liverpool Virus" for the destruction of rats in the A.M.F.O's Depot at Romescamps. I replied that the use of "Liverpool Virus" was undesirable for the destruction of rats and that its use is prohibited under D.G's Memo. 179/4/B, but that several anti-rat measures were mentioned in the above memo., one of which might be adopted.

6th April.

I reported to the D.G.M.S. that, during the present outbreak of Smallpox at Rouen there had occurred, up to date, 58 Civilian cases with 8 deaths and 5 cases amongst British Troops with 2 deaths.

The D.A.D.M.S. (San) Second Army asked for my opinion with reference to a complaint, made by the Field Punishment prisoners working on the Army Farm at St. Momelin that the prison fare was insufficient compared with the work performed. He also forwarded diet scale communicated by the Provost Marshall, Second Army. I replied that the ration for prisoners undergoing Field Punishment as given in the minute of the Provost Marshall did not conform to that allowed on the L. of C and was lacking both in fat and fresh vegetables. I suggested that the ration for prisoners undergoing Field Punishment should be based on that allowed on the L. of C, and forwarded a copy of same for guidance, stating that if necessary it might be modified in unessential details to suit local requirements.

I reported to the D.M.S., the arrival of Captain P.E.Lander, R.A.M.C, TF, from England, and requested that he be attached to the Base Hygiene Laboratory, Boulogne, for temporary duty.

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Abbeville.	6th April. (cont'd).		<p>I forwarded to the D.M.S, wires received from the S.M.O. Brest asking that completion of Disinfesting Chamber and Bath House, at Portuguese Camp, be expedited. I recommended to D.M.S, that this work be carried out with the utmost despatch so as to be ready to deal with reinforcements shortly expected from Portugal, as it was very important that disinfection (which would be followed by 14 days in segregation), should be carried out as rapidly as possible after landing so as to avoid any extra delay in despatching to the Front.</p>	
	7th April.		<p>The D.M.S, forwarded correspondence with reference to a 50% reduction in the tea ration for British West Indies Regiments. The Base Commandants of Marseilles and Dieppe had been consulted and remarked that as rice could not be drawn in lieu of part of the tea ration they were not in agreement with the suggested reduction. The A.Q.M.G., H.Q., L. of C, decided therefore, to take no further action in the matter.</p> <p>The D.M.S, forwarded a minute of the Base Commandant, Marseilles, which stated that a Manlove & Alliot Disinfector would be required at that Base, the test carried out with the improvised disinfector having proved unsuccessful.</p>	
	8th April.		<p>I notified the D.M.S, that Captain. P.E.Lander, R.A.M.C.,TF, proceeded to Boulogne to report to the D.D.M.S, for temporary duty at the Base Hygiene Laboratory.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. Sanitation proceeded to Brest on inspection duty in connection with the quarantine arrangements being made at the Portuguese Camp there.</p>	
	9th April.		<p>I forwarded to D.G.M.S, copies of correspondence received from Director of Supplies reference issues of Lime Juice, stating that, with D.G's approval, it was proposed to increase the issue from 1/320th gallon to 1/160th gallon, as Lime Juice as at present prepared was of little use as an anti-scorbutic unless issued in double the usual quantity.</p> <p>The D.M.S. notified me that the case previously reported from Calais as suspected smallpox, had now been transferred to other disease.</p>	<p>444</p>

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Abbeville.	10th April.		<p>The D.G.M.S. forwarded for my information, copy of a letter from G.O.C.-in-Chief, to the Secretary, War Office, suggesting that entries be made in men's A.B.64, of dates of vaccination and re-vaccination as is done in the case of inoculation.</p> <p>I received from the D.M.S. a circular with reference to inoculation and vaccination of Prisoners of War.</p>
	11th April.		<p>The D.M.S. forwarded report of Medical Occurrences at Cherbourg Base for the week ended 6-4-18.</p> <p>I received a request by telephone from the D.A.D.M.S. (San) Fourth Army, to be supplied with a copy of War Office Circular Memorandum on Smallpox. This I forwarded.</p> <p>The D.G.M.S. forwarded details of an underground disinfecting chamber as used in Russia, and requested that I should make some experiments with an improvised delouser on these lines. I replied that I was arranging to carry out experiments and would notify the results when the experiments were completed.</p>
	12th April.		<p>The D.M.S. notified me of the appointment of a S.M.O., for the Canadian Forestry Corps, in France.</p> <p>The D.G.M.S. forwarded for my remarks, a minute from Director of Supplies, at the same time stating that it was presumed that issues of sprayers, fly-traps, and muslin gauze for the coming fly season should be as last year. I agreed that the above appliances should be provided and issued as was done last year.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded a report by the DDMS. Rouen, on a further case of Smallpox occurring amongst British Troops at that Base.</p> <p>Forwarded to the D.M.S. copy of a wire received from Brest asking that a Sanitary Squad be supplied as early as possible to assist with the quarantine arrangements there.</p>
	13th April.		<p>I received from the D.M.S. First Army, copy of a report and 2 charts on the incidence of Scabies, I.T.C. and P.U.O. in the 46th Division.</p>

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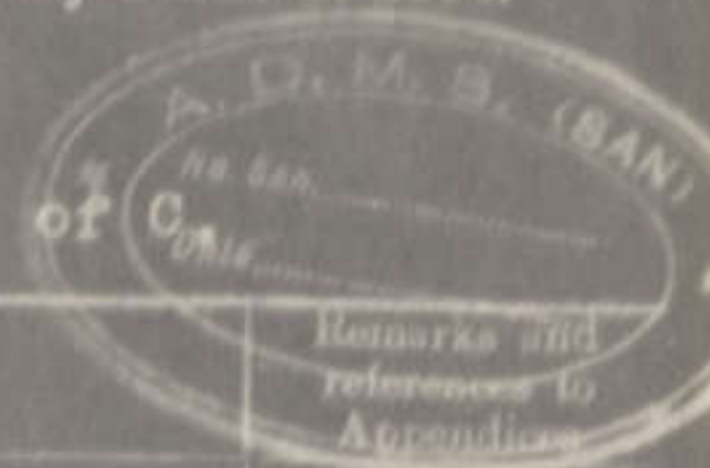
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Abbeville.	15th April	(cont'd).	<p>The D.M.S. forwarded an article "A Study in War Nephritis", by Captains Stevens and Peters, M.R.C., U.S.Army, and asked for my remarks as to suitability for publication. I replied that I considered this article suitable for publication.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded a report by the A.D.M.S. Paris, on the Camp and Hospital accommodation at Cherbourg, and asked for my remarks from a sanitary point of view. I replied that the various sanitary recommendations contained in the report such as fly-proofing of latrines, provision of meat safes, bathing accommodation, and erection of Horsfall Incinerators and Steam Disinfesting Chamber, were necessary and should be carried out. I also stated that drying rooms were desirable and that the heat from the incinerators might be utilised for this purpose; also that suggested measures for safeguarding purity of the water supply should be undertaken and water examined periodically and chlorinated if necessary.</p>	
	14th April.		<p>The D.M.S. informed me that No: 36 Sanitary Squad was being despatched to Brest for duty, in response to the application made by wire dated 12th instant.</p> <p>I received from the D.M.S. a minute of S.M.O. Brest, which stated that the R.E. were putting up the necessary constructional work required in the Portuguese Camp, but that the baths had not yet arrived. The delay in the case of the latter was stated to be due to the work having been handed over by C.R.E., Rouen, to A.D.W., Paris. The Base Commandant and S.M.O. had made representations to the A.D.W., Paris on the urgency of this matter.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. Sanitation returned from Brest on completion of inspection duty.</p> <p>The S.S.O. Boulogne informed me by telephone that Portuguese Troops were being quartered in the village of Tingry, and as this village is part of the gathering area for the Boulogne Water Supply I represented to the D.M.S. that the presence of troops was a menace to the purity of the Boulogne water. I stated that this question had arisen on a previous occasion and had been dealt with by the G.O.C., L. of C, Area, and I recommended that similar steps be taken in this case.</p>	<p>PA 6</p>
	15th April.		<p>Further to my minute of the 14th, reference billeting of Portuguese Troops at Tingry, I stated to DMS that the D.D.M.S. Boulogne now informed me that the question had been brought to the notice of the proper authorities and would be remedied by the removal of these troops.</p>	

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Abbevillez	15th April (cont'd).		<p>The D.M.S. forwarded a minute of the Director of Works which stated that work in connection with Disinfesting Chamber and Bath House at Brest should be pushed on as quickly as possible.</p> <p>I asked the D.G.M.S. if any further copies of "Notes for Sanitary Officers" were available, and if so, could I be supplied with a few as I was frequently asked for them by Administrative Medical Officers and others not in possession of a copy.</p> <p>I recommended to D.G.M.S. that Captain Robb. H.B., R.A.M.C.(T), should succeed Captain Moss-Blundell as O.C., 62 Sanitary Section, Captain Haydock, whom I had previously recommended for this vacancy, having been evacuated sick to England.</p> <p>The D.G.M.S. forwarded minute of Director of Supplies with reference to disposal of two temperature gauges, for use with disinfecting plants, which had been returned to England along with empty bottles. I replied that, if serviceable, these gauges should be returned to Ordnance Department in this country to be available for issue when required.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. St.Omer asked for my remarks in connection with the waste water effluent from No: 2 Area Laundry, as it was feared serious nuisance would arise from this effluent being discharged into a small stream close to the laundry. I replied that various samples of both effluent and stream water should be forwarded to the Base Hygiene Laboratory for analysis as to insoluble soap content and other criteria of pollution, stating that when I had these particulars I should be in a position to advise.</p> <p>I forwarded to the D.M.S. the remarks of the Sanitary Officer, St.Omer contained in his weekly Sanitary Report for the week-ending 12th April, on the unsatisfactory state of milk supplied by contractors in the Area; I suggested that the usual procedure be followed, i.e., that samples be sent to the Base Hygiene Laboratory at necessary intervals for analysis. In the case of samples being unsatisfactory the matter should then be brought to the notice of the Supply Officer with the name and address of the contractor concerned.</p>	<p>RA 7</p>
	16th April.		<p>I made application to the Officer in Charge, No: 1 Base Depot of Medical Stores to be supplied with two Maximum and Minimum Thermometers which I require for use in connection with experiments on disinfestation which I am carrying out.</p>	

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Abbeville.	17th April.		<p>At the request of the D.G.M.S. I forwarded a "Suggested Draft for General Routine Order" on the importance of delousing troops.</p> <p>The D.G.M.S. again referred to me in connection with Measles amongst Australian and New Zealand Troops, and forwarded further reports of D.D.M.S. XII Corps on the subject. I replied that Colonial Troops as a rule were specially susceptible to measles, many of them being recruited from sparsely populated districts where opportunities for acquiring the disease are small. In view of the fact that measles is most infectious in the early stages, segregation is often too late to prevent introduction of infection, and even if segregation of susceptible contacts leads to their escaping for the time being, they are tolerably certain to be caught by measles infection later on. It can therefore be said that segregation is probably without much effect upon the ultimate number of cases which may occur although it may have an influence upon the time and place at which the disease eventually manifests itself. The question of segregation thus resolves itself into one of military expediency; if reinforcements containing susceptible men are urgently required, a certain number of cases may be expected to occur in Army Areas, though these may be reduced, but not eliminated, by retaining contacts at the Base and keeping them under observation.</p>
	17th.		<p>The D.M.S. asked for my remarks in connection with a report rendered by the Medical Officer in Charge, 5th Auxiliary Horse Coy, A.S.C. (Cape Aux. Horse Transport) on measures being undertaken in that unit for the treatment of Trachoma cases, as recommended by Colonel Lister and Major Cunningham, Eye Specialists. I replied that the measures for prophylaxis and treatment as arranged by these two officers were, in my opinion, very satisfactory.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded for my remarks correspondence reference Mumps contacts in drafts arriving at Etaples from England. I replied that the actual contacts should be retained, but that as it was probably a matter of military expediency, the remainder of the reinforcements might be allowed to proceed, but notifications should be sent to the Medical Authorities concerned. In the circumstances it might be suggested to the War Office that only men who have been free from the disease or contact with the disease for 28 days should be sent out as reinforcements.</p>

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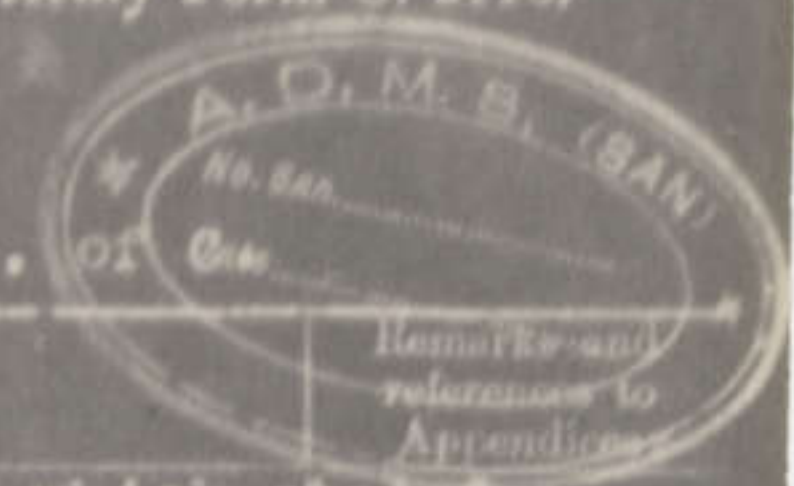
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Abbeville.	18th April.		<p>The D.M.S. forwarded for my information a minute received from the D.D.M.S. Rouen, which stated that as far as possible the garrison of that Base had been vaccinated; there are a few conscientious objectors who still refuse. Contacts of cases of smallpox had all been vaccinated and segregated, and all precautions taken to prevent the disease spreading to the reinforcements.</p> <p>THE D.M.S. forwarded a minute of the Director of Works in connection with expediting of the work of installing the Disinfecting Chamber and Bath House in Portuguese Camp at Brest. The D. of W. remarked that as he had no personnel at Brest, it would probably be necessary to make a contract for the work, which would inevitably take some time.</p>	
	19th April.		<p>I forwarded my office copies of Nephritis & Albuminuria Returns for week ending 6-4-18, to Captain McLean, 46 Stationary Hospital.</p>	
	20th April.		<p>The D.M.S. forwarded a minute of A.Q.M.G., H.Q., L. of C, reference billeting of troops at Tingry, in which G.H.Q. were asked that this area be definitely earmarked as a reserved L. of C. Area.</p> <p>I received from the D.M.S. for information, copy of a letter addressed to Quartermaster General by G.O.C., L. of C. Area, reference proposed alterations in W.A.A.C. Ration.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. (Sanitation) proceeded to Reserve Army Area on inspection duty and returned.</p>	
	21st April.		<p>The D.M.S. forwarded for my remarks, statement showing the consumption of food per 100 patients in Hospital during March. I pointed out excessive consumption of various articles noticed in officer's diets, and also remarked upon inaccuracies in the calculation of the calorie values as compared with the true energy value, stating that, under the circumstances, I doubted whether any useful result was obtained from a mere statement of calorie values, which, as calculated in the return, were often misleading. From the point of view of economy in foodstuffs, sufficient information could be obtained from the other items of the return.</p> <p>In response to a request by the D.G.M.S., I forwarded a draft for a revised edition of D.G.M.S. Circular Memorandum No: 16, "Preventive Measures against Lice".</p>	<p>AAA9</p>

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Abbeville.	21st April.	(cont'd).	I forwarded 130 Registered Packages containing Army Forms W.3110, to D.A.G., 3rd Echelon, for safe custody.	
	22nd April.		The D.G.M.S. forwarded new scales of rations for Coloured Personnel undergoing imprisonment with hard labour and asked for my remarks on same. With regard to the ration for Indians, I stated that there would be no objection to the issue of Gur being reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. when sweetened condensed milk was issued. I remarked, however, that issue of lime juice should be increased to 1/160th gallon daily in accordance with G.R.O. 3827 dated 19-4-18. The A.D.M.S. and D.A.D.M.S. (Sanitation) proceeded to Boulogne on inspection duty, the D.A.D.M.S. returning same night.	
	23rd April.		The D.M.S. forwarded the application of Captain S.O.Lodwidge, R.A.M.C, to be attached to the Sanitary Department of the R.A.M.C. This officer is classified "Fit for garrison duty only". I replied that Sanitary Areas on the L. of C. are extensive and the amount of work done great so that young and active Sanitary Officers are necessary. I considered that Captain Lodwidge's age and physical condition would render him unsuitable for work of this kind. I received from the D.M.S. for information, a minute of the A.Q.M.G., H.Q., L. of C. which stated that in view of the outbreak of Typhus in Portugal, the French Authorities had decided that no Portuguese Troops would be allowed to land at Brest until the 14 days period of segregation had elapsed. For this purpose the quarantine island of TREBERON was placed at our disposal, the French undertaking to carry out disinfection and segregation, and also treatment of any cases which might occur. To avoid delay, various articles such as Disinfectors, Tents, etc., are to be furnished by the British Authorities. The D.M.S. forwarded a request by the O.C., 15 Convalescent Depot to be supplied with the calorie values of certain items of the Field Service Ration. These I forwarded.	
	24th April.		The Adviser in Pathology forwarded for my information, extracts from the minutes of the 10th meeting of the War Office Trench Fever Committee, held on the 15th April, 1918.	

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Abbeville.	25th April.		<p>The D.M.S. asked for my opinion on a request he had received from D.D.M.S. Trouville, who asked for authority to be granted for Convalescent Depots in his Area to draw $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Flour for each patient daily in lieu of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Rice. I replied that it was desirable that Convalescent Depots should be able to draw flour in lieu of part of the rice ration, and if this could not be done without Q.M.G.'s authority I recommended that G.R.O. 2663/17 be made applicable to such Depots, adding that the bread ration was none too large and the issue of flour in lieu of rice was greatly to be preferred to its issue in lieu of bread.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. Sanitation returned from Boulogne and Calais, on completion of inspection duty.</p>
	26th April.		<p>The D.M.S. asked for my remarks on a minute received from the Sanitary Officer, Calais, in connection with the incineration of empty tins which had contained other than dry goods, as the Commandant, Calais, proposed to establish a collecting depot for the whole of his area to recover the solder from such tins. I stated that it was absolutely essential that empty food tins should be incinerated as soon as possible in order to lessen the chances of fly infection, remarking that if large accumulations cannot be avoided, arrangements should be made to store them at destructors in suitable fly-proof receptacles approved by the Specialist Sanitary Officer.</p> <p>The D.G.M.S. asked for my opinion on a draft G.R.O. giving summer scales of clothing for British and Indians Troops in France. I replied that I considered the proposed scales satisfactory, but recommended that issues of winter woollen drawers be continued up to June 15th in the case of units arriving in this country from the East or other warm climates.</p> <p>I notified the D.G.M.S. of three further cases of smallpox which had been reported to me as having occurred in England during the week ending 20th April, 1918.</p> <p>The D.M.S. asked to be informed of the calorie value of dripping. I replied that the energy value of dripping may be taken as 3600 calories per pound.</p> <p>I forwarded to D.G.M.S. my return of Infectious Diseases for the month of February, 1918.</p>

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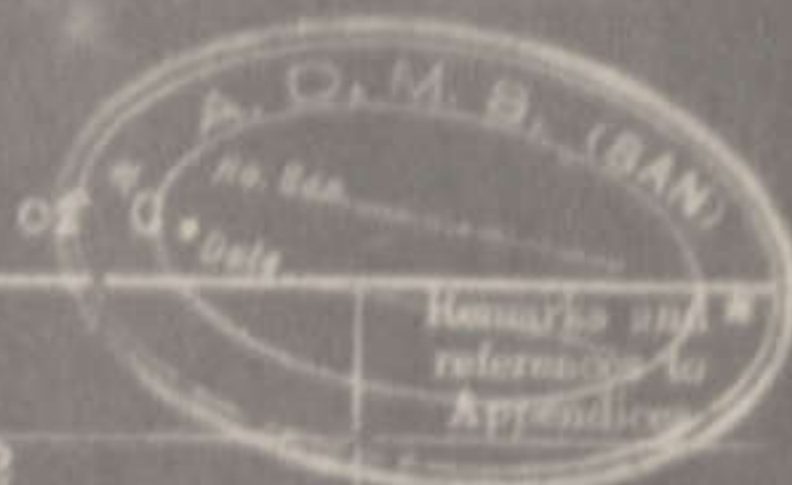
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Abbeville.	26th April. (cont'd)		I forwarded to the D.M.S. a report on an outbreak of Diarrhoea, occurring at No: 12 Convalescent Depot, which I had investigated whilst in Boulogne.	
	27th April.		<p>I forwarded my office copies of Nephritis & Albuminuria Returns for the week ending 13-4-18, to Captain McLean, 46 Stationary Hospital.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded a report by the D.D.M.S. Boulogne on the outbreak of diarrhoea at No: 12 Convalescent Depot, and asked for my remarks on same, also if I had any information concerning this outbreak. I referred him to my report on the subject which I rendered on the 26th instant.</p> <p>The D.M.S. asked for my remarks reference an application by the A.D.M.S. Marseilles for a Thresh Disinfector to be supplied to No: 16 Convalescent Depot. I replied that a Steam Disinfecting Chamber of the type laid down in D.W.2802/182/18 should be supplied; this would give a greater capacity than 1 Thresh Portable Disinfector.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. Sanitation attended a meeting of the Medical Investigation Committee held at No: 46 Stationary Hospital, and returned.</p>	
	28th April.		<p>The D.M.S. forwarded notification from A.D.M.S. Marseilles, of a case of Relapsing Fever (British) disembarked from H.M.T. "Caledonia", from Palestine. I replied that it was presumed the usual precautions already laid down would be taken by the A.D.M.S. Marseilles.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded a minute of the Director of Works reference proposed improvements in disposal of the town refuse at Dieppe. I remarked that the best solution of the difficulty of disposal of this refuse would be cart it away to a selected site where it could be sorted if necessary, and ultimately disposed of by incineration. I agreed with the D. of W. that a suitable incinerator should be constructed at once in direct arrangement with the Dieppe Town Authorities.</p> <p>I received from the D.M.S. for my remarks, a reported by the A.D.M.S. Paris Area, on his inspection of the Gun Carriage Repair Factory at Creil. In reply to (1) I recommended a steam chamber of the Poperinghe type on scale laid down in D.W. Circ.Memo.338. (2) A segregation camp was desirable and the arrangements proposed in the report should suffice. (3) A certain amount of Sanitary Inspection will be necessary; this can be arranged from</p>	ARR 12

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Abbeville.	28th April.	(cont'd).	The D.G.M.S. forwarded War Office letters relative to alterations in War Establishments of a Water Tank (M.T) Company, and asked for my remarks on same. In my reply I stated that it was presumed that in addition to the six 3 ton lorries, referred to in War Office letters for the M.T. portion of the Company, six 30 cwt. lorries would be supplied for the 3 R.A.M.C. Sections for the carriage of chemicals and canvas dams for preliminary sedimentation. It has recently been found necessary to add these canvas dams as an essential part of the equipment for preliminary clarification before treatment in the sterilising lorries.	
	29th April.		<p>The D.M.S. forwarded for my information copy of a report on Medical occurrences at Marseilles Base for the week ending 20-4-18.</p> <p>I received from the D.M.S. copy of a telegram which notified that 2 Battalions belonging to the 52nd Division had been ordered to remain isolated until 3rd May on account of cases of Scarlet Fever having occurred. In my reply I stated that I had inspected this Division and Area on the 27th instant, and recommended the necessary isolation.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded for my remarks, an application by the D.D.M.S. Boulogne, for an additional Sanitary Officer. I remarked that owing to the increased size of the area, and the number of troops both stationed in and passing through, I considered the services of another Sanitary Officer for Boulogne very desirable.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded a proposal submitted by Col. Lister, Ophthalmic Specialist, with reference to returns being rendered on printed cards by Medical Officers in charge of Trachoma Coys. The D.M.S. stated that additional returns were not desired and asked for my opinion. In reply I stated that as the preventive measures appeared to be working satisfactorily, I thought it would suffice if any untoward condition or increase of Trachoma were brought to the notice of Col. Lister by the Medical Officers concerned.</p> <p>I addressed a minute to the D.M.S. First Army, remarking that, in view of the fact that 2 cases of Relapsing Fever had occurred at Marseilles amongst units of the 52nd Division, I recommended that every effort be made as far as possible to disinfect the units concerned.</p> <p>I forwarded a minute to the D.G.M.S. wherein I stated that I was anxious to ascertain exactly the position in regard to Trachoma amongst Native Labourers, more particularly the results obtained from preventive measures instituted since the arrival of these Natives in France, and asked if Col. Lister might be requested to furnish a report on this subject since preventive measures on such an extensive scale have not hitherto been undertaken or recorded.</p>	R.R.13

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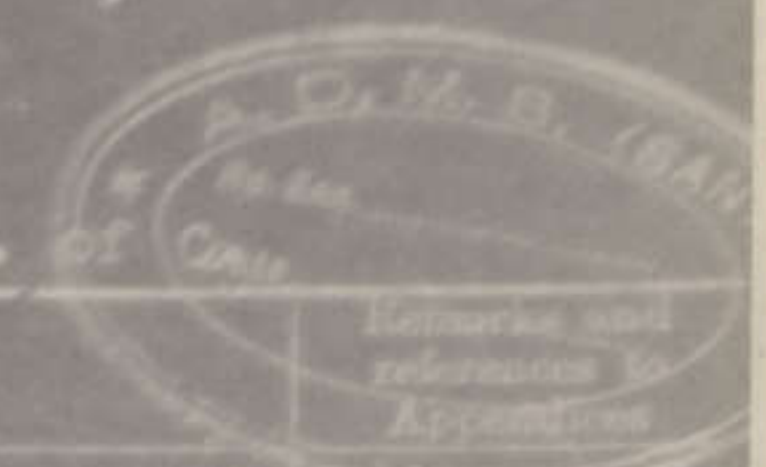
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Abbeville.	30th	April.	<p>The D.G.M.S. forwarded copy of a report by the S.M.O., Indian Labour Corps, on his inspection of the Indian Labour Camps at Nancy, and asked for my remarks especially concerning latrine accommodation and the health of the 32nd (Bihar) Labour Company referred to in the report. I replied that the arrangements in general appeared to be satisfactory with the exception of excreta disposal which left much to be desired. This matter, however, has been taken up by the A.A.G., H.Q., L. of C. Area, and Commandant, Paris Area had been asked to take the necessary action. In regard to the health of the men of the 31st and 32nd Bihar Companies, I stated that natives of poor physique are generally unfitted for winter work in the northern part of France, and pointed out that it had been found necessary, in the case of the B.W.I. and Fijians, to remove them to the warmer climate in the south. The S.M.O., Indian Labour Corps would probably be able to furnish further details in regard to the disabilities which he states makes the Bihar Companies unfitted for winter work in France.</p> <p>Major Emerson, M.R.C., U.S. Army, applied through the D.M.S. L. of C, to be supplied with case incidence and death rate of Pneumonia in the B.E.F. for the months of January, February and March, 1918. I forwarded the figures for January and February, but remarked that those for March were not yet completed.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded further correspondence reference measures being taken in connection with the outbreak of diarrhoea at 12 Convalescent Depot for my information.</p> <p>The D.M.S. forwarded a report submitted by the A.D.M.S. Paris Area, on the Hospital arrangements, etc., at COURBAN (Nancy Area) and asked for my recommendations as regards disinfecting and disinfecting apparatus. For disinfection, I recommended a Chamber Disinfector of the Poperinghe pattern be erected in conjunction with the bathing establishment, and for disinfecting purposes, a field portable box disinfector and 2 Mackenzie Sprays were recommended.</p>	<p>ARR 14</p>

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Abbeville.	30th April. (cont'd).		<p>I forwarded a minute to the D.M.S. L. of C, wherein I stated that, with reference to the cases of Relapsing Fever reported in 52nd Division arriving at Marseilles from the East, I presumed that all practicable precautions were being adopted at the Port of Entry to prevent the introduction of this disease, remarking that conditions were favorable to the spread of Relapsing Fever and that every possible measure should be undertaken to prevent risk of its dissemination.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 100px; text-align: center;"> <p>A.D.M.S. (SAN) H.Q., L. of C. 23rd May, 1918.</p> </div> <div style="margin: 10px auto; text-align: right;"> <p><i>J. H. Hamill Capt</i> <i>D.A.D.M.S. (San)</i> for Colonel A.D.M.S. Sanitation.</p> </div>	<p>PP 16</p>