

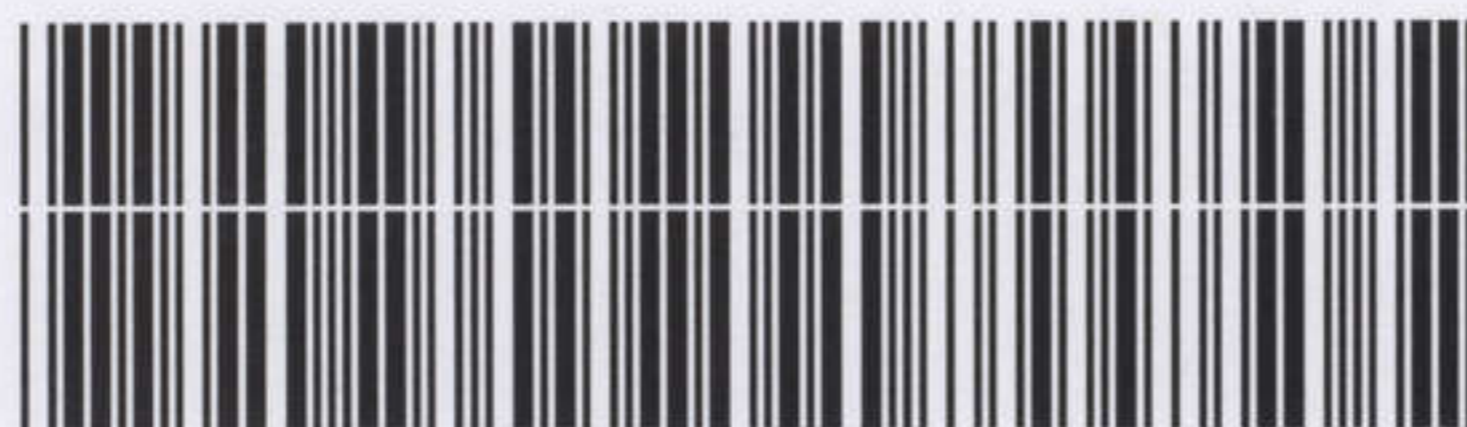
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	<u>1916</u>			
HAYRE	May 1 st		<p>Inspected No 9 Stationary Hospital. Great improvement - Disposal of kitchen water appears now to be quite satisfactory - Concrete paths have been put down & water channels completed - Inspected Dore Camps and manure dumping parcel I advised that more effort should be made to prevent egg laying - also to burn as much as possible. This dump is about 1/4 mile away from Camp & that be fairly safe. Left Hayre at 1-45 pm & arrived Abbeville 6-15 pm -</p> <p>Letter from A.D.M.S. 3 Cav Div. asking for information as to treatment of manure dumps in farms</p>	<p>Fine to Thunder & Rain Warm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C</p>
ABBEVILLE	May 2 nd		<p>Recommended a Clayton apparatus M4 petrol driven for Marseille, as I do not consider the arrangements for disinfection there are adequate, considering the liability for the occurrence of infectious disease transmitted by lice - Recd that 25,000 sets of doses of fresh cholera vaccine be stored at each B. D. M. Stores, as advised by Advisor in Pathology, in answer to Query by Sdy. M. S.</p> <p>Quarterly return of infectious diseases made out. Sent in a report on German Prisoners Camp at Rouen. Sent in a memorandum of the Tuberculosis rate for the quarter ended March 1916. The rate (annual) does not exceed at present, all forms 105.2. Pulmonary 94.4, other forms 10.8. Compares favourably with rates of admission for Army at Home & abroad in Peace (1912).</p>	<p>Warm Rain -</p> <p>[372/3/16]</p> <p>[495/16]</p> <p>[452/3/16]</p>

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ABBEVILLE	May 3.		1 Case of dysentery, proved by bacteriological examination to be Bacillary, notified. Pte Allison 3. N.Z.R. Brigade. 12 Cas. Cl. Station. Adv. asks when report on arsenic elimination method in water carts will be ready -	None
do	May 4.		Write Major Medham that I had recommended a Clayton apparatus for Marsville & explained the best method of working it. Correspondence re Poison testing lens for W.O. Recd two portable dehydrators for the Australian Hospital at Rouen, they only have one at present.	
			Col. Liddell by HQ army me up to say that it was proposed to try 200 gallon tanks on 4 S. weapons for water, in place of water carts for new demand. These were to be fitted with Clayton apparatus at Ordnance factories at Abbeville & the Q.M.G. visited me to see Colonel Paul & see what we could do in way of fitting Herreshoff's cylinders.	None Warm
do	May 5.		Sent in Report on Capt Murray's method of removing arsenic from water by means of water cart chemicals. The method was tried at D. H. Lab. & it was found that the cloth filter would not retain the p.p. of aluminium arsenate. With 6 grain per gallon, 1.4 was found to have passed in the filtrate. The main difficulty appears to be in securing efficient flocculation. The daily cases give 1 case Recurrent fever and 4 typhoids, 1 at Etaples & 3 at Marsville. Arranged to consult Col Paul & Capt Murray A.D.D. on the tank water carts. But lost branch A.D.D. & arranged to place one cylinder on the lumber cart carrying 100 gallon water tank and two	D. G. M. S. CR

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Alberville	May 5 th		<p>cylinders on the G. S. Wagon carrying a 200 gallon tank. The pump was replaced which completed the tank in 15 minutes is to remain for clear water pumping - Plans + a trial arrangement ^{at DIEPPE} arranged. Captain Dundas reports 16 cases of diarrhoea at No 5 Naticman Hospital among the Staff + thinks it is due to solder from a disc in which cabbage was boiled. I asked him to investigate more fully the possibility of food poisoning from other sources, also to send suspected disc + specimen of water in which the cabbage was boiled to the B. H. Lab for examination + report. Dons R. of E notified me that Railhead + grade now come under his administration by order of Dq. M. S. A Clayton Machine has been sanctioned for Marseille, on my recommendation.</p>	May 5 th comm. shell.
3 rd Army	May 6 th		<p>Visited St Pol with Col. Sir W. B. Ludman, saw Dons also Col. Brewer 46th Div. who told me that the men in his area who had been in bad trenches for some time were suffering from superficial sores on the legs + body following lice bites. Red ointment of formalin, Hyocin + vasiline + lanolin. These Dons re cases of albuminuria being returned ^{with} as nephritis for Army areas, who never appeared on returns for R. of E Hospital. He said there were cases of simple albuminuria from returning Naticman, who returned to duty + that in future cases wd be notified from the C. C. S. only. Inspected No 12 Naticman Hospital which has taken over the new French built Hospital. The built buildings are well constructed.</p>	C W.

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3 rd Army	May 6 th		<p>N. C. system of drainage with a contact bed, which had not been completed. Electric Light throughout. Excellent spray & other baths. Hospital can take 320 patients inside & 20 Officers. To expand to 1000 in an emergency. No exchange apparatus for Doullens, Stewart & Lt Pol. One in use, which for the AGM G. Army. Visited LIGNEREUIL and inspected No 43 Field Ambulance. This unit installed in a chateau. Sanitation satisfactory. Water chlorinated. Patients chiefly, poison measles, 2 cases mumps & a few paratyphoids. Did not appear to be very comfortable. A bacteriological laboratory was attached. Inspected the water carts. Visited DOULLENS and inspected No 9 Mobile Hygiene Laboratory. Capt. Fulton is doing excellent work, water & food analysis chiefly. He said he had all he required in way of apparatus & chemicals. He is making a water map for me, of the Army area. Returned Abbeville 7.30 pm.</p>	Fine Cooler.
ABBEVILLE	May 7 th		<p>Dons Lt C asked me to name 3 Officers for Sanitary duty at Hamel, Coliers & Boulogne to replace Sanitary Officer about to be appointed to Arras. Spoke Col Liddell about new water tanks on G. S. Wagons. He agreed that what we had agreed to do was practicable & said he would inspect the work when the trial Wagons were fitted with the cylinders. Correspondence re drainage of Beaumonts Camp. Since becomes water-logged in heavy rain so that urine & bullock water cannot be disposed of by soakage pits. System of raising by pumping & drainage to sea necessary, or Vidange which is not very desirable. Recommended to D. G. S. That Clayton Apparatus should be sanctioned for use in Army Corps.</p>	<p>CF <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">422/9/16.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">484/16</div> </p>

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ABBEVILLE	MAY 8 th		<p>Under instructions from D. G. I forwarded a ten-pound sample tin of the new Oxford powder, for trial in the 2nd Army. Sgt Major Murchhead left to inspect Railheads of 1st + 2nd Army Areas.</p> <p>Another case of Recurrent fever, among the 4 suspects, has now been reported as deadwood. Two cases typhus remaining - at MARSEILLE. - D.M.S 1st Army forwarded M^{rs}. D. G. description of a clarifying cylinder placed on a wooden stand, making use of 4 spars from renovated water carts. Useful for trenches + units without land. I pointed out method was applied in the case of the Honoch's portable clarifier + that I did not recommend any quantity being made, as we would probably require all the cylinders we could get, to fit up the G. S. wagon + lumber cart, water tanks. Barge A176 is on its way to SAILLY LE SEC. on the SOMME</p> <p>Sir John Ross Bradford tells me that a sporochete has been found in a case of Calanthal jambeu at Le report, similar to the Japanese variety.</p>	Rain Cold.
do	May 9 th		<p>Sanitary Progress report for week ending 6.5.16 for L. G. C. all satisfactory - Preparations for the suppression of flies are now being made. Inquiries returned for Jan Feb + March have now been raised owing to many changes in diagnosis etc. About 500 cases a month.</p>	Rain Cold.
do	May 10 th		<p>went to see Col. Murchhead at 1st Echelon. Inspected some trays intended for use with Solution C. These are No 7 + 2 + recommended that 50 of each should be sent to 1st Army for trial. Discussed questions on Sanitation. Rat killers. Larder disinfectants. Inspected latter should be inspected before being sent up to armies.</p>	Cold.

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do	May 11		<p>Dons R. G. asks for suitable successors, as Sanitary Officer to Major Inyadale, Berloque, Major Lewis, Havre & Capt. Parkinson, Calais. I inspected Berloque - Captain M. Ferguson, Havre - Lieut. Lewis, Calais - Captain Dundas to be relieved by Lieut. Neeshelme for Itaples. Col. Morgan says much to say Sanitary Officer for armies had been arranged. Col. Baines was coming out from Home for one Army. Dons 1st Army asks for directions & precautions necessary for every selection & I sent him instructions in accordance with directions given by Graham Smith & Col. Kerle. Cases of typhus reported from armies for week ending May 7th considerably less. Colonel USMAR, D.C. S.A.F. Am. informed ^{me} with reference to the 2 cases of TYPHUS in the 4th S.A. Infantry, that the regiment was at SOLLUM on the Egyptian western front; two days before they left for SIDI-BISHR two Germans died of TYPHUS. A man named Simpson was left at Alexandria supposed to be suffering from TYPHOID fever. This man was a bedfellow of the man Donaldson who was the 2nd case of TYPHUS, diagnosed at MARSEILLE. He said the Regiment had not been freed from lice before embarkation for France.</p>	<p>See C. 6</p>
do St Owen 4 th Army	May 12.		<p>Visited St Owen 4th Army & inspected the 2 Sections of the W.T. Company (MT) A.C. They were not working yet. Lieut. Hyman informed me that it was proposed to fit 150 3 ton lorries with 600 gallon tanks for carriage of water & that these would be attached to the Sections. Inspected No 39 C.C. Station. A tented postern was being put up for infectious diseases, 100 cases, in a field near the Hospital which was established in a school.</p>	<p>See C. 6</p>

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Albionville	May 12		<p>Received letter Mr. J. G. C. Hutton, that I was appointed permanent delegate for the Allied Sanitary Commission but was to communicate with Col. MacLellan of the B. C. I. in Paris -</p> <p>Col. Bantockwell asked me to make out a diet for adults & children for trench inhabitants of towns likely to be taken over from the enemy - Received letter from Prof Santoliquido asking for name of delegate for the permanent Committee.</p>	
do.	May 13		<p>Received information of another case of <u>recurrent fever</u> from Etaples 4/c Felton New Zealand A. C. diagnosed 11.5.16. transferred to Isolation Hospital from 26 General. 3 cases in hospital to date. 2 at Marseille Col. & 1 Etaples. Another case <u>Relapsing fever</u> reported from Australian hospital at Rouen. <u>Now 4 cases in all rain.</u></p> <p>Note to Le Professeur Santoliquido in answer to his letter asking who was appointed permanent delegate for front countries, telling him I was appointed by W. O. - Answered letter from Sir Herbert Kinniburgh, re the method of returning nephritis cases - Correspondence re vidange carts for Etaples. Ordnance can only supply water carts holding 120 gallons, fitted as truck.</p> <p>Note to Col. MacLellan B. C. I. Paris telling him I had been appointed permanent delegate of Allied Forces Sanitary Commission, as directed by D. G. M. S. Letter from Col. Henocho re electric machines & other disinfectors 5 Foden disinfectors have arrived at HEBDIN. Met by Gen of Australian forces. He said reason why Australians had so many cases of mumps, was because they were none of them immune -</p>	<p>See</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C 7</p>

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Alberville	May 14		<p>went to Montreuil & attended committee with Col. Moutchall on food supply for Cambrai wheatlands of farms in France & Belgium when taken over from the enemy. The supply was to be for 7-10 days + no fresh meat, bread, bacon or potatoes wd be available. for collect. French intended food-up a ration which was wanting in fat & sugar. Ration requested for consideration of committee which meets on Tuesday next:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Flour</td> <td>350</td> <td>grammes.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preserved meat</td> <td>160</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sugar</td> <td>28</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Condensed milk</td> <td>32</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rice</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margarine or lard</td> <td>28</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pears, beans or lentils</td> <td>28</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salt</td> <td>14</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coffee</td> <td>14</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Calories</td> <td>2438</td> </tr> </table> <p>The ration includes children & it is presumed males between 17-45 have been eliminated from the population. The army supplies would be available for the 1st 3 days - 12 trucks wd be required daily for transport</p> <p>went to HESDIN & saw general Macpherson. The Clayton machines for Corps have been recommended. Report on C. Selection, undisturbed for 1st Army but in favour of the whole. I'dly asked them to report on Selection selected 20 times.</p>	Flour	350	grammes.	Preserved meat	160		Sugar	28		Condensed milk	32		Rice	30		Margarine or lard	28		Pears, beans or lentils	28		Salt	14		Coffee	14		Calories		2438	<p>Line Cold.</p>
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ABBEVILLE	MAY 15.		<p>Another case of relapsing fever notified from Claples. The letter NZAS C. NZ Division. There are now 3 cases in 29th Div. & 7 in all notified. Rang up for Macpherson & reported & asked him to have extra food sent to disinfect elements. He is bringing 3 this morning for 4th Army & in direction of 4th Army to turn them on to the 29th Div temporarily. He asked for a recommendation for forwarding to Commander 4th Army that the 2 affected Regiments, the K.O.S.B. & Lane Regs. should be kept out of trenches until 14 days had elapsed after they & their surroundings had been thoroughly disinfected. Sir W. L. & myself sent in a joint recommendation. Directed attention to the fact that many of the mess tents & some camp kettles had an excess of solder. In one case at DIEPPE 1/3 pint per gallon was found in water in which caldys had been covered in a camp kettle. 15 men at the time suffered from diarrhoea, but I hardly think there was any direct connection. The D.Dy asked me to write a letter permitting their exit & ask for an inspection, which I have done. Sir W. Lushman & myself have made out a recommendation that on a case of infection disease being diagnosed at a hospital on the L of E, it should be notified direct to D.Dy M. as well as D.M. L of E, in order that prompt measures may be taken by unit concerned, when they are notified by D.Dy - Another case of Recurrent fever notified from 14 Stationary Brigade 3 cases in all. 3 in last 24 hours.</p>	<p>Rain Cold C 9</p>

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ROOBYVILLE	MAY 15	A.M.	<p>A case of typhus fever was notified from Marseille from HM Transport 'SAXONIA' from Egypt. 3 Battalions on board and 55 other officers. Lieut General Davis, a Japanese Captain & King's Messenger. ADM's message would be held & reported & reports & disinfectant used. Notified Egypt. Asked what measures to be adopted with regard to other officers. He said that Battalions & officers & messengers were to be quarantined for 14 days after all personal cleansing & disinfection carried out. Presumably other officers had not been in contact, all their effects to be disinfected & allowed to proceed to destination. Medical authorities at destination to be informed. French authorities to be asked for Clayton apparatus to disinfect troops. They were at Marseille.</p>	<p>File [DMS Wire M.P. 36]</p>
do	May 16		<p>Sent in more recommendations with regard to infectious disease from Egypt - See reports - Reported D.G. measures taken. D.G. approves of my going to Marseille tomorrow to inquire into methods of disinfection - I learn the French Port Authority at Marseille has 4 Clayton disinfectors for ships. Went to Douloire to 14 Stationary Hospital, 13 Stationary Hospital & Laboratory. Captain Wolf informed me that several valuable horses had died suddenly & he was asked to examine samples of oats. He had specimens of beans on which he asked my opinion. They had been mixed with the oats. They appeared to me to be Curculionid beetles. One case of relapsing fever at 14 Stationary. Prof. Drepe showed a bacillus which he had recovered from blood, urine & stools in some cases of nephritis. This did not ferment mannitol or lactose but curdled milk. Growth appeared to be like paratyphoid.</p>	<p>[394/16. 394/3/16 394/3/16]</p>

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Alberville	May	17	<p>Another case relapsing fever at Rouen. Pt Meluam N. Z. Dis. This makes the 9th up to date.</p> <p>Col. Darroft informs me D.G.C. has given sanction for any disinfecting apparatus we require at Marseille.</p> <p>Major Lyndale phoned last night 2 officer typhus contacts had arrived ^{at Boulogne} from Paris, with certificate that their kit had been disinfected & the officers were lice free. ADMs & MOH of district notified. Said they were to be allowed to proceed. These 2 officers had escaped fr Marseille.</p>	Duel fine.
Paris	do.		<p>Left Alberville 2.17 pm for Paris en route to Marseille. Arrived Paris 5.20 pm. Saw Mr. Clayton P.M. Mr. Morier the room has only 1 M. Clayton in stock. Left Paris 8.15 PM. arrived</p>	
Marseille	18 th		<p>MARSEILLE 9.15 AM. Met by Major Bateman. Reported to ADM Col. Hickson. Heard all that was being done with reference to infectious cases coming from the East. A ship the STATION had just arrived with some cases of measles & diphtheria cases on board. 1337 Australian troops, also 2 cases mumps & a man with a temp of 102 & a peculiar mottled, punctate, papular rash. Papules showed suppuration. Not diagnosed. I went with Capt. Ingleton and Major Medham S.S.O. to inspect the ship. Transport embarked troops 11 May. Sailed 12th, arrived Marseille late on evening of 17th. Carried details Australian reinforcements for 6th Brigade. Sick on board included measles mumps. Arranged routine disinfection of transport & inspection of Post Med office assisted by Lt & men fr San. Squad. Saw ANLO who promised facilities. After disembarkation of troops. P.M.O. to be notified. Ship then moves into harbor.</p>	C 11

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			<p>Clayton Daze apparatus for & comes along with blankets bedding etc to be exposed & stored by means of P.M.O. - SO₂ gas pumped in for 4 hours, left for 5 hours, + 2 hours for removal. No work allowed to leave morning, until certificate from P.M.O. to N.T.O. is handed in, after which time disinfection has been carried out.</p> <p>went to MUVSSO Camp. Inspected Isolation hospital - Camp consists of 3 parts. Depot 2nd Australian for hospital tent isolation hospital - Depot divided in 2 Camps No 1 + No 2. We saw in infectious hospital, 2 cases of typhus fever are announced, the other part tents kept. Also cases removed from Section in the morning, including unchaperoned case. (Forister Pt. D. A.C.)</p> <p>Inspected Camp No 1 - 500 Australians aggregated tents for 12,000 more. The men from the Section were marching in for tent separation - Inspected disinfecter - 120 blankets supposed to be disinfected in 45 minutes. Red Camp to be divided into 2 sections, one for untreated men for hospitals + 2 for men who have been cleansed. Red mess bath, 40 beds, Sanyo stoves for hot water. Will accommodate 2000 men. Russian bath for hospital completed ready for use. Saw Commandant Col. Finney - Advised purchase of Clayton Apparatus M 4. Commandant stated he could provide tented accommodation & disinfection machinery facilities for 49,000 at present or for 19,000 with a little notice.</p>	<p>C 12</p>

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MARSEILLE	May 19		Saw case of suspicious rash from Section - Now undoubtedly typhoid here. Whole of the troops re-vaccinated & segregated at MOUSSO Camp. Two ships have since arrived with Naval Brigade free from infectious disease. Inspected La Valentine Camp. The D.C. was broad made excellent arrangements for washing & disinfecting the men segregated for typhoid. I suggested that the Municipal disinfectors should be taken into use to assist. This has now been done - Inspected Carcassonne Camp. This Camp is capable of accommodating 2000 men.	
do	May 20		Inspected Municipal disinfecting Station. 2 junior Henschel. 3/4 Company kits can be dealt with in 45 minutes. Kits were killed in the process. Saw A.H.G. with reference to framing orders for Segregation & release for Segregation - Inspected Camps with D.A.M.S. All camps in excellent sanitary condition. Many flies about, but measures taken for their suppression -	
do	MAY 21		Received wire for Dms L of C. to the French Honours in Paris. Commandant agreed to have camps made ready for Segregation. Inspected transport Minnow who being disinfected by Clayton process. 34 kilob. m. of gas = 3.4 per cent used. Process well carried out & ships well sealed.	
Paris	22 nd		Left Marseille at 6.50 pm. Arrived Paris 8 AM. Proceeded to French Minnow & saw Capt Ballero who says up led Germany prison at the 3 destruction points to the French.	

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Paris	May 22 nd		<p>Col Hemmy wants us to find a man to teach them how to work the Newall destructors. He said he was finding a man to show them how to build it. I saw Capt Frege at Rue Bouvard who had the plans, but wanted a man to go to Frejus in the S of France to erect the Newalls. I suggested one should be let up in Paris & when completed we might send a man to show them how to incriminate secrets. He agreed to this & was applying to the Minister of War for permission - Called at office of B.C. 1, 332, Boulevard St-Jermain. Col Maclover has gone Home - Lt Col Brykham has succeeded him. Lt Brykham said they had had no information from the W.O. that I was appointed delegate & asked for a copy of the correspondence. He said he would either act the information I desired & transmit it & that I could circulate it as I thought fit. Went to Office International D'Hygiene Publique & saw the Director & Prof. Louis Biquard. They are calling a meeting of delegates on Saturday next & asked for me to be present.</p>	
Alberville	do		<p>Left Paris 12.35pm arrived Alberville 4.30pm. Answered a lot of correspondence in office. Liqueur extract of squill arrived from England. wrote Lt Col. for instructions. Lt Col. asked me to be present at head of troops for selection. 1st Army. Phoned Capt. Hemmy, who asked me to come to AIRC next Thursday - Circular memorandum ^{No 9} sent for amendment & suggestion to Advisor in Pathology & address Panulation for Lt Col.</p>	<p>Find wants C 14</p>

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Alberville	May 23 rd		Dy asks for amount of acrim, castor oil + honey likely to be required for Bards for use as temper-foot according to my recommendation. Interim report on Marseille. Col. Reichman left for England on leave.	None
do	" 24 th		Change of office to new building. Lt. Major Birchhead inspecting railheads.	None
1 st Army	" 25		Sent in Report on Marseille to Dms. R of C. Went to air + saw Dms 1 st Army + tried 2 vaccines + sprays - Selected one + announced memo to Dy. No 7 bottles. 2000 per each army -	Dill
La Gapele	8.30 AM		Went to La Gapele + inspected 30 th Div. Col. Morgan B.D.M. Inspected troops very poor from venereal liss that 3 per cent affected. Inspected 122 F. Ambulance - Inspected Railhead at Huesdin. Saw R.F. Officer who showed me an excellent underground memorial + a new pattern portable hut. Reported to Dy. at HESDIN. Returned Alberville 7 pm - Dms 2 nd Army asks for Penicillin for 2 nd Army. Told him to apply G.M.H. by H.G. Dy phoned me re request for Debatel to know whether we wanted fly-bait + what were our requirements. I said we wanted no more of these preparations for treat. far too many faults.	Rain -
do	May 26 th		Mail re above received + answered. Left for Paris at 2-30 to attend meeting of Gen Congress. Arrived Paris 5.20 pm. Reported to A.P.M. Saw Col. Biggam at B.C.1 + gave him copies of correspondence re my appointment as permanent delegate. Arranged with him the nature + scope of subjects which would be of interest to Congress. Col. W. said he thought he could give me much information concerning infectious disease, both among armies and civil populations. Also on questions of diet etc -	G 15

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Paris	May 27		<p>Meeting of the Commission Sanitaire des Pays Allies at 10 AM. Office Internationale d'Hygiene Publique Present - President Prof Scutoleguado. Col. Simonin. Dr. Potvin, Prof Jan, Col Petrovitch, Prof Chantemire, Col Maistrain, Lieut Col Duriope. & 3 Secretaries.</p> <p>It was arranged that there would be a monthly meeting on the last Saturday of each month and each delegate will write to the Bureau on the 10th & 20th of each month giving any information on subjects of interest which have occurred in their several armies. Dr. Potvin thought that there should be collected a short summary made by the Secretary for transmission to each delegate. All to be strictly confidential -</p> <p>Col. Simonin informed meeting of a sort of epidemic of enteritis in Argonne where the B. typhosa & B. Para B. had been found. Cause polluted water - Preserved meat & vegetables were also thought responsible for it. A whole French Division had been incriminated for some time. Mortality very low however.</p> <p>He also said that Belgians were deserting to the French Army & they could be employed as agricultural labourers in France. It was a question what precautions should be taken & whether they should be inoculated against cholera & typhoid. These men would be concentrated at Metylens & Lemmes & an inspection would have to be made on arrival at Marseille. Dr. Potvin said the Germans had established a 'Lazaret' at Ploppa where everybody coming from Ploppa were to be freed from lice. The Kaiser himself had to stay there!</p> <p>Col. Simonin said a case of typhus fever occurred at Marseille lately in an officer in one of the Hotels. After inquiries lice were found in his bed.</p>	<p>Ann.</p> <p>C 16</p>

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Alberville	May 27		returned Alberville 4.30 pm. Dly. telephoned me that French Division had notified cases of Entene fever at LUMBRES. Railhead 2 nd Cav div & that the village was in an unsanitary condition. He asked me to go tomorrow & investigate. Under instructions Dly. sent off case of Extract of Sguill to 38 th Division 1 st Army for trial. Dly. asks my opinion as to use of cans as water carriers for trenches, in case of an advance to carry water from water carts to trenches, when petrol tins cannot be obtained. They will be carried on water carts when not in use. Capacity 3+ gallons, 10000 Gals per Division will be required at a cost of 5000 francs.	Fine
do	May 28		Under instructions for Dly. proceeded to WAVRENS & LUMBRES to investigate a report from main of the former place that Entene fever was spreading among civil community & a complaint that the condition of the village was unsanitary, owing to the troops. I interviewed the main who said he had no complaints other than that a collection of manure was not removed in one billet. I found on inspection, a number of manure heaps not dealt with. The O.C 16 th Lancos said he was removing the daily accumulations but had neither hands or carts to remove the accumulations. There had been 5 cases of typhoid fever in the village, but no cases at Present also none at LUMBRES. Troops very healthy. Had in report to Dly on my return. Dly asks for pamphlet in French for Mayors of villages re the destruction & collection of manure & the danger of fly infection.	C17 533/2/16 528/16

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Alberville	May 29.		<p>Centin report re Canvas water carriers to Dely. A case of leprosy reported in a British soldier from Hararouck, now at Elaples. Case diagnosed by Sir J. R. Bradford & Sir Hampton Fowler. I have asked Captain Peniston to check the case tomorrow. A number of cases of penatyphoid are occurring in one company 4th Lincoln 3rd Army ADoms San for the Army investigating. He says there are a number of cases of that fever in the 46th Div. which came from Egypt, like French fever - Rang up Gen Liddle reference request from 12th & 2nd Army for water purifying Plant -</p> <p>Capt Smith 1/c No 3 Section No 1 Army water Column reported to me. His unit has arrived at the water. 150 gallon tanks now being fitted with pumps & zinc here.</p>	<p>Fine Warm</p>
	May 30 th		<p>Proceeded on leave to England. Reported at W.O. on arrival -</p>	<p>C 18</p>

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