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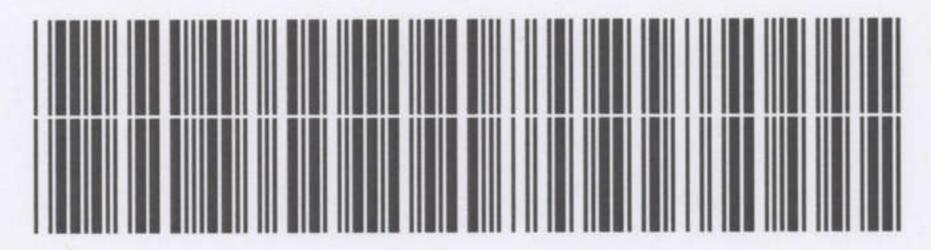
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MONTHLY SANITARY REPORT.

By A.D.M.S. 1st. Australian Division.

PHYSIQUE. Marked improvement during the month. All R.M.O's report that the troops are very fit and in excellent spirits, and that their physical condition has benefitted very markedly during this period of training.

New drafts from Base are of good physique and condition of inoculation among them is satisfactory.

BILLETS & CAMPS. The Division has occupied billets for the past month in the towns of RIBEMONT, BUIRE, DERNANCOURT and adjoining towns. As a whole the sanitary condition of these towns has improved since winter and much work is still being done. DERNANCOURT is and always has been the dirtiest town in the area - mainly on account of its low lying position and the difficulty of drainage. Throughout this town new latrines and urinals have been constructed; a town incinerator is in course of construction and unit incinerators have disposed of much accumulated refuse. A town manure dump has been formed but up to the present the greater bulk of horse line refuse has been carted on to the surrounding cultivated fields. Throughout the district this has been the means of disposal of the greater part of horse manure but in BEHENCOURT, RIBEMONT and BUIRE town dumps have also been formed. Assistabce has been pendered the civil population in cleaning out middens and several of the worst accumulations in RIBEMONT have been disposed of by these means. Billeting accomodation in RIBEMONT is severely taxed when occupied as at present by an Unfantry Brigade up to strength but owing to the warm meather many men sleep out of doors.

Efforts have been made to reduce the degree of lice infestation in these long occupied billets by thoroughly cleansing and disposal of the accumulated straw and dust of the winter,

with a very fair degree of success.

CLOTHING. Is too heavy and unsuitable for hot weather.

FOOD AND COOKING. Supply of vegetable is still very meagre but units supplement the ration to a great extent from Reg. funds and the individual soldier purchases fruit on every possible occasion. The proportion of fresh meat on issue lately has decreased very much - to approximately one third issue. The issue of bread remains satisfactory. The question of cooking has received careful attention during this period out of the line.

WATER VSUPPLY. Chlorination is carried out by Reg. Water Buty men and is satisfactory.

CONSERVANCY. Deep pit latrines with fly proof seats. The latter are being continually replaced by Reg. San. Squads. Night urine tubs or urinals in close proximity to billets are in general use.

BATHS.

Bathing parades have been held several times weekly by units in positions accessible to swimming pools. Elsewhere bathing facilities are provided and have been fully availed of. All men have been bathed at least once weekly.

LAUNDRY. System at present in vogue is the washing of clothes at Base and exchange of dirty and clean at Divl. Ordnance. Complaints are continually being received that clothes on issue as received from Base Laundry are dirty and very badly infected with lice ova. Samples unfit for wear have been seen.

Buse by Foden Lorry Disinfector. Blankets are also put through this. machine regularly and the ironong and brushing of outer garments is becoming more widely adopted. Many units are doing the bulk of their own washing.

HEALTH OF TROOPS. There is remarkably little sickness in the Division except a febrile disease, apparently of low infectivity closely resembling Trench Fever. This first made its appearance at the end of March among units billeted in DERNAHCOURT. It spread at that time through most of the Division though not of a severe type, then almost disappeared. This month there has been some recrudescence though not approaching the numbers criginally affected. Association with lice infestivity is hard to reconcile as the men are probably as free from vermin now as they have been at any time during the last twelve months. The insidence of Scabies has markedly decreased.

D.H.Q. June 30th, 1917.

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