

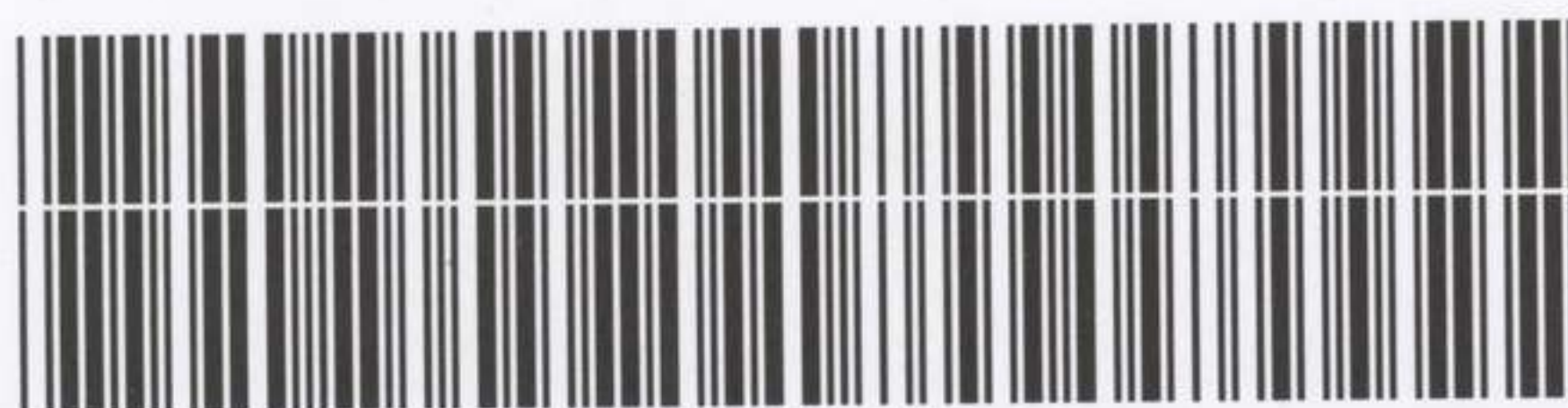
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RICHON	1		To D.H.Q. re lectures on Hygiene & Sanitation	
		1400	Ready for G.O.C. Des Corps inspection. Stood to 1400-1700, then	B
		1700	cancelled.	
		2	1000 G.O.C. Anzac Mounted Division inspected unit. - Report.	B
			Good	
		3.	Visit from ^{Field} Asst Pay Master, Bis Salem, re missing acquittance rolls	B
			Thresh disinfectors visited at Ludd.	
		4	One transport saddle stolen at during night probably by Bedouins	B
		A.P.M. Anzacs notified. Work on 'History'.		
	5.	TAB inoculation: began regular inspection of all meals.	B	
		Visited D.H.Q. Ordnance & R. Eng.		
		1.15 Began course of Tropical Parasitology etc. Capt Bahr D.S.O.		
		1/5 No 2 Military Laboratory, Ludd.		

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Ruchon	6		Very windy & dusty, official photographer's visit postponed.	#
		1315	to Laboratory, Ludd.	
		1700	Heavy thunderstorm & Rain.	
	7			
		13-15	To Lab. Ludd. very heavy rain.	#
	8.		No laboratory visit. sunny in afternoon.	#
	9	1100	Official Photographer 1100.	#
		1315	To Lab. Ludd. (Dysentery stools & M.T.'s)	
	10			
		1315	to Lab. Ludd	
			Roll call 2115. all men in lines.	#

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RICHON	11		2 nd B.H.Q. re permanent sanitary detail. Inspected across to & including Terafend el Harab.	
		1315	Mil. Lab. Ludd.	#
	12		Educational list sent in	
		1315	Mil. Lab. Ludd.	#
	13		Visit from Lt Bale 1 st Field Troop re Disinfecting Steam Chamber RICHON	#
		1100	To Bis Salem to draw pay.	
		1315	Mil. Lab. Ludd. Pay Book arrived due to wrong address to Aus. Div.	
	14		Divisional Sports.	
	15		Mil. Lab. Ludd. (last day of course).	#
			2 Reinforcements arrived.	#

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RICHON	16.		Parade for C in C of Divisions near Somerset Battery. 5 Reinforcements thro' details camp Ludd. Cpls Fraser & Worthington & Ingram rejoined.	#
	17.	1400	Preparation for Divisional move. G. O. C. Anzacs meeting for officers. Very wet. Party sent to Dump.	#
	18.	0830 1730	Waited opposite 2 nd B.H.Q. (Wadi Karcin) & received reports of Brigade Officers except 1 st . Wired 1 st Bde & inspected 2 nd B.H.Q. & J.A. also J Troop, N.Z. camp which was very bad. All sorts of stores abandoned & tins all over the site. Wired report A.D.M.S. also to Field Squadron R.E. & 5 th Regt for natives. Saw OC Dump & R.T.O. re trucks. Native gang collected. 3 short.	#
	19		Sick parade at Dump & Sanitation of site arranged. Writing of History. Saw R.T.O. re truck.	#
	20		Handed over to Sergt of 40 th Coy (Details) E.L.C. 4 natives of Des Corps Cavalry school & 29 of the 32 left of our sanitary gang.	#
	21		(Trucks left 1730 (2 threshers on a flat truck) 1/2 truck for Dump. Total for Division 59 trucks.	# Harvey Sutton Capt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA	22	0030	Left Kilo 295, reaching Raza about 0430. Division arrived about 1400.	
			Orderly reported with 2 sanitary natives from V th Regt A.L.H. Semakh. Sent to Luddan ^{afternoon} .	
			Rang up re Sanitary lang H.Q. Belah ELC. Wired ADL. also saw ^{La. D. M. S.}	#
	23	0715	Water parade. Saw Lt Lockington, F. Squadron, A. Eng. re ablution area.	
		0900	D.H.Q. re natives.	
		1000	Visited 108 San Sec (Raza) Capt Chaikwin and also Admin. Com Raza concerning position of a cemetery for animals. Agreed to position on Sandhills about 400 yds S of the Bedouin village well. Final native forwarded to Ludd.	#
	24	0900	R.E. dump with indents for iron sheets & props for building incinerators.	
		1100	ELC natives arrived & were investigated & issued to ambulances & units.	#
			These consist of remnants of about 7 gangs & have two rais.	
	25	0800	Work in evening chiefly re grads in incineration etc. Selected site 200 yds N of BAC camp. Built temporary incinerators, about 12 in all. Two units only brought their refuse & rubbish.	#
			Capt Blake with Driver O'Dwyer returned from Richon with a receipt for a Turkish wagon left at Richon, but now returned to Ordnance.	

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RAFA	26		Incinerating increased greatly. Large box shaped incinerators built to supersede the V type.	B
	27		Incinerator visited regularly Staff Sgt Bamsgrove in charge 4 men and about 15 E.L.C.	B
	28			B
	29		About 24 incinerators built Incineration well in hand	B
	30	0900	1st Lecture course on Hygiene & Sanitation at Signal Squadron.	B
	31	0900	Attended Vcty lecture Capt Page (Diseases of Bones)	B
		1330	Lectured on Personal Health. II nd Bde	
		1430		
	31		Inspection of area carried out, and a number of incinerators built and distributed to units during month Harvey Sutton Capt	

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RICHON	DECEMBER 1-18		<p>Review of Sanitary work at RICHON area With the exception of D.H.Q. in Richon and IInd BTHQ - IInd FA on the outskirts of WADI HANEIN all units were camped outside the villages. The chief difficulties in sanitation were the continued presence of flies in fair numbers</p> <p>② Lack of latrineage in a few units & use of Trenches eg 1st Regt 1st M.G.S.</p> <p>The search for fly breeding brought out the finding that very little or no fly breeding occurred in our own camps. Even the most careful inspection only showed one or two spots eg a spot in the Div. train where the new 'asthans' had buried feces & the trenches above mentioned. The location of breeding was first of all manure heaped in orchards by cultivators. NZMR & BTHQ used roadspread the other units allowed the manure to be carted away by the Jews. The result was in spite of the cold weather and rainy spells to find some breeding in these heaps which stretched for long distances throughout the orchards and represented many tons of manure.</p> <p>Added to this were the insanitary backyards and their unsightly and smelly rubbish & manure heaps and freely exposed human ordure with or without a stinking pool for mosquito breeding. Municipal Hygiene appears to have become (presuming that it did exist at all) a lost art. In summer the degree of insanitation was such that in summer it would have been a menace to health.</p> <p>It should easily be possible to utilize the abundant water supply and the present pressure tanks and establish a water sewage system with either farm irrigation or septic tank disposal. A campaign as at Wadi Hanem in Idm was contemplated but the early departure from the area caused it to be abandoned.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RICHON	DECEMBER 1-18		<p>Richon is a prosperous settlement and could easily sustain the cost of a proper municipal system. A Government or District Health Officer working from JAFFA could control from there to RICHON. The colonies would require to instal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a proper conservancy system. (A) WATER SEWAGE with farm or with septic tank disposal or (B) Deep trench system with flyproof seat 2. Safe manure treatment, by closepacking in pits with crude oil sack cover 3. collection of refuse etc. by each house (and kitchen) having <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a grease trap (2) a rubbish bin both with flyproof covers 4. incineration of rubbish in a simple incinerator 5. Draining of surface pools where stagnancy persists, oiling or kerosening weekly <p>Wells & doubtful cisterns also need treatment. A Swamp near the garbills require attention. Culex was chiefly found at Richon anopheles at W. Hamein.</p> <p>Such a system would improve the health rate especially the liability to Typhoid Dysentery and Malaria. That it is possible to have such equipment I demonstrate in Wadittanein. Its cost is small what is necessary is instruction & the intelligent and compulsion of the careless lazy and helpfully ignorant.</p> <p>This health sensibleness and practical sanitation should be a sine qua non for sound government and so of striking importance should OETA hand over to the Jewish Zionist administration.</p>	<p>Stables foulness clean rubbish</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA.	18-31 Dec. 1918		<p>The concentration of the Division on an area about 1 1/2 miles N of Rafa Station just within the border of Palestine rendered advisable the prohibition of unit incineration and the establishment of a divisional incinerating area to which all rubbish refuse including human feces is carted by the units and burnt by the Sanitary Section.</p> <p>Field Squadron Divisional Train the 3 Batteries owing to their camps being somewhat detached are allowed to incinerate in their own lines 1st 2nd 123rd Bde BAC Divisional Hq Signals use the central incinerators Staff Sergeant Bangrove with 4 men Sgt Ingram traicker Weston Payer supervise the work of the native gang of about 15 E.L.C.</p> <p>About 24 box type iron sheeting type incinerators have been made and effective combustion carried out Plenty of waste tin paper & other rubbish forms a basis for burning the less combustible vegetable human refuse. We have not yet had to use kerosene or other adjuvant. Some of the first incinerators collapsed owing to the binding wire melting and flying away we have substituted binding nails with success</p> <p>The fecal buckets have the excess urine strained off into a poachage pit as the residue + tin coated like an icing on a cake over the top of a vigorously burning incinerator and by next morning ^{all of it} is completely destroyed. We have so far had no difficulty with the few showers. If the weather is very wet we can roof over our incinerators with sheets of iron and if necessary can use crude oil or kerosene to ensure burning. Our only trouble is the native gang which is very doped & several have been evacuated already with malaria. The habit of putting earth into buckets to keep down paper or to prevent splashing appears to have ceased since the D.R.O. appeared.</p>	

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RAFA	December 18-30		<p>Delousing or louse disinfection is an inevitable winter requirement and we have now begun work by steam disinfecting the kits of 250 Egyptian askars of the Divisional Train. At Richon much was hoped from a steam disinfecting Chamber at Richon baths. A suitable room existed, permission for a steam boiler at Ludd obtained, and the 1st Field Troop would in 2 days have established it. When the movement order came. However one thresh and one Turkish disinfector were brought by train and two others obtained from the Scottish Horse & Ambulance RAFA i.e. 3 thresh & one Turkish in all = accommodation for about 60 kits 16 per thresh 12 for the Turkish. The turnover is every 45 mins. We are now adding a little disinfection to the bundles as they go in, no formalin being available. Fuel is difficult to use, the coal is poor especially slow in getting up steam (3 hrs nearly). A metal bath is to be put down alongside the new ablution area for a cresol dip.</p> <p>A course of lectures on Hygiene & Sanitation have been given at various units during the last week of December. Every unit (excepting the NZMR Bde) have been lectured on Personal Hygiene including Care of the Skin and Teeth, mental Hygiene and Venereal Disease. Signal Squadron, Field Squadron, Div. Train, 1st Brigade (3 parts), 2nd Brigade (2 parts) or 8 in all. The course at Signal Squadron is 6 lectures: Personal Hygiene -- Sex Hygiene, Health Farm House -- Farm Sanitary Area -- Disinfection & Disinfectants.</p> <p>The second lecture in the Division is on the Health Farm House and 'the Diseases Soldiers Carry'. Good attendances and attentive audiences have been the rule.</p>	

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