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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAUCOURT	1/5/18		Collected bicycle (repaired) from Corps Ordnance Repair Shop.	
	3/5/18		Collected "Douglas" Motor Cycle + Side car from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust M.T. Coy	
			Supplied to A.D.M.S. 47 <sup>th</sup> Div. (lately come into area) a statement of water points + other sanitary arrangements in the area.	
	4/5/18		Saw CO. 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Hd. Amb. ref. epidemic of Acute Influenza amongst troops.	
	5/5/18		orders from D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps to exchange areas with 48 <sup>th</sup> San. Sect. at BERTEAUCOURT-LES-DAMES.	
	6/5/18		S/Serjt. to Bertheaucourt to take over office, billets etc. - per motor cycle. Section route washed (lorry jumping most of the way) distance about 15 miles. Lorry which brought stores of 48 <sup>th</sup> San. Sect. took back our stores. Self waited for O/C 48 <sup>th</sup> San. Sect. + explained BEAUCOURT area to him + then proceeded by Ford car to Bertheaucourt.	
BERTEAUCOURT LES-DAMES	7/5/18		Inspectors placed at VIGNACOURT, FLASSELLES, BELLOY-SUR-SOMME. Self called on Area Commandant VIGNACOURT + Bertheaucourt, + Comdr. of A Reinforcement Camp. Arranged for work parties for digging latines; + for rationing of inspectors in outstations with Area Commandant.	
	8/5/18		Sent confidential report ref. No. 4832 S/Serjt. CADDEN W.T.	
			Went BERTANGES saw D.D.M.S. Aust. Corps. Saw Area Comdr. FLESSELLES	
	9/5/18		Saw Area Comdr. at ST OUVEN, BELLOY, GORENFLOS + arranged at last named for 3 inspectors to be rationed + quartered.	

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BERTEAUCOURT.	10/5/18		<p>Inspected troops shower baths (hot) at Bertheaucourt. Inspectors withdrawn from Flasselles now outside area (alteration in boundary)            Rations being drawn at Vignacourt (5 Kilometres away) by means of side car.            Butcher's refuse pit (near main road) at PERNOIS filled in + arrangements made for sanitary party to collect refuse + take to Muevivoter.            (Civilian butcher)            S/Sgt to LONGPRE + arranged for one inspector to be billeted there + rationed by Area Comdt.</p>	
	11/7/18		<p>S/Sgt to <del>VILLERS BOCAGE</del> ALLOUVILLE to DADOS 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div. for clothing.            self saw R.T.O. St. LEGER re Sanitation of railhead.            Arranged with Supply Officer of Corps Reinforcement Camp to draw rations at Bertheaucourt instead of going to VILLERS BOCAGE (11 Kilometres)</p>	
	12/5/18		<p>Arranged to take over 10 men 3 horses + wozon doing sanitary work of St. LEGER, Bertheaucourt, + PERNOIS. The men belong to 74<sup>3rd</sup> Area Employment Coy + correspond to P.B. men (old style)            The horses are civilian + are loaned for their feed. Rations being drawn through Reinforcement Wing.            Motor Cycle frame broke. In use by us for 9 days only.            29 Copies of "AUSSIE" received + distributed to members of Section.            Further cases of Acute Influenza (sudden, severe, not fatal) amongst troops.</p>	<p>W.P. Kelly Major            of 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust. San. Sect.</p>

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BERTEAU-COURT	13/5/18		Box Car to POULAINVILLE Ration dump for empty biscuit boxes for conversion into latrines. Distance there + back over 30 Kilometres.	
			Inspected water point at ST LEGER - Spring, chlorinating + filtering lorry of No 1 Water Sterilizing Coy.	
	14/5/18		Went + saw D.D.M.S. Aust Corps at BERTANGLES. Saw RTD at PERNOIS.	
	15/5/18		Got pay for Section from Paymaster 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. at ST GRATIAN. (nearly 30 Kilometres) went CROUY to Advanced Depot Med. Stores for Iodine + Iodine Sol. for water treating.	
			Went LONGPRE Saw Inspector, called at Area Court.	
			Saw Inspectors at BELLOY + GORENFLOS.	
			Called at Poulainville R.E. Dump re latrines being made for us.	
			Got some timber + iron from Area Court. Pernois for latrine construction.	
	16/5/18		Mess billet moved. Cook house constructed.	
	17/5/18		Issue Voucher for timber etc received from R.E. No transport to collect same.	
	19/5/18		Map of Sanitary Areas received from D.D.M.S. Aust Corps.	
	20/5/18		Latrine erected at Pernois railhead for Nurses of Hospital trains.	
	21/5/18		Visited Camp of N.W.F. Indian Labour Coy re sickness. ? Malaria. Probably influenza. Indians are all malarial, camped near stagnant water. Anopheles found near camp. Advised re Kerosene on water.	
			Car brought in Inspector from LONGPRE, now out of our Area.	

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BERTEAU - COURT	22/5/18		Driver of Motor Cycle sent to 3 <sup>rd</sup> AMT Coy workshop while we have no cycle.	
	24/5/18		Car to SALEUX to 3 <sup>rd</sup> AMT Coy to collect indent, to Poulainville for biscuit boxes. Car broke down at Lougpre. Driver returned about 10 pm.	
	25/5/18		Driver went with lorry of 3 <sup>rd</sup> AMT Coy workshop, car repaired & brought back. Collect vouchers for latrines etc from R E dump given to Area Comdt. who arranges to collect same.	
	26/5/18		Went camp of NWF Indian Labour Coy. Found them evacuating site.	
	28/5/18		Inspected railheads at VIGNACOURT, PERNOIS, SCLEGER for monthly report. Constructing delousing chamber, underpinned, on instructions received from DMS Fourth Army.	
	29/5/18		Got pay for Section from Aust. Corps Paymaster at Vignacourt.	
	30/5/18		Got some clothing from DADOS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div. Inspected delousing chamber constructed by 77 <sup>th</sup> San. Sect. at SALEUX. Received Map of water supplies of Aust Corps area from DDMS Aust Corps. Wrote & dispatched Monthly Sanitary Report in triplicate to DMS through DDMS. Also reports on railheads.	
	31/5/18		Inspected water point at ST DUEN - filtering & chlorinating lorry on river (by truck).	
	Note		All latrines being constructed are box pattern F.P. deep trench. Urinals are <del>at</del> trough to old drain leading into covered pit filled with burnt tins.	

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