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| VIEUX BERQUIN | 1917 18 July | | <p>New Zealand Division relieved 4th Aust Div - and are now in this area. Adms. informed of the sanitary organization throughout the Area. Arrangements made for the continuance of billet and street refuse collection. 36th Inf Division occupying Heris Village. Street and billet refuse collection continued. Village of Borre being utilised as a staging area units occupying billets for 24 hours or less - resulting in little improvements being made. As far as possible these moving units leave their billets clean.</p> <p>Buck, public incinerator - square type enclosed commenced in lieu of temporary structure. Vieux Berquin.</p> <p>Material for incinerator construction supplied to units occupying billets accommodating more than 50 men - smaller billet refuse to be removed to these incinerators.</p> <p>Area Commandants are informed when these structures are erected so that they can take them on charge as area stores.</p> <p>Public latrine La Motte supplied seat.</p> <p>Two public latrines complete with coverings supplied from Second Army work shops for erection at Borre and Gradelles.</p> | |
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| VIEUX BERQUIN | 1917 July | | <p>Three cases of infectious disease reported - two paratyphoid, one typhoid. Investigations made and in two cases premises disinfected - the third case at a farm house. Investigations proved that every precaution was being taken with the exception that milk was being supplied to local civilians - it was necessary in this case to place the premises out of bounds to troops. Representative of mobile laboratory also investigated the case - apart from placing the farm house out of bounds to troops - latrines and tea rooms liable to be frequented by troops, were warned and advised not to purchase milk or butter from this farm during period of illness therein.</p> <p>A Mrs. New Zealand Liv. endeavoured to have patient removed to hospital - without success.</p> <p>Inspltds removed from Mevis and Strazelle sub-districts consequent on transportation of the area being included in 9th Corps area and supervised by 104 Imp San Det. This caused a re-allocation of areas and distribution of inspectors.</p> <p>All sub-districts provided with Mr. Kenzle's spray, formalin & cresol to enable the inspector to attend to any hotbed infectious case immediately.</p> <p>Bone 1-5 water public latrine and wind created and covering completed.</p> | |
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| VIEUX BERQUIN | 11 th July 14 | | <p>Moubecque - Public latrine - 5 seater fly proof box pattern with over head covering erected Plumber employed Officers Rest House La Motte two days two cases infectious disease notified - one at Bore - measles - one at Pradelles - diphtheria, investigations made and disinfection carried out. The investigations of these cases prove the existence of 24 additional cases of measles and one of croup which had not been notified to the military</p> | |
| La Motte | 16 | | <p>one extra case of measles notified at Bore. Public latrine screened and covered, area board advised</p> | |
| VIEUX BERQUIN | 18 | | <p>case of typhoid notified at Vieux Berquin investigations made proved the case not to be typhoid, patient had been ill three weeks previously with pneumonics and for ten days prior to this notification been received the patient had been working. The patient was visited by French doctor and also Australian M.O. As proved in this case the system of notification is lacking and it is necessary for the tracing and prevention of epidemics that notification be made immediately the diagnosis is made.</p> | |

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| VIEUX BERQUIN | 1917 July 18 | | Case measles reported Vert Rue, disinfection carried out. | |
| | 20 | | Two carpenters detailed to repair No 1 latrine for temporary duty. Military latrine with covering erected at Piadelles. | |
| BORRE | | | Bricks collected and other materials transported to situation of military incinerator - and construction commenced. | |
| VIEUX BERQUIN | 30 | | Workshops supplied 2-5 aperture seats 4 th Div units. Messian screening also supplied. Area is now well supplied with sanitary conveniences | |

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