

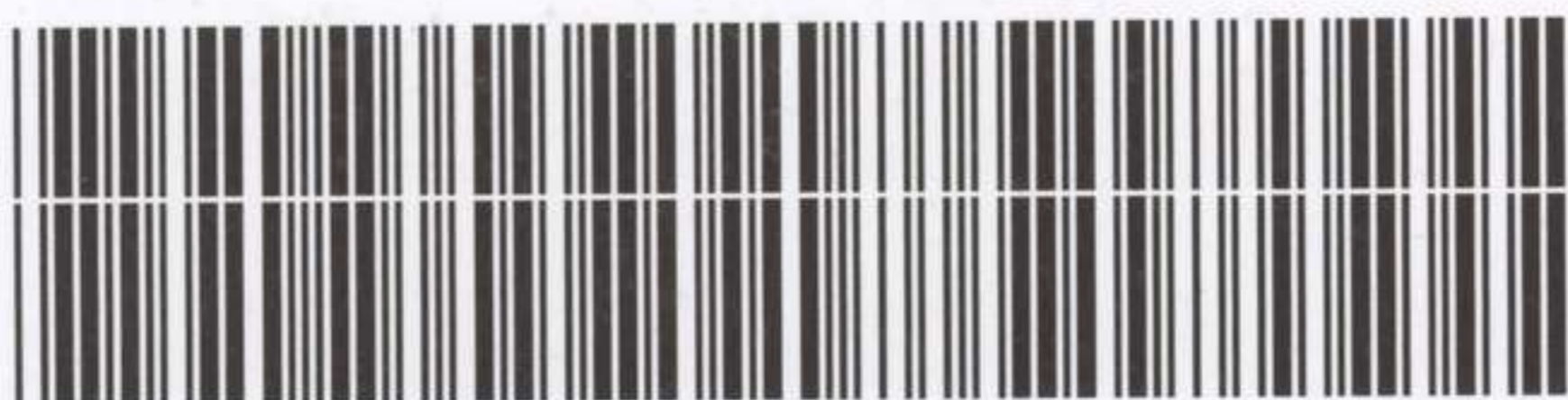
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| DOULIEU | AUGUST 2 3 3 | | <p style="text-align: right;">VOLUME 15</p> <p>Major Goldstein transferred from 5th Aust Sanitary Section and took over command of this section.</p> <p>New area allotted, Corps Troops and Div Rest Area. Section Hdqrs Doulieu.</p> <p>Sanitary area bounded, Strazeele-Bailleul Railway line to Stenweck on North thence along a line extending South to Broix du Bac, taking in this village and Stenweck also as our Western boundary. From Broix du Bac along the River lip thence a direct line to the outer boundary of the village of Vieux Berquin as our Southern boundary, from this latter village to Strazeele Rwy Station as the Eastern boundary.</p> <p>Detached 3 inspectors to supervise Corps troops area. Stenweck as their Hdqs, also detached 4 inspectors to supervise Vieux Berquin Sub-area.</p> <p>Initial inspection of the area revealed the deficiency of Public Sanitary Conveniences at Doulieu, this was reported to area Comdt Berquin area, resulting in a public latrine being erected in the village of Doulieu. The whole area at this time was occupied by Australian troops.</p> | |

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| DOULIEU | | | <p>2nd Anzac Corps. Sanitation of Steenweck village in a bad condition. This was reported to Area Command. On the departure of 2nd Anzac Troops from this area strict supervision was maintained, resulting in the billeting area being left sanitary! Defective conditions were pointed out to A.D.M.s concerned who had parties detailed to clean up those camps that had been left insanitary. The water supply throughout area - farmers wells, fair average quality, supply plentiful. Latrine system, deep trench possible throughout majority of area. In the low lying quarters pan system had to be resorted to.</p> <p>Received instructions to relieve 76th Sanitary Section at Grandtre taking over that portion of the area occupied by 4th Aust Div.</p> <p>Moved to Grandtre, owing to this village billeting accommodation being unsuitable for troops - section moved to Kemmel Hill. Two (2) inspectors detached for duty and attached to 12th 12th Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p>Detached 2 inspectors to attend to that part of area occupied by 4th Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p>Owing to constant shelling and for convenience, section removed to Locre</p> | |
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| LOCRE | 10 | | Handed over to 2nd Army Troops Supply Col - Thornycroft lorry 28357 received in exchange Ford box van 750 lbs. in accordance with revised mobilization table 1098/124. This revised table stated that a 10cwt car be supplied Garrison Horse returned to 2nd Army Reinforcement Section. | |
| | 43 | | Inspected Roydecot Supply tanks and (water) pumping station - source Chateau lakes water found to require 5 measures notice posted to this effect. | |
| | 13 | | Inspection of Kemmel forward water supply made arrangements with 4th Aust Div to remove troops from site owing to the danger of them polluting the area. | |
| | 16 | | All water points in Area have been labelled showing number of measures B.P. required per 110 Gals. | |
| | 17 | | Two men are constantly employed in testing water points sources etc Sanitary defects in Area consisted mostly of - absence of fly proof latrines, grease traps, safes. Workshops established for the construction of sanitary conveniences, all units urgently in need of same are supplied. Latrine seats (box pattern) approximately 150 fly proof have been distributed throughout area. | |

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| LOCRE | 20 | | Biscuit boxes have been found very useful for the construction of latrine seats. | |
| RAVELSBERG | 23. | | moved to Ravelberg. Area divided into 4 sub-areas, detached 2 inspectors with forward Brigades. | |
| | 28. | | In many instances, owing to nature of country, Pan system fly proof latrines had to be resorted to. This being a forward Area, the sanitary condition of Camps etc was good. | |
| | | | Units of 4th Aust Div. began to move out. Adms 4th Division advised of a few camps that were left insanitary who in turn had fatigue parties sent back to clean up. | |

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