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WAR DIARY

4th
AUSTRALIAN
SANITARY SECTION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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October 1917.

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STEENVOORDE	1		<p>Section still working 4th Aust Divisional Area. Owing to sections Carpenters being detached, very little constructional work carried out. In a few instances units are attaching the Pioneers to section (temporarily) for the purpose of constructing the sanitary conveniences.</p>	
G196.0.1. Sheet 28NW	9		<p>Under instructions from G.D.M.s 1st Aust Corp, Section moved to G196.0.1. relieving 1st Aust San Sect. Area boundaries - Abele-Poperinghe Rd to L17 Cent, thence a line drawn east to G18 Cent, thence line South to G24 Cent thence to Ouderdom - Reningheldt Rds through Reningheldt to Wippenhoek to the Belgian border.</p>	
	15		<p>Billets - Ventilation is good. Tented camps are in a number of instances very damp owing to the absence of floor boards. Tents are gradually being disposed of as the Winter comes on. Inspectors reports are rendered to this office daily. Area shows lack of fly proof latrine seats, grease traps etc. Busseboom Workshops are rendering every assistance to Section. Fly proof latrine seats are being distributed to units in need of them.</p>	

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G. 19601 Sheet 28 SW	15		<p>Majority of units draw water from 7 tanks and stand pipes in this area. Farm pumps have been tested and notices posted showing number of measures bleaching powder required per 110 Gallons.</p> <p>Tanks and stand pipes in area are tested every three days owing to quality of water varying. Water patrols at tanks attend to the chlorination of all water drawn there. One member of this section is detailed to stop water carts on the road, his duties are to inspect cart, and test for free chlorine. In one or two cases, water has been found to be unchlorinated, water being drawn from tanks outside area.</p> <p>Baths are stationed at Neuportre siding, clean change of underclothing provided.</p> <p>Laundries situated at Reninghelst - method of disposal of waste water unsatisfactory, arranging with Baths officer for remedy of this defect.</p> <p>2 Ltns of 1st Auzac Corps memoed with reference to detached carpenters, as a result, carpenters have been returned to section.</p> <p>Grease traps are being improvised from biscuit boxes supplied from a.s.b. dump.</p>	
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n/19601 Sheet 28 SW	30		<p>Area shows marked improvement. Grease traps appear to be the only deficiency in Camps. Between 15 and 20 are turned out daily from our workshop so as in a short time, every unit requiring them will be supplied.</p> <p>Attached copy of instructions and pro forma under which my inspectors work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alm Goldstein Major. C.O. 4th Aust San Sect.</p>	

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APPENDIX.

Date **4th Australian Sanitary Section.** **Date last Visit**.....

Unit..... **Div., Corps, Army Troops** **Location**

Officers **Men** **Horses**

Billets



Latrines

Incinerator

Urinals

Horse Lines

Cook House
(Refuse Disposal.)

Refuse bin
Water

Grease Trap

Defects pointed out to _____ | **Defects remedied since last visit**

Remarks

Rats

Scabies

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APPENDIX.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SANITARY SECTION.

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ORDERS FOR INSPECTORS.

1. When inspecting camps, Inspectors must report to Orderly Room of the Unit they are inspecting and ask if the unit desire to send a representative with them while they are inspecting the camp. Ten minutes is a reasonable time to wait for this representative.
2. Reports to be rendered daily stating :- Unit, - Division, - Corps or Army by which it is administered.
3. Billet - Description - Cleanliness or otherwise. Billet number, map location, condition of ventilation. Is the billet overcrowded.
4. Number of Officers, men, horses in billet.
5. Number of latrine seats - Officers, N.C.O's, men - pattern of latrine. Is it fly-proof - cleanliness - state of repair.
6. Urinal - number - condition.
7. Cookhouse - cleanliness of same. Method of refuse and slop water disposal. Grease trap cover or not. Refuse bins, covered or not. Method of food protection.
8. Water supply - if well - nature of surroundings. How drawn. Inspect condition of water carts - state of repair - cleanliness of cart tank - how often tank cleaned out and how - marks on cart, if any. Is water test notice placed on water point used.
9. Horse Lines - cleanliness or otherwise - method of manure disposal, Farm pits are not to be used. Manure to be packed tight and earthed over daily.
10. Incinerator - type - condition - is it being used properly. - If refuse is being buried, inspect refuse pit and report if sufficiently covered, is this done daily. These remarks apply to faeces burial also.
11. Particular attention to be paid to billets and camps when units are avacuating same. Reports (Special) to be rendered immediately when billets and camps are evacuated and left insanitary. Give date of evacuation - time and date of inspection, and map location of camp.
12. Defective insanitary conditions - state action taken and in next report state if defects have been rectified. This is most important and particular attention must be paid to this heading.
13. Prevalance of lice and scabies amongst men must be reported on.
14. Destruction of rats, method, if any, adopted.
15. An approximate weekly return must be rendered to this Office each Friday, stating the following improvements in your sub- area.

(a) Latrines dug and screened.	(f) Incinerators erected.
(b) Seats on completed latrines	(g) Refuse pits dug.
(c) Urinals erected.	(h) Grease traps and
(d) Latrines under construction.	Soakage pits constructed.
(e) Urine pits under construction.	

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THE ANZAC RECTORY

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter.

The Commission of Enquiry into the Gallipoli Campaign is now in the process of examining the evidence in relation to the above mentioned matter.

It is requested that you should be prepared to attend the Commission of Enquiry at the time and place specified in the accompanying letter.

Very truly yours,
The Secretary

Enclosed for you are two copies of the report of the Commission of Enquiry into the Gallipoli Campaign, together with a copy of the letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter.

I am, Sir, very truly,
Your obedient servant,
The Secretary

Yours faithfully,
The Secretary

Very truly yours,
The Secretary