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OF

1st Aust Sanitary Section

FOR

January 191*8*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAMER	1/1/18		Information given to Area Commandant re distribution of latrine seats.	NR.
Ruede Boulogne	2/1/18		Incinerators being made at Section Workshops. Area Commandant called re Incinerators. U.C. to COURSET. Thence to MENTY.	
			Water tested at 8 M. 9. by and notices posted. Latrine directing notices affixed in Square at Samer. Complaint re civilian latrine at Samer Station investigated. Sand for public brick incinerator at Samer arrived.	NR.
	3/1/18		U.C. to Army with C.R.E. re supply of latrine covers. Thence to Aust Corps to report to D.O.M.S. Thence to 2nd D.S.C. for horse-skiid chains for Ford Car. Applications for small incinerators to hand.	NR.
	4/1/18		Inspection of Baths at Samer just opened. Timber enough for 14 covers for latrine buckets. Sidecar to Francois Parenty Desvres. Inspection of Public latrine at Desvres Str. N.O. 74 26 Pte Chapman J.W. evacuated sick to D.R.S. Thence on to C.C.S. struck off strength.	NR.
	5/1/18		U.C. to Command. Sidecar broke down - was towed home to workshops. Inspection of land where excreta from public latrine was dumped. Nothing ploughed in. Some new dump selected.	NR.



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Samel	4/1/18		U. C. to Division Headquarters. All men reported back to Headquarters.	
(Ruede Boulogne)			Photograph of the Section taken by Official Photographer.	
			Notice received to collect 300 latrine covers from Engineers Dump Samer.	NR.
	7/1/18		U. C. to Desvres. Special report called for to ascertain the present latrine accommodation in the Area in order to enable distribution of seats.	NR.
	8/1/18		Case of Diphtheria reported from Desvres. D. B. investigated.	
			Billet sprayed and put out of Bounds. 300 latrine covers transported to the Section for distribution. Brick incinerator finished at Samer.	NR.
	9/1/18		U. C. started for Boudeauville but prevented by the weather.	NR.
	10/1/18		U. C. to conference with Area Commandant Desvres. Inspection made with Area Commandant. Rubbish tip to be closed down. Brick incinerator applied for.	NR.
			D. B. inspected Baths at Boudeauville and Halving Run with C.M.E.	NR.
			Water tested at Condette and notices erected.	NR.
	11/1/18		Ford Car to Workshops. Water tested at Questrecques. No 74 32	
			Pte Rushton J. C. and No 2063 Dvr Collywood B. on leave to U.K.	
			Ford car transferred to Dvr Davis.	NR.

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Samed (Ruede Boulgne)	12/1/18		O. b. to Frency. Also to Division. More amplicious for constructing incinerators collected from dump.	HR.
	13/1/18		O. C. to Division Headquarters to arrange for transport to take material to Desvres for Screening of Public Latrine at Station. Cases of mumps reported from PARENTY 5th Supply Column. Lorry sprayed. Cpl Duncan recalled from PARENTY.	HR.
	14/1/18		Cpl Cole sent from DESVRES to PARENTY. Case of mumps reported from QUESTRECVES. Billet sprayed. Case of diphtheria reported amongst civilian population at DESVRES in house where soldier was taken ill 7 days before. House disinfected and billet put "Out of Bounds".	
			Instructions received for O. C. to met A.D.M.S. (San) at Army H.Q. on 16/1/18.	HR.
	15/1/18		O. b. to Division. Chits sent out for 6 more incinerators to be collected.	
			No 7435 Pte Selwood J.G. rejoined from Hospital - taken on strength	
			No 13756 Cpl Cowans R.G. reported from Base taken on strength.	HR.
	16/1/18		O. b. to conference at Army H.Q. Pte Ramage recalled from PARENTY.	
			Water notices posted at Engineers Camp. No 7429 Pte Fishley R.G.S. examined to P.R.S. Struck off strength on evacuation to C.C.S.	HR.

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Stammer	17 ¹ / ₁₈		No 7427 Lt Col Duncan left on leave to V.K. A.C. to Division in Hill and	NR.
Ruede			A.P.M.S. latines made from Binuit Messer and issued	
Boulogne	18 ² / ₁₈		No 7433 Pte Ramay left on leave to V.K.	NR.
	19 ¹ / ₁₈		Water supply at Longosse re-examined and notices posted.	NR.
	20 ¹ / ₁₈		A.C. to Division HQ. to A.P.M.'s Office also to Area Commandant.	
			Water carts being examined for cleanliness and chlorination.	NR.
	21 ¹ / ₁₈		A.C. to Desvres. Inspected town with Area Commandant	
			A.C. to Frency. Water notices erected at Menty.	NR.
	22 ¹ / ₁₈		Water examined at Timpuy. Lorry to take timber and material for erection of covering on public latrine at Desvres arranged for. A.C. to Parenty and Boudesville.	NR.
	23 ¹ / ₁₈		Lorry reported at 8.30. Carpenters sent to Desvres. A.C. to Enquin. A.C. to Desvres to inspect work being done on latrine at Railway station.	NR.
	24 ¹ / ₁₈		A.C. to Hubersent and Frency. Arrangements made for collection of material to be dumped at Desvres.	NR.

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Samuel (Ruedel Bonhuyne)	25 1/18		U.C. to Division H.Q.s. Thence to Sandeawille, Parenty and Frency areas.	NR.
	26 1/18		Case of "Rose measles" reported from Enquin. Investigated Sprayed.	NR.
	27 1/18		D.C. to Division re collection of latrine seats. Thence to all subsections.	NR.
	28 1/18		D.C. to Base H.Q. at Desvres. Orders received to move and takeover supervision of 2nd Aust Division in Lumbres area. Rang up 2nd Division H.Q. re accommodation. Received reply that billets can be occupied on 1st prof at NIELLES-LES-BLEQUIN. Wined D.O.M.S for transport on 1st at 9 a.m.	NR.
	29 1/18		Inspection made of 14 Brigade Area after evacuation. Satisfactory.	NR.
	30 1/18		Men recalled from Parenty and Frency. U.C. to Area Commandant Jones. D.C. 47 Sanitary Section called re hand-over of Lumbres area.	NR.
	31 1/18		Cpl Connors dispatched to Base per instructions received from D.M.G. 3rd Echelon AOS/B 115141 of 28.1.18. U.C. to NIELLES-LES-BLEQUIN for to arrange billets.	NR.

Walter Rayson capt.

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No.	Subject.
1.	Court Martial and Dodderly Room Cases Return
2.	Report on General Condition of Unit.
3.	Chart Showing Strength

Appendix I.
1 Australian Sanitary Section

Orderly Room Cases during
Month ending 31/1/18.

nil

Court-Martial Cases
Month ending 31/1/18

nil

Hugh Rayson. Capt AMMC
A.C. 1st Aus San Section



Report
on

Jan 1918

General condition of the Unit

Personnel of the Unit during this month has undergone a few changes but has kept fairly well up to strength.

(See Chart attached).

The health of the troops has been very good only 1 case of sickness (Lumbago) and 1 V.D. case being recorded.

No orderly room or Court-Martial cases during the month.

The rations have been of a very good quality and quantity has been sufficient.

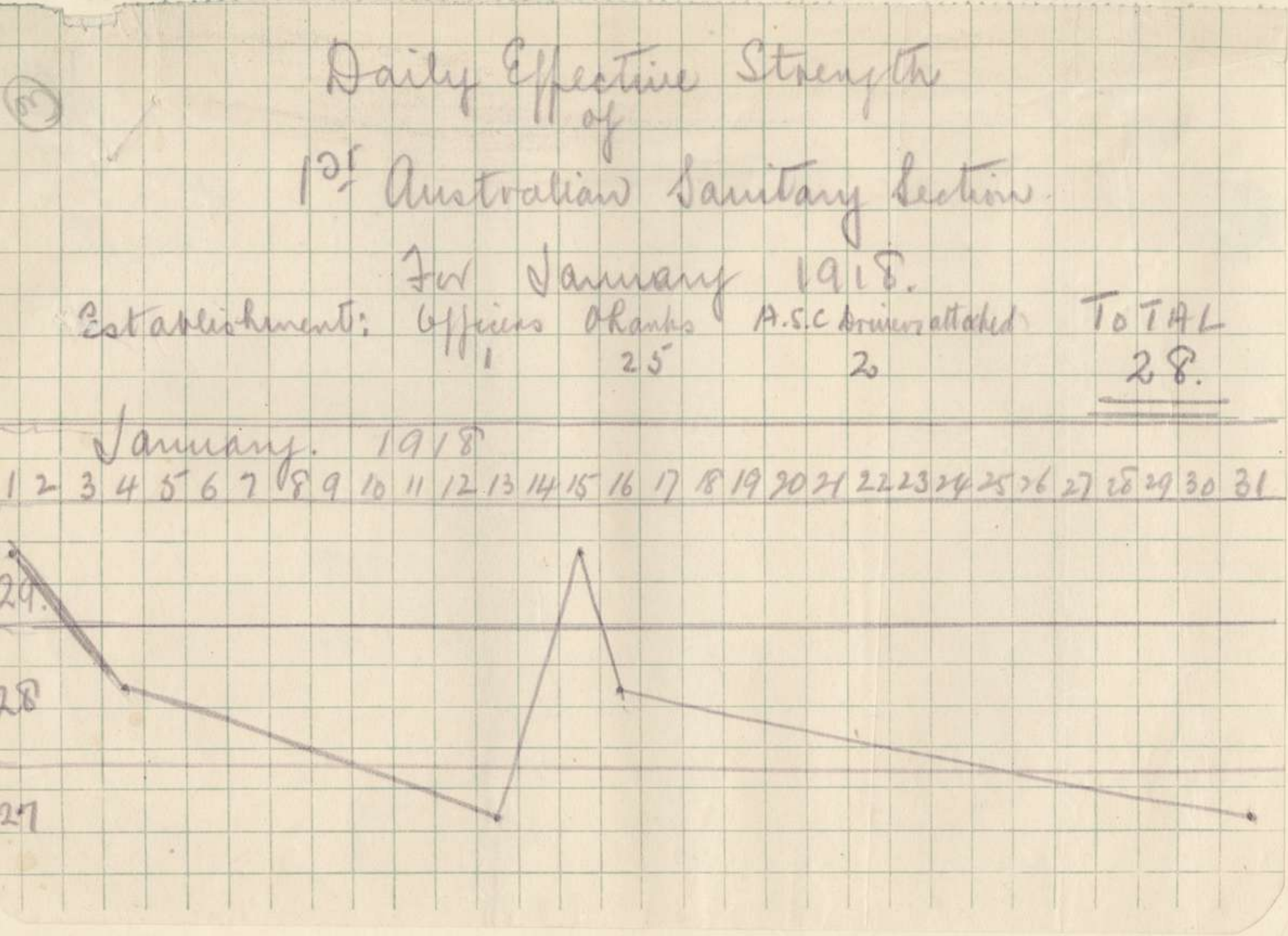
Clothing and equipment are kept in good repair and facilities for washing of clothes are afforded.

The matter of transport has always been a difficulty. The motor Bicycle and sidecar was sent in to workshops on 4/1/18 and was still there at the end of the month.

The Ford box car has had to be continuously used and has also once or twice been to the workshops for minor repairs.

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Appendix 3