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OF

*1 Aust Sanitary Section*

FOR

*November 1918*

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Capt.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
St Owen (Soume)	11/18		Suspected public sanitary arrangements at St Owen with Area Commandant also to Bathes.	MA
	2/11/18		Musters parade for all units and round up of Absentees and Deserters within Aust Corps Area. Works temporarily suspended from 0900 to 1200.	
			O.B. 2 Aus San. Sect. called <sup>Sanitary</sup> re models to be made by this unit for Aust Corps School.	MA
			O.B. to Corps H.Q. to Canteen Officer and D.M.T.S. to arrange for printing of proformas of Sanitary Inspectors' reports.	
			Ford Box Car runs into by civilian east near Fresenville.	
	3/11/18		Wine sent to 2 Aus M.T. Coy for first aid lorry to go for Ford Car. Civilian case of Scarlet Fever at Halloy les Pernois investigated. Patient had been removed from Billet. Billet disinfected and put "out of Bounds".	MA
			Pte Cheymidden D.W. rejoined unit from Cookery School 4th Army at Corbie. Certificate received 75% very good.	

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St Owen	4/11/18		O.b. inspected Baths at Berteaucourt and Vignacourt. Thence to Baths at Tiranecourt. Retrusing chamber being installed at St Vast - advice asked for and given.	
			models for Corps School commenced.	
	5/11/18		O.b. <sup>went</sup> commenced through outstanding and recent correspondence files. Thence to Permis inspected public incinerator and latrines.	
	6/11/18		O.b. to Berteaucourt and St Reges re cleaning up of billets where middens were being used as refuse dumps.	
			O.b. to Vignacourt inspected public sanitary appliances in village - thence to Water Point.	
			Corporal Wheat appointed A.Q.M.S. of Unit.	
	7/11/18		O.b. inspected 2 M.G. Batt and 2nd P.M. Batt. Cooks and Cookhouses. Reports forwarded to A.D.M.S. 2 Aus Div. Found that cooks had not a sufficiency of overalls. Suspicion of 2 Aus Div Reinforcement Wing St Saver.	
			Several recommendations made.	



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St Owen	8/11/18		U.b. inspected Engineer Coys barks and Coakhouses. Reports forwarded. Thence to A.D.M.S. office at Belloy. Inspected D.H.Q. stables.	REP
			U.b. to 6 Fld Ambulance at Bourdon and to Yzeux where slow progress was being made with building of town incinerator.	REP
	9/11/18		new public incinerators put down at St Heger and Bentaucourt. Inspected and passed. Case of mumps and case of measles reported. Billets disinfested.	REP
	10/11/18		U.b. inspected Corps Field Punishment Compound at Thixcourt. Arranged for supply of sanitary appliances. Pit incinerator, grease traps and delousing chamber to be installed.	REP
	11/11/18		Inspection of village of St Vast en Chaussée. Message of thanks received from 7th A.T. Side Sports Committee for assistance given by supplying latrines for Sports meeting.	REP
	12/11/18		Corps Field Punishment Compound inspected and advice given on construction of appliances.	REP



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ST OVEN	13/11/18		Inspection Flesselles, Fremont and Vaux-en-Amiennois	PPS
			Carpenters making meat safe for Corps F. P. Compound.	
	14/11/18		1453 Pte Woodward A.E. struck off strength (75 days prolog in lieu of 1914 Australia leave). All Baths inspected where it was found that good progress had been made in improvements to buildings in accordance with recommendations of A.C.	PPS
	15/11/18		Inspected refilling points of 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade Supply Dumps where permanent standings had been erected in accordance with representations from A.C. of this unit.	PPS
	16/11/18		Visit paid to Field Punishment Compound Fivecourt School of Sanitation assembled at 1 <sup>st</sup> Aus San Sect Hdqrs. 0900. Men billeted and A.C. lectured detailed his scheme for 4 days course. Representatives from each unit of 2nd Aust Div present. For synopsis see appendix.	PPS



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ST OVEN	17/11		School of Sanitation vide Appendix.	
	17/11		Visit to Baths for personnel of School conducted by H.Q. as the	
	18/11		O.C. was summoned to conference at <del>Adms office</del> 6 A.I. Bde.	
	19/11		School dispersed at 1300 and personnel returned to Units.	
	18/11		Orders received that Aust Corps School had been abandoned.	
			Records to be completed, labelled and forwarded to Aust War	
			Records Section.	
	20/11		O.C. to 6th Bde H.Q. and to Adms office re question of	
	18/11		transport for pending move. Cpl Cole sent under instruction to	
			6th Bde H.Q. as billeting party at 0900, although 2 Div order	
			stated Sanitary Section was to move with 7th A.I. Bde.	
	21/11		Standing by for entraining orders as per warning order received	
	18/11		from Division for move forward. Subsections recalled.	
			Kits and hob. Stone Table checked.	
	22/11		Civilian case of measles La Chaussée. Billet disinfectated put "out of bounds"	
	18/11		Area about notified. O.C. to Adms re move orders.	

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ST OUVEN	23 11 18		U.b. to Hanzest Entraining Station to see B'de Entraining officer also to 7th G. Coy to see U.b. Train No 7. All arrangements completed for entraining of personnel of section. As no transport was available - arranged with Aux Petrol Coy to transport equipment to entraining station together with baggage guard and loading party.	PDS
	24 11 18	0830	Lorry left for entraining station. U.b. left with Ford and Sidecar to proceed by road to Bertry detraining station and to Billets at Bohain. Arrived Bertry 2.30 p.m. Arranged there to Bohain Billets and ADMS office. Unit entrained 2100.	PDS
BOHAIN	25 11 18		7426 Pte Chapman F.W. admitted I.A.A.H. Hasfield Siddle on leave. Struck off strength U.b. inspected IX Corps Depot at Vaux ANDIGNY under instructions from D.D.M.S Aust corps. Interim report furnished. U.b. to ADMS and thence to "G" office - 2 G.S. wagons to be supplied for transport for this unit during the move. To 17 A.S.C. re transport - not available. To BERTRY. Train No 7 not due before 2900. Arranged to billet unit at BERTRY. Thence to Div Train. Obtained 2 G.S. wagons from 16 A.H.S.C.	PDS

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BOHAIN	26/11/18		<p>Train arrived at Bertry 0300. Party billeted at BERTRY moved with 7 m.g. lorry by road at 0900 to MAZINGHEIN.</p> <p>2 G.S. Wagons reported to H.Q. at BOHAIN - sent to BERTRY at 0900 to pick up baggage and return to Mazingheim. Ford Car and Sidecar left at 0930 for Mazingheim. Billets arranged.</p> <p>Personnel arrived at 1300. Billeted. G.S. Wagons arrived minus baggage at 1700. Motor lorry arrived 1730 with baggage. Baggage had been ordered into Div. Kit Store at BERTRY. Thence transported to Section Hdqrs.</p> <p>G.O.C. 7 A.I. Bde held conference of Co's Units 7th Bde Group at 2000. 1965 Pte Maloney H. reported by Cpl Duncan as missing from 1745. Advice received from 53rd Field Ambulance that he was evacuated C.C.S. 27/11/18. Struck off strength 27.11.18.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
MAZINGHEIN	27/11/18		<p>Rations drawn 0830 at Mazingheim. Billeting party left for P. FAYT.</p> <p>Unit arrived 1530 conducted to billets with 2 Aus. Fld. Amb. Sidecar sent with H.Q. to complete inspection <u>TR</u>. Corps Depot at Vaux Andigny.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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G.S.	27/11/18	(cont)	1200 Billeting party reported to 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde Billeting Officer to arrange billets in Castignies area as Sanitary Section was to be re-grouped with 6 A.I. Bde Group for further moves. Area commandant was out. Arranged to meet A.C. and Bde Billeting Officer at 1400 at A.C.'s office. Billeting officer not arrived at 1500. Sanitary Section Car returned to PT FAYT to meet unit and guide to billets.	BSL
PT FAYT.	28/11/18	0300	Rations drawn at church G.S. FAYT. Billeting party to Boulogne at 0900 Billets arranged at WARPONT. Section moved at 0930 arrived Billets at WARPONT at 1200.	BSL
	29/11/18		A.C. to A.D.M.S. office and reported arrival. A.C. went around area on general inspection. Arrangements made for dead horse on Boulogne - Castignies Road to be buried by 24 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.	BSL







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	November	1918	<p>Routine Work of Sanitary Inspection and Water Testing has been carried on as usual up to 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month.</p> <p><del>Notes</del> The Area was practically completely equipped with public sanitary appliances and units had ample latrine accommodation.</p> <p>hutches for wells, latrines, incinerators, manure dumps etc were painted and erected throughout the Area.</p> <p>On arrival in Castignies Area no latrine accommodation was found and no material available.</p> <p>Representations have been made to have material available in Charlevoi Area.</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>APPENDIX 7</p>

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Capt  
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Sect



1<sup>st</sup> Australian Sanitary Section

SCHOOL

of

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from 16/11/18 to 19/11/18.

DAILY ROUTINE

Breakfast.	0830
Lecture or } Demonstration }	0930 - 1030 1100 - 1200
Dinner	1230
Lecture or } Demonstration }	1400 to 1500 1500 - 1600
Tea	1630
Billets	2130
Lights out	2200.

R. H. H. H.  
C.M.





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SYLLABUS

APPENDIX 3

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INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL of SANITATION

16/11/18 to 19/11/18.

Held at St Ouen.  
Somme, France.

Saturday 16/11/18.

0930	School Assemblies
0930 to 1100	Arrange billeting of personnel.
1100 to 1200	Introductory Lecture:- "Duties of Sanitary Squads etc."
1400 to 1500	Lecture: "Water"
1500 to 1600	Demonstration: Water Testing.

Sunday 17/11/18

0930 to 1030	Lecture: "Hygiene"
1100 to 1200	Lecture: "Preventible Diseases and Disinfection."
1400 to 1500	Lecture: "Construction of grease traps, Soap traps, latrines, urinals etc from material available and necessity for making them."
1500 to 1600	Visit to workshops illustrating previous lecture.

Monday 18/11/18

0930 to 1130	Lecture "Baths" and visit to St Ouen Baths.
1400 to 1500	Lecture "Water, Food and Billets"
1500 to 1600	Lecture "Sanitation in the Field."

Tuesday 19/11/18

0930 to 1030	Lecture "Cookhouses and Disposal of Refuse."
1100 to 1200	Demonstration of Dehousing Chambers and Incinerators etc.
1300	School terminates. Personnel repair units.