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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dinant	1.		Headquarters of Unit at 39 Rue de Neffe, Dinant. 2109 Cpl Davis J. proceeded on leave to U.K.	
"	2.		The following Inspectors were temporarily attached to Units distributed over area, as follows: To 45th Bn, Hastiere - for 12th Brigade Area. Cpl Scandrett, R. K. and Pte Mahony, N. F. To 4th 2nd Ambulance - for 4th Inf Brigade Area. Cpl McPurse R. D. and L. Cpl Tharratt, H. To 10th A.F.A. Brigade, Flavieux Cpl Hindell, J. J. To 4th Div Artillery Hqs, Antheux Pte Polkingshorne, A.	
"	3.		List of detached Inspectors forwarded to Div Educational Office with a request that education course be arranged for them if possible in the Areas in which they are working. Great difficulty is being had in arranging educational and recreational	

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Dinant	3.		<p>courses for the members of this Unit on account of many members being detached on duty in various positions of the Divisional Area.</p> <p>No volunteers from Field Ambulances for transfer to Sanitary Section having been found to fill vacancies on establishment, A.D.M.S. advised accordingly.</p> <p>Memo also to D.D.M.S., Aust Corps suggesting that it is considered advisable to keep up the strength of Sanitary Sections, that authority be given to attach say twelve trainees, who after attending school at Section Headquarters, would be absorbed by transfer to the sections as vacancies occurred during Repatriation process.</p>	
"	4.		<p>Motor Cycle and side car combination on establishment of section, stolen during the night. A clue having been obtained by a member of the section, he, accompanied by a member of the 4th Div Provost Staff and a Gendarme, located the Bicycle in pieces</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dinant	4		<p>at a civilian house about a mile distant. It is not known what the result of the investigation into the theft was, so far as the civilian is concerned.</p> <p>18747 Pte Dawkins A.T. recommended to his Educational Officer as suitable Corporal Instructor for the section Authority from A.D.M.S. to appoint.</p> <p>5. Pte Rider I.H. proceeded to 2nd A.C.C.P. Aths. for 6 weeks refresher course in Mechanical Dentistry under the Educational Scheme</p> <p>Cpl Maynard, H. was detached as Inspector to 4th B.A.C. Area, to 4th B.A.C. Hqs, Bismere.</p> <p>6. Town Maps, Dinant, advised that construction of Public Latrines near Casino and Palais de Justice Dinant, were deemed necessary. (Public Latrine at Casino eventually constructed under the supervision of Sanitary Inspector.)</p> <p>7. List of Units requiring Latrine seats forwarded</p>	

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Dinant	7.		To C.R.E. 4th Aust Division showing number of Apertures necessary for each Unit. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable timber in the Area for construction of Latrines but now Divisional Engineers have obtained sufficient supplies to go on with.	
	9.		The following NCOs returned from Paris leave: S. Sgt Archer, W. J. Cpl Mc Intosh, A. and Cpl Coats J. B.	
	10.		Cpl Coats J. B. attached to 15th Bn, Philippeville, for inspections in that Area.	
			Pte Dawson appointed Extra Regimental Corporal Instructor to the Unit under authority of Lt Col 4th Division. M26/20 of 8th Inst.	
	11.		Applications of the following members of the Unit for early repatriation to Australia, forwarded to Director General, Repatriation and Demobilization Dept. London: Ptes Polkynghorne A. Mc Burn, R. O. Taylor, G. M. and Scandrett R. R.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dinant	14.		Staff Sgt Brooks 7/1 rejoined Unit from A.E.B.D. Temp Staff Sgt Archer, W. 3 reverts to Sgt on the organization of the establishment. Temp Sgt Dawson, 7/13. to Cpl (P/Sgt) Temp Cpl Mc Intosh A to Private (P/Cpl) for the same reason.	
"	16		Reports of an outbreak of Diphtheria amongst the civilians at Furneaux. Inspector detailed to disinfect billets. Furneaux placed out of bounds to troops by 4th Divisional Headquarters. Cpl Gault 7/13. withdrawn from 15th Bata and attached to 4th Div Artillery Headquarters via Cpl Polkinghorne - pick.	
	17		Pte Polkinghorne, evacuated to 12th Field Ambulance from 4th Div Artillery Hqs. Following on memo to D.O.M.S Corps regarding keeping up strength of sections, 4 men from 13th Field Ambulance attached to sections for training as Inspectors.	

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Dinant	17		It is understood that four are to be sent from each of the three Ambulances of the Division.	
"	18		Four men temporarily attached to the Section from 12th Field Ambulance as trainees.	
"	19		Four men temporarily attached to the Section from 14th Field Ambulance as trainees.	
"	21		Sgt Archer W. F. attached to 45th Bn, Has here for duty as Inspector in 12th Brigade Area. Cpl Davis J. rejoined Unit from U.K. leave.	
"	23		L/Cpl Tharratt. H. on leave to U.K.	
"	24		Cpl Scandrett R. R. proceeded on leave to U.K. 19067 Pte Kresner, E reported from 13th Field Ambulance for temporary attachment as trainee vice Holzberger detached to Ambulance 13th Field Ambulance. Memo forwarded to Aust War Records Section regarding models which were recovered from Meteren Dump by Lt/Col Butler, Medical polluter	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dinant	24		<p>during April 1918. These were not shown as having been received by the Aust War Museum in a list recently issued. These models were originally made for the Army Sanitary School at Eblingham and it was decided to send these to the Aust War Museum later. The Sanitation School closed after the German Advance in March, models being sent to 4th Div Dump, Meteren, for the time being. This Dump was in danger and finally captured by the enemy during his advance in this sector last summer. During this advance Lt Col Butler rescued the models under difficulties. Several civilian billets at Hastiere, Waulsort, Agimont and Hermeton sur Menne reported infected with Diphtheria. Billets disinfected and placed out of bounds to troops. The cases were all civilian. The Pelkinghorne A. Struck off strength on evacuation to C.C.S. Telegram from A. Aust Corps, with instructions that</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dinant	26		Cpl Scandrett R.R. report to No. 4. command depot for Early Repatriation. Adminanst and Demobanst notified by wire of Cpl Scandrett's address - he being on leave.	
"	30		Application from Pte Taylor G.M. for 8 days leave to Lille, forwarded to D. D. Unit, Australian Corps.	
"	31		1189 Pte Humphries H.R. and 2906 Pte Wilcocks H.R. detached to 12th Aust 3rd Ambulance after temporary attachment to Section. Section Headquarters at 39 Rue de Neffe, Dinant on 31st January 1919.	

W. Franklands Capt
OC 12th Aust Sanitary Section

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

- (1) Monthly sanitary report for the month of January 1919. (copy).

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Monthly Sanitary Report

Months ending 26th Jan'y '19

Period 27.12.18 to 26.1.19.

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4th Australian Sanitary Section

In 27.12.18 Section's Headquarters were situated at 39 Rue de Neffe, Dinant and Area operated was "A" Divisional Area which has not changed during the month.

1.

Billets. As in last report, troops were billeted in Houses, Factories and Public Buildings

(a) General condition - Mostly good. In some cases in the smaller villages, there are many accumulations of civilian manure and Refuse.

2.

Water Supply -

(a) Nature of Supplies - Same as in last month's report.

(b) Chlorination - Tests carried out - 56.

(c) Notice Boards erected - In all cases where tests have been made.

(d) Inspection of water - Carts, Discies etc. - Twenty-five tests were made (iv) Other

Remarks - A.R.O 23 of 10/1/19 - It is noted that where main supplies of water have been examined and found to be safe, chlorination is not required. As far as can be ascertained, no supplies in the Area have been recently examined bacteriologically and chemically at the Army Laboratory. It is therefore being advised in the Area to chlorinate all supplies.

(e) Water Points - As in last month's report.

3.

Food and cooking -

(a) Quality and variety - Quality good.

variety fair only. Vegetables excepting onions and potatoes are not well supplied.

(b) Protection of Food Supplies - Mostly by means of bupboards and bores. Limbers. Owing to no fly problem, measures to cope with mud contamination only, have been carried out.

(c) Sanitation of cookhouses - Generally good.

4.

Baths - All Brigades have Baths in good working order and change of under clothing are supplied.

5.

Laundries - None notified in Area.

6.

Disinfection - Two Billets occupied by troops, have been sprayed at Durmeaux from one of which an officer was stated to have been evacuated with Diphtheria. In the other case and in the case of a house being occupied by civilians only, civilian cases of Diphtheria were reported to have occurred. Durmeaux has been placed out of bounds to troops by 4th Divisional Headquarters. Civilian cases of Diphtheria have been notified - one at Agimout, one at Hermeten sur Meuse, one at Hastiere, two at Wandort and a case of Rose Measles at Hastiere. All houses from which Diphtheria cases have been reported, have been sprayed. and all billets placed out of bounds to troops with the exception of one billet at Wandort where the case was examined by an A.M.D. Officer and declared not to be

6. 221 Diphtheria.
In this area, no reports of cases amongst troops have been received nor have any reports of bacteriological examination of contacts been made.
7. Latrines and Urinals.
All units with only two small exceptions are now provided with Box Pattern seats used over Trenches or Buckets. In a few cases units are relying ~~on~~ entirely on water flushed closet systems. In these cases, the system is adequate.
8. Refuse Disposal. - By means of Incinerators and Refuse Tips at chosen sites.
9. Stables and Horse Standings - : Horses are generally provided with pens in stables etc and manure is disposed of by carting and stacking at Unit or Public Dumps. at marked sites or, as in the majority of cases, by carting direct to field.
10. Anti Louse and Scabies measures:
46th Bn have a Delousers in operation. No other construction of Delousers has been reported. A Duden Lorry Disinfector is operating at present, in Divisional Artillery Brigade Area.
11. Destruction of Rats - : Nothing to note.
12. Instruction in Sanitation:
Twelve trainees have been attached - 4 from each Ambulance for instruction - al purposes with a view to being ultimately absorbed in the place of early category men to be sent home on furlough or demobilization.

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Infectious Disease :- M.O. 100th Bde
R.I.A. notified the occurrence of 12
cases of Diphtheria amongst civilian
inhabitants at Furness. Billets were
placed out of bounds and later 4th
Divisional Headquarters placed the
whole village out of bounds.

Two cases of Diphtheria and one
of Rose Measles were notified by to
4th Div Headquarters by 4th Army.
Measures taken as above under
heading. 6.

General Remark :-

The supply of material for
sanitary work has been small
but units are now, practically all
in a good condition from a
sanitary point of view.

(Signed) L.W. Frankland, Capt
O.C. 4th Aust San Section.

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4th Australian Divisional Area, Aust Corp.

Synopsis of work carried out by and under the supervision of 4th Aust San Section during the month ending 26th Jan'y '19

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Number of.											
Latrines dug, roofed and screened.	Seats on completed Latrines	Urinals erected.	Latrine pits dug or in course of digging	Urinal pits dug or in course of digging	Incinerators erected.	Refuse Dumps dug.	Grease Traps or Leakage pits constructed.	Units inspected	Billets dis-infected	Notices posted	Water Carts inspected
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