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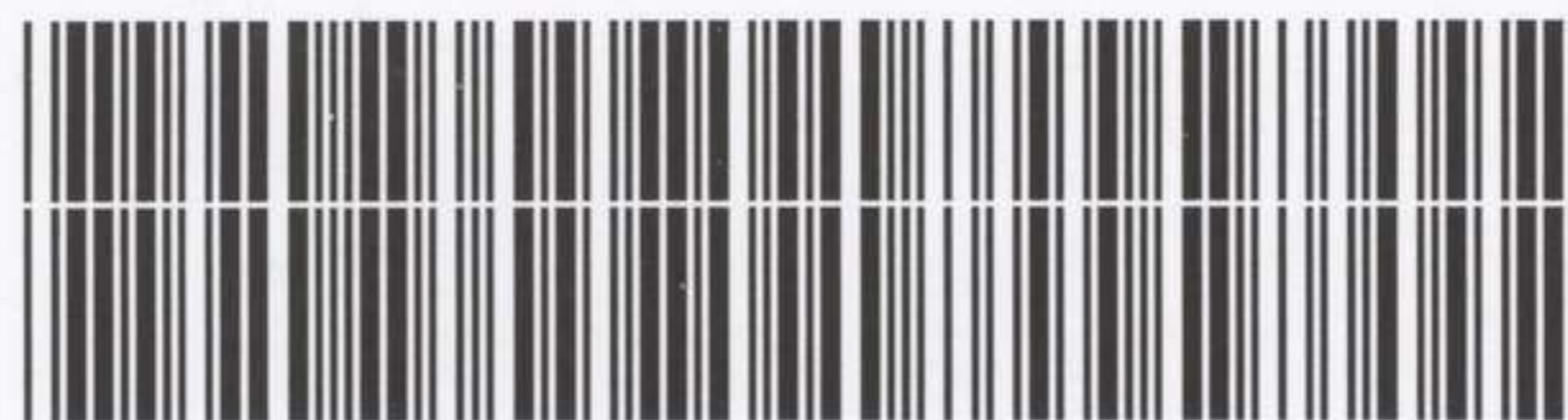
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SANITARY SECTION. 5th AUSTRALIAN DIV.
No. <u>September</u>
Date.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France Blaringhem	Sept 4 th		2 Carpenters sent Wisques to No 1 N.Z. Stationary Corp. in accordance with instructions received from DMS 2nd Army through DMS in Angoulême.	
BLARINGHEM	8 th		Orders from DMS in Angoulême to relieve 95 th Sanit. Sect. at Steenvoorde by 4 pm 9 th inst.	
"	9 th		Order of 8 th cancelled. and order for move to be completed by noon 10 th inst.	
STEEVVOORDE	10 th		Move completed by 12 noon. Map. locat: Sheet 28 France K 31 d 33 Area taken over by sect. (2nd Army Area Map. Subdivision of in Angoulême Corps area) whole of areas 11, 12, 13 parts of 9 & 10 west of Popeninghe Reminghelst Rd. its west boundary 1 kilometre W. of Udegele to Popeninghe Reminghelst Rd N. & S. bounded by Corps boundary.	
"	11		1 N.C.O. 2 men Temp. detached with in Sanit. Sect.	
"	12 th		Ratified by in Aust Div. Supply Column.	
"	23 rd		Unit order attached.	
"	24 th		Reorganisation Sanit. Areas by DMS in Angoulême area W. of Popeninghe Reminghelst Rd & E. of Popeninghe Westendse Rd bounded west to in Aust. San. Sect.	
"	25 th		Food Amb. Car detached from 8 th Field Amb. to this sect. returned to 8 th Field	
"	26 th		under 249 Wt. WI4957/M90 750,000 1/16 J.B.C. & A. Forms/C.2118/12. instruction ADMS 5 th Div. Capt Cobbleton detailed by DMS in Angoulême to report ADS 5 th Div for further light hours duty.	A

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Steinwade	26. 28 th 30 th		<p>Unit Order attached</p> <p>Capt Coppleman reported back to Section</p> <p>Monthly report rendered - 3 reinforcements reported for duty. Strength 1-28 - 4 attached</p> <p>Graph of work done in area in low half of month attached</p>	<p>B</p> <p>C</p>

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5th. AUSTRALIAN SANITARY SECTION.

23-9-17.

ROUTINE ORDERS

By

Captain V. M. COPPLESON.

C.O. 5th. AUSTRALIAN SAN. SECTION.

1. DAILY ROUTINE.

Daily routine will be:-

REVEILLE.....	7 A.M.
BREAKFAST.....	8 A.M.
PARADE.....	8-45 A.M.
DINNER.....	12-15 P.M.
TEA.....	4-45 P.M.
LIGHTS OUT.....	9 P.M.
All men will be in billets by.....	9 P.M.

2. TOWN ORDERS.

Attention of all ranks are drawn to Town Orders for STEENVOORDE which are posted on Notice Board.

3. KIT INSPECTION.

A Kit inspection will be held on Monday 24th. inst. at 8-45 A.M.

4. Corps Routine Order 377. Chinese Coolies. Sale of Goods to:-

Troops will be warned against undue familiarity with personnel of Chinese Labour Companies. Loitering in the vicinity of Chinese Camps and bartering goods with, or selling goods to the Coolies is strictly prohibited.

5. A. I. F. ORDER 849. REMITTANCES.

Arrangements have been made for the transmission by the Chief Paymaster to members of the A.I.F. of any cash remittances paid in by the various banks and agencies for that purpose.

This practice, whilst safeguarding the interests of the Government, also protects the soldier, and affords him the convenience of being able to retain the remittance on his pay book until it is required by him. The C.P.M. will take immediate steps to have this amount entered as a credit in the pay book of the soldier by the Paymaster of the Formation. This credit may be withdrawn by the soldier on demand in the usual way by his signing an acquittance roll, irrespective of the drawing restrictions or of the position of his account.

This credit, when withdrawn, must be drawn by the soldier "in toto", unless his pay account be overdrawn, in which case he may, if he so desires, withdraw portions only of the remittance from time to time.

Members of the A.I.F. who cable for, or are expecting remittances of money from Australia or elsewhere, should forward their present address to the Administrative Headquarters, London, and should keep those Headquarters advised of any change of address until the receipt of the remittance. This will ensure the Chief Paymaster's advice reaching the pay representative nearest the member concerned at the earliest possible moment.

The only persons authorised to make the credit entry in the pay books are Paymasters or their representatives, and the "Credit Advice Number" must invariably be quoted therein,

Handwritten signature

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ROUTINE ORDER No. 2.

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6. A.I.F. Order 863. Special Payment. Christmas Gifts.

Approval is given for members of the Australian Imperial Force, who so desire, and who have sufficient Credit in their pay books, to draw amounts of pay not exceeding a total of £5 (five pounds) in excess of the prescribed scale for pay issue, for the purpose of purchasing Christmas gifts.

7. D.R.O. 1658. Communications with Commonwealth Bank.

As a safeguard against fraud, and to ensure that remittances paid by Commonwealth Bank to Chief Paymaster are correctly credited to account of members of the A.I.F. concerned, it is desired that the following particulars be furnished when corresponding with the Manager, Commonwealth Bank, New Broad Street, London, in connection with remittances from Australia.

1. Paybook Number.
2. Branch in Australia at which account was opened.

8. 5th. Aus. Div. Circular memo. No. 48. Lights.

1. Headlights (except on motor cycles) will not be allowed East of the Poperinghe-Reninghelst Road.
2. Sidelights will ~~not~~ be allowed as far East as the Vlaminghe Cafe Belge Road.
3. *No head lights will be lit except East of the Canal.*
4. No. Headlights or side light not provided with shade will be allowed anywhere in the Corps Area.

9. Belts.

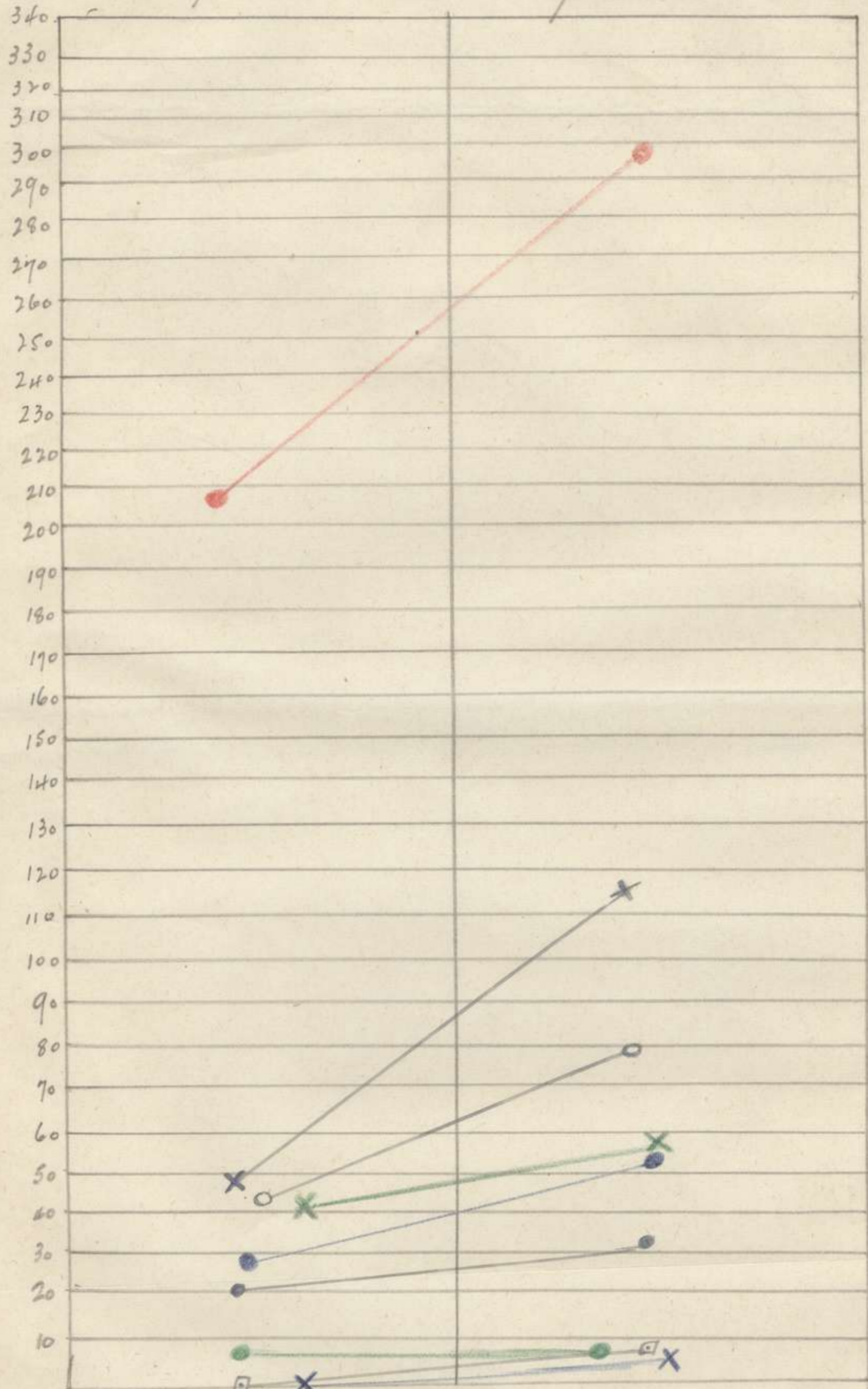
Web belts must be worn by all ranks outside billets whether on duty or otherwise.

V. M. Coppleson. Capt.

Week Ending

September 23rd

September 30th



- Bills Inspected —●—●—
- Latrines Erected in Area —X—X—
- Grease Traps erected —○—○—
- Horse lines inspected —●—●—
- Water points inspected —X—X—
- Pumps etc. tested —●—●—
- Notice boards - water - erected —X—X—
- Notice boards - other than water - erected —X—X—
- Incinerators put up in Area —□—□—

SANITARY SECTION.
5th
AUSTRALIAN DIV.

No.

Date.

Stenwood and Wippenhoek Areas

Report of 5th Australian Sanitary Section with Ede. Sept 1968

1. Bulldozing and Other Quarters

- (a) Nature - Houses and barns etc. in houses and bulldozing areas of Stenwood area. In Wippenhoek area, Staging camps, huts and tents.
- (b) Ventilation - Good.
- (c) Overcrowding - Sometimes in tents of Staging camps.
- (d) General Condition - Good.

2. Water Supplies

(a) Nature of Supplies - Stenwood Area - (1) Water point at Lakerie Stenwood - deep well - water supply in accordance with agreement between C.E. II Army and the Company.

(2) The Braconie, Stenwood has also supplied water in a reservoir. For some time past pump has been out of action. A new plant has been installed and water will shortly be again available.

(3) Water Tower - Stenwood - Source of water supply - deep well and pump - used as a reserve water supply for water carts in event of other points not being available.

(b) Wippenhoek Area - water points are -

Point No. 1 at L 32 6 86) main de Cato
2 L 22 d 92	
3 L 17 d 95	
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(c) Lists Carried out - Special water detail for water testing who test all water points at least once weekly and find any traps are blocked. At water points water Patrol Staff supervise chlorination of all water carts. According to water patrol officer reports, 31st water carts drew water from the Wippenhoek area from 8th to 22nd Sept. - 1968 was carried out by the own Sanitary Personnel and 159 without. 1986 carried Chloride for chlorination and 141 with it. These being chlorinated by water patrol details. In all 208,216 gallons were drawn from the point.

1. Water Supplies - Contd.

2. Wippenhatch Area for the 2 weeks 8th - 22nd Sep.

In Steenvorde area 630 carts were inspected.

	Region 1 near 2000	2000	3000	Over 3	Total
Pump Supplies tested	18	23	4	9	54

12. Notice board erected.

Steenvorde area 93. Wippenhatch area 136.

(a) Inspection of War Carts - Generally clean. Done by inspectors when inspecting biscuits.

(b) Control of Chlorination - Done by water patrol officers in Wippenhatch area. Details detailed to water points in Steenvorde by Division in occupation of area.

13. Food and Cooking.

(a) Quality and variety of food food.

b. Protection of Food Supplies - Covered boxes. Most units in area are standing camps and have fly proof safes.

(c) Sanitation of latrines - Good during month.

19 Litter traps added to Steenvorde area & 28 in Wippenhatch.

Baths.

A. Non-portable Baths

B. Steenvorde Bath

C. Unit Bath

D. Hospital Bath

E. Rest Station Bath

(a) Non-portable Baths - Can bathe 1500 to 2000 men daily. Situation L 176.01. Change of underclothing provided.

(b) Steenvorde Baths - Ref. A. Attached. A private bath establishment created at Ginnel's use. Source of supply the canteen factory.

(c) Unit Bath - Many standing units have their own bath - tubs, showers etc. No change of clothing provided.

(d) Hospital Bath - At all C.C.S. in area.

(e) Rest Station Bath - 2nd, 6th & 8th Div. Ginnel's use. Rest Station.

Laundries.

- (1) Nonpoutre Baths.
- (2) Steenwoorde

(1) Nonpoutre Baths & Laundry - Sanitation on whole good. Sinks trap was very unsatisfactory. Improvement has been made to this but it is not yet quite satisfactory. Further reconstruction will probably be necessary as the work be carried out if required. Effluent to Laundry goes to stream nearby report B re stream attached.

(2) Steenwoorde - Private laundry which wastes the clothes for Steenwoorde laundry. All clothes sterilized before washing by Cape Health Station.
Disinfection - 29 buckets disinfectant during the month.
Latrines and Urinals

Construction of latrines and urinals done by

(a) units themselves

(b) R. F. Burchmore.

(c) Sanitary Section workshop.

Owing to the large area main supply in Hippo-bush area is by indent on C. B. F. dump Burchmore.

In Steenwoorde area all latrines issued are built by Sanitary Section workshop. - 175 apartments issued by Sanitary Section during month. In Hippo-bush area most of latrines fly proof for system and access incinerated. In Steenwoorde area, town of Steenwoorde has pan. system of public latrine and all faeces incinerated. Area has pit system in use.

Refuse Disposal

(a) methods - Collection and Removal - In this done by Sanitary Section. In Steenwoorde a system of refuse bins are placed in street - 11 in number. These are collected daily by team major fatigue and incinerated in public incinerator around Steenwoorde.

(b) Incinerators - two units and all staging Camps have incinerators. Pattern mostly in use for Staging Camps.

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Refuse disposal. Cont.

c. Hospitals etc. brick or iron incubators. To better utilize
 troops remain only a short time. Ground pit incubators
 are constructed on a small pattern and have been found
 very satisfactory and save a large amount of material.

Stables and Horse Stables

General Condition Good. Weather during month has been
 very good and all open lines have been easily maintained
 cleaned. Many standing camps, stables or camps etc. have
 proofed lines.

Manure Disposal - mainly carted away by Civilians
 either from horse lines or manure dumps.

In very few cases incised.

10. Anti-lice and Scabies measures.

Baths and changes of clothes. Divisions arrange
 for scabies inspection at least once a week.

12. Instruction in Sanitation.

Baths and units are encouraged to attach Sanitary
 Personnel from their units when near to the Sanitary
 Section for instruction etc.

13. Infectious diseases

a. No prevalence amongst inhabitants. Two cases of
 typhoid reported, one in the Devilde Monan. Steenwonder
 b. Joseph Six. Jan. de Houch. That 27/1/23.

All necessary action has been taken in both cases.

Flies on the whole not very prevalent.

Labor in Wippenhoek Area is plentiful, most units be-
 either standing units or standing camps. In Steenwonder
 Area labor has for the most part been scarce. Towards the

end of the month a Division stayed for some time and
 much necessary construction was carried out in the Area.

The Division supplied fatigues to assist the Sanitary
 in cleaning and maintaining sanitation of the town
 of Steenwonder.

14. Material available for sanitary work has been sufficient. Much saving of timber has been effected by obtaining a plentiful supply of biscuit boxes from rail head and building latrines of a special pattern.

The Sanitary Section workshops have built and supplied all material for Stevedock area.

During the month 67 seats (175 apertures) 3 Ablution benches, 2 incinerators, 1 street refuse bin were built and supplied.

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Steenvoorde and Wippenhoek Area.

Month ending 30.9.17.

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Synopsis of work carried out by and under the supervision of the 5th Australian Sanitary Section

Situation	Latrine Dug Proved and Screened.	Seats or Completed Latrines	Animal cretted.	Latrine pits dug or covered disposed	Incinerators Created	Refuse dumps dug.	Lease traps and scavenging pits constructed	Buckets inspected	Latrine pits dug or covered disposed	Buckets inspected	Water boilers created	Water Carts inspected
Steenvoorde Area.	61	73	89	129	17	31	19	123 daily	89	12	93	630
Wippenhoek Area.	56	63	98	106	26	19	28	95 daily	98	15	136	3448

30.9.17.

W. Hoffmann
Capt
5th Australian Sanitary Section

Appendix

Report on Stream Ex. Rec. Steenwode.

Report A.

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This stream flows through the town of Steenwode and is the source of water supply to the Baths, situated in that town. For the last month the water has been at a low level, and due to the large amount of refuse thrown into stream the stream through the town area has become very foul.

The Chlorination test has been used as a guide to the quality of the water in the stream, and on the 1stst Sept the water used for bathing required 5 measures.

Tested again on the 28th Sept it required 8 measures.

A letter has been written to the Town Major recommending that the baths be closed until further notice.

In Company with the Town Major ~~to~~ Mr. Le Maire was interviewed, and in his absence his secretary stated that Mr. Le Maire at Dunbarque, had ~~ordered~~ ^{ordered} that the stream be cleaned out, the work to commence on the 15th Sept and finished by October 31st.

This has not yet been begun.

He further stated that cartians were forbidden to throw refuse into the stream, but that they had ^{no} means of preventing them from doing so.

Attached find map of stream through the town. It is recommended.

(a) That the Army should communicate with Mr. Le Maire at Dunbarque and request that the work of cleaning the stream should be begun as soon as possible.

(b) That a pipe line be laid from Point A, which was at present drawn for use at the Baths, to point B, which was at B, is for bathing purposes, practically for the purpose.

M. J. P. M.

W. J. P. M.