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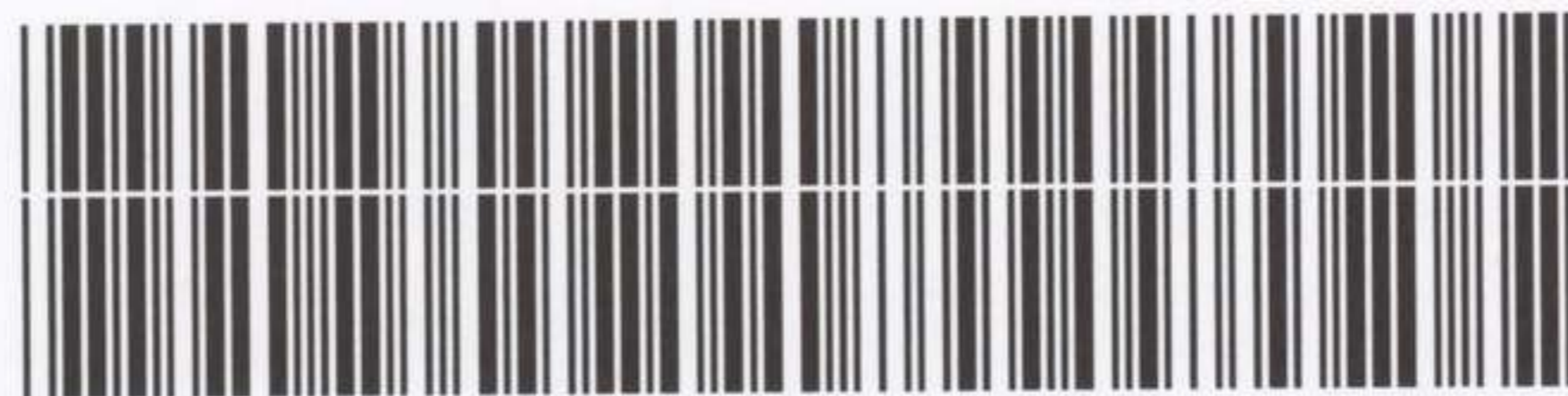
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cc. J San Sec Amgac

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Aug 1st		Two of 3/1008 PTE. CANTOR. W. M.M. from the N.Z.M.F.A. 3/3559 " SALMONS B.G.	⊗
			Visit to Divisional Units (H/ptl Station)	
	2		One native of 2 nd Bde gang returned from hospital. 3881 Abbas Omar Es Saidi The Wauhope returned to Section from the Des. Corps Reinforcement Camp from Des. Corps Ambulance Post camp by motor, thro' Jerusalem 10.30 to Sudd 1.30 (by arrangement O.A. D. M. S. visited Amgac Dumps and removed all remaining gear on 2 nd H.A. dump. The English thresh belonging to the section is there, the new shaft not yet affixed, but lying on the ground alongside.	⊗
	3	0930	Left Sudd by train reaching Jerusalem 1530	⊗
	4		Diary Notified that 1509 PTE CARMICHAEL C. evacuated to hospital from cooking school Alexandria 13 July.	⊗
	5		Visited Divisional Trains saw O.C. and Adjutant (Stocking) arranged regarding details for delousing of natives by four Turkish disinfectors. Started work about 1100. Total deloused about 150. Finished midday 6	⊗

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	6 th	0800	Sgt Bennett C. A No 1204 arrived in charge 3 Reinforcements from A.A.M.C. Training Cadre MOASKAR. TPRS 2397 HORSEY RJ. 4171 PERMAIN HQ 3270 PROCTOR S.J.	B
		1430	Inspection by the G.O.C. accompanied by Lieut Col Drowne Druce Stafford. Report men and horses, food, wagon saddlery good - Our first inspection by the Divisional General.	B
	7 th		W. A. G.	B
	8 th		To P.A.Q. to see cases of influenza	B
	9 th		"	B
	10 th		Sgt Bennett transfer papers from 2 nd A.S.P. to the 2 nd L.H.F.A. joined the latter at ARRUB one native ABBAS MOHD No 2881 proceeded with him	B
	11 th			B
	12 th	0800	Co visited Jumo alens Field Cashier & Red Cross collected pay visited disinfectors at Reinforcement Camp.	B
		1400	Pt Said rest party Pats HUNT, PHIPPS, TOOMEY and CANTOR M.M. in charge.	B

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	13		No 5 malaria Diagnosis Station Capt Chestman I.A. No. 6. i/c 4 O.P. with 1 G.S.M. / driver and 1 native Examined 2 defaulters at D.H.Q. for A.P.M.	B
	14			B
	15		Turkish disinfectors to ARRUB Least of the Assumption - 1 O.P. Ser O'Dwyer leave to Jerusalem as per G.O. Staff Sgt Williams returned from leave in Egypt	B
	16		Turkish Disinfectors sent to Arrub. 55 natives of 34 th Coy deloused 20% had nits no lice seen. New Zealand Brigade moved out - inspection later by instructions A.D. No. 5.	B
	17		The members of the Section 1 O.P. & 11 O.P. who had been in the Jordan Valley had blood smears examined - all negative. Lecture course for Sanitary Inspectors completed Disinfectors returned from Divisional train	B
	18		Disinfectors sent to Reinforcement Camp Jerusalem.	B
	19	1100	D.H.Q. 3 Reinforcements arrived 20019 Dadds S.J. 20037 Ingram W. 20057 Ralph E.	B

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	20	1430 1830	<p>With Capt Stevens visited 2nd L.H.F. at ARRUB then inspected the Gloucester camp site 1630 just before their move - good - saw O.C. & P.O. finally walked round the site near El Khadr vacated by the NZ Bde. M.G.S. & W.M. good some incomplete work. Auckland least good</p> <p>Divisional Train area excellent. As no unit is taking on work at Bethlehem surplus disinfectants were sent back to the Supplies, and Prophylactic tent stock to the Reinforcement Camp Jerusalem</p>	<p>FB</p>
	21	1600	<p>Two Reinforcements Nos 19979 Rossiter S.C. and 19351 Ellis J. reported from Hoastan</p> <p>Pte INGRAM evacuated to hospital Jerusalem (Influenza)</p> <p>Left Bethlehem for the Jordan Valley at 1600 inspected Divisional Units about 1330-1500, while final cleaning up operations were in progress. Signals very good, C.A.G. good, F. Squadron fair.</p> <p>Reached Kilo 3 about 2000. Extremely windy almost a gale blowing and air full of dust and grit</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>FB</p>
	22	0300	<p>Left Kilo 3 after bivouac of about 6 hours - very little to be done in cleaning up this camp, reached Meshrah K21 and camped about 300 yds SW of the water area just beyond Field Squadron P.C.</p> <p>Inspected camping areas - very dirty and untidy</p>	<p>M15</p> <p>Apr 18</p>

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	August 23	0400	Left Meshrah after inspecting camp. Riders by Roman Road arrived by jacks to Wadi Nuaiameh about 1030. Wagon via Hato Road (E. side) at 08.30 took over 8 Sanitary Section Camp site 400 yds E of Signal Squadron. Saw Major Evans & Colbrook re fatigue parties, took over from Lt. Parkes 8 th San Sec Trooper Hunt reported back sent under escort from Port Said Rest camp. The other 3 Ptesbantor Phipps and Toomey were evacuated to hospital from there or on the return journey	B
	24	0830	To HQ and on with Major Bowman up to Ain Ed Duk, along N.W. Aqueduct Capt Hay NZMFA. was supervising a 2 parties of 120 th from N. Z. Bde Staff Sgt Bangrove on Anja Mellahah and Corporal Worthington on West Anja	B
	25	0830-1300	With Major Bowman to Anja and upstream from Obidah Bridge to present Anjehire Gun line Here we saw Capt Douglas R. B. 1 st Bde L.A. regarding 12 th L. S. and burning of manure & feces ineffectively done after wards from the water itself . Wadi banks in very fair condition, tho' maintenance gang necessary Staff Sgt Williams took over Wadi Nuaiameh.	B
	26		Staff Sgt Bangrove with 30 th attached to 2 nd L.A. at Obidah Bridge for work on Anja, and Mellahah. One native to the 2 nd Brigade gang.	B A August 18 Mill

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	27		Colonel Worthington and Lt Colonel Eaton attached to 3 rd Regiment to supervise fatigue parties on West Anja.	B
	28		To Anja Mellakah Junction saw Staff Captain 2 nd Brigade A.G. re absence of working parties. He states G. Branch expressly exempted them from providing working parties. Also Ide San. Officer. Chlorination tank not completely installed. Definite Malarial larvae, breeding in a spring near.	B
	29	1415 1000	Presentations of decorations by General Allen by binb. W.P. McInnescombe 1 st P.A. and Sanitary Inspector Blake, visited 1 st Regt and inspected their showers, also had a look at the N Aqueduct & visited the N.Z.M.F.A. regarding reinforcements	B
	30	0730	Visit by road past Ain ed Duk to the West Anja, armed guide from B.W.I. took me up to place where work had ceased. Went about 1/4 mile past, but only found one pocket of Anopheles larvae, plenty of Chironomus. The gang (50) B.W.I. are here cutting down brush wood and bamboos to clear the bank. Part of the working party acts as a covering guard	B
	31		cleaning has reached about 1/2 mile west of the barbed wire. A smaller party of 12 is following up forming the banks & channel & are now 200 yds within the barbed wire. Inspected Wadi to Maohbeh then to see Staff Captain 1 st B.A.G. re fatigue parties.	M/17 Aug 14.

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Prophylactic Tent Work

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The arrangement of having a wash out tent run by the Sanitary Section was pointed out in a previous index appendix, as the first instance of this preventive work being carried out by a Sanitary Section.

The 5th San. Sect. carried on the tent at Bethlehem which we established and we took over from them on our return to this area 21st July. The camps of Divisional Units during the past month were more spaced out immediately around the tent about 250 of D.G. Co. The additional 250 of Signal Squadron being now $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away, Field Squadron 50 and Duty Troop 50, much as before.

The method adopted has already been given. A ritual sequence of miction - scrub with soap & water - internal infection "washout" of 1 in 2000 Permanganate - miction with of balmet ointment 33% - dressing with gauze - was maintained; the process taking at least 15 minutes.

The majority come for treatment within the hour, a few up to 3 or 4 hours after contact.

One very important change of procedure was made after the first few days with marked disturbing effect on attendances.

Previously the man was asked no questions whatever involving identity the tent attendant noted simply his unit by observing his uniform. On the 31st July by instruction the name and unit were taken although they were informed that all information given would be treated as strictly confidential and be retained only by the medical officer, and further the giving of the name was optional.

The fixing of identity was disliked by the men and the effect on attendances was marked.

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OC of Sanitary Troops
Ten Days

Ten Days		Ten Days			Ten Days			
Names not taken		Order for names to be taken			acted on 31 st July			
Date	No	Name taken	Name Refused	Total	Date	Name	Name Refd	Total
21/7	4	31/7 2	1/2	3 5	10/8	—	—	—
22	4	Aug 1 2 3	3	2	11	2	—	2
23	7	" 2 5	1	6	12	—	—	—
24	10	" 3 0	2	2	13	2	—	2
25	6	4 2	—	2	14	—	—	—
26	5	5 5	—	5	15	—	—	—
27	10	6 —	—	—	16	—	3	3
28	5	7 —	—	—	17	—	—	—
29	11	8 1	—	1	18	1	1	2
30	7	9 —	—	—	19	—	5	5
	69		18	6 refused	24	5	9 refused	14

That is to say. The 10 days before the names were asked for 69 attended for the first ten days of taking names 24 attended six (6) of whom refused their names; while for the second ten days only 14 attended, nine of whom refused their names. The drop is a very marked one to one quarter and one fifth the previous total.

Many factors operated in causing this decrease.

- 1 Pay Immediately after pay day an increase occurs with corresponding lull in the interval
- 2 Police more active supervision came in especially of hotels Brothels now out of bounds.
- 3 Convenience Units are more spread out and other wash out tents patronized. E.g. by order by them at Kemp. Camp. Jerusalem saw several men of Signals

use the wash out tent on their way home from Jerusalem

4 Men using private outfits Syringes have been stolen and Pot. Permanganate is easily obtained

5 Names The taking of names has I believe been responsible for the main drop in attendances. It detracts from the secrecy which is the guiding principle of the whole prophylactic scheme, and the reaction among ^{the} men is unfavourable, for the idea of a record at once gives the undesirable official touch.

As the idea of washout is popular, private attempts at prophylactics are I believe on the increase. These are not thorough enough to

be satisfactory if prophylaxis is used it should be used properly

This criticism I believe applies to the issue of prophylactic packets

Either one of two procedures ought to be adopted

A Secrecy regarded as essential and taking of names discontinued

B Names taken but the whole control reorganized & strengthened

1 Name put by man himself while in the tent on a numbered card issued at tent. Man keeps card & shews it later if necessary. Number and date recorded in prophylactic book not name

2 If a man shews signs of V.D.

He must produce a card from W.O. tent in which case the regular deduction of pay is reduced 50%

If he cannot produce evidence of prophylactic treatment

1 Ordinary reduction of pay holds.

2 His name is published in orders as V.D.

The justification of this action would be that the man is punished not for getting V.D. but for neglecting to protect himself against the invasion of infection.

This latter system would require close supervision but would compel and improve prophylaxis and also provide adequate statistics for testing the efficacy of methods in use.

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Anti Malarial work - Cisterns in Bethlehem

In a previous appendix the work of kerosening cisterns 4 ^{in number} near Anzac camps at Bethlehem was described.

An attempt was made during this month to deal with all cisterns in Bethlehem.

Staff Sgt Bausgrove assisted by Lt Colonel Keaton carried out the kerosening. A gendarme, lent by the major after application to the Military Governor acted as guide and was invaluable in finding hidden cisterns and explaining matters to the householders thus saving much time and breath. Cisterns were found in the most unexpected places, under a small piece of mat on the floor, or in the corner of an outhouse. At the church of the Nativity seventeen were shown. The search led deep into the rabbit warren collection of houses where the Pecton's dog proved a useful guide out of the maze of turnings, windings, and staircases. The great majority of people made the visitors welcome. A few were very suspicious. One eccentric old lady absolutely refused after much haranguing by the gendarme and would not open the door. Taking a cigarette tinful from the Staff Sgt the gendarme shinned up and over the top of the door. A wild struggle and a splash, and out clutched the policeman, his hair a bit ruffled and telling the sergeant it was done, but that the woman was 'magnani'.

One trained nurse (Pyrian) refused at first but realized it had to be done, so donning her outside garments spent two hours beating nearby cisterns determined her neighbours should not miss the benefits she had received. The most embarrassing position the Staff sergeant found, was that his red cross brassard marked him as a hageem (doctor) and many cases were brought to him, for the faith in the English doctor is a very real and deep one. He always told them to go to the local dispensary of the

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French Sisters of Charity but often had to do something to escape. Anything 'skin' was shown how to treat the surface with soap and water (warm) three times a day. This had very excellent results. Eyes were dealt with by bathing frequently in dilute saline solution and sent on to the doctor. One case of skin disease was found in a small restaurant for soldiers and reported to the A.P.M. On examination by a M.O. it proved to be Dermatitis "weeping eczema" of the face. Arrangements were made for her admission to hospital.

The work with cisterns developed in a surprising fashion. In 17 days 508 cisterns were found. In 70% culcs were seen and definite ANOPHELES breeding in 14.

Where masonrals or side receptacles held water the best examples of breeding were seen. So many were found that the weekly seeing of all was not found possible, but a return visit was made to all definitely noted as breeding eg. The milk Grotto at the Protestant Church and around "David's Well" and a few in the thickly populated areas where anopheles was seen.

The totals were: First kerosening 508 Second 230 Third 15
(Known to be bad breeding spots)

The only places not visited were the French Hospital and the Carmelite convent.

The results by direct observation were excellent.

The investigation was an eye opener in the remarkable water supply and mosquito breeding possibilities of cisterns, their universal use & occurrence in the most unsuspected places.

Their "intensity" may be realized by the fact that 450 exist in an area of less than 90 acres, or 5 to the acre.