

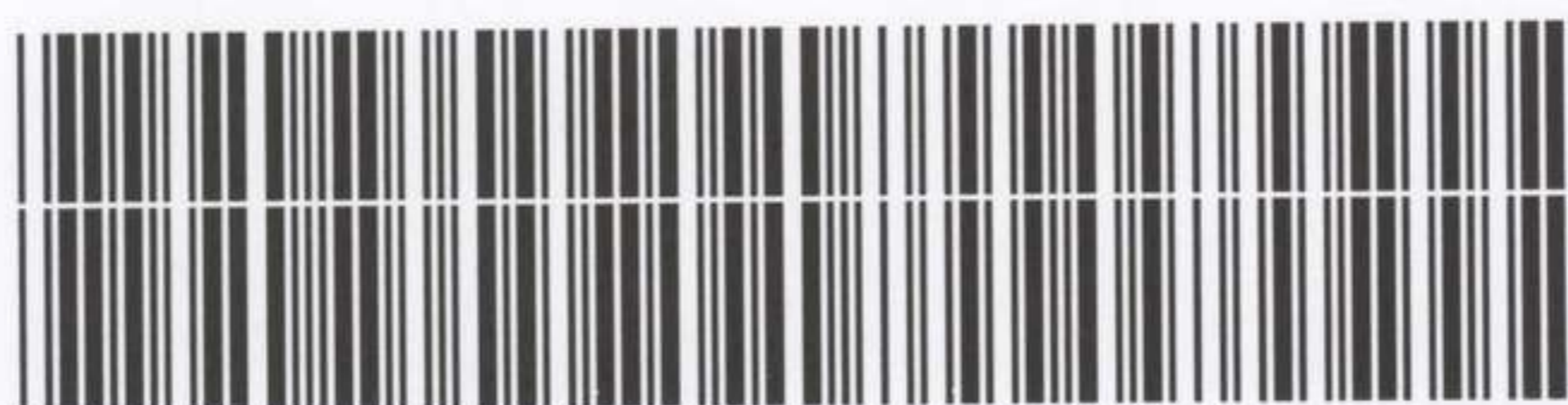
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JANUARY 1919

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA wed	JAN. 1919 1 st		interviewed CRE Anzac and OC Divisional Train regarding lectures & supplies etc	B
	2 nd		Inspected ablution area at present quite inadequate for the divisional needs and disposal of wastewater careless Lectures Signal Squadron 9-10-15 Second Brigade 10-30-11-45 First Regt 1-30-2-30 one draught horse died this morning and carcass sent to horse cemetery	B
	3 rd	10 30 13 30	Three Ghoshies collected (Two from Scottish Horse R.A.) Total Disinfectors including Turkish 4. Lectures Second Brigade First Machine Gun Section & LIFA - BNQ	B
	4 th		Anzac Divisional Athletic Sports all day	B
	5 th Sunday		APM called re native KHALIL visited ablution area fitted up ablution trough for delousing Disinfection of Egyptian askaris of train	B
	6 th	1900 10 30	Rain & thunder storm Lecture 0900 Signal Squadron Field Squadron	B
	7 th	13 30	Lecture First Bde (1st Regt)	B

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rafa.	JAN 8	0900 1030 1330	Signals } Second Bde } Lectures Third Regt }	⊗
	9	1030 1330	Second Bde } 1st Bde (mas. FA) } Lectures	⊗
Fri	10	0900 1330	Signals Lecture Khalil and HANNA Palestinians 4 Horses over age destroyed by order of Divisional Veterinary officer New appointments Sergeant Worthington Corporal BLAKE to date from Cairo.	⊗ Approved to A.P.M. for return to homes
Sat	11		Left by night train to attend postgraduate course for medical officers Staff Sergeant BANSGROVE in charge with the ADMS as acting O.C.	⊗
Sun	12		Inspection of Brigades maintained conditions satisfactory Delousing of units maintained as a routine measure	⊗
Mon	13		A Native boy from Hebron attached by permission A.P.M.	
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After Cantor MM left on Port Saw leave - Mr Rossiter returned
New gang of 13 E.L.C. natives reported to replace old gang This latter consisted of parts of seven gangs with various times for expiration of contract
L/Corporal FINCH returned from SEMAKH with four natives interviewed for the 5th Regt P.O.W. to be used
Total number of men from 1st Bde disinfested 460 and few instances only of lice seen after careful examination Cold weather interfered with attendance from 2nd Bde during the week
~~Disinfestation of 48th Royal Fusiliers carried out 437 in two days~~
30 dead horses noted near watering area shot by 7th M.V.S. later burnt buried
Canterbury M.R. and 7th A.H. Regiments marched in without sanitary equipment
Buckets seats supplied to replace trench latines in use one day only but numbers short
Total disinfested for the week 500 Signals 180. Field Squadron & 2nd Bde very few infested.
Empire Club fitted with 10 latines and an Incinerator
Power O'Dwyer evacuated to Hospital old V.D. (blood examination)
All horses have been classified A & B.
Disinfestation of 48th Royal Fusiliers completed - total in 2 days 437.
Four men Corporal BLAKE, Lance Corporals FINCH and ANDERSON and Trooper ELLIS to moascar to await early embarkation on urgent reasons
Disinfestation complete except for batteries NZMR Bde 1297 - total for week 1734
During the month lectures were delivered to various units. The usual sanitary work was carried out.

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Place	RAFA
Date	January 1919
Hours	<p>A feature of the work at RAFA has been the central incinerating area for the first time since early 1916 the division has been ^{concentrated} under base camp conditions.</p> <p>Due to local circumstances and also with a view to early demobilization the Divisional site is of very limited area and units are closely packed with narrow roadways between. The Division included three Brigades of 2 Regiments Machine Gun Squadron, Field Ambulance and HQ units each together with the 15th Artillery Brigade and the whole of the Divisional Units. D.H.Q. Signal Squadron, Field Squad, Eng, San. Sec and Divisional Train. about 6000 men and 8000 horses the 2nd 5th 7th and CMR and Regts being away (nearly 2000 men all). The whole Divisional area is about that ordinarily allotted to one Brigade.</p> <p>At the outset a preliminary inspection of the area by the D.A.D.M.S. later ^{by the S.A.C.M.G.} showed that the independent unit system of manereration of feces and all refuse was certain to cause much discomfort and prove a serious nuisance.</p> <p>Orders were issued that every unit should collect all rubbish and refuse and cart this and its latrine buckets three daily to a central incinerating area to erected by the 4th Sanitary Section where all of it would be thoroughly disposed of by burning.</p> <p>The carting began on the 27th December. This site was chosen on the N.W. angle of the camp: so that the prevailing wind from W and S. blows the smoke away from the camp. The nearest unit to the East is 200 yds distant. Roads were defined and a square formed ^{of incinerators} first of incinerators so that transport moves around this till an empty incinerator is reached and the rubbish dumped straight on. from cart to incinerator.</p> <p>An order to cope with the work at the start V incinerators were erected (5-10 minutes per incinerator) practically as the first carts drew in. As soon as possible these were replaced by a more solid and permanent type of greater capacity. These consist of a framework of 6 upright and 3 crosswise "angle irons" lashed together with wire and supporting two bottom sheets of iron and two each side so as to form a box with both ends and top open, almost a trough rather than a box. Later one end was closed with wire netting or expanded metal so as to retain rubbish without spoiling the draught and two pieces of iron were kept in reserve so as to keep off rain if required.</p>

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The fluid strains off into a galvanized iron trough and thus into a large urine pit. The solid part is then tipped in turn into the top of full incinerator well mixed with tubbin so as to form a sort of "icing".

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