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OF

*4th Australian Sanitary Section*

FOR

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*Mr. Hanklands Capt*

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CAMON	1			
CAGNY	2		<p>Unit HQ moved to Cagny          Six inspectors including one water inspector were attached to 4th Aust Ild Amb. These inspectors were working the forward area from Blangy.          One inspector attached to Area Comdt Ecole Normale to work that portion of Cagny sub-area. Rest of inspection was done from HQ.          Generally the villages were in a filthy condition having been recently occupied by French troops the only semblance of latrine accommodation was the open trench type about 2ft deep with no attempt made to cover faeces. Every hedge was soiled with excreta and every billet and yard with food refuse and other military &amp; civilian refuse.          Very few wells had been tested some had marks of testing by British testers, some recent and some old.          Apart from forward area work attention during the month of May was mainly directed to ordinary inspecting and advising Area Comdts &amp; Town Majors for putting villages and adparent camps into sanitary order.</p>	

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CAGNY			<p>There was a constant necessity to point out the grossly insanitary nature of the deep open trench with pail nature. Units did not automatically adopt the shallow straddle trench system as a temporary measure pending the constructing of box pattern fly proof deep trench type.</p> <p>A Corps Order allowing the use of horse manure in the construction of bomb protection revettments for horses having been put into operation, it was soon discovered that the order was really never carried out properly. It was directed in the order that the manure was to be properly covered with earth clay or road scrapings. This was not done. The manure was exposed in part or altogether in revettments and in very many cases, horse legs were deamed by throwing the manure on to the top and outside of the revettments, leaving it exposed there. (This careless method of carrying out the order brought its own reward later on in the summer in the shape of myriads of flies.)</p> <p>Living this month delousing chambers on the Russian principle were built in various portions of the area. One built by the section in Cagny proved itself by experiment efficient and the heat</p>	

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Bagny.			<p>generated by two oil drum stoves proved sufficient to delouse kits in 12 hours, after the first lightning up for the day</p> <p>casualties sustained from 1<sup>st</sup> March 1918 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 1918, are as follows:-</p>	
			<p>No 8948 Pte Rider H evacuated to 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Fld Amb, ADS 2/3/18</p>	
			<p>No 8948 " Rider H rejoined unit from hospital 10/3/18</p>	
			<p>No 1076 " Jenkinson b3 Proceeded to A.I.F. HQ London for return to Australia, struck off (auth DAG, A.I.F. 19/1184 of 22/3/18) dating 24/3/18</p>	
			<p>No 14987 Pte Jones W evacuated to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Fld Amb (loose cartilage) 7/4/18</p>	
			<p>No 14987 Pte Jones W " to 66S &amp; struck off 14/4/18</p>	
			<p>No 2639 9<sup>th</sup> Sgt Maynard A reverts to Cpl (substantive rank) and struck off on evacuation to 66S (P.W.) 18/4/18</p>	
			<p>No 16250 Pte Milburn b6 evacuated from 5<sup>th</sup> loan Fld Amb to 66S and struck off dating 12/4/18</p>	
			<p>No 18732 Pte Taylor G.M. }          No 18747 " Lawkins A.L. } Taken on strength of section          No 18754 " Polkinghorne A. } from A.A.M.C. Reinforcement 2/5/18</p>	
			<p>No 4845 " Milne H evacuated to 12<sup>th</sup> Aust Fld Ambulance 5/5/18</p>	
			<p>No 4845 " Milne H rejoined unit from 12<sup>th</sup> Aust Fld Amb 9/5/18</p>	

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CAGNY.	230 9 18.		<p>No 18657 Pte Patterson R.A. evacuated to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Fld Amb dating 13/5/18.</p> <p>No 18657 Patterson R.A struck off strength on evacuation from ambulance 20/5/18</p> <p>Att Franklands Capt</p>	

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No	RANK	NAME	REMARKS.
	bapt	H.W. Franklands	
4465	wo.	Stewart A.F.	
2559	Sgt	Brooks F.	
4130	Sgt	Archer W.F.	
<del>2861</del>	"	Dawkins F.B.	
500	"	Antill B.	
5039	"	Smith G.B.	
13,194	"	Sutton J.	
824	"	Behrendt G.	
2594	Pl	Coats J.B.	
1654	"	allert F.W.	
14321	"	boutts SA.	
5016	"	Hindell J.	
1809	"	McIntosh A.	
2109	"	Davis J.	
10167	"	Dawkins G.B.	
13354	"	Scandrett R.R.	
18747	Pte	Dawkins A.L.	
18732	"	Taylor G.M.	
18754	"	Palmeringhorne A.	
3104	"	almond L.	
13,189	"	Sly W.A.	
671	"	Bunningham L.	
8948	"	Rider Lt.	
1510	"	Staff W.	
11269	Over	ATTACHED Peterson G.L.	
6493	Pte	Ford A.L.	
4845	Pte	Milne A.J.	