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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENESCURE	1/9/17		O.C. to Corps Headquarters.	
	2/9/17		Church Parade for Section ordered by A.D.M.S. U.C. to see D.A.G. + Augac	
	3/9/17		Major Mattei received instruction to report to London. Major Russell attached to Section.	
	4/9/17		No 8739 Pte Hutchison T.A. and 13635 Pte Plumley F.E. attached as Carpenters to No 1 New Zealand Stationary Hospital WISBOES under instruction from 2nd Army (AMWS)	
	5/9/17		Major Mattei left for A.I.F. Headquarters London. Major E.A.H. Russell took over command as Temporary O.C. 1453 Pte Woodworth went on leave to England.	
			8997 Temp Staff Sgt Walker returned from leave to England. Pay for Section.	
	6/9/17		Ford Box Car to 2nd Div Workshops for fitting of metal shade discs.	
			Orders for surplus underclothing to be returned to Bath.	
	8/9/17		Orders for treatment of filter beds with Chloride of Lime.	
	9/9/17		7416 S/Sgt Macfarlane T returned from Base and reported for duty.	
			8997 Temp S/Sgt Walker GWE reverted to rank of Sgt; 7438 Temp Sgt Wheat A.S. reverted to rank of Cpl; 7427 Temp Cpl Duncanson H.S. reverted to Lance Corporal.	
			Instructions per wire to move on 10/9/17. Subsection rejoined unit from ARRQUES	

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RENESCURE	10/9/17		Med Instructions 28 Received. Two Lories reported to move Section moved to Sheet 25 G. 19. b. o. 1. Took over from 84 Sanitary Section. Sub-section sent to H. 22. c. 3. 4. 6 attached	Taken over men A.
G. 19. b. o. 1.	11/9/17		Inspection of areas and testing of water from points.	
	12/9/17		Inspection of camp at Cape Sgard complained of. Sub-section billeted at OUDERDOM. Complaint sent to Chinese Labour Coy Camp re non-chlorination of water.	
	13/9/17		O. C. inspected portion of area. Med Instruction No 30 received 3 men from 5th Sanitary Section billeted and rationed.	
	14/9/17		3 of attached men detailed for duty at Corps workshops for building of Sanitary Appliances. No 7436 a/cpl Shakespeare and No 7422 Pte Battery 9. on leave to England.	
	15/9/17		3 Carpenters at Workshops ordered to rejoin their unit. Arrangements made for supply of latines etc from workshops.	
	16/9/17		Meeting of Sanitary Officers. Re-arrangement of areas. No 1 and No 2 cut off and No 9 and 10 B added. Maps of areas received.	

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G. 19. 6. 0. 1	17/9/17		Motor Ambulance from 20 th M. A. C. attached for duty to Section.	
	15/9/17		Subsection camp moved from H. 22. C. 3. 4 to H. 19. 6. 9. 9.	
	20/9/17		No 1453 Pte Woodworth E. A. returned from leave to England.	
	20/9/17		Camp occupied by dysenteric patients in DICKERBUSH area inspected. No 7435 Pte SELWOOD J. returned on strength from Base.	
	21/9/17		Lorry obtained from K Supply Column for collection of revetting and posts for protection of huts from bombs. Area Commandant Reminghelst called to see O. C.	
	23/9/17		Inspection of Reminghelst Town and Incinerator. Also Y. M. C. A. quarters at Reminghelst. Inspections Case at Halifax Camp reported. Two huts sprayed. No 7426 Pte Chapman F. W. to D. Rest. Station	
	23/9/17		Laundry at Reminghelst inspected and report prepared.	
	24/9/17		Y.M.C.A. premises at Dickelbusch inspected. Suggested to be closed down pending thorough clean up.	
			Latrine seats to Dominion and Dickelbusch Areas	

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G.19.b.o.i.	25/9/17		Inspection of Cornwall Camp. Report sent in. Case of Typhoid amongst civil population reported from Estaminet de Rustplats (Sheet 28 G. 23.C.7.4.). Inspection made. Hotel Premises sprayed. Placed "out of bounds" also coffee shop adjoining placed "out of bounds" pending a thorough clean up. Latrine seats sent to Remykelt Staging and Ouderdom Areas.	
	26/9/17		Inspection of 3rd Aus Div Art Hqs Lines. Latrine seats to Dickbusch and Dominion areas also Ablution Benches. NO 2052 Aus Davis G.E. reported for duty as cycle (motor) driver. Taken on strength. NO 7436 a/cpl Shakespeare, NO 7422 Pte Batley returned from leave.	
	27/9/17		NO 16182 Pte Harrison W.C.; NO 17344 Pte Heine L.F.; 17364 Pte Hosking A. 17086 Pte Keene E.H.D. reported for duty from Reinforcements Taken on strength.	
	29/9/17		Latrine seats to Dickbusch, Dominion, Remykelt Staging, Halifax, Pioneer area Inspection of "K" Seife Pork Lines.	
	30/9/17		Circular memo to Area Commandants re Disposal of Manure.	

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C. G. Russell
Major

To All Area Commandants

1st AUSTRALIAN SANITARY SECTION.	
No.	CM 100
Date	

I beg to draw your attention to the great prevalence of flies in this district.

This is, to a great extent, due to the existence of a large number of small badly stam horse-manure heaps usually situated in the vicinity of horse lines.

Horse manure is an excellent medium for the production of the fly especially when loosely stacked. It is not however so suitable when the manure is thinly spread over a large area or tightly packed in heaps.

To overcome this grave source of danger to the health of the troops, I would suggest:-

1. If possible, manure be carted and spread by farmers.
2. Carted to 2 or 3 central dumps in your area and there closely packed.

It is essential that the manure should be stacked very tightly and that the surface of the stack should be everywhere beaten down as firmly and smoothly as possible.

A convenient size for a close packed manure heap is about 500 cubic feet (10 ft square and 5 ft high).

The sides should slope slightly inwards and upwards.

Fresh manure is carried to the site and each load as it is deposited is piled compactly in a regular block having regard to the final shape of the manure heap, and well battered down with spades.

This thorough compression at all stages in the formation of the stack is absolutely essential.

Six inches of earth should be covered over whole completed stack.

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