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SUBJECT : Training - Hygien¹ And Anti-Malaria.

O. C., 56 B.L.U.

Copy to :
Combat Group, MANTOVA.

12A
HQ 71 Sub Area
71/716/M.

19 May 45.

11A
Reference your 5 M of 11 May 45.

It is regretted that owing to the present commitments of this Sub Area, an N.C.O. Sanitary Assistant cannot be spared for this purpose.

C.M.F.
AEM/GRS.

S. Fred
22 MAY 1945
J. D. Salmon. Capt.
Lt. Col.
A.D.M.S.

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Subject:- Training, Hygiene and Anti-malarial platoon,
Combat Group MANKOVA.

56 MW
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11 May 45.

71 Sub Area.

Copies to :- Combat Group MANKOVA (2).

1. It is thought that the Hygiene and Anti-malarial platoon of this Group would benefit by the attachment of a NCO from a British Hygiene section.
2. May a NCO please be attached for a period of three weeks.

In The Field.
HVI/rh.

See 12A

*Det. J. Thomas
Rome.*

*53 Col.
CS.*

SUBJECT:-- Report on Inspection of Mechanical Engineer W/S.

DAA & QMG

56 HLU
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28 Mar 45

I inspected HQ of Mechanical Engineer W/S and No 5 LAD on 27 Mar 45. I was accompanied by two Regimental Officers.

HQ M.E. W/S.

1. Latrines. All civilian WCs are permanently closed. Latrine in use is 10 seater. Pit is deep, woodwork clean. Not completely flyproof. Protection from weather by tent. Good.
2. Cookhouse. Petrol cooking - efficient. Preparation table clean. Pans, some dirty. Cooks hands clean. No flyproof cupboard. Drain from cookhouse runs in open channel. Needs to be covered.
3. Ablutions. Good, except for drain which floods ground in vicinity.
4. Billets. Good, clean. Tend to keep all windows shut. (Rifles which I inspected were clean.)
5. Food Store. Clean. No flyproofing.
6. BAP. Clean, orderly, small.

British Increment at M.E. W/S.

1. Billets. Good. Water bottle corks rusty.
2. Latrines. WC in school used. Water system works.
3. Cookhouse. Good. Two stoves - oil and water and petrol. Both efficient. Preparation table clean. Flyproofing started not complete. Cook clean.
4. All ranks Mess. Clean. Good facilities for recreation.
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In The Field,
HTT/ajw

Lt Col,
GS.

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Chapman

Subject: Report on visit to 76 Infantry Regiment

DAQ (2)

I inspected the three Battalions of 76 Infantry Regiment on 21 and 22 March 45.

I was accompanied by Lieut. MORANDI of the Div HQ Medical Office and Lieut. FIGARELLI, SMO of the Regiment. When ever possible the Company Commander or his representative accompanied me also.

The following are observations made, on these visits.

1. Regt HQ Coy

- (a) Latrines:- School WCs in use, clean (have no portable latrines)
- (b) R.A.P.:- Clean, well organised, Ward well ventilated.
- (c) Ablutions:- Drain NOT working
- (d) Billets:- All Billets are clean, well ventilated and dry.
- (e) Food Store:- NO Flyproof Covers.

2. Mortar Coy

- (a) Latrines:- Very Bad, Dirty, Open.
- (b) Kitchen (for HQ Coy also) Lacks organisation, Cooking instruments dirty, Tables, Dirty, Preparation Room Very Dirty. Cooks Hands Dirty.
- (c) Food Stores:- NO Flyproofing
- (d) Billets:- Clean, spoilt by food lying about rooms.

3. 6 pdr Coy

- (a) Kitchen:- Fair
- (b) Food Store:- TOO Small. Three men sleeping there.
- (c) Latrines:- Civilian lats used, no water buckets for flushing
- (d) Billets:- Dirty, no portable latrines. Clean generally.

4. I Bn

- (a) R.A.P.:- One room, clean, well organised.
- (b) Latrines:- Badly made, dirty, no Flyproofing
- (c) Kitchen:- Wood fires only, Cooks hands dirty, waste water is allowed to run over garden to fall on road.
- (d) Billets:- Clean, except for cupboards which are dirty.
- (e) Food Stores:- Orderly, no Flyproofing
- (f) Coy Latrines:- Dirty, not flyproof, all lats used too long before digging new pit. Instead of cleaning thoroughly everyday system seems to be that of putting lime on dirt.
- (g) Bath:- Home made, effective.

NOTE:-

Company's do not cook individually, and have no apparatus eg Oil and water of their own. Opinion expressed by Regimental Officer (2/Lt) of 2 Coy to SMO Regt that is not.

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76 BLU
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12 Mar 45

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5. II Bn

(a) R.A.P. :-	Fair, clean.
(b) Kitchen :-	Bad, dirty pots, dirty tables, Cooks dirty.
(c) Latrines :-	Bad, no portable latrines.
(d) Ablutions :-	Dirty
(e) Bath :-	Has no drain
(f) Billets :-	Crowded, dirty messkins in rooms.

NOTE:-

There is not a latrine for each company.

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6. III Bn

(a) Latrines :- (9 Coy)	Extremely bad, no covers, no pit, all extremely dirty, men pass through kitchen to visit latrines.
(b) Food Store :- (9 Coy)	Bad, contains MG which they say is not used, but which obviously is used. Large quantities of equipment with food.
(c) Kitchen :- (9 Coy)	4 men sleeping here, men come here to smoke and talk and also pass through it to latrines.
(d) Latrines :- (11 Coy)	No covers, dirty, all latrines dirty.
(e) Latrines :- (HQ Coy)	No covers.
(f) Latrines :- (10 Coy)	Pits are not deep enough to last. All these latrines appear to be cleaned by placing lime over dirt.
(g) Kitchen :- (9, 10, 11 Coys)	Open wood fires, no oil and water app.
(h) Food Stores :- (9, 10, 11 Coys)	In separate tents, too many men sleeping here. No food covers.
(i) Billets of Bn :-	Fair, overcrowded, need for sleeping head to foot.

CONCLUSION

1. Latrines :- No effort has been made to provide all Companies with Flyproof portable latrines. Existing ones are in dirty condition.
2. Kitchens :- No effort made to exclude personnel who do not work in kitchen. Cleanliness generally is poor. Preparation rooms:- No flyproofing.
3. Billets :- Superficially clean, cupboards, corners, and shelves generally dirty, dirty messkins and food found in most billets.
4. Food Stores :- No Flyproof arrangements.
5. Ablutions :- Very poor. Where they exist no drainage.
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- (c) Kitchen :- (9 Coy) 4 men sleeping here, men come here to smoke and talk and also pass through it to latrines.
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In The Field,
HHT/cmf

Lieut.
SO. Med.

SUBJECT: Inspection of 155 Arty Regt.

DAA & DMG

1.

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I inspected the following Units of 155 Arty Regt on 16 Mar 45.

- (a) Cookhouse. Has just been moved from a good kitchen. Present one is bad but there is evidence that they intend to make many improvements. No flyproofing as they have not collected mosquito nets.
- (b) Latrines. Bad. I inspected new ones being made which will be good.
- (c) Food Store. Bad. Lacks organization. Stated they would make suggested improvements, immediately.
- (d) RAP. Dirty. Small ward lacked ventilation.
- (e) Canteen. Clean. Equipment hanging with food. Being moved immediately.
- (f) Billets. Clean. Ample space.

2.

V GRUPO

- (a) Cookhouse. 2 Bty. Dirty. No flyproofing. Have oil and water apparatus but are unable to obtain oil. 10 Bty. Very bad - dirty. No attempt at cleaning flyproofing. Have oil and water apparatus but no oil.
- (b) Latrines. Extremely Bad. No attempt to dig a fresh pit when old one is full. No covers, wood has been obtained and they are to be made immediately.
- (c) Food Store. Bad. No flyproofing. Dirty.
- (d) RAP. Dirty.
- (e) Billets. 2 Bty. Fair. 10 Bty. Rooms improved by whitewash.

3.

II GRUPO

- (a) Cookhouse. Bad - Dirty. Preparation table and cooking instruments very dirty. New stoves being built for wood. Have oil and water apparatus but no oil.
- (b) Latrines. Fair. Transportable. Covers dirty.
- (c) Food Store. Orderly. No flyproofing. Dirty.
- (d) RAP. Small - Clean.
- (e) Billets. Good - Clean.

(b) Latrines. Bad. I inspected men once being made which will be good.

(c) Food Store. Bad. Lack of organization. Stated they would make suggested improvements, immediately.

(d) RAP. Dirty. Small ward lacked ventilation.

(e) Canteen. Clean. Equipment hanging with food. Being moved immediately.

(f) Billets. Clean. Ample space.

2. V Group.

(a) Cookhouse. 2 Bty. Dirty. No flyproofing. Have oil and water apparatus but are unable to obtain oil.

10 Bty. Very bad - dirty. No attempt at cleaning flyproofing. Have oil and water apparatus but no oil.

(b) Latrines. Extremely Bad. No attempt to dig a fresh pit when old one is full. No covers, wood has been obtained and they are to be made immediately.

(c) Food Store. Bad. No flyproofing. Dirty.

(d) RAP. Dirty.

(e) Billets. 2 Bty. Fair. 10 Bty. Rooms improved by whitewash.

3. II Group.

(a) Cookhouse. Bad - Dirty. Preparation table and cooking instruments very dirty. New stoves being built for wood. Have oil and water apparatus but no oil.

(b) Latrines. Fair. Transportable. Covers dirty.

(c) Food Store. Orderly. No flyproofing. Dirty.

(d) RAP. Small - Clean.

(e) Billets. Good - Clean. (Latrines in main billet clean flushed regularly.)

4. IV Group.

(a) Cookhouse. Fair. No flyproofing. This is being made.

(b) Latrines. Extremely good.

(c) Food Store. Fair. Flyproofing being made. Orderly system.

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- (a) RAP. Good - Clean.
- (e) Canteen. Fair.
- (f) Billets. Good. Whitewashing general rule.

In The Field,
HTT/ajw

Lt. J. Thomas
Lt Col
GS.

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SUBJECT:- Water Sterilisation.

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14 Mar 45.

Hq Combat Group "MANTOVA"

1. It has been noticed that units of the Group are not sterilising water used for drinking and cooking purposes.
2. Whilst no ill effect may be felt in this district, the Group in the future may well be stationed in areas where contamination of water supplies exists.
3. It is therefore vitally important that all units become accustomed to sterilising water.
4. It is requested that orders be given to all units to sterilise all water used for drinking and cooking.
5. Italian water sterilising outfits can be obtained from the Pharmacy 104 Sezione di Sanita.
6. It is also suggested that courses in water duties are arranged for all units at once. The instructors can be drawn from personnel trained at the School of Hygiene Benevento 19 - 21 Feb 45.

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In The Field,
HPT/ajw

Lt Col
CS47

Subject: Sanitation.

Ref: Med/11/H/45

A.D.M.S., 94 Sub Area

The S.O. R.A.M.C., of 56 B.L.U. attached "Mantova Group" states that the standard of sanitation is suffering due to the difficulty in getting wood to build latrines etc.

Would it be possible for 14 Field Sanitary Section to supply some timber, to make latrines under the supervision of Cpl. Stone who is attached here from the Sanitary Section.

This was done for one of the previous Italian Groups by a Sanitary Section in 57 Area.

Field
9 Mar 45.

J. Holman
Lt-Col., R.A.M.C.
S.M.O., C.M.T.C.

Copy to: - Lieut. Thomas RAMC., 56 B.L.U. ✓

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