

was devised by the Chief of the General Staff whereby a schedule was drawn up showing the number of men coming in, the equipment required, and the date the equipment has to be with me. The Q.M.G. 3 gets a copy.

80. Without your communicating at all with the Q.M.G.?—He has that information.

81. Therefore the two of you know?—Yes.

82. In addition to that you send in a requisition?—In addition to the memorandum that he has.

83. Roughly, you would send the requisition a few days after?—Yes.

84. This is the regiment that became very ill?—Yes, the second battalion of that regiment.

85. You knew on the 19th April that they were coming in?—Yes.

86. You made a requisition a few days after for blankets, waterproof sheets, boots, and other things?—Yes.

87. And on the 29th May that battalion entered camp?—A portion.

88. Can you tell me when the blankets did arrive for these men?—I had a certain number there, but some came out on the Sunday by motor-lorry, and the balance on the Monday morning. No man had to sleep overnight without blankets.

89. How many days after the arrival of the battalion was it when the blankets came in?—On Sunday, the 29th, a portion of the men arrived, principally from the South Island. When I came to equip those men I found that a certain number of blankets had not arrived to enable me to complete doing so. I at once rang up town and got the blankets, or a proportion. What I did not have I had to get otherwise; but no man slept without blankets. Then on Monday morning the balance of the blankets due to me came from town.

90. Had all these men waterproof sheets?—Yes, every man.

91. You had considerable delay in getting the boots?—Yes.

92. There was no delay in getting the first issue?—There may have been in one or two sizes.

93. Do you know why there was delay in getting the second lot of boots?—No; I had nothing to do with the tenders.

94. You say all the men had blankets?—Yes.

95. How many blankets?—Three.

96. And a waterproof sheet?—Yes.

97. Every man on arrival got a waterproof sheet?—Yes.

98. You had no complaint at all?—I had no complaint from the Trentham Regiment about the blankets.

99. Every man who arrived got his three blankets and a waterproof sheet?—I would not swear that every man got three blankets. There may have been one or two who got two. But every man got his waterproof sheet and, as far as I know, three blankets.

100. There were no complaints?—No.

101. With regard to sewerage, I understand you are not satisfied with the sewerage arrangements at the camp?—I am satisfied that a lot of improvements can be made.

102. To whom did you suggest these improvements: did you make any suggestion to anybody?—No; I have no authority to make suggestions. I am never consulted about anything of that kind.

103. But you are in charge of the sanitation?—I am simply given a job to do, and the Medical Officer is the man I look to.

104. You are in charge of the sanitation?—Yes.

105. And you say there are certain things you are not satisfied with: you drew somebody's attention to them?—Yes.

106. Whom did you notify?—I did not notify any one in writing.

107. Whom do you notify about these things? That is your duty. Anything wrong you have to report to somebody?—I have to report if there are errors which I cannot correct.

108. In any case you would report?—No. If there is anything gone wrong which I cannot rectify myself, and is beyond my jurisdiction, I must at once report. If anything happens that I can correct, I do so and say nothing more about it.

109. If you see anything at all wrong in the drainage system you are bound to report that: is that not so?—I mentioned it to the Medical Officer.

110. To whom have you reported?—I mentioned it to the Medical Officer.

111. Can you tell me his name?—There was a different one every day.

112. I want to know about this?—I could not tell you. I have mentioned that matter to dozens.

113. You have reported these things to the Orderly Medical Officer?—I have spoken about them to the Medical Officer, and I spoke to Mr. Scott about the drainage, and to Mr. Morton about the drainage. I spoke to dozens about it, but I never sent in a written report.

114. *The Chairman.*] You mean about the defects which you have described?—Yes. The principal defect, in my opinion, was about the overflow. As a matter of fact I did report the overflow to the Commandant verbally, because I had to get the men then to open up the new pits.

115. *Dr. Martin.*] You noticed some defects in the drainage system, and you say you reported them to the Medical Officer: what Medical Officer?—I could not say. I spoke to Dr. Finch about the matter, and to several.

116. What was his position in the camp?—He came there as Health Officer, I think—or something.

117. You also reported to the Orderly Medical Officer of the day?—Yes, not officially. I spoke about the matter.

118. It is official?—If the Medical Officer is going round and I am with him I say, "There is such-and-such wrong there."