

been getting a shade slack but with Spiers, Humphreys & PSM. Burch replaced by Lee, Cameron & Sgt Brooks it will shortly be back to standard.

Sickness returns are very slack & for some months our figures have been the lowest in the Bde. Even on leave the men are behaving perfectly. McLean who did 84 days detached for various crimes between Jany & Feb, & seemed likely to be incorrigible returned from leave last week in good order so far no changes have followed him. Rhy sent out early noon & was on Amintee Day when I gave him 21 days for failing to double when so ordered & demanded back for Ct-Mtl for being 10 minutes absent from his AA post. He got 90 days.

The men are well fed & clothed, are in extremely good health & scarcely go sick. Their letters are a good guide, I receive abt 50 every week and it's months since I struck a quare. We have the advantage of a long tour as a unit without fighting, giving everyone the chance to learn his work & to fit in, but it really is wonderful how smoothly everything goes, whatever the conditions.

We had a draft of 100 men from the 2nd Bde this week. They are a good lot. I think they are trained but there is an immense difference between them & the older hands.

Sunday afternoon -

Censuring letters the other day I came on this. One boy writing to his girl friend described how he'd saved his water allowance for days until he had enough for a bath. Then he said, I worked up as far as possible, then down as