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FOOD POISONING DUE TO CONTAMINATED WATER BOWSER

1. Could the following be publicised down G3 Trg channels.
2. At the Army Orienteering Championships at Longmoor in May 90 there was an outbreak of illness characterised by explosive vomiting and diarrhoea.
3. Investigation of the incident implicated squash provided at the finish. The squash was prepared from water from a water bowser filled from a clean source using a dirty hose (normally used for cleaning a swill area).
4. The following points should be noted:
 - a. The council of perfection is that any water in a water bowser should be sterilized even when drawn from a clean source.
 - b. As a minimum, if such water is not sterilized:
 - (1) The water bowser should have been cleaned using calcium hypochlorite (water duty men are taught the procedure).
 - (2) If a hose is used it should similarly be cleaned, and not likely to be a hazard due to its previous use.

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