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Hurdcott	March 1917		<p>The Depot is situated on the main Salisbury-Shaftesbury Road at Hurdcott, midway between the villages of Barford St. Martin and Tavant and at its conception consisted of two camps, Nos. 5 & 6. The situation is an ideal one for a Convalescent Depot; the neighbouring country is rolling & well-wooded and watered with several small rivers, these providing the necessary drainage. Running parallel with the road fronting the camps on the South side and less than a half-mile away is a range of hills rising to 300 ft. above the road level, known as Compton & Tavant Downs.</p> <p>There are several thriving villages within easy distance of the Depot; Compton-Chamberlayne, Tavant, Tisbury, Dinton, Barford St. Martin and Wilton are all less than four miles distant, whilst Salisbury, the county city of Wiltshire, is 7½ miles away.</p> <p>The main London & South Western Railway line runs about one mile north of the camp and Dinton & Wilton Stations are those most used by the troops in the Hurdcott and Tavant area. Each of these stations has ample storage and yard.</p>	

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<i>Hurdeott</i>			<p><i>accommodation, and the former is well provided with shunting facilities, making it well adapted for the handling of large bodies of troops.</i></p> <p><i>The camps are of the hutment type and each has, in round figures, accommodation for 1000 men. They are well laid out and drained, and each is quite self-contained, possessing shower-baths, ablution-huts, cookhouse, dining-rooms, recreation rooms, concert-hall, Officers' & Sergeants Messes, stabling, barber's shop etc.</i></p> <p><i>Each camp has sufficient ground for training purposes and also covered sheds for use in inclement weather.</i></p> <p><i>The huts are of corrugated iron, lined and floored with wood; each accommodates 30 men and has ample window space.</i></p> <p><i>The lighting of the camps is by electricity, supplied from a central power-house, which serves the whole of the area; heating is by coal fires, each building having one or more stoves, according to its size.</i></p>	

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Hurdicott	12/3/17.		<p>Specially worthy of mention are the camp kitchens. These are splendidly equipped, 12 large ovens and 3 boilers making it an easy matter for four thousand meals per day to be cooked in each.</p> <p>The Depot, which had previously been occupied by English Troops (Sherwood Foresters), was taken over on <u>12th. March. 1917.</u> by Lt. Col. G.R. Davies, who had with him Lt. R. Dooley and eleven other ranks from No. 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, as a "taking-over" party.</p> <p>On the following day, Lt. A. Scarlett, 22nd Bn. and Lt. R.B. Salisbury, 9th Bn, marched in with 483 O.Ranks from Wareham and on March 14th., Lt. G.B. Russell, 60th Bn., Lt. E.B. Jackson, 30th Bn., Lt. S. Owen, 13th Bn. and Lt. O.M. Elliott, 23rd Bn. arrived from Wareham with 972 O.Ranks and Lt. H.H. Young, 7th Bn. brought 166 men from Weymouth.</p> <p>The Medical Department was in the hands of Major R.D. Campbell, who had with him Capt. W. Smellie, Capt. E.H. Rutledge and Capt. E.J. Littlejohn as medical officers and</p>	

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Hindcott			<p>Lts. H.D. Fote and B.B. Ruse as Dental Officers.</p> <p>By March 15th., the personnel of the Depot approximated to 1700 all ranks, and its work had begun in earnest.</p> <p>Some notes of this work may be of interest. After being wounded or sick, men are discharged from Hospital to a Command Depot. These Depots are each reserved for men of certain medical categories (there are four depots) and are therefore known as high or low category Depots, as the case may be. The 3rd. Command Depot opened as a high category depot and the principal sources of supply were the hospitals, from which men sufficiently advanced in health were discharged either directly to the Depot or with orders to report at the expiry of Turlo, and low category depots, which transferred men who had so far progressed in their convalescence as to have reached the useful classification to take them to a high category depot.</p>	

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Hurdcott			<p>The training work of a high category depot is made up of graduated physical training & route marches. To secure this graduation, the Depot was divided into four companies, numbered 1, 2, 3 & 4, each taking in men of a certain category. Roughly, 1 Coy. took men of BIA1; 2 Coy. BIA2; 3 Coy. BIA3 and 4 Coy. BIA4 classes respectively. As a soldier advanced in fitness, he was re-classified by the Medical Staff and transferred to another company according to his new classification.</p> <p>The training was, and is, in the hands of a special staff of instructors, all of whom have graduated in the Army Gymnastic Schools at Devonport or Aldershot. The work given to No. 1 Coy. is of a very light nature, simple exercises alternating with short walks. The training increases in severity until No. 4 Coy. is reached, by which time the men are doing advanced physical drill and are marching six miles a day. They are then physically fit to undergo hard training in readiness for service overseas</p>	

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Hurdscott			<p>and, if dentally complete, are drafted from this Depot to Overseas Training Brigade.</p> <p>The average time taken to raise a soldier from B1A1 to B1A4 is one month, and during this time he is also under dental treatment, so that it takes little or no time to complete his dental fitness once he becomes B1A4.</p> <p>The minimum dental standard is ten sound teeth in each jaw meeting, of which front teeth must comprise part. This latter is not so much for eating purposes, but in order that the soldier may be able to hold the mouth-piece of his gas helmet properly.</p> <p>Immediately the soldier is dentally complete he becomes A3., and marches out as mentioned above. The first evacuation of A3 men took place on Apr. 2nd., when 33 O'Ranks marched out to O.T.B.</p> <p>The whole aim of the Depot is to bring the men back to the requisite standard of health and fitness to undergo</p>	

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Hurdcott			<p>hard training and to do this in the least possible irksome way. To this end the men are given as good a time as is possible, consistent with military discipline, and nothing that will conduce to their comfort and well-being is left undone. A major part of the trouble with men evacuated from France is undoubtedly psychological, so great pains are taken to restore them to a normal frame of mind. The horrors of war are, so far as is possible, erased from their memories by the comforts and the entertainments that the Depot offers, and the training is quite removed from that customary with soldiers. Other than those used by the guard, no rifle or bayonet is to be seen in the Depot, nor are any explosives used. The men do no drill nor do they carry any equipment. There is a concert for them at least twice a week, often even more frequently; the Red Cross Huts are well fitted with lounge chairs and tables, games, and an abundance of all varieties of reading matter, whilst the Y.M.C.A. plays its customary magnificent</p>	

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<i>Hurdcott</i>	<i>April 1917</i>		<p><i>part in keeping the men bright & cheerful.</i></p> <p><i>To revert to the historical, from March 15th. onwards, the Depot rapidly took shape as a working proposition under the able administration of Lt. Col. Ch. Davies, and on March 16th., Lt. R. Dooley, having accomplished his task of taking over and opening the Depot, relinquished the post of acting Adjut. and was succeeded by Lt. E. B. Jackson, 30th. Bn., who held the appointment until Aug. 7th. 1917.</i></p> <p><i>April 25th. Anzac Day, was celebrated by a special Church Parade in the morning and a sports meeting held in the afternoon was a great success, so much so that owing to the big "fields", it was impossible to complete the programme on the day and an adjournment to the Saturday following was resorted to.</i></p> <p><i>On April 30th. a general medical & dental classification parade of the whole Depot was held and all books, cards & records checked & adjusted. A huge day's work, but one</i></p>	

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Hurdscott	April 1917		<p>that quite justified itself by results.</p> <p>Efforts were being made through March & April to form a band, but whilst a certain amount of personnel was available, great difficulty was encountered in securing the necessary instruments. At the end of April these were secured, and under the able and enthusiastic leadership of Sergt. Bandmaster R.A. Stanley, the band quickly developed into an important factor in the life of the Depot. In a short time the band became sufficiently efficient to play at the daily changing of the guard, to accompany outgoing drafts to railhead and to play the incidental music at camp concerts. Bandmaster Stanley left for Australia early in November 1917, and handed over to Sergt. Bandmaster W. May a band that only required polish to make it one of the finest in the A.I.F.. Sergt. May, a very fine bandmaster musician and a professional bandmaster who has earned much kudos in England and Australia (where he</p>	

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<i>Hurdecott</i>	<i>June 1917.</i>		<p>led the Newtown, Sydney, Band for some time) was just the man to give the necessary finish, so that with the approach of the Festive Season, the Depot was blessed with a band that would challenge comparison with any.</p> <p>On 6th. June Lt. Col. C.R. Davies relinquished his command on being transferred to the Courts-Martial Section. It is impossible to speak too highly of his work in the Depot; the high standard of efficiency reached was almost entirely due to his able administration and the splendid example he set his well chosen staff.</p> <p>Major C.W. St. John Clarke, who had been second in command to Lt. Col. Davies, "carried on" until June 26th., when Lt. Col. F.J.D. Darwall arrived to take charge. Lt. Col. Darwall brought with him the mature experience gained in 23 years of soldiering, and the ability which rightly entitles him to rank amongst the ablest Military Administrators in the Commonwealth Forces. So far from the Depot having suffered in the change of leadership, it may be said to have gained. The new</p>	

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Murdcott			<p>Commandant in a very short time was as greatly liked as he was respected, and whilst a rigid disciplinarian, the readiness with which all ranks were afforded his practical help & sympathy endeared him to everybody in the Depot.</p> <p>Almost simultaneously with the arrival of Lt. Col. Darwall, other administrative changes were in progress. Lt. Col. Campbell marched out on June 24th. and was succeeded by Major D. Bennett as Senior Medical Officer, and on June 30th. Capt. J. Bowtell-Harris M.C. assumed the duties of 2nd. in Command vice Major St. John Clarke, who left the Depot to return to Australia for health reasons.</p> <p>With the approach of warmer weather, the question of outdoor sport and amusement received attention. A cricket team was formed, and although it contained no "stars" - not one first grade player appeared in the side - had a most successful season. Only one game was lost, No. 1 Command Depot winning the first game by a small margin and being soundly trounced in the return engagement.</p>	

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Hurdcott	July 1917		<p>A cinder Tennis Court was laid down and largely used and several outdoor boxing tournaments held in a fine stadium erected in a natural amphitheatre in front of the Officers' Mess in Camp 5. Sports meetings were held at intervals and the Depot owes a debt of gratitude to Capt. W.H. Valentine-Baker, 34th. Bn., who was primarily responsible for all Depot amusements and who has been greatly missed since he was compelled, through ill-health, to take his discharge from the A.I.F. at the end of October 1917.</p> <p>On July 29th., the first issue of the Depot periodical, The Hurdcott Herald, appeared. Its inception was entirely due to the energy & initiative of Cpl. G. Warnecke, 19th. Bn. (late of the Sydney Evening News), who has edited and managed the undertaking from the beginning. His chief trouble was to find artists (the first sketch was contributed by a damsel from a neighbouring village) but after the first two issues, Pte. C.C. Ballerum, 18th. Bn. became a regular contributor and did most of the black & white work. From the first, the paper</p>	

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Hurdicott	August 1917.		<p>was a success. 676 of the first number were sold, and the circulation increased with each fortnightly issue, reaching high-water mark with the Xmas mail number, when 1158 copies were sold. The "Herald" is printed by the Salisbury Press Ltd. and at the selling price of 2^d has always shown a profit, the balance in hand by the end of the year being nearly £10.</p> <p>On August 16th., Lt. G. B. Russell, 60th Bn., who had been Asst. Adjt. for some time, formally succeeded Lieut. E. B. Jackson as Adjutant, the latter having been absent without leave for some days, for which offence he was eventually sentenced by General Court Martial to be dismissed the Service. The appointment of Lt. Russell came thro' Depot Orders on Aug. 25th., and at the same time Lt. W. Scales, 1st Bn., was appointed Asst. Adjt.</p> <p>Up to August 25th., the Depot work had been carried on by a Staff that was not permanent, and therefore under some</p>	

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<i>Hurdscott</i>	<i>October 1917</i>		<p><i>difficulty through constant changes in personnel. On that date, however, a permanent cadre was approved by Hdqrs. and interior administration considerably simplified thereby. A copy of the list of appointments to the first permanent Staff is included in the appendix.</i></p> <p><i>On October 1st. came another change in the higher command of the Depot. Lt. Col. J. Flintoff, late C.O of the demobilized 67th. Bn. assumed command vice Lt. Col. J. J. D. Darwall, who was required to return to Australia to resume his Staff duties there. The deep regret felt at his departure was soon ameliorated when the personality of his successor became familiar to those in the Depot. Lt. Col. Flintoff had a difficult task in following so popular a Commandant as Lt. Col. Darwall, but that the task has been successfully accomplished is but one more instance of the good fortune the Depot has enjoyed in the personnel of its higher command. This was further exemplified when Capt. J. Bowtell-Harris, M.C., 2nd. in command marched out to</i></p>	

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Hurdscott			<p>Overseas Training Brigade on October 6th., to be succeeded by Major A. Leeson Prince, 36th. Bn., who had lately commanded the 9th. Training Bn.</p> <p>Towards the end of October came the great change in the working of the Depot. Two more camps, Nos. 7 & 8, were added on the 27th. inst., and in order to relieve the congestion at No 2 Command Depot, men of BIB category were transferred from there to the tune of about 1000 men in the ensuing week, followed by a steady influx in the from Hospitals of men of the same low category. This automatically made the Depot a combined high & low category one, and many changes in administration were necessary to cope with the altered conditions. Instead of four companies, numbered 1 to 4 as heretofore, the Depot was divided into 4 Groups numbered 1 to 4, each accommodated in one camp under a Camp Commandant. Each Group consisted of two companies, making eight in Depot numbered right through.</p>	

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<i>Hurdicott.</i>			<p>The original 1.2.3 & 4 companies (high category) became 5, 6, 7 & 8 respectively and the new 1.2.3 & 4 companies consisted of newcomers, low category men. These being for the most part, just from hospital, required special conditions of living and treatment. Two camps (5 & 6) were set aside for them and fitted up with beds. This necessitated reducing the accommodation of each hut from 30 to 26, meaning a reduction of over 300 in the total Depot accommodation. Five huts had also to be set aside to form a hospital, two more for dressings and another for receiving and examining men as they marched in. Owing to many men being on crutches, duckboards had to be replaced with stone paths, and special cooking & feeding arrangements made for men who were still invalids.</p> <p>Many minor difficulties cropped up under the new conditions, the chief of which was perhaps the one of issuing</p>	

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Hurdscott	Dec. 1917.		<p>responsible for them.</p> <p>The combination of Hospital & Training Depot also made the question of fatigues a troublesome one. It means that half the Depot strength is unavailable and moreover, the unavailable half needs special attention, making the drain on the effective half so severe as to appreciably affect the numbers of men available for graduated training.</p> <p>These and other difficulties were wholly or partly overcome, and in a short while the reorganisation was complete and everything working smoothly.</p> <p>December 13th. saw the commencement of the referendum voting in the Depot. By the time it had closed on Dec. 20th. 85% of the strength had registered their votes, and, whilst it is difficult to express an opinion, it can be taken from the general trend of conversation & remarks throughout, that the Depot returned a substantial "Yes" majority.</p>	

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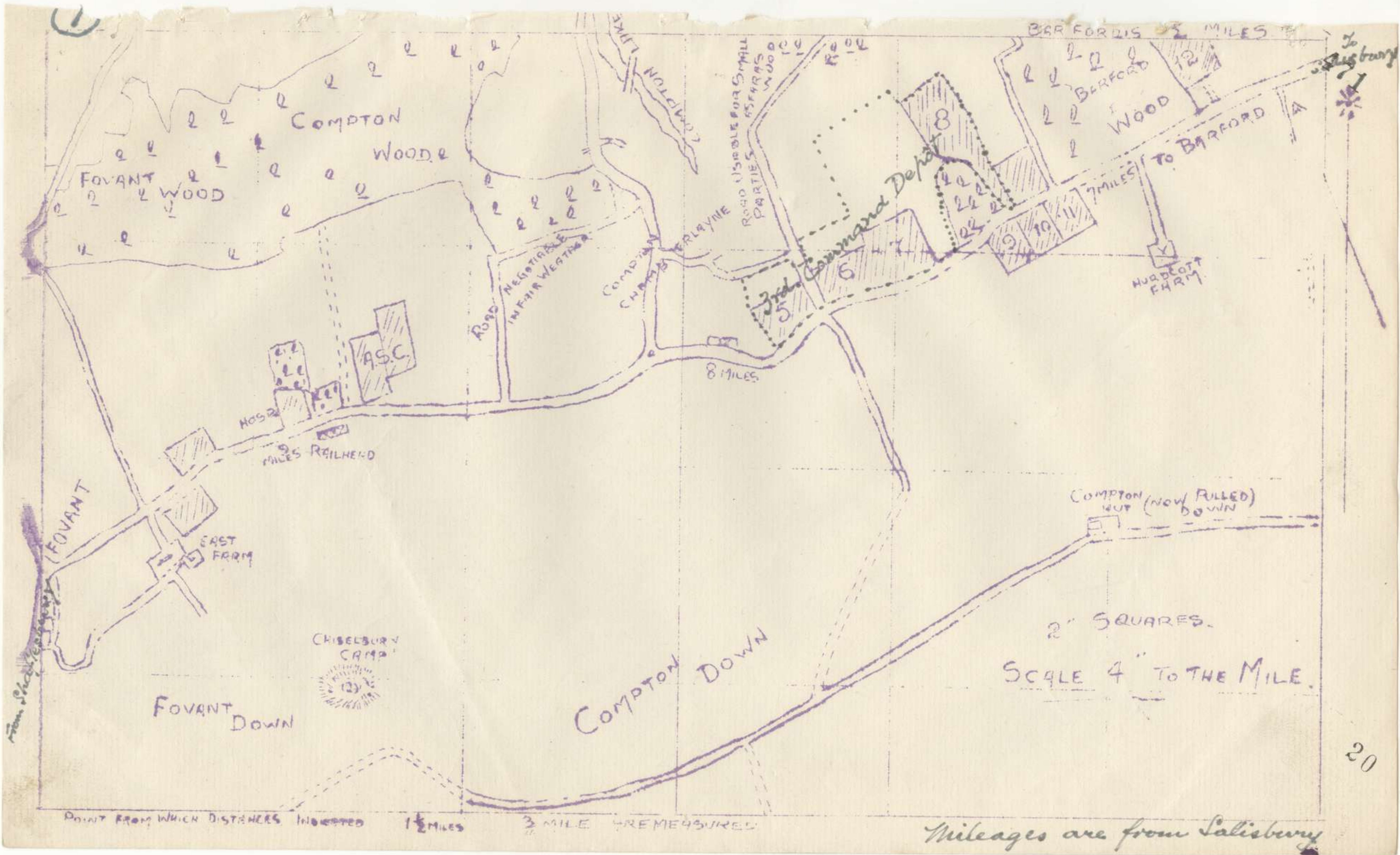
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<i>Hurdcott</i>			<p>The Christmas and New Year were celebrated in great style. The week between Xmas & New Year's Days was one round of Concerts, Entertainments, Dances, etc., and the culinary arrangements were of a high standard. Amongst other fare, no less than 250 Turkeys, a ton of Xmas Sudding and 15 cwt. of Cake were provided and consumed. All huts were decorated in keeping with the festive season, and the whole earned and was accorded the hearty commendation of Brig. Gen. C. H. Foste, C.M.G., who made a tour of inspection on Xmas. Day, and of Maj. Gen. The Hon. J. W. McKay, KCMG, C.B., V.D., who visited the Depot on New Year's Day.</p> <p>The final week of the year was a fitting ending to a successful 9½ months work, some of the details of which will be found in the various appendices.</p>	
			<p><i>Therouine Depot</i> Lt: Col: Commandant, No 3 Command Depot, A.L.F.</p>	<p><i>Fredk. H. Scales Lt.</i> <i>Adj't</i></p>



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APPOINTMENTS. (Authority A.I.F., Depot Routine Orders 24-8-17)

The following appointments to Permanent Staff have been approved from date as shown:-

HEADQUARTERS.

Depot Sgt. Major	139	C.S.M.	Leano	✓	O.J.	8th.Bn.	1-7-17
" Q.A.S.	314	C.Q.M.S.	Bloustein	✓	H.	5th.Bn.	1-7-17
" O.R.Sgt.	2533a	Pte.	Clancy	✓	F.J.	15th.MGC.	1-7-17
Sergt. Tailor	457	Cpl.	Rodd	✓	R.J.	18th.Bn.	1-7-17
" Shoemaker	1523	Pte.	Dearth	✓	D.	24th.Bn.	1-7-17
" Cook	794	S/Sgt.	Goble	✓	R.C.	6th.Bn.	1-7-17
Cpl. Storeman	1733	Pte.	Gonne	✓	O.D.	44th.Bn.	1-7-17

NO. 1 COMPANY.

Coy. Sgt. Major	1373	C.S.M.	Hare	✓	V.A.	53rd.Bn.	1-7-17
" Q.A.Sergt.	3122	L/Sgt.	Tarrant	✓	C.D.	1st.Bn.	1-7-17
Sergeant	572	Sgt.	Collins	✓	O.A.	24th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	805	Sgt.	Fletcher	✓	P.H.	28th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	6011	Sgt.	Foley	✓	R.B.	37th.Bn.	5-8-17
"	3772	L/Cpl.	Butchart	✓	J.	50th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	1343	Cpl.	Wallen	✓	C.O.	2nd.Bn.	1-7-17
"	4	Sgt.	Stanley	✓	R.	45rd.Bn.	1-7-17
"	4135	Sgt.	Parker	✓	J.F.	60th.Bn.	6-7-17
"	811	Sgt.	Potter	✓	G.	30th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	1378	S/Sgt.	Gladhill	✓	W.D.	53th.Bn.	8-8-17
"	3452	Sgt.	Allen	✓	G.H.	54th.Bn.	1-7-17
Corporal	2044	Pte.	Tucker	✓	H.	48th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	4827	Pte.	Kennewell	✓	O.	26th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	144	L/Cpl.	Ward	✓	L.L.	10th.MGC	1-7-17
"	2370	L/Cpl.	Unwin	✓	W.	48th.Bn.	2-8-17
"	5483	Pte.	Thomas	✓	A.H.	53th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	149	Cpl.	Pritchard	✓	T.	28th.Bn.	16-8-17
"	1156	Cpl.	Ayre	✓	J.	102nd.H.Bty	1-7-17
"	4227	L/Cpl.	Berry	✓	D.A.	60th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	2333	Cpl.	Cameron	✓	N.	111th.H.Bty	5-8-17
"	1593	Cpl.	Broadley	✓	J.	25th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	537	Cpl.	Garneill	✓	W.	18th.Bn.	1-7-17

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Coy. Sgt. Major	2575	C.S.M.	Bellgowan	✓	F.	69th.Bn.	1-7-17
" Q.A.S.	52	Sgt.	Dutton	✓	R.S.	3th.Bn.	1-7-17
Sergeant	2145	Sgt.	Grehan	✓	C.F.	24th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	5409	Sgt.	Williams	✓	R.J.	52nd.Bn.	1-7-17
"	981	L/Sgt.	Rochester	✓	L.	13th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	4228	L/Cpl.	Deegan	✓	G.R.	23rd.Bn.	1-7-17
"	1314	Pte.	Ward	✓	F.E.H.	5th.Pion.	1-7-17
"	200	Sgt.	Gallagher	✓	M.	50th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	3515	Sgt.	Elliott	✓	H.J.	1st.Pion	1-7-17
"	3942	Pte.	Wilkes	✓	J.S.	25th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	5972	Spr.	McBeath	✓	R.A.	5th.Div.	1-7-17
"	1350	2/Cpl.	Atkin	✓	S.K.	5th.D.S.C.	1-7-17
Corporals	4177	Cpl.	Dorrington	✓	A.E.	14th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	4354	Pte.	Andrews	✓	C.T.	62nd.Bn.	7-8-17
"	102	L/Cpl.	Campbell	✓	A.A.	3rd.F.C.E.	1-7-17
"	606	Cpl.	London	✓	A.	61st.Bn.	3-7-17
"	4654	Pte.	Pope	✓	D.H.	28th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	826	L/Cpl.	Smith	✓	R.K.	8th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	1047	Cpl.	Burgess	✓	C.B.	50th.Bn.	2-8-17
"	109	Cpl.	Sawyer	✓	H.J.L.	9th.MGC	1-7-17
"	5367	Pte.	Graham	✓	W.	10th.Bn.	1-7-17
"	2941	Bglr	Bodineade	✓	R.	3rd.Bn.	1-7-17
"	5304	L/Cpl.	Howse	✓	A.C.	6th.Bn.	1-7-17

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ROUTINE ORDERS (page 3)

by
Lieut. Col. J. D. Darvall
Commandant.No. 3 COMPANY

Coy. Sgt. Major.	23.	L/Sgt Julian	A.	26th Bn	1-7-17
Coy Q.M. Sgt	4353.	Sgt Morris	B.H.	28th Bn	"
Sergeant	2640.	Sgt Thompson	D.	31st Bn	"
Sergeant	263.	Sgt Armstrong	A.H.	26th Bn	25-7-17
Sergeant	4734.	Sgt Bartier	W.	54th Bn	9-7-17
"	377	Sgt Dodd	R.	17th Bn	1-7-17
"	2635	Sgt Higs	H.W.	6th Bn	1-7-17
"	3233	Sgt Reeves	L.C.	60th Bn	"
"	3158	Sgt Lau	J.H.	60th Bn	"
"	1809	Sgt Slater	J.	44th Bn	8-8-17
"	185	Sgt Barker	J.	6th Bn	"
"	618	Sgt Delaney J E		25th Bn	1-7-17
Corporal	1906	L/C Clark	B.K.	21st Bn	"
"	4503	Pte Neilan	J.	18th Bn	"
"	1237	Dvr Magee	F.	37th Bn	20-7-17
"	2462	Pte Mc Eachan	C.J.	45th Bn	1-7-17
"	4670	" Elder	E.	1st Bn	8-8-17
"	2857	" Ashley	R.	19th Bn	1-7-17
"	3767	" Green G A		13th Bn	2-8-17
"	4718	" Govan	J.R.	21st Bn	1-7-17
"	7335	" West	L.	62nd Bn	1-7-17
"	4735	Cpl Morris	C.H.	24th Bn	"
"	1879	Pte Rumsay	H.	41st Bn	23-7-17

No. 4 Company

Coy. Sgt. Major	861	Sgt Mc Caughan	T.	32nd Bn	1-7-17
Coy Q.M. Sgt.	2610	Sgt McErrest	J.B.	32nd Bn	"
Sergeant	1016	Sgt Coombe	B.R.	12th M.G.C.	"
"	2815	Sgt Evans	H.G.	14th Bn	"
"	663	Sgt O'Beirne	J.J.	22nd Bn	"
"	353	Sgt Roach	J.H.	57th Bn	"
"	3893L/	Sgt Parker	R.G.	6th Bn	"
"	5702	Sgt Logan	A.H.	69th Bn	"
"	1375	Cpl Dowell	F.H.	29th Bn	"
"	3190L/	Cpl Brand	W.C.	32nd Bn	"
"	2632	" Roberts	G.E.	13th F.C.E.	"
"	275	Pte Skillen	W.	1st Tun	"
Corporal	813	L/Cpl Buckler	A.C.	14th Bn	"
"	21	L/Cpl Gregan	C.F.	6th M.G.C.	"
"	741	L/Cpl Leigh	J.R.	55th Bn	"
"	917	Spr Barnes	R.	3rd Tun	7-7-17
"	6038	Pte Carter	H.B.	18th Bn	11-7-17
"	5815	L/Cpl Duncan	G.H.	21st Bn	1-7-17
"	2198	L/Cpl Watt	D.A.	38th Bn	1-7-17
"	2709	Cpl Lindquist	C.S.B.	18th Bn	1-7-17
"	4265	Cpl Pittard	A.	46th Bn	1-7-17
"	3434	Cpl Watt	W.W.	67th Bn	"
"	105	Cpl Goodhand	H.	25th Bn	1-7-17

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)

In connection with the aforementioned appointments the following promotions, under the provisions of A.I.F. Order No. 213 dated 19-8-16 are approved with effect from dates as shown:-

No.	Rank	Name	Details
139	C.S.M.	Lee C.J.	8th.Bn. to E.R./R.S.M. (W/O Class 1.) dated 1-7-17.
614	CQMS	Bloustein H.	5th.Bn. to be E.R./R.Q.M.S. (W/O Class 2.) dated 1-7-17
2538a	Pte.	Clancy F.J.	15th.MGC to be E.R.Sgt dated 1-7-17
	Cpl.	Rodd R.J.	18th.Bn. to be E.R.Sgt. dated 1-7-17
1523	Pte.	Dearth D.	24th.Bn. to be E.R./Sgt. dated 1-7-17
1786	"	Gomme O.D.	4th. Bn. " " E.R./Cpl. " "

NO. 1 COMPANY

No.	Rank	Name	Details
3122	L/Sgt.	Tarrant C.D.	1st.Bn. to be E.R./CQMS date 1-7-17
3772	L/Cpl.	Butchard J.	30th. Bn " /Sgt. " "
1643	Cpl.	Wallen C.O.	2nd.Bn. to be " /Sgt. " "
2044	Pte.	Tucker H.	48th.Bn. " " /Cpl. " "
4827	"	Kennewell O.	26th.Bn. " " " " " "
144	L/Cpl.	Ward L.L.	10th.MGC " " " " " "
2370a	L/Cpl.	Unwin W.	48th.Bn " " " " " 2-8-17
5483	Pte.	Thomas A.H.	56th.Bn " " " " " 1-7-17
4227	L/Cpl.	Berry D.A.	60th.Bn " " " " " "

NO. 2 COMPANY

No.	Rank	Name	Details
52	Sgt.	Dutton R.F.	6th.Bn to be E.R./CQMS dated 1-7-17
981	L/Sgt.	Rochester L.	18th.Bn " " /Sgt. dated 1-7-17
4228	L/Cpl.	Deegan G.R.	23rd.Bn. " " " " " "
1814	Pte.	Ward F.E.E.	5th.Pion " " " " " "
3942	Pte.	Wilkes J.S.	25th.Bn " " " " " "
5972	Spr.	McBeath R.A.	5th. D.E. " " " " " "
1850	2/Cpl	Atkin S.H.	5th.DSC " " " " " "
4354	Pte.	Andrews C.T.	62nd.Bn. " " /Cpl. " 7-8-17
102	L/Cpl.	Campbell A.A.	3rd.FCE " " " " " 1-7-17
4654	Pte.	Pope D.H.	28th.Bn " " " " " "
826	L/Cpl.	Smith R.K.	8th.Bn. " " " " " "
5367	Pte.	Graham W.	10th.Bn " " " " " "
2941	Bldr	Bodimeade R.	3rd.Bn " " " " " "
3804	L/Cpl.	Howse A.C.	6th.Bn " " " " " "

NO. 5 COMPANY

No.	Rank	Name	Details
28	L/Sgt.	Julian A.	26th.Bn to be E.R./CSM (W/O Class 2) dated 1-7-17
4553	Sgt.	Morris B.H.	28th.Bn to be E.R./CQMS dated 1-7-17
1906	L/Cpl.	Clarke S.J.	21st.Bn " " /Cpl. " "
4503	Pte.	Keilon J.	18th.Bn " " " " " "
1257	Dvr.	Larce L.	57th. Bn. " " " " " 20-7-17
2462	Pte.	Holl chyan G.E.	45th.Bn " " " " " 1-7-17
4370	"	Elder E.	1st.Bn " " " " " 6-3-17
2357	"	Ashley R.	19th.Bn " " " " " 1-7-17
5737	"	Green G.A.	15th.Bn " " " " " 2-8-17
4718	"	Govan J.R.	21st.Bn " " " " " 1-7-17
7335	"	West L.	62nd.Bn " " " " " "
1879	"	Rossy J.	41st.Bn " " " " " 23-7-17

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COMPANY	CLASSIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
5. (For return to) Australia.	Ciii	Permanently unfit for General Service or Home Service
5. (For return to) Australia.	Cii	Permanently unfit for General Service Temporarily unfit for Home Service.
5. (For return to) Australia.	B2b	Temporarily unfit for General Service or Home Service.
1, 2, 3 and 4.	B1b	Unfit for Service for over 3 months and less than 6 months.
5.	B2a	Unfit for General Service for 6 months Fit for Home Service.
5.	Ci.	Permanently unfit for General Service Fit for Home Service.
5.	B1a1	Unfit for Service for about 4 weeks.
6.	B1a2	Unfit for Service for 2 or 3 weeks.
7.	B1a3	Unfit for Service for 1 or 2 weeks.
8.	B1a4	Medically fit - awaiting Dental completion.
8.	A3.	Medically and Dentally fit.
8.	A4.	Under age men otherwise Dentally and Medically fit.
STAFF.		Employed in Depot.
No. 4 Group		Hospital, Absentees, Detention, "On Command"
No. 5 Group		Mumps, Isolation and Group Hospital
Receiving Group		New Arrivals.

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	Average Monthly Strength	Total Number of Admissions	Total Number of Evacuations	Monthly Average of Men A.W.L.
<u>1917</u> MARCH	1947	2340	5	12
APRIL	2344	1299	1214	24
MAY	1801	789	1676	50
JUNE	1604	1023	1093	39
JULY	1841	942	873	30
AUGUST	1997	1159	1387	32
SEPT ^R	1804	1146	828	19
OCT ^{BR}	2309	2082	1064	24
NOV ^{BR}	3259	2720	1661	39
DEC ^R	4033	1727	1770	69
<u>1918</u> JAN.	3809	1354	1330	55
FEB.	3591	995	1455	43

	TOTAL EVACUATIONS OF A3 CATEGORY MEN	EVACUATIONS OF MEN FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA
<u>1917</u> MARCH	5	-
APRIL	1026	179
MAY	1448	130
JUNE	1087	30
JULY	752	5
AUGUST	1237	91
SEPT ^R	715	-
OCT ^{BR}	907	78
NOV ^{BR}	1492	84
DEC ^{BR}	842	1
<u>1918</u> JAN ^Y	743	363
FEB ^Y	972	282

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1917	Monthly Average of Men in Hospital	Number of Deaths
MARCH	67	1
APRIL	114	1
MAY	125	-
JUNE	88	-
JULY	81	-
AUGUST	111	-
SEPT ^R	85	-
OCT ^{BR}	62	-
NOV ^{BR}	89	1
DEC ^{BR}	133	-

1917	Monthly Average of Men attending Schools of Instruction
MARCH	2
APRIL	-
MAY	-
JUNE	2
JULY	7
AUGUST	13
SEPT ^R	10
OCT ^{BR}	6
NOV ^{BR}	9
DEC ^{BR}	9

In reply please quote:-

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Q... 4/c/517

To/
Adjutant, Headquarters.
No.3 Command Depot. HURDCOTT.

Ref your memo re Medical Statistics of this Depot since it's inception.

The following are Statistics on Medical work of the Depot up to 31-12-17 for purpose of War Diary:-

HEALTH. An Observation Hospital for reception of cases requiring up to 4 days treatment was carried on in this Depot from the time of it's commencement until 9-10-17 when, under instructions from A.D.M.S., A.I.F. a Group Clearing Hospital was opened in this Depot for the accommodation of:-

Mild cases of General Disease.
Mumps, Measles and German Measles.

from all A.I.F Camps in Hurdcott, Fovant and Sutton Manderville Areas. Cases of Diptheria and C.S.M. are sent to Civil Isolation Hospital, Salisbury.

GENERAL DISEASE. Admitted from 13-3-1917 to 9-10-17 to Observation Hospital 705.

Discharged to lines 329.
Transferred to Fovant Mil.Hosp 376.
705.

Admitted to Group Clearing Hospital from 9-10-17 to 31-12-17:- 483.

The number of these transferred to other Hospitals outside the Depot were:-
Discharged to lines in Depot 276.
207.
483.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Mumps. 85 Cases have occurred amongst troops in this Depot up to 31-12-1917:-

Measles. 12.
Chicken Pox, 3.
C.S.M.) 2. Positive cases
) 4 Negative "

VENEREAL DISEASE. 529 Cases of V.D. have been transferred to Bulford.

From 19-3-17 to 30-6-17. 197.
" 1-7-17 " 31-12-17. 332.
529

Of the 332 Cases transferred during 6 months ending 31-12-17. the localities in which Disease is stated to have been contracted are:-

<u>LONDON.</u>	<u>LOCAL.</u>	<u>ELSEWHERE IN U/K.</u>	<u>UNKNOWN.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
218.	10.	103	1.	<u>332.</u>

Average. of 1 case per 978 on Daily Ration Strength for period 19-3-17 to 30-6-17.
and for period 1-7-17 to 31-12-17. 1 case per 1240.

TREATED IN LINES. 184 Cases of V.D. were treated in the Depot and discharged to lines.

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SCABIES. From 14-3-17 till 8-4-17 these cases were admitted and treated at Fovant Military Hospital. During this period 51 cases occurred and were transferred to that Hospital.

From 8-4-17 till 17-11-17 Scabies patients were isolated in this Depot and sent to Fovant Mil.Hosp. daily for treatment. 445 occurring during this period.

The average period under isolation being 6 days. On the 18-11-17 treatment was commenced in this Depot and up to 31-12-17. 112 cases occurred. The average period under isolation being five days.

HURDCOTT.
29-1-1918.

J. McKenzie
.....Major.
S.M.C., No.3 Command Depot., A.I.F.



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3rd Command Depot.

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Christmas Menu.

3rd COMMAND DEPOT, HURDCOTT, 25/12/17.

Breakfast: Porridge.
Smoked Codfish.
Rissoles.
Coffee.

Dinner: Roast Beef.
Roast Turkey and Bread Sauce.
Boiled Ham.

Roast and Boiled Potatoes.
Cabbage.

Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce.
Fruits. Nuts.

Biscuits and Cheese.
Beer. Mineral Waters.

Tea: Cold Roast Beef.
Cold Ham.
Beetroot. Salad. Pickles.

Stewed Fruit.
Mince Pies.
Christmas Cake.
Confectionery.

"A Merry Christmas to all."

P.T.O.

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Concert Programme

Monday 24th. GADABOUTS
Wednesday 26th. CONCERT PARTY
Thursday 27th. HIGH JINKS
Friday 28th. GLOBE TROTTERS
Saturday 29t . COOEES

DANCE, Wednesday and Friday in 8 Camp.

Christmas Parties 2 Nights.

Card Tournaments, Draughts, etc.
in all Camps. Good Prizes.

Weather permitting, SPORTS 26th,
Good Prizes

FANCY DRESS FOOTBALL MATCH
Prizes for best Costumes.

Prizes for best Decorated and Turned out
Hut in each Camp.

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