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Hurd-cott.	<u>Jany 1918.</u>			
	1st.		New Year's Day. Slight fall of snow last evening. The G.O.C, A.I.F Depots in U.K., visited the Depot this morning. Competitions were held in the afternoon, which were enjoyed by the Troops who were present.	
	2nd. to 6th.		Nothing to record.	
	7th.		Rained continuously during the night and to-day.	
	8th.		The G.O.C, Southern Command, and G.O.C, A.I.F Depots in U.K, accompanied by the G.S.O.1 and A.Q.M.G, A.I.F Depots in U.K., visited the Depot this morning and inspected the training. The G.O.C, Southern Command, expressed himself as pleased with what he saw.	
	10th. to 13th.		Nothing to record.	
	14th.		Heavy fall of snow last night and this morning. Colonel Knox (A.A.G) visited the Depot and inspected the Guard Rooms.	
	15th.		Wind and rain during the night; thaw set in during the morning and very little snow to be seen in the afternoon. Boxing Competitions were held to-night.	
	16th.		Nothing to record.	
	17th.		Another fall of snow last night. Colonel Murdock, Red Cross Representative, visited the Depot this afternoon, and each man was presented with a Christmas gift of tobacco, cigarettes, sweets, etc.,	
	18th.		Commandant proceeded to Tidworth this afternoon on duty.	

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	19th.		Rained continuously for several hours last night. Draft of 135 P.B men marched in from France this afternoon.	
	20th.		Nothing to record.	
	21st.		Perfectly fine and mild day. The death occurred to-day of No. 2582, Pte. T. Roach, 36th. Battalion, of Pneumonia, at the Fovant Military Hospital.	
	22nd.		Depot Concert Party, organised by Lieut. Vaughan, returned from London to-day after a highly successful tour - two concerts at the Aldwych Theatre and two at the War Chest Club.	
	23rd.		Lieut. A.P.White, 11th. M.G.C., relinquished the duties of Adjutant of the Depot and proceeded to the Machine Gun Training Depot, Grantham, where he is to act as Instructor. Lieut. W. Price, P.S.L, A/Adjutant.	
	24th.		The funeral of the late No. 2582, Pte. T. Roach, was held to-day, the body being buried in the R.C Cemetery, Baverstock.	
	25th.		The Commandant proceeded to Tidworth this afternoon on duty.	
	26th.		Lectures given to-day at Fovant by Lt. Col. W.H.Bradley, D.S.O, Tank Corps, to Officers and N.C.Os on the employment of Tanks.	
	27th. and 28th.		Nothing to record.	
	29th.		Colonel Knox (A.A.G) visited the Depot to-day.	
	30th.		All soldiers (9) in the Depot under the age of 17.9/12th. years were marched out to Port of Embarkation this morning for return to Australia.	
	31st.		Nothing to record. During the past week, exceedingly mild and pleasant weather has prevailed.	

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			<p align="center"><u>STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY , 1918.</u></p> <p>No. of Other Ranks who marched into the Depot;- 1430.</p> <p>No. of Other Ranks who marched out of the Depot;-</p> <p>For service Overseas;- 1170.</p> <p>Of Low Category;- 313. 1483.</p> <p>Names of Officers who marched into the Depot;-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Capt. M. Berryman,</td> <td>2nd. Div. Train.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capt. J. Dawson,</td> <td>A. A. M. C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capt. F.C.Dunn,</td> <td>A. A. D. C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. R.V.Jackson,</td> <td>15th. Battalion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. H.C.W.Pain,</td> <td>53rd. do</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. H.H.Collins,</td> <td>A. A. P. C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. S.E.Patterson,</td> <td>A. A. D. C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capt. Landon,</td> <td>A. A. M. C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lt. N.B.D'Arcy,</td> <td>35th. Battalion.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lt. H.H.DeBourbel,</td> <td>22nd. do</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lt. J.H.McLennan,</td> <td>35th. do</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut F. Morley (M.C)</td> <td>54th. do</td> </tr> </table> <p>Names of Officers who marched out of the Depot;-</p> <p>For Active Service;-</p> <p>Lieut. C.E.Deacon, 54th. Battalion.</p> <p>For return to Australia,</p> <p>Lieut. H.H.Ross, 20th. Battalion.</p> <p>For Duty at Training Units.</p> <p>Lieut. A.P.White, 11th. M.G.C (Machine Gun T.D, Grantham).</p> <p>Capt. W.H.Marshall, A. A. D. C. (No. 1 Command Depot).</p> <p>Lieut. H. McL Eadie, 56th. Battalion. (3rd. Training Brigade).</p> <p>To D.M.S, London,</p> <p>Capt. - Landon, Major Dunn. A.A.M.C.</p>	Capt. M. Berryman,	2nd. Div. Train.	Capt. J. Dawson,	A. A. M. C.	Capt. F.C.Dunn,	A. A. D. C.	Lieut. R.V.Jackson,	15th. Battalion.	Lieut. H.C.W.Pain,	53rd. do	Lieut. H.H.Collins,	A. A. P. C.	Lieut. S.E.Patterson,	A. A. D. C.	Capt. Landon,	A. A. M. C.	2/Lt. N.B.D'Arcy,	35th. Battalion.	2/Lt. H.H.DeBourbel,	22nd. do	2/Lt. J.H.McLennan,	35th. do	Lieut F. Morley (M.C)	54th. do	
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			<p>To No. 2 C.D, Weymouth for duty;- Lieut. L. V. Wise, 20th. Battalion. To 3rd. Aust. Aux. Hosp. Dartford for duty;- Capt. Landon, A.A.M.C.</p> <p>Average number on daily sick parade, 72. Number of V.D cases, 118. (Cured in Depot, 63. (Sent to 1st. A.D.H. 38. (Now under treatment, 17</p> <p>Admissions to Hospitals, (exclusive of scabies and V.D), 111. Number of infectious cases (Mumps), 4. Deaths, 1.</p>	

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