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FOVANT	March 1st.		<p><u>Infectious Disease:</u></p> <p>Two cases of Cerebro Spinal fever have occurred in the 6th Training Battalion. The usual precautions have been taken.</p> <p>The number of cases of mumps and measles have increased during the last ten days. There are now twenty-five cases of mumps and twelve cases of measles in the Brigade Hospital.</p> <p>Certain suggestions for improving isolation have been made (see Appendix A).</p>	Appendix "A"																																	
	3rd	<p><u>2nd Training Brigade, A.I.F. - General Considerations:</u></p> <p>This Brigade consists of the 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th Training Battalions. The Battalions are camped at Fovant, with the exception of the last which is situated at Sutton Mandeville.</p> <p>The Brigade consists on this date of a ration strength of 2643 men. The actual strength and the number of men under training in each Battalion on this date is as follows:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2">Men under training.</th> <th colspan="2">Actual strength.</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>Officers</th> <th>Other Ranks</th> <th>Officers</th> <th>Other Ranks.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5th Training Battalion</td> <td>39</td> <td>794</td> <td>31</td> <td>664</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6th " "</td> <td>38</td> <td>1043</td> <td>32</td> <td>901</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9th " "</td> <td>27</td> <td>653</td> <td>16</td> <td>372</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th " "</td> <td>32</td> <td>576</td> <td>24</td> <td>603</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total -</td> <td>136</td> <td>3066</td> <td>103</td> <td>2540</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The men are housed in wooden huts. Each hut is supplied with a stove, and is lighted by electricity. There is ample accommodation for latrines, ablution benches, and each camp has a series of drying rooms and bathrooms for both Officers and men.</p> <p>The average accommodation for a hut is 25 men. Many huts are empty, but it is inadvisable to lessen the number of men in a hut, as otherwise there would be insufficient coal to supply the necessary heat.</p> <p>One hut is set aside as a medical inspection room, and one hut for the use of the Dental Officer.</p> <p>The amount of sickness during the winter has been small. The average number of men on sick parade per day in each Battalion amounts to .8 per cent.</p>			Men under training.		Actual strength.			Officers	Other Ranks	Officers	Other Ranks.	5th Training Battalion	39	794	31	664	6th " "	38	1043	32	901	9th " "	27	653	16	372	10th " "	32	576	24	603	Total -	136	3066	103
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FOVANT	March 3rd		<p>(2) (Continued)</p> <p>The sick are evacuated by motor ambulances to Brigade Hospital at Hurdcott, about two miles to the east of Fovant. The more serious cases are sent direct to the R.A.M.C. Hospital at Fovant, where they can be at once given adequate medical and surgical attention. Motor ambulances attached to No. 3 Command Depot are used for evacuating the sick. Venereal cases are sent to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital at Bulford, by train.</p> <p>Cases of scabies are treated in their Battalion lines. The average length of treatment for each man is five days.</p> <p>New reinforcements arriving from Australia are segregated until the expiration of such time as the A.D.M.S. directs, usually 24 days. They continue their training in the open air in conjunction with the remainder of the troops. Owing to these precautions, it is found that infectious diseases are not likely to occur among drafts warned for overseas.</p> <p>As soon as a case of infectious disease occurs, all men sleeping in the same hut as the patient are isolated under guard, and the hut in which they slept is cleaned and sprayed with formalin. Infected blankets and bedding are sterilised by a thresh disinfection at Hurdcott. Contacts of mumps, measles and Cerebro Spinal fever are sprayed by a Levick Spray from time to time according to the virulence of the epidemic. Contacts of Cerebro Spinal fever are swabbed by the Bacteriologist who comes from Sutton Veney. Positive carriers of the meningo coccus are sent at once to the carrier centre at Sutton Veney, while men whose swabbing proves to be negative are released from isolation.</p>	
	4th		<p>The A.D.M.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., examined 22 recent arrivals from Australia, who had been found unfit for active service during the month of February, 1918. The A.D.M.S. confirmed the classification of these men.</p>	
	7th		<p>The dental work at the Command Depots has been unsatisfactory during the past seven days, owing to the fact that 150 cases classified Bla4 have been transferred to No. 4 Command Depot; this leaves only 377 men available for dental treatment when required, and as the Depot depends upon men of high catagories for fatigues, guard duties etc., these duties at times interfere with the dental parades. The matter is being adjusted by the C.O. of the Depot.</p>	
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	31st		<p><u>TRAINING BATTALIONS:</u> <u>General Health</u> - The general health of the Brigade remains satisfactory. The most prevalent diseases are Influenza and mild Bronchitis.</p> <p>The average sick parade and evacuations to hospital have been as follows:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>5th Training Battalion</td><td>21</td><td>per day, sent to hospital</td><td>11</td><td>during March, 1918.</td></tr> <tr> <td>6th do.</td><td>34</td><td>" do.</td><td>84</td><td>do.</td></tr> <tr> <td>9th do.</td><td>7</td><td>" do.</td><td>22</td><td>do.</td></tr> <tr> <td>10th do.</td><td>20</td><td>" do.</td><td>45</td><td>do.</td></tr> <tr> <td><u>Average Total</u></td><td>20</td><td><u>Average Total</u></td><td>40</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>The total number sent to hospital was 162, and of these 22 were evacuated direct to the Fovant Military Hospital. The remainder being minor cases, who were sent to the Hurdcott Clearing Hospital.</p> <p><u>Infectious cases:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Mumps</td><td>...</td><td>...</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cerebro Spinal Fever</td><td></td><td></td><td>nil</td></tr> <tr> <td>Measles</td><td>...</td><td>...</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr> <td>Diphtheria</td><td>...</td><td>...</td><td>1</td></tr> </table> <p>These numbers show a decrease in mumps, and an increase in measles compared with the corresponding numbers in my last monthly report.</p> <p><u>Venereal Diseases:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Number of cases who received early treatment</td><td>108</td></tr> <tr> <td>Number of cases evacuated to Bulford</td><td>12</td></tr> </table> <p>Of the 12 cases evacuated to Bulford, all of them acquired the disease after reporting to their Training Battalions.</p>	5th Training Battalion	21	per day, sent to hospital	11	during March, 1918.	6th do.	34	" do.	84	do.	9th do.	7	" do.	22	do.	10th do.	20	" do.	45	do.	<u>Average Total</u>	20	<u>Average Total</u>	40		Mumps	10	Cerebro Spinal Fever			nil	Measles	23	Diphtheria	1	Number of cases who received early treatment	108	Number of cases evacuated to Bulford	12	
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FOVANT	March 31st		<p>(4)</p> <p><u>Scabies:</u> There has been a considerable increase in the number of scabies during the month. 53 cases have been treated in the lines as compared with 20 cases during last month. Necessary steps are being taken to decrease this epidemic.</p> <p><u>Dental:</u> During the month 974 men have been made dentally fit, and no men have had to be struck off draft on account of dental unfitness. The number of dentists employed in the Brigade is 5 showing a very satisfactory amount of work completed.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements:</u> 41 new arrivals marched into the Brigade. Of these none have as yet been classified as unfit for General Service by the Standing Medical Board.</p> <p><u>Sanitation:</u> The sanitation of the camp is satisfactory. The sterilization of blankets is at present carried out by the R.A.M.C. and by the fresh sterilizer at Hurdcott.</p> <p><u>Personnel:</u> One extra orderly specially trained in the early treatment of venereal disease has been attached to each Battalion. During the seven days ending 31st March, the number of Medical Officers in the Brigade was reduced to two instead of four. This necessitated one Medical Officer attending to both the 5th and 6th Training Battalions. The deficiency in numbers of Medical Officers has now been remedied.</p> <p><u>COMMAND DEPOTS:</u> The number of men reporting to No. 3 and 4 Command Depots for month ending equals 1459; number discharged to Overseas Training Brigade, classified "A3" equals 1540; number discharged to other places equals 641.</p> <p><u>General Health:</u> The general health in the Command Depots has been satisfactory. Number of cases evacuated to hospital have been as follows:-</p> <table><tr><td><u>No. 3 Command Depot</u> -</td><td>The Group Clearing Hospital</td><td>....</td><td>250</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Fovant Military Hospital</td><td>....</td><td>74</td></tr><tr><td><u>No. 4 Command Depot</u> -</td><td>The Group Clearing Hospital</td><td>....</td><td>57</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Fovant Military Hospital</td><td>....</td><td>59</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Total 440.</td></tr></table> <p><u>Venereal Disease:</u> Number of cases of early treatment in the Command Depots is 117; number of cases cured is 84; number of cases evacuated to Bulford is 57. This shows a lower percentage of cures in Command Depots than in the Training Battalions, chiefly owing to the fact that men report at Command Depots after 14 days furlough, and the majority have acquired the disease several days before reporting.</p> <p><u>Group Clearing Hospital:</u> The number of cases in the Group Clearing Hospital on the 31st March equals 179. General cases 156, Mumps 13, Measles 10.</p>	<u>No. 3 Command Depot</u> -	The Group Clearing Hospital	250		Fovant Military Hospital	74	<u>No. 4 Command Depot</u> -	The Group Clearing Hospital	57		Fovant Military Hospital	59				Total 440.	
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FOVANT	31st March		<p><u>COMMAND DEPOTS:</u> (5)</p> <p><u>Sanitation:</u> The sanitation of the Command Depots is most satisfactory. Refuse and excreta are burnt in a Horsefall Destructor under the superintendence of the R.A.M.C. The general condition of the lines is good. The huts and buildings are well aired.</p> <p><u>Personnel:</u> The A.M.C. Staff of the Group Clearing Hospital is drawn from A.M.C. orderlies of the higher classifications passing through Command Depots supplimented by a permanent staff of men unfit for General Service. There are seven Medical Officers at No. 3 Command Depot and five at No. 4 Command Depot.</p> <p>During the month 64 beds attached to the Group Clearing Hospital at No. 3 Command Depot have been set aside for the use of convalescents recovering from wounds of the lower extremity. In time it is found that continual walking-about cases a breaking down of their scar tissues which consequently delays their cure.</p> <p><u>Sterilization:</u> A fresh sterilizer situated at No. 3 Command Depot disinfects all blankets of patients suffering from infectious diseases and their contacts. The blankets of men marching out are disinfected at the Clayton Hut situated at the Fovant Railhead.</p>	

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			(2) <u>CHANGES IN MEDICAL STAFF.</u> 2 Medical Officers marched out overseas. Number of Medical Officers remaining 1 S.M.O. and 3 Medical Officers. <u>DEPOT STRENGTH.</u> The Depot strength dropped from 2388 at the beginning of the month to 2528. <u>PARTICULARS OF EVACUATIONS.</u> <div><div>A3 personnel to Overseas Training Brigade 889) do Training Battalions 17) total A3's evacuated for month 906 Home Service personnel (B2A & C1) to Headquarters for duty 23 Unemployed Home Service personnel to No. 2 Command Depot Weymouth 88 Australia Cases to No. 2 Command Depot Weymouth for revision. 100 BLE cases to No. 3 Command Depot for treatment. 11 Grand Total 1128</div><div>Marched out for month all classes 1128 Marched in for month 624.</div></div>	



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		7th.	31	44		2	1	5		6	2	
		8th.	34	26	11	2	5	5	2		2	
		9th.	11	40			8	2	1		7	
		10th.	3					1			1	
		11th.	37	55	12	3		1	2	3	3	
		12th.	9	39	5	2	5	1	2		2	
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			<p><u>No. 4 Command Depot.</u></p> <p>In the year 1915 when Australian soldiers were discharged from English hospitals they were sent after furlough to the Australian Base Depot at Weymouth and Abbeywood London. In these days both Depots received all the men so discharged and partly fulfilled the functions of the A.I.F. Command Depots. which now exist in England 4 in number, the Weymouth Depot also being the evacuating centre for soldiers being returned to Australia as unfit. On arrival in these Depots soldiers were medically classified into A,B,C,D,E, classes. A category men denoted dentally and medically fit. B category denoted men fit for garrison duty abroad. for lines of communication, but not fit for front line Units. C category were men fit for Home Service only. D category denoted men who were temporarily unfit, corresponding to the present B1A class; who underwent training and on being dentally fit were passed into A category and sent to rejoin their Units. E class denoted men who were to be returned to Australia as unfit for service.</p> <p>The D Category temporarily unfits were subdivided into classes 1,2,3, the lower class 1 being the equivalent of the present class B1A1, class 2 of B1A2, class 3 of B1A3 & 4. and the training practically corresponded to the present training grades.</p> <p>Early in 1916 about April Abbeywood Depot was closed and the Command Depots were formed No.1 at Perham Downs, Weymouth Depot being No. 2 Command Depot. It was not until this time that the present medical classification was adopted. The present medical classification is as follows.</p> <p><u>Classification Lettering.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>B1 Temporarily unfit G.S. for less than 6 months.</td> <td>(B1A but fit for training.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B2 Temporarily unfit for G.S. for more than 6 months.</td> <td>(B1B and temporarily unfit for training.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(B2A but fit for Home Service</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(B2B and temporarily unfit H.S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Permanently unfit G.S.</td> <td>(But fit H.S. C1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(C2 and temporarily unfit H.S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(C3 and permanently unfit H.S.</td> </tr> </table> <p>No. 4 Command Depot was first formed at Wareham Dorset in October 1916 the accommodation being 6000.</p> <p>The function of the Depot then was to receive and train men of B1A category who would be fit for "A" class within 3 months.</p>	B1 Temporarily unfit G.S. for less than 6 months.	(B1A but fit for training.	B2 Temporarily unfit for G.S. for more than 6 months.	(B1B and temporarily unfit for training.		(B2A but fit for Home Service		(B2B and temporarily unfit H.S.	C Permanently unfit G.S.	(But fit H.S. C1		(C2 and temporarily unfit H.S.		(C3 and permanently unfit H.S.	
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			<p>No. 4 Command Depot, Hurdcott. Contd.</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>The sources of supply were from the hospitals and from No. 2 Command Depot which forwarded men who had been passed into B1B or B1A categories.</p> <p>Disposal of men All men who were likely to be over three months before being fit were evacuated to No. 2 Command Depot and also all men Boarded for return to Australia. Men who became A class ie medically and dentally fit, were evacuated to No. 1 Command Depot Perham Downs, to be hardened and evacuated to in drafts Overseas. In June 1917 an Overseas Training Brigade was formed and men who were medically and dentally fit were classes A3 and drafted to the Overseas Training Brigade where they undergo a graduated training of 3 weeks duration to harden them and render them fit to rejoin their Units. This procedure is still in force the Overseas Training Brigade being situated at the present time at Longbridge, Deverall, Warminster, Wilts.</p> <p>Medical Organisation. When first formed the Depot was organised in Groups, 3 in number each Group having a medical staff who examined and revised weekly every man; each group medical staff being under the administration of the S.M.O. of the Depot, under whose administration there were also dental Officers and staff, physical training instructors, trained masseurs, and gymnastic staff with special mechanical appliances for correcting disabilities. In March 1917 it was found that the Depot had become unwieldy the organisation having failed lamentably in meeting the demands made on it so that the records of the number of men in the Depot were in-accurate, men entering and leaving the Depot and lost trace of, so that it was decided by the Authorities to reduce it to a strength of 2000. This was accordingly done, the Depot being closed for admission of new arrivals until it was reduced and reorganised. In May 1917 on my appointment as S.M.O. the present medical routine was drawn up and submitted to the A.D.M.S. for approval and is working satisfactorily.</p> <p>Training. The Command Depot exists for the purpose of training the B1A category men so that they can be evacuated to the Overseas Training Brigade as A3 category, that is medically & dentally fit and fully inoculated with the TAB inoculation. The men are classed also B1A1, B1A2, B1A3, B1A4 according to their condition the training of these grades being as follows.</p> <p>Training: Grades of training in this Depot for B1A men.</p> <p>The grades of training are as far as possible based on a marching standard, and graduated physical training is given in conformity. There are four grades of training at B1A1 and rising to B1A4.</p> <p>B1A1 (In this class no marching standard can be laid down with leg disabilities such as trench feet, synovitis etc. would be included in this class. This class will have special gymnastics 1/2 hr. Afternoon the same. In addition massage and avail-</p>	

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			<p>(4)</p> <p><u>Massage.</u> Men requiring massage receive the treatment from a staff of 9 men carrying on massage work under the direction of an M.C.O., a trained massage and remedial gymnastic expert.</p> <p><u>Remedial Gymnastics.</u> This is carried out in a large hall fitted with mechanical appliances for correcting deformities the men are grouped into classes according to the region of body requiring treatment arm cases, leg cases, knee & shoulder cases etc. and the classes are small so that each individual receives full attention and is instructed to carry out certain exercises to remedy the disability from which he suffers.</p> <p><u>Venereal Disease.</u> In the early part of 1916 attention was directed to the large number of men who were being temporarily disabled by V.D. Under instructions of the War Office every Depot had to be fitted with a compartment set aside for early irrigation. This irrigation was left to the individual himself and did not prove satisfactory. All men received a monthly lecture on V.D. and they were strongly urged to report early but it did not have much effect as a considerable number of men were found to be suffering from the disease during the weekly inspection. At the beginning of 1917 the Early Treatment Depots were formed in each camp where where sealing could be carried out at any time of the day or night, under the instructions of the authorities men were informed that if they reported when the disease first appeared & earlier if they had run the risk of acquiring it, that they would not be punished by having their pay stopped. This improved matters at once and at the present time it is rare to find a man on the inspection who is suffering from V.D. and concealing it. The men are retained in the lines and receive sealing for 4 days.. This treatment has proved most effective 60% of the cases reporting being cured in the lines. A monthly lecture is delivered to men in the Depot on the subject, and all men entering the Depot and going on leave are lectured and informed of preventative measures and early treatment. Prior to the use of this treatment, and early treatment as many as 28 were evacuated weekly to the 1st. A.D.H. Bulford. The existence of these Early Treatment Huts is denoted by a blue light which is always burning at night.</p> <p><u>Scabies</u> The ordinary sulphur ointment and hot bath treatment was used in these Depots at first and was fairly effective. It frequently occurred that many cases resisted this treatment and men were sometimes held for a few weeks undergoing treatment. In the beginning of 1917 a regular routine method of treating all cases of scabies was laid down. This treatment made use of Vlemingk's solution and it has proved efficacious, men not being retained more than 5 days for treatment except in cases of sulphur dermatitis which are rare.</p>	

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			<p>(5)</p> <p><u>Disinfection of Blankets.</u> All blankets are in the ordinary course of events washed every 6 months according to Army Council Instruction A.C.I. 325 1917, and the blankets of every man marching out of the Depot are collected and fumigated before being reissued to another man. Infected blankets of V.D. and Scabies patients, of cases of infectious disease, and contacts are all steam disinfected immediately in a Thresh sterilizer before being issued.</p> <p><u>Accommodation of the Depot.</u> The Depot accommodation at Wareham was originally 6000 and had this accommodation until it was found to be disorganised in March 1917 when it was reduced to 2000 still remaining at Wareham Dorset. On June 20th. 1917 the Depot was moved to Codford Wiltshire here the accommodation was 3000. In October 1917 owing to the pressure on No. 2 Command Depot Weymouth, a large number of men boarded for Australia and revised by the Consultants were sent to this Depot and were evacuated direct to the Transports. On November 6th. the Depot was moved to Hurdcott Wiltshire where it is at present. The accommodation being now 4000. At this time the authorities decided that the men should be received here direct from hospitals and that the source of supply should be from No. 2 Command Depot Weymouth and No. 3 Command Depot Hurdcott. This was carried out until December 9th. 1917 when the accommodation of No. 3 Command Depot which received men direct from Hospital was overtaxed so that No. 4 Command Depot is now receiving men direct from hospital, from No. 2 Command Depot, and from No. 3 Command Depot.</p> <p>The evacuations from May 1st. 1917 to January 31st. 1918. have been as under.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Overseas Training Brigade.</u></td> <td><u>Training Battalions.</u></td> <td><u>No. 2 C. Depot.</u></td> <td><u>Home Service Class.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6419</td> <td>317</td> <td>Aus. cases. 1349</td> <td>For various duties. 173</td> </tr> </table> <p>Total fit men evacuated for period. 6726. Monthly average 840.</p>	<u>Overseas Training Brigade.</u>	<u>Training Battalions.</u>	<u>No. 2 C. Depot.</u>	<u>Home Service Class.</u>	6419	317	Aus. cases. 1349	For various duties. 173	
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			Marched In	Marched Out A3's	Marched Out O/Classes	Evac. to Fovant Hosp.	Evac to Clrg. Hosp.	V.D. To Bl.	V.D. Cured	V.D. Cases	Scabie Cases.
No.4 Command Depot Hurdcott.	Feb. 1st.		41	32	<i>Bounded Cases</i>	1	1	<i>Bulford</i>	1		3
	2nd.		34	52	6		1		6	5	9
	3rd.				1	2	2		4	5	4
	4th.		45	47		5	1	5		6	2
	5th.		9	39	28		4		1		1
	6th.		55		74	2	2			3	3
	7th.		29	47	7	2	4	6		6	6
	8th.		55	56	2		6		3	4	5
	9th.		17	29	6	3	3		5	3	6
	10th.		1				4		1	2	1
	11th.		70	44	19	1	5	9		6	3
	12th.		17	42	3	3	3		4	2	3
	13th.		38	54			1		1	1	1
	14th.		37	122	192	2	7	3	3	7	4
	15th.		58	56			5		3	1	1
	16th.		32	55	1		2	1	4	4	2
	17th.		4							2	6
	18th.		30	50	10			3	3	6	1
	19th.		13	49			7			3	
	20th.		18	20	90	3	9		1	2	1
	21st.		19	55		2	6		3	2	3
	22nd.		58	44		2	1		2	3	3
	23rd.		18	47	27	2	3		5	3	4
	24th.		2				4			1	
	25th.		50	88		3	3	1	6	2	
	26th.		23	44	9		5		2		2
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