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| Chaklet | 1.2.19 | | <p>weather cold & snowing.</p> <p>Arrangements were in hand by the Department of Repatriation & Demobilization for the temporary employment of men desirous of pursuing the following occupations in France & Belgium: - Viticulture Beet sugar manufacture, Pottery & glass manufacture, silk culture.</p> <p>Applications were invited but up to the present none has been handed in.</p> | |
| " | 2.2.19 | | <p>weather cold & snowing.</p> <p>The book entitled "Australian War Photographs" was notified as ready for sale at the price of 4/- each. Some 40 members of this unit purchased a number of these books to dispatch to their relations & friends.</p> | |
| " | 2.2.19 | | <p>It was notified to day that No. 82 Sgt O. J. Kenny (now in Australia) has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (Gazette List No. 438 of 24/1/19 24/1/19). This No. was an original member of the 7th Infantry Battalion & returned to Aust. on 6 months furlough on 2/10/18.</p> <p>weather still cold & snowing at intervals.</p> | <p>Just</p> |

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| Chatelet | 4/2/19. | | <p>Monsieur Minister, the interpreter of the 3rd Id. Amb of 1st Division has this day returned to French mission for demobilization. He was attached to this unit since its arrival in France and his loss is greatly noticed. He always did his best in making things comfortable for the members of this unit amongst the French & Belgian civilians and was untiring in answering numerous questions put to him. He took a great interest in the French lessons that were being held and played the part of instructor in conversational French with marked results.</p> <p>weather cold. about 6 inches of snow fell during the day</p> | |
| " | 5/2/19 | | <p>A lecture was given by Capt Lucas 1st Am.V.S. on "The care & Breeding of Stock" a fair number was in attendance.</p> <p>weather cold & snowing slightly.</p> | |
| " | 6.4/2/19 | | <p>weather cold.</p> | |
| " | 8th 9th 10th 11th | | <p>weather cold but dry. Ponds are still frozen and skating is still being carried on affording pleasant amusement in combination with the winter element.</p> | <p>Sub</p> |

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| Chatelet | 12.2.19. | 7 | <p>This day is the commencement of the entire demobilisation of the No. 3 Aust. Id. Ambulance as a Field Unit. No. 2 Aust Id. Ambulance are in process of taking over. The patients have been transferred & the Medical Statistics are being conducted by the 2nd Id. Ambulance. The mobilisation equipment of the unit is ready for transmission to the base probably on 14/2. One Sergeant and 15 other ranks departed from this unit for embarkation to England prior to embarkation to Australia. Another large quota is expected to leave shortly. Weather cold & dry.</p> | |
| " | 13.2.19. | do | do | |
| " | 14.2.19. | do | do | |
| " | 15.2.19. | | <p>A dance and card tournament was held in Hotel De Ville commencing at 4.30 P.M. The card tournament was held on the stage whilst the dancing was in progress. Prizes amounting to 100 pence were distributed amongst the winners. The evening was a success. Three men of the unit proceeded to Horseferry Road for duty in the military and Education departments. Weather milder and rain at intervals.</p> | |
| " | 16.2.19 | | weather mild with rain. | |
| " | 17.2.19 | | 18.2.19 - do - | |

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| Chatelet. | 19.2.19. | | <p>a portion of the No. 2 Australian Id: Ambulance marched in from Loverwal and took over the hospital from this unit at 144 Rue de la Station the nursing duty personnel & Drivers of 3 Id: Ambulance will be at the disposal of the 2nd Id: Ambulance. at present we are still a separate unit, but after the Quota, a party of 60, has left for England prior for to embarkation for Australia, it is expected that the two units will be amalgamated. weather mild.</p> | |
| " | 20/2/19 | | - do - | |
| " | 21/2/19 | | <p>Capt C. D. Willis No. 5 Dental Unit attached to 3rd Id: Ambulance for some time has been evacuated sick. weather still mild.</p> | |
| " | 22/2/19 | | - do - | |

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| Chatelet | 23/2/19 | | The mobilization Equipment of this unit was this day handed into Local Ordnance here thus ending the work of the unit as a <i>Td.</i> Ambulance with the exception of necessary office work which will be carried on chiefly by those forming cadre 'B'. Weather continues fine. | |
| | 24/2/19 | | Weather continues fine. | |
| | 25/2/19 | | Capt. C.B. Lillis rejoined unit from <i>b.b.s.</i> | |
| | 26-28 Feb. | | Weather continued fine. Nothing of unit importance occurred. | |
| | | | End of February but continued till 10th march on account of personnel being transferred to <i>10.2 Aust. Td. Ambulance</i> in consequence of large draft proceeding in Quota 16. (See march log) (day up to 10th) | |

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