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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bidmuth	1.1.18	6 PM	32 other ranks A.M.C. reinforcements from Australia arrived at the training depot Parkhouse, they came over on transport Demattemer and contacts of army infectious diseases.	
	5.1.18	6 PM	A draft of reinforcements from Australia arrived to-day, including 3 officers and 29 other ranks A.M.C. These troops came via Suva, 2000 miles overland. They are contacts of measles.	
	7.1.18	AM	35 other ranks A.M.C. reinforcements for France marched out from the training depot to-day. An officers' school of instruction was commenced to-day at Parkhouse under Major B. C. Kennedy. This will include squad & platoon drill lectures dealing with A.M.C. work organization both in the depot and in the field.	
	8.1.18	2 PM	The weekly report of the health of troops in this command shows there is an increase in the number of cases in hospital due partly to the occurrence of measles among the newly arrived troops and partly to a slight increase in respiratory diseases. There have been no deaths from pneumonia - V. Appendix A!	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">January 1918</p> <p>ms Appendix 2</p>

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Lidworth	1.1.18	6 AM	32 other ranks AMSC reinforcements from Australia arrived at the AMSC training depot Parkhouse. They came over on transport Dematterre were not contacts of any infectious diseases.	mb
	5.1.18	6 AM	A draft of reinforcements from Australia arrived to-day, including 3 medical officers and 29 other ranks AMSC. These troops came via Grey, Remonts & then overland. They are contacts of measles.	mb
	7.1.18	AM	35 other ranks AMSC reinforcement for France marched out from the AMSC training depot to-day. An officers' school of instruction was commenced to-day at Parkhouse under Major B. C. Kennedy. This will include squad & platoon drill and lectures dealing with A. W. C. work organization both in these depots and on the field.	mb
	8.1.18	2 PM	The weekly report of the health of troops in this command shows there is an increase in the number of cases in hospital due partly to the occurrence of mumps among the newly arrived troops & partly to a slight increase in respiratory diseases. There have been no deaths from pneumonia - V Appendix A!	mb Appendix

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Weymouth	11/8	2 PM	<p>Attached as appendix B ^{in diary} is a copy of a report on the early treatment of gonorrhoea as carried out in this command. This shows conclusively that the method has resulted in a very appreciable decrease in the sick-wastage on account of this disease.</p>	<p>Appendix B MS.</p>
	10/18	6 PM	<p>Yesterday 1 medical officer + 410 other ranks additional reinforcements arrived from Australia. They came via Grey & Parant's through overland across France. They are contacts of measles.</p>	<p>MS.</p>
	10/16	12 noon	<p>As several transports will be leaving for Australia before long every effort is being made to send to No 3 Command Depot every B, B or C, Aust, or C, class man; many of these have been being up in various other depots or camps for some time. In addition all B, A or C, class man excess requirements is being sent to Weymouth; ^{including} also all those service men who left Australia in 1914 and have not since returned. The result of this happens is that the accommodations at Weymouth is being taxed to its uttermost.</p>	<p>MS.</p>
	10/15	12 noon	<p>A considerable number of cases have been arriving at No 3 Command Depot from Auxiliary hospitals & from Administrative headquarters lately classified as B, B, who really should have gone to Weymouth as Australia class cases; with a</p>	

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Ickworth	12.1.18	12 noon	<p>views to preventing recurrences of this, which involves unnecessary train travelling as well as increasing markedly the work at No 3 C. D., the C. O. of Doulton Ammunition Depot, is to-day visiting No 3 C. D. & in company with the A.D.M.S. of the depot in U.K. is examining & reviewing about 130 of such cases.</p>	MB
	13.1.18	noon	<p>25 other ranks A.M.S. marched out from the same training depot Parkhouse to-day for reserve duties -</p>	MB
	15.1.18	4 AM	<p>Appendix A ^{in diary} shows that the statistics dealing with the health of troops for the week ending 10.1.18 are not as satisfactory as for previous weeks. The increase in the number attending sick parades and the increased number of patients in hospital are due to the amount of minor colds and minor respiratory affections amongst the recently arrived reinforcements. The standing order in this command that all men with a temp. of over 100° for more than 12 hours are to be admitted to hospital increases the number of admissions but undoubtedly decreases the amount of serious illness amongst the troops.</p>	MB
	16.1.18	noon	<p>Arriving last week and 2175 men marched out from No 2 Command depot to embark</p>	

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Weymouth	16/18	noon	for return to Australia as invalids. Every effort is now being made to fill the vacancies thus created at Weymouth. All excess and unemployed home service men in the command are being sent to Weymouth, and also all men under the age of 17 years & 9 months, as well as all Pz Co, C1 Det, C2, C3 men from the various camps & depots.	MS
Weymouth	18/18	7/2pm	The result of the transfers to Weymouth indicated in the preceding entry is that No 2 Command Depot is now full, and so for the time being all transfers to Weymouth are to cease; a special order by the G. O. C. was issued to-day to this effect. In order to cope with the great number of men, the Consultant Medical Board has this week spending four days reviewing the cases.	MS
	19/18	noon	A draft of 25 AMSC reinforcements marched out from the base training depot this morning for service in France.	MS
	22/18	noon	The A.D.M.S. at ^{on 20th inst} proceeded to No 2 Command Depot and made an inspection of the work being done there, particularly in the remedial exercise messes and electrical departments.	MS

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Indworth	24.1.18	6 PM	No 2 Command Depot is now absolutely full, and so even B ₂ & C class men from awaiting hospitals have to be sent to No 3 Command Depot Headquarter.	MB
	25.1.18	noon	A further draft of reinforcements from Australia arrived to-day having come via Egypt and Italy. They included 2 medical Officers, several dental Officers, and 51 other ranks - all contacts of measles.	MB
	28.1.18	6 PM	On reference to Appendix it will be seen that the number of troops in hospital and the number being admitted continues to be comparatively high. The increased sickness incidence is due to (a) infectious disease among newly arrived troops (b) the fact that the recent reinforcements are not acclimatized (c) the increase in respiratory disease among the wounded. Fortunately the mortality continues to be low.	MB
	30.1.18		The position as regards dental work remains about the same this month as last month, but the figures of men made dentally fit have increased steadily & this week the number 953 thus completed is the largest on record.	MB