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FOUCAUCOURT - HORS - NESLE.	1. 2.	19.	Strength of Unit 10% and 20 O.R. Each day cuculars are being received in the office, relating of the Educational Scheme a Basic Training. Inspection made of Renaults at ORSEMONT area of the village itself.	
"	2. 2.	19.	Weather has been exceptionally cold here. Temperature several degrees below zero. The ground is covered with snow and all the ponds in the village are solid with ice. In compliance with the orders from the 4th Amb. Field Ambulance, on precedence Roll was forwarded to them: R. & D. Instruction No. 14 received.	
"	3. 2.	19.	The PLACE went to 11th Field Ambulance to obtain Anti Typhoid vaccine to be used to complete 3rd. Div. Sig. Coy vaccinations here. to Div. Quartermaster's office to collect pay for the unit. Head quarters Paris and then went to TOURS-EN-VIEUX to pay the sub. section.	
	4. 2.	9.	Capt. J. A. LOUIE proceeded on 10 days leave to PARIS. The BRYSON T. is being treated for Pyorrhoea at the 11th Field Ambulance. Colice as Asst. Div. Comd. for 1 1/2 days of goods for the section.	



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FOUCAUCOURT	5. 2. 19		Weather still very cold - everything frozen and snow 5 Hnds deep on the ground. Letter from the Pzq Surgeon. 11 th Hd. Amb advising encl. work for Capt. Brown and requesting the signature on a document concerning Lt Col. MOUT. Rations and mail collected from ORSERONT in the truck car. The side car has now been in workshops for two months owing to difficulty in obtaining spare parts from the Base.	
"	6. 2. 19		Lt Col. MATHIESON proceeded on leave to U.K. Memo from 9 th Aust. Hd. Amb stating that H.O.R. from this section are to leave with next Desmob. Quota for Australia. Sent memo to War Resour Dept advising non-arrival of photo CLEAR from leave to U.K.	
	7. 2. 19		Civil Training Circular NO 44 received from 3rd Div. HQ. Received leave pass of Lt Col. WEDGWOOD for 14 days in U.K. Memo to Co. 9 th Aust. Hd. Amb. stating Lt Col. MATHIESON off the Precedence Roll as he was uncredited to No 14 A.C.H. for Defective Visor	



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FOUCAUCOURT.	8. 2	19	Strength of unit 10 th and 19 th OR. Our numbers are gradually decreasing owing to various reasons. - Considered with Tucker and demobilisation: letter sent to R & D. Dept. evening guarantee ^{of employment} from Ministry of Labour for Lt. EGGLETON.	
"	9. 2	19	CAPT. K.S.M. BROWN arrived back from leave in NICE. Letter received from A.D. advising us of the proposed move of Det. HQ. to BLANCY on 13 th inst. Went to 5 th Motor Transport Coy to make enquiries about the side cars: The work of this unit has been somewhat crippled during the last two months owing to the unsatisfactory state of our Motor Transport.	
	10. 2	19	Lt. Cpl. McLEAM struck off Precedence Roll & he has been admitted to hospital in England. Sent A.F.B. 122 of Lt/Sgt. PADDEN and READ-ALLSOP to H.Q. A.F. Dépôt. U. 12. Lt. Cpl. WEDGEWOOD and Driver DUNNIE proceeded on 14 days leave to U.K. Sent Pay book to Paymaster for entry of credit remittance through Chief Paymaster.	



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FOUCAUCOURT	11. 2.	19.	<p>Lt Col. SCOTT E reported back from leave to UK. Also Lt Col. HORTON and Plt BECKERLEG. Received notification of Plt MASON G.H. having been returned to hospital on S.S. "Germania". Circular from Adms setting forth scheme of demobilisation for the A.I.F. Sanitary Section learn with great satisfaction that they are to be the last.</p>	
"	12. 2.	19.	<p>C.O. 3rd Aust. Div Signal Coy kindly lent us a Drusei for the Tra Car in place of Drusei DUNNIE who was here. Sapper READ. Memo from A.I.F. Dep't U.K. informing us that Cpl. SMOUT has been taken on their strength for pay duties. Received demobilisation Circular No 17 from 3rd Aust. Divison.</p>	
	13. 2.	19.	<p>Medically examined 30 men from 3rd Div Sig. Coy. and filled in their A.I.F. Form No 536 prior to their despatch in quota on the 16th instant. Letter from Adms regarding sale of specimens for photographs and method of obtaining them: better specimens to be very cold and show remains on the ground. Strength of unit was 10/6 1800R.</p>	



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FOUCAUCOURT.	14. 2. 19		<p>sent to H.Q. office DISMONT to get 2 boxes of a Medicine Board to men from H.Q. who are leaving in next embarkation Quota. Major Barkham D.D.S. was President of the Board. They called at C.R.T. Dump DISMONT to collect sanitary materials for use of D.H.Q. & BLANGY. Held sick parade of 3rd Div. Sig. at 2 pm this afternoon. - the evacuation to Hospital - across Whifflo.</p>	
"	15. 2. 19		<p>Medicine Board held here by Major Barkham and Capt. O'Sullivan. Rpt. 3rd Div. Inspectors on men of 3rd Div. Sig. Coy. - 37 in number who are leaving in next Quota for Quota which begins commencing to get builded. These regulations have come into force now.</p>	
"	16. 2. 19		<p>visited D.H.Q. BLANGY to inspect the town and arrange for the placing of sanitary conveniences and the removal of refuse from the streets and offices. Dr. DELL reported back from leave to H.Q. office this afternoon. Ford car sent to DISMONT to collect patients and to BLANGY to collect the mail.</p>	



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FOUCAUCOURT.	17.	2 19	<p>Strength of unit 10th and 17th OR. Weather continues with our cold. Letter from 5th Motor Transport Coy explaining delay in repairs to side car & being due to difficulty in obtaining spare parts from Base. Copies of diary for last three months forwarded to War Record Section. Duplicate copies of Acquittance Roll for last three payments, forwarded to the Div^l. Paymaster. Accident occurred to Hopt. SCOTT this evening. Motor feet scalded with boiling water. Statement written out by Plt BURGESS who was a witness to the accident.</p>	
"	18.	2 19	<p>Office work during the morning - this afternoon made inspection of the villages of LIGNIÈRES and AUMÂTRE. Letter from ADMS reference completion of Q 1. Forms of each man leaving the unit in a Demobilisation Quota. Memo from Aust. War Record acknowledging the receipt of our diaries - duplicate and duplicate of last month.</p>	
	19.	2 19	<p>Under ADMS and collected pay for the unit at BLANCY. Held sick parade of 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. Section paid today. Went to TOURS-EN-VIMEU in Ford Car to pay the Sub-Section.</p>	



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FOUCAUCOURT (Continued)	19.	2. 19	<p>In the return journey from the Sub. Section. The Ford car broke down between TOURS-EN-VALLEE and the village of ST. MAXENT. Walked to the 41st Batt^y. H.Q. in ST. MAXENT to send telephone message to 3rd Div. Sig. for help. - Their car was being repaired. Then sent 11th Aust. Field Ambulance but they would not venture out as no precautions were in force. - so we were obliged to remain for the night with the 41st Batt^y and find our way back to the unit H.Q. on foot the next day. Left a message with 5th Mobs Transport Coy. to collect the Ford car and carry out necessary repairs.</p>	
	20.	2. 19	<p>Sent note to 40th 3rd Aust. Div. asking for car to be attached to section from one of the ambulances. This request could not be granted - so the unit is without transport of any kind. Arrangements made for 3rd Div. Sig. Coy to collect our letters from DISMONT and to collect our mail from BLANGY. Lt Col SCOTT evacuated to the M. A. G. Hosp. as the soles of feet were discharging a little purulent fluid.</p>	



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FOUCAUCOURT	21. 2.	19	<p>Hope PEEBLES. Reported back to unit from leave to U.K. heart with Major BARTRAM & ADJ. 3rd. Asst. Dir. to hold medical Board on 120 men of 3rd. Pioneer Battalion at HUPPY. he has been obliged to return by a long detour owing to the frightful state of the roads resulting from the thaw.</p>	
"	22. 2.	9	<p>Pt BURGE's application for extended leave to MALTA filled in signed and despatched to R. & D. Dept. for the third time. Weekly return signed and despatched to their various destinations. Medically examined eleven men of 3rd. Div. Sig. Coy and completed their A.F. forms. No. 537. Four days leave granted to Pt BRAYSON and Hope McBRIDE to visit their brother's grave at BAILLEUL.</p>	
"	23. 2.	19	<p>Form of "Accidental Injury" concerning accident to Hope SCOTT. E forwarded to ADJ. 3rd. Asst. Dir. letter received from A.F. HQ. notifying us of their approval of Hope HATTON's application for discharge in U.K. also notifying Pt McLEANS transfer from DARTFORD to the Depot at WEYMOUTH.</p>	



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FOUCAUCOURT	24.	2.19	<p>Visited by Lt. Sgt. from Ben Reed's section who asked us for maps, models and any photographs of interest taken during the war by members of the unit. Medically examined 37 men of 3rd. Div by Coy who are leaving in No 18 Quota for Australia. Completed and signed their A.F. Form No. 537. Electric light installed in our office and workshop by kind favour of Lt. 3rd. Div. Div. Sig. Coy. No motor transport available so rode on horse back to the Camp. Commandant BLANCY reference section of an unincorporated for the use of the town.</p>	
	25.	2.19	<p>Medically examined all men of the section with the exception of those with the Sub-section. Completed all their A.F. Form No 537. 4 men have been chosen to return to Australia in the No 18 Demob. Quota to leave here about 5th of March. Made an inspection of the Railhead at DISTON and found the sanitary arrangements much improved. Weather still continues unsettled - much warmer but very wet and drizzle.</p>	



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FOUCAUCOURT.	26. 2.	19.	Held kit inspection. The formation to which I am all been well completely equipped before leaving. w. Demobilization Quotas. and Q1 forms completed and signed for that been known in the 1018 Quota - on 28 th instant. Held sick parade as usual at 11am for the 3rd. Cent. Div. Sig. Coy.	
"	27. 2.	19.	Wrote for D.D. report for 24 hours for service in Russia with Sanitary personnel. Nil return submitted. Weekly Sanitary Report written out and forwarded to D.D. Cont. Corps. - addressed to D.D. Tourist Army as usual. Inspected sent to ORSEMONT to make inspection of Railhead.	
"	28. 2.	19.	Pls BREYSON and Hope. McBRIDE returned from four days leave to visit their brother's graves at a cemetery close to BAILLEUL. Arrangements made to take 4 men to get the Ambulance but car broke down on arrival at Foucaucourt. D.D. returned in car to BLANGY. Strength of unit now 104 16 OR. R. S. M. B. in Progress	



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