

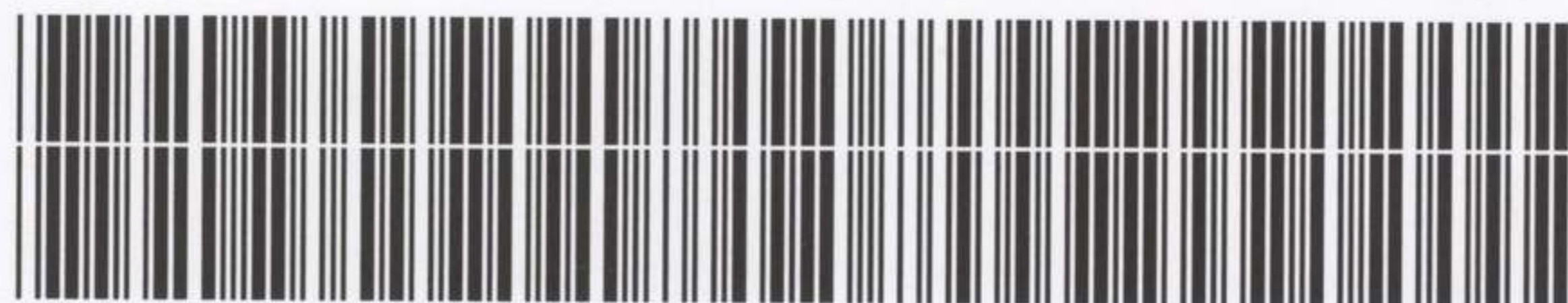
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Fovant	1918. 4th	Nov.	<p>Thirty five O/R A.A.M.C., marched in from No. 1. A.D.H. Bulford. These men are intended for service with the 39th General Hospital at LeHavre.</p> <p>8th " Draft of 244 O/R A.A.M.C., proceeded overseas to France, as follows:- 37 from No. 1. A.D.H. for 39th General Hospital LeHavre: 37 Casuals and 170 A.A.M.C. Reinforcements.</p> <p>11th " Armistice signed by Germany.</p> <p>12th " Captain J.M'Donald A.A.M.C. marched out to No. 1. Command Depot, Sutton Veny for duty:</p> <p>15th " The following Medical Officers marched in from Australia ex "Bakara" Capt.Moran A.C., A.A.M.C. Capt.Hobson G.E., " Six General service reinforcements allotted to A.A.M.C. marched in ex "Bakara" Capt.Moran marched out on the same day for duty with S.M.O. Parkhouse.</p> <p>18th " Draft of 35 O/R A.A.M.C. proceeded overseas to France.</p> <p>19th " 31 O/R "A" Class marched out to No. 2 Command Depot to be trained as Masseurs for transport duty to Australia.</p> <p>20th " 24 O/R "A" Class marched out to No. 2 Command Depot to be trained as Masseurs for transport duty to Australia.</p> <p>22nd " The increased establishment for this Depot asked for on 2. 7.18 is approved and promulgated in A.I.F. Order No.1444 of 19th inst., with authority from 13th inst. In the establishment approved, the rank of the Q.M.S. asked for has been raised to Warrant Officer Class II, and a Medical Detail of 1.Corporal and 2.Privates has been added to the establishment asked for. Transfers have been made accordingly from the Details in the Depot to the Permanent Cadre and recommendations for the promotions have been submitted.</p> <p>23rd " A draft of 35 O/R reinforcements for overseas ordered to be ready for the 22nd inst. is cancelled. No further drafts of A.A.M.C. personnel are to go overseas, as all the A.A.M.C.</p>	

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Fovant	23rd	Nov	<p>men in England are equipped required for duty here or on hospital transports to Australia</p> <p>The Depot thus ceases to be a training centre for A.A.M.C. reinforcements for the field</p>	
	30th	"	<p>87,0/R Infantry of B2a or C class marched in from No. 4 Command Depot to receive a short training in the duties of ward orderlies prior to undertaking these duties on hospital transports to Australia. The use of Infantrymen is necessitated by the scarcity of A.A.M.C. personnel in England.</p>	

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.....Major

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A. A. M. C. TRAINING DEPOT.

FOR

November 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| 1. | Graph of Influenza Epidemic and notes thereon. |
| 2. | Procedure for selection and examination of drafts. |
| 3. | Procedure adopted for men marching in. |
| 4. | Statistical Sheets for October and November. |

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Graph and Analysis of Cases of Influenza, with notes.

The attached graph shows the incidence of Influenza in this Depot during the six weeks from October 1st to Nov 15th.

The following statistics analyse the cases from two points of view:-

(1) Total number of Cases 139, of which 7 were among Casuals, and 132 among Reinforcements. This shows the incidence among Reinforcements as compared with Casuals.

Almost entirely, Reinforcements newly arrived from Australia were the sufferers, while Casuals, acclimatised to Europe, escaped practically untouched.

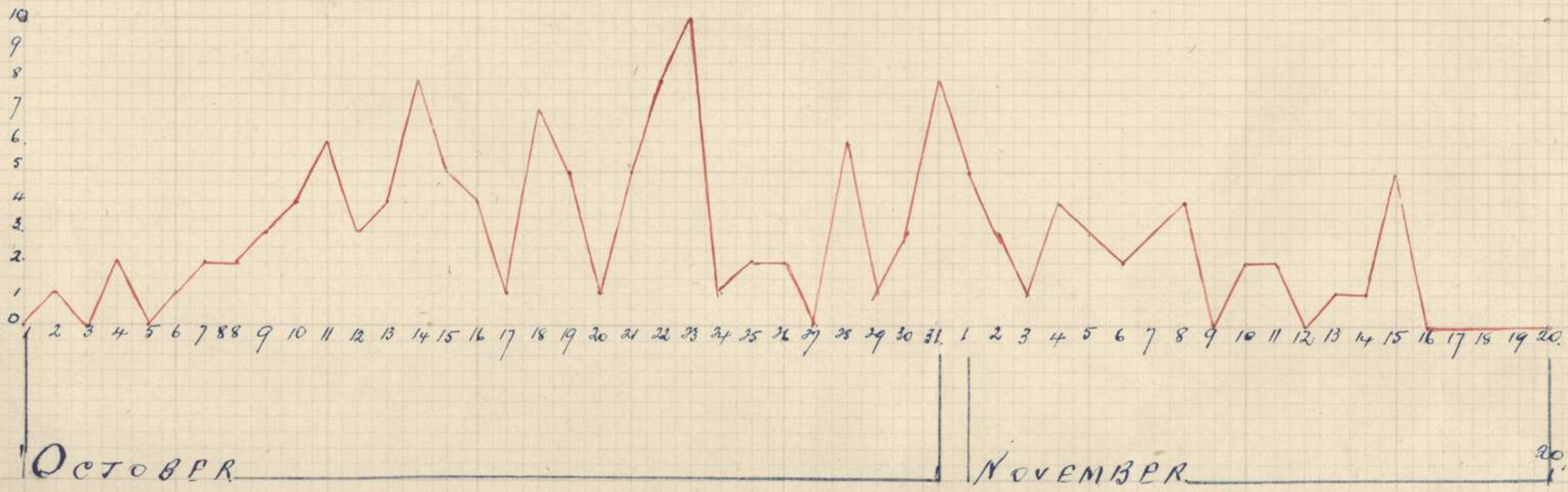
Cases occurring on leave	8
" prior to leave	101
" within 4 days of return from leave,	21

(2) As regards the source of infection, 101 cases out of the total occurred among Reinforcements before they went on their leave. Whether the infection was caught in Camp after arrival, or on the transports would be difficult to say. Most of the transports on which these men came suffered more or less from the epidemic during the latter part of the voyage.

In the graph the sudden rises are to a certain extent explained by the arrival of fresh transports, and sudden falls by a party proceeding on draft or on leave.

But the numbers are hardly large enough to provide sufficient data for arriving at the reasons for this irregularity of the curve.

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GRAPH SHOWING INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC. A.A.M.C. TRAINING DEPOT.
 OCTOBER 1ST. — NOVEMBER 20TH. 1918.

PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION, EXAMINATION, AND PREPARATION OF DRAFTS AT THE A. A. M. C. T. D.

Now that the last draft has proceeded overseas from the Depot, it is perhaps advisable to record the routine that has been found most satisfactory to follow when a draft has been ordered.

The period between the ordering of the draft and the day it marches out is usually about five days. Until recently every draft ordered consisted either of Reinforcements only or of Casuals only, i.e. men who have already served in France and have a Unit there. The last few drafts, however, contained a proportion of each class.

(1). From the Card System which is kept in the Récors Office, and a sample of which is attached to Appendix, a tentative nominal roll in quadruplicate is prepared of sufficient Casuals or Reinforcements to supply the draft as ordered, with emergencies. The Card system can be so worked by means of signals, or the use of several boxes, as to show Reinforcements and Casuals separately, and also to keep apart the cards of men in isolation or medically unfit or of low category. Names are taken for draft then from the cards of men to whose inclusion in a draft there is presumably no objection, and the order is that in which the men arrived in the Depot, from Australia in the case of a Reinforcement draft or from the Overseas Training Brigade or other Depots or Units in England in the case of Casuals.

(2). At the first morning general parade after the draft has been ordered, the draft roll is called, and the draft is separated from the remainder of the parade and formally warned for overseas: this warning implies that the men receive no further leave, but are confined to the boundaries of the camp; and any absence from camp or from any parade of the draft constitutes desertion.

(3). Medical Inspection follows. This is fairly complete, but since, as indicated above, unfit men have been previously excluded, the number rejected at this examination is usually small.

At the Dental inspection, which succeeds the Medical, men who are dentally still unfit but can be made fit in the time before the draft is ordered to be ready, are considered as fit and their names are retained on the draft roll. The names of men found medically or dentally unfit are struck out.

One copy of the draft roll is retained by the Medical Officer, a second by the Dental Officer. Of the other two, one accompanies the draft to the Q.M.Store, one returns to the Records Office, and from this latter the final nominal roll is prepared.

(4). At the Q.M.Store the men are stripped of surplus kit and equipment, and have their equipment brought into complete conformity with what is laid down for A.A.M.C. personnel proceeding overseas. The Heel-and-toe-plate boots which the men have already broken in, are now reissued.

A slip is pasted in the back of every man's pay book signed by the man and by the C.O., certifying that he has been completely equipped.

At the same time the Gas N.C.O. is in attendance and every man is carefully fitted with a new small box respirator.

(5). Next morning a muster parade of the draft in full marching order is held when a thorough inspection is made by the C.O. or Adjutant. Instruction is given, if necessary, in the proper method of arranging, fitting and carrying equipment, and all identity discs (two per man) are examined.

During this day usually, the draft is put through poisonous gas in respirators by the Area Gas Officer and the fitting of the masks is checked by him. Any misfits are adjusted or replaced.

Every man going overseas has a respirator which has been accurately fitted, which he has worn continuously for one hour and in which he has passed through poisonous gas.

(6). A difficulty that sometimes arises is that, while the draft is awaiting the order to move, men on it are evacuated sick or become contacts of a case of an infectious disease, which necessitates their being ~~fixed~~ placed in isolation. Such men are struck off draft, and further names as necessary are added to the draft roll in their place. These additional men go through the same routine of examination and equipment as is laid down above.

(7). When the move of the draft is ordered, men on draft, at a suitable time before the hour of marching out, return to the Quartermaster their bedboards, trestles, palliasses and blankets and, after the final meal in the Depot, their plates and pannikins.

Shortarm inspection by the Medical Officer follows and the unconsumed portion of the day's ration is issued to each man.

The draft then falls in in full marching order and after a check roll has been called and the draft papers have been finally adjusted, it is handed over to the Conducting Officer.

(8). Papers accompanying the draft are ^{as} laid down in Routine Orders A.I.F. Depots in U.K.. A note need only be made here as to the preparation of the draft nominal roll.

A preliminary or tentative nominal roll of the draft is made in the Records Office in quadruplicate (see para 1 above). After the medical and dental inspections, one copy is returned to the office with the names of those men medically or dentally unfit struck out. If the number of these unfits necessitates it, or if, before the draft is ordered to move, men on it are evacuated sick or are put into isolation or for any other reason are struck out, additional names are placed on the same tentative nominal roll (see para 6.).

The second or final nominal roll is not prepared until the move of the draft is actually ordered at a definite hour and is not commenced any earlier than is necessary in order that the chance of men having to be struck off after its preparation and the number of emergencies put on it may be as small as possible. When a man is struck off draft after this final roll has been prepared, his name has to be ruled out and the ruling out initialled: it is obviously desirable to reduce this work to a minimum.

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O.C. A.A.M.C. TRAINING DEPOT

No.					RANK		NAME			UNIT		
Reported from					Marched out to							
Date					Date							
Classification				Medical Board				Age on Enlistment				
				Confirmed				Religion				
Leave		Absence		Crimes			Sentence		Remarks			
From	To	From	To									

Previous Military Training				Whether acting rank		
				Date		
Last Military Duty				Civil Occupation		
Date left Australia		Date of Attestation		Military District		
Inoculated		Vaccinated		Fully Equipped		
Medical Fitness		Dental Fitness		Hospital		Next of Kin
Where Examined	Date	Where Examined and Dentures	Date	Admitted	Discharged	

 PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR MARCHING MEN IN
 AT THE A. A. M. C. T. D.

MARCHING IN

Upon marching in to the A.A.M.C. T.D. Soldiers are subject to the following routine:-

The Conducting N.C.O. reports at the Depot orderly Room with his party together with their documents, i.e, marching out states, Medical History Sheets, Field CONduct Sheets, and A.I.F. Q 1.

The men and documents are checked with the nominal roll carried by conducting N.C.O. and a receipt given. The men then parade one at a time to the Records Clerk, who takes particulars from their paybooks and documents, and makes out a card for each man. These particulars ~~xxxx~~ are shown on the specimen card, attached.

The party is marched to the Orderly Sergeants Office, - Here their names are taken again and they are allotted to huts and Camp Standing Orders (copy attached) are read - They are passed on from here to the Quarter Masters Store where they draw bedding and are acquainted of the time when they will be required for kit inspection.

They are given no further duty for that day except under exceptional circumstances.

On the first parade next day men who marched in the previous day are warned to parade at the Medical Hut for Medical & Dental inspection, ~~xxxx~~ where they are classified. A copy of the roll in use A.I.F. Form 590 (A.M.C. 7) is attached.

This roll when completed is sent to the Orderly Room and each man's medical and dental state is entered on the card made out for him on the previous day.

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(a) TENTATIVE NOMINAL ROLL OF DRAFTS.**(b) NOMINAL ROLL OF MEN MARCHING IN (except to Command Depots or O.T.B.)**

No.	Rank.	NAME.	Unit.	Inoculation.	Vaccination.	Are necessary Medical Entries in Pay Book.	Medical Fitness.	M.O.'s Initials.	Dental Fitness.	D.O.'s Initials.

STANDING ORDERS.

A.A.M.C. TRAINING DEPOT, FOVANT.

by

MAJOR A. C. FRASER.

A.A.M.C. COMMANDING.

	<u>Summer Time</u>	<u>Winter Time</u>
Daily Routine. Reveille	0600	0700
Quarter Warning	0615	----
First Parade	0630	----
Sick Parade	0700	0900
Breakfast.	0745	0745
Sgt. & Officers' Mess	0800	0800
Dress for Parade	0900	0830
Quarter Warning.	0915	0845
Roll in	0930	0900
Orderly Room	1000	1000
Sgts Mess	1230	1200
Lunch	1200	1230
Officers' Mess	1230	1230
Dress for Parade	1330	1330
Quarter Warning.	1345	1345
Roll in	1400	1400
Guard Quarter Warning.	1530	1530
Guard Roll in	1545	1545
Tea	1600	1630
Retreat	1800	1800
Sgts' & Officers' Mess	1800	1800
First Post	2130	2130
Last Post.	2200	2200
Lights out.	2215	2215.

CAMP BOUNDARIES.

South. Part of Fovant Hurdcott Road.

West. Edge of a copse west of entrance to Camp, thence by fence to wood beside Officers' Quarters, along southern and Eastern boundaries of wood and along hedge to Compton Chamberlayne Road.

North. Part of road leading to Compton Chamberlayne.

East. Barbed wire fence between Camp and Cultivation on E. Side of camp down to Sgts' Mess, thence by road leading to starting point at entrance to Camp.

Certain villages are from time to time placed out of bounds at all hours and are notified as such in Depot Orders. The village of Bulford is out of bounds at all times. A pass is required to visit places outside a five mile radius of this Camp.

The following towns and villages are included in the five mile radius of Fovant Camp:-

Fovant	Sutton Mandeville
Wichford	Tisbury
Bulford St. Martin.	Anstey
Dinton.	Wilton
Teffent Evas.	Breadchalk.
Fonthill Bishop	
Swallowcliffe.	
Compton Chamberlayne	
Bishopstone.	

The following places are strictly out of bounds:-

The estate of Compton Park, known as Penruddock's Estate
 Mr. Baker's Estate at Bulford St. Martin.
 Eddy Harriett Cavendish's Estate at Swallowcliffe
 Mr Coombes' property at Fovant.
 The Fovant-Dinton Military Camp Railway.
 All other private holdings.

LEAVE.

No man may leave camp without a pass until 4 p.m. daily and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Between 4 p.m. on week days and 2 p.m. on Sundays and Saturdays and 9.30 p.m. N.C.O's. and men may without a pass visit surrounding villages within a five mile radius, except Bulford. All N.C.O's. and men must be out of villages by 9.30 p.m. and, except Sergeants and higher ranks, must return to Camp by 10 p.m. Sergeants and higher ranks must return to Camp by midnight.

Railway Stations are out of bounds to troops, except men on pass to travel or on duty.

(a) Week end. A limited number of men are allowed week-end leave from noon Saturday till midnight Sunday.

(b) Disembarkation.

Is available for men arriving from Australia.

Men with relations in Scotland	7 days
Men with relations in England and Wales over 200 miles away	7 days
Men with relations in England.	6 days.

(c) Good Conduct.

A month after disembarkation leave men without a crime lodged against them are allowed 4 days good conduct leave. A second good conduct leave will not be granted within two months of the first one.

All men with a clean charge sheet for two months, good conduct leave is available on written application. Leave granted to ~~xxxxx~~ in time to catch the afternoon train from Devant on Fridays, returning from Waterloo by 1750 train on Tuesdays.

Note. This leave is good conduct leave only. Men who have a charge against them need not apply until two months have elapsed.

(d) Evening Leave.

Late passes are obtainable on written application from 4 p.m. till midnight on week days, and noon till midnight on Saturdays and Sundays.

(e) Special.

May be granted up to 48 hours in very exceptional circumstances only.

Applications for leave. Must be in writing. For week end, good conduct and disembarkation leave by 6 p.m. on the Friday previous. For Evening leave by 9 a.m. on the morning for which leave is desired. Applications except for evening leave must contain the following information:-
Reg. No. Rank. Name. Period for which leave is desired. Destination and address whilst on leave. Date of last leave. If the applicant is on permanent duty, the name of the person who will carry on for him. Reasons for applications.

No leave will be granted if the applicant is short of funds.

Dress.

It has been brought to notice that many Australians have been in Salisbury and other public places without belts or bandoliers. This practice brings discredit on the smartness of the Commonwealth troops. All ranks when out of Camp will wear belts or bandoliers. When wearing great coats, belts or bandoliers will be worn outside. If it not possible for men to obtain a belt, his pass will be endorsed accordingly.

- GAMBLING.** All gambling is prohibited in this Command. The only game allowed to be played for money is that known as "House".
- SALUTING.** Great attention must be given to Saluting. It is the duty of every Officer to report a very man slack in this respect to his O.C. When overtaken by an Officer, N.C.O.'s and men must salute in the customary manner.
- EARLY TREATMENT DEPOT.** An early treatment depot for the prevention, so far as possible, and early treatment of Venereal Disease is situated at the Dispensary. No names are taken, and the identity of soldiers reporting will remain unknown.
All ranks will be urged to co-operate in trying to prevent Venereal Disease from increasing.
- WASHING.** There are drying rooms in Camp for men's use. Every care is taken of articles in these rooms.
- BATHS.** Baths are available every day from 0600 till 0800 and from 1730 to 1900.
Hot baths are available every evening during these times.
Owing to the shortage of water all ranks are urged to co-operate and prevent waste especially in seeing that the taps are correctly turned off after use. Any leaking taps should at once be reported to the Quartermaster.
- ISOLATION.** Men arriving from Australia are placed in isolation until orders are received that they are clear.
Such men must at all times wear a yellow band sewn on the left sleeve. They must enter no Regimental Institute, Y.M.C.A. Hut or other institute whilst in isolation. They must use only latrines and ablution places marked off for them.
They will undergo training with other men in the Depot

A. A. M. C. TRAINING DEPOT., FOVANT.

1918	MARCHING IN				MARCHING OUT					
	Rein. Officers from Australia	Officers from Elsewhere	Rein. o/r from Australia	Casuals o/r	Officers Proceeded O'seas	Officers M/O to Depots in U.K.	Drafts M/O Casuals	O'seas Reinf.	Admiss to Hospit.	Cases of A.W.L.
Nov.	2	-	13	87	-	2	45	235	48	5

TRANSFERS FROM A. A. M. C. TO OTHER UNITS

1918	Signal Engineers	A. A. S. C.	Artillery	Infantry
Nov.	2	Nil	5	Nil

COMPARISON OF STAFF IN CAMP WITH WEEKLY NUMBERS IN DEPOT NOVEMBER 1918.

Week Ending	STAFF		IN DEPOT	
	Officers	Other Ranks	Officers	Other Ranks
7th November	5	10	6	428
14th "	4	10	6	240
21st "	4	10	6	184
28th "	4	20	6	176
Average per week	4	12	6	257

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STATISTICAL SHEET

A.A.M.C., Training Depot., FOVANT

1918	MARCHING IN				MARCHING OUT					
	Rein Officers from Australia	Officers from Elsewhere	Rein.o/r from Australia	Casuals O/R	Officers Proceeded O'seas	Officers M/O to Depots in U.K.	DRAFTS M/O O/SEAS Casuals	O/SEAS Reinf's.	Admiss. to Hospit.	Cases of A.W.L.
October	4	2	151	72	nil	15	33	192	117	1

TRANSFERS FROM A.A.M.C. TO OTHER UNITS

1918	Signal Engineers	A.A.S.C.	Artillery	Australian Provost Corps	Infantry
October	1	2	1	1	1

COMPARISON OF STAFF IN CAMP WITH WEEKLY NUMBERS IN DEPOT
OCTOBER 1918

Week Ending	STAFF		IN DEPOT	
	Officers	Other Ranks	Officers	Other Ranks
7th October	3	10	12	385
14th "	3	10	8	342
21st "	3	9	3	514
28th "	3	8	4	453
Average per Week	3	9	7	423

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