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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No.2.Camp. SUTTON VENY. Wiltshire. England.			<u>WINDING UP OF THE DEPOT.:</u> On January 28th 1919, at 1800 this Depot ceased to exist and the remaining personnel was absorbed by the 1st Training Brigade Concentration Depot. Previous to this all reinforcements were marched out to France.	
	1.1.19.		Five Other Ranks marched out to Weymouth for return to Australia, being category personnel. 2 Officers and 21 N.C.O's, Supernumerary to Cadre marched out to Overseas Training Brigade.	
	2.1.19.		2 N.C.O's marched out to No.1.Command Depot for return to Australia being "C" Class.	
	3.1.19.		-	
	4.1.19.		Capt.R.H.BARTON. 5th Pnrs appointed Commanding Officer from 14.12.18. 2 officers marched out to France. Usual Church parades held.	
	5.1.19.		A Lecture was given to all ranks on "London Past & Present".	
	6.1.19.		Five N.C.O's marched out to R.B.A.A. for return to Australia.	
	7.1.19.		-	
	8.1.19.		1.N.C.O. marched out to Weymouth for return to Australia, and 2 N.C.O's to O.T.B. for Australia.	
	9.1.19.		1.Officers marched out for Australia.	
	10.1.19.		Leave to Ireland cancelled until further notice.	
	11.1.19.		Usual Church parades were held. 4.Ptes were marched out to No.1.Command Depot for return to Australia, being unfit General Service.	
	12.1.19.		Orders received re Family Ships and soldiers travelling home to Australia with their wives.	
	13.1.19.		-	
	14.1.19.		-	

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	15.1.19.		Ten Other Ranks marched out to Codford for return to Australia, being casuals. 4th pnr	
	16.1.19.		Capt.F.P.D.Strickland/marched out to A.I.F Headquarters, for return to Australia. Twelve Other Ranks ex Brigade Signal School marched in.	
	17.1.19.		1.Other Rank marched in ex Brigade Signal School.	
	18.1.19.		Usual Church Parades were held.	
	19.1.19.		-	
	20.1.19.		Further leave to reinforcements cancelled, as they are to be held ready for France.	
	21.1.19.		1.Officer struck off strength as he had been granted 9 months leave with pay to attend Architectural Course,London.	
	22.1.19.		Applications called for 15 "A" Class men as clerks at Base Post office. One man marched in ex 1st Training Brigade.	
	23.1.19.		Applications called for permanent troopships staff.	
	24.1.19.		90 reinforcements marched out to France, and 1 Officer to A.I.F.Headquarters,London.	
	25.1.19.		1.Man marched out to 1st Training Battalion.	
	26.1.19.		The usual Church Parades were held.	
	27.1.19.		25 Other Ranks marched out to France being reinforcements. 10 Casuals marched out to 2nd Training Brigade,Codford.	
	28.1.19.		Pioneer Training Depot ceased to exist at 1800, remainder of personnel being merged into 1st Training Brigade Concentration Depot.AIF.	
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No.2.Camp. SUTTON VERNY.			<p><u>GENERAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY.1919.</u></p> <p><u>Parades and Training:-</u> The usual parades were held daily on the Battalion Parade Ground. The mornings being devoted to work of filling in trenches, fatigue work, etc, and the after- noons to recreation. No Route Marches were undertaken as there were not enough men available and those who were, were required for camp duties and work. The usual Church parades were held.</p> <p><u>MEDICAL:-</u> One Muster Parade was held during the month for the purpose of examination for V.D. The health of the Battalion in this respect is excellent. The general health of the troops has been splendid and not any cases of influenza occurred. Owing to the winding up of the 1st Training Brigade A.I.F. no report is available from the R.M.O. or R.D.O.</p> <p><u>WORK:-</u> All available men were engaged on trench filling at No.2.Camp. The number was small small owing to Xmas Leave, and small strength of the Depot. We were unable to complete this work owing to the Depot ceasing to exist on 28th inst.</p> <p><u>SCHOOLS:-</u> No personnel attended schools.</p> <p><u>CRIMES:-</u> The return of crimes shews a very satisfactory state of discipline, and very few cases occurred and these that did, were cases of men overstaying what was likely to be their last leave in this country.</p> <p><u>MESSING:-</u> The Messing was carried out by 1st Training Battalion and was satisfactory though perhaps not so good as when done by our own Staff.</p> <p><u>WEATHER:-</u> The weather has been moderate, an average amount of rain fell, and one heavy fall of snow. During the latter part of the month it was exceptionally cold.</p> <p><u>GENERAL:-</u> The Xmas Leave seems to have been much appreciated, and has resulted in the men being contented and happy and has done much to counteract the feeling of impatience evinced by the troops at being held in England. The conduct and moral of the troops has been excellent.</p>	

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No. 2. Camp. SUTTON VENY.	January. 1919.		Summary for week ending 7.1.19.				
			Admitted to Hospital.	1. Offr.	2.0/Ranks.	Marched in.	Offrs. Nil. O/Ranks. Nil.
			Discharged from Hospital.	Nil	Nil	Marched out.	
			Ration strength	12. Offrs.	102. O/Ranks.	Other Units	" 2 " 40
			Battn. Strength.	16. "	238. "		

			Summary for week ending 14.1.19.				
				Offrs.	O/Ranks.		Offrs. O/Ranks.
			Admitted to Hospital.	Nil	1	Marched in	Nil Nil
			Discharged. "	"	Nil	Marched out	1 12
			Ration Strength	11	121		
			Battalion Strength	14	218.		

			Summary for week ending 21.1.19.				
				Offrs.	O/Ranks.		Offrs. O/Ranks.
			Admitted to Hospital	Nil	2	Marched in other Units.	Nil 13
			Discharged from "	Nil	Nil	Marched out from A.I.F.H.Q.	2 19
			Ration strength	11	156	To other Units	
			Battn. "	13	205.		

			Summary for week ending 28.1.19.				
				Offrs.	O/Ranks.		Offrs. O/Ranks.
			Admitted to Hospital.	Nil	1	Marched in other Units.	Nil 1
			Discharged from "	Nil	1	Marched out to A.I.F.H.Qrs.	- 1
			Ration strength	11	127	" other Units.	- 11
			Battn. do	12	148	" France	- 115.
