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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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| Hour, Date, Place                | Summary of Events and Information                                                      | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Belton Park Grantham.<br>1-2-18. | Daily Strength<br>Reinforcements under training.                                       | See Appendix B.<br>" " C             |
| 2-2-18                           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>Machine Gun Course Harrowby.      | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " H              |
| 3-2-18                           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>A.P.M's Report.                   | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " F              |
| 4-2-18                           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                      | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 5-2-18                           | Daily Strength<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>Medical Board.<br>Draft to France. | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " D<br>" " C     |
| 6-2-18                           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                      | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 7-2-18                           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                      | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 8-2-18                           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                      | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 9-2-18                           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                      | " " B<br>" " C                       |



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| 10-2-18.          | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>Machine Gun Course Harrowby.<br>A.P.M's Report. | See Appendix B.<br>" " C<br>" " H<br>" " F                  |
| 11-2-18.          | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                                    | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " B<br>" " C                            |
| 12-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training. Reinforcements marched in.                         | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " B<br>" " C                            |
| 13-3-18.          | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                                    | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " B<br>" " C                            |
| 14-2-18.          | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                                    | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " B<br>" " C                            |
| 15-2-18.          | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>Bombing School Belton Park.                     | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " H<br>" " H                            |
| 16-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training                                                     | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " B<br>" " C<br>" " C<br>" " F<br>" " D |
| 17-3-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>A.P.M.s Report.<br>30 o/r in Isolation.         | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " D<br>" " B<br>" " C<br>" " D          |
| 18-3-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>57 o/r in Isolation.                            | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " D                                     |



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| 19-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>112 o/r in Isolation.                    | See Appendix B<br>" " C<br>" " D     |
| 20-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>142 o/r in Isolation.                    | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " D              |
| 21-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                             | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 22-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                             | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 23-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                             | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 24-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>A.P.M's report.<br>175 o/r in Isolation. | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " F<br>" " D     |
| 25-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                             | " " B<br>" " C                       |
| 26-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>205 o/r in Isolation.                    | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " D              |
| 27-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.<br>Draft to France.                         | " " B<br>" " C<br>" " C              |
| 28-2-18           | Daily Strength.<br>Reinforcements under training.                                             | " " B<br>" " C                       |

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# WAR DIARY

OF

AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN TRAINING DEPOT

GRANTHAM

FOR

FEBRUARY 1918

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

| No. | Subject.                                                      |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| A.  | Meteorological Notes (See Intelligence Summary)               |
| B.  | Daily Strength                                                |
| C.  | No. of Reinforcements etc.                                    |
| D.  | Medical Statistics                                            |
| E.  | (See Intelligence Summary) Reports on Training & Drafts       |
| F.  | Discipline                                                    |
| G.  | Training Syllabus                                             |
| H.  | Personnel attending Schools and Courses                       |
| I.  | Inspections by General Officers Commanding NIL                |
| J.  | Policy of Administration and Training etc. NIL                |
| K.  | Changes found necessary in Organisation and Establishment NIL |
| L.  | Copies of Official Correspondance of Special Interest NIL     |
| M.  | Other Items of special Interest                               |



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|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Belton Park Grantham | <p>The weather conditions during the month of February were cool throughout with rather chilly nights.</p> <p>Daily Strength (Attached)</p> <p>No. of Reinforcements etc. (Attached)</p> <p>Medical Statistics ( Attached )</p> <p>No reports have been received by this Depot as to the efficiency of men despatched Overseas, but training throughout is steadily improving</p> <p>During the month of February cases of punishment where cessation of pay were awarded amounted to only 42 cases. The report of the A.P.M. Grantham shows that the behaviour and discipline of the Australian troops have again been excellent (Reports attached)</p> <p>Training has been carried out according to Syllabus compiled by the Supervising Officer in charge of training and Company Commanders. (Speciman attached)</p> <p>2 N.C.O's reported for the Instructional Staff Course in Machine Gun Training at Harrowby on the 2-2-18. Five N.C.O'S reported for a Machine Gun Course at Harrowby on the 10-2-18. 2 N.C.O's reported for a Bombing School at Belton Park on the 15-2-18.</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>NIL</p> <p>NIL</p> |                                      |



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| Hour, Date, Place | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                   | <p>M. On the morning of the 24th Feb. 1918 at 3-45 a.m. a fire broke out in the Sergeants' Mess. At 4-10 a.m. the fire was completely under control. The Fire <del>Picquet</del> Picquet carried out their duties with energy. The total damage was about £70.</p> | <p><i>SH</i></p>                     |



APPENDIX "B" DAILY STRENGTH

| Date   | Officers | Other Ranks |
|--------|----------|-------------|
| 1-2-18 | 42       | 1041        |
| 2      | 42       | 1041        |
| 3      | 40       | 1040        |
| 4      | 40       | 1039        |
| 5      | 40       | 1039        |
| 6      | 40       | 1039        |
| 7      | 40       | 1039        |
| 8      | 40       | 970         |
| 9      | 40       | 971         |
| 10     | 37       | 970         |
| 11     | 37       | 1069        |
| 12     | 36       | 1068        |
| 13     | 37       | 1069        |
| 14     | 37       | 1066        |
| 15     | 38       | 1066        |
| 16     | 37       | 1066        |
| 17     | 37       | 1060        |
| 18     | 37       | 1066        |
| 19     | 37       | 1066        |
| 20     | 38       | 1043        |
| 21     | 38       | 1043        |
| 22     | 39       | 1037        |
| 23     | 39       | 1036        |
| 24     | 39       | 1036        |
| 25     | 39       | 1035        |
| 26     | 40       | 1034        |
| 27     | 40       | 1034        |
| 28     | 35       | 966         |

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APPENDIX "C" NUMBERS OF REINFORCEMENTS.

| Date.  | MARCHED IN. |      | TRAINED OR UNDER TRAINING. |      | Off. | MARCHED OUT. |          |
|--------|-------------|------|----------------------------|------|------|--------------|----------|
|        | Off.        | O/R. | Off.                       | O/R. |      | O/R.         | To.      |
| 1-2-18 | 1           |      | 11                         | 775  | 3    |              | Weymouth |
| 2      |             |      | 11                         | 776  |      |              |          |
| 3      |             |      | 11                         | 768  |      | 4            | Belt Hos |
| 4      |             | 2    | 11                         | 766  | 2    | 2            | Tidworth |
| 5      |             |      | 11                         | 766  |      |              |          |
| 6      |             | 1    | 11                         | 764  |      | 71           | France   |
| 7      |             | 3    | 11                         | 762  |      |              |          |
| 8      |             | 2    | 11                         | 684  |      | 3            | Belt Hos |
| 9      |             | 1    | 11                         | 686  | 3    | 1            | France.  |
| 10     |             | 1    | 10                         | 685  |      | 2            | Weymouth |
| 11     |             | 1    | 10                         | 785  |      | 1            | Bulford  |
| 12     |             | 102  | 9                          | 782  | 1    | 1            | Weymouth |
| 13     |             | 1    | 9                          | 783  |      | 2            | Belt Hos |
| 14     | 1           |      | 9                          | 767  |      | 7            | Bulford  |
| 15     | 1           | 2    | 9                          | 770  | 1    | 3            | Weymouth |
| 16     |             | 2    | 8                          | 769  |      | 2            | Belt Hos |
| 17     |             | 2    | 8                          | 769  |      | 1            | Bulford  |
| 18     |             | 1    | 7                          | 769  |      | 6            | Belt Hos |
| 19     | 1           | 1    | 7                          | 768  |      | 1            | Belt Hos |
| 20     |             | 1    | 8                          | 764  |      |              |          |
| 21     |             | 1    | 8                          | 764  |      | 1            | Belt Hos |
| 22     |             | 1    | 8                          | 764  |      | 7            | Belt Hos |
| 23     |             |      | 8                          | 764  |      | 3            | Bulford  |
| 24     | 1           |      | 8                          | 764  |      |              |          |
| 25     |             |      | 8                          | 764  | 1    | 1            | Belt Hos |
| 26     |             | 2    | 9                          | 763  |      | 2            | Belt Hos |
| 27     |             | 2    | 9                          | 763  |      | 67           | France   |
| 28     | 1           | 1    | 9                          | 694  |      | 29           | France   |

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Date.

Statistics.

5-2-18 57 o/r Boarded. 14 C1 Aust. 7 C3. 3 B2B  
12 Bla, 19 C1; 2 B2a.

17-2-18 30 o/r in Isolation.

18-2-18 57 o/r in Isolation.

19-2-18 112 o/r in Isolation.

20-2-18 142 o/r in Isolation.

24-2-18 175 o/r in Isolation.

26-2-18 205 o/r in Isolation.

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APPENDIX F - DISCIPLINE.

Reports furnished by Assistant Provost Marshall - Grantham.

| Week<br>Ending. | Cases dealt<br>with by<br>Military<br>Police. | Arrests<br>made by<br>Military<br>Police. | Dress. | Conduct of<br>Troops | Conduct<br>of<br>Hotels | Saluting. | Conduct of<br>Military<br>Police. |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 3-2-18          | Nil.                                          | Nil.                                      | Good.  | Good.                | Good.                   | Good.     | Good.                             |
| 10-2-18         | Nil.                                          | Nil.                                      | Good.  | Good.                | Good.                   | Good.     | Good.                             |
| 17-2-18         | Nil.                                          | Nil.                                      | Good.  | Good.                | Good.                   | Good.     | Good.                             |
| 24-2-18         | Nil.                                          | Nil.                                      | Good.  | Good.                | Good.                   | Good.     | Good.                             |

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APPENDIX G TRAINING SYLLABUS.

*SA* ~~SIXTH~~  
~~FIFTH~~ WEEK.

|           | 8-30 to<br>9-30            | 9-30 to<br>10-30.             | 10-30 to<br>11-30 | 11-30 to<br>12-30                     | 1-45 to<br>2-45.                              | 2-45 to<br>3-45.                      | 3-45 to<br>4-45.                          |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY.   | Revolver<br>Practice.      | Combined<br>Drill             | Mechanism.        | Spare parts<br>Blindfolded            | Drill on<br>Rough Ground<br>in shell holes    | Mechanism                             | Immediate action.                         |
| TUESDAY.  | Tactical                   | Section<br>"A".               | Drill             | Revolver<br>Practice.                 | Barrage                                       | Drill                                 | Immediate action.                         |
| WEDNESDAY | Route                      |                               |                   | March.<br>Foot Inspection.            | Revolver<br>Practice.                         | Lecture<br>Hygiene<br>on Service.     | Points before<br>Firing.<br>Belt filling. |
| THURSDAY  | Part II G.M.G.C. Practices |                               | 11                | 12 and 13.                            | Points after<br>Firing. Care<br>and cleaning. | Combined<br>drill on<br>rough ground. | Immediate action.                         |
| FRIDAY    | Revolver<br>Bombing        | Course<br>- Physical Training | Part I<br>- Gas.  | Care and<br>cleaning of<br>revolvers. | Barrage                                       | Drill.                                | Mechanism.                                |
| SATURDAY  | Route                      |                               |                   | March.<br>Foot Inspection.            |                                               |                                       |                                           |

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APPENDIX "H" PERSONNEL ATTENDING SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

| Date.    | Particulars.                                      |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 2-2-18.  | 2 N.C.Os. to Instructional Staff Course Harrowby. |
| 10-2-18. | 5 N.C.Os. to Machine Gun Course Harrowby.         |
| 15-2-18  | 2 N.C.Os. to Bombing School Belton Park.          |

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