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## WAR DIARY

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Bull Point Barracks, St Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	1st.		Fine Day. Five O.Rks. On Command, No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, struck off strength from this day. Usual Church Parades. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 205 O.Rks.	
	2nd.		Fine Day. Usual programme of training carried out. Nothing unusual to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 205 O.Rks.	
	3rd.		Fine Day. Two men admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with Influenza. One man discharged from Salisbury Road Military Hospital, Plymouth. Usual training. Quiet day. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 205 O.Rks.	
	4th.		Wet Day. One man of the 15th Rftts, 36th (Aust) H.A. Bde. marched in from Aust. Gen. Base Depot, Le Havre, France. Training combined with lectures on account of wet day. Nothing unusual to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 205 O.Rks.	
	5th.		Very wet during previous night, and drizzly all day. One man marched in on being transferred from No. 3 Bty, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury, to 36th (Aust) H.A. Bde. Training carried out under shelter during day. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 206 O.Rks.	
	6th.		Dull but Fine day. Nine men, comprising Sept. quota for training as Signallers, proceeded On Command to Signal School, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. One man admitted to Mutley Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, with Scabies. Six men returned from France marched in from Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverill. Route march for troops in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Nothing else of importance to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 207 O.Rks.	
	7th.		Dull during morning. Wet in afternoon. One man transferred to 36th (Aust) H.A. Bde from 2nd. Training Bn. Fovant, marched in and taken on strength. One man returned from On Command at Signal School, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. Training in morning. Half Holiday in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 213 O.Rks.	
	8th.		Unsettled kind of day. Wet and fine. Usual church parades in morning. Nothing of importance to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 214 O.Rks.	
	9th.		Wet day. Training carried out under shelter, comprising the usual Gun Drill, Gas Drill, etc. Nothing unusual to relate. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 214 O.Rks.	
	10th.		Fine day but very windy. Route march in morning. Usual routine of training in afternoon. Nothing of importance to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 214 O.Rks.	
	11th.		Fine day. Usual training. Nothing important to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 214 O.Rks.	
	12th.		Fine during day, wet in evening. One man awarded 5 Days F.P. No. 2 for Insolence to an N.C.O. One man discharged from Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport. Usual training carried out. Nothing else important to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 214 O.Rks.	

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	14th.		Wet Day. Ten Casuals (men returned from France) proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone. One man discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. First Football match of season played by the Depot in afternoon. Match lost. Cricket season finished so far as the Depot is concerned this day. Fairly successful season throughout. Nothing unusual to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 218 O.Rks.	
	15th.		Fine Day. Usual Church Parades. Holiday in afternoon. Nothing unusual to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	16th.		Wet Day. One man discharged from Keppel Place Military Hospital, Devonport. One man discharged from Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	17th.		Fine Day. One man admitted to Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport, with Influenza. One man admitted to Ford House Military Hospital, Devonport, with Influenza. Route March in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	18th.		Fine during day, but wet in evening. Very quiet day. Nothing important to state. Practice game played by footballers in afternoon. Remainder of troops on usual training. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	19th.		Fine day. Two men admitted to Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport, with Influenza. One man awarded 5 Days C.B. and forfeiture of One days Pay for A.W.L. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	20th.		Wet Day. Thirtysix reinforcements proceeded on Disembarkation Leave. Three men marched out On Command to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for disposal by A.I.F. Medical Board. One man admitted to Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport, with Influenza. Training carried out under shelter. No route march owing to wet. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	21st.		Wet day. Training as usual in morning. Half Holiday in afternoon. Nothing unusual to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	22nd.		Dull day but fine. Usual Church Parades. Very quiet day. Nothing important to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	23rd.		Wet day. One N.C.O. proceeded to P. & B.T. Course at Garrison Gymnasium, Devonport. One N.C.O. proceeded to Refresher Course, P. & B.T. at Tidworth. Two N.C.O.s proceeded to Course in Anti-Gas Measures at Chisledon. One man admitted to 1st. Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, whilst on disembarkation leave. Usual training. Nothing else of importance to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	

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Bull Point Barracks, St Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	24th.		Wet day. Route march in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Nothing of importance to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	25th.		Fine day. Usual training. Nothing important to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	26th.		Unsettled kind of Day. One man marched out On Command to H.Q., A.I.F. Tidworth. One man admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with Quinsy. Eighteen reinforcements returned off disembarkation Leave. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks.	
	27th.		Fine day. Thirtysix men comprising the 19th R'fts, 36th (Aust) H.A. Bde marched in from Australia via Liverpool. These men left Australia (Sydney) on the S.S. "Borda" on 17th July. exactly three years from the date of sailing from Melbourne of the original brigade. On inspection they proved to be quite up to the standard of previous reinforcements, and showed a smartness in moving about. One man admitted to Salisbury Road Military Hospital, Plymouth, with Influenza. An unfortunate occurrence reported to the unit this day in that a soldier of the 18th R'fts, No. 1379 Gnr Neill N.E. died of Pneumonia at 4th Military Hospital, Glasgow, whilst on disembarkation leave.	
	28th.		Route march in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 208 O.Rks. Fine day. Thirtysix reinforcements just marched in medically examined and passed as fit. Two N.C.O.s returned from On Command at Anti-Gas Course at Chisleton. Usual training in morning. Football match played against a Naval team in afternoon, resulting in a win for the Navy. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 244 O.Rks.	
	29th.		Wet Day. One N.C.O. proceeded to 50th Army Course, P. & B.T. at Burnaby Road Branch School, Portsmouth. One soldier returned from A.W.L. and placed under "Close Arrest". No Church Parades held on account of wet. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 243 O.Rks.	
30th.		Fine day. One man transferred from A.A.O.D. to 36th (Aust) H.A. Bde marched in from H.Q., A.I.F. Tidworth. Lieut. C.W.C. Thompson, A.I.F. returned from On Command at Central Siege School, Lydd. One N.C.O. and one gunner of the 19th R'fts marched in on completion of duty at Admin. H.Q., A.I.F. London after disembarkation. Usual training during day. Nothing else of importance to state. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 243 O.Rks.		

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REVIEW BY OFFICER COMMAND ING AUSTRALIAN HEAVY ARTILLERY TRAINING DEPOT  
OF MONTH'S WORK.

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The work during the month has been very good, the men taking a keen interest, and all specialists classes are doing well. The health has been very fair; a few men going to hospital with Influenza, these being chiefly amongst the latest reinforcements. The discipline is very good and practically no crime in the unit for the month, and reports received from outside sources as regards the behaviour of the men have always been very satisfactory, combined with their clean and soldierly appearance. The clothing and equipment are in good order. The quotas of Signallers which have been sent to the Signal School at R.B.A.A. Heytesbury have been very good and in one instance out of fourteen who returned on completing course eleven obtained a 1st class pass, 2 a 2nd class pass, and 1 failed to qualify. One man in particular passed out with 100% in all subjects.

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