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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

Australian General Base Depot.

FOR

November 191*8.*

Signature of Officer compiling

[Signature] *Captain.*

Adj. Aust. Gen. Base Depot.

Signature of Officer Commanding

[Signature] *Colonel.*

C.O. Aust. Gen. Base Depot.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Havre	Novr. 1st.		<p><u>Leave.</u> During October 7 members of the A.G.B.D. Staff proceeded to England on leave, whilst 6 members proceeded to Paris.</p> <p><u>HEALTH OF TROOPS.</u> The Influenza epidemic has been responsible for a great number of our men being evacuated to hospital. The Authorities are putting forth very strenuous efforts efforts in the endeavour to cope with the spread of this disease. One of the measures taken by them is the placing out of Bounds of all towns and villages within this area. Officers and other ranks until further notice, must on no account proceed outside the Camp boundaries, unless in possession of a special duty pass signed by the Commanding Officer. These passes are only issued in cases of absolute necessity. The contacts of men who develop the disease, are isolated in tents specially put aside for the purpose. All buildings, especially those used for entertainments have been very well ventilated.</p> <p><u>GARDENING.</u> Owing to the season, the quantity of vegetables grown and consumed was very low, as will be seen from the attached schedule. Most of the gardens look rather bare owing to the fact that fresh seeds have just been sown.</p> <p><u>ENTERTAINMENTS.</u> The Concert parties in this area have been kept very busy lately. Nightly picture shows are still in progress and very well patronised. The Australian Base Concert Party, which is has been named the "Wattle Birds", celebrate their opening night in the Lismore Cinema, next Monday 4-11-18. For the past month the members of this party have been working energetically in the endeavour to make their party the best of its kind.</p> <p><u>RETURNING ANZACS.</u> During October about 2800 2800 members of the A.I.F. who left Australia in 1914, passed through this Depot on their way to England en route for Australia. This body of men left the Base in two drafts and on each occasion marched out of the Depot headed by the Australian Convalescent Depot Brass band. It was indeed an inspiring sight to see these brave old warriors leaving for a well earned spell in their native country.</p>	

Colonel,
G.O. Australian General Base Depot.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Havre.	Decr. 1st.	2nd.	<p><u>Leave.</u> During November 6 members of the A.G.B.D. Staff proceeded to England on leave whilst three members proceeded to Paris.</p> <p><u>Entertainments.</u> The 2 Concert Parties here at the Base have produced some splendid shows in the Lismore Cinema during the past month. Every Saturday evening the "Australian Dandies" entertain about 2000 soldiers and the various programmes produced are indeed splendid. The "Wattle Birds" have also been producing some good Concerts and on each occasion have proved that their party is indeed a talented one.</p> <p><u>Armistice Dinner.</u> On the 26th November the Senior N.C.Os. of this Depot partook of a dinner in the Sergeant's Mess to celebrate the signing of the Armistice. This, in every respect was a huge success the occasion being one which will live for ever in the memories of those present.</p> <p><u>The Armistice.</u> News of the signing of the Armistice was received in this Depot at 10 a.m. on the 11th November. It was at once officially communicated to the troops who, at the same time, were asked not to forget that they were Australians when celebrating the occasion. The result was that our men did not forget this important fact, and on the whole, behaved themselves splendidly. The Base Commandant issued a special circular in which he stated that the authorities, both French and British, were more than pleased with the splendid manner in which the Australians carried themselves on this important occasion.</p> <p><u>Gardening.</u> The usual monthly schedule of the quantity of vegetables grown and consumed is enclosed herewith. The very low totals shewn thereon are accounted for by the fact that the gardens have lately been sown with fresh seeds.</p>	

Havre,
2-12-18.

Colonel,
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Havre	Nov.	1st	Marched in from Hospital 1 Officer 22 o/ranks. Marched out to Units 1 officer 5 o/ranks, to Hospital 1 officer 1 o/rank.	
		2nd	Marched in from England 3 officers 141 o/ranks, from Hospital 1 officer 5 o/ranks. Marched out to Units 63 o/ranks, to Hospital 6 o/ranks.	
		3rd	Marched in from Hospital 6 o/ranks. Marched out to Units 4 officers 28 o/ranks, to front "B" Class 2 o/ranks.	
		4th	Marched in from England 4 officers, from Hospital 7 o/ranks. Marched out to units 2 o/ranks, to Hospital 10 o/ranks.	
		5th	Marched in from England 41 o/ranks, from Hospital 25 o/ranks. Marched out to units 6 o/ranks, to Hospital 6 o/ranks, to front "B" Class 3 o/ranks.	
		6th	Marched in from Hospital 1 officer 20 o/ranks. Marched out to Units 41 o/ranks, to Hospital 3 o/ranks, to Eng. "B" Class 24 o/ranks.	
		7th	Marched in from England 3 officers 47 o/ranks, from Hospital 1 officer 28 o/ranks. Marched out to Units 8 o/ranks, to Hospital 9 o/ranks.	
		8th	Marched in from England 3 officers, from hospital 20 o/ranks. Marched out to units 5 officers 37 o/ranks, to England (1914 men) 51 o/ranks.	
		9th	Marched in from Hospital 3 officers 22 o/ranks. Marched out to Hospital 6 o/ranks.	
		10th	Marched in from England 2 officers, from hospital 2 officers 19 o/ranks. Marched out to units 11 officers 300 o/ranks, to Hospital 1 o/rank, to Front "B" Class 12 o/r.	
		11th	Marched in from Hospital 15 o/ranks. Marched to units 1 officer 12 o/ranks.	
		12th	Marched in from Hospital 2 officers 60 o/ranks. Marched out to Units 1 officer 38 o/ranks.	
		13th	Marched in from England 240 o/ranks, from Hospital 1 officer 70 o/ranks. Marched out to units 36 o/ranks, to Hospital 1 o/rank.	
		14th	Marched in from Hospital 2 officers 98 o/ranks. Marched out to units 1 officer, to Hospital 1 o/rank, to Eng. "B" Class 15 o/ranks.	
		15th	Marched in from England 1 officer, from Hospital 81 o/ranks. Marched out to units 1 officer 46 o/ranks, to Hospital 1 o/rank.	
		16th	Marched in from Hospital 28 o/ranks. Marched out to units 1 officer 139 o/ranks, to Hospital 2 o/ranks.	
		17th	Marched in from England 24 officers from Hospital 20 o/ranks. Marched out to units 4 officers 222 o/ranks, to Hospital 2 o/ranks.	

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Havre	Nov. 18th		Marched in from England 4 officers 40 o/ranks, from Hospital 30 o/ranks. Marched out to England "B" Class 20 o/ranks.	
	19th		Marched in from England 100 o/ranks, from Hospital 2 officers 140 o/ranks. Marched out to units 10 o/ranks.	
	20th		Marched in from England 1 officer, from Hospital 1 officer 75 o/ranks. Marched out to units 1 officer 45 o/ranks.	
	21st		Marched in from England 282 o/ranks, from hospital 73 o/ranks. Marched out to units 1 officer, to Hospital 1 o/rank.	
	22nd		Marched in from England 426 o/ranks, from Hospital 55 o/ranks. Marched out to units 14 o/ranks, to Hospital 4 o/ranks.	
	23rd		Marched in from England 1 officer 10 o/ranks, from hospital 1 officer 19 o/ranks. Marched out to units 1 officer 41 o/ranks to Hospital 4 o/ranks.	
	24th		Marched in from England 43 o/ranks, from Hospital 2 officers 29 o/ranks. Marched out to Hospital 1 o/rank.	
	25th		Marched in from Hospital 18 o/ranks. Marched out to Units 1 o/rank, to Hospital 1 o/rank.	
	26th		Marched in from England 1 officer, from Hospital 34 o/ranks. Marched out to units 5 officers 252 o/ranks, to Hospital 5 o/ranks, to Eng. "B" Cl. 33 o/r to Front "B" 11 o/r.	
	27th		Marched in from England 1 Officer, from Hospital 22 o/ranks. Marched out to units 21 officers 534 o/ranks, to Hospital 1 Officer 2 o/ranks.	
	28th		Marched in from England 211 o/ranks, from Hospital 2 officers 29 o/ranks. Marched out to units 5 officers 157 o/ranks, to Hospital 9 o/ranks.	
	29th		Marched in from England 2 officers 122 o/ranks, from Hospital 35 o/ranks. Marched out to Hospital 10 o/ranks.	
	30th		Marched in from England 6 xxxxxx officers, from hospital 1 officer 24 o/ranks. Marched out to units 92 o/ranks to Hospital 2 o/ranks to Eng. "B" Class 55 o/ranks.	
TOTALS.- Officers marched in from England 56 o/ranks marched in from England 1703				
Officers do Hospital 23 o/ranks do Hospital 1129				
Officers Marched out to Units 64 o/Ranks marched out to units 2129				
Officers do Hospital 2 o/ranks do Hospital 88				
1914 & "B" Class o/ranks to England 198 "B" Class o/ranks to front 28				

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List of Vegetables Grown And Consumed by the above Unit *for month of November 1918.*

DATE.	RADISH.	LETTUCE.	CABBAGE. lbs	ONIONS. PUMPKIN. lbs	SPIRACH.	BEANS.	TURNIPS.	SWEETES.	POTATOCES.	CARROTS.	Daily average of all Veggies.
1											
2											
3											
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6											
7											
8											
9											
10											
11											
12											
13											
14			90	71							161
15											
Monthly Totals			90	71							161

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DATE.	RADISH.	LETTUCE.	CABBAGE. lbs	ONIONS. Pumpkin lbs.	SPINACH.	BEANS.	TURNIPS.	SWEETES.	POTATOES.	CARROTS.	Daily average of all Veggies.
Forward			90	71							161
16											
17											
18											
19											
20											
21			114								114
22											
23											
24											
25											
26											
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28											
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Monthly Totals			204	71							275 lbs