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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*Australian General Base Depot.*

FOR

*December* 191*8.*

Signature of Officer compiling

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*Captain.*  
*Adj. Aust. Gen. Base Depot.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

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*Colonel.*  
*C.O. Aust. Gen. Base Depot.*

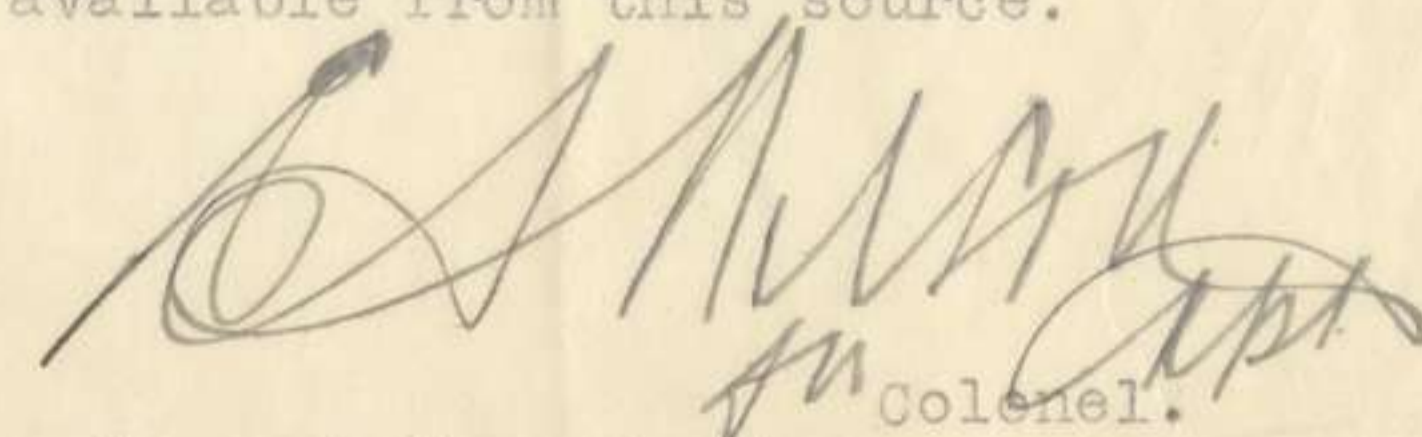
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Havre.	Jany 1st. 1919.		<p><u>Leave.</u> During December Four Members of the A.G.B.D. Staff proceeded to England on leave whilst one Member proceeded to Paris.</p> <p><u>Entertainments.</u> The number of entertainments produced in the Lismore Cinema during December has been greater than that of any previous month. On several occasions the "Australian Dandies" produced their very successful Pantomime entitled "Little Bo Peep". The whole performance is in every way admirable and reflects great credit on those connected with its production. The thousands of men whom they have entertained during Christmas week were delighted with the novel performance put before them. The "Wattle Birds" have also staged some very fine programmes, which have been very well received. The Havre Repretory Company and various Y.M.C.A. Concert Parties have visited the Depot frequently and the programmes produced have always been received with great applause.</p> <p><u>Christmas Celebrations.</u> The day was fine with a little sunshine at intervals. In the morning the Y.M.C.A. Staff generously distributed Pocket Wallets amongst the men. These, needless to say, were greatly appreciated. The Christmas Dinner was all that could be desired. Each man on taking his place at the table, found a parcel of gifts set for him. These parcels were from the people of Australia and contained tobacco, cigarettes, sweets, etc., After dinner the majority of the men attended the Lismore Cinema, to witness a mainee performance of the Christmas Pantomime, while a number of their comrades proceeded on leave to le Havre.</p> <p><u>Gardening.</u> The usual monthly schedule of vegetables grown and consumed is not enclosed with this month's diary, owing to the fact that there is a nil return. As stated in last month's diary, all the gardens have lately been sown with fresh seeds, and it is expected that some considerable time will elapse before vegetables again become available from this source.</p>	
H a v r e .			 Colonel.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Havre.	Decr	1st.	Marched in from Hospital 1 Officer, 24 Other Ranks. Marched out to Units. 1 Other Rank, 2 Hospital 3 Other Ranks.	
		2nd	Marched in from England. 8 Officers, 60 Other Ranks, from Hospital, 2 Officers, 28 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 4 Officers, 37 O/Ranks. to Hospital and Segregation - 14 O/Ranks.	
		3rd.	Marched in from England - 4 Officers, from Hospital - 1 Officer, 32 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 2 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 5 O/Ranks, to England "B" Class, 131 O/Ranks.	
		4th.	Marched in from Hospital - 1 Officer, 32 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 10 Officers, 301 O/Ranks to Hospital - 1 O/Rank.	
		5th.	Marched in from <del>XXXX</del> England - 2 Officers, from Hospital - 35 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 23 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 3 O/Ranks.	
		6th.	Marched in from England - 14 O/Ranks, from Hospital - 67 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 35 O/Ranks, to England "B" Class - 55 O/Ranks.	
		7th.	Marched in from England - 2 Officers, from Hospital - 1 Officer, 30 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 21 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 2 O/Ranks.	
		8th.	Marched in from Hospital - 1 Officer, 33 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 13 O/Ranks. to Hospital - 6 O/Ranks.	
		9th	Marched in from England - 1 Officer. from Hospital - 1 Officer, 61 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 4 O/Ranks, to Hospital and Segregation - 14 O/Ranks.	
		10th.	Marched in from Hospital - 66 O/Ranks, Marched out to Units - 3 O/Ranks, to Hospital & Con. Depot - 10 O/Ranks.	
		11th.	Marched in from England - 2 Officers, from Hospital - 42 O/Ranks. Marched out to Hospital - 1 O/Rank.	
		12th.	Marched in from Hospital - 1 Officer, 11 O/Ranks. Marched out to Hospital - 6 O/Ranks, to England "B" Class - 42 O/Ranks.	
		13th.	Marched in from Hospital - 1 Officer, 27 O/Ranks Marched out to Units - 4 O/Ranks, to Hospital, 5 O/Ranks.	
		14th.	Marched in from Hospital - 34 O/Ranks Marched out to Hospital - 2 O/Ranks.	
		15th.	Marched in from England - 8 Officers, from Hospital - 14 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 13 Officers, 194 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 2 Officers, 3 O/Ranks, to Eng. B Class 26 O/R	
		16th.	Marched in from Hospital - 14 O/Ranks Marched out to Units - 2 O/Ranks, to Hospital and Segregation - 7 O/Ranks.	
		17th.	Marched in from England - 1 Officer, from Hospital - 53 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 99 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 6 O/Ranks	

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Havre	Decr	18th.	Marched in from Hospital - 43 O/Ranks Marched out to Units - 8 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 1 O/Rank.			
		19th.	Marched in from England - 3 Officers, 1 O/Rank, from Hospital - 1 Officer, 17 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 5 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 2 O/Ranks.			
		20th.	Marched in from Hospital - 29 O/Ranks Marched out to Units - 1 Officer, 17 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 2 O/Rank.			
		21st.	Marched in from England - 1 Officer, from Hospital, 15 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 2 Officers, 26 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 5 O/Ranks, to Eng. B Class 40 O/Ranks.			
		22nd.	Marched in from England - 21 Officers, from Hospital, 1 Officer, 15 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 2 O/Ranks, to England "B" Class - 29 O/Ranks.			
		23rd.	Marched in from Hospital - 2 Officers, 32 O/Ranks.			
		24th.	Marched in from Hospital - 1 Officer, 29 O/Ranks.			
		25th.	Marched in from England - 1 Officer, from Hospital - 7 O/Ranks.			
		26th.	Marched in from Hospital - 1 Officer, 8 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 1 O/Rank.			
		27th.	Marched in from Hospital - 27th O/Ranks Marched out to Hospital - 3 O/Ranks.			
		28th.	Marched in from Hospital, 36 O/Ranks, Marched out to Units - 2 O/Ranks.			
		29th.	Marched in from England - 2 Officers, from Hospital 2 Officers, 27 O/Ranks. Marched out to Units - 36 O/Ranks, to Hospital, 2 O/Ranks			
		30th.	Marched in from Hospital - 54 O/Ranks Marched out to Hospital, 1 O/Rank, to England "B" Class - 16 O/Ranks.			
		31st.	Marched in from England - 16 O/Ranks Marched out to Units - 34 Officers, 159 O/Ranks, to Hospital - 2 O/Ranks.			
		TOTALS:-			Officers marched in from England - 56 O/Ranks	Officers marched in from England 75
					Officers do Hospital 18 O/Ranks	do Hospital 958
					Officers marched out to Units 64 O/Ranks	Officers marched out to Units 994
					Officers do Hospital 2 O/Ranks	do Hospital, Segregation & Con. Depot. 105
					"B" Class O/Ranks to England 339.	

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Colonel,