

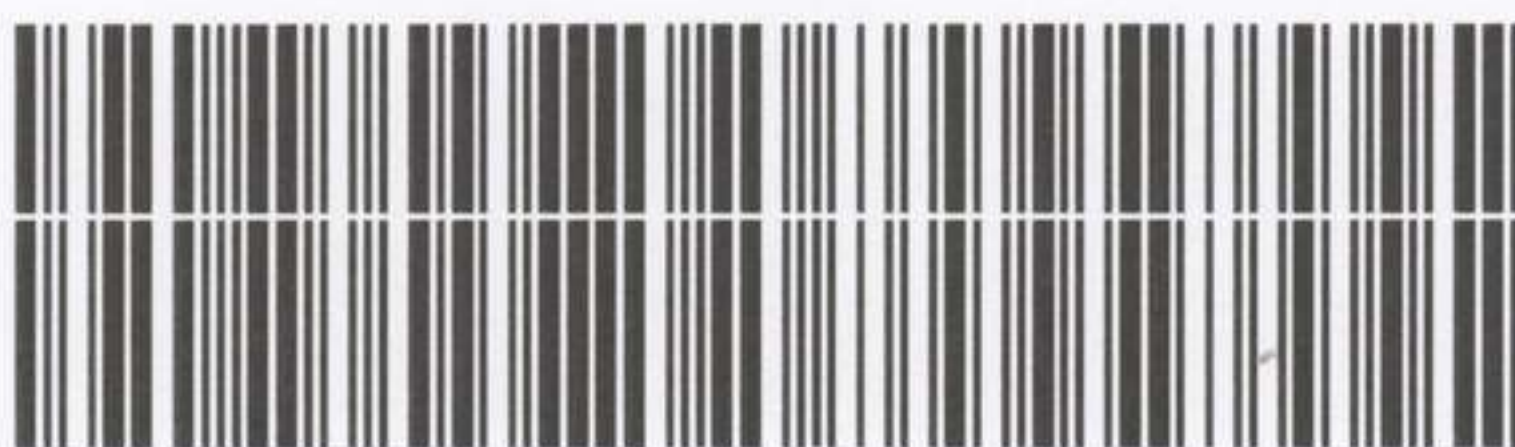
**AWM4**  
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
**1914-18 War**

Bases & Depots

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March 1917



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WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

26 Jan 1917  
March 1917

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WEYMOUTH	1917			
	17.3		Draft marched out for AUSTRALIA 7 Officers 742 Other Ranks.	
	20.3		Major P.W. SMITH 5th.Div. Train took over command of WESTHAM from Major LOWE	
			March Arrivals 3170 Departures 1503 Average Daily Strength 5344	



2nd April, 1917.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1917.

	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Total.
Strength on- 28.2.17.	63	3614	3677.
Total Arrivals at Depot.	35	3135	3170.
Total Handled at Depot.	98	6749	6847.
To:- France.	1	2	3.
Transfers to Other Depots.	6	688	694.
Discharged in England.	-	16	16.
Invalided to Australia.	16	744	760.
Struck off Strength.- Illegal Absentees.	-	-	-.
Died.	-	4	4.
To:- Administrative Headquarters, London, for duty.	-	14	14.
Total Departures.	23	1480	1503.
Strength on- 31.3.17.	75	5269	5344.

DEATHS.- It is regretted that the under-mentioned men died during the Month of March, on dates stated:-

On 4.3.17. No. 2486 Pte. WELSH G. ... 24th Battalion, A.I.F.  
" 15.3.17. " 4721 " LITTLE R.C. ... 24th " "  
" 23.3.17. " 3228 " FOULIS A.E. ... 5th Pioneer Bn., "

INSPECTIONS.- The G.O.C.-in-C., Southern Command, visited the Depot on 13th & 14th March, in his tour of inspection paying separate visits to each of the Camps.

On the 13th March, Major W. B. BARCLAY, R.A.M.C. (T), S.S.O., Portland Garrison, inspected both Monte Video and Westham Camps in his official capacity.

On the 18th March, Major-General the Hon. Sir Newton J. Moore, K.C.M.G., V.D., G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in the United Kingdom, arrived at this Depot on a visit of inspection.

On various dates during the Month, the Travelling Medical Board, composed of Colonels RYAN, C.B., and MAUDSLEY, C.M.G., A.A.M.C., passed in review all medical and surgical Board cases requiring revision.

Captain WILLIAMS, of the Audit Staff, A.I.F., visited the Depot on 26th March.

Lieutenant RAFFERTY arrived at the Depot on 24th March to select P.B. men for duty with the Records Section of Administrative Headquarters and was afforded every facility.

ENTERTAINMENTS.- A Matinee performance was provided at the Jubilee Hall, Weymouth, on an afternoon during the month, for the entertainment of the troops of this Depot, expenses being met by Regimental Institute Funds.

Concerts are given and Pictures shown, in Y.M.C.A. & Gymnasium Huts, respectively, at regular intervals, as frequently as is deemed advisable.

ORDERLY ROOM.- During the Month of March, 1917, 17. men were dealt with for Drunkenness, accompanied by one or more of the following offences:-  
N Obscene language, creating a disturbance, absence, and gambling in Camp, etc., etc.

In all, 70. men were convicted for Minor Offences against discipline, whilst 72. men were Absent without leave, and dealt with accordingly.

The following Reports are attached:- MEDICAL, SANITARY & PIONEER, by the S.M.O. & Q.M. respectively; also, the Report of the Officer i/c. POST OFFICE.

*Charles Howe Major*  
Colonel,  
Commandant,  
No. 2. Australian Command Depot.  
(EM)



DRAFTS FROM NO. 2. AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.  
at: W E Y M O U T H.

Month of MARCH, 1917 :-

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No. of Draft.	Date.	TRANSFERRED TO:	Composition.	Class.
116	10. 3. 1917.	Salisbury.	41 Rank and File.	"A".
117	14. 3. 1917.	Hurdcott.	165 " " " (including 2 Officers).	"B.1.a".
118	15. 3. 1917.	Wareham.	28 Rank and File.	"A".
119	17. 3. 1917.	Australia.	749 " " " (including 7 Officers).	"P.U."
120	22. 3. 1917.	Perham Down.	27 Rank and File.	"A.3."
121	23. 3. 1917.	Hurdcott.	136 " " "	"B.1.a."
122	23. 3. 1917.	Wareham (16th Bde.)	82 " " "	"A".
124	29. 3. 1917.	Drafting Depot, Perham Down.	51 " " "	"A.3."

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No. 2. Australian  
Command Depot, W E Y M O U T H.

LIST OF TRIALS BY DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL HELD DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1917.

No.	Rank.	Name.		Unit.	Nature of Offence.	Sentence.	Date of Sentence.
488	Pte.	Barry	J.	20th Battn.	Absence.	112 days detention.	8.3.17
2950	Pte.	Morgan	A.	60th Battn.	Absence.	Detention remitted.	9.3.17
81	S/Sgt. Cook.	Payne	W.P.	3rd Pnr.Bn.	Breaking out of Camp.Failing to stop when directed by R.M.P.	Reduced to Cpl.	12.3.17
4542	Pte.	Smith	J.H.	18th Battn.	Absence.	42 days detention.	14.3.17
3545	Pte.	Salikas	E.	6th Battn.	Stealing goods, property of a comrade.	Not confirmed.	14.3.17
2396	Pte.	Gilham	W.	12th Battn.	Absence.	42 days detention.	14.3.17
1754	Pte.	Murray	J.E.	46th Battn.	Absence.	112 days detention.	15.3.17
2208	Pte.	Crawshaw	A.	58th Battn.	Drunkenness; when in confinement, escaping.	42 days detention.	18.3.17
					Wilfully injuring public property. Using threatening language to superior Officer.		
3073	Sgt.	Charteris	H.S.	57th Battn.	Disobedience. Absence.	Guilty of Absence. To take rank & precedence as if rank of Sgt. bore dated 24.3.17.	25.3.17
1652	Pte.	Poolman	A.	60th Battn.	Absence.	28 days detention.	25.3.17
2847b.	Pte.	Read	C.	10th Battn.	Absence. Losing by neglect his Regtl. necessaries.	56 days detention.	25.3.17
3560	Cpl.	Lawless	S.T.	54th Battn.	An act to the prejudice, &c., i.e., "loaned his Pass"	Reduced to the ranks.	28.3.17
2318	Pte.	Redden	R.J.	56th Battn.	Assaulting Mr. A. Batts with his crutch. Resisting an escort.	84 days detention.	29.3.17
462.a.	Pte.	Rule	H.V.	Imp.Camel Corps.	Absence from 9am. Parade.	7 days detention.	29.3.17.



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Medical Office,  
Monte Video Camp,  
WEYMOUTH.  
1st. April 1917.

MEDICAL & SANITARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1917.

HEALTH.

The Sanitary condition of Monte Video and Westhamd Camps, and Verne Citadel Detachment, has been satisfactory. The general surroundings of Camps &c. are in good condition.

The health of the troops, apart from the wounds and sickness acquired on active service, has been very good. There has been no overcrowding and the huts have been kept well ventilated.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of Infectious disease have occurred:-

Cerebro-spinal-meningitis.....	1
Diphtheria.....	Nil
@Gonorrhoea.....	58
Syphilis.....	3
Venereal Sores.....	10
Scabies.....	40
Mumps.....	13

@ 33 contracted in London, 10 in Weymouth,  
3 in Edinburgh, 2 in Southampton and  
10 in other places.

OBITUARY.

There were two deaths during the month, from causes as follows:-

Paralysis.....1.                      C.S.F.....1.

ADMISSIONS.

3143 Convalescent other ranks have been -  
admitted to the Depot for the month.



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MEN DISPOSED OF DURING MONTH.

1466 men have been transferred from the Depot during the month, as follows:-

A 3 Class:-	To Salisbury.....	119	
	To Wareham .....	118	
	To France.....	2	239
Home Service Class.	To Bulford(A.M.C.).....	60	
	To Harefield (A.M.C.)...	30	
	To London(B.P.O.).....	20	
	To London (A.H.Q.).....	14	
	To Bhurtpore,Tidworth....	2	126
Bla Class.	To Wareham.....	40	
	To Hurdcott.....	301	341
Permanently Unfit.	To Australia.....	744	
	Discharged in England....	16	760 1466.

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT

The number of men who attended for massage - treatment during the month was 3526, a daily average of 141.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

Dental report for month attached.

HOSPITAL ALTERATIONS.

Three of the huts have been completed and taken over. Two more will be available this week.

*L. J. Pett* Major,  
S.M.O. No. 2 Australian Command Depot.



# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN ENGLAND.

A.F. No.

## Monthly Summary of Dental Treatment. *March*

Month. *1917*

*420*

STATION.	Attendance.	Cases Treated.	Teeth Extracted.	Anæsthetics.		Fillings.			Scaling Cases.	Dentures Repaired.	Dentures Supplied.	Pyorrhœa Cases Treated.	Fracture of Mandible.	General Surgical Cases.	REMARKS.
				General.	Local.	Temporary.	Permanent.	Root Filling.							
<i>No 2 Austr. Command Depot Weymouth</i>	<i>1377.</i>	<i>879.</i>	<i>537.</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>239.</i>	<i>112.</i>	<i>386.</i>	<i>23.</i>	<i>38.</i>	<i>20.</i>	<i>171.</i>				
Estimated Value of above Treatment at Imperial Contract Rates.															

Date *April 1st 1917.*

*HW Roskill* *Leut.* Dental Officer in Charge.

S.M.O.



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Medical Office,  
No.2 Australian Command Depot,  
Westham Detachment,  
WEYMOUTH.  
31st March, 1917.

FROM Medical Officer,  
Westham Camp.

TO The Senior Medical Officer,  
No.2 Australian Command Depot.

Health and Sanitation Report for the Month of March, 1917.

I have the honour to report that the health of the troops in Westham Camp is satisfactory.

SICK. The Daily Average has been 12.

DRESSINGS. The Daily Average requiring Dressings. 20.

HOSPITAL. The total number admitted to hospital was 26.

<u>Venereal.</u>	Gonorrhoea.	3.
	Venereal Sores.	2.

<u>Scabies.</u>	3.
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Infectious Diseases.

Mumps.	1. Isolated and treated in Drying Room.
C.S.M.(Clinical)	1. This man was removed to the Boro' Isolation Hospital, Wemouth, The hut, No.16., was isolated under guard and was immediately disinfected, and the blankets removed for disinfection. When the swabs of the contacts, proved "Negative" the isolation was lifted.

SANITATION. The sanitation of the camp has been satisfactory.

Ventilation. To ensure that the regulations are being complied with, "Surprise" visits have been made and any huts not complying with orders were reported and disciplinary action taken.

The huts have been kept clean, and the General Surroundings are in a satisfactory condition.

*Int. M. M. M.* Captain.  
Medical Officer, Westham.

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Medical Office,  
Verne Citadel,  
Portland.

31/3/1917.

From:- Medical Officer,  
No.5 Coy.

To:- Senior Medical Officer,  
No.2 Command Depot.

HEALTH AND SANITATION REPORT for MONTH of MARCH 1917.

I have the honour to report that the health of the Troops in Verne Citadel Detachment has been very satisfactory.

The daily average of sick being 11.

Number of cases transferred to Hospital is as follows:-

Monte Video	4.
Sidney Hall.	1.
Bulford	25.
	<u>30</u>

Venereal Cases	36
Scabies	50

SANITATION.

The Sanitary condition of the camp is good. Huts properly ventilated and kept clean. Latrines in good working Order and general surroundings of camp in good condition.

*B. Moore* Captain,  
M.O. 1/c No. 5 Coy.



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No.2 Australian Command Depot,  
Monte Video Camp,  
Weymouth,

March 31st, 1917.

Sanitary and Pioneer Report of Monte Video Camp, Weymouth for the  
Month ending 31st March, 1917.

Roads  
&  
Paths

General Maintenance of Roads and Paths has been carried out as necessary. A new Footpath has been constructed from the existing path at the North Eastern Corner of the Salvation Army Hut to the existing Road at the South Eastern Corner of Hut 86. Two new footpaths have been constructed from Hut No. 80 to 81 and from 82 to 86. A new footpath has also been constructed from Huts No. 76 and 77 to No.1 Cook House.

Sewerage

All Sewers, Gullies, etc. are disinfected weekly. The Foul Drains from the Officers Mess have been opened and cleaned.

Surface  
Water &  
Drainage

All surface Drains are cleaned at regular intervals and all siltage etc. immediately removed. Several new Surface Drains have been made as necessary.

Ablution  
Houses &  
Latrines

All ablution Houses are in good order. Latrines are treated with heavy Oil at regular intervals and Latrine Pans are disinfected daily.

Huts

All Huts are in excellent habitable state. Tables, Forms, etc are scrubbed at regular intervals. Several Hut Stoves require minor attention and these have been reported to the D.O.R.E.

Painter  
& Glazier

Breakages have been very light during the month and all broken Windows have been promptly repaired. No.2 Recreation Room has been treated with Washable Distemper and a Dado of Dark Green has been painted in both Recreation Rooms.

Carpenter  
&  
Joiner

Several small Joinery Jobs have been carried out for the various Offices, etc. and all Barracks Room Damages have been repaired as necessary. The alteration to Stables to convert same into A.S.C. Stores is nearly completed.

Bath  
Houses.

The Bath Houses are thoroughly clean and in good order.



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Cook  
Houses

Several Minor repairs to Ranges and Boilers  
are still required otherwise Cook Houses are in good order.

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Incinerators

Minor repairs have been carried where necessary  
and all Incinerators are in good order.

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Gardener

All vacant Ground in the Camp Area that is suitable  
for Tilling is being converted into Vegetable Gardens.

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Hospital  
Huts

Alterations to Hut No.28 (Dispensary) also 29 and  
30 are now completed. The Ceiling, Walls, etc. have been  
treated with Light Green washable Distemper and same have  
been opened as Hospital Huts.

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Generally.

The Camp generally is in a satisfactory state from  
a point of view of Roads, Paths, Drains, Gardens, etc.

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*Cedeno*

Lieut.  
Quartermaster.

*Lt Bell*

Major.  
S.M.O.

No.2 Australian Command Depot.  
(AH/EK)





No. 2 Australian Command Depot.  
WEYMOUTH.  
1st April, 1917.

FROM :- O..C. Camp Post Office.

TO :- Adjutant.

Herewith I beg to submit my report on the general working of this Post Office for the month ending 31st March, 1917.

BAGS OF MAIL.- Received 104. Despatched 60, of these 14000 letters were re-addressed from records either to London, Wareham, or Salisbury.

PARCELS.- Received 2220, Delivered 781. Re-addressed 1380. On Hand 63.

REGISTERED.- Received 1538. Delivered 854. Re-addressed 655. On Hand 49.

TELEGRAMS.- Received 970. Delivered 883. Re-addressed 87.

SALE OF STAMPS.- Stamps to the value of £56-16-11 have been sold in this Branch

POSTAL NOTES.- Postal Notes to the value of £12-2-4½ also sold.

LETTERS.- Received 48000, Delivered 34000, Re-addressed 14000

During the month, I have visited Westham Post Office and Verne Citadel Post Office and can report that both of these Field Post Offices are running satisfactorily in conjunction with this Camp Post Office.

*W. D. Laurie* . Lieut.  
Officer in Charge, Camp Post Office.