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WEYMOUTH	1917 5.9		Major D.T.O. PEDLER M.C. 23rd. Battalion A.I.F. took over command of VERNE CITADEL from Captain JOHNSTON.			
	10.9		Draft marched out for AUSTRALIA	31 Officers	592 Other Ranks.	
	25.9		Major M.O.A BURROWES 39th. Battalion took over command of VERNE CITADEL from Major PEDLER			
	26.9		Draft marched out for AUSTRALIA	19 Officers	1321 Other Ranks.	
	27.9		do do do	9 Officers	1189 Other Ranks.	



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WEYMOUTH	1917 27.9		<p>Camp Hutment/ taken over at LITTLEMOOR near WEYMOUTH to provide accommodation for a further men</p> <p>Major W.J. KINNISH 43rd. Battalion A.I.F. in command.</p>	
	29.9		<p>Lt.Col. R. RANKINE D.S.O. 39th. Battalion A.I.F. took over command of VERNE CITADEL from Major BURROWES.</p> <p>September Arrivals 5445          Departures 6357          Average Daily Strength 5893.</p> <p><u>HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION</u></p> <p>On the opening of the Camp Hospital accommodation 1 hut was set aside to accommodate 16 patients During September 1916 the accommodation was increased to 112 patients. The hospital in the Camp has now been increased to allow of accommodating 350 patients.</p> <p>Class of men retained in the Depot.</p> <p>"B.1.a" "B.1.b" "B.2.b" "C2" &amp; "C3" AUSTRALIA ("B.2.a. &amp; C.1") AUSTRALIA.</p> <p>Strength on 30th.Sept.1917.          Officers 120 Other Ranks 5773.</p>	

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TO:-

Headquarters,  
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.,  
TIDWORTH.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1917.

	Offrs.	0/Rs.	Total.
Number in Depot 31st August, 1917.	86	6719	6805
Total arrivals for September.	104	5341	5445
Total handled.	190	12060	12250
Departures for September to :			
Other Command Depots.		2179	2179
Illegal Absence		15	15
Hospital over 1 month.		84	84
A.H.Q. London for Duty.	2	28	30
A.H.Q. London for Discharge.		30	30
Hqrs. A.I.F. Depots in U.K., for Duty.		5	5
Anzac Provost Corps.		3	3
Port of Embarkation for Australia.	59	3102	3161
Brigade Hqrs., Park House.		802	802
A.F.C. CADET Battalion.		1	1
16th Brigade, Fovant.		1	1
A.B.P.O., Mount Pleasant, London.		1	1
Training Battalions.		1	1
29th Sqd., A.F.C.		8	8
30th " "		3	3
A.A.S.C. Parkhouse.		1	1
A.M.C. "		1	1
A.M.T.S. Chelsea.		3	3
Overseas Training Bde. Perham Down.	2	1	3
D.O.R.E.S. Portland (Imperials)		7	7
A.P.M., London.		2	2
D.D.P.S., Salisbury.		1	1
No.4, Camp, Fovant.		1	1
2nd A.A.H., Southall, for Duty.	5	1	6
S.M.O., Lark Hill for Duty.	2	-	2
Killed in Air Raid, London.		2	2
Died.		3	3
Killed by Motor Car.		1	1
Total Departures.	70	6287	6357
Total in Depot, 30th September, 1917.	120	5773	5893

The above figures in so far as the numbers handled, constitute a record for this Depot.

The arrivals, however, show a slight decrease on those of last month, but the Departures are nearly double compared with the previous period.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Six Cinema Shows were given with the Depot Plant.

The Y.M.C.A. gave Cinema Entertainments at the various Camps as follows :-

Monte Video.	Westham.	Verne Citadel.	In Wards of Camp Hospital.
8	8	8	16.

Three Entertainments at Weymouth Theatres were arranged by the President of the Regimental Institute.



Concerts were given in each Camp for the Month as follows :-

Monte Video.  
1

Westham.  
25

Verne Citadel.  
15

#### INSPECTIONS.

The Consultants of the A.I.F. have visited this Depot on several occasions during the Month, and revised all Surgical and Medical cases boarded for return to Australia. It has now been arranged that the Consultants will visit the Depot weekly.

#### DEATHS.

It is regretted that two men have died; 1 drowned 1 accidentally killed, and two killed in Air Raid on London during the Month. The named of the deceased men are :-

6507	Pte. Hadley	P.	5th Battn.	M.V.Cmp.	13.9.17.
5065	" Palmer	N.W.	21st "	Chickerell Rd.	14.9.17.
1637	" Ahern	R.P.	15th "	Weymouth Bkwater.	23.9.17.
3399	" Haskins	W.G.	53rd "	Burdon Hosp.	26.9.17.
4599	" Kennedy	P.	21st "	London.	24.9.17.
214	Spr. Ferus	J.F.	2nd F.C.E.	"	24.9.17.

#### ORDERLY ROOM.

The following figures denote the number of cases dealt with during the month under the headings mentioned :-

Drunkenness	Within Garrison.	Outside Garrison.	Absence.	O/offens.	M/offens.
	7	8	264	106	185

#### DRUNKENNESS.

There were 7 local cases of drunkenness dealt with during the month for an average daily strength of 7959. The percentage per thousand is therefore .021. This compares very favourable with the figures for the preceding month.

#### D. C. M.

The number of cases dealt with by District Court Martial for the month was 9.

#### TAKING OVER LITTLEMOOR CAMP.

This Littlemoor Camp, which has accommodation for approximately 2,500 men was taken over from the 3rd Battalion Wilts Regiment on 27th September. It is an ideal Camp, and is in very good order in every respect. It is intended to utilise Littlemoor for Medical Cases of B2b, C,2 and C.3 categories who do not require treatment or beds.

#### REPORTS.

The following reports are forwarded herewith:- Medical by S.M.O.; Sanitary and Pioneer (Q.M.); and Post Office showing the number of letters, etc. dealt with.

Monte Video Camp,  
Weymouth.  
5.10.17.

*Myraen Brown* Colonel.  
Commandant.  
No.2, Australian Command Depot.




AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN ENGLAND.

A.F. No.

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Monthly Summary of Dental Treatment.

Month. *Sept 1917.*

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>Ulcerative Gingivitis</i>			
Estimated Value of above Treatment at Imperial Contract Rates.															
		248.	139.		53.	21.	192.	8	5.	7.	58.	12.			

Date *1/10/17.*

*G. J. M. Douglas* Dental Officer in Charge.

*W. B. Lee* Major, S.M.O.  
S.M.O. No. 2 AUSTN, COMMAND DEPOT.



Pioneer & Sanitary Report. Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, 1917.

Roads & Paths All Asphalt Footpaths have been treated with a top dressing of Tar and Sand. A new Footpath has been constructed from the Fleet Road to Sgts Mess entrance & from entrance to South West Corner & connecting with Hut No. 84 & existing road on North side of same.

Sewerage. All ~~Sewers~~, Gutters Manholes etc., are disinfected at regular intervals.

Ablution Houses & Latrines All Ablution Houses & Latrines are in good order. Several broken taps have been replaced with new taps during the Month. All Urinals are treated with heavy oil at regular intervals and Latrine seats scrubbed and pane disinfected daily. Several new latches and hinges have been fitted to Latrine doors during month.

Huts. All Huts are in excellent habitable state.

Painter & Glazier. Breakage of Windows has been very light during month.

Carpenter & Joiner. Barrack Room breakages have been repaired as necessary. A card rack has been made and fitted in "D" Company Orderley Room and a large card rack made and fitted in Depot Pay Office

Bath Houses. All Bath Houses are in good order and a plentiful supply of Hot water always on hand.

Cook Houses. As previously reported minor repairs are required to Cook Houses, otherwise all are in good order.

Incinerator. All incinerators are in good order.

Alterations & Additions. Canteen is to be altered so as to provide accomodation suitable for the female workers. A Fumigator house has been erected on vacant ground at South Eastern Corner of Hut. No. 79 Comprising receiving, fumigation and airing rooms.

Gardener. Gardens generally are in good condition. All Potatoes are being lifted and promises to be a very fair crop.

Generally. The Camp generally is in a very satisfactory state.

*G. Collins*  
Captain,  
Quartermaster.

*W. Roberts*  
Major,  
S.M.O.  
No 2 Australian Command Depot..(MF)....



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Medical Office.  
Monte Video Camp.  
Weymouth.  
1st October, 1917.

## HEALTH AND SANITATION REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1917.

### HEALTH.

Apart from wounds and sickness acquired on active service the health of the troops has been very good.  
The attendance at Sick Parade has been very small.

Total number on sick parade for Month - 5359  
Average daily attendance - 99

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious diseases have occurred:-

Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.....	nil
Diphtheria.....	2
xx Gonorrhoea.....	33
xx Urethritis.....	187
xx Syphilis.....	10
Scabi es.....	nil
Mumps.....	nil
Chickenpox.....	nil
Measles.....	nil

xx 127 Cases contracted in London.	
20       "       "       "       "       Weymouth.	
8       "       "       "       "       Glasgow.	
6       "       "       "       "       Edinburgh.	
69       "       "       "       "       Elsewhere in U.K.	

### CONTACTS.

2 Measles contacts have been transferred to this Depot and are isolated.

### OBITUARY.

Six other ranks have died during the month from causes as follows:-

Syncope.....	1
Tuberculosis of Peritoneum & Lungs....	1
Killed as the result of a motor accident....	1
Found drowned in the back water Weymouth....	1
Killed in air raid in London.....	2

### SANITATION.

The sanitary conditions of Monte Video and Westham camps and the Verne Citadel have been satisfactory.

### ACCOMMODATION.

By taking over Littlemoor camp from the Imperial Authorities increased hut accommodation has been obtained for 2300 other ranks. This camp was taken over on the 28th inst in a very sanitary condition.

During the month there has been considerable pressure on accommodation at this Depot and to relieve the congestion 1200 "Australia Class" personnel were transferred to other Command Depots in U.K.

### ADMISSIONS.

5341 other ranks have been admitted during the month.

### CASES DISPOSED OF DURING THE MONTH.

6274 other ranks have been disposed of during the month as follows:-



HEALTH AND SANITATION REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. CONTD.

CASES DISPOSED OF DURING THE MONTH. Continued.

FIT for GENERAL SERVICE.

To Cadet Battalion A. F.C.....	1	
" 16th B gde Fovant.....	1	
" Training Battln.....	1	
" A.F.C.....	11	
" Parkhouse.....	2	
" A.M.T.S.Chelsea.....	3	
" Overseas Training B gde.....	1	
" A.P.M.London.....	2	
" A.P.C.Weymouth.....	3	
		25

TEMPORARY UNFITS.

To Other Command Depots.....	1744	1744
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HOME SERVICE PERSONNEL.

To No.4.Command Depot.....	435	
" Clerical duties A.H.Q.....	28	
" " " Tidworth.....	5	
" " " A.B.P.O.Mt Pleasant..	1	
" " " D.D.P.S.Salisbury..	1	
" " " No.4.Camp Fovant...	1	
" A.M.C.Duties 2nd A.A.H.....	1	
		472.

PERMANENTLY UNFIT.

To Port of Embarkation.....	3102	
" Bgde Headquarters Parkhouse.....	802	
" A.H.Q.Discharge in England.....	30	
" Outside Hospitals.....	84	
		4018

<u>ILLEGAL ABSENTEES.</u>	15	15
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Total 6274.

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT.

The total number of attendances for massage treatment during the month was 5248. A daily average of 223.

DRESSINGS.

In the Dressing Stations in the Depot the total number of dressings during the month was 12600, a daily average of 413.

DENTAL.

Dental report attached.

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



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Australian Military Post Office, 9  
No. 2 Command Depot,  
Monte Video, Weymouth.  
1st October 1917.

From:- Officer Commanding  
Australian Military Post Office  
Monte Video Camp.

To:- *The Adjutant,  
2 Com. Depot, A. & J.*

The following is a statement showing the amount of postal business transacted at this Camp Post Office during the month of September, 1917.

<u>Bags of Mail</u>	<u>Received 439</u>	<u>Despatched 468</u>
<u>Parcels</u>	Received 4096	
	Despatched 2087	
	Delivered 1712	
	On hand 329	
<u>REGISTERED Articles</u>	Received 2284	
	Despatched 1238	
	Redirected 971	
	On Hand 75	
<u>Telegrams</u>	Received 1225	
	<del>Despatched</del>	
	Delivered 1185	
	Redirected 30	
	No Record 10	
<u>Stamps sold</u>	£233-17-8	
<u>Postal Notes Sold</u>	£23-0-6½	
<u>Letters</u>	Despatched 95,000	
	Received 110,000	
	Delivered 75,000	
	Redirected 35,000	
<u>Express Letters</u>	Received & delivered 61	
	Redirected 6	

An A.P.O. was established at Littlemoor Camp on 28th ultimo, and it will be worked on similar lines to those at Westham & Verne.

Postal business in this Command Depot Area has considerably increased.

*H.A. & Co.* Lieut.,  
Officer Commanding.  
Australian Military Post Office.