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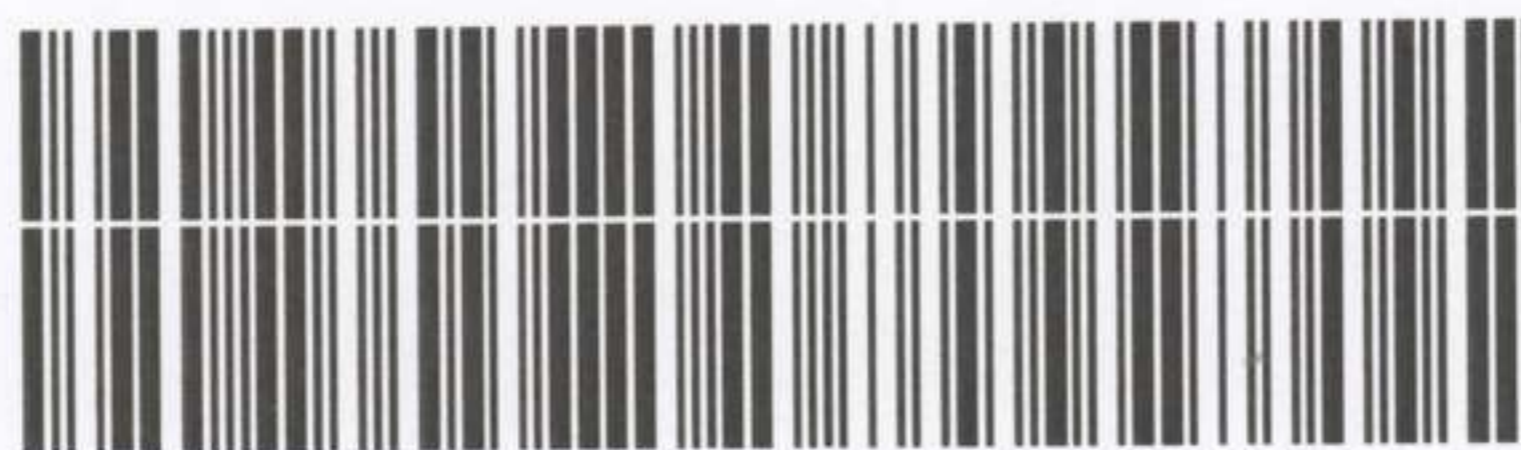
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Bases & Depots

Item number: 33/17/20

Title: No 2 Australian Command Depot

January 1918



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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2113.

2 Command

January 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Weymouth	1/1/18		A 27 Central Post Office Weymouth opened to sort all mail for Sublejets. Female staff replaced male staff	
"	5/1/18		Surgeon General House V.C. DMS A 27. Colonel DM McWhae CM C. ADM S ^{A 27 reports} Major Hewers. A.D.M.S. Administrative Headquarters	
"	7-1/18		Visited Hlepit to inspect. Orthopaedic treatment department to Camp Hospital A. Sub Hlepit Monte Video. 130 Bia grades to 50 Bib Glass personnel transferred to Hurdcott to prevent over crowding at Hlepit.	
10-1/18			Transport 'U' with 3 officers 1074 O/ranks left for Port of Embarkation to Australia	
11-1/18			Transport 'S' with 8 officers 1081 O/ranks left this depot for Port of Embarkation to Australia	
20/1/18			Brig-General W. Blackburn 'Job' Portland Garrison Present 3 D.C. Medals at A. Sub Hlepit. Particulars attached (Appendix I)	

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Weymouth	23/1/18		Hqpt overstrength orders received to transfer 100 highest Category men to No 4 Command Hqpt Hurdcoth so that men from Australian Auxiliary Hospital would not be held up	
	24/1/18		46 BIA class men transferred to No 4 Command Hqpt Hurdcoth. Authority received from Headquarters AIF Hqpts to refuse all transfers from Auxiliary Hospitals as a tentative measure 300 men transferred from H Sub Hqpt Littlemoor to C Sub Hqpt Verne making C Sub Hqpt 300 overstrength. Personnel accommodated in Barracks & no appreciable inconvenience experienced.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Weymouth	25/1/18		100 C1+B2a 11-Bia class personnel transferred to N°4 Command Depot. Hurdcoff 38 Bvt. class transferred to N°3 Command Depot Hurdcoff.	
	26/1/18		Direct telephonic communication ^{between} with Subdepot & Headquarters established.	
	28/1/18		General Officer Commanding A.S. Depot in U.K. (Major General The Hon Sir W. No. 6 G.C.B., V.D.) visited the depot Itinerary attached	121
	29/1/18		G.O.C. presented 11/6 & Military Medals & Ribbons to W.O. N° 604 men at N. Subdepot Littlemoor particulars attached	3

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Weymouth	30/1/18		Hospital Carrier "10" with 2 officers 1306 invalids of ranks 47 under age & 1 of reason left the depot for port of Embarkation to Australia.	
	31-1-18		Draft of 41 officers 1416 Invalids other ranks & 10 other reason left the depot for port of Embarkation to Australia by Hospital carrier "4"	
			Instructions to refuse men from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals cancelled:	
			The total arrivals January was 90 officers and 4162 other ranks 4252 Total & Total Departures 96 officers 5479 other ranks Total 5575. Schedule of arrivals & departures attached	48

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Weymouth			<p>The average daily strength was 7205. Statement showing daily strength attached.</p> <p>Medical Statistics attached.</p> <p>The number of ^{officers &} men discharged A3 during month was 5064²⁶ as the number returned to Australia was 58 officers & 5003 of ranks.</p> <p>21 officers proceeded direct to Embarkation Office Southampton & Folkestone for passage to France.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6</p>

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507 W.O. G.HARRIS 8th Btn.

On 20th September at Inverness Copse awarded D.C.M.
As C.S.M. this W.O. did splendid work during the day, and
when all officers were knocked out took Command of about
200 men in the line.

2466 B.S.M. F.Creeke Fld Arty.

On 27th June at Messines awarded D.C.M.
For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under most
critical and dangerous conditions. His battery was under
heavy shell fire, and the whole of the camouflage was burning.
At great personal risk he led a party of volunteers to
extinguish the fire, which was threatening very serious
explosions amongst the ammunition at any moment, and by his
energy and courage disaster was averted.

3409 Sgt Mayer 14th Btn.

About 5th May at Billecourt Awarded D.C.M.
For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered val-
uable assistance during a reconnaissance. On another occasion
although severely wounded he led his men in a most gallant
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Appendix 2

COPY No. 3

Cdt/R.

Headquarters.
No. 2 Australian Command Depot.
Westham, Weymouth.
27-1-18.

Covering this afternoon's telephonic advice please find herewith
Itinerary in connection with G.O.C.'s inspection of No. 2 Command
Depot on 28th/29th inst.

[Signature]
Captain.
Adjutant.

No. 2 Aust. Command Depot.

Issued at 5-30p.m.

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3	Cdt. No. 2 Command Depot.
4	S.M.O. " " "
5	Adjutant " "
6	Q.M. " " "
7	A.P.M., A.I.P.
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No. 2 AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT, WEYMOUTH

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Itinerary G.O.C., 28th/29th January 1918.

MONDAY 28th.

9-30a.m. to 11-30a.m. H.Q. Westham

11-30a.m. Leave for Verne (Inspect Sub-depot).

1-0 p.m. Lunch Verne.

2-15 p.m. Leave Verne for Monte Video.

2-45 p.m. Inspect Monte Video Sub-depot.

4-0 p.m. Tea Monte Video - Sisters' quarters.

6-10p.m. Leave Hotel for Littlemoor.

6-30p.m. Dine Littlemoor.

TUESDAY 29th.

11-0 a.m. Arrive Littlemoor. (Inspect Sub-depot)

11-45a.m. Presentation of medals. March Past.

1-0 p.m. Lunch Monte Video.

27-1-18.

Anglin
Colonel.
Commandant.
No. 2 Command Depot. A.I.F.

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No. 928 C.S.M. Cook, H.M., 44th Battalion.

Awarded DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL at Messines on the --- June, 1917, for conspicuous gallantry in the field. Whilst near a strong post he saw a party of the enemy, numbering about 25 approaching the rear of the post. He fought them single handed and succeeded in accounting for the whole party.

No. 548 Sgt. J.R.O'Donnell, 45th Battalion.

Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal at Poziers on 6th August, 1916, for conspicuous gallantry. When the sap was blocked he led up his platoon to the firing line across the open under heavy shell fire, and showed great coolness and courage in helping to consolidate and hold the line under trying circumstances.

No. 858 Sgt. Gothard, E.J., 31st Battalion.

Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal at Ypres, on the 26th September, 1917, for conspicuous gallantry in the field.

MILITARY MEDAL AND BAR.

No. 19 Cpl. Lamond, J.C., 2nd Field Company Engineers.

Awarded the Military Medal and Bar at Ypres on the 4th and 20th October, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

MILITARY MEDALS.

No. 29771 Sgt. Fairweather, J., 51st Battery, A.F.A.

Awarded the Military Medal at Paschendale Ridge on the 4th October, 1917 for gallantry in the field.

No. 9581 Sgt. Howman, G., 104th H. Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Poziers on 26th August, 1916.

No. 2119 Sgt. Henty, H., 12th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Bullecourt on the 7th May, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 610 Sgt. Hayes, J.V., 22nd Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Bullecourt on the 4th May, 1917.

No. 26 Sgt. A.S. Eds, 9th Machine Gun Company.

Awarded the military Medal at Messines on the 25th June, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 2123 Cpl. Bailey, J., 3rd Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Zillebeke on the 21st July, 1917.

No. 532 Cpl. W.J.Rawlins, 10th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Polygon Wood on the 20th September, for gallantry in the field.

No. 611 L/Corporal H. Gunderson, 13th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Guidécourt on December, 1916 for gallantry in the field.

No. 3160 L/Corporal J. Ward, 53rd Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Bullecourt on 10th May, for gallantry in the field.

No. 12315 Gnr. G.J.Smith, 6th Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal at Ypres on 31st July, for gallantry in the field.

No. 2075 Gnr. Summers, J., 50th Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal at Paschendale Ridge on the 4th October, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 6278 Pte. G.T.Hull, 15th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Polygon Wood on 26th sept. for gallantry in the field.

No. 7046 Pte. Mitchell A., 16th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Ypres on the 25th September, 1917.

No. 2266 Pte. Page, W.F., 46th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Polygon Wood on the 29th September, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 4523 Pte. R.L.Kilmister, 46th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Messines in June for gallantry in the field.

No. 4429 Pte. N.J.Gillies, 2nd Pioneer Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Poziers on the 26th September, 1916, for gallantry in the field.

No. 1637 Pte. G.J.E.Chapman, 13th Machine Gun Company.

Awarded the Military Medal at Noreil on the 2nd April, 1917 for gallantry in the field.

No. 470 Sgt. Mahoney, M.A., 101st H. Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Ypres on the 7th October, 1917.

No. 1286 Sgt. Glinister, W.M., 6th Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Ypres on the 20th October, 1917.

No. 3717 Sgt. W.E. Beck, 11th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Zonnebeke on the 11th October, for gallantry in the field.

No. 78 Sgt. Donkins, C., 42nd Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Paschendale on the 4th October, 1917.

No. 584 Col. Bay, H.V., 4th Australian Light Horse.

Awarded the Military Medal at Ypres on June, 16th, for gallantry in the field.

No. 5094 Col. Peterson, V., 4th Div. Sig. Company.

Awarded the Military Medal at Zonnebeke on the 12th and 13th October, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 8753 Col. Bailey, W., 104th H. Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at LaBaselle on the 20th July, 1916.

No. 4319 Col. Stenhouse, 39th Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Ypres on the 31st October, 1917.

No. 2611 Col. Lance Corporal Giles, T.R., 10th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Bullecourt on the 9th May, for gallantry in the field.

No. 6338 L/Corporal Swindlehurst, ... 16th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Polygon Wood on the 26th September, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 853 L/Corporal J.G. Pope, 36th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Ypres in October, for gallantry in the field.

No. 107 L/Corporal Morris. C., 6th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Merrin Road on the 20th September, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 5871 Bdr. Guerin, A.C., 1st Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal at Ypres, on the August, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 5050 Bdr. Rochester, B.R., 2nd Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal at Ypres on the 4th October, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 10032 Dvr. A. Ford, 2nd Battery.

Awarded the Military Medal at Ypres on the 6th September, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 2895a Pte. Whyte R., 9th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field at Menin Rode on the 20th September, 1917.

No. 10027 Pte. Boardman, J., 14th Field Ambulance.

Awarded the Military Medal at Ypres on the 23rd September, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 14320 Pte. Wearne, A.J., 6th Field Ambulance.

Awarded the Military Medal at Polygon Wood on the 26th September, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

No. 647 Pte. O'Connor, P.R., 17th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal at Daisy Wood on the 9th October, 1917, for gallantry in the field.

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 STATEMENT OF ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES - MONTH OF
JANUARY, 1918

	Officers	O/Ranks.	Total.
Number in Depot on 31st December, 1917.	149	6662	6811
Arrivals for January.	90	4165	4255
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	239	10827	11066

Departures for January to:-

Port of Embarkation for Australia.	58	5003	5061
Hospital over one month.		63	63
1st A.D.H. Bulford. for duty		27	27
Engineers Tng. Depot, Brightlingsea	2	1	3
A.H.Q. London for duty.	2	21	23
A.H.Q. London for discharge.		41	41
Other Command Depots.	1	255	256
Training Battalions.		7	7
A.M.C. Parkhouse.		3	3
R.B.A.A. Heytesbury		1	1
Overseas Tng. Bde.	4	22	26
1st A.M.H. Harefield		1	1
2nd A.A.H. Southall.	3	6	9
A.F.C. Wendover.		2	2
Illegal absence.		8	8
H.Q. A.I.F. Depots in U.K.	1	3	4
Wing H.Q., Cirencester		1	1
Signal Engineers, Shefford.		6	6
Other sources, Imperial Army		8	8
D.M.S. London for passage overseas.	3		3
A.S.C., Parkhouse.	1		1
Embarkation Commandant, Southampton.	19		19
Embarkation Commandant, Folkestone.	2		2
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total departures.	96	5479	5575
Remaining in Depot 31st January, 1918.	143	5348	5491

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DAILY STRENGTH OF No. 2 COMMAND DEPOT. A.I.F. WEYMOUTH

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1918.1918
January

1	6827
2	6887
3	6977
4	7126
5	7188
6	7246
7	7248
8	7312
9	7681
10	7756
11	6822
12	5819
13	5905
14	5889
15	6028
16	6307
17	6618
18	7122
19	7280
20	7624
21	7625
22	7699
23	7884
24	7916
25	7993
26	7907
27	7964
28	6714
29	8021
30	8019
31	7967

223371 - 7205 Daily Average Strength

HEALTH AND SANITATION REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1918.

HEALTH.

Apart from Wounds and sickness acquired on active service the health of the troops of this Command has been extremely good, taking into consideration the fact that we are in the depth of Winter.

The attendance on Sick Parade shows an appreciable decrease on last month's satisfactory return.

Total number on sick parade for month2217
Average daily attendance.....71.5

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases have occurred :-

	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.....	N i l.
	Diphtheria.....	N i l.
XX	Syphilis... ..	5
XX	Gonorrhoea.....	5
XX	Urethritis.....	69
XX	Venereal Sores.....	11
	Scabies.....	59
	Mumps.....	N i l.
	Chicken pox.....	N i l.
	Measles.....	N i l.
XX	45 Cases contracted in London.	
	20 " " " Weymouth.	
	5 " " " France.	
	20 " " " elsewhere in U.K.	

OBITUARY.

One man died during the month at the Burdon Hospital, cause of death being Tertiary Syphilis accelerated by pneumonia.

SANITATION.

The Sanitary condition of Monte Video, Westham, Littlemoor and Verne has been satisfactory.

MASSAGE.

The total attendance for Massage was 7057.
Daily average of 227.

DRESSINGS.

The total number of dressings throughout the Sub-Depots was 4210 Daily average of 133.

(Sgd) VICTOR CONRICK Lt-Colonel.
S.M.O. No. 2 Aust. Command Depot.