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

Formation Headquarters

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March 1918



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HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

A.A.G's DEPARTMENT.

MARCH 1918.

STRENGTH:

The strength on 31.3.18 was:-

Officers	...	...	...	1439
Other Ranks	...	...	...	39,368
				<u>41,807</u>

RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA:

Officers	...	...	...	32
Other ranks	...	...	...	3,153
				<u>3,185</u>

RE-ORGANIZATION:

The 9th and 10th Training Battalions were amalgamated during the month of March. Details as per special order No. 4186 of 26.3.18, and Routine Order No. 4221 of 28.3.18 attached.

DRAFTS OVERSEAS:

Owing to heavy demands for reinforcements, special steps were taken to secure the services of every available "A" class man for service overseas. Instructions issued (see Special Order No. 4202 of 26.3.18) applying to this Headquarters and all A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

APPOINTMENT.

Colonel J.P.McGlinn, C.M.G., V.D., Commandant, No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, reported for duty at this Headquarters on 13th March, as Acting D.A. & Q.M.G.

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TRAINED REINFORCEMENTS PROCEEDED OVERSEAS  
FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1918.

<u>Units.</u>	<u>1st Div.</u>	<u>2nd Div.</u>	<u>3rd Div.</u>	<u>4th Div.</u>	<u>5th Div.</u>	<u>Divs not stated</u>	<u>Tot- als.</u>
Infantry	1668	877	759	1882	710	-	5896
Pioneers	161	126	50	149	93	-	579
Artillery	192	208	182	180	144	-	906
Army F.A.B.	-	-	-	-	-	260	260
Machine Gunners	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
Cyclists	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
T.M.B.Details	-	-	-	-	-	68	68
Sig.Engineers	-	-	-	-	-	163	163
Light Horse	-	-	-	-	-	23	23
A.A.M.C.	-	-	-	-	-	63	63
Engineers	-	-	-	-	-	194	194
A.A.S.C. & M.T.	-	-	-	-	-	103	103
Tunnellers	-	-	-	-	-	215	215
Railways	-	-	-	-	-	67	67
Aust. Provost Corps	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
<u>Totals</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>1211</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>2211</u>	<u>947</u>	<u>1266</u>	<u>8647</u>

*Exclusive of 208 Officers.*

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RETURN OF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS PROCEEDED  
OVERSEAS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1918.

1st Bn.	189	17th Bn.	184	33rd Bn.	73	13th Bn.	196	29th Bn.	48
2nd "	89	18th "	49	34th "	69	14th "	168	30th "	38
3rd "	173	19th "	43	35th "	82	15th "	297	31st "	47
4th "	174	20th "	107	36th "	86	16th "	60	32nd "	31
5th "	172	21st "	80	37th "	83	45th "	60	53rd "	131
6th "	150	22nd "	78	38th "	57	46th "	53	54th "	169
7th "	110	23rd "	34	39th "	31	47th "	70	55th "	36
8th "	155	24th "	78	40th "	112	48th "	297	56th "	54
9th "	64	25th "	85	41st "	40	49th "	70	57th "	34
10th "	223	26th "	59	42nd "	54	50th "	59	58th "	33
11th "	54	27th "	47	43rd "	33	51st "	330	59th "	42
12th "	115	28th "	33	44th "	39	52nd "	222	60th "	47
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TOTAL.	1668	TOTAL	877	TOTAL	759	TOTAL	1882	TOTAL	710

RESUME:

1st DIVISION	..	..	1668.
2nd "	..	..	877.
3rd "	..	..	759.
4th "	..	..	1882.
5th "	..	..	710.

GRAND TOTAL.

5896.

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

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO TO COMMANDING OFFICERS.

21/3/18

Remission of Sentences of Detention not served in a  
Detention Barrack.

The G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K., approves of men who are sentenced to undergo detention for 28 days or upwards, but who do not serve such sentences in a detention barrack, being granted the same remission for good conduct, etc., as would have been granted them under the rules for Military Detention Barracks if they were sent to a detention barrack.

The rules bearing on this matter are:-

"125. A soldier sentenced to detention or imprisonment for a period of 28 days or upwards shall be eligible, by special industry and good conduct, and (if not sentenced to discharge with ignominy) proficiency and attention to drill and military training, to earn a remission of a portion of his detention or imprisonment, not exceeding one-sixth of the whole sentence reckoned from the date of award".

A.O. 64/13. Rule 125, add -

Full marks will be awarded for any time spent prior to commitment in the guard detention room, or in hospital, when this is not caused by his own fault".

Where the sentence of detention is imposed by a C.O., the power of granting the remission in question may be exercised by him (Vide M.M.L. p.425, note 16.)

Where the sentence is imposed by a D.C.M. remission may only be granted by the G.O.C. of the Command (Southern, Northern or Eastern) within which the soldier undergoing detention is held. In such cases recommendation for remission must be submitted to these Headquarters in time for authority to be sent either by letter or by wire.

The grant of remission of sentence carries with it remission of forfeiture of pay for the period remitted, and credit entry will need to be made in the papers, paybook etc., of the men concerned.

Remissions granted by a C.O., as specified above, should be recorded in Army ~~Back~~ Form B. 2069.

Remission of D.Cs. M. sentences will be communicated to A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, by these Headquarters.

(Signed) J.S.Know,

Lieut-Colonel,  
A.A.G.

Dated 27/5/18

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Headquarters,  
Bhurtpore Barracks  
Tidworth 21.3.18.

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM No. 232.

All Commanding Officers.

With reference to Special Order No. 1912 of 24.9.17, providing that cases of absence without leave exceeding 14 days will be tried by D.C.M. - It is stated that some men, when shortly due to proceed overseas, go A.W.L. and remain absent for 15 or 16 days with a view to incurring Court Martial and evading draft. When therefore, Commanding Officers of Units providing drafts are satisfied that an absentee has endeavoured to evade a draft, the G.O.C. approves of such absentee being dealt with summarily and sent overseas by first draft, provided that:

- (1) The period of absence does not exceed 17 days.
- (2) A report must be forwarded to these Headquarters giving reasons for dealing with the case summarily.

In cases of this nature, where period of absence is longer recommendation that the case be dealt with summarily, may be submitted with the application for D.C.M.

(Signed) J.L. Coleman, Capt.,  
D.A.A.G.  
for Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.  
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

Dated 27/5/1918

L. Williams

Captain D.A.A.G.