

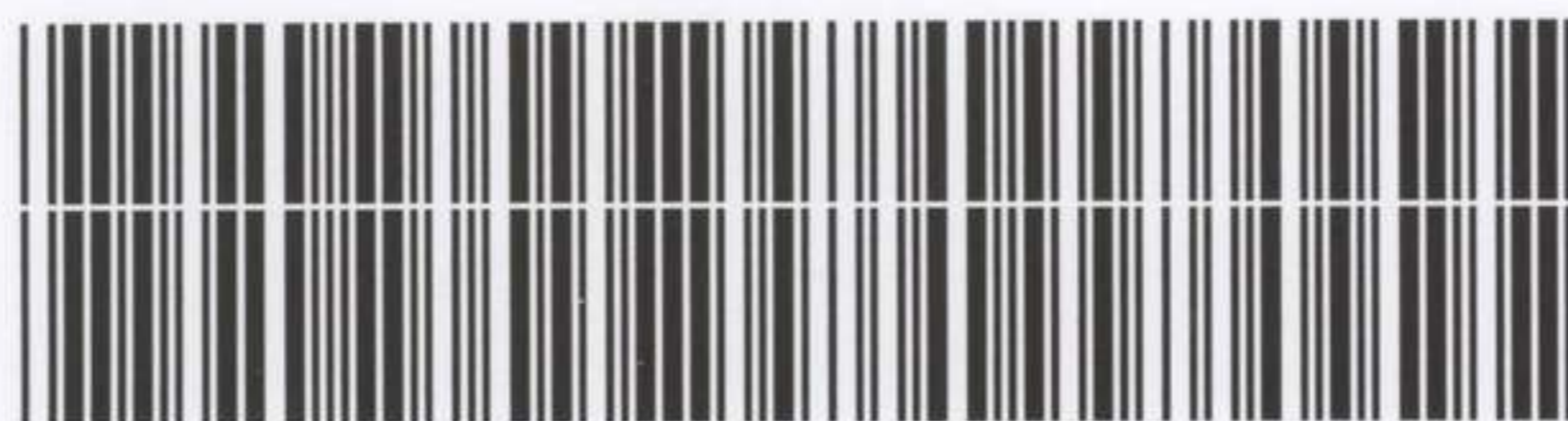
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CAMP ACCOMMODATION STATE

28th November, 1918.



TIDWORTH

A.Q.M.S. DEPT

BHURTPORE BARRACKS, TIDWORTH

UNIT	CAMPS & LOCATION	CAPACITY ALLOWING FOR MISAPPROPR'N.	RATION STRENGTH	TOTAL STRENGTH
<u>BHURTPORE BARRACKS TIDWORTH</u>				
Headquarters & Attachments			532	719
A.M.T.S.			85	136
Aust. Provost Corps			129	459
			746	1314
<u>1st TRAINING BRIGADE SUTTON VENY</u>				
1st Trng. Bn.	3 and 4	2000	1110(a)	1312
1st D.Sig.Schl. (14 huts No.2.Camp)				306
Pioneer Trng. Bn.	2	1000	602	401
Headquarters				75
		3000	1712	2094
<u>2nd TRAINING BRIGADE FOVANT</u>				
5th Trng. Bn.		2000	1328(a)	1363
2nd D.Sig.Schl. (18 huts No.3.Camp)				238
9th Trng. Bn.		2000	1283(a)	1154
3rd D.Sig.Schl. (18 huts No.4.Camp)				286
Headquarters				60
		4000	2611	3101
<u>3rd TRAINING BRIGADE HURDCOTT</u>				
12th Trng. Bn.	7 and 8	2000	727(a)	611
4th D.Sig.Schl. (18 huts No.8.Camp)				342
14th Trng. Bn.	5,6,Cyclists	2200	984(a)	877
5th D.Sig.Schl. (18 huts No.5.Camp)				297
Headquarters			1711	59
No.2.G.C.Hospital (12 huts No.5.Camp)		2	99	2186
(and Cyclists)		4200	XXXI	108
<u>DEVONPORT</u>				
"1914" Personnel	Ernsettle Camp		1097	1172
<u>LONG BRIDGE DEVERILL</u>				
Overseas Trng. Bgde.	11,12,13,14,15.	5000	4186	5029
<u>HEYTESBURY</u>				
R.B.A.A.	1,2,3,4 & DAC.	2650	1013	1183
<u>SUTTON VENY</u>				
No. 1 Command Depot	5,7,8,9,10,)	5200	5997	7198
	6 & RE.)	1800	7000	
No.1.G.C.Hospital	Cyclists)		117(b)	113
<u>NO. 2 COMMAND DEPOT WEYMOUTH</u>				
"A" Sub-Depot	Monte Video	2130	1914	2087
"B" do.	Westham	2100	1896	2262
"C" do.	Verne Citadel	1100	698	988
"D" do.	Littlemoor	1975	1276	1315
		7305	5984	6652
<u>HURDCOTT</u>				
No. 4 Command Depot	9,10,11,12.	4000	3274	4081
<u>CARRIED FORWARD</u>		<u>37155</u>	<u>28549</u>	<u>34235</u>



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UNIT	CAMPS & LOCATION	CAPACITY ALLOWING FOR MISAPPROPR'N.	STRENGTH	POTENTIAL STRENGTH
<u>BROUGHT FORWARD</u>		37155	28549	34235
<u>PARKHOUSE</u>				
Conv. Trng. Depot	Camp No. 1	1000	669	678
Mach. Gun Trng. Depot	do. 3	1000	713	764
A.A.S.C. Trng. Depot	do. 4)	369	684	
A.A.V.C.	do. 4)	51	51	
Devons	do. 4)		14	
Various	do. 4)		420	23
No. 2 Camp Details	do. 2	2000	717	761
A.A.M.C. Trng. Depot	Fovant	800	169	219
A.I.F. Canteens	Salisbury	Billets	8	8
Heavy Art. Trng. Depot	St. Budeaux.	300	49	164
A.R.O.D. Depot	Longmoor	100	46	60
Fld. Engrs.	Brightlingsea	Billets	576	684
Sig. Engrs.	Clifton Beds	Billets	171	198
Light Horse Trng. Depot	Tidworth	100	65	72
A.A.O.C.	Codford (5 Camp)	-	225(c)	183
1st A.D. Hospital	Bulford	-	289(d)	279
<u>GRAND TOTALS</u>		<u>42455</u>	<u>31664</u>	<u>39079</u>

A.A.S.C. DETACHMENTS.

Warminster	North Camp	138
Fovant	No. 2 Group	76
Weymouth	Westham Camp	28
Bhurtpore	Detachment	2
do.	A.D. of S. & T.	23
do.	A.M.T.S.	25
Sutton Veny	No. 1 Group	1
do.	1st T.B.	1
Chelsea	A.M.T.S.	4
Tidworth	Hdqrs. A.I.F.	5
Long. Deverill	O.T.B.	2
Brightlingsea	A.E.T.D.	1
Clifton Beds	do.	1
Lewes		2
St. Budeaux.		1
Weymouth	No. 2 C.D.	1
		<u>321</u>

PIONEER DETACHMENTS.

1st Trng. Bgde.	2	
Tidworth	1	
1st Trng. Bn. (attd. to Band)	11	
Tidworth A.M.T.S.	1	
Parkhouse A.A.S.C.	7	
		<u>22</u>

TIDWORTH "a" includes Signal School
 "b" do. Patients
 30th Nov. 1918. "c" do. Imperial Men attached.
 "d" do. Guard attached.

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WAR DIARY.For the Month of November 1918.
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A. D. of S. & T. BRANCH, HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

PERSONNEL.

During the month the following changes took place in the Clerical Staff:-

Marched Out.

W/O. Leifermann N.A. to France.
Cpl. Trevor 75 days leave in U.K. (1914).
Cpl. Thompson R. to Parkhouse.

Marched In.

21 Men marched in to relieve "C" Class men under instructions to report to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for return to Australia in connection with the Demobilization Scheme.

1. INSPECTION 1st LINE TRANSPORT "L" SCHEME.

On the 20th inst. 1st Line Transport in connection with "L" Scheme, also Pack Transport Schools, were inspected:-

Nos. 1 & 2 Composite Battalions & Brigade Headquarters at Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverill;
No. 3 Composite Battalion at 3rd Training Brigade, Hurdcott;
No. 4 Composite Battalion at 2nd Training Brigade, Fovant;
Vehicles of the Pioneers at 1st Training Brigade, Sutton Veny.

All were found in good order with equipment complete. The harness, especially that at Fovant and Warminster were in excellent order. The Pack Transport Schools are doing good work, and the men seem very keen.

2. BARRACK SERVICES.Barrack Services - Water.

This Service was very satisfactory in all A.I.F. Depots throughout the month. All orders were strictly complied with, and consumption was kept down to a minimum.

The following comparison of consumption in the districts where the majority of A.I.F. Camps are situated is appended for information:-

District.	Average consumption.	
	October 1918.	November 1918.
Sutton Veny, Warminster,)	11.7 gallons.	12.0 gallons.
Longbridge Deverill,)		
Heytesbury.)		

Electric Lighting.

The Lighting Service is in a very good state of control, and all existing orders regarding this service are being strictly complied with.

The following comparison of consumption between November 1917 & 1918 will show the excellent results obtained since this service has been systematically controlled:-

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Camp.	Novr. '17.	Novr. '18.	Saving Effectuated.	
Monte Video	3502 Units.	2751 Units.	75 Units @ 5½d	£17. 4. 2d.
Westham	3968 "	2792 "	1176 "	5½d 26.19. 0d.
Littlemoor	3121 "	2516 "	2516 605 "	" 13.17. 3d.
Verne Citadel	2003 "	1836 "	167 "	5½d. 3.13. 1d.
All Camps in Sutton Veny District & Heytesbury.	£493. 0. 0d per candle power lamp.	£345.18. 3d. per meter.	Same No. of lamps in each case.	147. 1. 9d.

Total saving for month of November 1918
as compared with the same month of 1917. £208.15. 3d.

The reduction in Units at Camps occupied by No. 2 Command Depot alone, as shown above, was 2699 Units. The above comparison of amount incurred for consumption of current in Camps at Sutton Veny and Heytesbury emphasises the result of having meters installed at A.I.F. expense, and further proves that under the candle power lamp basis of charge the A.I.F. was being debited with more current than was actually being consumed, and removed any doubt that this method of charge was a most unfair one.

In view of vacation of Camps owing to demobilization, A.I.F. Electricians are busily employed attending to necessary repairs of the Lighting circuit in order to reduce Engineer damages in this regard to a minimum.

Sanitary Services.

At A.I.F. Camps, Weymouth, this service is carried out by private contract. Strict supervision is exercised over the contractor, who is accompanied round the Camps by a Unit Representative, in order to keep an accurate tally of the number of latrine buckets emptied daily, as the contractor is only entitled to payment for the actual number of buckets emptied.

Personnel.

Owing to the return to Australia of Categorized personnel, all the Barrack Service subordinate Staff are under orders to proceed to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth. This will necessitate a complete new Staff for Barrack Service Duties.

Every effort is being made to obtain suitable men who are capable of controlling these services, the importance of which from an A.I.F. standpoint, is fully realised.

3. SUPPLIES.

Devonport A.I.F. Rest Camp, Emsettle Fort. Arrangements were made with Commandant to bring details into account with this Office. The system previously adopted was that the Imperial were rationing them, and no daily Records of supplies issued were being kept.

N.C.O. i/c. Supplies A.H.A. T.D., St. Budeaux, was instructed to take over the Issues; also arrange with Officer i/c. Supplies, Granby Depot, Devonport, to cease drawing supplies through British Commandant, as heretofore.

Fresh Meat.

The issue of fresh Meat was cancelled during November, as from 1st December, and all Units instructed to this effect. Authority: War Office Telegram No. 4803 (Q.M.G.b.a.) CR. S.C. No. 266254 (T).

Hay.

In accordance with instructions from "Q", the Hay held by No. 1 Command was taken by A.A.S.C., Warminster, and will be issued to Units in Warminster area. At the completion of taking over, this Unit will receive a certificate stating quantities which will be credited to their Regimental account.

Economy.

1st Training Battalion, Sutton Veny, killed live stock during the month totalling 950 lbs Meat fit for consumption, for which 1900 rations were underdrawn.

Engr. Trng. Depot, Brightlingsea, also underdrew 184 rations of meat on utilising 92 lbs of Depot killed Meat.

Supplies.

The only alteration in prices has been an increase in the following:-

Frozen Meat	1 ¹ / ₂ d lb.	Straw	£2/10/- ton.
Salt	11 ¹ / ₂ d ton.	Petrol No. 1	1/- gall.
Chaff	£3/-/- "	do. No. 2	11 ¹ / ₂ d. "
Hay	£2/-/- "	do. No. 3	11d. "

Comparative Weights of Supplies.

Rations	865558	901573	1085918.
	Sept.	Oct.	Novr. '18.
	tons.	tons.	tons.
Biscuit	6 ¹ / ₂	9	..
Bread	285	299	371
Flour	34	33	40
Meat	192 ¹ / ₂	241	265
Tea	9	9 ¹ / ₂	11
Salt	6	6 ¹ / ₂	8
Sugar	28	29	35
Bacon	48	49	61
<u>Totals.</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>791</u>
Oats	137	133	146
Hay	73	77	96
Chaff	60	63	79
Bedding	56	62	86
Coal	12	6	..
<u>Totals.</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>407</u>

4. MECHANICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES.Workshop.

The following vehicles are in workshop awaiting parts and overhaul:-

Lorries	-	2
Touring Cars	-	4
Ambulances	-	2
Motor-cycles, side-car Combinations.		5

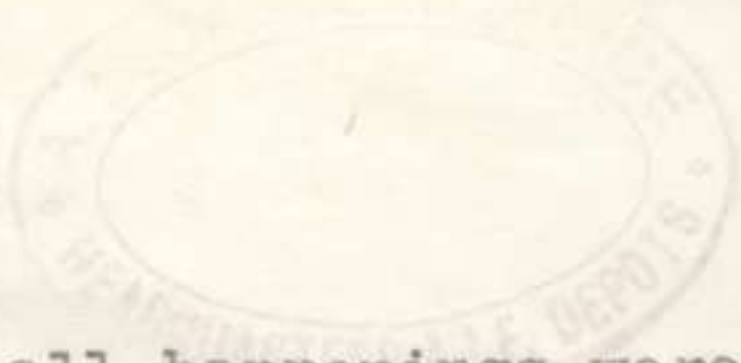
The Dempster-Moore lathe mentioned in my last month's report has not yet come to hand, and Hdqrs., Chelsea, advise that they are unable to obtain any definite promise of delivery from Ministry of Munitions, although all possible has been done to hasten same.

The work of cementing the workshop floor is proceeding very slowly.

Accidents.

The following Vehicles have met with accidents during the month:-

537 A. Sunbeam	532 A. Minerva
712 A. Overland	607 A. Buick
533 A. Napier	



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With the exception of the Minerva, all happenings were of a minor nature.

Roads.

Little alteration can be reported in the condition of the roads.

Mileage.

The mileage for the month (4 weeks) is higher than usual as the following return will show:-

Tyres	-	48
Tubes	-	5
Petrol	-	5354
Mileage	-	93551

Personnel.

Considerable changes have taken place during the month on account of 1914 personnel taking advantage of the furlough scheme either by returning to Australia or having 75 days leave in England.

Lieut. K.O. Forrer is away on 75 days leave; Sgt. Brown has reported to D.M.T.S., A.I.F., France; Cpl. Anderson transferred from Weymouth to Chelsea; Sgt. Francis transferred from Chelsea to Weymouth.

Changes in Location of Vehicles.

501 A. Benz to Hurdcott for duty with G.O.C., Fovant. Depots.



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Bhurtapore Barracks,
Tidworth. 21.12.18.

Lieut-Colonel.
A.D. of S. & T.
Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

