

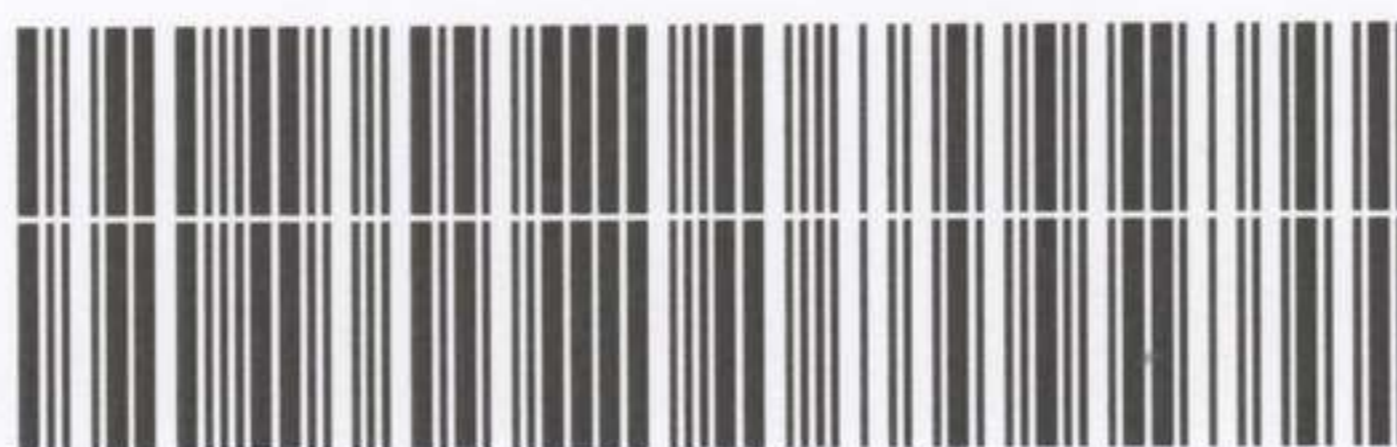
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WAR DIARY

No 2 Command

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WEYMOUTH	1917 13.1		<p>Draft marched out for AUSTRALIA</p> <p>January Arrivals 1153 Departures 1114 Average Daily Strength 3824.</p> <p>152 Other Ranks</p>	

1st February, 1917.

REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1917.

	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Total.
Strength on 31.12.16.	44	3741	3785
Total arrivals at Depot.	39	1114	1153
Total handled at Depot.	83.	4855.	4938.
To France	1	-	1
Transfers to Other Depots	1	924	925
Discharged in England	-	12	12
Invalided to Australia	-	153	153
Struck off strength.- Illegal Absentees	-	4	4
Died	-	2	2
To Administrative HQrs., London, for duty	-	17	17
Total Departures	2	1112	1114
Strength on 31.1.17.	81.	3743.	3824.

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

22.1.17.	---	No. 1871	Gnr.	LAWSON G. G.	2nd Bty. A.F.A.
25.1.17.	---	No. 12452	Dvr.	MORSCHER G. A.	A. A. S. C.
31.1.17.	---	No. 969	Dvr.	WOOLCOCK C. T.	27th Battalion.

ACCIDENTS.- Nil.

ENTERTAINMENTS.- On two afternoons during the Month, the troops were entertained at the Jubilee Hall, Weymouth, expenses being met by Regimental Institute funds.
Other entertainments, such as the weekly Y.M.C.A. Concert, Etc., were as usual.

INSPECTIONS.- On the 9th January, Brigadier-General L. G. Sinclair-McLagan, D.S.O., visited this Depot and inspected various personnel of this Command.
The Travelling Medical Board, composed of Colonel Ryan, C.B., and Colonel Maudsley, C.M.G., A.A.M.C., were here twice during the Month.

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WESTHAM CAMP.- The discipline generally has been very good, with very little drunkenness, the majority of cases dealt with being minor ones - breaking-out of Camp and the overstaying leave passes.

NURSING STAFF.- Two additional Staff-Nurses reported for duty on 26th January, which brings the number up to 7 as things stand at present, exclusive of the Head-Sister.

ORDERLY ROOM.- During the Month of January, 1917, 28 men were dealt with for drunkenness, accompanied by one or other of the following offences:- Obscene language, creating a disturbance, absence and gambling in Camp.
76 Men were convicted on a charge of absence without leave and were dealt with accordingly.
56 punishments were meted out for offences (minor) against discipline.

REPORTS.- The following Reports are attached:-

Senior Medical Officer.
Officer i/c Depot Post Office.
Sanitary & Pioneer (by Q.M., Monte Video).

Russell Browne Colonel,
Commandant,-
No. 2. Australian Command Depot.
(PM)

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No 2 Australian Command Depot,
Westham Detachment,
WEYMOUTH.

31st January 1917.

FROM:- MEDICAL OFFICER,
Westham Camp.

TO: SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER
No 2 Australian Command Depot.

HEALTH & SANITATION REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1917.

I have the honour to report that the health of Westham Camp is satisfactory and shows an improvement compared with last month.

SICK. The Daily Average Number of sick has been 14.

DRESSINGS. Men requiring dressings numbered 30. X

MASSAGE. The number of men requiring Massage was 53. X

X This was the Daily Average.

HOSPITAL. THE total number of cases, including Venereal & Scabies, for the month was 24. This is considerably less than the admissions for December which was 44.

VENEREAL & SCABIES. The following cases were transferred to Monte Video for treatment and isolation.

Gonorrhoea.	7.
Venereal sores.	1.
Scabies.	8.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. Only one case of Mumps occurred and the patient has been isolated in the Drying Room.

1 C.S.F. Carrier was transferred to BORO' ISOLA) TION Hospital.

MEDICAL HUT. HUT 14., which has been altered to meet requirements, is now being used as Medical Office and Dispensary. A large room is available for patients to wait in.

SANITATION. The sanitation of the Camp is satisfactory, the huts kept clean and the ventilation attended to. The general surroundings of the camp are in good condition.

(Sgd) J. MACDONALD Captain.
Medical Officer, Westham Camp. A.I.F.

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MEN DISPOSED OF DURING MONTH .

1188 men have been transferred from the Depot during the month, as follows:-

To Salisbury, as fit for Home Service	155
To Salisbury, as fit for General service.....	403
To Wareham as Temporarily unfit	357
Discharged in England	120
Returned to Australia	<u>153</u> <u>.1188</u>

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT .

The number of men who attended for massage treatment during the month was 4301, a daily average of 138.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

Dental Report for the month attached.

WESTHAM CAMP.

Report by Medical Officer, Westham Camp, attached.

HOSPITAL ALTERATIONS

These have been commenced, but it will be some weeks before the new scheme will be completed.

L. O. Peters

Major.

S.M.O. No 2 Australian Command Depot.

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Medical Office,
No 2 Australian Command Depot,
WEYMOUTH
January 31st 1917.

From:- Senior Medical Officer,
No 2 Australian Command Depot.

To:-

MEDICAL & SANITARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1917.

HEALTH. The sanitary condition of both Monte Video and Westham Camps, has been satisfactory.

In spite of the intense cold, 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	47
Syphilis	2
Venereal sores.....	9
Scabies	24
Mumps	16

(of the above cases of Venereal disease, 29 were infected in London, 6 in Weymouth and 13 in other places).

OBITUARY The following soldiers died during the month:-

1871 Gnr Lawson G.G. 2nd Battery.	Pleurisy
12452 Dvr Morschel G.A. A.A.S.C.	T.B.
969 " Woolcock C.T. 27th Battn.	Melanotic Sarcoma of Mediastinum.

ACCOMMODATION.

Additional huts have been taken over in Westham Camp, giving further accommodation for 228 men.

ADMISSIONS.

1114 Convalescent other ranks have been admitted to the Depot for the month.

TO:- Adjutant.
FROM:- 470 Officer i/c P.O.

31st January, 1917.
A.M.P.O.,
Monte Video,
WEYMOUTH.

Herewith I beg to submit my Report on the general working of this Post Office for the Month ending 31st January, 1917.

BAGS OF MAIL:- Received .. 642. Despatched .. 428.

19,600 Letters were re-addressed from Records, either to London, Wareham or Salisbury.

PARCELS:- Received .. 4601. Delivered .. 1827.
Re-Addressed .. 2714. On Hand .. 60.

REGISTERED:- Received .. 1377. Delivered .. 620.
Re-Addressed .. 749. On Hand .. 8.

TELEGRAMS:- Received .. 1147. Delivered .. 1000.
Re-Addressed .. 147.

SALE OF STAMPS:- Stamps to the value of £56..16..0 have been sold in this Branch.

POSTAL NOTES:- Postal Notes to the value of £38..19..2, also sold.

LETTERS:- Received .. 73160. Delivered .. 53560.
Re-Addressed .. 19600.

I attach also a report on the working of the Westham Detachment Post Office.

I have visited that Office frequently during the Month and find that everything is working satisfactorily in conjunction with this Office.

A. H. deuchar

Lieut..
OFFICER IN CHARGE POST OFFICE.
(AFS/PM).

NO 2
AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT,
31 JAN. 1917
WESTHAM DETACHMENT,
WEYMOUTH.



No 1 Company, Westham Detachment,
No 2 Australian Command Depot,
Weymouth. 31st January 1917.

From:- N.C.O. i/c Post Office,
Westham Detachment.

To:- O.C., Post Office,
Monte Video.

Sir,

The following is the Monthly Report for Post Office of this Detachment.

LETTERS.

Received.	Approximate Number	25696.
Returned to M.V.	" " "	965.
Delivered.	" " "	24731.
ON HAND.		NIL.

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LETTER PARCELS.

Received.	Approximate Number	284.
Returned to M.V.	" " "	3.
Delivered.	" " "	281.
ON HAND.		NIL.

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REGISTERED ARTICLES.

Received.	293.
Returned to M.V.	19.
Delivered and signature obtained.	274.
ON HAND.	NIL.

PARCELS.

Received.	803.
Returned to M.V.	86.
Delivered and signature obtained.	711.
ON HAND.	6.

TELEGRAMS.

Received and delivered.	86.
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There are no complaints to record.

D. Macnamara

Sgt.

N.C.O. i/c Post Office, Westham Detachment.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN ENGLAND.

A.F. No. 470

Monthly Summary of Dental Treatment. *January* Month *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>no 2 Austro Command Depot Weymouth. S. C. Orders 687.</i>	<i>792</i>	<i>461</i>	<i>232.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>294.</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>13.</i>	<i>23.</i>	<i>123.</i>				
<i>Fee chargeable.</i>			<i>3/6 ea</i>	<i>3/6 ea</i>	<i>3/6 ea</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3/6 ea</i>	<i>3/6 ea</i>	<i>3/6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>				
Estimated Value of above Treatment at Imperial Contract Rates.			<i>£14/2/1.</i>	<i>10/-</i>	<i>£12/2/6</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>£34/15/1.</i>	<i>£57/1/1.</i>	<i>£1/19/1.</i>	<i>£27/3/1.</i>	<i>£151/7/6</i>				<i>total £227-9-0.</i>

Date *January 29th 1917.*

R. G. Brahan *Suit* Dental Officer in Charge.
Dental unit depot.
L. O. Bettis S.M.O.

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No. 2
AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPÔT,
31 JAN. 1917
WESTHAM DETACHMENT,
WEYMOUTH.



No 1 Company, Westham Detachment,
No 2 Australian Command Depot,
Weymouth. 31st January 1917.

9. POST OFFICE.

During the past month, the working of the Camp Post Office has proceeded very satisfactorily, and I have no complaints to record. All mail for men who have left this Camp, has been re-addressed to them at their respective destinations. The present Staff comprises 1 N.C.O. and 2 men.

D. Macnamara

Sgt.
i/c Post Office, Westham Detachment.



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No. 2
AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT,
W/362 31 JAN. 1917
WESTHAM DETACHMENT,
WEYMOUTH.



No 1 Company, Westham Detachment,
No 2 Australian Command Depot,
Weymouth. 31st January 1917.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1917.

1. ARRIVALS. 2 Officers 358 Other Ranks. 360 Total.
2. DEPARTURES. 1 Officer 217 Other Ranks. 218 Total.
3. DEATHS. NIL.
4. COURTS-MARTIAL. NIL.
5. INVALIDED TO AUSTRALIA. NIL.
6. INSPECTION. By Officer i/c Huts, twice daily.
By Quartermaster, daily, except Barrack Rooms.
By Orderly Officer, daily, including Barrack Rooms, also at Breakfast and Dinner.
By District Sanitary Officer, occasionally.
By O.C., Westham Detachment, weekly on Saturday's, Men's Barrack Rooms, Institutions and Outbuildings.
The Medical Officer also renders a report. (Attached)
7. DISCIPLINE. The discipline of the Camp generally has been very good. The majority of cases dealt with have been minor ones, such as breaking out of camp and over-staying leave passes. Cases of drunkenness have been very few in number.
8. TRAINING. As all men in this Camp are Permanently Unfit, the only training that is carried out is light marching daily and fatigues.
9. POST OFFICE. The N.C.O. i/c, renders a report, which is attached.
10. GENERAL. The Camp generally is most satisfactory, all the outhouses have been attended to by the Sanitary and Pioneer Squads daily.
The Cookhouse has been taken over by the School of Cookery, and all the cooking for the Camp is now done by them.
Brig-Gen. L.G. Sinclair-McLagan, D.S.O., inspected the Camp during the month and seemed satisfied that all was being done to make the men as comfortable as possible.

Charles R. Brown

Major.
Commanding Westham Detachment.

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No. 2
 AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPÔT,
 31 JAN. 1917
 WESTHAM DETACHMENT,
 WEYMOUTH.



No 1 Company, Westham Detachment,
 No 2 Australian Command Depot,
 Weymouth. 31st January 1917.

From:- Medical Officer.

To:- Officer Commanding.

HEALTH AND SANITATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1917.

I have the honour to report that the health of the troops in Westham Camp has been very satisfactory.

The Daily average number of Sick being 14.

The Number of Cases transferred to Hospitals is as follows

Monte Video	22
Boro' Isolation	1
Drying Room	1
Total	<u>24</u>

Venezæal Cases 8

Scabies 8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1 case of Mumps occurred during the month, and is now isolated in the Drying Room.

1 C.S.F. Carrier was transferred to the Boro' Isolation Hospital.

SANITATION.

The sanitation of the Camp has been satisfactory, the ventilation attended to and the huts kept clean. The general surroundings of the Camp are in good condition.

MEDICAL HUT.

Hut 14 having been altered to meet the requirements, is now being used as the Medical Office and Dispensary. A large waiting room is now provided for men requiring attention to wait in.

J. Macdonald Captain.
 Medical Officer, Westham Camp.

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No.2 Australian Command Depot,

Monte Video Camp,

E.K.

Weymouth,

February 1st, 1917.

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

Roads
&
Paths

General maintenance of Roads and Paths has been carried out as necessary.

A new Footpath is under construction from existing path at North Eastern corner of Hut 2 to the existing Road at Main entrance of the Y.M.C.A. Hut.

All Footpaths between Huts 1 to 25 are now completed and are a great improvement.

Sewerage

All Sewers, Gullies and Manholes are disinfected weekly.

Surface
Water
&
Drainage

The Foul Drain at No.2 Cook House has been opened and a Choke removed.

Foul Drains from Nos.1 and 2 Cook Houses have been cleaned. Cleaning Rods have been put through all Drains. A New Foul Drain has been laid from Hut 28 (Dispensary) to existing Drain at North Western corner of No.4 Latrine.

Ablution
Houses
&
Latrines

The material having come to hand for the repairs to No.6 Ablution House, this work is being proceeded with.

All Urinals are treated with heavy Oil at regular intervals and all Latrine Pans are disinfected daily.

Huts.

All Huts are in excellent habitable state from point of view of Cleanliness. Floors, Tables, Forms, etc. are scrubbed at regular intervals and all breakages promptly repaired.

Painter
&
Glazier

The Reading and Billiard Room has been treated with dis-temper and the Book Cases have been painted. Breakages have been light during the Month and all broken Windows promptly repaired.

Carpenter
&
Joiner

Hut No.50 has been made into an Isolation Hospital and two partitions have been erected forming three compartments and a door fitted to the North Side for the centre compartment. A partition has been made in No.4 Companies Orderly Room and small joinery work has been carried out in the Hospitals, etc.

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Bath
Houses

The Bath Houses are thoroughly cleaned.

Cook
Houses

The Ranges and Boilers in the Cook Houses have been overhauled and cleaned. No Tops of Grate being available, these are still required, otherwise all are in good order.

Incinerators

All Incinerators are in good order.

Gardener

The cultivation of Ground ready for the planting of Potatoes is well in hand.

Water
Supply

Water has been laid on in Hut 28 (Dispensary) and a Sink complete with Waste, etc. fitted.

Covered
Way to
Hospital
Huts

Footpaths leading to and connecting with Hospital Huts Nos. 27 and 32 to 31 and 37 are being altered to 5' wide and a covered way erected with weather side covered in.

Generally.

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

Geoffrey

Lieut. & Quartermaster.

L. Petts Major,

S.M.O. No. 2 Australian Command Depot.

DRAFTS FROM NO. 2. AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT, WEYMOUTH,
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1917.

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No. of Draft.	Date.	Transferred to:	Composition.	Class.
94.	2.1.17.	Drafting Depot, Perham Down.	84 Rank & File.	"A".
95.	6.1.17.	No. 4. Command Depot, Wareham.	40 " " "	"B.l.a".
96.	8.1.17.	Drafting Depot, Perham Down.	80 " " "	"A".
97.	10.1.17.	No. 4. Command Depot, Wareham.	17 " " "	"B.l.a".
98.	10.1.17.	Drafting Depot, Perham Down & Amesbury.	34 " " "	"A".
99.	11.1.17.	Training Battns., Salisbury.	60 " " "	"Home Service".
100.	13.1.17.	No. 4. Command Depot, Wareham.	120 " " "	"B.l.a".
101.	13.1.17.	Australia.	152 " " "	"P.U".
102.	15.1.17.	Salisbury.	36 " " "	"A".
103.	19.1.17.	Salisbury.	67 " " "	"A".
104.	20.1.17.	Wareham.	15 " " "	"B.l.a".
105.	23.1.17.	Tng.Units, Salisbury.	47 " " "	"Home Service".
106.	27.1.17.	Tng.Units & Dftg.Depot.	74 " " "	"A".
107.	27.1.17.	Wareham.	14 " " "	"B.l.a".

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No. 2. Australian Command Depot, WEYMOUTH.

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

No.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Nature of Offence.	Sentence.	Date of Sentence.
4793	Pte.	Daw, B.S.	5th Battn.	Disobedience. Striking his superior Officer.	84 days detention.	2.1.17.
3545	-Pte.	Salikas E.	5th Battn.	Disobedience.	28 days detn.	6.1.17.
2936	Pte.	Mahoney C.	52nd Battn.	Absence without leave.	56 days detn.	6.1.17.
3036	Dvr.	Forsythe G.	Y 5A T.M.B.	Drunkenness. Resisting an escort.	28 days detn.	15.1.17.
799	Gnr.	Wilson E.R.	53rd Batty.	Drunkenness. Resisting an escort.	28 days detn.	15.1.17.
3880	Pte.	Madden H.L.	24th Battn.	Absence without leave.	28 days detn.	15.1.17.
2029	Pte.	Latham P.R.	18th Battn.	Absence without leave.	56 days detn.	29.1.17.
81	S/Sgt.	Payne W.P.	3rd Enrs.	When concerned in the care of public goods, stole the goods.	Not Guilty.	18.1.17.
454	B.S.M.	Morris F.W.	1st A.F.A.	Drunkenness.	Not Guilty.	15.1.17.

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