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No. 2 Australian Command Depot.  
Monte Video Camp.  
WEYMOUTH.  
1st March, 1917.

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1917.

	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Total.
Strength on 31-1-17.	80.	3734	3814.
Total arrivals at Depot.	35	2054	2089.
Total handled at Depot.	115.	5788.	5903.
TO :- France.		1.	1.
Transfers to other Depots.		372.	372.
Discharged in England.		7.	7.
Invalided to Australia.	51.	1756.	1807.
Struck off Strength - Illegal Absentees.		21.	21.
Died.	1.	2.	3.
To :- Administrative Headquarters, London, for duty.		15.	15.
Total departures.	52.	2174.	2226.
Strength on 28-2-17.	63.	3614.	3677.

DEATHS.- It is regretted that the undermentioned Officer and men died during the month of February, on dates stated :-

7-2-1917.	Lieut.	Campbell O.J.	20th Battalion.
4-2-1917.	5729. Pte.	Ingate H.	44th Battalion.
10-2-1917.	3487. Pte.	Healey J.	50th Battalion.
28-2-1917.	373. Pte.	Paviett G.	37th Battalion.

ENTERTAINMENTS.- On two afternoons during the month, the troops were entertained at the Jubilee Hall, Weymouth, expenses being met by Regimental Institute funds. The cinematograph plant at this Depot is now complete and pictures are shown in the Gymnasium Hall twice weekly. A concert is given weekly in the Gymnasium and Y.M.C.A. Hut.

VERNE CITADEL.- On Sunday, 25th instant, Verne Citadel was taken over for accommodation of Australian troops, Lieut.-Colonel H. Pope, C.B., 16th Battalion, A.I.F., reported at this Depot on 27th February and has assumed command of the Verne detachment.



INSPECTIONS.- On 9th February, Major-General The Hon. Sir Newton J. Moore, K.C.M.G., V.D., G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., and Brig.-General C.B.B. White, C.B., D.S.O., G.S.O.1., 1st Anzac Headquarters, visited and inspected this Depot.

Brig.-General R.F. Johnson, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C., Portland Garrison and Colonel Wintour, A.Q.M.G., Southern Command visited the Depot on 11th February 1917.

Major-General Birrell, D.D.M.S., Salisbury visited and inspected the Camp on 26th inst.

ORDERLY ROOM.- During the month of February, 1917, 22 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. 80 men were convicted on a charge of absence without leave and were dealt with accordingly. 60 punishments were meted out for offences (minor) against discipline.

The following reports are attached.-

Senior Medical Officer.  
Dental Report.  
Officer i/c Post Office.  
Sanitary & Pioneer (by Q.M.)

*Aspen*  
Commandant, No.2. Australian Command Depot(HM) Colonel.



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

No. of Draft.	Date.	Transferred to:	Composition.	Class.
108	3.2.17.	Salisbury.	66 rank & file	"A".
109	9.2.17	Wareham.	38 rank & file	"B1a"
110	10.2.17.	Australia " Ulysses"	40 Officers 1021 other ranks.	"B2b, C2, C3"
111	11.2.17	Australia " Benalla"	9 Officers 684 other ranks.	" " "
112	14.2.17	Salisbury	48 rank & file	"A"
113	20.2.17	Australia " Karoola"	50 other ranks	"B2b, C2, C3"
114	23.2.17	Wareham	21 rank & file	"B1a"
115	27.2.17	Salisbury	31 rank & file	"A".



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

No.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Nature of Offence	Sentence	Date of sentence.
26518a	Dvr	Livet. F.R.	2nd D.A.C.	Malingering	Not guilty.	12.2.17
1359	Pte	Maher T.	13th Bn.	Absence	112 days detention	17.2.17
443	Pte	Spotswood H.	23rd Bn.	Absence	84 days detention	17.2.17.
1006	Pte	Wilson D.	18th Bn.	Absence	56 days detention	24.2.17
1548	Pte	McKenzie G.A.	12th Bn.	Absence. When in lawful custody attempting to escape.	56 days detention.	24.2.17.
185	Pte	Harvey R.J.	21st Bn.	Insubordinate language to superior officer	112 days detention	27.2.17.





Medical Office,  
No 2 Aust; Command Depot,  
Monte Video Camp,  
WEYMOUTH 1.3.17.

MEDICAL & SANITARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1917.

HEALTH.

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

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 .....	Nil
Diphtheria .....	Nil
φ Gonorrhoea .....	47
Syphilis .....	2
Venereal Sores .....	10
φ Scabies .....	64
Mumps .....	10

φ - 29 infected in London, 6 in Weymouth, 3 in Edinburgh and 7 elsewhere.

φ - Includes 33 cases from Westham.

OBITUARY

There were 4 deaths during the month, for causes as follows:-

T.B.....2.                      C.S.F.....1  
Malignant Turnover..... 1.

ACCOMMODATION

Verne Barracks, Portland, have been taken over, giving further accommodation for 1300. Owing to its isolation, gloomy interior and exposed position (1200 feet above Sea level with sea on all sides) I consider these Barracks unsuited for Convalescent men. Home service men are being quartered there at present.

ADMISSIONS.

2054 Convalescent other ranks have been admitted to the Depot for the month.



MEN DISPOSED OF DURING MONTH

3410 men have been transferred from the Depot during the month, as follows:-

To Salisbury as Fit for Home service .....	Nil
To Salisbury as fit for General service .....	1450
To Wareham as temporarily unfit .....	197
Discharged in England .....	7
Returned to Australia .....	1756

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT

The number of men who attended for massage treatment during the month was 2880 a daily average of 120.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

Dental report for month attached.

HOSPITAL ALTERATIONS

These alterations are going forward very slowly.,

*LoBea*

Major.

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



Medical Office,  
No 2 Australian Command Depot,  
Westham Detachment,  
WYLMOUTH.  
28th February 1917.

From:- Senior Medical Officer,  
Westham Camp.

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

HEALTH & SANITATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

SICK. The daily average sick was 11.

DRESSINGS. The daily average for dressings was 18

HOSPITAL The total cases for the month admitted to Hospital was 90. This included 40 men with Pediculus Pubis and 25 men suffering with Scabies who were detected in a draft of 408 other ranks which arrived here from Etaples.

VENEREAL & SCABIES

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

Gonorrhoea .....	5.
Veneraeal sores .....	2.
Scabies .....	33.
Pediculus pubis .....	40

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

4 cases of Measles occurred which were isolated and treated in the Drying room.

SANITATION

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

(Sgd) B.E. BROOKS Capt. A.A.M.C.  
M.O. Westham.



# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN ENGLAND.

A.F. No.

## Monthly Summary of Dental Treatment.

*February*

Month *1917*

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STATION.	Attendance.	Cases Treated.	Teeth Extracted.	Anæsthetics.		Fillings.			Scaling Cases.	Dentures Repaired.	Dentures Supplied.	Pyorrhoea Cases Treated.	Fracture of Mandible.	General Surgical Cases.	REMARKS.
				General.	Local.	Temporary.	Permanent.	Root Filling							
<i>N<sup>o</sup> 2 Austin Command Hospet. Weymouth. Southern Command Orders no 687.</i>	<i>851</i>	<i>606</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>109</i>				
<i>See chargeable.</i>			<i>9/- ea</i>	<i>9/6 ea</i>	<i>9/6 ea</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>9/6 ea</i>	<i>9/6 ea</i>	<i>9/6-10</i>						
Estimated Value of above Treatment at Imperial Contract Rates.			<i>£9/18/-</i>	<i>7/6</i>	<i>£13/5/-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>£8/12/6</i>	<i>£2/5/-</i>	<i>£1/13/-</i>	<i>£7/-</i>	<i>£139/11/-</i>				<i>Total £ 211. 13. 0.</i>

Date *February 27. 1917*

*R. Cooper* *S.M.O.* Dental Officer in Charge.  
*Dental unit no 13.*  
*Lo Beith* *S.M.O.*

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No.2 Australian Command Depot,

Monte Video Camp,

Weymouth,

March 2nd, 1917.

Sanitary and Pioneer Report of Monte Video Camp, Weymouth for the  
Month ending 28th February, 1917.

Roads  
&  
Paths

General Maintenance of Roads and Paths have been carried out as necessary. A new footpath has been constructed from the existing path on South Side of No.2 Bath House to the Door at West end of same for the use of Isolation Patients. Another Footpath has been constructed between Huts 29-50 from existing path at the East end of Huts to the Door at the West end of Hut 50.

Sewerage

All Sewers, Gullies, etc. are disinfected daily.

Surface  
Water &  
Drainage

All surface Drains have been cleaned during the Month and all siltage, etc. is immediately removed.

Ablution  
Houses &  
Latrines

The repairs to No.6 Ablution House are now complete. All burst Water Pipes have been repaired and all Taps etc. are repaired as necessary.

All Latrines are treated with heavy Oil at regular Intervals and Latrine Pans are disinfected daily.

Huts

All Huts are in excellent habitable state. Floors, Tables, Forms, etc. are scrubbed at regular intervals.

Several Hut Stoves require minor repairs, the D.O.R.E. having been advised.

Painter  
&  
Glazier

Breakages have been light during the Month. All broken Windows have been promptly repaired.

Carpenter  
&  
Joiner

A Cupboard has been made and fitted in Hut No. 28 (Dispensary).

A Card Rack has been made and fitted in the Depot Q.M's Store.

Barracks Breakages have been repaired as necessary.

Bath  
Houses

The Bath Houses are thoroughly clean and in good order.



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Cook  
Houses

Several Minor repairs to Ranges and Boilers  
are still required otherwise the Cook Houses are in  
good order.

Incinerators

All Incinerators are in good order.

Generally

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

G. Collins

Lieut. & Quartermaster,

L. O. Butts

Major,

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



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No.2.Australian Command Depot,  
 Monte Video Camp,  
 Weymouth.  
 1st March 1917.

FROM:- Officer i/c Post Office.

TO:- Adjutant.

Herewith I beg to submit my report on the general working of this Post Office for the month ending 28th February, 1917.

BAGS OF MAIL.	Received 284. Despatched 140 of these. 16400 letters were re-addressed from Records either to London, Wareham or Salisbury.
PARCELS.	Received 2474. Delivered 1132. Readdressed 1210. On hand 132.
REGISTERED.	Received 1135. Delivered 627. Readdressed 496. On hand 12.
TELEGRAMS.	Received 748. Delivered 686. Readdressed 62.
SALE OF STAMPS.	Stamps to the value of £57.2.11 have been sold in this branch.
POSTAL NOTES.	To the value of £28.6.2. also sold.
LETTERS.	Received 50465. Delivered 34065. Readdressed 16400  During the month I have visited Westham frequently and find that the F.P.O. there is working satisfactory.  During the past week we have opened a branch F.P.O. at Verne Citadel, Portland.

(Sgd) V.Stanley Captain  
 Officer i/c Field Post Office.  
 No.6.



CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION

No.24 - 21.3.17



Routine Order No.2352 of 21.3.17 by G.O.C. A.F.F.  
Depots in U.K. is promulgated for the information  
of Medical Officers concerned.  
(Amended 14.11.17)

COMMAND DEPOTS, OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

The following schedule is issued for the guidance and  
instruction of Commandants, Command Depots, and Commandant, Overseas  
Training Brigade:-

Men from Hospital and Furlough will arrive as follows:-

Bla Class at No. 1 Command Depot  
Elb " at No. 3 Command Depot  
Lower Categories at No. 2 Command Depot.

Men will march out of Command Depots as follows:-

From all Command Depots: - A Class to Overseas Training Brigade  
or Training Units as heretofore.

From No. 2 Command Depot:

Bla1 Class } To No. 4 Command Depot  
Bla2 " }  
Bla3 " } To No. 1 Command Depot.  
Bla4 " }

From No. 3 Command Depot:

None to other Command Depots except in excess of  
accommodation and then

Bla1 Class } To No. 4 Command Depot  
Bla2 " }  
Bla3 " } To No. 1 Command Depot  
Bla4 " }

OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE  
Longbridge Deverill.

Class to be retained: "A.3" (Dentally Fit - fully  
(inculcated and fit  
(within three (3) weeks)

To ensure uniformity in Command Depots, all patients, in  
accordance with the following description, shall be classed "A.3" i.e.

(a). Fit to walk 4 miles in morning and four miles in afternoon.

(b). Requiring no Command Depot treatment e.g. Electric Massage  
and Special Gymnastic.

(c). Who will require no more medical attention in the  
way of re-classification, and can be looked after by R.M.O.

(d). Are dentally fit.

(e). Likely to be fit for General Service within 3 weeks.

Commandants of Command Depots are to arrange to evacuate to their  
correct Depots all men on their strength other than category laid  
down above.





OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

The functions of the Overseas Training Brigade are as follows:-

- (1). Automatic graduated scale of training - 3 weeks.  
NOTE: If a soldier falls out on parade, it is essential that he is immediately paraded to the R.M.O. for medical examination.
- (2). To receive all B.E.F. Officers and Other Ranks, either Class "A.3" or Fit for General Service, from Command Depots.
- (3). Issue Clothing and Equipment according to instructions to other ranks mentioned in para. 2.
- (4). Prepare drafts of those mentioned in paras. 2 and 6 for Embarkation for Overseas, as per Orders issued in reference to same.
- (5). To receive all other ranks who have overstayed their leave from France and arrange for them to be included in drafts proceeding
- (6). Prepare and arrange Drafts of Tunnellers, Medium Trench Mortar Batteries, and such other reinforcements arriving from Australia who are required to be sent direct to France.

NOTES:

Every effort is to be made to hasten convalescence of all ranks in Command Depots so that a speedy evacuation to the Overseas Training Brigade will be made.

The Overseas Training Brigade is to deal with "A.3" Details, and every effort should be made to hasten preparation of these for drafting Overseas.

(Sgd) A. PHILLIPS Major.

D.A.A.G. for Lieut-Col.

A.A.G.

A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.



CIRCULAR      INSTRUCTION

BY LT. COLONEL D.M. McHALE - A.D.M.C.

A.D.M.S. A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

No. 26 - 4.4.17

COMMAND DEPOTS.

The following Routine Orders are republished for information:-

COMMAND DEPOTS.      Officers Commanding these Depots are responsible

1. That soldiers receive the graduated training which they have been Medically classified as fit to receive. The number of absentees from Parades for Fatigues and similar duties must be reduced to a minimum.
2. That all soldiers are paraded for the necessary reclassification as follows:-

B1a and B1b classes :      Once a week  
B2a and C1      do      :      Once a month.

It must be distinctly understood that this applies to all soldiers of the above classes whether they are employed on the Staff or not, and also to all soldiers of those classes awaiting transfer to another Command Depot, but whose transfer is held up owing to lack of accommodation.

3. That no soldiers classed A3 are retained in the Depot.

A marked cause of delay in the output of fit men from Command Depots in the past has been due to failure to comply with these Instructions.

(Authority: R.O. 2774 of 3.4.17)

CERTIFICATES TO ACCOMPANY DRAFTS FROM COMMAND DEPOTS:

The following certificates will accompany all drafts of A3 men transferred from Command Depots to the Overseas Training Brigade.

"I certify that I have examined the men in the above Roll and that they are Medically fit, fully inoculated and vaccinated, and that the necessary entries thereof have been made in paybooks. They are not Contacts of Infectious Disease.      Date \_\_\_\_\_ A.O."

"I certify that I have examined all the men in the above Nominal Roll and that they are Dentally fit, and that all dentures in situ or supplied have been entered in paybooks.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ D.C. "

In the case of transfers of B1a class between Command Depots, a certificate will accompany the men stating that they are fully inoculated and vaccinated, and are not contacts of a notifiable infectious disease.

(Sgd)      A.L. BUCHANAN Major.  
for A.D.M.S. A.I.F.