

**AWM4**

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

Bases & Depots

**Item number: 33/18/3**

**Title: No 3 Australian Command Depot**

February 1918



AWM4-33/18/3

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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July 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hurdscott	1/2/18		Wind light S.W. Fine, mild. Training as usual.	JMS
"	2/2/18		Strong S.W. Fine. Saturday. Training as usual.	JMS
"	3/2/18		" S.W. Rain. Usual Church Parades	JMS
"	4/2/18		Light S.W. Rain. All training under cover.	JMS
"	5/2/18		"	JMS
"	6/2/18		Strong W. Showery. "Training" as "usual"	JMS
"	7/2/18		Light S.W. Fine. Training as usual.	JMS
"	8/2/18		Strong S.W. Rain. All training under cover	JMS
"	9/2/18		Gale S.W. Fine. Training as usual.	JMS
"	10/2/18		Light S.W. Fine. Usual Church Parades. Right Revd. Bishop of Salisbury preached at Church of England Parade,	JMS.
"	11/2/18		Strong S.W. Training as usual. Boxing contest of 15 rds. between "Suony Corbett" (Mr. Reeves) of Tasmania & Mr. McKinnon of Maitland N.S.W. ended in a victory on points for the former.	JMS
"	12/2/18		Light S.W. Fine. Training as usual.	JMS
"	13/2/18		Light N.W. do. do. do.	JMS
"	14/2/18		Light N.E. do. do. do.	JMS
"	15/2/18		" S.E. do, colder do. do.	JMS
"	16/2/18		" E. do. Sharp Frost. Training as usual	JMS
"	17/2/18		" E. do. do. Usual Church Parades.	JMS
"	18/2/18		" E. do. do. Training as usual.	JMS
"	19/2/18		Strong S.W. Wind. Raining. Training under cover.	JMS
"	20/2/18		" " " Fine, Training as usual	JMS
"	21/2/18		Light S.W. Showery. Training as usual	JMS
"	22/2/18		" " Rain. Training under covers.	JMS

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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*3rd Command*  
*January 1918*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Hurdcott</i>	<i>23.2.18</i>		<i>Wind light S.W. Fine, training as usual.</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>24.2.18</i>		<i>" " " " Usual Church Parades</i>	<i>MS</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>25.2.18</i>		<i>" " " " Colder. Training as usual. Visit from Col. Knox, R.A.A.G.</i>	<i>MS</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>26.2.18</i>		<i>" " W. " Training as usual</i>	<i>MS</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>27.2.18</i>		<i>" " W. Showery do. do.</i>	<i>MS</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>28.2.18</i>		<i>" " N.W. Fine &amp; cold. do. do.</i>	<i>MS</i>
<p><i>them: A very uneventful month, remarkable only for the <sup>large</sup> number of men made A3. and evacuated to Overseas Training Brigade</i></p>				<p><i>MS</i> <i>appendix 3</i></p>

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Summary of Physical Training February 1918

	Trained Soldiers - Daily Totals				
	Week ending Feb 2/18	Week ending Feb 9/18	Week ending Feb 16/18	Week ending Feb 23/18	Week ending Mar 2/18
Monday	Jan 28	791	680	1513	1491
Tuesday	Jan 29	671	723	1318	1251
Wednesday	Jan 30	626	689	1543	1314
Thursday	Jan 31	696	597	1514	922
Friday	633	632	705	1391	Mar 1
Saturday (morning parade only)	286	313	350	691	Mar 2
<u>Approximate Strength of Unit</u>					
Staff + Unclassified	389	391	394	387	372
A <sub>3</sub> + A <sub>4</sub>	144	155	135	143	152
B <sub>1</sub> A <sub>4</sub>	522	525	527	487	348
B <sub>1</sub> A <sub>3</sub>	365	329	345	366	323
B <sub>1</sub> A <sub>2</sub>	413	445	348	341	347
B <sub>1</sub> A <sub>1</sub> + Lower Categories	1746	1367	1472	1520	1535
Total.	3579	3212	3221	3244	3077

## WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

Week ending, Saturday m/n 9...../...2../...18.

		No.	COMMAND DEPÔT				
Accommodation ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	3212 & 143 Attech
ADMISSIONS.							
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
DISCHARGES.							
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	...	...	...	...	...	237
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	
in England	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	279

## CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	153	240	179	
A 4	2		25	
Bia 4	525	1	28	
Bia 3	329	1	20	
Bia 2	445	6	11	
Bia 1	307	5	13	
Bib	854	5	24	
Home Service Personnel } B 2a	59	2	13	
} C i	126	23	77	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia } B 2b	14	161	1	
} C 2	1	31		
} C 3	6	63		
Training Battalions ...				
Unclassified ...				
Staff ...	391			
TOTALS ...	3212	538	391	

## AVAILABLE FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA FROM No. 2 COMMAND DEPÔT.

	Hammock	Berth	Cot	T.B.	Mental	Totals
Revised ...						
Unrevised ...						
TOTALS ...						

I certify that all men in the Depôt have been paraded for Medical Reclassification as required by R.O. No. 2774 of 3/4/17

Lieut Colonel  
Commandant.Major  
S.M.O. No. 3 C.D.

HURDCOTT 10-2-18.

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## 471 WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN. 15

Week ending, Saturday m/n ...16/.....2/.....1918.

No. 3 COMMAND DEPÔT							
Accommodation ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	3221
ADMISSIONS.							
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
DISCHARGES.							
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	...	...	...	...	...	211
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	
in England	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	...	...	...	...	...	39

## CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	133	224	187	
A 4	2		26	
Bia 4	527	4	26	
Bia 3	345	2	20	
Bia 2	348	4	13	
Bia 1	405	6	9	
Bib	865	2	25	
Home Service Personnel } B 2a	57	7	11	
} C i	130	8	76	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia } B 2b	10	22	1	
} C 2		2		
} C 3	5	12		
Training Battalions	...			
Unclassified	...			
Staff	394			
TOTALS	3221	293	394	

## AVAILABLE FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA FROM No. 2 COMMAND DEPÔT.

	Hammock	Berth	Cot	T.B.	Mental	Totals
Revised	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unrevised	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	...	...	...	...	...	...

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## 471 WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN. 6

Week ending, Saturday m/n ...23/...2/1918.

No. 3 COMMAND. DEPÔT							
Accommodation ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	3244 &
ADMISSIONS.							169 Attd.
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	175
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
DISCHARGES.							
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	
in England	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	...	...	...	...	...	57

## CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	142	182	184	
A 4	1		27	
Bia 4	487	5	25	
Bia 3	366	7	20	
Bia 2	341	6	14	
Bia 1	408	7	5	
Bib	880	5	23	
Bia	1			
Home Service Personnel } B 2a	30		4	
} C i	174	19	85	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia } B 2b	13	25		
} C 2	2	i		
} C 3	12	12		
Training Battalions ...				
Unclassified ...				
Staff ...	387			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>3244</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>387</b>	

## AVAILABLE FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA FROM No. 2 COMMAND DEPÔT.

	Hammock	Berth	Cot	T.B.	Mental	Totals
Revised ...						
Unrevised ...						
<b>TOTALS ...</b>						

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Commandant.Major  
S.M.O. No. 3 C.D.

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**WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.**

Week ending, Saturday m/n 2...../...3.../...1918.

No. COMMAND DEPÔT							
Accommodation ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	3077 & 173 At
ADMISSIONS.							
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	166
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
DISCHARGES.							
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	
in England	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	...	...	...	...	...	183

## CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	151	227	173	
A 4	1		18	
Bia 4	348	137	30	
Bia 3	323	4	15	
Bia 2	347	8	21	
Bia 1	490	6	5	
Bib	811	7	15	
Home Service Personnel } B 2a	36	1	5	
} C i	175	13	89	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia } B 2b	12	19		
} C 2		2	1	
} C 3	11	21		
Training Battalions ...				
Unclassified ...				
Staff ...	372			
TOTALS ...	3077	446	372	

## AVAILABLE FOR RETURN TO AUSTRALIA FROM No. 2 COMMAND DEPÔT.

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Revised ...						
Unrevised ...						
TOTALS ...						

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 Lieut Colonel  
 Commandant.

S.M.O. No 3

Major



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# No 3 Command Depot

February 1918<sup>3</sup>

Number of men reported to Depot	No of men discharged A3 to Overseas T.B.	No of invalids sent to No 2 Com. Depot for return to Australia	Total Discharges for month.
995	913	376	1455

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To/ Adjutant,  
No.3 Command Depot.



The following are statistics of Medical Work of the Depot and Group Clearing Hospital for the month of February 1918:-

HEALTH.

Admissions, Discharges and Transfers of men from other Units and Depot (Group Hospital.)

Admissions:-

	<u>Depot.</u>	<u>Other Units.</u>
<u>General.</u>	264.	220.
<u>Mumps.</u>	4.	28.
<u>Measles.</u>	Nil.	15.
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	268.	263. Total 531.

Discharges:-

	<u>Depot.</u>	<u>Other Units.</u>
<u>General.</u>	104.	127.
<u>Mumps.</u>	Nil.	13.
<u>Measles.</u>	Nil.	12.
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	104.	152. Total 256.

Transfers:-

	<u>Depot.</u>	<u>Other Units.</u>
<u>General.</u>	130.	46
<u>Mumps.</u>	Nil.	Nil.
<u>Measles.</u>	Nil.	Nil.
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	130.	46. Total 176.

CABIES.

Admissions from Depot during period from 1-2-18 to 28-2-18 are as follows:- 56.

Discharges to lines during period from 1-2-18 to 28-2-18 are as follows:- 39.

The average period of treatment for these cases was 4½ days.

E. T. HUT.

Numbers received treatment for the month of February 1918 are as follows:-

<u>Washed out.</u>	<u>Sealed up.</u>	<u>Cured.</u>
664.	17. (total 681)	12.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Number of V.D. cases transferred to 1st A.D.H. Bulford for the month of February 1918 is as follows:- 59. which gives an average of one case in every 1540 on Daily Ration Strength of Depot for period from 1-2-18 to 28-2-18.

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Of the 59 cases transferred to 1st A.D.H. Bulford, the localities in which Disease is stated to have been contracted are as follows:-

<u>London.</u>	<u>Elswhere in U/K.</u>	<u>Outside U/K.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
42.	16.	1	<u>59</u>

DRESSING DEPARTMENT.

During the period from 1-2-18 to 28-2-18. 362 received Dressings, 80 were discharged with healed wounds. The average treatment for these cases was 20 days.

MASSAGE DEPARTMENT.

From 1-2-18 to 28-2-18 260 cases received Massage Treatment, 128 were classified to a higher category and 14 were Boarded. (Average length of treatment for these cases was 2 weeks.)

Number of men at present on treatment 212.

BOARDS.

Number of men Boarded for the month of February are as follows:-

<u>B2a.</u>	<u>C1.</u>	<u>C1(Aust)</u>	<u>B2b.</u>	<u>C11.</u>	<u>C111.</u>	<u>Total</u>
27.	65.	17.	94.	13.	70.	<u>286.</u>

GYMNASIUM.

The following is a summary of the work carried out by the Gymnasium Department of this Depot for the month of February 1918:-

<u>No of patients treated.</u>	<u>No discharged :Blal and Higher</u>	<u>:No Discharged :other Cat'ies</u>	<u>:Average l'gth :trt'mt of men :discharged.</u>
301.	127.	28.	24 days.

HURDCOTT.  
3-3-1918.

*J. McKusie*  
.....Major.  
S.M.O. No.3 Command Depot., A.I.F.

Record of Dental Work of  
No 3 Command Depot

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February 1918

No of bases Treated	4025
Completions	842
<u>M</u> <u>DF</u> Fillings	2209
Extractions	531
Dentures	463
<u>B</u> Repaired Plates	95
Gingivitis bases	755
No of dental units working for the period	7