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1914-18 War

Bases & Depots

Item number: 33/18/5

Title: No 3 Australian Command Depot

April 1918



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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

3rd Command
April 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hurdcoth.	1.4.18	-	Wind S.W. Mild. Fine. Parades as usual. Visit by Col Webblynn D.O. & G.M.S. acting S.O.C. & Lt. Col Sherbrook S.O.I.	B.S.
"	2.4.18	-	Wind S.W. Mild. Fine. Parades as usual. Visit by Lt Col Williams A.P.M. Showery in the afternoon.	B.S.
"	3.4.18	-	Wind S.W. Mild. Fine cold with some frost. Parades as usual.	B.S.
"	4.4.18	-	Wind S.W. Mild. Rain practically all day. Training carried on under cover.	B.S.
			<p><u>Marching out of A3 class troops.</u> This is being carried out as expeditiously as possible, & all A3 class troops will have been marched out of this depot by April 30th that is those employed on home service duties. The replacing of these troops by lower category men is proving extremely difficult, chiefly by reason of the fact that the majority of those available are either unsuitable from the point of view of education, or their physical defects. Officers in charge of the various branches of training & administration however are fully appreciative of the importance of the position & are rearranging their staffs with all haste.</p>	B.S.
"	5.4.18	-	Wind S.W. Mild. Fine. Cold. Parades as usual. Visit by Lt Col Knox A.O.S.	B.S.

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Howdcott	6.4.18	-	Wind S.W. Fine, but cold & dull. Rain commenced to fall at 10.00 & continued throughout the day. Training was carried on under cover.	198
"	7.4.18	-	Wind N.E. Fine. Church parades as usual.	198
"	8.4.18	-	Wind N.E. Fine, dull. Visit by Col D.M. McWhae A.D.M.S. who inspected the B.I.B. category men & expressed himself as being satisfied with the Dep't's method of handling these men.	198
"	9.4.18	-	Wind N.E. Fine, dull. Parades as usual. Visit by Capt Colman D.A.C.	198
"	10.4.18	-	Wind due East. Fine dull. Parades as usual	198
"	11.4.18	-	Wind due East. Showery. Parades under cover. The acting G.O.C. Col McElynn & the A.A.S. Lt Col Knox were entertained at mess & at a concert by the "Kangaroos" the camp concert party afterwards. The concert was eminently successful, much talent being shown by the lads in their respective spheres.	198
"	12.4.18	-	Wind N.E. Bright & warm. Parades as usual.	198
"	13.4.18	-	Wind N.E. Bright & warm. Parades & training as usual	198
"	14.4.18	-	Wind N.E. Dull, very cold. Church parades as usual.	198

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Hurdworth	15-4-18	-	Wind N.E. cold & dull. Training as per syllabus	
"	16-4-18	-	Wind N.E. Snow & rain. Muster parade & presentation of medals for bravery by Major General Sir J.W. Mackay K.C.M.G. G.O.C.	
"	17-4-18	-	A.I.F. Depots in UK. Wind N.E. cold & showery. Training carried out under cover.	
"	18-4-18	-	Wind N.E. cold & dull. Training carried out as per syllabus.	
"	19-4-18	-	Wind N.E. cold, bright. Training carried out as per syllabus.	
"	20-4-18	-	Wind N.E. cold dull. Rain in afternoon. Training as usual.	
"	21-4-18	-	Wind N.E. cold dull. Church parades as usual.	
"	22-4-18	-	Wind N.E. cold dull. Training carried out as per syllabus.	
"	23-4-18	-	Wind N.E. Bright moderately warm. Training as usual.	
"	24-4-18	-	Wind N.E. Bright & warm. Training as per syllabus.	
"	25-4-18	-	"Anzac Day" Wind N.E. Bright & warm. Church parade 10.30 am in the presence of Major General Sir J.W. Mackay K.C.M.G. G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in UK & Col. McElynn D.A. & G.M.G. The G.O.C. addressed the troops & spoke of the glorious part Australia had taken in this war & their determination to see it through to the finish. In the afternoon a sports meeting was held for all	

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Hindcott	25.4.18		(Continued) ranks. Many visitors were present + suitably entertained. In the evening entertainment was provided for the troops in the form of three boxing matches - two of six rounds each + one of 15 two minute rounds - besides a concert. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks.	
"	26.4.18		Wind N.E. Dull. Training carried out as per syllabus.	V.S.P.
"	27.4.18		Wind N.E. Dull. Cold. Training carried out as per syllabus.	V.S.P.
"	28.4.18		Wind N.E. Dull. cold. Church parades as usual.	V.S.P.
"	29.4.18		Wind N.E. Dull. cold. Church parades as usual.	V.S.P.
"	30.4.18		Wind N.E. Dull. cold. Training as per syllabus. Visit by G.C.	V.S.P.
			no work A.D.M.P.	

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No 3 Command Depot Harcourt

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Summary of Physical Training April 1918.

Trained Soldiers (Special) Daily Tables.

	Week - ending April 6/18	Week - ending April 13/18	Week - ending April 20/18	Week - ending April 27/18
Monday	364	566	593	653
Tuesday	266	464	379	594
Wednesday	377	343	470	439
Thursday	329	474	317	Angae. Day.
Friday	394	383	599	510
Saturday (morning parade) only	183	269	206	155.
<u>Approx Strength of Unit</u>				
Caff & unclassified	372	402	414	347
A3 & A4	164	148	124	138
B1A4	259	208	250	229
B1A3	252	302	341	412
B1A2	338	327	449	591
B1A1 & lower categ.	1670	1909	1636	1477
	<u>3055</u>	<u>3296</u>	<u>3214</u>	<u>3394</u>

471 WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

Week ending, Saturday m/n ...6.../...2.../...1918.

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No. 3. COMMAND DEPÔT						
Accommodation	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	3054 and
ADMISSIONS.						128 attached.
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	...	...	...	...	42
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	282
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	...	...	...	...
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	...	...	...	...
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	...	...	...	...	5
DISCHARGES.						
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	...	...	...	...	232
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	...	...	...	...
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	...	...	...	...
in England	...	...	...	...	...
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	25
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	...	...	...	...	40

CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	163	236	179	
A 4	1		18	
Bia 4	259	6	15	
Bia 3	252	1	8	
Bia 2	338	3	5	
Bia 1	321	4	6	
Bib	1035		14	
Home Service Personnel } B 2a	67	6	16	
} C i	240	9	110	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia } B 2b	5	16		
} C 2		8		
} C 3	2	9		
Training Battalions	...			
Unclassified	...			
Staff	371			
TOTALS	3054	298	371	

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.

Hurdcott 7-4-1918.

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

WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

Week ending, Saturday m/n ..13/.....4/1918

No.	COMMAND DEPÔT	
Accommodation	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	3316 and
ADMISSIONS.		115 attached
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	31
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	465
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	3
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	8
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	46
DISCHARGES.		
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	255
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	23
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	10
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	
in England	...	
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	25
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	26

CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	146	286	169	
A 4	2		17	
Bia 4	208	4	8	
Bia 3	322	3	8	
Bia 2	327	4	11	
Bia 1	473	7	12	
Bib	1111		25	
Home Service Personnel } B 2a	79	3	25	
} C i	238	9	127	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia } B 2b	4	13		
} C 2				
} C 3	4	6		
Training Battalions				
Unclassified				
Staff	402			
TOTALS	3316	335	402	

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

S. Whitoff
 Lieutenant Colonel
 Commandant

S. Major. C.D.

HURDCOTT 14-4-18

WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

Week ending, Saturday m/n 20/11/18

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No. 2 COMMAND DEPÔT

Accommodation	3500
in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	3214 + 120 ad
ADMISSIONS.									
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	218
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
DISCHARGES.									
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
in England	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
CLASSES IN DEPÔT.									

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	124	284	157	
A 4			17	
Bia 4	250	1	3	
Bia 3	341	6	9	
Bia 2	449	5	10	
Bia 1	587	7	17	
Bjb	739	8	33	
Home Service Personnel	B 2a	59	34	
	C i	237	134	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia	B 2b	8		
	C 2			
	C 3	6	8	
Training Battalions				
Unclassified				
Staff	414			
TOTALS	3214	339	414	

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

L. Shustoff Lieut. Col.
 Commandant.
J. McKinnon Major
 S.M.O. No. 3 C.D.

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WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

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Week ending, Saturday m/n 27/11/18

No. <u>3</u> COMMAND DEPÔT		
Accommodation	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	3394 + 126 a/c
ADMISSIONS.		
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	83
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	370
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	11
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	5
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts...	...	469
DISCHARGES.		
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere...	...	287
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	14
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	
in England	...	
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	14
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	21
		336

CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	136	302	85	
A 4	2		16	
Bia 4	229	2	1	
Bia 3	412	3	2	
Bia 2	591	2	1	
Bia 1	538	1	3	
Bib	818		46	
Home Service Personnel } B 2a	28	1	74	
} C i	82	3	319	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia } B 2b	3	12		
} C 2				
} C 3	8	7		
Training Battalions ...				
Unclassified ...		3		
Staff ...	547			
TOTALS ...	3394	336	547	

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.

Whitoff *Lieut Col.*
Commandant.

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

Admissions & Evacuations

No 3 Command Depot.

For month ending 30 April 1918

No of men reported to Depot.	Discharged to O. T. B.	Invalids to No 2 Command Depot for Australia	Total discharges for month
1837	1118	156	1372

W. S. ...



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Adjutant
No 3 C. Depot.



The following are statistics of the Medical Work of the Depot and Group Clearing Hospital for the month of April, 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>	292	75	
<u>Mumps</u>	3	17	
<u>Measles</u>	1	17	
<u>Diphtheria</u>	1	-	
	297	109	Total 406

Discharges.

	<u>Depot.</u>	<u>Other Units.</u>	
<u>General.</u>	181	53	
<u>Mumps.</u>	2	11	
<u>Measles.</u>	1	14	
	184	78	Total 262

Transfers.

	<u>Depot</u>	<u>Other Units.</u>	
<u>General.</u>	96	22	
<u>Mumps.</u>		1	
<u>Measles.</u>	1		
<u>Diphtheria.</u>	1		
	98	23	Total 121

Scabies.

Admission from Depot during period from 1st April to 30th April, 1918, are as follows:-

Discharges to Linse for period 69 from 1st April, to 30th April, 1918, are as follows:-
60

The average period of Treatment for these cases was 4 days.

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Numbers received treatment for Month of April, 1918 are as follows:-

<u>Washed Out</u>	<u>Sealed Up</u>	<u>Total</u>
1353	55	1408.

Of the 55 cases sealed up for the month every one was discharged as cured.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

The number of cases transferred to 1st A.D.H. Bulford for the month of April, 1918 is as follows:- 21, which gives an average of 1 case in every 4290 on the Ration Strength, of Depot, for period 1-4-18 to 30-4-18.

Of the 21 cases transferred to Bulford the localities in which the disease is stated to have been contracted are as follows:-

<u>London.</u>	<u>Elsewhere in U.K.</u>	<u>Outside U.K.</u>	<u>Total</u>
15	5	1 (Paris)	21

SICK PARADE.

Number on Sick Parade during April, 1918 - 2295.

DRESSING DEPARTMENT.

During the period from 1st April, to 30th April, 1918, 533 received Dressings, 100 were discharged with healed wounds.

The average period of treatment of these cases was 9 days.

MASSAGE.

TREATMENT.

During the period from 1st April to 30th April, 1918, 361 men received Massage Treatment, 214 were classified to a higher Category, and 12 were boarded.

Average period of treatment for these cases was 14 days.

Number of men at present on treatment 169.

BOARDS.

Number of men Boarded for the Month of April, 1918, is as follows:-

<u>B2a.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Cl (Aust).</u>	<u>Bab.</u>	<u>Cl1.</u>	<u>Cl11.</u>	<u>Total</u>
45	83	2	45	2	36	<u>213</u>

GYMNASIUM.

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

No. of Patients Treated.	: No. Dischgd. : : Bla & Higher :	: No. Dischgd. : : Other Cat'gs. :	: Average Lgth Trmnt. of men dischgd.
372	: 116 :	: 14 :	: 31.5 days.

Hurdcott, 2-5-18

W. R. ...
Major,
S.M.O. No. 3 Command Depot, A.I.F.

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Number of men marched in for the month of April 1918, are as follows:-


From Hospitals, Furlough and other sources. 1857.

Numbers of men marched out for the month of April 1918, are as follows:-

<u>Overseas Training Brigade.</u>	<u>Weymouth.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1118.	156.	<u>1274.</u>

Hurdcott.
2-5-1918.

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


 Record of Dental Work
 No 3 Command Depot.
 April 1918.

No of cases treated	4883.
No of men made dentally fit	1315.
No of fillings	3994.
No of extractions	519.
No of dentures	46.
No of repaired dentures	72.
No of minor operations	{ Gingsivitis 428 } 813.
	{ Scaling 385 } 10
No of Dental Units	

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Aspen.

ROYAL PIER, Southampton.

A special series of Concerts has been arranged as follows:
EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st, 1918 (see below).

EASTER MONDAY, at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.,
"AL FRESCO" CONCERTS by the
No. 3 COMMAND **Australian Imperial Forces.**
DEPOT BAND,
Conductor: Mr. W. MAY, Bandmaster.
PIER TOLL, 2d. ENCLOSURE, 2d. (Including Tax).

SUNDAYS, *MARCH 31st, APRIL 14th, String Band H.M.
ROYAL MARINES.
(PORTSMOUTH DIVISION).
Conductor: Mr. B. WALTON O'DONNELL, A.R.C.M., R.M.L.I.

SUNDAYS, APRIL 7th & 21st, String Band H.M.
ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY
Conductor: Capt. B. S. GREEN, M.V.O., Director of Music, R.M.A.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, String Band H.M.
ROYAL MARINES.
(PORTSMOUTH DIVISION).
First mid-weekly Concerts of the Season.
Pavilion—1/-, 8d. & 4d. Pier Toll—2d. (Including Tax).

SATURDAY, APR. 20th, Special Visit Military Band H.M.
1st LIFE GUARDS.
Conductor: Mr. GEORGE MILLER, L.R.A.M.
*PAVILION—1/3 and 8d. PIER TOLL 2d. (including Tax).
*Tickets on sale in advance at Messrs. H. P. Hodges, 117, Above Bar, and at the Pier Gates.

SUNDAYS at 3.15 & 8 p.m. WEEK-DAYS at 3.15 & 7.30 p.m.
MILITARY BANDS EVERY SUNDAY DURING the SEASON.


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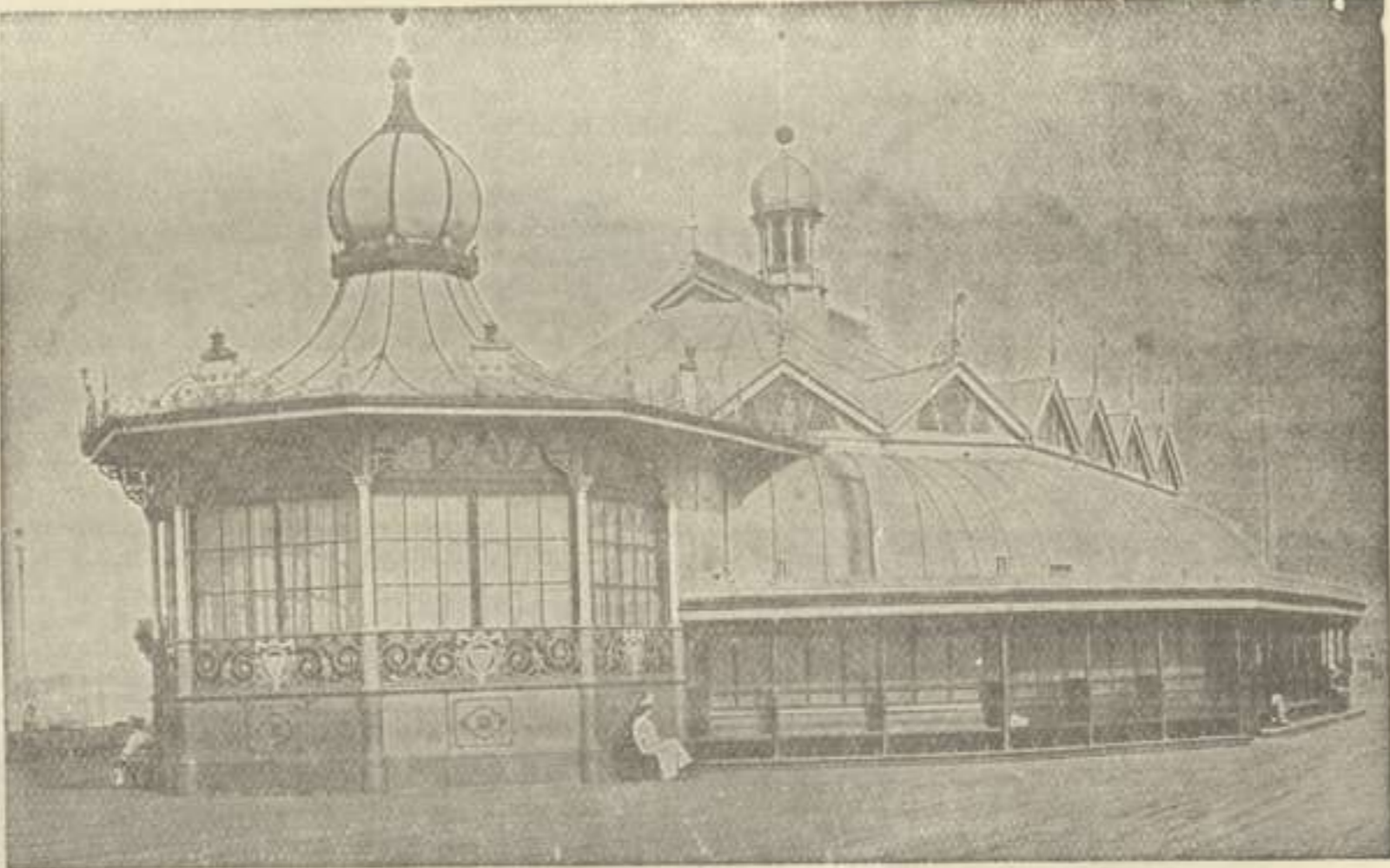
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Appendix.

Royal Pier,  Southampton.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1st, 1918,
At 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.



Band of No. 3 COMMAND DEPOT
Australian Imperial Forces
(By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. T. FLINTOFF and Officers of the Depot).
Conductor: Mr. W. MAY, Bandmaster.
PRICE - TWOPENCE.

E. S. Mead & Son, Typ.

ROYAL PIER.

Easter Monday, April 1st, 1918.

MORNING at 11.

PROGRAMME.

1. MARCH ... "The King's Guard" ... Keith
2. OVERTURE ... "Poet and Peasant" ... Suppe
3. DANCE-INTERMEZZO "Les Sylphides" ... Cussans
4. GRAND SELECTION "Memories of Mendelssohn"
arr. by W. Rimmer
5. CORNET SOLO ... "Il Bacio" ... Ardit
Soloist: Mr. Wm. MAY.
6. ENTR'ACTE (a) "Barcarolle" ... Offenbach
(b) "March of the Mannikins" ... Fletcher
7. SELECTION from Revue "Bubbly" ... Braham

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Conductor: Mr. W. MAY, Bandmaster.

These Programmes are subject to variation.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 7th, at 3.15 and 8 p.m. String Band H.M. ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.

ROYAL PIER.

Easter Monday, April 1st, 1918.

AFTERNOON at 2.30.

PROGRAMME.

1. OVERTURE ... "William Tell" ... Rossini
 2. EUPHONIUM SOLO "Land of Hope and Glory" ... Elgar
Soloist: Bandsman F. F. ANDREWS.
 3. GRAND SELECTION "Liszt" ... arr. W. Short
 4. CHARACTERISTIC PIECE
"Where the black-eyed Susans grow" ... arr. S. Douglas
 5. CORNET SOLO ... "Parted" ... Costi
Soloist: Mr. Wm. MAY.
 6. POT POURRI "Melodious Memories" ... arr. H. Finck
- INTERVAL.
7. MARCH FANTASIA "Parade of the Allies" ... Bidgood
 8. GRAND SELECTION "Saffo" ... Puccini
 9. TROMBONE SOLO "Alice where art thou?" ... Ascher
Soloist: Bandsman R. J. KENLEY.
 10. TONE POEM ... "Finlandia" ... Jean Sibelius
 11. FANTASIA ... "Coon's Dream" ... Bidgood
 12. DESCRIPTIVE FINALE "Soldier's Life" ... Sheriff
Reveille—Orders for Abroad—Embarkation—Storm at Sea—Prayer during Storm—Fine weather again—Night—Battle and Victory.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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Spencer.
Hermann
April 1918

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