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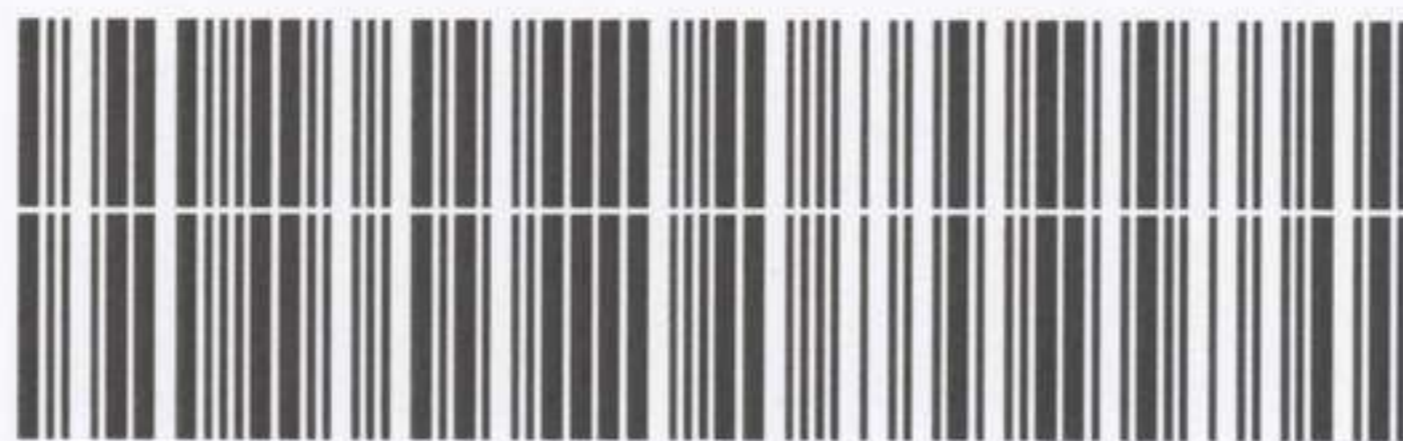
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
1914-18 War**

**Bases & Depots**

**Item number: 33/18/9**

**Title: No 3 Australian Command Depot**

**August 1918**



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No. 3 Command Depot. Hurdcott.	1/9/18.		<p>The outstanding feature in connection with No. 3 Command Depot for the month of August, was the order to prepare to disband the Depot, dividing the men between No. 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny, and No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth.</p> <p>The object of this intended move, it is understood, is to vacate Codford Camp in order that the American troops can take it over. The third Training Brigade is to take over this Camp. Of the Strength of No. 3 Command Depot, all men classified "B1b" are to go to No. 2 Command Depot, and the remainder to No. 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny. Already a number of "B2b" men have been marched out to No. 2 Command Depot, and an advance party of 2 Officers and 30 men to No. 1 Command Depot.</p> <p>Since then, however, no instructions as to moving have come to hand up to the end of the month.</p> <p>The work of the Depot has been carried on as usual. The syllabus of training has been carried out as laid down, and each department comprising the Depot has been working at full pressure.</p> <p>The health of the Camp has been distinctly good. Visits have been paid during the month by the G.O.C. Major General McCay, the D.A. &amp; Q.M.G. Colonel McGlinn, the D.M.S. General Howse, and A.D.M.S. Colonel McWhae, and also by the Representatives of the Australian Press at present in England, and by Sir. Joseph Cook.</p> <p>The marching in and out averages have been well maintained as is shewn by attached appendices.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>O F F E N C E S.</u></p> <p>During the month of August 196 cases of A.W.L. and 179 cases on various other charges have been dealt with.</p> <p>In detention there has been daily an average of 20 of which 6 escaped (one escapee is still at large) 8 cases have been sent to Lewes after promulgation. The escapees have been high, and it is thought that the Depot will never be free from these attempts, unless a permanent standing guard is approved of. The building of a 12 feet galvanised iron fence round the present bark-wire fence of No. 2 Detention Room is considered advisable.</p>	

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*August 1918*

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No. 3 Command Depot. Hurdcott.	2/9/18.		<p>(page 2).</p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>M E S S I N G.</u></p> <p>The system of Messing in this Depot which is adopted is that of small Messes as against the Dining Hall method. This system is considered more satisfactory as closer supervision is possible, with a corresponding economy of food-stuffs.</p> <p>The men are messed according to the Huts in which they sleep, the maximum number in a mess being 30. As regards the menu, the Official Diet Sheet (Q 24) is adhered to.</p> <p>All food stuffs are distributed from the Central Store, the meat being separated from the bones before being delivered to the Cook-house, and the bread cut into slices by bread cutting machines. The slices are served out to the men on the basis of so many for each meal, covering the daily bread issue.</p> <p>All vegetables are handled at a separate cleaning store, potatoes being cleaned by machine. The cleaned and prepared vegetables are then distributed to the Cook-houses. The Cook-houses in this Depot are supplied with Bertleles Bacon cutters, and Portwa-ys portable ovens. This Oven has proved a very successful institution, each one being capable of doing the baking or roasting for a thousand men, while only consuming one quarter of the fuel used in the Ranges provided in the Cook-houses.</p> <p>All the above mentioned machinery and ovens have been purchased out of "By-products" revenue, representing the saving of fats, bones, swill, etc. at the cook-houses.</p> <p>All goods are purchased from the Navy and Army Canteen Board, Fovant, and are delivered daily.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>L A U N D R Y.</u></p> <p>A Depot Laundry was started on the 15th July 1918 for the convenience of the Troops in No. 3 Command Depot. The object of this Laundry is to enable the Troops to obtain a complete change of clothing at any time, especially going on draft or furlough.</p> <p>All the work is done by Home service men, except the ironing and repairing, which is done by females employed at the expense of the Laundry, which is a self-paying concern.</p> <p>During the six weeks this Laundry has been in progress, no less than 12000 articles have been washed and exchanged for dirty ones, and the sum of £74.10.6 has been taken in cash. This is irrespective of Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Laundry, also Officers private washing.</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Page 3.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RIGHT WING.</u></p> <p>During the month 2 Kit Inspections were held and clothing shortages, etc. completed as far as possible.</p> <p>On the 7th Capt. Murray was transferred to Courts Martial Section, and handed over the Right Wing to Capt. Wall - 13th M.G.C., but on the 22nd Capt. Wall marched out to the Machine Gun Depot at Parkhouse, the Wing then being handed over to Major Evans "D.S.O." "M.G.".</p> <p>Sir Joseph Cook visited the Command during the month, in consequence of which a general muster parade was held.</p> <p>The accompanying graph shews the variation in the Strength of the Camps from day to day. Discipline has been good, and the usual training and treatments have proceeded smoothly. Cases of A.W.L. have been very few.</p> <p>Hospital admissions have been about the average, but are necessarily somewhat higher in a "Bib" Camp than they would be in a Camp of a higher category. During the month large numbers of men have been boarded "B1a", "C1", "C2", "C3", and "B2b", and large drafts have marched out to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for return to Australia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LEFT WING.</u></p> <p>Various changes were introduced during the month of July - the results of which have been apparent this month.</p> <p>The chief of these was the "chit" system introduced at the various special treatment Huts for ensuring the return to training of men after they had undergone their special treatment. This resulted in a large increase in the numbers reporting for physical training, and altogether proved a success.</p> <p>This Wing, as it consists of the fitter men, have been called upon to supply the various guards, pickets, etc. required by the Depot. These average about 45 N.C.O's and men for guards, and 52 N.C.O's and men for pickets, and 200 N.C.O's and men for fatigues daily.</p> <p>The health of the men in the Wing has been undoubtedly good. After the influenza outbreak had subsided, there were very few evacuations to Hospital.</p> <p>The Cooking and distribution of rations has been satisfactory. There were very few complaints, and these of such a nature that they could be quickly remedied.</p>	

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No. 3 Command Depot. Hurdcott.	1/9/18.		<p style="text-align: center;">(page 4.) -----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENTS.</u></p> <p>During the month 760 iron bedsteads, 760 mattresses, and 800 pillows were collected from Huts and transported to Fovant Rail Head and placed in trucks there in 5½ working hours. These articles were all consigned to Littlemore Camp, Weymouth.</p> <p>The woods in the rear of No. 8 Camp were raided on the 29th and 162 blankets collected and taken into Store.</p> <p>The Cyclists Camp and Guard Room was altered and fitted out as a Branch for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. 475 duckboards, 165 panes of glass were refixed in different huts in the Depot, and arm bands and shoes replaced in Nos. 6 and 7 camps.</p> <p>During the month the following painting work was carried out;- The Offices of the Commonwealth Bank in Cyclists Camp were kalsomined, stained and varnished. 3 sign boards for D.O. were sign-written. The Dental Qrs. in No. 6 Camp were renovated, the ceilings and walls being kalsomined and painted. The ceiling and walls of No. 7 Canteen were also painted.</p> <p>Numerous sign boards for the different Companies' Departments and Depot parade Grounds of this Command was also executed.</p>	

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3 Command Depot.

Summary of Physical Training

August 1918

	Week Ending				
	1/3-8-18	11-8-18	18-8-18	25-8-18	31-8-18
Monday		1458	801	1249	1418
Tuesday		1241	726	1102	1088
Wednesday		1347	615	705	1134
Thursday	1104	1096	475	906	1097
Friday	1320	1036	811	997	1203
Saturday	598	329	290	415	437

Approximate Strength



Approximate Strength

Forward	Week-Ending				
	3-8-18	10-8-18	17-8-18	24-8-18	31-8-18
Staff & unclassified	382	386	390	762	687
A3 & A4	181	164	224	207	199
B1 A4	81	66	99	142	131
B1 A3	285	231	299	367	432
B1 A2	574	354	475	411	525
B1 A1 & Lower	2205	2207	2158	2066	2003
	3708	3408	3645	3955	3977

# WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

Week ending, Saturday m/n. 3./.../...8./...18.

No. <u>3</u> .	COMMAND DEPÔT	
Accommodation ... ..		3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight		3708 + 137 att <sup>n</sup>
ADMISSIONS.		
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough		67
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals		204
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France		
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions		11
Number of men reporting from Other Sources		16
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts		6
		304
DISCHARGES.		
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere		86
Number of men discharged to Training Units		6
Number of men discharged for Home Service		
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia		
in England		
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.		10
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts		282
		384

CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	179	86	47	
A 4	2			
Bia 4	81	101	3	
Bia 3	285	183	24	
Bia 2	574	1	35	
Bia 1	821	2	40	
Bib	1096		34	
Home Service Personnel				
B 2a	60		44	
C i	197	1	155	
Invalid Cases for return to Australia				
B 2b	26	1		
C 2	2			
C 3	3			
Training Battalions				
Unclassified		9		
Staff	382			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3708</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>382</b>	

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

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

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

*A Jackson* *Leut Col*  
 Commandant.  
*Prockey* S.M.O. No. 3. C.D.



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# WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

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Week ending, Saturday m/n/10./8./18.

No.	2	COMMAND DEPÔT	
Accommodation	...	...	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	...	3,323 + 148a

### ADMISSIONS.

Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	...	50	
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	...	208	
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	...		
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	...	7	
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	...	10	
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts	...	...	19	294

### DISCHARGES.

Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere	...	...	66	
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	...	7	
Number of men discharged for Home Service	...	...		
Discharged as Invalids—to Australia	...	...		
in England	...	...		
Discharged elsewhere—Hospitals, A.W.L., etc.	...	...	65	
Number of men discharged to other Command Depôts	...	...	494	632

### CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	162	70	48	
A 4	2			
Bia 4	66	26	3	
Bia 3	231	148	28	
Bia 2	354	192	35	
Bia 1	829	101	33	
Bib	1090		37	
Home Service Personnel	B 2a	74	1	50
	C i	203	2	152
Invalid Cases for return to Australia	B 2b	9	23	
	C 2	2	1	
	C 3		3	
Training Battalions	...			
Unclassified	301	65		
Staff	...			
TOTALS	3323	632	386	

### 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.Q.No. 2774 of 3/4/17

*Dector Wagton* Major *in seat col.*  
 Commandant.  
*J. McKinnon* S.M.O. No. 2 C.D.

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# WEEKLY COMMAND DEPÔT RETURN.

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Week ending, Saturday m/n. 17/8/18

No. 3	COMMAND DEPÔT	
Accommodation	...	3500
No. in Depôt, Saturday, midnight	...	3645 + 179 aff
ADMISSIONS.		
Number reporting from Administrative Headquarters after Furlough	...	63
Number reporting direct from Australian Auxiliary Hospitals	...	235
Number of Permanent Base men reporting direct from France	...	
Number of men reporting from Training Battalions	...	1
Number of men reporting from Other Sources	...	15
Number of men reporting from other Command Depôts	...	34 348
DISCHARGES.		
Number of returned Expeditionary Force discharged for General Service to Overseas T.B. and elsewhere	...	72
Number of men discharged to Training Units	...	7
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	...	8 112

### CLASSES IN DEPÔT.

Class	No. in Depôt at W/E	No. Evacuated during the Week	Numbers on Staff	Remarks
A 3	222	75	41	
A 4	2			
Bia 4	99		6	
Bia 3	299	1	33	
Bia 2	475		31	
Bia 1	681	1	39	
Bib	943		29	
Home Service Personnel	B 2a	99	21	63
	C i	208	3	148
Invalid Cases for return to Australia	B 2b	201	2	
	C 2	9		
	C 3	17		
Training Battalions	...			
Unclassified	...	28		
Staff	390			
TOTALS	3645.	112	390	

### 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

*[Signature]*  
 S.M.O. No. 3 Com. Depôt, A.I.F.  
 Maj. No. 3 Command Depôt, A.I.F.  
 Commandant.  
 S.M.O. No. 3 C.D.





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Admissions & Evacuations

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for month ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918

Of marched in	Evacuated to O. I. B.	Evacuated to No 2 C. B.	Total for month
1342	344	330	1355

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Adjutant  
No 3 Command Depot

The following are the statistics of the Group Clearing  
Hospital and Depot for the Month of August 1918

HEALTH

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

<u>Admissions</u>	<u>Depot</u>	<u>Other Units</u>
General	424	249
Mumps.	Nil	14
Measles	1.	6
Diphtheria	5. (1 Positive)	Nil
C.S.M.	Nil	Nil
	430	259 Total 689

<u>Discharges</u>	<u>Depot</u>	<u>Other Units</u>
General	252	287
Mumps	Nil	4
Measles	Nil	7
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil
C.S.M.	Nil	Nil
	252	2987 Total 550

<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Depot</u>	<u>Other Units</u>
General	209	32
Mumps.	Nil	Nil
Measles	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria	5 ( 1 Positive )	Nil
C.S.M.	Nil	Nil
	214	32 Total 246

Transferred to Park House for Wasserman Test " 2.  
( From Observation Hospital )

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1 Scabies

Admissions from Depot during August 1918 are as follows:-

Admitted	61.
Discharged To Lines	57.
Average time of Treatment	7 Days.

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Number received treatment during August 1918 are as follows:-

Washed Out	Sealed Up	Total	Cured
2362	78	2440	76

Venereal Disease

The number of cases transferred to 1st A.D.H. Bulford for August 1918 is as follows:-

V.D.20 :-	13		
V.D.42? :-	25	Total	38

Which gives an average of one case in every 2755 on the Ration Strength of the Depot From 1st to 31st August 1918. Of the cases transferred to 1st A.D.H. the localities in which the disease is stated to have been contracted are as follows:-

London	Elsewhere in U.K.	Outside U.K.	Total
20	18	111	38

Sick Parades

No of men on sick parade during Aug 1918 :- 2499

Dressing Dept

During the period from 1st to 31st Aug  
 Received Dressings:- 1224.  
 Average period of treatment 8 Days

Massage Dept

During the month of Aug Received treatment :- 1154  
 No Classified to higher categories :- 224  
 No Boarded 228  
 No on treatment at present:- 471 (furlough 120) 591  
 Average period of treatment 15 Days  
 No discharged same category 111

Boards

No of men boarded during Aug 1918 is as follows:-

B2a	C1	B2b	C2	C111	Total
148	61	366	30	44	649

Gymnasium

The following is a summary of work carried out by Gymnasium of this Depot for August 1918

No Treated	No Dis; Bla or Higher	No disc'd other-Categories	Average t Treatm
856	263	102	18 Days
No of cases continuing treatment			484
" " Without alteration of classification			170

Hurdcott  
1-9-18.

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

L.S.O. / 3/631

2/9/18

From L.S.O.

To Adjutant

For War Records herewith particulars  
of Dental Services for August 1918.

No of Dental Units	9
No of Patients treated	6502
" " Extractions	426
" " Fillings	4291
" " Dentures Repaired	776
" " Gingivitis cases	540
" " Minor operations	781
" " Men made Dentally fit	1707