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1914-18 War

Bases & Depots

Item number: 33/19/15

Title: No 4 Australian Command Depot

July 1918



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1. STRENGTH.

On 1st. July, the total strength of the Depot was 3,433 other ranks, and on the 31st., this had increased to 3,837, principally due to a party of 520 men being transferred from No. 3 Command Depot, Hurdcott, on the 20th.

The number of other ranks who marched into the Depot during the month, was 1,980, whilst 1,461 marched out; of the latter number, 1,407 were "A" class, whilst the balance, viz., 54, were mostly men of low medical classification who were transferred to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for return to Australia, or to No. 3 Command Depot (blb classification) for special treatment. The total number marched out is a record for the Depot for a month, with the exception of March, 1917, when No. 3 Command Depot was formed principally from personnel of No. 4 Command Depot.

2. HEALTH.

The health of the Troops during the month has been satisfactory. The following are extracts from the Senior Medical Officer's report:-

Average No. on morning sick parade,	85.
No. of Scabies cases,	77.
do General cases admitted to Hospital, exclusive of V.D and Scabies cases,	188.
do Infectious cases (Mumps 1, Measles 2)	3.
do Contacts in Lines - Mumps,	27.
do V.D Cases,	
Evacuated to 1st ADH Bulford,	52
Cured in Depot,	70
Undergoing treatment in Depot,	29
	151.

The sanitation of the Camp is satisfactory.

3. VISITS.

During the month, visits to the Depot were made by the following Officials:-

8th. July. The G.O.C., A.I.F Depots in U.K, presented a number of medals to N.C.Os and men of Nos. 3 and 4 Command Depots, and subsequently inspected training operations.

19th. July. Depot visited by Rt. Hon. A. Fisher, (High Commissioner for Australia) Mr. Dennison Miller, (Governor Commonwealth Bank of Australia), and Mr. Campion (London Manager Commonwealth Bank), also the D.A & Q.M.G A.I.F Depots in U.K.

28th. July. D.A & Q.M.G (Col. J.P. McGlinn, CMG, VD) visited the Depot and enquired into a complaint regarding alleged shortage of rations, and discussed matters regarding hours of parade.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

On 20th. July, Major H.L. Bruce (MC) 18th. Bn., assumed the duties of 2nd. in Command, vice Major W.J. Rowland, 45th Bn.

On 25th. July, a new Coy ("G" Coy) was formed; this was made up of a portion of "A" Coy., which latter had risen in strength to over 1,000 other ranks.

5. MESSING.

Fresh vegetables were obtainable at a much lower rate than hitherto by judicious purchases, resulting in more satisfactory meals being supplied to the men.

Owing to the better price obtainable for first class dripping, no margarine was manufactured at the Depot factory.

Sale of By-Products realised £87,18;0

6. CONCERT PARTIES.

During the month, on an average four Concert Parties visited the Depot each week, and the entertainments were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

7. SPORTS.

On the 6th. July, a Sports Meeting was held on grounds below No. 11 Camp. The following visitors were present. G.O.C A.I.F Depots in U.K, Brig-Gen. Robertson, Officer i/c Training A.I.F Depots in U.K, C.O American Troops in England, Gen A. French, Brig-Gen Glasgow, and a number of others.

Representatives of Australian, English, American, Canadian and New Zealand troops took part in the competitions.

The meeting proved a great success, the Committee sparing no effort to ensure that everything was carried out properly.

The principal events were Boxing, Foot Racing and Tug-of-War competitions.

A copy of the programme of events is attached to this Diary.

The Depot Cricket Team played several matches and were unbeaten.

8. CULTIVATION.

The work of cropping has been continuous; the plantings have been principally Winter Cabbage, Savoys and Battersea Drumhead; about 100,000 plants have been set out. Sowings in seed bed of cabbage, Orange Jelly Turnips, the former for planting out in October. The area sown with Turnips was about one acre.

Crops gathered have been principally cabbage, french beans, peas and smaller quantities of lettuce, turnips, beetroot and carrots.

Other work consisted of hoeing, weeding and cleaning the various vegetable crops in the Depot, cutting and harvesting about five tons of meadow hay. About 20 acres of meadow were cut for No. 3 Command Depot, and 15 acres for 2nd. Training Brigade, AIF.

150 Head of poultry, ~~young rabbits~~ 150 rabbits and 10 pigs (slips) were purchased to fatten for Christmas Dinner for the troops.

9. WEATHER. During the first three weeks of the month, wet weather was experienced, but towards the end of the month the rain ceased, thus enabling the crops to make good progress.


10. DEATHS. The death occurred in the Fovant Military Hospital on the 14th. July of No. 2919, Sgr. McCudden, G. 33rd Bn. the disability being Pneumonia; the body was interred in the R.C Cemetery, Salisbury, on the 17th.

This was the second death from Influenza within three weeks.

11. AMERICAN DAY OF INDEPENDENCE.

On the 4th. July, the "Stars & Stripes" was flown besides the Commonwealth Flag outside Depot Headquarters,

Hurdcott.
15.8.18.


.....Lt. Col. Commdt.
No. 4 COMMAND DEPOT.

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... PROGRAMME ...
 OF
 GRAND OPEN
SPORTS CARNIVAL
 No. 4 Command Depot, A.I.F., Burdecott,
 ON SATURDAY, JULY 6th, 1918.

PRESIDENT.

LIEUT.-COL. F. G. WOODS, Commandant No. 4 Command Depot.

PATRONS.

LIEUT.-GEN. SIR R. E. W. TURNER, V.C., C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O.,
 G.O.C., Canadian Forces in British Isles.
 MAJOR-GEN. THE HON. SIR J. W. McCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D.,
 G.O.C., A.I.F., Depots in United Kingdom.
 BRIG.-GEN. G. S. RICHARDSON, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C., New Zealand
 Expeditionary Forces in United Kingdom.
 CAPT. A. J. MacELROY, C.O., No. 7 Group, R.A.F., American Troops.

OFFICIALS.

JUDGES. TUG-OF-WAR.

MAJOR S. V. SHEA. CAPT. R. J. SKINNER, M.C.
 CAPT. G. K. SATCHELL. LIEUT. J. TODD, M.C.

BOXING.

AN IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVE. CAPT. H. B. FERGUSON.

CALL STEWARDS.

CAPT. G. A. F. SMITH. C.-S.-M. BELLION.

SCALE STEWARDS.

LIEUT. J. T. STAPLETON. PTE. W. SCOTT.

TRACK EVENTS.

CAPT. F. ANDERSON, M.C. LIEUT. S. J. CHAPMAN, M.C.
 CAPT. E. D. F. KEMP. LIEUT. H. H. COLLINS.
 MR. S. WHITMEE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MAJOR E. B. G. RILEY. CAPT. G. K. SATCHELL.
 LIEUT. S. J. CHAPMAN, M.C.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

MAJOR E. B. G. RILEY. LIEUT. J. T. STAPLETON, D.C.M.
 MAJOR W. J. ROWLANDS. LIEUT. H. H. DE BOURBEL.
 CHAP. CAPT. G. S. RICHMOND. LIEUT. L. B. THOMPSON.
 CHAP. CAPT. F. FOX. LIEUT. J. E. B. MACLEAN.

STARTERS.

MAJOR E. T. J. KERBY. W./O. J. BUBB.

TIMEKEEPERS.

LIEUT. H. G. MURRAY. LIEUT. W. G. GROSE.

TRANSPORT OFFICER.

LIEUT. J. FRANCIS.

RESULT STEWARD.

PTE. PRICE.

CAPT. A. S. ISAAC. } Joint
 SERGT. H. S. GORHAM, } Hon. Secs.



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NOTES.

All competitors must report at the Secretary's Tent on arrival at ground and receive numbers, &c.

All Boxing competitors and Tug of War (Limit Competition) to report to Scale Stewards at least half an hour before their event is timed to start.

A further detailed list of draws and times for Boxing will be available at Secretary's Tent at 2 p.m.

Competitors will receive a chit for Afternoon Tea from the Secretary.

All entrance fees to be paid before a competitor will be allowed to compete.

Decision of Judges to be Final.

Competitors should not leave valuables in dressing tents, they can be deposited with the Secretary.



... BOXING. ...

Preliminary Boxing Contests to commence at 10 a.m.

LIGHT WEIGHT BOXING CONTESTS. 9 stone 9 lbs.

SERIES 1.

- HEAT 1.—Private Campbell v. Driver McGuinness.
- HEAT 2.—Sapper McKay v. Digger Evans.
- BYES.—Private Crowe. BYES.—Rep. 1st T.B.
- Private McCallum. Private McLeod.
- Private Crouch. Private Hartney.
- Private Smith, H. W. Private Peacock.
- Private Lockward, W. Rep. 5th Irish Rifles.
- Private Eugenie Billie. Private Telford.
- Private Gray. Gunner Dunkley.

SERIES 2.

- HEAT 1.—Private Crowe v. Private McCallum.
- HEAT 2.—Private Crouch v. Private Smith, H. W.
- HEAT 3.—Private Lockward v. Private Eugenie Billie.
- HEAT 4.—Private Gray v. Rep. 1st T.B.
- HEAT 5.—Private McLeod v. Private Hartney.
- HEAT 6.—Private Peacock v. Rep. 5th Irish Rifles.
- HEAT 7.—Private Telford v. Gunner Dunkley.
- HEAT 8.—Winner Heat 1, Series 1 v. Winner Heat 2, Series 1.

SERIES 3.

- HEAT 1.—Winner Heat 1 Series 2 v. Winner Heat 2 Series 2
- HEAT 2.— " " 3 " " v. " " 4 " "
- HEAT 3.— " " 5 " " v. " " 6 " "
- HEAT 4.— " " 7 " " v. " " 8 " "

SEMI FINAL.

- HEAT 1.—Winner Heat 1, Series 3 v. Winner Heat 2, Series 3
- HEAT 2.— " " 3 " " v. " " 4 " "

FINAL.

WELTER WEIGHT BOXING. 10 stone 7 lbs.

SERIES 1.

- HEAT 1.—Private Morgan v. Private Grimm, J.
- HEAT 2.—Private McGuinness v. Private Bishop.
- HEAT 3.—Private Armstrong v. Rep. 1st T.B.
- HEAT 4.—Rep. 5th Irish Rifles v. Private Hocking, Ernie.
- HEAT 5.—Private O'Donnell, H. v. Private Tattersall.
- HEAT 6.—Private Harris, T. J. v. Private Hunt, E. C. C.
- HEAT 7.—Gunner Plumb, J. v. Private Rutherford, N.

BYE.—Sapper Young.

SERIES 2.

- HEAT 1.—Sapper Young v. Winner Heat 1, Series 1.
- HEAT 2.—Winner Heat 2, Series 1 v. Winner Heat 3, Series 1.
- HEAT 3.— " " 4 " " v. " " 5 " "
- HEAT 4.— " " 6 " " v. " " 7 " "

SEMI FINAL.

- HEAT 1.—Winner Heat 1, Series 2 v. Winner Heat 2, Series 2.
- HEAT 2.— " " 3 " " v. " " 4 " "

FINAL.



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LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT. 12 stone 7 lbs.**SERIES 1.**

HEAT 1.—Private Fagan v. Private Wilson.
 HEAT 2.—Private Martin, F. W. v. Private Hodgson, W.
 HEAT 3.—Private Angle v. Sapper Williams.

BYES.—Private Smith.
 Private Teale, Bill.
 Private Anderson, H. G.
 Rep. 1st T.B.
 Private Andrew.

SERIES 2.

HEAT 1.—Winner Heat 1, Series 1 v. Winner Heat 2, Series 1.
 HEAT 2.—Winner Heat 3, Series 1 v. Private Smith.
 HEAT 3.—Private Teale, Bill v. Private Anderson.
 HEAT 4.—Rep. 1st T.B. v. Private Andrew.

SEMI FINAL.

HEAT 1.—Winner Heat 1, Series 2 v. Winner Heat 2, Series 2.
 HEAT 2.— " " 3 " " v. " " 4 " "

FINAL.**100 YARDS (Preliminaries).****2 p.m.****HEAT 1.**

Gunner Plumb, J.
 Private Bell, D. L.
 R.B.A.A. Rep.
 Sergeant Diggins, A. L.
 Private Crawford, F.
 R.B.A.A. Rep.
 Private Treacy.

HEAT 3.

Private Hale.
 R.B.A.A. Rep.
 Lieutenant Painter, L. G. D.
 Captain R. Skinner, M.C.
 Private Lindsay.
 Sergeant Smith, T. A.
 Lieutenant Shelland.

HEAT 5.

Private Quigley, T.
 Sergeant Parkinson, G. R.
 Private Gray, F.
 Private Mixed.
 Lance-Corporal Ferrier, G. D.
 Sergeant Sam.
 Private Sellars.

HEAT 2.

Private Smith, J. T.
 Private Kent.
 R.B.A.A. Rep.
 Private Jones.
 Sergeant Robbins, S. G.
 Private Campbell.
 Rep. 1st Training Battalion.

HEAT 4.

Sergeant Smith, E.
 Sergeant Woollams.
 Sapper Sparce.
 Driver Winter.
 Corporal Field.
 Private Jenkins, R. G.
 Private Herd.

HEAT 6.

Driver Femmell, T.
 Private Brown, C. R.
 Private Gilbert.
 Driver Robbie, W. G.
 Private Stagel.
 Lieutenant Kersey.
 Rep. 5th Irish Rifles.

HEAT 7.

Driver Kelly.
 Lieutenant Andrews.
 Sapper Hammett.
 Staff-Sergeant Painte.
 Corporal Millard, E. S.
 Corporal Cramewick, T.
 Rep. 1st Training Battalion.

First two in each to start in Semi-Finals.

First three in Semi-Final to start in Final.



TUG-OF-WAR (Catch Weights).

2 p.m.

SERIES 1.

- HEAT 1.—3rd Australian Training Brigade 12th T.B. v. Royal Battery Australian Artillery.
- HEAT 2.—No. 1 Command Depot v. 4th Canadian Reserve Battalion.
- HEAT 3.—3rd Irish Rifles v. 8th Canadian Reserve Battalion.
- BYES.—Reserve Unit Tank Corps.
New Zealand Command Depot.
17th Canadian Reserve Battalion.
No. 4 Australian Command Depot.
Composite Reserve Battalion New Zealand.

SERIES 2.

- HEAT 1.—No. 4 Command Depot v. Winner of Heat 1, Round 1.
- HEAT 2.—Reserve Unit Tank Corps v. Winner of Heat 2, Round 1.
- HEAT 3.—Composite Reserve Battalion New Zealand v. Winner of Heat 3, Round 1.
- HEAT 4.—17th Canadian Reserve Battalion v. New Zealand Command Depot.

TUG-OF-WAR (96 stone limit).

SERIES 1.

- HEAT 1.—New Zealand Command Depot v. 9th T.B. "B" Team.
- HEAT 2.—17th Canadian Reserve Battalion v. Bovington Camp.
- HEAT 3.—Royal Battery Australian Artillery v. Reserve Battery, R.F.A.
- HEAT 4.—No. 1 Command Depot, Australian v. 3rd Training Brigade 12th T.B.
- HEAT 5.—4th Command Depot "B" Team v. Comp. Reserve Batt. New Zealand.
- HEAT 6.—Reserve Tank Corps v. 9th T.B. "A" Team.
- BYES.—B.A.A.A.
1st Training Battalion.

SERIES 2.

- HEAT 1.—Winner Heat 1 Series 1 v. Winner Heat 4 Series 1.
- HEAT 2.— " " 2 " 1 v. " " 3 " 1.
- HEAT 3.— " " 6 " 1 v. " " 5 " 1.
- HEAT 4.—B.A.A.A. v. 1st Training Battalion.

880 YARDS.

2.30 p.m.

HEAT 1.

- Private Jenkins, R. G.
- A./M. Rolph.
- Sergeant Sheen.
- Private Allitt, J. W.
- Corporal Blakney, C. A.
- Sergeant Luff, T.
- Private Martin.
- Corporal Nicholls, T. H.
- Major Kerby, E. T. J.
- Captain Edwards.
- Private Lamont.
- Private Riddle.
- Private Gilbert.
- A./M. Rogers.
- Private Vigers, E. M.
- Private Treacy.
- Rep. 1st Training Battalion.
- Gunner Kelly.
- Private Worsnop.

HEAT 2.

- Private Curtiss.
- Lieutenant Seddon, G. H.
- Private Marks.
- Corporal Field.
- Private Wilson, M. J. H.
- Private Gray, F. P.
- Corporal Mason, Dan.
- Sergeant Reston.
- Driver Fennell, F.
- R.B.A.A. Rep.
- Bombadier Stewart, A. B.
- Sapper Bodman.
- Lance-Corporal Bates.
- Sapper O'Rorke.
- Sergeant Robins, S. G.
- Private Darling.
- Corporal Reynolds.
- Rep. 1st Training Battalion.

First Four in each Heat to start in Final.



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220 YARDS.

2.45 p.m.

HEAT 1.

Private Kelby, A.
Private Smith, J. T.
Corporal Cramswick, J.
Staff-Sergeant Tregenza, C. H.
Captain Skinnier, R.
Lance-Corporal Ferrier, G. D.
Corporal Millard, E. S.
Sergeant Smith, T. A.
R.B.A.A. Rep.
Driver Robbie, W. E.
Bombardier Winter.
Private Treacy.

HEAT 2.

R.B.A.A. Rep.
Private Lindsay.
Private Mixed.
Private Martin.
Staff-Sergeant Painter.
Sapper Sparie.
Corporal Blakney, C. A.
R.B.A.A. Rep.
Private Stagel.
Corporal Bryan.
Sapper Hammett.
Rep. 1st Training Battalion.

HEAT 3.

Sergeant Robbins, S. G.
Lieutenant Painter.
Sergeant Parkinson.
Bombardier Stewart, A. B.
Private Jenkins, R. G.
Sergeant Woollams.
Driver Femmell, F.
Bombardier Kelby.
Private Gilbert.
Private Crawford.
R.B.A.A. Rep.
Private Hea.

HEAT 4.

Private Gray, F. P.
Lieutenant Andrews.
Lieutenant Kersey.
Private Martin, S. S.
Private Quigley.
Private Hale.
Private McCutley.
R.B.A.A. Rep.
Lieutenant Pellew, C. E.
Rep. 1st Training Battalion.
Private Bell.
Rep. 5th Irish Rifles.

First three in each Heat to start in Final.

TUG-OF-WAR (Catch Weight and 98 stone limit) 2.45 p.m

ROUND 2.

CATCH WEIGHT.

98st. LIMIT.

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100 YARDS. Semi-Finals.

3.15 p.m.

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880 YARDS. Final.

3.30 p.m.

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TUG-OF-WAR. Semi-Finals.

3.30 p.m.

CATCH WEIGHTS.

96ST. LIMIT.

..... v.
..... v.

220 YARDS. Final.

3.45 p.m.

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AFTERNOON TEA.

THREE MILES OPEN CROSS COUNTRY RACE. 4.30 p.m.

First Six in each Team to count.

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| 1. 3rd Training Brigade (Australian) | ... | Nos. 1 to 9 |
| 2. Composite Reserve (New Zealand) | ... | Nos. 10 to 18 |
| 3. No. 4 Command Depot (Australian) | ... | Nos. 19 to 27 |
| 4. New Zealand Command Depot | ... | Nos. 28 to 36 |
| 5. Engineer Training Depot | ... | Nos. 37 to 45 |
| 6. 2nd Training Brigade, Fovant | ... | Nos. 46 to 54 |
| 7. A.I.F., Bovington Camp, Wareham | ... | Nos. 55 to 63 |
| 8. R.B.A.A. (Australian) | ... | Nos. 64 to 72 |
| 9. 5th Irish Rifles | ... | Nos. 73 to 81 |
| 10. 1st Training Battalion | ... | Nos. 82 to 90 |

100 YARDS. Final.

4.50 p.m.

1.....
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3.....

TUG-OF-WAR. Finals.

5 p.m.

CATCH WEIGHTS.

96ST. LIMIT.

1..... 1.....
2..... 2.....

THE 4TH COMMAND DEPOT BAND

will play the following selections during the afternoon:—

MARCH	...	"Last Stand"	...	<i>Middleton.</i>
OVERTURE	...	"Gems of Columbia"	...	<i>Rimmer.</i>
WALTZ	...	"Spirit of Love"	...	<i>Hartmann.</i>
GRAND SELECTION	...	"Maritana"	...	<i>Wallace.</i>
OVERTURE	...	"Darkey's Dreamland"	...	<i>Bidgood.</i>
WALTZ	...	"Smiles and Tears"	...	<i>Round.</i>
SELECTION	...	"Faust"	...	<i>Gounod.</i>
MARCH	...	"Old Comrades"	...	<i>Tetke.</i>

THE 4TH COMMAND STRING ORCHESTRA

will play the following selections during Afternoon Tea:—

MARCH	...	"Slap Bang"	...	<i>Middleton.</i>
RAG INTERMEZZO	...	"Handel Wakes"	...	<i>Morrissey.</i>
INCIDENTAL MUSIC	...	"Merchant of Venice"	...	<i>F. Rossé.</i>
BARCAROLLE	...	"Tales of Hoffmann"	...	<i>Offenbach.</i>
WALTZ	...	"Mirage D'Amour"	...	<i>Mény.</i>
SELECTION	...	"Bing Boys are Here"	...	<i>Ayer.</i>
FOX TROT	...	"Teddie"	...	<i>Finck.</i>

Conductor CAPT. H. H. STEVENS.

CONCERTS will be given at 8 p.m.,
as follows:—

No. 10 Camp	...	MISS BLANCHE PADDEN'S PARTY.
No. 12 Camp	...	MR. S. FITZGERALD'S HIGH JINKS PARTY.

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