

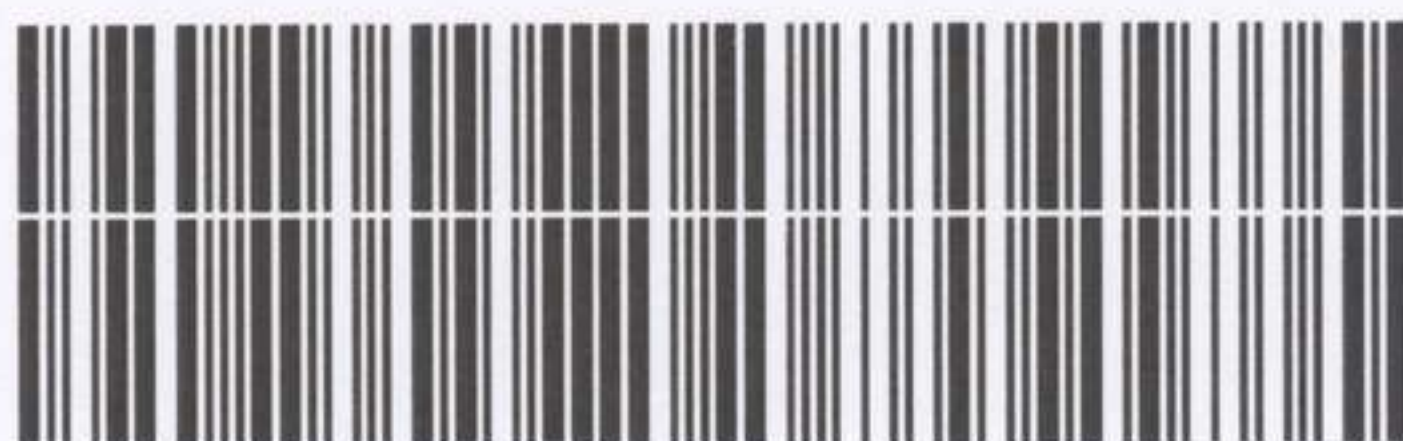
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	July 1st.	-	A second Officers' Mess started in No. 5 Camp to-day.	
	2nd.	-	Nothing to record.	
	3rd.	-	Lt. Gen. Sir H.C. Selater, G.C.B., C.O.C C-in-C , Southern Command and Brigadier-General Lumsden , accompanied by Brigadier-General E.G. Sinclair MacLagan, director of Training, A.I.F. Depots, arrived at the Depot this morning and went minutely into the organisation of the Depot; the kitchens and lines were inspected and the C-in-C. expressed himself as highly pleased with everything, especially with the kitchens and the splendid dietary provided for the troops. He promised to do everything in his power to expedite the erection of the new hut promised by the Y.M.C.A., but expressed the opinion that the shortage of timber might retard the completion of the project. At 8.45a.m. to-day, in the presence of all Officers, the Commandant promulgated the finding and sentence of a General Court Martial dismissing Lieut. H.H. Walker, 44th. Battalion, from His Majesty's service, this Officer having been found guilty of falsifying his paybook and breaking arrest.	
	4th.	-	Colonel Wynton, A.Q.M.G., Southern Command, visited the Depot, as also did Major J. Mottram, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General, who delivered a short lecture on Court Martial procedure.	
	5th.	-	Lt. Col. Knox, (A.A.G.) visited the Depot to-day.	
	6th.	-	Nothing to record.	
	7th.	-	Rained in torrents for about half an hour at 11 o'clock to-night.	
	8th.	-	Nothing to record.	
	9th.	-	The Commandant proceeded to Southampton on 9th. in connection with x the transport of A.I.F. Troops overseas.	
	10th.	-		
	11th.	-		
	12th.	-	Nothing to record.	

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	July 13th.	-	Dinners for 630 men issued in three minutes from No. 6 Camp to-day	
	14th.	-	Colonel McWhae (A.D.M.S., A.I.F) visited the Depot to-day and went into the matter of providing additional Dental Officers.	
	15th. to 17th.	-	Nothing to record.	
	18th.	-	A 5 h.p petrol engine installed in Depot Sausage Factory; this engine was purchased from Regimental Funds and was installed at a total cost of £47;10;0. Prior to its provision, the mincing was done by a machine operated by hand labour, which necessitated the employment of a fatigue party all day of from 8 to 10 men according to the physical category of the men employed. The adoption of the power plant will permit of the mincing being done by the Corporal Butcher and one man. A further advantage will be that the whole of the mincing of meat will be carried out between 4.30 and 6 o'clock each morning, thus permitting of the meat being delivered fresh to the kitchens. Under the old method, the meat was minced during the ordinary working hours and was frequently found, on the following morning, to be tainted. The Commandant conferred with the A.P.M., A.I.F at Salisbury with reference to arrangements made at the Depot to secure the arrest of men alleged to be trafficking in forged leave passes and railway warrants.	
	19th.	-	This afternoon, two soldiers (Ptes. McNeill and Jones) arrested ^{by Depot Police} for trafficking in forged passes and railway warrants.	
	20th.	-	Nothing to record.	
	21st.	-	Detective Brennan arrived this afternoon and conferred with the Commandant regarding the matter of forged passes, etc. Cricket match held at Stockton Park between teams representing the Officers and men of the Depot; the match was won by the Officers by 17 runs.	
	22nd.	-		

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	July 22nd	-	Five prisoners escaped from No. 7 Camp guard Room detention at 6.30.p.m. Patrols, etc., were turned out and the whole of the escapees were recaptured and returned to the detention room at 7.45.p.m. All the men are scheduled as desperate characters; one of them, after having been handcuffed in a cell, slipped the handcuffs and passed them through the ventilator.	
	23rd	-	Yesterday's escapees remanded for trial by District Court Martial. Colonel Knox (A.A.G) visited the Depot this afternoon. A meeting of all Officers of the Depot held to arrange for a Sports Meeting.	
	24th	-	Nothing to record.	
	25th	-	Exceptionally heavy rain 2.p.m to 2.30.p.m.	
	26th	-	The two men (Jones and McNeil) implicated in trafficking in forged passes and railway warrants remanded for trial by D.C.M.	
	27th	-	Colonel Wright, Director of Physical Training Instruction, Southern Command, visited the Depot this morning and went into the question of Physical Training, and visited the Troops on parade.	
	28th	-	Inaugural concert given by the newly formed "Depot Entertainers" held this evening.	
	29th	-	Major Phillips, (D.A.A.G) visited the Depot this afternoon.	
	30th	-	Brigadier-General Foott, (D.A & Q.M.G) and Colonel Knox visited the Depot this afternoon.	

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.</u></p> <p>No. of Officers who marched into the Depot during the month, 7 do do out of the do For service Overseas, 1 For return to Australia, 4 To Training Units, 1 6</p> <p>No. of Other Ranks who marched into the Depot during the month, 955 do do out of the do Fit for active service, 694. Low categories, 60. 754</p> <p>Average daily sick parade for Depot for the month, 27 General cases admitted to Hospital, 45 No. of V.D cases isolated, 51</p>	

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