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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION BASE DEPOT.

WAR DIARY.

1-5-1917.

Training. Reference Nos 450-1-2-3 paraded for usual training. Ref Nos 621 & 622 paraded to Kings range for Musketry. Ref No 623 paraded for T.T.C at 7 a.m. returned to depot at 10.30 a.m. and again paraded to No 1 T.C. at 3 p.m. for trench relief returning to the Depot at 10 p.m.

Dress. Greatcoats will not be worn by Guards & Picquets in future unless ~~xxx~~ it is raining.

Officers. Lieut Wilkinson 4th Batt reported for duty.

Discipline. 3 cases for orderly room.

2-5-1917.

Training. Carried out as usual at No 1.T.C.

Censor. Lieut Wilkinson 4th Batt appointed Depot Censor.

Appointment. 2/Lieut P.H.Lenehan 3rd Batt. appointed Depot Orderly Officer. vice Lieut C.H.D.Champion to unit.

Officers. Capt. Guildfoyle C. 6th Batt, marched out to No 1.T.C.

3-5-1917.

Training. Training carried out as usual.

Referendum All Queenslanders paraded at 2.p.m. for the Queensland Referendum Election.

Meals. From to-day the evening meal will be ~~said~~ served at 5.30 instead of 5.p.m.

Officers. Lieuts W.H.Parkinson & Kelleway C. 1st Bn. Capt A.B.Gilder. Lts Christianson R. & Baldock W.J. 2nd Batt. ~~2~~ Lieut Clemenger W.P. 3th Batt. 2/Lieut Owen F.H. 3rd Batt. Lts White E.K. & Eastall W.J. 4th Batt. 2/Lt Cameron C. 5th Bn. Capt R.L.Piercy, Lieuts Holyhoke A.D. & Wyeth F.S. 7th Bn. Capt Stanley V. & 2/LT R.G. Hutson 8th Batt, Lieut Barry J.L. 2/Lt Gemmell G.S. 11th Bn 2/Lts Butcher E.G. Neave S.A. McLean W.K. Holloway R.A. 1st Pioneers reported for Duty from England. Lieut Wright H.J. reported from Hospital. Capt. Westbrooke T.K. 2nd Bn. Lieut Champion C.H.D. 3rd Bn 2/Lt Bailey D.MCG.W. Lieut Carson R. marched out to Units.

Discipline. 6 cases for Orderly room.

4-5-1917.

Parades. Bathing parades held in the morning and in the afternoon a route March.

Lecture. All combatant officers attended a lecture in the Officers Mess at 7.45.p.m.

Officers. 2/Lieut Menzies C.W. 2nd Batt. 2/Lieut Allenson C 10th Bn 2/Lt McGuire J.L. 8th Bn reported for duty from England.

5-5-1917.

Training. Training proceeded with as usual at No 1 T.C. except Ref.No 623 who proceed to Sandhill rifle range for musketry

Officers. Major McGee J.K.G. 4th Bn. Lieut Graham F.H. 1st Bn. 2/Lieut Haylen F. 2nd Bn. Capt Hopkins & 2/Lt A.Teare 7th Bn. 2/Lt T.M. Grant 5th Bn. 2/Lt Koch W. 9th Bn, Lt.Heritage 10th from Eng. for duty.

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Officers. (Cont.)	Lieut Parkinson W.H. 1st Bn	Capt. Piercey R.L. 7th Bn
	" Kelleway C. 1st "	" Stanley V. 8th "
	" Christianson R. 2nd "	2/Lt Hutson R.G. 8th "
	" Baldock W.J. 2nd "	Lieut Barry J.L. 11th "
	2/Lt Owen F.H. 3rd "	2/Lt Gemmill G.S. 11th "
	Lieut Eastall W.H. 4th "	Major McGee J.K.G. 4th "
	" Clemenger W.G. 4th "	2/Lt Butcher E.C. 1st Pprs
	" White E.K. 4th "	" Neave S.A. 1st "
	2/Lt Cameron C. 5th "	" Holloway R.A. 1st "
	Lt. Wright H.J. 7th "	" McLean W.K. 1st "
	" Wyeth F.S. 7th "	Lieut Hollyhoke A.D. 7th Battn

proceeded to join units today.

6-5-1917.

Training. Reference No 727 paraded for Gas instruction.

Parades. Church parades were held as usual.

Retreat. Retreat will be sounded at 8.30 for the ensuing week.

7-5-1917.

Training. Ref. Nos 750-1-2- paraded for Field Day, 621,622,623 for usual training.

Reinforcements. Ref. Nos 552.553. have been passed "Fit" to proceed to the front.

Officers. 2/Lieut Bennett J.H. & LT.Graham 1st Bn. 2/Lieuts H.F.Haylem & Menzies C. 2nd Bn. 2/Lieut Grant T.M. 5th Bn, Capt Hopkins J.W. & 2/lt A.M.Teare 7th Bn. 2/Lt McGuire J.L. 8th Bn 2/Lt Koch W. 9th Bn, Lt Heritage F.H.G.N. & 2/Lt Allenson G 10th Batt marched out to units.

F.G.C.M. No 1970 Pte (L/Cpl) Cecil James Kelaher 2nd Batt A.I.F. charged with "Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he at Etaples on 22nd April 1917~~xx~~ was in improper possession of 7 tins of Pork & beans 2 tins of Maconachie rations, 2 tins of marmalade, the property of the government.
Finding of F.G.CM held on 29th April. Guilty
Sentence- 14 days F.P. No 2. (Sentence not confirmed CME1051)
RETRIAL. No 1970 (Pte (L/Cpl) Cecil James Kelaher 2nd Batt A.I.F. charged as above.
Finding F.G.C.M. held 3rd May-"Guilty"
Sentence-. 14 days F.P.No 1. Sentence Confirmed (CME 1060)

8-5-1917.

Training. Training carried out as usual at No 1.T.C.

Boards. "T.B." Medical & Dental boards as usual at 1-15 p.m.

Boxing. Boxing contests took place in No 1 Mess Hut tonight and some keen competitions were witnesses.

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1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION BASE DEPOT.WAR DIARY.9-5-1917.

Training. Training carried out as usual at No 1.T.C.
 Officers. 2/Lieut Smith A.E. marched in for duty from England.
 Discipline. 1 case for orderly room.

10-5-1917.

Training. Training carried out as usual at No 1.T.C.
 Reinforce- Ref.Nos 621.622.623 classes "FIT" to proceed to the front.
 ments.
 Officers. Lieut D'Altera W.R. 7th Batt, Lieut W.F.L.Dodson 10th Battn
 marched in from Hospital for Duty.

11-5-1917.

Parades. Bathing parades were carried out as usual to-day.
 Officers. Lieut A.N.Buckley 3rd Batt reported from England for Duty.
 2/Lieut A.E.Smith 3rd Batt. Lieut C.M.Smith 10th Bn marched out
 to Units.
 Concerts. Miss Lena Ashwells Concert party gave two concerts tonight in
 the Gordon Hut, presenting a splendid programme.
 Reinfets. Ref No 623 classed "Fit" to proceed to the front.
 Discipline. 5 cases for orderly room.

12-5-1917.

Training. Carried out as usual at No 1.T.C.
 Discipline. 2 cases for orderly room.

13-5-1917.

Parades. Church parades held as usual
 Officers. Lieut R.W.D'Altera 7th Bn. Lieut Buckley A.N. 3rd Batt, marched
 out to Unit.

14-5-1917.

Training. Ref No. 804 proceeded for field training, remainder for usual
 training at No 1.T.C.
 Discipline. 2 cases for orderly room.

15-5-1917.

Training. Training as usual at No 1 T.C.
 Boards. T.B. Medical & dental boards held as usual.
 Officers 2/Lt Comerford G.H. 2nd Batt. 2/Lieuts Montague H.L. Lambert W.
 Malone H.L. Robertson D.H. Bankier S. Neyland E.C. Essex C.C.
 4th Batt. Lieuts Chenu E.W. Gilmour S.G. Morrison H.S. Wilcock
 E.L. 5th Batt. Maj Lowe 6th. Lt E.Robb 7th Bn 2/Lt Schase O.B. 8th
 2/Lts Saunders M. Jenkins W.R. 2/Lt Coffey S.C. 10th Batt. 2/Lt
 Retchford A.R. 11th, Lt Bickford L.J. 11th Bn. Lt Thirkell R.W.
 12th Bn marched in from England for duty.

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION BASE DEPOT.WAR DIARY.16-5-1917.

Training Training carried out as usual.

Officers. Lieut S.G. Samuels 6th Bn, Lieut M. Bensley 12th Bn reported for duty from England.

Discipline 2 cases for orderly room.

17-5-1917.

Training. Ref. No 841 proceeded to No 1 T.C. at 9 and returned to the depot at 1 p.m. proceeding to No 1 T.C. again at 7 p.m. for night trench relief returning to the Depot at 1 p.m. 18th inst. Ref No 839 paraded at 7 a.m. returning at 10.30 a.m. and again proceeded for special instruction at 3.30 p.m. Remainder proceeded for usual instruction.

Officers. Major Lowe C.R. 6th Bn. 2/Lieuts Montague H.L. Lambert W. Malone H.L. Wilkinson H. Robertson D. Bankier S. Neyland F.C. Essex C.C. 4th Batt. 2/Lt Comerford G. 2nd Bn. Lieuts Gilmour S.G. Wilcock E. Morrison H.S. Chenu L.W. 5th Bn. Lieut Samuels S.G. 6th Bn. Lieut Robb E.J. 7th Bn. 2/Lieuts Schache O.B. 8th Bn. 2/Lt Morse C. 9th 2/Lts, Saunders M. Jenkins W.R. Coffey S.C. 10th Bn. Lieut Bickford L.J. 2/Lt Retchford A.R. 11th Bn. Lieuts Bensley H. Thirkell 12th Batt. marched out to Units.

18-5-1917.

Training. Ref Nos 750-1-2 paraded for Musketry at Kangaroo Range. Ref. No 840 paraded for Musketry at Sandhills range. Remainder for usual instruction at No 1 T.C.

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION BASE DEPOT.WAR DIARY.18-5-1917.ENTRAINMENT ORDER FOR MOVE OF 1ST A.D.B.D TO HAVRE.

The personnel of the Depot will entrain with the A.G.B.D. and 2nd A.B.D.D at NEW SIDING ETAPLES, at 9.30 am. tomorrow 19th inst.

All ranks will fall in on the parade ground at 8.30 a.m. Dress Full Marching Order with blanket. Full waterbottle and unexpired portion of the days rations will be carried. No ammunition to be carried.

24 Hours rations to be carried on the train, in bulk.

Men will be allotted to trucks or compartments under an NCO or senior Soldier, who will be in possession of a nominal roll, and held responsible for discipline throughout journey.

No liquor will be allowed on the train.

No man when entrained will be allowed to leave the train unless permission is given by an officer.

A picquet of 1. Sgt, 1 Cpl, and 6 men (Dress belt & sidearms) will be detailed to alight whenever train stops to ensue that no man leaves the train until orders are received. This picquet will be stationed at the rear of the train.

Lieut. Lenehan P.H. will act as orderly officer, and will inspect train before arrival of troops for entraining, to see that the portion of the train allotted to this depot is in order, and will have two men detailed as guides to meet the head of the column before entraining. After troops detrain at destination the Orderly Officer will again inspect train and report any damage or otherwise during journey.

Horses will be watered en route where possible and grooms will travel with same.

Fatigue parties will be allotted position on train as near to their work as possible.

Baggage Guard will be near baggage, if no room in baggage truck. This guard will be responsible for safe custody of all material throughout the journey.

On arrival of the train at Destination, two markers from each brigade will report to the Adjutant as soon as the train stops. No other troops will be allowed out of the train (Unless fatigue parties, baggage guard or picquets.) until signal is given to detrain, when all ranks will fall in on markers.

The train must be unloaded as soon after arrival as possible

Strict march discipline ~~must~~ must be maintained, both to entrain and to camp after detraining. The BAND will play on both parades.

The camp at ETAPLES must be left Clean.

All ranks must make themselves acquainted with this order and rigid discipline must be maintained throughout the journey.

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20-5-1917.

Good weather prevailed for the Move from Etaples, the depot personnel paraded at 8.30 in full marching order. Headed by the band they marched off at 9 o'clock. The entrainment was carried out in good order being completed at 10 a.m. The train moved off at 12 noon and reached Montevilliers at 4.30 am, the route being via Abbeville & Rouen. On reaching our destination the detrainment was smartly and correctly carried out. Again headed by the band the Depot marched ~~off~~ ~~maxskax~~ off to the new camp site reaching same about 5.15. am. on the 20th. The discipline of the troops was excellent.

Congratulatory.

The Commanding Officer congratulates all ranks on the efficient manner in which the move of the Depot to the new camp was carried out, also on the discipline shown on the journey down, and during the march to and from the station. Also on the ready and satisfactory manner that the new camp is being put in working order.

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The first day in the new camp was allotted for the drawing of stores, and putting the camp into working order. In the evening Church services were held.

2/Lieut D.A. James 3rd Batt marched in from Hospital.

21-5-1917.

Board. T.B.Dental Board was held at 9.30 a.m.

22-5-1917.

Discipline. Case for Orderly room.

F.G.C.M. No 742 Pte Thompson T. 12th Batt A.I.F. charged with "Resisting an escort whose duty it was to have him in charge, in that he at Etaples on the 8th May, struck with his fist in the face, Cpl Hamilton R.C. Anzac Provost Corps, who was escorting him to the Guard room.
Finding of F.G.C.M "Guilty
Sentence. 42 days F.P.No 2. (Sentence confirmed (CME 1079.

23-5-1917.

Officers. Chaplain Carter 2nd Bde. Lieut Wells F.W. 1st Bn, Lieut Holt J.L. 4th Bn. Lieut O'Farrell P.J. 5th Bn. Lieut D.M. Graham 8th Bn Lieut .R.P.Ford 10th Bn. Lieut Norrie A. 11th Capt A. Webber 12th Batt. reported for duty from England.

24-5-1917.

Parade. Amass parade of the 1st A.D.B.D was held on the Parade Ground of the 1st A.D.B.D. for inspection of the O.C. Reinforcements at 8.45 a.m. The 4th A.D.B.D being temporarily attached to this depot, also paraded.

New drafts from England paraded for Box respirator fitting at Lachrymatory chamber at 9.15.

New drafts of the 4th A.D.B.D. paraded at the same time and place as the draft of the 1st Division.

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION BASE DEPOT.WAR DIARY.25-5-1917.

Training. Troops from 1st & 4th Divisions paraded to Central training School at 7.45 a.m. Dress full marching order, steel helmets and gas helmets.

26-5-1917.

Training Carried out as usual at C.T.S.

Officers. Capt Wells 1st Batt. 2/Lieut Corlett F.W. 5th Batt. 2/Lt Jardine T.A. 2/Lt Smith W.T.S. 7th Bn. Lt. Salisbury R.B. 9th Bn., reported from England for duty.

27-5-1917.

Training. Church parades carried out as usual.

Officers. Capt. J.A. Foster 12th Bn reported for duty from Hospital. Lieut. H.H. Young 7th Bn Lt V.V. Brown 4th Bn. reported for 1st A.D.B.D. and Capt Hand J.A. 2/Lt Lindsey T.J.E. 45th Bn. 2/Lt Momensen C.V. 47th Batt. 2/Lt Grose W.J. 49th Bn. 2/Lt Barnes J.Y? 51st Batt. Major Mundell W.T. 15th Batt. Lieut Owen S. 13th Batt marched in for duty with 4th A.D.B.D.

28-5-1917.

Training. Carried out as usual at C.T.S.

Discipline. 4 cases for Orderly room.

Officers. Chaplain Carter 2nd Bde. Capt Wells H. 1st Bn, Lieut Holt L.J. 4th Batt. Lt O'Farrell P.J. 2/Lt Corlett F.W. 5th Batt. 2/Lieuts Jardine T.A. Smith W.S.C. 7th Batt. Lt Graham D.M. 8th Batt. Lt Salisbury 9th Batt. Lieut Ford R.P. 10th Bn. Lt. Norrie A & 2/Lieut James D.A. 11th Batt. Capt Webber A. 12th Batt. marched out to Units.

29-5-1917.

Training. Training proceeded with as usual at C.T.S.

Court of Inquiry. A Court of inquiry composed as under assembled to enquire into and report on the absence of, and deficiencies of kits, if any of 2248 Pte Cruden E.J. 3rd Batt.

1986 Pte Ward A.T. 1st Pioneer Batt.

President.

Lieut A.G. Cormack 3rd Batt.

Members.

Lieut L.C. Symonds 7th Batt. 2/Lieut Wells F.W. 1st Batt.

Officers. Lieut Kemmis L.F. 3rd Batt, Lieut Scougall F.B. 9th Batt reported from England for Duty.

30-5-1917.

Training. Training proceeded with as usual, New Draft proceeded on a Route March.

Officers. 1st Bn,
2/Lieut Robinson T.A. 2/Lt Rudkin T.S. 3rd Batt. reported for duty from England.

Discipline. 5 cases for Orderly room.

31-5-1917.

Training. Carried out as usual at C.T.S.

Discipline. 4 cases for orderly room.