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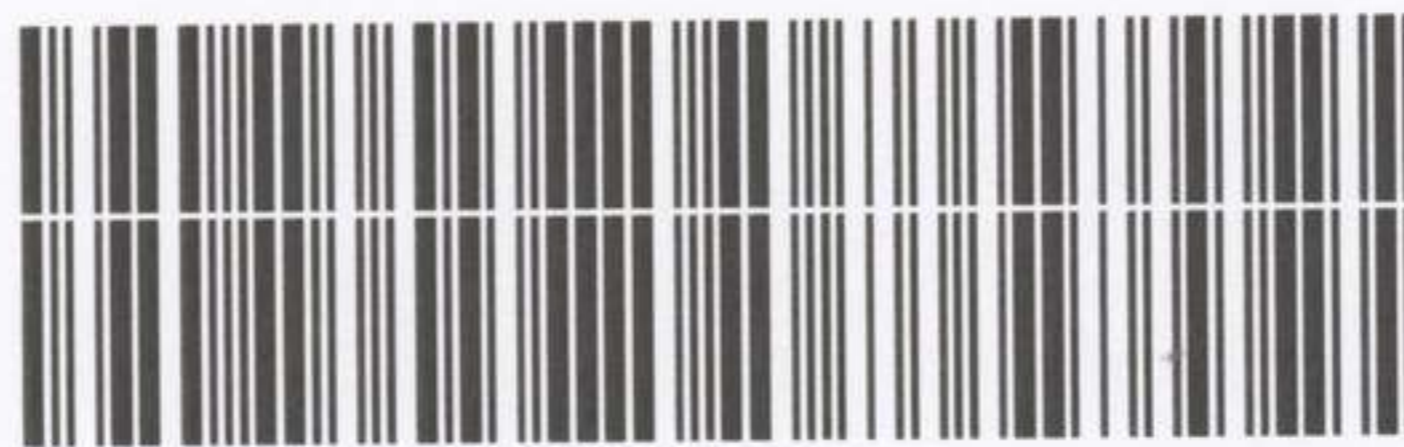
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Bases & Depots

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Title: 3rd Australian Division Base Depot

December 1917



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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Sheet 19.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<u>1917.</u>		<u>Page 2.</u>	
			L. of C. Telegram, AH9300/73T of 12-12-17 received notifying amalgamation of five Divisional Base Depots into one (Australian Infantry Base Depot) and Australian General Base Depot (copy of approved establishments attached).	
December			14th. Preparations made for transfer of personnel in Depot to Australian Infantry Base Depot. Books of Depot closed at midnight preparatory to handing over.	
			15th. Depot handed over to Australian Infantry Base Depot (copy of special order attached).	
			<u>SUMMARY.</u>	
			Total strength on October 31st. 1917	600
			<u>INCREASE:</u> From England	1451
			Hospitals in France.	732
			Other sources.	84
			2267
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			<u>DECREASE:</u> To Units in Field	2004
			Hospital	64
			England "P.B."	192
			Other Units	11
			2271
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			STRENGTH on December 14th. 1917.	596
			596
			596
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 Lieut-Colonel,
 Commanding 3rd. Aust. Divl. Base Depot.

No. 11

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 365A.

by
LIEUT-COLONEL F.M. O'DONNELL.
Commanding 3rd Australian Divisional Base Depot.

Camp 20, Rouelles Valley.
15th December, 1917.

REORGANISATION OF AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOTS. 3159. In accordance with L. of C. nominations and with the concurrence of the G.O.C. A.I.F. (L. of C. wire No.A.H.9300/73.T. of 12.12.17) The below mentioned amalgamation will be carried out at 10.0 a.m. this day.

(a) The whole of the Troops consisting of the 9th, 10th and 11th Brigades and 3rd Australian Pioneers will pass from the Command of Lieut-Col. F.M.O'Donnell, C.O. 3rd A.D.B.D. to that of the Australian Infantry Base Depot under the Command of Lieut-Col. W.K.S. Mackenzie, D.S.O.. All ranks will parade in full marching order at the 6.45 a.m. parade and will be marched to their new camp before dismissal. Nominal Rolls in quadruplicate shewing all ranks of the Staff and other Units attached will be prepared, 1 copy for Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon, 1 Copy Aust. Inf. Base Depot, 1 copy C.O., 3rd A.D.B.D. and 1 for file.

(b) The troops will be formally handed over and signatures obtained from representative of the Australian Infantry Base Depot under the supervision of Captain E.S. Wilson, Adjutant 3rd A.D.B.D. Then the Camp site, buildings, equipment, clothing, rations, fuel, vegetables, together with the whole of the appurtenances of Camp No.20 now on charge to the C.O. 3rd Australian Divisional Base Depot will be handed over to the C.O. Australian Infantry Base Depot, handing over and taking over certificates to be signed and 1 copy kept for each party. Care must be taken that Camp No.20 will be completely evacuated of 3rd A.D.B.D. men by 10.0 a.m., 15.12.17, to allow the troops of the 1st, 2nd and 5th Divisional Base Depots to occupy the tents etc. which will be allotted to them by Captain G.McD. Williamson, 14th Bn. A.I.F. T/ Commanding 4th A.D.B.D.

3160. On completion of the above the 3rd A.D.B.D. will cease to exist as a Unit and Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell will proceed to take Command of the Australian General Base Depot.

LAUDATORY.

3161. The Commanding Officer desires to place on record his high appreciation of the devoted services of the staff of the 3rd A.D.B.D. during its existence which is exactly 365 days to-day, the 15.12.17, since he assumed Command. The good discipline and excellent reports from the Divisional Commander, Anzac Section, 3rd Echelon etc. of the work of the Depot is certainly due to the excellent liason between all sections namely:-

Captain E.S. Wilson, Adjutant.
Captain J.E.A. Florance, Quartermaster.
Captain A. Clark, Medical Officer.
Rev. Father J. Floermel, R.C. Chaplain.
R.S.M. J. McD. Smith, 3rd A.D.B.D. Staff.
R.Q.M.S. H.L. Duckworth, "
Sergt. R.V. Bernard, "
Sergt. E.J. McShane, "
Sergt. F.J.A. Jolly, 43rd Bn. A.I.F.
Sergt. J. McKinney, 35th "
Sergt. T.E. Brown, 41st "
Sergt. J.J. Higgins, 42nd "

LAUDATORY
(Cont.)

Sergt. L.W. Ray,	3rd A.D.B.D.	(Ration Sergeant).
Sergt. L.N. Bowker,	"	"
Sergt. R. Vaughan,	42nd Bn.	A. I.F.
Sergt. A.R. Jones,	40th	" (Ass. Q M.S.)
Sergt. W.J. Haynes,	38th	" (Q. Ms. Dept.)
Sergt. A.G. Ratten,	42nd	" (Sanitary Sgt.)
Corpl. A. Williamson,	34th	" (Ration N.C.O.)
Corpl. P.J. Commins,	33rd	" (N.C. Oii/c Mess Hut)
Sergt. D.F. Beal,	41st	" (Dep. Ord. Sgt.)
Corpl. F.W. Hooper,	35th	" (Dep. Ord. Cpl.)
S/Sgt. D.M. Davidson,	A.A.M.C.	(Dispenser).
Corpl. J.W. Douglas,	"	(M. Os. Clerk).
Corpl. T.C. Jackson,	"	(Ward master-Hosp.)
Pte. L. Yarrow,	"	"
Pte. A. Rodgers.	"	"
Pte. F.W. Cameron,	"	"

The S.M.Os. (Lieut-Col. S.R. Burston, A.A.M.C.) Department and that of his Dental Staff is also to be commended on the practical and skilled services they have brought to bear on the acceleration of troops for the Front.

In this, special mention should be made of the generosity of the Officer i/c. B.E.F. Canteens who kindly placed one of his buildings at the disposal of the C.O. 3rd A.D.B.D. for use as a Field Hospital.

The C.O. also wishes to place on record the xx valuable acquisition of the Australian Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in this Camp, whose Lady Workers have been indefatigable in their devotion to duty for which all ranks of this Command have on many occasions expressed their high esteem.

The Australian Representative of the British Red Cross Society and the Representative of the Australian Comforts Fund have been of material value in their assistance to the troops.

F. D. Burston Lieut-Colonel.

Commanding 3rd Aust. Divl. Base Depot.

Issued at 1.0 a.m.

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| No. | 1 | To C.O. 3rd A.D.B.D. |
| | 2 | C.O. A.I.B.D. (New Formation) |
| | 3 | C.O. 1st A.L.B.D. |
| | 4 | C.O. 2nd A.D.B.D. |
| | 5 | C.O. 4th A.L.B.D. |
| | 6th | C.O. 5th A.D.B.D. |
| | 7 | O.C. Reinforcements. |
| | 8 | D.A.G. A.I.F. |
| | 9 | G.O.C. 3rd Aus Divn. |
| | 10 | Records, Anzac Sect. 3rd Echelon. |
| | 11/14 | War Diary. |
| | 15 | Adjutant 3rd A.D.B.D. |
| | 16 | Q.M. 3rd A.D.B.D. |
| | 17 | M.O. 3rd A.D.B.D. |
| | 18 | S.M.O. Aust. Base Depots. |
| | 19 | Officer i/c. B.E.F. Canteens. |

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BASE DEPOT (including PIONEERS), consisting of HEADQUARTERS and COMPANIES - One for each Australian Division.

DETAIL.	Officers.	W. Os.	S/Sergeants & Sergeants.	Corporals.	Privates.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
<u>HEADQUARTERS.</u>							
Comdt. (Lt. Col.)	1					1	a. W.O. Class I.
Adjutant	1					1	b. W.O. Class II.
Quartermaster	1					1	c. C.Q.M.S. & 1 Sgt.
Medical Officer	1					1	d. includes 1 Butcher
Regtl. Sgt. Major		1a				1	1 Tailor &
Q.M. Department.		1b	2c		6 d	9	1 Shoemaker.
Orderly Room.			2e		3	5	e. 1 S/Sergt.
Messing.				3 f	8 f	11	f. 1 Cpl. 2 Ptes. Off. Mess
Cooks.			1		9	10	1 Cpl. 2 Ptes. Sgts. Mess
Police.			1		2	3	1 Cpl. 4 Ptes. Mens. Mess
Sanitary Squad.				1	4	5	g. 1 Train rationing.
A.A.M.C.			1i		5 j	6	1 Train conducting.
Misc. Services.			2g		7 h	9	h. 1 each for -
Batmen.					3	3.	Destructor
	4	2	9	4	47	66.	Incinerator.
							Bath House and
							Drying rooms.
							1 Barber.
							1 Carpenter.
							1 Pioneer.
<u>Each COMPANY.</u>							
O.C. Capt. or Sub.	1					1	i. 1 S/Sgt. Dispenser.
C.S.M.		1b				1	j. 2 Dressers.
Q.M. Dept.			1k			1	2 Hospital attendants.
Orderly Room				1	1	2	k. Sergeant.
Sergeants.			1l			1	l. Duty Sergeant.
Batmen.					3 m	3	m. Includes provision for
							Officers passing through
Total each Coy.	1	1	2	1	4	9.	
Total 5 Coys.	5	5	10	5	20	45.	
GRAND TOTAL....	9	7	19	9	67	111.	

- NOTE:
- The whole of the personnel to be "Permanent Base".
 - If the numbers accommodated are beyond 1,600, one additional cook is allowed for every 200 or part of 200 Men.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.
AUSTRALIAN GENERAL BASE DEPOT.

D E T A I L.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	S/Sergeants & Sergeants.	Corporals.	Privates.	T O T A L.	R E M A R K S.
Commandant (Lt.Col.)	1					1.	a. W.O.Class I.
Adjutant.	1					1.	b. W.O.Class II.
Quartermaster.	1					1.	c. C.Q.M.S.
Medical Officer	1					1.	d. 1 Shoemaker.
Subalterns.	3					3.	e. 1 Tailor.
Regtl.Sergt.Major.		1 a				1.	f. 1 Butcher.
Q.M.Department		1 b	4 c	3 d	4 e	12.	g. 1 Shoemaker.
Company Sergt.Majors.		3 b				3.	f. CSM.W.O.Class II
Orderly Room.		1 f	1.	4.	3.	9.	g. Officers Mess.
Messing.				3 g	8 g	11.	1 Cpl.2 Ptes.
Cooks.			1		8	9.	Sergeants' Mess.
Police.			1		2	3.	1 Cpl.2 Ptes.
Sanitary Squad.				1.	4	5.	Mens' Mess.
A.A.M.C.			1 h		5 i	6.	1 Cpl.4 Ptes.
Miscell.Services			2 j		7 k	9.	h. S/Sgt.Dispenser
Batmen.					10 l	10.	i. 2 Dressers.
T o t a l s.	7.	6.	10.	11.	51.	85.	j. 3 Hospital Attendants.

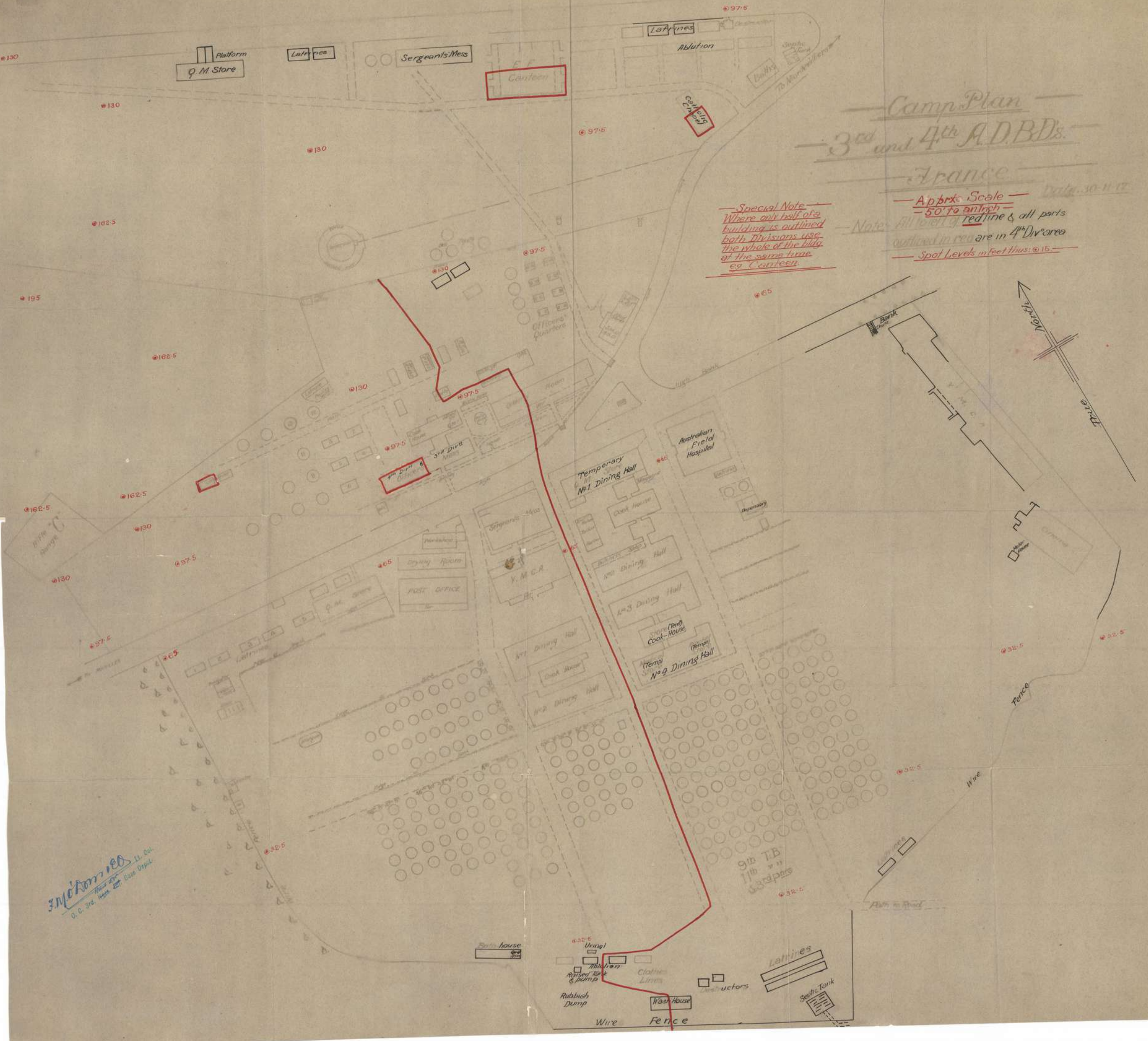
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2. If the numbers accommodated are beyond 1,600, one additional cook is allowed for every additional 200 men or part of 200 men.

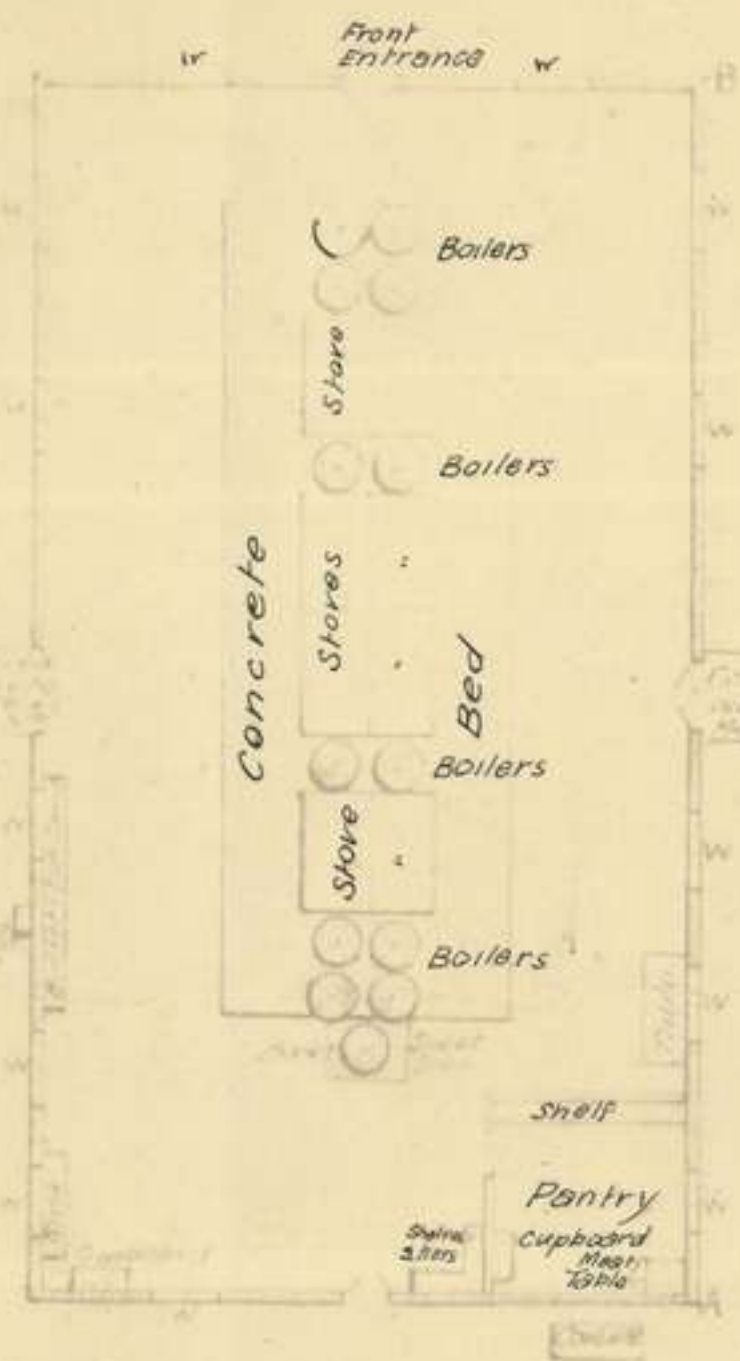
Camp Plan
3rd and 4th A.D.B.Ds.
France

Approx. Scale — 50' to an inch — Date 30-11-17
Notes: All parts of red line & all parts outlined in red are in 4th Div area
Spot Levels in feet thus: @ 15

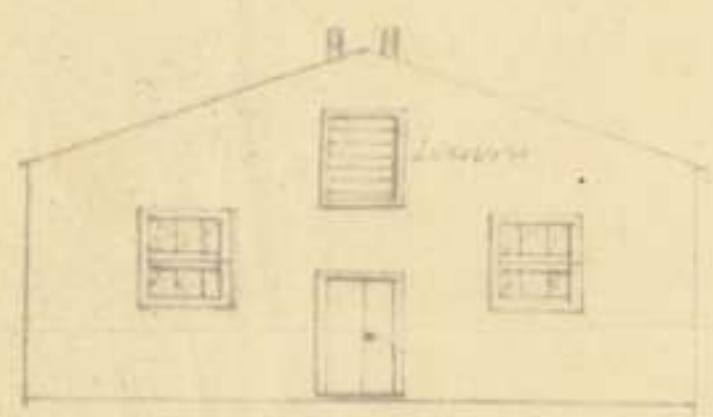
Special Note
Where only half of a building is outlined both Divisions use the whole of the bldg at the same time e.g. Canteen.



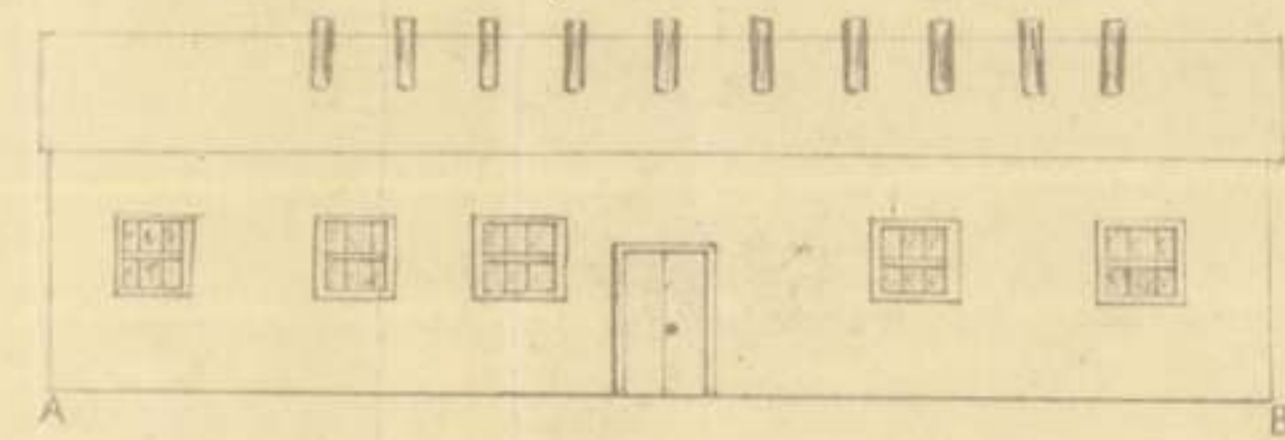
McNamara Lt. Col.
O.C. 3rd Base Depot



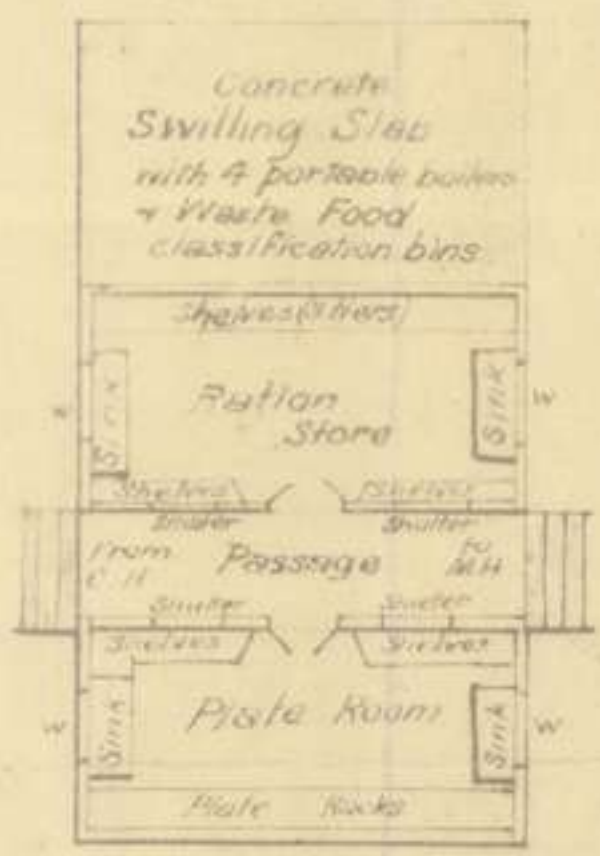
Plan



End Elevation



Side Elevation



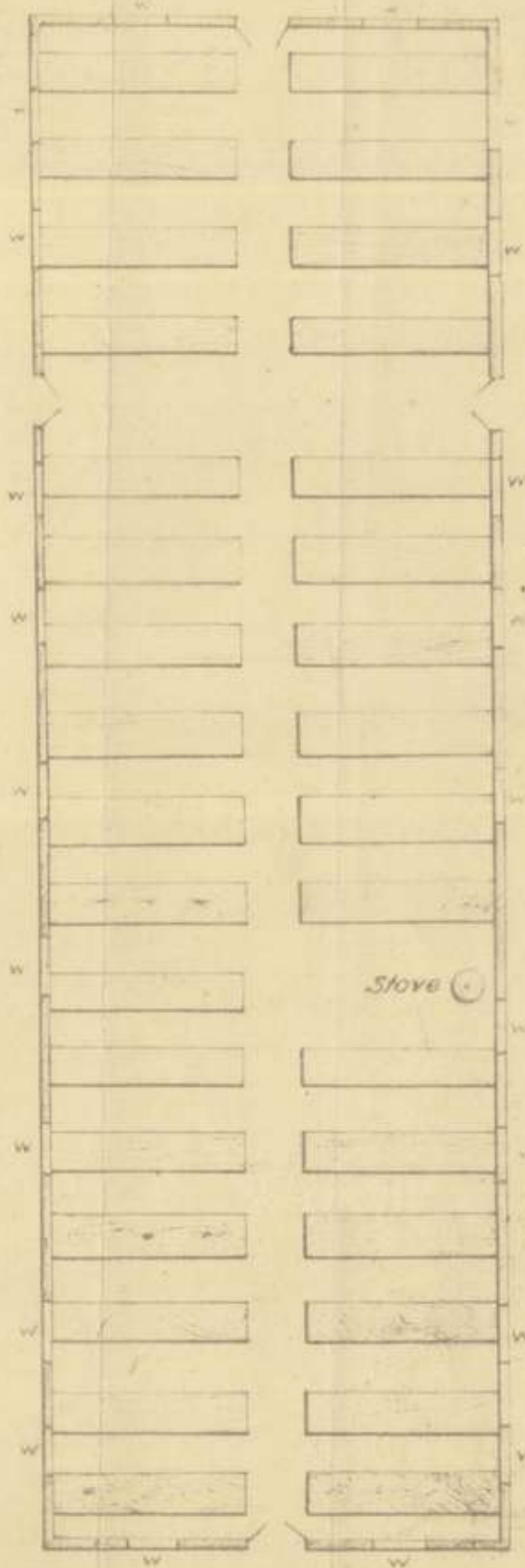
Store Room

Plan and Details of Cook House
Scale: 1" = 10ft

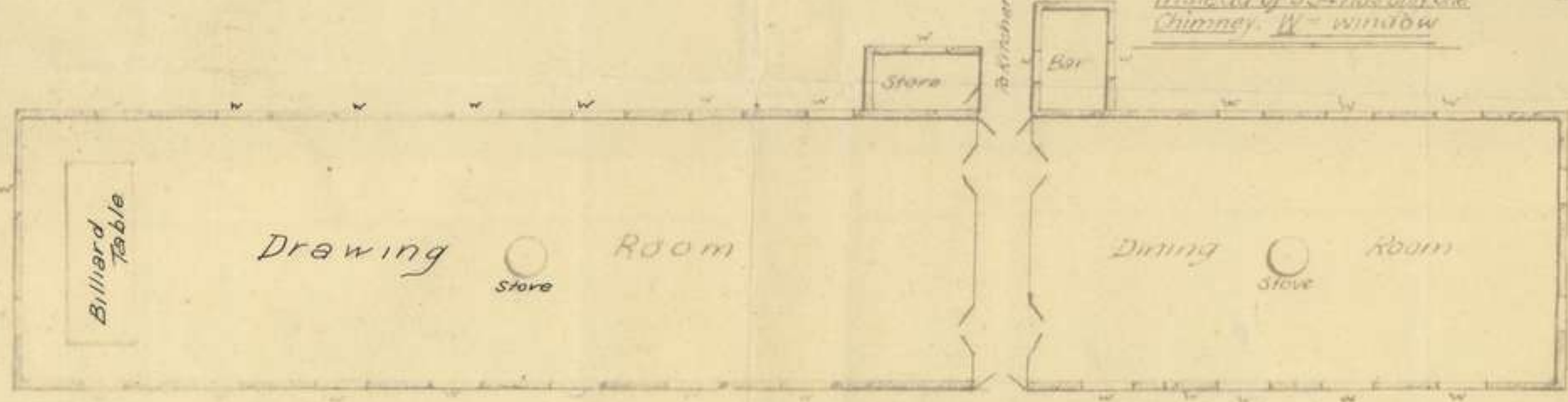
Note: One store-room is situated on either side of the C² H² & each deals with only one Mess Hut. Rations are drawn from Q.M. Store for seating capacity of M.H.
 "W" = Window

Mess Hut
Scale: 1" = 10'

Notes: Each table seats 16 men & End & side elevations are same as for Cook House, except there is no Louver in front & latter is 100' and instead of 55' has only one Chimney. W = window



Quartermaster's Store
Scale: 1" = 10ft



Officer's Mess
Scale: 1" = 10ft

Details of Special Buildings

3rd  A.D.B.D.

France

Date: 10-12-17

W. D. M. S.
 Lt. Col.
 Hd. Hqs. Inf. Base Depot