

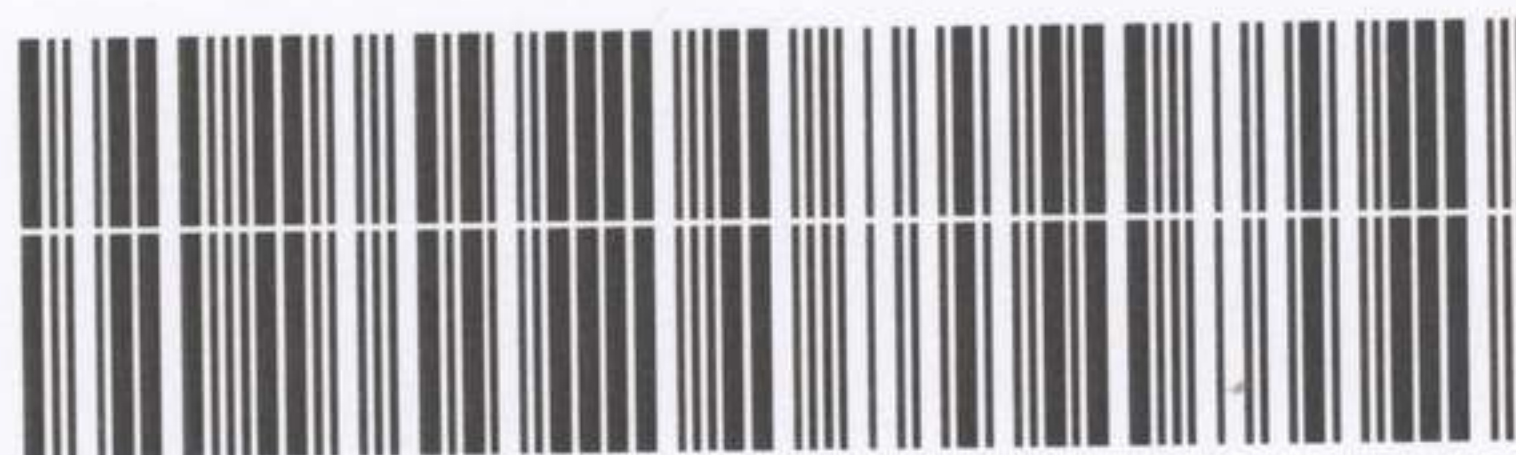
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1914-18 War

Bases & Depots

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Title: No 1 Australian Command Depot

March 1918



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NO. I AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.

WAR DIARY. 1st to 15th March. 1918.

Strength.

The Strength of the Depot to-day (15th instant) is 113 Officers, 3745 Other Ranks, but of these there are in Camp only 104 Officers and 3156 Other Ranks. The difference is accounted for by men in Hospital and on Leave.

Visit of
Agent-Gen:
Wextn. Aus.

On Wednesday the 6th instant, the Agent General for Western Australia visited this Depot accompanied by the A.A.G. A.I.F., and inspected a parade of men from Western Australia. He interested himself greatly in the War experience of these men, and spoke to each of them individually.

Cultiva-
tion.

As the weather for the past few days has improved the planting of vegetable seeds has been commenced, and it is hoped in the course of a week or so that the whole of the seeds and seedlings will be planted.

Queens-
land
Election.

All members of this Depot over the age of twenty-one years who come from Queensland, were given the opportunity of recording their vote in connection with the Queensland Election, on Saturday, the 9th instant; about 500 men availed themselves of this opportunity.

Physical
Training.

In view of the fact that a great number of complaints have been received regarding men in Command Depots not receiving Physical Training before being transferred, a greater tightening up is being introduced, and all men of B1A Category in the Depot, whether employed on the Staff or not, are now to receive at least one hour's training per diem when employed on Staff Duties, and longer periods if engaged on other parades than Training Parades.

Visit of
Q.M.Genl.
of Japanese
Forces.

The Q.M.Genl. of the Japanese Forces visited the Depot on the 15th instant and reviewed the Troops. He took the Salute at the March past. He afterwards inspected one of the Cook Houses, and some of the Messing and Living Huts, going on to the Group Clearing Hospital, Sutton Veny, where he addressed the patients and inspected the buildings. He then visited the Dental Department of the Depot, and proceeded to the Y.M.C.A. Hut, delivering an address to the Depot Troops there. He left during the afternoon, expressing himself in terms of great satisfaction with all that he had seen.

Lieut-Colonel & Commandant
NO. I AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.

NO. I. AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.WAR DIARY.16th to 31st March. 1918.

- Strength. (1). The Strength of the Depot on the 31st March was 100 Officers and 3689 Other Ranks.
- Health. (2). The Health of the Troops has been good.
- Special Training. (3). There are 155 Men in Classes BlA2 and BlA3 for D.A.H (Dilatory Action of the Heart), as the result of Gas Poisoning; roughly speaking ten per cent of the total number of this Category were given special training, and for purposes of comparison were put in Class BlA2. Progressive examinations were made by the Medical Department, the result being that 2 Men were marked A3, 12 Men were marked BlA3, and 2 Men sent to a Board as they had become worse. The condition of the remainder was unchanged.
- Overseas Requirements. (4). A special general "Speeding Up" for Overseas Requirements is being taken in hand. The Evacuation of A3 Men for the month is 837 N.C.Os and Men.
- Visits. (5). The G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom, Major-General The Hon. Sir J.W. McCay, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D., visited the Depot on the 25th March and inspected the Messing and By-Products Department, including the Cook Houses and Mens' Messing Huts while the Men were having their Mid-day Meal.
- Band. (6). The Depot Band was again requisitioned by the High Commissioner for Australia, to play in Trafalgar Square on behalf of the great War Loan. It also assisted in the Collection of Funds for the War Chest Club, Horse-Ferry Road, London, and at a Charity Football Match for the Officers' Widows Fund and V.A.D. Hospitals.
- Cultivation. (7). Ploughing was continued and ground prepared for the Planting of Potatoes and other Vegetables, delay having been occasioned for want of sufficient transport. This is now being remedied.
- Administration. (8). Lieut-Colonel W.O. Mansbridge, D.S.O., 44th Battalion assumed Command of the Depot on the 28th instant, vice Lieut-Colonel G.H. Knox, C.M.G., returned to Australia. (Authority CR.AIF.1382 (A3)). Captain J. Gettingby who returns to Australia, is relieved by Captain J. Gunn on such matters as pertain to the Quartermaster's Department. The Ordnance Department record the fact that this is the first occasion of change of Command of an important Unit in the A.I.F. Depots in the United Kingdom, when a complete Audit of the Accounts to the date of handing over has taken place. The List of Deficiencies amounted to £3/5/2 only, and having in view the volume of the transactions during the period under audit, this is commended.

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NO.I. AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.

WAR DIARY (Contd.)

16th to 31st March. 1918.

Appendices of the Receiving and Distributing Department
of this Command are attached, together with Medical
Report for the same Period.

W. V. Manning

Sutton Veny, Wilts.
4th April. 1918.

Lieut-Colonel-&-Commandant.
NO.I. AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.

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Receiving & Distributing Dept,
No I Command Depot. A.I.F.
Sutton Veny.
April 3rd, 1918.

To: Adjutant.

Attached please find summary of work carried out by these
Departments during Month ending March 31st, 1918.

The figures show that 1,847 N.C.O's and Men marched in,
and 1,617 N.C.O's and Men marched out, as against 1,980 and 1,858
respectively for Month ending February 28th, 1918.

Month ending.	N.C.O's & Men from O.Depots	N.C.O's & Men from T. Units	N.C.O's & Men from Furlough	N.C.O's & Men pro- ceeding on Furlo.
February 28th	1220	215	545	12
March 31st	1346	213	288	30
Increase	126	Decrease 2	Decrease 257	Increase 18

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-----Lieut,
Officer i/c Receiving & Distributing Depts.,
No I Command Depot. A.I.F.
Sutton Veny.
3.4.18.

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No. 1 COMMAND DEPT. A.I.F.
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OFFICER & COMMANDANT

Receiving & Distributing Dept,
No I Command Depot. A.I.F.
Sutton Veny.
April 3rd, 1918.

MARCHING IN STATE FOR MONTH ENDING MARCH 31st, 1918.

DATE	From O.Depots	From T.Units	From Furlough	Proceeded on Furlough	Absentees from Furlough	Absentees from Leave
March 1st	73	11	14	4	-	7
2nd	36	3	34	-	-	4
3rd	-	-	-	-	-	10
4th	53	2	35	-	-	1
5th	65	8	12	-	-	45
6th	35	4	7	-	-	1
7th	37	1	18	9	-	4
8th	90	6	12	3	-	8
9th	33	2	8	-	-	-
10th	-	-	-	-	-	3
11th	74	5	18	-	-	2
12th	57	8	12	4	-	39
13th	21	1	7	1	-	1
14th	21	2	13	3	-	4
15th	86	1	8	-	1	4
16th	26	8	6	-	-	1
17th	-	-	-	-	-	16
18th	63	6	16	-	-	-
19th	65	10	8	-	-	18
20th	22	6	6	-	-	4
21st	26	19	3	-	-	2
22nd	89	5	4	1	-	2
23rd	53	5	4	-	1	2
24th	-	-	-	-	-	16
25th	61	1	4	5	-	-
26th	57	29	-	-	-	23
27th	29	9	23	-	-	1
28th	73	14	6	-	-	6
29th	39	13	2	-	1	17
30th	62	34	8	-	-	1
31st	-	-	-	-	-	13
Totals	1346	213	288	30	3	255

L. J. Cowen
-----Lieut.,
Officer i/c Receiving & Distributing Depts.,
No I Command Depot. A.I.F.
Sutton Veny.
April 3rd, 1918.

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LIEUT.-COL. & COMMANDANT
No. 1 COMMAND DEPOT, A.I.F.
4/4/18.

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Receiving & Distributing Dept,
No I Command Depot. A.I.F.
Sutton Veny.
April 3rd, 1918.

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MARCHING OUT STATE FOR MONTH ENDING MARCH 31st, 1918.

DESTINATION 1st to 2nd. 4th to 9th. 11th to 16th. 18th to 23rd. 25th to 30th

Overseas T.Bgde	60	205	187	196	189
1 T.B.Fovant	6	-	7	5	3
3 C.D.Hurdcott	17	1	1	38	-
7. Hospital	2	5	2	3	2
dworh	9	4	6	4	57
I Group, S.Veny	6	9	23	18	5
res	5	5	-	9	-
2 C.D.Weymouth	-	135	112	1	129
lford	-	5	7	6	24
ndover	-	15	1	-	-
d T.B.Codford	-	8	9	10	2
AA Heytesbury	-	7	4	4	-
ngmoor	-	2	-	1	-
vil Police W'mnstr	-	2	-	-	-
Johns Wood	-	-	2	-	-
vonport	-	-	4	-	4
lthall Hospital	-	-	2	-	-
vizes	-	-	9	-	-
refield	-	-	1	-	-
ndon	-	-	6	1	-
rminster	-	-	1	-	-
rk House	-	-	10	10	-
sport	-	-	-	-	6
antham	-	-	-	-	1

Totals	105	403	384	303	422
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SHOWING A GRAND TOTAL OF 1,617

L. H. Row
-----Lieut.,
Officer i/c Receiving & Distributing Depts.,
No I Command Depot. A.I.F.
Sutton Veny.
3.4.18.

L. H. Row

LIEUT. COL. & COMMANDANT
No. I COMMAND DEPOT, A.I.F.
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Cyclists Camp,
Sutton Veny,
2nd April, 1918.

To COMMANDANT,
No.1 Command Depot.

Medical Report for month of March, 1918.

During the past month the health of the troops in No.1 Command Depot has been good. Attached is a summary of the Daily Sick Parades for Both Battalions showing the disposal of all men reporting. Attached also is a Summary of number of men evacuated to Hospital, including V.D., Scabies and other infectious diseases.

On the 12th and 13th ult. I examined all men in Depot in classes Bla2 and Bla3 for D.A.H. from Gas poisoning and found a total of 155, or roughly 10% of the total number in these classes. All were put in class Bla2 for purposes of comparison. On the 26th ult. another examination of the 155 D.A.H. cases after 10 days strict training was held with the following results:-

2 marked A3
12 marked Bla3
2 sent for Board as they were worse

and the rest unchanged.

Camp sanitation on the whole has been good and cleanliness up to the standard

For your information please.

P. H. C. C. C. MAJOR.
S.M.O. NO. 1 COMMAND DEPOT.

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LIEUT. COL. & COMMANDANT
No. 1 COMMAND DEPT, A.I.F.

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Summary of Daily Sick Parade for whole Depot for month of March, 1918.

Date	Number on Sick Parade	No. marked off duty	No. marked Light duty	No. marked M & Duty	No. sent to Hospital
1st Mch.	125	34	10	59	22
2nd "	116	35	25	56	10
3rd "	142	35	39	51	17
4th "	168	34	29	78	27
5th "	121	15	21	62	23
6th "	136	28	25	58	25
7th "	156	33	24	76	22
8th "	103	27	28	27	25
9th "	111	13	35	57	19
10th "	94	16	13	56	11
11th "	107	21	18	39	32
12th "	110	15	23	56	18
13th "	119	22	20	59	26
14th "	139	26	24	70	22
15th "	134	35	42	43	19
16th "	85	31	11	17	9
17th "	84	38	17	11	9
18th "	139	45	34	39	22
19th "	138	20	17	83	18
20th "	128	11	4	81	25
21st "	146	15	15	99	19
22nd "	105	15	18	57	18
23rd "	92	11	4	61	17
24th "	59	7	3	41	8
25th "	107	15	19	61	15
26th "	85	3	12	48	16
27th "	89	16	9	46	12
28th "	83	6	10	47	13
29th "	58	2	7	37	11
30th "	58	4	10	35	16
31st "	54	-	3	38	14
	3391	624	559	1648	560

Summary of infectious and other diseases to Hospital for month of March 1918.

Date	Mumps	Measles	Scabies	General	V.D.
Week ending 7.3.18	1	1	16	99	23
" " 14.3.18	-	1	16	84	32
" " 21.3.18	-	-	11	73	12
" " 28.3.18	2	1	11	77	17
	4	3	54	333	84

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