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WAR DIARY  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TIDWORTH	1917 Oct 1	9 pm	The Boarding of officers commenced at TIDWORTH today, instead of at Headquarters LONDON. Only officers boarded for Australia being sent to the latter place.	
	2 Oct	6 30 pm	Owing to the departure of 3 boats from Weymouth with Invalids from Australia there are now 2000 vacancies at no 2 Command Depot. These vacancies are to be filled up by men from other Camps and Command Depots, who are to be invalided to Australia.	
	3 Oct	6 40 pm	A large number of reinforcements are being required for overseas with the result that the Army Training depot at Parkhouse is becoming very depleted of personnel.	
	4 Oct	5 pm	Two transports from Australia have arrived carrying 15 medical officers and 4835 troops. The Medical officers will attend a school at PARKHOUSE and the troops have been distributed throughout various camps. All troops arriving from Australia are segregated for varying periods of isolation extending from one to twenty four days. Med Report <sup>of units</sup> attached.	Appendix 1
	5 Oct	6 pm	Preparations for the moving of LARKHILL camp to SUTTON VENEY & FOVANT are now in progress.	

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TIDWORTH	1917 8 Oct	4pm	Camps from LARKHILL are prepared to move to FOVANT and SUTTON-VEENEY tomorrow. This will result in patients going chiefly to R.A.M.C. Hospital at Sutton Veneey. The Group Hospital at HURDCOTT has been enlarged and a brigade hospital established at Sutton Veneey. Infectious cases. Mumps & Measles will be treated in Group hospitals and Diphtheria and Cerebro Spinal Fever in the Isolation hospital SALISBURY.	
TIDWORTH	10 Oct	8pm	Outbreak of Diphtheria at 63 <sup>rd</sup> Drafting Battalion HURDCOTT, six positive contacts in the sergeants mess. Usual precautions of swabbing and isolating have been taken.	
TIDWORTH	11 Oct	6pm	All camps except the R.B.A.A. have now moved from LARKHILL to FOVANT and SUTTON VENEY. No 2 Command depot at WEYMOUTH is now becoming full again with men waiting for return to Australia.	
TIDWORTH	15 Oct	6pm	Camps from LARKHILL and PERHAM DOWN have now moved to SUTTON VENEY and FOVANT. The new arrangements for the evacuation of patients are satisfactory. The Diphtheria outbreak at 63 <sup>rd</sup> Drafting Battalion has now subsided.	

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TIDWORTH	1917 17 Oct	6pm	No men are now allowed to remain in tents on SALISBURY PLAIN or WEYMOUTH. New drafts arriving from Australia are consequently being segregated in huts. Sea Transport sections are now at PARKHOUSE camp awaiting the departure of their boats.	
TIDWORTH	20 Oct	9 am	Two transports carrying sick labelled K and M have left taking E class men to Australia. There are therefore 800 vacancies at No 2 Command Depot WEYMOUTH but owing to the severity of the cases there the accommodation for the sick has to be increased. The hospital needs increasing to accommodate 340 beds. Tuberculous cases are to be sent to LITTLEMOOR except the most serious which will remain at MONTEVIDEO camp. A large number of cases requiring dressings are at both of these camps. WESTHAM has now become the headquarters camp and all patients are received there before being distributed. VERNE CITADEL camp contains the lightest cases and no patients are in tents. [There are at present 1169 cases of B16 category and unfit for furlough. A camp hospital has been established at LITTLEMOOR containing 66 beds. On the departure of hospital Carrier K, a large number of men who had been	

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	1917 October		undergoing orthopaedic treatment. A special nominal roll of these patients was sent on board and their treatment will be carried on during the voyage. Two gymnastic instructors were placed on board for this purpose.	
TIDWORTH	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	Command depots are now very full. Officers Training school at PARKHOUSE has now finished, thirteen officers are ready to proceed overseas, and have already been warned.	
TIDWORTH	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30pm	D sub depot of No 2 Command Depot, PARKHOUSE was today disbanded, as the last patients numbering 180 approximately moved from PARKHOUSE to CODFORD. All these patients are awaiting transportation to Australia. The 17 <sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance is now preparing to disband, the officers are warned for overseas, the men being split up for various reinforcements and the stores prepared to hand back to ordnance and base depot medical stores.	
TIDWORTH	24 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Convalescent Training Depot moves from No 2 camp to No 1 camp PARKHOUSE today. Owing to the large number of cases at WEXMOUTH (1790) and the necessity for leaving room for patients to be admitted from hospitals in England, 500 B & C, men are being transferred to No 1. Command depot SUTTON VENNY	

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TIDWORTH	1917 October 26 <sup>th</sup>	2 pm	<p>Arrangements have been made to ensure uniformity in the Training Battalions in the method of recording the medical and dental examinations of men on their first arrival at their Battalions. AMC form 7. is to be used for this purpose.</p> <p>Being to the large number of B1b cases now being sent to no 2 Command Depots, 900 B1b cases are being transferred to Hurdcott no 3 Command Depot. and the vacancies left at Weymouth will be filled by admissions from General Hospitals. The numbers of B1b cases have largely increased during the last three weeks. On 6.10.17, there were 952 on 13.10.17 there were 1179, and on 20.10.17 the number had risen to 1510. This is due to the men being discharged from hospitals before their wounds have healed and before they are fit for graduated training.</p>	
TIDWORTH	October 29 <sup>th</sup>	2 pm	<p>During to transfers mentioned above. No 1 Command Depot will now have B1a<sub>3</sub> + B1a<sub>4</sub>, No 2 Command Depot cases for Australia, no 3 Command B1b cases and no 4 Command B1a<sub>1</sub> and B1a<sub>2</sub> cases. Remedial gymnastic classes will be held at both WEYMOUTH and no 3 Command Depot HURDCOTT</p>	

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TIDWORTH	Oct Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	6pm.	<p>The drafts arriving from Australia have been unsatisfactory from a medical point of view. On arrival the men from transports were examined by the R.M.O.s of the Battalions to which they were attached. Men <del>was</del> considered unfit were then boarded by the standing medical board, and were examined by the ADMS personally. They were then sent to No 2 Command Depot WEYMOUTH and revised by the consultant board. Reports containing the results were forwarded from the ADMS to GOC, AIF depots UK and to DMS A.I.F. Copies of reports attached in appendix 2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John R. Adry Major for ADMS</p>	<p>Appendix 2. Report on soldiers arriving from Australia</p>

## APPENDIX 1

MS 24390/11/1

16th October 1917.

From A.D.M.S. A.I.F.  
TIDBETH.

To G.O.C.  
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.  
TIDBETH.  
and  
D.M.S. A.I.F.  
Administrative Headquarters,  
130 Horseferry Road,  
S. A.

Report on Soldiers arriving from Australia  
in September and first week of October.

Transports arrived in England from Australia as follows:-

"Port Melbourne"	15.9.17.	with 1344 Troops for this Command				
"Themistocles"	2.10.17.	" 1493	"	"	"	"
"Miltiades"	2.10.17.	" 980	"	"	"	"
"Medic" per "Orissa" and "Orissa"	2.10.17.	" 468	"	"	"	"
"Anchises"	2.10.17.	" 475	"	"	"	"
		<u>Total.</u>				<u>4757</u>

1. Medical Units.

125 of these new arrivals were found to be unfit for general service on arrival in England.

These were classified by Medical Boards as follows:-

Classified as Permanently Unfit for General Service and Permanently Unfit for Home Service - C3.	52
Classified as Permanently Unfit for General Service Fit for Home Service in Australia - C1 (Australia)	26
Classified as permanently unfit for General Service Fit for Home Service - C1	46
Classified as Temporary Unfit for General Service for more than 6 months and unfit for Home Service - C3b.	1
<u>Total.</u>	<u>125</u>

Their Disabilities are summarized thus:-

Senility	29
Senility & Complications (Medical & Surgical)	24
Surgical Disabilities (Hernia, Old Distortions, (Fingers & Thumbs missing, old injuries to Licks etc)	25
Medical Disabilities (Epilepsy, Rheumatism, Heart Lesions Pulmonary affections etc)	38
Foot Deformities (Flat Foot, Absence of Toes, Hammer Toes etc)	7

Forward



Brought Forward	117
Defective Vision	1
General Unfitness of Physique	6
Mental Deficiency	1
Total	<u>125</u>

I have personally examined these Unfits and attach a Nominal Roll with my remarks about each Unfit.

In my report on soldiers arriving from Australia in August (AMB/24390/46/11 of 6th September) the number of medical unfits = 4.5% whereas the number of unfits among the new arrivals now under consideration = 2.6%.

The chief cause of this difference is that the number of soldiers unfit for general service on account of Senility has decreased from 155 in the previous Convoy to 53 in the last Convoy.

A comparatively large number of men well over Military age have been allowed to carry on with the Gunners and several soldiers just over 5 feet but otherwise physically fit have been allowed to carry on as Infantry men.

### 2. Soldiers Under Age.

458 soldiers have been reported as under age. They are made up as follows:-

<u>Age.</u>	<u>Numbers.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
15½ and under	+ 1	1
16½ - 17	1 + 2	3
17 - 17½	10 + 3	13
17½ - 18	17 + 6	23
18 - 18½	90 + 89	179
18½ - 19	130 + 109	239
	Total.	<u>458</u>

I have forwarded to the D.M.S. at Administrative Headquarters a Nominal Roll of soldiers underage showing date and place of birth of these soldiers, except those from the "Port Melbourne". In the latter instance numbers only and not names are available.

### 3. Dental Unfits.

Out of 4420 soldiers examined, 1719 were dentally unfit. Of these unfits the treatment required is available for 767 cases and is as follows:-

Extractions	140
Fillings	271
Dentures	356

I would again recommend that if it be not possible to complete dental treatment such as fillings and dentures in Australia, that all extractions at least be done before arrival of troops in England. This would obviate the delays which have occurred in many cases in the filling and dentures owing to the fact that it has been necessary to wait for long periods after the extraction of septic teeth before mouths can receive dentures.

### 4. Inoculation Against Typhoid and Paratyphoid.

I have again to report that it has been necessary to re-inoculate with Triple Vaccine all these troops immediately on arrival in England with the exception of 3 or 4 soldiers in the

"Anchises" who were inoculated with Triple Vaccine.

It appears not to be understood by Medical Officers in Australia that S.A.B. entries refer to Triple Vaccine only and not to Typhoid Vaccine. In many instances the Pay Books of these soldiers showed correct S.A.B. entries but the Medical History Sheets proved that Typhoid Vaccine and not Triple Vaccine had been used.

In order to prevent the re-inoculation of troops on arrival from Australia which should be entirely unnecessary I have again to request that the following procedure be carried out in Australia:-

- (a). That Mixed Vaccine, Typhoid and Paratyphoid A and B be used.
- (b). That this inoculation be carried out by the two-dose system i.e.  $\frac{1}{2}$  c.c. followed by 1 c.c. 8 to 10 days later.
- (c). That the inoculation be invariably entered up in Pay Books in the following form:-

<u>S.A.B.</u>	7.8.17.	J.K.
2	17.8.17.	J.K.

- (d). That S.A.B. entries on no account be used for Typhoid inoculations but be restricted to Triple Vaccine inoculations.

#### 5. Introduction of Infectious Disease:

The following cases of Infectious Disease were transferred direct to hospitals immediately on arrival in England:-

<u>Transport.</u>	<u>Mumps.</u>	<u>Measles.</u>	<u>C.S.M.</u>
Port Melbourne	37	2	1
Themistocles	<del>53</del> 76	-	43
Miltiades	8	-	1
Crissa & Orita ex Medic	-	-	-
Anchises	1	-	-

The usual precautions for segregation &c were taken to prevent the spread of Infectious Disease among other troops in the Command.

*William Whar* Colonel.  
A.D.M.S. A.I.F.

MEMORIAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ARRIVING IN CONVOY "C".

Reg. No	Rank	Name	Initials	Unit	Disability	Date of Enlistment	Place of Enlistment	Reviewed Board	Findings
7087	Pvt.	Knicht.	A.	21/28th Bn	Senility & D.A.H.	26.4.17	Perth	W.A.	C.3
		Age 55, and aortic Regurgitation. He states that he was encouraged by a recruiting Officer in Perth to understate his age. Quite unfit for all Military services and should never have been enlisted.							
7088	Pvt.	Jackson.	H.	21/28th Bn	Flat Feet	9.3.17	Perth.	W.A.	C.2
		Left Foot flat due to injury 16 years ago, and cannot march.							
7107	Pvt.	McIntosh	R.H.	21/28th Bn	Senility	9.3.17	Fremantle	W.A.	C.1
		Age 45, and unfit for general service on account of changes due to Age.							
7047	Pvt.	Dunk.	H.J.	21/28th Bn	Left Inguinal Hernia	15.2.17	Fremantle	W.A.	C.1(Aust)
		Lt. Inguinal Hernia and refuses operation. Has had it 18 months. To be returned to Australia.							
3303	Pvt.	Fraser.	A.	8/34th Bn	Overage	31.5.17	Grafton	N.S.W.	C.3
		Age 43 and obesity and quite unfit all services in England.							
3408	Pvt.	Williams.	W.J.	8/34th Bn	Overage. V.D.H.	6.6.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.1(Aust)
		Age 47. Bunion removed 1 month before leaving Australia, but still cannot march. Should not have been sent from Australia. P.U.C.S. but fit N.S. in Australia.							
3366	Pvt.	Parker.	A.	8/33rd Bn	Mitral Regurgitation	24.3.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.1
		Age 44, and faint Mitral Systolic Murmur. Heart well compensated.							
3366	Pvt.	Barrass.	F.	8/34th Bn	Senility. Chr. Bronchitis	19.5.17	Hyde Park	N.S.W.	C.3
		Chronic Bronchitis for last 2 years. Chest now full of Rhonchi.							
3359	Pvt.	Barden.	H.	8/34th Bn	Dislocated Shoulder	8.3.17	West Maitland	N.S.W.	C.1
		Dislocated Rt. Shoulder 14 times, last time 2 days ago.							
3363	Pvt.	Bourke.	R.O.	8/34th Bn	Overage	4.6.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.1
		Age 46.4/18 and quite unfit for general service on account of age.							

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3375	Pvt. Res.	W.J.	8/34th Bn.	Mitral Stenosis	Discharged A.I.F. September 1916 with Cardiac Insufficiency. but felt better re-enlisted but finds cannot carry on his marches.	15.4.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1
3334	Pvt. Montgomery	C.B.	8/34th Bn	Old Inj. to ankle	Periostitis of lower end of Rt. Tibia with marked limp - States he has had swelling in joint frequently before States he has had a limp all his life.	1.6.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.3
3418	Pvt. Golden.	W.	8/34th Bn	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Chronic Rheumatism for last 7 years. Age 43 but looks older and is obese. F.U.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.	23.4.17	Berney. Tas.	C.1.(Aust)
3381	Pvt. Stuart.	J.W.	8/34th Bn	Mental Weakness	A Mental Defective, aged 18.2/18 and should never have been enlisted.	Jan'1917	Sydney N.S.W.	C.3
3273	Pvt. Clifton.	W.M.	8/34th Bn	Corns. Feet.	Age 43 - obese - shortwinded on exertion.	4.8.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1
3603	Pvt. Fearnley.	W.	9/44th Bn	Senility & Rheumatism	Age 48.4/18. Quite unfit for general service on account of premature changes due to Age. Suffers from Rheumatism. F.U.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.	May 1917	Perth. W.A.	C.1(Aust)
3522	Pvt. Hammond.	G.J.	9/44th Bn	Fits	Fits? Epileptic. not certified but history definite. Command Depot for observation. Height 4 ft 11 in. Weight. 9 stone 6 lbs.	May 1917	Perth. W.A.	C.3
3392	Pvt. Sadler.	J.F.	20/19th Bn	Obesity & Senility	Age 45.2/12. Quite unfit for general service on account of Age and Obesity. Should never have been enlisted. Fistula in ano.	26.5.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.3
3376	Pvt. Stanley.	S.	20/19th Bn	Senility	Age 48 and quite unfit all Military Services on account of Senility and should never have been enlisted.	10.4.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.3
3389	Pvt. Thompson	W.	20/19th Bn	Chronic Rheumatism	Subject to Rheumatism for last 15 years and is now crippled by it. Heart rapid and short of breath on exertion.	7.5.17	Geelong. N.S.W.	C.3

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6792	Pvt.	Dwyer.	J.T.	20/19th Bn	Senility	16.4.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.3
		Age 44 but quite unfit for general service on account of premature Senility and Obesity. Short winded on exertion. It is hard to understand how he ever came to be passed into the Army.							
6869	Pvt.	Robertson	J.S.	20/19th Bn	Obesity	2.3.17	Wagga <del>Wagga</del>	N.S.W.	C.3
		Obesity. Weight 22 Stone 2 lbs. Says: Capt. Alcorn passed this soldier into the Army at Show Grounds, Sydney should never have been enlisted and is quite unfit for all Military Service.							
6843	Pvt.	Waites.	F.	20/19th Bn	Senility	10.4.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.1
		Age 45 but looks older. quite unfit for general service on account of Age & Obesity.							
7113	Pvt.	O'Grady.	V.J.	21/28th Bn	Asthma	23.2.17	Kalgoorlie	W.A.	C.3
		Asthma since 8 years of age. Chest now full of Rhonci.							
7123	Pvt.	Dodmore.	W.	21/28th Bn	Senility	4.6.17	Perth.	W.A.	C.1 (Anst)
		Age 44.6/12 and faint Systolic Murmur over Mitral Area. P.U.S.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							
7141	Pvt.	Edwards.	G.H.	21/28th Bn	Chronic Rheumatism	10.4.17	Katanning	W.A.	C.3
		Crippled up with Rheumatism. Walks stiffly and with marked limp, and has been subject to this in Winter for last 5 years.							
7127	Pvt.	Price.	L.F.	21/28th Bn	V.D.H.	1.6.17	Katanning	W.A.	C.5
		Old standing Valvular Disease of Heart. Short winded.							
7161	Pvt.	West	T.W.	21/28th Bn	Hammer Toes	5.4.17	Perth.	W.A.	C.3
		All Toes except great toes are Hammer Toes and cannot march. Should never have been enlisted.							
3375	Pvt.	Smith.	J.T.	8/33rd Bn	Stricture. Corns.	22.6.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.3
		Age. 44 - Stricture of Urethra and suffers from Rheumatism. Corns. Incontinence of Urine. should never have been enlisted.							
3295	Pvt.	Gray.	S.	8/33rd Bn	Defective Eyesight	26.4.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.1
		V.A. - 6/36 - V.L. 6/24. Defective Vision - Nasal obstruction.							

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3390	Pte.	Ellis.	A.	8/33rd Bn	Hernia	4.7.17	Sydney	H.S.W. C.1	
		Rt. Undescended Testicle & History of Hernia coming down. Says he cannot do his training.							
3392	Pte.	Tanner.	J.G.	8/33rd Bn	Hernia	24.5.17	Sydney	H.S.W. C.3	
		Rt. Inguinal Hernia. Age 16.11/12. States he enlisted because he was out of work.							
3397	Pte.	Evans.	A.	8/33rd Bn	Gastric Ulcer	28.3.17	Sydney	H.S.W. C.3	
		Operation for Gastro Intero-entomy for probably a perforated Gastric Ulcer. Still has pain in stomach and should never have been enlisted.							
3344	Pte.	McFadden	W.	8/33rd Bn	Haemorrhoids	20.3.17	Sydney	H.S.W. C.1.(Aust)	
		Deformed Toes and suffers from Rheumatism. P.U.G.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							
3506	Pte.	Bowman.	O.P.	9/44th Bn	Defective Physique & Debility	June 1917	Perth.	W.A. E.S.b.	
		Age 18.5/12. Height 5 ft 2½ inches. Weight 7 stone 6 lbs. Physique poor. Heart rapid. shortness of breath on exertion and quite unfit for general service.							
3386	Pte.	Edmondson.	G.	9/60th Bn	Senility & Rheumatism	7.2.17	Hamilton.	Vic C.2(Aust)	
		<del>Age 45.8/12 - Has suffered from Rheumatism for 3 years on and off and it has recurred. P.U.G.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.</del>							
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3404	Pte.	Lasarus.	I.	9/58th Bn	Old Age	9.2.17	Bendigo	Vic C.1(Aust)	
		Says his age is 44.10/12 but is not certain of it. Looks 60. Faint Mitral Systolic. P.U.G.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							
3510	Pte.	Stanton.	R.	9/58th Bn	Rheumatism	28.12.16	Swan Hill	Vic C.1(Aust)	
		Age 43 and suffers from Muscular Rheumatism which he states prevents him from training. P.U.G.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							

Reg No.	Rank	Name	Initials	Unit	Disability	Date of Enlistment	Place of Enlistment	Reviewed Board Finding
3725	Pte	Saylor.	H.J.	10/48th Bn	Cardiac Insufficiency	May 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.1 Old standing Valvular Disease of Heart and shortwinded on exertion. Medical History Sheet states: "Appeared before Lt. Col. Hill, Major. Pollock and Capt. Arnold and found fit to carry on full duty".
3698	Cpl.	George.	G.S.	10/48th Bn	Old Age	March 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.1 Age 47.4/12 otherwise healthy.
3691	Pte.	Hartman.	G.	10/48th Bn	Weak Abdominal Op. Scar	June 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.1 Weak Abdominal Scar with small hernia protrusions. Lost operative.
3729	Pte.	Wickham.	H.B.	10/48th Bn	Deformity to Foot	May 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.1 Left foot deformed and cannot march. Pes Cavus and slight Talipes Varus. Should never have been enlisted.
3679	Pte.	Herritt.	H.H.	10/48th Bn	Rheumatism	March 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Age 44.8/12 and has suffered from Rheumatism for years. Now has Myalgia. F.O.C.S. but fit R.S. in Australia.
3696	Pte.	Howell.	H.	10/48th Bn	Scoliosis	Jan 1916	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Not seen by me but stated by S.M.O. Godford to be quite unfit all Military Service as the Scoliosis is very extreme and he walks with a limp.
3704	Pte.	San.	J.	10/48th Bn	Age & Rheumatism	March 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Age 47.2/12 and looks it. Deafness and Rheumatism present. Should never have been enlisted. States: Gave correct age at Port Augusta. 5th Australia and his age was put down 40.1/2 knowingly by recruiting officer.
3680	Pte.	Heldano.	J.B.	10/48th Bn	Chr. Bronchitis	Feb 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Age 44.9/12 - looks much older. Chest full of Rhonci. Subject to Chronic Bronchitis.
3693	Pte.	Roryson.	G.J.J.	10/48th Bn	Cardiac Insufficiency	Feb 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Shortwinded and unfit for training on account of Cardiac Insufficiency and obesity. Age 41 yrs.
3689	Pte.	Crittenden	WALTER F.W.	10/48th Bn	Senility	May 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Age 51.2/12 and looks it and should never have been enlisted.

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1697	Pte.	Craig.	R.	10/48th Bn.	Age & Poor Physique P.U.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.	May 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.S
3624	Pte	Crawford.	W.	10/48th Bn	Old Age Should never have been enlisted. States he was advised to wrongly state age by recruiting Officer at Broken Hill.	April 1917	Broken Hill S.A.	C.S
3619	Pte.	Barnes.	F.A.	10/48th Bn	Age and unfit to stand Climate Obese and quite unfit for general service. Should not have been enlisted.	Oct. 1916	Adelaide S.A.	C.S
3604	Pte.	Aust.	W.H.	10/48th Bn	Emphysema & Mitral Stenosis Debility and states he has had to leave England for "Chest Trouble" 9 years ago. Cannot carry on training. P.U.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.	Mar. 1917	Adelaide S.A.	C.S
6381	Pte.	Sharkley	W.P.	20/19th Bn	Senility	19.5.1917	Sydney N.S.W.	C.I. Aust.
6386	Pte.	Lee Conway.	J.R.	20/19th Bn	Old Inj to Knees	13.6.1917	Sydney N.S.W.	C.S



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Reg. No	Rank	Name	Initials	Unit	Disability	Date of Enlistment	Place of Enlistment	Reviewed Board	Finding.
7440	Pte.	Atkinson	B.A.	25/7th Bn.	Bronchial Asthma	1.5.17	Melbourne	Vic.	C.1 (Aust)
		Bronchial Asthma. First attack 3 years ago. Chest now full of mucus and unfit to stand English winter. P.U.S.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							
7445	Pte.	Dato.	R.H.	25/7th Bn	Epilepsy	11.6.17	Melbourne	Vic.	C.3
		A certified epileptic.							
7502	Pte.	White.	S.	25/7th Bn	Old Trophine Case	23.5.17	Melbourne	Vic	C.1
		Trophine opening somewhat longer than a shilling over Rt. Temporal region. Causing no symptoms whatsoever except he says doubling or severe exertion causes a throbbing in trophined area.							
7533	Pte.	Chaplin	H.J.	25/7th Bn	Absence of toes Rt. Foot	24.6.17	Melbourne	Vic	C.3
		Absence of all toes of Rt. Foot for 7 (seven) years. He cannot march and should not have been enlisted.							
7550	Pte.	Smith.	H.	25/7th Bn	Rheumatic Gout	1.5.17	Melbourne	Vic	C.3
		Gout - both great toes now affected. Previous attack 12 months ago. Prior to this used to get attacks in wet weather in the winter.							
7776	Pte.	Holan.	J.	26/12th Bn	Overage	22.4.17	Clarendon	Tas	C.1
		Age 48.9/12, 10 soft and unfit for general service. Gave Age in Australia as 37.							
7826	Pte.	Boon.	H.W.	26/12th Bn	Debilility	20.4.17	Hobart	Tas	C.1 (Aust)
		Height 5 feet. Weight 8 st. 6 lbs. Defective physique and subject to colds of a Bronchial nature. P.U.S.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							
7756	Pte.	Lord.	H.	26/12th Bn	Loss of 4 & 5th fingers on Left Hand	18.3.17	Hobart	Tas	C.1
		Old Injury Lt. Hand 5 years ago. Little and ring fingers together with large part of 4th and 5th Metacarpals absent. Should not have been passed fit for general service.							
3264	Pte.	Bonnett	A.S.	8/35th Bn	Pulmonary T.B.	2.5.17	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.3
		Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Bulges L. Apex and signs of cavity. Discharging sinus. Lt. Lumbar region for 18 months.							
3412	Pte.	Hooper	P.C.	8/35th Bn	Old Inj. to Head	March 1917	Sydney	N.S.W.	C.1
		Kicked by a horse in Mid frontal region 2.1/2 yrs ago. Lt. Supraorbital eminence absent and complains of headaches and giddiness and inability to undertake severe exercises							

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3376	Pte.	Smith.	H.	8/35th Bn	Senility	10.4.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1 Age 47 and looks it. On account of Age.
3380	Pte.	Stein.	W.	8/35th Bn	Senility	13.6.17	Newcastle N.S.W.	C.3 Age 34 - Pot-bellied and soft and quite unfit for general service. Says: The recruiting Sergeant in Newcastle, N.S.W. encouraged him to say his age was 44.9/12.
3346	Pte.	Martin.	J.	8/35th Bn	Senility	13.6.17	Newcastle N.S.W.	C.1(Aust) Age 33 and looks it. P.U.C.S. but fit N.S. in Australia.
3296	Pte.	Edwards.	H.J.	8/35th Bn	Senility	May 1917	Junco Junct. N.S.W.	C.1(Aust) Age 33 and looks it. Obese, soft, and quite unfit for general service. Gave his "Military Age" as 44.3/12. P.U.C.S. but fit N.S. in Australia.
3398	Pte.	Trucey.	W.T.	8/35th Bn	Coverage & Bronchitis	7.6.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1(Aust) Age 30 and looks it. He says: Recruiting Sergeant at Singleton N.S.W. put his age as 44.6/12 although he was told the correct age by this Soldier.
3392	Pte.	Dorien.	W.	8/35th Bn	Debility & Coverage	7.7.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1 Age 44 looks older. Looks debilitated and of defective physique but although he has carried on as a steamer cutter in civilian life he is unfitted to stand conditions of general service in France.
3274	Pte.	Conroy.	P.	8/35th Bn	Senility. Old Inj. to knee	July 1917	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1(Aust) Age 47, and looks older. Injured Lt. knee 2 years ago and states that he cannot march well in cold weather.
3317	Pte.	Harding.	J.A.	8/35th Bn	Debility & Coverage	23.5.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1 Age 44.6/12 - and looks older. Deafness. Emphysematous and changes due to age.
3314	Pte.	Hastings.	P.	8/36th Bn	Asthma	24.7.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.3 Asthma since childhood. Chest now full of bones. Should not have been enlisted. States that there were 3 days between his date of enlistment and date of departure from Australia.

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3311	Pte. Brown. Age 46.3/12 and has suffered from Bronchitis each winter for past 5 years.	H.W.	8/36th In	Bronchitis & Senility	7.4.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1(Aust)
3410	Pte. Dick. Lost 3 Distal Phalanges of index and middle finger Left Hand. For general service with A.A.M.C.	T.H.	8/36th In	Loss of part of two fingers Left Hand	26.3.17	Newcastle N.S.W.	C.1
3359	Pte. Nicholls. Injured Rt. Elbow 15 years ago and there is some limitation of extension of Rt. Elbow which he makes the most of as a disability. States injured Left Leg 18 months ago. He also walks with a marked limp although there are no objective signs to account for it, and is in my opinion exaggerating his disability.	G.W.	8/36th In	Old Fracture of Arm. Old Injury to Leg	9.9.16	Sydney N.S.W.	C.3
3256	Pte. Blackwell. Age 43.7/12 but obese and unfit general service. Operation for Appendicitis 2 years ago and states the adhesions have on two occasions obstructed bowels.	A.R.	8/36th In	Old Appendix Operation & Overage	24.5.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1
3390	Pte. Wendt. Age 53. Gave age as 42.8/12. States he was told to do this by a recruiting Sergeant in Sydney.	T.	8/36th In	Hemorrhoids & Overage	27.3.17	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1(Aust)
33301	Gnr. Anderson. Age 49 - Obese and unfit general service.	G.H.	A.F.A.	Overage	19.12.16	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1

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7728	Pvtc.	Dixon	H.J.	26/16th Bn	Chr. Bronchitis	June 1917	Perth W.A.	C.1 (Aust)	Age 43.6/12. Subject to Chronic Bronchitis. Last attack on transport. Should now present. Previous attack over two years ago. F.U.C.S. fit H.S. in Australia.
7765	Pvtc.	Keyser.	H.G.	26/16th Bn	Age. Arterio Sclerosis	June 1917	Greenbushes W.A.	C.1	Age 50 and looks it. Gave his age at Greenbushes as 45. States recruiting Corporal told him to give his age as 45.
7773	Pvtc.	McCracken	J.	26/16th Bn	Flat Feet	June 1917	Perth W.A.	C.1	This soldier is at present in Group clearing Hospital. His flat feet is a definite condition. He was not reviewed by A.D.M.S.
7731	Pvtc.	Darragh	J.	26/16th Bn	Age. Arterio Sclerosis	March 1917	Perth W.A.	C.1	Age 48 and looks much older. Quite unfit for general service.
7335	Pvtc.	Usher.	R.H.	26/16th Bn	Deformed Lt. arm	May 1917	Perth W.A.	C.1	Fracture Lt. Forearm on Transport. Malunion. Limitation of supination.
7763	Pvtc.	Jones.	A.G.	26/16th Bn	Age. Arterio Sclerosis	May 1917	Perth W.A.	C.1	Age 49 and looks it.
3636	Pvtc.	Lenihan.	J.J.	10/47th Bn	Mitral Stenosis	3.2.1917	Brisbane Q'ld	C.3	Old standing Mitral Stenosis. V.D.H. and short winded.
3707	Pvtc.	Jennings.	D.	10/47th Bn	Chronic Bronchitis	25.6.1917	Brisbane Q'ld	C.1 (Aust)	States his age is 39, but looks much older. Subject to Bronchitis. F.U.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.
3676	Pvtc.	Invics.	R.L.	10/47th Bn	Poor Physique	2.5.1917	Brisbane Q'ld	C.1	Height 4 feet 10 inches and defective Physique. Weight 7 stone 7 lbs. Age 38.
3640	Pvtc.	North.	R.K.	10/47th Bn	Chr. Bronchitis & Rheumatism	3.5.1917	Maryborough Q'ld	C.1	Age 48 and states he cannot march as leg is stiff, and says he has done no training. He is quite fit for Home Service, but unfit for general service.

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3700	Pvtc.	Ryan.	A.H.	10/50th Bn	Insufficient physique	2.6.1917	Port Pirie	S.A.	C.1
		Age 39.6/12 - Debility and Defective physique. Looks much older than stated age. Weight - 9 stone Height 5 ft. 7 inches.							
3645	Pvtc.	Clayton.	J.H.	10/50th Bn	Scarring of Neck	2.3.1917	Barra	S.A.	C.3
		Extensive burn of neck and chest in childhood. Neck held down against chest by very extensive adhesions. Quite unfit general service and should not have been enlisted. P.U.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							
3693	Pvtc.	Ainsworth.	A.H.	10/49th Bn	Senility & Debility	4.6.17	Brisbane	Q'ld	C.1
		This man is at present in Group Clearing Hospital. He admits his real age is 49. His case was not reviewed by A.D.H.S.							
3626	Pvtc.	Challen.	H.L.	10/50th Bn	Humeri Toss of Rt. Foot	12.3.17	Adelaide	S.A.	C.1
		Marked Humeri Toss present, which prevent his marching.							
3742	Pvtc.	Hogan.	E.	10/50th Bn	Senility & Debility	2.4.17	Adelaide	S.A.	C.1
		Age 30, and looks much older. Quite unfit general service. P.U.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.							
3596	Corpl	Rusk.	F.T.	10/50th Bn	Right Inguinal Hernia	22.2.17	Petersburg	S.A.	C.1
		Right Inguinal Hernia recurring a few days ago. Was operated on specially in order to enlist. Another operation not recommended.							
3647	Pvtc.	Cash.	H.	10/49th Bn	Chronic Asthma	15.6.17	Rockhampton	Q'ld	C.3
		Asthma. Chest now full of Mucous. States he has had it all his life.							
3713	Pvtc.	Holle	B.	10/49th Bn	General Unfitness	11.7.17	Maryborough	Q'ld	C.3
		This soldier is at present in Group Clearing Hospital where he has today been boarded. He is suffering from an acute Asthmatic attack. His case has not been reviewed by A.D.H.S.							
3662	Pvtc.	Harrison	H.	10/49th Bn	Senility & Debility	16.6.17	Longreach.	Q'ld	C.1
		Age 44.6/12 - looks much older.							

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3700	Pvt.	Vivash.	C.	10/63rd Bn.	Scullity	28.7.1917	Sydney N.S.W.	C.1 States his age is 45, but on questioning his age is found to be over 50.
3895	Pvt.	Hiven	F.B.	7/3rd Bn	V. D. H.	16.8.17	Melbourne Vic	C.2 Old standing V.D.H. (Aortic disease) well compensated.
3898	Pvt.	Hawkey	A.H.	7/3rd Bn	Hernia	28.7.17	Melbourne Vic	C.3 Left Inguinal Hernia. Refused operation.
3905	Pvt.	Jones.	J.H.	7/3rd Bn	Scullity	28.8.17	Victoria	C.1 Says his age is 45, but looks older. Is "obese" and has an "aged" appearance and is unfit for general service.
3969	Pvt.	Seymour	C.	7/3rd Bn	Scullity	May 1917	Melbourne Vic	C.1 (Aust) States his age is about 50 and he looks it. N.S.W. but fit N.S. in Australia.
3990	Pvt.	Jurvis	J.	7/3rd Bn	Scullity	20.4.17	Melbourne Vic	C.1 Says he thinks he is 45 but he looks well over 50. Has an "aged" appearance, is obese, and quite unfit for general service.
3978	Pvt.	Swirish	A.H.	7/3rd Bn	Scullity	19.5.17	Vic.	C.1 Left Inguinal Hernia. - Age Mt.
4110	Pvt.	Boon.	A.H.	11/4th Bn	Chronic Bronchitis & Asthma	18.6.17	Brisbane Q'ld	C.3 Discharged from A.I.F. October 1915 with Chronic Bronchitis. Was re-enlisted July 1917. The Bronchitis recurred on transport, and is still present, chest being full of mucus.

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17948	Pvt.	Wyliffe. XX	L.O.	A.A.M.C.	Tuberculosis of Lungs	Oct. 1916	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Right apex dullness anteriorly - Crepitations - sputum profuse. Was treated in a Sanatorium for T.B. in 1912 for 6 months. Sputum - not yet examined.
7371	Spr.	Smith.	J.	Tunn. Coy.	Bronchitis. T.T.B.	8.11.16	Adelaide S.A.	C.3 Twice treated in Sanatoria for Tuberculosis - last time 2 years ago when he was 4 months in Seelocroo Sanatorium Coughing up large amount of phlegm, lost one stone in last 12 months, Age 43, and quite unfit for any military service. Sputum test not yet available.
7237	Spr.	Heste.	B.H.	Tunn. Coy	Bronchitis T.T.B.	12.11.16	Woolhampton S'ld	C.3 Right Swells, occasional slight haemoptysis, cough, scattered Rhonal in chest, no definite adventitious, is shortwinded and Tubercular. Sputum Test not yet available.
18196	Spr.	Buckley.	B.	Fid. Engrs.	Senility	23.9.16	Brisbane.	C'ld C.1 Age 46 and has been subject to Amnesia for last 6 months.
18544	Spr.	Patterson.	D.	Fid. Engrs	Senility	Mar. 1917	Townsville	C'ld C.1 Age 48 and looks it.
18770	Spr.	Burns.	B.	Fid. Engrs	Senility	13.3.17	Wentworth N.S.W.	C.1 Age 48.5/12 - looks much older.
7229	Spr.	Mullin.	F.	Tunn. Coy	Urethral Stricture	13.3.17	Brisbane	C'ld C.1 (asst) Cannot pass a 3/8 candle. F.R.C.S. but fit H.S. in Australia.
18081	Pte.	Leach.	F.T.	A.A.M.C.	St. Ignace's Hernia	17.3.16	Wagga.	C'ld C.1 Refuses operation. P.U.C.S. but fit H.S.
18800	Spr	Shaw.	H.H.	Div. Sign.	V.B.H.	3.3.17	Outley.	Vic. C.3 Faint Systolic Murmur due to V.B.H. and very short of breath on exertion.
7296	Sr.	Farrall.	F.	Tunn. Coy.	T.T.B. Defective Physique	9.4.17	Salz.	Vic. C.3 Flat chested and debilitated and quite unfit general service. Short winded on exertion. A mental defective.
7369	Ser.	Low.	W.H.	Tunn. Coy.	Old Injury to Back	17.1.17	Walgoolie S.A.	C.3 Spinal Neurasthenia. Injured back July 1916 due to fall of earth. Is now suffering from Spinal Neurasthenia There are no objective signs of disease yet he holds trunk stiff and he complains of tenderness lower part of spine.

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7673	Spr.	Harris	H. J.	Tunn. Coy	Urethral Stricture	30.10.16	Malgerlie N.S.W.	C.3	
		Operation in 1915 for Urethral Stricture. Now a sound S/S can just be passed. Stream small and has had two attacks of retention.							
19729	Sr.	Shepherd.	V.H.	5th Div. Sig.	Old Injury to Rt. Knee	22.3.17	Adelaide S.A.	C.3	
		Old Inj. to Right Knee. Fall on Rt. Knee 10 years ago. Since then knee has always been painful and weak. There is a small tumour in substance of Vastus Internus which he states is intensely tender. Walks with a marked limp which I think he is exaggerating.							
19095	Pte.	Sinclair.	G.W.	1st Div. Sig.	Debility	17.11.16	Wagay W'ld	C.3	
		Debilitated and states he is very short of breath on exertion. Occasional Rhonchi at side of chest.							
7722	Spr.	Woolcock.	H.	Tunn. Coy	Debility	8.3.17	Malgerlie N.S.W.	C.3	
		States age 53, but looks 60 and subject to colds.							
7215	Sr.	Johnson.	R.	Tunn. Coy.	Debility & Bronchitis	14.2.17	Brisbane. W'ld	C.1 (Aust)	
		Subject to colds, a heavy drinker. F.U.S.S. but fit N.S. in Australia.							
7390	Sr.	Pickering.	P.J.	Tunn. Coy.	Debility & Bronchitis	20.3.17	Malgerlie N.S.W.	C.1 (Aust)	
		Age 50 and looks it. F.U.S.S. but fit N.S. in Australia.							
14576	Pte.	Ellis.	J.L.	A.A.S.C.	Debility	13.1.17	Wagay W'ld	C.1 (Aust)	
		Age 49 - Obese and quite unfit for general service. States he gave his correct age and it was put down as 44 by recruiting Sergeant at Wagay in Queensland. F.U.S.S. but fit N.S. in Australia.							
14666	Pte.	Dond.	H.	A.A.S.C.	Debility	1.3.17	Wagay W'ld	C.1 (Aust)	
		Correct age 53 and quite unfit for general service. F.U.S.S. but fit for N.S. in Australia.							



APPENDIX 2

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30th October 1917.

From A.D.M.S. A.I.F.  
TIDWORTH.

To G.C.O.  
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Soldiers Permanently Unfit for General Service  
Arriving from Australia in August 1917.

In furtherance of my AMS.24390/46/11 of 5th September 1917 and of 8th October 1917., I have to report that 243 out of the 304 Unfit soldiers referred to in these letters have been again medically examined by the Consultants, A.I.F.

A Nominal Roll is attached of these 243 Unfits showing against each soldier the name of the Reviewing Consultant with his finding and his opinion as to whether the English winter is likely to aggravate the disability or endanger the life of the soldier.

The Consultants have classified these Unfits as follows:-

136 Soldiers classified by the A.D.M.S. have been placed in the same medical category by the Consultants.

13 Soldiers classified by the A.D.M.S. "G1 Australia" (Permanently unfit General Service but fit Home Service in Australia) have been classified by Consultants "G2" (Permanently unfit General Service and temporarily unfit for Home Service).

23 Soldiers classified by the A.D.M.S. have been placed in a lower category by the Consultants.

68 Soldiers classified by the A.D.M.S. have been placed in a higher category by the Consultants - The Consultants have however found all these 68 "Permanently Unfit for General Service".

1 Soldier classified "G2" by the A.D.M.S. has been classed by Consultants "B2b" (Temporarily unfit all services for 6 months).

Therefore allowing for these slight variations, the medical findings of the A.D.M.S. in 241 soldiers have been concurred in by the Consultants. In the case of the remaining two soldiers the medical finding of the A.D.M.S. has not been concurred in by the Consultants, one soldier having been found "Fit for General Service", and one having been found "Temporarily unfit for General Service for less than 6 months.

The remaining 61 soldiers classified by the A.D.M.S. have not yet been reviewed by the Consultants.

Further the Consultants have expressed their opinion that of the 243 soldiers examined by them

in 12 the lives would be endangered by the English winter  
in 124 the Disability would be aggravated by the English winter.

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