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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
WEYMOUTH	1916					
	8.8		Draft marched out for AUSTRALIA	25 Officers	265 Other Ranks	
	20.8		WESTHAM Camp closed			
	23.8		Col. R SPENCER-BROWNE C.B.V.D. took over command of the depot from Lt.Col. DEEBLE.			
	31.8		Draft marched out for AUSTRALIA	2 Officers	198 Other Ranks	
			August Arrivals 884	Departures 793	Average Daily Strength 1083.	

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No. 2 Australian Command Depot,
WEYMOUTH,
1st September, 1916.



FROM :- Commandant,
No. 2 Australian Command Depot.

TO :- Headquarters A. I. F. in U. K.,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH.

The Report of this Depot for the month ending August 31st, 1916, is forwarded for your information please.

R. Stance Brown Colonel.
Commandant.
No. 2 Australian Command Depot.
(RGD)

No 2 August 1916

No. 2 Australian Command Depot,
WEYMOUTH,
1st September, 1916.

REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1916.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Strength on 31-7-1916.	27.	985.	1012.
Total Arrivals at Depot.	32.	852.	884.
Total "Handled" at Depot.	59.	1837.	1896.

DEPARTURES.-

Overseas Drafts.	-	-	-
Transfers to British Army.	-	-	-
Transfers to other Depots and Discharged in England, and Additions to other Drafts.	6.	316.	322.
Invalided to Australia.	27.	464.	491.
Present strength on 31-8-1916.	26.	1057.	1083.

DEATHS.- ... Nil.

ACCIDENTS.- ... Nil.

INSPECTIONS.-

- 8-8-16. This Depot was visited and inspected on By
Brigadier-General The Hon. Sir Newton J. Moore, K.C.M.G.,
G. O. C., A. I. F., U. K.
- 14-8-16. By Colonel Millard, Administrative Headquarters,
A. I. F., and Matron-in-Chief A. I. F., who conferred with the
Senior Medical Officer of this Depot in connection with the
construction of Hospital and Nurses quarters.
- 17-8-16. By Brigadier-General The Hon. Sir Newton J. Moore,
K.C.M.G., G. O. C., A. I. F., U. K.
- 23-8-16. By Colonel J. Lyon Johnston and Major Osborne, No. 2
Training Group, Salisbury, in connection with the handing over of
Command to Colonel R. Spencer Browne.
- 27-8-16. By Colonel R. Mc.C. Anderson, G. O. C., Administrative
Headquarters.

DISCIPLINE.-

Military. The following men were dealt with by Courts-Martial during the month of August :-

3-8-16. No. 602, Private Roy Punshon, 7th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, was tried by District Court-Martial at Weymouth on the 3rd August, 1916.

Charge.-

Absenting himself without leave.

Finding.-

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

Sentence.-

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for One Hundred and Twelve (112) days.

Confirmation.-

Confirmed.

(Signed) R.F. Johnson, Brig.-General,
Garrison Commander, Portland.

10-8-16. No. 190, Private G. T. Johnson, 21st Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, was tried by District Court-Martial at Weymouth on the 10th August, 1916.

Charge.-

Absenting himself without leave.

Finding.-

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

Sentence.-

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for Eighty Four (84) days.

Confirmation.-

Confirmed.

(Signed) R.F. Johnson, Brig.-General,
Garrison Commander, Portland.

23-8-16. No. 4367, Sapper S. Johnson, 6th Tunnelling Company, Australian Imperial Force, was tried by District Court-Martial at Weymouth on the 23rd August, 1916.

Charge.-

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline; stating to a Medical Board that certain injuries to his wrist were received while undergoing Military Service, well knowing the said statement to be false.

Finding.-

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

Sentence.-

The Court sentenced the accused to undergo detention for Fourteen (14) days.

Confirmation.-

Confirmed.

(Signed) R.F. Johnson, Brig.-General,
Garrison Commander, Portland.

COMPANY CLASSIFICATIONS.-

The following shows the composition of Companies as at present constituted under the Sub-Division of Medical Classifications. Company returns are now submitted to Depot Orderly Room under these headings.-

No. 1 Company.- "A", Fit for General Service.

No. 2 Company.- "B.1a", Temporarily unfit for General Service for less than 6 months, but Fit for Home Service.

"B.1b", Temporarily unfit for General Service for less than 6 months, and unfit for Home Service.

No. 3 Company.- "B.2a", Temporarily unfit for General Service for more than 6 months but fit for Home Service.

"C.1", Permanently unfit for General Service but fit for Home Service.

No. 4 Company.- "B.2b", Permanently unfit for General Service for more than 6 months and unfit for Home Service.

"C.2", Permanently unfit for General Service and Temporarily unfit for Home Service.

"C.3", Permanently unfit for General Service and Permanently unfit for Home Service.

COMMAND.-

23-8-16. Colonel R. Spencer Browne, C.B., V.D., assumed Command of the No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, on the 23rd instant, vice Lieut.-Colonel A. V. Deeble, transferred to Park House Camp.

In relinquishing Command of this Depot, Lieutenant-Colonel A. V. Deeble desired to record his appreciation of the

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conscientious and efficient performance by all the Staff of their duties, and expressed the hope that the convalescents would speedily recover their normal health to enable them to rejoin their comrades at the front.

In saying "au-revoir" to those soon to return to their homes he expressed the hope that they would have a pleasant voyage and a happy reunion with their hosts of friends in Australia.

WESTHAM CAMP.-

20-8-16. On the 20th August, 1916, in accordance with orders received from Southern Command, Westham Camp was duly handed over to the Officer-in-Charge, Barracks, Portland Garrison. The breakages and deficiencies in Engineers fixtures were checked by the Royal Engineers' representative and the evacuation of the camp was completed at noon on August 21st.

ENTERTAINMENTS.-

An invitation was received from the Mayor of Weymouth for 150 sick and wounded Australians to attend an entertainment in the Alexandra Gardens, Weymouth, on the 25th August. The invitation was accepted and was much appreciated by all.

On Wednesday, 23rd August, 1916, an entertainment was held in the Jubilee Hall, Weymouth, which was attended by every available man at the Depot, whose duties did not prevent him attending. Altogether the outing was a very great success. The men who were unable to walk were taken into Weymouth by Char-a-banc and Motor Car, and the expenses were borne by the funds of the Regimental Institute. After the performance all men on leave pass were allowed to remain in the town and the rest were brought back to the Depot.

ORDERLY ROOM.-

During the month of August, 1916, ten men were dealt with for drunkenness, accompanied by one or other of the following offences :-

Ohscene Language, Creating a disturbance, Absence and Gambling in Camp.

Fifty nine (59) men were convicted on a charge of being absent without leave and were dealt with accordingly.

Forty (40) men were punished for minor offences against discipline.

BAND.-

On the 27th July, 1916, the Band of this Depot, together with their instruments and music, was transferred to Salisbury and we were notified on the 2nd August, 1916, by Portland Garrison that, acting under instructions from the General Officer Commanding in Chief, the Dorset and Wilts. Bands would play at this Depot on alternate Wednesdays. One concert by each of the above named Bands was given at this Depot, both of which were much appreciated. On August, 17th, the following memo was sent to Portland Garrison by Lieut.-Colonel Deeble :-

" I would like to report that another Band has now been formed at this Depot so that the necessity for the Garrison Bands to visit Monte Video has now gone. No doubt they will be glad to be relieved of this duty. I have much appreciated the two concerts given. "

(Signed) A. V. Deeble, Lieut.-Colonel.
Commandant.
No. 2 Australian Command Depot.

On August 16th, 1916, our newly formed Band and a few other ranks proceeded to Bridport to assist in the "Kut Day" Celebrations. The movement was entirely for the purpose of raising funds for the Bridport men who are (as a result of the

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part taken by them in the Mesopotamia Campaign) prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy. All Australians were treated in the most excellent manner and the little we were able to do in connection with the good cause was made most enjoyable by the kindness of the people of Bridport. Railway fares and other expenses were provided by the Committee. The part played by the Depot towards this movement was much appreciated as proved by correspondence received from the Committee.

On August 19th, 1916, the Band proceeded to Yeovil to take part in a fete being held in connection with the raising of funds for the Yeovil Red Cross Hospital (V. A. D.) and the Yeovil Civil Hospital. Railway fares were paid and refreshments provided by the Committee. A very good programme of band music was arranged and the services of the band were fully appreciated by the people of Yeovil.

HUTMENTS.-

Eight huts are now used as Hospital Huts within this Depot, and are under supervision of the Senior Medical Officer. There are 422 beds in the Depot, 96 of them being in use in the 8 huts above mentioned, the rest being distributed amongst No. 4 Company, Unfits.

HEALTH AND SANITATION.-

Report of Senior Medical Officer is attached.

DRAFTS.-

7-8-16. The 45th Draft composed of 68 other ranks with two Conducting Officers left this Depot for Salisbury on August, 7th, 1916.

8-8-16. The 46th Draft composed of 25 Officers and 265

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other ranks left this Depot for Australia on August 8th, 1916.

17-8-16. The 47th Draft composed of 100 other ranks with two Conducting Officers, left this Depot for Salisbury on August 17th, 1916.

24-8-16. The 48th Draft composed of 60 other ranks with two Conducting Officers left this Depot for Salisbury on August 24th, 1916.

31-8-16. The 49th Draft composed of 20 other ranks with two Conducting N. C. O.'s left this Depot for Salisbury on August 31st, 1916.

31-8-16. The 50th Draft composed of 2 Officers and 198 other ranks left this Depot for Australia on August 31st, 1916.

REPORTS.-

The following reports are attached :-

Senior Medical Officer.

Officer i/c. Depot Post Office.

Sanitary and Pioneer (by Q.M.) Monte Video.

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No. 2 Australian Command Depot,
WEYMOUTH,
1st September, 1916.

FROM :- Officer in Charge,
Post Office.

TO :- Adjutant.

Herewith I beg to submit my report on the general working of the Post Office for the month ending 31st August, 1916.-

LETTERS.-

Received 120 bags. Of these 7,500 letters were re-addressed from records, either to London or to Salisbury.

PARCELS.-

Received 549. Delivered 371, re-addressed 151. On hand to 1st September 27.

REGISTERS.-

Received 492. Delivered 379, re-directed 93. On hand 1st September, 20.

TELEGRAMS.-

Received 410. Delivered 384, re-addressed 24.

SALE OF STAMPS.-

Stamps to be value of £35 have been sold in this Branch.

During the month, an inquiry was put through to the District Manager of Telephones, with the object of having one installed in the Post Office for General use. So far I have had no reply.

The Westham Post Office has been closed and all records and receipts have now been lodged in this Office.

The interior working of the Office has been most satisfactory and I report accordingly.

Lieut.

Officer in Charge, Post Office.

(RGD)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN ENGLAND.

A.F. No.

Monthly Summary of Dental Treatment. *August*

Month *1916.*

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STATION.	Attendance.	Cases Treated.	Teeth Extracted.	Anæsthetics.		Fillings.			Scaling Cases.	Dentures Repaired.	Dentures Supplied.	Pyorrhoea Cases Treated.	Fracture of Mandible.	General Surgical Cases.	REMARKS.
				General.	Local.	Temporary.	Permanent.	Root Filling							
<i>No 2 Australian Command Depot Weymouth.</i>	<i>521</i>	<i>148.</i>	<i>68.</i>	<i>nil.</i>	<i>36.</i>	<i>67.</i>	<i>161.</i>	<i>22.</i>	<i>19.</i>	<i>9.</i>	<i>50.</i>	<i>4.</i>			
<i>Southern Command Order No 687</i>															
<i>See Chargeable.</i>															
Estimated Value of above Treatment at Imperial Contract Rates.			<i>0 1/2 ea</i>	<i>0 7/6 ea</i>	<i>0 7/6 ea</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>0 7/6 ea</i>	<i>0 7/6 ea</i>	<i>0 3/4 ea</i>	<i>0 7/6 ea</i>		<i>0 7/6 ea.</i>			
			<i>£3/8.</i>	<i>~</i>	<i>£1/10.</i>	<i>~</i>	<i>£20/2/6</i>	<i>£2/15.</i>	<i>£2/17.</i>	<i>£7/18.</i>	<i>£17/2/6</i>	<i>£1/0.</i>			
										<i>Total</i>	<i>£110.</i>	<i>3. 0.</i>			

Date *August 31st 1916.*

R. Hooper Dental Officer in Charge.
Dental Unit no 13.

Wm. Whae Major S.M.O.

S.M.O. No. 2 AUSTN. COMMAND DEPOT.

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No.2.Australian Command Depot.
Monte Video Camp,
Weymouth.
31st August.1916.

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FROM:- SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER,
No.2.Australian Command
Depot.

TO:- Administrative Headquarters, -and-Commandant,
Australian Imperial Force, No.2.Australian Command
130,Horseferry Road, Depot.
Westminster,LONDON.S.W.

Sanitary and Medical Report for August.1916.

I have the honour to forward this report for Monte Video Camp.

The health of the troops has been very good, and the only cases of infectious disease which have occurred, have been two cases of Mumps. Daily average percentage of sick -1.5%

The Sanitary condition of the Camp has been very satisfactory.

Scabies. There have been 3 cases.

Venereal. The following cases have occurred:-

Gonorrhoea. 11.
Soft Chancre &) 15.
Syphilis)

Enteric Convalescents.

26 Cases have undergone tests and have been classified "fit for service overseas"

There are 2 cases not yet so classified. They are at present on the illegal absentee list of this Depot.

Massage. About 70 cases a day receive massage treatment. Many of them would be benefited by electrical treatment, which is not yet available.

Dental Report. Attached.

General. The Convalescents now arriving at the Depot are transferred here direct from hospital, or arrive after completion of furlough. Other unfits are sent to the Depot from Salisbury for return to Australia. On arrival they are medically classified and dealt with as follows:-

B.1.a. Class men are placed on graduated physical training. They are inspected by a Medical Officer once a week and every effort is made to render them fit for general service as soon as possible.

The graduated training for this class would be more efficient if it were carried out by properly qualified instructors.

B.1.b. men are accommodated in beds in huts fitted out as convalescent hospital huts.

They are visited daily by a Medical Officer who is held responsible that any case fit to undergo the graduated course of training is transferred to B.1.a. class.

B.2.a. & C.1. Classes are utilized for Depot duties.

B.2.b. C.2. & C.3. Classes are given bed accommodation awaiting their return to Australia.

W. H. W. Hae Major.
S.M.O. No.2.Australian Command Depot.



No.2.Australian Command Depot,

Monte Video Camp,

Weymouth,

August 31st 1916.

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Sanitary and Pioneer Report of Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, for
month ending August 31st 1916.

A new Footpath has been constructed between Hospital Huts 88, 87, 86, 82, and through to existing path at East side of C. Block, Officers Quarters.

Roads
&
Paths.

A new Path has also been constructed in rear of Guard Room for use of Sentry.

All paths are being treated with a dressing of Shingle.

General maintenance of roads has been carried out as necessary.

Sewerage. All Sewers and Gullies are disinfected at regular intervals, all are working well, several sections have been cleaned out during the month.

Surface
Water
&
Drainage All channels are cleaned at intervals and repairs carried out when necessary.
A new foul Drain is under construction, from Hut 33(Dental) and connecting with existing foul Drain at lower Cook House.
A new Sump Hole has been made at S.E., corner of Minature Rifle Range and is giving every satisfaction.

Ablution
Houses
&
Latrines. All broken or leaking Taps are immediately repaired, all Urinals have been treated with heavy Oil, and Latrine Pans disinfected daily, all G.I.Latrine and Urinals have been lime washed.

Huts. All huts are in excellent habitable state, floors etc are scrubbed weekly, and all breakages immediately repaired.
Various roofs leak as reported previously.

Painter. All Hospital Huts have been very treated with Washable distemper.

Glazier. Breakages have been very light during the month and all broken windows have been immediately repaired.

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Carpenter.
&
Joiner.

Orderly Room.

A new Card Rack has been fitted in Depot
Small joinery work has been carried out in
Dispensary, Orderly Room, & Dental Surgery.

A new petrol storage tank has been made at
the back of Garage and fitted with cover.

All Barrack Room damages have been repaired as
necessary.

Bath.
Houses.

Bath Houses are thoroughly clean and Boilers
in good working order.

Exterior of Baths are being redecorated.
All sprays and Taps in lower Bath House have been cleaned
and repaired where necessary.

Cook
Houses.

Both Cook Houses have been thoroughly cleaned,
Ranges & Boilers treated with Brunswick Black, and lower
half of interior Lime-washed, are now in good working order

Incinerator. The Incinerators are in good working order,
several minor repairs having been executed .

Gardener.

Vacant spaces round all Hospital Huts have
been converted into gardens also vacant space at back
of Coal Yard.

The space of ground in front of A. Quarters
has been planted with various vegetables and space at
N. side of Officers Quarters is to be made into gardens.

A new garden has been also made in rear of
Guard Room.

Generally.

The Camp generally is in a very satisfactory
condition.

Geoffrey G

Lieut. & Quartermaster,

No. 2. Australian Command Depot.