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1914-18 War

Bases & Depots

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3RD AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL
BASE DEPOT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	<u>1917.</u>		
October	1		Lieut-Colonel F.M.O'Donnell returned from duty at 3rd. Australian Divisional Headquarters and resumed command.
	3		Draft of 63 O/Ranks from England.
	5		Draft of 10 O/Ranks from England
			Draft of 161 O/Ranks to front. Lieut. C.W.D. Lintott, 44th. Battn., i/charge.
			Draft of 23 O/Ranks evacuated to England (permanent base).
	6		Draft of 164 O/Ranks to Front. Lieut. W.K. Findlay, 40th. Battn. A.I.F. i/charge.
	10		Draft of 83 O/Ranks from England.
			Draft to front of 33 O/Ranks. Capt. J.A. Nunn, 3rd. Pioneer Battn. A.I.F., in charge.
	11		Draft of 66 O/Ranks to front. Lieut. H.V. Petersen, 42nd. Battn. A.I.F., in charge.
	13		Draft of 20 O/Ranks from England.
			Draft of 91 O/Ranks to Front. Capt. G.S. Bisdée, 40th. Battn. A.I.F. in charge.
	15		Draft of 181 O/Ranks from England.
	16		Draft of 79 O/Ranks to front. Lieut. S. R. Warry, 42nd. Battn. A.I.F. in charge.
	17		Draft of 59 O/Ranks from England.
			Draft of 16 O/Ranks evacuated to England (permanent base).
	18		Draft of 233 O/Ranks to front. Capt. R. C. Sexton, 43rd. Battn. A.I.F. in charge.
	21		Draft of 107 O/Ranks from England.
			Draft of 119 O/Ranks to front. Capt. W.H. Orchard, 38th. Battn., A.I.F. in charge.
	23		8 O/Ranks transferred to Australian Veterinary Hospital, Calais.
	24		Draft of 13 O/Ranks from England.
			Draft of 125 O/Ranks to Front. Major W.V.J. Blake, 35th. Battn. A.I.F. in charge, also O.C. Train.
	25		Draft of 28 O/Ranks from England.
	26		Draft of 86 O/Ranks to front. Capt. R.C. Grieve V.C., 37th. Battn. A.I.F., in charge.
	27		Draft of 137 O/Ranks to front. 2/Lieut. H.A. Ingram, 41st. Battn. A.I.F. in charge.
	<p>During the month the terracing of the camp was completed. 11 terraces, each terrace 167ft. x 20ft. accommodating 13 tents. Total accommodation for 143 tents but only 131 pitched. Each terrace drained and path to tents duckboarded along the whole length of terrace. Roads and paths were renovated and paths in Officers lines and to Sergeants' Mess completed, 66 4/27 cubic yards of stone being used. The whole of the terraces, paths, roads and parade ground were covered with</p>		

Remarks and
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Appendices
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WAR DIARY

or Month of October 1917.

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covered with cinders to a depth of two inches; 233 cubic yards used.

The men's mess hut was painted and decorated and table cloths, salt cellars, pepper castors, and mustard pots provided.

The local field hospital (building owned by E.F.C.) renovated. Beds furnished complete by Australian Red Cross. Cooking utensils and range belonging to Canteen loaned to Lt-Colonel O'Donnell by Officer in charge E.F.C. - Lieut, White.

The engineers completed new water service from reservoir in Northern camp, and bath room providing vapour bath for men brought into use.

Drains under dining halls reconstructed and cleaned. Sanitation of camp good, and health of men excellent. 50% of casuals from Hospital received further medical treatment for periods averaging 5 to 7 days.

SUMMARY.

		Offs.	Offs.	O/Ranks.	O/Ranks.
Total strength on September 30th.1917	.....		15		581
INCREASE: From England	.....	71		564	
Hospitals in France	.....	15		870	
Other sources.	.....	<u>5</u>	91	<u>14</u>	1448
			106		2029
DECREASE To Units in the field	.....	78		1334	
Hospital	.....	4		41	
England (Permanent base)	1		39	
Other units	<u>1</u>		<u>15</u>	
			84		1429
STRENGTH on October 31st.1917.	=		22		600
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