

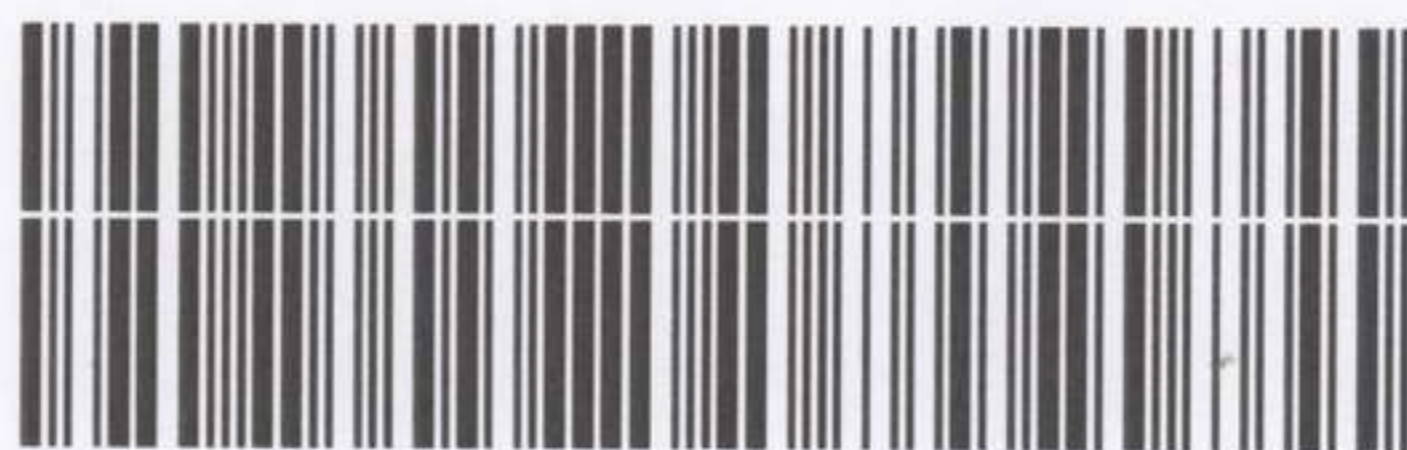
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Item number: 33/15/5

Title: Australian Base Depot, Weymouth

May 1916



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Australian Base Depot,
1st June, 1916.

REPORT FOR MAY, 1916.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Strength on 30/4/16.	67	2338	2405
Total arrivals at Depot	<u>18</u>	<u>1338</u>	<u>1356</u>
Total "handled" at Depot	<u>85</u>	<u>3676</u>	<u>3761</u>

DEPARTURES.

Drafts.	15	453	468
Transfers to British Army	-	2	2
Transfers to other Depots & discharged in England, and additions to other drafts	-	114	114
Invalided to Australia	1	550	551
Present strength 31/5/16	69	2557	2626

DEATHS.

- 4-5-16 No.1904, Private C.Norris, 12th Battalion, A.I.F. died at Sydney Hall Military Hospital 4-5-16 as the result of a motor accident.
- 5-5-16 No.357, Private R.B.Watson, 6th Battalion, A.I.F. died suddenly in London on the 5-5-16.

ACCIDENTS.

- 21-5-16 No.88, Corporal L.H.Bray, 23rd Battalion, whilst parading men on the Fleet Road, opposite the Camp was accidentally knocked down by a motor cycle. Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry are being submitted.
- 21-5-16 No.783, Private Alexander Patterson, 11th Light Horse, met with an accident on the 21-5-16 owing to motor cycle, he was riding, skidding and striking the curb. Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry are being submitted, on the case.

INSPECTIONS.

- 5-5-16 Surgeon-General Howse, V.C., accompanied by Colonel Giblin, 1st A.C.H., made a thorough inspection of both Monte Video and Westham Camps on 5th May.
- 11-5-16 The Inspector of Gymnasia visited the Camp on the 11th May and inspected the Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting classes in progress.
- 21-5-16 Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by Mr. Fisher, High Commissioner for Australia, and several Australian Officials, paid a visit to the Depot on Sunday the 21st May. Mr. Hughes was met at the Railway Station by Brigadier-General Sir Newton J. Moore, Brigadier-General Johnson (Commanding Portland Garrison) and Commodore Ryan. The Party then visited the Camp and inspected the troops. Mr. Hughes addressed the men and his remarks were endorsed by Mr. Fisher. After the address the troops were reviewed in a march past.
- 27-5-16 Two Officials of the Russian Government accompanied by Captain Darnell, Staff Officer, visited the Camp on the 27th May. They inspected the 33rd Draft, in readiness to leave for France on the 28th instant.

DISCIPLINE.Civil.

- 4-5-16 No.467, Dvr. T.W. Pierson, 9th A.S.C., Australian Imperial Force was dealt with by Civil Tribunal in the County Borough of Brighton on the 4th May.
- Charge. Obtaining goods to the value of £7-19-10 by means of a worthless cheque.
Stealing a cheque book and three 10/- Treasury notes at Cranleigh, Surrey, and 16 charges of obtaining goods to the value of £200 from tradesmen in London.

DISCIPLINE.

Civil. Finding. The accused pleaded guilty of all the charges.

Sentence. The accused was sentenced to six (6) months imprisonment with hard labour.

The Prisoner will serve his sentence at H. M. Prison, Lewes.

MILITARY.

The following men were dealt with by Courts-Martial during the month of May:-

1-5-16 No.177, Private George Hanson Bell, 16th Battalion, was tried by R.C.M. at Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, on 1st May.

Charge. Absenting himself without leave.

Finding. Guilty of the Charge.

Sentence. To undergo detention for a period of forty-two (42) days and to forfeit seventy-six (76) days pay under R.W.

1-5-16 No.740, Private (Lance-Corporal) William John Godfrey 2nd Battalion, was tried by R.C.M. at Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, on the 1st May.

Charges (1) Absenting himself without leave

(2) Losing by neglect his regimental necessaries.

Finding. Guilty of both charges.

Sentence. To be deprived of his appointment as Lance-Corporal, to undergo detention for a period of 28 days, to be placed under stoppage of pay for loss of kit to the extent of 7/1 $\frac{1}{2}$, and to forfeit thirty-three (33) days pay under R.W.

5-5-16 No.669, Corporal C. D. Fox, 5th Light Horse Field Ambulance, was tried by R.C.M. at Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, on the 5th instant.

Charge. Absenting himself without leave

Finding. Guilty of the charge.

Sentence. To be reduced to the ranks and to forfeit one (1) days pay under R.W.

Confirmation. The Commandant, Australian Base Depot, varied the sentence to be as follows, "to forfeit one (1) days pay under R.W."

DISCIPLINE.

Military.

- 5-5-16. No.749, Tpr. Martin Alfred Sheen, 8th Light Horse, was tried by D.C.M. at Weymouth on 5th May.
Charges (1) Absenting himself without leave
(2) Absenting himself without leave
(3) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.
(4) Stealing money the property of a comrade.
Finding. Guilty of all charges.
Sentence. To undergo detention for a period of six (6) months.
- 17-5-16 No.977, Private (Lance-Corporal) William Appleby, 6th Army Service Corps, was tried by R.C.M. at Monte Video Camp on the 17th May.
Charge. Absenting himself without leave.
Finding. Guilty of the charge.
Sentence. To be deprived of the rank of Lance-Corporal to undergo detention for a period of forty (40) days, and to forfeit forty-seven (47) days pay under R.W.
Confirmation. The Commandant, Australian Base Depot, remitted ten (10) days detention of the sentence.
- 17-5-16 No.1270, Regimental Sergeant-Major T. Haworth, 4th Battalion, was tried by D.C.M. at Weymouth on the 17th May.
Charges (1) Absenting himself without leave.
(2) When in lawful custody escaping.
Finding. Guilty of both charges.
Sentence. To be reduced to the rank of Sergeant.
- 17-5-16. No.2668, Private H. Nelson, 3rd Battalion, was tried by D.C.M. at Weymouth on the 17th May.
Charges (1) Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.
(2) An act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

DISCIPLINE.

Military

- 17-5-16. Finding. Guilty of both charges
Sentence. To undergo detention for a period of fifty-six (56) days.
- 17-5-16. No.1829, Private W. T. Smith, 7th Battalion, was tried by D.C.M. at Weymouth on the 17th May.
Charge. (When under orders for Active Service) Deserting His Majesty's Service.
Finding. The Court find that the accused is not guilty of desertion but is guilty of absence without leave.
Sentence. To undergo detention for a period of fifty-six (56) days.
- 29-5-16 No.2210, Sgt. H. Sickes, 2nd Battalion, was tried by D.C.M. at Weymouth on the 29th May.
Charges (1) Absenting himself without leave.
(2) Striking his superior Officer.
Finding. Guilty of Charge (1). Not guilty of Charge (2).
Sentence. To be reduced to the rank of Corporal.
- 29-5-16 No.2220, Private Richard Urquahart, 2nd Battalion, was tried by D.C.M. at Weymouth on the 29th May.
Charges (1) Absenting himself without leave.
(2) When in confinement escaping.
Finding. Guilty of both charges.
Sentence. To undergo detention for a period of nine (9) months.
- 29-5-16 No.826, Private (Lance-Corporal) Robert King Smith, 8th Battalion, A.I.F., was tried by D.C.M. on 29th May
Charge. Absenting himself without leave
Finding. Guilty of the charge
Sentence. To undergo detention for a period of twenty-eight (28) days.

DISCIPLINE.Orderly Room.

Fourteen (14) men were dealt with for Drunkenness accompanied by one or more of the following offences:-
Obscene language, ~~striking~~^{King} an N.C.O., Absence, Being in possession of liquor.

Twenty-four (24) men were punished for minor offences against discipline.

Seventy-seven (77) men were punished for absence without leave.

The general discipline of the Depot is good. The saluting of Officers by men of the Depot has improved.

TRAINING.

Regular parades have been held during the month. Machine Gun, Lewis Gun, Bombing and Bayonet Fighting & Physical Training classes have been held at the Depot.

Machine Gun Class.

87 N.C.O.s & men instructed
33 First class certificates
22 Second class certificates

Report from the Machine Gun Instructor is attached.

Lewis Gun Class.

12 N.C.Os & men instructed
6 First class certificates

Report from the Lewis Gun Instructor is attached.

Bombing Class.

12 N.C.Os. instructed
No.1 to No.6 Companies have been through an instruction

Report from Bombing Officer is attached.

Signalling Class.

Signalling Unit has been formed of qualified signallers.

Report from Signalling Instructor attached.

Physical Training & Bayonet Fighting.

12 N.C.Os. instructed.

Report from Instructor is attached.

Lectures for Officers have been held during the month of Topography, Tactics and Engineering.

TRAINING.

Anti-Gas. Ten Officers attended a lecture on Anti-Gas Measures which was held at the Dorset Camp, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

Courses of Instruction

The following Officers have undergone courses of instruction as stated:-

Musketry Course - Hythe.

Capt.	H. Carter	5th Btn.
Lieut.	R.C.D. Dawson	24th Btn.
"	A.O.H. Carne	6th Btn.
"	H.A. Fleming	5th Btn.

Machine Gun Course - Chelsea.

Capt.	J.H.T. Pain	2nd Btn.
Lieut.	A.H. Hutton	16th Btn.
"	F.J. Treolcar	3rd A.L.H.
"	K.G. Jacob	12th Btn.
"	F.A. Vimicombe	6th Btn.

Lewis Gun Course - Chelsea.

Lieut.	W.P. Adams	6th Btn.
"	J.H. Gordon	7th Btn.
"	G.L. Makin	5th Btn.
"	S.R. Houghton	12th Btn.
"	F.H. Dadson	14th Btn.

Bombing Course - Clapham.

Lieut.	D.R. Macdermid	14th Btn.
"	R.C.D. Parkang	26th Btn.
"	H.E. Malpas	25th Btn.
"	B.G.W. Fletcher	13th Btn.
"	T.W. Dwyer	5th Btn.
"	F.B. Scougall	9th Btn.
"	S. Montgomery	22nd Bn.
"	G.H. Koch	9th Btn.
"	R.H. Gordon	20th Btn.
"	F.H. Blackman	8th Btn.
"	G.W. Norris	17th Btn.

Signalling Course - Chelsea.

Lieut.	E.S. Richards	20th Btn.
"	S.R. Houghton	12th Btn.

RESULTS OF COURSES.

Musketry Course. Capt. H. Carter 5th Btn.

Qualified as First class instructor also qualified in mechanism of Lewis Gun.

Lieut. R.C. Dawson, 24th Btn.

Distinguished. Qualified in mechanism of Lewis Gun.

RESULTS OF COURSES.

Machine Gun Course. Lieut. A.H.Hutton 16th Btn.
Good knowledge of Maxim, Vickers and Lewis
Guns and is capable of acting as an
Instructor.

Lewis Gun Course. Lieut. W.P. Adams 6th Btn.
Good knowledge of Lewis Gun.

Bombing Course. Lieut. D.R. Macdermid 14th Btn.
First class knowledge Grenade & Trench
engines.
Grenade Throwing 66%
Written Examination 75%
Capable as an instructor.

Lieut. G.H. Pulling 18th Btn.
Written examination 55% Fair
Throwing Tests 85% Pass

Lieut. H.E. Malpas 27th Btn.
Written Examination 63% Fair
Throwing Tests 45% Fail

The results of course attended by remaining Officers have not
yet been received.

No.87, Sgt. R. Crawford, 4th Battalion obtained "Good knowled,
in Lewis Gun Course.

ADMINISTRATION.

Company. No.6 Company has been split up and is now com-
posed of Light Horse Regiments only.

No.7 Company has been formed, composed of all
details of No.6 Company other than Light Horse Units
and A.M.C. Details.

No.8 Company has been formed, composed of all
A.M.C. Details.

Under the above arrangements, troops for Egypt
can be dealt with more readily and administration is
carried out on a firmer basis.

ORGANIZATION.

Draft. The 300 "fit" men held in readiness at this Can
for defence purposes have been returned to duty with
their respective Companies and the Draft Company has
been disbanded.

DRAFTS.

- 4-5-16. The 30th Draft, composed of 8 Officers and 10 other ranks, left this Depot for Egypt on the 4th May.
- 6-5-16 The 31st Draft, composed of 3 Officers and 39 other ranks, left this Depot for France on the 6th May.
- 8-5-16 The 32nd Draft, composed of 1 Officer and 550 other ranks, left this Depot for Australia on the 8th May.
- 28-5-16 The 33rd Draft, composed of 5 Officers and 351 other ranks, left this Depot for Egypt on the 28th May.
- 31-5-16 The 34th Draft, composed of 2 Officers and 50 other ranks, left this Depot for Egypt on the 31st May.

With the exception of the 33rd Draft which was let get somewhat out of hand owing to the slackness on the part of the Officers, the behaviour of the troops and the entraining was very satisfactory. I have since lectured the Officers on their duties in regard to handling, discipline, entraining, etc. of drafts.

HEALTH & SANITATION.

Report of Senior Medical Officer attached.

Report of Sanitary Officer attached.

HUTMENTS.

The list of deficiencies in huts for this month is very small as compared to previous months. An inspection of huts is held on the first of every month and the deficiencies adjusted.

BAND.

The Band of the Depot has given Band Concerts at the Alexandra Gardens, Weymouth, several times during the month. The proceeds go toward various War Funds.

At the request of Mr. Fisher, High Commissioner for Australia, the Band of the Depot played at the Hotel Cecil 30th May, at a reception tended to the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Hughes.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

- 16-5-16. A weekly concert has been arranged for Tuesday evenings during the Summer at Monte Video Camp. The Depot Band gives selections and the artists are picked from the Depot. These concerts commenced on the 16th May, and are a popular amusement for the troops.
- 20-5-16 During the Summer months it is suggested that Sports Meetings be held once a month. On Saturday afternoon the 20th May, the first of these was held in the Sports Ground at the back of Monte Video Camp. There was a first class programme arranged and the fine array of prizes given caused a great deal of competition between the men. Exhibitions of Bombing were given on the afternoon. The Meeting was a huge success for a first attempt. The expenses were borne out of the Institute Funds, together with the entrance fee for all events.
- 22-5-16. By the request of Mr. Hughes, the men were given a holiday on Monday, 22nd May, to make up for the Sunday that they were kept in Camp when Mr. Hughes visited the Camp. Passes were granted to the men after the first parade.
- 24-5-16 Empire Day was observed as a holiday. Ceremonial Parade was held in the morning, after which the troops were dismissed for the day.

GENERAL.

Water Supply. A water tank, capable of holding 18,000 gallons of water, has been erected on the north side of Hut 51. The work is complete with all connections, valves cocks, and overflow, and the whole has been roofed with galvanized iron sheeting. This should obviate any further complaints re shortage of water.

REPORTS.

The following reports are attached:-

Westham Camp.

Senior Medical Officer.

Sanitation Officer, on both Camps.

Machine Gun Officer.

Lewis Gun Officer.

Bombing Officer

Signalling Instructor

Physical Training and Bayonet Fighting Instructor.

Officer i/c. Post Office.



Lieut.-Colonel.
Commandant,
Australian Base Depot.
(CD)



Australian Camp, Westham.

Weymouth, 31st May 1916.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS.

1. Arrivals.
2. Departures.
3. Deaths.
4. Courts-Martial.
5. Invalided to Australia.
6. Inspections.
7. Discipline.
8. Training.
9. Post Office.
10. General.

V. G. Sampson Captain.
O.C., Australian Camp, Westham.





Australian Camp, Westham.

Weymouth, 31st May 1916.

1. <u>Arrivals.</u>	Officers.	12.
	N.C.O's & Men.	984.
2. <u>Departures.</u>	Officers.	17.
	N.C.O's & Men.	918.
3. <u>Deaths.</u>		1.
4. <u>Courts-Martial.</u>		2.
5. <u>Invalided to Australia.</u>		
	Included in Departures.	544.
	N.C.O's and Men.	

A. Sampson Captain.
O.C., Australian Camp, Westham.



Australian Camp, Westham.

Weymouth 31st May 1916.

I N S P E C T I O N S .

By Officers i/c Huts.

Twice daily.

By Quarter Master.

Daily, except Barrack Rooms.

By Orderly Officer.

Daily, including Barrack Rooms, also at breakfast and dinner.

By District Sanitary Officer.

Occasionally.

By O.C., Westham Camp.

Weekly on Saturdays, Men Barrack Rooms, Institutions and Outbuildings.

By Commandant, Australian Base Depot.

Occasionally.

~~By~~ The Medical Officer and Lieut Scarr, A.E., also render reports.

On 5th May Surgeon-General House, V.C., accompanied by Colonel Giblin, 1st A.C.H., inspected the Camp and Draft of Permanently Unfit men who sailed for Australia in the "Themistocles" on the 8th instant.

B. Sampson

Captain.
O.C., Australian Camp, Westham.



Australian Camp, Westham.

Weymouth, 31st May 1916.

DISCIPLINE.

I am able to report that the discipline of the Camp, as a whole, is "Good!"

There has been a marked improvement in the matter of paying compliments and saluting.

The number of men absenting themselves without leave remains about the same as last month. Courts of Inquiry are held on all cases of illegal absence over twenty-one days.

Civil Convictions. 1. (Pte Pierson).

Court-Martials. (D.C.M.) 2. (Tpr Lester and Pte Urquahart).

Trooper Lester was acquitted.

In Pte Urquahart's case, the sentence of the Court has not yet been promulgated.

455 Sergt-Major H. Smith, 16th Battn., was arrested in London on the 25th May 1916, on a charge of bigamy. He was committed for trial at the Old Bailey Police Court on 27th June 1916, at 10 a.m.

A marked improvement is shown in the "turn-out" and work generally of the N.C.O's and men detailed for duty on the Westham Picquets.

R. Sampson

Captain.
O.C., Australian Camp, Westham.



Australian Camp, Westham.

Weymouth, 31st May 1916.

T R A I N I N G.

Regular parades have been held daily, and training without arms carried out. The early morning parade at 6.45 a.m. is devoted to Free Gymnastics and Organised Games.

Squad and Company Drill is arranged for fit men daily, and frequent Route Marches. Ropes have been obtained, sufficient for sixteen sections in ~~and~~ Skeleton Drill, and this has been found of great value in instructing Non-Commissioned Officers in their work.

Signallers are practised in Morse and Semaphore Flag Signalling under Sergeant Hutton, 3rd Light Horse Regt., daily. A "Buzzer" would be of the greatest value in the instruction of this class, One has been applied for, but up to the present, without success.

Os.C.Coys attend Orderly Room daily at Office Hour, and receive instruction in Office work. They also attend weekly for comparing crimes.

A Course of Lectures to Officers is in progress. These are held in the evening in the Mess Ante Room.

R. D. Sampson Captain.
O.C., Australian Camp, Westham.

Post Office,

Australian Camp, Westham.

Weymouth, 31st May 1916.

P O S T - O F F I C E .

The working of the Post Office here for the past month has been quite satisfactory. I have no complaints to report.

The average letters received here weekly amount to between two and three thousand.

1. Registered Letters received and delivered here	270.
2. " " " & returned to M.V., P.O.	12.
3. " " " registered from Westham	3.
	<u>285.</u>
1. Parcels received and delivered at Westham P.O.	329.
2. " " and returned to M.V., P.O.	75.
3. " " and re-addressed from Westham.	-
4. " " and unclaimed at Westham.	18.
	<u>422.</u>

All mail for men who have left this depot has been forwarded to Monte Video, with the exception of men in hospital, whose mail has been re-addressed direct to them.

The present staff consists of 2 N.C.O's and 2 men.

W. P. Watkins L/Cpl in Charge.



Australian Camp, Westham.

Weymouth, 31st May 1916.

G E N E R A L.

With the improved climatic conditions, the Camp presents a much better and cleaner appearance than hitherto.

Huts can be scrubbed out with regularity, and the bedding aired without danger to the general health of the men. The state of the huts and the small amount of breakages and deficiencies, are most satisfactory.

Now that the warm weather is here, the imperative necessity of scrupulous cleanliness has been impressed on all ranks. The necessary precautions are being well observed in this regard.

The Right Honourable W.M.Hughes, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, accompanied by Brigadier-General Sir Newton Moore, G.O.C., A.I.F.(U.K.), paid a visit to the Camp on Monday, 22nd May 1916, and addressed all ranks present in Camp.

During the period 21st to 29th May, the work of the Camp was severely handicapped owing to the small number of Officers available for duty; and even now, with the return of three Officers, from Courses of Instruction, is worked with the lowest minimum of Officers, compatible with efficiency.

A. Simpson
Captain.
O.C., Australian Camp, Westham.

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT,

Monte Video Camp,

Weymouth.

31st May, 1916

From SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER,
Australian Base Depot.

To D.M.S. and COMMANDANT,
Australian Base Depot.

SUBJECT:- Sanitary and Medical Report.

Australian Base Depot, Weymouth for May, 1916.

I have the honour to submit the following report for the month of May, 1916., on the Sanitary conditions of Monte Video and Westham Camps.

The sanitary condition of both Monte Video and Westham Camps for the month of May, 1916. has been very satisfactory.

The living huts have been kept very clean and tidy, well ventilated by open doors and windows, and no overcrowding has occurred.

The latrines are well kept, but the one pan system for removal of excreta is not satisfactory, and the two pan system has been recommended.

The health of troops at the depot has been good. 1675 men have reported at the sick parades for the month, with an average sick parade of 57 per day. The percentage of men reporting sick to total strength being 3'4 %.

The following cases of infectious disease have occurred:-

Measles.	2.
German Measles.	1.
Mumps.	4.
Diphtheria.	2.
Scabies.	63.
Gonorrhoea.	126.
Venereal Sores.	11.
Syphilis.	3.

Note: The 21 cases of venereal disease reported by M.O. Westham are included

Measles, German Measles, Mumps and Diphtheria. All cases have been isolated for the required period and all precautions to prevent spread of disease.

Scabies. The number of Scabies patients is large. An effort is being made to diagnose earlier by examining all men for it at the usual monthly inspection.

Veneral Disease. The number of cases of Veneral disease for the month, is very high, but very few have been infected locally.

The excessive number of cases is due to :-

1. The large number of new arrivals from Abbey Wood who acquired the infection prior to reporting at Weymouth.
2. The visit to London on the 25th April, 1916 of troops from this depot.

Personal Enquiry into 127 of these cases shows the source of infection to be as follows:-

Abbey Wood.	65	
London.	42.---	(of these nearly 50 were infected on "Anzac Day")
Weymouth.	8	
Elsewhere.	12.	

The system in use at Weymouth to prevent veneral disease is therefore efficient. It consists of repeated inspection for veneral disease, and a monthly lecture at which it is pointed out that the preventative treatment will in the vast majority of cases prevent veneral disease, and all men are urged to attend for this treatment if they have run the risk of infection. At both Monte Video and Westham Camp there has been constructed a special room in a suitable urinal for personal disinfection. Water has been laid on to this room and suitable lighting has been arranged. The treatment suggested in W.O. letter 29/General number/ 482 (A.M. D.2) of the 9th May is given under the direction of trained orderlies and large number of men avail themselves of this treatment

INOCULATION AGAINST ENTERIC. All fit ^{men} are receiving ^{now} inoculations and the necessary entries have been made in the pay-books.

Bacteriological Laboratory. I attach report by Officer i/c Australian section of Weymouth bacteriological laboratory.

Since this report was furnished a further 73 men have completed the tests required by the Army Council Instruction 48 of January 1916.

Therefore from 26th April to 30th May, 1916. 13 officers and 587 other ranks have completed necessary tests and have been passed fit for duty Overseas.

MENTAL DEPARTMENT: Report of Officer i/c is attached.

Reports of Medical Officer, Westham and officer i/c of pioneering work and sanitation, attached.

W. M. Whae Major,

S.M.O. AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT ...

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT,

Monte Video Camp

29th May., 1916.

To

The SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER,

Australian Base Depot.

SUBJECT:- Bacteriological Report.

I beg to submit the

following report on the work done in connection with the Australian section of the Laboratory, The Nothe, Weymouth., during the period 26th April to 26th May, 1916 inclusive. During this period the Laboratory, owing to unavoidable equipment delays, was not working at its full capacity, as is the case at present.

The great bulk of work done has been in connection with the examination of Typhoid Dejecta, and the results of such examinations with particulars of other work performed are detailed in the following Table :-

1. General Examinations.

Wassermann Blood tests (Syphilis)	Vaccines. (acne etc)
1.	2.

2. BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Typhoid and Dysentery.	Cerebro-spinal Fever.	Tuber-culosis.	Diphtheria.	Vincent's Angina.	Gonorrhoea.	Malaria & other blood Diseases.
Excreta.	Swabs.	Sputums.	Swabs.	Swabs.	Pus.	Blood.
2340	18 [@]	8	3	3	2	1

The above number 2340 of examinations of Typhoid Excreta refers to 13 officers and 878 men, and the results of such examinations are as follows:-

Returned to Duty.	Officers. 13.	Men. 514.
Awaiting <u>one</u> negative Test.		163.
Awaiting <u>two</u> negative tests.		41
Men not yet examined.		153.
Men who have had sufficient negative tests, but are still under investigation.		<u>17</u>
TOTAL:-	<u>13.</u>	<u>878.</u>

[@] These contacts refer to a case of Cerebro-spinal Fever (Sgt Whitehouse) occurring on the 18th April, 1916.

I wish to emphasize the value of the services and assistance of Captain. A. Compton, R.A.M.C., O. i/c District Laboratory, in organizing and directing the above work.

A. Compton Captain, A.A.M.C.
O. i/c Australian section Laboratory.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN ENGLAND.

A.F. No.

Monthly Summary of Dental Treatment.

MAY Month 1916.

STATION.	Attendance.	Cases Treated.	Teeth Extracted.	Anæsthetics.		Fillings.			Scaling Cases.	Dentures Repaired.	Dentures Supplied.	Pyorrhœa Cases Treated.	Fracture of Mandible.	General Surgical Cases.	REMARKS.
				General.	Local.	Temporary.	Permanent.	Root Filling.							
<p>Monte Video, <u>Weymouth.</u></p> <p>Southern Command <u>Orders No. 687.</u> Fee's chargeable.</p>	1502	752	245	0	81	196	248	39	46	56	86	13	1	1	<p>Extra equipment has only been installed for last 10 days of month.</p>
<p>Estimated Value of above Treatment at Imperial Contract Rates</p>			@ 1/-	@ 2/6	@ 2/6	@ 2/6	@ 2/6	@ 3/-	@ 5/- per tooth.		@ 7/6	Valo. each.	Splints.		<p>One Dental-Surgeon on 9 days furlough.</p>
			£12/5/-	£1/-/-	£10/2/6.	£ 31.	4/17/6.	£ 14.	£104/4/2.	£4/17/6.	£1/1/-	£1/1/-			
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT. £ 191/6/0.</u>															



Date

R. Cooper Dental Officer in Charge.

D. M. Whae S.M.O.

WESTHAM CAMP,

Weymouth.

31st May, 1916.

From MEDICAL OFFICER,

Westham.

To SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER,

Monte Video Camp,

SUBJECT:- Health Report.

The health of the troops in the Westham depot, numbering on an average of 700, has been satisfactory during this month. The daily average had been 18 on sick parade. There is nothing to note with regard to illnesses, there being no frequency of any particular complaint. The complaints have been of a minor nature and include effects of inoculation, such as swollen arms, slight headaches and giddiness.

Infectious Disease. There has been no case of Infectious disease.

Venereal Disease. The returns for this month is large, numbering 21. A large number of these being new arrivals in camp from other camps who were detected to be suffering from the disease on arrival.

Scabies. 19 cases of Scabies have reported during the month.

The special urinal for preventitive treatment of venereal disease is now completed and ready for use.

Bacteriological Tests. ENTERIC. An average of 100 specimens daily is being sent to the Laboratory for examination.

Sanitation. The sanitation of the camp is good. All drains have been cleaned and are in good order. The huts are kept clean and tidy and the ventilation is being attended to. Latrines are in a satisfactory condition and special attention has been paid to the latrines for Enteric Isolation. They have been made flyproof and are kept $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ filled with Cresol solution, and urine buckets containing Cresol solution are kept in this latrine.

herk. (Sgd) J Macdonald
M.O.
Westham Camp

Captain,
A.A.M.C.

SANITARY AND PIONEER REPORT OF MONTE VIDEO CAMP.

WEYMOUTH., FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31st 1916...

ROADS & PATHS. A proper road with 6" rubble and stone, 3" shingle and top dressing has been formed in front of Regimental Institute on south side of Fleet Road.

General maintenance of all roads and paths has been properly carried out as necessary.

SURFACE WATER

DRAINAGE.

All channels have been cleared of stone and rubble and cleaned throughout.

SEWERAGE.

All sewers are disinfected twice weekly, and gullies daily. All are working well, the rods have been put through, cleaning many sections during the month.

Ablution Houses

and Latrines.

The night-soil contractor has carried out his contract satisfactorily during the month.

The work of lowering all high seats in closets is in progress, and will be completed shortly. There have been no complaints regarding cleanliness of Ablution huts--all leaky or broken taps have been immediately rectified.

HUTS.

All huts are in excellent habitable state, floors being scrubbed weekly, and all petty damage and breakage being immediately repaired as necessary.

Various roofs leak as previously reported.

Glazier.

It has been very satisfactory to note the large decline of broken windows, breakages being now comparatively rare occurrence.

BATH HOUSES

Bath houses are thoroughly clean and in good order--boilers are working well and giving a plentiful supply of hot water. The decoration of exterior of lower house is now completed with good effect.

A new 5ft. 6ins G.I. plung bath has been fixed in Isolation Bath with all necessary hot and cold supplies and wash.

CARPENTER

and JOINER

Many new locks, bolts, window catches etc have been fixed where missing or broken.

Small joinery jobs have been carried out in Post Office, Hospital and Orderly Rooms.

Timber edging to flower boarders round various huts etc have been formed.

WATER SUPPLY.

The new tank to hold 18,000 gallons has now been erected on north side of hut 51, the work is complete with all connections--valves, cocks, and overflow, and the whole has been roofed with galvanized iron sheeting.

During the month, reports of shortage of water have been received; with the working of new tank there should be no further complaint on this score.

COOK HOUSES.

Both cook houses are in good condition, and all ranges and boilers in proper order

INCINERATORS.

The incinerators require minor repairs to doors, otherwise they are correct and do all necessary work.

PAINTER.

The piers of all buildings throughout have been lime whited--also all latrines and outside of Butchers shop.

GARDENER

The whole of frontage on Chickerell Road has now been tufted between the hedge and path.

Flower boarders have to be made round huts in main entrance square. Garden round Officers' Mess has matured very quickly and promises a pleasing effect. The space in front of "A" quarters has been levelled off and grass seed sown. ©

GENERALLY

The Camp generally is in a most satisfactory state from point of view of roads, ditches, hedges, gardens, drains etc.

©GARDENET. Vacant space round stables is being trenched and potatoes planted.

W. J. S. Sear

LIEUT. A. ENGINEERS.

SANITARY AND PIONEER REPORT OF WESTHAM CAMP,

WEYMOUTH., FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31st.1916.

ROADS and PATHS. All roads and paths have been re-metalled where required- puddles picked up and filled---all walks now being in good order.

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE. .. The channel drains are all clear- all rubbish and stone Having been removed- the system is in good working order. Drain in front of Camp along main public road has been cleared.

SEWERS. All sewers have been cleaned with rods during the month. Sewers are disinfected twice weekly and all gullies washed out daily.

LATRINES and ABLUTION HOUSES. There have been no complaints of neglect or otherwise of the contractor for removal of night-soil. All soil pans are being treated with a covering of heavy oil. The seats of latrines are now being boxed in (No.5 latrine "D" Enteric already finished) so as to make surrounding of soil pans as flyproof as possible.

Ablution houses are clean and in good condition, though minor repairs to taps are in some cases necessary.

HUTES. The roofs of huts that are, or were leaky are now being re-roofed with Rubberoid. Huts otherwise are in good habitable condition.

BATH HOUSES. The Bath House is perfectly clean and sanitary--the hot water supply is abundant. The only matter requiring attention is 6 tap levers missing, and two roses of showers are deficient. Slight attention should also be given to a few other roses.

WATER SUPPLY. The water supply is now improved and gives satisfaction.

INCINERATOR. The incinerator is in perfect condition.

COOK HOUSE There are two traps broken which should be re-placed, otherwise all is in sanitary and satisfactory condition.

CARPENTERS & GLAZIER. The Carpenters and Glazier have been engaged on general camp repairs.

(Sgd) J.S. Scar
hegpc

Lieut. A.Eng.

REPORT ON MACHINE GUN SCHOOL FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MAY.

STAFF.

Chief Instructor.
Lieut. J.C. Barrie, 8th Battalion, A.I.F.

Assistant Instructors.

15	Sgt.	G.M. Brain	4th Btn.
1008	"	M. Yelverton	28th Btn.
21	Cpl	F.W.H. Matthews	24th Btn.
611	"	A.B. Wearne	6th A.L.H.

All the Instructors gave the utmost satisfaction, and good results were obtained from all classes held during the month. I regret having within the last few days lost the services of Corporals Matthews and Wearne, the former having left for France to rejoin his unit, and the latter being included in a draft for Egypt. They were both keen and good Instructors and I cannot speak too highly of the work they have done while attached to this school.

PERSONNEL.

In all eighty-seven (87) men passed through the School during the month, and the results obtained were good. With the exception of a few men, who were unable to complete the course owing to sickness, etc., there was only one man who failed to qualify in the tests. In all other cases they showed a keen and intelligent interest in the work and are likely to make good machine gunners.

The results for the month are as follows:

MAXIM GUN.	First class	33.
	Second class	22.
LEWIS GUN:	First class	6.

(The Lewis gun has just been received and only one class has so far been held)

In addition each man passed a test in Range finding on the Barr and Stroud instrument.

MUSKETRY.

At the completion of each class a musketry course (Part (1) Table (C) Machine Guns) was gone through, and thus each man was given practical training in handling the guns while firing. The results were good. Also demonstrations were given by the staff of the various methods of fire (including indirect fire, with the class observing) and the effects of the fire pointed out practically. In all 5740 rounds of ammunition were used.

MINIATURE RANGE.

During the month certain alterations have been made in the Miniature Rifle Range. A trench has been dug at the firing point and a landscape target made of clay has been made at the "butt" end. Sawdust and colouring has been requisitioned for, to represent grass, crops, etc. and as soon as this comes to hand the range will be ready for use. Six miniature rifles are in the hands of the Quartermaster. A new system of electric lighting has recently been installed so that the range can be used at night if desired.

EQUIPMENT.

During the month one Lewis gun has been added to the equipment of the School, and classes are now being held. The remainder of the equipment is in good order and consists of the following:

- 2 303" Maxim guns with equipment and spare parts complete.
- 1 303" Lewis gun (mentioned above) with equipment and spare parts complete.
- 1 Barr and Stroud Range finder.
- 5 Landscape targets.

(Sgd) J.C. Barrie, Lieut.
8th Battalion, A.I.F.

Chief Instructor, Machine Gun School



Australian Base Depot

Report on Machine gun School for period ending 16th May 1916

Staff

Chief Instructor

Lieut J. C. Barrie 8th Battr. A.I.F.

Assistant Instructors

No. 15	Sgt.	G. M. S. Grain	4 th	Battr.	A.I.F.
.. 1008	..	M. Velverson	28 th
.. 21	Cpl.	Z. W. H. Matthews	24 th
.. 611	..	A. P. Wearne	6 th	L.A.	..

All the instructors gave the utmost satisfaction.

Personnel

The school opened with thirty-six men, twenty for complete course, and sixteen for refresher course. During the course four men were isolated on account of measles, two others reported sick & had to be struck off the roll of the school, and three absented themselves without leave, but two of these being away only on the last two days completed the course with the exception of musketry.

Twenty seven completed the course, two of whom were employed as instructors and are not shown in the Result list. Results as follows:-

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Results.

Complete Course

589	Sgt.	Quistow	J. M.	6 th	Pattn	1 st	Class.
601	bpl.	Powell	Z.	7 th		1 st	
1955	Pte.	Ervington	A.G.	12 th		1 st	
134	L/bpl.	Byrne	Z.	13 th		1 st	
1509	Pte.	Duyant	G.A.	19 th		1 st	
1285		Ferguson	J.G.	26 th		1 st	
368	Inv.	Keatman	J.R.	10 th	L.A.	1 st	
171		McBoyle	U.S.	12 th		1 st	
2049	Pte	Swyford	J.	16 th	Pattn	2 nd	
163		Martin	G.	16 th		2 nd	
953		Medley	R. D.	17 th		2 nd	
1581		Parish	A.	19 th		2 nd	
736	L/bpl.	Atkins	J. S. D.	27 th		2 nd	
615	Inv.	Douglas	W. J.	4 th	L.A.	2 nd	
86	Cpl.	Dockelberg	G. R.	9 th		2 nd	
98	Inv.	Bouytkon	G.	9 th		2 nd	
2414	Pte.	Saaser	J. M.	12 th		} Failed to complete. Absent from Musketry course, but qualified in elementary tests.	
1640	Pte.	Bolton	L. J.	15 th			

Refresher Course.

1392	Pte.	Russell	A.	13 th	Pattn.	1 st	Class
1020	Inv.	Morse	Z. R.	7 th	L.A.	1 st	
936		Francis	G.	7 th		1 st	
653	Sgt	Denne	G. A.	10 th		1 st	
277	Inv.	Covinge	G.	10 th		1 st	
412	Pte.	Moir	J. D.	13 th		2 nd	
1098	Pte	Stow	R. J.	16 th		2 nd	
63	Inv	Littler	G. J.	2 nd	L.A.	2 nd	
214		Harrison	G.	5 th		2 nd	

Men doing refresher course went through the same tests a musketry course as the other men but a higher standard of efficiency was required

of them, & I have classified them separately.
The whole class in addition to the machine
gun course, were also instructed in the use
of the Parr stroud Range finder.

Equipment. Two 303" Maxim Guns with equipment
complete

One Lewis Gun with equipment complete.

One Parr stroud Range finder.

Five landscape targets

All in good condition.

The Lewis gun has just arrived,
and a class has not yet been formed.

W. Parrie Kent
8th Pattern A.I.F.
Chief Instr. M.G. School.




Australian Base Depot

Report on Machine gun School (Maxim)
for period 17th to 30th May 1916

Staff

Chief Instructor

Lieut. J. C. Parrie 8th Battr. A.I.F.

Assistant Instructors

No. 15 Sgt. Grain G. M. S. 4th Battr. A.I.F.

1008 .. Yelverton No. 28th

21 Cpl. Matthews F.V.A. 24th

The A.I. Instructors are all very keen and performed very satisfactory work. Towards the end of the school I lost the services of Cpl. Matthews, who left for France to repair his unit.

Personnel.

The class opened with forty men, but ten of these, for various reasons did not complete the course. Three left with draft for France, 4 five for medical reasons & two for being absent without leave, had to be struck off the roll. Thus thirty men completed the course, and the results are as follows:-

G.M.C.



Full course

Results	No.	Name	Rank	Age	Service	Rank	Class
	764	Pte. McDonnell	C.W.	5 th	Prv.	1 st	6 laes.
	396	Sgt. Penahan	Z.G.	6 th		1 st	
	408	Pte. Gunn	J.W.	8 th		1 st	
	720	Garry	M.W.	10 th		1 st	
	800	Lt Col. Reed	A.J.	10 th		1 st	
	1156	Sgt. Archer	A.G.	15 th		1 st	
	133	Pte. White	R.	16 th		1 st	
	1364	Pte. Rogers-Harrison	A.	17 th		1 st	
	473	Prv. Peck	H.B.	4 th	L.H.	1 st	
	336	Cowan	L.G.	6 th		1 st	
	439	Morson	E.	6 th		1 st	
	465	Mitselberg	H.F.	7 th		1 st	
	125	Gates	N.W.	9 th		1 st	
	279	Lt Col. Johnson	A.J.	13 th		1 st	
	1657	Pte. Normington	W.	8 th	Prv.	2 nd	
	2108	Pte. Polson-Wood	A.	13 th		2 nd	
	1178	Greenwood	W.B.	18 th		2 nd	
	849	Finnerty	J.R.	19 th		2 nd	
	1083	Roberts	R.A.	20 th		2 nd	
	559	Hanel	C.W.	24 th		2 nd	
	2057						

Refresher course

	501	Pte. Beston	C.L.	11 th	Prv.	1 st	6 laes.
	1429	Jough	E.	12 th		1 st	
	1580	Gond	J.G.	14 th		1 st	
	87	Cpl. Smith	W.B.	15 th		1 st	
	46	Prv. Schmeckopf	A.	3 rd	L.H.	1 st	
	1285	Pte. Ferguson	Z.G.	26 th	Prv.	1 st	
	1462	Sgt. Bathur	Z.	1 st		2 nd	
	730	Pte. Millar	P.	9 th		2 nd	
	1033	Sgt. Ross	H.B.	11 th		2 nd	
	1955	Pte. Errington	H.G.	12 th		1 st	



Men undergoing refresher course,
were put through the same tests as
the rest of the class, but a higher
standard of efficiency was set
them, & I have classified them
separately. All displayed a keen
interest in the work & I consider
the results very satisfactory.

J. J. Barrill Lieut
8th Dist. A.I.F.
Chief Instr. M.C. School.

LEWIS GUN SCHOOL FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MAY.

The following are the results of examination of the First Lewis Gun School, held on Saturday morning the 27th instant:

589	Sgt.	Bristow	J.M.	6th Btn.	97%
1439	Cpl.	Middleton		13th Btn.	96%
117	Sgt	Harrington	R.	4th A.L.H.	93%
1336	Cpl.	Ingram	J.	15th Btn.	87%
370	Sgt	Clarke	H.	10th Btn.	84%
1426	Cpl	Viveash	A.N.	11th Btn.	82%
1122	CSM	Bowditch	R.J.	13th Btn.	23%
2005	Cpl	O'Brien	T.	4th Btn.	-
2456	Cpl	O'Connor	J.L.	3rd Btn.	-

The latter three N.C.O's were very considerably handicapped through missing the first day's work, and I would suggest that they be permitted to take another course.

In addition to the above, four other N.C.O's received instruction but could not be examined. Two were detailed for Chelsea School, one was away on leave and one was placed in isolation.

I desire to recommend that the first six names be submitted to the C.O. for consideration as to a further course at Chelsea, as I am of opinion that the men would make first class Instructors on the exceptionally good papers submitted by them.

(Sgd) Alan R. Hutton, 2nd Lt.

Lewis Gun Instructor.

REPORT ON BOMBING SCHOOL FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MAY.

STAFF:

Lieutenant D.R.Macdermid, 14th Battalion, Instructor, took over duties from Lieutenant E.T.McVea on the 26th May, this Officer having returned to the front.

No.105, Sgt. J. Smith, 5th Battalion, Assistant Instructor shows a good general knowledge of various grenades and is capable of instructing in the use of catapult and West Spring Gun.

No.307, Pte. T. Spendlove, 5th Battalion, is proficient in the use of the West Spring Gun also of the Catapult and understands the different grenades in use.

During the month the trenches have been improved and added to. A new gun pit has also been added. The nature of the ground, however, is such that great care has to be taken in the construction of these trenches, the sides have to be boarded to prevent them falling in whilst in some places water has proved rather an obstacle. Part of the trenches has had to be filled in owing to this trouble.

All Companies have now had instruction regarding the use of grenades and demonstrations have been given on various occasions showing the operations of a small trench storming party.

Instructions have also been given in the use of the West Spring Gun and the Catapult and some of the men have become very proficient in the use of these machines.

During the month an exhibition of bomb throwing was given, the spring gun and catapult also being used and this exhibition in every way proved satisfactory.

(Sgd) D.R.Macdermid, Lieut.

Instructor.

Australian Base Depot,
Monte Video Camp,
W e y m o u t h.

S I G N A L L I N G.

During the month a Signal Company was formed comprising 1 Officer and 52 other ranks. The men were refreshed in signalling work (Flag) and show a marked improvement especially in work on Permanent Lines of Communication. They were also instructed in Cypher (Playfair).

Owing to Drafts absorbing Signallers, the Company has, at present, a strength of 1 Officer and 40 other ranks.

One Officer and four N.C.Os. were detailed from the Company to attend a six weeks course of instruction for Instructors, ending 8th July.

A syllabus of work was drawn up but was not adhered to, owing to lack of Signalling Equipment. A requisition has been sent in to Head Quarters (Depot) for the necessary equipment.

(Sgd) H.G. Richmond,
Sgt.

I/c. Signal Company.

Signal Officer attending Course of Instruction.

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MEMORANDUM.

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From Adjutant.

From *Inst. P. T.*

To Instructor
Physical Training and
Bayonet Fighting.

To *Agri*

ANSWER.

Gymnasium

Monte Video Camp.

29-5-16. 191 .

31. 5 1916

Please submit monthly
report for May, 1916, in
triplicate by 10-0 a.m. on
31st instant.

Reports herewith

William E. Lee

Com Inst.

Agri

Sublack

Lieut.
A/Adjutant

AUSTRALIAN BASE DEPOT .

WEYMOUTH.

MONTH

Weekly Physical & Bayonet Fighting Training State.

Month ending... 31 May 1916.

D A Y.	Recruits Physical Training.		Trained Soldiers Physical Training.		Recruits Bayonet Fighting.		Trained Soldiers Bayonet Fighting.		Remarks.
	No. under Instruction.	Parade Hours.	No under Instruction.	Parade Hours.	No under Instruction.	Parade Hours.	No under Instruction.	Parade Hours.	
MONDAY	Average Daily Attendance								Left Inst. Felling Army Gym Staff joined 29.5.16.
TUESDAY									
WEDNESDAY									
THURSDAY	200	9 5 12	800	9 5 12 25 3	400	9 5 12 25 3	600	9 5 12 25 3	
FRIDAY									
SATURDAY									

Name of Staff Instructor *Com Inst. William E Lee*

Names of Assistant Instructors *Sgt. Lunt*

Approx. Strength of Unit *1100 (ABC + D class)*

Numbers trained to make classes in P.T. & B.F. Officers *6*
N.C.O's *24*

Contemplated move from Station to Date

Lieut. Colonel.
Commandant.
Australian Base Depot.

William E Lee Com Inst.
Army Gymnastic Staff.

Australian Base Depot.
Monte Video Camp,
Weymouth.
31st May, 1916.

FROM:
Officer i/c. Post Office,

TO:
The Commandant,
Australian Base Depot.

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

LETTERS. We have received 208 bags of letters and papers, an increase of 47% on the previous month, 19 bags of this were for "readdresses" and have been duly forwarded.

PARCELS. On hand 1st May, 95. Received, 1551, Delivered, 1544 (exclusive 31/5/16). Carried forward to June, 102. An increase of approx. 80% on the previous month.

REGISTERED. On hand 1st May, 34. Received 1005, Re-directed and delivered 1007, Carried forward to June, 32. An increase of approx. 45% on the previous month.

The above three departments show a marked increase for the month of June.

On May 5th, a window for the sale of stamps, etc. was opened and to date, stamps to the value of £38 have passed through.

Three Clearance Letter Boxes have also been installed and greatly facilitate the clearing and forwarding of mails.

I frequently visit the Post Office at Westham and can report everything satisfactory and working in complete harmony with this Office.

(Sgd) A.F.Sydenham Lieut.
Officer i/c. Post Office.

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MEMORANDUM.

From Adjutant.

From

To O.C. Post Office.
Lieut Hydeckam

To *Adjutant*



ANSWER.

Monte Video Camp,

Weymouth. 191 .

29-5-16.

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Please submit your monthly report for May, 1916, not later than 10-0 a.m. on the 31st instant. *1st Post*
Lwe.

Herewith please find monthly report ending May 31st 1916
A. F. Hydeckam

G. W. Black
Lieut.
A/Adjutant.
(CD)