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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS
in the
UNITED KINGDOM.

May 1915. ... to ... 31st October 1917.

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A.I.F. DEPOTS IN THE U.K.

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A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K. M.G.



A. I. F. DEPOTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The first Australian Imperial Force Depot established in the United Kingdom was at Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, in June 1915, and six months later this was supplemented by another at Bostall Heath, Abbey Wood. They were what would now be called Command Depots, for the reception and rehabilitation of the sick and wounded from overseas.

When the 1st. Australian Division left Australia in 1914, its destination was England, but largely owing to the unfinished condition of the hutments intended for its accommodation on Salisbury Plain, the Division was disembarked at Alexandria, and the subsequent invasion of the Gallipoli Peninsula resulted in the substitution of Egypt for England as a base during the operations.

It was doubtless supposed that the Australian casualties from the Peninsula would be evacuated to their base, but owing to the large numbers occurring immediately, and the consequent pressure on Hospital Ships and Transports, they were indiscriminately mixed with British and other troops, and evacuated in several directions - to Egypt, Malta, and England. The first of these casualties reached England in May 1915, and some few cases were discharged from English Hospitals during that month. No provision of any sort existed for their subsequent maintenance, no Staff or organization had been provided, no Officers of the Australian Imperial Force - except casualties - were in England. The necessary arrangements consequently devolved on the High Commissioner's office, and from the Staff and organization of that office were provided the nucleus of the machinery which dealt during the ensuing twelve months with nearly fifteen



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thousand troops. Sir George Reid, the High Commissioner at that time, had as his Military Adviser Lieut.-Colonel P. N. Buckley, R.A.E., and it was on that Officer that the bulk of the work devolved. The immediate requirements were the provision of clothing, pay, and accommodation for members of the Australian Imperial Force discharged from Hospital, and the establishment of an organization to deal with Discipline, Leave and Records.

A Staff was immediately established in London as the first step. The services of two Officers invalided to England on sick leave were made use of, and the following Staff was appointed :-

LONDON HEADQUARTERS.

Commandant	...	...	Lt.-Col. P.N.Buckley, RAE.
Assistant to Commandant	...	...	Lieut.G.Assher, AFA.
Officer i/c Furlough and Equipment	...	...	Lieut. B.G.Matthews, 15th Btln. A.I.F.
Medical Officer	...	...	Lt.-Col. Norris
Officer i/c Records	...	Mr H. C. Smart) Of the High Commissioners Staff.
Paymaster	...	Mr W. Harvey	

and subsequently

A.P.M.	Capt. T.V.Brown, 9th Btln. A.I.F.
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This organization was approved by the Defence Department, and some months later Lieut.-Colonel Buckley was Officially appointed Staff Officer in charge of Administration with the rank of Colonel, but he had little connection with or recognition from the Australian Imperial Force, and was obliged, through the necessities of the special and unprecedented conditions under which he was working, to initiate much in the way of procedure on his own responsibility

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In order to fulfil the purpose for which the Staff was established and to ensure the safety, comfort, and discipline of the soldiers coming within his control.

For the Australian and New Zealand Base Depot, Weymouth, Sir Newton J. Moore, K.C.M.G., V.D., Agent General for Western Australia and an Australian Militia Officer, was offered and accepted the position of Commandant.

It is interesting to note that some of the measures adopted at that time - as temporary expedients - have remained in force as being the most suitable under the vastly different conditions now existing when the United Kingdom is the base for all Australian troops in France. An example of this is to be found in the period of furlough allowed after overseas service to members of the A.I.F. The time allowed for British troops at that time was seven days, but it was considered that whereas the British soldier's furlough was to enable him to return to a home which he had not long left, the Australians' might well be considered to be a unique opportunity for him to visit places in that country to which he had doubtless many ties, but with which this was his first chance to make personal acquaintance, and that for this purpose and the benefit that would accrue to both England and Australia thereby, a furlough of fourteen days would be justified. There has never been found any reason to alter this arrangement.

In this and many other similar special arrangements the War Office extended every assistance. It was sufficient at any time to make the necessary representations as to the reasons for the request for a departure from the ordinary procedure, and co-operation and assistance could invariably be counted on.

The Medical control of the troops was of necessity a highly important matter, but developed along the same lines



as the requirements grew. Starting under the direction of Dr. Norris, the Commonwealth Medical Officer, it soon became apparent that a comparatively large staff of Medical Officers was necessary to review the condition of men discharged from British hospitals before they were permitted to proceed on furlough, to supply necessary treatment, and to decide when they were fit to report to the Depot. The many cases which were found to require further Medical care resulted in the establishment of the 1st. Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield and, later on, of Convalescent Camps and Homes in addition.

Extracts from the High Commissioner's Annual Report to Parliament of 1916, attached hereto, give details of the different branches of the work, until the arrival in May 1916 of the Administrative Headquarters from Egypt and the subsequent arrival in June of Reinforcement troops, terminated the High Commissioner's organization and transferred to the Australian Imperial Force the responsibility for and management of the troops in the United Kingdom. Up to that date, it must be remembered that the troops in England were all invalids, needing special care and conditions, and whose physical disabilities precluded for the most part, ordinary routine or training. But they were the first Australian troops which England had seen during the War, and were the subject of the greatest interest and admiration on account of the part which they had borne in an already famous enterprise. During the twelve months of this Administration, it can safely be said that two purposes were fulfilled. The English people learnt to know and admire the Australian soldier for his qualities as a man, apart from his capabilities as a fighter, and the Australian soldier learnt to know his Motherland and personally experienced the wholehearted kindness and hospitality of its people. Every effort was made



by the Administration to assist those two objects. Civil organizations for extending hospitality to our men were encouraged to the utmost, the provision of thoroughly good clothing and kit to enable them to take advantage of their invitations and maintain a smart appearance was made a special point, the fullest information was supplied them as to travelling routes and places of interest; and when they were despatched to the Depot at the termination of their furlough to resume preparation for further active service, they were able to feel that they had been given opportunities of learning conditions of life in England which would not otherwise in most cases have ever been available to them. Such discipline as was necessary was enforced without serious difficulty, and the universal popularity of the men and high opinions expressed on all sides as to their appearance and behaviour testified to the success of the policy pursued.

The first Hospitals opened for Australian Officers who arrived sick or wounded from Gallipoli were at Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

The kind offer of the Hon. Mrs Alfred Acland to place her house - Digswell Place - at the disposal of the High Commissioner was gladly accepted. Colonel Buckley also took wounded and sick Officers at his home which is situated next to Digswell House, and later, Lady de la Rue, also a neighbour, very kindly offered to take Officers for the period of their convalescence. Following that arrangement, Mrs Popplewell offered to open another Hospital for Officers at No. 1 Moreton Gardens, London.

These hospitals provided accommodation for 60 Officers and were designated Nos. 4, 5, and 6 Australian Auxiliary Hospitals.

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The staffs of these institutions were all voluntary workers drawn from the Red Cross, V.A.D. Detachment with the exception of two trained nursing sisters who were engaged at Welwyn.

On June 3rd, 1916, The Hon. Sir Newton Moore, who had been promoted Brigadier General and given command of all A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom, sent down three Officers to Tidworth to take over Bhurtpore Barracks, Perham Downs, Parkhouse, and portion of Larkhill Camps, for the reception of troops arriving from Egypt and Australia, and for the establishment at the first-named, of the Headquarters from which they were to be administered, with the following Staff :-

HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

Actg. D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	Capt. A.E.J. Croly	11th Btln. A.I.F.
" D.A.Q.M.G.	Lieut. B.G. Matthews	15th " "
" Staff Captain	Capt. T.W. Haslam	12th " "
<u>Attached Officers</u>		
Med. Officer	Major J.M.Y. Stewart	A.A.M.C.
Actg. Sig. Officer	Major F.D. Rossiter	2nd Sig Co. "
" A.P.M.	Capt. J.L. Fisher	9th Btln. "
" Asst. Paymaster	Lieut. P.W. Aspinall	12th " "

PERHAM DOWNS CAMP GROUP.

(Command Depot Section - Camp No. 1)

Actg. Commandant	Capt. A.A. Abbott	20th Btln. A.I.F.
" Senr. Med. Offr.	Major J.M.Y. Stewart	A.A.M.C.
" Adjutant	Lt. E.W. Atkinson	19th Btln. "
" A/Adjutant	Lt. J.H. Huxley	12th A. L. H.
" Quartermaster	2/Lt. J.W. Searcy	1st A. Engrs.
" Depot S/Major No. 111	S/M. Worthington TH.	2nd Btln. A.I.F.
" Depot Q.M.S. No. 2	R.M.S. McGuire MA.	11th Btln. A.I.F.

PERHAM DOWNS CAMP GROUP.

(Training Section (Camps 2 to 7)).

O.C. Troops	Capt. P.J. Thorne	5th Trng. Btln. A.I.F.
Hdqrs. Liaison Officer	Lt. G.A. Hargrave	28th Btln. A.I.F.

PARKHOUSE CAMP GROUP.

O.C. Troops	Major J.M.C. Corlette	1st F. Co. Engrs. A.I.F.
Head-Qrs. Liaison Officer	2/Lt. R.L. Mayman	10th Bn. A.I.F.
Medical Officer	Capt. Shierlaw	A.A.M.C.

Monte Video Camp at Weymouth was retained as a Command Depot, Bostall Heath Camp was closed, and the personnel transferred to

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Salisbury Plains, some being employed to furnish the Staffs required at the different camps. Subsequently, the Base Depot Staff from Egypt arrived in England, and the first authorised Establishment for A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom was published as follows in A.I.F. ORDERS of 25-10-1916, :-

Issued with A.I.F. Order No. 345 of 25-10-16.

Establishments for A.I.F. Depots in the United Kingdom - Tidworth

<u>Establishment.</u>		<u>HEADQUARTERS.</u>
<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Appointment.</u>
G.O.C.	1	Brigadier General Hon Sir Newton J. Moore K.C.M.G.
A.D.C.	1	Lieut. K.C.D. Dawson, 24th Bn.
G.S.O. 1	1	Lt.-Col. F.W. Moffitt, D.S.O., p.s.c.
G.S.O. 111	1	
A.A.G.	1	Major (Temp. Lieut-Colonel) J.S. Knox, R, of O.
D.A.A.G.	1	Captain A.M. Phillips, 11th Bn.
A.P.M.	1	Major (Temp. Lieut-Col) J. Williams Anzac Provost Corps, A.I.F. Section
D.A.Q.M.G.	1	Q.M. & Hon. Major G. Wall 3rd Bn.
Staff Captain	1	Lieut. B.G. Matthews - 15th Bn.
A.D. of S. & T.	1	Major & Hon. Lt. Col. J.G. Tedder, 2/Div. Train
A.D.M.S.	1	Lieut.-Col. (Temp. Col) R.J. Millard A.A.M.C.
Attached Staff	1	Colonel J.H. Bruche.
R.T.O.	3	Lieut. T.W. Haslam 12th Bn.
"		Lieut. J. Bass 12th Bn.
"		Lieut. G.O. Greig 22nd Bn.
A.A.G.'s Bnch	1	Captain G.C. Neech 9th Bn.
---	1	Lieut. E.E.G. Boyd

GROUP HEADQUARTERS STAFFS.

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Appointment.</u>
<u>"A" GROUP.</u>		
Commandant	1	Major (Temp. Lt.-Col) C.A.K. Johnson 4th L.H. Regt.
G.S.O. 11	1	Captain W.C. Reid 32nd Lancers
Staff Captain	1	Lieut. G.A. Hargrave, 28th Battln.
		<u>Attached</u>
Signalling Officer	}	Not to form any part of establishment but may be attached when required.
Musketry		
Grenade		
<u>"B" GROUP.</u>		
Commandant	1	Lt.-Col. J. Lyon Johnston, 11th Bn.
G.S.O. 11.	1	-
Staff Captain	1	Captain A.H. Darnell 11th Bn.
		<u>Attached</u>
Signalling Officer	}	Not to form part of establishment but may be attached when required.
Musketry @		
Grenade		

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Detail	Officers	Appointment.
<u>"C" GROUP.</u>		
Commandant	1	Lt.-Col.P.P.Abbott, 12th Light Horse
G.S.O. II	1	Captain P.R.Worrell, The Devonshire Regt
Staff Captain	1	Lieut. J.H.Huxley, 12th L.H.
<u>Attached</u>		
Signalling Officer	}	Not to form part of establishment but may be attached when required.
Musketry	"	
Grenade	"	

COMMAND DEPOTS.

No.1 Command Depot - Perham Down.

Permanent Administrative Establishment to contain 4000 convalescents.

Detail	Officers	Appointment.
Commandant	1	Major (Temp. Lt.-Col) F.W.Osborne, R.A.G.A. Aust.Heavy Arty.
2nd in Command	1	Major A.B.Baker, 14th Brigade
Adjutant	1	Captain Croly A.E.J., 11th Bn.
Quartermaster	1	--
Assistant Adjutant	1	--
& Quartermaster		
Company Commanders		1 per Company containing 500
Company Officers	}	do.
(Subalterns)	3	

No. 2 Command Depot - Weymouth.

Detail	Officers	Appointment.
Commandant	1	Col. R.Spencer Browne, C.B, V.D. A.I.F.
2nd in Command	1	Major C.R.Lowe, V.D. 6th Bn.
Adjutant	1	2/Lieut. Clark G.W. 4th Bn.
Quartermaster	1	2/Lieut. G.King 15th Bn.
Assistant Adjutant	1	-
& Quartermaster		

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The history of the subsequent period until 30th April, 1917 is covered by General Sir Newton Moore's report attached hereto.

On the 1st May, this Officer relinquished the Command to Major-General The Hon. J.W. McCay, CB., VD., and individual reports by the various Branches of Headquarters are appended for the periods which have since elapsed.

The Headquarters' Staff and subsidiary Establishments, at the time of General McCay assuming command, were as detailed hereunder:-

Appointment.	Rank	Name	Unit.
G. O. C.	Major-General	The Hon J.W.McCAY C.B., V.D.	
Camp Commandant	Captain	L. CRAIG	Perm.Supy.List.
A/A.D.C.	Lieutenant	E.H.G.KEMMIS	5th Div.Artly.

GENERAL STAFF

G.S.O.l.	Major(T/Lt-Col)	F.W.MOFFITT DSO.	Essex Regiment
a/S.O. Musketry	Major	S.V. SHEA	9th(QV)Rifles
a/S.O. Bombing	Lieutenant	F.E.WELLS	17th Battalion

A. & Q.M.G. BRANCHES.

A.A.G.	Major(T/Lt-Col)	J.S.KNOX	Res.of Officers
D.A.A.G.	Major	A.M.PHILLIPS	General List
A/Staff Captain	Lieutenant	L.M.ADDISON	Anz.Pro.Corps
A.Q.M.G.	Major(T/Lt-Col)	G. WALL	General List
A/D.A.Q.M.G.	Captain	B.G.MATTHEWS	Perm.Supy. List
A/Staff Captain	Lieutenant	C. DOCKER	18th Battalion
A/Staff Lieut.	Lieutenant	H. C. IKIN	A.I.F.Canteens
A.D.of S.& T.	Lieut.-Colonel	J.G.TEDDER VD.	2nd Div.Train.

MEDICAL SERVICES and DEPARTMENTS.

A.D.M.S.	Lt-Col(T/Col)	D.H.McWHAE	A.A.M.C.
D.A.D.M.S.	Major	A.L.BUCHANAN	A.A.M.C.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

A.P.M.	Lieut.-Colonel	J. WILLIAMS	Anz.Pro.Corps.
D.A.D.R.T.	Captain	T.W.HASLAM	General List
R.T.O.	Captain	J. BASS	Perm.Supy List.
QUARTERMASTER	Hon.Lt.	S.M.WOOD	A.I.F. H.Q.

Brigadier General E.G. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN CB.DSO. 3rd Bde. -
Liaison Officer.

ATTACHED.

Medical Officer	Captin	E.P.BARBOUR	A.A.M.C.
a/D.A.D.O.S.	Captain	G.E.BLIGHT	
R.T.O. DINTON	Lieutenant	H.H.THOMAS	27th Battalion
RTO. LONDON	Lieutenant	H.S.SHAW	3rd T.M.B.
RTO.LUDGERSHALL	Lieutenant	J.L.TALLYN	22nd Battalion
RTO.CODFORD	Lieutenant	A. SKENE SMITH	22nd Battalion
RTO.WAREHAM	Lieutenant	R.J.S.McLEOD	31st Battalion
RTO.TIDWORTH	Lieutenant	W.H.LAMROCK	3rd Battalion
A/Senr Supp.Off	Lieutenant	H.F.McCREA	A.A.S.C.
A/D.A.J.A.G.	Major	E.J.MOTTRAM	R.G.A.(TF).
A/DAJAG's Dept.	Lieutenant	R.M.LIVING	59th Battalion
do	2/Lieutenant	R.G.BOOTH	General List
do	2/Lieutenant	M.C.MOORS	1st Battalion.

ATTACHED OFFICERS.

S.O.D.S.	Major	F. MARSHALL	A.A.D.C.
A/DAJAG's Dept.	Lieutenant	R.E.HAIN	20th Battalion.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

Commandant	Lieut.-Col. C.A.K. JOHNSON	4th L.H.
G.S.O.	Captain W.C. REID	32 Lancs. Fus.
Staff Captain	Captain G.A. HARGRAVE	28th Btln.
Quartermaster	Lieut. L.R. WALKER	10th Btln.

1st TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer	Lieut.-Col. G. COULTER DSO.	8th Btln.
2nd in Command	Captain H.C. PEARCE	4th Btln.
Adjutant	2/Lt. A.R. WOODWORTH	19/3rd Btln.
Quartermaster	Lieut. F.A. TEAKLE	12th Btln.

2nd TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer	Lieut.-Col. J. WALSTAB	5th Btln.
2nd in Command	Captain J. BOWTELL-HARRISS M.C.	7th Btln.
Adjutant	Lieutnant. W.E.M. THOMPSON	5th Btln.
Quartermaster	Capt H/Maj. W.C. CHASSAR	5th Btln.

3rd TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Offr.	Major J. NEWMAN	11th Btln.
Adjutant	Lieut. M.J.C. STOPP	10th Btln.
Quartermaster	Capt E.Y. BUTLER	12th Btln.

No. 2 (B.) GROUP.

D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

Group Headquarters.

Commandant	Lieut.-Colonel J. LYON JOHNSTONE CMG VD.	11th Btln.
G.S.O.	Major H.P.OSBORNE DSO	M/sex.Rgt.
Staff Captain	Vacant	
Quartermaster	Vacant	
A/Staff Captain	Lieut. S. V. BURROW	7th Btln.

FIFTH TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer	Major R. E. HALE	5 Bde.Hdqrs.
2nd in Command	Captain R.D.BRADSHAW	11th Btln.
Adjutant	Lieut. C.H.KAEPPEL MC.	18th Btln.
Quartermaster	Major G. R. SHORT	1st A.B.D.

SIXTH TRAINING BATTALION

Commdg. Officer	Major R. J. SMITH	5th Brigade
2nd in Command	Capt. E.V.E.NEILL	24th Btln.
Adjutant	Lieut. W.H.ROBERTS	21st Btln.
Quartermaster	Lieut. F.P.BUDDON	21st Btln.

SEVENTH TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer	Major P. CURRIE DSO.	26th Btln.
2nd in Command	Capt. G. DEY	27th Btln.
Adjutant	Capt. R. D. SOUTHON	27th Btln.
Quartermaster	Hon.Lt. F.G.G.WALKER	25th Btln.

No. 3 (E) GROUP.

D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K. /y

GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

Commandant,	Lieut. -Colonel M.W. LOGAN	35th Btln.
Brigade Major	Major G. ATKINSON	3rd K.R.R.
G.S.O.	Capt S.M. LEWIS	R.W.K. SR.
Staff Captain	Captain R.I. MOORE MC.	3rd Btln.
Quartermaster	2/Lt. W. SCOTT	15th Btln.

9th TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer	Lieut. -Colonel M. ST.J. LAMB	34th Btln.
2nd in Command	Major R. T. HUNT	35th Btln.
Adjutant	Vacant	
Quartermaster	2/Lt. W. Scott	15th Btln.

10th TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer	Major A.L. PRINCE	36th Btln.
2nd in Command	Captain T.N.W. STEELE	49th Btln.
Adjutant	2/Lt. P. NEILSON	39th Btln.
Quartermaster	Hon.Lt. E. LEWIS	2/39th Btln.

11th TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer	Major B. B. RODD	35th Btln.
2nd in Command	Vacant.	
Adjutant	Lieut. J. YOUNG	3/44th Btln.
Quartermaster	Lieut. W. CLARKE	43rd Btln.

No. 4 (D.) GROUP.

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D.A.Q.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

Commandant,
G?SO.
Brigade Major
Staff Captain
Quartermaster

Lieut. Col. H. B. COLLETT DSO.
Major A.J.A.POLLOCK
Capt. P.J.R.CURRIE MC.
Lieut. R. L. MAYMAN
Hon.Lt. C.A.BOLTON

28th Btln.
R.S.F.
K.R.R.
10th Btln.
A.A.M.C.

4th TRAINING BATTALION.

Comdg. Officer
2nd in Command
Adjutant
Quartermaster

Capt. C.R.M. COX
Capt. C. F. CORSER
Lieut. ESSINGTON DAY
Hon.Lt. C.A.THOMLINSON

14th Btln.
15th Btln.
16th Btln.
Headquarters

12th TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer
2nd in Command
Adjutant
Quartermaster

Major. W. J. ROWLAND
Capt. J.H.WILSON
Capt. P.J.S. RILLSTONE
2/Lt. J.W.H.MARSHALL

45th Btln.
47th Btln
48th Btln.
46th Btln.

13th TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer
2nd in Command
Adjutant
Quartermaster

Lt. Col. D.A.LANE
Capt. A.E.HUNT
Capt. H. R. WILLIAMS
2/Lt. W. J. HALL

52nd Btln.
52nd Btln.
52nd Btln.
3/52nd Btln.

Group Headquarters.

Commandant, G.S.O. Staff Captain Quartermaster	Lieut.-Col. P.P.ABBOTT Major F. J. WABWYN DSO. Capt. J. H. HUXLEY Hon.Lt. G.T.BURR	10th L.H. R.W.F. 7th L.H. 7th Btln.
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8th TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer 2nd in Command Adjutant Quartermaster	Major H. SLOAN Vacant Lieut. V.L.MORRISSETT Capt. W.H.HARTNETT	30th Btln 31st Btln. 30th Btln.
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14th TRAINING BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer 2nd in Command Adjutant Quartermaster	Major A.C.S.Holland Capt. E.W.G.WREN Lieut. A.F.McHUTCHISON Lieut. W.H.EDDISON	55th Btln. 3rd Btln. 53rd Btln. 56th Btln.
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15th Training Battalion.

Commdg. Officer 2nd in Command Adjutant Quartermaster	Lieut.-Col. A. JACKSON Capt. G. W. AKEROYD Lieut. T. E. TAIT Lieut. H.S.BURCHER	58th Btln. 59th Btln. 58th Btln. 60th Btln.
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PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION.

Commanding Officer 2nd in Command Adjutant Quartermaster	Major T. F. RUTLEDGE Major R. GRANT 2/Lt. A. LOGAN Hon Major C.A.WHYTE	7th L.H. 2nd Pnrs. 2/3rd Pnrs. 5th Pnrs.
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• 16th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

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D.A.G.M.G.
A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K.

G.O.C.
Brigade Major
Staff Captain

Brig-Gen. J.M.ANTILL C.B. CMG. 2nd I.Bde.
Major J.S.ANDERSON MC. 12th Bde.
Captain W.B.AYRIS 8th Btl.

61st BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer
2nd in Command
Adjutant
A/Adjt.
Quartermaster

Lieut.-Col. W.K.S.McKENZIE 19th Btl.
Major H. JACOBS 1st Btl.
Capt. C.E.M.BRODZIAK 34th Btl.
Lieut. V.LEVITT 30th Btl.
Hon.Lt. C.C.ADDISON A.A.G. London.

65th BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer
2nd in Command
Adjutant
Quartermaster

Lt.Col. D.S.WANLISS 5th Btl.
Major H.F.McLAUGHLIN 47th Btl.
Captain M.COATES 29th Btl.
Lieut. R.S.ADAMS 31st Btl.

69th BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer
2nd in Command
Adjutant
A/Adjutant
Quartermaster

Lieut.-Col. A.V.DEEBLE 8th L.H.Rgt.
Major W.M.YOUNG 9th Battalion
Lieut. A.J.BEATTY 42nd Btl.
Lieut. W. R. BIRD 25th Btl.
Lieut. J.G.HARRIS 26th Btl.

70th BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer
2nd in Command
Adjutant
Quartermaster

Lieut.-Col. J.S.DENTON DSO. 11th Btl.
Major G.D.SHAW 10th Btl.
Lieut. H. DAVISON 11th Btl.
2/Lt. H.W.SEARCY 10th Btl.

16th FIELD AMBUSSANCE.

Commdg. Officer

Lieut.-Col. A.H.MARKS DSO. 2nd Fld Amb.

16th INFANTRY BRIGADE TRAIN.

O.C.

Captain P.HENNESSY 4 Div. Train.

16th FIELD COY. ENGINEERS.

O.C.

Major G. DRAKE-BROCKMAN

17th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

G.O.C. Brig.-Gen. J. PATON CB. VD.

A/Staff Captain 2/Lt. C.J.FINLAYSON
Quartermaster Lt. A.HOPKINSON

62nd BATTALION

Commdg. Officer Lieut-Col. D.M.McCONAGHY CMG.DSO.
2nd in Command Major W.W.TRACY
A/Adjutant Lt. K.R.WYLIE

63rd BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer Captain P.ADSETT 49th Btl.
Adjutant Lieut. C. H. LEE 1st Btl.

66 th BATTALION

Commdg. Officer Lieut. Col. R. RANKINE DSO. 39th Btl.
2nd in Command Major W.E.JAMES 24th Btl.
Adjutant Lieut. S.M.CADLE 18th Btl.

67th BATTALION.

Commdg. Officer Lieut.-Col. T.FLINTOFF 47th BATTALION.

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Commanding Officer Lieut.-Col. W.MAILER 8th F.A.B.
Adjutant Lieut. G. WADDINGHAM 16th Battery

R.B.A.A. DETAILS - SWANAGE.

Officer Cmdg. Captn. W.L.FANNING 23rd F.A.B.

R.B.A.A. DETAILS - BULFORD.

Officer Cmdg. Captn. H.A.WEBB 1st Division.

36th AUSTRALIAN HEAVY ARTILLERY GROUP STOWLANGTOFT

Commdg. Officer Lieut C.J.BROOKES R.A.A.

338th AUS. SEIGE BATTERY R.G.A. - BORDON.

Commdg. Officer Major A.W.BATES R.A.A.

A.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.

Cmdg. Officer	Lieut.-Col. A. McMORELAND VD.	7th A.S.C.
Adjutant	Captain W.I. ROGERS	27th A.S.C.
A/Quartermaster	Lieut. T.S. JONES	26th A.S.C.

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A.A.M.C. TRAINING DEPOT

Comdg. Officer	Major M.B. JOHNSON	1st A.G.H.
Adjutant	Captain S.T. APPLEFORD	A.A.M.C.
Quartermaster	Hon.Lt. J.H. POLLARD	A.A.M.C.

CONVALESCENT TRAINING COMPANY - PARKHOUSE.

Officer Commdg.	Captain L.A. DAVIES	27th Battalion
2nd in Command	Captain R.E. SMITH	28th Battalion

AUSTRALIAN DETAILS No. 3 CAMP PARKHOUSE.

Major M. FITZGERALD	18th Btln.
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A.A.M.T. DETACHMENT NO. 3 CAMP PARKHOUSE.

Captain W.S. ROSS	1st A.M.T.
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MOUNTED DETAILS AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS - PARKHOUSE.

Officer Commdg.	2/Lt. A.H.J. HOWLETT	2nd Fld. Engrs.
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AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE UNITS.

Commdg. Officer	Major F.W. GEYER	13th L.H.
Adjutant	Captain J.A. Nichol	13th L.H.
Quartermaster	Lieut. W. Ewing	13th L.H.

CYCLISTS' TRAINING BATTALION - CHISLTON.

Commdg. Officer	Lieut.-J.L. Haig	Unattached.
Adjutant	2/Lt. W.J.S. O'GRADY	18th BATTALION

NO. 68 AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON A.F.C. - HARLAXTON

Squadron Commander Major W.O.WATT
Recording Officer Captain R.C.PHILLIPS
Equipment Officer Lieut. E.N.TOOTH

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69th AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON A.F.C. - SOUTH CARLTON.

Squadron Commander Major D.V.J.BLAKE
Recording Officer Lieut E.G.KNOX
Equipment Officer Lieut. R. ROSS

71 AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON A.F.C. - CASTLE BROMWICH.

Squadron Commander Major W.SHELDON
Recording Officer 2/Lt. R.B.BENNETT

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS DEPOT - PERHAM DOWNS.

Officer Commanding Captain F.P.L.STRICKLAND 4th Pioneers
Adjutant Captain A.MARSHALL DSO. 19th Btln.

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS TRAINING DEPOT (FIELD SECTION)

Commanding Officer Major R.V.CUTLER 4th F.C.E.
Adjutant Lieut. L.A.WITHALL Rfcts.
Quartermaster Lieut. A.J.JESSEP 8th F.C.E.

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEER TRAINING DEPOT (SIGNAL SECTION)

Commanding Officer Major F.D.ROSSITER
Adjutant Lieut. W. McCUTCHAN

AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN TRAINING DEPOT - GRANTHAM.

Commanding Officer Major E.J.SEXTON M.G.C.
Adjutant Lieut. P.W.ASPINALL M.G.C.
Quartermaster Hon.Lt. S.FORBES 4th Battalion

NO. 59 COMPANY (THIRD SECTION) R.O.D.- BORDON.

OFFICER Commdg. Captain. G. MORGAN

No. 60 COMPANY (FIRST SECTION) R.O.D.- BORDON.

Officer Commdg. Captain W. JAMES

SECOND SECTION A.R.O.D. - BORDON.

Officer Commdg. Captain C.J.DUNCAN
Group Quartermaster 2/Lt. W. SCOTT.

AUSTRALIAN DETAILS NO.1 CAMP FOVANT.

A/Commanding Officer Lieut. J.W.O.Walker 2nd Div.Arty.
A/Adjutant 2/Lt. A.J.COLLINS 55th Btln.
A/Quartermaster Lieut. H.E.WELLS 44th Btln.

1st AUSTRALIAN DERMATOLOGICAL HOSPITAL.

Officer Commdg. Colonel KENNETH SMITH
Registrar Major T.F.BROWN DSO.
Quartermaster Captn. R.N.TEETE

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HEADQUARTERS : AUSTRALIAN DETAILS CAMP: PERHAM DOWN

Commandant Lieut.-Col. D. PERSSE WHITE A.I.F.
Adjutant Lieut. W. McEGAN 46th Btltn.

AUSTRALIAN DETAILS.

Officer Commdg. Captain A. E. HARRISON 19th Btltn.
Quartermaster Lieut. E. J. MARSDEN 1st D.A.C.

HARDENING & DRAFTING DEPOT PERHAMDOWN.

Commdg. Officer Major J. J. A. WALKER 19th Btltn.
Adjutant Lieut. E. C. NEW 17th Btltn.
Quartermaster Lieut. L. HINCHCLIFFE 23rd Btltn.

NO. 1 COMMAND DEPOT.

Commandant Lieut.-Col. G. H. KNOX 23rd Btltn.
2nd in Command Major A. E. J. CROLY 11th Btltn.
A/Adjutant Capt. E.W. ATKINSON 19th Btltn.
Quartermaster Capt. J. GETTINGBY 28th Btltn.

NO. 2 COMMAND DEPOT.

Commandant Col R. SPENCER-BROWNE CB.VD. 4th L.H.
Adjutant Captain G.W. CLARK P.S.L.
Quartermaster Captain G. KING P.S.L.

No. 3 Command Depot

Commandant Lieut.-Col. C.R. DAVIES 58th Btltn.
Adjutant Lieut. E. B. JACKSON 30th Btltn.

No. 4 COMMAND DEPOT

Commandant, Lieut.-Col. J.P. McGLINN CMG VD. 5th Div.
Adjutant Lieut. R. D. HADFIELD 3rd Btltn.
Quartermaster Hon.Lt. F.F. FAIRTHORNE A.F.A.

ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

Officer Commdg. Lieut.-Col. J. WILLIAMS
Adjutant Captain M.L.F. JARVIE

BASE MEDICAL STORES TIDWORTH.

A/Officer Commanding Lieut. C.F. PRICE A.B.D.M.S.

AUSTRALIAN PAY CORPS TIDWORTH.

Officer Commanding Captain F. WICKHAM A.P.C.

A.M.T.S. DETACHMENT TIDWORTH

O.C. Lieut. W. NOALL A.M.T.S.

A.I.F. CANTEENS

Officer i/c Inspection Branch Lieut. C.C. BURTON.

AUSTRALIAN POSTAL CORPS TIDWORTH

D.A.D.P.S. Lieut. E.S. HAZELDINE Postal Corps.

D.R. MacArthur
CAPTAIN
D.A.Q.M.G.
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MILITARY BRANCH.

" Since my last report was furnished the work of the Military Branch of this Department has been almost entirely connected with the Australian Imperial Force.

From the date when the Australian troops first went into action so gloriously on the Gallipoli Peninsula there has been a steady influx of sick and wounded into this country. A great deal of administrative work had to be undertaken which was very difficult to foresee.

On the 16th May the troopship "Goorkha" arrived at Southampton, having on board a number of Australian Sick and wounded. It was the beginning of a difficult task to keep in touch with these men when they landed in England. They were immediately dispersed, with other British casualties, through hospitals stationed, for the most part, in the Midland Countries, with Birmingham as the centre. As time went on, during the months of July and August, the numbers increased each week, and the distribution became wider.



Preparation had been made - on a small scale - in the various Branches for dealing with many questions arising from their arrival in this country, and the nucleus of a Records Office, a Pay Branch and a Medical Bureau (see Appendix B.) having been established, additions were made to the personnel of this Department from time to time, as the necessity arose and the work increased.

A Postal Branch was also established to deal with letters for members of the Australian Imperial Force.

In connection with the Record Office, Mr Smart, whose duties were previously in the Publicity Branch, was entrusted with the work of its organization, and he was given the assistance of Warrant Officer W.J.Coleman, whose services have been lent by the War Office, as it was considered advisable to have a trained Warrant Officer. Mr Smart has done excellent work in this Branch.

Assistance was obtained as required from members of the Australian Imperial Force, whose condition permitted them to undertake light duty. This applies to all Branches to which I have referred. The only outside assistance that it has been found necessary to engage has been in connection with the typing and special clerical work.

During the months of June, July and August the administrative work was carried on in the High Commissioner's Office. The extra office accommodation that was required was provided in this building, but as time went on it was found that the difficulties of administration were increased by lack of sufficient space. A search was made in the neighbourhood of Westminster for suitable offices, which could be organized as Military Administrative Offices for the Australian Imperial Force, and these have now been obtained through the generous action of the Authorities of the Wesleyan Training College handing over their premises in Horseferry Road (see Appendix B).

It was decided that our troops, after leaving British Hospitals, should proceed to London and report themselves at the High Commissioner's Office. This would enable them to receive their pay; to obtain the clothing which they might require, and to have their wants generally attended to. They could also be inspected by our own Medical Officers to determine whether they should proceed on furlough or undergo further medical treatment or obtain rest at a Convalescent Depot.

The procedure now adopted, after the past four months experience, enables the man who has been discharged from a British Military Hospital to be examined by our own Medical Authorities, who determine where he is to go. He then passes to the Staff Officer dealing with clothing, travelling warrants, &c., and from that Department he passes to the Pay Office, where he is provided with the pay which is due to him if he wishes to draw it. If the man requires further medical treatment or rest he is sent to one of our Convalescent Depots - Harefield Park, or the Convalescent Camp at Epsom - and from these institutions he either receives



his furlough or he is returned to duty at the Australian and New Zealand Base Depot, which has been established at Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

At this Depot, commanded by Colonel the Hon. Sir Newton Moore, K.C.M.G., the men are taken in hand by Australian Officers and are divided into groups or classes according to their physical condition. They are then given light training and are prepared for the drafts which proceed from time to time to the Mediterranean.

The Depot was for the accommodation of, approximately, 3,000 men. It was soon found that it would be necessary to provide an overflow Camp. The War Office was approached, and a search was made to see if one Camp could be set aside for our use, capable of taking up to seven or eight thousand men. It was found that it was impossible to give us this accommodation at present, and consequently an overflow Depot was allotted to us at Bostall Heath, near Woolwich. This Camp is capable of accommodating, approximately, 2,000 men, and at this moment both these camps are quite full.

There has been considerable difficulty in obtaining accommodation for our troops upon the transports returning with drafts to the Mediterranean. This has led to the congestion in the camps, and has made it absolutely necessary to secure further accommodation. It is regretted that one camp could not have been provided, as it would have made the Administrative and Command work very much easier.

At the Bostall Camp, to which I have referred, it has been found necessary by the Medical Officers to establish a small section, amounting to about 400 beds, for the accommodation of men who are unfit for the ordinary diet and accommodation provided for the remainder of the men who are in a better physical condition. There is a Medical Officer specially told off to look after this section, and to see that everything is done which will result in the men becoming fit as quickly as possible.

It was found advisable to appoint an Officer to act as Assistant Provost Marshal on the Staff of the General Officer Commanding the London District. Captain T.V. Brown, 9th Battalion, was selected for this duty, as he had been pronounced unfit for service in the Mediterranean for some months. He has performed the duties which he was called upon to undertake with considerable ability.

Twenty Non-commissioned Officers and men were also selected from the men who were temporarily unfit for further Military Service, and they became the nucleus of the Police Picket which is now working with the Military Police of the London District.

Some of these men attend daily and up till 10 o'clock at night at the main London Railway Station to assist any of our men who arrive from the Provincial British Hospitals, and who require to be directed to the London Military Head Quarters.



It is a matter of congratulation to be able to report that the behaviour of the Australian troops has given the greatest satisfaction to the Civil Police as well as to the Officers of the London District. It has been reported to me that, speaking generally, their behaviour is very good.

In connection with Sick furlough and clothing, to which I have already referred, Captain B. G. MATTHEWS, 15th Battalion, who also had been reported by the Medical Authorities as temporarily unfit for further Military Service in the Mediterranean, was appointed to take charge of that Department. Excellent work has been done by this Officer.

In many cases parties of men arrived from the outlying British Hospitals without any notice to our Administrative Offices that they were to be expected.

Numerous interviews were arranged with the members of the General Staff at the War Office to secure special treatment for our men. The outcome of these conferences has been put in the form of instructions to be issued to Australian Non-Commissioned Officers and men in hospital, and these instructions have been approved by the Army Council. The War Office has also amended where necessary the instructions which were issued by the General Staff to the Commandants of British Military Hospitals and Convalescent Depots, in order that there should be no misunderstanding regarding the manner in which our men would be dealt with. These instructions are set out in Appendix B.

The Pay Branch was placed under the control of Mr HARVEY, the Sub-Accountant, and his staff was increased from time to time, as was found necessary, from members of the Australian Imperial Force whose civil training fitted them for work of that description. A great many questions have arisen from time to time, either with reference to individual cases, or on the broader questions of policy concerning the financial difficulties in which our men were placed. Mr Harvey has done good work in dealing with many difficult problems with which he was faced, and very few complaints have been received from our men in connection with the financial arrangements which have been made for them.

Apart from the members of the Australian Imperial Force who arrived in this country from Egypt, the Royal Australian Artillery Siege Brigade, Commanded by Lieut.-Colonel W.A.Coxen, arrived in England on the 25th August and proceeded to Lydd, where it was attached to that Command, and having joined the Imperial Army for active service it has been designated the "O" Siege Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery.

This Unit has been training with the other Artillery Units in the Command since its arrival, and I am informed that the training has been efficiently carried out. It is the hope of all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men that they will soon be permitted to proceed on active service.

The following Officers of the Australian Army Medical Corps arrived in this country to undertake duties in connection with the formation of our Auxiliary Hospitals and Convalescent Depots :-

Surgeon-General W.D.C. Williams, CB.,
Lieut.-Colonel J.F. Flashman.
Major A.E. Mills.
Captain M. V. Southey.
Captain E.H. Rutledge.

These Officers have in the various Departments been closely engaged in laying down the procedure for the administration and treatment of our sick and wounded in our Institutions, which have been referred to previously in this Report.

Colonel T.H. Fiaschi, DSO., VD, arrived in England in June in command of No. 3 Australian General Hospital. It was decided that this Unit should proceed on active service under the War Office in the Mediterranean, and it was re-embarked, less certain details, in July.

The Australian Mechanical Transport Units, the 8th and 9th Australian Army Service Corps Companies, now known respectively as the 301st and 300th Companies Army Service Corps, have been in France, attached to the British Expeditionary Force since the beginning of August. They have had hard work, and they are reported to have acquitted themselves well.

The Lord Mayor's Procession this year was considered to be of particular interest from an Imperial point of view, and as a request had been received from the Lord Mayor-elect that Australian troops might be permitted to participate with troops of the other Dominions in the Procession, the War Office invited me to send a detachment of 200 Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men. I decided that the greater part of this Contingent should be drawn from the men who had come to this country from active service in the Mediterranean, and that a small section should represent the Field Artillery Brigade.

The numbers that paraded are -
5 Officers.
2 Warrant Officers.
200 Non-Commissioned Officers and men.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the Australian section received a splendid reception.

As urgent instructions had been received from the Defence Department to supply information with regard to the manufacture of munitions, and also for the supply of machinery for the increase in the establishment of the Small Arms Factory in Australia, Captain Coghill was instructed to make the necessary enquiries, and also directed to get in touch with the manufacturing firms to obtain details which would be of value to the Defence Department.

Captain Coghill has now completed his tour of instruction in all branches connected with Ordnance Factories and Depots. He has terminated his instruction



by being attached for one month in France to the Army Ordnance Department, and he has witnessed the operations which have to be undertaken in the transport of munitions to the firing-line.

Arrangements have been made for some of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men, who have received decorations and rewards for their military service, to attend Investitures, when they would receive their decorations from the hand of His Majesty the King. It is unfortunate that some of our Officers who have been recently given rewards will be unable to avail themselves of the opportunity which might have been afforded to them during their stay in this country, as His Majesty, having been injured owing to an accident in France, is unable at present to undertake any public duties.

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" APPENDIX B.

MILITARY BRANCH.

Since may last the following branches, with a total staff of 131, have been organized in connection with the Administrative work that became necessary owing to the arrival in England of the sick and wounded Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the Australian Imperial Force :-

1. Military Records.
2. Medical Bureau.
3. Furlough and Clothing.
4. Military Post Office.
5. Correspondence Branch.
6. Soldiers' Enquiry Bureau.
7. Registration Branch.
8. Cable Office.
9. Casualty Enquiry Branch.
10. Country Hospital Visitation.

In the Military Records Office there is a complete record of every casualty in the Australian Imperial Force. The casualties are cabled from Alexandria direct to this Office, and are at once placed on record. In cases where the next-of-kin is resident in Great Britain information is at once transmitted to the next-of-kin. When a man is moved from the front, the transport, the disembarkation, the admission to hospital, the discharge from hospital, the furlough, his arrival at the Depot, and his departure again for the front are duly recorded, and the next-of-kin or any other person desiring to be notified is at once informed.



For every member of the Australian Imperial Force killed, wounded, or missing, it is estimated that at least two enquiries from persons in Great Britain have been addressed to the Officer-in-charge of Military Records.

The Officer-in-charge of Military Records telegraphs to the Department of Defence, Melbourne, the admission of Members of the Australian Imperial Force to hospitals in Great Britain and the nature of their wounds or sickness,

The following figures show the total casualties recorded at the end of each month since May last :-

DATE	DEATHS		WOUNDED		MISSING		GAS POISONING		PRISONERS of WAR		TOTAL.
	Offrs.	Men	Offrs.	Men	Offrs.	Men.	Offrs.	Men	Offrs.	Men	
May 31	96.	520.	183.	3009.	8.	86.	-	-	-	-	11,104.
June 30	148.	2138.	324.	7689.	20.	785.	-	-	-	-	11,104.
July 31	170.	2639.	358.	8602.	13.	727.	-	1.	2.	10.	12,522.
Aug. 31	261.	3739.	471.	10903.	29.	848.	-	1.	2.	24.	16,278.
Sep. 30	293.	4713.	518.	13687.	32.	1434.	-	1.	5.	64.	20,747.
Oct. 31	308.	5216.	535.	14360.	25.	1485.	-	1.	6.	63.	21,999.
Nov. 28	315.	5572.	550.	14942.	24.	1478.	1.	32.	7.	68.	22,989.

In the Military Records Branch is carried out the many well-known details as laid down in Regulations - and which it is unnecessary to go into here.

Owing to the absence of a Nominal Roll in London, the work of the Military Records Branch has been heavier than it would have otherwise been. Without this Roll it has not been possible to confirm details in regard to casualties, which should have been confirmed we have also been unable to furnish, without reference to Cairo (which entailed considerable unnecessary correspondence) information which is constantly required by the War Office, other Authorities, and by relatives in this country. I now understand that a Nominal Roll is to be supplied.

FURLOUGH DEPARTMENT & Q.M's STORES.

This Department was inaugurated at the end of May to deal with the men arriving in London on discharge from British hospitals. Starting under an officer and one N.C.O. and dealing with a dozen cases daily, it now employs a staff of thirty-five and has dealt with up to 500 men in one day, exclusive of all correspondence and recording work.

N.C.O's and men on discharge from hospital are first inspected by the special branch of the medical service attached to this department and passed for either further treatment or furlough. In the former case they are sent to the class of convalescent depot required and subsequently given furlough when declared to be fit. In the latter case they are provided with a fourteen-day pass and a return railway warrant to any destination desired in the United Kingdom. The uniform and kit with which they have been provided by the hospital from which they come, is supplemented at the Quartermaster's Store, to bring it to the requisite standard. At the termination of their furlough they report back again to the department, are again medically examined and disposed of either to the base depot for return to Active Service or for further necessary treatment or convalescence.

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During their period of furlough the department deals with all applications, verbal and written, explains the regulations to the men, and generally supervises their affairs in so far as their duties as soldiers are effected. It has a special branch dealing with the men unfit for any further Service, and those unfit men desiring their discharge in England, who are permitted to remain on furlough until required.

The Quartermaster's Stores also issue to men in hospital, on the requisition of authorised officers, such articles of kit or clothing as are necessary to the men's well-being.

A complete internal system of records is kept, supplying full data as to every man, and the department is kept in close touch with the Pay Office for the purpose of checking all pay and allowances.

Tables showing the number of men dealt within the different Branches are appended.

TABLE 1.

Number of men to whom furlough has been issued ...	6,580.
" " " despatched to Weymouth ...	2,085.
" " " " Bostall ...	1,825.
" " " " Austn.Aux. Hospitals	750.
Total number of men dealt with ...	<u>11,240.</u>

TABLE 2.

Number of medically unfit men passed through Department ...	2,800.
" awaiting discharge in England passed through Department ...	113.
" granted commissions in the British Army passed through Department ...	61.

TABLE 3.

NUMBER OF ARTICLES SUPPLIED FROM QUARTERMASTER'S STORE.

Jackets ...	1,800.
Pantaloons ...	7,401.
Puttees ...	3,420.
Caps ...	450.
Hats ...	3,142.
Boots ...	1,910.
Kit Bags ..	4,700.
Overcoats .	2,374.
Hair Brushes ...	6,192.
Shaving Brushes .	6,108.
Tooth Brushes ...	6,192.
Combs ...	6,192.
Razors ...	5,062.
Safety Razors ...	732.
Shirts ...	4,554.
Singlets ..	2,989.
Underpants ...	4,554.
Socks ...	4,354.
Chevrons ..	1,000.
Sets Badges ...	3,000.
Trousers ...	150.
Cardigans ...	1,200.
Total ...	<u>77,476.</u>



TABLE ... No. 4.

NUMBER OF REQUISITIONS FOR CLOTHING DEALT WITH AT QUARTERMASTER'S STORE.

(a)	August	...	...	...	884.
	September	...	...	...	2,390.
	October	...	...	...	3,063.
	November	...	...	...	3,766.
	December (1st to 9th)	...	...	...	1,152.
					11,255.
	Total	...	...	...	11,255.
(b)	Requisitions received from Hospitals by post, & completed ...				1,232.
	Requisitions issued personally at Store ...				10,023.
					11,255.

TABLE ... No. 5.

NUMBER OF WARRANTS ISSUED MONTHLY FROM JUNE to NOVEMBER, 1915.

June	...	...	...	320.
July	...	...	...	325.
August	...	...	...	450.
September	..	...	...	1,920.
October	...	...	...	2,418.
November	...	...	...	2,312.
				7,745.
	Total	...	...	7,745.

MILITARY POST OFFICE.

As soon as our wounded began to arrive in England a Military Post Office was organised under the direction of Mr H. C. Smart. For Postal purposes an additional Card Index is kept of every member of the Australian Imperial Force in Great Britain, and also of every member of the Australian Imperial Force killed, wounded, missing, or sick. On these cards all admissions to hospital, transfers, and discharges are recorded promptly, so that we have the up-to-date address of at least every Australian soldier in Great Britain. The Postal work has increased enormously during the last few months, necessitating a large increase of staff and the introduction of three eight-hour shifts, which work continuously every day, including Sundays. During the last few weeks, the average mail matter dealt with weekly is about 60,000 letters, 2,000 papers and 1,000 parcels. It is, of course, inevitable that a quantity of mail matter for men who have already left England for the front and for Australia reaches here.

As a rule any letters received here are despatched to addressed in Great Britain or Ireland within twelve hours of receipt.

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CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH.

The work of the Correspondence Branch attached to the Military Records Office has been very heavy. The main features of the work are -

1. Answering by letter general enquiries relating to the Expeditionary Force.
2. Advising casualties to next-of-kin, relatives and friends.
3. Dealing with the records section of correspondence entailed with Bases, Hospitals, and members of the Expeditionary Force; also reports to Melbourne and Cairo.
4. Cablegrams to Bases and Australia relative to progress of sick and wounded; also regarding the missing, and various queries which arise in reference to casualties reported.
5. Tracing next-of-kin by various sources.

Owing to the insufficient next-of-kin addresses furnished to this office, many hundreds of men's relatives have been traced through the Press and Police; this has necessitated a good deal of work.

SOLDIERS' ENQUIRY BUREAU.

For the convenience of soldiers discharged from hospital and passing through London, a Soldiers' Enquiry Bureau has been organised. In this Bureau is kept a list of suitable lodgings and hotel accommodation for our men, with prices varying from 1/- to 5/- for bed and breakfast. While some of the men desire cheap lodgings, such as the Y.M.C.A. establishments, Union Jack Club, the Peel House Institute and other well-known Soldiers' Homes, where the rate for bed and breakfast varies from 1/- to 1/6d, others prefer to stay at hotels or boarding-houses. A list of such places, as already pointed out, has been prepared and made available for them. These places, before being recommended, are inspected.


When the men are granted their furlough their chief concern in most cases is to visit their relatives and friends in different parts of the United Kingdom. To assist them in this way any information with regard to trains or general geographical information is at their disposal. In many cases they desire to combine a little sightseeing of the British Isles with their more important business of visiting relatives, and it is the business of this section to assist the men to do this in the most expeditious and economical way possible in conjunction with their free and half-fare railway tickets.

The Bureau answers inquiries as to the best way to get to certain addresses and localities in London, and also the best way to do a little sight-seeing in London, for which special arrangements are made. This Bureau has been taken advantage of to a highly satisfactory degree.

REGISTRATION BRANCH.

The Registration Office connected with the Military Records Office has dealt with about 270,000 papers. The average mail varies between 500 and 600 letters per day. Approximately 1,300 cables have been received and 1,200 despatched; in addition to this about 2,000 telegrams have been dealt with.

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The special telegraphic facilities which were granted to members of the Australian Imperial Force have been made good use of by our soldiers. The number of private messages sent through this Office by Australian soldiers to their relatives and friends in Australia average about 300 per week. The sending of these cables necessitates a good deal of correspondence with our men who are in Provincial hospitals.

A great number of Returns necessitating a good deal of work, are prepared for the Department of Defence, the Intermediate Base, The Medical Branch, and the various Red Cross Branches in each of the Staf capitals of the Commonwealth.

THE CASUALTY ENQUIRY BRANCH.

In the Casualty Enquiry Room all casualties are posted up on boards, and available for inspection by the public. The casualties are classified according to battalions, regiments, etc., and as far as possible the States in which the units have been raised are indicated. Lists are also posted upon which are shown the names of all officers and men arriving in England, and the hospitals to which they have been sent.

All personal enquiries are dealt with in the Casualty Room, enquirers being provided with forms upon which to fill in the names and particulars of soldiers about whom they require information. These forms are passed on to the Record Room, and the clerks in charge of the battalion cards fill in all available particulars. Every possible consideration is shown in dealing with bereaved relatives and friends, and where the information available is meagre, special cables are despatched to the Base in Cairo for details of casualties, location of patients, and progress reports.

The number of callers at the Casualty Enquiry Room varies greatly and depends to a large extent upon the number of casualties reported, the Branch is besieged by relatives and friends, not only of the men actually killed or wounded, but of large numbers of others about whose safety anxiety is felt.

A fact revealed by the work of this Branch is that practically every member of the Australian Imperial Force has relatives or friends in Great Britain. Many of the enquiries originate with the sick or wounded soldiers in England, whose concern in the welfare of their comrades left behind in the firing line can readily be understood. From this source alone from fifty to one hundred enquiries are dealt with daily.


VISITING AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
in HOSPITAL.

Whilst our men are in hospital every endeavour is made to get into touch with them. In this connection it has been found necessary to place in each hospital, where the number warrant it, permanently a non-commissioned officer, to visit each man individually to enquire into his needs,

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and wherever possible to see that those needs are attended to. These hospitals, as it is, of course, well-known, are under the direction of the War Office, and whilst our men are getting every attention, it was found that this office could, with the approval of the various Commanding Officers, supply Australians with comforts which they could not secure through the ordinary channels. All the London hospitals have been covered in this way, and the larger of the hospitals in the Provinces.

In Appendix A is indicated the distribution of the A.I.F. in Great Britain at the present time (November). It should be noted, however, that to every General Hospital there are as many as fifty Auxiliary Hospitals attached, in each of which there may be from two to ten Australians. It would be obviously impracticable to arrange for our men to be visited by non-commissioned officers in so many centres, in cases such as these the men were dealt with by correspondence, or arrangements were made for a voluntary worker in the district to visit them.

NEW QUARTERS.

Early in October the work increased at such a rate that the High Commissioner's Office in Victoria Street could no longer find room for the staff required for the work. Through the War Office and the Department of Works, the High Commissioner was able to secure premises with space enough to house the large staff required to deal with the multifarious matters connected with the Australian Imperial Force. The additional room was found in the building which used to be known as The Westminster Training College, situated at 130, Horseferry Road, Westminster. This institution was formerly a Training School for Teachers, and covers about two acres of ground. To Horseferry Road the following Branches were removed :-

- Medical Inspection Branch.
- Military Records.
- Casualty Enquiry Office.
- Correspondence Branch.
- Registration Branch.
- Military Post Office.
- Cable Office.
- Soldiers' Enquiry Bureau.
- Press Section.
- Country Hospital Visitation.
- Quartermaster's Stores.

Mr Smart was appointed Controller of the new buildings. At Horseferry Road the men are also dealt with in regard to Furlough and Railway Warrants.

THE ANZAC CLUB & BUFFET.

The Anzac Club and Buffet, established by the London Branch of the Australian Natives' Association, for the comfort and convenience of officers and men, is now housed in very suitable premises provided by the Commonwealth Office and adjacent to the Military Offices. Refreshments are served without any charge being made at any hour between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m., and in the main room there is seating accommodation for over 100. There is a large room set apart for music, where well-known artistes given entertainments daily. The Reading, Writing and Rest Room is extensively used, and in another room a full-sized billiard-table has been installed.



Twice daily an experienced guide takes parties from the Club to view the historical sights, buildings, museums, and art galleries in and around London.

By arrangement with the leading theatrical managers, from 500 to 1,000 complimentary tickets for the theatres are distributed at the club each week, and arrangements are made for numerous excursions and outings. The Anzac Club and Buffet is carried on in co-operation with the Military Department, which issues passes to men awaiting medical inspection or furlough enabling them to obtain refreshments and remain at the Club until called upon. This privilege is greatly valued, particularly in the wet weather, when the attendances frequently reach 1,000 per day.

The whole of the work is carried out voluntarily, chiefly by Australian ladies, of whom there are over 200 on the regular staff. The funds have been raised by voluntary contributions.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

NUMBERS OF OFFICERS AND MEN IN HOSPITALS, ON FURLOUGH,
AND AT DEPOTS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON COMMAND.

<u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1st London General	-	15.
2nd London General	7	75.
3rd London General	116	319.
4th London General	-	33.
5th London General	-	75.
Princes Club, Bermondsey	-	3.
Military Hospital, Bethnal Green	-	46.
City of London, Clapton	-	6.
Coulter Hospital, 5, Grosvenor Square	-	1.
Military Hospital, Endell Street	-	27.
Red Cross Hospital, Finsbury Square	-	2.
Military Hospital, Fulham	-	121.
University College Hospital	-	6.
Royal National Orthopaedic	-	3.
Dreadnought, Greenwich	-	1.
Military Hospital, Hampstead	-	47.
Auxiliary Hospital, Isleworth	-	3.
King George, Waterloo	-	336.
Military Hospital, Lewisham	-	36.
Kingston, Surbiton & District R. Cross, Malden.	-	1.
Queen Alexandra, Millbank	2	1.
Queen Alexandra, Whitechapel	-	1.
Rochester Row	-	7.
Dover House, Roehampton	1	1.
Gifford House, Roehampton	-	7.
St. Dunstan's	-	3.
St. George's	-	1.
Military Hospital, Southwark	-	7.
Military Hospital, Tooting	-	145.
161 Vauxhall Bridge Road	-	3.
6th Australian Auxiliary	8	-
Endesleigh Palace Hospital	1	-
17, Park Lane	1	-
26, Park Lane	1	-
	<u>137.</u>	<u>1,332.</u>



NORTHERN COMMAND.

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men.</u>
3rd Northern General, Sheffield ...	-	4
5th Northern General, Leicester ...	-	1
Military Hospital, Buxton ...	-	2
Alder Hay Hospital, Derby ...	-	1
War Hospital, Derby ...	-	1
Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate ...	-	1
Military Hospital, Norringham ...	-	2
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EASTERN COMMAND.

<u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1st Eastern General, Cambridge ...	-	10
2nd Eastern General, Brighton ...	-	28
Barnwell Military, Cambridge ...	-	1
Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester ...	-	36
Addington Park, Croydon ...	-	62
City of London War, Epsom... ..	-	209
Woodcote Park, Epsom	-	592
Hanworth Military, Feltham ...	-	1
Royal Surrey County, Guildford ...	-	5
1st Australian Auxiliary, Harefield ..	1	570
Military Hospital, Maidstone ...	-	1
Military Hospital, Norwich ...	-	1
St Mary's Red Cross, Durhurst, Reigate	-	1
Brook War Hospital, Woolwich ...	-	160
5th Australian Auxiliary	7	-
	<u>8</u>	<u>1,677.</u>

SOUTHERN COMMAND.

<u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1st Southern General, Birmingham ...	1	203
2nd Southern General, Bristol ...	-	152
3rd Southern General, Oxford ...	-	258
4th Southern General, Plymouth ...	-	81
5th Southern General, Portsmouth ...	-	87
Military Hospital, Aylesbury ...	-	18
V.A.Hospital, Barnstaple	-	1
Beauford War Hospital, Fishponds, Bristol	-	68
Alexandra Hospital, Cosham... ..	-	25
Devenport	2	19
Clearing Hospital, Eastleigh ...	-	4
1st V.A.H. Exeter	-	1
Military Hospital, Hilsea	-	3
Military Hospital, Jersey	-	1
Auxiliary Home Hospital, Launceston...	-	1
V.A.Hospital, Manor House, Moreton Hampstead	-	1
War Hospital, Napsbury	-	2
Royal Victoria, Netley	-	91
Military Hospital, Newport Pagnell ...	-	1
Birmingham War Hospital, Northfield...	-	54
Vern Hospital, Portland	-	2
3rd War Hospital, Reading	-	38
Shitlry Warren War, Southampton ...	-	64
Royal Hospital, Weymouth	-	1
Military Hospital, Winchester ...	-	3
Pinewood Sanatorium, Wokingham ...	-	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>1,180.</u>



WESTERN COMMAND.

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men.</u>
2nd Western General, Manchester	-	43
3rd Western General, Cardiff	-	162
Lancashire Military, Blackpool	-	1
Metropolitan War, Cardiff	-	4
Moss Side, Liverpool	-	4
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SCOTTISH COMMAND.

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men.</u>
1st Scottish General, Aberdeen	-	2
Edinburgh War Hospital, Bangour	-	1
Castle Hospital, Edinburgh	-	2
3rd Scottish General, Glasgow	-	2
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TOTALS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men.</u>
London Command	137	1,332
Northern "	-	12
Eastern "	8	1,677
Southern "	3	1,180
Western "	-	214
Scottish "	-	7
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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men.</u>
On Furlough	208	2,843
Depot, Bostall Heath	4	1,253
Depot, Weymouth	72	1,572
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