

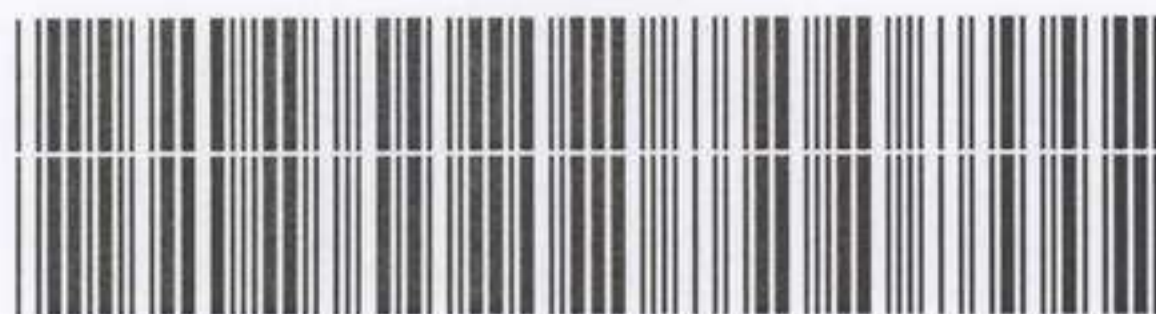
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Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/33/1

Title: 16th Infantry Battalion

September 1914



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16 Bn

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16th September

1917

Mr Lunny

The nucleus of 11th Battalion AIF was formed from personnel attached to the Reinforcement Company of 11th Battalion AIF at Camp HELENA VALE.

The officers who reported for duty were

Major W O Mansbridge 84th Infantry

" C Hestryns-Abraham Royal Marines (Reserve)

2/Lt A S Youles 88th Infantry

Major A H Bridges GSO 5th Military District took up the work of Commanding Officer in addition to other duties

17th September

SSM Emmett appointed acting RSM

SSM Williams acting QMS both of Instructional Staff

18th September

Captain F B Carter 86th Infantry

Lieut E L Margolin ~~86th~~ 86th Infantry

reported for duty

300 men who had been enlisted previously, assembled at the Drill Hall PERTH and were conveyed by train in charge of 2nd Lieut R T A McDONALD to HELENA VALE. Major BRIDGES received the draft and organised the command into 4 Companies according to Districts from which men came as under

Goldfields and Eastern Districts

South West + Great Southern

City of Perth

Fremantle + Suburbs

Camp was formed on E slope of BLACKBOY HILL



19th September.

Strength

5 officers 320 others Total 325 all ranks.

Captain R S MA GREGOR AAMC.

2 LTR T A Mc DONALD. A & I Staff.

reported for duty as Medical officer and Adjutant.

20th September

Strength. 5 officers. 346 others Total 351 Increase 26 men

Reinforcement Company 11th Bn. Moved camp to 11th Bn Lines21st September

Strength 5 off 345 men Total 350. Decrease 1 man

22nd "

" 7 " 402 " " 409 Increase 2 off 57 men

Capt Townshend Unattached List

Lt. Campbell-Jones. Royal Welsh Regt. (Vol)

reported for duty.

23rd September:

7 off 454 other ranks. Total 461 Increase 52 men

24th "

8 " 482 " " " 490 " 1 off 28 men

~~24th~~ "

Lieut KRETCHMAR. reported.

25th September.9 officers ⁵⁴⁵~~544~~ others. Total 554 Increase 1 off 13 men26th September.

9 " 574 " " 583 " 29 men.

Companies reorganized Personnel detached to form
Head Quarters Details Territorial organization adopted.

as below

A Company. GOLDFIELDS & EASTERN Districts.

B " SOUTH WESTERN Districts.

C " FREMANTLE & W Suburbs.

D " PERTH & E Suburbs.

E " NORTH GOLDFIELDS MIDLAND DIST &

GREAT SOUTHERN Districts.

Officers were posted as follows all provisionally
pending selection Committee's reports and Gazetteal

C.O. Major A. H. BRIDGES. (Acting)
 Adjutant 2nd Lt R. T. A. McDONALD. (Detailed for Duty)
 Q.M. Mr. Esmond (Acting)
 Med Off Capt R. S. Mc GREGOR.
 A Company Major MANS BRIDGE
 Lt. KRETCHMAR
 B Coy Major HOSKINS. ABRAHALL
 2nd Lt A. S. VOWLES.
 C Coy Capt TOWNSHEND
 Lt CAMPBELL-JONES
 D " Capt CARTER.
 E " Lieut MARGOLIN.

Signallers placed under charge of SSM CLARK

Machine Gun Section " SSM LONGMORE

Transport " " Sgt G Hickling 88th Inf

27th September Strength 9 Officers 656 men Total 665 Increase 82 men

28th " " 9 " 612 " " 671 " 6 "

Programme for training for 4 weeks drawn up
 and issued with Battle Orders. Copy attached.

31st September Strength 9 Officers 814 men Total 823. Increase 152 men

Surplus personnel formed into Depot organized
 into companies under Staff Instructors.

Capt MILLER. 81st Infantry

2 Lt MOUNTAIN 88th "

Lt CARSE 86th "

reported for duty.

Camp order No 45 authorized Wet Camps.



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REMARKS & REFERENCES
TO APPENDICES &
ATTACHED

DATE

PLACE & TIME

30th September 1914

STRENGTH 11 OFFICERS 865 OTHERS
TOTAL 876. INCREASE 2 OFFICERS 51 OTHERS
WET CANTEEN ESTABLISHED. CANTEEN

COMMITTEE :-

CAPT. CARTER. PRESIDENT.

2/LIEUT. KRETCHMAR

C/SAT. COLLINS

CORP. DELACOUR

MEMBERS.

OFFICERS MESS FORMED. COMMITTEE.

TEMPORARILY APPOINTED

MAJOR MANSBRIDE PRESIDENT.

CAPT. MCGREGOR SECRETARY (HON.)

LT MARGOLIN MEMBER.

(ORIGINAL OF ABOVE WILL BE FOUND
ON PAGE 1 OF DIARY FOR MONTH
OF OCTOBER 1914 AND BOUND
WITH THAT MONTH.)