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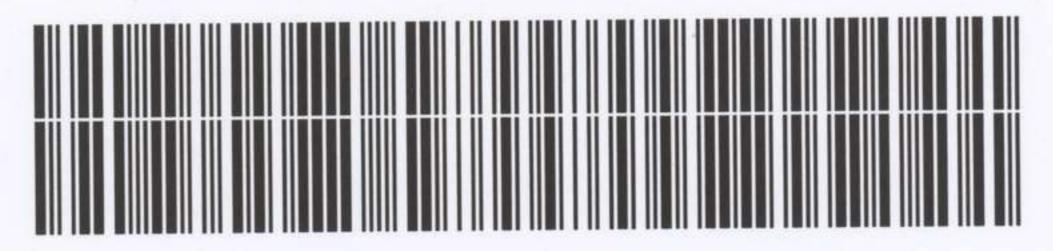
# Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries, 1914-18 War

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## WAR DIARY

OF

Branch 2D, REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION FOR

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Signature of Officer Commanding MOVEMENTS AND QUARTERING BRAND DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & BENEFIT

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#### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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LONDON	1920. Feb.	No.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 59 other ranks 14 civilians.	T P STATEOS
		2.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 59 other ranks 14 civilians Instructions issued by For embarkation of "ANCHISES" at Glasgow	1.
		3.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 59 other ranks 14 civilians	
		4.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 59 other ranks14 civilians	
		5.	Strength of Branch 18 officers 59 other ranks 14 civilians	
		6.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 59 other ranks 14 civilians.	
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		9. •	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks, 15 civilians.	
		10.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 ofher ranks 15 civalians.  General Progress for fortnight ending 7.2.20.	2.
		ll.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians.	
		12.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 55 other ranks 15 civilians. Final inspection of "HORORATA"	
		13.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians. "ANCHISES" embarked at GLASGOW 4 officers, also 16 women and 2 infants.	3.
		14.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians.	
		15.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 15 civilians.  D. D. & L., London, E.C.  (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.	

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	1	7.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 13 chvilians.	
	1	8.	Strength of Branch 15 officers 57 other ranks 13 civilians.	
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	2	2.	Strength of Branch 13 officers 55 other ranks 16 civilians.	
	200	3.	Strength of Branch 13 officers 55 other ranks 16 civilians. Struck off Strength Lieut. C.M. TREACEY for Return to Australia. General Progress for fortnight ending 21.2.20	5.
	2	4.	Strength of Branch 13 officer 54 other ranks 16 civilians.	
	2	25.	Strength of Branch 13 officers 53 other maks 16 civilians.	
	***	6.	Strength of Branch 13 officers 53 other ranks 16 civilians. Instructions issued to Advance Party for "DEMOSTHENES" Instructions issued for embarkation "ASCANIUS" Instructions issued for embarkation "ORVIETO"	6. 7. 8.
	2	7.	Strength of Branch 13 officers 53 other ranks 16 civilians.	
	2	8.	Strength of Branch 12 officers 53 other ranks 16 civilians.  Struck off S mength Lieut. A.L. BOOL to Indefinite Leave  (A10266) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 2/18 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/16.	

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## WAR DIARY

OF

BRANCH 2D. REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION

FOR

FEBRUARY 1910

#### LIST OF APPENDICES.

Subject.

1. Instructions issued Embarkation "ANCHISES"
2. General Progress for fortnight
3. Final inspection "HORORATA"
4. Instructions issued Advance Party "ORONTES"
5. General Progress for fortnight
6. Instructions issued Advance Party "DEMOSTHEMES"
7. Instructions issued for embarkation "ASCANIUS"
8. Instructions issued embarkation "ORVIETO"

### "ANCHIEES"

## RHHARKING AT GLASGOW FRIDAY 13th INSTANT.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Thurs. 12th instant.

PROCEED Leave Euston 9.15 a.m. Friday 13th inst. errive Glasgow 7.25 pm. Friday 13th.

NUMBERS

3 Officers

O.C. Troops Pay Officer 1 special

and wives families and dependants to be warned and entrained as arranged between 2.D.5. and 2.D.1.

Copies to: S.O.S. & R.T. (2) 2.D.l. S.O.11 (3) Sgt. Haggitt.

Sgt. Stewart S/Sgt. Madden. S/Sgt. Sawkins.

A.E.S.O. Devenport, A.E.R. Liverpool.

Feb. 2th 1920.

Staff Bergeant.

2.D.2.a.

#### BRAHGH 2D.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR FORTHLORY EMDING

#### RAIL TRAMSPORT

- (1) Issue of Railway Warrants as required, and check of railway warrants issued by A.I.V. in U.K. and returns in connect tion with some.
- (2) Adjustment of irregular/Aties in railway warrants used by ... A.I.F personnel.
- (3) Sundry stores were forwarded to the same "Audit and"
- (A) Movements of scellaneous stores in U.E. and France were are ranged.

  56 packages of Comforts and Red Cross stores

weredespatched to the Australian Graves Section in Delgium.

- (5) Arrangements made for entrainment of personnel embarking
- (6) Gemeral correspondence in connection with abover and in connection with been missing baggage of personnel proviously embarked for Australia.

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"HORORATA"
"ZEALANDEG"

May on Madent Colonel.

Staff Officer.

Movements & Quartering Branch. Reputriation & Demob. A. I. F.

10.2.1920.

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Board of Survey & Fitting of Transports) Final Report on Inspection of 2.D.6.

Australia House, Strand, W.C.2.

12th February, 1920.

Allocated for Australian Service.

Owners New Zealand Shipping Company.

Fitting at Victoria Docks.

Berth 2 Jetty

Expected to sail Middle of March.

#### 1. Numbers to be provided for: -

Officers A.I.F. Nurses	23 6		29
Sergeants (hammocks) (Cabins)	20 4		24
Other Ranks A.I.F. Women & Children	425 500		925
Prisoners in cells			10
		Total	988

#### 2. 1st Class Passengers.

O.C. Troops Cabin

" " Office In Cabin

S.M.O's Cabin

A To be allotted.

Number of berths other than above available for allotment

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Officers' Baths No.2. Situation) Pt. Side Upper Dk) to be

" W.Cs. 5 " ) " " ) fitted.

Ladies Baths 1 " Prom. Deck. Stbd.

" W.Cs. 1 " " " "

#### 3. 2nd Class Passengers. No.1 Main Amidships.

Sergeants'	Mess				
	Seating	28			
4.6	Hammocks	20			
17	Cabins	4			
11	Latrines	3	Portside,	Upper	Deck.
11	Baths	9-6			
11	Washbasins	2	) to be fi		
44	Showers	1	) bulkhead	ed off	0

#### Final Report on Energetion of s.s. "Hororata" Contd.

4. Troop Decks. Sheathed.

5. Weather Decke. Ample and sheathed.

6. Troops' Wahsplaces. Upper Deck forward portside 18

Women's Main Dock amid. 9

Troops' Showers. Upper Deck Ford. Stbd. 9 to be fitted.

Women's Baths. Main Deck Aft. 6
4 to be fitted.

8. Troops' Latrines. Upper Deck Ford. Port. 8 - 16.

Women's. Upper Deck Aft. Port.

9. Hospital General. Female. Male, Upper Dk. Pt. Side Aft. Upper D. Aft. Situation Single Cots 10 D.T.B's Messing W.Cs. Tap over W.C. Tap over W.C. Sink Hopper Bathroom Showers Washbasins Dresser. Pantry fitting

10. Dressing Station. Upper Deck Port. Aft.

11. Dispensary, Adjoining Dressing Station.

12. Dental Surgery. Use Dressing Station.

13. S.M.O's Office. Desk in Male General Hospital.

14. Isolation Hospital.

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#### 14. Isolation Hospital Contd.

Washbasing Showers Remarks

Dresser

Dressel

15. Guard Room.

Forward Troop Deck. Stbdside Aft (Main Deck)

6 Hammocks 10 Cells

to be fitted.

#### Fan to be fitted. 16. Maternity Ward,

Situation Accommodation Remarks:

Main Deck Portside Aft. 2 Cots

> 2 Chairs Pyffe's Chair Washbasin Sink

All steam fittings to be in Food

Preparation Room.

17. Venereal Ward:

Use Male Isolation.

18. Orderly Room.

Prom. Deck stdside aft.

19. Pay Audit Office. Abaft Orderloy Room.

2C. Spray Room.

Upper Deck, Portside, Aft to be fitted with 3 Radiators, Drying hooks, etc.

21. Disinfector.

22. Education Room. Upper Deck Portside Amidships.

23. Canteen Issue Room.

ditto.

Berth for Canteen Sergeant in W.O's Cabin.

24. Y.M.C.A. Issue Room. Upper Deck, Portside Amidships.

#### 25. Store Rooms.

3,000 C.F.) Canteen 1,000 Dedding 1,000 Baggage Owners arrange for women's baggage 3,000 General

26. Refrigerator Space Report.

Adequate.

To be

arranged.

#### Final Report on Lagrection of s.s."Hororata" Contd.

28. Bakery. Fosition Upper Deck Ford. & Ship's.
Capacity 2,000.

28. Food Preparation Room. Main Deck, Portside, aft,

29. Nursery. Upper Deck, Amid. aft. in old Galley:

Main Deck Aft. (2 compartments)

Ironing Room in Lavatory Upper Dk. Portside to be fitted.

Drying Room Spray Room to be fitted for this purpose.

31. Galleys. Position Ship's & Upper Deck, ford. Capacity 2000.

32. Fresh Water Capacity. Adequate.

#### 33. General Remarks.

Women's Recreation Room Upper Deck, portside, Old Sergeants Mess to be fitted.

Kicking Pens 4 4 ft. x 4 ft. 2 ft. x 2 ft.

Baby Cots

Baby Baths

To be provided.

25% of number of Babies; to be supplied.

Steam to all Baths to be fitted.

Women's Mess Room: backs to be fitted to 40% of seats.

Officers' Lounge to be fitted in after part of existing Officers' Mess Room.

3rd class Smoke Room in stbdside alleyway to be refitted as such.

(Signed) H.W. Johnson, Major, President.

E.W.Morris, Major. Medical Member.

Mayal Member.

BOARD OF SURVEY & FITTING OF TRANSPORTS, A. I.F.

#### Department of Repatriation & Demobilisation, A.I.F.

#### Board of Survey & Fitting of Transports.

Troop Deck allotment to s.s. "Hororata"

Date: 12th February, 1920.

Deck.	Fitted. Mess. Sleep.	***************************************	b.ft. Ventilation. Remarks.
Main Ford.	W.Os.(In cabin)	4	Good Troop Deck
	Sgts. 28 20	20	42 Ports 2 Hatches (large)
	Other Rks.425	425	2 companions.
	Prisoners	lo j	In Cells.

459 (Including 4 W.Os. 20 Sgts. & 10 Prisoners)

Signed: A.H. Ninnis, Lieut.
Naval Member.

Signed: H.W. Johnson, Major. President. Signed: E.W.Morris, Major.

Medical Member.

#### ADVANCE PARTY KEBARKING TILBURY DOCKE BAT. Blot INST.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Friday 20th instant.

Leave Fenchurch Street 9.5 a.m. Sat. 21st inst. PROCEED

arr. Tilbury Docks 10.4 Home

NUMBERS

3 Officers. O. C. Tr cope Adjutant Pay Officer

2 others. Pay Bergeant

1 N.C.O. and 3 other ranks instructed to report A.E.S.O. Tilbury Docks Sta. at 9 a.m. Sat 21st Anstant.

MAIN EMBARKATION AT TILBURY DOCKS ON BAT. Els t instant. Report for Instructions 3 p.m. Friday 20th instant.

PROCEED

let Troin conveying 3rd class passengers leaves St. Pancras 9.20 a.m. Sat. 21st anst. arrives Tilbury Docks about 10.30 a.m.

2nd Train conveying let and 2nd class passengers leaves St. Pancras 10.30 a.m. Sat. 21st inst. arrives Tilbury Docks about 11.45 a.m.

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4 special Officers. / Special MRK.

and wives families and dependants to be armed and entrained as arranged between E.D.D. and E.D.l.

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Copies to: - B.O.R.T., (2) S.O.B.t. (2) S.O.11 (3) E/Egt. Madden. Egt. Haggitt. Egt. Lteunrt. 1/agt. Sa kins. A.E.S.O. Tilbury.

16th Feb. 1920.

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#### PHOGRESS REPORT FOR FORTHLOHY BEDING 21.2.1920

#### RAIL TRANSPORT

- (1) Issue of Railway Warrants as required, and check of Railway Warrants issued by A.I.F. in U.K. and returns in connection with same.
- (2) Adjustment of irregulation in Railway Marrants used by A.I.F. Personnel.
- (3) Sandry stores were forwarded to the following transport: S. S. SORONTES"
- (4) Movements of Miscellaneous Store's in U.K. were arranged.
- (5) Entrainments of details embarking by the ses, "ONOSTESS" were arranged and supervised.
- (6) General supervision of baggage belonging to A.I.F. personnel who embarked on the above venuel.
- (7) Collection and despatch of stasing baggage of personnel previously emberked for Amstralia and correspondence in connection with same.
- (8) Shipments of Post Bellum Army Equipment, Ordnance Stores, Records etc. for Amstralia, were completed assollows:

#### SARA POARTHAS

6789 packages Post Bellus Equipment

Ordnance Stores. 1696

Australian Comforts and Red Cress

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3 Aeroplanes 6 packages A.A.P.C. Records

#### S.S. "BULLA"

55 wagons post Bellum Equipment.

#### SEA TRANSPORT

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23.2.1930.

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#### "DEMOSTHENS"

ADVANCE BARTY EMBARKING IN STREAM TIMBURY ON FRIDAY

5TH MARCH.

Report for Instructions. 4 p.m. Thursday 4th Amedant- March

PROCEED Leave Fenchurch Street 9.5 a.m. Friday 5th Herch arrive Tilbury 10.4. a.m.

NUMBER AS

2 Officers

1 0. Ranku.

O.C. Troops

O.R.Corporal.

#### PROVOST

1 N.C.O. 3 O.Ranks instructed report A.B.S.O. at Tilbury Station at 9 n.m. on Friday 5th Merch.

#### MAIN EMBARKATION IN STREAM TILBURY OF PRIDAY 5th MARCH

Report for Instructions. 4 p.m. Thursday 4th

PROCEED Leave St. Pancras 11 s.m. on Friday 5th arrive

NUMBERS

E specials let class

and wives. families and dependants to be warned and entrained as arranged between E.D.D. and E.D.I.

Btarr sergeent.

Feb. 26th 1920.

Copies to:- 5.0.8.k.R.T. E.O.11 (3) \$/8gt. Haggitt. \$/8gt. Stewart. S/8gt. Madden 5/8gt. Sawkins. A.M.S.O. Tilbury.

#### "ASCANIUS"

#### EMBARKING AT GLASGOW ON FRIDAY 5th MARCH.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Thur sday 4th instant.

PROCEED

Leave Suston 9.15 a.m. Friday 5th March arrive Glasgow 7.25 p.m.

NUMBERS

2 Officers.

O.C. Troops and Pay Officer 1 Special.

Staff Sergeant.

2.D. 2.a.

and wives, families and dependents to be warned and entrained as arranged between 2.D.5. and 2.D.1.

Feb. 26th 1920.

Copies to:- 8.0.8.&.R.T., S.O.11 (3) S/Sgt. Sawkins. S/Sgt. Madden, Sgt. Stewart, Sgt. Hæggitt. 2.D.1.

"ORVIETO"

#### ADVANCE PARTY EMBARKING AT TILBURY DOCKS ON SAT. 6th MARCH

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Friday 5th March.

PROCEED

Leave Fenchurch Street 9.5 a.m. Bat. 6th March. arr. Tilbury Docks 10 4 a.m.

NUMBERS

4 Officers
0.C. Troops
S.M.O.
Adjutant
Pay

2 other manks.

O.R. Clerk.

PayvSergeant.

1 Nurse leaves St. Paperas Station at 10.30 a.m. Sat. 6th March arrive Tilbury Docks about 11.45 a.m.

1 N.C.O. and 3 other ranks instructed to report to A.E.S.O. at Tilbury Docks Railway Stn. at 9 a.m. on Sat. 6th March.

#### MAIN EMBARKATION AT CARRENDEN TILBURY DOCKE ON SAT. 6th MARCH.

Report for Instructions. 3 p.m. Friday 5th March.

PROCEED | 1st Train - conveying 3rd class passengers leaves St. Pancras Sta. at 9.20 a.m. on Sate 6th arrives Tilbury Docks about 10.30 a.m.

> 2nd Train - conveying 1st and 2nd class passengers leaves St. Pancras at 10.30 a.m. Sat. 6th March arrives Tilbury Docks about 11.45 a.m.

NUMBERS

3 1st Class.

1 M.O. 3 specials

and wives families and dependants to be warned and entrained as arranged between 2.D.l. and 2.D.5.

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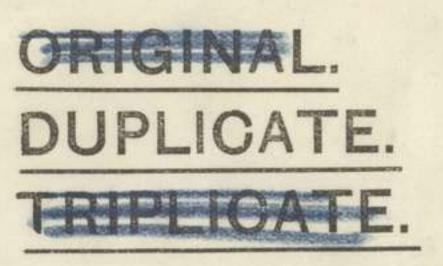
Staff Sergeant.
2.D.2.a.

Feb. 26th 1920.

Copies to:- S.O.S.&.R.T., S.O.11 (3) S/Sgt. Madden.
S/Sgt. Sawkins. Sgt. Stewart. Sgt. Haggitt. 2.D.1.
A.E.S.O. Tilbury.

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## WAR DIARY

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BRANCH 4.D. REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION DEPT.

FOR

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Signature of Officer Commandi

Major

Director, Branch 4.D.

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LONDON.	3rd.Feb		Progress Report No.55 was rendered to "D", and copies are attached as per Appendix No.	1.
	4th.Feb		Completed Demands for R.A.C.D. Stores, accompanied by Consolidation by Military Districts and Schedules "A" and "B" (See Progress Report No.56) were forwarded to Pimlico.  Reference Post-Bellum Equipment damaged on "S.S.BOONAH", letter was addressed to D.D.O.S. Woolwich, requesting that the cost rates of items drawn from that Depot be supplied. Letter was accompanied by a list of the items concerned.	
	5th.Fe	b.	The Board of Survey convened by the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, to condition and report on stores damaged on ".S.S.BOONAH", was held at these Headquarters to-day. Complete records of this Board are included in Progress Reports.	
	10th.Fe	b.	Progress Report No.56 for period 2.2.20 to 7.2.20 was rendered to "D" and copies are attached as per Appendix No	2.
	12th.Fe	b.	Letters were despatched by hand on board "S.S. ANCHISES" as under :-	
			To Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne -  (1) Forwarding 2 copies of Demands for Army Veterinary Stores for 2nd.  Military District.  (2) Forwarding 3 copies of Demands for Units of 3rd.Military District, as listed.  (3) Forwarding Issue Vouchers covering Post-bellum Equipment shipped per  "S.S.CARINA".  D.D. & L., London, E.C.  (10540) We W5300/P713 750,000 3/16 n. 2688 Forms/C2118/16.	

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	12th.	Feb.	To. S.O.O. Sydney -	
			Forwarding Issue Vouchers covering Post-bellum Equipment shipped per "S.S. CARINA".  (Copies of above letters are attached to Progress Report No.57.)	
	17th.	Feb.	Progress Report No.57 for period 9.2.20 to 14.2.20 was rendered to "D", and copies are attached as per Appendix No	3.
			Letter was written to the Secretary, War Office, forwarding a copy of communication received from Branch 2.D., urging the necessity of distinctive markings on packages of Post-bellum Equipment for shipment to Australia.	
			Letter received from Auditor, A.I.F. asking for copies of Issue Vouchers covering shipments to Australia of Post-bellum Equipment.	4.0
	18th.	Feb.	Issue Vouchers covering 2nd. Military District Stores shipped per "S.S. BOORAL" and "S.S. CARINA" were supplied to Auditor, A.I.F.	
	20th.	Feb.	Letter addressed to the Secretary, War Office, requesting that War Office take over at a valuation stores ex "BOONAH" classified as "Doubtful". Copy at tached to Progress Report No.58.	
		4	D. D. & L., London, E.C. (1e340) Wt W5300/P713 750,000 3/18 E 2688 Forms/C2118/16.	

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lace	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references a
	20th	Feb.	Issue Vouchers covering shipment to Australia of Post-bellum Equipment per "S.S.BULLA" on 17.2.20. were supplied to Auditor, A.I.F.	
			Letter written to Chief Ordnance Officer, Royal Dockyard, Woolwich, re packing of new and part-worn articles of horse-furniture.	
			(Copy attached to Progress Report No. 58.)	
			Letters were forwarded to Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne, and S.O.O. Sydney, N.S.W. enclosing Issue Vouchers covered by schedule, for Post-bellum Equipment shipped per "S.S.BULLA."	
	24th.	Feb.	Progress Report No.58, for period 16.2.20 to 21.2.20 was rendered to "D", and copies are attached as per Appendix No	5.
	25th	Feb.	Letter was written to the Secretary, War Office, relative to the supply of latest pattern articles for the Post-bellum Army of Australia, making special reference to "Pattern 1902 Saddles", particulars of which articles are constantly appearing on Issue Vouchers received from Woolwich.  (Copy attached to Progress Report No.59.)	
	26th	Feb.	Letter was addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne, forwarding 4 copies of Statements shewing details of sets of Harness, Saddlery, and Packsaddlery demanded for the re-equipment of the A.I.F. Particulars are included in Progress Report No.59.	
			D. D. & L., London, E C. (re340) Wi W5300/P713 750,000 3/18 E 2688 Forms/C2118/16.	

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Place	Date Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks references Appendi
	27th.	eb.	Reply to our letter of 20th was received from D.D.O.S., Woolwich, re packing of new and part-worn Harness and Saddlery. Copy is attached to Progress Report No. 59.	
			Director's fortnightly Report on the activities of this Branch was submitted to the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, and copies are attached as per Appendix No	6.
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OF

BRANCH 4.D. REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION.

FOR

FEBRUARY., 1920.

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#### LIST OF APPENDICES.

No. Subject.

- 1. Progress Report No.55.
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- 4. Letter to War Office, re markings on packages for shipment to Australia.
- 5. Progress Report No.58.
- 6. Director's Fortnightly Report to 28.2.20. sub-mitted to Commandant.

PROGRESS REPORT

NO.55

#### BRANCH 4.D. 26.1.1920 to 31.1.1920

The activities of this Branch during the week under review have been almost exclusively confined to routine work.

Preparation of Demands for Mark IV 18-pdr. Equipment has been proceeded with.

Depot Staffs have been engaged in taking over 2nd.

Military District Post Bellum Equipment from Imperial Ordnance

Depots at Woolwich, Didcot, and Chilwell, for shipment per

"S.S.CARINA"

#### Damaged Stores ex "S.S.BOONAH" -

4.D. Salvage Section has now completed the overhauling and grouping of these stores.

Letter was addressed to D.E.O.S. War Office, asking that 2 Imperial Officers be appointed members of a Board of Survey on above stores, to be held at A.I.F. Hqrs. on 5th.inst.

Copy is attached hereto.

C. Sirector, Branch 4.D.

Repairiation & Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F.

31st. January 1920.

4D/6509/7/18/1

TO:
D.E.O.S.
War Office
WHITEHALL S.W.1.

Sir,

With reference to a proportion of the Post Bellum equipment which was damaged or destroyed by fire and water on the S.S. "BOONAH" in December of last year, it is now desired to convene a Board of Survey, to condition and report as to the disposal of such damaged stores as may be placed before them.

Owing to the Repatriation of a large number of our officers, we find ourselves without the services of those officers with the full technical knowledge necessary in dealing with a case of this description. It is therefore requested that you be kind enough to select two officers from your Department to appear as members on this Board.

The Sections concerned are 2,8,9,14,15B,16,18 and 19, and the Board will assemble at these Headquarters at 10-a.m. on the 5th of February 1920. I should therefore be glad if you will concur in this matter, please, and notify the undermentioned officer direct.

Director, 4.D.

130 Horseferry Road

London S.W.1.

I am. Sir. Your obedient servant.

(Sgd.) C. SPECKMAN

Major, for Lt. Col. Commandant.,
A.I.F. Headquarters.

No. 56.

## PROGRESS REPORT. BRANCH 4.D.

#### 2.2.20 to 7.2.20.

Office work carried out during the past week has included preparation and checking of Demands for Mark IV 18-pdr.equipment, and general correspondence with Imperial Ordnance Depots re issue and shipment of Mobilisation Stores for the Post Bellum Army of Australia.

Late in November last, a portion of 3rd. Military
District Demands were returned by Pimlico Ordnance Depot
with the request that these be held by 4.D. until all
Pimlico Demands for Post Bellum Equipment have been
completed. Demands to be re-submitted accompanied by
consolidation by Military Districts. Demands for our
requirements in R.A.C.D. Stores having now been completed,
they were despatched on 4th instant together with:-

- (1) Consolidation, by Military Districts, of Demands forwarded.
- (2) Schedule "A" -shewing particulars of Demands included in above consolidation.
- (3) Schedule "B" shewing Demands not included in (1), and which were previously approved by R.A.C.D. for individual action.

#### Damaged Stores ex "S.S.BOONAH".

With a view to ascertaining the actual value of Stores concerned, letter was forwarded to D.D.O.S. Woolwich Arsenal, asking that cost rates of the items drawn from that Depot be supplied. Detailed list of Stores in question was enclosed.

.x. The Board of Survey, convened by the Commandant,

A.I.F. Headquarters, to condition and report on
the above Stores, was held at these Headquarters
on the 5th instant, and was attended by 2 Officers

of the R.A.O.D. The work of this Board is still in progress, and its findings will be recorded when finalization is reached.

"S.S.Carina" sailed for Australia on the 5th instant.

Shipment of Post Bellum Equipment from Woolwich, Weedon,
Aintree, Didcot, Chilwell and Gloucester Docks by this

vessel practically completes requirements for 2nd.

Military District.

Subsequently, further Issue Vouchers for Stores allotted to the 2nd Military District were received in this Office from various Depots, and it is anticipated that these Stores will be included in the next shipment.

A large number of advance copies of Issue Vouchers for the 3rd. Military District have been received. These are now being checked with the approved copies of Demands.

.x. R.0.1076 attached.

Major,

Director, Branch 4.D.

Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept., A. I.

#### ROUTINE ORDERS.

Lt.Col.R.E.JACKSON, C.M.G.D.S.O. Commandant, Australian Imperial Force No.249.

Headquarters, 130, Horseferry Road WESTMINSTER, S. W. 1. 4th February 1920.

1076.BOARD OF SURVEY The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 1000 on Thursday, 5th February 1920, at a place to be determined by the President to condition and report as to the disposal of certain Post Bellum Equipment damaged or destroyed by fire and water on board S.S."BOONAH" in December 1919:-

#### PRESIDENT.

Major. C. SPECKMAN. M.C. 1st. Pn. Bn. A.I.F.

#### MEMBERS.

Two Officers to be detailed by D. E. O. S., War Office.

Proceedings in duplicate will be forwarded to the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, London.

(SGD.) H.COLEMAN Major. A.A.G.

## PROGRESS REPORT.

No. 57

#### 9-2-20 to 14-2-20.

Work of the Branch during the week under review has mainly consisted of routine matters. Preparation of Demands for Mark IV 18-pr. Equipment has been proceeded with.

Letters were despatched by hand on board "S.S.ANCHISHS", forwarding to Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne, and S.O.O. 2nd. Military District, Issue Vouchers covering Stores shipped per "S.S.CARINA" on S.2.20.

Copies of Demands for 3rd.Military District, in triplicate, which had been checked with approved copies received from Ordnance Depots, were also forwarded by hand on board "S.S.ANCHISES" to Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne.

(Copy of letter attached.)

Two copies of Demands for Army Veterinary Stores for End. Military District were forwarded as per letter attached.

#### Damaged Stores ex "S.S.BOONAH".

Cost rates of items drawn from Woolwich have now been received.

Letter was addressed to the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, forwarding 2 copies of Army Form A.2 and Stock Ledger Sheets, covering proceedings of Board of Survey on above Stores.

The recommendations of the Board of Survey have now been approved by the Commandant, and action taken to dispose of all "unserviceable" articles through A.I.F. Disposals Board. Articles marked "doubtful" will be the subject of special negotiations with the war Office.

Major,

Reputriation and Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F.

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130, Horseferry Road, S. W. 1.

12th Pebruary 1920.

型0:4 The Secretary. Department of Defence. MELBOURNE.

I beg to forward under seperate cover three copies of Demands for the re-equipment of the undermentioned Units of the A. I. F. allotted to the 3rd. Military District viz:-

#### 1 MOUNTED DIVISION:-

1 Divisional Headquarters

1 Field Squadron

l Signal Squadron

3 Signal Troops

1 Signal Sub-Section for F. A. Brigades.

3 Headquarters Mounted Brigade

9 Light Horse Regiments 3 Machine Gun Squadrons

1 Mounted Divisional Train

1 Sanitary Section

3 Mobile Veterinary Sections 3 Cavalry Field Ambulances

Army Veterinary Service Stores (Consolidated).

#### 2 DISHOUNTED DIVISIONS: \*

2 Divisional Headquarters

2 H. Q. Divis lonal Artillery

2 F. A. Brigades 2 F. A. B. A. C's

· 4 Medium Trench Mortar Batteries

3 Headquarters Divisional Engineers (includes one for Mounted Div)

6 Field Company Engineers

2 Divisional Signal Companies 6 Signal Sub-Sections for F. A. B.

2 Machine Gun Signal Sections for a Divisional Signal Company

6 Infantry Brigade Headquarters

24 Infantry Battalions

6 Light Trench Mostar Batteries

2 Pioneer Battalions

2 Machine Gun Battalions

2 Divisional Trains 6 Field Ambulances

2 Sanitary Sections

2 Mobile Veterinary Sections

2 Divisional Employment Companies Army Voterinary Service Stores(Consolidated).

#### MOUNTED AND DISMOUNTED DIVISION :-

Ammunition Dummy (Consolidated)

(Sgd) R.E.J. Lieut.Colonel Commandant, A. I.F. Headquarters.

The Secretary.

Department of Defence.

MELBOURNE.

12th February 1920.

I beg to forward under separate cover two Copies of Demands for the re-equipment of the undermentioned Units of the A.I.F. allotted to the End Military District, vis:-

1 Mounted Division.

Army Veterinary Service Stores (Consolidated)

2 Dismounted Divisions.

Army Veterinary Service Stores (Consolidated)

A third copy of these Demands were taken to Australia by Colonel E. T. Leane in July last.

(Sgd.) R.E.J.
Lieut.Colonel
Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters.

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CS/CAF

To;
The Secretary,
War Office,
Whitehall, S.W.l.

17th February, 1920.

I beg to forward herewith a copy of a report received from our Staff Officer for Sea and Rail Transport, on certain matters in connection with the Marking and packing of cases etc. containing equipment for the Post Bellum Army of Australia.

I shall be glad if this matter can be arranged please, especially in regard to the marking of packages, etc.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) C.SPECKMAN

Major,

Director, Branch 4.D.

Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept., A. I.F.

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A.I.F. Headquarters, London.

13th February 1920.

4.D.

With reference to the despatch of "Post Bellum"

Equipment to Australia; commencing with the stores it is

proposed to ship in the next vessel, will you please arrange

for all packages to be marked as follows:-

"S.O.Off".
"Sydney" (or other M.D. as the case may be.)

where old cases are used care should be taken to obliterate the old marks as ship owners will not accept responsibility for delivery to other than leading marks.

The name of the Port of delivery must be in letters not less that two inches in depth.

As already pointed out it is most important that all packages should be clearly and legibly marked, but on account of its importance this matter is again brought before your notice so that the best results may be obtained in the shipping of this equipment to Australia.

(Sgd.) F.LAIRD.

Gapt.

Staff Officer.

Sea and Rail, Transport.

#### PROGRESS REPORT

#### BRANCH 4.D.

#### 16.2.20. to 21.2.204

The activities of this Branch during the past week have been mainly confined to matters of a routine nature.

Preparation of Demands for 18-pdr.Mark IV equipment has proceeded; typing has now been completed, and it is anticipated that these Demands will be checked and ready for submission in the course of the next few days.

Depot staffs have been engaged on supervising packing and loading of stores which are being prepared for shipment per "S.S.BOORARA" sailing in the near future.

On the 19th inst., this branch was ated offices at 130, Horseferry Road, and occupied others in L.C.C. Buildings, Chadwick Street.

Reference the issue of Saddlery; Issue Vouchers are still being received from Woolwich Depot containing particulars of pattern 1902 Saddlery which it is proposed to issue in satisfaction of our Demands. These Issue Vouchers are all being returned for amendment in accordance with our request that only Pattern 1912 saddlery be issued.

Letter was received from Auditor, A.I.F. asking for copies of Issue Vouchers covering all shipments to Australia of Post Bellum Equipment. In accordance with this request, copies of Issue Vouchers covering shipments per ".S.SBOORAL", "CARINA" and "BUELA" have been supplied.

#### Damaged Stores ex. "S.S.BOONAH".

Recommendations of the Board of Survey held on these Stores were forwarded to the Secretary, War Office, with the request that certain items classified as, "Doubtful" be taken over at a valuation, Copy of letter, together with list of items concerned, is attached.

#### Harness and Saddlery.

Letter was addressed to C.O.O. Royal Dockyard, Woolwic

of new and part-worn articles of horse furniture
have not been strictly adhered to. Special reference
was made to the necessity for the issue of new articles
of stuffed saidlery. Copy of letter is attached.

Post Bellum Equipment shipped per "S.S.BULLA" on 17.2.20.

Letters were addressed to Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne, and to S.O.O. Sydney, N.S.W. forwarding Issue Vouchers covered by schedule, for Stores shipped per the above vessel.

Major.

Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept. A. I.F.

20th February 1920.

To:The Secretary,
War Office,
Whitehall
S.W.l.

Sir,

With further reference to my 4D/6509/7/18/1 of the 31st ultimo, relative to a proportion of our Post Bellum Equipment which was damaged or destroyed by fire and water in December of last year.

I have now been directed to approach you in regard to certain recommendations put forward by the Board of Survey as to the disposal of those items classified as "Doubtful", (recommendations of Board and list of items concerned attached) and to ask that you be kind enough to take over the above stores at a valuation.

I shall be very glad if you will let me have your views on this matter as soon as possible please, so that the necessary information can be cabled to Australia.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) C.SPECKMAN

Major,

Director, Branch 4.D.

Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F

#### (1) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF SURVEY:-

The Board recommend that the stores be disposed of as shewn hereunder.

- (a) Those conditioned "Serviceable" and "Repairable" to be despatched to Australia.
  - (b) Those conditioned "Doubtful" to be offered to the War Office at a Valuation.
  - (c) Those conditioned "Unserviceable" to be handed over to A.I.F. Disposals Board.

(2) LIST OF STORES CLASSIFIED AS "DOUBTFUL".						
Description of stores	No.cond-	Description of stores	No.cond- itioned doubtful			
Section 2.	4000	Section 15-B. Wrenches, adjusting, No.7				
Sheets, ground, Mark VII Section-8.	4803	dial sight & carrier	20			
Blocks, tackle:-		O.M.L. 6-inch Newton Trench				
G.S., 12-inch cordage, double	1	Howitzer:- Barrels	24			
Iron, 22-inch " double	II )	Bags, tool & clinometer	case			
" 2½-inch " ,snatel	31	Base plates	47			
G.S., 22-inch " "	2	Rods, cleaning	43			
G.S., 2-inch " single	16	O.M.L. 3-inch Stokes Trene				
G.S., 2-inch " double		Barrels	47			
Keys, dummy signalling, Mark II		Boxes, tool	45			
Ropes, galvanised steel wir fathoms	e,1-in.	Mountings, N. P. Mark II striker pins	91			
Section 15-B.	48	Section 19.				
Clinometers, field, Mark V  sight, Mark III		Tackles, differential 10-	cwt. 16			
Plotters, field, Mark IV	7					
Springs, clinometer sights	33					
Telescopes, signalling, Mark	Z'IV 1	Director, Branch 4 Repatriation & Demobilis	Major.			
		Repatriation & Demobilis	A. I. F.			

20th February 1920.

TO:
C.O.O.

Royal Dockyard

WOOLWICH.

In connection with the Issue of Mobilisation
Stores for shipment to Australia, it is understood that in
some cases new articles of horse furniture have been packed
with part worn articles in packages marked with a yellow band.
As this special marking is an indication that the contents
of the package must be subjected to treatment by the
Quaratine Department in Australia, I shall be glad if you will
be good enough to ensure that in future new and part worn
articles be marked separately, and that cases containing the
latter only be marked with the yellow band.

I would take this opportunity to remind you that all stuffed articles of harness and saddlery, including "Mumnah pannels", "neck straps and "Packsaddlery pannels" should be new, otherwise they will not be admitted into Australia unless subjected to the treatment laid down by the Department of Quarantine which would probably render such articles unserviceable.

It would greatly assist this Department if,
where part worn horse furniture is issued, the letters "p.w."
were added to the designation of the items concerned when
Issue Vouchers are being prepared.

(Sgd.)C. SPECKMAN

Director, Btanch 4.D. Major,
Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F.

27th February 1920.

To:
The Commandant,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
London.

with reference to the fortnightly Report, vide your Headquarters Circular dated 11th inst., I beg to submit the following.

#### 1. ACTIVITIES.

past few weeks have been mainly confined to matters of a routine nature, the whole of our Demands for 5 Infantry and 2 Cavalry Divisions having now been submitted to the Royal Army Ordnance Department.

The Staff of this Department are employed as under:-

- (a) Headquarters. 2 Officers, 7 Other Ranks and 3 Lady Typists.
- (b) Depot Staff and Liaison 2.D. 6 Officers, 18 Other Ranks.

The duties of the personnel employed under sub para (a) are:-

- (i) Receipt, checking and marking up of Office Copies of Intermediate Demands from approved copies supplied by Imperial Issuing Depots.
- (ii) Receipt, checking and marking up of Intermediate Demands and records from Issue Vouchers supplied
  by Depots.
- (iii) Liaison between 2.D. and 4.D. handing over copies of Issue Vouchers etc to 2.D. for necessary action to be taken for shipping arrangements.
- (iv) Compilation of Schedules etc covering Stores shipped by 2.D. for despatch to Australia.

- (v) General correspondence dealing with alteration in Mark and Pattern of Stores as supplied by War Office and Issuing Depots, also outstanding matters concerning financial adjustment between A.I.F. and Imperial Authoritie The duties of those employed under Sub para (b) are-
- (i) Preparation of Lists shewing Stores, package Numbers and marking of Equipment to be shipped.
- (ii) Taking over, checking and Railing of Stores from Imperial Issuing Depots.

The Staff under Sub para (b) have been specially asked for by the War Office, who insist upon a clear acquittance being given at time of taking over. (This course was agreed to after an assurance had been obtained from the War Office that Discrepancy Reports for any obvious instances of incorrect packing, disclosed on detailed check of the stores at final destination, would receive consideration in the usual manner.)

#### PROGRESS OF FINALISATION.

The only outstanding matters of importance yet to be settled are-

- (i) Preparation of Demands for 60-pdr. and 6-inch Howitzer Equipment. This matter cannot be proceeded with until a reply has been received from the War Office as to the amount standing to our credit for those Units which were handed in in France, and which it is not desired to re-equip. A detailed Statement was submitted to the War Office in December last, but up to date no favourable reply has been received.
- (ii) Question as to whether we are entitled to a Free Issue of S.A.A., 18-pdr and 4.5-inch Howitzer

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Gun Ammunition. This matter has been repeatedly referred to the War Office, but no reply has been received to date.

(iii) Numerous communications have been despatched to the War Office on the subject of a Free Issue of Steel Helmets. These helmets have been demanded for all Units of the Post Bellum Army, but the question of payment is still in abeyance.

#### SHIPMENT OF STORES.

The bulk of the Stores for 2nd. and 3rd. Military Districts have now been reported as being available for issue at the Issuing Depots, and up to date practically the whole of the Equipment for 2nd. Military District has been taken over and shipped.

#### 18-pdr. Gun MQUIPMENT (Mark IV.)

Under instructions issued by General Birdwood, and the Minister for Defence, half of our Artillery Units are to be equipped with the latest Mark of 18-pdr Gun, and although Demands for these Equipments have been submitted, it is not anticipated that they will be available for issue before the end of this year. Defence Department are already aware of this arrangement, and fresh contracts are being opened up by the War Office, so as to be in a position to fulfil our Demands.

(SGD) C. Speckman.

Major,

Director, Branch 4.D.

Repatriation and Demobilis ation Dept., A.I.F.

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## WAR DIARY

OF

Branch 5.D.

FOR

FEBRUARY, 1920. 191-

Signature of Officer compiling:

Signature of Officer Commanding.

Chief Pay Office, 3, Monck Street, LONDON.S.W.1.

> 4th March 1920.

#### STATISTICS FOR PERIOD 7.2.20 to 28.2.20.

5.D.1. Records that 2 ships with a personnel of 25 men were dealt with during the period. Total amount of cash placed on board these ships amounted to £300.0.0.

5.D.3. APPLICATIONS FOR DEFERRED PAY.

5.D.3. APPLICATIONS FOR DEFERRED PAY.

5.D.3. APPLICATIONS Have been dealt with, of which 111 have been approved.

DEPENDENTS PASSAGES.

19 forms 543 involving an amount of £462.10.0. to be credited to Family Passages on Repayment Account have been passed to Accountancy Section for action.

5.D.4. Effected 55 discharges in U.K.

Gratuities paid to 130 dischargees amounted to ..... £1286. 8. 9d

Total disbursement for the month amounted to ..... £8014. 1. 2d

#### DECEASED ESTATES.

#### Accounts being finalised in U.K.

	No.held	No.not finalised.	No. finalised.	Amount paid.
21.2.20. 28.2.20.	95	14	81	£6835. 6. 6d 315. 8. 1d
	92	10	82	£7150.14. 7d

#### Amounts received from Australia for payment in U.K.

	No.held.	No.not finalised	No. finalised.	Amount paid.
From 21.2.20. 28.2.20.	1496	350	1146 55	£69750. 0. 9d 3489. 2.10d
	1482	281	1201	£73239. 3. 7d

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5.D.4. DECEASED ESTATES. (Contd).

Total amount paid £80389.18.2d.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Lieutenant. 5.D.