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LONDON.			<p><u>3.D.1.</u> During the month the organisation of this Branch has been continued. Information on all matters connected with the Repatriation and Demobilisation of the A.I.F. has been collected by this section, recorded, and a series of returns issued, containing figures useful in the work of the Department. A considerable number of main irregularities in connection with Central Registry have been remedied and a closer liaison established with records.</p> <p>The number of A.I.F. Forms 534 received to date is 114152. These have been checked and classified. Forms were also despatched to various transports for the personnel on board.</p> <p><u>3.D.2.</u> The work of transferring troops from France to England for embarkation to Australia commenced during the month. At 31-1-19 104 Officers, 2768 Other Ranks had arrived in England from France.</p> <p>The preparation of Cadre establishments for England has been commenced and practically completed.</p> <p><u>3.D.3.</u> This section have compiled, revised, printed, and distributed G.I.'s. Nos. 6 to 12, Cir.M's. Nos. 15 to 17, D.I.'s. Nos. 1 to 4, pamphlets, "Things which an Australian ought to know" "Australian Repatriation Scheme," all of which are appended under Main War Diary. Special arrangements were made for delivery of Demobilisation Forms to Divisions and Groups in France by Officers returning from leave.</p>	

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LONDON.			<p><u>3.D.4.</u> Consolidated returns of Decisions and Rulings Nos. 1 to 9 were compiled and issued by this Section. Legal opinions were furnished on questions arising in the course of the Administration of the Department and other matters. This section was also responsible for the administration of Departmental personnel and supervision of liaison.</p>	
			<p><u>3.D.5.</u> This section carried out inspections at Liverpool, Manchester, Hull and Avonmouth of the internal arrangements of the transports leaving for Australia with troops and was responsible for the alterations made thereto.</p>	
			<p><u>3.D.6.</u> The disposal and demobilisation of A.I.F. horses and mules is being hastened as much as possible. Arrangements are being made for the sale of "Z" Class horses in France, and the shipment of "Y" Class animals to England. Arrangements have also been made whereby A.A.V.C. Officers may attend a course of instruction at the Royal Institute of Veterinary Surgeons while awaiting repatriation. An understanding has been come to with Royal Agricultural Society of England whereby lists and information regarding breeding studs of pure bred British stock to be supplied for A.A.V.C. Officers.</p>	

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LONDON.			<p><u>3.D.7.</u> A summary of General Instructions has been prepared and revised by this Section and forwarded to the Australian Corps also the necessary copies for Press, etc. Arrangements for co-ordination between this Department and Australia House has been made. Lectures to men of the A.I.F. were arranged both in France and U.K. giving full particulars of the progress of Repatriation and of the privileges granted by the Department, i.e., Non-Military Employment, etc., Pay, Allowances, etc. Close touch was maintained with the Press.</p>	

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