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STATISTICS.(1) Census of A.I.F. in Europe.

At midnight 6/7th April a Census was taken of the A.I.F. in Europe, the result being practically a corroboration of the figures on which the Department previously worked. The Census was completed with the exception of a few returns of comparatively little importance from British Hospitals in France, and shewed the total A.I.F. personnel in Europe at midnight 6/7th April to be 100,182. The strength at 5th April (according to the old figures) was 100,335, all ranks.

(2) Census of Wives and Dependants of Members of the A.I.F. in Europe.

Arrangements were also made during the month for a census of dependants, the objects being (a) To obtain a correct total of wives and dependants in the U.K.

(b) To ascertain the number of dependants who intend asking the Department to arrange for their return to Australia.

Although the Census is progressing satisfactorily, the complete figures are not yet available.

SHIPPING.

During April the following A.I.F. personnel embarked for Australia:

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			<p>During the week ending 26th April, the embarkation rate which had been maintaining a weekly average of between four and five thousands decreased to about 600; only one ship sailing. In the week following, however, the old rate was re-established.</p> <p>In recording the transactions for the month of April, a brief summary of <sup>the</sup> strength of the A.I.F. in Europe under various headings is appended below, as an indication of the progress of Demobilisation during the current period.</p>																																									
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			The sub-joined table below gives the detailed sailings for the period reviewed:-											
			SHIP NO.	DATE.	SHIP.	PORT.	OFF.	NUR.	W.O. & SGTS.	O.R.	PROGRESSIVE TOTAL A.I.F.	WIVES ETC.	MUNIT-ION & WAR WORKERS.	PROGRESSIVE TOTAL NO. A.I.F.
			Total at 29.3.19.											
			55	Ap.1st	"SHROP-SHIRE"	Avonmouth	60	6	82	900	49144	5	-	4204
			56	" 2nd	"BENALLA"	Tilbury	11	12	7	80	49254	340	484	5028
			(O.C. Troops - Major C. S. STEELE, 1st Fd. Coy. Engrs.)											
			57	" 3rd	"ST.ALBANS"	Tilbury	-	2	3	7	49266	-	145	5173
			(Munition Workers)											
			58	" 5th	"WARWICK-SHIRE"	Liverpool	53	4	67	917	50307	29	-	5202
			(O.C. Troops - Lieut. Col. H.G.CARTER, D.S.O., 5th Pioneers)											
			59	" 5th	"ARMAGH"	Devonport	37	-	109	1369	51822	-	-	-
			(O.C. Troops - Major W. L. COX, M.C., 111th How. Battery)											
			5A	" 1st	"ARAWA"	Tilbury	Passenger ship only							5204
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			Total at 5/4/19.				161	24	268	3273	249793	374	631	24811	
			60	Apr. 8th	"TROS-OS-MONTES"	Devonport	64	4	337	1435	53664	-	-	-	
			61	"	10th "MEDIC"	"	(O.C. Troops Lt. Col. D.A. Lane - General List)								
							33	4	141	1041	54883				
			62	"	12th "SUFFOLK"	"	(O.C. Troops Lt. Col. G.B. Murphy., C.M.G. D.S.O. (18th Battn)								
							30	-	59	914	55886				
							(O.C. Troops - Lt. Col. A.M. Martyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Aus. Corps. H.Q.)								
			TOTAL AT 12.4.19.				288	32	805	6663	414226	374	631	24811	
			NOTE:- Total shewn on Return A/13.												
							2188	398	4038	45198	51822	1756	3448	5204	
			Corrections:-												
			Port Macquarie				- Add 17 Sgts. less 17 O.R.								
			Benalle				Add 1 Mun. Worker								
			Koroa				Add 2 Sgts. - 5 Mun. Workers.								
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Total at 12.4.19.				288	32	805	6663	414226	374	631	24811	
63	Apr.13th	"COMMON WEALTH"	Devonport	35	-	50	693	556664	-	-	-	
				(O.C. Troops, Lt. Col. S.L. Perry, D.S.O., M.C., 48th Battalion)								
64	" 13th	"CASTALLA"	Devonport	46	4	67	647	557428	22	-	5231	
				(O.C. Troops, Lt. Col. H.D.L. Macartney, D.S.O., 3rd Army F.A.B.)								
65	" 13th	"WYREEMA"	Liverpool	44	4	81	745	558302	23	-	5254	
				(O.C. Troops, Lt. Col. J.J. Scanlon, D.S.O., 59th Battalion)								
66	" 19th	"MARATHON"	Devonport	31	5	98	637	59073	32	-	5286	
				(O.C. Troops, Major J.M. MacDonald, D.S.O., M.C., 20th Battalion)								
67	" 19th	"SARDINIA"	Devonport	68	4	180	895	60220	2	-	5288	
				(O.C. Troops, Lt. Col. H.E. Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O., 6th Army F.A. Bdge.)								
Total at 19.4.19.....				512	49	1281	10280	705913	453	631	45870	
Note:- Total shewn on Return A.14, , , , , 2315 406 4594 48571 55886 1756 3452 5208												
CORRECTIONS:- "WANDILLA" - add 1 Munition Worker.												

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			Total at 19.4.19				512	49	1281	10280	705913	453	631	45870		
			68	Apl.20th	"BOONAH"	Devonport	24	-	72	745	61066	-	-	-		
			Total at 26.4.19.				536	49	1353	11025	766979	453	631	45870		
			Note. Tot: 1 shown on Return A.15.....					2539	423	5070	52188	60220	1835	3453	5288	
			CORRECTIONS:-													
				"ORCA"	-	add	1	O.R.								
				"PLASSY"	-	"	1	O.R.								
				"CITY OF POONA"	-	"	2	O.R.								
				"MEDIC"	-	"	1	O.R.								
				"MARATHON"	less		1	Off.								
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			<u>GENERAL.</u>													
			The progress of Demobilisation has now reached such a stage that it is possible to forecast the approximate date of the departure of the last organised quota of Australian													

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			<p style="text-align: center;">-7-</p> <p>troops in France. According to present arrangements this result should be achieved by the first week of June. The projected sailings for the months of May, June and July, are highly satisfactory, a good proportion of Family Ships being set down for the latter period.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NON-MILITARY EMPLOYMENT.</u></p> <p>As anticipated, in last month's report, the number of applications received for Non-Military Employment has rapidly increased. This is largely attributable to a final date having been decided upon for the receipt of all such applications, viz. July 31st. Members of Staffs at Head Quarters A.I.F. previously precluded from taking advantage of the various Educational Schools are now being allowed where their Military duties can be dispensed with to obtain Non-Military Employment. The detailed statement showing various trades and occupations Industrial, Educational, Agricultural, Miscellaneous, etc. appended in the Diary Report of Branch I.D. shows the wide scope of the Educational Department.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AGRICULTURE.</u></p> <p>Considerable success has been met with in <del>the</del> arranging for special courses of instruction for our men in some of the leading Educational Institutions dealing with Agriculture and allied subjects. Courses enumerated below will commence almost immediately.</p>	



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			1. East of Scotland Agricultural College ----- (	General Agriculture - ( Animal Husbandry - ( Forestry.
			2. Royal Veterinary College, Edinburgh ----- (	CARE of Stock and ( Veterinary first aid
			3. Galashiels Technical College ----- (	Wool and Textile ( manufactures.
			4. Manchester College of Technology ----- (	Wool and Textile ( Manufactures.
			5. Technical Colleges, Bradford & Halifax -----	Wool & Textiles.
			6. London Markets Class ----- (	Wool Inspections. ( at Wool Exchange ( & various Warehouses.
			7. Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machinery Co. ----- (	Courses in the use of ( Machinery
<u>EDUCATIONAL.</u>				
<u>LIBRARIES.</u> It has been possible during the period reviewed to make				
use of the Central Library Organisation to assist members of the A.I.F. who are undergoing				
courses of special study to obtain text books not included in the Library lists. Most of the				
publishing firms with which the Library deals have agreed to sell for cash single copies of				
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			<p style="text-align: center;">-9-</p> <p>to individual members of the A.I.F. who produce authority from the Central Library at the same rates as to the Educational service. Attention is drawn to Appendix "F" A.I.F. Educational Service attached to the War Diary Branch I.D. In connection with the University courses now being followed, several points of importance in the University World are now awaiting decision by the British Universities. Through the intervention of the American Army Educational Commissioners and the Master of Emmanuel at Cambridge A.I.F. Students have now the open door to the University of Rome. Many fresh applications are being received for study in Paris and signs of increased interest in the scheme of the French Commission to Australia to encourage the inflow of Australian Students into France are being daily evidenced. A special vacation course at the Council of Legal Education has finished, and the thanks of the Educational service are due to the Americans for their treatment of A.I.F. Students as their guests. Reports to hand from out-going Transports show that considerable interest is being evinced in the various Educational courses set down for the voyage Home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ORDNANCE.</u> Cable had been received from Defence, Melbourne, requiring the training in England of several members of Permanent Forces now with A.I.F. in repair and adjustment of Range-finders, telescope sights and other optical instruments, with a view to their employment in this work in Australia, after repatriation. Letter was written to B.G.,</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;">10.</p> <p>i/c Administration, A.I.F. Headquarters, today, asking what applications be called for to fill these posts. Copy is attached as Appendix 1, Diary 4.D.</p> <p>Letter witten to Military Adviser, Australia House, reference shipment of ammunition to Australia, and advising that in future the War Office will deal direct with this Department on all matters affecting the re-equipping of the Post-bellum Army.</p> <p>Cable had been received by D.G. from Col. Fulton, Assistant Director General of Demobilisation, Egypt, stating he was opposed to the establishment of a separate Branch of 4.D. in Egypt, unless wholly under his direction. Cable had also been received from S.O. 4.D. Egypt, notifying that the suggestion of his attachment to "Q" under Col. Fulton was unsatisfactory, as it was not in accordance with his appointment. Major Down also stated that if sole charge and authority to deal direct with 4.D. could not be given in accordance with appointment, he would prefer to be recalled. This Branch drafted a cable to STRALIS, CAIRO, confirming the arrangement that Major Down should be authorised to deal direct with 4.D. but the Director General would not agree to the cable being sent, and sent a cable to the effect that Major Down would remain and act under Col. Fulton's orders.</p> <p>Copy was received from Branch 3.D. of letter written to the General Manager,</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;">11.</p> <p>Commonwealth Government Line of Steamers, Australia House, reference his request that all possible freight be given to this Line when shipping military Stores to Australia.</p> <p>Director spoke to Chief of Staff, A.I.F. on the subject of the Heavy Workshop which is now in Italy and offered to Australia by Imperial Government, and was instructed to ascertain the cost of the whole equipment, and also to get Capt. Henderson's opinion as to its suitability for Australia.</p> <p><u>FINANCE.</u></p> <p><u>Leave for Danish &amp; Scandinavian birth to visit their Native Land.</u> Director General rules that leave not exceeding one (1) calendar month may be granted with pay in these cases.</p> <p><u>Personnel enlisted in America.</u> When applications for discharge with concessions of free sea passage and rail fare to their homes are approved, Records Section will advise 2D and request them to arrange a passage. When this is arranged, 2D will instruct dischargee to report to Headquarters a few days before sailing. Applicant to be transferred meanwhile to Concentration Depot. Deferred pay will only be made on date of reporting to Headquarters. 2D to arrange payment for passage. Nominal Roll of men enlisted in America to be made up with view to returning them in a party.</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;">121.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>STATISTICS FOR PERIOD FROM 30.3.19 TO 26.4.19.</u></p> <p>5D.1 Records that 18 ships with a personnel of 16,864 were dealt with during the period.</p> <p>5D.2 Records an expenditure of £21,806 - 14 - 5 subsistence and £21,195 - 13 - 6 Pay to 3,946 men on Account of Non-Military Employment (including Education) Fees amounting to £1,556 - 13 - 4 were paid on account of 123 men.</p> <p>5D.3 Extended leave in U.K. has been granted to 201 men and leave/return to Australia to 88 men at their own expense; and to 2 men with 50 days pay. In addition <del>to</del> 323 applications for deferred pay have been approved and 191 Army Forms 543 involving an amount of £4,435 - 15 - 0 to be credited to Family Passages Account have been handed to Accountancy for action.</p> <p>5D.4 effected 355 Discharges in U.K. Gratuity due at discharge has been credited to 214 men amounting to £3,705.</p> <p>5D.5 Records that 3,208 men were recommended for Non-Military Employment and 2,656 men approved through Part 11 Orders.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF DECISIONS &amp; RULINGS PROMULGATED DURING PERIOD REVIEWED IS SET OUT BELOW.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Leave for personnel of Danish and Scandinavian <u>"birth to visit their native land."</u></p> <p>Sub.para No. 5 DELETE "In no case will leave be granted to Scandinavia or Denmark for purely pleasure purposes" and substitute:-</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;">13.</p> <p>"Members of the A.I.F. other than those of Scandinavian or Danish birth cannot be given facilities to visit Scandinavia or Denmark".</p> <p><u>Supply of Clothing etc., to Personnel on Non-Military Employment.</u></p> <p>A second suit of overalls may be issued to men employed as motor mechanics, engineers, etc. when they are learners only, or receiving pay not in excess of the subsistence allowance of two guineas per week.</p> <p><u>Advances of Deferred Pay.</u></p> <p>Approval for advantages of deferred pay under General Instruction 10, para 44, is extended to cover the following cases:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Illness of wife or dependant.</li> <li>(2) Funeral expenses of wife of dependant.</li> <li>(3) Marriage of soldier.</li> </ul> <p><u>Supply of Drawing Instruments to Officers on Payment.</u> An issue of instruments not exceeding cost of £4/10/0, may be made to Officers under going Architect's or Draughtsmen's courses, on the same terms of returning them as applied to other ranks.</p>	

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			<p>14.</p> <p><u>Personnel enlisted in America.</u> When applications for discharge with concessions of free sea passage and rail fare to their homes, are approved, Records Section will advise 2.D. and request them to arrange a passage. When this is arranged 2.D. will notify Records who will instruct dischargee to report to Head quarters A.I.F. a few days -before sailing. Applicant to be transferred meanwhile to Concentration Depot. Deferred pay will only be made on date of reporting to Headquarters, A.I.F., 2.D. to arrange pay-ment for passage (see passage chargeable against the High Commissioner, rail fare and subsistence against A.I.F.) Nominal Roll of men enlisted in America to be made up with a view to returning them in a party.</p> <p><u>Non-Military Employment in Ireland.</u> A limited number of special cases may be approved, provided it can be shewn that the Non-Military Employment or Course recommended is more suitable or better than can be obtained elsewhere in the U.K. (This modifies previous Ruling in Return No.15).</p> <p><u>Non-Military Employment.</u> Personnel of the A.I.F. taking up non-military employ ment on boats of the Commonwealth Government Shipping Line will receive their military pay, provided they do not receive pay from the Shipping Company, but in no case will subsistence allowance be granted.</p>	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p style="text-align: center;">15.</p> <p><u>Non-Military Employment - National Health Insurance.</u> If the question of National Health Insurance is raised by the employer, application should at once be made to I.D.5. 6, Laton Place. Full particulars will then be supplied and an exemption card will be issued to the applicant.</p> <p><u>Leave.</u> Periods of leave without pay granted since the Armistice will not count as Service for War Service Gratuity.</p>	

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*5th April 1919*

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- Branch 4.D.   -   Ordnance
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- Director General   -   1
- Defence, Melbourne   -   2 ✓
- Chief of Staff   -   1.
- Liaison Officer to  
  Prime Minister   -   1.
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Progress Report by Branch I. D., for week up to, and including  
5th April, 1919.

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1. I.D.

The question of personnel on Non-military employment was discussed with Major Ryan, Liaison Officer, Repatriation Department, Melbourne.

A Conference was held with Major Ryan <sup>C.P.M.</sup> re. A.I.F. personnel proceeding to America for experience in irrigation works and to Denmark for experience in Dairying.

A cable was sent to Mr. Braddon, Australian Representative in New York, regarding irrigation in America, and arrangements were made to interview the Danish Minister in London this week with regard to Dairying experience in Denmark.

Major-General the Hon. Sir J.W. McCay and the Director, Branch I.D., visited sub-branch I.D.1., and discussed the rendering of returns connected with Non-military Employment.

Arrangements were made for a representative of sub-Branch I.D.3., to visit A.I.F. Depots in the United Kingdom with regard to personnel concentrated there for Industrial Non-military Employment.

Checking and submitting applications for decision carried on.

Appendix "A" shows the total number of applications dealt with in Branch I.D. to date, under the different headings.

Re-considered cases to date total 90 for Discharge elsewhere than in Australia, and 13 for Early Repatriation of which 88 and 13, respectively, have now been approved.

2. I.D.1. Early Repatriations.

165 new Applications received during the week, an increase of 17 over last period.

Rolls of "Approved" and "not Approved" applications were issued - 111 and 60, respectively.

The increase of correspondence of all kinds has been most noticeable during the period under review. Formerly, the bulk of the work consisted of Applications with small amount of correspondence; it now consists of large correspondence with very few applications.

Changes of location in the interval between submission and promulgation of approval of applications continue to cause difficulties. Many applications are being received from members of quotas, both written and personal. Numerous cases have arisen in which men have reported here, stating that they are members of a quota and have submitted applications through O.C. Quota, per Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Enquiry elicits that no such applications have been received. It would appear that Headquarters A.I.F., Depots in U.K. consider that as these men are on a quota, Early Repatriation is unnecessary.

Discharges elsewhere than in Australia.

340 Applications received during the week.

It is noted that Tidworth are forwarding A.I.F. Form 535 which has been recommended by the O.C., of the applicant's Depot and not recommended by the G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. These Applications are being proceeded with except where Applications are "not recommended" because the Applicant's services cannot be spared.

It is pointed out that Headquarters, Tidworth, are submitting a second Application for men whose Applications have been "not approved". It is recommended that Tidworth be communicated with with reference to this matter, as it leads to much confusion, besides being totally unnecessary.

All that is required when men want their Applications reconsidered is for the Officer Commanding Depots, to forward a memorandum requesting that such Applications be reconsidered, attaching thereto further evidence in support of the case.

Leave, Non-military Employment etc.

During the period under review 31 new Applications were received, 49 men called up, and 30 passes issued. 201 approved cases on hand, waiting for men to report.

Returns - B 213, Records etc.

Daily and weekly Returns promulgated.

3. 1.D.2. Educational.

Books were issued to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Divisions, Corps, Havre, London and W.R. Depots.

Books indented for during the week - 256.

Stock of Books on hand - 15964.

Correspondence Courses.

11 Students notified that Scholarships had been awarded to them, and 3 fresh Scholarships were requested from the I.C.S.

Universities.

The number of AF 540 recommended this week is smaller, but there has been more than the usual number of enquiries. Vacation study had been satisfactorily arranged. The Law Society is coming into line with the Council of Legal Education, so that the professional studies of Solicitors and articled Clerks will soon be as satisfactorily continued as those of barristers and students-at-law.

The projected courses in Journalism at London University will meet the needs of journalists in the A.I.F. Meanwhile arrangements are in process of negotiation with the representatives of the British Press. All University work is proceeding well. The first A.I.F. student is about to proceed to the University of Rome and the British School at Rome. We are indebted to the American Army Educational Commissioners and the Master of Emmanuel at Cambridge for assistance in providing oversight of this settlement and work in Rome.

There are fresh applications for study in Paris, and signs of increased interest in the scheme of the French Commission to Australia to encourage the inflow of Australian Students into France. Some 50 sets of examination papers for the examinations of the Corps Central School at Rue have been put through the Press by the Committee which is co-operating in the conduct of the examinations.

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The steady flow in incoming forms has been maintained during the week.

A very considerable falling off has taken place in Applicants requiring higher Technical training, whilst a notable increase for Business and Commercial courses is evident.

The volume of office work still tends to increase, both in regard to the additional returns required, and in the necessity of close scrutiny and careful record of all progress reports from 'placed' men.

It is highly gratifying to report that those show a close and thorough attention to the studies or works on hand, the results of which will be very beneficial to the students on their return to civil occupations, and place them on an equal footing with, if not a better footing, than their fellow men who have had no break in their civil employment.

Visits were made to the following Engineering Firms in Lincoln with results as under :-

Robey & Co Ltd. Lincoln (Chairman) Principally Engine Builders.

Unlikely we shall be able to place anyone here.

Ruston & Hornsey Ltd. Lincoln (Labour Office).

Attitude of Firm very sympathetic. Promised to consider any proposals. Large Test Benches for oil and steam engines; portable engines, suction gas plants and large excavators for iron ore also being built, also agricultural tractors.

Clayton Shuttleworth Ltd. Lincoln. (Labour Office).

This Firm also sympathetic. Large number of agricultural tractors building; portables, traction engines and oil engines being built and tested. Possible place men here also.

Agriculture.

Technical Courses - Considerable success has been met with in arranging for special courses of instruction for our men in some of the leading educational institutions dealing with Agriculture and allied subjects.

1. The East of Scotland Agricultural College, Edinburgh has arranged to take upwards of 100 students for courses in general Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Forestry during the summer term.
2. Negotiations are in progress with the object of sending a class of 40 students to the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh for a three months course in the care of Stock and Veterinary First Aid.
3. The Galashiels Technical College has arranged a 3 months course in wool and textile manufactures for 50 students commencing towards the end of the month.
4. The Manchester College of Technology has agreed to take 10 men for a similar course.

Students for these courses are now being selected and in addition two men have been sent to attend the South Eastern Agricultural College for the Summer term.

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Reports have been received from the Bradford and Halifax Technical Colleges, dealing with the courses (in wool and Textiles) completed on March 31st and March 10th respectively. Both reports bear evidence of industry and a high standard of efficiency reached by the students and the instruction and experience gained has been very thoroughly appreciated by our men. More detailed reports of these courses are in preparation.

The "London Markets" class of 15 Officers and other Ranks has been chiefly engaged in inspecting the Wool submitted for disposal at the Sales which commenced this week. Each day 10,000 bales are dealt with at these sales, the class first inspect the wool in the Warehouses and each man makes his estimate of values. Later these values are compared with the prices actually realised. This form of instruction is giving very good results and there is the special advantage in these circumstances that wool from all the chief exporting countries of the world may be compared on the same floor.

W.O. Yeomans has visited the Solseley Sheep Shearing Machinery Company's Works at Birmingham and reports that our men working there (numbering 40 just now) are giving satisfaction from the Firm's point of view and are all agreed that the experience they are gaining will be of great practical value to themselves.

Lt. Benest (Adjutant in the Channel Islands District for the Ministry of Labour) called to report that the 20 men already sent to the Islands are gaining useful experience and have already produced a good impression amongst the farming community of the Islands. He estimates that at least 100 more men can be usefully employed and has arranged an excellent syllabus of lectures, tours of inspection, judging competition and supervised visits to the various Spring and Summer shows. The experience to be gained in this way will be of great value to farmers interested in Dairying or the intensive cultivation of potatoes, vegetables, and flowers.

Lt. Creed has visited the districts of Sleaford, Basen and Nocton in Lincolnshire and interviewed the leading farmers in these districts. He reports that farmers who have already taken men for experience are well pleased with the keenness and efficiency they show.

#### General.

The total authorised Expenditure for period ending 29.3.19, amounts to £10234. 5. 8.

Arrangements have been made for various lectures in U.K. Depots.

2 Officers and 5 other ranks were added to the Staff during the week, and 2 other ranks struck off.

During the period under review the number of Applications dealt with was as follows :-

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Passed to 5D.</u>	<u>Rejected.</u>	<u>Passed to 1.D.3.</u>
University.	23.	84.	5.	---
Technical.	275.	191.	30.	73.
Agricultural.	190.	175.	14.	---
<b>TOTALS :</b>	<b>488.</b>	<b>390.</b>	<b>49.</b>	<b>73.</b>

#### 6. 1.D.3. Non-military Employment (Industrial).

##### SHIPBUILDING.

45 Applications recommended and sent forward to 5.D. 37 men actually placed on their jobs.

##### GENERAL ENGINEERING.

73 applications recommended. 68 men sent out to work.

ELECTRICAL - AEROPLANES - MOTORS.

- Electrical. 28 Applications recommended.  
30 men put out to work.  
In connection with the railways, the railway executive have placed 30 men for experience in the various railway companies and 60 names have been submitted to them with every prospect of them being fixed up.
- Aeroplanes. 14 Applications recommended, 11 men sent out to work.
- Motors. 46 Applications recommended, 44 men placed.

WOOLS & TEXTILES.

Applications for this section are dealt with and classified by I.D.2. 6 stray applications however have been recommended and 2 men placed by this Section.

The courses at the Leeds University and Halifax College start the third week of this month and will absorb 60 men.

Certificates were presented to successful A.I.F. students at the Bradford College on the 31st ultimo.

BUILDING TRADES & MISCELLANEOUS.

- Building Trades :- 25 Applications recommended, 33 men placed.
- Miscellaneous :- 87 Applications recommended, 132 men placed.

INDUSTRIAL.

A number of Unions have been communicated with during the week. The Bricklayers Union at Barrow-in-Furness advise that they will assist in placing a number of men in their trade. The French Polishers Union have also advised that they are prepared to assist us and have submitted the names of Firms for us to communicate with who would be likely to take some of our men.

Owing to two men commencing work in an area where a dispute existed, trouble arose with the local Union and the men have been withdrawn.

GENERAL.

During the week 350 applications were received, 324 applications were recommended and 357 men actually sent out to their jobs. This week shows a record for men placed and the number of men now out on N.M.E. (Industrial Section) is 1557 out of a total of 2831 applications recommended to S.D.

486 civilian suits were issued during the week, also 530 suits of overalls and 64 sets of trade.

On a visit to Sutton Vony it was found that many men were there awaiting Non-Military employment. A nominal roll of these men has been procured and special efforts are being made to clear the camp. As far as the Parkhouse Pool is concerned, no man is detained there over a week, except under exceptional circumstances.

APPENDIX "A".

## Discharges, elsewhere than in Australia, (A.I.F. Form 535).

Applications received for period ending	28.3.19.	1650	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	134	<u>1784</u>
" approved for period "	28.3.19.	978	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	93	<u>1071</u>
" not approved for period "	28.3.19.	567	
" " " " week "	5.4.19.	27	<u>594</u>
" Referred for various reasons to date			<u>119</u>

## Early Repatriations (A.I.F. Form 537) :-

Applications received for period ending	28.3.19.	3581	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	213	<u>3794</u>
" approved for period "	28.3.19.	2706	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	123	<u>2829</u>
" not approved for period "	28.3.19.	851	
" " " " week "	5.4.19.	86	<u>937</u>
" Referred for various reasons to date			<u>28</u>

## Leave (A.I.F. Form 539) :-

Applications received for period ending	28.3.19.	470	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	83	<u>553</u>
" approved for period "	28.3.19.	437	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	79	<u>516</u>
" not approved for period "	28.3.19.	1	
" " " " week "	5.4.19.	1	<u>2</u>
Referred for various reasons to date.			<u>35</u>

## Non-Military Employment (A.I.F. Form 540) :-

Applications received for period ending	28.3.19.	6819	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	1099	<u>7918</u>
" approved for period "	28.3.19.	6567	
" " " week "	5.4.19.	1062	<u>7429</u>
" not approved for period "	28.3.19.	3	
" " " " week "	5.4.19.	1	<u>4</u>
" Referred for various reasons to date.			<u>485</u>

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*W. D. Church*  
Colonel,  
Director, Branch 1.D.

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1D1. Rail Transport.

1. Railway Warrants were issued as required. Railway Warrants issued by the A.I.F. in U.K. were checked, and Returns in connection with same completed (excepting for A.I.F. Depots).

2. Irregularities in Railway Warrants used by A.I.F. personnel were adjusted.

3. Invalid party to Windsor was entrained, and issued with concession vouchers.

4. Entrainment of details embarking by the following transports were supervised, viz:-

s.s. "Khyber"	Nurses and Main Party.
s.s. "Wandilla"	Main Party.
s.s. "Shropshire"	Nurses, Main Party and Pay Staff.
s.s. "Benalla"	do. do. do.
s.s. "St. Albans"	Nurses and Main Party.
s.s. "Armagh"	Advance Party, Pay Staff and Main Party.
s.s. "Warwickshire"	Advance Party, Nurses, Pay Staff, Main Party, Women and Children.
s.s. "Tras-os-Montes"	Advance Party.

5. Ship Stores were forwarded to the following transports, viz:

s.s. "Tras-os-Montes", s.s. "Wandilla", s.s. "Suffolk",  
s.s. "Commonwealth" and s.s. "Medic."

6. Movement of Miscellaneous Stores in U.K. and to France and Egypt was arranged.

1D2. Sea Transport.

The following transports were cleared from embarkation ports:-

Ship.	Offi- cers.	Nurses.	W.Os. & Sgts.	O.Ranks.	Total.	Miscellaneous.
Khyber	40	4	185	1,410	1,639	Also 19 dependents.
Wandilla	21	22	38	423	504	Also 1 Munition Worker.
Shropshire	60	6	82	900	1,048	Also 5 dependents and 8 Imperial Officers.
Benalla	11	12	7	80	110	Also 241 women, 99 children, 476 Munition Workers.
St. Albans	..	2	3	7	12	Also War Workers.
Armagh	37	..	109	1,369	1,515	
Warwickshire	54	4	67	917	1,042	Also 29 women and children,- dependents.

2D3. Quartering.

1. Accommodation in Lowndes Street made available for 1D2, but not required by 1D2, owing to distance from other Sections of 1D.

2. Direct telephone communication established with Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots, Tidworth, from 20 Belgrave Square.

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2D5. Embarkation of Personnel.

Up to the present, 3,117 applications have been received from Soldiers in U.K. for return to Australia with their Wives and Families, and 1,699 applications have been received from Women whose Husbands have already returned to Australia.

Of the above numbers 784 Dependents have already proceeded to Australia.

There is at present no family ship available, although action has been taken to secure suitable ships as early as possible.

Rolls for the following ships were checked and finalised, viz., Shropshire, Benalla, Armagh, and Warwickshire.

*Hector M. Dighton M.P.*  
for

Brig.General.  
2.D.

PROGRESS REPORT BY BRANCH 3D.  
for week up to and including 5th. April, 1919.

3.D.1.

RECORDS: Inquiries in this sub-section have increased considerably, owing to the large number of applications for non-military employment being finalised.

REGISTRY: A Conference convened by the D.D.G. was held during the period under review, and instructions have been issued to all Branches conveying the decisions arrived at by the Conference.

STATISTICS: Returns: The following Returns were compiled and issued during the week:

A12. B12. C12. D12. E12. H10. K5. L8. JAL. X23 ("KAROA"  
"FORT MACQUARIE" "CITY OF FONNA") X24 ("KYBER"  
WANDILLA") X25 ("SHROPSHIRE") X26 ("BENALLA") X27  
("ST. ALBANS").

Returns G. and J. were held over pending adjustments.

Miscellaneous Statements: The following miscellaneous statements were compiled and issued:

- M.S. No. 21 WO and Sgts. of A.I.F. in France at 15.3.19
- 21A General Statistics
- 22 Publicity Wire
- 23 Comparison of actual and promised embarkat-  
period 28th. March/1st. April. (ions

Graphs: All graphs corrected up to date. Copies were made and distributed as required. The work of photographing Graphs has been completed, and Lantern slides made.

Strength Calendars: These were corrected up to date.

A.I.F. FORM 534.

Number of A.I.F. Forms 534 received for week-  
ending 5.4.19. 167

Total number of A.I.F. Forms received to  
5.3.19. 123207

Number of A.I.F. Forms 534 completed for:

- H.M.A.T. "BENALLA" 57
- H.M.A.T. "WARWICKSHIRE" 873
- H.M.A.T. "ARMAGH" 1161
- H.M.A.T. "TRAS-OS-MONTES" 1597

Total number of A.I.F. Forms (completed) placed  
on Board transports. 22262

Progress: Staff at A.B.F.O. still employed on compiling nominal rolls of those members of the A.I.F. who have not yet completed A.I.F. Form 534.

Good results are being obtained by sending these Rolls to Units, and last week's returns show double the amount of outstanding forms received against the previous week's receipt.

Better percentage of Forms sent to Transports for this period. Filling in ~~of~~ Federal Electorate on foot of 534 being proceeded with.

3.D.2.

EMBARKATION QUOTAS. Checking and recording movements of quotas and warning units. Issuing weekly return of movements and adjusting charts.

The following movements took place during the week:-

Date.	Quota.	Unit.	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Entrainments at Charleroi (Gambes)				

3.D.2.cont.

Date.	Quota.	Unit.	Officers.	O.Ranks.
<u>Entrainments at Charleroi</u> (Gomaches).				
31/3	23	2nd. Division	47	883
2/4	24	3rd. "	25	975 App.
2/4	25	4th. "	25	975 "
3/4	26	5th. "	25	975 "
5/4	27	1st. "	25	975 "
<u>Arrivals at Havre.</u>				
31/3	22	1st. Division	58	925
2/4	23	2nd. "	47	883
2/4	24	3rd. "	25	975 app.
4/4	25	4th. "	25	975 "
5/4	26	5th. "	25	975 "
<u>Departure from Havre.</u>				
31/3	19	4th. Division	48	923
1/4	20	5th. "	24	948
3/4	22	1st. "	58	925
4/4	23	2nd. "	47	883
<u>Arrivals in U.K.</u>				
31/4	19	4th. Division HURDCOTT	48	923
2/4	20	5th. Division (WEYMOUTH)	24	948
4/4	22	1st. Division LONGBRIDGE DEVER ILL.	58	925
5/4	23	2nd. Division SUTTON VEENY.	47	883

Quota 21 (Corps Troops) was completed at Havre on the 1st. inst. embarked for the U.K. on the 2nd. inst. and marched into the 2nd. T.B. CODFORD on the 3rd. inst. Strength 32 Officers and 1098 Other Ranks.

During the week 209 Officers and 4777 Other Ranks arrived at Depots in U.K. en route for Australia.

EARLY REPATRIATION. Receiving and recording Rolls etc. Table "A" attached shows details of personnel approved and notified for early repatriation. Total for week ----Officers and 69 Other Ranks.

EDUCATION. Usual recording and filing of correspondence received.

AMALGAMATION OF UNITS. Receiving and recording movements of Units amalgamated. Checking and charting same. Recording "Cadres" and Units as completed and Records handed over.

3.D.3.

Compilation and distribution of Circular memo No. 22  
 Compilation of War Diary.  
 Daily visits to Contracts Section and Printer  
 Distribution of all inter-departmental Circulars, Orders memos, etc. received from outside sources.

3.D.4.

During the period under review the following work has been carried out:-

1. Supervision of Liaisons
2. Administration of Departmental Personnel, and Interior Economy
3. The matter of supervision of Inwards and Outwards Returns
4. Compiling bi-weekly consolidated decisions and rulings for Department.
5. Compiling weekly consolidated Progress Report

3.D.4. cont.

Report for Branch.

3.D.6.

1st. Aust. Division. 148 Horses and 197 mules were sold to Civilians for work at an average price of 771.3. francs. D.A.D.V.S. of this Division notes that there had been a good demand for mules, which sold well.

2nd. Aust. Division. 22 horses were sold at an average price of 1170 francs. 24 mules were sold at an average price of 762 francs. 27 horses and 143 mules ("Z" class) were sent to the Base by rail. 19 animals were evacuated for veterinary reasons.

3rd. Aust. Division. 19 horses and 178 mules ("Z" Class) were sent to Abbeville for sale to inhabitants. 12 animals were evacuated for veterinary reasons.

4th. Aust. Division. 75 Horses and 175 mules ("Z" Class) were sent by rail to Havre from Hamur. 139 horses and 110 mules ("Z" Class) were sold to local civilians. 35 animals were evacuated for veterinary reasons.

5th. Aust. Division. 71 horses and 129 mules ("Z" class) were sold to the inhabitants. 75 ("Z" Class) mules were sent to the Base - 1 sent to V.E.S. 5 horses and 86 mules were evacuated with a very mild type of mange, also 10 animals for other veterinary reasons.

Disposals and animals strength of the Aust. Divisions in France as per appendice to A.F. A2000 for week ending 27.3.19. are as follows:

	"Z" to Base.	Sold.	Evacd.	Died.	Total.	Strength.
1st. A. Div. -	345		3	1	349	1034
2nd. A. Div. 170	45		19	1	235	746
3rd. A. Div. 197	-		12	-	209	576
4th. A. Div. 250	249		35	2	536	782
5th. A. Div. 76	800		101	-	377	574
Total remaining						3712

3.D.7.

1. Interviewing Officers, Nurses, and men; supplying information on Repatriation and Demobilisation.
2. Acknowledging correspondence; sending available literature to A.I.F. and Imperial Troops.
3. Submitting matters for decision in cases arising in correspondence and interviews.
4. Continuing file and index for newscuttings dealing with Demobilisation.
5. Making excerpts from Press for 3D
6. Lectures delivered; daily lecture at Le Havre on "Demobilisation".
7. Lieut. N.K. Bushell took on the duties of Captain Denny on 31st. March.

*B. Bushley* Lt. Col.  
Branch 3.D. (Administration.)

8th. April, 1919.

## Table A

STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF OTHER RANKS ORDERED FOR  
EARLY REPATRIATION FROM FRANCE DURING WEEK ENDING - 5.4.19.

Divisional Group.	Number.
Corps	--
1st. Division	10
2nd. Division	17
3rd. Division	10
4th. Division	14
5th. Division	5
3rd. Echelon	13
TOTAL	69

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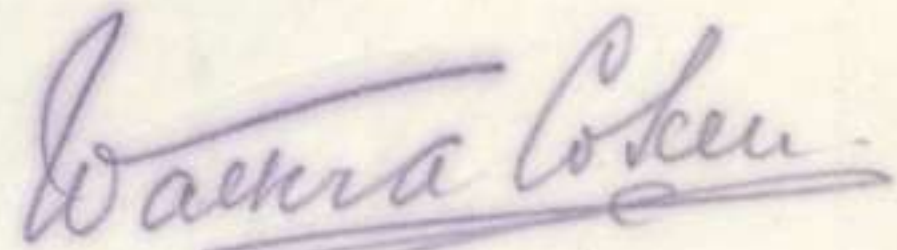
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4.D. PROGRESS REPORT 31.3.19 - 7.4.19.NO. 14.

During the past week there have been few questions of outstanding importance. Attention has been mainly concentrated on routine work connected with our demands for re-equipment, such as reconciliation of certain War Establishments to suit Australian Units, and decisions have been come to on questions needing reference to superior authority. Progress in preparation of demands has now manifested itself as a result of definitions of policy and decisions given, and several sections of stores have been dealt with and embodied in lists which are being checked before transference to Indent forms and submission to War Office.

The Medical and Dental Section of this Branch (4.D.5) has advanced satisfactorily with regard to lists of stores required for our Units, and has also been occupied with examination and recording of returns from Medical Units as to disposal of stores held by them in the Field.

Under instructions from D.M.S., A.I.F., (v. G.I. No. 14 Para. 8.) the stores of some A.I.F. Dental Units have been returned to the Imperial Depots in France, the intention being to redemand here for post-bellum Australian Army equipment according to British scale of issue. These instructions have now been cancelled, and Units which have not yet disposed of such Stores have been instructed to forward them to Dental Sub-Depot, Australian Base Medical Stores, London. The War Office has also been asked to forward to the same destination Dental Stores which had already been handed in from A.I.F. Units in France.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL,  
4.D.

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES.

Week ending April 5th, 1919.

5D.1. EARLY REPATRIATION.

Nominal Rolls for 6 ships were dealt with showing 300 Officers, 4140 men - 4340 in all embarked. £25,050 in cash was placed on these ships for which receipts have been received and recorded.

5D.2. ACCOUNTING.

No payments this week.

5D.3. RETURNEES TO AUSTRALIA.

To return at own expense for discharge - approved. 25.

PASSAGES OF DEPENDANTS.

Amount refunded by High Commissioner's Office on account of passages not availed of - 4 items, £131. 0. 0. Army Forms 543 received and passed to Accountancy - 56, amounting to £348.-- for credit to "Family Passage A/c."

Cash collected and paid into "Family Passage A/c." - £738.--

APPLICATIONS FOR DEFERRED PAY.

Applications received	-	75.
" approved	-	36
" disallowed	-	25
" under consideration	-	14.

EXTENDED LEAVE IN U.K.

Number recommended	-	38
" disallowed or deferred	-	4.

TOTAL CASES. 42.

Approved through Part II Orders - 61.

5D.4. DISCHARGES IN U.K.

Men discharged	-	107.
Final settlements effected	-	5.
Clothing allowances paid	-	99
Settlements of men discharged in Australia.	-	Nil.
Cases investigated	-	30.
Applications dealt with	-	100.
Disbursed	-	£6,651 - 10 - 11.

5D.5.

890 Applications dealt with.  
630 " approved through Part II Orders.

*[Signature]*  
Colonel.  
CHIEF PAYMASTER, AF.  
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*Table A.*

STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF OTHER RANKS ORDERED FOR  
EARLY REPATRIATION FROM FRANCE WEEK ENDING - 5.4.19.

Divisional Group	Number.
Corps	--
1st. Division	10
2nd. Division	17
3rd. Division	10
4th. Division	14
5th. Division	5
3rd. Echelon	13
Total.	69

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DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION

PROGRESS REPORT - FOR WEEK ENDING

12.4.19.

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- Branch 1.D. - Non-Military Employment
- Branch 2.D. - Movement s Quartering and Supply
- Branch 3.D. - Administration
- Branch 4.D. - Ordnance
- Branch 5.D. - Finance and Pay.

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DISTRIBUTION

- Director General - 1
- Defence, Melbourne 2
- Chief of Staff 1.
- Liaison Officer to Prime Minister 1.
- War Diary 3. ✓

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept.

Progress Report by Branch I.D., for week up to, and including 12th April, 1919.

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1. I.D.

The Danish Minister in London was interviewed with regard to A.I.F. personnel proceeding to Denmark for dairying experience, and expressed himself as favourable to the proposal. The matter has now been referred to the Danish Government with a view to ascertaining its attitude, the numbers that can be taken for experience, cost involved, &c.

Checking and submitting applications for decision carried on.

Appendix "A" shows the total number of applications dealt with in Branch I.D., to date, under the different headings.

2. I.D.I. Early Repatriations.

170 new applications received - an increase of 5 over last period.

Rolls of "Approved" and "Not approved" applications issued - 152 and 68, respectively.

It appears that Units in France consider that if Personnel are included in a quota there is no need to complete the applications for Early Repatriation. It may so happen that a quota remains in England for a long time before leaving for Australia. This applies particularly to personnel demanded by Defence Department for family or other reasons, and it is recommended that this be brought to the notice of Divisions and other Formations.

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Discharges elsewhere than in Australia.

80 new applications received during the week.

It is recommended that Units and Formations be advised that it is necessary, before a case that has been "Not approved" can be reconsidered, to forward much fuller and stronger reasons than those which accompanied the first applications. Many cases are occurring of requests being forwarded for reconsideration with practically the same reasons as those contained in the original application.

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As Records are unable to discharge a man as soon as his application is approved, owing to a Discharge Precedence Roll being kept, it is recommended that, except in urgent cases, personnel should be returned to a Depot to await their turn.

Leave, Non-Military Employment &c.

During the period under review, 33 new applications were received, 33 men called up, and 38 Passes issued. 216 approved cases are now on hand, waiting for personnel to report. There are also approximately 90 approved cases for return to Australia at own expense pending.

Returns - B213, Records &c.

Daily and Weekly Returns promulgated.

3. 1.D.2. Non-Military Employment (Educational).

Books were issued to 1st Division, Havre, London and U.K. Depots.

Books indented for during week ---- 40.  
Stock of Books in hand ---- 18,840.

Correspondence Courses.

6 Students notified that Scholarships had been awarded to them and 6 fresh Scholarships were requested from the I.C.S. The total number of Scholarships awarded to date is ---- 454.

Universities.

During the week consultation with British University men desiring to settle in Australia began. These were not directly the result of the publication of the new British Government Scheme for ex-service men; but they indicate that probable large increase in the time occupied by consultations must now be allowed for.

The appointment of Sir Ernest Rutherford to the Cavendish Chair of Physics at Cambridge will act as a stimulus to applications from science students for work there.

The Chairman attended the vast gathering of American University men on 8/4/19 and learnt from Sir Donald McAlister's speech that the British Universities are now pledged to the establishment of an "Interchange Bureau" for international facilitation of interchange of Students and research workers. The Chairman has since received from Sir Donald McAlister an intimation that both the British Universities and the Conference of British Dominion Universities will be asked to discuss and help the formation of the new Bureau. It should be in time to assist in the work of placing some A.I.F. men in Great Britain.

Information collected by the Universities Bureau of the British Empire shows that few summer courses will be given this year, and this is to be regretted from the point of view of this Service.

Technical.

In all but the "Miscellaneous" Sections there is a decided slackening off of applications, and the number held in the Section for various reasons is small. On the other hand non-technical and doubtfully technical applications have nearly maintained the average receipt.

From the numbers of these, and applications for Motor Driving and Mechanics courses, there is indication that some of the applicants are not bona-fide and are probably doubtfully capable of benefiting by the course asked for. As these courses involve very considerable payments of fees it is necessary to investigate them more closely, thus involving increased work by this Staff.

A large number of Nursing Sisters have been dealt with recently for courses in Sanitary Science, Domestic Economy,

Motor Driving and Mechanism, Child Welfare, Massage, Special Hospital work etc.

Courses in building Construction have been arranged for up to 40 Students at Technical School, Leeds, and at Northern Polytechnic Institute, London.

The large number of applications has necessitated taking steps to find and arrange further classes, particularly in Commercial subjects, Navigation, Miscellaneous, Technical, Motor Driving and Mechanism. Several Officers have been out on visits largely with the object of securing further openings of this kind.

Increasing effort is also being made to visit the Firms and Institutions where men are placed and inspect the work that is being done. The results of these inspections are exceedingly gratifying, the greatest appreciation of the men's keenness and excellent behaviour being expressed. The men themselves are very pleased to see a representative of the Education Service, and numbers of questions and points at issue are thus cleared up.

The Survey School at Southampton, is proceeding excellently and promises very concrete results.

The checking of the monthly reports is a huge work which is very difficult to tackle with the present continued press of 540 applications.

The numbers in "Return C" also are now increasing very considerably, which entails increased office work on the part of the clerical Staff, recording and cross-indexing.

#### Agriculture.

Lt. Creed working from Lincoln has visited the district round Alford Boston,, Grantham and Sleaford and secured definite promises of openings for 16 men on Lincoln Sheep and Lincoln Red Cattle properties.

W.O. Yeomans visited the Lister Sheep Shearing Co's Works and arranged for two further classes of 25 men each to undergo courses of training after the termination of course already arranged. Mr. Yeomans also toured the Towyn district in North Wales and interviewed a number of farmers with a view to placing men for agricultural experience. Fifteen definite offers of vacancies have been received.

W.O. Wright visited Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, Perth and Edinburgh and got into touch with a number of prominent farmers at each of these centres and in some cases visited their properties. Twenty definite orders were received. These farms include some of the best Clydesdale, Ayrshire and Border Leicester properties in Scotland and offer splendid opportunities for men specially interested in these types of stock.

Agricultural Tour - The party of 20 Officers and O.R's under the leadership of Capt. Joynt, V.C., and Lt. Sanson returned from a fortnight's tour of stock sales and stud properties in the Home Counties on 10th. Some excellent herds were inspected and all members of the party were much impressed with the excellence of the type of stock and systems of farming and breeding in the properties visited.

Special Course. - The class to attend the North of Scotland Agricultural College special course in animal husbandry

has been assembled during the week ready to commence regular work on the 15th inst. Twenty-four Officers and O.R.'s have been despatched. The type of man secured for this course is uniformly good and the class includes some very prominent stock breeders and Officers of State Agricultural Departments at home who should make thoroughly good use of the opportunities which will be offered them at Aberdeen and who will give a good account of themselves.

#### General.

The total authorised expenditure for period ending 5.4.19 amounts to £10387. 6. 0.

Arrangements have been made for various Lectures to be given in the Sutton Veny area.

1 Officer and 1 other rank were added to the Staff during the week and 4 Officers were struck off.

During the period ending 10th April, the number of Applications dealt with was as follows :-

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Passed to 5D</u>	<u>Rejected.</u>	<u>Passed to 1.D.</u>
University.	33	13	3	----
Technical.	222	173	25	27
Agriculture.	116	214	33	----
	371	400	61	27

In addition to the above, 13 applications for Extension were passed to 5.D., and 3 Forms 545 were also passed to 5.D.

#### 4. 1.D.3. Non-Military Employment (Industrial).

~~For statistics for the week, vide appendices attached.~~

~~Detailed reports of sections as under :-~~

#### SHIPBUILDING.

Employment can be obtained for a number of first class loco or marine boilermakers. A wire is being despatched to France asking for applications to fill these jobs.

Vacancies are also available for a limited supply of shipping clerks.

#### GENERAL ENGINEERING.

Offers of employment for thoroughly skilled tradesmen are now fairly plentiful, but the majority of 540 forms now remaining are from apprentices and semi-skilled men and employers are not taking this class of men readily.

#### MOTORS - AEROPLANES - ELECTRICAL.

Employment has been found for 61 men in the motor trade at Cardiff, the result of a personal canvass.

WOOLS & TEXTILES.

The students elected for the Wool Courses at Leeds, Halifax and Galashiels should be ready and placed before Easter. These three courses will absorb 90 men. This should considerably reduce the number of applications which are held by I.D.S. The Officer in charge of this Section at Leeds reports that the Officers and men settle down to their work very well, and are taking a keen interest in the experience which they are getting, but there are still a good many complaints regarding pay and subsistence.

MISCELLANEOUS & BUILDING TRADES.

The progress of this Section as a whole is very satisfactory, and there appears to be a brightening up in the building trades.

INDUSTRIAL.

The difficulties with which this Section has to contend appear to be lessening as the industrial troubles are smoothed over, although it is still necessary to be continually in touch with the various unions governing the trades in which our men are placed.

Officials of unions are all hopeful that trade will greatly improve and that we will have no difficulty in placing all skilled men.

The industrial position at the present time is satisfactory, there only being a few minor difficulties in the shipbuilding trades and threats of trouble in the bakery trade, where we have about twenty men employed.

The London Painters and Decorators Society have been interviewed this week and we shall have no difficulty in placing men in those trades.

ORDNANCE (LIAISON).

During this week 530 civilian suits and 578 suits of overalls have been issued to men going out on Non-Military employment. 127 standard sets of tools have been supplied as shown hereunder. This illustrates the variety of tools issued and the extent of work in hand by this section :-

Carpenters.....	48
Draughtsmen.....	12
Fitters & Turners.....	14
Electrical Fitters.....	25
Painters.....	5
Telephone Mechanics.....	1
Compositor.....	1
Tailor Cutter.....	3
Harness Maker.....	2
Boiler Maker.....	3
Bricklayer.....	1
Ironmoulder.....	1
Motor Mechanic.....	11

GENERAL.

The work done by this Sub-Branch during the past week has been very satisfactory indeed and there does not appear to be any delay in getting men out on to their jobs. A few cases have occurred in which tradesmen have not been able to start

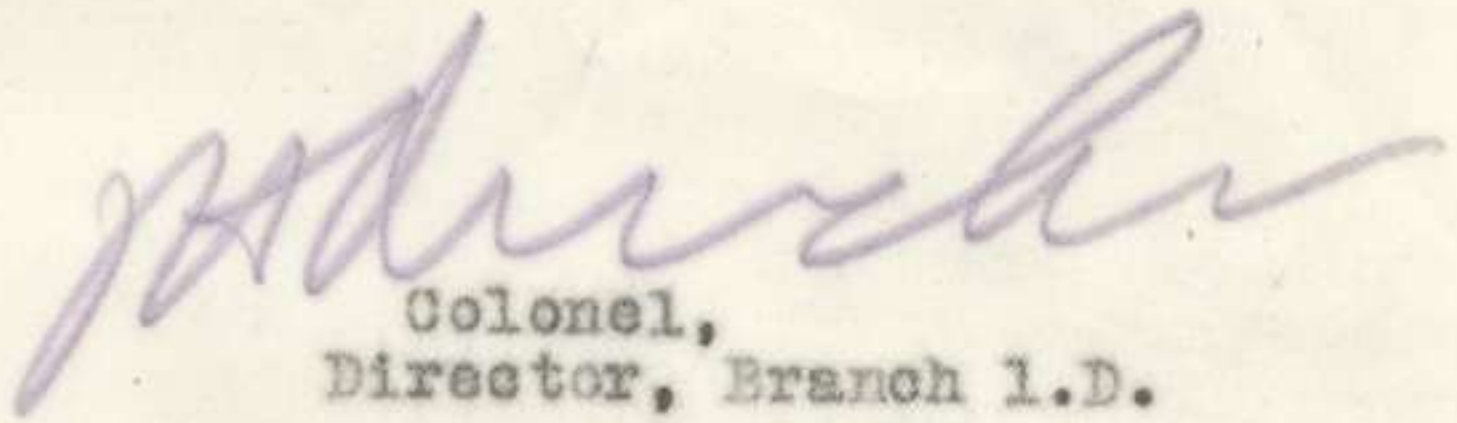
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work, (earning union rates of pay) owing to Ordnance not being able to immediately supply standard sets of tools. Steps, however, have been taken to overcome this and no difficulty is anticipated in the future.

A great deal of administrative work and supervision is entailed through a large percentage of men on H.M.E., changing from one Firm to another to gain fresh experience, etc., and the appointment of Area Officers will greatly assist in controlling and arranging these transfers.



Colonel,  
Director, Branch 1.D.

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APPENDIX "A".

". Discharges. (Form 535).	Period	Week	Total	Remarks.
	ending 5.4.19.	ending 12.4.19.	To. 12.4.19.	
Applications received -	1874	136	2010	Includes 117 cases reconsidered.
" Not approved. -	594	15	609	
" Referred -	119	8	127	
" Approved -	1161	113	1274	" " "
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". Early Repatriations (Form 537).				
Applications received -	3855	130	3985	Includes 48 approved by Defence Cable & reconsidered cases.
" Not approved -	937	29	966	
" Referred -	28	5	33	
" Approved -	2890	96	2986	" " "
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". Extended Leave (Form 539).				
Applications received -	600	42	642	(Includes 47 cases (approved previous to (inauguration of (present system.
" Not approved -	2	-	2	
" Referred -	35	2	37	
" Approved -	563	40	603	" " "
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". Non-Military Employment (Form 540).				
Applications received -	7986	854	8840	(Includes 92 cases (of completion of one (period of N.M.E. & (subsequent extension.
" Not approved -	4	16	20	
" Referred -	485	43	528	
" Approved -	7497	795	8292	" " "

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2D -1 RAIL TRANSPORT.

1. Railway Warrants were issued as required, All Railway Warrants issued by the A.I.F. in the U.K. (Excepting for A.I.F. Depots) were checked, and Returns in connection with same were completed. Irregularities in Railway Warrants used by A.I.F. Personnel were adjusted.
2. Entrainments of details embarking by the following Transports were supervised, viz:-

s.s. "TRAS-OS-MONTES"	Main Party, Nurses.
s.s. "CASTALIA"	Advance Party, pay staff, medical details, main party.
s.s. "MEDIC"	Nurses, pay staff and main party.
s.s. "COMMONWEALTH"	Advance party, medical details pay staff.
s.s. "WYREEMA"	Advance party, Medical details nurses and pay staff.
s.s. "SUFFOLK"	Advance party, pay staff, medical details and main party.

3. Ship's Stores were forwarded to the following transports viz:-

s.s. "RUNIC"                      s.s. "MARATHON"

Movement of miscellaneous Stores in U.K. and to France and Egypt was arranged.

2D-2 TRANSPORT.

The following Transports were cleared from embarkation ports. :-

SHIP	Officers and Nurses	Sgts	O/Ranks	Total A.I.F.
"TRAS-OS-MONTES"	68	337	1435	1840
"MEDIC"	37	141	1041	1219
"SUFFOLK"	30	59	914	1003

2D-3 QUARTERING.

Investigation was made into the causes of obstructions in the smooth handling of Drafts from Belgium via France to U.K. Southampton and Havre were visited. The causes giving rise to the troubles were reported upon and remedies suggested, vide - Reports to the Director of Movements & Quarters.

2D-5 EMBARKATION OF PERSONNEL.

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The following ships have embarked, the rolls for which have been completed, finalized and checked.

- " ARMAGH "
  - " WARWICKSHIRE "
  - " TRAS-OS-MONTES "
  - " MEDIC "
  - " SUFFOLK "
  - " COMMONWEALTH "
  - " CASTALIA "
  - " WYREMA "
- } 4/13"

Applications for return to Australia received to date  
 amount to ..... Women 1803  
 ..... Men at Depots 3246

Apart from the above figures there have been on an average 60 personal enquiries per day in connection with return on a Family ship. In addition 120 letters daily have been received dealing with such cases.

2D-6

7.4.19. Major Humphery at Devonport embarking "TRAS-OS-MONTES".  
 Col. Smith and Major Johnstone inspected "KARAGOLA" "DEVANHA" AND " BOONAH".

8.4.19. Major Humphery at Devonport "TRAS-OS-MONTES" delayed. Engine trouble.  
 Major Johnstone with Lieut. Minnis inspected "CHINA" and "COMMONWEALTH".  
 Col. Smith conference with D. of M. & G: "DEVANHA" "KARAGOLA" and "BOONAH" finalised.  
 Arranged with D.M.G. for an M.O. to embark "MEDIC". "SUFFOLK" & "COMMONWEALTH" and "CASTALIA".  
 Capt. Holmes inspected "KAISER-I-HIND" at Southampton.

9.4.19. Col. Smith inspected "BORDA" "WINDHUK" and "LUCIE WEERMAN".  
 Major Humphery final inspection "SUFFOLK" 11 a.m. R.A.D.

10.4.19. Col. Smith and Major Johnstone inspected "WAHHEE" "COMMONWEALTH" and "BORDA".  
 Major Humphery finalizing "WINDHUK" and "LUCIE WEERMAN".

11.4.19. Major Johnstone: Final inspection "COMMONWEALTH".  
 Progress inspection of "SARDINIA" and "MARATHON" also "ALEXANDER WEERMAN".  
 Col. Smith inspected "SOUDAN".  
 Major Humphery Sick.

12.4.19. Capt. Holmes inspected "RIO-NEGRO" and "RIO-PARDO". Australia House moved to the address.  
 Interview with D.M.S. arranged for three additional E.M.O. Officers. Lieut-Col. Jeffries to be at the disposal of the Board after 22nd instant.

*Rayton Hunt*  
 Brig-General.  
 DIRECTOR OF MOVEMENTS & QUARTERS  
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DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION.  
PROGRESS REPORT BY BRANCH 3D. FOR WEEK UP TO AND INCLUDING 12-4-1919.

The work of the sections has been as follows:-

3D1.

RECORDS. Owing to the increase of applications being dealt with by I.D. the number of verifications of locations and particulars of the applicants has been greatly in excess of previous weeks.

REGISTRY. This sub-section is working much more smoothly and complaints have been very few. In no case brought to light has there been any serious delay.

STATISTICS.

Returns. The following returns were compiled and issued during the week:- A13, B13, C13, D13, E13, F8, H11, K6, X28 (Warwickshire and Armagh) X29 (Tros es Montes) X30 (Medic).

The following new returns were also compiled and issued:-

JA1) - Action of Branches in connection with Forms 540 & 545.

JA2)

M1. - Discharges elsewhere than in Australia.

N1. - Early Repatriations.

P1. - Extended leave.

T1. - A.I.F. in Depots in U.K. (Classified).

VI. - Units of A.I.F. Demobilised or Amalgamated.

Miscellaneous statements.

The following were compiled and issued:-

M.S.24. W.O.s and Sgts. in France.

M.S.25. Comparison of prospective and actual embarkations.

M.S.26. A.I.F. in Depots (Classified.)

M.S.27. Publicity wire.

Graphs, & Strength Calender.

These were corrected up to date.

Census of A.I.F.

Returns have been received from:-

H.Q., A.I.F.

A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

D.M.S. A.I.F.

B. Aust. Div. Group.

3rd Aust. Div.

The work of compilation is proceeding.

Census of Wives etc. in U.K.

Arrangements have been made for a census of wives and dependants of members of the A.I.F. in U.K. Arrangements were also made to ascertain the number likely to ask the Repatriation and Demobilisation Department to send them to Australia.

Shipping Criticism.

Although only three transports sailed during the week end 12th April 1919 as against seven during the preceding week, approximately the same embarkation rate was maintained, the 13 ships being of greater carrying capacity.

A.I.F. FORM. 534.

(1) Number of A.I.F. Forms 534 for week ended 12-4-19 - 1103.

Total number of A.I.F. Forms received to 12-4-19 - 124310.

(2) Number of A.I.F. Forms <sup>534</sup> completed for:-

H.M.A.T. "MEDIC" - 911.

H.M.A.T. "SUFFOLK" - 774.

H.M.A.T. "WYREEMA" - 337.

H.M.A.T. "CASTALIA" - 695.

H.M.A.T. "COMMONWEALTH" 719.

Total number of A.I.F. Forms (completed) placed on board

Transports for week ended 12-4-19 - 3436.

Total number of A.I.F. Forms (completed) placed on board

Transports - - - - 25698.

(3) Number of Education Slips detached from Forms 534 and

despatched to Education Department - - 60.

Progress. During the third week in March Nominal Rolls were sent to Units asking them to complete A.I.F. Form 534 for the members of the A.I.F. named thereon, for whom no form has been received in this Department.

These returns are slow in coming in, but receipts show that this is an effective way of obtaining a form for every member still with the A.I.F.

The latest boat rolls for the "MEDIC", "WYREEMA", "SUFFOLK" and "COMMONWEALTH" show an average of 9% of the forms missing.

against 30% of the forms missing for month of March  
 Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K. are now "speeding  
 up" units in making a clean up of all outstanding forms.  
 Staff at A.B.P.O. still on compiling Nominal Rolls for  
 those members of the A.I.F. who have not yet completed a form.  
 The Staff of this Section at 54, Victoria Street, in  
 addition to completing Boat Rolls are filling in the Federal  
 Electorates on the foot of forms received.

3.D.2.  
EMBARKATION  
QUOTAS.

Checking and recording movements of quotas and warning  
 units. Issuing weekly return of Movements and adjuting  
 charts.

The following movements took place during the week:-

Date.	Quota.	Unit.	Off.	O.Rs.
<u>Entrainments.</u>				
7/4	28	2nd Division.	55	897.
9/4	29	3rd Division.	25	975 app.
9/4	30	4th Division.	25	975 "
10/4	31	5th Division.	25	975 "
12/4	32	1st Division.	25	975 "
<u>Arrivals at Havre.</u>				
6/4	27	1st Division.	41	932
8/4	28	2nd Division.	55	897
10/4	29	3rd Division.	25	975 app.
10/4	30	4th Division.	25	975 "
<u>Departure from Havre and arrival in U.K.</u>				
7/4	24	DEPO.		
		3rd Div. GODFORD.	47	920.
8/4	25	4th Div. HURDCOTT.	44	929.
9/4	26	5th Div. WEYMOUTH.	28	963.
10/4	27	1st Div. LONGBRIDGE		
		DEVERILL.	41	933.
11/4	28	2nd Div. SUTTON-		
		VENY.	55	897.

During the week 215 Officers and 4642 O.R.s. arrived at  
 Depots in U.K. enroute to Australia.

EARLY  
REPATRIATION.

Receiving and recording Rolls etc. The following Table  
 shows details of personnel approved and notified for early  
 repatriation:-

Divisional Group.	Number.
Corps.	--
1st Division.	12
2nd Division.	17
3rd Division.	13.
4th Division.	20.
5th Division.	7
3rd Echelon.	10.
Total: 79.	

EDUCATION.

Usual recording and filing of correspondence received.

AMALGAMATION  
OF UNITS.

Receiving and recording movements of units amalgamated.  
 Checking and recording same. Recording Cadres and Units  
 as completed.

3.D.3.

- Compilation, Revision, and Distribution of:-  
 Departmental Instructions Nos. 13, 14 & 15.  
 Compilation of War Diary.  
 Daily visits to Contracts Section and Printers.  
 Distribution of all inter-departmental Circulars, Memos.,  
 Orders, etc., received from outside sources.

3.D.4.

1. Supervision of Liaisons.
2. Administration of Departmental Personnel and Interior Economy
3. The matter of supervision of Inwards and Outwards Return
4. Compiling bi-weekly consolidated decisions and rulings if Dept.

5. Compiling weekly consolidated Progress Report for the Branch.  
6. Extracting leading transactions from Progress Reports for the information of the D.G. for the period 6-4-1919 to 12-4-1919 for despatch to Australia.

3.D.6. "A" Divisional Group. (1st and 4th Australian Divisions.)

77 horses and 161 mules were sold to civilians. The average price realised for horses was 1587 Francs and for mules, 758 francs.

"B" Divisional Group. (2nd and 5th Australian Divisions.)

43 horses and 19 mules "Z" class were sold by auction and realised 81,225 francs.

313 "X" and "Y" class animals were sent by rail to the Base.

19 Mules and 6 horses "Z" class were evacuated to V.E.S. as surplus.

3rd Australian Division.

194 "Z" Class animals were sent to Abbeville for disposal by sale to inhabitants.

A.D.V.S. Australian Corps reports that no "Z" class animals are being sold by auction after 5-4-19 and that at the last sale mules realised an average price of 1240 francs.

Total disposals and animal strength for week ending 3-4-19 as per appendices to A.F. A2000.

	"X" & "Y" to Base.	"Z" to Base.	Disposals.			Strength
			"Z" Sold.	Evac.	Total.	
"A" Group.	-	-	238	1	239	906
"B" Group.	313	25	62	50	450	1049
3rd Aust. Div.-		194	-	-	194	375
Aust. Corps Troops.	18	4	-	-	22	116
Aust. Corps Heavy Arty.	-	-	-	-	-	166.
Total remaining.						2612.

Educational facilities for A.A.V.C. Officers.

As a result of a request made by the D.D.V.S., A.I.F. to the Roy College of Veterinary Surgeons and in pursuance of an arrangements consequently made, the Examination Committee of the Institute at a meeting on the 11th inst. approved the applications of 14 Officers A.A.V.C. to be allowed to sit for the Final examination for the Diploma of Membership of the College after the attendance for two terms at a recognised Veterinary College in U.K. The necessary grant of leave to Officers concerned for the purpose of allowing them to qualify to sit for this examination has either been made or is being in course of being arranged.

- 3.D.7.
1. Interviewing Officers, Nurses, and men, supplying information on Repatriation and Demobilisation.
  2. Acknowledging correspondence, sending available literature to A.I.F. Troops.
  3. Submitting matters for decision in cases arising in correspondence and interviews.
  4. Continuing file and index for newscuttings dealing with Demobilisation.
  5. Arranged instituting of Demobilisation Bulletins on lantern-slides to be shown at all Camp Cinemas at A.I.F. Depots, War Chest Club and Australia House, London. As ships sail the fact will be by this means communicated to waiting troops intimating name of ship, number of troops and Quotas.
  6. Lectures delivered: Lieut. N.E. Bushell at A.I.F. War Chest Club on 9 inst. Subject entitled "From War to Peace" illustrated with special lantern slides. The lecturer answered all questions put by his audience. Lieut. Bushell also delivered lectures to numbers of Australian troops waiting for family-ships at HEYTESBURY AND HURDCOTT on Tuesday 8th inst. Lieut. Bushell left London for Tidworth on the 7th inst. staying at Tidworth on the 7th inst. /--

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staying at Tidworth the night and after seeing Major-General Rosenthal, G.O.C. U.S. Depots left on a lecture tour and returned to London from Salisbury the same afternoon.

*BB Halsey*  
Lieut. Colonel.  
Branch. 3D. (Administration.)

16-4-1919.

The following is a summary of the outstanding questions which have engaged the attention of this Branch during the past week.

Disposal of Arms and Accoutrements of Officers of the A.I.F. in France which have been withdrawn under G.I. No. 14 Para. 11. These when collected in France are to be transferred to Australian Ordnance Depot, Millwall Docks.

Consideration of the question of providing Heavy Ordnance Mobile Workshop for Australia, investigations with War Office as to approximate total cost of Machinery, Tools etc. for same, and obtaining A.I.F. expert opinion as to the suitability of the Machinery and Tools for same that are being offered us by the War Office.

Queries with A.Q.M.G., Administrative Section, A.I.F. Headquarters, relative to the cost of Barrack and Hospital Stores, Training and Instructional Stores issued to the A.I.F. in Egypt. The information is required by S.O., 4.D. (Egypt) who has cabled for it to be supplied urgently.

Settlement of types of fuzes to be used for our post-bellum ammunition.

Disposal of certain bicycles issued to Divisional Paymasters in France outside Mobilisation Stores scale, and the cost of which was borne by the A.I.F.

Decision received from Chief of Staff, A.I.F. that Horseshoes and Box Respirators were not to be included in our demands for post-bellum equipment.

Consultations with D.M.T.S., A.I.F. re post-bellum requirements in Mechanical Transport. Decided to refer to a Committee of A.I.F. M.T. experts which will meet on May 1st., the following points.

- (a) Make and type of Vehicle most suitable for Military transport work in Australia.
- (b) Size and weight carrying capabilities.
- (c) Cooling system.
- (d) Engine power.
- (e) Clearance and undergear.
- (f) Chain or worm drive.
- (g) Spare parts - i.e. policy as regards sources of supply.
- (h) Fitting of workshops - Australian versus Imperial Workshops.

The normal routine work of the Sections has been carried out. Draft demands for the following Units of the post-bellum Army have been checked and are now being embodied in their final form for submission to Imperial Authorities:-

Headquarters, Divisional Engineers (France and Egypt)  
Signal Sub-section Field Artillery Brigade (France).

- Signal Sub-section Field Artillery Brigade (Egypt)
- Machine Gun Signal Section (France.)
- Signal Troops, Mounted Brigade (Egypt)
- Mobile Veterinary Section (Egypt)
- Mobile Veterinary Section (France)
- Divisional Headquarters (France)
- Divisional Artillery Headquarters (France.)
- Divisional Trains, A.S.C. (France.)
- Divisional Signal Companies (France)
- Headquarters, Mounted Division (Egypt)
- Headquarters, Mounted Brigade (Egypt)
- Machine Gun Squadron (Egypt)

A.D.O.S., Demobilisation, (France) reported to this office during the week. He states that most satisfactory progress has been made in the demobilisation of Unit Equipment. Hereunder will be found a list of the Units whose stores have been returned to Base and whose lists of same and indents, Board Proceedings, certificates to support deficiencies have been checked and passed to this Branch for record.

Difficulty has however been experienced in regard to L. of C. Units. To put the demobilisation of stores of such Units on a better basis and to ensure that the provisions of General Instructions are carried out by them, it has been arranged that Col. E. T. Leane of this Branch and the A.D.O.S. Demob. (France) shall make a tour of them, commencing the 18th. inst. and lasting 6 days.

Units whose Stores have been returned to Base  
and whose lists are now completed.

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- H.Q. 5th. Div. Artillery
- " 1st. A. F. A. Brigade
- " 2nd. " "
- " 10th. " "
- " 11th. " "
- " 13th. " "
- " 14th. " "
- 1st. Battery A.F.A.
- 2nd. " "
- 6th. " "
- 37th. " "
- 38th. " "
- 39th. " "
- 41st. " "
- 42nd. " "
- 43rd. " "
- 49th. " "
- 50th. " "
- 51st. " "

- H.Q. 1st. Aust. Division.
- " 1st. " Infty. Brigade
- " 2nd. " " "
- " 12th. " " "
- " 13th. " " "
- " 15th. " " "
- 2nd. Infantry Battalion
- 11th. " "
- 15th. " "
- 16th. " "
- 28th. " "
- 31st. " "
- 32nd. " "
- 46th. " "
- 48th. " "
- 49th. " "
- 50th. " "
- 58th. " "
- 4th. Machine Gun Battalion



Units whose Stores have been returned to Base (contd.)

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53rd. Battery, A. F. A.	5th. Machine Gun Battalion.
54th. " " "	4th. Pioneer Battalion
55th. " " "	4th. A.L.T.M. Battery.
101st. How. Battery A. F. A.	7th. " "
105th. " " "	10th. " "
110th. " " "	11th. " "
111th. " " "	12th. " "
113th. " " "	13th. " "
114th. " " "	15th. " "
7th. Medium T.M. Battery	2nd. Coy. A. A. S. C.
8th. " " "	4th. " "
9th. " " "	7th. " "
10th. " " "	18th. " "
H.Q. 1st. D. A. C.	27th. " "
No. 1 Section 1st. D.A.C.	H.Q. 2nd. Div. Engineers.
No. 2 " " "	" 4th. " "
No. 3 " 3rd. "	" 5th. " "
H.Q. 4th. D.A.C.	5th. Field Coy. Engineers
No. 1 Section 4th. D.A.C.	6th. " " "
No. 2 " " "	12th. " " "
H.Q. 5th. D.A.C.	13th. " " "
No. 1 Section 5th. D.A.C.	1st. Army Troops Coy. A.E.
No. 2 " " "	1st. Sanitary Section
No. 3 " " "	3rd. " "
1st. Field Ambulance	4th. " "
3rd. " "	5th. " "
4th. " "	4th. Mobile Veterinary Sect.
5th. " "	
7th. " "	
8th. " "	
9th. " "	
10th. " "	
12th. " "	
13th. " "	
14th. " "	

*Walter Cohen*

BRIGADIER-GENERAL,

4.D.

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

14.4.19.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES.

Week ending April 12th, 1919.

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5D.1. EARLY REPATRIATION.

Nominal Rolls for 6 ships were dealt with showing 288 Officers, 7,066 men - 7,354 in all embarked. £44,160.- in cash was placed on these ships, for which receipts have been received and recorded.

5D.2. ACCOUNTING.

Payments made to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia London, for 1,593 men drawing £6,828 - 18 - 1 Pay, and £7,060 - 2 - 4 subsistence.

Fees on account of 57 men amount to £776 - 19 - 0.

5D.3. RETURNEES TO AUSTRALIA.

To return at own expense for discharge. Approved - 20.

PASSAGES OF DEPENDANTS.

Amount refunded by High Commissioner's Office on account of passages not availed of - Nil.

Army Forms 543 received and passed to Accountancy, - 50, amounting to £1,038.

Cash collected and paid into Family Passages Account - £418.-

APPLICATIONS FOR DEFERRED PAY.

Applications received	-	125.
" approved	-	82.
" disallowed.	-	20.
"under consideration	-	23

EXTENDED LEAVE IN U.K.

Number recommended	9	22.
" disallowed or deferred	-	9
<u>TOTAL CASES.</u>		<u>31.</u>

Approved through Part II Orders - 43.

5D.4. DISCHARGES IN U.K.

Men discharged	-	87.
Final settlements effected	-	13.
Clothing Allowances Paid.	-	72.
Settlements of men discharged in Australia.	-	Nil.
Cases investigated.	-	25.
Applications dealt with.	-	70.
Gratuity credited to discharges. (total to date)	-	125.
Disbursed.		£7,153 - 15 - 5.

5D.5. NON-MILITARY EMPLOYMENT.

866 Applications dealt with.  
630 " approved through Part II Orders.

*M. J. O'Connell*  
Captain.  
for Colonel.  
CHIEF PAYMASTER, A.I.P. 5D

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Director General	-	1
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Liaison Officer to		
Prime Minister		1.
War Diary		3.

DEPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION DEPARTMENT.

Progress Report by Branch I.D. for week up to, and including 19th April, 1919.

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1. I.D.

A Conference was held on 16th April, 1919 at which Major-General the Hon. Sir J.W. McCay, Brigadier-General McGlinn, Director Branch I.D., and Representatives of Sub-Branches I.D.1, I.D.2, & I.D.3, were present, and various matters in connection with Non-Military Employment were discussed.

Area Officers have been appointed, and up to date, 5 have gone out to their respective provincial Areas, and 5 have taken up duty in the London Area.

Checking and submitting applications for decision carried on.

Appendix "A" shows the applications dealt with to date, under their respective headings.

2. I.D.E. Non-Military Employment (Educational).

Books were issued to London and U.K. Depots.

Books indented for during week ---- 149

Stock of Books on hand, 17.4.19 --- 18,731.

Correspondence Courses.

7 Scholarships were requested from the I.C.S., and 2 Students notified that Scholarships had been awarded to them.

The total number of Scholarships operating to 17.4.19, is 456.

Universities.

Arrangements for the placing of Students in France are now improved, owing, no doubt, to the interposition of Dr. Siegfried of the French Mission. But there are some which concern the Service itself more especially needing attention. The A.I.F. Students in France need to be regarded only as the first representatives of Australia in the systematic use of the educational resources of France.

The Rue examinations are now in progress. Last news from there said that all the conditions were likely to be good. The N.S.W., Education Department will recognise "Rue" certificates as of Leaving Certificate standard.

The special vacation course at the Council of Legal Education has finished, and the thanks of the Service have been rendered to the Americans for their treatment of A.I.F. Students as their Guests. A tour to places of legal and historical interest in Scotland has been arranged for a small party of the Students during the remainder of the vacation.

A reply has been received from the Universities of Australia expressing their willingness to cooperate in the scheme for the granting of scholarships tenable in Australia by British service men.

The University of Sydney has been empowered to pay fees at any educational institution abroad for any person holding a public exhibition at the University of Sydney who has been engaged in war service.

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#### Technical.

A steady flow of incoming Applications for Non-Military Employment has been maintained during the week, a very small decrease being shown as against last weeks figures.

The Majority of Applications now being received fall under the heading "Miscellaneous", and, owing to the very varied character of the employment the majority of these miscellaneous cases require, a considerable amount of difficulty is being experienced in obtaining suitable openings in Firms or Schools.

The Applications received and dealt with by Sections dealing with higher technical training shows a very marked decrease.

The volume of 540's still held in Sections to be dealt with shows a very favourable position over the previous week's figures.

Every effort is now being made to visit periodically the Firms or Institutions at which members of the A.I.F. are placed, and great appreciation is expressed by all ranks on H.M.E. at these visits, as numerous little points about H.M.E. can be cleared up, and also information given concerning demobilisation of the A.I.F.

#### Agricultural.

There has been a decrease in the number of Applications for Non-Military Employment.

Lt. Greed proceeded to Hull for the purpose of working over that portion of Yorkshire.

W.O. Wright, in addition to visiting more farmers in Aberdeenshire, completed arrangements for a tour of some of the principal farming districts of Scotland by a party to be sent from the Depots shortly after Easter.

Negotiations have been advanced a stage with the Imperial Education Committee with a view to sending a large party of A.I.F. men to attend the Royal Agricultural Society's show at Cardiff in June. This Committee is also arranging a special "Imperial tour", which it is expected the Australian Delegates will attend.

#### General.

The total authorised expenditure for period ending 12/4/19 amounts to £10947. 11. 11.

Arrangements made for various Lectures to be given in the Sutton Veny Area.

1 Officer and 4 other ranks were added to the Staff during the week and 1 Officer and 1 other rank struck off.

Arrangements have now been completed for the supply of 5 lanterns to U.K. Depots.

During the period ending 17.4.19, the number of Applications dealt with was as follows :-

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Passed to S.D.</u>	<u>Rejected.</u>	<u>Passed to I.D.S.</u>
University.	35	42	3	---
Technical.	269	215	36	27
Agricultural.	173	156	21	---
<b>TOTALS :-</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>27</b>

In addition 4 Forms 545 were passed to S.D.

3. I.D.S. Non-Military Employment (Industrial).

There is nothing of importance to report with regard to SHIPBUILDING, GENERAL ENGINEERING, MOTORS, AIRCRAFTS, ELECTRICAL, MISCELLANEOUS or BUILDING TRADES, other than that men are steadily going out to work and efforts are still being made to place those for whom 540's are held.

WOOLS & TEXTILES.

Courses at Leeds University commence next week - one for 3 months on Textile work and one for 6 months, Wool & Stock Course. Both courses absorbing 40 men.

A course for 20 men at Halifax Technical College starts next week and all arrangements have been made for men entering it.

INDUSTRIAL.

The District Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Shipbuilding Federation, Carpenters' & Joiners' Unions, Shipwrights' and Electrical Union, were visited in connection with offers of jobs, at Cardiff, as mentioned in last week's report. Prospects are not too good here as the work done is only repair work, which is not of a continuous nature.

The building trades are still bad and nothing can be done in these trades as yet in this District.

The Electrical trade is good and many orders have been received for skilled men.

In Barrow-in-Furness the Bricklayers' Union are giving every assistance and are placing men.

No industrial unrest of any importance has taken place during the week and minor difficulties with Unions are being amicably settled.

ORDNANCE.

During this week 400 civilian suits and 430 suits of overalls have been issued to men going out on Non-Military Employment. 145 Standard Sets of Tools have been supplied.

GENERAL.

The difficulty in connection with the issue of tools has now been overcome.

*J. H. M. M. M.*  
Colonel,  
Director, Branch, I.D.

APPENDIX "A"

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Period ending 12.4.19.	Week ending 19.4.19.	Total to 19.4.19.	Remarks.
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**"A". Discharges (Form 535).**

Applications received	2010	82	2092	Includes 120 cases reconsidered.
" Not approved	609	18	627	
" Referred	127	11	138	
" Approved	1274	53	1327	

**"B". Early Repatriations (Form 537).**

Applications received	3985	100	4085	Includes 48 approved by Defence Cable & 16 reconsidered cases.
" Not approved	956	35	1001	
" Referred	35	3	38	
" Approved	2986	62	3048	

**"C". Extended Leave (Form 539).**

Applications received	642	21	663	Includes 47 cases approved previous to inauguration of present system.
" Not approved	2	2	4	
" Referred	37	2	39	
" Approved	603	17	620	

**"D". Non-Military Employment, (Form 540).**

Applications received	9440	587	9427	Includes 119 cases of completion of one period of N.M.E., & subsequent extension.
" Not approved	20	---	20	
" Referred	528	19	547	
" Approved	8292	568	8860	

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 22nd April 1919.2D-1 RAIL TRANSPORT.

1. Issue of Railway Warrants as required and check of all Railway Warrants issued by A.I.F. in U.K. and returns in connection with same, excepting for A.I.F. Depots.
2. Adjustment of irregularities in Railway Warrants used by A.I.F. personnel.
3. Entrainment of details embarking by the following Transports were supervised. Viz:-

s.s. "COMMONWEALTH"	Main Embarkation Party.
s.s. "WYREEMA"	do
s.s. "MARATHON"	Medical details, Advance Party Nurses and Main Party.
s.s. "SARDINIA"	do do
s.s. "BOONAH"	Advance Party. Pay Staff and Main Party.

4. Ship's Stores were forwarded to the following Transports Viz;

s.s. "BOONAH"	s.s. "IRISHMAN"
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5. Movement of miscellaneous stores in U.K., and to France, and Egypt was arranged.
6. General Indenting and arrangements for Printing etc., were carried out.
7. General correspondence in connection with the above.

2D-2 SEA TRANSPORT.

The following Transports were cleared from embarkation ports.

Ship	Officers and Nurses	W.O's & Sgts.	O/Ranks.	Total A.I.F.
MARATHON	36 86	98	637	771
SARDINIA	72	180	895	1147
BOONAH	24	72	744	840

2D-3 QUARTERING.

Arranged accommodation for detachment of 4th Div: H.Q.  
at 10, Lowndes Street.



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2D-5 EMBARKATION OF PERSONNEL.

The following ships have embarked, the rolls for which have been completed, finalized and checked.

- s.s. "MARATHON"
- s.s. "SARDINIA"
- s.s. "BOONAH"

During the preceeding week applications were  
 received from men in Depots ..... 239  
 making a total to date ..... 3485

Applications received from Dependents..... 75  
 making a total to date ..... 1878

The following Family ships are now available -

- s.s. "WAHEHE" 2nd class accommodation only -8 80 dependent
- s.s. "WINDHUK" which will carry approximately 200 "

2D-6

Major Finn reported for Duty. Inspected the following Ships:-

- " RIO PARDO"
- " RIO NEGRO"
- "WAHEHE"
- " WINDHUK"
- " KONIG FREDERICK"
- " CHINA"
- " MARATHON"
- " SARDINIA"
- " PRINZ LUDWIG"
- " PRINZ HUBERT"
- " PORT NAPIER"
- " KONIGIN LOUISE"
- " ORONTES"

*Walter M. Bagston*

Col Brig-General.  
DIRECTOR OF MOVEMENTS & QUARTERING.

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DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION.

PROGRESS REPORT BY BRANCH 3D. FOR WEEK UP TO AND INCLUDING:-

19th. April, 1919.

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The work of the sections has been as follows:-

3D1 RECORDS. Inquiries in this sub-section have been numerous.

REGISTRY. A Conference of Liaison N.C.O.'s was held on Tuesday 15th. April, 1919, when points were discussed relative to the procedure of Registry work.

STATISTICS.  
Returns. The following returns were compiled and issued during the week:- A14, B14, C14, D14, E14, J11, L10, JAS, M2, N2, P2, R2, T2, V2, X31, ("SUFFOLK" COMMON-WEALTH" "CASTALIA" & "WYREEMA".)

Miscellaneous Statements. The following were compiled and issued:-

M.S. 28 Strength by Location of A.I.F. in Europe.

M.S. 29 Publicity Wire.

M.S. 30 W.O.'s & Sgts. in France.

Graphs and Strength Calenders.

These were corrected up to date.

Census A.I.F.

Completed Returns have not yet been received from all Units.

Census of wives etc. in U.K.

Arrangements have now been completed for this Census.

Shipping Criticism.

Five ships sailed during the week as against three for the previous week, but the rate of embarkation remained about the same.

A.I.F. FORM 534.

No. of A.I.F. Forms 534 for week 19.4.19. 34.

Total No. of A.I.F. Forms 534 recd. to 19.4.19. 12434

Total No. of A.I.F. Forms completed for:-

H.M.A.T. "SARDINIA" 106

H.M.A.T. "MARATHON" 57

H.M.A.T. "BOONAH" 72

Total number of A.I.F. Forms (completed) placed on board transports for week ended 19.4.19. 230

Number of A.I.F. Forms 534 returned by O.C. Troops "Balmoral Castle" (failed to embark)

Total Number of A.I.F. Forms (completed) placed on board transports 280

Number of Education slips detached from forms 534 and despatched to Education Department 2

Progress.

The Staff at A.B.F.O. will have completed the compilation of Nominal Rolls about the end of this month. The staff of the section will then be reduced.

The work of filling in Federal Electorate on foot of A.I.F. Form 534 is being continued.

The forms for transports are showing a better percentage but the percentage of missing forms is high for troops embarking on boats marked "invalid"

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Embarkation Quotas.

Checking and recording movements of quotas and warning units. Issuing weekly return of Movements and adjusting charts. The following movements took place during the week:-

Date	Quota	Unit	Off.	O.Rs.
<u>Entrainments at Gamaches &amp; Charleroi.</u>				
12/4	32	1st. Division	47	924
14/4	33	2nd. Division	90	850
16/4	34	3rd. Division	52	912
16/4	35	4th. Division	25	975 app.
17/4	36	5th. Division	25	975 "
19/4	37	1st. Division	25	975 "

Arrivals at Havre.

11/4	31	5th. Division	39	950
13/4	32	1st. Division	47	924
15/4	33	2nd. Division	90	850
16/4	34	3rd. Division	52	912
17/4	35	4th. Division	25	975 app.
18/4	36	5th. Division	25	975 "

Departure from Havre and arrival in U.K.

15/4	29	3rd. Division	CODFORD	53	938
16/4	30	4th. Division	HURDCOTT	47	912
17/4	31	5th. Division	WEYMOUTH	39	950
18/4	32	1st. Division	LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	47	934
19/4	33	2nd. Division	SUTTON VENY	90	850

During the week 276 Officers and 4574 O.R.s arrived at Depots in U.K. en route to Australia.

Early Repatriation.

Receiving and recording Rolls etc. Table "A" attached shows details of personnel approved and notified for early repatriation. Total for week 16 O.Rs.

Education.

Usual recording and filing of correspondence received.

Amalgamation of Units.

Receiving and recording movements of Units amalgamated. Checking and recording same. Recording Cadres and Units as completed.

3D3.

Compilation, revision, printing, and distribution of:-

General Instruction No. 20.

Departmental Instruction No. 18.

Daily visit to Contracts Section and Printers. Distribution of all inter-departmental Circulars, Orders, Memos, etc., received from outside sources. Compilation of War Diary.

3D6.

"A" Australian Division Group. At the final sale for this unit 247 animals were sold to civilians for work, the total price realised being 326,325 francs. The average price for horses (67) was 1923 francs, and that for mules (180) was 1109 francs.

"B" Australian Divisional Group. 46 horses and 19 mules were sent to the V.E.S. for sale as surplus. 15 animals were sold to Horse Butchers. 29 horses and 136 mules ("2" class) were en-trained/

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STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF OTHER RANKS  
ORDERED FOR EARLY REPATRIATION FROM FRANCE  
DURING WEEK ENDING 19.4.19.

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Divisional Group.	Number.
1st. Division	5
2nd. Division	2
3rd. Division	1
4th. Division	5
5th. Division	1
3rd. Echelon	<u>2</u>
Total.	<u>16.</u>

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19th. April, 1919.

3.D.2.

entrained for Abbeville.

Personnel. On the suggestion of A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps "Q" was advised to order that all Officers and Sgts. A.A.V.C. attached to Units were to be demobilised by the Units to which they were attached. The D.A.D.V.S. concerned to be notified of each departure and care being taken that their papers were marked A.A.V.C.

3rd. Australian Division.

Three animals were evacuated.

Australian Corps. No return received since last weekly report by this Branch.

Total disposals and animal strength for week ending 10.4.19. ( in France ) are approximately as follows:-

	<u>Disposals.</u>			Total.	<u>Strength.</u>
	To base for sale.	Sold.	Evacd.		
"A" Group	-	247	-	247	659
"B" Group	165	15	-	180	809
	65 to V.E.S.			245	
3rd.Div.	-	-	3	3	365
Aust. Corps Troops					116
Aust. Corps Hvy. Arty.					166
				Total remaining	<u>2115</u>

Australian Veterinary Hospital.

In accordance with instructions from Aust. Section 3rd. Echelon, this unit was demobilised on 10.4.19. - the Hospital premises to be handed over to Imperial Remount Services. Of the commissioned personnel three Officers (1918 reinforcements ) were despatched to Aust Corps and the O.C. and three other Officers proceeded to U.K. for early repatriation. Of the subordinate personnel 50 have been despatched to U.K. for repatriation in due course, and the remainder (being late reinforcements) sent for duty with various A.I.F. Units in France and Belgium.

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Interviewing officers, nurses and men; supplying information on repatriation and demobilisation. Acknowledging correspondence; sending available literature to A.I.F. troops. Submitting matters for decision in cases arising in correspondence and interviews. Continuing file and index for newscuttings dealing with Demobilisation. Informing Press of particulars of lecture at War Chest Club by Lt. J.E. Vaughan on 'Educating an Army Corps'. Lecture delivered by Lt. J.H. Vaughan on 'Educating an Army Corps' at War Chest Club on 16th. April, 1919, illustrated with special lantern slides. The lecturer answered all questions put by his audience.

*W. H. Dudley* Lt. Col.  
Branch 3.D. (Administration).

23rd. April, 1919.

Usual Routine Work of the office has been carried out during the week under review.

The questions of outstanding importance dealt with were:-

Supply of Bombs and Hand Grenades or Rifle Grenades for post-bellum Army. The bearings of this question have been fully set out and Chief of Staff has been asked to define a policy for the guidance of this Branch in preparation of demands.

The question of disposal of stores on charge to Training Units of the A.I.F. in U.K. was further taken up and A.D.O.S., Demobilisation in U.K. called upon to expedite settlement of same.

S.O. 4.D. Egypt has reported his inability to discover how the personal equipment of 1st. Squadron A.F.C. was disposed of on demobilisation of the Unit. Steps were taken to investigate the matter and the information was communicated to S.O. 4.D. (Egypt).

Additional to those reported on 14.4.19, demands for post-bellum equipment of the following Units have been drawn up and checked, and are now being typed for final submission to War Office.

5 Machine Gun Battalions and their Headquarters (France)

Medium T. M. Battery (France)

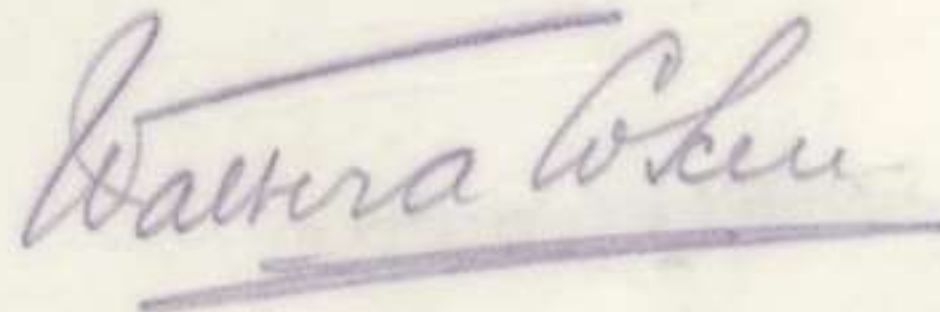
Divisional Trains (Egypt)

Signal Squadron less "A" Troop (Egypt)

Brigade Headquarters (France)

Light Trench Mortar Batteries (France)

On the 17.4.19. Col. E. T. Leane of this Branch proceeded to France on a tour of inspection of L. of C. Units with regard to Demobilisation of Stores.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL,

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES.

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Week ending April 19th, 1919.

5D.1 Early Repatriation.

Nominal rolls for 5 ships were dealt with showing 237 Officers, 4,092 men - 4,329 in all embarked. £25,760 in cash was placed on these ships for which receipts have been received and recorded.

5D.2. Accounting.

No payments this week.

5D.3. Returnees to Australia.

To return at own expense for discharge - 21.  
" " " " " discharge  
with 50 days pay..... - 1.

Passages of Dependents.

Amounts refunded by High Commissioners Office on account of passages not availed of - 21 items amounting to £698. Army Form 543 received and passed to Accountancy - 4, amounting to £62.-  
Cash collected and paid into Family Passage Account - £463.-

Applications for Deferred Pay.

Applications received	-	120.
Approved	-	75.
Disallowed	6	23.
Under consideration	-	22.

Extended Leave in U.K.

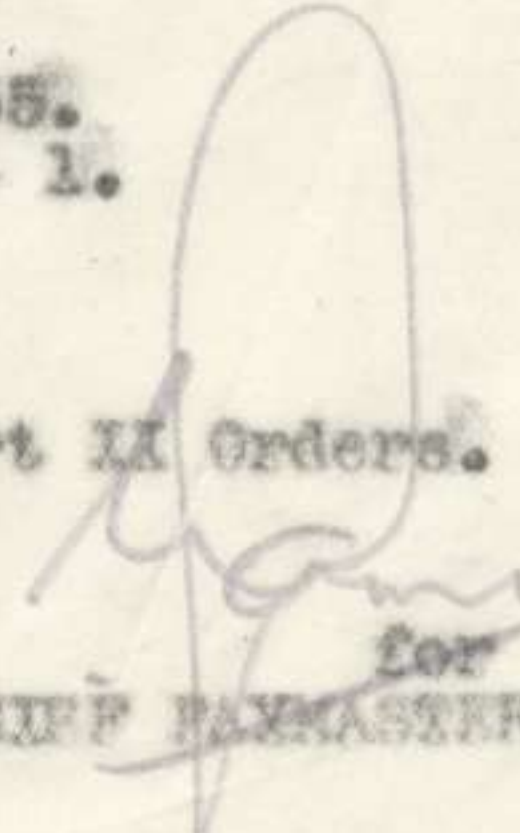
Number recommended	-	13.
" disallowed or deferred	-	11.
TOTAL CASES.		<u>24.</u>
Approved through Part II Orders.....		42.

5D.4. Discharges in U.K.

Men discharged	-	66.
Final settlements effected	-	16.
Clothing allowances paid	-	62.
Settlements of men discharged in Australia.)	-	Nil.
Cases investigated	-	12.
Applications dealt with	-	46.
Gratuity credited to discharges.	-	155.
Disbursed	-	£6,124 - 17 - 1.

5D.5. Non-Military Employment.

720 Applications dealt with.  
698 " approved through Part II Orders.

  
Captain.  
for Colonel.  
CHIEF BAYMASTER, A. I. F.  
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DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION

PROGRESS REPORT - FOR WEEK ENDING

20.4.19

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- Branch 1.D. - Non-Military Employment
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Progress Report by Branch I.D., for week up to, and including 26th April, 1919.

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1. I.D. Checking and submitting applications for decision carried on.

Appendix "A" shows the total number of applications dealt with to date by Branch I.D., under their respective headings.

2. I.D.2. Non-Military Employment (Educational).

Library.

Books were issued to Corps Headquarters, Havre, U.K. Depots and Reference Library.

Volumes indented for during week	-----	211.
Stock of Books on hand 24-4-19	-----	19,337.

Arrangements have been made with the Central Students' Library, Tavistock Square, for members of the A.I.F., doing Educational courses to obtain Reference Books on loan from that Library. As this library contains over 16,000 works of Reference for students, this additional facility for A.I.F. students means a great help to the Service.

Correspondence Courses.

5 Students notified that Scholarships had been awarded to them, and 1 fresh Scholarship requested from I.C.S. Total Scholarships operating to date---- 461.

Universities.

25 Applications were received and 18 recommended. A large number of enquiries were dealt with in this Section during the week.

Technical.

Incoming forms show a marked decrease this week as against last week's figures. The majority of applications again fall under the heading of Miscellaneous, and the number placed has been well maintained. The applications for higher technical training continue to show a marked decrease. The number of 540's still held in Section to be dealt with is about the same as last week.

Further tours of inspections of the firms and institutions at which members of the A.I.F. are placed have been made and all ranks are making good progress, excellent reports being received from all employers and Principals.

Agricultural.

The number of applications for Non-Military employment is becoming less week by week, being 136 for the current week. On the other hand the number of men to be interviewed and placed is very heavy, as most of those with definite requirements and outstanding qualifications have already been accommodated and the remainder consists largely of men who are being sent up from the Pool and can only be placed after an interview.

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Considerable difficulty is being encountered in obtaining sufficient places on good stock properties to meet the demand, especially as regards shorthorn cattle and Clydesdale horses. The openings in Jersey are proving particularly helpful and Lt. Bennet of the Imperial Army reports very favourably on the work that is being done by our men there.

The majority of the reports from men on Non-Military employment indicates the educational value of the scheme. Very few are unsatisfactory. In spite of the care exercised in choosing properties, a few farmers have not treated our men as well as we could have hoped, but in these cases the men have so far been replaced in the immediate vicinity. Most owners have treated the men with the utmost consideration.

Wool courses. - Leeds Stock and Wool Course & Leeds Textile Course, combined, secured 36 men out of the 40 required. At Halifax Technical School 20 are reporting this week to start on Monday. The Bradford class has been filled. There has been difficulty in obtaining sufficient students for the Galashiels course to start on the 28th and so far only 12 out of 30 have reported. We are daily awaiting the arrival of a number of forms from the A.F.D., which appear to have been delayed. The difficulty in filling classes to specific dates is always considerable. The Wool Course at Manchester Technical College is being filled.

The reports of Officers seeking properties on which to place our men are not so satisfactory as usual. Capt. Joynt, V.C., at Canterbury and Lewes, Lt. Sanson in Devon & W.O. Yeomans in Shropshire have each reported relatively few properties for the week, and it must be expected from now on that our work will be hindered by the demobilisation of the British troops.

W.O. Wright came down from Scotland, arranged the details of an agricultural tour of Scotland and returned to Aberdeen. Fortunately a number of openings is still being reported from the Scottish area.

Lt. Creed visited York and Driffield and is returning to Lincoln having secured places on a few more good sheep properties.

Tours. - A party of 25 left for Scotland on the 22nd April, under Capt. Joynt, V.C., and arrangements had been made for them to visit important studs in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen, Elgin and Ayr.

Another party of 18, now at Lincoln, reported to Lt. Creed on the 23rd, attended important cattle, sheep and horse sales and has since visited Leeds and Bradford.

#### General.

The total authorised expenditure for period ending 19-4-19 amounts to £10974. 17. 0.

Arrangements made for various Lectures to be given in Bedford and Weymouth Areas.

One Officer and two other ranks were struck off the Staff, and one other rank added, during the week.

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During the period ending 24-4-19, the number of Applications dealt with was as follows :-

	<u>Recd.</u>	<u>Passed to S.D.</u>	<u>Rejected.</u>	<u>Passed to I.D.S.</u>
University.	31	8	---	---
Technical.	128	128	17	16
Agricultural.	120	76	22	---
<b>TOTALS :-</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>16</b>

In addition to the above, 9 Forms 545 were also passed to S.D.

3. I.D.S. Non-Military Employment (Industrial).

There is nothing of importance to report for sub-sections SHIPBUILDING or GENERAL ENGINEERING.

MOTORS - AIRCRAFTS - ELECTRICAL.

Motors :-

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Reece of the National School of Motoring, 2a Barry Road, East Dulwich, to place 28 men per month at a fee of £4-10/- per man, in School for Driving and Running Repairs.

WOOLS & TEXTILES.

The Officer in charge of this Section at Leeds writes to the effect that pay and Subsistence troubles are still bad and that in future he is submitting a list fortnightly, a few days before payments are due, of all officers and men who are down for payment, so that any queries that might be raised should be immediately investigated. This should obviate any further difficulty.

It is anticipated that by the end of next week approximately 250 officers and men will be engaged on Wool & Textile work in the Leeds and Bedford area.

INDUSTRIAL.

The Associated Blacksmiths' & Iron Workers Society, Glasgow, have written objecting to our men being placed in their trades, owing to the number of unemployed in their area. They have been advised that their wishes will be respected.

Very little unrest or industrial trouble has taken place during the week, and as far as the employment of our men is concerned everything is proceeding satisfactorily.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Railways - All lists of men which have been submitted to the Railway Executive for experience with the British Railways have been approved, and it is now possible for the remainder of the 540's held to be submitted. (This does not include applications for experience in Electrical Train driving of whom it is only possible to place 6).

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(LIAISON) ORDNANCE.

During the week 193 civilian suits have been issued. 290 suits of Overalls and 166 of standard Tools (Sets) supplied.

GENERAL.

During the week ending April 26th, 299 540's were received, 252 recommended and 200 men actually put out on their jobs.

This shows a falling off of results which is accounted for, however, by the Easter holidays coming in this period, and no men being sent from Depots or H.M.E., during these days.

Up to date 73 Applications for extensions have been recommended.

Many cases are still being brought to notice of men having trouble with their pay and subsistence and an Officer has now been detailed to personally look into such cases with S.D.; now that the Area Officers are actually at work this difficulty should to a large extent be overcome.

South Wales has been canvassed and the prospects of placing a number of men in that district appears good, as both employers and Trade Unions are receiving our scheme with favour.

*A. Murch*  
Colonel,  
Director, Branch I.D.

28-4-19.

Applications dealt with by Branch I.D.

	Period ending 19.4.19.	Week ending 26.4.19.	Total to 26.4.19.	Remarks.
<u>"A". Discharges. (Form 535).</u>				
Applications received	2022	115	2207	Includes 156 cases re-considered.
" Not approved	622	8	630	
" Referred	138	2	140	
" Approved	1332	105	1437	
<u>"B". Early Repatriations, Form 537.</u>				
Applications received	4085	159	4244	Includes 48 approved by Defence Cables & 16 reconsid- ed cases.
" Not approved	1001	25	1026	
" Referred	36	--	36	
" Approved	3048	134	3182	
<u>"C". Extended Leave, Form 539.</u>				
Applications received	663	18	681	Includes 47 cases approved previous to inauguration of present system.
" Not approved	4	--	4	
" Referred	39	2	41	
" Approved	620	16	636	
<u>"D". Non-Military Employment, Form 540.</u>				
Applications received	9427	622	10049	Includes 148 cases of com- pletion of one period of H.M. & subsequent extension.
" Not approved	20	8	28	
" Referred	547	24	571	
" Approved	8860	590	9450	

Total Applications received to 26.4.19. .... 17,181.

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BRANCH 2D. DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION.

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Progress Report for Week ended 26.4.19.

2D.1. Rail Transport.

1. Issue of Railway Warrants as required, and check of all Railway Warrants by A.I.F. in U.K., and returns in connection with same, excepting for A.I.F. Depots.

2. Adjustment of irregularities in Railway Warrants used by A.I.F. personnel.

3. Entrainment of details embarking by following transports was supervised, viz:-

s.s. "Runic"	Advance Party, Medical Details, Pay Staff and Main Party.
s.s. "Karagola"	Medical Details, Advance Party.
s.s. "China"	Medical Details.

4. Ships' stores were forwarded to the following transports, viz:-

s.s. "Leicestershire", s.s. "Karagola", s.s. "China".

Medical stores and Red Cross stores, were forwarded to the s.s. "Alexander Woerman."

5. Movement of miscellaneous stores in U.K. and to France and Egypt was arranged.

500 cases of Whisky were shipped per s.s. "Khiva" to Egypt.

Deceased soldiers' effects and guns were forwarded to the s.s. "Boonah" for transmission to Australia.

6. General indenting and arrangements for printing, etc., were carried out.

7. General correspondence in connection with same.

2D. 2. Sea Transport.

The undermentioned transport was cleared from port of Liverpool:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Officers &amp; Nurses.</u>	<u>W.Os. &amp; Sgts.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Runic	37	132	1,122	1,291

2D. 5. Embarkation of Personnel.

The "Runic" embarked on 27th instant. Rolls for same were completed and finalised.

The applications received to date from Officers, N.C.Os. and men in Depots - 3,714.

The applications received from women whose husbands have already returned - 1,938.

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2D. 6. Board of Survey.

1. Conference with Ministry of Shipping. All standard fittings agreed on.

2. Following transports inspected:-

China	Rio Pardo
Soudan	Wahehe
Port Napier	Alexander Woermann
Karagola	Konig. Fred August.
Devanha	Borda
Orontes	Lucy Woermann
Zealandia	Kaisar-i-Hind

*Hecker*  
*for*

Brig.-General.  
 Director of Movements & Quartering, A.I.F.

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DEPARTMENT OF REPATRIATION & DEMOBILISATION.  
 PROGRESS REPORT BY BRANCH 3.D. FOR WEEK UP TO AND INCLUDING 26/4/19.

The work of the sections has been as follows:-

3.D.1.

(1) Number of A.I.F. Forms No. 534 for week ended 26.4.19.	251
Total number of A.I.F. Forms received to 26.4.19.	124595
(2) Number of A.I.F. forms completed for - H.M.A.T.. "ROWIC" 1196	
Total number of A.I.F. Forms (completed) placed on board Transports	29270

PROGRESS. Staff at A.B.P.O. reduced to 3 men, as work is nearing completion.

The work of filling in Federal Electorate on foot of A.I.F. Form 534 being continued.

A very good percentage of forms placed on transports obtained.

*For 3D1b see page 3.*

3.D.2. EMBARKATION QUOTAS. Checking and recording movements of quotas and warning units. Issuing weekly return of Movements and adjusting charts.

The following movements took place during the week:-

Date	Quota	Unit	Off.	O.Rs.
<u>Entrainments at Charleroi and Camaches.</u>				
21/4	38	2nd. Division	56	903
23/4	39	3rd. Division	25	975 a.
23/4	40	4th. Division	25	975 a.
24/4	41	5th. Division	25	975 a.
<u>Arrivals at Havre.</u>				
20/4	37	1st. Division	42	938
22/4	38	2nd. Division	58	917
23/4	39	3rd. Division	25	975 a.
24/4	40	4th. Division	25	975 a.
25/4	41	5th. Division	25	975 a.
<u>Departure from Havre and arrival in U.K.</u>				
22/4	34	3rd. Division COBFORD	57	941
23/4	35	4th. Division HURDCOTT	47	939
24/4	36	5th. Division WEYMOUTH	63	923
25/4	37	1st. Division HEYTESBURY	42	938
26/4	38	2nd. Division SUTTON VERNY58		917

During the week 267 Officers and 4658 O.Rs. arrived at Depots in U.K. en route to Australia.

EARLY REPATRIATION. Receiving and recording rolls etc. Table hereunder shows details of personnel approved and notified for early repatriation. Total for week 21 O.R.s

Divisional Group	Number
Corps	-
1st. Division	7
2nd. "	3
3rd. "	-
4th. "	5
5th. "	4
3rd. Echelon	2
Total	21



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3.D.2.cont. EDUCATION. Usual recording and filing of correspondence received.  
ANALOGAMATION of UNITS. Receiving and recording movements of Units amalgamated. Checking and recording same. Recording Cadres and Units as completed.

3.D.3. Compilation of War Diary. Compilation of Departmental Progress Reports. Compilation of "Summary of Decisions and Rulings". Preparation of fortnightly Despatch to Defence Melbourne. Compilation, revision and distribution of:-

General Instruction No. 21  
 Departmental Instruction No. 16

Daily visits to contracts section and printers. Correspondence re printing, requests for forms, etc. dealt with.  
 Distribution to Branches, Liaisons, etc. of all Circulars, Orders, Memos, etc. received from outside sources.

3.D.6. Total number of animals remaining in A.I.F. Units in France of 17.4.19. was as under:-

"A" Divisional Group	623
"B" Divisional Group	796
3rd. Australian Division	370
Australian Corps Troops	<u>40</u>
Total	1829

It was anticipated that by the 25th. inst. the total number of animals in the whole Corps would not exceed 400, and these would be so concentrated that one Veterinary Officer could supervise them all.

On the 17th. inst. the A.D.V.S. Aust. Corps ceased and Lieut. Col. M. Henry assumed duties of Senior Veterinary Officer, Australian Troops in Belgium in addition to those of D.A.D.V.S. "B" Group Major Fletcher will continue to act as D.A.D.V.S. "A" Group.

Practically all the veterinary equipment of the Corps has been despatched to the Base, and what little remains will be collected at the V.E.S. and forwarded from there.

- 3.D.7.
1. Interviewing Officers, Nurses and men; supplying information on Repatriation and Demobilisation.
  2. Acknowledging correspondence; sending available literature to A.I.F. Troops.
  3. Submitting matters for decision in cases arising in correspondence and interviews.
  4. Continuing file and index for newscuttings dealing with Demobilisation.
  5. Arranging lecture for Major Ryan, to be delivered at War Chest Club on 30th. inst. entitled "Repatriation in Australia".
  6. The Department was open on Anzac Day and the usual routine carried out. The Staff of the Dept. was increased by Cpl. Tarbath who commenced duty on Tuesday 22nd. April.

*B. B. Ruseley* Lieut. Colonel,  
 Branch 3 D. (Administration).

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S.D.I.B RETURNS. The following returns were compiled and issued during the week:-  
 A15, B15, C15, D15, H15, J12, JA4, M3, N3, P3, R3, T3,  
 V.3, X.32 ("Marathon" "Sardinia", "Boonah").

MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS.

The following were compiled and issued:-

- M.S.31 - Publicity wire.
- M.S.32 - W.O's and Sgts. in France.

NEW RETURNS.

The following new return is now being issued:-  
 Q - Arrivals of Troops in Australia.

GRAPHS & STRENGTH CALENDERS.

These were corrected up to date.

CENSUS A.I.F.

This Census has been completed and consolidated return rendered.

CENSUS WIVES IN U.K.

Nothing further has been done by this section since last weeks report.

RECORDS.

Many inquiries, chiefly concerning location of individuals have been finalised during the week.

REGISTRY.

Inquiries have been numerous. The work, however, has been carried on very smoothly.

Outside the usual Routine Office Work the outstanding questions that have cropped up during the past week are few.

With a view to the training of Officers of the Permanent Forces for future Ordnance Administrative work in Australia, the names of certain Officers were submitted to A.M.S. with recommendations that they be afforded a Training Course in Ordnance Accountancy.

S.O., 4.D. Egypt had reported with regard to No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital that its scale of equipment had been at one time increased manifold from that with which it left Australia. Then again that larger scale had been reduced on transfer of the Hospital from sphere of war operations to another. This increase of scales of equipment beyond the original mobilisation scale has taken place with several of our C.C.S. and General Hospitals in the Field, and consequently the situation as regards disposal of stores of such Units becomes complex in view of unavailability of information to our Officers at present handling such stores as to whether A.I.F. was charged for such increase, or, as in the case of the Unit under review, allowed credit for equipment handed over to Imperial Government on subsequent decrease. Steps have been taken to elicit from responsible sections of A.I.F. Headquarters definite information on such points.

Another matter that calls for attention is in regard to Barrack and Hospital Stores, Camp Equipment, Training and Instructional Stores issued to A.I.F. in Egypt. In course of his duties, S.O., 4.D. discovered that there is a variance of opinion between Imperial Local Auditor and A.I.F. Headquarters there as to whether such stores should or should not be a free issue to the A.I.F. Local Auditor holds they should not, which opinion is contradictory to the procedure under which A.I.F. worked in U.K. The decision of War Office is required to settle the question and Imperial Adjustment Section (A.Q.M.G.) A.I.F. Headquarters were approached with a view to getting such a decision from War Office and communicating it to Headquarters, Cairo.

As regards demobilisation of stores in Egypt, the question having arisen as to the status of S.O., 4.D. there, and it having been decided by the Director General that this Officer should come under the control of the Assistant Director General (Egypt), From his reports now to hand the position there has become so acute that S.O., 4.D. cannot carry out the duties for which he was originally detailed, and this Branch has no further active connection with, nor responsibility for, the demobilisation of Unit Equipment there. In view, therefore, of a request by S.O., 4.D. that he be withdrawn for early demobilisation, his application with a recommendation to this effect is now being put forward.

Indents for the following Units have been prepared and checked during the week:-

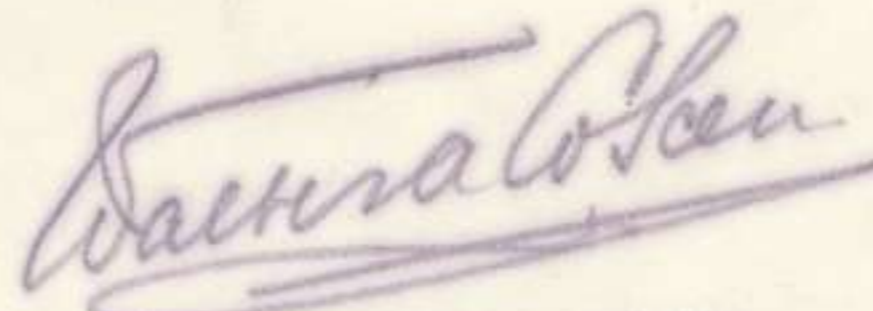
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Field Ambulance	-	15
Cavalry Field Ambulance	-	6
Sanitary Section with Infantry Divisions	-	5
Sanitary Sections with Mounted Divisions	-	2

Copy of Report by Col. R. T. Leane on his visit to A.I.F. Units in France - particularly L. of C. Units - in regard to progress of Stores Demobilisation, is attached.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL,

4.D.

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

28.4.19.

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TO:

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

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28th. April, 1919.

In accordance with arrangements made I proceeded to France on the 17th. instant at 1 p.m. returning to London on Friday the 25th. instant at 9 p.m. At Calais I inspected the Ordnance Demobilisation Depot at Beaumarais, and discussed the situation with the Ordnance Officer in charge. He stated that he was extremely pleased with the complete method in which Australian equipment has been returned to him, and that he expected no difficulties arising between this date and completion if the work was carried out in the same manner.

One cause for complaint I endeavoured to rectify at G.H.Q. Wimereux, which is that trains from Corps to Base frequently stand in the yard at Vendroux for 4 or 5 days before being shunted into the Depot. This is due to congestion and shortage of shunting engines, but it is hoped that representations made will have due effect.

At Corps I visited D.A.Ds.O.S., 1st. End. 4th. and 5th. Divisions and Australian Corps Troops, saw their demobilisation dumps and vehicle parks and found everything in most satisfactory condition. In consequence of the progress made in the demobilisation of Unit equipment I arranged that the D.A.Ds.O.S. and their Staffs on No. 1, 2, 4, and 5 Divisions would be relieved from the further return of stores from Units or from drawing stores from the Base for Units as from the 25th. instant, and the attached Departmental Instructions were in consequence issued by A.D.O.S. Demobilisation, France. The D.A.D.O.S. Corps Troops will complete the demobilisation of all Unit Equipment and will see to the issue of clothing etc. required by Troops, while other D.A.Ds.O.S. will confine their attentions exclusively to cleaning up the returns of stores and they are already making finalising queries as between Ordnance and Units. It is anticipated that this work will be completed and Ordnance Units of the 4 Divisions mentioned will be available for demobilisation on or about the 15th. May. D.A.D.O.S. Corps Troops and his Staff thus become the finalising Unit of the A.I.F. in France as regards Ordnance matters.

Binoculars, Pistols etc. will be handed over by all D.A.Ds.O.S. to D.A.D.O.S. Corps Troops who will pack and list same and finally as a cadre conduct these stores to the U.K. for shipment to Australia.

Instructions have been issued to A.D.O.S. Demobilisation, France, that all ordinary Ordnance records are to be packed separately in cases by the individual Divisional Ordnance Officers, that the cases are to be branded by Units, listed, and numbered as to contents, and delivered to the Officer in Charge, Australian Ordnance Depot, Millwall Docks, where they are to be held for future reference until shipped to Australia.

All documents connected with the demobilisation of Unit stores, are to be similarly packed in Stationery Boxes, brought to the U.K., and delivered at this Office.

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The D.A.D.O.S. of the 3rd. Division is situated at Blangy, and is quite disconnected from the other D.A.D.O.S. Owing to the fact that I returned from Corps by rail to Boulogne and was unable to get a car, as anticipated, from the A.I.F. Liaison Officer, C.H.Q., I was unable to visit this D.A.D.O.S. I managed however to get Headquarters, Third Australian Division, on the phone, the D.A.D.O.S. being absent, and was informed that the return of Unit equipment was proceeding most satisfactorily, and that only about two quotas remained at Blangy, and that before their entrainment to the Havre Base Depots, the whole of the Unit equipment will have left Blangy for the demobilisation Depot at Calais.

L. OF C. UNITS.

The position with regard to the L. of C. Units is as follows:-

Railway Companies (6), are all concentrating at Havre; expected to complete on April 26th. arrangements have been made to hand in stores -

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 at Ordnance Demobilisation Depot, Beaumarais, Calais.

No. 4, Ordnance Depot, Dunkirk.

Nos. 5 and 6, No. 9 Ordnance Depot, Etaples.

Tunnelling Coys. Stores are returned or in course of return and No. 3 Coy. is on the way to Havre.

A. E. M. M. & B. CO. Now clearing up. Portion of personnel demobilised, remainder to conduct special equipment and stores (about 60 tons) to U.K. for shipment to Australia. These include some German machines in reference to which it is stated authority has been given by War Records.

Depot Units of Supply (25) have all returned Stores except No. 13, which is carrying on for the present, and will hand over its equipment to the relieving Unit.

The whole of these Units are being concentrated at Calais, and it is anticipated will be completely finished with by May 15th.

Field Bakeries (5).

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 demobilised and troops left France.

Nos. 4 and 5 are still carrying on at Rouen.

Field Butcheries (5).

No. 1 demobilised and left France.

Nos. 2, 3, and 5 carrying on at Calais.

No. 4 carrying on at Dieppe.

36 H. A. Brigade have handed in equipment and have now moved to, and are attached to, 2nd. Division Group for demobilisation.

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Railhead Supply Depot is at Thuilles carrying on for the present.

No. 3. A. G. H. Abbeville. D.M.S., G.H.Q. states will complete demobilisation by 20th. May.

No. 3. A.C.C.S. is located at Fuskirchen, Germany, but is to be relieved by No. 47. C.C.S. not later than the end of April, and all equipment is to be handed over to No. 47.

In this connection a question arises which should be given attention as early as possible. No. 3 was originally equipped on a 200 bed basis. At a later date, owing to the exigencies of the service, it was increased to 650 beds. Has the Commonwealth been charged with the increase (the same question is believed to apply to No. 1 and No. 2 C.C.S.)?

I discussed the matter with the Quartermaster of the C.C.S., who has been with the C.C.S. from its formation, he cannot inform me. He accepted vouchers in U.K. for original equipment which was drawn, but says in France he had no vouchers of any sort rendered to him.

In conclusion I would like to place on record my appreciation of the very excellent way in which the A.D.C.S., Demobilisation, France has done his work, ably assisted by the D.A.Ds.C.S. of the various Divisions.

.....*E. J. Lawrence*.....Colonel  
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Repatriation & Demobilisation Dept., A.I.F.

D.F.6.AUSTRALIAN CORPS.  
-----Headquarters,  
22.4.19.DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO D.A.Ds.O.S.

1. D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops will move to Chatelet on 23rd. instant, and take over the demobilisation store of the 1st. Australian Division.
2. All units at present administered by D.A.Ds.O.S. 1st., 2nd., 4th. and 5th. Divisions will be transferred to D.A.D.O.S. Australian Corps Troops for demobilisation and issue of clothing, etc.
3. D.A.Ds.O.S. 1st., 4th., and 5th. Divisions will be responsible for the return to Base of units' stores and vehicles now in their possession and the completion of the papers of units already demobilised, after which they will reduce to Cadre "B".
4. Each Divisional D.A.D.O.S. will detach to D.A.D.O.S. Corps Troops one lorry and one Warrant Officer or Sergeant who has full knowledge of the remaining units of his Division.
5. D.A.D.O.S. 5th. Australian Division will take over and despatch to Base all Unit equipment and vehicles now at Corps Troops Dump, Thuilles, except the 12 4.5" Howitzer Equipments for Rhine Army, which will be handed over to O.O., I.C.S., Thuilles, who will hold same until they are sent for.
6. D.A.Ds.O.S. 2nd. and 4th. Divisions will hand over to D.A.D.O.S. Corps Troops all outstanding demands and any stock of Clothing etc.
7. Separate instructions are being issued regarding the disposal of Officers Equipment.

(Sgd.) J. H. TUCKETT, Lt.Col.  
A.D.O.S.,  
Demobilisation, France.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - NO. 15.

Week ending 26.4.19.

5D.1. - Early Repatriation.

Nominal rolls for 1 (one) ship was dealt with showing 24 Officers, 817 men - 841 in all embarked. £4,510 in cash was placed on these ships for which receipts have been received and recorded.

5D.2. Accounting.

Payments made to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, London, for 3,946 men drawing £14,366 - 15 - 5 Pay and £14,746 - 12 - 1 subsistence. Fees on account of 66 men amounted to £779. 14. 4.

5D.3. Returnees to Australia.

To return at own expense for discharge...22.  
 " " " " " " " " " " "discharge  
 with 50 days pay..... 1.

Passages of dependants.

Amounts refunded by High Commissioner's Office on account of passages not availed of, 51 items amounting to £1,146 - 15 - 0.

Army Form 543 received and passed to Accountancy, 81, amounting to £1,987 - 15 - 0.

Cash collected and paid into Family Passages A/c, £741.

Applications for Deferred Pay.

Applications received.....160.  
 " approved.....130.  
 " disallowed..... 8.  
 "under consideration.....22.

Extended leave in U.K.

Number recommended..... 5.  
 " disallowed or deferred....14.  
 TOTAL CASES. 19.

Approved through Part II Order. 55.

5D.4.

Discharges in UK.  
 Men discharged..... 95.  
 Final settlements effected..... 8.  
 Clothing allowances paid..... 84.  
 Settlements of men discharged in Australia..... Nil.  
 Cases investigated..... 20.  
 Applications dealt with..... 55  
 Gratuity credited to dischargees. 34.  
 Total gratuities credited to date, value..... £5,705 - 1 - 0.  
 Disbursed..... £7,000 -16 - 0.

5D.5.

Non-Military Employment.

728 applications dealt with.  
 698 " approved through Part II Orders.

*(Signature)*  
 Captain.  
 FOR CHIEF PAYMASTER.