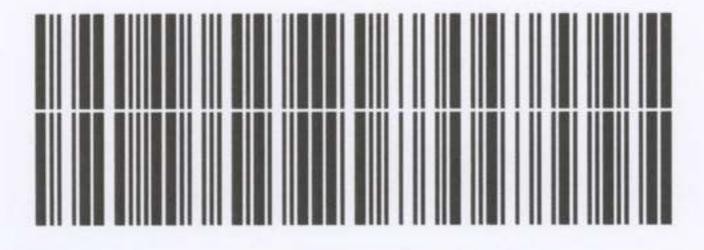
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Staff Pay Office, A.I.F. Attd. Aust. Corps H.Q. 9th March, 1919.

The Chief Paymaster, A.I.F. London.

HONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1919.

Herewith Report and Statistical Return for month of February for your consideration.

Cash Arrangements.

As foreshadowed in my Report for last month, our difficulties with regard to obtaining each during month under review, were not so great owing to the opening of the Banque de France at Maubeuge, from whence our February cash requirements were fully met.

The prospect for the coming month is not so bright, however, owing to the fact that Belgian Notes are supposed to be available. This means that the Banque at Maubeuge is no longer any use to us except for paying troops still in French territory, and we have again to depend on the British Refilling Point. Our experiences on the 1st March did not tend to increase our confidence in the ability of the Belgian Nataional Bank to supply our full requirements. When we visited the British Cashier at Namur on this date, instead of receiving our full requirements, i.e. 1,800,000 francs, we had to be content with 450,000 francs which necessitated the postponing of two 2nd Division pay day and another long journey the following day.

It is hoped that we shall not always experience this difficulty, but that when the Bank is properly functioning and obtaining adequate supplies of "low" denomination notes our requirements will be promptly and fully met.

Rate of Exchnage.

With the issue of Belgian Currency there is a consequent change in the Exchange Rate for March i.e. 5 francs - 3/9d against the French Rate of 5 francs - 3/10d, but not such a margin as that for February.

On account of the recent Horse Sales there was a considerable amount of Belgian Currency on hand at the end of the month which resulted in a total gain to Conversion Account of £1431. 17.11.

Sale of Army Animals.

During this month a number of Auction Sales were arranged which resulted in the disposal of 2450 animals, the net proceeds of which amounted to approximately 2, 296, 682 francs.

Whenever possible a Divisional Paymaster attended at the conclusion of the sale and took over the proceeds which were taken into account and credited to the Paymaster, Boulogne, for payment to Imperial Authorities.

Sale of Army Horses (contd)

The profession of Auctioneer in either France or Belgiu at the present time seems to be a very lucrative one, for in addition to the 5% commission paid by the Army, he receives an additional 4% from the Purchaser. Therefore, the commission carned on Sales in the Australian Corps for the month would amount approximately to 217,580. 40 francs.

It is only now that the max Army Commission has been reduced to 25% which leaves it still an excellent business proposition from the Auctioneer's point of view.

Personnel for Pay Duties on Transports.

By some means your cabled reply to my wire F.29 of 16th instant did not reach this Office and it was not until receipt of your confirming memo on the 26th idem, that we were advised of your requirements for February.

It was not possible to despatch the required number, i.e. 200, to report to you beforethe 1st March, but every effort is being made to send the first quota as early as possible.

Amalgamation of Units in consequence of demobilization.

During the month the following Units have been amalgamated within Divisional Groups and it has been possible to dispense with a number of Pay Sergeants in consequence. The names of those who have proceeded with drafts have been notified both to you and the Staff Paymaster, A.I.F. Depots in U.K. so that their services may be utilised on the homeward voyage.

1st Division.

1st and 4th Battalions.

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3rd F.A.Bde with Lst F.A.Bde.

lst and 3rd Field Coy. Engineers.

2nd and 3rd Field Ambulance.

2nd Division.

5th,6th & 7th L.T.M.B. absorbed in Infantry Units. 7th Field Ambulance with 5th Field Ambulance. 5th & 7th Field Coy. Engineers.

4th Division.

46th and 48th Battalions.

5th Division.

14th L.T.M.B. absorbed.

53rd and 55th Battalions amalgamated.

Aust.Comps.

Aust.Corps Salvage Section demobilised.

Havre Office.

This Office has been kept fully employed owing to the large number of men held in the Depets in consequence of the delay in embarking quotas for U.K. The Paymaster reports that an average of 450 have been paid daily.

Calais Office.

As advised you in my 105/36 of 28th instant a Branch of the Boulogne Office was opened at Calais, I have not yet received a report from the Paymaster, Boulogne, as to the number of men daily being paid at this Office and until that comes to hand I am unable to say whether the opening thereof has justified itself.

Staff:

The promotion of Lieut. A.R. Mitchell and Lieut. H.L. Eyles to the Temperary Rank of Captain was a source of great pleasure to me, knowing the efficient manner in which their duties have been discharged and how well deserving they were of this promotion.

Attd. Aust. Corps Headquarters.

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Paris Office - Number of Arrivals 1478 (exc.Officers)

Allotments dealt with

Number of Paymen ts 2853

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Amount disbursed 632485 Francs

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STATELENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE - FEBRUARY 1919

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Major Staff Paymaster, A.I.F. Att. Aust Corps H.

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Staff Pay Office, A. I.F.
Attd.Aust.Corps H.Q.
27th February,1919

TO: ALL PAYMASTERS IN FRANCE

372. ISSUE OF NO.3 PAYBOOKS.

The issue of No 3 Paybooks in France to men arriving from England in possession of No. 2 Paybooks is not necessary.

Only on completion of No. 2 Paybooks will a new issue be made in future.

373. LOST OR STOLEN PAYBOOKS.

The following Paybooks have been stolen:-

P.B.No.	Regt.No.	Rank.	Name	3	Unit.
271172	2587	Pte.	Siggs,	W.H.	A.F.C.
501681	3630		Grant,	H.A.	35th Batt.

The Paymaster, Boulogne, advises that Paybooks anumerated below - have been stolen dubing their transmission from London to the Boulogne Office:-

75752 to 75800 75077 75081 75084 to 75086 75088 to 75095 75100 75125

You are requested to keep a sharp lookout for these Paybooks and take action should any of them come into your possession.

Please acknowledge receipt of these Instructions.

Major.

Staff Paymaster, A.I.F. Attd. Aust. Corps Headquarters.

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Staff Pay Office, A.I.F.
Attd.Aust.Corps H.Q.
27th February, 1919.

TO: ALL PAY SERGEARTS ATTD. AUST. CORPS.

601. SEPARATION ALLOWANCE - DEPENDENTS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES AND DOMINIONS.

You are informed that the payment of Separation Allowance to dependents of the members of the A.I.F. residing in all Allied Countries and Dominions, is now being made with effect as from 1st January, 1919.

Claims from wives in France will be dealt with direct from the Chief Paymoffice and necessary forms of application are being despatched to them immediately together with full instructions.

602. LOST OR STOLEN PAYBOOKS.

The following paybooks have been stolen:-

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Major. A.I.F.

Staff Paymaster, A.I.F. Attd. Aust. Corps Headquarters.

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Attd: Mustralian Corps H.C.

TO: ALL PAYMANTHA III FRANCA:

FOR DEMOBILIZATION PURPOSES

I. From the lat March, the Paymatters of the fellowing Units will come under the Paymasters of the respective Divisions for Pay administration:-

Staff Paymaster, ... I.P. Australian Corps,

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Paymaster, 1st Australian Division;

3rd Army Brigade A. F.A. 1st Aust. Tunnellin, Coj.

Paymaster, 2nd Australian Division.

Australian Corps Lounted Regt. and Cyclist Battalion.
2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.
Aust. Veterinary Ecacuating Station.
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Paymas er, 5th australian Division.

12th Army Brigade A.F.A.
1st Army Troops Coy, Australian Incineurs.

Advances on Imprest will also be made by them but if, by reason of location, it is more convenient for any Unit to continue drawing advances from this Office, this can be arranged and such advances will be treated as made on behalf of the Paymester administering the Unit so that he may have control of all Pay matters.

The Chief Paymaster has been advised of this redistribution so that all correspondence will be forwarded direct to respective Paymasters.

2: As Units of Divisional Groups are amalgamated in accordance with A.I.F. Order 1523 and Australian Corps General Staff Circular No. 45; action will be taken by the Paymaster to ensure that the following matters are dealt with in accordance with Regulations:

(a) Imprest Account :

The Imprest Holder of the Unit ceasing to function will acquit in full for any advance outstanding and hand his Cash Book to the Paymaster for transmission to Chief Pay Orfice for audit. The Commanding Officer of the combined Unit, or the Officer regularly appointed by him in accordance with A.I.F. Order 1509, will continue his Imprest Account for the pay of the combined Unit:

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(a) Imprest Accounts (contd)

If it can conveniently be arranged, it is desirable that the Cadre of the Unit ceasing to function should, for purposes of pay, be attached to the combined unit, but where this is not practicable, the Officer in Charge of Cadro may be appointed an Imprest Holder.

(b) Recimental Trust Funds & Canteen Accounts.

Instructions governing the disposal and accounting for these funds are promulgated in General Instructions No.14 of the Dept. of Repatriation and Demobilization to which your attention is drawn. Paymasters will render every assistance to units in connection with those matters and will bring to the notice of the Chief Paymaster any irregularity coming under him their notice.

3. Pay Sorbeants.

automatically coase. Every effort should be made to finalise all outstanding matters before his services are disposed of in the manner cutlined hereunder:-

Pay Sorgeants holding E.R. Rank, becoming surplus by reason of these amalgamations, if of early category, will be included in draft for return to Australia and advice sent to Chief Paymaster and Staff Paymaster, A.T.F. Depots in U.K. as per my 119/11 of 9th instant. These of late eategory will be used to replace these who are due for repatriation.

absorbed and are due for demobilization, will have to be returted to their permanent grade; but should they be desirous of transferring to the Chief Pay Office for duty on Transports, it may be possible for them to retain their temperary ranks. In these cases the names will be submitted to this Office when recessary instructions will be issued.

all changes made in accordance with these instructions showing following particulars:-

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lat Tun. Coy.	Jones, J.	To Aust.	1915 - 5 1916 - 10 1917 - 5.

4. Numburing of Imprest Accounts.

In connexion with the transfer of Units as cutlined in para 1, it is not considered advisable atthis stage to materially alter the emisting cyphor numbers. These units will therefore retain their present numbers and the Paymasters to whom transferred will prefix his cyphor to all requisitions and covering summary of Acquittance Rolls.

5. Please acknowledge receipt of these Instructions.

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Staff Paymaster, A.I.F. Attd.Aust.Corps Headquarters.

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FOR INFORMATION OF PAY SERGEANTS.

EXTRACTS FROM CHIEF PAYMASTER'S CIRCULAR NO: 27 of 20th January, 1919.

POLICY.

RULINGS &o.

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE. ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS, LONDON. The following is a copy of a cablegram from Defence received in these 591 Headquarters:-

"WQ451. Your TI624 Following subsistence rates in addition to existing Field allowance approved as from 1st Docember. Lt. Gen. £1. 16. 6. daily.

Major General £1. 5. 9 Brig. General. Colonels £1. Lt. Col. 15/- Majors. Capts. Lieuts. 10/- W.O.

N.C.Os and Men 6/- asa".

SICK FURLOUGH AND SICK LEAVE - ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF RATIONS:Advice has been received from the D.M.S. A.I.F. that the A.D.M.S.,
H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom is the only Medical Officer
authorised to grant sick leave within the command of these Headquarters. (1404/21/32 and see Circular Memo 253 H.Q. Depots
Tidworth and A.I.F.O.1279).

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BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES - SEPARATION ALLOWANCE TO WIVES. The question of separation allowance being gramted to second wives in Amstralia when the legal wife resides here, was recently submitted with specific cases to Defence Melbourne. The fellowing reply has been received:

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"WR815. Following system approved :- 1/- a day sep. allce. payable each wife and 6d a day for each child whore soldier's rank is Private. Soldiers allowed following drawing rates:- Private 1/- Corporal and Sergeant 2/6d. S/Sgt. 3/- W.O. 4/-. balance payable equal proportions each wife. Pay-ments will be adjusted by District of enlistment and no payment must be made by you except on savior of such District".

when a member of the A.I.F. has been found to have two wives. It applies, only, however, when the legal wife resides in England and the second wife in Australia, not to cases where a man has a legal wife in Australia and has married again since joining the A.I.F.

ACCOUNTANCY INSTRUCTIONS.

The following are extracts from Accountancy Instructions recently issued from Defence:-

ANZACS ON FURLOUGH - PAYMENT TO. Momorandum No.51743 of the 19th June last from the Adjutant-General to Commandants provides that extended periods of leave may be granted at the discretion of the Commandant to members on furlough whose furlough period of 60 days has expired.

The Minister has approved that sustenance allowance shall be paid for for such extended leave.

Accountancy Instructions - Anzacs on furlough - Payment to (continued.)

The following addition is therefore made to paragraph

"When members are granted extensions of leave by the Commandant under memorandum No.51443 of the 19th June, 1910, payment of sustenance allowance at the rate of 3s. per dism may be made in advance for the extended period of leave which is approved.

Payments will be made to the Commonwealth Bank on Form P.R.23, but will not be entered in soldier's paybook. Such payments will be debited to "Pay and Allowance Account" in the General Ledger, and noted on soldier's Interim Ledger Card in the same manner as the original 19 allowance". (A.I.Serial No. 77).

ANZACS ON FURLOUGH - PAYMENTS TO. Approval has been given that members of the A.I.F. who embarked in 1914, and who are now in hospital in Australia, or are invalided to Australia in the future, shall be accorded the same privileges as apply to Anzacs on furlough under Accountancy Serials Nos. 76 and 77, provided that such members are retained for further service aproad with the A.I.F.

In the case of members undergoing treatment in hospital, the above approval will be given effect to on their discharge from hospital prior to returning to duty.

Deferred Pay, and advance of pay at soldier's not drawing rate, will be made by District Paymasters, on the approval of the District Commandant, in each case.

The appreval outlined above is subject to the previso that the special payments shall only be made in respect of one period of furlough.

In connection with Accountancy Serial No.62, it has been brought under notice that several of the members who have been notified as returning an furlough under approval of the G.O.C. did not embark from Australia until 1915; special approval has been given that any such members who have been included in the list of returning Anzacs by Headquarters are to receive the privileges referred to in Accountancy Serial No.62 (A.I.Serial No.79).

A.I.F. ORDERS.

Orders, of special interest to the Pay Corps, issued by the G.O.C.,

A.I.F. :
NOTICE AT FOOT.

1482. - ANZAC BULLETIN. On account of the increased size and cost of preduction, the price for subscription to "Anzac Bulletin" in future will be as fellows:-

3/3 per quarter, post free, if through units. 4/4 per quarter, post free, to individual subscribers.

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A.I.F. Orders (centinued).

1493. - HIGHER PAID APPOINTMENTS HELD BY PRIVATE SOLDIERS
MODIFICATION OF RULES RE. - Drivers, M.T.Drivers, Sheeing Smiths
and Mechanics and tradesmen of the A.E.C., A.A.S.C., (M.T.) and
Railway units, whose pay exceeds 6s. per day, who, having held their
appointments prior to 11.11.18, still held such appointments when
they leave their units for return to Australia for demobilisation,
will retain such appointments netwithwhanding any previsions to the
centrary centained in para. 20 of the rules issued with A.I.F. Order
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er may be made subsequent to 11. 11. 10 will be dealt with in accordance with para. 20 of the aferesaid rules.

(Authority: D.A.G., A.I.F., 151/02/65 of 26. 12. 18).

1494. ALLOTMENTS PAYABLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - CANCELLATION OR TRANSFER ON RETURN OR MEMBER OR ALLOTTEE TO AUSTRALIA. All ranks are informed that the following procedure will be followed with respect to cancellation or transfor of alletments being paid in the United Kingdom by the Chief Paymaster on behalf of members of the A.I.F. in the event of the allettee or member embarking for Australia:

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- preceeding to Australia an advance will be made to the allettee devering alletment and separation allewance (if any) for a period of 60 days from the estimated date of the allettee's embarkation, and an authority for the continuance of the alletment and separation allowance (if any) will be forwarded to the Military District in Australia to which the allettee is proceeding. The address in Australia must be furnished by the allettee before embarkation.
- (2) Where the member embarks for Australia but the ellottee is remaining in the United Kingdom the allotment and separation allowance (if any) will continue to be paid to the allottee for 100 days from the date of the members embarkation and will then be cancelled. Provision should be made by members for the support of their depandants beyond this period immediately on disemberkation in Australia.
- (3) Members who have allotments payable in the United Kingdom to banks or non-dependants must clearly understand that unless they arrange to cancel their alletments before embarkation for Australia, payments will be continued for 100 days from embarkation, and the amount payable to them on arrival in Australia will be correspondingly reduced.
- (4) The above previsions are to be brought to the notice of the members of all drafts selected for embarkation to Australia.

(Authority: D.A.G., A.I.F., 26/412 of 22. 12. 18),

A.I.F. Orders (continued).

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1498 - CLERICAL ASSISTANCE - UNIT PAY SERGEANTS. In view of the clerical work new necessary in connection with Demobilisation and mevements incidental therete, authority is given for the attachment of I clerk for duty with the Pay Sorgeant of each unit.

recommendation of the Divisional Paymaster. They will continue to be shown on the strength of their units and NOT transferred to the A.A.P.C.

(Authority: D.A.G., A.I.F., 21/251. ef 281 12: 18).

A.I.F.O.1470 regarding the conditions of discharge in the United Kingdom. Kingdom of members of the A.I.F. is cancelled. Regulations of discharge in the United covering the grant of discharges elsewhere than in Australia have now been premulgated in General Instructions Se.2 issued by the Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation.

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Chief Pay Office,

Londen, 5.W.

20th January, 1919.

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CHIEF PAYMASTER.