

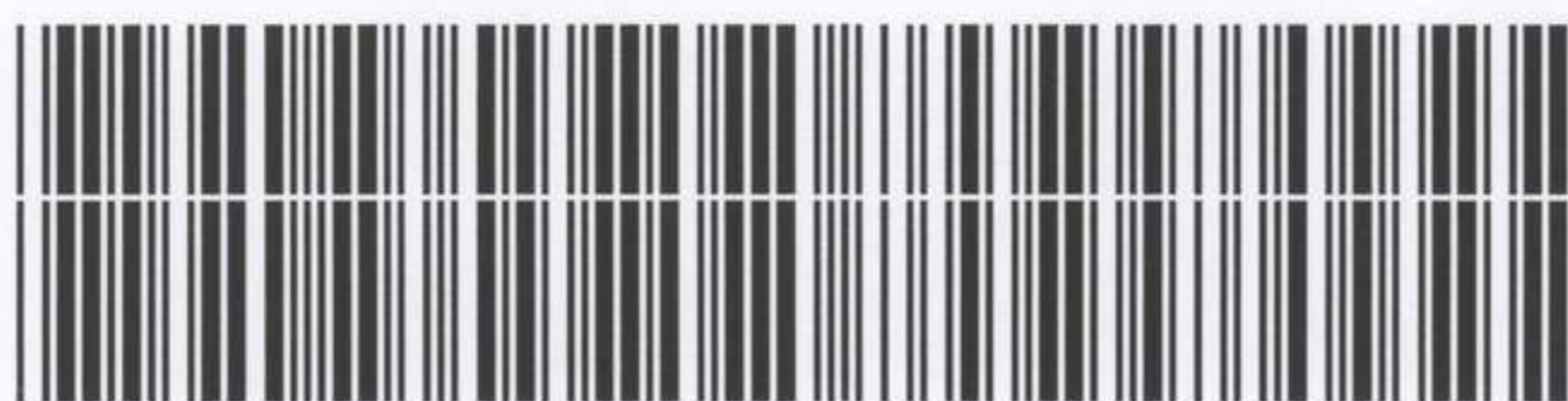
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WAR DIARY

11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

for February 1919.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. FEBRUARY 1919.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rambures	1/2/19	Sat.	Cold and cloudy. Conference, C.Os. at 44th Battalion. Snow fell during day. Debate at night.	
	2nd.	Sun.	Cold. Lieut. General Sir J.J.T. HOBBS K.C.B. K.C.M.G. V.D. VISITED Brigade.	
	3rd.	Mon.	Cold and cloudy. English Leave open again. Lieut. ALLEN to Horseferry Road. Lieut. MAY attached as Signal Officer.	
	4th	Tues.	Cold and wet. Debating Society at night.	
	5th.	Wed.	Snow fell during day. Brig. Gen. CANNAN C.B. C.M.G. returned from Rouen. Education lecture at night.	
	6th.	Thurs.	Cold and fine. Lieut. Col. HERON D.S.O. rejoins Battalion. Major WASEY D.S.O. to Div. as G.S.O.2.	
	7th	Frid.	Snow fell, and very cold. Debating Class held. Debate against Div. Sig. Coy; win for Bde.	
	8th.	Sat.	Very cold and windy. Lieut. Mc ANNA 43rd Bat. Attached to Bde. Bde. Harrier Club run. Debating Society at night.	
	9th.	Sun.	Very cold and windy.	
	10th.	Mon.	Very cold and windy, with little sunshine. First day Div. Arts and Crafts Exhibition.	
	11th.	Tues.	Cold and windy, with period of rain sunshine. Second day Div. Arts and Crafts Exhibition.	
	12th.	Wed.	Weather not so cold. Sunny and thawing fast. 11th Bde. day at Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Bde. Harrier Club get 7 th places in Div. Rep. C.C. team.	
	13th	Thur.	Weather same, thawing quickly. Conference C.Os. at Bde., discussion of general items, also Bands and Pierrot Troupe for Demob.	

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Rambures	14th	Frid.	Drizzling rain. Bde. representative of Cross Country team leave for Corps. General meeting Bde. Camera Club.	
	15th	Sat.	Wet and not so cold. Debate at night.	
	16th	Sun.	Wet.	
	17th	Mon.	Fine. Meeting, Camera Club Committee. 1st Draft 10th Bde. leave for England.	
	18th	Tues.	Fine. Lieut. Smith, 41st Bat. attached to Bde. to compile Records.	
	19th	Wed.	Cloudy.	
	20th	Thur.	Cloudy, light rain. Capt. O'Bryen, leave to Italy. Brig. Gen. Cannan ^{C.B.CMG} proceeded to 3rd Aust. Div. to command during absence of Maj. Gen. Gellibrand on leave. Lieut. Col. Farrell ^{D.S.O.} to 11th Bde. to command during absence of Brig. Gen. Cannan ^{C.B.CMG} on Div.	
	21st	Frid.	Fine.	
	22nd	Sat.	Wet and uncertain, little rain. No football. Lieut. A.L. Norris-Smith takes over Pierrots for trip to Abbeville.	
	23rd	Sun.	Fine. Lecture by Mr Berry, Y.M.C.A. "Sex and Home Reconstruction".	
	24th	Mon.	Pierrot Troupe proceed Abbeville for one week at 3rd A.G.H.	
	25th	Tues.	Cloudy. Conference at Bde. Gens. Birdwood and Hobbs attended. ^{SIR W. GCMG KCB KCSI CIE DSO DFC} ^{SIR J. J. KCB KCMG VD}	
	26th	Wed.	Wet and cloudy.	
	27th	Thur.	Lieuts. Thomas and Carter to Bde.	
	28th	Frid.	Lieut. Birks to England; early repatriation.	

War diary

Headquarters
Third Australian Division



WEEKLY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. The interest exhibited in Brigade and Battalion Classes during the week has been keen and the average attendance satisfactory. There has, however, been a decrease in the numbers attending Battalion Classes, but this is due to reasons which are obvious and unavoidable.
2. The number of Debates and Lectures held at Brigade has been reduced to one each per week, but the keenest interest is manifested in these and they continue to be very well attended.
3. The Brigade School on Education, which has now been in existence for three and a half weeks, continues to make excellent progress. The advance made by the students from Battalions who are attending this School has been so satisfactory that application has been made for their Course to be extended for another four weeks.
4. A demand has arisen for a Class in Bookkeeping at the Brigade School, and arrangements have now been made to commence this Class early next week, and thus meet the wants of those who desire instructions in this subject.
5. It is also proposed to commence a Shorthand Class at this School, so soon as the necessary Books for this purpose arrive. These have been requisitioned for from Division and it is hoped that they will be forthcoming shortly.
6. The Commercial School at TRANSLAY is continuing to do well, and very good progress has been made in the various subjects taken by this School.
7. The Brigade Telegraphy and Telephony School continues to do excellent work and the attendance has been well maintained. At the examination of candidates this week very satisfactory results were obtained.
8. Satisfactory progress has been made during the week by the School on the Care, Breeding and Selection of Sheep. The students have proved themselves particularly keen in all phases of their work, and, as a result thereof, have made very marked progress. In many cases the students have reached a standard of knowledge which is very little below that of the candidates who attended the first School.
9. A Brigade Wheat and Dairying School, with an attendance of 50 candidates, will commence on Monday, 17th instant, and present indications point to this School meeting with a very fair measure of success.

15/2/19.
(R.B.)

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for Brigadier-General*
Commanding, 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters.
Third Australian Division.



WEEKLY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. In spite of the continued decrease in Battalion Classes, owing to men having to replace others who have hitherto been detached on various duties, and to men going away for Early Repatriation, etc., the average attendance has been good.
2. Debates and Lectures at Brigade Headquarters and at Battalions have been well attended and useful instructions gained from them. The Maps of AUSTRALIA recently distributed from Corps have been of great value and interest. They have been used in Lectures on re-forestation and other ~~vital~~ subjects of vital interest to AUSTRALIA.
3. At the Brigade School at RAMBURES the classes in book-keeping and shorthand mentioned in last week's report have been commenced, as also one in commercial geography. The School at TRANSLAY continues to do very good work, the members voluntarily continuing to study during the evening as well as morning and afternoon. The bookkeeping class are now thoroughly conversant with the preparation of Trial Balance, P. and L. Accounts, etc. The Accountancy Class have had instruction in partnership exercises, share transactions of a Limited Liability Coy. and similar work, using 'Fieldhouse' for a Text book. The instructor (Lieut. MADDEFORD) being in the same Quota as a large number of the members of the class, has arranged to continue his instruction to his present pupils on the voyage to AUSTRALIA.
4. The Telegraphy and Telephony School are continuing to do very good work and preparing men for employment in Post and Telegraph Department in AUSTRALIA. A large proportion of the senior candidates can both send and read from 20 to 25 words.
5. The Brigade Wheat and Dairying School has an attendance of 30 candidates from this Brigade, and is making very good progress. It is regretted that the vacancies offered to other Brigades were not availed of.
6. The difficulty experienced in obtaining text books has militated against the various classes, and it is hoped that the supply of books which have now been on order in some cases for more than a fortnight may be expedited.
7. Although some men are receiving the benefits of employment under Form 540 and Early Repatriation, numerous enquiries still continue as to the result of applications made on various Forms for employment, etc.

W. B. S.
Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding, 11th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

22/2/19.
(R.B.)

War Diary

Headquarters.
Third Australian Division.



WEEKLY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. The Battalion Classes are becoming smaller on account of the number of men who are being sent over to ENGLAND under A.I.F. Form 540 and A.I.F. Form 537.
2. Other Classes are having to be abandoned owing to the fact that Instructors are included amongst those going to England, and great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining suitable men of low category to take up the duties of instructors; for example, the *instructor* Building Construction Class in the 45rd. Battalion is not now available, and the Carpentry Instructor at the Brigade Agricultural School has also gone away. Application has been made to Battalions for a suitable instructor but none are available. An Instructor is also required for the Class for Telephone mechanics with the School at ST. MAXENT.
3. The Class in Telegraphy continues to make good progress, over 50 per cent. of the candidates being now able to receive messages at 30 words per minute and upwards.
4. The Commercial School at TRANSLAY is still making excellent progress, the members being most keen in their work.
5. The members attending the Agricultural School at FRESNE have made good progress and are enthusiastic in their attendance at and attention to Lectures.
6. The number of members who avail themselves of Battalion Libraries is increasing. A further supply of books on agricultural subjects is needed to cope with the demand at the Libraries.
7. A Cinema Entertainment is nightly held at HAMBURELLES and is well attended.
8. The Debates on Proportional Representation and Voting proved interesting and instructive.
9. Men returning from Corps Workshops and G.H.Q. Workshops at HAVRE, and other Schools, have expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the instruction they have gained.

W. J. G.
Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding, 11th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

28/2/19.
(R.B.)

NOTICE.

The proposed Entertainment of the W.A.A.C's. having been postponed indefinitely owing to the continued inclemency of the weather, Brigade Details who subscribed towards the expenses of the entertainment may obtain a refund of their subscriptions on application to Captain R.F.O'BRYEN.

Similarly, members of the Signal Section will please apply to the Signal Section's Entertainment Committee Representative.

13th. February, 1919.

N O T I C E.

A memo has been received from the Administrator of Q.M.A.A. Camp No. 1. stating that the girls are not allowed to go out in the evenings during the present weather conditions.

The Amusement Committee have therefore decided to postpone the dance indefinitely.

At the end of the week if the weather does not change, money will be refunded and dance cancelled.

sgd. Captain. R.F.O'BRYEN.

Sports Officers

N O T I C E.

All those desirous of attending the DANCE and SOCIAL evening on Friday, 14th. instant, and are agreeable to pay up to 5 frs. for expenses, give your names to Sapper GOBBIE, Sapper GRUBIKK, or Private MOORE.

A. J. O. Byler

Captain,
Sports Officer.

14th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

5/3/19.

Search

N O T I C E .

It is proposed to invite a number of the W.A.A.C's
to visit RAMBURES at the end of next week for a Dance.

All those who are interested and are agreeable to pay
5 francs towards refreshments, please give their names to the
Amusement Committee. *by Monday Wednesday 5th A.S.B.*

A General Meeting of all interested in the above will be
held in the Recreation Room at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th instant,
to make preliminary arrangements.

A.D. Byer

Captain
Sports Officer, 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

4/2/19.

Sharp

NOTICE.

Anyone wishing to enter for Australian Corps Sports Competitions under the following heading, will forward their names, with qualifications, to Captain O'BRYEN, Sports Officer, Brigade Headquarters, by 6 p.m. Wednesday 5th. inst.

GOLF.

ROWING.

SWIMMING.

TENNIS.

W. O'Brien Capt

Sports Officer.
11th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters

A.J.M.
3/2/19.

NOTICE.

In view of International Competitions in Cricket, Rugby, Football, Boxing, Tennis, Rowing, Swimming, Athletics, and Golf in which the A.I.F. will compete, Aust. Corps wish to get the names of all first class performers in these sports.

Please forward to this Office by 6 p.m. 10th. inst. the names of any first class performers in any of these sports (irrespective of whether they are at present with the unit or otherwise), who might be considered for selection in any of these teams, together with their performances. In the case of Rowing, state standard reached, position in boats and weight. In the case of Golf, state handicap.

Any names to be handed into Capt. O'Bryen, Sports Officer, 11th. Brigade Headquarters, by 6 p.m. on 10th. instant.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. O'Bryen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Captain.
Sports Officer, 11th. Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

A.J.M.
7/2/19.

Handicaps

BRIGADE HARRIER CLUB
HANDICAP AND SWEEPSTAKES.

Will be postponed until the Brigade Cross Country Runners who are at Corps return.

Thousands of Tickets are available at Canteen.

So speculate at once.

Read Posters for particulars.

M. J. O'Byrne

Captain.
Sports Officer.
11th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

19/2/19.

NOTICE.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION.

At

REFINERY SHEDS

MARTAINNEVILLE.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th., 11th. and 12th. February, 1919.

ENTERTAINMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

"COO-EES".

BOXING.

BAND CONCERT and other Shows.

HOT TEA and Cocoa always on tap.

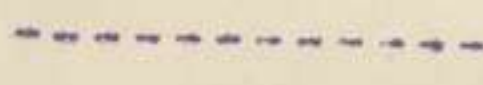
Motor Wagon will be available on Wednesday for troops from
Brigade Headquarters.

Lorry leaves Q.M. Store at about 10. a.m.

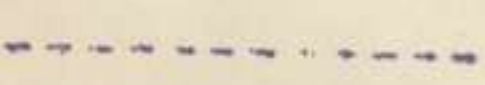


PEACE WITH HONOUR - NO LESS RENOWNED THAN WAR.

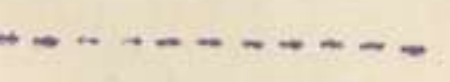
ARTS and CRAFTS
EXHIBITION.



3rd DIVISION
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
FRANCE.



BOXING. REFRESHMENTS. "COO-EES"



Feby., 10th. 11th. 12th.,
1919.



THIRD
AUST DIV.

FROM

WAR
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THE
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EXHIBITION
MARTAINNEVILLE.
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Capt O'Brien
Diary

CAMERA CLUB.

MEMBERSHIP. As some doubt exists as to the rules of membership the following is republished.

Membership is open to Officers and Other Ranks on Strength or attached to Brigade Headquarters on payment of, Officers 10 francs, Other Ranks, 5 francs.
Membership entitled any member to purchase photographs as on show in Exhibition Books.

MEETING. A Meeting of the Camera Club will be held at 5.30^{p.m.} on Friday, 14th. inst in Recreation Room.

BUSINESS. Progress Report.
Balance Sheet and Financial Statement.
Policy of the Club.
Address by the President.

A full attendance is urgently desired.

ORDERS & SUPPLIES.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies, it is impossible to fill every order at once, furthermore, no more orders can be received after Noon on Friday, 14th. inst., until further notice.

OFFICE. Exhibition Books are on view at the Temporary Office (Gas Sergeant's billet, behind the Orderly Room) on application to Sapper Grunicke or Cpl. Hackett.

QUERIES.

If any questions or grievance arise application must be made to any member of the Committee or to the undersigned.

M. Birks
Lieut.
Hon. President.
11th. Brigade H/Qs. Camera Club.

11/3/19.

Capt. O'Brien
for information
of file
M.B.

GENERAL

The following is published as to the rules of membership

Membership is open to Officers and other ranks on receipt of attached to British Headquarters on payment of 50/-

A meeting of the Officers Club will be held at 8.30 on Friday, 12th in Reception Room.

Program Report, Balance Sheet and Financial Statement, Policy of the Club, Address by the President.

A full attendance is urgently desired.

ORDER & REGULATIONS

Orders to the effect of this in obtaining supplies, it is impossible to fill every order at once, therefore, no more orders can be received after noon on Friday, 12th, until further notice.

Exhibition books are on view at the Temporary Office (see Government's notice, behind the Orderly Room) on application to Super. Messengers or Sgt. Roberts.

If any questions or inquiries arise application must be made to any member of the Committee or to the undersigned.

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Mr. Roberts, Hon. Treasurer, The Officers Club.

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Mr. Roberts
The information
for the Club

AUSTRALIAN CORPS NEWS SHEET.

REPATRIATION AND DEMOBILISATION.

The following is a summary of instruction in connection with repatriation and demobilisation.

Discharge Elsewhere than in Australia.

- Such discharges are granted sparingly in exceptional cases only, and if services can be dispensed with.
- EVIDENCE to prove that:—
 - No dependants, or dependants in Australia agreeable.
 - Domicile ordinarily out of Australia.
 - That he is able to maintain himself in the country he desires discharge.
 - Commonwealth Government absolved from future liability to repatriation.
- DEFERRED PAY: 30 per cent. on discharge, 35 per cent. after one month, balance after three months from discharge.
- Arms, equipment, uniforms and clothing to be returned. 30 per cent. is allowed for plain clothes and cap, and 2s. 9d. for overcoat.
- All applications to be made through C.O.'s.

Early Repatriation.

- All applications to be made through usual A.I.F. channels and then submitted to Director General of Repatriation.
- C.O.'s to certify that applicant:—
 - Can be spared from military duty.
 - Reasons given by applicant are bona fide and true. Applicant to supply documentary evidence where possible.
- Applicant to sign statement that he agrees to debit of £1 10s. to cover cost of cable to Australia to verify statements if required.
- Applications are granted very sparingly, and only for:—
 - Business reasons of great hardship.
 - Family reasons of distressful nature.
 - Educational reasons, i.e., substantial hardship if not granted.
 - Public or national reasons, i.e., holding important public office, or on economic grounds.

Repatriation Precedence.

- ORDER OF REPATRIATION: Partly by circumstance of each man, partly by quotas from the Unit.
- Every unit Commander will decide order for every individual man according to fixed principles (set out in par. No. 5 hereof).
- Soldiers required for such duty as unit cadres or demobilisation, ordnance embarkation, transport, etc. cannot be released. Men for such duty should be selected from those not entitled to early return.
- Soldiers who desire to pursue educational or industrial employment, or for family or other good reasons, may, by consent, forfeit his right of priority.
- Precedence is granted in following order:—
 - Length of service in A. I. F.
 - Family responsibilities.
 - Prospects of immediate employment.

(6) EXAMPLE.

Thus of the 1914 men, the soldier with a wife and several children and employment waiting for him will be returned first; and the man with no dependants and no definite prospects of employment, last of that year.

All whose circumstances lie between these extremes are taken in a fair and equitable sequence.

1915 men will then be returned according to the same manner and so on for 1916—17—18 finishing with the men most recently enlisted.

Extended Leave.

- Applications may be for
 - "Extended leave" for periods exceeding one month.
 - "Leave to return to Australia at own expense."
 - C.O.'s may grant "Special leave" for one month, but not so as to delay demobilisation.
 - "Extended leave not exceeding six months," but subject to renewal may be granted for:—
 - Substantial business reasons.
 - Educational reasons.
 - Family reasons requiring applicant's personal attention.
- Objects must be fully and frankly stated.
- Conditions of "extended leave":—
 - Applicant of good character and considered worthy by his O.C.
 - May be spared from Military Duty.
 - No free transport, except between France and U.K.
 - No pay or allowance normally.
 - Dependents will not suffer from grants of such leave. G.O.C. may however in special circs. waive this.
 - Priority of demobilisation to be forfeited.

5. "Leave to return at own expense to Australia, for discharge there" granted:—

- In special cases.
- Bona fide intention to return to Australia.
- Applicant in position to pay his own passage to Australia.
- Same conditions as "extended leave" but without pay.

6. During all periods of leave applicant responsible for return of clothing, accoutrements and equipment.

Non-Military Employment.

- Kind of employment suggested—
 - Experience and training as learner, apprentice or improver in all commerce or industries (including land).
 - Employment on full or partial salary or wages in commerce and industry (including land).
 - Studentship at Schools, Universities, Technical and Agricultural Colleges, etc., in all courses.
 - Applicant may apply for two different kinds of employment in order of preference.
 - Applicant must be willing to forfeit priority of repatriation.
- Financial Terms—
 - Every man retains earnings and also his military pay.
 - If earnings not sufficient he will receive from pay and additional money sufficient for "minimum subsistence."
 - 6/- a day has been fixed for "minimum subsistence" for a Private, but Director General may increase this where he thinks justified.
 - Working clothes and necessary tools will be provided free of charge, but they must be returned.
 - Scholarships gained remain the property of the student.
 - Payment of College and University fees and premiums may be approved in suitable cases.

3. If men fall out of employment they will receive full subsistence for fourteen days. If unable to secure fresh employment they will report to Depot Camp for quarters and rations to resume military training.

A. W. L. During Demobilisation.

Cases have occurred of men absenting themselves during the journey from France to England, and during the journey from Depots in United Kingdom to the ship's side, and of men overstaying leave and being therefore absent from Embarkation.

Such practises not only very seriously dislocate Embarkation procedure, but also involve that the men guilty thereof remain a charge upon the State for longer than necessary.

It is to be clearly understood that any man so offending will become liable to:—

- Penalty by C. O. or Court Martial.
- The forfeiture, in whole or in part, of any or all, of the privileges or payments prescribed, both before embarkation, during the voyage and after disembarkation.
- Lose his priority of return.

A cablegram will be sent to Australia reporting the offence and the name of the offender.

Soldiers' Dependents.

- Free third class passages to Australia, and if desired on the same ship, are granted to soldiers' wives and children.
- Wives of Officers must travel First Class; wives of N.C.O.'s of the rank of Sergeant and upwards, Second Class—other ranks Third Class.
- Dependents who must travel by a higher class must pay the difference between the cost of the higher and the Third Class passage. Present rates are—

First Class	...	£55
Second Class	...	£38
Third Class	...	£23

An overdraft against deferred pay, not to exceed 75 per cent. of such pay may be granted for this purpose.

4. Wives and children of deceased members of A.I.F., or of men who have returned to Australia, are entitled to above privileges.

Pay Allowances and Leave during and after Return to Australia.

1. Every soldier may draw 30 days' pay upon his Active Pay Account at nett drawing rate after completion of 14 days' leave in England.

2. Prior to his 14 days' leave he may draw 84s. if his Pay Book shows no debit exceeding £10. He will forego the 30 days' pay unless the amount to his credit, after allowing for this 84s., is sufficient to cover such further payment. Thus the soldier who has insufficient in his Pay Book to cover both payments may receive one or the other benefit, but he cannot receive both. Those who have sufficient credit may receive both.

3. During the voyage, if credit exists, the undermentioned amounts may be drawn:—

Officers and Nurses	...	£10
Sergeants and higher ranks	...	£5
Other ranks	...	£3

4. Prior to disembarkation the following payments will be made:—

- £10 to those who embarked prior to 1917, providing necessary credit exists.
- £5 in all other cases, if credit or not.

5. LEAVE will be granted after disembarkation in Australia as follows:—

- (a) 7½ days for every six months' service abroad, from embarkation to disembarkation.
- (b) Fractional periods of service over four months will be regarded as six months.
- (c) If total period includes half a day, latter will count as a whole day.
- (d) Men who returned to Australia and re-embarked get leave based on total service outside Australia.
- (e) If total service less than six months, 14 days' leave without subsistence allowance.
- (f) Men who have taken long service furlough abroad get 14 days without subsistence allowance.

6. SUBSISTENCE IN AUSTRALIA:—

3s. per day for leave granted as above for all ranks with over one years' service, except those who have taken long service furlough abroad.

Field Allowance for Officers ceases on date of disembarkation.

7. DISCHARGE IN AUSTRALIA.

Soldiers will be discharged from A.I.F. on expiration of leave.

If a soldier enlists in one military district he may disembark and be discharged in another if his home or relatives are there

If a soldier's home is some distance from port of disembarkation he will receive free railway warrant to the nearest railway station.

8. DEFERRED AND OTHER PAY.

All pay and 75 per cent of deferred pay and subsistence allowance is payable 4 days after disembarkation. Balance of deferred pay is available when Pay Book finalised.

9. All the above provisions apply to nurses.

Scheme of Demobilisation.

1. Demobilisation of men who embarked in 1915 will continue as shipping becomes available. This will merge into General Demobilisation.

2. Embarkation will take place from U.K.

If later on it should be decided to embark from Continental Ports, the general principles of the scheme will be adhered to.

3. From time of leaving Unit in France until day of sailing will be about 6 weeks.

4. Troops for given transport will assemble 12 days prior to sailing for preparation of Boat Roll, etc.

5. Every effort will be made to arrange 14 days leave in U.K., but railway transport difficulties are considerable.

6. An "Embarkation Quota" normally comprises 1,000 men. Each Division will in rotation assemble and entrain such a quota. This process will be continued indefinitely.

7. When scheme is in full working order one quota will leave France every two days, i.e. 500 per day.

Two New Pamphlets.

Two small pamphlets are being printed in England for distribution on a scale of one per man to all ranks of the A.I.F. in France and England.

(a) "Things which Australian soldiers ought to know," issued by Department of Repatriation and Demobilisation.

(b) "The Australian Repatriation Scheme," issued on the authority of Senator Millen, Minister for Repatriation.

These pamphlets contain notes on points which are of great interest to all members of the A.I.F., and should be read carefully.

A.I.F. Education Service Journal.

The first number of a monthly publication compiled by the A.I.F. Education Service has just been issued, and copies will shortly be available for all units.

SPORT.

A Rugby match played in Paris between a team from the A.I.F. in France and a team from the French army, resulted in a win for the Australian 15. Scores being 3 points to nil. There were about 10,000 spectators at the match.

COMPETITIONS REPORT.

2nd Div Artillery (Dinkum Diamond Race Club) held a race meeting on Jany. 1st. Fields were large and racing good. A service of horse vehicles conveyed troops and civilians to the Course. Arrangements generally were excellent. The meeting was attended by H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, and Staff.

Corps Mounted Troops Gymkhana took place on the 15th, 16th and 17th Jan. Competition was keen, particularly in the Hunting, Tent Pegging, Section Jumping, and athletic events, Evening entertainments (concert, dancing, and boxing contests) were arranged. Attendance of troops and civilians and arrangements generally were good.

6th Army Brigade A.F.A. "The Movies" Racing and Poliestrian Club held a 2 days meeting on the 19th and 20th

Jan. The first day was devoted to Mounted Competitions, 15 events being successfully run off, all well contested. Arrangements were good.

2nd Div. Artillery (Dinkum Diamond Race Club) held another successful Race Meeting on Jany. 19th. Fields were very large and racings and appointments were again good. A very large crowd of troops and civilians attended. The prizes were well above the average.

2nd. Div. Race Meeting took place on the 21st. inst. The nominations were limited to the 2nd. Div., and the distances were short, but good entries were received. A large crowd attended.

The following athletic and mounted sports have been arranged:—

January 31, 3rd Army Brigade, A.I.F., near Mettet. Seven mule and horse races, five open to A.I.F.

February 2, Corps Mounted Troops Racing Club, Hantes Wiberies. Six events, five open, one mile hurdle race, one mile flat.

February 4, Corps Mounted Troops Racing Club. Six events open, one mile hurdle race, one mile flat.

February 7, 5th Brigade R.A.F. Race Meeting, Sprée.

February 9, 2nd. Div. Race Meeting, Bomerece.

February 16, 2nd. Div. Artillery Race Meeting, Thuin.

In the Derby de la Victoire run in Paris on the 19th Jan. the following from Australian Corps ran into places: Sgt. Preston, 9th. Bta., 25th; Sgt. Hewett, 3rd. Div. H.Q., 38th. There were 600 starters in the race, and the time for 11 kms. was 37 min. 11 2-5th secs.

Rifle Shooting.

A series of very interesting rifle and machine gun matches have been arranged between units of the 5th Aust. Division and units of the 66th Chasseur Division.

The first match was fired at Semousies between the 59th Battalion and the 6th Battalion Chasseurs Alpins.

Conditions of the match were 12 men a side, 10 rounds each at 100 yds. and 300 yds. Targets 100 yds. 4" bullseye. 300 yds. 8" bullseye. No rest.

Results:—

6th Bn. of Alpine Chasseurs	...	660	points.
59th Bn.	...	767	"

59th Bn. winning by 107 points.

The second match—a machine gun competition between the 5th M.G. Bn. and the 6th Bn. of Alpine Chasseurs. Conditions—2 guns per team, range 325yds. The French teams used Hotchkiss guns.

Results:—

	Rds. Fired.	Pts. Scored.	Time coming into Action.
5th Aust. M.G. Bn.	1050	516	25secs.
6th Bn. Chasseurs Alp.	850	169	19secs.

At the conclusion of this match a return match between 6th Bn. Chasseurs Alpine and 59th Bn. was fired. Conditions—12 men a side, ranges 120yds and 325yds. At 120yds. head and shoulder figure targets were exposed 10 times at irregular intervals and at different places, 4 seconds each exposure.

At 325 yds., three-quarter figure targets were exposed for one minute. There was no limit to the number of rounds fired during the time limit.

Results:—

	Hits at 120yds.	Hits at 325yds.	Points.	Avg. per minute.
59th Bn.	152	89	482	18rds.
6th Bn. C.A.	85	48	256	12rds.

59th Bn. winning by 226 points.

Y.M.C.A. INSTITUTES.

For officers and men in Paris, the Australian Y.M.C.A. has affiliated with the Overseas French Homes League. Officers and men of the A.I.F. while on leave in Paris may have hospitality with English speaking families and entertainments arranged for them by applying to the Australian Y.M.C.A., Hotel Windsor, 26, Rue de Petrograd, PARIS.

EXTRACTS FROM LONDON NEWS-PAPERS of RECENT DATE.

AMSTERDAM. General ESTORFF, the ex-Kaiser's Adjutant, accompanied by two other Germans, recently arrived in Amsterdam and proceeded to a well-known hotel where they ordered rooms. The porter, on learning of their nationality, informed them that the hotel did not take Germans, whereupon they departed in search of an hotel where Germans are more sure of welcome.

The "National News," Paris correspondent states: "The French General Staff at the Peace Conference will demand that the ex-Kaiser, ex-Crown Prince and all other male members of the German Imperial family be permanently exiled in ALGIERS, where they will reside under the jurisdiction of the Commander-in-Chief of the 19th Army Corps. The French General Staff do not favour a state trial of the ex-Kaiser, but favour his surrender as a military prisoner and exile as an act of conqueror."

Reuter's news telegram begins: Demobilisation is proceeding most satisfactorily. Whereas previously the number was

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8,000 daily, the figures during the last few days have averaged 20,000. It was hoped soon to deal with about 27,000 men of overseas forces, and 25,000 men in this country daily. While the Army is not yet being demobilised, this is regarded as being as much as can reasonably be expected in the present circumstances.

Reuter's news telegram begins: The big programme of airship construction by the Admiralty includes airships with a gas capacity of 2 million cubic feet, with a range of 8,000 miles, speed of 65 to 70 miles per hour, lifting capacity of 60 tons, and to carry a crew of 25. Plans are being laid for building even bigger ones. The first of these super-Zeppelins is nearly ready and will be launched towards the end of the year. It is stated that they are being primarily built for sea patrol and observation work, and they will be stationed on the coasts. The authorities regard the airship as possessing several advantages over aeroplanes for long distance journeys. It possesses endurance, can lift heavy weights and affords passengers greater comfort and more accommodation.

The General Committee of the M.C.C. yesterday decided to suspend confirmation of the resolution restricting all county matches this year to two days and abolishing Saturday starts. The tour of the Australian Service team will be carried through but the question of sending an English team to Australia in the Autumn will be further considered at a meeting of the Board Control on 5/2. The Gentlemen and Players' Match at Lords will be played on July 14th, 15th, and 16th, following Eton v Harrow match, as before the war. There will also be a Gentlemen and Players' Match at the oval.

The Times, Wednesday, January 8th, 1919:—

Paper for the election literature of N. S. W. Parliamentary candidates has been rationed to the extent of one card and one envelope for each elector.

Australian Customs revenue for six months amounts to more than £8,000,000 an increase of £1,408,674 over the corresponding period of last year. The postal revenue is £3,076,960, an increase of £320,171.

Three thousand tons of honey are stored in Australia awaiting export.

War pensions granted by the Commonwealth Government to the end of December total 147,146, with an annual liability of £4,435,106.

Wives and dependants of any members of the A.I.F. who have left for Australia on furlough, and who are themselves desirous of returning to Australia, are asked to communicate by letter with the Deputy Director-General, Repatriation and Demobilization Department, A.I.F., 54 Victoria Street S.W.I. Communication should give the regimental number, name (in full), and unit of the soldier concerned, also date of leaving England, or France, if known.

A Bill before the N.S.W. Legislative Council authorises the Senate of the University of Sydney to defray the fees of universities and educational institutions abroad of men on active service who hold public endowments at the University of Sydney.

Mr. Watt, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, has received a cable from the British Government stating that the Admiralty views sympathetically Australia's proposal that a British and Allied fleet, including captured warships, should visit Australia to take part in the peace celebrations.

The Australian Press publishes an unofficial report from General Sir John Monash of the Australians work in France from March 26 last to October 5. They took 28,655 prisoners, 332 guns, many thousand machine-guns, mortars and vehicles, millions of rounds of ammunition, and also recaptured 116 towns and villages, releasing 251 square miles of French soil. The five Australian divisions never numbered more than 100,000 men all told.

The Times of Wednesday, January 8th, 1919

There have been received by the Australian canteen for Serbians, from the Australian Comforts Fund, 20,000 shirts and 10,000 pairs of socks, to be distributed amongst Serbians in distress.

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The Times of Monday, January 6th, 1919:—

Mr. E. T. Fisk, Managing Director of the Amalgamated Wireless (Australian), Limited, on September 23 at his experimental station at Wanroonga, received two wireless messages from the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Navy. The messages were dispatched from the Marconi Company's new trans-atlantic station at Carnarvan, Wales.

The Times of Monday, January 7th, 1919:—

Mr. F. H. Lindeman has such faith in the New South Wales wine industry, that his firm purchased a property which they are prepared to hand over to returned soldiers, and guarantee to take delivery of all the grapes they grow.

Exportation of butter from Australia which has not been graded by an Officer of Customs is prohibited.

For the six months ended December 31 last, the revenue of South Australia was £2,283,000, as compared with £2,309,000 in the corresponding period of the previous year.

New schedules of meat prices provide for the wholesale price of beef in New South Wales to be advanced from 42s. to 50s. per 100lb., and mutton a halfpenny per lb., while lamb will remain at 6d.

With 600,000 cases of apples in cool stores in Australia, the importation of American apples will not be permitted.

THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER.

Extract from Pamphlet. (As seen through Italian eyes).

Tall, slim, and of a vividly blonde complexion, fair-haired, blue-eyed, an impetuous swing in their walk—even their Spanish Brigand-like hat seems to sway in impulsive, ardent unison with it—an inextinguishable smile lighting up the whole face, and with a thousand outward signs of a healthy, vehement optimism, they give one an impression of I know not what strange, hyperbolic, fabulous youth of the world. And, in very truth, they do represent the world's youthfulness.

They are marvellous men! Each one better looking than the last met, strong, muscular, dashing, vivid! In the midst of the necessary animalism of their present existence, they pay scrupulous and untiring attention to certain outward signs of personal distinction. Their uniforms, though often roughly cut, are always speckless and as beautifully cared for as if just that moment come out of a valet's hands. Let the heavens fall, they must shave every morning, even scent themselves when possible; they adore the thousand and one trifles which constitute a "toilet," things which they unflinchingly lug after them into the most unheard-of and perilous adventures. Wherever they find a stream, a spring, a mountain torrent, they bathe, if it be at all possible; indeed they have for the bath an ideal cult which makes them resemble the Homeric Levites of an age cleaner than ours.

To these two estimates of the value of our Australian fighting men, I should like to add one given to me by a British soldier, involuntarily, and with no thought of its being repeated in Australia or elsewhere. It was at the cinema here in Rome a few weeks ago. We were watching the soldiers on the British front with their megatherium "Tanks." Suddenly I heard a voice behind me, "There go the Australians! Now we'll have some fun!" We didn't have any "fun," for the lights went up almost immediately. I turned round to the speaker, a boy in khaki. "Are you an Australian?" I asked. "No!" was the astonishingly generous answer. "I wish I was though, I've seen a good deal of them, and in my opinion they're the best of the lot of us. They can knock sparks out of any of us."

That "I wish I was, though," appealed to me. It is what I, a writing pigmy, feel when I stand in front of some literary giant. And, dear Australian soldiers, I have set it down here for your mothers, wives, sweethearts, and sisters to read—not at all for you. For, like any other individual amongst your women folk, I am convinced that you are as modest, as valiant, and would blushing, not to say furiously, repudiate this statement of your British brother-in-arms. Ah! But I think you will like it, all the same.