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OF

11th. INFANTRY BRIGADE., A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 11th. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMBURES	1st.		Machine Gunners' Pierrot Concert.	
	2nd.		Draft No. 24 left Gamaches en route to Australia. Colonel and Staff Captain saw it off.	
	3rd.		Brigade books audited at St Maxent, 41st. Battalion, for quarter ending 31st. March. 1919.	
	4th.		Remainder of Brigade H/qrs. medically boarded at Ramburesles.	
	5th.		Lovely weather.	
	6th.		Census parade, Brigade H/qrs. at 2,30 p.m., strength for rations 55.	
	7th.		Closed Brigade Canteen.	
	8th.		Badminton Court established at Brigade H/qrs.	
	9th.		Colonel and Staff attended 43rd. Battalion sports at Cerisy.	
	10th.		All leave for men in France within one month of Demobilisation.- stopped.	
	11th.		Brigade Schools disbanded to Units.	
	12th.		Men for No. 39 quota to Units.	
	13th.		Reliefs in for above.	
	14th.		Staff Captain Bennett on 1870 Battlefields tour.	
	15th.		Captain O'Bryen, Lieuts. Smith, (records) Lloyd, and Thomas to Units for draft.	
	16th.		Taking over Gamaches Camp for 39 Quota.	
	17th.		No. 39 quota assembled at Gamaches.	

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RAMBURES.	18th.		Finalizing Brigade books, handing in Salvage, and generally squaring up, prior to move, Gamaches.	
	& 19th.			
	20th.		ditto.	
	21st.		ditto.	
	22nd.		Cleaning up billets, handing in stores and salvage.	
	23rd.		Clearances obtained, re undamaged billets, and reconnaissance made of Gamaches area.	
	24th.		11th. Demob. Regiment moved into Gamaches village. No. 45 Quota into Camp.	
	25th.		Anzac Day Divisional Sports at Gamaches.	
	26th.		11th. Demob. Regiment merged into No. 51 Quota.	

Appendix I.

Education Reports

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Headquarters,
Third Australian Division.

WEEKLY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education in Units of this Brigade is proceeding satisfactorily notwithstanding the gradual demobilisation, the 43rd. Battalion shows an increased enrolment and attendance at classes.

LECTURES by Sapper INGRAM, 11th. Field Coy. are proving a continued success, and much appreciation has been expressed regarding them.

BRIGADE SCHOOLS.

RAMBOURES. The enrolment has decreased greatly owing to recall of members to Units; and the main activity is now confined to instruction of attached men who attend classes in spare time. But work continues to be satisfactory.

ST MAXENT. Attendance and results are maintained at previous good standard.

LE FRANSLAY. Enrolments have decreased to 10 students, and the last available qualified instructor, Sgt. RYDER, 44th. Battalion has now been withdrawn. 9 of the 10 students wish to sit for examination in Book-keeping and Shorthand at Corps 'Central School, RUE.

In general, it is apparent that Brigade Schools cannot survive beyond the next draft for demobilisation, and it is anticipated that the week ending 12/4/19 will be their last complete term.

4/4/19.
JH.

APL
Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 11th. Demob. Regiment. A.I.F.



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Mr. Henry



Headquarters
Third Australian Division

WEEKLY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

BRIGADE SCHOOLS.

All Brigade Schools, as such, have now been discontinued in anticipation of the new concentration on the 17th instant.

From their inception until now these Schools have proved of undoubted value. Instructors have maintained a fine enthusiasm throughout, and Students have everywhere expressed their interest and appreciation of the assistance the Education Branch has offered.

Seven students of the Commercial School, LE TRANSLAY have elected to continue their studies at RUE, and the Telegraphy Class at ST. MAXENT is to be continued under the C.I. (Lieut. TRUDGIAN, M.C.) within the 41st. Battalion.

BATTALION CLASSES.

As with the Brigade organisation, the impending draft is bringing the main educational activities to a close. Classes are smaller in all units than last week. But reports indicate that the proportion of instructors and students will enable class reorganisation during repatriation to be successfully carried out.

Libraries and popular discussions have held their place through the week.

12/4/19.
(R.B.)

RRH
Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding, 11th. Demobilisation Regiment.

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Orders.

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11th. DEMOBILISATION REGIMENT ORDER NO. 2.

Copy No. 27

Reference Map:- VIGNACOURT. (Admin. Map).
1/100,000.Regt. Headquarters.
8th. April, 1919.

1. No. 34 Quota will concentrate at GAMACHES Camp on 10/4/19. This Order to be read in conjunction with Demobilisation Circular No. 37.

2. Allotment to Units of this Regiment is as under:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>W.Os. and Sergeants.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
3rd. Divl. Signal Coy.	1	2	20	23.
9th. Field Company.	2	6	54	62.
9th. Field Ambulance.) (includes R.M.O. of Quota).	2	6	59	67. (In- cludes Cadre "B").
3rd. Divl. Train.	2	5	69	76.

Units must ensure that Quotas march in to full strength on 10/4/19.

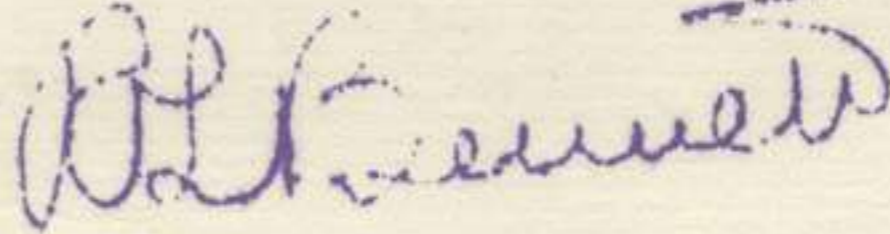
3. Quotas from Units will move to GAMACHES Camp on 10/4/19 as per para. 5 of 11th. Demobilisation Order No. 1.

4. One-third rations will be carried by personnel. One-third rations will be delivered at Camp at GAMACHES by 13.00 10/4/19 to enable a hot meal to be served to troops on arrival.

5. Units will act in accordance with Paras. 7, 8, and 9 of 11th. Demobilisation Order No. 1.

6. The Return on Pro-Forma "B" will not be required prior to departure of No. 34 Quota.

7. Acknowledge.



Adjutant, 11th. Demobilisation Regiment, A.I.F. Captain.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1/2. 3rd. Aust. Division.
3. C.O.
4/7. Spare.
8. 41st. Battalion.
9/10. 43rd. Battalion.
11/14. C. R. E.
15/17. A.D.M.S.
18/21. 3rd. Divisional Train.
22/23. 3rd. Divl. Signal Coy.
24. C.O. No. 34. Quota.
25. 9th. Demobilisation Regiment.
26. 10th. Demobilisation Regiment.
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11th. AUSTRALIAN DEMOBILIZATION REGIMENT ORDER No. 3.

Regt. Headquarters
15th. April, 1919.

Reference Map: VIGNACOURT. (Admin. Map).
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1. This Order is to be read in conjunction with Divisional Circular Memos. Nos. 42 and 43.
2. No. 39 Embarkation Quota will concentrate at Concentration Camp, GAIACHES, on the 17th. April, 1919.
3. The allotment to Units of this Regiment is as follows:-

UNIT.	Offs.	W.Os* and Sgts.	O.R's.	TOTAL.
41st. Battalion.	16	20	216*	252
43rd. Battalion.	13	16	131	160
44th. Battalion. (including "B" Cadre).	13	14	140	167
3rd. Div. Signal Coy.	-	1	3	4
11th. Field Coy.	2	4	53	59
11th. Field Amb.	1	5	40	46
3rd. Div. Train.	2	4	46	52
11th. A.L.T.M. Bty.) "B" Cadre.)	1	-	2	3

* If unable to fill this allotment with 1916 men, 41st. Battalion may send early 1917 men.

4. The Staff for this Quota will be as follows:-

C.O.	- Major R.J. DONALDSON, D.S.O.	C.R.E., 3rd. Aust. Divn.
2nd. in Command.	- Major A.W. TAYLOR, M.C.	3rd. A.M.G. Bn.
Adjutant.	- Capt. E.J. COLLIVER, M.C.	43rd. Battalion.
Quartermaster.	- Lieut. F.A. LEVIE,	43rd. Battalion.
R. S. M.	- 1781 R.S.M. DUNN, R.	44th. Battalion.
R. Q.M.S.	- 96 C. Q.M.S. JORDAN, V.J.S.	43rd. Battalion.
Ord. Room Sergeant.	- 1659 L/Sgt. JENKINS, T.D.	43rd. Battalion.

5. The number of W.Os. and Sergeants shown in the allotment is the minimum number to be detailed. Due regard must be given to their position on Precedence Rolls, and N.C.Os. in excess may be sent provided the total allotment of all ranks is not exceeded, and subject to the requirements of future quotas being met without additional promotions being made.

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6. Unit quotas will move according to the following Table:-

Unit.	Depart.	Starting Point.	Route.
41st. Battalion.	10.00	Cross Roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile W. of S in St. MAXENT.	TRANSLAY- TILLOY- FLORIVILLE.
43rd. Battalion.*	09.45	RAMBURELLES Church.	do do
44th. Battalion.*			
3rd. Div. Sig. Coy.	Under arrangement of O.C. Coy.		
11th. Field Coy.	09.30	Road junction 1700 yards W of 1st. R in RAMBURELLES.	do do
11th. Field Amb.	09.30	Cross Roads 800 yards S of Y in TRANSLAY.	do
3rd. Div. Train.	09.30.	Windmill 500 yards S.E. of T in FRANICOURT.	do
"B" Cadre 11th. A.L.T. Bty.		(To move with 43rd. Battalion).	do

* To move as one party under orders of 43rd. Battalion.

Halts from 10 minutes to clock hour to the clock hour.

7. The Band of the 44th. Battalion and the "Bluogum" Pierrot Troupe will proceed with the Quota, vide this Office memo. 26/2 of the 11th. instant, issued to Battalions.

8. One-third ration will be carried by personnel, and one-third will be sent to GAIACHES with cooks to arrive there by 13.00 on the 17th. instant so that a hot meal may be served to the troops on arrival.

9. On receipt of this Order, Units will apply direct to the Divisional Train for baggage waggons for conveyance of valises, blankets, etc. Divl. Train have been warned accordingly.

10. O.C. each Unit's Quota will hand to C.O. No. 39 Embarkation Quota, A.F.B. 122, Form 536, Q. 1 Form, and Form 541 for each member of the quota. In addition, he will supply marching-in state, nominal roll in triplicate and a small supply of stationery.

11. 43rd. Battalion will arrange to hand over one typewriter to the C.O. Quota and obtain receipt. C.O. Quota will hand the typewriter over in AUSTRALIA to the responsible Military Authorities.

12. The 43rd. Battalion and the 44th. Battalion will move to ST. MAXENT on the 19th. instant, to be clear of CERISY by 11.00.

13. Stores of the 43rd. Battalion will be handed into D.A.D.O.S. on the 18th. instant. (Attention is specially drawn to this Office 70/32, of 28/3/19; re lists to D.A.D.O.S. 48 hours prior to handing in Stores).

14. Attention of Units is directed to Demob. Circular No. 41.

15. 41st. Battalion will arrange to despatch to the 43rd. Battalion on the evening of the 16th. instant, one Cooker with enough utensils for about 100 men.

16. 44th. Battalion will obtain from the Mairie a clearance certificate in duplicate (one copy of which will be forwarded to these Headquarters) that there are no Claims outstanding and that the billets occupied by them have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.

17. 43rd. Battalion will obtain a similar certificate before moving to ST. MAXENT on the 19th. instant.

18. They will finalise their Regimental Trust Funds Account as soon as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. L. S.
Adjutant, 11th. Demobilisation Regiment, A.I.F.

Distribution:-

Copy No.	1/2.	3rd. Aust. Divn.	16/18.	A.D.H.S.
	3.	C.O.	19/22.	3rd. Div. Train.
	4/7.	Spare.	23/24.	3rd. Div. Sig. Coy.
	8.	41st. Battalion.	25.	C.O. No. 39 Quota.
	9/10.	43rd. Battalion.	26.	9th. Demob. Regt.
	12.	Major DONALDSON, D30.	27.	10th. Demob. Regt.
	13/15.	C.P.E.		

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11th. AUSTRALIAN DEMOBILIZATION REGIMENT ORDER No. 4.

Regimental Headquarters.
22nd. April, 1919.

Reference Map:- VIGNACOURT. (Admin. Map).
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- This Order is to be read in conjunction with Demob. Circular Memorandum No. 45.
- No. 45 Embarkation Quota will concentrate at CAMACHES Camp on 24th. April, 1919.
- The allotment to Units of this Regiment is as follows:-

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>W.Os. and Sgts.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
43rd. Battalion.	13	8	60	81.
44th. Battalion.	4	3	41	48.
Divl. Engineers.	8	8	82	98.
10th. Field Amb.	1	-	30	31.
11th. Field Amb.	-	2	17	19.
3rd. Div. Sig. Coy.	-	-	16	16.
3rd. Divl. Train.	1	4	26	31.
11th. Bde. "B" Cadre.	1	1	3	5.*

* Included in 43rd. Battalion figures.

- Units will move according to the following Table:-

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>	<u>Starting Point.</u>	<u>Route.</u>
43rd. Battalion.)*	09.45	RAMBURELL'S Church.	TRANSLAY-TILLOCH-FLORIVILLE.
44th. Battalion.)*			
10th. Field Amb.)	09.30	Cross Roads 800 yards	do do
11th. Field Amb.)		S. of Y. in TRANSLAY.	
9th. Field Coy.)			
10th. Field Coy.)	09.30	Road junction 1700 yards	do do
11th. Field Coy.)		N of 1st. R in RAMBURELLS.	
3rd. Div. Sig. Coy.		Under arrangement of O.C. Company.	
3rd. Divl. Train.	09.30	Windmill 500 yards	do do
		S.E. of T in FRAMICOURT.	

* To move as one party under orders of 43rd. Battalion.

Halts from ten minutes to clock hour to the clock hour.

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5. 43rd. and 44th. Battalions will not move to ST. MAXENT vide para. 12 of 11th. Demobilisation Regt. Order No. 3.

6. One-third ration will be carried by personnel, and one-third will be sent to GAMACHES with cooks to arrive there by 13.00 on the 24th. instant, so that a hot meal may be served to the troops on arrival.

7. On receipt of this Order, Units will apply direct to Divisional Train for transport.

8. O.C. each Unit's quota will hand to C.O. No. 45 Embarkation Quota, A.F.B. 122, Form 536, Q. 1 Form, and Form 541 for each member of the quota. In addition, he will supply marching-in state, nominal roll in triplicate and a small supply of stationery.

9. The remaining personnel of the following Units will not move into billets in GAMACHES Village on 24th. instant, nor until further notice:-

41st. Battalion.
Field Ambulances.
Divl. Signal Coy.
Divisional Train.

but it is anticipated that:-

The 41st. Battalion will move there on the 27th. instant.
The Field Ambulances " " " " " 26th. "
The Divisional Train about 28th. or 29th. instant, depending on disposal of horses and stores.

11. On any Unit evacuating any area, the following certificates are required:-

(1) Certificate from Mairie that there are no claims outstanding, and that billets have been left in a clean and satisfactory condition.

(2) Certificate from the Unit that Billoting Certificates have been made out for period up to evacuation of area and forwarded to Branch Requisition Office.

(3) Certificate in accordance with Para. 2 of Demob. Circular Memo. No. 41 re collection and disposal of R.E. material and salvage.

Those Certificates to be forwarded to Regimental Headquarters within 48 hours of evacuation of area.

12. 11th. Demobilisation Regt. Headquarters will close at RAMBURES at 12.00 on 24th. instant and open at GAMACHES at same hour on same date.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. Wood
Captain.

Adjutant, 11th. Demobilisation Regiment, A.I.F.

Distribution:

Copy Nos	1/2.	3rd. Aust. Divn.	19/22.	3rd. Div. Train.
	3.	C.O.	23/24.	3rd. Divl. Sig. Coy.
	4/7.	Spare.	25.	C.O. No. 45 Quota.
	8.	41st. Battalion.	26.	9th. Demob. Regt.
	9/10.	43rd. Battalion.	27.	10th. Demob. Regt.
	11.	Lieut. Col. FARRELL, DSO.	28/30.	War Diary.
	12/15.	C. R. E.	31.	File.
	16/18.	A.D.H.S.		