

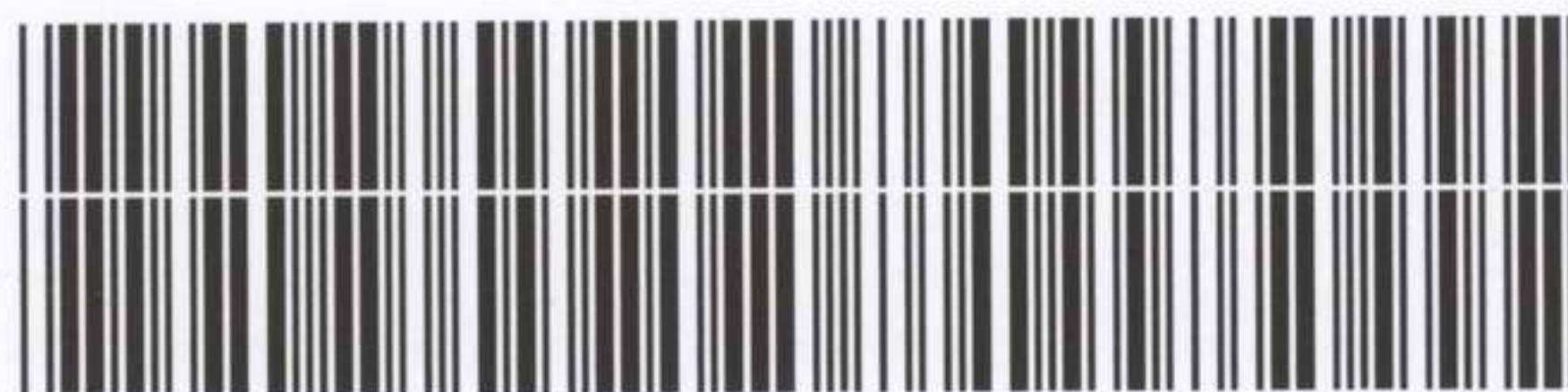
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W A R   D I A R Y .

of.

51st. B A T T A L I O N ,   A . I . F .

for.

.....*April*.....1919.

*Richard Leut Col  
6.0.51st Battalion*



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WAR DIARY  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE ROUX	April 1st	"	Fine sunny day Inspection of Arms Equipment & Clothing & Recreational Exercises	re
"	2nd	"	Weather fine, Rifle Competition commenced as per conditions copy of which is attached & marked I. H.Q. 13th Aust Inf Bde ceased to function & units of the Brigade came under the command of the C.R.A. 4th Aust Divnl Artillery Cardre "B" (1 officer & 5 O/Ranks) 13th Bde joined the amalgamated 49/50/51st Battalion.	I
"	3rd	"	Rifle Competitions continued, fine sunny day	
"	4th	"	Fine sunny day Rifle competition continued, Recreational exercises G.O.C. 13th A.I. Bde, Brig General S.C.E. HERRING D.S.O., & the Bde major Capt T.S. LOUCH M.C. left for ENGLAND. In the evening a very interesting lecture on "Australia" was given to all ranks by Miss BAXTER (Y.M.C.A.) & was well attended.	
"	5th	"	Remaining members of the Battalion were medically examined & boarded for Demobilization reasons, Football match Aust Rules was played between No 3 Coy (50th Bn) & No 4 Coy (51st Bn) Resulted in a win for 51st Bn by 4 points. Weather fine & clear.	
"	6th	"	Copy of Education report for the week is attached & marked II. Weather fine, Church Parade held in Recreation Hut. In afternoon a Hockey match was played by a team from Officers 49th Bn versus an officer's team from 50/51st 49th Bn Officers won by 1 goal to nil.	II



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LE ROUX	7 <sup>th</sup>	1919	weather fine & clear, Recreational Exercises, 1 off & 31 of Ranks rejoined from Guard on supply dump at NAMUR.	
"	8 <sup>th</sup>	"	Rifle competitions concluded list of prize winners is attached & marked III	III
"	9 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather fine All unit Equipment including, Signalling & Transport Equipmt & all stores on charge to the Battalion were returned to D.A.D.O.S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Divisions. Animal & Harness for transport of same to CHATELINEAU was supplied by 1st Aust Divnl Train (A.S.C.). The only transport now available for duty with the Bn & <del>unit</del> <sup>Reg</sup> <del>is</del> is 6 G.S. Wagon each with a 2 horse team.	
"	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	5 Horses & 21 Mules sold at Divnl Horse Sale CHATELET, weather fine. Inspection of arms & Equipmt & Recreational Exercises	
"	11 <sup>th</sup>	"	weather dull & cloudy, Battalion moved to AISEAU arrived at 1100 hours. No 1 & 2 Coy (49 <sup>th</sup> Bn) also moved to this village. All ranks belated comfortable accommodation being much better than was the case at LE ROUX. a large Concert Hall fitted with a fine stage & electric light is available & amusements are being arranged by organizing Dances & Concerts, at least three evenings during the week. Copy of 49/50/51 <sup>st</sup> Bn Order No 1 attached & marked IV	IV
AISEAU.	12 <sup>th</sup>	"	Dull Cloudy Day, Arrangements were made with the manager of one of the Coal Mines adjacent to AISEAU for the daily use of their fine Baths of 30 hot water Showers. this was willingly granted from 9 AM to 3 PM daily & all ranks are able to have a bath as required change of underclothy available once each week.	



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AISEAU	13 <sup>th</sup>	1919	Dull Cloudy day. 7035 Quota 11 officers & 111 of ranks marched out for Australia copy of <del>Order</del> instructions for Quota are attached & marked <u>V</u>	<u>V</u>
"	14 <sup>th</sup>	"	Church Parade in Concert Hall, Copy of Education report for week ending 12-4-1919 is attached & marked <u>VI</u>	<u>VI</u>
"	15 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather Cloudy but remained fine, Recreational games	
"	16 <sup>th</sup>	"	Wet cold day, weather prevented outside games, being arranged Dance held in Concert Hall at night largely attended by members of Bn & Civilians. Copy of Daily Strength Return is attached & marked <u>VII</u>	<u>VII</u>
"	17 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather again wet & cold, Cinema Show by YMCA in Concert Hall at night greatly appreciated by all ranks.	
"	18 <sup>th</sup>	"	Wet day no parades. In the evening a farewell dinner arranged by Officers of 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Divn was tendered to the C.O.C. Major General E.C. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN, C.B. D.S.O. in CHARLES ROBERT the C.O. Lieut Col R CHRISTIE D.S.O., & Capt R. EARL M.C. attended	
"	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather again wet. "GOOD FRIDAY" no work or amusement arranged	
"	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	Very wet cold day no parades	
"	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	Cloudy but fine, Church Parade in Concert Hall Dull Cloudy day. 1 off 16 of ranks marched out with no 40 Quota for Australia Copy of instructions for the Quota is attached & marked <u>VIII</u>	<u>VIII</u>
"	22 <sup>nd</sup>	"	Major General E.C. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN C.B. D.S.O. (C.O.C. Div) met all remaining officers of the Brigade at 11 AM & formally said farewell he is leaving for England.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AISEAU	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1919	Fine sunny day Recreational Exercises, Concert by Bde Concert party held in Concert Hall at 8 PM	
"	23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	Weather fine & clear, Recreational Training, Dance held at night largely attended	
"	24 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather again fine, Recreational Exercises, Cinema Show at night.	
"	25 <sup>th</sup>	"	Fine clear sunny day. "Angac Day" was celebrated by the combined units, with a well arranged dinner, a plentiful supply of eatables & refreshments were obtained & the dinner was a huge success, this was followed by a Concert & dance which proved to be as great a success as the dinner. The remaining horses on charge (7 riding + 2 light draught) transferred to 1st Bn - Thain (a.s.c.)	
"	26 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather dull & showery Recreational games	
"	27 <sup>th</sup>	"	Church Parade in Recreational Hall, Dull showery day Dance held in evening was well attended	
"	28 <sup>th</sup>	"	very wet day. Inspection of arms.	
"	29 <sup>th</sup>	"	Weather again wet preventing Recreational Exercises	
"	30 <sup>th</sup>	"	Another wet day, Kit Inspection held, all surplus stores returned to DADOS, also all Sheets, ground. Leather jerkins & gloves were withdrawn from remaining members of the Bn & returned to ordnance	



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AISEAU.	30 <sup>th</sup>	1919	<p>Educational work practically ceased within the Battalion when No 35 Quota marched out on 13/4/19 the majority of remaining instructors &amp; students went with this Quota. Several men are still working on elementary subjects with the aid of Bn Education Officer.</p> <p>The 49<sup>th</sup> &amp; 50<sup>th</sup> amalgamated with 51st Bn on 31/3/19 &amp; all have worked harmoniously together under the administration of the 51st Bn Staff.</p> <p>Rations have been up to scale &amp; of good quality. Rum being issued twice each week. All unserviceable clothing has been replaced with new &amp; all ranks are well clothed. When the Bn Unit Equipment was handed in to Ordnance 4 Company "Cookers" were issued two of which were returned on 16/4/19 two being found sufficient for requirements owing to reduction in numbers when No 35 Quota left.</p> <p>The health of the troops during the month has been excellent.</p> <p>Leave has been granted freely for men to visit the surrounding towns.</p> <p>full advantage has been taken of the opportunity.</p> <p>Discipline is good one or two minor cases of "absence without leave" are the only offences dealt with during the month.</p> <p>copy of daily strength return is attached &amp; marked IX</p> <p>Statement showing Disposal of Animals on Charge from 1st January 1919 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 1919 is attached &amp; marked X</p> <p>List of Officers &amp; Ranks marched out on Quota's during month is attached &amp; marked XI</p> <p>copy of Special Farewell order by Major General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Divn is attached &amp; marked XII</p>	<p>IX.</p> <p>X</p> <p>XI</p> <p>XII</p>
			<p>R. Christie Lieut Col C.O. 51st Battalion</p>	<p>30/4/19</p>



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OF

51st. B A T T A L I O N .L I S T   O F   A P P E N D I C E S .

1. RIFLE COMPETITION PROGRAMME.
2. EDUCATION REPORT 5/4/19.
3. PRIZE WINNERS OF RIFLE COMPETITION.
4. 49/50/51st. BATTALION ORDER NO.1.
5. INSTRUCTIONS FOR NO. 35 QUOTA.
6. EDUCATION REPORT 12/4/19.
7. DAILY STRENGTH RETURN 15/4/19.
8. INSTRUCTIONS FOR NO. 40. QUOTA.
9. DAILY DTRENGTH RETURN. 30/4/19.
10. DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS LIST.
11. LIST OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS MARCHED OUT WITH QUOTAS.
12. COPY OF SPECIAL ORDER BY MAJOR GENERAL E.G. SINCLAIR  
MACLAGAN "CB. DSO!"



RIFLE COMPETITION.

Le ROUX.

Open to all ranks wishing to enter in 50th. & 51st. Battalion.  
Competitors to fire 9 shots at 300 yards and 9 shots at  
500 yards, the first 2 shots being sighters and not to count.  
300 yards range to be completed, before firing commences on  
500 yards.

SCORES:-

Bull	=	4.
Inner	=	3.
Maggie	=	2.
Outer	=	1.

Targets on 4 feet 6 inches frame - Figure 8 inches by 15 inches by 18 inches.

Prizes for best aggregate score -	Gold Medal.
2nd.	Trophy
3rd.	"

Prizes also given for best individual score at each range.

*R. Christie* Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding, 49/50/51st. Battalion.



49/50/51st Battalion A.I.F.  
REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 5/4/1919,

A.I.F. EDUCATION SERVICES  
FORWARDED 5/4/1919,

EDUCATION OFFICERS.  
LT.R.A.JOHNSTONE 51st.  
LT.J.L.GRAHAM 49th.  
LT.C.B.CORNISH 50th.

AVERAGE RATION STRENGTH FOR WEEK -636- TOTAL ENROLMENT IN CLASSES -58-  
% OF RATION STRENGTH -9%-

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE -24-  
% OF RATION STRENGTH -3%-

TOTAL ENROLMENT HAS DECREASED BY -41-  
NEW CLASSES FORMED DURING WEEK -Nil-

CLASSES DISBANDED DURING WEEK -ENGLISH.ARITHMETIC.CARE & BREEDING OF STOCK.WHEAT & CEREAL FARMING(Inst left,Quota 25)49Bn.  
-BOOTMAKING.FARRIERY. 51st Battalion,

CLASSES IN OPERATION	ENROL MENT	AVERAGE ATTDCE	PER CENT	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
49th, Bn					
ENGLISH (Inter)	-	-	-	) LT.J.L.GRAHAM.	These classes have been discontinued since the last draft left, One or two men are still working with Insts, aid,
ARITHMETIC (Inter)	-	-	-		
" (Advanced)	-	-	-		
ALGEBRA (Inter)	3	2	67%	) PTE.A.G.SLADE.	
FRENCH (Elemty)	13	10	77%		
" (Inter)	6	6	100%		
50th Bn,					
BOOKKEEPING	6	-	-	T/SGT.F.G.WALKLEY.	No classes were held owing to Movement of Battalion and lack of Accommodation.
C & B OF BTOCK	6	-	-	CPL.POTTER	
W & C FARMING	2	-	-	" "	
FRUITGROWING	10	-	-	PTES.LESTER & GRASBY.	
WOOLCLASSING	6	-	-	CPL.ROBERTSON.	
51st Bn					
ARITHMETIC	2	2	100%	) LT.R.A.JOHNSTONE. " "	Instructor now detached Two men are studying with the aid of Text Books,
ALGEBRA	2	2	100%		
SHORTHAND	2	2	100%		

R.A. Johnstone

Education Officer,  
51st Battalion A.I.F.

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RIFLE COMPETITION.

The following are the winners of Prizes in the individual Rifle Competition of No. 3 & 4 Coys, held at Le ROUX over 300 & 500 yards.

Highest aggregate score. 1st. Prize - GOLD MEDAL.

L/Cpl. Pettersen.                      No. 4 Coy.                      49 points.

2nd. Prize.                      Wristlet Watch.

Pte. Bray,                                      No. 3 Coy.                      42 points.

3rd. Prize.                      Shaving Outfit.

Pte. Coombes.                              No. 4 Coy.                      41 points.

Highest score at 300 yards.                      Prize - Silver Cigarette Case.

Pte. Hermansson.                      H.Qrs.                      27 points.

Highest score at 500 yards.                      Prize - Silver Cigarette Case.

Pte. Bray.                                      No. 3 Coy.                      26 points.

*R. Christy*                      Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding, 49/50/51st. Battalion, A.I.F.



-Reference sheet NAMUR 1/100,000.

10/4/19.

INFORMATION. (1) The Battalion will move to AISEAU tomorrow 11th. inst.

INSTRUCTIONS. (2) (a) Order of March:- Headquarters, No. 3 Coy. No. 4 Coy. No. 1 & 2 Coys. Cadre "B" of 13th. A.I. Bde will move independently under Lieut. Churcher.

(b) Starting Point:- Road junction 2-H45.72 (For H.Q. No. 3 & 4 Coys. No. 1 & 2 Coys. "Diggers Club" VITRIVAL.

(c) Time:- 0930 hours.

(d) No. 1 & 2 Coys. LeROUX, main LeROUX-AISEAU Road. H.Qrs. No. 3 & 4 Coys:- Main LeROUX-AISEAU Road.

(e) Blankets rolled in bundles of 10, Officers valises and mens packs will be at respective Coys H.Q. ready to load at 0830 hours.

(f) Dress:- Fighting Order, with Box Respirators, Steel Helmets.

(g) Cookers will be ready to move out at 0830 hours, and will report to 2/Lieut. Renner at LeRoux at 0900 hrs Cooks will accompany Cookers.

TRANSPORT. (3) (a) One Motor Lorry will be available for each unit for transport of Baggage, packs etc. Officers Commanding Coys. will retain lorries until all Baggage and Stores are removed.

(b) One G.S. Wagon will report to Lieut. Churcher at 13th. Bde. H.Q. for transport of Baggage etc. at 0930 hours.

(c) Teams for Cookers will report to Coys. at 0830 hrs.

REPORTS. (4) Billets and area occupied by Companies will be thoroughly cleaned and certificates of cleanliness rendered to Adjutant by 1000 hours. Marching out states to be rendered at the same time.

Lieut. &amp;

Adjutant, 49/50/51st. Battalion.



QUOTA NO. 35.

Further to this Office Instructions re No. 35 Quota, for Repatriation and Demobilisation:-

INFORMATION. 1. (a) No. 35 Embarkation Quota will entrain at CHARLEROI at 0900 hours on 16th. April, 1919.

(b) In order to permit of the Quota being organised as a Battalion, prior to entrainment, concentration will take place at "A" Aust. Div. R/I. Camp, CHARLEROI on 13th. April, 1919.

(c) Major, H.L. Swain, "MC" will be O.C. Quota.

(d) The Quota will march to "A" Aust. Div. R/I. Camp, CHARLEROI tomorrow 13th. inst.

INSTRUCTIONS. 2. (a) Order of march:- 51st, 50th, 49th. Battalions.

(b) Starting point :- Square AISEAU.

(c) Route - Main CHATELET - CHARLEROI Road.

(d) Blankets rolled in bundles of 12, men's packs with Steel Helmets; and Officers' valises will be dumped at respective Companies H.Q. by 0900 hours.

(e) Dress:- Officers - Open tunics, Hats and Sam Brown Belts. O/Ranks - Fighting Order with box respirators. (Mess tins will be inside haversacks)

(f) A Guard and loading party of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men per Coy. will be detailed to proceed with baggage to "A" Aust. Div. R/I. Camp.

(g) Iron rations will be placed in packs.

TRANSPORT. 3. The following Motor Lorries are reporting at 0900 hours and are allotted as under:-

49th. Bn.	1. Lorry.
50th. Bn.	1. Lorry.
51st. Bn.	1. Lorry.

Lieut. &

Adjutant, 49/50/51st. Battalion, A.I.F.



49/50/51st. Battalion, A.I.F.  
REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING. 12/4/19.

A.I.F. EDUCATION SERVICE.  
FORWARDED. 12/4/19.

EDUCATION OFFICERS  
LT. R.A. JOHNSTONE. 51st. Bn.  
LT. J.L. GRAHAM 49th. Bn.  
2/LT. C.B. CORNISH 50th. Bn.  
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE. 6.  
% OF RATION STRENGTH 1%

AVERAGE RATION STRENGTH FOR WEEK. 670. TOTAL ENROLMENT IN CLASSES 58.  
% OF RATION STRENGTH. 8.5.

TOTAL ENROLMENT HAS DECREASED BY NIL.  
NEW CLASSES FORMED DURING WEEK NIL.  
CLASSES DISBANDED DURING WEEK. NIL.

CLASSES IN OPERATION.	ENROL MENT	AVERAGE ATTDOE	PER CENT	NAMES OF INSTRUCTORS.	REMARKS.
<u>49th. Battalion.</u>					
ENGLISH (Inter)	-	-	-	Lieut. J.L. GRAHAM.	No Classes were held in the 49th. Battalion, owing to Instructors being on leave.
ARITHMETIC (Inter)	-	-	-		
" (Advanced)	---	-	-		
ALGEBRA (Inter)	3	-	-	Pte. A.G. SLADE.	
FRENCH (Elementary)	13	-	-		
" (Inter)	6	-	-		
<u>50th. Battalion</u>					
BOOKKEEPING.	6	-	-	T/Sgt. F.G. WALKLEY:	No Classes were held in the 50th. Bn.
C & B of STOCK.	6	-	-	Gone to AUSTRALIA	
W & C FARMING.	2	-	-	" "	
FRUITGROWING.	10	-	-	Ptes. LESTER & GRASBY.	
WOOLCLASSING.	6	-	-	Cpl. ROBERTSON.	
<u>51st. Battalion.</u>					
ARITHMETIC.	2	2	100%	LT. R.A. JOHNSTONE	Instructor now detached Two men are studying with the aid of text books.
ALGEBRA.	2	2	100%	" "	
SHORTHAND.	2	2	100%		

*R.A. Johnstone* Lieutenant,  
Education Officer, 51st. Battalion, A.I.F.



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Daily Strength Return.

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Actually with Unit		Attached		In Hospital		Tempy. detached.				Brigade Duties		Other Duties		Total.	
Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R	Off	O.R.
8	105	5	11	-	-	4	25	1	2	2	11	2	49	22	203

ARRIVALS.

- 1 Officer (2/Lt. Arnold) from U.K. Leave 14/4/19.
- 2 O/Ranks from U.K. leave.
- 1 " " BRUSSELS leave.
- 4 " " D/duty. (Escort Duty.)
- 2 " " A.W.L.

DEPARTURES.

- 1 O/Rank from U.K. leave to A.I.F. H.Q. LONDON (Adjusting entry)
- 1 " " A.W.L. S.O.S. (Arrested in England)
- 3 " off Hosp. Evac. Div. Area.

*R. Christie*

Lieut.-Colonel,

Commanding, 49/50/51st. Battalion.



Instructions for the movement of No. 40 Quota.

INFORMATION.

1. (a) No. 40 Embarkation Quota will entrain at CHARLEROI at 0900 hours on 23rd. April, 1919.  
 (b) In order to permit of the Quota being organised as a Battalion, prior to entrainment, concentration will take place at "B" Divisional Reinforcement Camp, CHARLEROI on the 21st. inst.  
 (c) Personnel from this unit with the exception of the 2 Officers mentioned below, will be known as No. 10 Platoon, under the command of 2/Lieut. E.F.R. Nicklin, 49th. Bn. and 2/Lieut. F.D. Illich, 49th. Bn.  
 2/Lieut. A.G. Criddle, 51st. Bn., and 2/Lieut. R.J. Harris, 49th. Bn. will be in charge of No. 16 Platoon, composition of which is at present unknown.  
 (d) The Quota will march to "B" Div. R/I. Camp tomorrow, 21st. inst.

INSTRUCTIONS.

2. (a) The Quota will parade in the Square AISEAU at 0945 hrs  
 (b) Route. Main CHATELET, - CHARLEROI Road.  
 (c) Blankets rolled in bundles of 12, men's packs with Steel Helmets, and Officers' valises will be dumped near 49th. Bn. B.O.R. by 0900 hours.  
 (d) Dress:- Officers - Open Tunics, Hats and Sam Brown Belts. O/Ranks - Fighting Order with Box Respirators. Mess tins will be inside haversacks.  
 Note:- Great coats will not be worn or carried, unless orders are issued from these H.Qrs to that effect.  
 (e) A Guard and loading party of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men will be detailed as under to proceed with Baggage to "B" Aust. Div. R/I. Wing.  
 No. 1 Coy. 1 N.C.O. & 1 Man, No. 3 Coy. 1 man, No. 4 Coy. 1 man.  
 (f) Iron rations will be placed in packs.

TRANSPORT.

3. One Motor Lorry for conveyance of packs etc, will report at 0900 hours on 21st. inst.

*W. H. H. H. H.*  
 Lieut. &  
 Adjutant, 49/50/51st. Battalion, A.I.F.



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Daily Strength Return.

30th. April, 1919.

Actually with Unit.		Attached		In Hospital		Leave		Tempy. detached. School		Brigade Duties		Other Duties		Total.	
Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.
13	108	3	1	-	1	-	13	-	-	-	9	-	5	16	137

ARRIVALS.

N I L.

DEPARTURES.

2 O/Ranks off attached (Clothing Store)  
1 Officer (Padre Hall) off attached Evac. Div. Area.  
3 O/Ranks S.O.S. to be Demob. by Corps H.Q.  
5 " S.O.S. (with unit and total) adjusting.

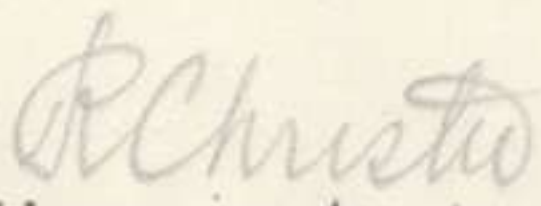
*R Christo* Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding, 49/50/51st. Battalion.



## 51st. BATTALION, A.I.F.

## DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS FROM 1st. January, 1919. to 30th. April, 1919.

No. of Animals		Day of	Voucher	From (a) or to.	Receipts	Issues	Remarks.
Horses	Mules	month.	No.		Hrs. Mls.	Hrs. Mls	
. Ld. Hd.							
0	12	9	22	1st. Jan	Estab. at date.		
			7th. "	Shot at BOUVIGNES		1 LD	) Destruct ) cert. held ) & attach
			18 "	" "		1 "	
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1	10	9	22	1st. Feb.	Estab at Date.		
			13 "	Astray on lines	1 R.		
			14 "	13th. Bde. H.Q.	1 R.		To Estab
-----							
2	10	9	22	1st. Mch.	Estab. at date.		
			6th "	Sold at DINANT			6 ) Bde. recei
			15 "	To Base DIEPPE		4 HD	) pt held
						2 LD	
			23 "	To Base DIEPPE		1 R.	) Bde recei
						4 HD	
			25 "	Sold at FLORENNES		2 LD	) pt held
						4 R	
			26 "	Evac. to Mobile.		6 LD	) Bde recei
			26 "	From 50th. Bn.	7	1 R.	
							pt. held
							Receipt At
							Handed over
							account
							Demob.
			27 "	Evac. to Mobile			2 Receipt at
			31 "	Sold at GERPINNES		3 R.	
							Bde receipt
							held.
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3	-	1	21	1st. Apl	Estab to date.		
			5th "	From 13th. Bde H.Q.	6 R.		handed over
							account
			10 "	Sold at CHATELET			Demob.
			11 "	From 49th. Bn.	3 R	5 R	21. Receipt Hld
					2 LD		
			19 "	Shot at AISEAU			handed over
7	2	-	23 "	Estab on hand.		1 HD	acc. Demob
							Cert attach
							at present
							held for
							disposal
7	2	-		Audited 23/4/19			
			24 "	Estab. at date.			
			25 "	Trfd. to 1st. Div		7 R	
				Train.		2 LD.	

  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
 Commanding, 49/50/51st. Battalion



51st. Battalion, A.I.F.

NUMBERS OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS MARCHED OUT ON QUOTAS  
 DURING MONTH ENDING. - 30/4/19.

	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>OTHER RANKS.</u>	<u>DATE MARCHED OUT.</u>
	11.	111.	13/4/19.
	<u>1.</u>	<u>16.</u>	21/4/19.
Total.	<u>12.</u>	<u>127.</u>	

NAMES OF OFFICERS MARCHED OUT.No. 35 Quota.

Lieut. W.F.B. Creech.  
 " L.R. Charlton.  
 " C.W. Read.  
 2/Lieut. C. Watts.  
 " N. Hetherington "MM"  
 " C.E.R. Burt "DCM"

Lieut. A.K. Donaldson.  
 " J.L. O'Sullivan.  
 2/Lieut. H. Berry "MM"  
 " C.W. Rosendell "MM"  
 " J.O. Magee "DCM"

No. 40 Quota.

2/Lieut. A.G. Griddle.  
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*Schuster* Lieut-Colonel,  
 Commanding, 49/50/51st. Battalion.



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Headquarters, Gerpinnes, Belgium.  
19th April, 1919.

SPECIAL ORDER.

by

Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN CB. DSO.

C O M M A N D I N G

On relinquishing command of the Fourth Australian Division I desire to convey to all ranks my deep gratitude for, and appreciation of, their loyal, gallant and devoted service for AUSTRALIA and the EMPIRE.

To the Staffs and Commanders of all formations I am deeply indebted for their cheerful, loyal and able co-operation and assistance given often under conditions of utmost strain and difficulty, but never withheld.

The Division achieved success from its first entry into Battle under the most severe conditions in July 1916 at POZIERES and MOQUET FARM.

From that time until the Armistice its record is one of almost continuous <sup>fighting</sup> and toil - NOREUIL, BULLECOURT, MESSINES, PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, HEBUTERNE, DERNANCOURT, VILLERS BRETONNEUX, HAMEL, BATTLE OF AMIENS (8th AUGUST 1918) and following weeks, culminating in the glorious action of 18th SEPTEMBER in the capture of the HINDENBERG OUTPOST LINE by the FIRST and FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONS, recall the more prominent actions taken part in by the Division and of which it has every reason to be proud.

The fact that the FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION was classed by our enemy as a first class "STORM DIVISION" soon after its appearance on the battlefields of BELGIUM and FRANCE, is convincing testimony as to its weight in the Battlefield.

The extraordinary gallantry, resource and initiative of all ranks under the ever varying conditions of ground and climatic conditions; the skilful and careful work of Staffs and Commanders of all formations - together with the dogged resolution and perseverance, the loyal unselfish co-operation of individuals and units of all arms and services - enabled on occasions even the "Apparently impossible" to be successfully accomplished.

All honor to our gallant comrades who have fallen and to whom we owe so much of our success. May everlasting happiness be theirs.

To all members of the Division I tender my best wishes for your future - May you each and every one reap a full reward for work truly and nobly done during the war. May you continue as citizens in peace that great hearted unselfish devotion to the community and your country which you have shown during the last four years.

GOODBYE - GOOD LUCK - BON VOYAGE - and a HAPPY REUNION in your BELOVED AUSTRALIA.

(signed) E.G. Sinclair MacLagan,

Major-General,

Commanding FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.