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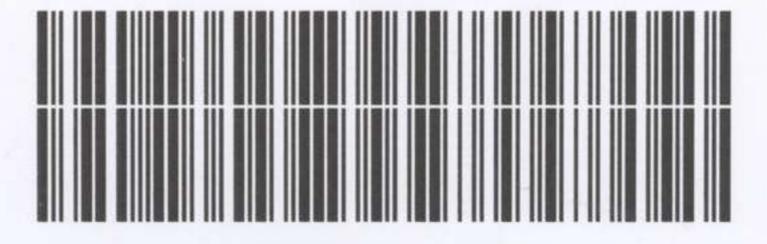
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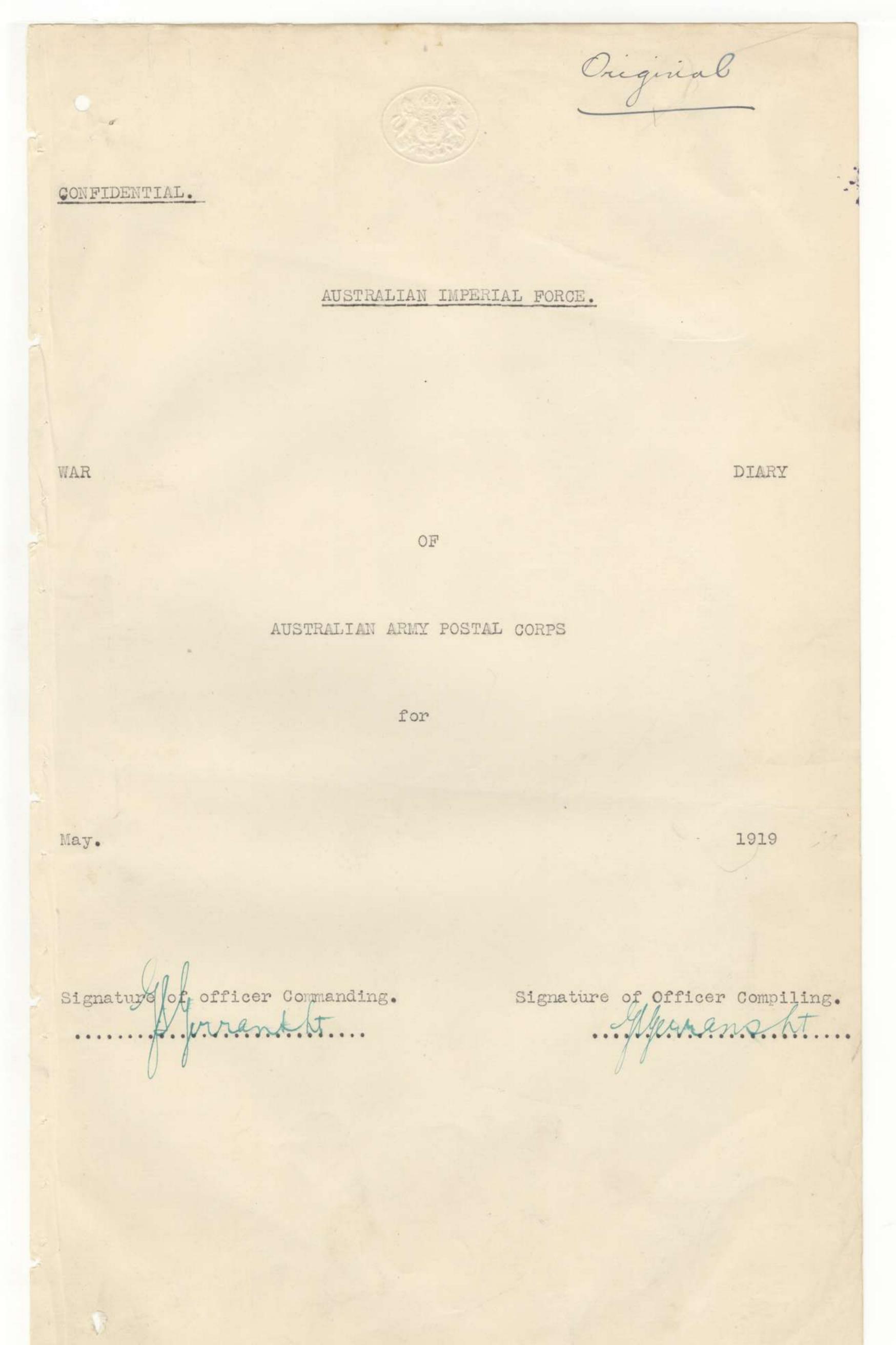
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harleroi 1.5.19	1.5.19 Nothing to report.	In July
harleroi 2.5.19	2.5.19 Visited A.P.O. R.W.5. Everything in order.	go,
harleroi 3.5.19	Inspected unloading mail Charleroi Railhead. No delay occurring in transfer of mails to Lailhead.	19h
harleroi 4.5.19	Visited A.A.G. A.I.F. HQrs Det, regarding the demobilization of staff etc.,	Alg
harleroi 5.5.19	5.5.19 Inspected F.P.Os T.W.2 and H.W.1. Everything working smoothly.	90.
Charleroi 6.5.19	6.5.19 Nothing to report.	1/2
Charleroi 7.5.19	7.5.19 Visited Charleroi Hailhead. Everything O.K.	199
Charleroi 8.5.19	Arrangements made with D.A.F.S. A.I.F.for all supply train mails to be loaded on passenger trains. Australian Mail guards will therefore be released for return to their units.	99
Charleroi 9.5.19	9.5.19 First parcel mails loaded on passenger train.	Tol.
Charleroi 15.19	10.5.19 Dispensing with mail guards Boulogne to Charleroi.	111
harleroi 11.5.19	A.P.O. R.W.3 and F.P.Os D.W.3 D.W.5 closed. The 3rd Australian Division ceased to exist.	
harleroi 12.5.19	12.5.19 Control of A.P.O. S.W.l passed to A.D.P.S. Ho 4 Area	1/1
arleroi 13.5.19	13.5.19 D. D. & L., London, E.C. (A16200) Why Starp Print 250,000 8/18 Sch. 52 Forms C2x18/16	144

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Charleroi		19	14.5.19 Office of D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. L.of C. Closed. Control of scattered units in the late 3rd Austn Area passing to the A.D.P.S. L.of C. Area.	Igh
Charleroi			15.5.19 Nothing to report	Al.
Charleroi	17.5.	19	17.5.19 F.P.Os H.W.1 & T.W.2 closed. It Gerrans arrived from L.of C. Area.	If If
Charleroi			regarding demobilization of units.	ille
Charleroi	19.5	19	Capt Fletcher D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. Commenced 14 days special leave, handing over his command to Lt G.S. Gerrans.	all.
Charleroi			20.5.19 Nothing to report.	16
Charleroi	21.5	.19	Arranged with A.D.P.S. No 4 Areato have an Austn Postal Corpl attached to A.P.O. S.115 to deal with Austn units remaining.	All .
Charleroi	22.5	.19	Rothing to report.	Mr.
Charlero:	23.5	.19	F.P.O. 5.W closed. Staff being transferred to R.W.5	1
Charlero	24.5	.19	Visited Headquarters, reference demobilization of Units etc.	
Charlero	i 25.5	.19	Mothing to report. Mothing to report. Monthly Report for March D.D. & L., London, E. O. D.D. & L., London, E. O.	M
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harleroi	26.5	19	F.P.J. D.W.4 closed. Staff transferred to A.P.J. H.W.5	Val.
harleroi	27.5	.19	27.5.19 Nothing to report.	1/1/10
harleroi	28.5	19	28.5.19 Conferred with A.A.G. reference demobilization of staff and finalizing mail services.	The same
harleroi	29.5	.19	Inspected A.P S.115, arrangements for delivery Australian mails. Everything satisfactory.	1/1/2
harleroi	30.5	.19	Inspected A.P.J. S.115. All remaining Australian Units in the area being catered for without any hitch or delay in delivery of mails.	1
harleroi	31.5	.19	Visited A.P. S.115. All arrangements working satisfactorily. A.P. R.W.5 closed. This is the last P.O. to be closed in the Australian Corps Area, thereby terminating the work of the Australian Army Postal Corps in the Field.	
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appendice A.I.F. Headquarters Detachment Charlerou 6th May 1919. The D.A.P.S. A.I.F. Herewith Monthly Report for March, together with sectional reports of the services in France. The following F.P.Os were closed during the month, the surplus personnel allowing of a relative number of N.C.Os and men being made available for draft. A.P.O. R.W.1 elosed 31.3.19 F.P.O. 2.W " 31.3.19 F.P.O. 3.W " 31.3.19
F.P.O. D.W.1 " 31.3.19
F.P.O. 7.W " 21.3.19
F.P.O. T.W.3 " 31.3.19
F.P.O. 15.W " 31.3.19
F.P.O. 9.W " 31.3.19 31.3.19 F.P.O. 10.W Stocks of stamps, postal orders, and stores were forwarded to A.D.P.S. Boulegne for disposal together with F.P.O. equipment issued by the R.E. P.S. Ordnance stores were returned to Ordnance, and receipts obtained for all such stores handed over. The amalgamation of units kept the Divisional Inspecting Sgts busy supervising the transfer of records. and the final disposal of same to the Base Post Office. Much useful work in this direction was accomplished. Two Courts martial were held during the month. Pte Curgenven on a charge of "neglect of duty" while I/C F.P.O. 2.W being acquitted. (My papers 12503 of 5.4.19 refer) Pte Oates on a similar charge was convicted and sentenced to 14 days F.P. No 2 (My papers 11660 of 8.4.19 refer) Under the close supervision of the Divisional Supervisors the grouping and amalgamation of units and Divisions has not given so much difficulty as anticipated. Up-to-date unit records and the standardised methods adopted by the postal orderlies has gone along way to assist in disposing of the mail for amalgamated and "grouped" units. The trouble experienced in earlier days in dealing with mail under similar eircumstances is practically non-existent and comparatively little correspondence (except for personnel of quotas just entraining for United Kingdom) is now marked up as undeliverable. Demobilization of the postal personnel is being proceeded with as rapidly as possible and it is expected to release a large proportion of the present staff at an early date. D.A.D.P.B., Hetall AUSTRALIAN CORPS Capt. 6.5.19 D. A. D. P. S.

Monthly Report lat australian Division March 1919. Do A. D. R. S. Australian Corps Herewith statement and report for month of March 1919. During month some changes were made in location of units lat Div Artillery moved from Hymee area to Chatelineau Area and let Inf Bde units to Coulllet from Joneret area. F.P. Os T.W. I was moved to Chatelineau and l.W to Couillet. Mail and parcels for the Divn showed a decrease of 40 to 50 % owing principally to the number of men marching out for return to Australia. Three postal Corporanks from Railhead A.P.O. and two from F.P.O. D.W.l were despatched on draft for return to Australia. Pto Curgenvon of F.P.O. 2.W was tried by F.O.C.M. and found not guilty of neglect of duty at F.P.O. 2. W for which offence he was placed under arrest on 19.2.19 Pto Oates of 8th Btn attached for duty as mail guard was tried by F.G.C.H. and found guilty for neglecting to safeguard mails which were placed under his care. He was sentenced to 14 days F.E. No 2. which sentence was duly carried out. Let Div H. Q. moved from Fresles to Gerpinnes and amalgam--sted with 4th D.H.Q. An issue of comforts was received from the commissioner at Chatelot and distributed to the personnel of let Div posts. A seperate report dealing with the closing of F.P.Os and the amalgametion of Divns is attached herewith. R. W. I (sd) B. Milmartin C. S. M. 1.4.19 - Divisional Supervisor. D. A. D. P. S. Australian Corps. Herewith report dealing with amalgamation of A andD P.Os of lat Divn. After finish of duty on 31.3.19 A.P.O. R.W.1 and F.P.O. 2.W 3.W. and D.W.1 ceased to exist and staff distributed as follows. Staff of R.W.1 to R.W.4. Staff of 2.W to 1.W Staff of D.W.1 to D.W.4 Staff of S.W to T.W.l. Army stores of closed offices were forwarded to Ordnance and a receipt obtained for same. Postal stores were forwarded to A. D. F. S. Boulogne and a copy of stores sent, retained for filing in office records. Stamps and Postal orders were also forwarded to A.D.P.S. Boulogne under regd cover, a copy of stames and p.os sent being enclosed and one copy retained for filing. Date stamps complete were forwarded to A.D.F.S. B.H.F. R. W. I (Sd) B.Kilmartin. C.S.M. 15.4.19 Divisional Supervisor. RCDIG1006148 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Divisional H. Q. appendice

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

REPORT OF POST L SERVICES - PERIOD 1st. MARCH 1919 - 5th. APRIL 1919.

With the increased repairiation of troops mails both Inward and Outward have fallen off to a remarkable degree, the decrease of Inward Mails boing in no small measure due to efficient records and reliable re-direction at Australian Base Post Office.

Vouching on main line B. E. F. T. P. O. Down continued. Correspondence posted in the Morning was despatched same day, and arrived in U. K. on following day.

On the 17th. March the D. A. D. P. S. visited the various Units of the Division for the purpose of gathering data to eliminate the unnecessary making up of bags on Units whose identity was morged with other Units.

The following F. P. O's were closed on dates shown:-

6th Edo. F. P. O. closed :- 21-3-19.

7th Bde. F. P. O. closed :- 21-3-19.

3rd Div. Trm. " closed :- 31-3-19.

2nd Div. H.Q. " closed :- 4-4-19.

The 2nd. Div. Rhead A.P.O. was closed on :- 5-4-19.

STAFF.

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Sgt. OSBORNE, C.E.F.J. to Div. Inspecting Sergeant. 8-3-19.

Sgt. PAUL T. to 2nd Div. Train F. P. O. ex. 3rd. Div. Tr. F. P. O. 1-4-19.

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All Units served through 2nd. Aust Div. Railhead A. F. O. now passed to 5th. Aust Div. Railhead A. P. O., the Railhead Army Fost Office of "B" Div. Group, Fifth Ede. F. P. O., and End Div. Train F. P. C. circulating through the latter Office.

Divisional Postal Supervisor.

oppend we De As Dalas. Australian Corps. Monthly report. Ord Australian Division March 1919 During the past month, mail (supply trains) have been arriving regularly at Disemont. Several mail guards have been withdrawn for draft to Australia. In all cases they have been promptly relieved by units concerned. Arrangoments have been made with 3rd Divisional Clothing Stores to supply changes of underelething to mail guards whilst resting one day at A.P.O. H.E.S. During the seath oward to shortage of staff, Srd Divisional Headquarters were approached with a view to obtaining temporary assistance. One man was detailed from 35th Bn. but has since been returned to unit. Srd Australian Pionser Buswan detached from this Division on the 7th instant, and are now being served by S.E.2 Several N.C.Os and men have proceeded on leave to U.K. and France during the month, satisfactory arrangements for their relief being made within the Division. The D.A.A.G. Srd Anstralian Division was frequently interviewed with regard to amalgamation of units. On the 23rd inst, F.P.Os 9. 10.8 IL.W moved to Le Transley where there was some difficulty in obtaining suitable accommodation. The three F.P.Os were finally billeted in one building. No 5 Opl D.McDowall was escorted back from England to 3rd Divisional Headquarters on 26th inst, and formally charged on 30th inst, with neglect of duty at Longpre on 9/12/18 He was remended for F.G.C.M. on 4/4/19. B/Sgt For and myself were called as witnesses. W.O. Useher visited this area frequently during the month and interviewed the D.A.A.G. with me with reference to amalgamation of units and closing of F.F.Os 9, and 10.W. The F.F.Os 9. and 10. Were closed after the close of business on 31/3/19. The finalling of accounts, despatch of stocks, stores, date stamps and transfering of units to F.F.O.11.W. were supervised by Sgt Flanigan. During the month post exderlies were visited by the Deler. 3 who reports that units our? system and general work is very satisfacting. (Sd) R.H.B.Wight C.S.M. Divisional Supervisor. 10.4.10 3rd Australian Diva AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1006148

Monthly Report 4th Australian Division March 19196 To, D.A.D.P.S. Australian Corps. Please find attached monthly statement for March, which shews a decrease of 1% in business transactions on comparison with the February return, parcels received for delivery in the field decreased to the extent of about 50%, this being due to the small parcel mails being received from the Base. The quarterly check of weekly accounts fell due and all accounts were checked and found correct. The Division moved from the Dinant area during the month to the Gerpinnes area, to concentrate, with a view to amalgamation with the 1st Australian Division. A.P.O. R.W.4 accordingly moved from Florennes to Marcinelle on the 15th inst. and from then on daily clearances were made from all F.P.Os which connected on the same day with cross post services and the T.P.O. down. A. D.R. Service was arranged between Divisional Headquarters and the railhead office, which enabled the Headquarters Express bag and all cross post official received at R.W.4 up till 3.30 P.M. daily to be delivered from D.W.4 at 4.30 P.M. the same day. The duties of the personnel who marched out for return to Australia were successfully carried out by the recently transferred men, observation of their work shewed very few irregularities. Mo cases of violation of mails occurred during the month. Four cases of comforts were received from the Divisional Commissioner and distributed to the Railhead, Column, and F.P.O. staffs. (Sd) B. MacDonald. C.S.M. Divisional Supervisor. 10.4.19 R. W. 4 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1006148

5th Australian Division Monthly Report for March 1919. Bua ness. The business for the month of March was considerably less than that for any previous month, this being due to the loss of personnel on demobilization. Many units have lost their identity as units the battalions in Infantry Brigades uniting as one "Brigade Battalion". In consequence of these movements F.P.Os 8.W 15.W and T.W.5 worked as one F.P.O. from 17th March though no office was actually closed until 31/3/19 when F.F.O. 15 W. was finalised. On the 29th March the 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions amalgamated as "P" Australian Divisional Group but the postal organisation was not immediately affected. Staff. Seven N.C.Os and men loft for Australia from the Divisional Postal personnel during Harch but no shortage of staff was experienced, because of the combined working of the three F.P.Os mentioned. Sgt Burton, from D.W. 3 trok up duty on 20/3/19 as D. I.P.S. General. A gradual concentration of the 5th Division was practically complete by the end of the month and the shorter lorry runs made it possible to despatch clean postings from R.W.5 on the same day as they were received from the F.P.Os. Cross post and supply mails inward have been regularly received during the month. (Sd) G. G. Sutcliffe C.S.M. A.P.O. R.W. 5 Divisional Supervisor. 14.4.19 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1006148

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Herewith monthly figure statement for month of march.

Farcels received from Australian Dase Post Office were disposed of as follows:-

	A.I.B.D.	A.G.B.D.	Con. Depot
Total number received.	684	1292	687
Delivered.	590	893	504
Returned to A.B.P.U.	86	813	75
Redirected to addresses in France.	9	186	.48

all australian casuals murching in to this Base are now accommodated in australian Infantry Dase Depot in a "Casuals Coy".

The stay of the casuals in the camp does not last more than 3 or 4 days.

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1.	Number of bugs received at nailhead.	714
2.	number of invare despatches.	408
3.	Number of bags despatched.	528
4.	number of outward despatches.	286
5.	Jesh transactions:-	
	Postage stamps sold.	3075.90
	Postal orders lasued.	4717.60
	Postal orders paid.	832.69
	Remittances to easider.	6030.45
6.	Hegistered letters received over counter.	784
7.	Registered letters received from other offices.	518
8.	He detered letters desputched.	907
9.	Parcels received over counter (clean postings).	205
10.	Parcels received for redirection to units in France	. 580
11.	Parcels received for return to aust. Sase P.U.	750
32.	Number of parcels received for delivery.	3984
15.	aumber of cables des atched.	87

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	F.P.O. H.W.l		A.P.O.	Let Aust Division	End Aust Division	Brd Aug	All the arms of the second sec	5th Aust Division	1/180/97 es "8 ess
.No Eags reed	376	714	1724	6429	4023.	2393	5368	31.54	24179
. No Immard.	469	403	438	673	596	888	638		
.No Bags despatched	724	528	1.585	5421	4166	8854		655	4355
							5312	2063	23042
.No.Outward despatches also through Regd	546	286	467	732	697	797	728	672	49.25
bags Cash transaction	11.0			210		549	1.49	1171	2072
P.Orders Isod P.Orders Paid Remittances.	1575.10 4357.00 566.70 5285.00	4717.80	79 77 77 75 53 55	11463.80	8485.95 9977.85 1721.85 18324.16	1790.50	9274.05 8225.10 8824.45	14403.00	48436.55 73561.80 20032.00 188150.55
Regd letters re Regd letters re	244	784	308	1322	1760	2667	2769	1626	10292
fin o/offices Regd letters	441	518	775	2082	2806	Sleo.	2177	2722	13650
Pels reed over	190	205	410	904	841.	723	2649	5212	17694
mtr cla pstgs 0.Pels rect for lirectn in France	re-	380	246	1294	957	690	1264	1373	5908
LePels reed for	20-	750	82	1060	816	643.	658	1455	6100
12. Pels reca for	910	3984	1030	7079	6530	4955	6568	830	4990
La. No of L. C.O.	34	87	18	176	237	277	DENIGO.	7613	37449
Cables		1					167	246	1233

	A.P.O.	F.P.O.	F.P.O.	F.P.O.	F.P.O.	F.P.O.	Totals
6	R.W.l	T.W.l	D.W.l	1.0	2.W	3.W.	Lu uchti
1.No Bags Received							
at Railhead	6429						6429
2. Ho of Immard							
despatches.	673						673
3. No of Bags	EADE						
despatched 4. No of outward	5421						5421
despatches	752						******
4a No through	2 57 64						732
Regd bags	212						212
5. Cash Transactions							har all a bear
Stamps sold		1107.80	412.90	832,50	965.20	3327.55	6675.60
		3302.80	631.40	802.90	742.05	4954.95	11463.80
P.O.Paid		188.70	383.40	117.25	127.25	1677.45	3985 45
Remittances.]	1050.00	4920.60	1484.60	1393.30	2003.70	6851.35	18303.55
6. Regd letters rec		702	704	75 /7 /2			W ***
7.Regd letters	33	183	104	163	158	678	1522
received	868	248	131	176	154	FOF	2000
3. Regd Letters	000	1920	othe Northeader	nh i ij	40%	505	2082
despatched	870	227	237	178	178	674	2352
9.Percels over					764 S 417	Sept 28 1520	and strategies
counter	3	265	58	441	1.55	384	904
O.Percels for re-							
directn in France	970	36	103	97	87	101	1394
L.Parcels for re-	0.0	-					
turn to A.B.P.O.	25	122	29	271	29.5	318	1060
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delivery 13.L.C.O.Cables.

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		F.P.O. D.W.2.						TOTALS.	200 SM 200 SD 400
1. Total No. of Bags received at Railhead.	- 4021							4021	
2. Total No. Inward despatches.	- 596							596	
S. Total No. Bags despatched.	- 4166							4166	
4. Total No. Outward despatches.	- 607							. 697	
5. Cash Transactions :- Postage Stamps sold.	- 90.15	1993.00	2758.65	1206.25	2.005.50	1121.65	1300.55	8455.95	
Postal Orders Issued.	- 0.75	1984.00	8246.80	2288.95	1255.00	1407.35	745150	9977.35	
Postal Orders Paid.	MD MR. 67 (57 (57 57)	582.80	519.60	49.95	383.60	184.90	80.40.	1751.25	
Remittences.	96 4010141600	3287.00	4037.50	3868.65	23.48.30	2886.85	2095.80	18324.10	
6. Registered letters received over counter.	- 21	307	485	198	558	329	201	2769	
7. Regis gred letters received from other off	lees 1248	202	384	184	183	* 517	286	2806	
8. Registered letters despatched.	- 1862	305	478	203	234	381	211	3014	0
9. Parcels received over counter (Clean Postings)	- 4	146	220	191	39	168	73	842	
10. Parcels received for re-direction in FRANCE	- 566	59	94	28	110	56	44	957	and in
11. Percels received for return to A.P.P.O.	- 18	45	321	108	145	99	88	816	
12. He. parcels received for delivery.	- 12	598	964	763	833	1708	1632	6530	
13. No. L. C. O. Cables despatched.	~ 1	35	44	28	26	46	47	227	
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3)	A.P.U. F	.P.O. F.			P. F.F.	W.4 To	tal.
l. No of Bags rec'd at Rallhead.	5368					5	368
2. No of inward despatched 3. No of bags	638						6 6 8
despatched 4. No of outward	5312					5	312
despatches 4a. Forward registered bags	738						738
5. Cash transactions Postal orders issued	149	1639.90	1178 95	1757 35	2/90 75		149
Postal orders paid Stamps sold	138,25	951.05	195,15	211.15	129.10	600.40	2225.10
Remittances. 6. Registered letters	2048.25	1135.30 3834.75	1620.45 529 8. 95	1471.90 3747.95	3936.90	844.50	8824.45
7. Registered letters	66	447	389	242	289	336	1759
recd from others offic 8. Registered letters		227	261	177	210	213	2177
9. Parcels recd over counter clean pstgs	25	481	392	247	310	336	2849
direction in France	23	105	94	187 95	278	288	1264
turn to A.B.P	35	86	146	153	171	61	652
12. Parcels recd for delivery 13. L. C. Cables	413	652	813	945	1044	1501	5368
cespatches	3	20	53	48	43	-	167

	Postal Statistics for March		RW5	Dw5	Tu/5	- 8w	Ment	15W	Total
1 Total do of	book received of Raichand				746		77 44	1911	
2 "	bags received at Raichead inward despatches		154						3154
3 "	Inward desparches		655						655
	bags des patched	-	2063						2063
10 11 - 10	Outward despatches		672						672
4 no gorwa	rd register bags despatched received		579						579
47	received		592						59:
5 bash Tran	sactions (a) Vostage stamps sold	7/1			910	3310	2255	984	
	(b) Postal orders issued	yn,	493	1096	432	4123	5445	864	151
	(c) Postal orders paid	FN	23	884	416	894	2113	1150	200
	(d) Remittances	Fr.	130	2214	1200	3400	6537	1500	1498
6 Registered le	Hers received over counter		70	258	145	3/5	558	280	160
7 "	from other offices		189	309	223	336	340	355	278
8 .	despatched	l'é	204	338	300	400	55/	30.00	32
9. Parcels rece	wed over counter-clean postings								
10 "	l'il in the seems possenge								130
	for redirection in France								143
	for return to appa London legrams despatched		34	96	104	271	227	98	83

Monthly return of transactions A.P.O. S?W.1. March 1919.

1. No of bags received from	
Railhead.	1724.
2. No of inward despatches.	470
7	438
3. no of bags despatched.	1585
4. Total No of outward	1909
despatches	467
5. Cash transactions.	Francs.
Postage stamps sold.	1600.4
Postal orders issued	16971.5
Postal orders paid	1104.8
Remittances to Cashier.	19709.6
6. Registered letters received	TO LOCAL STR
over counter.	808
7. Registered letters reed from	MME
other offices.	775
8. Registered letters mespatched and delivered	1606
9. Parcels received iver counter,	1000
(elean postings)	410
10. Parcels received for redirection	
in France	246
11. No of parcels returned to	
A.B.PO.	82
12. No of parcels received for	7070
delivery.	1030
13. No of E.F.M. Cables received	18
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Monthly Report of Business transacted at F.P.O. H.W. I.

March 1919.

1. No of bags received from Railhead.	376
2. No of inward despatches	669
3. No of bags despatched	714
4. No of outward despatches.	546
5. No Cash transactions	Franca
Postage stamps sold Postal orders fasted Postal orders paid Remittances to Cashier.	1575.10 4357.00 566.70 5885.00
6. Registered letters reed over counter	547
7. Registered letters rood from other off. 8. Registered letters despatched	1005 441 609
9.Parcels reed over counter	190
10.Parcels reed for redirection in France	163
IL. Parcels reed for return to A.B.P.O.	1.59
12. to of parcols reed for delivery	910
13. No of La Gables	34
14. No of telegrams (U.K.)	5

Australian Army Postal Corps.



A. I.F. Headquarters Detachment Charleroi 15th May 1919.

The D.A.P.S. A. I.F.

> Herewith Monthly report for April including reports from Sub sections in France.

With the concentration of troops in Charleroi, a number of F.P.Os were closed, releasing a large number of N.C.Os and men for demobilization.

A.P.O. R.W.4 (combined Railhead 1st and 4th Australian Divisions) was closed on 19/4/19, and all the Australian units in No 4 area Belgium were grouped on A.P.O. R.W.5

This again resulted in a great economy of personnel allowing of the release of a full Railhead and Postal Column staff, as well as a considerable saving in motor transport. The Supervisory staffs have also been cut down

to a Divisional basis, and postal orderlies are being released as rapidly as possible.

Instructions were issued to the Divisional Supervisors to retain sufficient postal orderlies for "group" units only, all others being made available for draft.

Considering the difficulties occasioned by demobilization the position is, I think, very satisfactory.

The Australian guards with the 3rd Australian Division were dispensed with on 9.4.19 the Base loading having changed from Havre to Boulogne.

With the decrease in mail for this Division it was found possible to load the mail to S.1 (Abbeville) in a truck attached to a passenger train and guarded by R.B. P.S. personnel.

The D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. L.of C. gave this matter his personal attention and expressed himself satisfied that our guards could be released without endangering the safety of our mails.

31 H.C.Os and 44 men were placed on draft during the month and 2 A.P.Os and 10 F.P.Os were closed.

The appointment of D. A. D. P. S. Australian Corps lapsed on 27/4/19 on which date I moved my office from Ham-sur-Heure to Marcinelle Charleroi, continuing my duties under the designation of D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. Headquarters Detachment.

Appendix "A" attached shews the F.I.Os closed during April.

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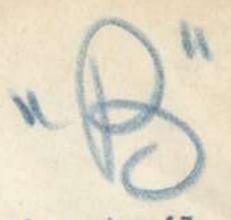


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List of Post Offices in the Field closed during April 1919.

A.P.O. R.W.2 on 5/4/19
A.P.O. R.W.4 on 19/4/19
F.P.O. D.W.2 on 5/4/19
F.P.O. T.W.1 on 30/4/19
F.P.O. T.W.4 on 23/4/19
F.P.O. T.W.5 on 7.4.19
F.P.O. 1.W on 26.4.99
F.P.O. 8.W on 7.4.19
F.P.O. 11.W on 13.4.19
F.P.O. 11.W on 14.4.19
F.P.O. 13.W on 13.4.19
F.P.O. 14.W on 7.4.19

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Monthly Report of Divisional Supervisor 3rd Australian Division April

During the past month mails (Supply train and cross post) have been arriving regular, thet have been drawn through A.P.O. S.1 Abbeville. Lorry proceeding there daily with outgoing supply train and cross post arriving about 4.p.m. and returning next morning with incoming mails, arriving at railhead about 8.30 a.m.

All Australian mail guards have been dispensed with and returned to their respective units.

A.P.O. R.W. 3 moved from Abbeville to La Translay, on the 14th as all units were drawing from the supply dump La Translay and it was more convenient for the units. Post Orderlies were able to receive their respective unit's mail at 10 a.m. In the 26th the dump shifted to Camaches as all units were grouping in the Gamaches area from that date.

Railhead A.P.O. moved to Gamaches after the despatch of the 26th.

During the month F.P.O. 11.W closed, and staff transferred to Railhead office, leaving only F.P.O. D.W./ and T.33 to be served.

There has been a lot of changes in the postal personnel of this division during April, t/C.S.M. Wight (Div Supr) Sgt Flanagan D.I.P.S. S/Sgt Fox i/c R.W.3 Cpl McDowall i/c Column, Ptes Spence and Williams of R.W.3 went into camp on 17th for repatriation to Australia. The new arrivals in the division are t/S.Sgt Turner late R.W.5 as Divisional Supervisor, Pte Curgenven late S.W.2 Cpl Smith of 11.W as D.I.P.S. Cpl Smith A.E. late R.W.4 as N.C.O. i/c R.W.3 Cpl Goodier late 10.W as column Cpl.

There has been several N.C.Os and men granted leave to France and United Kingdom, arrangements for their relief was made without causing any inconvenience to staff, within the division.

The amalgamation of several units has made the work much lighter and is working very satisfactorily

During the month F.P.O. 11. has been closed and all the unit transferred to railhead A.P.O.

C.S.M. Ryan of D.A.D.P.S. Office L.of C. visited this office and remained two days inquiring into final distribution of mails for units about to be disbanded.

During the month the Divisional Supervisor and D.I.P.S. visited all post orderlies, and found everything in good order.

A.P.O. R.W.3 Gamaches 7.5.19 (Sd) R.F. Turner S/Sgt Divisional Supervisor

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The month of appli was one of many changes.

on the 10th the Fourth Australian Sitiational Railboad A. P. O., this mount that on and then the Soth of April all mail for four Australians Pivicione would elected through the one Englished A. P. O., notwithstanding the extra proseure on this office a regular and afficient corvice has been maintained at throughout.

office the management of those Ballhood Offices, three Pacid Note of the or postal Personal to be reputated.

The decrease in the mail has been considerable, owing to the repid repetricises of the troops in France, and the officient noticed of deniing with mail for repetriated troops at the Australian Dans Post Office.

The method adopted by the A. D. P. C. A. P. C. S of advialing by past the number of bags forwarded by the Supply Train has proved beneficial in enabling up to regulate our transport service.

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The Postel Personnel avail themselves of this opportunity of convey-

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Monthly Report "A" and "B" Aust. Div. Postal Groups, APRIL 1919.

No.		A P.O. R.W.5.	A.P.O. R.W.4.	F.P.O. D.W.5.	F.P.O. D.W.4.	F.P.O. T.W.1.	F.P.O. T.W.2.	F.P.O. T.W.4.	F.P.O. 1.W.	F.P.O. 4.W.	F.P.O. 5.W.	F.P.O. 13.W.	TOTALS
1.	Total No. bags received at railhead.	3475	1966	-	_	-					_		5441
2.	Total No. inward despatches.	478	317	_	-	_							795
3.	Total No. bags despatched.	3710	2178	_									5888
4.	Total No. outward despatches.	530	408		-								938
5.	Cash transactions:												
	Postage Stamps sold.	159.10	138-10	1577.85	1016.00	4581.00	1735.60	973.05	1006.50	988.65	4386-15	1606.95	18168.93
	Postal Orders issued.	1783.65	216.00	6665.05	784.00	2616.00	2046.85	1005.85	3100.05	734.60	11716.45	575.50	3/244.00
	Postal Orders paid.	-	27.90	516.50	536.00	1435.00	340.45	32.85			525.00		3902-75
	Remittances.	2440.65	556.45	7531.40	1346.00	5791.00	2919.00	2217.00	4306.80	1229.20	10/5720	1102.00	39686-70
6.	Registered letters received over counter.	121	51	486	306	1009	553	322	253	130	928	59	Charles and Charles
7.	Registered letters received other offices.	982	529	368	229	694	461	183	172	154	199	115	4217
8.	Registered letters despatched.	1067	598	576	540	1629	608	322	271		010	13	4494
9.	Parcels received over counter (clean).	75	1/	319	158	184	410	199	141	130	967	63	6///
10.	Parcels received for redirection in France.	~	125	92	49	190	23	25	23	33	106	67	3/26
11.	Parcels received for return to A.B.P.O.	29	8	103	59	480	46	60	83	103	385	39	682
12.	No. parcels received for delivery.	3	311	870	221	3480	527	440	148	437	1211	150	1395
13.	No. L.C.O. cables despatched.	-	2	15	18			10			74	5	315

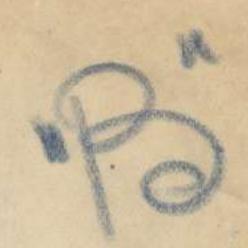
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Div. Supervisor.

A.P.O. S.W.2 Summary of statistics for Month of April 1919.

1. No of bags received at Railhead.	477
2. No of inward Despatches	285
3. Bags Despatched	371
4. No of outward Despatches	307
5 Cash transactions:- Postage Stamps Sold Postal Orders Issued Postal Orders aid Remittances to-Cashier	3361.85 6661.95 830.85 8100.00
6. Registered letters received over counter	1152
7, Registered letters recd from O"Offices	370
8. Registered letters despatched	1253
9. Parcels recd over counter (Clean posting)	245
10. Parcels recd for redirection in France	13
11. Parcels recd for return to Australian Base	P.O. 235
12. Parcels recd for delivery	672
13. Number of L.C.O.Cables despatched.	76.

A.P.O. S.W.2 11.5.19 (Sd) A.N.Brown S/Sgt N.C.O. i/c.



Monthly Return from F.P.O. H.W.1 for Month April 1919.

	Le	No of bags received	479	
	2.	No of Inward despatches	345	
	3.	No of Bags despatched '	483	
	4.	No of outward Despatches	397	
_	5.	Cash Transactions. Postal Orders Issued Postage Stamps Sold Remittances	1739.80 203.85 729.95 2400.00	
	6.	No of Registered letters received over counter	391	
-	7.	No of registered letters received from other offices	365	
Comment	8.	No of registered letters despatched	483	
	8.	No of parcels received over counter (clean postings)	204	
	10	Parcels received for re-direction in France	54	
	11	. Parcels received for return to Australian Base Post Office	55	
	12	. No of Parcels received for deliver;	7 198	
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(Sd) E.L.Major Cpl i/c H.W.l

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	APORW3	DW3.	Potals	
Mal Moglago at Railhead.	1450		1450	
Total Inward Despatches	363		363	
3 Total P of Bags Deshall hed	1440		1440.	
4 Potal Not Pulmand Desputcher	550		5750	
HAN of Forward roged bigs despatched	23.5		235.	
5 bash Transactions.			7	
ostage stamps sold:	1061	2050		
	1094			
	37			
Remittances	2340.			
6. It of regid letters reed over counter.		255		
The of regid letters need from other offices,		90		
9. It of registers and over countersolean Posting		280		
10 1 of fine of need for redirection in France.		85	, , ,	
4 Pol harcels need for return to 18 100	2 7.0	39	270	
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Herewith is the monthly statement and report of the pestal work performed in the field during the month of May 1919.

The work has been very heavy for the postal personnel remaining, the administrative sections especially had a very busy month owing to the demobilization of the units of the A.I.F.

The 3rd Australian Divisional Field Post Offices were closed on 11.5.19. The units remaining in that area were transferred from the control of the D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. L.of C. to the A.D.P.S. L.of C.(British) on 14.5.19. The privates of the postal staff of the above named Division were sent to Havre for demobilization, the N.C.Os to London for duty as post orderlies on returning transports. The D.A.D.P.S. visited the Headquarters of the Division and arranged with the Staff Captain for the collection of the mails at A.P.O. S.1 and returning the underliverable portion to the same office for tranfer to the Australian Base P.O. London. The change over from Australian to British control was effected without any hitch, no delay occurring in the arrival or despatch of mails.

The office of the D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. in L.of C. was closed on 14.5.19, the staff being transferred to A.I.F. Headquarters Detach-

ment, for duty.

Capt C.J.Fletcher, Senior Postal Officer in France, proceeded on leave on 17.5.19, on completion of which he will report to the A.D.P.S. A.I.F. London for duty. The control of the postal services in France was taken over by It G.S.Gerrans.

Before leaving, Capt Fletcher was entertained by members of the Australian Army Postal Corps at Marcinelle and in many bright speeches, thanked for the great interest he had taken in the welfare of the staff generally, also wishing him "bonheur" on his approaching marriage with a young French lady. The Batman's toast "May the union cement the existing good feeling between the French and Aussies in the next generation" met with the hearty applause and was concurred in by all present.

During the month all units of the A.I.F. in the Charleroi area were sent to the Base for demobilization with the exception

of M.T. Coys, Signals, Polive, and Ordnance.

Arrangements were made on 24.5.19 to unload the mail for these units from A.P.O. R.W.5 to A.P.O. S.115 (British) This was done to allow the staff at R.W.5 to finalize the records for the month on 1.6.19, thus enabling them to be released from duty on that date. The A.D.P.S. No 4 Area was approached and authority obtained for a Corporal of the Australian Army Postal Corps to be attached for duty to A.P.O. S.115 to deal with the mail arriving for the Australian personnel remaining in the area. The transfer from Australian to British control was successful in every way. No hold up of mails occurred. The returns to the Australian Base P.O. are being dealt with at A.P.O. S.115 on the lines laid down for the Australian procedures.

The following post offices were closed during the month,

A.P.O. R.W.3 on 11.5.19
F.P.O. D.W.3 on 11.5.19
F.P.O. D.W.5 on 11.5.19
F.P.O. D.W.4 on 26.5.19
F.P.O. H.W.1 on 17.5.19
A.P.O. R.W.5 on 31.5.19

The only Australian Post Office now in France is A.F.O. S.W.2 Havre.

The members of the Australian Army Postal Corps were demobilized as fast as the work would permit. Om 1.6.19 only 1 Officer
and 11 other ranks remaining.

administrative officer on 3.6.19. The A.D.P.S. NO 4 Area was spoken to on this date and thanked for the courtesy and help extended to the Australian Administration while the Australian Divisions formed part of the Fourth Army.

The remaining postal personnel have been transferred to 3rd Echelon Australian Section for the purpose of demobilization. The Cadre of the D.A.D.P.S. leaving Charleroi for London on 4.6.19, the final 213 from this office being made up and dated 4.6.19.

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As the work that the Postal Section of the A.I.B. undertock has now been finalized as far as France is concerned, I cannot let this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the N.C.Os and men of the Corps, pass. They have carried out their duties honestly and faithfully, and although it is often rumoured that the postal men will be setting up Safety Razor Establishments "apres la guerre" it is thought that the rumour originated from the "Vin Blanc Artists" during one of their rough nights at sea. However few sections of the A.I.F. deserve more praise than the men who guarded the communications of the loved ones at home, through from the Railhead to the Forward Areas, and my earnest wish is that they will have a speedy and safe trip to their native land. and live long under the Southern Cross to enjoy the freedom that they have shared in winning by giving up all, braving the dangers and smilingly bearing inconveniences of active service conditions especially in the forward areas, under rain shell and bambs, with no covering other than the cold bright stars. In any case the final draft appeared to be exceptionally pleased with their labours as the last seen and heard of them was all heads and arms waving from the railway carriage windows with the sweet refrain of "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" floating gently to thousands of civilians who lined the route to wish God Speed to the departing men.

D.A.D.P.S.,
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Lieut. D.A.D.P.S. During the final period of postal arrangements for 3rd Australian Division (1st to 12th May 1919) all the units of the Division have become extinct excepting 3rd D.A.D.O.S. 5th Aust M.T.Coy and a few officers and men consisting 3rd Australian Divisional H.Qrs These units are very low in strength, therefore it is not necessary to keep F.P.O. D.W.Z and A.P.O. R.W.Z in the Field.

On 3rd inst 10th Bde Bn and 11th Field Coy Engrs disbanded, On the 4th inst all other units in the Division excepting those stated in para (1) and formed quota 51 in Demob Camp Gamaches where one postal orderly carried on the pestal work for all units forming the quota. A.B. 426 for all the above units have been forwarded to Australian Base Post Office under registered cover

Mails for the period have been arriving regular.

During the period (on Ath May) this Division was
visited by the D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. L.of C. and instructed me re the
closing of F.P.O. D.W.3 and A.P.O. R.W.3

F.P.O. D.W. 3 closed on the 10th inst and staff transferred to A.P.O. R.W. 3 pending final mevement of postal personnel attached 3rd Australian Division.

By instructions received from D.A.D.F.S. A.I.F. L.of C. the postal personnel were disposed of as follows, L/Cpl Dockett, Pte Noble Pte Wheeler Pte Burge to join 51 queta 3rd Australian Divn, L/Cpl Simpson Ites Sheppard Curgenven & Owen to proceed to S.W.2 S/Sgt Turner Cpls Smith A.E. Ext Smith F.E. Dargan M.J. Goodier F.S. te proceed to Aust Base P.O. for pestal duty on returning transports to Australia.

A.P.O. R.W.Z closed on 11th inst, Final despatches to S.1 S.W.Z A.P.O.Z London E.C. I.S. F.S. A.B.P.O. G.P.O. London on 12th inst, all other effices on 11th instant.

All stores at A.P.O. R.W.3 D.W.3 (ordnance) returned and receipts forwarded D.A.D.P.S. Aust Corps. All B.E.F. stores to A.D.P.S. A.P.O.3 and Australian stores to A.B.P.O. London. A separate report re closing has been forwarded. F.P.O. T.33 is now, located on A.P.O. S.l Abbeville also Australian Units as stated in para 1.

All the arrangements for the disposal of personnel have been carried out and the N.C.Os for A.B.P.O. London proceed there on morning of 12th inst.

have been returned to 5th Australian M.T.Coy.

This report ends the history of many pleasant and unpleasant experiences for the Australian Army Postal personnel attached to the 3rd Australian Division, which has been in the Field since November 1916.

A.P.O. R.W.3 Gamaches 12.5.19

(Sd) R.F. Turner S/Sgt Divisional Supervisor

Final



Monthly Report of A. & B. Div Postal Groups. May 1919.

on the 1st of May 4 Field Post Offices and A.P.O. R.W.5 were required to serve the units in the field at that date, but during the month owing to the speedy demobilization of the troops, the amalgamation of units and ration dumps, the remaining F.P.Os were closed on the dates shewn below.

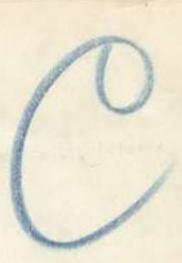
D.W.5 on 11.5.19 T.W.2 on 17.5.19 5.W on 23.5.19 and D.W.4 on 26.5.19.

During the month all post orderlies and Postal Corps personnel with the exception of 5 N.C.Os were demobilized. The N.C.Os remaining to complete the records of R.W.5 and then to proceed to Aust Base P.O. for duty on returning transports.

On the closing of R.W.5 a few Australian Units were transferred to A.P.O. S.115 where the Australian rostal Corps with the usual foresight and consideration for the troops, detailed a Corporal to remain behind attached to S.115 to manage the postal arrangements for these units.

To summarise the work during the month has been both arduous and complicated but owing to the hearty co-operation of N.C.Os and men the final stage of the work was carried out satisfactorily.

R.W.5 31.5.19 (Sd) C.E.Osborne Sgt Div Supervisor.

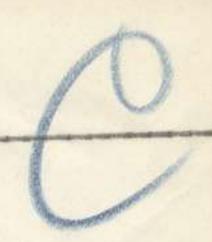


Final Monthly Account, Report Australian Corps May 1919.

	3rd Aust Divn.	"B" Aust Div	n. Total.
L.No of bags received			
at Railhead. 2. No of Inward	329	3035	3364
despatches. 3. No bags	100	369	469
despatched 4. No of outward	283	3438	3721
despatches.	184	483	667
bags despatched 5. Cash transactions.	24		24
Postage stamps sold. Postal orders issued postal orders paid Remittances. 6. Registered letters recd over	486.85 1523.55 57.95 3011.00 counter	7440.50 13643.80 1820.50 22128.00	7927.35 15167.35 1878.45 25139.00
7. Registered letters recd	156	2077	2233
from O/Offices. 8. Registered letters	244	2160	2604
despatched.	352	3539	3891
(clean postings)	135	1495	1630
direction in France	17	276	293
to, A.B.P.O.	102	705	807
2. No of parcels recd for delivery	121	2422	2543
despatched.	5	140	145

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	.A.P.O. R.W.5		F.P.O. D.W.4	F.P.O. T.W.2	F.P.O. !	Potals.
1. No of bags received	3035					3035
at Railhead. 2.No of inward	369					369
despatches 3.No of bags	3438					3438
despatched 4. No of outward	483					483
5. Cash transactions, Postage stamps sold Postal Orders Issued Postal Orders paid Remittances	6881.90	1134.10 1428.55 14.65 2577.25	506.55	476.55 586.15 7.30 5786.00	4 MA MA A	1820.80
6. Registered letters recd ever counter	291	176	834	171	605	2077
7. Registered letters recd from O/Offices	853	121	592	65	529	2160
8. Registered letters	1076	216	1426	189	632	3539
g.Parcels recd over counter(clean)	194	126	721	102	352	1495
10.Parcels recd for redirection in France	- 10	40	28	7	191	276
11.Parcels recd for return to A.B.P.O.	6	25	47	85	542	705
12.Parcels recd for delivery	31	. 85	638	213	1455	2422
13. No L. C.O. Cables despatched	9	12	28	9	. 82	140

R.W.5 31.5.19 (Sd)C.E.Osborne Sgt Div Supervisor.

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	APORW3	All I	TOTALS
Potal Nof bags recd at Raithead	329		329
Total Nof Inward Despatches.	100		100
Potal Nº of Bags Despatched.	283		283
Total No of Dutward Despatches.	184		184
No of Forward regid bags despatched.			24
Cash Transactions.	Tro Coto	Ins CA	In cto
Postage Stamps Sold.	416.75	70.60	486.85
Postal Orders insert	1494.90	28.65	1523-55
Postal Orders	20.95	37.00	57.95
Remittances	2901-65	109.35	3011.00
Pof regid letters recid over counter.	101	55	156
We of regid letters recd from other offices			24st
Nº of regid letters despatched.	294	58	352
If of parcels rec'd over counter Colean Postin	a) 109	26	135
At of parcels recid for redirection in France	6 10	7	17
The percels need for return to ABPO.	91	11	102
The reced for delivery.	95	26	121
1º of Co. cables despatched	3	2	5
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