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SIVRY.	1st March Saturday.		<p>Sky clouded over. - a very cold day. The Brigade Staff was employed throughout the day making arrangements for the establishment of a camp at the SIVRY Rifle Range for competitors in the forthcoming Divisional Rifle Meeting. The G.S.O. 1. Division (Lieut. Colonel. J. B. McCOLL O.B.E., M.C.) was relieved to-day by Lieut. Colonel S. L. MILLIGAN C.M.G., D.S.O., of Corps General Staff.</p>	nd
SIVRY	2nd March Sunday.		<p>Owing to the restrictions on assemblies due to the prevalence of influenza, the Divisional Boxing Tournament which was to have been held today has been postponed until the 6th instant. All competitors for the Divisional Rifle Meeting have now assembled in SIVRY Musketry Camp. Notification received that dances could now be held, and dances were held by the 56th Battalion at SIVRY and the 55th Battalion at RANCE at night. There was heavy rain throughout the night.</p>	nd
SIVRY.	3rd March Monday.		<p>Raining hard. Owing to inclement weather Rifle Meeting is postponed until 5th and 6th instant. Division advised later that Meeting would be postponed indefinitely. Owing to moves within the Division, these can not now be held until after 16th instant. The training, educational and recreational, programmes received from units indicates that everything possible is being done by the Commanding Officers to make the men's long wait for repatriation interesting and instructive. Indeed, some men are so happy with their units that they are refusing leave to England, It is difficult to get batmen, cooks, etc., for Brigade and Divisional Headquarters because men will not leave their "Homes".</p>	nd

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SIVRY	4th March	Tuesday.	<p>Raining again. There have been six funerals in SIVRY to-day. In the afternoon the 5th Division Rugby Team defeated the 4th Division team at SIVRY by 8 points to Nil. The ground was sloppy, but the game demonstrated some brilliant play. Brigadier General A.J. BESSELL BROWNE C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., C.R.A. 5th Australian Division and Lieut.-Colonel S.L. MILLIGAN C.M.G., D.S.O. G.S.O. 1. were present, the G.S.O.1. afterwards taking tea with the G.O.C. Brigade. Captain A. D. ELLIS M.C., 5th Division Historian conferred with the G.O.C. during the afternoon. Captain A.H.L. GODFREY, M.C., who has been Staff Captain of this Brigade since 17-11-17 left to-day for England where he is to embark with No. 14 Quota for Australia. He has been relieved by Captain D. E. WEBSTER.</p>	rd
SIVRY	5th March	Wednesday	<p>Although there was slight rain early in the morning it was fine and sunny throughout the remainder of the day - a good day for photographers, of which they took fullest advantage. Quota 14 including 3 Officers and 162 Other Ranks in command of Captain C.E. SHAW 55th Battalion proceeded to-day. Many young Belgian Mademoiselles shared in the good byes, Rain again late at night accompanied by strong wind.</p>	rd
SIVRY.	6th March	Thursday	<p>The day broke sunny but rain fell from midday onwards, In the course of demobilisation all Lewis Guns and Echelons of ammunition have now been returned to D.A.D.O.S. except 5 Lewis Guns which are being kept for the forthcoming Divisional Rifle Meeting.</p>	rd

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SIVRY.	7th March Friday.		<p>A very dull day.</p> <p>All interest today was centred on the Divisional Boxing Tournament at SAINS, a programme of which is attached. (Appendix 1.). The winners from this Brigade are given in The Brigade Sports Officer's report attached (Appendix 2.).</p> <p>The officers of the 53rd and 55th Battalions played a Rugby match at RANCE, the 55th Battalion winning by 3 points to Nil. The G.O.C. was present at the match.</p>	<p>App.1 App.2</p>
SIVRY.	8th March Saturday		<p>There was heavy rain throughout the night, and it is very sloppy underfoot to-day.</p> <p>Brigade Order No.188 (Appendix 3) ordering the combination of the 53rd and 55th Battalions under the command of Lieut. Colonel A.C.S. HOLLAND was issued to-day.</p> <p>Two rugby teams representing the 56th and "54th" halves of the 56th Battalion played a very exciting match at SIVRY, the 56th Battalion winning by the narrow margin of 3 points.</p>	<p>App.3</p>
SIVRY	9th March Sunday		<p>Glorious sunshine - a real Spring day, which was spoiled late in the afternoon by a light fall of rain.</p> <p>The Brigade Major visited the 55th and 53rd Battalions at RANCE.</p> <p>The G.S.O. 1. (Lieut. Colonel S.L. MILLIGAN C.M.G., D.S.O.,) visited Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>The move of the 8th and 15th Brigades to the new area nearer CHARLEROI commenced to-day. The 8th Brigade Headquarters and 31st Battalion will stage in SIVRY to-night.</p>	
SIVRY.	10th March Monday.		<p>The day has been dull except for a bright early morning.</p> <p>The units of the 8th Brigade which marched into SIVRY yesterday continued their move this morning and the 32nd Battalion marched in and will stage for the night.</p> <p>The Corps Boxing Championships commenced at CHARLEROI to-day, and will finish on the 14th instant. There are several competitors from this Brigade.</p> <p>The combination of the 53rd and 55th Battalions in accordance with Order No.188 has now been completed.</p>	

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SIVRY	11th March Tuesday		A bright sunny day; the whole day being taken up with sport. Both Battalions have good inter-Company football competitions in full swing. Divisional Headquarters is now packing up ready to move to the new area. A unit of the 15th Brigade staged the night in SIVRY.	nd
SIVRY	12th March Wednesday		Another sunny day. The 59/60th Battalion moved out of SIVRY and later the 57/58th Battalion marched in and staged for the night. Lieut. Colonel C. A. DENEHEY D.S.O., Commanding Officer 57/58th Battalion had dinner at Brigade Headquarters with the G.O.C. The Brigade Major visited RANCE during the day. Brigadier General A.J. BESSELL BROWNE C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., C.R.A. was the guest of the G.O.C. at lunch.	nd
SIVRY	13th March Thursday		Raining early, but the sun broke through at times during the day. The 57/58th Battalion marched out. Divisional Headquarters is now established at WALCOURT. The little sun we have had lately has helped considerably to relieve the influenza which has been raging amongst the civilian population.	nd
SIVRY.	14th March Friday.		The Corps Boxing Championships were concluded at CHARLEROI to-day, and the particulars of the successful candidates from this Brigade will be found in the Brigade Sports Officer's report attached. (Appendix 2.) The G.O.C., attended a Conference at Australian Corps Headquarters when a Memorial to our fallen comrades was discussed.	App.2 nd

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SIVRY.	15th March	Saturday.	<p>Fine and clear. A good day for sport, everyone taking fullest advantage of it. Football, Cross-Country runs and badminton were the order of the day. A number of "Y" class horses were despatched to the Base. The A.R.A. platoons from 53/55th and 56th Battalions are now training hard for the forthcoming Divisional Rifle Meeting.</p>	

<p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE DIARY FOR MARCH 1st to 15th</u></p>				
<p>During the period all Lewis Guns, with the exception of five which will be required for Musketry Competitions, and all ammunition, less that which is required for training purposes, were returned to D.A.D.O.S. and Corps Ammunition Dump respectively.</p>				
<p>37 "X" and "Y" horses were returned to Base.</p>				
<p>No. 14 Quota consisting of 4 officers and 172 other ranks marched out on the 5th instant.</p>				
<p>Advice was received from Division that drafts would in future proceed under the group system. The G.O.C., 14th Australian Infantry Brigade is detailed to demobilise "C" Group which consists of :-</p>				
<p>14th Infantry Brigade. 5th Pioneer Battalion</p>				
<p>5th Mobile Vet. Section Divisional Train Headquarters and 4th A.A.S.C.Coys.</p>				
<p>Divisional Salvage Company Provost Corps attached to 5th Division.</p>				
<p>14th A.F.A. Brigade. Postal Corps Attached to 5th Division.</p>				
<p>5th Division Headquarters.</p>				
<p>It is not anticipated that the first thousand will leave until about the middle of next month.</p>				
<p>A number of guards and working parties have been found for duty at Railheads and dumps etc., and it is becoming daily more difficult to find men for the various duties that are allotted to us.</p>				
<p>Rations have improved lately, vegetables which were very short for some time are now plentiful.</p>				
<p>We were able to give a good deal of assistance to units staging through the area.</p>				
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SIVRY	16th March Sunday.		<p>Church parades were held by all units to-day, although it was threatening rain. The Y.M.C.A. cinema which has been shewing in SIVRY for some time left the area to-day to go to another Brigade.</p> <p>Some of the details who are to compete for the rifle matches commencing on Tuesday have arrived at the SIVRY rifle range for practice. There are also a number of officers and men practising for the tests prior to the selection of the team which will represent the Division at BISLEY.</p>	<p>nr</p>
SIVRY	17th March Monday.		<p>Slight rain.</p> <p>All men who are to compete at the rifle meeting have now assembled at the SIVRY Rifle Range.</p>	<p>nr</p>
SIVRY	18th March Tuesday		<p>Bitterly cold, but no rain.</p> <p>A horse sale was held at DUMONT to-day under arrangements made by Division. Only two mules and one "Z" horse were disposed of from this Brigade.</p> <p>The G.O.C. attended a conference at Divisional Headquarters when certain matters connected with demobilisation were discussed.</p> <p>Brigadier General A. J. BESSELL BROWNE., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., was the guest of the G.O.C. at lunch, and afterwards they together visited the Divisional Rifle Meeting. In spite of adverse conditions the shooting on the whole was good, the men of this Brigade showing to advantage.</p> <p>Information received from Division that a Quota would be sent from this Brigade group about the first week in April.</p> <p>The "Sank on Sanks" (55th Battalion Concert Party) gave a performance to a crowded house in SIVRY in the evening. The G.O.C. who attended with Lieut.-Colonel MARSHALL D.S.O., M.C., (Commanding Officer 56th Battalion) congratulated the party on their performance, and drew cheers from the crowd when he announced that a Quota of 1000 men would be going on demobilisation shortly.</p>	<p>nr</p>

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SIVRY	19th March Wednesday		<p>To-day has been ideal weather for the Divisional Rifle Meeting. The Divisional Commander -(Major General E.TIVEY., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.) in company with the G.O.C. (Brig.-General J.C. STEWART, C.M.G., D.S.O.) and members of the Divisional Staff attended the rifle range to witness the A.R.A. Platoon Competitions. The competition resulted in a win for the 15th Brigade the points being:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="877 686 2856 1136"> <thead> <tr> <th>Team.</th> <th>Hits.</th> <th>Bayonet Points</th> <th>Total.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>15th Brigade.</td> <td>408</td> <td>90</td> <td>498</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8th Brigade.</td> <td>311</td> <td>82</td> <td>393</td> </tr> <tr> <td>55th Battalion.</td> <td>237</td> <td>98</td> <td>335</td> </tr> <tr> <td>56th Battalion.</td> <td>153</td> <td>58</td> <td>211</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Divisional Commander and Colonel A.T. HOLDEN, Methodist Chaplain General, who is paying a visit to the Division, were at lunch with the G.O.C. Lieut.-Colonel A.C.S. HOLLAND -(C.O., 53/55th Battalion) was at tea with the G.O.C. 50 mules were despatched to Base from the Brigade to-day.</p>	Team.	Hits.	Bayonet Points	Total.	15th Brigade.	408	90	498	8th Brigade.	311	82	393	55th Battalion.	237	98	335	56th Battalion.	153	58	211	
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SIVRY	20th March Thursday.		<p>The morning was very cold and sleet fell continuing until midday, when, after what seemed a determined and desperate effort by the dying winter, snow fell for an hour or so. The afternoon broke fine.</p> <p>The Divisional Rifle Meeting was continued to-day in spite of the sleet and snow. The G.O.C. proceeded to BRUSSELS on short leave to-day and Lieut-Colonel N.MARSHALL D.S.O., M.C. is commanding the Brigade temporarily.</p> <p>The "Kookaburras" showed in the Communal Hall again to-night.</p>																					

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SIVRY	21st March	Friday.	<p>The day has been cold and the sky overcast, and, although there has been no rain, the ground is still damp.</p> <p>The Acting Brigade Major and Staff Captain visited the 53/55th Battalion at RANCE. A lecture was given to the 56th Battalion at SIVRY this afternoon by Warrant Officer SEAGER on "Reconstruction Problems" under arrangements made by the Divisional Education Officer.</p>	n.g.
SIVRY	22nd March	Saturday.	<p>Also a cold and dull day.</p> <p>Notification received that the following Roumanian decorations have been awarded:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHEVALIER, ORDER OF MICHAEL THE BRAVE, 3rd Class.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Major H.A. ROBERTS., 56th Battalion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEDAILLE BARBATTIE SI CREDINTA., 2nd Class..</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No. 2956 Sgt. A.I. O'CONNOR D.C.M., 56th Battalion.</p> <p>Brig.-General J.C. STEWART .,C.M.G.,D.S.O., returned from BRUSSELS to-day after a most interesting trip.</p> <p>Orders received that the Brigade would move to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT (near CHARLEROI) on 30th and 31st of this month.</p>	n.g.
SIVRY	23rd March	Sunday.	<p>Church services were held by all denominations at SIVRY and RANCE.</p> <p>Amalgamation Instructions No.2 (Appendix 4.) were issued to Units.</p> <p>The process of Demobilisation has now reached a stage at which the amalgamation of Divisions can be carried out. Instructions have been received that after the next Quota goes from each of the 5th and 2nd Divisions these two Divisions will be amalgamated under the command of Major General E. TIVEY. ; C.B.,C.M.G.,D.S.O., V.D., and the 2nd Divisional Staff will cease to operate.</p>	App. 4

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SIVRY.	23rd March SUNDAY (Contd.)		<p>A wire was received from Division to-night cancelling all movements of troops to England on account of the threatened "Triple Alliance" strike.</p> <p>The G.O.C accompanied by Lieut.Col. N.MARSHALL D.S.O., M.C., and Lt.Col. J.W.R. CHEESEMAN, DSO., MC. visited the 53/55th Battalion at RANCE during the afternoon.</p>	nr
SIVRY	24th March MONDAY.		<p>There has been steady rain all day, and during the afternoon a little snow fell.</p> <p>Sgt. A ALLISON, 53/55th Battalion and Pte. A. STOREN., 56th Battalion, two boxers from this brigade who won their weights in the Corps Championships, have gone to BRUSSELS as representatives in the Australian team to meet the Canadians on 30th instant.</p> <p>Information has been received from the advance party sent forward to the new area that the billets will be very scattered.</p>	nr
SIVRY	25th March TUESDAY		<p>Cold and raining.</p> <p>The staff captain proceeded by car to make a reconnaissance of the MARCHIENNE-au-PONT area to-day.</p> <p>The process of demobilisation was carried another step forward to-day when all the limbers and water carts of the 56th Battalion were returned to D.A.D.O.S., 5th Australian Division.</p>	nr
SIVRY	26th March WEDNESDAY.		<p>A cold day.</p> <p>As there are not sufficient animals in the Brigade to move the transport on hand in the one trip, a portion of the 53/55th Battalion transport carrying mobilisation stores moved to the MARCHIENNE-au-PONT area to-day.</p> <p>The G.O.C. and Brigade major attended a boxing tournament at RANCE in the evening. There were several bouts all of which were keenly contested. The G.O.C. presented the prizes to the successful competitors.</p> <p>Amalgamation Instructions No. 3 (Appendix 5.) were issued to-day.</p>	nr APP.5

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SIVRY	27th March THURSDAY		<p>We are now experiencing the coldest weather we have had since the worst winter days. To-day is very cold and there has been a little snow.</p> <p>A parcel of French and Belgian "Croix de Guerre" was received from Division to-day for presentation to the members of this Brigade who are recipients. The Divisional Commander, (Major General E. TIVEY., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.,) has agreed to present the decorations at RANCE on 29th instant when the 53/55th Battalion hold their "Gala Day".</p>	
SIVRY	28th March FRIDAY		<p>The bitterly cold weather continues.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander and Lieut.-Colonel E.M. RALPH D.S.O., and Lieut.-Colonel J.H. HURST of the Divisional Staff visited Brigade Headquarters during the morning and conferred with the G.O.C.</p> <p>In view of the forth-coming move arrangements are now in hand for settling all claims. Considering the lengthy period the Brigade has been in the area the claims amount to very little which speaks well for the behaviour of, and care taken of property, by the men.</p> <p>Owing to lack of accommodation in the MARCHIENNE-au-PONT area the move has been postponed and will not commence until 2nd April.</p> <p>What had been arranged as a "Farewell Dance" was held in the SIVRY Communal Hall to night and was largely attended by civilians and soldiers.</p> <p>Heavy snow fell during the night.</p>	
SIVRY	29th March SATURDAY.		<p>The snow continued falling all night and is deep on the ground this morning. It is still bitterly cold and the snow continues.</p> <p>The RANCE "Gala Day" has been postponed as also has the presentation of decorations by the Divisional Commander,</p>	

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SIVRY	30th March SUNDAY.		<p>The sun peeped out at times to-day and the snow has commenced to thaw. Arrangements are well in hand for the move to the new area. At dance was held at the Communal Hall SIVRY at night.</p>	<i>rd.</i>
SIVRY	31st March MONDAY.		<p>The ground is frozen hard but to-day's sun has made a quick thaw. The G.O.C. attended at Corps Headquarters where all General and Senior Staff Officers of the Corps met Field Marshall Sir Douglas HAIG. In a farewell address the Field Marshal thanked the Australians for their splendid work in France, and wished us all good luck and a good return home. The Corps Commander -(Lieut. General Sir J. J. TALBOT HOBBS., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D.,) afterwards informed the officers assembled that a decision had been reached to erect memorials in France for each Australian Division.</p>	<i>rd.</i>
<p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE DIARY FOR MARCH 16th to 31st.</u></p> <p>Owing to the number of animals having been sold and sent to Base a Divisional Dump was formed at SIVRY Station and rations were transported to Battalion Quartermasters Stores by the Divisional Train.</p> <p>In view of move billeting parties were sent forward to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT and BEAUMONT, which will be the staging area.</p> <p>Everything is in readiness to send 1000 all ranks away, belonging to the Group. The Quota is No. 31.</p> <p>A number of animals were disposed of during the period. The Battalions retaining only sufficient for immediate use.</p> <p>Discipline throughout the month has been excellent.</p>				

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2. 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade Sports Officer's Report.
3. 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 188.
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Captain.
Brigade Major.
14th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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EVENING:

- 7.00 *Middle:* Winner « Allison-Martin » v Winner « Pope - Mitchell-Hill ».
7.15 *Officers Welter:* L' Land, 113th BTY v L' Davis, 53rd Bⁿ.
7.30 *Light:* Winner « Storen-Davis » v Winner « Maroney-Reckenberg ».
7.45 *Bantam:* P^{te} Solomon, 55th Bⁿ v Winner « Sergent-Faux ».
8.00 *Welter:* P^{te} Dade, 55th Bⁿ v Winner « Kane-Armour ».
8.15 *Heavy:* S^{gt} Allison, 53rd Bⁿ v DVR Binsteed, 5th D. A. C.
8.30 *Officers Middle:* L' Leeves, 56th Bⁿ v Winner « L' Dellit-L' Land ».
8.45 *Feather:* Winner « Storen-Peakes v Winner « Maroney-Bishop ».

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5th DIVISION A. I. F.

Boxing Tournament

TO BE HELD AT

SAINS

MARCH 2nd 1919

COMMENCING 3 P. M. & 7 P. M.



OFFICIALS:

Appendix 1.

Referee: LT V. Leeves, 56th Bⁿ
Judges: LT W. K. Morpeth M. C., 8th B^{gde} H. Q.
 LT J. Colclough, 58th Bⁿ.
Time Keeper: CAP^t J. A. Chapman, 14th B^{gde} H. Q.
Register Keeper: LT A. A. Brackpool, 14th B^{gde} H. Q.
M. C.: Major J. J. Murray, DSO. M. C., 5th Div. Sports Officer.

PRELIMINARIES**AFTERNOON:**

3 P.M. *Middle:* S^{gt} Allison A., 53rd Bⁿ v P^{te} Martin, 5th DIV. SIGS.
 3.15 *Feather:* P^{te} Maroney, 30th Bⁿ v P^{te} Bishop, 55th Bⁿ.
 3.30 *Light:* P^{te} Storen, 56th Bⁿ v P^{te} Davis, 30th Bⁿ.
 3.45 *Middle:* DVR Pope, 10th A. A. S. C. v P^{te} Mitchell-Hill, 55th Bⁿ.
 4.00 *Officers Middle:* L^t Land, 113th BTY v L^t Dellit, 31st Bⁿ.
 4.15 *Welter:* DVR Kane, 14th FLD AMB. v SPR Armour, 15th FLD COY ENGRS.
 4.30 *Light Heavy Final:* S^{gt} Allison, 53rd Bⁿ v P^{te} Ferguson, 56th Bⁿ.
 4.45 *Feather:* P^{te} Storen, 56th Bⁿ v P^{te} Peakes, 31st Bⁿ.
 5.00 *Bantam:* P^{te} Sergent, 56th Bⁿ v P^{te} Faux, 31st Bⁿ.
 5.15 *Light:* P^{te} Maroney, 30th Bⁿ v P^{te} Reckenberg, 56th Bⁿ.

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There has been continued keen interest in sport by all ranks in the 5th Division, which, during the past month has been conspicuous for its various meritorious victories. The secret of our being able to assemble such representative and efficient teams for various competitions, is in the fact that the policy adopted throughout has been to encourage each individual man as far as possible, first of all enter the field of Sport for his platoon, or Section. Experience has shown that such a method is both wise and profitable, as, giving proper encouragement to the smaller items in Sport the bigger Competitions will look after themselves.

All the different Units in the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade have had particularly full programmes during the last month, especially Football, Boxing, Cross Country Running, and Musketry Competitions. Reports to hand show that the inter-Company and Battalion matches have been both keenly contested and a high standard of efficiency shown. This friendly rivalry has also kept a healthy atmosphere of friendship among the troops and has kept much spare time profitably occupied.

To verify the success of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade there were numerous representatives in the Finals of the Corps Boxing Tournament at CHARLEROI, which was won eventually by the 5th Division by a big margin of points from our other Divisions.

In the Brigade Boxing Tournaments held at SIVRY on 17th February the results were :-

Middle Weight	won by	Sgt. ALLISON	53rd Battalion.
Light "	" "	Pte. STOREN	54/56th "
Bantam "	" "	Pte. SERGEANT	54/56th "
Welter "	" "	Dvr. KANE	14th Field Amb.
Light Heavy	" "	Pte. FERGUSON	54/56th Battalion.
Heavy	" "	Sgt. ALLISON	53rd "

At the Corps Boxing Tournaments held at CHARLEROI in March the results were :-

Officers Middle Weight	won by	Lieut. LEEVES	56th Battalion.
" Welter	" "	" DAVIS	53rd "
O.Ranks' Heavy	" "	Sgt. ALLISON	53rd "

14th Brigade representatives have gone to fight for the Australian Corps against the Canadians at BRUSSELS at the end of the month.

At CHARLEROI at present there are football representatives of this Brigade training to play for the A.I.F. against Army of Occupation at COLOGNE., and about the middle of April this A.I.F. team will cross to U.K. for further matches.

The 5th Divisional Cross Country Running team won the Corps competition by the splendid margin of 300 points.

In anticipation of good weather in the near future, it is intended to arrange even more extensive Sports Programmes but as Demobilisation will soon necessitate an amalgamation of numerous Units and with the decrease in the strength of men, probably the Programmes will concern the smaller scale competitions rather than the large.

There has been no scarcity of Sporting materials, and as Sports form one of the main features in our present circumstances every effort is being made to encourage competitions in every possible variety of recreation .

K.M. Allen Lieut.
 Sports Officer..
 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Appendix 3.

260 14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 188.

Headquarters,
8th March 1919.

1. (a) For the purposes of Demobilisation the 53rd and 55th Battalions will be combined forthwith under the command of Lieut. Colonel A.C.S. HOLLAND.
(b) The combined Unit will be known as the 53rd/55th Battalion.
2. Details of the combination will be arranged between C.O's concerned. It will be mutually decided what is the minimum equipment necessary for all purposes, and arrangements will be made for the return to D.A.D.C.S. of the balance.
3. (a) All personnel of the present Units will be kept separately organised under the command of their own officers.
b) Battalion records and Precedence Rolls will be administered separately.
c) One set of returns only will be submitted for the combined Unit as from the 11th instant.
4. Completion of the terms of this order will be reported to these Headquarters by 1800 hours on 10th instant.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. P. ... Captain.
Brigade Major.
14th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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56th "	3.	Staff Capt.	10.
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Appendix 4.

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

AMALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 2.

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Headquarters,
March 23rd 1919

1. (a) The 14th A.I. Brigade will move to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT in accordance with the appended march table.
- (b) Personnel will move in two groups by road and empty supply trains, transport by march route.
- (c) Groups will be constituted as follows :-

1st Group.	14th A.I. Brigade Headquarters No. 3 Signal Section. 56th Battalion.
2nd Group	53/55th Battalion.
- (d) Detailed instructions as to the move of the Brigade Transport will be issued separately.
2. On arrival the Brigade will occupy accommodation vacated by the 7th A.I. Brigade. Billetting parties have already been sent ahead.
3. (a) Under instructions to be issued by the A.D.M.S. the 14th Field Ambulance will move from SAUTAY to WALCOURT on the 31st instant.
- (b) On arrival in WALCOURT the 14th Field Ambulance will be amalgamated with the 8th/15th Field Ambulance.
- (c) The A.D.M.S. will arrange for a medical detachment to accompany the 14th A.I. Brigade to MARCHIENNE-au-PONT and for the evacuation of the sick of the Brigade.
4. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. ... Captain.
Brigade Major.
14th Australian Inf. Brigade...

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY AMALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 2

Serial No.	Date	Unit.	From	To	Remarks.
1.	Mc'h. 30	1st Group	SIVRY	BEAUMONT	By march route.
2.	Mc'h. 31	1st Group	BEAUMONT	MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	Empty supply train entrain- ing BEAUMONT detraining CHARLEROI.
3.	Mc'h. 31	2nd Group	RANCE	BEAUMONT	By march route.
4.	Mc'h. 31	Brigade Transport	SIVRY area.	MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	By march route.
5.	Apl. 1.	2nd Group	BEAUMONT	MARCHIENNE- au-PONT	As in Serial No. 2.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

AMENDMENT TO AMALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 2....

- 1. Owing to the accommodation allotted to the 14th A.I. Brigade being required by the Graves Battalion until April 2nd, the move of the 14th A.I. Brigade will be delayed three days. The march table will be amended to read as follows :-

Serial	No.	1.	April	2nd.
"		2.	"	3rd.
"		3.	"	3rd.
"		4.	"	3rd.
"		5.	"	4th.

- 2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. J. ... Captain.
 Brigade Major.
 14th Australian Infantry Brigade

29th March 1919.

Distribution as for Amalgamation Instructions No.2.

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.AMALGAMATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 3.

Headquarters,
26th March 1919

1. The 2nd and 5th Australian Divisions will be amalgamated on the 29th instant. On that date the 2nd Australian Division will come under the orders of the 5th Australian Division, and the combined Division will be known as "B" Divisional Group, vide 5th Australian Division General Staff Memorandum No. 247 dated March 21st.
2. Headquarters "B" Divisional Group will open at MARCINELLE at 1200 on 29th March in the Offices at present occupied by the 2nd Australian Division. Headquarters 5th Australian Division will close at WALCOURT at the same hour.
3. The whole of the troops of the "B" Divisional Group will be concentrated in the present 2nd Australian Divisional Area as accommodation becomes available. Consequent on this concentration the present 14th A.I. Brigade Group will be reconstituted, for Demobilisation purposes, as hereunder, and will be known as "Z" Group :-

Commander - Brig. General J.C. STEWART, C.M.G., D.S.O.,

14th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarters,
53rd/55th Aust. Battalion.
56th Aust. Battalion.
5th Aust. Divisional Artillery (13th, 14th A.F.A. Brigades
5th D.A.C., M.T.M. Batteries)
5th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion.
5th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.
5th Aust. Divisional Train.
5th Aust. Salvage Company
Aust. Postal Corps (attached 5th Aust. Division.)
Aust. Provost Corps (attached 5th Aust. Division.)
5th Aust. Mobile Vet. Section.
5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. C. Stewart
Captain.
Brigade Major.
14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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5th Aust. M. Vet. Sec.	9.		
C.C., 5th Div. H.Qrs.	10.		