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WAR DIARY.

HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. DEPOTS in UNITED KINGDOM.

A.I.G.'s DEPARTMENT.

APRIL 1918.

STRENGTH: The strength on 30.4.18 was:-

Officers	1201
Other Ranks.. ...	<u>32596</u>
	33797

RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA.

Officers	49
Other Ranks.. ...	<u>3207</u>
	3256

REORGANIZATION: The following Training Battalions were amalgamated during the month of April:-
 12th and 13th; now the 12th Training Battalion
 14th and 15th; now the 14th " "

(Special Routine Order 4297 of 4.4.18 attached).

ANZAC DAY: Thursday, 25th April, was declared a holiday by the G.O.C.- Church Services were held in the morning, and a combined Sports Meeting in the afternoon. -
 (Programme attached).

ew. TRAINED REINFORCEMENTS PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1918.

<u>UNITS.</u>	<u>DIVNS.</u> <u>NOT</u> <u>STATED.</u>	<u>1ST</u> <u>DIV.</u>	<u>2ND</u> <u>DIV.</u>	<u>3RD</u> <u>DIV.</u>	<u>4TH</u> <u>DIV.</u>	<u>5TH</u> <u>DIV.</u>	<u>TOTALS.</u>
Infantry	-	782	978	532	582	747	3621
Pioneers	-	60	40	25	27	33	185
Artillery	-	172	100	137	200	116	725
Army F.A.B.	185	-	-	-	-	-	185
R.A.G.A.	52	-	-	-	-	-	52
Engineers	178	-	-	-	-	-	178
Sig. Engineers	62	-	-	-	-	-	62
Tunnellers	92	-	-	-	-	-	92
T.M.B. Details	34	-	-	-	-	-	34
A.A.M.C.	325	-	-	-	-	-	325
A.A.S.C. & M.T.	220	-	-	-	-	-	220
A.A.V.C.	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
Machine Gunners	497	-	-	-	-	-	497
Light Horse	49	-	-	-	-	-	49
Cyclists	13	-	-	-	-	-	13
A.A.O.C.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Railways	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
TOTALS	1782	1014	1118	694	809	896	6313

RETURN OF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS PROCEEDED

OVERSEAS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

1st Bn	53	17th Bn	43	33rd Bn	36	13th Bn	34	29th Bn	88
2nd "	52	18th "	43	34th "	25	14th "	49	30th "	30
3rd "	67	19th "	33	35th "	35	15th "	67	31st "	61
4th "	61	20th "	36	36th "	52	16th "	108	32nd "	135
5th "	44	21st "	99	37th "	36	45th "	30	53rd "	32
6th "	55	22nd "	108	38th "	38	46th "	33	54th "	46
7th "	61	23rd "	154	39th "	35	47th "	38	55th "	52
8th "	64	24th "	135	40th "	95	48th "	30	56th "	62
9th "	146	25th "	175	41st "	47	49th "	34	57th "	43
10th "	50	26th "	44	42nd "	55	50th "	42	58th "	40
11th "	48	27th "	49	43rd "	36	51st "	67	59th "	77
12th "	81	28th "	59	44th "	42	52nd "	50	60th "	81
	<u>782</u>		<u>978</u>		<u>532</u>		<u>582</u>		<u>747</u>

R E S U M E .

1st DIVISION	782
2nd "	978
3rd "	532
4th "	582
5th "	747

GRAND TOTAL. 3621

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SPECIAL ROUTINE ORDER No. 4297.

by
MAJOR GENERAL THE Hon. Sir J. W. McCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D.,
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS
in UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
Tidworth - 4.4.18.

No. 4297.

THIRD TRAINING BRIGADE.

1. The following will be amalgamated:-
 - (a) 12th & 13th Training Battalions.
 - (b) 14th & 15th Training Battalions.
2. The 12th Training Battalion will be moved to the Camp of the 13th Training Battalion for amalgamation.
3. The O.C., 3rd Training Brigade will arrange for sufficient agricultural fatigue of B2a or C1 class men under a similarly classified N.C.O. to be left at the present 12th Training Battalion Camp to look after the crops; and also for a small caretaking piquet for the huts, kitchens, &c; these details will be rationed by the nearest 3rd Training Brigade Unit.
4. RE-ARRANGEMENT:
 - (a) 12th TRAINING BATTALION - (12th & 13th amalgamated).

STAFF:

O.C.....	Lieut-Col. H.K.DENHAM, D.S.O., General List.
2nd in Command...	Captain R.T.TARRANT "P. S. L."
Adjutant.....	Captain W.H.N.PATRICK, 51st Battalion.
Asst. Adjutant...	Lieut. S. C. BUTLER, 30th Battalion.
Quartermaster....	Lieut. W. W. P. FISH, 15th Battalion.
Messing Officer..	Captain T.W.ENGLISH, 50th Battalion.
Musketry Officer.	Lieut. H.J.BRADLEY, (M.C), 16th Battalion.
Bombing Officer..	Lieut. E.R.NOBLET, (M.C), 50th Battalion.

COMPANIES:

"A" Company: Composed of men for 4th Brigade, - (13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions). Staffed with "A" class Permanent Cadre of 4th Brigade personnel (i.e., "A" Company, 12th and "A" Company, 13th Training Battalions amalgamated).

"B" Company: Composed of men for 12th Brigade, - (45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Battalions). Staffed with "A" class Permanent Cadre of 12th Brigade personnel (i.e., "B" & "C" Companies, 12th Training Battalion amalgamated).

"C" Company: Composed of men for 13th Brigade, - (49th, 50th, 51st and 52nd Battalions). Staffed with "A" class Permanent Cadre of 13th Brigade (i.e., "B" & "C" Companies, 13th Training Battalion amalgamated).

- (b) 14th TRAINING BATTALION (14th & 15th amalgamated).

STAFF:

O.C.....	Major P.A.M.ECKERSLEY, 31st Battalion.
2nd in Command...	Captain S.W.NEALE (M.C.), 59th Battalion.
Adjutant.....	Lieut. D.A.MEHAN (M.C.), 56th Battalion.
Asst. Adjutant...	Lieut. P.A.ALLAN, "P. S. L."

4th April 1918.

STAFF: 14th T.B. (Cent'd).

Quartermaster..... Capt. W.C. RILEY, 32nd Battalion.
 Messing Officer... Lieut. F. SMITH, 30th Battalion.
 Musketry Officer.. Capt. J. C. RICKARD, 30th Battalion.
 Bombing Officer... 2/Lieut. A. FRIDAY, 29th Battalion.

COMPANIES:

"A" Company: Composed of men for 8th Brigade -(29th, 30th, 31st and 32nd Battalions).
 Staffed with "A" class Permanent Cadre of 8th Brigade personnel (i.e., "A" Company 14th and "A" Company, 15th Training Battalions amalgamated).

"B" Company: Composed of men for 14th Brigade - (53rd, 54th, 55th and 56th Battalions).
 Staffed with "A" Class Permanent Cadre of 14th Brigade personnel (i.e., "B" & "C" Companies, 14th Training Battalion amalgamated).

"C" Company: Composed of men for 15th Brigade - (57th, 58th, 59th and 60th Battalions).
 Staffed with "A" class Permanent Cadre of 15th Brigade personnel (i.e., "B" & "C" Companies, 15th Training Battalion amalgamated).

5. DIVISIONAL SIGNAL SCHOOLS will be in charge of the following Officers:-

- (a) 4th Division - Lieut. E. CORBETT - 46th Battalion.
 (b) 5th Division - Lieut. W.D. HARRIS - 54th Battalion.

6. Subject to the Staffing arrangements (Permanent Cadre) shown in paragraph 4, (a) & (b), "younger inhabitants" will be taken for the Permanent Cadre, "A" Class, of the new or amalgamated Battalions. A Nominal Roll of "older inhabitants" - Officers and N.C.O.'s rendered supernumerary to the Cadre as a result of the amalgamation - will be forwarded to Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots; medical classification to be shown.

7. (a) All other ranks, Permanent Cadre, employed in the following capacities must be selected from B2a or C1 class men, viz; Piquets, Pioneers, Police, Sanitary, Orderlies, Clerks, Cooks, Tradesmen, Storemen, Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, Batmen, Grooms &c. "A" class other ranks, who thereby become supernumerary to the establishment will proceed Overseas by first draft after move and re-organization are completed.

(b) Nominal Roll of B2a or C1 other ranks (showing classification) supernumerary to establishment as a result of the amalgamation will be submitted to these Headquarters to permit of instructions being given as to disposal.

8. The O.C., amalgamated Training Battalion - (14th) - will occupy whichever of the Camps he prefers.

9. Headquarters, 3rd Training Brigade will move to the Battalion Headquarters not occupied by 14th (amalgamated) Training Battalion.

10. The move and re-organization will be completed by 12th inst.

Issued at 4.15 p.m.

J. P. M. G.
 Colonel.
 A/D.A. & Q.M.G.
 A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

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NOTICE.

20th April, 1918.

ANZAC DAY

An Australian Combined Sports Carnival under the patronage of the G.O.C., will be held on Anzac Day, Thursday 25th April, 1918,

on

The Bhurtpore Sports Ground.

The following Units will participate:-

All Parkhouse Units, 1st A.D.H. Australian Provost Coy Light Horse Training Squadron, Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K., School of Musketry.

The following is the programme of events, the first event being timed to commence at 1p.m. sharp. Entries Free.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

100 Yards Open Handicap	(Entries close Wednesday 9a.m.)
Kicking Football	Post Entry
Fugitive Race (Mounted Event)	" "
440 Yards Open Race	(Entries close Wednesday 9a.m.)
Tug-of-War (Teams of 8)	(" " " ")
Barrel Race	Post Entry
Officer's Foot Race	" "
Three legged Race 75 Yards	" "
120 Yards Hurdle Race 3 Ft Hurdles	(Entries close Wednesday 9a.m.)
Wrestling on Horseback (Teams of 4)	(" " " ")
Horses will be supplied	
Sack Race (50 Yards)	Post Entry
Running Long Jump	" "
High Jump	" "
Hunters Competition (Officers only)	(Entries close Wednesday 9a.m.)
" " (O/Ranks ")	(" " " ")
Relay Race, Teams of 4, inter-unit	(" " " ")
Cock Fighting	Post Entry
Obstacle Race	" "
Tent Pegging	(Entries close Wednesday 9a.m.)
N.C.Os. 100 Yards open Race	(" " " ")
Throwing Cricket Ball.	Post Entry
Hunters Competition, open	(Entries close Wednesday 9a.m.)
Ladies Race, 50 Yards	Post Entry
Treacle and Bun Race, 25 yards	" "
Squad Drill, N.C.O. & 20 men, (Dress, Walking)	(Entries close Wednesday 9a.m.)
Best Turned out G.S.Wagon, and Team.	
Novelty Costume Race. (Horses)	Post Entry,
(No Spiked Shoes	allowed.)

These events are also open to members of A.I.F. attending Schools of Instruction at Bhurtpore Barracks, Candahar Barracks, and Jellalabad Barracks and Commandants of Schools mentioned are requested to kindly bring the matter to the notice of the members under their command.

Refreshments will be provided on the ground by the Australian Y.M.C.A.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

Entries will be received by the Hon. Secretary.

President.

Lieut-Colonel. J.G. Tedder, V.D.

Hon. Secretary.

Lieut. T. Vines,
Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots
in U.K.,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
WIDWORTH.

"Q" BRANCH