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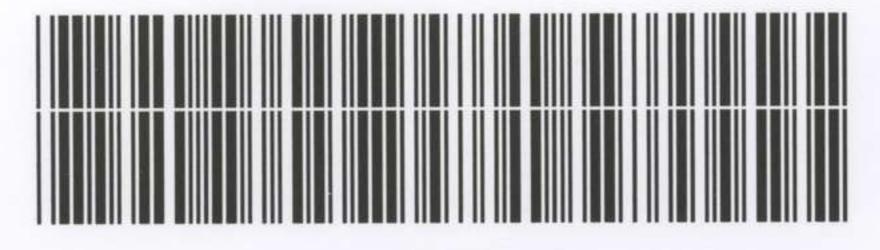
Formation Headquarters

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April 1918



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WAR DIARY.

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

A. A.G. 'S DEPARTMENT.

APRIL 1918.

STRENGTH: The strength on 30.4.18 was:-

Officers ... 1201

Other Ranks 32596

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RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA.

Officers ... 49

Other Ranks ... 3207

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).

UNITS.	DIVNS. NOT STATED.	1ST DIV.	SND DIV.	3RD DIV.	4TH DIV.	5TH	TOTALS.
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Infantry Pioneers	-	782	978	532	582	747	3621
Artillery		60	40	25	27	33	185
Army F.A.B.	705	172	100	137	200	116	725
R.A.G.A.	185	*	2222	-			185
Engineers	52 178		-	-		-	52
Sig. Engineers	68		-	***	-		178
Tunnellers	92		-	*	**		62
T.M.B. Details	34	-	-	**	**		92
A.A.M.C.	325			**	-	-	34
A.A.S.C. & M.T.	220					*	325
A.A.V.C.	10		**	**	-	*	220
Machine Gunners	497		-	-	**	**	10
Light Horse		-	-	*	-		497
Cyclists	49 13		**	*	-		49
A.A.O.C.	10		***	-	-	**	49
Railways	64	-	***	**	-		1
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RETURN OF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS PROCEEDED

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RESUME.

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3rd	11	532
4th	-11	582
5th	11	747

GRAND TOTAL. 3621

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SPECIAL ROUTINE OFFER No. 4297.

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

No. 4297.

Headquarters, Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth - 4.4.18.

THIRD TRAINING BRIGADE.

The following will be amalgamated:-

(a) 12th & 13th Training Battalions.
(b) 14th & 15th Training Battalions.

The 12th Trai ning 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 ar Cl 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.

RE-ARRANGEMENT:

12th THAINING BATTALION - 02th & 13th amalgamated).

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

COMPANIES: Composed of men for 4th Brigade. - 113th; "A" Company: 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).

Composed of men for 12th Brigade, - (45th, Companyi 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 Trail ing Battalion amalgamated).

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

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

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

Quartermaster.... Capt. C.RILEY, 32nd Battalion.
Messing Officer... Lieut. F. SMITH, 30th Battalion.
Musketry Officer... Capt. J. C. RICKARD, 30th Battalion.
Benbing 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" Com-

pary, 15th Training Pattalions amalgamated).

"B" Vempary: Compased of men for 14th Brigade - (53rd, 54th, 55th

and 56th Battoliens).
Staffed with A" Class Permanent Cadre of 14th Brigade personnel (i.e., "B" & "C" Companies, 14th Train-

"C" Company: ing Battalion amalgamatad).
"C" Company: Composed of men for 15th Brigade - (57th, 58th,

59th and 60th Fattalions).

Staffed with "A" class Fermanent Cadre of 15th Brignde personnel (i.e., "B" & "C" Companies, 15th Train-

ing Battalion amalgamated).

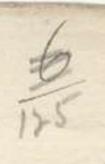
5. DIVISIONAL SIGNAL SCHOOLS will be in charge of the following Officers:-

(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 Vadre, "A" Class, of the new or amalgamated Battalians. A Neminal Rell 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. Depets; medical classification to be shown.
- 7. (c) All other ranks, Permanent Cadre, employed in the following capacities must be selected from B2a or Cl class men, viz; Piquets; Pioneers, Police, Sanitary, Orderlies, Clerks, Cooks, Tradesmen, Storsmen, Officers' and Sorgeants' Messes, Batmen, Greens &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 ather ranks (showing classification) supernumerary to establishment as a result of the amalgamation will be submitted to those Headquarters to permit of instructions being given as to disposal.
- 8. The O.C., amalgamated Training Battalien (14th) will accupy whichever of the Camps he profers.
- 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.

A.I.F. Depcts in U.K.

Issued at 4.15 p.m.



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,

The Bhurtpere Sports Ground.

The following Units will participate:-

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

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

PROGRAMMU OF EVENTS. 100 Yards Open Handicap (Entries close Wadnesday 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) 77 11 Horses will be supplied Sack Race (50 Yards) Post Entry Ruhning Long Jump High Jump Hunters Competition (Officers only) (Entries close Wodnesday 9s.omo) (0/Ranks " Relay Race, Teams of 4, inter-unit Ti Cock Fighting Past Entry Obstacle Race 17 17 Entries close Wodnesday 9a m Tent Pegging 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, (Entries close Wednesday 9.a.m) (Dress, Walking)

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 Bhurtpere 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. Liert-Colonel. J.G. Tedder, V.D.

Hon, Secretary.

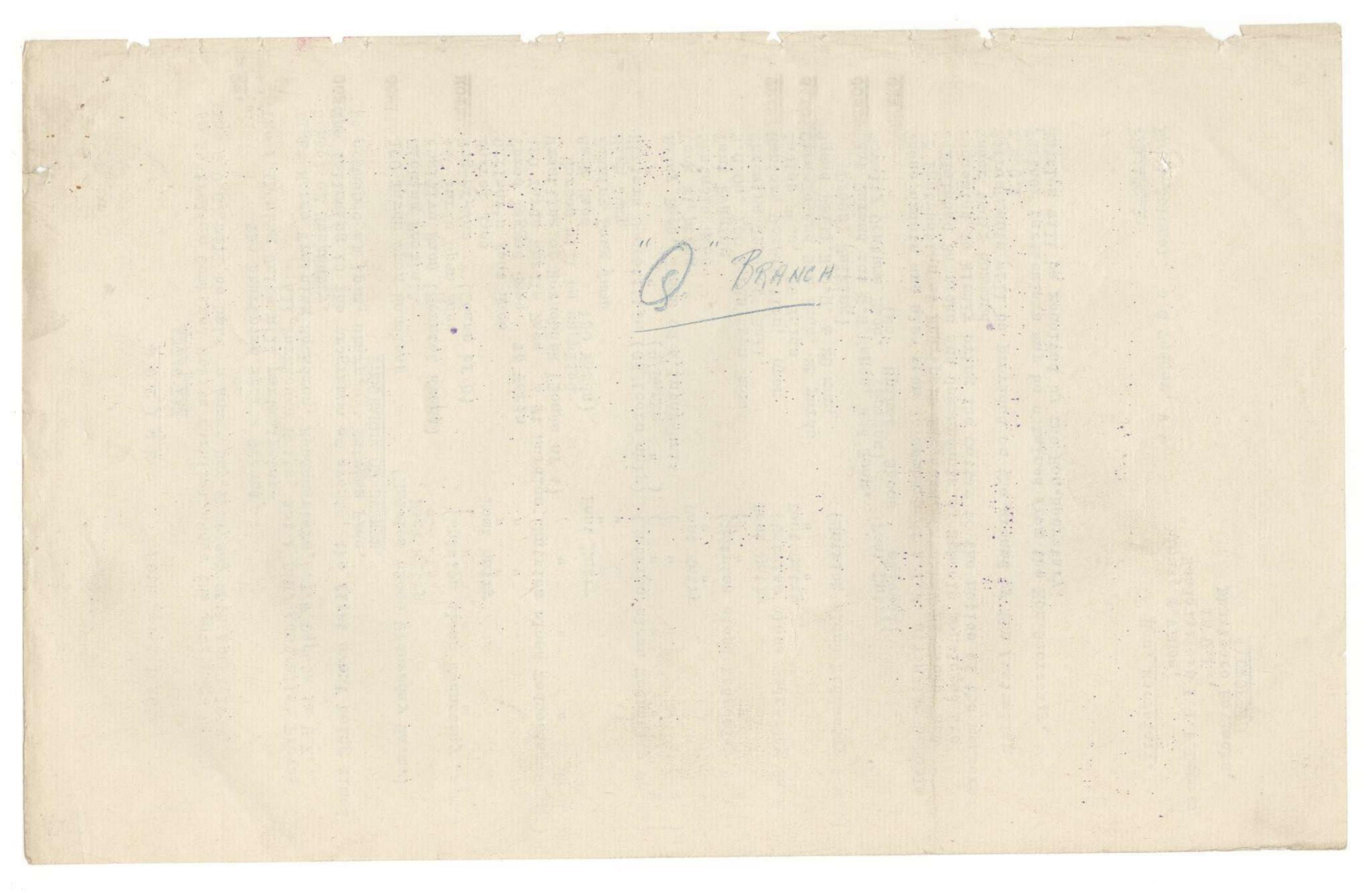
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