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1914-18 War**

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BHURTPORE BARRACKS,
TIDWORTH,

SALISBURY PLAIN.

9th, August, 1918.

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HEADQUARTERS:

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

WAR DIARY.

Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K.
A.A.G's. Departments
July 1918.

Strength:- The strength on July 31st, 1918 was :-

Officers	1355
Other Ranks	35317
	<u>36672.</u>

Returns to Australia:-

Officers	12
Other Ranks	476
	<u>488</u>

Reinforcements proceeded overseas as per Return attached.

Reinforcements from Australia. An alteration in the method of dispatching troops from Australia has been adopted as per confidential Circular Memo.No. 253 attached.

Drafts to France. (see slip attached)

Capt.J.L.Colman M.B.E. D.A.A.G. proceeded to France on 21st, July.
Lieut.R.L.Mayman was promoted to Temporary Captain and appointed D.A.A.G.

Telegraphic Addresses. (See slip attached)

Confidential Correspondence. As per sealed envelope attached.

J.H. Kinn
Lieut.Col.
A.A.G.

Capt. Treloar

I Is there any more information you would like me to send?

II Do you want a daily diary from each department?

T.C.

For a considerable period drafts for France from Training Brigades have left the Area on Sundays when possible. This was inaugurated because the "weeks of training" were completed on the previous Saturday at Mid-day. As reinforcements from Australia fell off, the numbers in the drafts of trained men from the Depots became less also, and it was found that when these small drafts arrived in France they were kept for perhaps a couple of days at the Port of Disembarkation awaiting the arrival of the draft from the Overseas Training Brigade. This of course was very bad for discipline and also deprived the men of one or two days training.

With regard to the draft of Casuals from the Overseas Training Brigade, when the drafts of reinforcements were big, the drafts of casuals were also large and it took several trains or parts of trains to transport them to the Port of Embarkation. As time went on, each draft from the Overseas Training Brigade contained fewer individuals. For reasons chiefly of a disciplinary nature with regard to moving men specially released from Detention to France and the convenience of their transport from the Detention Barracks to the Overseas Training Brigade and their subsequent equipment, the drafts from the Overseas Training Brigade usually left on a Tuesday evening. Later, it was found that from the "drink" point of view, Tuesday evening was not a happy choice. Also, men who had been granted good conduct and other leave from the Depots usually returned by a special train from Paddington which special train arrived at Warminster somewhere about Mid-day or a little later on Tuesday and was used for taking the Overseas Training Brigade draft on Tuesday night.

For the above reasons and several other minor contributory ones, it was thought advisable to arrange that the drafts from the Training Brigades in the Sutton Veny and Codford areas and from the Overseas Training Brigade should be despatched on Wednesday mornings. These reasons did not affect the drafts in the Fovant area but in order to bring them all into line, arrangements were made for them to embark with the remainder.

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WAR DIARY

Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.

A.A.G's Department.

AUGUST 1918.

Strength.

The Strength on 31.8.1918 was:-

Officers	1414
Other Ranks	34315
	<u>35729</u>

Returns to Australia.

Officers	30
Other Ranks.	2728
	<u>2758</u>

Reinforcements proceeded Overseas as per Returns attached.

JK, my 12/9/18

RETURN OF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS.

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Proceeded Overseas for the Month of August, 1918.

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1st DIVISION.		2nd DIVISION.		3rd DIVISION.		4th DIVISION.		5th DIVISION.	
Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.
1st	53	17th	45	33rd	122	13th	104	29th	31
2nd	46	18th	81	34th	105	14th	34	30th	36
3rd	54	19th	59	35th	86	15th	36	31st	132
4th	47	20th	44	37th	29	16th	37	32nd	30
5th	26	21st	64	38th	18	45th	87	53rd	70
6th	33	22nd	69	39th	40	46th	78	54th	53
7th	36	23rd	51	40th	41	48th	97	55th	44
8th	28	24th	69	41st	143	49th	144	56th	61
9th	55	25th	44	42nd	122	50th	125	57th	56
10th	45	26th	42	43rd	42	51st	155	58th	128
11th	38	27th	28	44th	21	-	-	59th	37
12th	51	28th	61	-	-	-	-	60th	25
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TOTAL	512	TOTAL	657	TOTAL	769	TOTAL	897	TOTAL	703

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R E S U M E.

1st Division512
2nd Division657
3rd Division769
4th Division897
5th Division703
GRAND TOTAL. <u>3538</u>

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"A" BRANCH.

NOTICE.

The following events have been arranged to take place at DURRINGTON CAMP, on Wednesday, August, 14th. with a view to giving local Units a chance. The races are confined to a

10 MILES RADIUS FROM HEADQUARTERS - IRISH RESERVE BRIGADE, LARKHILL

It is hoped that all Units will support one or more events

DURRINGTON CAMP - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST, 14th, at 2p.m.

- (a) 4 Miles Cross Country Race - Open to teams of not less than 6 or more than 9 - 6 to score for points and also to individuals from Units which cannot raise teams.
- (b) 1½ Miles Relay Race (880yds, 220yds, 440yds, 1 Mile)
4 to run - 1 to run each distance.
- (c) 220 Yards Level Race.
- (d) Tug-of-War (Catch weight) 8 to pull (12 ft pull)
- (e) Tug-of-War (C.W.) Confined to youths under 19.

Entries with fees, 5/- each team event, 1/- each individual should be sent in at once to the Hon. Secretary, Southern Counties Cross-Country Association, - C. Otway, Esq., (Herne Hill H.)

"Atholl",
Sutton Court Road,
SUTTON. Surrey.

Entries absolutely close August, 7th.

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CRICKET.

Approval has been given for a Cricket Team from the Depots to proceed to London.

Lieut-Colonel. F.G. WOODS, Commandant, No. 4 Command Depot, has been authorised to make the necessary arrangements and will communicate with those concerned.

Such leave as is required for players may be granted.

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Issued at 3p.m.

Lieut-Col. A.A.G.
A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom
"A" BRANCH.

NOTICE.

S P O R T S.

The following train arrangements are notified in connection with the Championship Sports Meeting to be held at Victoria Park, Salisbury, on Wednesday, 21st instant.

Fovant Railhead. Dep. 12.5pm. Arr. Salisbury 1.5pm.
Return. Dep. Salisbury 8.45pm. Arr. Railhead. 9.40pm.

Warminster Dep. 12.10p.m. } Arr. Salisbury 1.p.m.
Codford Dep. 12.30p.m. }
Return. Dep. Salisbury 8p.m. { Arr. Codford 8.30p.m.
{ Arr. Warminster 8.50p.m.

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OFFICE CIRCULAR NO 88

"A" BRANCH,
Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K., 12
Bhurtpore Barracks.
Tidworth. 22.8.18.

The Regimental Laundry at this Barracks will commence operations on Monday next 26th inst.

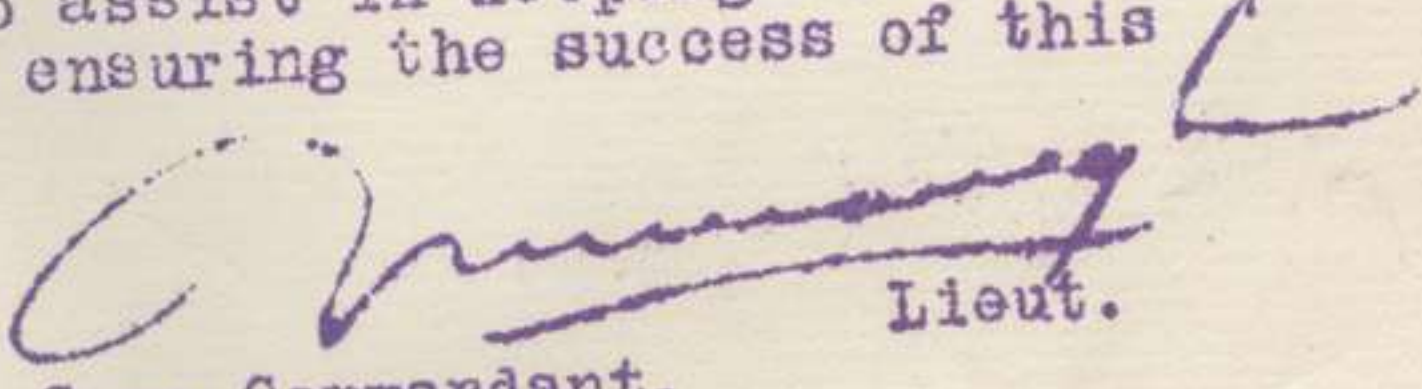
The following charges for mending and washing clothes are hereby approved. It is hoped to reduce these charges in the near future.

Shirts, each.	3d.
Singlets. "	2d.
Drawers. "	3d.
Socks pairs.	2d.
H'chiefs. "	1d.
Towels. "	1d.
Pyjamas, suit.	6d.

Articles for washing will be tied together and a slip attached showing full particulars of the owner and handed in to the Laundry between the hours of 0830 and 1600 on each Monday.

Washed and repaired clothing will be re-issued on Saturday mornings.

All ranks are asked to assist in keeping the laundry working at full capacity and so ensuring the success of this undertaking.


Lieut.
Camp Commandant.
Hqrs. A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

Headquarters,
A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.
T I D W O R T H.

The following are the results of the Championship Sports held under the auspices of the A.I.F. Depots in U.K. at Victoria Park, Salisbury on 21-8-'18.

100 Yards Championship.

1st Heat.	Cpl. Millard.	3rd T. Bde.
2nd "	Sgt. Parkinson.	H. Q. T'wth.
3rd "	Pte. Gray.	do
4th "	Spr. Boyle.	Engrs. T. D.
5th "	Pte. Hall.	3rd. T. Bde.
6th "	Gnr. Gripps, R.F.	R. B. A. A.
Final.	1st. Cpl. Millard.	3rd T. Bde.
	2nd. Gnr. Gripps.	R. B. A. A.
	3rd. Sgt. Parkinson.	H. Q. T'wth.

Time 10²/₅ secs.

220 Yards Championship.

1st Heat.	1st. Cdt. McKay, N.E.	1st. T. Bde.
	2nd. Gnr. Gripps, R.F.	R. B. A. A.
	3rd. Dvr Packer, J.	4th. C. D.
2nd "	1st. Cpl. Ferrier, G.D.	do
	2nd. Pte. Fisher, L.J.	O. T. B.
	3rd. Sgt. Smith, T.A.	2nd. T. Bde.
3rd "	1st. Cpl. Millard.	3rd. T. Bde.
	2nd. Gnr. Grainger, N.B.	R. B. A. A.
	3rd. Pte. Gray.	H. Q. T'wth.
4th "	1st. Sgt. Parkinson.	do
	2nd. Pte. Lawford, R.S.	2nd. T. Bde.
	3rd. Spr. Boyle.	E. T. D.
Semi-Final.	1st. Cpl. Millard.	3rd. T. Bde.
Heat 1.	2nd. Sgt. Parkinson.	H. Q. T'wth.
	3rd. Sgt. Smith, T.A.	2nd. T. Bde.
	1st. Gnr. Grainger, N.B.	R. B. A. A.
Heat 2.	2nd. Pte. Gray.	H. Q. T'wth.
	3rd. Spr. Boyle.	E. T. D.
Final.	1st. Pte. Gray.	H. Q. T'wth.
	2nd. Cpl. Millard.	3rd. T. Bde.
	3rd. Gnr. Grainger, N.B.	R. B. A. A.
	4th. Sgt. Parkinson.	H. Q. T'wth.

Time 24¹/₅ secs.

440 Yards Championship.

1st Heat.	Pte. Gilbert.	3rd. T. Bde.
2nd "	Pte. Gray.	H. Q. T'wth.
3rd "	Sig. Robins.	1st. C. D.
4th "	Sgt. Earle, N.A.	1st. T. Bde.
Final.	1st. Pte. Gray.	H. Q. T'wth.
	2nd. Sig. Robins.	1st. C. D.
	3rd. Pte. Gilbert.	3rd. T. Bde.
	4th. Gnr. Bailey, R. H.	R. B. A. A.

Time. 53¹/₅ sec.

880 Yards Championship.

1st Heat.	1st. Capt. Taylor.	2nd. T. Bde.
	2nd. Major Strachan.	H. Q. T'wth.
	3rd. Cpl. Radford, A. E.	O. T. B.
2nd Heat.	1st. Gnr. McMillan.	R. B. A. A.
	2nd. Lieut. Cox, G.M.	2nd. T. Bde.
	3rd. Cpl. Cowles.	H. Q. T'wth.

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3rd. Heat.	1st. Dvr. Pascull.	H. Q. T'wth.
	2nd. Pte. Lawford.	2nd. T. Bae.
	3rd. Dvr. Leahy.	1st. C. D.
4th. Heat.	1st. Pte. Clarke.	2nd. C. D.
	2nd. Pte. Kaye.	3rd. T. Bae.
	3rd. Spr. Ford, M.G.	Engr's T. D.
Final.	1st. Capt. Taylor.	2nd. T. Bae.
	2nd. Pte. Clarke.	2nd. C. D.
	3rd. Pte. Kaye.	3rd. T. Bae.
	4th. Gnr. McMillan.	R. B. A. A.

1 Mile Championship.

1st. Spr. Geddes.	Engr's T. D.
2nd. Pte. Lamont, A. J.	2nd. T. Bae.
3rd. Lt. MacGillivuddy.	Engr's T. D.
4th. Pte. Chivers.	H. Q. T'wth.

3 Mile Championship.

1st. Pte. Lamont, A. J.	2nd. T. Bae.
2nd. Cpl. Bailey, L. C.	1st. T. Bae.
3rd. Spr. Haw.	Engr's T. D.

Putting the Shot.

1st. Lieut. Seales J. DSO MM	O. T. B.
2nd. Pte. Ollson.	3rd. T. Bae.
3rd. Lt. Wincke.	1st. T. Bae.

High Jump.

1st. Cpl. Brennan. (5'5")	1st. C. D.
2nd. Gnr. Gilmour. (5'5")	O. T. B.
3rd. Gnr. Cripps. (5'4")	R. B. A. A.

Long Jump.

1st. Gnr. Cripps. (18'10")	R. B. A. A.
2nd. Lt. Hutcheon. (18'6")	2nd. T. Bae.
3rd. Lt. Pellow. (18'6")	2nd. T. Bae.

Pole Vault.

1st. Pte. Abrahams. (10')	H. Q. T'wth.
2nd. Pte. Lewis. (9'6")	2nd. T. Bae.
3rd. Lt. Davis. (9'4")	3rd. T. Bae.
4th. Pte. Hall. (9')	3rd. T. Bae.

Throwing the Discus.

1st. Sgt. Baer, T.	1st. C. D.
2nd. Spr. Kelly.	Engr's T. D.
3rd. Lt. Julien.	3rd. T. Bae.

120 Yards Hurdles.

1st. Heat. Lt. Pellow.	2nd. T. Bae.
2nd. " Lt. Elee.	3rd. T. Bae.
3rd. " Pte. Tracey.	4th. C. D.
4th. " Cdt. Mackay A. X.	1st. T. Bae.
5th. " Spr. McMenamin.	Engr's T. D.
6th. " Lt. Hutcheons.	2nd. T. Bae.
7th. " Sgt. McDonald, A. H.	- - -
8th. " Lt. J. Seales DSO MM	O. T. B.

1st. Semi-Finals.

1st. Lt. Pellow.

2nd. T. Bde.

2nd. Cdt. Mackay, A. E.

1st. T. Bde.

2nd. Semi-Finals.

1st. Lt. Seales, J. DSO MM

O. T. B.

2nd. Spr. McMenamin.

Engr's T. D.

Final.

1st. Lt. Pellow.

2nd. T. Bde.

2nd. Lt. Seales, J. DSO MM

O. T. B.

3rd. Spr. McMenamin.

Engr's T. D.

4th. Cdt. Mackay, A. E.

1st. T. Bde.

Time 15⁴/₅ secs.Relay Race.

1st. 4th. Command Depot Team.

2nd. Tidworth Hqrs. Team.

3rd. Engineers Training Depot Team.

Tag-of-War.

1st. Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery.

2nd. No. 4 Command Depot.

The Result of the Unit Championship was as follows.

First:- R. B. A. A. 1st. - Tag-of-War. 1st. - Broad Jump.
 2nd. - 100 Yards. 3rd. - 220 Yards.
 3rd. - Broad Jump. Total 17 Points

Second:- 2nd. T. Bde. 1st. - 880 Yards. 1st. - 3 Miles.
 1st. - 120 Yards Hurdles.
 2nd. - 1 Mile. 2nd. - Long Jump.
 2nd. - Pole Vault. 3rd. Broad Jump.
 Total 16 Points.

Third:- Tidworth H.Q. 1st. - 220 Yards. 1st. - 440 Yards.
 1st. - Pole Vault. 2nd. - Relay Race.
 3rd. - 100 Yards. Total 13 Points.

Fourth:- 4th. C. D. 1st. - Relay Race. 2nd. - Tag-of-War.
 Total 11 Points.

Fourth:- 3rd. T. Bde. 1st. - 100 Yards. 2nd. - 220 Yards.
 2nd. - Putting the Shot. 3rd. - 440 yards.
 3rd. - 880 Yards. 3rd. Pole Vault.
 3rd. Throwing the Discus.
 Total 11 Points.

Sixth:- Engineers. 1st. - 1 Mile. 2nd. Throwing Discus.
 3rd. - Mile. 3rd. 3 Miles.
 3rd. 120 Yards Hurdles. 3rd. Relay Race.
 Total 10 Points.

May the undermentioned men now be sent to this Camp please
 to attend a seventeen day's P.T. School under my instruction:-

R. B. A. A. Cnr. Cripps, R. F. Cnr. McMillan.
 " Grainger. " Mattingly.
 " Wilson. " McPherson.
 " Holding. " Thorn.
 " Box. " Matthews.
 Cpl. Maddison. Cpl. Briggs.
 Cnr. North. Cnr. Bailey.

3rd. Eng. Bde. Pte. Schultz. Pte. Atkins.
 Cpl. Andrews. Pte. Commollato.
 Pte. Kay. Pte. Ollson.
 Pte. Hall. Cpl. Millard.
 Pte. Gilbert.

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1st A.D.H.

- Tidworth Headquarters. + Sgt. Parkinson. Pte. Grey. + A.M. G. Depot
 + Pte. Chivers. A.M. G. Depot. Pte. Abrahams. + A.P.C.
 + Pte. Hansen. A.P.C. Pte. Graham. + A.M. G. Depot.
 + W.O. ELWIN. P.Dn.
- No. 1 Command Depot. Sgt. Robins. Sgt. Boer, T.
 Cpl. Brennan.
- No. 2 Command Depot. Pte. Clarke, F. S.
- No. 4 Command Depot. Pte. Sloan. Pte. Rose.
- 1st. Training Brigade. L/Cpl. Bailey, L.O.
- 2nd. Training Brigade. Pte. Lamont, A. J. Pte. Lewis.
 Cpl. Dempster. " Dwyer, J.
 Pte. Solomon.
- Overseas Training Brigade.
 Cnr. Gilmour.
- Engineer's Training Depot. Spr. Moore. Spr. Gadden.
 Spr. Kelly. Spr. Momenamin.

May three P. T. Instructors also be sent along to this Camp please for training purposes?

Could the Officers mentioned underneath who won their events be instructed to continue Training in their own Depots. These Officers are:-

- ✓ Capt. Taylor. 2nd. Eng. Bde.
- ✓ Lt. Pellow. do
- ✓ Lt. Hutcheon. do
- ✓ Lt. MacGillycuddy. Engrs. T. D.
- ✓ Lt. Seales. DSO M.M. O. T. B.
- ✓ Lt. Winke. 1st. Eng. Bde.
- ✓ Cadet Mackay. do
- ✓ Lt. Davis. 3rd. Eng. Bde.
- ✓ Lt. Julien. do
- ✓ Lt. Slee. do

I would like to state that the success of the meeting was largely due to the excellent work of the various officials appointed, particularly that done by Captain P.E. Savage, M.D. Lieutenant H. S. Hatton and Lieutenant P. G. H. Motley.

E. S. Kelly
 Major.
 Hon. Sec. A. I. P. Sports.
 Committee.

VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN PRESS DELEGATES

to

UNITS OF A.I.F. DEPOTS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

ITINERARY FOR 28.8.1918.

8.45 a.m. Assemble "Old George" Hotel, Salisbury.
 9.00 a.m. Leave Salisbury.
 9.50 a.m. Arrive No.3 Command Depot, Hurdcott. (Via Wilton).
 Inspect Remedial Gymnasium, Massage Department,
 Group Hospital.
 9.50 a.m. Leave No.3 Command Depot for Fovant.
 9.55 a.m. Arrive 2nd Training Brigade, Fovant: See 9th Training
 Battalions at work.
 10.25 a.m. Leave Fovant.
 10.30 a.m. Arrive No.4 Command Depot, Hurdcott: Inspect Training.
 Dental Department, and Kitchen.
 11.00 a.m. Leave No.4 Command Depot for Godford. (Via Wylke).
 11.00 a.m. Arrive 3rd Training Brigade, Godford: Inspect Divisional
 Signalling School, Gas Chamber, Training, etc.
 11.50 a.m. Leave 3rd Training Brigade.
 12.00 Arrive Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery, Heytesbury:
 Inspect Stables, etc.
 12.30 p.m. Leave Heytesbury.
 12.30 p.m. Arrive No.1 Command Depot, Sutton Verry: Inspect Mess's
 dinners, Conservancy machinery, Kitchens, Piggery,
 etc.
 1 to 2 p.m. Lunch with Commandant, No.1 Command Depot, Sutton Verry.
 (Lieut-Col. Mansbridge, D.S.O.,) and Officers.
 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Inspect Dental Department; Group Hospital, Y.M.C.A..
 (Green Hill House).
 2.45 p.m. Leave Sutton Verry.
 2.50 p.m. Arrive Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverell:
 Inspect Draft, Training, Kitchens, Cinema, Laundry,
 etc.
 3.45 p.m. Leave Overseas Training Brigade.
 3.55 p.m. Arrive Sutton Verry Military Hospital.
 4.15 p.m. Leave Sutton Verry Military Hospital.
 4.20 p.m. Arrive 1st Training Brigade, Sutton Verry: Inspect
 Training, Regimental Institutes, etc. (Afternoon
 tea).
 4.55 p.m. Leave 1st Training Brigade for Salisbury. (Via Chitterne,
 Shrewton, and Stanborough).
 6.15 p.m. Arrive Salisbury.

(Sgd). J. P. McGLINN.

Colonel.

Temporarily Commanding.

A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.

27.8.1918.

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CIRCULAR MEMO No. 272

HEADQUARTERS,
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
TIDWORTH, Hants.
19th August 1918.

TO/ The A.I.F.,
in A.I.F. DEPOTS.

1. Though the particular incidents I quote lower down all occurred in the Fovant-Hurdcott area, I am issuing this message to all units in the Command, because some of the unidentified evil-doers referred to may have already been transferred or will in the ordinary course be transferred to depots elsewhere, and I want you all to know about them and also because disorderly conduct takes place sometimes elsewhere.

A few members of the A.I.F. are bringing disgrace and dishonour upon Australia and us Australians, and are making our name one of reproach instead of its being deservedly honoured and respected for our conduct both in the Field and in England. They are in some cases causing the appearance in Villages and near houses to be dreaded instead of welcomed.
of us Australians

2. I give you some instances :

- (a) On 7th August about 20 members of the A.I.F. were in a Hotel in Compton Chamberlayne at an hour when both Hotel and Village were out of bounds. When two policemen did their duty in trying to get the men out and away, the 20 attacked them with stones and other missiles, and one policeman had to go to Hospital. 20 wrongdoers against 2 men who were doing their duty ! not odds that we Australians approve of.
- (b) On 10th August at Fovant at night 5 or 6 members of the A.I.F. without any provocation assaulted a single British soldier on stationary picket duty. The British soldier was so brutally treated that it is still doubtful whether he will live or die. A murderous assault by 5 to 1 !
- (c) On 12th August at Fovant one or more members of the A.I.F. late at night indecently assaulted women workers who were asleep in their huts, and in one of these cases attempted a rape on a V.A.D. This requires no comment.
- (d) On 14th August, again at Compton Chamberlayne and again during hours when village and hotel were out of bounds, three policemen were on duty. About 25 members of the A.I.F. took part first in refusing to leave the village and then in attacking the police. 25 wrongdoers against 3 men who were doing their duty ! I regret to have to add that of a picket of a Sergeant and 18 men who were called upon to do their duty and help to restore order, only the Sergeant and one man responded. The men of the picket who stood by and did nothing cannot claim to be any better than the 25 wrongdoers.

3. Such conduct must cease. Practically all of you are of the same mind as I am in saying that we are not going to have the good name we have won destroyed by the disgraceful and cowardly behaviour of a few blackguards, who are trading on our uniform and our reputation.

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"A" BRANCH.

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I could issue restrictive orders which would secure the desired result, but I will not do so except as a last resort, because then we would suffer limitations on the proper and wholesome pleasures and relaxations we want to enjoy. But to impose such restrictions is more than justified if order cannot otherwise be secured. It will not be necessary for me to do this if you will give me a little more help, by aiding me more actively to prevent such occurrences; and if they take place by helping me and other lawful authority to identify and apprehend the offenders in order that they may be brought to justice and taught that the name of Australian is too good a one for them to be allowed to besmirch it.

I ask you to do this. Do not shield transgressors through any mistaken sense of comradeship, for doing so means failing in comradeship to all who are behaving properly. Even in less serious disturbances such as "rows" through men having taken too much to drink and so on, it is your duty to yourselves and your comrades to help authority actively, whether you are on duty or not, whether you are on a picket or not. Still more must ^{you} refrain from being among the offenders. An attitude of hostility to the Police, whether civil or military, would be unworthy of you; their special duty is to maintain order, and to see that Depot orders are obeyed; but this is certainly your duty also, especially when breaches of order and discipline cause adverse comment by outsiders. Our behaviour as a whole and as a rule is too good to allow more of the exceptions which bring disgrace upon us all. With your help the exceptions will cease forthwith. But in any event I must see to it that they do cease.

Tidworth.
19.8.18.

(sd) J.W. MCCAY.
Commanding A.I.F. Depots.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL POLICE.

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Headquarters,
A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
Tidworth. 11.8.1918.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 271

To/Command Depots.

In order to assist in gathering the harvest and conserving our food supplies, Members of the A.I.F. may be employed in agricultural labour as follows:-

1. They must be volunteers.
2. No man of category "A" (any class) or of categories Bla3 or Bla4 may be employed.
3. They will be employed only by direct arrangement as follows:-
Men in No.2 Command Depot - By direct arrangement between Officer Commanding, No.2 Command Depot, and the Dorset Agricultural Executive Committee, 1, West Walks, Dorchester.
Men in other A.I.F. Command Depots - By direct arrangement between the Officer Commanding Depot, and the Wilts Agricultural Executive Committee, County Offices, Trowbridge.
4. As to men in No.2 Command Depot, the arrangements made must be such as to permit the men to be re-called in good time to move out to Carrier Ships to which they are allotted for return to Australia.
5. Employment will be arranged for periods not exceeding 1 Calendar Month, but in proper cases a further period may be arranged for, except that men who may meanwhile have reached category Bla3 or any higher category will be re-examined medically before the period of employment is extended and if they have reached category Bla3 or any higher category will not be further employed but will return to duty in Camp.
6. The conditions of employment are as follows:-
 - (a) The day will be a ten-hour day, i.e. 10 working hours excluding meal times, week days only.
 - (b) All A.I.F. Pay and allowances (including Separation allowances), will continue.
 - (c) The man will receive half the total money value of the regular wage, i.e. where they work the full day - in no case less than 3/6 a day, the balance will be received for the Commonwealth. The man will receive the whole of over-time pay (if any).
 - (d) The wages will be the local rates, if they are higher than those set down below.
 - (e) The minimum rates of wages will be 7/- a week-day.
 - (f) Where the employer finds board and lodgings he will deduct 2/6 a week-day from the total wages paid in money, but will find board and lodgings for Sundays also without charge.
 - (g) The wages will be paid to the Officer Commanding, Depot, who will pay to the man his share of the wages and all overtime money, and pay the balance in to the credit of the Commonwealth.
 - (h) Where men are not able to do a 10-hours day's work, but are able to do a lesser number of hours amounting to at least six hours per day and employees accept them on those terms, the wages paid will be, per hour one-tenth of the daily rate of wage, taken to the nearest half penny; 2/6 per day will be deducted, either by the Employer if he finds board & lodging or by the Officer Commanding for the Commonwealth, if the A.I.F. are finding board & lodging.

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6. (h) Contd) Of the balance earned, three-fourths will go to the man and the balance to the Commonwealth, e.g. a man working 8 hours a day at the rate of 7/- a ten-hour day or 8/- an hour, will earn 5/8d, of this 2/6d is allotted to board and lodging, of the remaining 3/2d, the man gets 2/4d and the Commonwealth 9/-.
 - (j) Where a man is providing his own board and lodging, his Officer Commanding will pay to him out of the Commonwealth's share of the wages, and in addition to any payment already provided for, the sum of 2/6d for each week-day.
 - (k) Men employed with steam tackle and Motor Transports will receive the current civilian rate of wage according to the class of work on which they are employed.
 7. Officers Commanding Depots, will ascertain and keep Agricultural Executive Committees advised of available men and will do their best to supply any labour asked for, subject to the conditions of this memo.
 8. Employers must insure under the Workmen's Compensation Act for members of the A.I.F. employed by them.
 9. The employer must provide all necessary tools and appliances.
 10. The names of all men sent out under these conditions will be published in Regimental Orders as also will the date of their return to Military duty. Army Form W.3151A must accompany each man sent out and be handed to the employer at the end of his time will be completed and returned by post to the Officer Commanding Depot.
 11. Either employer or employee may terminate the employment on one day's notice or one day's wages in lieu of notice. In either case the man must forthwith return to his Unit and report to his Officer Commanding, and the employer must return Army Form W.3151A within 24 hours and inform the County Agricultural Executive Committee of the reason for the termination of the employment.
 12. Men are liable to be re-called to their Units at any time for Military reasons, including their being required for return to Australia.
 13. All men proceeding to employment must be certified fit for it by a Medical Officer.
 14. Military Railway Warrants will be issued to men employed. Conveyance other than by rail must be provided by the employer at his own expense.
 15. So far as not inconsistent with this memo., A.C.I. No.1155 of 1917 will apply to employment of the members of the A.I.F. on Agricultural Work.

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Issued at 2p.m.

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Colonel.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.

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ITINERARY OF SIR JOSEPH COOK'S VISIT. 27.8.18.

"A" BRANCH.
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9.30 a.m. Leave Bhurstmore.
9.40 a.m. Arrive Parkhouse.
10.20 a.m. Leave Parkhouse.
10.30 a.m. Call B.F. H.Q.
10.45 a.m. Leave B.F. H.Q.
11.30 a.m. Arrive No. 1 Command Depot.
12.45 p.m. Leave No. 1 Command Depot.
12.50 p.m. Arrive O.F.B. and lunch.
2.30 pm. Leave O.F.B.
2.40 p.m. Arrive 1st F.B.
3.10 p.m. Leave 1st F.B.
3.15 p.m. Arrive Sutton Verry Hospital.
3.45 p.m. Leave Sutton Verry Hospital.
4 p.m. Arrive R.B.A.A. Sports.
4.35pm. Leave R.B.A.A. Sports.
4.45 p.m. Arrive 3rd F.B. Codford.
5.30 p.m. Leave 3rd F.B. Codford.

Return via Salisbury.