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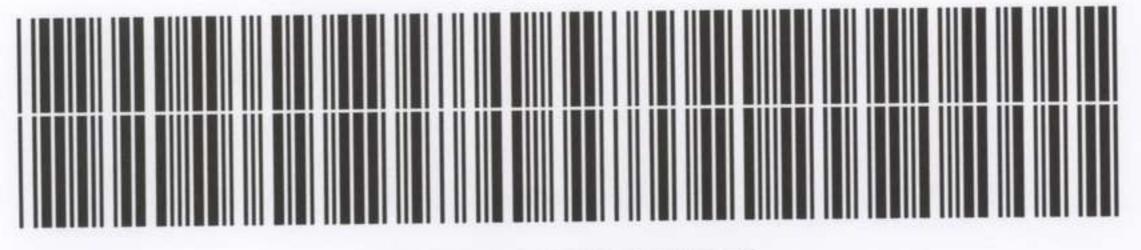
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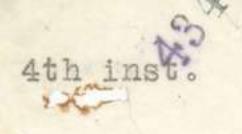
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The 4th Anniversary of the Declaration of War, was appointed as a day of intercession on behalf of the Mation, Empire and our Allies. All ranks in the A.I.F. availed themselves of the opportunity of going to places of Holy Worship, duties etc., were cut down to a minimum. (Copy of Order attached)

A message was received from the Acting Prime Minister of Australia, conceying his assurance to the troops of his unbounded confidence in the valour and endurance which had indeed been tried and had proved so well on all battle fronts, Australia is proud of her soldier sons and feels sure that their gallant record will be maintained till peace with victory rests with the Allies arms. (Copy of message attached)

- 9th inst. Opportunity was given for Plate-Layers in the A.I.F. for service in the Gold Coast Railways, (Copy of Order attached)
- 10th inst. Recreation Leave has been approved for P.U.G.S. men for 10 days at the end of every six months, provided they have been profitably employed during that period and their conduct has been good. (Copy of Order attached)
- 12th inst. Opportunity was given for a Driller in the A.I.F. for the post of Foreman Driller in the Public Works Department, Nigeria, Salary £300 £350 per annum. Applications to be sent to these Headquarters. (Copy attached)

  The services of 12"C" Class men were urgently required for the Ordnance Depot, Codford, for duty as clerks. (Copy attached).
- 14th inst. Sports were held at Durrington by the Irish Reserve Brigade,

  Larkhill. All Units within a Ten mile radius were well

  represented. The A.I.F. were well to the fore as prize

  winners.

Approval was given for a cricket team from the Depots in U.K. to proceed to London. Lieut-Col. F.G.Woods, Commandant, No.4 Command Depot, was authorised to make all necessary arrangements and convey the necessary information to all concerned. (Copy of order attached)

- 19th inst. The Right Honourable W.M. Hughes, left London and arrived at Andover soon after Lunch, owing to the G.O.C. being indisposed and confined to his Room, the D.A. & Q.M.G. Colonel P.J. McGLINN, C.M.G., V.D., met the Right Honourable gentleman and accompanied him to the various Camps: Overseas Training Brigade, lst Training Brigade, and No.l Command Depot. The Prime Minister showed intense interest in all things appertaining to the soldier's welfare and chattered to those he inspected at the various Depots.

  A fracas occurred between the Australian Police and the Machine Gunners at Shipton Belinger, during the disturbance Lieut. Levy and three police were injured and removed to Hospital, none of the injuries proved severe.
- 21st inst. A.I.F.Sports were held at Salisbury in Victoria Park, to select men to compete in the Inter-Allied Sports to be held in London in September. Eeverything proved to be a great success, the weather and conditions were all in the men's favour. All events were keenly contested. The G.O.C.-in-C., SouthermCommand Lieut-General Sir H.C.Sclater, G.C.B. was present. Colonel J.P. McGLINN, C.M.G., V.D., represented the G.O.C., A.I.F. Troops in U.K. with the D.A.A.G. -Captain R.L.MAYMAN in attendance.

22nd inst. Approval was given for the commencement of a Regimental Laundry starting in this Depot on the 26th instant, Washed and Repaired clothing to be issued every Saturday, the co-operation of all ranks was asked, to keep the Laundry at full working capacity and so prove a satisfactory venture. (Copy of Order attached) Opportunity was afforded for a limited number of Dental Students who have completed their 3rd Year, to return to Australia and finish their Course. (Copy of Order attached)

27th inst.

Sir Joseph Cook arrived at this Depot accompanied by Colonel P. J. McGIINN, C.M.G., V.D. He toured the various A.I.F. camps in the Salisbury Area by Motor Car. (Copy of his Time Table attached)

Lord Denbeigh visited this Depot and by kind permission of the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., gave a detailed and instructive Lecture of the Reasons for Germany going to War and The Folly of a premature peace. He had an audience of 300 Officers and other ranks to whom he lectured for an hour and a half. he informed all those present that he hadhad the privilege of speaking on the same subject to various classes of the British public and also Americans, and at the end of his Lecture he received great ovation. The lecture relieved by many humorous touches was most interesting and instructive and was greatly appreciated by all those fortunate enough to be present.

28th inst.

The G.O.C. proceedson a much needed rest for 14 days. Colonel P. J. McGLINN, C. M. G., V. D., assumes Command from that date during the General's absence on Sick Leave.

Press Represents inspected the various A.I.F. Camps in the Salisbury Area accompanied by Colonel P.J. McGLINN, C.M.G., V.D. (Time Table attached).

#### AGRICULTURAL LEAVE.

Owing to the pressing demand for labour to cope with the Harvest etc., Agricultural Leave has been approved for men other than "A" Class in the Command Depots. As many men as could be spared were granted leave. At the expiration of which they return to their respective Depots and resume their former employment. It was found that the granting of such leave had been of inestimable value to the various Land Owners in the U.K. (Copy of Circular Memo.attached).

#### DISCIPLINE.

The G.O.C. has asked the co-operation of all ranks in the A.I.F. to uphold the honour of the Australian Army. Instances having occurred which have brought discredit on the A.I.F. (Copy of Circular Memo.attached).

Issued at 11.15a.m.

Mr. Liout-Col., A.A.G. A. I.F. Depots in United E. dom.

4th AUGUST, 1918.

The 4th Anniversary of the Feelaration of War has been appointed as a day of Intercession on behalf of the Nation and Empire and our Lilies. It is hoped that all ranks not absolutely prevented by duty

will attend the service of their respective churches.

Parades at usual time and place.

#### NOTICE.

#### - GOLD COAST RAILWAYS

Platelayers are required for service on the Gold Coast Government Railway Open Lines. The selary is £210-10-£250 per annum, and a war bonus of £70 per annum is paid while actually on service to men who contribute towards the support of opendents. Free quarters and passages are provided, and liberal leave on full salary is granted, and the segagement in the first instance would be for two tours of 8-12 months. Candidates should becapable of taking charge of a section of maintenance of Railway track, and have a good knowledge of points and oressings.

Candidates will not be considered unless they are qualified for the post by actual experience, and that, in applying, they should

give particulars of such experience.

STANDING ORDERS.

10.8.19184" BRANCH.

#### AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOK.

### RECHEATION LEAVE - P.U.G.S. PERSONNEL.

5699 (a) Subject always to the exigencies of the service, personnel classified as permanently unfit for General Service may be granted 10 days Recreation Leave at the end of every six months, provided:-

i) They have been profitably employed during

the period.

(11) Their conduct has been good.

(b) Recreation leave will not be granted till two months after the expiry of the last preceding good conduct leave; no good conduct leave will be granted for three months after the expiry of recreation leave.

#### HETUHE OF UNSKHVICHARLE CLOTHING.

Boutine

Moutine Order No. 5475 of 20.7.1918, re return of unserviceable clothing to Ordnance is now cancelled. Stores may be returned on receipt of the necessary authority.

Issued at 11.15a.m.

A.A.G.

Or of

HOTICES.

12.8.1918.

C'A" BRANCH.

#### POHEMAN DETLIER - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NIGERIA.

A vacancy exists in the Public Works Department, Nigeria, for a Foreman Driller. Salary £300-£350 per annum, according to qualifications, and a War Bonus of £60 per annum whilst in West Africa if the selected candidate contributes towards the support of dependents at home.

Free Quarters and passage provided - Period of engagement is, one tour of twelve months continuous residential service with possible extension - 2 months leave in England on full salary after 12 continuous, residential service, increased to 4 months if

returning to the Colony.

Candidates should be experienced in the use of the Keystone Drill and in deep boring and will not be considered unless they are qualified for the post by actual experience.

### CLERKS - ORDNANCE DEPOT-OUDFORD.

The services of 12 Privates "Cl or B2" Category are urgently required for clerical duties at Ordnance Depot, Codford; personnel with experience in Quartermaster's Store work, or civilian accounting. book-keeping, etc., preferred.

Commanding Officers will furnish Nominal Boll in duplicate of any men available, the provision of this personnel is required to ultimately assist Units in connection with their Ordnance Accounts, etc.

Rolls to reach Headquarters, Tidworth, not later than 12 Noon on the 18th instant.

"Wil" Beturns to be submitted where applicable.

#### RETURN OF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS.

#### Proceeded Overseas for the Month of September, 1918.

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1st DIVISION		2nd DI	ISION.	3rd DIV	VISION.	4th DIVISION.		5th DIVISION.	
Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.	Bn.	No.
lst	40	17th	26	33rd	55	13th	31	29th	13
2nd	32	18th	32	34th	40	14th	28	30th	25
3rd	32	19th	44	35th	57	15th	44	31st	36
4th	30	20th	17	37th	13	16th	32	32nd	30
5th	36	21st	16	38th	25	45th	29	53rd	26
6th	24	22nd	51	39th	42	46th	17	54th	29
7th	24	23rd	20	40th	52	48th	44	55th	28
8th	32	24th	36	41st	27	49th	52	56th	27
9th	46	25th	37	42nd	75	50th	76	57th	31
10th	33	26th	38	43rd	36	51st	45	58th	36
11th	19	27th	25	44th	19			59th	23
12th	46	28th	32					60th	17
TOTAL	394	TOTAL	374	TOTAL	441	TOTAL	398	TOTAL	321

## RESUME.

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5th	11	321
GI	RAND TOTAL	1928

# EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE ORDERS for 6.9.1918.

No. 5918.

# No. 3 COMMAND DEPOT: CLOSURE OF:

Owing to the closure of No. 3 Command Depot, Hurdcott, personnel of "Blb" class will in future be sent to Littlemoor Sub-Depot of No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth.

All details proceeding to Littlemoor will detrain at Upway Junction.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1010417

Com by section APP.

CONFERENCE of Officers held at The lown Hall, SALISBURY, at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 16th SEPTEMBER 1918.

SUBJECT: - Entertainment of Proops in A.I.J. Degots in the United Kingdon.

The following Officers were present :-

BRIGADIER-GENERAL J.P. McGLINI, C.M.G., V.D. (Presiding).

H.Q., Depots.

Lieut.J.M. MAUGHAN.

O/Secs T. Brigade. Colonel W.W.R. WATSON, C.B., V.D.

1st T. Brigade. Lt.Col. R.A. RAFFERTY, D.S.O.

Captain N.A. ROLLASON. Captain R.H. BARTOH.

2nd T. Brigade. Lt.Col. R. RANKINE, D.S.O.

Major D.T.J. KERBY.

Captain E.V.E.NHILL, M.B.J.

3rd T. Brigade. Lt.Col. J.S. DENTON, D.S.O.

Captain A.R. HARRIS.

No. 1 C. Depot. Lt. Col. W.O. MANSBRIDGE, D.S.C.

Captain J.R. GUNH.

Ho. 2 C. Depot. Colonel H.B. COLLETT, D.S.O., V.D.

Daptain PEARCH.
Lieut. O. COBB.

No. 4 C. Depot. Lt. Col. F.G. WOODS.

Major H.L. BRUCZ, M.C.

Light Horse T. Depot. Captain R.H. CLIE.

R.B.A.A. JAMES, D.S.O.

Liout. G. LIGHT.

A.A.S.O. WAREINGIER. Osptain M. BERRYMAN.

D.A.D.O.S. Major G.S. DOWN, M.C.

lst A.D. HOSPITAI. Golonel J.M.Y. STEWART, D.S.J., V.D.

A. .. . Major A.C. FRASER.

MACHINE BUN T.D. Mejor G.N. HAST ALMOND.

No. 1 damp, Parkhouse. Captain K. Hellinkin.

A.A.S.C. PARTHOUSE. Major E.J. MUNRO, D.S.O.

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

Brigadier-General McGLIMM in his opening remarks, explained to the Conference that the 3.0.0. was extremely anxious that everything possible should be done during the coming Winter, and in fact at all times, for the recreation of the troops. Under the heading of "Recreation" would of course come Joncerto, Cinema entertainments, Sports, provision of Reading and Writing Rooms etc. etc.

Depot Concert Parties should be made to then "B2b" and "C" Category, would at all times receive commendation, as a matter of fact the G.O.O. proposed assisting units by authorising the retention of higher ectegory men during the Vinter months where men of lower classification could not be obtained for Concert Parties. He therefore hoped that every effort would be made to establish and maintain Depot Troupes.

Another matter for consideration by the Conference was that of the employment of Professional Concert Parties from outside. General McGLIM pointed out that the financial statements rendered by Units in connection with their respective Pegimental Trust Funds disclosed a marked want of uniformity as regards charges made by these outside Partie in very many cases it was considered that the fees paid were altogether too high for the class of performances given and it might be considered desirable to have a Central Committee, comprising representatives from the different areas, for the purposes of controlling the prices charged and to secure co-ordination in connection with the engagement of such Parties, arrangements of Rosters etc. Personally, he thought something of this kind would prove a very great advantage to the units themselves and to the Headquarters Administration.

Units as to the precticability of running Depot Concert Parties and he would like to hear the views of the Commending Officers present, on that subject.

COLONIL WARSON.

In favour of Outside Concert Earties but thought that the cost of same should be limited to say £13.15.0. He suggested that Headquarters should make a move in the matter and register Concert Earties for entertaining throughout the whole Command. He preferred not to run a Concert Party in the Depot.

(No. 2 O.D)

Outside Concert Parties are preferable but they should be registered by Headquarters in order to get the beam value for the money. He would like also to be able to have a little Concert Party in his Depot if circum - stances permit, even if the Company could only be kept together for a couple of nonths. In the case of outsid Parties, there should be a limit as regards remuneration

Lt-Col. PAFFIRTY.

In favour of Outside Concert Parties as men cannot be spared in the Command for Unit Concert Parties.

Lt-Col. RINKING.

In favour Cutside Concert Parties but would like to see them run by Headquarters. At the dame time would like to have a Concert Party in his Brigade if the difficult of "A" class personnel could be overcome.

Lt.Col. DENTON. (3rd T.Bde).

In favour of Outside Concert Parties but senething should be done in regard to the prices. Concert Parties run by the Proops have to be broken up on account of "A" class men.

Major DAST ALMOMD.

Of opinion that Outside Concert Parties are preferable although they are sometimes good and sometimes bad. In favour of registration by Headquarters of Concert Parties in order that change of programs and artistes may be assured. Should be engaged as a fixed price.

Lt. Col. JAMES.

In favour of Outside Concert larties but thinks they should be registered and Depots should be notified of forthcoming Concerts by Headquarters. S Commanding Officer should have the power to engage other Concert Parties although that course would in all probability not be at all necessary. Goldwoll JAMES thought there should be no alteration in the present system but is in favour of registration. Would like to run a small concert party for the R.B.A.A. also, and would have no objection to independent of the state of the process within the Command.

Lt.Col. MANSBRIDGE.

In favour employment of Outsiders but not to any great extent. Thought Depot Goncert Parties should be retained where possible so that interchanges can be effected with other Depots and Training Brigades. Of the opinion that an Outside Goncert Party should not be paid more than Ten Guineas and that these Outside Concert Parties should be registered and run by Headquarters. Also thought that womeone should be detailed to occasionally visit the various Concerts and report on the quality thereof, as non will not listen to a show unless it is good.

I-t. Col. 700DS.

Hot in favour of Depot Concert Parties. "B2" and "C" class men cannot be obtained for the purpose of Concerts. At the same time some of the Concert Parties he has had, have turned out very poor and although in cases they have been paid Twelve Guineas they have not really been worth Five. He gave instructions to the P.R.I. that these Concert Parties were not to be oncouraged. Thought that Outside Concert Parties should not be paid nome than Ivolve Guinoas but in cases where whay have to come a great distance by Car, allowances should be made for them. Of the opinion that £16 ( being the remuneration in some cases) is very exactsive x Agrees with Golonel JAMES that a Commanding Officer should have the power to engage other Concert Parwies at his own discretion. Ingrested a Central Committee should be formed an Elalgranters in order that the various Depots throughout The Command could be supplied with forcer's Partico. He has an erchastra containing from 12 to 14 performers - the men are very enthusiastic in that direction and would sconer mass a moal than a reheareal. There is no reheareal until 4.30 in the aftermoon. The nen are very keen on it and have acked for orchestra in preforance to Concert. With regard to Cutalde Concert Parties, Y.M.C.A. last year did take it in hand but the Parties who came down from London were more or less a failure.

Lt-Col. WIII-IAMS. (HQ.Tidworth)

Headquarters only deal with Outside Concert
Parties. The "props" alone for a Depot Concert
Party would cost at least 225. It would be impossinle to raise a Concert Party at Headquarters.
214 is a fair thing to pay for eight good performers. Lt. Col. Think Said he would give General
McGlinn further particulars on return to H. Ors.

Mejor MUNRO.

The Chief difficulty at Parkhouse was the lack of accommodation. The Y.H.C.A. gives one free Concent every week in their own hut. The question of running a party in the Dopot is quite out of the question. "O" class men cannot be obtained and "A" class men have to give their time to training prior to proceeding Overseas. There is a Church of Dugland Hut and a Balvation Hut in the Depot. If the Y.H.C.A. would give up one of their Huts it would be a great help.

Major FRASDR.

has just organized a Concert Party but have to make up a stage in a Heas Room. There is no built-ing in the A.M.M.C. braining Depot suitable for Concerts. General heGMINN to see "Q" with regard to building a stage for A.M.M.C. Training Depot.

Light Horse T.D.

Allied with Headquartors, Tidworth.

Colonel SCHWART.

No outside performance hired. We have a Y.M.C.A. and a mightly show at the Cinema. Our arrangements are as good as they could possibly be.

(D.A.D.O.S)

Not allowed a Canteen. Consequently regimental funds get very low and we have to depend upon Y.M.C. and surrounding Camps for entertainments. We could not establish a Dopot Concert Party. Our strength is approximately 120.

of the Conference appeared to be for the purpose of regulating fees charged by Outside Troupes, arranging Roster etc. engagements etc.

It was suggested that the Depots should be divided into three Groups and each Group to be represented on the Central Committee. The following Officers were proposed for the Committee and provisionally elected, pending approval of the Scheme by the G.O.C. -

#### PRESIDENT.

Lieut-Colonel J. WILLIAMS, C.B.J.

#### MEMBERS.

Capt. T.C. FAIRLIY, M.C. - Representing No. 1 Group, (and Sutton Very).

Hajor J.J. KERBY - -do- No. 2 Group, (Hurdooth-Fovant

Major D.J. MUNRO, D.S.O. - -do- No. 3 Group, (Tidworth Area in Coluding Neymouth.

Capt. J.E. SAW/GE, M.C. - SECRETARY.

(Insert) - "that a Central Committee should be formed".

The following question was asked by General MoGLINN: - I would like you to tell me exactly what has been done by the Y.M.C.A.. Red Cross and other Philanthropic Organizations, for the envertainment of Troops in the various Depots, Fralming Units etc?

Colonel WATSON.

The Y.M.O.1. always gives one free Concert a week and sometimes two. They also give very good lectures (bistorical usually). In addition, they provide a certain amount of material for games two. No assistance from the Red Cross people. The Conforts Fund provide athletic material, footballs etc. This Tund also allows each man going Oversesas I/- for the purchase of chocolates etc. Each Friday the O.M.B. send in the number of mon on diaft and by return of post a cheque is received by the Commandant who purchases and distributes chocolates etc. Men on draft are also provided with cigarettes by the Y.M.C.A.

Colonel COLLETT.

The Red Cross provide natorial for games and also one library for each Camp. Whe Yall. O.A. gave nightly Cinema Shows and occasional Concerts. Nearly every night there is something arranged for the entertainment of the troops.

Lt.Gol. RAFFERTY. (1st T.Bde)

The Y.M.C.A. give Concerts once or twice a week. The Conforts Fund provide a certain amount of material for games etc.

Lt.Col. RANKING.

The W.M.C.A. have done nothing for over a year. They have no representative at the 2nd Training Brigade and they give no Concerts. Hothing is done by the Red Cross people.

Lt.Col. DINTON.

Had no Concerts for some time and when they were given they were very inferior. Y.H.C.A. give a cortain amount of Sporting material. Red Oross do not touch us.

Major EAST ALMOND.

(A.M.G.T.D)

The Y.M.C.A. give a concert once a week and sometimes a lecture - have also given some material for games etc. They have two billiard tables.

Lt.Col. JAMES.

Y.H.C.A.give three Concerts, one lecture and two picture shows a week. Free digarettes to drafts. Have big hall and Officers' Room. Men use this Room in the evenings. We have two pianes from Canteen and two from Y.H.O.A.. There is also a Church of England Hut.

Major MUNRO.

Same as Machine Jun Training Depot (See above).

It. Gol. MANSBRIDGI.

Y.M.C.A. have a Hall. They have removed all activities to Ereenhill House, where they 51.70 entertainments with the assistance of Banus from the surrounding Camps. Red Cross have provided five billiard tables.

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Lt.Col. WOODS. (No. 4 C.D) Y.M.C.A. have a/hut for the area. The Calvation Army gives some ontertainments. The Red Oross have four Rooms fitted up as Billiard Rooms (6 tables) Assist is supplying games. Y.M.C.A. do not give a gree concert in the Camp itself.

Major FRASER.

Y.M.C.A. give digarettes to Drafts proceeding Overseas.

Colonel STIMART.

Y.M.C.A. have been giving a Concert once a weak - provide indoor games and tea to drafts. Red Cross provide billiard tables and cigarettes.

Major DOTN. (D.R.D.C.S)

Y.M.C.i. have given Concerts in the past but are not so doing at the present time.

In response to an invitation by General HoCHINH that any other matter bearing upon the subject of the Conference might be brought forward -

Lt.Col. WOODS.

run by the N.A.G.B. and which is patronised almost solely by Australian troops but the A.I.F. roceived nothing from it in the way of rebate. The charges are too high. An officer has to pay 1/6d and a man 6d (Charges are 6d - 1/- and 1/6d). This picture show adjoins the Y.M.G.A. at Hurdcott. The question he raised was, would it be possible for the A.I.F. to take this place over as it is considered that 6d is too high for the men. Officers should not have to pay more than 1/-. The whole of the proceeds are contributed by members of the A.I.F. yet they receive no rebate; there are two shows each night.

Lt.Col. RANGINI.

in supporting Lt.Col. 700DS stated that 90% of the troops who go to this show are Australians. 1/6d-1/-and 6d is considered too high. There is no other entertainment in the vicinity and therefore the men pay the money. He would like to see the place taken over. The average taking is 217 although the pictures can be hired for £10 per week. The N.A.C.B. intend taking all the money they can lay their hands on.

CONCLUDING REALIRES.

General McMINN thanked the members of the Conference for their remarks and suggestions. He assured them that the whole matter would be thoroughly gone into. As regards the Central Recreation Committee, he felt quite certain that this was a step in the right direction and he anticipated that it would neet with the full approval of the G.O.C.

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# WAR DIARY.

## HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. DEPO TS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

#### A. A. G'S DEPARTMENT;

SEPTEMBER, 1918.

#### THE STRENGTH ON 30-9-18 WAS:-

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#### RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA: -

OFFICERS ... 26
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### WAR DIARY.

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Vacancies exist on the Staff of the Audit Section, Administrative Headquarters, LONDON, for men possessing good banking and/or commercial experience. Applications from N.C.Os. and men stating age, qualifications, and previous experience, will be forwarded through Commanding Officers; only P.U.G.S. N.C.Os. and men are eligible for this duty.

25th. Owing to the Railway Strike the attached order has been published for the information of all ranks. In connection with the Railway Strike and the limited number of trains, the G.O.C. wishes to inform all ranks of the existing disabilities in regard to travelling on the G.W.R. (copy attached).

Reference to the Order of 7-9-18 - Courses of Instruction for the Y.M.C.A. School, of Motor Mechanics, & Drivers will commence on 7th October and 21st October. Nominal roll of applicants in accordance with the above will be forwarded to reach these Headquarters by 2nd and 16th October respectively.

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EDUCATION OFFICERS FOR A.I.F. EDUCATION SCHEME. Copy of Order attached.

30th. The Railway Strike having now ended - (copy of Order attached).

Commencing at 7 p.m. (copy of order attached). Commanding Officers will bring under notice of all soldiers interested in Boxing the above announcement. (Copy of Order attached).

Mr. E. C. Bradley has been appointed Liaison Officer with the A.I.F. on Salisbury Plain, and has been provided with an office in Bhurtpore Barracks; (copy of Order attached).

#### SF TEMBER, 1918.

20th. CYCLE MECHANICS. The services of the above mentioned tradesmen are required for the Cycle Repair Shop at these Headquarters.

Applications are invited from "Cl" and "B2a" men. (copy of Order attached).

BHURTHORE LIBRARY. Owing to a number of books belonging to the library of the Regime stal Institute the attached Notice has been published.

SWIMMING. Members of the A.I.F. desirous of competing in a Race to decide the Sprint Swimming Championship of the A.I.F. Forces in the U.K. should forward their names to Administrative Headquarters, London, on or before the 28th inst. (copy of Order attached)

REPATRIATION SCHEME - AUSTRALIA. It is desired that the Editor of any soldiers magazines of Journal, A.I.F. Depots in U.K., republish in their paper the Motice regarding the Repatriation Scheme in Australia, appearing in A.I.F. Orders of 16-8-18, para 2. Officers Commanding are requested to bring this to the notice of all such Editors. (Copy of Order attached).

## RETURN OF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS.

## Proceeded Overseas for the Month of September, 1918.

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# EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE ORDERS for 6.9.1918.

No. 5918.

# No. 3 COMMAND DEPOT: CLOSURE OF:

Owing to the closure of No. 3 Command Depot, Hurdcott, personnel of "Blb" class will in future be sent to Littlemoor Sub-Depot of No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth.

All details proceeding to Littlemoor will detrain at Upwey Junction.

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# EXTRACT from ROUTINE ORDERS for 7. 9. 1918.

# No. 5930.

# MOTOR MECHANICS and DRIVERS - Y.M.C.A. SCHOOL for:

A limited number of vacancies for Courses assembling period ically at the abovementioned school at No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth will be reserved for soldiers of "C.1" category who have had previous experience in Motor Work, who are certified by Medical Officers as Medically fit to perform the duties required, and who are desirous of remaining in England and transferring to the A.M.T.S., when qualified. Each course to last 6 weeks.

candidates will be selected by these Headquarters, and instructions issued for them to march out to No. 2 Command Depot, who will arrange for their attendance at the course and on comple-

tion advise the results obtained by each.

Applications will be submitted by Commanding Officers to these Headquarters in consolidated form as per pro-forma hereunder, personal applications will not accompany the pro-forma.

Vacancies for the next two courses which commence on 17.9.18 and 1.10.18 will be submutted to reach this Headquarters by 11th and 18th instants respectively.

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# EXTRACT FROM STANDING ORDERS for 23.9.18.

# No. 6085.

# CONTINENTAL SYSTEM OF TIME - ADOPTION of, THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH ARMY.

The Continental system of time, i.e., the 24-hour clock, will be brought into use, throughout the British Army from midnight,

30th September/1st October 1918.

The "time of origin" - that is, the time at which a message or despatch is signed by the originator, will always be represented by four figures, the first two figures - Ol to 23 representing the house from midnight to midnight and the second two figures Ol to 59 representing the minutes of the hour; for example:-

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11.40	-	do.	2340

0000 and 2400 will not be used, but the message or despatch will be timed 2359 or 0000. (Authority: A.O.Xl, dated 17.9.18) (London District Order No. 90 para 7, dated 20.9.18).

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# EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE ORDERS for 23.9.18.

# No. 6083.

# VACANCIES - AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS:

Applications are invited from Private soldiers for transfer to the Australian Provost Corps. Preference will be given to men having the following qualifications and who are recommended by their respective Commanding Officers:-

- 1. Soldiers who have been wounded.
- 2. Good horsemen.
- 3. Good record.

Applications will only be entertained from men who have seen service in active operation against the enemy, special consideration being given to those who have been awarded the "D.C.M" or "M.M". All applications must be made through the usual channels, and selected applicants will be required to report to the Commanding Officer, Australian Provost Corps, Tidworth, for 14 days 'trial.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 279.

Headquarters,
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.,
Bhurtpore Barracks, TIDWCRTH.
25th September, 1918.

To:-

Officers Commanding All Unita in A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

# LEAVE.

onsequent upon the Great Western Railway strike, the G.O.C. desires to make it quite clear that it is not intended that leave under existing authorities should be durtailed or restricted, but personnel desiring leave to places ordinarily reached by way of the Great Western system must be informed of the existing disabilities in regard to travelling over this route.

The fact that an applicant desires leave to visit a town served by the Great Western system should not result in the non-granting of his leave, as he may be in a position to make other arrangements to reach his destination and return therefrom.

Machine Brigadier-General D.A. & G.M.G.
A.I.F. Depots in U. K.

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#### ROUTINE ORDERS. 25.9.18.

#### MOTOR MECHANICS AND DRIVERS - Y.M.C.A.SCHOOL FOR:

Reference Routine Order No.5930 of 7.9.1918.

Courses of Instruction for the Y.M.C.A.School for Motor Mechanics and Drivers will commence on October 7th and 21st inst. Nominal rolls of applicants in accordance with the above quoted Order will be forwarded to reach this Headquarters, by October 2nd and 15th respectively.

# ROUTINE ORDERS. 28.9.18.

# BANKING ACCOUNTS.

The Banking Accounts of the Paymaster, A.I.F.Depots in U.K. and the Paymasters, Nos.1, 2, and 4 Command Depots, having been transferred from Lloyds Bank to the Commonwealth Bank, Units paying in re-funds of balance of Imprest Monies etc., will in future do so to the following branches of the Commonwealth Bank:-

Units under control of Paymaster To/
A.I.F.Depots in U.K., Tidworth. Commonwealth Bank. Tidworth.

Units under control of Paymaster;
No.1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny. " Warminster.

Units under control of Paymaster;
No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth

Units under control of Paymaster,
No.4 Command Depot, Hurdcott.

(SPM 8/364 dated 26.9.1918.)

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SPECIAL ORDER No.6141

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 THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters,
Bhurtpore Barracks,
EDUCATION OFFICERS for A.I.F. EDUCATION SCHEETIdworth. 28.9.1916.

- Camps in the United Kingdom, as well as to Units in France.
- from their Units, and will be eligible for promotion in their turn in their Units.

The duties of an Education Officer will be :-

- (a) To ast as representative of the A.I.F. Education Service in
- (b) To enlist the "Volunteer" ob-operation of mon within the Unit capable of conducting course of Instruction.
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- ers, and aspirant Education Officers, will be held early in the months off October and November, respectively, to oc-ordinate the plan of work through the A.I.F.
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Applications to be forwarded so as to reach this Headquarters, not later than Wednesday, 2nd October, 1910. "Hil" meturns to be rendered where applicable. (A.H.Q.65155 dated 26.9.1918.)

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Licut-Colonel.
A.A.G.
A.I.F.Depots to United Kingdom.

Issued at 4.15p.n.

# EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE ORDERS for 30.9.18.

No. 6161.

## RAILWAY STRIKE:

With reference to Special Order No. 6092 of 25.9.1918, normal conditions having now been resumed, and the strike now having ended, the instructions contained in the abovementioned Special Order are withdrawn, but it is pointed out that the greatest economy is always to be exercised in the consumption of petrol and that cars are only to be used on necessary duties.

# HXTRACT FROM ROUTING ORDERS for 23.9.18.

# No. 6083.

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MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON. SIR J.W.McCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D., GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters, Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth. 25.9.18.

#### SPECIAL ORDER No.0092.

1. The following extracts from Orders from G. H. Q. dated 24.9.1918, are published for information:-

"Owing to the Railway Strike, the War Cabinet has decided to atilize the Naval and Military Forces to assist in the maintenance of the Railway Service in the protection of Railway Property and personnel and in the preservation of law and order. General Officers Commanding in Chief will accordingly be responsible for meeting within their respective Commands the request of the Railway Executive Committee and the Sivil Power to the extent above indicated. The requests of the Railway Committee will be communicated to Commands by the Secretary Railway Companies at Command Headquarters. Commands should at onco communicate with these Secretaries as to whether any assistance is now meeded. Requests for assistance in aid of the sivil power will be governed by the King's Regulations and the Manual of Military Law except that any cases of attempted sabotage under conditions which would render Railway Communications imeffective should be dealt with under the same conditions as if attempted by the enemy. Picketing which is normally permissable under the Trades Disputes Act constitutes under the circumstances which now prevail an offence under the D.R.R.

Under General Routine Order 132 of 11th March 1916, all Officers, Warrant Officers, and Non-commissioned Officers also such soldiers as are on actual Military Duty at the time the occasion for the arrest arises are authorised to make arrest under D.R.R. 55. In the event of demands being made for which available troops are dequate Commands should inform these Headquarters so that reinforcements may be sent. No Colonial Troops are to be used without further instructions".

2. It is to be noted that Oclonial Troops are not to be used without further instructions. All work and duty in the A.I.F. Depots will sontime as herotofore and as usual, unless further instructions should be issued. All ranks in the A.I.F. Depots will remain interference whatever in the dispute, either by utterance or by action and from all expressions of opinion about the strike to or in the hearing of any person not a member of the A.I.F.

Expressions of opinion and any discussion is to be confined strictly to ordinary private conversations.

J.S.Kmux

Issued at Il. 15a.m.

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

## ROUTINE ORDERS. 28.9.10.

## BANKING AGGGUNTS.

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(SPH 8/364 dated 26.9.1918.)

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### MIGHTS

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EVEULIGA WEDNESDAY follows:ocmending at 7 pono 147 168 WEIRERWHIGHTS, 10st.7. September, 11th. Wednesday 9st. 9. (135 lbs LIGHTHEIGHTS. 18th. 9st. ( 126 lbs FEATHERVEIGHTS. 25th, 110 1bs ast.6. BAUTAMIETGHTS. 2nd. Cotober, HEAVYVEIGHTS. 9th.

Winners will receive a Mational Sporting club Gold Modal and Runners-up a Silver Medal specially designed for those Competitions. Competitors will be allowed expenses.

## UP BUTRANCE FILLS

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CYCLE MECHANICS. ( Not Motor Cycle).

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A Bicycle was found by the Military Police at Wilton on 23rd August. The owner may obtain same by giving vorrect description on application to A.P.M.A.I.F., Fovant.

#### NOTICE.

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A considerable number of Books belonging to the Library of the Ehurtpore Regimental Institute have been lent and not returned. It is thought that a number of these Books may have been left lying about in the rooms occupied by the mon, in the Harried Quarters or in the various Offices and Cubicles. The Coumittee would be obliged if any Books found to belong to the Library could be returned at once.

Gifts of Books, Magazines, etc., to augment the present collection of reading matter in the Library will be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

#### HOTIOH.

Members of the A.I.F. desirons of competing in a Race to decide the Sprint Swirming Championship of the Australian Forces in the U.K. (44 yards), should forward entries to Lieut. Q.S.Spedding, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London, on or before the 28th instant. The Championship will be swun at the Canadian Gala, at the Great Smith Street Baths, Westminster, on the evening of Saturday, October, the 5th.

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25th. Owing to the Railway Strike the attached order has been published for the information of all ranks. In connection with the Railway Strike and the limited number of trains, the G.O.C. wishes to inform all ranks of the existing disabilities in regard to travelling on the G.W.R. (copy attached).

Reference to the Order of 7-9-18 - Courses of Instruction for the Y.M.C.A. School, of Motor Mechanics. & Drivers will commence on 7th October and 21st October. Nominal roll of applicants in accordance with the above will be forwarded to reach these Headquarters by 2nd and 16th October respectively.

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EDUCATION OFFICERS FOR A.I.F. EDUCATION SCHEME. Copy of Order attached.

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NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB; AMERICAN NIGHTS. On Wednesday evenings, commencing at 7 p.m. (copy of Order attached). Commanding Officers will bring under notice of all soldiers interested in Boxing the above announcement. (Copy of Order attached).

Mr. E. C. Bradley has been appointed Liaison Officer with the A.I.F. on Salisbury Plain, and has been provided with an office in Bhurtpore Barracks; (copy of Order attached).

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HEADQUARTERS, A.I.F. DEFO TS IN UNITED KINGDOM.

#### A. A. G'S DEPARTMENT;

SEPTEMBER, 1918.

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OFFICERS ... 1306

OTHER RANKS .. 36418

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#### No. 5930.

#### MOTOR MECHANICS and DRIVERS - Y.M.C.A. SCHOOL for:

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candidates will be selected by these Headquarters, and instructions issued for them to march out to No. 2 Command Depot, who will arrange for their attendance at the course and on completion advise the results obtained by each.

Applications will be submitted by Commanding Officers to these Headquarters in consolidated form as per pro-forms hereunder, personal applications will not accompany the pro-forms.

Vacancies for the next two courses which commence on 17.9.18 and 1.10.18 will be submutted to reach this Headquarters by 11th and 18th instants respectively.

Nominal Roll of Applicants to attend Y.M.C.A. School of Motor Mechanics and Drivers ..... Course assembling on ....

No. Rank Name Unit Med.clas. Previous experience & qualfns.

Place..... Date....... Date....... Commanding.

A.M.I. certify that the above are Medically fit for transfer to

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#### EXTRACT FROM STANDING ORDERS for 23.9.18.

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SPECIAL ORDER No. 6092

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MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON. SIR J.W.McCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D., GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters, Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth. 25.9.18.

#### SPECIAL ORDER No.0092.

1. The following extracts from Orders from G. H. Q. dated 24.9.1918, are published for information:-

"Owing to the Railway Strike, the War Cabinet has decided to utilize the Naval and Military Forces to assist in the maintenance of the Railway Service in the protection of Railway Property and personnel and in the preservation of law and order. General Officers Commanding in Chief will accordingly be responsible for meeting within their respective Commands the request of the Railway Executive Committee and the Civil Power to the extent above indicated. The requests of the Railway Committee will be communicated to Commands by the Secretary Railway Companies at Command Headquarters. Commands should at once communicate with these Secretaries as to whether any assistance is now needed. Requests for assistance in aid of the civil power will be governed by the Kings Regulations and the Manual of Military Law except that any cases of attempted sabctage under conditions which would render Railway Communications imeffective should be dealt with under the same conditions as if attempted by the enemy. Picketing which is normally permissable under the Trades Disputes Act constitutes under the circumstances which now prevail an offence under the D.R.R.

Under General Routine Order 132 of 11th March 1916, all Officers, Warrant Officers, and Non-commissioned Officers also such soldiers as are on actual Military Duty at the time the occasion for the arrest arises are authorised to make arrest under D.R.R. 55. In the event of demands being made for which available troops are dequate Commands should inform these Headquarters so that reinforcements may be sent.

No Colonial Troops are to be used without further instructions.

2. It is to be noted that Colonial Troops are not to be used without further instructions. All work and duty in the A.I.F. Depots will sontime as herotofore and as usual, unless further instructions should be issued. All ranks in the A.I.F. Depots will remain from any interference whatever in the dispute, either by utterance or by action and from all expressions of opinion about the strike to or in the hearing of any person not a member of the A.I.F. Expressions of opinion and any discussion is to be confined strictly to ordinary private conversations.

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Issued at 11, 15a.m.

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

## ROUTINE ORDERS. 28.9.18.

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(SPM 8/364 dated 26.9.1918.)

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EDUCATION OFFICIERS for A.I.F. EDUCATION SCHEETIdworth. 28.9.1918.

- 1. It has been decided to appoint Education Officers to Depote and Camps in the United Kingdom, as well as to Units in France.
- 2. Officers appointed to the A.I.F.Education Service will be seconded from their Units, and will be eligible for promotion in their turn in their Units.
- 3. The duties of an Education Officer will be :-

(a) To set as representative of the A.I.F. Education Service in

(b) To enlist the "Volunteer" co-operation of mon within the Unit capable of conducting course of Instruction.

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(4) To obtain through A.I.F. Education Service all textbooks, &c., required by the men.

(e) To obtain information enabling men to decide upon their careers after the war, and thus to be the advance of the Australian Repatriation Scheme.

- ers, and aspirant Education Officers, will be held early in the months off October and Hovember, respectively, to co-erdinate the plan of work through the A.I.F.
- To be eligible for appointment as an Education Officer, an applicant must be of some standing in some branch of Education, and while it is desirable that he should have had provious teaching exportence, it is much more essential that he should be a man of keen, energotice character, and a good organizer.
- Preference in appointment will be given to those holding subaltern's rank, but if the most suitable in the Unit is a W. or M.C.O. or private, he should be nominated. Those selected for appointment who he net already hold commissioned rank, will, on approval, be provisionally appointed 2/Lieut., A.I.F. Education Service, which may be confirmed after 3 months satisfactory service.

Applications to be forwarded so as to reach this Headquartore, not later than Wednesday, 2nd October, 1910. "Nil" Returns to be rendered where applicable. (A.H.Q.63155 dated 26.9.1918.)

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Licut-Colonel.
A.A.G.
A.I.F.Depots to United Kingdom.

Issued at 4.15p.n.

#### EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE ORDERS for 30.9.18.

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