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WAR DIARY

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

A.A.G.'s DEPARTMENT.

NOVEMBER 1918

THE STRENGTH ON 30.11.18 WAS:-

OFFICERS	1274
OTHER RANKS..	37893

RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA:-

OFFICERS	12
OTHER RANKS..	2609

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Lieut.Colonel,
A.A.G.

A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.

RETURN OF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS.34
Proceeded Overseas for the Month of November 1918.

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<u>1st. DIVISION</u>		<u>2nd. DIVISION</u>		<u>3rd. DIVISION</u>		<u>4th. DIVISION</u>		<u>5th. DIVISION</u>	
<u>Bn.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Bn.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Bn.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Bn.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Bn.</u>	<u>No.</u>
1st.	19	17th.	44	33rd.	49	13th.	30	29th.	--
2nd.	53	18th.	44	34th.	28	14th.	32	30th.	17
3rd.	93	19th.	--	35th.	62	15th.	76	31st.	29
4th.	48	20th.	37	36th.	--	16th.	12	32nd.	16
5th.	52	21st.	--	37th.	--	45th.	21	53rd.	44
6th.	64	22nd.	38	38th.	14 th	46th.	22	54th.	--
7th.	32	23rd.	40	39th.	51	47th.	31	55th.	29
8th.	123	24th.	31	40th.	46	48th.	33	56th.	42
9th.	155	25th.	--	41st.	90	49th.	33	57th.	21
10th.	32	26th.	36	42nd.	--	50th.	32	58th.	43
11th.	32	27th.	38	43rd.	59	51st.	25	59th.	79
12th.	36	28th.	45	44th.	30	52nd.	--	60th.	--
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TOTAL	739	TOTAL	353	TOTAL	429	TOTAL	316	TOTAL	320

RESUME.

1st.	Division	739
2nd.	"	353
3rd.	"	429
4th.	"	316
5th.	"	320

GRAND TOTAL 2157

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"A" BRANCH.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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CR.AIF.11697(a)

HEAD-QUARTERS,
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.,
Phurtpore Barracks,
Tidworth. 3.11.18.To:- Headquarters, A.I.F.,
Care F.O., Fifth Army, } 2 copies.
FRANCE.Copies to:- D.A.G., Aust. Section G.O.C., 3rd Echelon, FRANCE.
Hqs., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Aust. Divisions, FRANCE.
Hqs., Australian General Base Depot, FRANCE.

Subjoined Schedule showing numbers of REINFORCEMENTS - by Division that have proceeded Overseas during the month of NOVEMBER, 1918, is forwarded for your information:-

RETURN OF FULLY TRAINED AND PARTIALLY TRAINED REINFORCEMENTS
PROCEEDED OVERSEAS DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1918.

UNITS	DIVNS.						TOTALS.
	1ST DIV.	2ND. DIV.	3RD DIV.	4TH DIV.	5TH DIV.	NOT STATED	
Infantry	739	353	429	316	320	-	2157
Pioneers	18	31	25	28	22	-	124
Artillery	38	55	71	39	42	-	245
A.F.A.B.	-	-	-	-	-	576	576
Machine Gunners	-	-	-	-	-	354	354
Signal Engineers	-	-	-	-	-	63	63
Field Engineers	-	-	-	-	-	101	101
Railways	-	-	-	-	-	62	62
A.A.S.C. & M.T.	-	-	-	-	-	110	110
A.A.M.C.	-	-	-	-	-	289	289
A.A.V.C.	-	-	-	-	-	16	16
T.M.B's.	-	-	-	-	-	52	52
Tunnellers	-	-	-	-	-	34	34
Light Horse	-	-	-	-	-	20	20
R.A.G.A.	-	-	-	-	-	133	133
Salvage Corps	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Cyclists	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
TOTALS	795	439	525	333	334	1824	4350

J. H. Wood
Major-General.
Commanding A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

- Nov. 1st. A Requiem Mass will be sung in the R.C. Garrison Church Tidworth, on Sunday Nov. 3rd for all deceased soldiers of our Armies. Special facilities are to be granted by Commanding Officers at Parkhouse Camp and Tidworth for any Roman Catholics wishing to attend. Machine Gun Training Depot will furnish two buglers to sound the "LAST POST". Copy of notice attached (appendix 1).
- Nov. 4th. The services of 5 men of "C"1 or "B2a" category are required for duty in A.I.F. Depots in U.K. as Electrical Wiremen. Personnel with civil experience preferred. Copy of notice attached (appendix 2).
A communication received from the Queensland Government office was republished in Routine Orders inviting applications from disabled officers of the A.I.F. with some knowledge of agriculture or Forestry, to take charge of plantations in connection with a Government Department in East Africa. The appointment would be for a term of years at a salary of approximately £300 a year.
- Nov. 7th. Copy of notice attached (appendix 2).
A circular letter was received from the Institute of Sanitary Engineers, 12)-122 Victoria Street, Westminster S.W.1, intimating that they are prepared to offer to medical, Engineering and Sanitary officers attached to American and Overseas units, facilities for the inspection of modern sanitary works in the United Kingdom. The Secretary will be pleased to put any applicant into communication with a member of the Institution, or other qualified authority, through whom the desired information may be obtained. Copy of notice attached (appendix 3).
- Nov. 8th. It is notified for information that all communications for the Audit Section, A.A.O.C. should be addressed:-
O.O.
AUDIT SECTION,
A.A.O.C.
NO. 5 CAMP, CODFORD.
Copy of notice attached (appendix 4.)
- Nov. 11th. In connection with the signing of the armistice with Germany, the following telegram was received:-
From Commandeth, Salisbury.
To Salaustra.
11-11-18.
21605G 11-11-18 aaa. Following received from Cinchomfor beginsaaa Chief desires you to impress on all concerned the necessity of not relaxing any precautions until Terms of Armistice have been complied with aaa The present condition of the German Fleet renders increased vigilance necessary aaa Message ends aaa For compliance.
The following telegram was immediately despatched to all Training Camps and Depots:-
From Salaustra.
11-11-18.
AB 3446 11th. aaa Information has been received that the Armistice was signed this morning aaa This may be celebrated by the sounding of bugles, beating of drums, playing of bands aaa.
A Special Order was issued by the G.O.C. in which he drew the attention of all ranks in A.I.F. Depots to the present situation as it affects the A.I.F. Copy of Special Order attached (appendix 5).
- Nov. 12th. A Special Order was issued in which it was pointed out that although an Armistice had been agreed to, it had not yet been carried into effect, and until the terms had been complied with, our work as soldiers was not finished. Training, therefore, will continue as heretofore till further orders. This order is issued in order that all ranks may realise that there is a

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purpose in continuing training, and that it is not done merely to fill in time. Copy of Special Order attached (appendix 6).

In order that incidents of interest in which members of the Third Division have taken part may not pass unrecorded, a WAR RECORDS COMPETITION has been organised. First and Second prizes are offered for the best description of the following:-

- I. Description of a Company Operation.
- II. Description of a Platoon Operation.
- III. Description of a section or Lewis gun Team Operation.
- IV. Description of a Typical Day in the life of an individual of any unit of this Division.

Circular attached showing conditions of the competition and the prizes offered (appendix 7).

Nov. 13th.

A telegram was received from the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Great Britain, expressing his deep appreciation of the valuable work done throughout the war by all ranks and services of the Forces in Great Britain. The training of officers and men for the field Armies and the measures of defence against attack from Air and Sea instituted by Field Marshall Lord French, have been unremittingly and loyally carried out. Copy of Routine Order attached (appendix 8).

Nov. 15th.

The Australian Corps is to have the honour of forming part of the Allied Army of Occupation on the Rhine. As a consequence, all drafts will be despatched as before, and as promptly as possible. All training must therefore continue. This order is to be brought to the notice of all ranks. Copy of Routine Order attached (appendix 9).

In addition to his command of the Overseas Training Brigade, Colonel W.W.R. WATSON, C.B., V.D. will assume command of A.I.F. Depots in the Sutton Veny District. The units coming under his command are:-

- 1st. Training Brigade
- No. 1 Command Depot.

and all detachments or details attached thereto. His appointment will be known as :- O.C. SUTTON VENY DEPOTS, A.I.F. (appendix 9).

Nov. 16th.

A Special Mass will be celebrated at Garrison R.C. Chapel, Tidworth, on Sunday 17th inst., in Thanksgiving for Victory. (appendix 10).

Nov. 19th.

A cable has been received from Australia explaining the Commonwealth Government's Repatriation Scheme. Acting under instructions from the G.O.C. A.I.F. this cable has been reproduced in the form of a leaflet for distribution to all members of the A.I.F. Copy attached (Appendix 11).

Nov. 21st.

The A.I.F. Rest Camp, Fort Ernsettle, St. Budeaux, Devenport, having been taken over by this Command on 4/11/18, is now under the G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. for Administration etc. Copy of order attached (Appendix 12).

Nov. 25th.

Applications are invited from men of C1 category for transfer to the Australian Postal Corps, for duty in A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Applications to be submitted through officers Commanding to D.A.D.A.P.S., A.I.F. in U.K. Salisbury. Copy attached (Appendix 13).

Owing to the altered circumstances no further applications for transfers to or Cadetships in Australian Flying Corps will be submitted. Copy of Routine Order attached (Appendix 14).

The Australian Red Cross Society has generously decided to make a contribution on the basis of 2/6 per

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head for every Australian Soldier in Hospital on Christman Day, and 1/- per head for every Australian Soldier in Convalescent Camps on Christmas Day, for the purpose of providing Christmas fare.

The G.O.C. feels sure that this repeated act of generosity on the part of the Australian Red Cross Society will be highly appreciated by all concerned. Copy of Notice attached (Appendix 15).

Arrangements are to be made forthwith to release all "B2a", "B2b", and "c" class personnel from duty in Depots in order that they may be returned to Australia.

Training Depots must at once find "A" or "Bla3" or "Bla4" class personnel to take the places of "B2" or "C" class personnel. Copy of Special Order attached (Appendix 16).

Nov. 28th. On and after Saturday 30th. of November, communications for D.A.D.O.S. and Audit Section, A.A.O.C., will be addressed to Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth. Copy of Order attached (Appendix 17).

Nov. 30th. If accomodation in transports proceeding to Australia between now and commencement of demobilization permits, the G.O.C. intends to fill accomodation with men who left during first six months of 1915. Units will forward to this Headquarters as soon as possible returns showing number of officers and men available. Copy attached (Appendix 18).

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Copy of notice attached Routine Orders 1.11.18

There will be a Requiem Mass sung in the R.C. Garrison Church, Tidworth, on Sunday next November 3rd at 1030, for all deceased soldiers of our armies.

Special facilities are to be granted by Commanding Officers at Parkhouse Camp and Tidworth for any Roman Catholics wishing to attend this Service. Those attending are to be marched to Church and are to arrive not later than 1020.

Machine Gun Training Depot will furnish 2 buglers to sound the "Last Post".

A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom. 7

NOTICES.Appendix 2
"A" BRANCH.

The services of 5 privates "C.1" or "B2a" category as Electrical Wiremen are urgently required for duty in A.I.F. Depots. Personnel with experience in civil life as Electrical Wiremen preferred.

Applications, stating experience, will be submitted through the usual channels to reach this Headquarters, not later than Noon on 8th November, 1918. (CR.AIF.27373/4 (ST))

(1) The following ^{copy} of a communication received from the Queensland Government Offices, is re-published for information:-
"I have the honour, by direction, to state that it has been suggested that a vacancy in Tropical East Africa for an Officer under Government who has some knowledge of Agriculture or Forestry to take charge of plantations in connection with a Government Department, might be suitably filled by some disabled Officer of the Australian Imperial Forces, to whom special consideration would be given, provided he was physically fit to undertake the work.

The salary, with allowances, would amount to something over £300 a year, with passage money, and appointment would be made for a term of years. The Agent General would be glad to learn whether there are at present in this Country any Officers who would like to apply for the post, in which case he would be glad if they would write to him, stating age, previous history and qualifications."

(2) Officers desirous of consideration in connection with the above should forward applications through usual channels to Headquarters, Tidworth, by 12.11.18. (CR.AIF.45847/A).

NOTICE.

Appendix 3.

The following is a copy of a Circular letter received from "A" BRANCH.
The Institution of Sanitary Engineers, 120-122, Victoria Street,
Westminster, S.W.1.

"The Council of the Institution of Sanitary Engineers desire to intimate that they are prepared to offer to Medical, Engineering and Sanitary Officers attached to American and Overseas Units facilities for the inspection of modern Sanitary Works in the United Kingdom and also to give any information they have concerning British Sanitary practice.

The Secretary will be pleased to reply to any application and to put the applicant into communication with a member of the Institution or some other qualified authority through whom the applicant may obtain the desired information."

NOTICE.

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"A" BRANCH.

It is notified for information, that all communications to the Audit Section, A.A.O.C., should be addressed:-

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Audit Section,
A.A.O.C.
No. 5 Camp,
Godford.

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Appendix 5

"A" BRANCH.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.TO BE READ ON A PARADE.Headquarters,
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.,
Bhurstpore Barracks,
MIDWORTH - 11.11.18.SPECIAL ORDER - - - No. 6579.

by

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

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I desire to draw the attention of all ranks in A.I.F. Depots to the present situation as it affects us and our doings.

An armistice has been signed, which we may fairly expect means an end of fighting. But we remain soldiers, as decreed by the law of Australia, till we are officially and formally discharged from further service.

The A.I.F. have deservedly earned a good name in the field as soldiers; On our conduct and behaviour from now onwards in this country depends our keeping our good name. It is a new test of us, and I ask you all to satisfy that test. Indiscipline and disorder among us would now mean that the offenders were branding themselves as incapable of behaving properly either as Australian soldiers, or Australian Citizens, when the constraint of war demands has ceased. I want to say, quite frankly, but a falling-off from our existing standard of discipline and conduct would show us as unreliable, and as justly unwelcome visitors here. I look to all ranks to keep up our good reputation, and I especially remind Officers both commissioned and non-commissioned, that their example, influence and authority are as essential now as they have ever been.

I would be glad to stop here, but am compelled to go on, because of events that have just come to my knowledge. They are these; in one A.I.F. Depot, when it became known two days ago that an armistice was probable, some men rushed Canteen supplies and appropriated them. Now, for things like that, straight-forward language is best. That action was stealing, and the men who did it were for the time being, thieves. We cannot have such happenings in the A.I.F., for we claim to be decent men. Nor can we have a falling off in the cheerful performance of duty, the prompt obedience to orders. I have therefore, to remind you again that we are all still soldiers, subject in all respects to military law; that we must continue to behave as good soldiers, and that the coming of peace is an occasion, not for relaxing in our conduct, but for showing that we are men enough to carry on as well as, and even better than, we did in time of war.

J. W. McCAY, Major-General.
Commanding A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.

11.11.18.

Appendix 6

"A" BRANCH.

ORDERS 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,
 Tidworth. 12.11.1918.

ADMINISTRATION.

TRAINING - SPECIAL ORDER - TO BE READ ON ALL COMPANY PARADES.

6580 Though an Armistice has been agreed to, it has not yet been carried into effect; and meanwhile we cannot trust a German. Even when the conditions are complied with, and the Germans are unable to re-commence fighting on a large scale, there may be numerous cases where our Armies have to keep them quiet. Armies of occupation may also be needed to enforce the ultimate terms of peace. Consequently our work as soldiers is not complete, and training must for the present proceed as before. In Command Depots this is in any case desirable as well as necessary, for the training there is solely directed to making men physically fit again, which is a result as much needed for civil as for military life. In Training Depots, including the Overseas Training Brigade, Military Training will continue, because the men are more likely than not to proceed Overseas to their Units when their training is complete. All training will therefore continue as heretofore till further orders. This Order is issued in order that all ranks may realise that there is a purpose in continuing training, and that it is not done merely to fill in time.

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N O T I C E.
THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
WAR RECORDS COMPETITION.

"A" BRANCH.

In order that incidents of interest in which members of the THIRD Division have participated may not pass unrecorded, the following prizes are offered for competition.
 Facts, not literary style, are required:-

	<u>First Prize.</u>	<u>Second Prize.</u>
I. Description of a Company Operation.	£10.	£5.
II. Description of a Platoon Operation.	£5.	£2.
III. Description of A Section or Lewis Gun Team Operation.	£3.	£1.
IV. Description of a typical day in the life of an individual of any Unit of this Division.	£2.	£1.

CON DITION S.

- (a) The Competitions are open to all Ranks of the Division, whether in or out of hospital.
- (b) Third and additional prizes may be awarded if the number of Competitors warrants.
- (c) Collaboration is permitted and desired to ensure accuracy and completeness of detail.
- (d) In Subjects I, II and III, a description is required of some actual Operation carried out by a Unit of the Division, (preferably an Offensive action, and one which did not extend over more than a day). Names, places, dates and facts must be accurate.
- (e) In the first three subjects, a diagram illustrating the Operation should be attached, but the accuracy or draughtsmanship of the diagram will not be considered in making the award. Where distances are involved the diagram, if not drawn to scale, should be marked where necessary to show distances.
- (f) In Subject IV, an account is wanted of some one specific day in the life of an individual, and not a collection of incidents which happened on different dates. The account need not necessarily be descriptive of active Operations. Strict accuracy is essential where events are stated as facts.
- (g) Descriptions are limited to 400 words, exclusive of Legends, etc. on Diagrams.
- (h) The Adjudicating Committee will/ consist of the
 G.O.C., 3rd. Australian Division.
 G.S.O.I. 3rd. Australian Division.
 A.A. & Q.M.G., 3rd. Australian Division.
 whose decision will be final.
- (i) In no case will manuscript or maps be returned.
- (j) The manuscripts after adjudication will, if considered of sufficient interest, be forwarded to the War Records Section, A.I.F.; otherwise they will be destroyed.
- (k) The Competition will close on 24th. November, 1918; no manuscripts received after that date will be considered.
- (l) All papers should be marked clearly with the Competitor's Rank, Name and Unit.
- (m) All communications should be addressed to :-
 General Staff,
 Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K.
 T I D W O R T H.

12th. November, 1918.

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Appendix 8

"A" BRANCH.

ROUTINE ORDERS for 13.11.1918.

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A D M I N I S T R A T I O N .

6601 The G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., has much pleasure in publishing the following copy of a telegram from the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Great Britain:

" 7611 A1 12th Following order of day is issued by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Great Britain begins aaa Now that an armistice has been signed by the last of the enemy powers I desire to express my deep appreciation of the valuable work done throughout the war by all ranks and all services of the Forces in Great Britain aaa The Training of Officers and men for employment in the Field Armies and the measures for defence against attack from the air and the sea which were initiated by Field Marshal Lord French have during my tenure of Command been unrenittingly and loyally carried out aaa Service in the Home Forces has been laborious and without those special compensations attaching to service at the Front but its consistent and efficient performance was an essential preliminary condition to success in the Field and all ranks may feel satisfied with the knowledge that they have faithfully done their duty aaa Ends!"
(Southern Command Telegram dated 12.11.18)

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Appendix "A" BRANCH

ORDERS 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,
Bhurtore Barracks,
Tidworth, 15.11.1918.

ADMINISTRATION.

ALLIED ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

6611 The Australian Corps is to have the honour of forming part of the Allied Army of Occupation on the Rhine. As a consequence all drafts of all arms will be despatched as heretofore and as promptly as possible on their again becoming fit for service Overseas or completing their training. All training including that in Command Depots must therefore continue with unabated zeal and efficiency. It is pointed out that any individual members of the A.I.F. who commit offences will thereby postpone or destroy their opportunity of sharing in the honourable work allotted to the Australian Corps. This Order is to be brought to the notice of all ranks.

COMMAND - A.I.F. DEPOTS IN SUTTON VENY DISTRICT.

6612 (a) In addition to his Command of the Overseas Training Brigade, Colonel W.W.R. Watson, C.B., V.D. will assume Command of A.I.F. Depots in the Sutton Veny District. The Units coming under his Command are:-
1st Training Brigade.
No. 1 Command Depot.

and all detachments or details attached thereto.
His appointment will be known as:-
"O.C., Sutton Veny Depots, A.I.F."

(b) All communications hitherto passing between the Units named in para. (a) and Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in U.K., Tidworth, will continue so to pass direct, but copies of such communications from Units as directed by the O.C., Sutton Veny Depots, A.I.F., will be forwarded by the Units to his Headquarters.

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DIVINE SERVICES

A Special Mass will be celebrated at the Garrison Roman Catholic Chapel, Tidworth, on Sunday next, the 17th instant, at 1030, in thanksgiving for Victory.

All Roman Catholic Troops not on duty are to attend this Service and must arrive at the Chapel not later than 1020.

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Appendix 11

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters,
A.I.F. Depots in UK. Bhurtpore Barracks,
Tidworth. 19.11.1918.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 292.

To/ All Commanding Officers,
A.I.F. Depots and Units in U.K.

REPATRIATION and DEMOBILISATION of the AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A cable has been received from Australia explaining the Commonwealth Government's Repatriation Scheme, Acting under instructions from the G.O.C., A.I.F., this cable has been re-produced in the form of a leaflet. (copies of leaflet herewith).

It would be advisable that the Officers responsible for the issue should make it clear to all members of the A.I.F. that the above scheme is now in force and is intended to provide primarily for those incapacitated while engaged upon military service overseas. As they return to Australia, such soldiers will come under the Scheme and be able to take advantage of all the provisions set out in detail in the leaflets which you are distributing.

A further supply of these leaflets will be forwarded later.

P. L. Mayman Capl
D. A. G.
for Lieut-Colonel
A.A.G.

Issued at 1600.

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

Repatriation Scheme in Australia.

What the Government is Doing.

"A" BRANCH?

(Cabled from Australia.)

The Australian Repatriation Scheme is in full operation. Senator Millen, the Minister for Repatriation, has aimed at making the scheme worthy of the men and women in whose interests it has been framed. He has succeeded.

WHOM IT INCLUDES.

The scheme includes soldiers, sailors, nurses, doctors, and their dependents. The fundamental principle is that neither those who enlisted for active service abroad nor their dependents shall suffer economic prejudice by reason of their military service.

THE DEPARTMENT.

The Repatriation Department undertakes to provide each soldier applying for employment with the opportunity of earning at least a living wage, and until the opportunity is forthcoming, to pay to applicants such amounts as will ensure them incomes ranging from 42/- to 66/- weekly, according to circumstances. When employment involving travelling is obtained through the Department, the removal expenses of the soldier and his family and their household effects may be paid. The Department will also provide him with the tools and personal equipment necessary to follow his trade.

FOR THOSE ILL.

Sufferers from illness or injury due to, or aggravated by, military service, are given free medical treatment in their own homes or in hospitals, or special institutions, for so long as treatment may be necessary. Artificial limbs and surgical appliances will be repaired and replaced free as often as necessary. During the period of medical treatment and convalescence, soldiers and their dependents are entitled to sustenance. Fares to and from hospital and travelling expenses are also paid. Those who are unable through disability resultant upon service to pursue their usual avocations will be trained in other occupations to which the disability is no bar. During the period of training soldiers are guaranteed incomes ranging from 42/- to 66/- weekly, together with a travelling allowance of 3/- if they are in training classes; or the minimum wage of the industry in which they are undergoing training if such training is being effected in industrial establishments. Apprentices are guaranteed the adult minimum wage in the trade to which they are apprenticed the moment they resume indentures. Those so disabled as to prevent their return to normal efficiency are guaranteed a living wage, and are provided with opportunities to earn at least part of such wage in employments suited to their temperament and capacity.

COMMUNITY SETTLEMENTS.

The industries in which they are engaged are to be conducted in community settlements formed in each State.

In these settlements there will be national workshops and homes for workers and convalescents, schools, and other social accessories.

Men with the inclination, aptitude, and physical capacity for engaging in farming pursuits will be financially assisted on easy, liberal terms to take up land and to acquire the stock and equipment necessary

for successful working. Until the land is ready for occupation, they may, if no employment is available, be paid a sustenance allowance, and when land is available the necessary fares and freights to enable them to enter into possession. They will also be entitled to sustenance during the unproductive period of occupation.

TO THOSE IN BUSINESS.

In approved cases, soldiers incapacitated to the extent of being unable to engage in their usual employment, and soldiers who prior to enlistment were dependent on businesses which they owned and conducted, will be advanced money to purchase business plant, stock, and live stock, to enable them to establish or re-establish themselves. The necessary fares and freights to their place of business will be paid.

Free passages from the Commonwealth may, on certain conditions, be granted to incapacitated soldiers, their wives and children, and to the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, and the wives and children of soldiers married abroad, and to fiancés of soldiers and Australians who have served in the present war in the military and naval forces in any part of the King's dominions.

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

Widows and children have been subjects of Senator Millen's special care. Widows with children are entitled to gifts of furniture to enable them to re-establish their homes, and to augment their means of livelihood money will be advanced to them to assist in the purchasing of businesses, plant, stock, and live stock, and their pensions will be supplemented and fees paid where widows with or without children decide to undergo training in any calling. They may also be granted rental allowances, or such other assistance as the Minister thinks proper. The provisions for rental allowances, as also for gifts of furniture, apply equally to totally incapacitated men.

Soldiers not incapacitated will be loaned money to purchase furniture and establish homes.

Towards the care and education of orphans of deceased soldiers and the children of incapacitated soldiers the Minister is empowered to pay such amounts as he deems fit.

The scheme also provides for advances to relieve the burdens of oppressive mortgages effected prior to the soldier's enlistment, and for grants towards the funeral expenses of soldiers in indigent circumstances.

THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS OF THE FALLEN.

Parents have not been forgotten. Mothers and fathers who were dependent upon their soldier sons will be assisted.

To carry out this liberal and statesmanlike scheme, Senator Millen is organising local committees from one end of Australia to the other. Wherever the soldier finds himself on his return, he will be in touch with willing workers anxious to repay some measure of the debt they owe.

Within the next few weeks the Minister hopes to place in the hands of every Australian soldier abroad a personal letter explaining the aims and objects of his Department.

Issued by the Repatriation and Demobilisation Section, A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, London.

Immunisation Return to be furnished as per S.O.4928 of 29.5.18. 18
A.I.F. REST CAMP - ST. BUDEAUX.

6676 *App 12/13* It is notified for general information that the A.I.F. Rest Camp, Port Ernsettlo, St. Budeaux, Devonport, having been taken over by this Command on 4.11.1918 is under the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. for Administration etc. "A" BRANCH.

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VACANCIES - POSTAL CORPS.

Applications are invited from men of C.1 category for transfer to Australian Postal Corps, for Postal duty in A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Previous experience to be stated and applications to be submitted through Officers Commanding to the D.A.D.A.P.S., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., Salisbury, by 29.11.18.
CR.AIF. 46902(A).

CADETSHIPS - AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

App 14 Owing to the altered circumstances no further applications for transfer to or Cadetships in Flying Corps will be submitted. "A" BRANCH 20
(CR.AIF. 22812 (A)).

APPOINTMENT to COMMISSIONS in the INDIAN ARMY and INDIAN ARMY RESERVE of OFFICERS.

3717 No further applications for appointment to the Indian Army and Indian Army Reserve of Officers under Army Order No.206 of 1917, will be submitted until further Orders.
(Authority: War Office letter No.100/India,1704 (M.S.India) dated 16th November, 1918. CR. SC. No.196163 (S).
(Southern Command Order No.1845 of 22nd November, 1918.).

NOTICE.
XMAS FARE - AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY. "A" BRANCH 21

App 15 The G.O.C. has much pleasure in intimating that the Australian Red Cross Society has generously decided to make a contribution on the basis of 2/6d per head for every Australian Soldier in Hospital on Christmas Day and 1/-d per head for every Australian soldier in Convalescent Camps on Christmas Day, for the purpose of providing Christmas Fare.
The Chief Commissioner, Australian Red Cross Society, has intimated that Commanding Officers, of Hospitals and Depots concerned have been communicated with direct, as to the details of procedure to be adopted.
The G.C.C. feels sure that this repeated act of generosity on the part of the Australian Red Cross Society will be highly appreciated by all concerned.

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ORDER BY
~~MAJOR GENERAL~~ THE HON. SIR J. J. MCCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D.,
~~GENERAL OFFICER~~ COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS IN
UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters,
Blairpore Barracks, Tidworth.
25.11.18.

SPECIAL ORDER.

(Demobilization: CR.AIF.
42379)

1. RELEASE of "UNFIT" PERSONNEL for RETURN to AUSTRALIA.

Arrangements are now to be made forthwith to release all "B2a", "B2B", and "C" Class personnel from duty in Depots in order that they may be returned to Australia. Complete nominal rolls of all such personnel employed are to be at once prepared, and copies are to reach Headquarters by Noon on 28th instant.

Arrangements must be made to have these men available for final medical inspection on 24 hours notice at any time after 25th instant. Training Depots must at once find "A" Class personnel, and Command Depots must at once find "A" or "B1a3" or "B1a4" Class personnel to take the places of "B2" and "C" Class personnel.

The new selections will meanwhile understudy their predecessors.

The only "B2a" or "C" Class personnel who may now be retained despite this Order are clerks, cooks, and tradesmen, whom it is absolutely impossible to replace by personnel of higher categories, and they must be replaced without delay.

Units will despatch telegrams to Headquarters not later than 1600 on 26th instant giving approximate numbers available for Australia in terms of this Order. This Order does not apply to the staffs at No.2 Command Depot, as to which special instructions will be issued; nor to A.A.M.C., and A.A.D.S. Personnel, as to which special instructions will be issued by the A.D.M.S.

W. J. Manning
A.A.G.

Lieut-Colonel. A.A.G.
A.I.F. Depots in the United Kingdom....

Issued at 1200

will be necessary.

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On and after Saturday, the 30th instn., all communications for D.A.D.O.S. and Audit Section, A.A.O.C., will be addressed to Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth. The existing arrangements as regards issue and receipt of clothing, etc., at Codford and Tidworth will continue.

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PERSONNEL WHO LEFT AUSTRALIA in FIRST SIX MONTHS of 1915

(1) In the event of there being accommodation in transports proceeding to Australia between now and the commencement of demobilization, over and above that required for invalids, unfit men and "1914 Leave" men, the G.O.C. proposes to fill the accommodation from men who embarked from Australia during the first six months of 1915; as far as possible in order of priority of leaving Australia.

(2) Units will at once prepare lists of men who embarked from Australia during the first six months of 1915 and have not since been back, and will have them ready for reference so that if orders are issued for the despatch of such men, there will be no delay, and so that those with the longest service will be ensured priority in embarkation.

(3) Units will forward to this Headquarters as soon as possible a return showing the number of officers and men of the unit who embarked from Australia during the first six months of 1915 and have not since been back to that country.

(Circular Memo, D.A.G.A.I.F.19/8/26 dated 24.11.18.)