

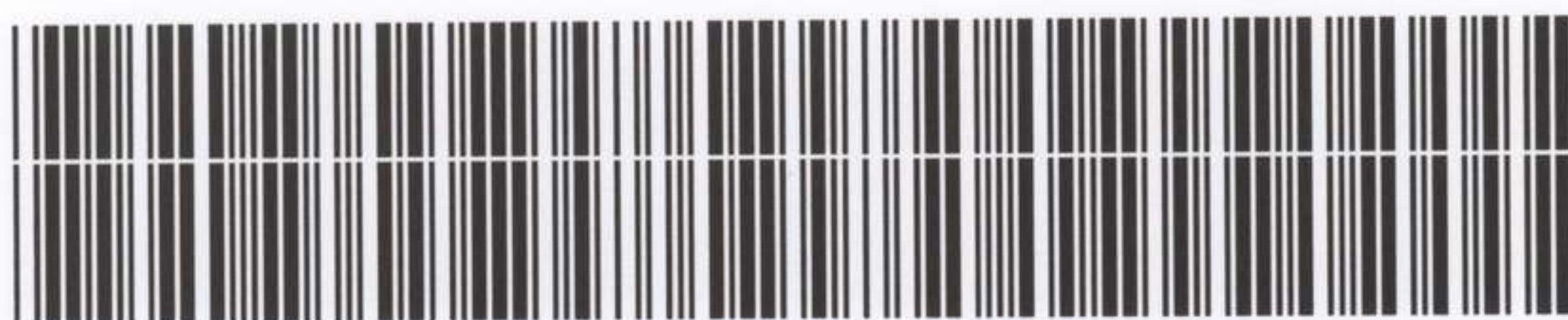
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Australian Imperial Force.

WAR DIARY

OF

13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion

FOR

19th - 31st March 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling

R. N. Jones
Lieut.

Signature of Officer Commanding

[Signature]
Lieut Colonel

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HANZINELLE	19.3.19.		Consequent upon issue of Brigade Demobilisation Instructions N° 1 consolidation of 13 th 14 th & 16 th Battalions took effect as from today, the existing Bns. devolving into Companies and hereafter known as 13 th Coy, 14 th Coy & 16 th Coy. The Coys remain in their present locations - the 13 th in HANZINELLE, the 14 th in HANZINE and the 16 th at TARCENNE. Battalion Headquarters situated in HANZINELLE.	APP 1.
			13 th Coy. Training under Coy arrangements. weather fine. Scratch Cricket Match officers & men.	
			14 th Coy. Training under Coy arrangements.	
			16 th Coy. Baths at Thy Ledardin. Soccer match. Officers & men won by officers.	
	20.3.19.		boys under Os C arrangements. Weather cold.	
	21.3.19.		Quota No. 19 left today for Australia. 3 Officers, 39 p/s from 13 th Coy, 4 Officers & 63 from 14 th Coy. & 3 officers & 61 from the 16 th Coy. Weather dry.	
			Telephonic communication was completed with Brigade H.Q. by the Brigade Signaller today at 1-15 pm. after a week's work.	
	22.3.19.		Training under Coy arrangements. Route March by 13 th Coy. Weather dull & cold.	
	23.3.19.		Weather sunny & warm. Church Parades: 13 th Coy at 9.30 a.m. in Hanzinelle 16 th Coy in Perrot Hall Tarcenne. Cricket practice in afternoon. Ray in afternoon.	

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HANZINELLE	24.3.19.		Australian Graves Detachment left today to concentrate at MARCHIENNE an- PONT. The 13 th Composite Bn. party consisted of 1 Sgt. (for C.S.M.) & 9 men from 13 th Coy. 10 from 14 th Coy & 16 from 16 th Coy. Weather today was very cold with snow & sleet. preventing any outdoor training or sports. A lecture was given at 2 pm by Mr J Bormack on Demobilisation matters. 1 Horse & 11 mules left today	
"	25.3.19.		Company Training under O.C.'s arrangements from 13 th Composite Bn for FLORENNES for sale on 26 & 27 th inst. Lecture by Mr Bormack to 16 th Coy. on Demobilisation matters. at 2 p.m.	
"	26.3.19		Baths for 13 th Coy. at Thy-le-Bandin. 9-12 noon & 14 th Coy. 1-to 3 p.m. Lecture to 14 th Coy. by Mr Bormack on Demobilisation. Soccer Match between 16 th Coy & 13 th Coy. Officers. won by 16 th Coy. 5- Nil.	
"	27.3.19.		Baths for remainder of 14 th Coy & the 16 th Coy. at Thy le Bandin. Weather very cold & heavy snowstorms. Dance at 13 th Coy. Officers Mess in evening a very pleasant evening was spent, many lady guests from FLORENNES & district being present.	
"	28.3.19		Continued cold & snowy weather. 15 th Bn. joined 13/14/16 Composite Bn today the name of the Bn now being 13/14/15/16 Composite Bn. of the 4 th /12 th Brigade. A lecture was given by W.O. KELSEY at 10.30 am. on "League of Nations" and was very much appreciated.	

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HANZINELLE	29-3-19.		Continued heavy fall of snow all day. 12 OFFICERS left for Australia from the Composite Battalion.	
— —	30-3-19.		Weather still cold with heavy snow showers. Church Parades were held in Reading Room. HANZINELLE at 11 a.m. + at HANZINE for 14th Coy in Yacca Hall at 10 a.m. Chaplain H. H. HARPER, B.A. officiating. Guard was supplied by 13th Coy. for FLORENNES STATION consisting of 2 officers, 5 ACO + 43 men.	
— —	31-3-19.		Weather still cold. Training + Educational work under Coy Commanders' arrangements.	

[Signature] Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding 13/14/15/16th Composite Bn.

W A R D I A R Y

o f

13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion.

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19th March, 1919~~4~~ to 21st March, 1919.

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L I S T . O F . A P P E N D I C E S

No	Subject
1	Demobilisation Instructions No. 1.
2	Results of Inter-Battalion Football Competition Jan-March, 1919.
3	Speech delivered by Schoolmaster of HANSINELLE - 29.3.19.
4	Composite Battalion Routine Orders Nos. 1 to 6.
5	Strength Returns for 21st and 28th March, 1919.

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C O P Y

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade,
HEADQUARTERS,
15th March, 1919.

G.O., 13th Bn.

DEMOBILISATION INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.

1. 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will be organised as two Battalions immediately.
2. To effect this the 13th, 14th and 16th Battalions will amalgamate as a Composite Battalion under the command of Lieut-Colonel A.S. ALLEN, D.S.O., the personnel from each Battalion concerned forming one Company.
3. Commanding Officers of Battalions concerned will make all arrangements with Lieut-Colonel ALLEN at once, in terms of Brigade letters G.18/90 of 13.2.19 and G.18/90/1 of 20.2.19.
4. Cadre "B" of these Battalions will be organised in accordance with General Instructions No. 14 and will be held in readiness for despatch to LONDON with an early quota.
5. Completion of amalgamation will be notified to Brigade Headquarters as early as possible.

(Sgd) R. W. TOVELL,
Major
Brigade Major,
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade,
HEADQUARTERS,
27/3/19.

Sports Officers.

The following is a List of the results of the Inter-Battalion Football Competition, Jan-March, 1919.

R U G B Y

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won.</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points.</u>
13th Bn.	9	6	-	3	6
15th Bn.	9	7	1	1	7½
+ 4th Bde H.Q.	9	-	1	8	½
+ Engineers	9	3	-	6	3

Won by 15th Bn. + Bde. and Engrs. combined after 2nd round.
Three rounds only played.

A U S T R A L I A N R U L E S.

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points</u>
14th Bn.	12	12	-	-	12
15th Bn.	-	-	-	-	-
16th Bn.	12	9	-	3	9
+ 4th F. Amb.	3	3	-	2	3
+ Bde. H.Qrs.	1	-	-	1	-

15th Bn. 4th Amb. and H.Qrs. forfeited all matches after first round.
14th Bn. won with 12 points.
16th Bn. 2nd with 9 "

S O C C E R

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points</u>
13th Bn.	9	4	2	3	5
15th Bn.	9	6	2	1	7
16th Bn.	9	4	3	2	5½
Engrs.	9	6	1	2	6½

Won by 15th Bn. 7 points 2nd Engrs 6½ points.

Note 4th F. Amb. and 14th Bn. withdrew after 1st Match.

13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion,

HEADQUARTERS,

O.C.,Company.

28th March, 1919.

Forwarded for information.

(Sgd) A. N. JONES, Lieut.
for Adjutant 13/14/15/16 Composite Bn.

SPEECH delivered by the Schoolmaster of
HANSINELLE, (Belgium) at a Ball
held in the 13th Battalion A.I.F. OFFICERS' MESS,
Chateau Franck Binard, HANSINELLE on 28th March, 1919.

Gentlemen and dear Allies,

I would have liked to have addressed you a few words of gratitude at the previous meeting. After excusing myself I will proceed.

A French proverb says: "Aux Seigneurs les honneurs". (Give honour where honour is due).

Therefore, Messrs Officers, the organisers of these magnificent Balls, thank you for the excellent time spent in your agreeable company.

Thank you also, Messrs artists, musicians and singers for the fine well performed pieces. We, inhabitants of HANSINELLE, certainly understood little of your mother tongue, but the harmony of your well-cultivated voices and the dancing itself will always bring pleasant memories of these unforgettable hours.

Thank you, Messrs soldiers for the dumb lessons given to us: exquisite civility, perfect and true harmony amongst yourselves, and the excellent comradeship that exists between officers and men. Thanks in short to the Australian Nation who has sent her best sons to deliver us from the Prussian boot, from the tyrannic yoke of the Boche. Alas! many of them will never see their beloved parents or the beautiful Australian continent again. Before their graves, too prematurely opened, we bow profoundly and respectfully and cover them with myositis - the flower of remembrance - exclaiming: "Forget.....Never!"

No, Messrs and dear Allies, the Belgian people know too well that the democratic Australian Army was a model and picked Army. They know also that its motto was always and everywhere: "Advance...Yes; Fall back...No!" Besides they know that neither the dangers of the sea, nor the long separation from the loved ones, nor the thousand tortures of our climate, nor the numerous evils of the war, in short, nothing could stop its magnificent spring. Honour and glory to it!

In the name of the inhabitants of HANSINELLE and the whole of the Belgian people I address you my warm and hearty thanks. Believe me, dear friends and brothers, all your sacrifices were not sown on the sterile field of ingratitude. In consequence, do I need to add that if once Australia was invaded by a foreign nation, your dear heroes left amongst us, would cause to rise up from all parts of Belgium, legions of volunteers who would flow to your aid with the cry of "Everything for our dear Australian Allies"!

Officers, soldiers and Australian people, thank you! a thousand times thank you!

FOURTH BRIGADE COMPOSITE BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 1.

199

by

Lieut. - Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D. S. O., Commanding.

Headquarters,

17th March, 1919.

1. Consequent upon the issue of Brigade Demobilisation Instructions No. 1 consolidation of 13th, 14th and 16th Battalions will take effect as from 19th March, inclusive. Until such time Units will carry on as at present. From 19th inst. for all purposes of administration, existing Battalions devolve into Companies and will hereafter be known as "13th Company", "14th Company" and "16th Company" of Fourth Brigade Composite Battalion.
2. Where referred to hereafter in this Order the word "Battalion" will mean the Fourth Brigade Composite Battalion and the word "Companies" will mean the present existing Battalions.
3. Companies will not be concentrated but will remain in billets at present occupied.
4. The location of Battalion Headquarters will be the present 13th Battalion H. Co., HANZINELLE.
5. RATIONS will be drawn separately for Companies from Supply by Battalion and delivered direct to Companies. Co. C. Companies will render daily Ration States not later than 10 a.m. each day. Cadre "B" will be shown as attached. Copies of Ration States rendered to Brigade by existing Battalions on the 18th instant will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters on that day as rations for the 19th inst. are to be drawn by the Battalions.
6. PAY for the fortnight ending 33rd instant will be drawn by Companies on their respective existing Bn. Imprest Accounts. Arrangements will be made for the following pay to be drawn in bulk by Battalion.
7. DAILY ROUTINE, TRAINING and RECREATION will be carried on as per arrangement by Co. C. Companies.
8. EDUCATION. In view of distance separating Companies no change will be made in Companies' Education Schemes for the present. Education Officers will render their Weekly Report as usual direct to Divisional Education Officer, and Brigade Headquarters, and will send a copy of their Report to Battalion Headquarters each Friday.
9. As far as possible runs will be made regularly to Companies and arranged so as to leave Battalion Headquarters daily at 10.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Two Runners per Company will report for duty to Battalion Hd. Qrs. at 10 a.m. on 19th inst. and will be attached to Battalion.
10. POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS. Until such time as Companies are concentrated there will be no change in present postal arrangements. Companies will arrange to forward any Official correspondence as received after the 18th inst. direct to Battalion Headquarters to be dealt with by the Commanding Officers.
11. REPATRIATION ROLLS will not be consolidated at present.
12. HANDING IN OF RECORDS. Records required, as already notified, will be checked on receipt and acknowledgement given therefor.

(P.T.O.)

13. **ORDERLY ROOM CLERKS.** One per Company will report to Battalion Headquarters at 9 a.m. on the 19th instant.
14. **RETURNS.** Companies will render daily so as to reach Battalion Headquarters not later than 10 a.m.:— Daily States and Fighting Strength Return as per pro formas attached.
A list will also be rendered by Co. C. Companies on Saturday of each week showing the total deficiencies in men's personal equipment.
15. Billeting has been arranged for Orderly Room Clerks and Runners and they may be accommodated, if desired, on the night of the 18th.
16. **MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS** remain unchanged.
17. Companies will forward any surplus Army Forms, Stationery, etc. on hand to Battalion Headquarters.

(Sgd) T. B. WEBSTER, Lieut.

for Adjutant, Fourth Brigade Composite Battalion.

Issued at 3 p.m. 17.3.19

Distribution:—

War Diary	=	4 copies
C.O.		1 copy
Brigade Hd Qrs		1 "
13th Coy.		1 "
14th Coy		1 "
16th Coy		1 "
13th Bn. O. M.		1 "

FOURTH BRIGADE COMPOSITE BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 2

by
Lieut-Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D.S.O., Commanding.

Headquarters,

21st March, 1919.

1. **EXTRACTS.** The following extracts from A.I.F. List No. 454 are published for information and necessary action. Dated 11th March, 1919.

13th BATTALION. Capt. E. MOSELEY having been appointed to a Commission in the Indian Army, his appointment in the A.I.F. is terminated. Dated 17th Dec. 1918.

14th BATTALION. Capt. J. S. ROGERS, M.C., ceased to be seconded as G.S.O. III., H.Q., Tank Corps, and resumed regimental duty. Dated 27th Feb., 1919.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH. The undermentioned Officers are taken on strength of units shown:-

From Cadet Battalion

P/2/Lt. J. PRESCOTT, M.M., 13th Bn. dated 27th Feb., 19.
P/2/Lt. A. RICH, 14th Bn. dated 23rd Feb., 19.

The following extract from Fourth Army R.O's is published for information:-

2917 - LEAVE TO VENICE. Applications for leave to Venice may now be submitted.

The following extracts from D.R.O's dated 17th March, 1919 is published for information and necessary action:-

2501 - TROPHIES. The Defence Dept. has reported that it is experiencing considerable embarrassment through Officers writing various Public Bodies in Australia and informing them that they are forwarding guns etc. to them.

PAY - 2506. The usual fortnightly pay of this Division will be available at the Div. Pay Office on Sunday next 23rd inst. between the hours of 0900 and 1500. Requisitions from Companies should reach the Pay Office immediately.

2. **PROMOTION.** The following promotion has been approved:-

To be T/Sgt. dated 21.3.1919 No. 7790 ^{T/Cpl} ~~255~~ NORRISH, J. R., 16th Company, vice 492 Sgt. Young wounded 9.8.18.

3. **ORDERS.** Special attention is drawn to following Orders:-

A.I.F. 1577 - FORFEITURE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES.
D.R.O. 2502 - REPAIR OF ROADS.
2503 - WEARING OF BELTS.
2504 - EARLY REPATRIATES: DISCIPLINE.

(Sgd) T. B. WEBSTER, Lieut.

for Adjutant, 4th Brigade Composite Battalion.

by

Lieut-Colonel A.S. ALLEN, D.S.O.,

Commanding 13th Composite Battalion.

Headquarters,
23rd March, 1919.

1. **CORRIGENDUM.** Reference to Para 1 of Battalion Routine Orders No. 1 dated 17th March, 1919, for "Fourth Brigade Composite Battalion" substitute "13th Composite Battalion".

2. **DRAFTS.** All men proceeding on draft will be sent to Reinforcement Ring direct by Companies. Co. C. Companies will ensure that each draft is furnished with Nominal Rolls and that copies thereof (in duplicate) are forwarded to B.C.R. immediately after men are despatched. Q.I's will also accompany them and the copies of Q.I will be forwarded to B.C.R.

3. **EXTRACTS** The following extract from G.R.O's dated 15th March, 1919 is published for information:-

6481 - EXCHANGE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR TROOPS RETURNING

FROM OVERSEAS. - Facilities have been provided at Victoria and Waterloo Stations, and at all Post Offices in the United Kingdom for the exchange at the official rates prevailing, of any French, Belgian, Italian or German currency which the troops may have in their possession.

During the hours when Camp Post Offices are closed, French, Belgian, Italian or German money to a maximum amount of 5 francs, 5 lira, or 5 marks per soldier may be exchanged at any Army & Navy Canteen in a Dispersal Station at the official rate obtaining in the Camp Post Office.

(Authority A.C.I. 141 of 1919 and W.O. Postal telegram 773 Mob. 24 dated 4.3.19.)

The following Extract from G.R.O's dated 30.12.18 is re-published for information and necessary action:-

5950- LEAVE IN BELGIUM. + PASSES - REPORTING ARRIVAL

Periods - Leave may be granted to places in Belgium as follows:-

(a) In lieu of leave to the United Kingdom for a period not exceeding 16 days. Vacancies will be taken out of the allotment of leave to the U.K.

(b) For periods not exceeding ten days absence from unit under the same conditions as leave is granted to places in France. No allotment of leave vacancies will be given, and numbers allowed to proceed on leave will be limited at the discretion of General Officers Commanding Armies, Corps, L. of C. Area, R.A.F., D.G.I. and Director of Forestry.

(c) Leave not involving more than 72 hours absence from a unit may be granted by Divisional Commanders to enable Officers and other ranks to visit places of interest.

2. **Passes.** (a) In all cases in which leave is granted for a period exceeding 72 hours absence from a unit, Army Form W. 3774 (Leave pass in France) will be issued. "BELGIUM" will be inserted in place of "FRANCE" on the pass.

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(b) In all cases in which leave is granted a Pass on Army Form No. 3105 or in manuscript will be issued.

3. Reporting arrival. (a) All Officers under the rank of Brigadier General and all other ranks on leave if staying or detained for a night at any place at which British troops are stationed, will report personally on arrival to the D.A.P.M. If there is no D.A.P.M. all ranks will report to the Senior British Officer stationed there. At BRUSSELS Officers will report to Commandant, British Troops and other ranks to the I.M.C.A., BRUSSELS.

(b) All Officers under the rank of Brigadier General and all other ranks granted leave involving permission to stay overnight or who are detained overnight at places in BELGIUM where no British Troops are quartered will report to the Belgian Commandant or Gendarmerie and present their passes for endorsement.

4. Leave to Places in British Army areas. Leave may be granted to troops in one Army Area to proceed to places in another Army Area or from the Lines of communication to an Army Area provided that not more than thirty passes involving permission to stay overnight at any place, are granted by any Army or G.O.C. L. of C. Area for one period. In each case particulars of the leave granted, giving the address of the Officer or other rank, while on leave, will be communicated to the Army concerned. In all cases a leave pass on Army Form No. 3105 will be issued. The previous concurrence of the Army concerned will be obtained if it is desired to exceed this number.

(Sgd) A.N. JONES, Lieut.
for Adjutant, 13th Composite Battalion.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS No. 4

by
 Lieut-Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D.S.O.,
 Commanding 13th Composite Battalion.

Headquarters,
 25th March, 1919.

1. EXTRACTS. The following extracts from A.I.F. List No. 455 are published for information and necessary action. Dated 14th March, 1919.

14th BATTALION. Capt. A. R. BLAINIE, M.C. to be Adjutant, 2nd Training Bde. Concentration Camp, and to remain seconded. Dated 14th Feb., 1919.

OFFICERS EMBARKED FOR AUSTRALIA.

Dated 7th March, 19

"NEVASSA" - Officers.

Lieut. J. E. PIERCY, M.C. 16th Battalion.

The following extracts from A.I.F. List No. 456 are published for information and necessary action. Dated 18th March, 1919.

OFFICERS EMBARKED FOR AUSTRALIA.

"KASHMIR" - Officers.

Lieut. W. GONINON, M.C., 15th Bn.
 " J. BITHEAD, D.C.M., 16th Bn.

The following extracts from D.R.O.'s dated 21/3/19 are published for information and necessary action.

2508. HONOURS AND REWARDS. A Roumanian decoration has been awarded to the following N.C.O. The Corps, Divisional, Brigade and Battalion Commanders desire to convey their congratulations to the recipient.

MEDAILLE BARBATE SI CREDINTA. 2nd Class.

No. 6463 T/Sgt. A. WISEMAN, 16th Battalion. A.I.F.,

2511 - RAILWAY TICKETS. No Officers or men are to travel on the Belgian Railways unless they are in possession of a ticket. To enable them to purchase tickets at quarter fare, they must report to the R.T.O.'s Office and obtain the necessary permits.

The following extracts from A.I.F. Orders dated 14th March, 1919 are published for information:-

1580 - DRESS. The following Army Order 1 dated 6th March, 1919 is republished for information.

DISTINCTIONS IN DRESS FOR WOUNDS - EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND NURSES WOUNDED IN FORMER WARS.

1. Distinctions in dress for wounds, similar to those authorised by Army Order 249 of 1916, may be worn by officers, soldiers and members of the Military Nursing Services in respect of wounds sustained in any campaign prior to August 4th 1914; that is one strip of gold braid may be worn for each occasion on which an officer &c was wounded. Retired officers, ex-officers/

P.T.O.

1. EXTRACTS. officers, discharged soldiers and retired nurses who were in direct military employment may, if duly qualified, wear these distinctions on plain clothes. Army Order 343 of 1918 remains in force as regards eligibility for, and the wearing of, the distinction in dress for wounds for all officers, soldiers and who have been wounded in any of the campaigns since August 4th 1914.

2. Official casualty lists or records constitute the authority for wearing wound stripes. Accidental and self-inflicted wounds do not qualify.

3. Any unauthorised person who wears the distinction in dress for wounds is liable to prosecution under Defence of the Realm Regulations, No. 41.

1581 - RATE OF EXCHANGE. The rates of exchange for the month of March, 1919 for issue of cash to the troops of the Expeditionary Force, have been fixed as follows:-

FRANCE - 5 francs (French) = 3/10d.

BELGIUM - 5 " (Belgian) = 3/9d.

(Authority:-War Office telegram 10,526 dated 26.2.19).

2. REVERSIONS. The undermentioned H.C.O's relinquish their Temporary ranks and revert to substantive ranks as shown on marching out to Australia:-

13th Coy. No. 2668 T/Sgt. PENTON, H.E. reverts to Cpl. 21.3.19.

14th Coy. No. 3302 T/Cpl. SANDIFORD, H.J., reverts to Pte 21.3.19.

(Sgd) R.N. JONES, Lieut.
for Adjutant, 13th Composite Battalion.

by

Lieut-Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D. S. O.,
 Commanding 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion.

Headquarters,
 27th March, 1919.

1. **ADMINISTRATION.** The amalgamation of the Fourth and Twelfth Australian Infantry Brigades took place on 25th instant. The 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade will thenceforward come under the command of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade, and the combined Brigades will be known as 4/12th Aust. Inf. Brigade. The Headquarters of the 4/12th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be at TARCIEENNE. The 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions of the 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade will, on and from the 27th March, 1919 become one Battalion, to be known as the 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion.

2. **LEAVE.** In order to facilitate the work in the matter of leave allotments, and to save considerable time in finding out whether members due for leave to U.K. are desirous of having leave or have the requisite amount of credit in their paybooks, O.S.C. Companies will render weekly, so as to reach these Headquarters by 12 noon on Monday, the names of One Officer and eight (8) other ranks due for U.K. leave and who have the necessary credit.

3. **EXTRACTS.** The following extract from Brigade Routine Order No. 202 dated 26th March, 19 is published for information and necessary action:-

1. **COURTS MARTIAL.** The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at the Headquarters of the 4th/12th Australian Infantry Brigade, TARCIEENNE, at 10 a.m. on Friday, 28th March, 1919 for the purpose of trying by Field General Courts-Martial the accused persons mentioned in margin hereof, and any other such persons as may be brought before them.

4759 Pte BUTTERWORTH, C.
 14th Battalion. A.I.F.

5143 Pte WOODFORTH, E.G.
 15th Battalion. A.I.F.

7591 Pte TUOHY, F.J.
 14th Battalion. A.I.F.

3679 Dvr. MUIR, T.
 13th Battalion. A.I.F.

PRESIDENT.
 Lieut-Col. W. L. ARRELL, 14th Battalion.

MEMBERS
 Capt. R. A. McKILLOP, M.C., 13th Battalion.
 Lieut. R. E. DAVIDSON 16th Battalion.

The accused will be warned and all necessary witnesses directed to attend.
 The Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

The following extracts from General Routine Orders No. 362 dated 21st March, 1919 are published for information and necessary action:-

6509 - OFFICERS OF OVERSEAS FORCES - ARMY OF THE RHINE.

War Office has notified that no officers of the Military Forces of Canada, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa will be required for employment in the Army of the Rhine.

(War Office wire No. 198 M.S.1.a., dated 15th March, 1919.)

(P.T.O.)

3. EXTRACTS

6513 - DISCIPLINE - ESCAPES FROM ARREST.

Frequent reports are being received of men under arrest escaping from guards and escorts.

In future, those whose negligence has been responsible for such an occurrence are to be tried by Court Martial.

When a man under arrest who is charged with, or has committed a serious crime is being despatched on a journey, special care is to be taken that escorts are sufficiently numerous and are provided with suitable means of preventing escape.

6514 - LEAVE - ENEMY TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY BRITISH. Cases are reported of leave being granted by Formations in France and Belgium to places in Enemy territory occupied by Second Army without previous concurrence of the G.O.C., concerned being obtained.

This practice must cease and in future all applications for leave to places in enemy territory occupied by British Troops will be submitted through the usual channels to Headquarters, Second Army for approval.

The procedure laid down in para 4 of G.R.O. 5950 is not applicable in these cases.

6518 - BOULOGNE - COLOGNE EXPRESS. Commencing on 21st March 1919 the BOULOGNE - COLOGNE Express will depart from the Gare Maritime BOULOGNE instead of from the Gare-Centrale.

(Sgd) R.N. JONES, Lieut.
for Adjutant, 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion.

NOTICE

A Branch of the Australian Y.M.C.A. has been opened at 169
La PLACE, HANZINELLE. Hours 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. daily.

by

Lieut-Colonel A. S. ALLEN, D. E. O.,

Commanding 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion.

Headquarters,

31st March, 1919.

1. EXTRACTS.

The following extract from A.I.F. List No. 458 dated 21st March, 1919 is published for information and necessary action.

EDUCATION SERVICE. The undermentioned officer is transferred from unit shown:-

Capt. B.S. ATKINSON, M.C., from 15th Battalion. Dated 14/2/19

The following extracts from A.I.F. List No. 460 dated 25th March, 1919 are published for information and necessary action.

OFFICERS RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA. The undermentioned Officers having returned to Australia Dated 16/3/1919.

are struck off strength.

"CZARITZA" Lieut. G.M. McNEIL, 15th Bn.

Capt. D.L.J. ROSE, M.C., D.C.M., 15th Bn.

Capt. E.K. CARTER, M.C., 15th Bn.

The following extracts from D.R.O.'s dated 28.3.19 are published for information and necessary action:-

2512 - MENSES. Attention is directed to G.R.O. 2000 which lays down that no expense can be allowed to fall on the public in consequence of the use of any portion of a building as an officer's M.C.O's or Mens M.C.O's.

Any claim for rent, damages, gas, water or electricity in connection with a mess is therefore a matter for settlement by the individuals concerned, and formations are responsible that all such claims are settled immediately on vacation of the premises.

2514 - DISCIPLINE IN CHARLEROI. There has lately been certain cases of disorder in

CHARLEROI and it is reported that generally men are in the Town without passes and after the hour laid down in G.R.O. 3718 - 9.30 p.m. - when all troops must be in their billets.

Whilst it is not desired to limit leave to CHARLEROI, steps will be taken forthwith to ensure that all men granted leave have a proper pass in their possession stamped with the Orderly Room stamp and the date on which it is issued.

Army has been asked to extend the hour at which men must be in their billets, until 10 p.m. Until this is approved all M.C.O's, M.C.O's and men except those on duty or with special passes must be out of CHARLEROI by 9.30 p.m.

The A.P.M. has been instructed to check all men in the town without passes, or after 9.30 p.m.

Co. C. Companies will make necessary arrangements to inspect all men proceeding on leave before passes are issued.

2515 - KILLING OF GUNS IN BELGIUM. Special attention is drawn to Army Order 2907 which

refers to G.R.O. 6171 dated 2nd February, 1919, which reads:-

"Many complaints are being received from the Belgian Civil authorities regarding the unauthorised killing of guns and catching/

(P.T.O.)

1. EXTRACTS (Contd)

catching of fish by British Troops. Steps will be taken to ensure that orders upon this subject are strictly observed. The taking of fish by means of grenades or nets is contrary to Belgian Law and is forbidden."

Immediate steps will be taken to ensure that orders upon this subject are strictly observed. Units will institute special patrols to ensure the observation of this order. Any soldier found disobeying will be tried by Court Martial.

2517 - TRAFFICKING IN GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. In order to minimise the trafficking with civilians, in any of the following Government Stores - i.e. Jackets, Pantaloones, breeches, Trousers, puttees boots and blankets, - the Corps Commander directs that the following instructions will come into force forthwith. In future Units drawing any of these articles from Ordnance to replace unserviceable must return 100% of unserviceable articles.

Strict accounts will be kept by D.A.D.C.S. of all issues to and receipts from Units during each month.

In order that Units may complete their returns of unserviceable articles before the end of the month, no issues of any of these items will be made except to meet special urgent cases, during the last week of each month.

Os. C. of Units which fail to return the full 100% unserviceable during the month in which the new stores are drawn, or to account satisfactorily for the deficiencies, will be charged full value for all deficiencies.

Underclothing will continue to be exchanged as previously through the Baths and Clothing Exchanges.

Os. C. Units must exercise very careful supervision over demands for and issues of stores which have ready sales to civilians, such as soap, soda, oils etc.

2. LEAVE.

Referring to para 2 of Battalion Routine Order No. 5 dated 27th March, 1919, in addition thereto Os. C. Companies will render weekly at 12 noon on Mondays, the name of 1 Officer and 4 other ranks for leave to BRUSSELS, and the names of 1 Officer and 2 other ranks for leave to PARIS.

3. BILLETING RETURNS

In future Os. C. Companies will forward all Billeting Returns direct to these Headquarters.

4. ADMINISTRATION.

The undermentioned W.O's and N.C.O's have been selected for duty on 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion Headquarters:-

<u>Regimental Spt. Major</u>	No. 3102 R.S.M. TANDY, J.T., 16th Coy.
<u>R. C. M. S.</u>	3786 T/R. M.S. GREEN, H.S. 15th "
<u>Sergeant Cook</u>	2649 T/Sgt SHAW, H.J., 15th Coy.
<u>Sergeant Bootmaker.</u>	4407 Sgt. SHAMHAN, J. 15th Coy.

5. REVERSION.

The undermentioned N.C.O. reverts to Private at his own request:-

No. 6461 L/Cpl. A.E. BAGSHAW, 16th Coy. dated 27.3.19

6. Court Martial.

Promulgation Finding and Sentence A Field General Court Martial was held on 26.3.19 by order of Brigadier General S.A. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 4th/12th Australian/

COURT MARTIAL Australian Infantry Brigade for the trial of the person
(Contd) mentioned in the margin hereof:-

No. 3679 Dvr. T. MUIR, Confirmation, Finding and Sentence are hereby
13th Coy., 13/14/15/16th promulgated.
Composite Battalion.

Charge: A.W.L. from 6 a.m. 13.2.19 until re-
porting back to unit 1.30 p.m. 22.3.19.
Pleaded: Guilty Found: Guilty.
Sentence: 60 days F.F. No. 2.
Confirmation: Confirmed (Sgd) S. DRAKE-BROCKMAN,
Brig. Gen. Commanding 4th/12th A.I. Brigade.
29.3.19.

7. PUNISHMENT. The following punishment has been awarded:-

No. 7746 L/Cpl. J. J. ROBERTS, 13th Coy.; a.w.l. from 9 a.m.
25.3.19 to 9 a.m. 28.3.19; reverts to ranks. (total for-
feiture of pay 20/-)

(Sgd) R. N. JONES, Lieut.
for Adjutant, 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion.

NOTICES.

G.R.O. 6555 - ACCOMMODATION AT ANTWERP. An Officers' Mess with
Sleeping Accommodation
for about 100 has been opened at the Embarkation Camp, ANTWERP,
for the use of Officers proceeding on leave.
This Camp is within 2 mile of the Quay of departure.

AUSTRALIAN OFFICERS' CLUB, 138 Piccadilly, W.1.

It is notified that the above Club will close on 29th March, 1919
as the Owner Mr H. J. KING who so kindly lent this property to
the A.I.F. is desirous of taking possession at an early date.

All Officers' kit not claimed at that time will be delivered to
the A.I.F. Kit Store, 110 Grayhound Road, Hammersmith.

Telephone - Hammersmith 1801.

For one month after closing guides will be available at the Club
to conduct Officers to other suitable accommodation in the neigh-
bourhood.

Mrs R. L. FENWICK (now Club Commandant, Australian Officers' Club)
has taken over a house at No. 5 Hertford Street (2nd turning on
right in Park from Piccadilly - Down Street Station, Piccadilly
Tube) where Australian Officers on leave in London can obtain
accommodation.

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RETURN No. 7.Headquarters,
4th Brigade Composite Battalion,
21st March, 1919.

	<u>S T R E N G T H</u>		<u>R E T U R N</u>			
	<u>13th Coy.</u>		<u>14th Coy.</u>		<u>16th Coy.</u>	
	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O/rs.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O/rs.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O/rs.</u>
Strength	29	325	26	342	30	348
Attached	3.	10	1	4	2	6

JOINEDFrom Illegal absentee
From Prison

	1	1	-
			1
	1	1	1

GONETo Hospital
To Hospital ex leave
To Illegal absentees
To A.I.F. Hd. qrs.
To Non-Military employment
To Early Repatriation
Trans. to 4th Brigade ex Det.
To Hosp. ex Corps Workshops
To do ex Brigade Hdqrs
To Prison from A.W.L.
To Prison from U.K. leave

4	4	5
-	-	2
2	2	-
1	-	-
1	1	-
2	-	-
-	-	1
-	-	1
-	-	1
-	-	1
10	7	12

ATTACHED

Joined. "CADRE B"

3 4

Lieut-Colonel
Commanding 4th Brigade Composite Bn.

28th March, 1919.

13th Company.S T R E N G T HR E T U R N.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strength	24	273	297
Attached	2	14	16.

JOINED.

Reinforcements	-	4	4
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GONE

To Non-Military employment	-	2	2
Australia	3	38	41
Base Depot, Havre	1	3	4
A.I.F. Headquarters	-	1	1
Graves Detachment	-	10	10
Hospital	1	2	3
	5	56	61

ATTACHED

Gone:-

To 1 month's leave	1	0	1
To Australia		1	1
	1	1	2

Joined:-

From 15th Company	-	4	4
From 16th Company	-	1	1
		5	5

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HEADQUARTERS,
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14th Company.

	<u>S T R E N G T H</u>	<u>R E T U R N</u>		
		Officers	o/ranks	Total
Strength with unit		20	258	278
Attached		2	5	7

JOINED

From Hospital

- 2 2

GONE.

To Australia	5	63	68.
Discharge in U.K.	-	1	1
Non-Military employment	-	1	1
Graves Detachment	-	11	11
Div. Wing for Base	-	2	2
Attached	-	2	2

	5	85	90

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Commanding 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion.

STRENGTHRETURN

24 Officers 397 Other Ranks

Statement showing number of Officers and Other Ranks who have
"JOINED" or "DONE" during week ending 28th March 1919"JOINED"

Particulars	Officers O/Ranks Total		
4th A L T M Battery			
Lt. L.J.W. Taylor, (Seconded)	1	-	1
Sick returned		1	1
	1	1	2

"EVACUATIONS"

Particulars	Officers O/Ranks Total		
Returning to Australia			
Lieut. C.M. Brook, D.C.M.			
" R.V. Jackson,	3	86	89
" G. Jamieson, M.M.			91
" T.G. Smith,			
P.R.A.G. Ohlson,			
Sick to Hospital.		4	4
Trfd to U.K. (Non-Military-Employ.)		4	4
do (Leave return to Aust. at own expense)		1	1
Australian Graves Detachment			
Capt A.C. Loveday	1	14	15
Attached			
Capt S. Craucour.	1	-	1
	7	109	116

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Commanding 13/14/15/16th Composite Battalion28th March 1919

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28th March, 1919.

18th Company.STRENGTHRETURN.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strength	25	242	267
Attached	3	40	43

JOINED

From Hospital	-	1	1
Reinforcement.	1	-	1
	1	1	2

GONE

To Australia	3	68	71
Non-Military employment	1	10	11
A.I.F. Hd. Qrs.	1	-	1
Base Depot	-	3	3
Graves Detachment	-	16	16
Discharge in U.K.	-	1	1
Hospital	-	5	5
Cadre "B" attached	1	4	5
	6	107	113

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16th Company.S T R E N G T HR E T U R N.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>o/ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Strength	25	242	267
Attached	3	40	43

JOINED

From Hospital

- 1 1

Reinforcement.

1 - 1

1 1 2

GONE

To Australia

3 68 71

Non-Military employment

1 10 11

A.I.F. Hd. Qrs.

1 - 1

Base Depot

- 3 3

Graves Detachment

- 16 16

Discharge in U.K.

- 1 1

Hospital

- 5 5

Cadre "B" attached

1 4 5

6 107 113

Lieut-Colonel

Commanding 13/14/15/16th Composite Bn.