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'B' AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.

*APP 12*

Headquarters,  
25th April 1919.

- 8/15th A.I. Brigade
- 14th A.I. Brigade
- 2nd Aust.Div. Art. Group
- 2nd Aust.Div. Inf. Group
- D.A.P.M.
- Sports Officer
- 'A.Q'



With reference to this office letter 12/15 dated April 23rd.

At a conference held at Divisional Headquarters, to-day 25th instant, attended by all Group Commanders in 'B' Aust. Division the following decisions were reached.

1. Final Corps Ceremonial Parade.

Copies of Aust. Corps letter 105/34 dated Apr. 22nd have been forwarded to all concerned.

The following entries have been made.

- 1 quota from B.2 Group to be organised by Lieut-Colonel W.M. DAVIS MC
- 1 quota from B.5 Group to be organised by Lieut-Colonel C.A. DENNHY DSO.
- Artillery detachment to be organised in two companies by Lieut-Colonel C.A. CALLAGHAN DSO.

A letter has been sent to Corps suggesting that the proposed date May 12th be altered to May 8th in order to allow the band allotted to Quota No.80 from B.2 Group to compete and also recommending that the parade be held in Drill order.

2. Amusements on May 1st.

In order to compensate for the placing of CHARLEROI out of bounds from 1800 on April 30th to 0900 on May 2nd the following functions will be arranged:

- (a) Picnic Sports Meeting at MONT-sur-MARCHIENNE to be arranged by Lieut-Colonel DAVIS for the troops in B.2 Group and the 14th A.I. Brigade.
- (b) Picnic Sports Meeting at MARGINELLE HAIES to be arranged by Lieut-Colonel DENNHY for the troops of B.5 Group (less 14th A.I. Brigade) and for troops of B.2 Group in MARGINELLE.
- (c) Band performance and cinema in the Square MARGINELLE commencing at 1900. The Square will be lighted and there will be a continuous musical programme until 2230. Dance music will be included and if the weather is favourable an open air dance will be arranged.

The officers organising these functions will notify all concerned as to the arrangements made, and will submit demands as early as possible to Group Headquarters for motor transport, material and funds required.

*Sherrington*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.  
'B' AUST. DIVISIONAL GROUP.



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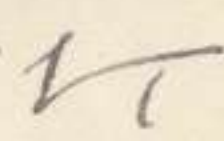
'B' AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.

Headquarters,  
April 25th 1919.

Headquarters,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.  
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Final Corps Ceremonial Parade.

1. Reference Australian Corps letter 105/34 dated April 22nd, the following quotas will take part in the ceremonial parade:
  - (i) One quota from B.2 Group
  - (ii) One quota from B.5 Group
  - (iii) Artillery personnel organised in two companies.
  
2. The following suggestions are forwarded for consideration:
  - (a) Parade be held in Drill Order.
  - (b) The proposed date be altered to May 8th. On May 10th the last remaining band in B.2 Group leaves with Quota No. 50 and if the parade be held later than May 8th the B.2 Quota would be unable to compete with a band.

  
Major-General,  
Commanding 'B' AUST. DIVISIONAL GROUP.



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"B" AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

HD. 56/63.

Divisional Headquarters  
23rd April 1919

Camp Commandant  
 A.D.M.S., D.A.D.O.S.  
 D.A.D.V.<sup>2</sup>, D.A.P.M.  
 C.R.A.  
 7th Field Coy A.E.  
 2nd Aust Div Inf Bde Group.  
 "B" Aust Div Train  
 "B" Aust Div Sig Coy  
 "B" Div Reinf Camp  
 Education Officer  
 2nd Aust Div Salvage Officer.  
 S.M.T.O.  
 2nd Aust Trenching Coy.

13th Bde A.F.A.  
 5th Div Engineers  
 8/15th A. I. Bde  
 14th A. I. Bde  
 5th M.G. / Pnr Bn (2 copies)  
 5th Aust Salvage Coy  
 Aust Cps Mtd Troops  
 Aust Vet Evac Station

1. Instructions have already been issued placing CHARLEROI out of bounds from 1800 on 30-4-1919 to 0900 on 2-5-1919. This has been done as a precautionary measure against possible collisions between Civilian Demonstrations and the Troops of the Corps.

2. Steps will be taken to warn the men of every Unit on parade that CHARLEROI is out of bounds and the reason, and the men will be cautioned against attempting to enter CHARLEROI in disobedience of this order or participating in or interfering with any Belgian Demonstrations.

3. Police Piquets will be placed on the entrance to CHARLEROI to enforce the order and the police patrols in and about CHARLEROI will be increased.

4. During the period that the town is out of bounds to the troops as many amusements and counter attractions as possible will be arranged in each Units billeting Area. A conference of Group Commanders has been called for the 25th inst to arrange the best methods of carrying this out.

5. Herewith is forwarded a copy of the orders of the O.C. HAINAULT Sub-Area, on the subject of the action of the troops in case of civilian disturbances in CHARLEROI. Will you please ensure that every Unit issues proper orders on the subject.

6. The G.H.Q. Instructions on the subject is as follows :-

British troops shall not be used to quell any civilian Disturbance unless an attack is made on British personnel or property, in which case intervention must be confined strictly to the measures necessary for the protection of such personnel and property.

In case of riots troops not on duty must be confined to their billets or Camp and every precaution taken to prevent their coming into conflict with rioters.

(A.G.'s No A.G./3781/P.S. of 1-4-1919.)

*Sherrington H. Lee*  
 Lieut-Colonel,  
 A. A. & Q.M.G.  
 "B" Australian Division.



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ORDERS FOR TROOPS IN THE TOWN IN CASE OF DISTURBANCE IN CHARLEROI

All troops to be thoroughly acquainted with the "ALARM" sounded on the Bugle or the Whistle.

- 1. All Buglers or N.C.O. on Guard to be capable of sounding the "ALARM" quickly and well.
- 2. On the "ALARM" being sounded by any one Bugler or N.C.O. on Guard, the other Buglers or N.C.Os. within hearing distance to pick up the call and repeat it. Buglers to step forward clear of the Guard Post, and sound the call in various directions.
- 3. All ranks on hearing the call to proceed as under:-
  - (a) Details and Units quartered in Charleroi will proceed to their respective parade grounds as quickly as possible. (This includes Australian Concentration Camp.)
  - (b) Those not belonging to Units quartered in Charleroi, those on leave, passing through en duty, and details at Concentration Camp will proceed at once to the Concentration Camp, Marchienne-au-Pont.

On arrival at Parade Grounds and Concentration Camp men will be formed into parties under available Officers and N.C.Os.

- 4. Headquarters, Hainaut Sub Area will be at once informed by phone or by runner of any disturbance.
- 5. All men will be continually warned on parade that in case of Civil disturbance or of crowds assembling they must keep clear and must not run in the direction of the crowd.
- 6. D.A.P.M. will collect all available men of the M.M.P. and will take such local action as is necessary at the time, reporting action taken to Hainaut Sub Area Headquarters.

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The object of the "ALARM" being sounded is to get the information to the men in the streets and billets quickly that a civil disturbance is occurring. The order to sound the "ALARM" will be given by any Staff Officer of Headquarters, as soon as he is certain that a civil disturbance is about to occur. It is necessary to sound the "Alarm" as well as endeavor to telephone the various centres, as the rioters will probably cut the telephone lines before causing the disturbance.

(Sgd) D. MACKENZIE  
Staff Captn.  
For O.C. HAINAUT  
AREA



|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| HEADQUARTERS<br>AUSTRALIAN CORPS. |
| No. 105/314                       |
| Date                              |

Headquarters,  
22nd April, 1919.

G.O.C., "A.1." Group.  
G.O.C., "A.4." Group.  
G.O.C., "B" Group.



Final Corps Ceremonial Parade.

1. The Corps Commander wishes to arrange a final Corps Ceremonial Parade and Competition to take place near CHARLEROI on 12th May.

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2. The proposed scheme is as follows:-

- (a) As many quotas as possible each organised as a Battalion of four Companies will take part, (it is hoped at least one quota from each of A.1., B.2., and B.5., Groups and if not a quota, at least one or two companies from A.4. Group), accompanied by the band allotted to it.
- (b) Each quota will be inspected and then march past.
- (c) Trophies will be awarded to the best and second best companies and the best band, judged on their turnout and smartness and correctness in the march past.

3. Will you please advise by 6 p.m. on 26-4-1919 what quotas of yours will participate and forward any suggestions you may wish to make.

*Keelbaker*  
Major,  
D. A. A. G.,  
Australian Corps.

SCL.



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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

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| Prefix.....                                | Code..... | nl. | Words. | Charge. | This message is on a/c of:<br><br>..... Service. | Recd. at.....                      |           |
| Office of Origin and Service Instructions. |           |     |        |         |  | Sent                               | Date..... |
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TO *Recipients of 12/15 of 23rd*

|                  |               |                     |     |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----|
| Sender's Number. | Day of Month. | In reply to Number. | AAA |
| <i>12/15</i>     | <i>24</i>     |                     |     |

*DEFERRED*

of this office 12/15 of 23rd inst conference  
 will take place at 1330 hours 25th inst  
 and not 1430 AAA Cars will report 6/15th  
 and 14th A.L. BSEA at 1000 hours 25th instead  
 1400 AAA Acknowledge

From.....  
 Place *1st Aust. Divn.*  
 Time.....

*The above may be forwarded as now corrected.* (Z)  
 Censor..... Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.....

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'B' AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL GROUP.

8/15th A.I. Brigade ✓  
14th A.I. Brigade  
8th Aust.Div.Art. Group  
8th Aust.Div.Inf. Group  
D.A.P.M.  
Sports Officer  
'A.Q'



1. A conference will be held at Divisional Headquarters MARGINELLE at 1430 on April 25th at which the following officers will attend.

Brig-General H.E. ELLIOTT and Lieut-Col. DENNEY  
Brig-General G.F. PHILLIPS and Lieut-Col. CALLAGHAN  
Brig-General E.F. MARTIN  
Lieut-Col. H. MARSHALL  
D.A.P.M.  
Divl. Sports Officer.

The matters for discussion will be

- (a) Precautionary measures to be taken against possible collisions between Civilian demonstrators and Troops of the Division.
- (b) Amusements, Band performances etc. to be arranged for May 1st while to town of CHARLEROI is out of bounds to the Troops.
- (c) Final Corps Ceremonial parade, vide Aust. Corps letter 105/34 dated April 22nd, a copy of which is attached hereto.

A car will report at 8/15th A.I. Brigade H.Q. at 1400 on the 25th instant to convey Brig-General ELLIOTT and Lieut-Col. DENNEY to the Conference.

A car will report at 14th A.I. Brigade H.Q. at the same hour for Lieut-Col. MARSHALL.

Acknowledge.

*Sherrin*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.

'B' AUST. DIVISIONAL GROUP.

23/4/19.

Copy to Camp Comdt.

8th Australian Division  
 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
 OFFICE OF THE  
 SECRETARY  
 23/4/19.



GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS' DIARY. (Date)

| SERIAL NO. | TIME | FROM | To | SENDER'S NO. | TEXT OF MESSAGE OR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION | HOW RECEIVED OR SENT |
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Headquarters,  
22nd April 1919.

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(Sgd) K. OFFICER,  
Major,  
D.A.A.G.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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GENERAL STAFF, OBSERVATIONS, INQUIRY, (D.A.A.G.)  
8th Australian Division







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APP 13

EDUCATION SERVICE, "B" AUST. DIVISION GROUP.

WEEK ENDING 19. 4 1919.

2/Lieut. F. J. MEACHAM. E.O.



UNIT. :- 8th Brigade Battalion.

| Classes in operation during week. | Enrolment. | Average Att'ce. | No. of students in                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---|
| NIL                               |            |                 | 1 Class.<br>2 Classes<br>3     "<br>4     " |

| LECTURES. | DATE. | Subject. | Lecturer. | Att'ce., | Average |
|-----------|-------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| NIL       |       |          |           |          |         |

No. of men visiting works in CHARLEROI. 20  
 No. of men visiting WATERLOO, DINANT etc. 20  
 No. of men attending Universite-du-Travail. 1  
 At Corps Central School. 6

| At Army Schools etc.<br>Name of School or Unit. | Instruction being given in. | No. attending. |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Corps Workshops                                 | Technical                   | 41             |
| Divisional Education School                     | General                     | 34             |

E.O.'s Personal Report :- The last of the Battalion's motorbuses  
 marched out on 17<sup>th</sup> inst with draft for repair. However  
 there is no demand for Battalion classes & most of the remaining  
 students continue study privately with the aid of Education  
 Service text-books & the 3rd Battalion library.

Date :- 18. 4. 19

F. Meacham 2/Lt.

E.O. 8th Brigade Battalion. A.I.F.

Handwritten signature



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EDUCATION SERVICE - "B" DIVISIONAL GROUP.

Return for week ending 19.4.19

*G. D. [Signature]* E.O.

UNIT - 15TH INFANTRY BRIGADE BATTALION.

| Classes in operation during week. | Enrolment | Average Attendance | Number of Students in |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| SHORTHAND.                        | 4         | 2                  |                       |
| ARITHMETIC                        | 8         | 6                  |                       |
|                                   | -----     | -----              |                       |
|                                   | 12        | 8                  |                       |
|                                   | -----     | -----              |                       |

LECTURES.

N I L.

|  |    |
|--|----|
| No. of men visiting works at CHARLEROI     | -  |
| No. of men visiting WATERLOO, DINANT etc.  | 25 |
| No. of men attending Université du Travail | 3  |
| No. of men at Corps Central school         | 4  |

| At Army Schools etc.<br>Name of School or Unit | Instruction being given in     | No. of students attending. |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL</u>                  | I.C. Engines and steam engines | 6                          |
|  | Tinsmithing                    | 1                          |
|  | Draughtsmanship                | 1                          |
|  | Moulding                       | 1                          |
|  | Carpentry                      | 1                          |
|  | Signwriting                    | 1                          |
|  | Turning and fitting            | 2                          |
|  | <u>5TH DIVISIONAL SCHOOL.</u>  | Commercial                 |
| General  |                                | 7                          |
| Draughtsmanship                                |                                | 2                          |
|  | TOTAL                          | -----<br>33<br>-----       |



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Week Ending 19. 4. 19.

E.O.'s PERSONAL REPORT.

With the exception of shorthand and Arithmetic the Unit classes have been disbanded as three of the Instructors were included in the Draft which left during the week, and one Instructor has left for Non Military Employment. Most of the enrolments, however, have decreased considerably of late for the same reasons.

A noticeable feature in connection with the work in the Units, forming this Battalion is that the majority of the students who enrolled in the various classes were men who had enlisted earliest.

During the week a party from this Unit visited the Field of Waterloo.

Date 18.4.19.

*P. J. Bryant*  
.....  
EDUCATION OFFICER.  
Education Office  
15th Inf Bde Battalion A.I.F.



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Headquarters,  
"B" Australian Division,  
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Education Report for Week ending 12-4-19.  
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1. The departure of Quota 31 on 9th. inst. has caused classes to cease for the time being. The E.O. and 3 Instructors of 53/55th. Battalion and several Instructors of the 56th. Battalion, together with a large number of Students, marched out with the Quota, but when the re-organisation of the Brigade Units is completed the Education Service will again be in full swing.
2. The 56th. Battalion organised Study Circles in lieu of Classes during the week, subjects being "Economics" and "Local History".

A56/2649  
12-4-19.

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
14th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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'B' Aust. Division.



Herewith Weekly Education Reports from 8th. & 15th. Brigade Battalions. The 5th. Div. Field Coy. A.E. are not now conducting any classes.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. G. Gellibrand".

12.4.19.

Brig. Genl.  
Commanding 8/15th. Aust. Inf. Bde.





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 WEEK ENDING 12. 4. 1919.

2/Lieut. F. J. MEACHAM. E.O.

UNIT :- 8th. Bde. Battalion.

| Classes in operation during wk. | Enrolment. | Average Att'ce. | No. of students in |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|

NIL.

1 Class.  
 2 Classes.  
 3 "  
 4 "

| LECTURES. Date. | Subject. | Lecturer. | Att'ce. | Average. |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|
|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|

NIL.

No. of men visiting works etc. in CHARLEROI. - 10  
 No. of men visiting WATERLOO, DINANT, etc. - 24  
 No. of men attending Universite-du-Travail. —  
 At Corps Central School. - 21.

| At Army Schools etc. Name of school or unit. | Instruction being given in. | No. attending. |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
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|                              |           |    |
|------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Corps Workshops              | Technical | 41 |
| Divisional Education School. | General.  | 34 |

**E. O's. personal report :-** Since the Brigade Battalion has been settled in the new area efforts have been made to resume classes interrupted by the move & the departure of students for demobilisation, but without response. This is attributed to the fact that continuity of study is almost impossible in the Battalion owing to its constant diminution & the demands for duty men, & the spirit of restlessness which the expected speeding up of demobilisation has aroused. The majority of students enrolled have been supplied with text books, & continue study privately.

Date. 11.4.19.

F. Meacham 2/Lt.  
 E. O. 8th. Bde. Battalion. A.I.F.



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EDUCATION SERVICE "B" AUST. DIV. GROUP.

RETURN FOR WEEK ENDING 17. 5. 19 1919. G. J. Zupst. Sgt. E.O.

UNIT. 15th Inf. Bde Bn.

| Classes in operation during week. | Enrolt.   | Average attendance. | No. of students in |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Magnetism & Electricity           | 2         | 2                   | I. Class. 18.      |
| Shorthand                         | 2         | 2                   | 2. Classes 5.      |
| Bookkeeping.                      | 8         | 4                   | 3. do. 1.          |
| Salesmanship.                     | 3         | 2                   | 4. do. 3           |
| Commercial Law                    | 3         | 2                   | <u>27</u>          |
| Business Practice.                | 3         | 2                   |                    |
| French.                           | 13        | 11                  |                    |
| English.                          | 5         | 3                   |                    |
| Arithmetic.                       | 10        | 5                   |                    |
|                                   | <u>49</u> | <u>33</u>           |                    |

LECTURES. SUBJECT. LECTURER. ATTENDANCE. AVERAGE. DATE.

Nil.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| No. of men visiting Works etc. CHARLEROI.   | -         |
| No. of men visiting WATERLOO, DINANT, etc.  | 20        |
| No. of men attending Universite-du-Travail. | 3         |
| At Corps Central school.                    | <u>6</u>  |
|   | <u>19</u> |

| Name of School or Unit.          | Instructions being given in  | No. of students attending. |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Corps Technical School (JEUMONT) | I.C. Engines & Steam Engines | 8.                         |
| do.                              | Tinsmithing.                 | 1.                         |
|                                  | Draughtmanship               | 1.                         |
|                                  | Moulding.                    | 1.                         |
|                                  | Carpentry.                   | 1.                         |
|                                  | Printing & Signwriting.      | 1.                         |
|                                  | Fitting.                     | 2.                         |
| Abbeville Wireless School.       | Elec. Engineering.           | 1.                         |
| 5th. Divisional School.          | Commercial.                  | 13.                        |
|                                  | General                      | 12.                        |
|                                  | Draughtmanship.              | 2.                         |
|                                  | Total.                       | <u>43.</u>                 |

E.Os. Personal Report.  
 Classes have been recommenced in the new area.  
 There have been 7. new enrolments during the week.  
 No lectures were arranged for the current week owing to no suitable hall being available, but one has now been found and it is hoped to be able to continue lectures. Arrangements have been made for the men of this unit to participate in the various educational tours. A party of 30 is to visit WATERLOO on Monday, 14th. inst. Arrangements are also being made for parties to visit local industrial works.

G. J. Zupst. Sgt. Education officer.

Date. 11. 4. 19  
 H.Q., 8th/15th Bde.

Education Office,  
 15th Inf. Bde. Battalion A.I.F.

FORWARDED

for A/O.C. J. J. ...  
 8th/15th BDE. BATTN. AIF.



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5th AUST. DIVISION.



8/15th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
Education Progress Report  
for week ending 29/3/19:

| Unit.        | Class.  | Attend-<br>ance.  | Remarks.   |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| 8th Bde.Bn.  | Elem. Subjects, Writing -<br>Arith.- Composition -<br>Reading and Spelling.<br>Shorthand<br>Bookkeeping<br>French<br>Mathematics<br>in Cinema Operating being employed at Bde.Cinema.<br>20 Off. - 160 O.R. attended Lecture "Repatriation &<br>Land Settlement N.S.W." by Mr CORMACK on 27/3/19. | 8<br>5<br>14<br>20<br>3                                 | Ten Members are<br>gaining experience<br>in the electrical<br>lighting service by<br>fixing lights in<br>billets.<br>Six members are<br>gaining experience |
| 15th Bde.Bn. | Poultry Farming<br>Magnetism & Electricity<br>Shorthand<br>Bookkeeping<br>Salesmanship<br>Commercial Law<br>Business Practice<br>Business Correspondence<br>French<br>English<br>Arithmetic.  | 5<br>4<br>4<br>11<br>6<br>6<br>7<br>6<br>17<br>8<br>10. | Lecture "Settle-<br>ment in Victoria"<br>by Mr A.T.SHARP -<br>Attendance 289.  |

8TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
No. 514/259  
Date 3/3/19

*W. Davis*  
Brig.-General.  
Commanding 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

*1919*

*W. D. O. H. H.*



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Headquarters.,  
"B" Australian Division.  
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Reference your 7/8 of 3rd inst.

Herewith Weekly Return for week ending  
19-4-19.

air/2730  
19-4-19.

*H. Foxtony Capt RMC*  
Lieut. Colonel.  
Commanding 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



EDUCATION SERVICE "B" AUST. DIV. GROUP.

RETURN FOR WEEK ENDING 18th April 1919.

E.O.

UNIT. 14<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde  
Battalion, A.I.F.

| Classes in operation during week. | Enrolment | Average attendance | No. of students in |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bookkeeping                       | 3         | 2                  | 1. Class 18        |
| Economics                         | 15        | 14                 | 2. Classes         |
|                                   |           |                    | 3. Classes         |
|                                   |           |                    | 4. Classes         |

| LECTURE'S DATE | SUBJECT | LECTURER | AVERAGE ATTENDANCE |
|----------------|---------|----------|--------------------|
|----------------|---------|----------|--------------------|

Nil



|   |     |
|---|-----|
| No of men visiting Works etc, CHARLEROI   | Nil |
| No of men visiting WATERLOO, DINANT, etc. | Nil |
| No of men attending Universite du Travail | Nil |
| At Corps central School.                  | 6.  |

| Name of School or Unit. | Instruction being given in. | No. of students attending. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aust. Bakery ROUEN      | Baking                      | 1.                         |
| Pth M.T. COY.           | Motor mechanics             | 5.                         |
| No 5 Ord. Mob Workshops | Mechanics                   | 2                          |

C.O.'s Personal Report:-

The decrease in educational activity within the unit is due to the departure of Quota No 31 & the fact that the remainder of the unit will leave during the following week

Date, 18th April 1919.

*J. McKenzie*  
Education Officer, A.I.F.  
14 A.I. Bde.

C.O.'s Remarks:

The falling off in Educational activities is due to departure of Quota 31 and the preparation for Quota 41.

All personnel with unit, who are not on the coming quota, are employed on Cadre duties and consequently have no spare time to devote to Education.

Demobilisation has now reached such an advanced stage that unit Educational activities have practically ceased.

18.4.19.

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HEADQUARTERS, 5th DIVISIONAL FIELD COY. A.E.

Headquarters,  
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Attached please find copy of instructions issued for the construction of the 5th Australian Divisional Memorial at POLYGON WOOD.

The personnel and lorries arrived at ZONNEBEKE on 9/4/19 and billeted with the 232nd P.O.W. Coy., Lieut. S.M. BROWN in charge of the work.

On 12th instant Australian Corps issued further orders authorising Lieut. BROWN to requisition for R.E. Stores, transport on the light railways and P.O.W. labour, if he required more than which we had arranged for - i.e. 100 P.O.W. to commence work on 10/4/19.

The personnel consists of men who volunteered for a month's duty. No provision has been made for their demobilisation. It is suggested that they should be despatched, on the completion of the work via LILLE to Le HAVRE.

No arrangements have been made for paying them, but it is proposed to send an officer down with pay and detail drawings of the foundations on the 19th instant.

17/4/19.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL MEMORIAL.

Erection of Monument on the Mound at POLYGON WOOD  
(Map Reference HAZEBROUCK J.10.a.6.3.)

Instructions to Engineer Officer in charge.

1. It has been decided to erect a memorial on the top of the MOUND at POLYGON WOOD to the memory of the 5th Australian Division. The Division is going to construct the foundations for same.
2. Detailed sketches are attached shewing the design of the concrete raft, which will be made of reinforced concrete, with a mixture of 4 parts stone, 2 parts sand and 1 part cement.
3. The MOUND will be cut down 6 feet in order to give sufficient width for the foundations, taking the highest point as datum. It is desirable to get a base extending for 4 feet around the concrete raft. It may have to be formed by consolidating the spoil cut from the top of the mound. Should the 6 feet cut not give a sufficient width for the forming of the 10 feet wide footpath (gravel) from end to end of the mound, the Engineer Officer in charge will grade the top from the site of the Monument downwards towards each end in order to secure the necessary width. The path will be made of 4 inch depth of broken stone and topped off with 2 inches of gravel.
4. The Mound is honey-combed with dug-outs. It will be necessary to secure the foundations by filling in these dug-outs and tamping the filling of material over an area taking the 22 feet 8 inches square as the top of a "frustrum" with 1 to 1 slopes to the level of the surrounding country.
5. It will be necessary to construct roughly 1 mile of decauville tramway from the BAECCLAERE-BROODSEINDE Road to the mound to convey material from motor lorries to the site of the work.
6. You will have 6 sappers from the 5th Divisional Field Coy. A.E. and 6 privates from the 5th Pioneer Battalion and the 232nd P.O.W. Company has been instructed to supply 100 P's.O.W. with picks and shovels to carry out the work. You will billet with the above Company at ZONNEBEKE. As the personnel guarding the P's.O.W. are on L. of C. rations, you can spend up to 100 francs per week in supplementing the rations. On receipts being forwarded to the 5th Australian Division the money will be refunded.
7. Colonel STEWART Labour Commandant of LILLE sub-area is arranging for the 232nd P.O.W. Company to supply 100 P's.O.W. to carry out the work.
8. The S.E.S. 5th Army LILLE is arranging for the supply of the stores, and will give the officer in charge an order to draw at the nearest Salvage Dump for the requisite material, and "carte-blanc" to use any war material not yet salvaged. A weekly return must be submitted of all materials drawn and their place of origin.
9. The S.M.T.O. has been instructed to supply four motor lorries for drawing material. One lorry will report at 1100 h. on the 7th instant to the 5th Div. Field Coy. A.E. It will proceed to NALINNES to pick up the 5th Pioneer Battalion detachment and return to PRY to pick up the 5th Div. Field Coy. detachment and tools and proceed to CHARLEROI. Each man will carry unexpired portion of his days rations and 72 hours further rations. On the 8th instant the lorries will leave CHARLEROI at 0900 h. and proceed via MONS, ATH, TOURNAI, LILLE, MENIN, YPRES, to ZONNEBEKE and report to 232nd P.O.W. Coy. where accommodation will be provided. The personnel will carry cooking utensils and tools as ordered by the officer in charge of the work.



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10. The Engineer Officer in charge will make an accurate location for the MOUND and make a topographical survey so that sections and elevations can be prepared on which to design the details surrounding the mounment.

11. A weekly progress report will be submitted on Sundays to the 5th Aust. Division and to the O.C. 5th Div. Field Coy. A.E. accompanied by rough sketches.

The patch instead of being made of gravel, will be made of 3" thick 2' x 1' concrete bursters grouped in, with a kirbing made of bursters on edge, projecting 4" above the level of the path. The patch will have a camber of 2".

5/4/19.

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