



AUSTRALIANS HOMEWARD

Last Leaves in October

London, Saturday

The Australian military depots in England are being closed, except that at Sutton-Veny, which will be the final assembly base. There are 1500 Australians still in France on duty, 1400 of whom are engaged in re-burials and building up the Australian cemeteries in the neighbourhood of Villers Bretonneux. Others are transporting material and memorials from Pozieres, Polygon Wood, Villers Brettoneux, Mont St. Quentin and Bullecourt. It is expected that the last Australian will leave France on August 30, and the last will leave England at the end of October. The departures homewards totalled 522 daily between December and July, the full record of departures being 200,000 to June, while 6000 wives and families of soldiers will sail within the next few weeks.

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