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**WAR DIARY**

OF

5th. Division ~~Field~~ Bakery A. I. F.

FOR

*February* 1918.

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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5TH DIVISIONAL  
FIELD BAKERY,  
A.I.F.  
No. *Original*  
Date *Feb 19/18*

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouen.	1/2/18.		Strength. 1 Officer 86 other ranks not including 5 in hospital, 1 on detached duty at Aust Base	
France.			Post Office. London. 1 on leave to U.K. and 1 attachee in hospital.	
			64 N.C.O's and men baked 43200 lb rations. 1 man evacuated to hospital.(N.Y.D).1 rejoined from leave to U.K.in France. 1 proceeded on leave to U.K. <u>Temperatures.</u> Bakehouse 50 Fah. Flour 40. Water.108 Fah. Mean. 40.Fah. <i>TP</i>	
	2/2/18.		1 man proceeded on leave to U.K. 64 N.C.O's and men baked 35840 lb rations. Temperatures. Bakehouse. 50.Fah. Flour.40. Water.108. Mean. 44. <i>TP</i>	
	3/2/18.		No baking. The personnel were employed on general camp fatigues during the forenoon.Nothing further to report. <i>TP</i>	
	4/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men <sup>baked.</sup> 37700 lb rations.Temperatures. Bakehouse.56.FLOUR. 58.Water.108tp 102. Mean.50. <i>TP</i>	
	5/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked52040 lb rations. " " 50. " 58. "102 to 96 " 54. <i>TP</i>	
	6/2/18.		62 N.C.O's and men baked 37680 lb rations." " 60. " 56. "106 to 96 " 54.	
	7/2/18.		1 man evacuated to hospital.(sick). <i>TP</i> No baking done by unit. <i>TP</i>	
	8/3/18.		27 N.C.O's and men baked 18880 lb rations. <i>TP</i>	
	9/2/18.		78 N.C.O's and men baked 56886 lb rations. Temperatures. Bakehouse.58. Flour.56. Water.104 to 96.Mean.52. <i>TP</i>	
	10/2/18.		27 N.C.O's and men baked21860 lb rations. 1 man evacuated to hospital.(sick). <i>TP</i>	

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Rouen, France.	11/2/18.		27 N.C.O's and men baked 21120 lb rations. <i>JP</i>	
	12/2/18.		81 N.C.O's and men baked 67800 lb rations. <u>Temperatures.</u> Bakehouse. 50. Flour. 46. Water. 108 to 102. Mean. 45. <i>JP</i>	
	13/2/18.		81 N.C.O's and men baked 67640 lb rations. " " 60. " 58. " 106 to 102. " 54. 1 man rejoined unit from hospital. <i>JP</i>	
	14/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 56880 lb rations. " " 58. " 56. " 104. " 54. <i>JP</i>	
	15/2/18.		2 men proceeded on leave to U.K. 1 rejoined unit from hospital. 64 N.C.O's and men baked 41640 lb rations. " " 48. " 52. " 106. " 46. <i>JP</i>	
	16/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 36920 lb rations. " " 44. " 47. " 108. " 40. <i>JP</i>	
	17/2/18.		1 man rejoined unit from leave to U.K. 43 N.C.O's and men baked 29860 lb rations. 1 rejoined unit from hospital. <i>JP</i>	
	18/2/18.		1 N.C.O. reported invalided to England ex hospital. and strick off strength. <i>JP</i>	
	19/2/18.		84 N.C.O's and men baked 38340 lb rations. Temperatures. Bakehouse. 40. Flour. 40. Water. 110. Mean. 38. 64 N.C.O's and men baked 38080 lb rations. " " 40. " 38. " 114 to 110. " 36. <i>JP</i>	
	20/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 39200 lb rations. " " 44. " 38. " 110 " 37. <i>JP</i>	
	21/2/18.		2 men proceeded on leave to U.K. 64 N.C.O's and men baked 39960 lb rations. " " 50. " 40. " 108 to 102 " 42. <i>JP</i>	
	22/2/18.		2 men rejoined unit from leave to U.K. 64 N.C.O's and men baked 41290 lb rations. " " 50. " 44. " 110 to 106. " 44. <i>JP</i>	
	23/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 39040 lb rations. " " 52. " 48. " 110 to 104. " 45. 1 man evacuated to hospital. (sick). <i>JP</i>	
	24/2/18.		43 N.C.O's and men baked 27840 lb rations. " " 50. " 46. " 110 to 106. " 43. 1 <del>man</del> man rejoined unit from hospital. <i>JP</i>	



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Rouen. France.	25/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 42240 lb rations. <u>Temperatures.</u> Bakehouse.52 Fah.Flour.46.Water.108to104.Mean.45.	
			2 men evacuated to hospital.and 1 rejoined from hospital. TP	
	26/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 45440 lb rations. " " 48. " 46. "110to 106. " 42. TP	
	27/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 45540 lb rations. " " 46. " 47. " 108to 104. " 41. TP 1 man rejoined unit from hospital.	
	28/2/18.		64 N.C.O's and men baked 44180 lb rations. " " 43. " 45. " 110to 106. " 40. TP	
<p><u>Notes.</u> For the month of February 1918, the discipline maintained was very good, not one case of an offence being recorded.</p> <p>The amount of sickness was small; the total number of cases reporting to the M.O. was 16, including 1 who reported four days in succession, and another two days in succession. 6 were admitted to hospital; 1 suffering from slight fracture of left radius, 1 with "V", and 4 with tonsillitis, influenza, etc..</p>				
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: blue;">Jos. H. Pyc. Captain.</p> <p>O.C. 5th Australian Field Bakery.</p>				



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5th. Division Field Bakery A.I.F.

5TH DIVISIONAL FIELD BAKERY, A.I.F.	
No.	<i>Reginald</i>
Date	

FOR

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

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*Details of receipt and issue  
of clothing and necessaries for  
the period the Unit has been  
in France. - 1/1/18 to 31/1/18.*



## APPENDIX

5TH DIVISIONAL  
FIELD BAKERY,  
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Date Original 3/2/18.APPENDIX No. 1. dated 3/2/18.

DETAILS OF RECEIPT AND ISSUE OF CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES FOR THE PERIOD THE UNIT HAS BEEN IN FRANCE ----- 1/7/16 to 31/1/18.

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Orders received on disembarkation at Marseilles on the 30th June. 1916 stipulated that kit bags were to be left on board for return to Egypt. This was carried out. The personnel therefore disembarked carrying with them a change of underclothing only.

The following is a list shewing the quantities of clothing and necessaries which have been drawn from A.O.D., and quantity returned (surplus to requirements or unserviceable) and quantity remaining in store, since the Company arrived in France.

SHOES. CANVAS.

This article is authorized for use in the camp, to be worn after duty hours only. 185 prs have been drawn from A.O.D. and all issued, the second pair after the first pair had been worn out. Canvas shoes are expendible articles, and when worn out, are destroyed, as the worn out article is of no use to A.O.D. Each N.C.O and man has one pair in his possession.

TROUSERS. MOLESKIN AND DRILL. WORKING.

This article is authorized for use in bakehouse and camp fatigues. 179 pairs have been drawn from A.O.D., and 79 pairs returned worn out, leaving 100 pairs in possession of men and in the kits of those evacuated to hospital, and 15 pairs in Q.M.Store. One of this article was not in possession of men on arrival in the country.

BLANKETS.

One blanket per man was brought on arrival in France, 289 have been drawn from A.O.D. and 92 returned to A.O.D. During the winter months a third blanket is authorized for issue to troops on the L of C, and as each N.C.O and man has this number, and the strength of the Unit is at present 84, there is 252 blankets in the possession of the personnel; the remainder i.e. 37, is held in Store for those in hospital, and in the possession of 4 "V.D." patients in hospital, who on evacuation to hospital always take their full kit and blankets.

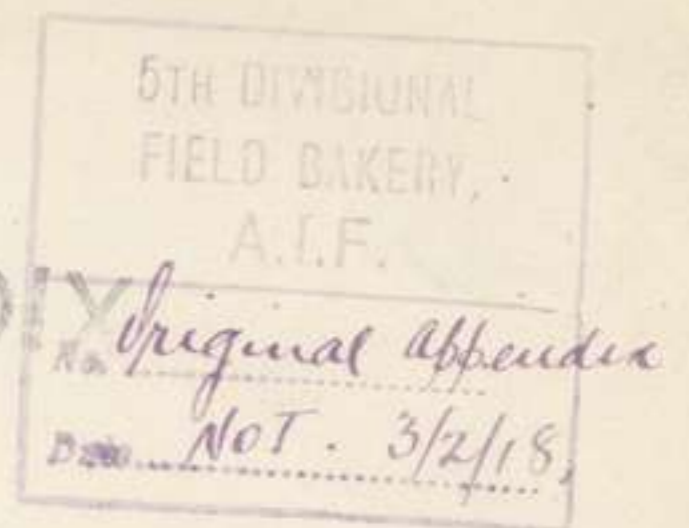
HATS. FELT. AUSTRALIAN PATTERN.

94 have been drawn from A.O.D. and 8 returned unsuitable. Instead of accepting an old hat on being issued with a new article, authority has been obtained for each man to use his old hat in the bakehouse in lieu of caps, "white, linen, bakers". Therefore two hats are in possession of men, one for rough use, such as in the bakehouse or camp fatigues, and the other for out of camp use. 12 caps.S.D. have also been returned to A.O.D.(unserviceable).

BOOTS. ANKLE.

226 pairs have been drawn from A.O.D., 132 pairs have been returned unserviceable. There are at present 20 pairs in the Q.M.Stores, (serviceable and unserviceable). Under Routine Order by Inspector General of Communications, No. 177 d/d 1/10/16, and Base Routine Order, No. 3097 d/d 4/12/17, a second pair is authorized for L of C Troops. Therefore it will be seen that the number drawn is more than accounted for by the second issue and those remaining in stock, but this fact is accounted for by some men being in possession of a pair of lighter boots, not obtained through military ~~sources~~ sources, and thereby not drawing the issue entitled.





JACKETS .S.D.

108 have been drawn from A.O.D. 11 are in Q.M.Store, the balance have been issued to replace those rendered unserviceable. When the new article has been issued, the old one has been allowed to be retained in most cases for the purpose of rough camp use and bakehouse duties, in lieu of jackets. "bakers.white.woollen. with sleeves.Kersey."

TOWELS. HAND.

64 have been drawn from A.O.D. and 78 returned unserviceable to A.O.D., which shows a larger number returned than has been drawn. This is explained by some men obtaining this article from other sources than issue.

BRAID& RUSSIAN.

10 inches have been received from A.O.D. for issue to those who are entitled to wound distinction.

BRACES.

65 pairs have been drawn from A.O.D. and 57 pairs returned unserviceable and 8 pairs in stock.

SHIRTS .FLANNEL. AND SINGLETS. COTTON.

228 of these articles have been drawn from A.O.D. and 150 returned unserviceable to A.O.D. A double issue of these articles is authorized, therefore the number returned to A.O.D. unserviceable is more than it would be if each man had his full issue. In some cases the shirts, flannel, are not drawn, and in others, singlets are not required.

JACKETS. CARDIGAN.

44 have been drawn from A. O.D. and 26 returned unserviceable. 26 have been issued to men to replace those unserviceable, and 18 issued to reinforcements who have "marched in" not having one in their possession.

LACES. PRS. LEATHER.

193 pairs have been drawn from A.O.D. to replace those rendered unserviceable.

GLOVES& WORSTED.

113 have been drawn from A.O.D. and have all been issued as a first supply.

DRAWERS. WOOLLEN.

201 pairs have been drawn from A.O.D. to replace those rendered unserviceable and 125 pairs have been returned to A.O.D. There are Nil on hand. The number drawn have been issued to personnel to replace those unserviceable, and to complete the kits of those reinforcements who were in possession of only one pair when taken on strength.

BELTS. WAIST. LEATHER.

4 have been drawn from A.O.D. and issued to those reinforcements who were not in possession of one. For example, a man equipped with "Inf Patt" belt would have to be supplied with a belt, leather, to ensure uniformity of dress. All Infantry equipment is withdrawn from men and returned to A.O.D. as soon as possible.



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### PANTALOONS.S.D.

60 pairs have been drawn from A.O.D. and 14 pairs have been returned to A.O.D. unserviceable. 24 pairs are in stock, and 36 pairs have been issued to replace those rendered unserviceable for out of camp use, but the latter have been retained by the men for use in camp as a working pair.

### DISCS. IDENTITY. RED AND GREEN.

208 have been drawn and issued to personnel in accordance with A.I.F. Order No. 892 of 2/10/17 .

### SOCKS.

250 pairs have been drawn and issued to replace those rendered unserviceable, and 280 pairs have been returned to A.O.D. worn out. The larger number returned than drawn is accounted for by numerous men receiving socks, etc, privately, and thereby not drawing full issue.

### PUTTEES.

10 pairs have been drawn from A.O.D. and are held in stock for issue in lieu of leggings to men on evacuation to hospital, the leggings being returned to men on return to Unit. This procedure is adopted owing to leggings being unobtainable from A.O.D., and ensures uniformity of dress.

### WAISTCOATS."WOOLLEN. KERSEY".

This is a special article authorized for issue to bakers during the winter. 97 have been drawn and issued as a first supply. No coats, " Kersey" have been drawn in view of the fact that men have been allowed to retain their worn out jackets S.D. for bakehouse use.

### BADGES. " Long Service", and "A" Gallipoli.

These articles have been drawn and issued in accordance with A.I.F. Order 470 and 1084 respectively. Quantity of L.S.Badges. 3X3. 59X2, 33X1, and 18 sets of "A".

The articles enumerated are the total that have been drawn from A.O.D. for the period 1/7/16 to 31/1/18.

Under a Company Order each N.C.O and man has handed his mess tin and water bottle into Q.M.Store for safe keeping, theses are not required by the men in camp, as plates and mugs. etc, are provided by camp equipment.

The clothing and equipment account is made up every month showing total number of articles received and issued and balance in the store. Separate account is kept of kits of those " struck off strength" which is as follows:- The man's kit is opened  
~~and the articles~~

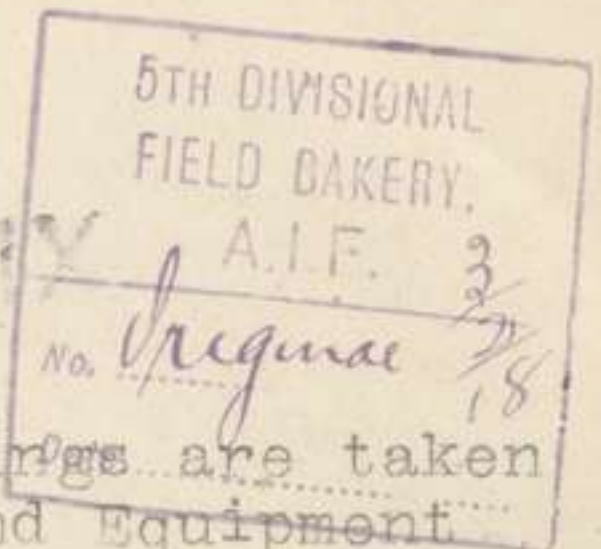




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and the articles with the exception of personal belongings are taken on charge, but not included in the Ordnance Clothing and Equipment Ledger. Account of these articles is kept in a separate ledger. They are issued as second hand articles on receipt of a worn out one. This action ensures all articles being fully worn out before return to A.O.D. as unserviceable.

In addition to the articles shewn as returned to A.O.D (worn out), the following articles which have been brought into the unit as part of reinforcements' kits and necessaries have also been returned. (vide A.O.D. Issue and receipt vouchers. No.'s 1 to 16, copies of No's 3 and 14 are attached.

Articles.	Quantity.	Articles.	Quantity.
Slings. rifle.	34.	Waterbottles. M.S.	29.
Bandoliers.	38.	Carriers. W.B.	31.
Frogs. bayonet.	23.	Mess Tins. D.S.	13.
Dubbing. tins.	2.	Covers. Mess Tins.	14.
Tubes. Iodene.	11.	Haversacks. M.S.	20.
Rifles.	34.	Sheets. ground. W.P.	36.
Helmets. gas.	70.	Sacks. Jute.	30.
Carriers. G.H.	62.	Covers. canvas. G.H.	16.
Goggles. tear shell.	40.	Cases. Wood packing.	5.
Oil cans. rifle.	25.	Brushes. soft hair.	2.
Ammunition. rounds.	1992.	Handles. brushes. S.H.	2.
Carriers. W.P.	31.	Caps. balaclava.	19.
Covers. breech. rifle.	24.	Belts. abdominal.	20.
Carriers. G.C.	25.	Greatcoats. D.S.	5.
Haversacks. Inf Patt.	2.	Packing. jute. yds.	18.
Jerkins. leather.	13.	Brooms. soft hair.	5.
Pouches. Ammunition.	37.	Helmets. steel.	2.
Packs. Inf Patt.	3.	Buttons. coat.	57.
Soap. soft. drum.	1.	Riggs. button. coat.	30.

Rouen.  
3/2/18.

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Issue and Receipt Voucher.

Army Form G. 1033  
(In books of 150).

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Issue Voucher No. 14.  
Account Equipment  
Period 25/1/18.



To be completed by Receiving Officer.

Receipt Voucher No. 98729  
Account A.O.D. Rowen.  
Period 25/1/18.

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Ledger Folio	ARTICLES	Total number or quantity	For A. O. D. use only			
			S.	R.	U.	D.
	Section					
Unserviceable	Trousers, working (prs)	10				
	Underpants	29				
	Breeches, S.W.	9				
	Braces	20				
	Socks	65				
	Boots, ankle	34				
	Singlets	12				
	Shirts, flannel	18				
	Towels, hand	21				
	Hats, felt (Aust Batt)	6				
	Jackets, Cardigan	2				
	Sheets, ground	2				
	Brooms, soft hair	3				
	Bundles, for Brooms soft hair	2				
	Lubricable	Bases, wood packing	2			
Blocks, Jute		10				
Packing " yds.		12				

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Issue and Receipt Voucher.

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 Issue Voucher No. 3  
 Account Equipment  
 Period 20/12/1916



To be completed by Receiving Officer.  
 Receipt Voucher No. 1021  
 Account A.O.D. Rowen  
 Period 20/12/16

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Serial	ARTICLES	Total number or quantity	For A. O. D. use only			
			S.	R.	U.	D.
	Section					
	Boxes, breech, rifle	9				
	Stings, rifle	9				
	Knives, bayonet	2				
	Boxes, tin	1				
	Oil cans, filled	7				
	Bandoliers	9				
	Shoes, shoe white (pairs)	33				
	" " black	19				
	Carriers, great coat	15				
	Haversacks (Inf batt)	1				
Unserviceable	Boots prs	4				
	Sheets, ground	2				
	Braces, pairs	16				
	Towels, hand	13				
	Singlets	4				
	Underpants prs	1				
	Trousers drill	5				
Locks, "	27					
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	(Sgd) W. B. Gale. Capt. for Ordnance Officer. Rowen.					

