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December 1918



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WAR DIARY

OF

O.C. Aust Bakers Rowen

FOR

December 1918

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Major

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Summary of Events and Information

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
O/C Bakery	1/12/18		only half days work today being Sunday. The remainder of the day has been given up to celebrating & it has been extremely difficult to maintain anything like Camp Discipline. The worst feature of all is their total disregard for the value of military or Civil Property other of which is broken without hesitation.
North	2/12/18		Work resumed but under difficulties. And a busy morning for C.O. orderly Rooms.
Rover	6/12/18		Have obtained a Fatigue Party of 50 POWs or Chinese who are doing all the heavy work such as Flour Cakes & Bread carrying.
O/C Bakery	11/12/18		Received orders from D.A.A.G. to Dispatch all B Class men to Aust Base Depot. However as soon as possible but Supply Directorate will not permit the movement of men until they are replaced man for man. OO a deadlock.
O/C Bakery	14/12/18		28 men arrived from A B.10 Have to relieve B Personnel. and immediately began the usual impudent arguments about why they are sent down to work at the Bakery.

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Baker's Boven	10/12/18		Started off with 3x8 hour shifts. The 8 hours to include 1 hour duty for meals & no work on Sundays. But still the men are not satisfied & are drinking & consequently careless about their work. It is regrettable that this kind of conduct is shown to the German POWs who are doing the fatigue work.	
	14/12/18		Work has eased down & loadings are slightly more than half normal quantities.	
	20/12/18		The general conduct of the men has improved during the past two days & today gives no cause for complaint.	
	22/12/18		Sunday & no work. A full parade at 11.30. When I talked to the men about Xmas arrangements.	
	26/12/18		Double loading for "Section" today. The Bakery ceased work at 10 pm & will not restart until 27 th at 2 pm. Distributed Xmas Comfort today.	
	31/12/18		No work. Special dinner at 12.30 & all who were present in camp had a good time.	

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Bakeres North Bakeres	26/12/18		no work for Bakeres today, but train loading for Section have been as usual although it has been extremely difficult to get enough Railway Waggon.	
	27/12/18		Work resumed this morning. It has proceeded fairly well considering the season of the year.	
	28/12/18		Sunday & again no work for Bakeres Train loading as usual. The weather is very wet & the Camp is not well drained.	
	31/12/18		We have done our last loading for Section. From today we are to supply local issues only. Bakeres South will be closed temporarily & all work done at Bakeres North. Local issues will require about 75,000 pounds daily. The Conduct of the men has been good today.	

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WAR DIARY

OF

OC. Aush Bakeries Rouen

FOR

December 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

A. Monthly Summary of
Casualties
arrivals & departures
offences &
output of bread

B. Units Xmas Card for
"our Victorious Xmas"
Designed & Coloured by
Private Len Garbrell
2nd aush Bakery

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AUSTRALIAN FIELD BAKERIES

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SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1918.

	Average daily strength of Unit.	Cases of sickness during month.	To Hospital.	Excused duty.	Light duty.	Med and Duty.	Offences during month.	Admonitions.	Reprimands.	Deprivations of Pay. Awarded F.P.	ARRIVALS From Hospital	" Leave.	" Reinf.	" F.P.	DEPARTURES To Hospital	" Leave.	Transferred.	From Hosp.	" Detention.	
1st. A.F. Bky.	1-64	26	2	7	8	9	8	3	-	6	1	3	2	3	1	2	4	-	3	
3rd. "	1-77	36	10	9	6	11						4	3	2	-	10	6	-	2	
4th. "	72	35	10	8	3	14	2	0	1	1	-	9	2	10	-	10	9*	-	-	*I. Off @ 1.0.R. to 75 days leave.
5th. "	75	33	7	9	6	11	2	-	1	-	1	6	4	1	2	7	6*	1	5	* 2 O.Rnks to 75 days leave. France.
Dep. Reinf.	29	27	11	6	4	6	4	-	-	4	-	7	-	35	-	11	-	19	-	27 b.class Personnel mchd out for Aust.
19th. ADUS.	15	6	1	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
22nd. "	13	7	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2 B class Personnel mchd out to Aust.
Total.	2-345	168	43	41	31	55	18	3	2	11	3	30	11	51	3	43	25	20	10	

Output of bread during month.....4,100~~88~~9 lbs.

Average daily issues 135903 lbs.

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No.....
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