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**WAR DIARY**

OF

Paymaster, 1st Australian Division.....

FOR

OCTOBER

1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

*J.A. Buxton*

Signature of Officer Commanding

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# WAR DIARY

or

## ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices		
LONG.	1st Oct.		Receipts.	5930.30.	Expenditure.	6490.00.	Payments.	34.	
	2nd "		"	9015.65.	"	7500.00.	"	45.	
	3rd "		"	8992.50.	"	7293.50.	"	17.	
	4th "		"	3658.70.	"	55989.70.	"	34.	
	5th "		"	4456.85.	"	1513.40.	"	35.	
	6th "		"	40017.40.	"	2096.10.	"	16.	
	7th "		"	17072.80.	"	3620.95.	"	31.	
	8th "		"	1634.80.	"	563293.10.	"	19.	
	9th "		"	5080.85.	"	9750.00.	"	13.	
	10th "		"	42754.80.	"	62620.00.	"	18.	
	11th "		"	16367.65.	"	8877.60.	"	16.	
	12th "		"	4378.15.	"	13013.70.	"	18.	
	13th "		"	7988.40.	"	825.60.	"	19.	
	14th "		"	19367.30.	"	8476.95.	"	22.	
	15th "		"	3475.25.	"	12152.15.	"	13.	
	16th "		"	252581.40.	"	142693.20.	"	19.	Divisional Pay Day.
	17th "		"	8106.00.	"	4000.00.	"	25.	
	18th "		"	4373.55.	"	4496.50.	"	17.	
	19th "		"	513283.10.	"	874.00.	"	21.	
	20th "		"	3761.10.	"	3488.30.	"	15.	
	21st "		"	2694.90.	"	526230.00.	"	9.	Divisional Pay Day.
	22nd "		"	7778.05.	"	109475.75.	"	17.	
	23rd "		"	28431.45.	"	1826.10.	"	11.	
	24th "		"	62855.50.	"	2138.75.	"	17.	
	25th "		"	4758.30.	"	3143.00.	"	25.	
	26th "		"	5455.00.	"	362.60.	"	17.	
	27th "		"	156.50.	"	404.90.	"	11.	
	28th "		"	1086.10.	"	4431.50.	"	19.	
	28th "		"	152.15.	"	Nid.	"	31.	
	29th "		"	1661.90.	"	1459.35.	"	10.	
	30th "		"	4739.10.	"	1238.50.	"	14.	
	31st "		"	929.10.	"	58570.95.	"	28.	

APPENDIX

**WAR DIARY****APPENDIX**

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FOR

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**LIST OF APPENDICES.**

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Subject.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PAYMASTER IST. DIVISION

MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918.

LOCATION. - The Office has been located at Long during the whole of the month.

PAYBOOK ISSUE.- Preparatory work in connection with the issue of the new Continuation Pay-book had been in progress for some time. A Conference of Paymasters was held at Hallencourt on 20th October, after which a comprehensive set of instructions to Pay Sergeants were drawn up. Prior to the commencement of the work, a pay was made to the Division and an Order promulgated in Divisional Routine Orders to the effect that no further pay would be issued until after completion of the issue. The issue was actually commenced on morning of the 26th October, and as at date hereof is progressing most satisfactorily.

VISIT OF CHIEF PAY-MASTER. -The Chief Paymaster paid a visit to the Office on 29th October, and took notes of several matters of urgency calling for the attention of London Office.

TRANSPORT.-Transport is at all times difficult to obtain, and the need is especially felt during the present Paybook issue. The Division always give consideration to requests for transport, but it is not within their power to grant all the facilities for visiting widely separated Units which are thought necessary for a thorough control of the work, due to the fact that cars are so often in the repair workshop, and the demands from all sources are many. The necessity for an independent means of transport is pressing and in view of the increased efficiency to be gained thereby, I would recommend the question for your consideration.

ARMING OF STAFF.- At present several well organised and desperate gangs are operating in the Corps area, An armed guard of never less than a Corporal and three men take over care of the Cash boxes at seven in the evening, being relieved by the Staff at eight o'clock in the morning. In addition a reliable N.C.O. remains at all times on the premises. These precautions are not felt to be sufficient in view of the fact that several daring daylight hold-ups have occurred, and the urgent necessity of arming the Paymaster Warrant-Officer, and Staff Sergeant with easily handled automatics is brought to your notice. I would also request that steps be taken to carry this suggestion without delay.

*J. Bird*

Lieut.  
Paymaster.  
Ist Australian Division.

Divisional Paymaster :- Lieut. J.A. Bird.  
 First Australian Division.

REPORT. NO. 14.

OCTOBER. 1918.

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RECEIPTS.	No.	£-S-D.	PAYMENTS.	No.	£ - S - D.
Balance forward..... <del>AMOUNTS</del> .....		12146- 6-1.	Australian Acquittance Rolls.....	96.	45903- 1-10.
Advances.....	2.	33666-13-4.	Other Government Rolls.....	8.	190- 8-8.
Post Office Receipts.....	25.	792-16-8.	Advances B.E.F. Imprest Holders.....	1.	19- 3-4.
Remittances.....	2.	79- 3-4.	Trust Accounts.....	54.	944- 5-6.
Pay Ledger Credits.....	136.	11148- 3-6.	Bills.....	1.	1- 5-0.
Cash in Effects.....	46.	66- 6-8.	Commonwealth Bank Warrants.....	1.	10- 0-0.
Trust Account.....	32.	1269-12-1.	Sundry Expenditure and Refunds.....	54.	290-14-11.
Sundry Receipts.....	2.	4-12-8.	Balance carried forward.....		2348- 0-0.
Conversion.....		533- 4-11.			
		<u>£49706-19-3.</u>			<u>£49706-19-3.</u>

War Savings Certificates.....	Nil.
Sub Imprest Accounts.....	60.
" " Balances outstanding at end of period.....	6.
Debit and Credit Advices dealt with (not including Reconciliation Advices).....	1197.
Letters Received.....	4476.
Letters Despatched.....	4621.
Allotments dealt with.....	593.

DIVISIONAL PAY OFFICE.  
 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
 31st OCTOBER 1918.

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 Lieut.  
 Paymaster.  
 1st Australian Division.

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