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WAR DIARY

OF

Paymaster
1st Australian Division

FOR

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Merris	1/3/18		Business - Receipts 676.70 Fr. Expenditure 114.50 Fr. Payments 12	
Scherpenberg	2/3/18		Business - Receipts 1924.55 Fr. Expenditure 676.40 Fr. Payments 12. D. HQ moved from Merris to Scherpenberg	
	3/3/18		Business - 1833.60 Fr. Receipts - Expenditure 2507.50 Fr. Payments 16	
	4/3/18		✓ - 4629.90 Fr ✓ - 22616.70 Fr ✓ 23	
	5/3/18		✓ - 2524.85 Fr ✓ - 2626.50 Fr ✓ 22 C'wealth Warrants	
			Commonwealth Bank Warrants 1	
	6/3/18		Business - Receipts - 6478.30 Fr - Exp 2518.70 Fr. Payments 13. C'wealth Warrants 6	
	7/3/18		✓ 2114.40 Fr ✓ 1119.30 Fr ✓ 11 ✓ 3	
			Dwl Paymaster proceeded to Banque de France St Omer to obtain cash for Dwl Pay. Units notified by wire that pay will be available tomorrow 8/3/18	
	8/3/18		Dwl Pay Dwl. Units paid in this office 46	
			Business - Receipts 753304.35 Fr Exp 521715.20 Fr. Payments 50. C'wealth Bank Warrants 3	
	9/3/18		✓ - 7914.35 Fr ✓ 96196.50 Fr ✓ 14 ✓ 3	
			9 units paid on Imprest.	

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Scherpenberg	10/3/18		Business - Receipts 12737.40 Fr Expenditure 5371.40 Fr Payments 12 C'wealth Bank Warrants 6	
	11/3/18		✓ ✓ 33941.40 Fr ✓ ^{31304.25} 2594.50 Fr ✓ 6 ✓	9
	12/3/18		✓ ✓ 34177.55 Fr ✓ 3564.50 Fr ✓ 13 ✓	11
	13/3/18		✓ ✓ 33434.60 Fr ✓ 4660.50 Fr ✓ 15 ✓	13
	14/3/18		✓ ✓ 20888.70 Fr ✓ 9860.30 Fr ✓ 20 ✓	6
	15/3/18		✓ ✓ 2631.15 Fr ✓ 11050.45 Fr ✓ 19 ✓	13
			Dut. Paymaster proceeded to Aust Corps HQ as Acting Paymaster A. I. F.	
			Aust Corps HQ during absence of Capt. Blanshard on leave.	
	16/3/18		Business - Receipts 31614.80 Fr Exp. 90248.90 Fr Payments 13. C. B Warrants 4	
	17/3/18		✓ ✓ 2803.45 Fr ✓ 4176.35 ✓ ✓ 27 ✓	13
	18/3/18		✓ ✓ 5976.65 Fr ✓ 17615.55 Fr ✓ 19 ✓	15
	19/3/18		✓ ✓ 4184.80 Fr ✓ 22618.20 Fr ✓ 7 ✓	7
	20/3/18		✓ ✓ 6615.95 Fr ✓ 22515.70 Fr ✓ 14 ✓	17
	21/3/18		✓ ✓ 6465.90 Fr ✓ 40036.35 Fr ✓ 30 ✓	14
	22/3/18		✓ ✓ 510691.85 Fr ✓ 481744.85 Fr ✓ 39 ✓	9
			Dut. Pay. Sect. last left at this office by Asst Paymaster Aust Corps HQ.	
			units paid in this office.	

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Scherpenberg	23/3/18		Business-Receipts 11427.00 Fr. Exp 42759.95 Fr. Payments 17 C.B. Warrants 8 Units paid on Imprest.	
	24/3/18		Business-Receipts 24687.65 Fr. Exp 14068.00 Fr. Payments 13 C.B. Warrants 13	
	25/3/18		✓ ✓ 29812.10 Fr ✓ 66059.00 Fr ✓ 9 ✓ 14	
	26/3/18		✓ ✓ 26100.20 Fr ✓ 34852.70 Fr ✓ 2 ✓ 20	
	27/3/18		✓ ✓ 19421.30 Fr ✓ 38478.20 Fr ✓ 4 ✓ 10	
	28/3/18		✓ ✓ 25251.80 Fr ✓ 4327.40 Fr ✓ 11 ✓ 6	
	29/3/18		✓ ✓ 36194.70 Fr ✓ 86705.50 Fr ✓ 17 ✓ 15	
	30/3/18		✓ ✓ 10464.70 Fr ✓ 6157.50 Fr ✓ 25 ✓ 10	
	31/3/18		✓ ✓ 29586.25 Fr ✓ 81542.20 Fr ✓ 12 ✓ 16	

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*Paymaster**1st Australian Division*

FOR

*March**1918***LIST OF APPENDICES.**

No.

Subject.

- 1 - *Statistical Return No 8*
- 2 - *Report for month of March 1918*

*app. 1.*FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Pay Office,
March 26th., 1918..

1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
No.	17/411
DATE	26/3/18..

*app. 1.*Paymaster, A.I.F.,
attd. Australian Corps.
-----Herewith Statistical Return No.8 and
Report for the month of March 1918.*Ridwell*Captain,
Paymaster,
1st. Australian Division...

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Chief-Paymaster, A.I.F.,
130 Horseferry Road,
London, S.W.1..

Forwarded for your information.

*Ridwell*Captain,
Paymaster,
1st. Australian Division..

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PAYMASTERS REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1918.

LOCATIONS: Merris and Scherpenberg.

COMMONWEALTH BANK WARRANTS. During the month the new system of the Commonwealth Bank Warrants has been introduced and up to the present the change from the old system of Credit Advices has not justified itself. The system has been introduced, I take it, mainly to permit the soldier in the field to receive remittances from the Bank more expeditiously than he could under the Credit Advice system. Experience has so far proved that fully 80% of the warrants received are recredited to Pay Ledger Accounts. It is therefore apparent that in the big majority of cases remittances are only required for leave purposes and it is far safer from both the individual and our own point of view that such remittances should come through as Pay Ledger credits. The new system has given this office a considerable amount of extra work and involves a certain element of risk.

PAY LEDGER CREDITS. These have been very heavy during the month the large proportion being Bank Warrants.

ALLOTMENTS: Numerous conflicting advices and requests continue to be received mainly in connection with either the re-instatement or cancellation of soldiers allotments. There are also numerous cases of duplication of advices and it would appear that there is rather a lamentable lack of supervision in the Allotments Section. As this matter is causing dissatisfaction it is hoped that steps may be taken to obviate the continuance of present methods.

PAY: Two pays have been completed during the month. In consequence of the Division being in the Line it has necessitated holding the pay of some units for 4 or 5 days. Both pays have been cleared up with the exception of three Imprest Accounts. Two of these are authorised and the third is the amount still outstanding on the 5th Battalion Account as reported last month.

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PAY (continued)

The papers in re Court of Inquiry have not yet been finalised and it is impossible for me to take any further action in the matter for the meantime. You will be advised immediately this is possible.

PAY SERGEANTS. Sergeant R.M. Youdale, who was attached to this Office has been transferred during the month as Pay Sergeant to Aust. Corps Signal Company. Private Wallace who has been attached as a Private since June last has been promoted to Sergeant to fill vacancy. Consequent on the formation of the Machine Gun Battalion it has been found necessary to reallocate Pay Sergeants who were attached to Brigade Headquarters. The following moves have therefore been made:-

Sgt. R.A. Eastwood	from	Div. P.M. Office	to	1, 2 & 3 Field Amb.
Sgt. F.S. Cox	"	3rd Eng. Bde H.Q.	to	1st MGR. Div. M.G. Bn
Sgt. O. Whitelaw.	"	1st Pioneer Bn	to	Div. P.M. Office
Sgt. F.W. Lamont.	"	2nd Inf. Bde H.Q.	(vice Eastwood)	to 1st Pioneer Bn, vice Whitelaw.
Sgt. S.O. Gillispie.))	to divide all Brigade H.Q.	T.M. Btys	
Sgt. H.C. Smith)	and Divisional Units.		

GENERAL. The work of all Pay Sergeants is well up to date current work being well in hand.

Captain.
Paymaster.
1st Australian Division.

Divisional Paymaster:- Captain R.G. HELEY.

Month of MARCH, 1918.

First Australian Division,

REPORT No. 84.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	No.	£.	s. d.		No.	£.	s. d.
Balance forward.....	-	123	-11- 4	Australian Acquittance Rolls.....	127	48,461	- 1- 0
Advances.....	2	59,213	- 0- 0	Other Government Rolls.....	22	68	- 0- 4
Post Office Receipts.....	26	881	-12- 5	Advances to B.E.F. Imprests.....	12	1,381	-19- 4
Remittances.....	2	119	- 3- 4	Trust Accounts.....	61	2,061	-15- 10
Pay Ledger Credits.....	184	1,611	-17- 8	Bills.....	6	15	-13- 3
Cash in Effects.....	12	42	- 8- 8	Sundry Expenditure & Refunds.....	217	12,659	- 9- 3
Trust Accounts.....	117	2,811	-18- 3	Balance carried forward.....		209	-18- 4
Sundry Receipts.....	18	54	- 6- 5	Conversion.....			9
		<u>£64,857</u>	<u>-18- 1</u>			<u>£64,857</u>	<u>-18- 1</u>

War Savings Certificates.....	Nil.
Sub Imprest Accounts.....	60
Sub Imprest Balances outstanding at the end of Period.....	3
Debit and Credit Advices dealt with (Not including Reconciliation advices).....	1650
Letters received.....	3700
Letters despatched.....	3850
Allotments dealt with.....	600

Div Pay Office
1st. Aust. Divn.
March 26th. 18.

R. G. Heley
Captain,
Paymaster,
1st. Australian Division.

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