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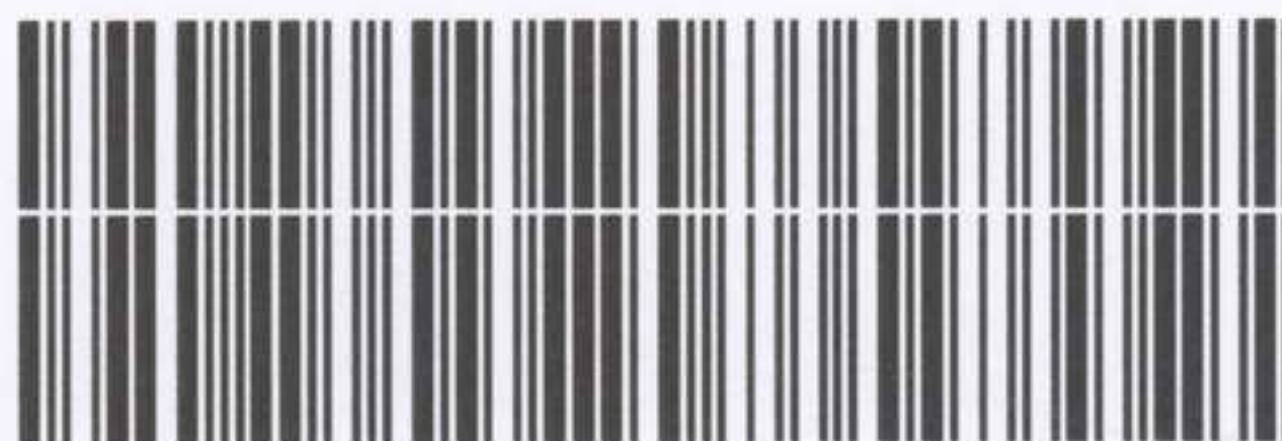
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

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Title: Paymaster, 2nd Australian Division

February 1919



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Lt. Eyles, H. returned from Paris, where he was acting as Paymaster from 27-1-19, in order to relieve Lt. Reddin for Court Martial duty.

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During the month 2 Pay Sergeants were transferred to London Office for duty, and 4 Pay Sgts. marched out to London Office for Demobilisation.

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Pay Office,
28th February, 1919.

Staff Paymaster,
Attached Australian Corps.

MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY 1919

1. S T A F F.

During the month 7 Pay Sergeants proceeded to England or Australia under the Demobilisation Scheme. To fill their places it is necessary to promote four assistants to rank of Pay Sergeant. There are at present 16 Pay Sergeants in the Division. It is not anticipated that any difficulty will be experienced in replacing Pay Sergeants who are demobilised, as it is only a matter of time when all the battalions in each brigade will be merged into one.

2. REGIMENTAL FUND TRUST ACCOUNTS.

All Trust Account Pass Books were forwarded to London on the 4th January for the purpose of the half-yearly audit, and were received back on the 4th instant. Two small discrepancies only were revealed, which is a highly satisfactory result.

3. CURRENCY.

The payment in French Currency to the troops since the drop in the rate of exchange of the Belgian Franc has been strongly questioned by practically every General and Commanding Officer in the Division, but I am now pleased to learn that Belgian Currency will be issued as at and from next pay.

4. CLERKS FOR LONDON OFFICE.

I have now exhausted my "Waiting List" of clerks for the Chief Pay Office, London, and anticipate some difficulty in obtaining any further quota required for London. The position is not quite so acute with regard to Paymasters for transports. If and when a further quota of clerks or transport Paymasters is required by London, I propose to request my Divisional Headquarters to insert a paragraph, suitably worded, in D.R.Os, inviting applicants to address their applications to me through Commanding Officers.

5. HORSE SALES.

Horse Sales have been held in this area from 20th to 27th of the month inclusive, and myself or my Warrant Officer or both, have attended the sale each day to take over the proceeds. The process usually occupies from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., and the arrangement works smoothly.

6. ALLOCATION OF CORPS UNITS TO THIS DIVISION FOR PAY PURPOSES.

As instructed by you, I have taken over administration of the following units:-

Aust. Corps Mounted Regt.
Cyclist Battalion,
2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy,
Aust. Veterinary Evacuating Station.

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7. GENERAL.

I have to report an increasing number of applications from soldiers about to be demobilised for advances in excess of the prescribed rates for the purpose of paying off private debts, etc. These applications are invariably supported by the Commanding Officer of the unit to which the applicant belongs, but in all cases to date I have seen no reason why the ordinary advance should be exceeded, and have accordingly refused the applications.

8. OFFICIAL WAR PUBLICATIONS.

A review of sales of recent publications "Famous Deeds and Places" throughout this Division shows that two Pay Sergeants each secured orders to value of over £50, whilst with other units, the sales range from £20 to £35.

Capt.,
Paymaster,
Second Australian Division.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR MONTH FEBRUARY 1919.

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R E C E I P T S				E X P E N D I T U R E			
Brought Forward (Cash & Imprest Balances)	£25060	3	10	A.I.F. Acquittance Rolls	£46582	1	10
Advances	99513	6	8	B.E.F. Acquittance Rolls	180	14	10
Field Post Office Receipts	612	0	0	B.E.F. Imprest	1288	0	0
Credits to Pay Accounts	1376	9	2	Other Government Imprests	188	18	11
Trust Receipts	4004	16	5	Refunds	52243	6	8
Cash Remittances	170	14	0	Trust Expenditure	1891	12	10
Contributions to Mont St. Quentin Memorial Fund	94	16	1	Extra Field Allowance	110	14	0
Sundry Receipts	84	4	2	Sundry Expenditure	355	10	8
				Loss by Conversion on Belgian Currency	181	0	0
				Cash on Hand	27331	13	5
				Imprest Balances	562	17	2
	<u>£130916</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£130916</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>

War Savings Certificates	13	- £188/2/6
Imprests	59	
Credit Advices Received	224	
Debit Advices Received	150	
Letters Received	1461	
Letters despatched	1340	
Allotments dealt with	75	


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